

Final Exam (part 2) - Computational Physics I

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Credits: 10 points

Please keep the structure provided below and submit an organised notebook with clear answers to each item.

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Excellent code!

2. Monte Carlo simulations: Cosmology (10 points)

Supernovae type Ia (SN Ia) are very energetic astronomical explosions, which have a very similar intrinsic known brightness (i.e. they have a very similar absolute magnitude M), so they can be used as cosmological "standard candles" to measure the luminosity distance, d , as a function of redshift, z :

$$d = \frac{cz}{H_0}$$

where c is the speed of light and H_0 is the Hubble constant. Since they have similar absolute magnitudes M , we can estimate distances by comparing how bright or faint they appear on the sky as indicated by the measured apparent magnitude, m , which does differ:

$$m = M + 5 \log\left(\frac{d}{1 \text{ Mpc}}\right) + 25$$

Higher m values imply objects are fainter; lower m values imply objects are brighter. Same for M . Unfortunately, selection effects associated with instrumental limitations can bias our measurements. For example, far-away SN Ia can be so faint that they may not be detectable, so the sample will be biased towards brighter objects. In the equation above 1 Mpc stands for Mega parsecs, which are distance units used in cosmology.

Therefore, to understand selection bias, we want to simulate this effect using a Monte Carlo simulation.

The purpose of this problem is to determine the bias as a function of redshift for a sample of objects (SN Ia) via a Monte Carlo calculation. To set up your simulation, assume that:

- $H_0 = 70 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$
- the absolute magnitude of SN Ia $M = -19.5 \text{ mag}$.
- your supernova search will be able to detect 100% of objects as faint as $m = 18.5 \text{ mag}$, and none fainter.

(a) Write a python function to generate N Gaussian random variables with mean $\mu = -19.5 \text{ mag}$ and different standard deviations ($\sigma_M = 0.1$, 0.2 , and 0.5 mag).

In [41]: *#Third party libraries*

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import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import scienceplots
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In [42]: *plt.style.use(['science', 'notebook', 'no-latex']) #define the plot style*

In [43]: *def random_variables(N, M_mean, std_arr):*

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    """
    Function generate N Gaussian random variables with mean M_mean for different values
    of standard deviations.
    Inputs:
        N (int): Number of random variables to generate for each standard deviation
        M_mean (float): Mean value to generate the distribution
        std_arr (float): 1D array containing the standard deviation values.
    Output:
        rand_var_dic (float): A dictionary where each key is a standard deviation (float) and the value is
                             a 1D numpy array of N random variables sampled from the corresponding Gaussian
                             distribution.

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    """

    #Empty dictionary to save generated array for each sigma

    rand_var_dic = {}

    #For loop to generate the random variables for each sigma

    for std in std_arr:

        rand_var_dic[std] = np.random.normal(loc = M_mean, scale = std, size = N) #Generate the random variables and store it

    return rand_var_dic
```

(b) Make 3 plots of M versus N , where N is the number of generated objects, one for each σ_M .

In [44]: *# Define an array containing each sigma value*

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std_arr = np.array([0.1, 0.2, 0.5])
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Define the mean brightness

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M_mean = -19.5
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Define the number of variables to generate

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N = 6000
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# Create an array
N_arr = np.arange(0, N)
# print(N_arr[-1])
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In [45]: # Evaluate the function created in a)

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variables_arr = random_variables(N, M_mean, std_arr)
# print(variables_arr[std_arr[0]].shape)
# print(N_arr.shape)
```

In [46]: # Figure for visualizing the generated numbers for absolute magnitudes

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fig, axs = plt.subplots(nrows = 1, ncols = 3, figsize = (13,5), sharey=True)
ax1, ax2, ax3 = axs.flatten()

fig.suptitle("Random Absolute Magnitudes \n with Gaussian Distribution", fontsize = 15)
fig.supylabel("M [mag]", fontsize = 15)

plt1 = ax1.scatter(N_arr, variables_arr[std_arr[0]], marker = "d", color = "limegreen", label = f"$\\sigma = {std_arr[0]}$")
# ax1.set_ylim(np.min(variables_arr[std_arr[2]])-0.5, np.max(variables_arr[std_arr[2]])+0.5)
ax1.set_xlabel(f"N = {N}")
ax1.set_xticks([])

ax1.legend(frameon = True, fontsize = 11.)

plt2 = ax2.scatter(N_arr, variables_arr[std_arr[1]], marker = "d", color = "hotpink", label = f"$\\sigma = {std_arr[1]}$")
ax2.set_xlabel(f"N = {N}")
ax2.set_xticks([])

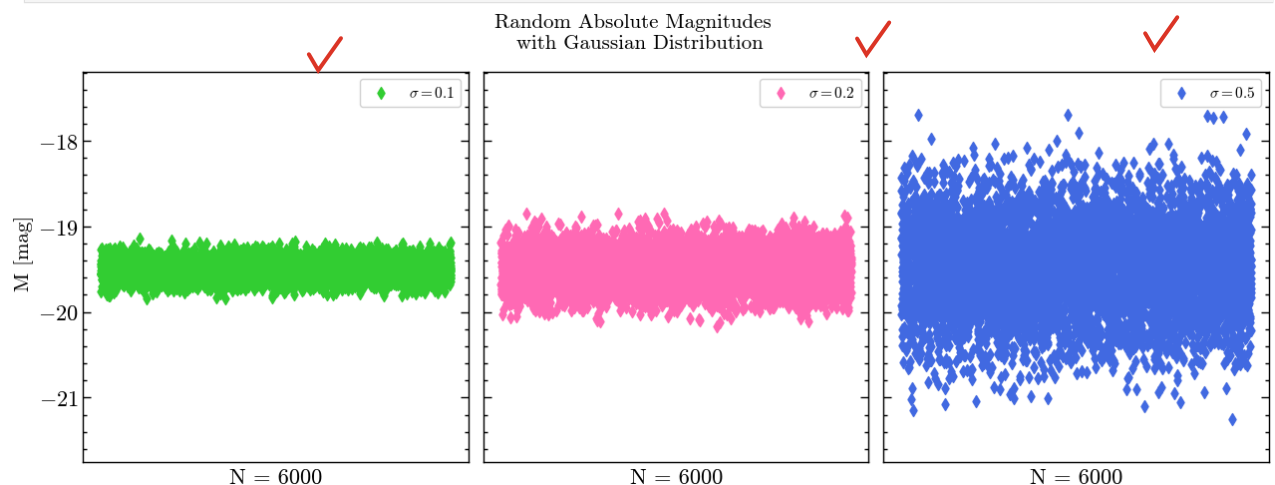
ax2.legend(frameon = True, fontsize = 11.)

plt3 = ax3.scatter(N_arr, variables_arr[std_arr[2]], marker = "d", color = "royalblue", label = f"$\\sigma = {std_arr[2]}$")
ax3.set_xlabel(f"N = {N}")
ax3.set_ylim(np.min(variables_arr[std_arr[2]])-0.5, np.max(variables_arr[std_arr[2]])+0.5)
ax3.set_xticks([])

ax3.legend(frameon = True, fontsize = 11.)

plt.tight_layout()

plt.show()
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In [47]: # Histogram of the generated absolute magnitude distribution

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fig, axs = plt.subplots(nrows = 1, ncols = 3, figsize = (13,5), sharey=True)
ax1, ax2, ax3 = axs.flatten()

fig.suptitle("Histogram of Random Absolute Magnitudes \n with Gaussian Distribution", fontsize = 15)
fig.supylabel("M [mag]", fontsize = 15)

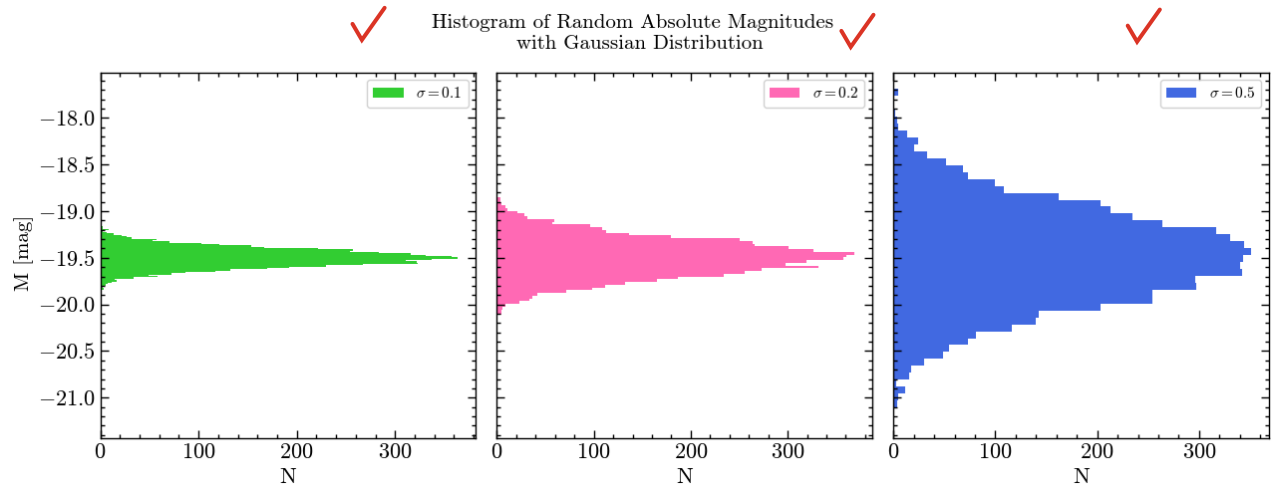
bins1, n1, _ = ax1.hist(variables_arr[std_arr[0]], bins = "auto", orientation = "horizontal", color = "limegreen", label = f"$\\sigma = {std_arr[0]}$")
ax1.set_xlabel("N")
ax1.legend(frameon = True, fontsize = 11.)

bins2, n2, _ = ax2.hist(variables_arr[std_arr[1]], bins = "auto", orientation = "horizontal", color = "hotpink", label = f"$\\sigma = {std_arr[1]}$")
ax2.set_xlabel("N")
ax2.legend(frameon = True, fontsize = 11.)

bins3, n3, _ = ax3.hist(variables_arr[std_arr[2]], bins = "auto", orientation = "horizontal", color = "royalblue", label = f"$\\sigma = {std_arr[2]}$")
ax3.set_xlabel("N")
ax3.legend(frameon = True, fontsize = 11.)

plt.tight_layout()

plt.show()
```



(c) Write a python function to calculate and return:

- the luminosity distances, d , in Mpc given redshifts between $z=0$ and $z=0.1$.
- the apparent magnitudes, m , for the same redshift range.
- Distance:

$$d = \frac{cz}{H_0}$$

, with $H_0 = 70 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$.

The speed of light should have units of km/s :

$$c = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s} \equiv 3 \times 10^5 \text{ km/s}$$

- Apparent magnitude:

$$m = M + 5 \log \left(\frac{d}{1 \text{ Mpc}} \right) + 25$$

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In [48]: def compute_magnitudes(z_arr, M):
        """
        Function to compute the luminosity distances and apparent magnitudes for a given set of redshifts.
        Inputs:
            z_arr(float): 1D array containing redshift values for which the calculations are performed.
            M(float): 1D array of the absolute magnitude of the object.
        Output:
            d_arr(float): Array of luminosity distances [Mpc] corresponding to the redshifts in z_arr.
            m_dic(float): Dictionary where keys are redshift values and values are the 1D array with the calculated apparent magnitudes
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        """

        # 1) Compute the distances within the defined red shift range

        H0 = 70. # Hubble constant [km/s*Mpc]
        c = 3.e5 # Light speed [km/s]

        d_arr = (c * z_arr)/H0

        # 2) Compute the apparent magnitudes

        # For loop to evaluate m in all distances d

        m_dic = {} # Empty dictionary to save all m arrays calculated

        for i in range(len(d_arr)):

            m_dic[z_arr[i]] = M + 5.*np.log10(d_arr[i]) + 25.

        return np.array(d_arr), m_dic
```

(d) Write a python function that:

- reads the resulting m values from item (c),
- removes values with apparent magnitudes larger than the detection threshold $m=18.5 \text{ mag}$,
- re-calculates the mean observed magnitude $\langle M_{\text{observed}} \rangle$ of the SN Ia from the actually detected objects for the same redshift range.
- returns the bias as a function of redshift. The bias in M can be calculated with:

$$\Delta M = \langle M_{\text{observed}} \rangle - \langle M \rangle$$

For re-calculating the mean observed magnitude is used:

$$M = m - 5 \log \left(\frac{d}{1 \text{ Mpc}} \right) - 25$$

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In [49]: def compute_Mbias(m_dic, d_arr, z_arr, M_mean, m_th):
        """
        Function to compute the bias in absolute magnitude M by applying a threshold to apparent magnitudes m.
        Inputs:
            m_dic(float): Dictionary where keys are redshift values z and values are arrays of apparent magnitudes m.
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d_arr(float): 1D array of luminosity distances [Mpc] corresponding to each redshift in z_arr.
z_arr(float): 1D array of redshift values.
M_mean(float): Mean absolute magnitude.
m_th(float): Threshold for apparent magnitudes.
Outputs:
m_clean(float): Dictionary where keys are redshift value z,
                and values are 1D array filtered apparent magnitudes for each redshift.
m_no_obs(float): Dictionary where keys are redshift value z,
                and values are not observed apparent magnitudes for each redshift.
delta_M_list(float): 1D Array of magnitude biases for each redshift.
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"""

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#For loop to iterate for all m values related with each shift value

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m_clean = {} #Empty dictionary to save m cleaned
m_no_obs = {} #Empty dictionary to save no observed m values
delta_M_list = [] #Empty list to save bias

for i in range(len(d_arr)):

    # 1) Remove values from m

    m_clean[z_arr[i]] = np.where(m_dic[z_arr[i]] > m_th, 0., m_dic[z_arr[i]])

    # Save also m values of no observed (For plotting)

    m_no_obs[z_arr[i]] = np.where(m_dic[z_arr[i]] < m_th, 0., m_dic[z_arr[i]])

    # 2) Recalculate the observed magnitude and get the mean

    M_obs = m_clean[z_arr[i]] - 5.*np.log10(d_arr[i]) - 25.

    M_mean_obs = np.mean(M_obs)

    # 3) Compute the bias

    delta_M = np.abs(M_mean_obs - M_mean)

    delta_M_list.append(delta_M) #Append to the list

delta_M_list = np.array(delta_M_list)

return m_clean, m_no_obs, delta_M_list

```

(e) Make 3 plots of m versus N , where N is the number of generated objects, one for each $\sigma_M=0.1$, 0.2 , and 0.5 mag, showing the detection threshold and colouring distinctly the objects that would not be detected.

In [50]: # Call the function created in c)

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# Define red shift limits

z_min = 0.0
z_max = 0.1
n_z = 100 # Number of points to create the z redshift array

# Generate the red shift array z

z = np.linspace(z_min, z_max, n_z)

# Compute m for all M with different standar diviations

d_std1, m_dic_std1 = compute_magnitudes(z, variables_arr[std_arr[0]]) # sigma = 0.1
d_std2, m_dic_std2 = compute_magnitudes(z, variables_arr[std_arr[1]]) # sigma = 0.2
d_std3, m_dic_std3 = compute_magnitudes(z, variables_arr[std_arr[2]]) # sigma = 0.5

# print(type(m_dic_std1))

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/var/folders/lk/z3g6vdb52msdt9x8k77krt080000gn/T/ipykernel_31795/685526529.py:28: RuntimeWarning: divide by zero encountered in log10
m_dic[z_arr[i]] = M + 5.*np.log10(d_arr[i]) + 25.

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In [51]: # Call the function created in d)

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# Define the threshold value

m_th = 18.5

# Compute for all m with different standar diviations

m_clean_std1, m_No_obs_std1, Mbias_std1 = compute_Mbias(m_dic_std1, d_std1, z, M_mean, m_th) # sigma = 0.1
m_clean_std2, m_No_obs_std2, Mbias_std2 = compute_Mbias(m_dic_std2, d_std2, z, M_mean, m_th) # sigma = 0.2
m_clean_std3, m_No_obs_std3, Mbias_std3 = compute_Mbias(m_dic_std3, d_std3, z, M_mean, m_th) # sigma = 0.5

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/var/folders/lk/z3g6vdb52msdt9x8k77krt080000gn/T/ipykernel_31795/3212820504.py:37: RuntimeWarning: divide by zero encountered in log10
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M_obs = m_clean[z_arr[i]] - 5.*np.log10(d_arr[i]) - 25.
/var/folders/lk/z3g6vdb52msdt9x8k77krt080000gn/T/ipykernel_31795/3212820504.py:37: RuntimeWarning: invalid value encountered in subtract
M_obs = m_clean[z_arr[i]] - 5.*np.log10(d_arr[i]) - 25.

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In [52]: # Create an subarray of z values for plotting

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z_sub = np.array([z[len(z)//4], z[len(z)//2], 3*z[len(z)//4], z_max])

# print(len(z)//2)

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In [53]: # Figure of m apparent magnitud for all distributions

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#For loop to generate images for some z values in z_sub array

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for z_i in z_sub:
    fig, axs = plt.subplots(nrows = 1, ncols = 3, figsize = (13,5), sharey = True)
    ax1, ax2, ax3 = axs.flatten()

    fig.suptitle(f"Apparent Magnitude for Measuring Brightness \n Redshift (z) = {'%.3f' % z_i}", fontsize = 15, weight='bold')
    fig.supylabel("m [mag]", fontsize = 15)

    ax1.plot(N_arr, m_No_obs_std1[z_i], color = "gray", linestyle = " ", marker = "d", label = f"Not detected")
    ax1.plot(N_arr, m_clean_std1[z_i], color = "limegreen", linestyle = " ", marker = "d", label = f"Detected")
    ax1.axhline(y=18.5, color = 'red', linestyle = '--', linewidth = 1.5, label = "Threshold = 18.5")
    ax1.set_title(f"Gaussian distribution  $\sigma$  = {std_arr[0]}$", fontsize = 12)
    ax1.set_xlabel(f"N = {N}")
    ax1.set_xticks([])

    ax1.legend(frameon = True, fontsize = 11.)

    ax2.plot(N_arr, m_No_obs_std2[z_i], color = "gray", linestyle = " ", marker = "d", label = f"Not detected")
    ax2.plot(N_arr, m_clean_std2[z_i], color = "hotpink", linestyle = " ", marker = "d", label = f"Detected")
    ax2.axhline(y=18.5, color = 'red', linestyle = '--', linewidth = 1.5, label = "Threshold = 18.5")
    ax2.set_title(f"Gaussian distribution  $\sigma$  = {std_arr[1]}$", fontsize = 12)
    ax2.set_xlabel(f"N = {N}")
    ax2.set_xticks([])

    ax2.legend(frameon = True, fontsize = 11.)

    ax3.plot(N_arr, m_No_obs_std3[z_i], color = "gray", linestyle = " ", marker = "d", label = f"Not detected")
    ax3.plot(N_arr, m_clean_std3[z_i], color = "royalblue", linestyle = " ", marker = "d", label = f"Detected")
    ax3.axhline(y=18.5, color = 'red', linestyle = '--', linewidth = 1.5, label = "Threshold = 18.5")
    ax3.set_title(f"Gaussian distribution  $\sigma$  = {std_arr[2]}$", fontsize = 12)
    ax3.set_xlabel(f"N = {N}")
    ax3.set_xticks([])
    ax3.legend(frameon = True, fontsize = 11.)

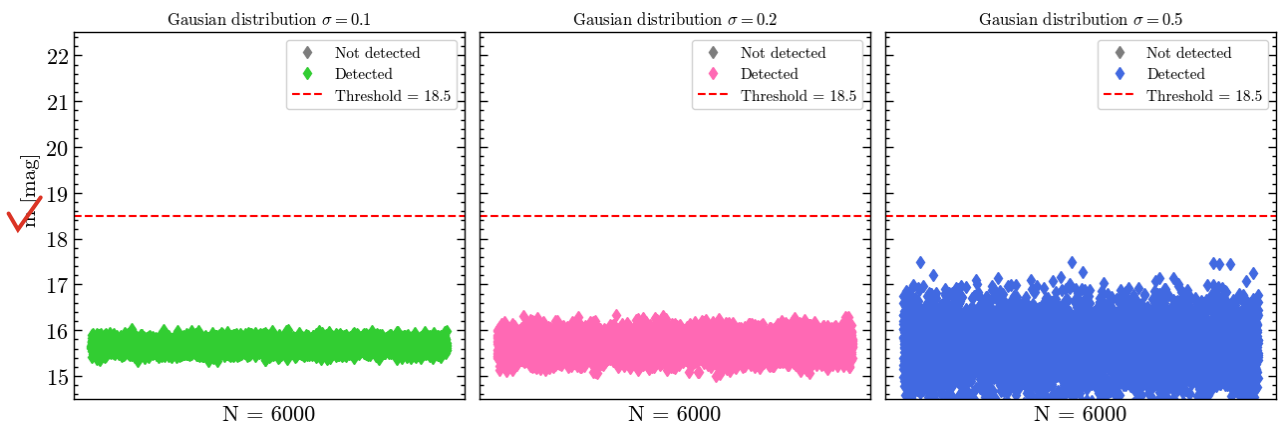
    ax1.set_ylim(18.5 - 4., 18.5 + 4.)

plt.tight_layout()

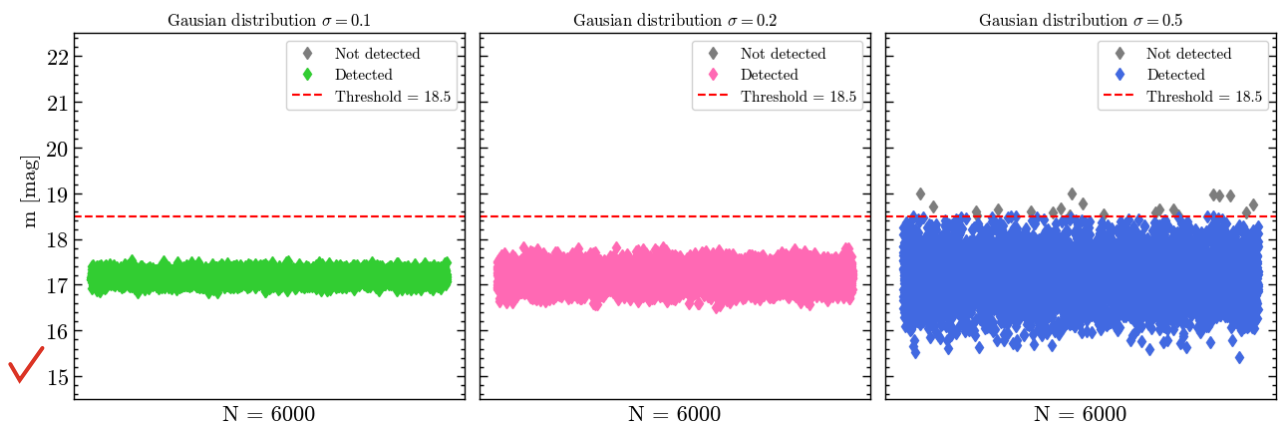
plt.show()

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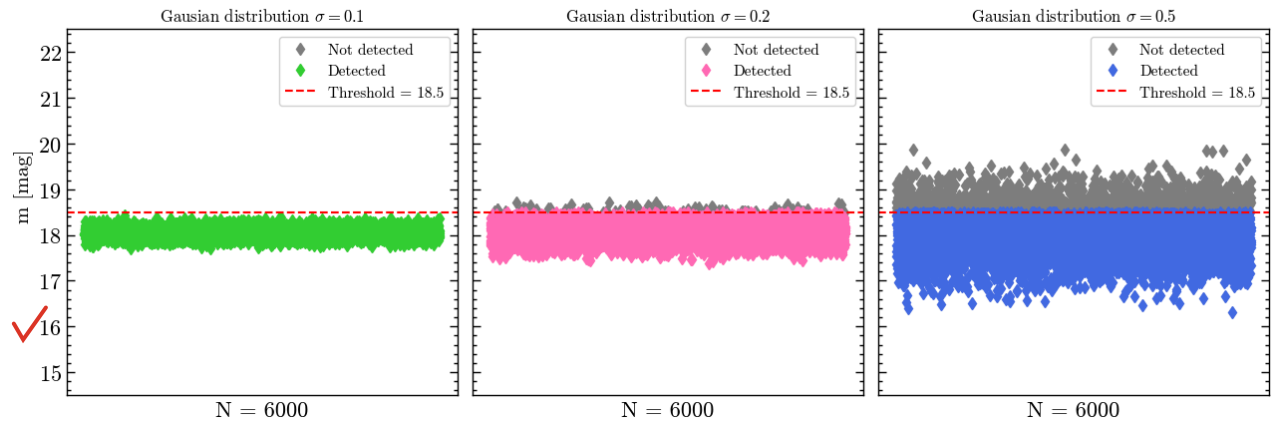
Apparent Magnitude for Measuring Brightness
Redshift (z) = 0.025



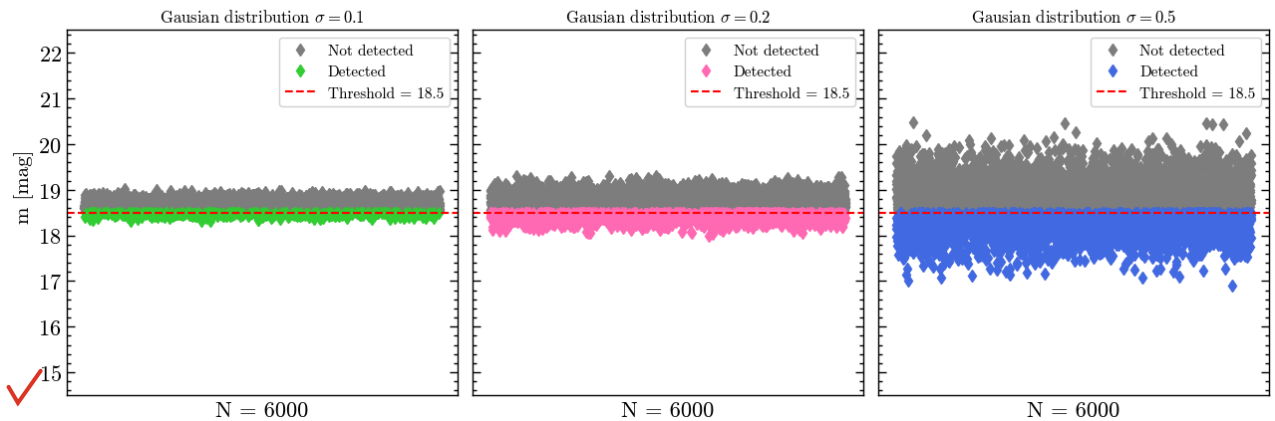
Apparent Magnitude for Measuring Brightness
Redshift (z) = 0.051



Apparent Magnitude for Measuring Brightness
Redshift (z) = 0.076



Apparent Magnitude for Measuring Brightness
Redshift (z) = 0.100



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In [54]: # Figure of the aparent magnitude distribution in a histogram
#For loop to generate images for some z values in z_sub array
# Initial number of bins
n_bin = 100
for z_i in z_sub:
    fig, axs = plt.subplots(nrows = 1, ncols = 3, figsize = (13,5), sharey = True, sharex = True)
    ax1, ax2, ax3 = axs.flatten()

    fig.suptitle(f"Histogram of Apparent Magnitude for Measuring Brightness \n Redshift (z = {'%.3f' % z_i})", fontsize = 15, weight:
    fig.supylabel("m [mag]", fontsize = 15)

    bins1_1, n1_1, _ = ax1.hist(m_No_obs_std1[z_i], bins = n_bin, orientation = "horizontal", color = "gray", label = f"Not detected"
    bins1_2, n1_2, _ = ax1.hist(m_clean_std1[z_i], bins = n_bin, orientation = "horizontal", color = "limegreen", label = f"Detected"
    ax1.axhline(y=18.5, color = 'red', linestyle = '--', linewidth = 1.5, label = "Threshold = 18.5")
    ax1.set_title(f"Gaussian distribution $\sigma = \{std\_arr[0]\}$", fontsize = 12)
    # ax1.set_xlabel("N")

    ax1.set_ylim(17, 20.5)
    ax1.set_xlim(0, 1400.)
    ax1.legend(frameon = True, fontsize = 11.)

    bins2_1, n2_1, _ = ax2.hist(m_No_obs_std2[z_i], bins = n_bin, orientation = "horizontal", color = "gray", label = f"Not detected"
    bins2_2, n2_2, _ = ax2.hist(m_clean_std2[z_i], bins = n_bin, orientation = "horizontal", color = "hotpink", label = f"Detected")
    ax2.axhline(y=18.5, color = 'red', linestyle = '--', linewidth = 1.5, label = "Threshold = 18.5")
    ax2.set_title(f"Gaussian distribution $\sigma = \{std\_arr[1]\}$", fontsize = 12)
    # ax1.set_xlabel("N")

    ax2.legend(frameon = True, fontsize = 11.)

    bins3_1, n3_1, _ = ax3.hist(m_No_obs_std3[z_i], bins = n_bin, orientation = "horizontal", color = "gray", label = f"Not detected"
    bins3_2, n3_2, _ = ax3.hist(m_clean_std3[z_i], bins = n_bin, orientation = "horizontal", color = "royalblue", label = f"Detected"
    ax3.axhline(y=18.5, color = 'red', linestyle = '--', linewidth = 1.5, label = "Threshold = 18.5")
    ax3.set_title(f"Gaussian distribution $\sigma = \{std\_arr[2]\}$", fontsize = 12)
    # ax1.set_xlabel("N")

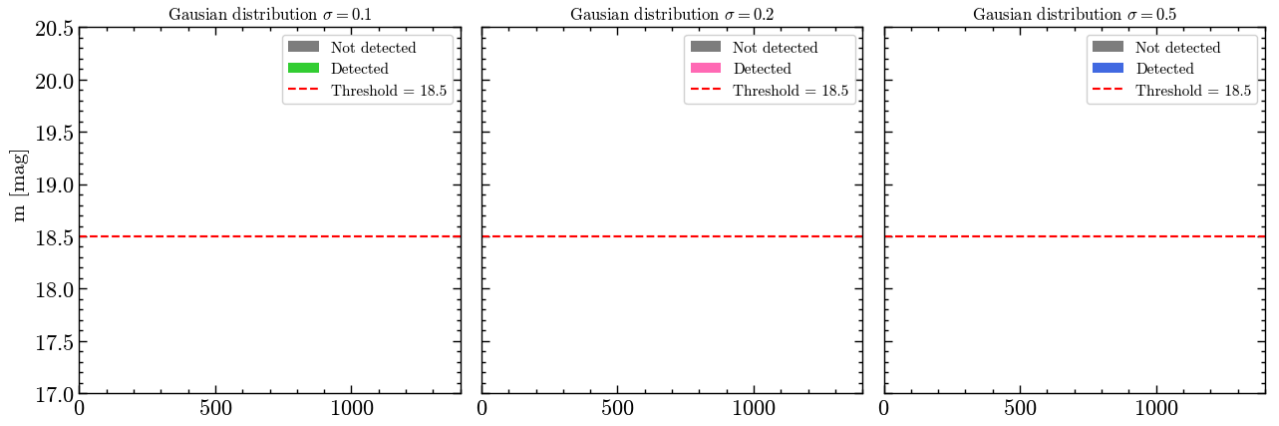
    ax3.legend(frameon = True, fontsize = 11.)

    # Increase the number bins as z increases
    n_bin += 100

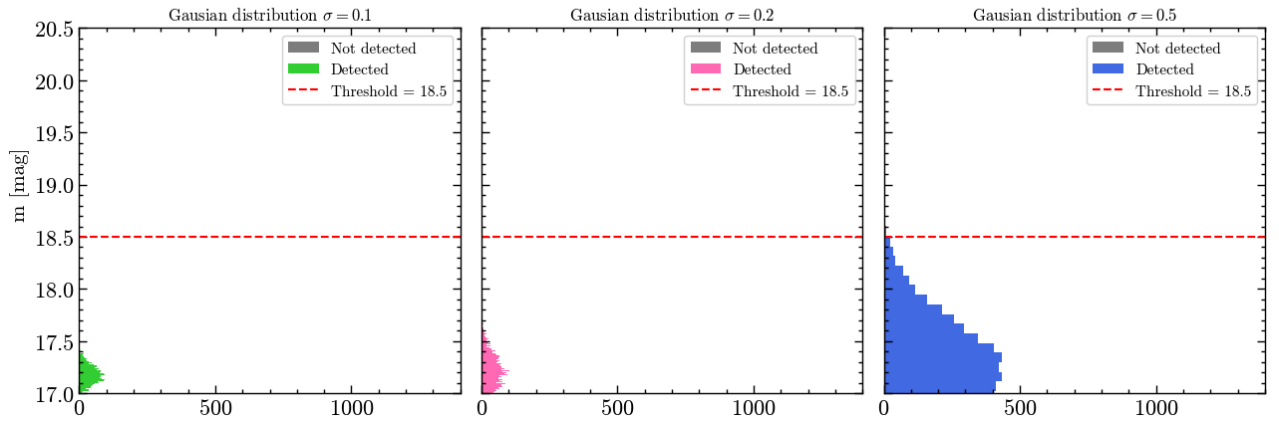
    plt.tight_layout()

    plt.show()
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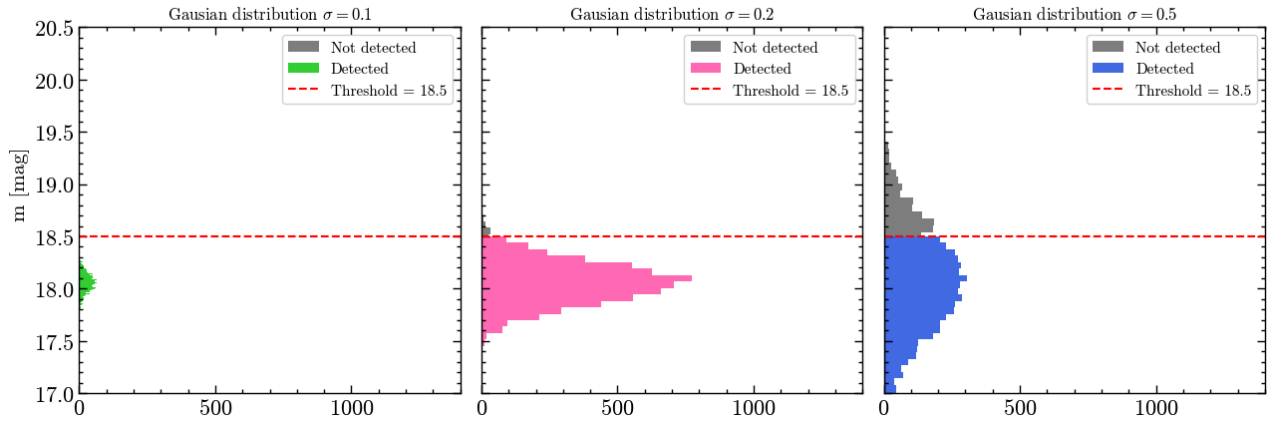
Histogram of Apparent Magnitude for Measuring Brightness
Redshift ($z = 0.025$)



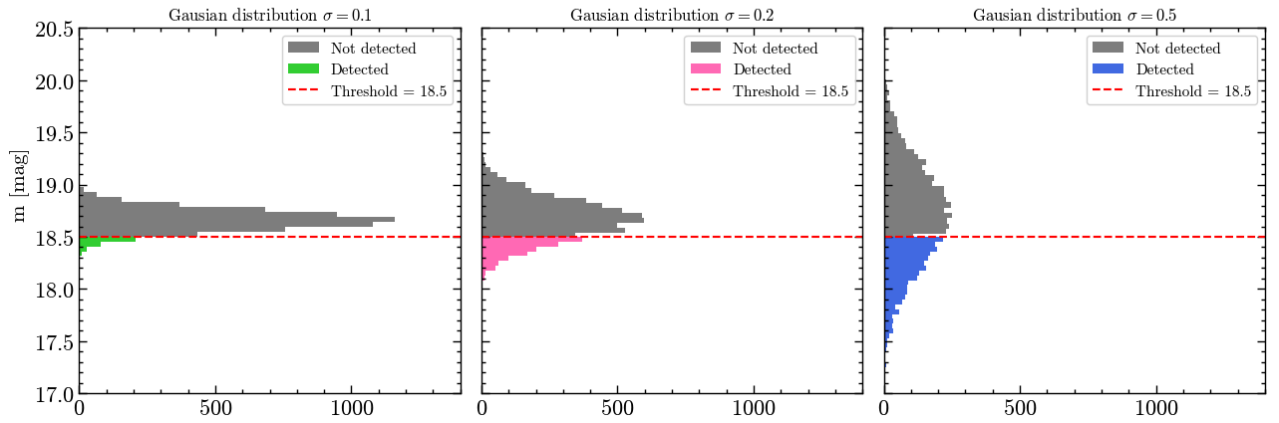
Histogram of Apparent Magnitude for Measuring Brightness
Redshift ($z = 0.051$)



Histogram of Apparent Magnitude for Measuring Brightness
Redshift ($z = 0.076$)



Histogram of Apparent Magnitude for Measuring Brightness
Redshift ($z = 0.100$)



(f) Make ΔM plots versus z , one for each $\sigma_M = 0.1, 0.2, \text{ and } 0.5$ mag.

In [55]: # Figure of the bias as function of reshift values in z

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fig, axs = plt.subplots(nrows = 1, ncols = 3, figsize = (16,4), sharey = True)
ax1, ax2, ax3 = axs.flatten()

fig.suptitle(f"Bias as a Function of Redshift", fontsize = 15, weight='bold')
fig.supylabel(f"$\\Delta M$", fontsize = 11)

ax1.plot(z, Mbias_std1, color = "limegreen", linestyle = "--", marker = ".", label = f"$\\sigma = {std_arr[0]}$")
ax1.set_xlabel("z")

ax1.legend(frameon = True, fontsize = 11.)

ax2.plot(z, Mbias_std2, color = "hotpink", linestyle = "--", marker = ".", label = f"$\\sigma = {std_arr[1]}$")
ax2.set_xlabel("z")

ax2.legend(frameon = True, fontsize = 11.)

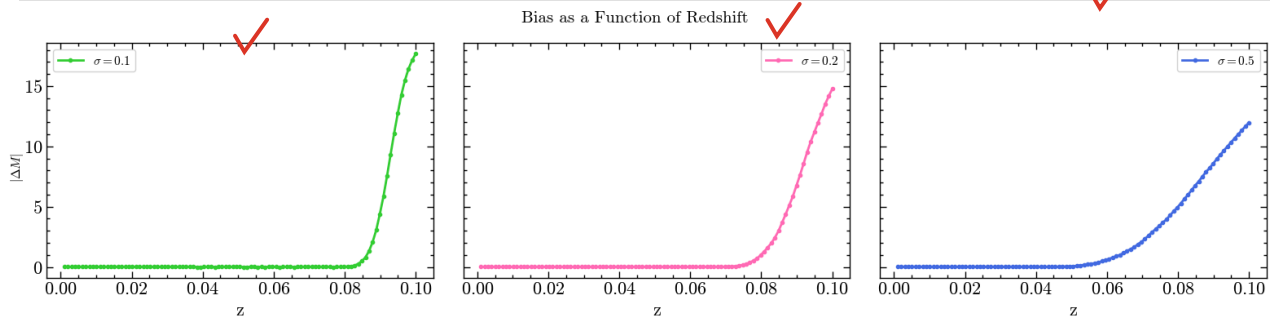
ax3.plot(z, Mbias_std3, color = "royalblue", linestyle = "--", marker = ".", label = f"$\\sigma = {std_arr[2]}$")
ax3.set_xlabel("z")

ax3.legend(frameon = True, fontsize = 11.)

plt.tight_layout()

plt.show()

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In [56]: # Figure of the bias as function of reshift values in z (all together)

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fig = plt.figure(figsize = (14,4))

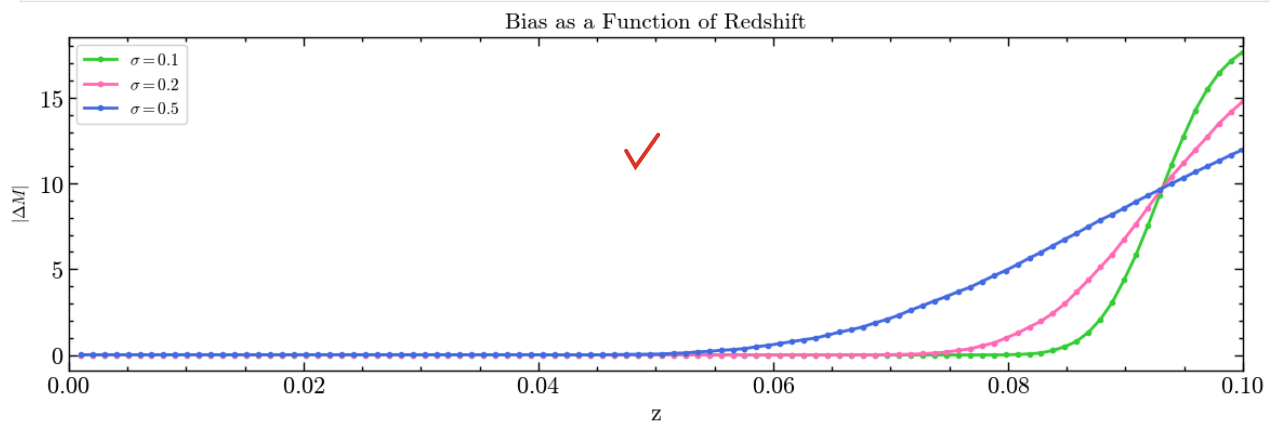
plt.plot(z, Mbias_std1, color = "limegreen", linestyle = "--", marker = ".", label = f"$\\sigma = {std_arr[0]}$")
plt.plot(z, Mbias_std2, color = "hotpink", linestyle = "--", marker = ".", label = f"$\\sigma = {std_arr[1]}$")
plt.plot(z, Mbias_std3, color = "royalblue", linestyle = "--", marker = ".", label = f"$\\sigma = {std_arr[2]}$")

plt.title(f"Bias as a Function of Redshift", fontsize = 15, weight='bold')
plt.xlabel("z")
plt.ylabel(f"$\\Delta M$", fontsize = 11)

plt.xlim(0, 0.1)
plt.legend(frameon = True, fontsize = 11.)

plt.show()

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(g) Based on your results, at which redshift does selection bias become important in each case?

- Based on the results found above, it can be seen that the selection bias becomes important depending on the spread of the distribution. For the Gaussian distribution with $\sigma = 0.1$, the selection bias becomes important at a redshift value around 0.08. In the case of the distribution with $\sigma = 0.2$, the selection bias becomes important at a shorter redshift, around 0.07. Finally, in the more spread distribution with $\sigma = 0.5$, the selection bias is observed around 0.05.

Now, the most accurate values for z will be determined by deriving the array containing the bias and selecting the desired value using a threshold algorithm. The threshold value should be close to zero since the bias remains constant initially and then starts to increase. The chosen value for z is the first number in the newly filtered bias array.

In [57]: # Function to found values where the bias become important

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def select_z_bias(M_bias, z_arr, th_dev):
    """
    Function to determine the point z where the bias becomes significant.
    Inputs:

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M_bias(float): 1D array containing the bias values as a function of redshift.
z_arr(float): 1D array containing the redshift values
th_dev(float): Threshold for the derivative to define significance in the bias.
Output:
point(float): Tuple containing the redshift value z and the corresponding bias value
               where the bias becomes significant.
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"""
# Compute the derivative

h = z[1] - z[0] # Spacing of z array

d_M_bias = np.gradient(M_bias, h, axis=0) # Derivative

# Filter the values next to zero with a threshold value

selected = np.where(d_M_bias > th_dev)

# Get the index of the first selected value

indx = selected[0][0]

# Extract the point where the bias become important by indexing

point = (z_arr[indx], M_bias[indx])

return point

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In [58]: # Define the threshold to selected z in all bias arrays (should be next to zero)

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th_z = 1.e-10

# Call the function for all bias arrays

point_std1 = select_z_bias(Mbias_std1, z, th_z) # sigma = 0.1
point_std2 = select_z_bias(Mbias_std2, z, th_z) # sigma = 0.2
point_std3 = select_z_bias(Mbias_std3, z, th_z) # sigma = 0.5

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In [59]: # Report the results

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print(f"The redshift value z where the bias become important in the distribution with sigma=0.1 is {'%.3f' % point_std1[0]}")
print(f"The redshift value z where the bias become important in the distribution with sigma=0.2 is {'%.3f' % point_std2[0]}")
print(f"The redshift value z where the bias become important in the distribution with sigma=0.5 is {'%.3f' % point_std3[0]}")

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The redshift value z where the bias become important in the distribution with sigma=0.1 is 0.078
The redshift value z where the bias become important in the distribution with sigma=0.2 is 0.069
The redshift value z where the bias become important in the distribution with sigma=0.5 is 0.042

In [60]: # Figure to show the selected points

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fig, axs = plt.subplots(nrows = 1, ncols = 3, figsize = (16,4), sharey = True)
ax1, ax2, ax3 = axs.flatten()

fig.suptitle(f"Bias as a Function of Redshift", fontsize = 15, weight='bold')
fig.supylabel(f"$\\Delta M$", fontsize = 11)

ax1.plot(z, Mbias_std1, color = "limegreen", linestyle = "-", label = f"$\\sigma = {std_arr[0]}$")
ax1.scatter(point_std1[0], point_std1[1], marker = "o", color = "black", label = f"z critical = {'%.3f' % point_std1[0]}", zorder = 1)
ax1.set_xlabel("z")

ax1.legend(frameon = True, fontsize = 11.)

ax2.plot(z, Mbias_std2, color = "hotpink", linestyle = "-", label = f"$\\sigma = {std_arr[1]}$")
ax2.scatter(point_std2[0], point_std2[1], marker = "o", color = "black", label = f"z critical = {'%.3f' % point_std2[0]}", zorder = 1)
ax2.set_xlabel("z")

ax2.legend(frameon = True, fontsize = 11.)

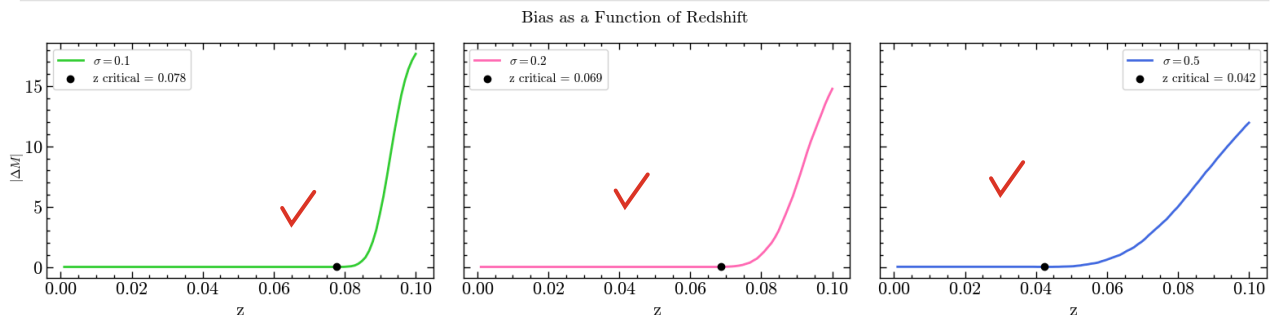
ax3.plot(z, Mbias_std3, color = "royalblue", linestyle = "-", label = f"$\\sigma = {std_arr[2]}$")
ax3.scatter(point_std3[0], point_std3[1], marker = "o", color = "black", label = f"z critical = {'%.3f' % point_std3[0]}", zorder = 1)
ax3.set_xlabel("z")

ax3.legend(frameon = True, fontsize = 11.)

plt.tight_layout()

plt.show()

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- Therefore, we know that at these values, the measured data deviates from our mean value (the true M value), which arises from detection limitations.
- In broader distributions, the tails of the distribution will be larger, leading to more extreme maxima values (brighter and fainter). Since our detectable threshold is 18.5 mag, it does not matter if some SN Ia are brighter because our instrument will detect them anyway. However, there is a problem with

fainter SNe, as we are losing information since they are not detectable. For this reason, the redshift at which the bias becomes important is shorter for the narrower distribution. ✓

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