

2411 HW 9

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The interpolation used in figure 1.12 is regression from an expected curve, where they determined the parameters necessary for a function of a given type to go through the data points reasonably well. The dashed curve is again regression. It is done via the same mechanism described above, and finds the mass of the Z boson since that is expected to be one of the parameters of the function that is being fitted. The result is a quite good fit, with a relative uncertainty of two thousandths of a percent in the quantity of interest and errors of similar magnitude elsewhere. The mass found is 91.1875 ± 0.0021 GeV.

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The estimate for the population mean is simply the mean of the sample, $\mu = 0.636$ s. The estimate of the population variance is $\sigma^2 = \frac{n-1}{n} s^2 = \frac{99}{100} (0.014)^2 \Rightarrow \sigma = 0.0139$ s