

# The Monte Carlo Method and its Application to Heat Transfer Problems

## 1. Basic Concepts of Probability

An Elementary Random Event is a random event which one cannot (or one does not choose to) break up into simpler event. (e.g. the result (head or tail) of flipping a coin or the result (1 to 6) of throwing a dice is an elementary random event).

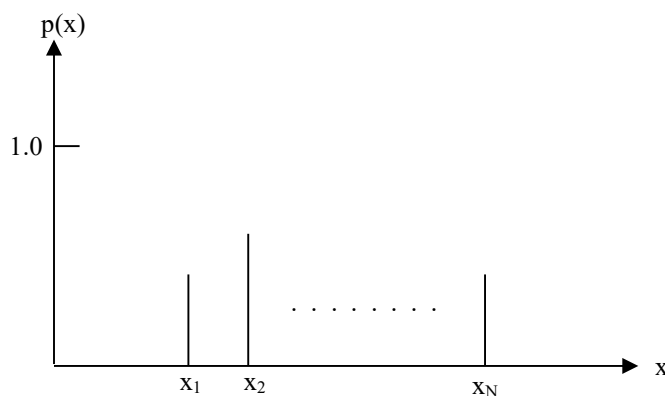
A Random Variable is the numerical value assigned to a particular random event. (e.g. 1 or 0 assigned to head or tail in the flipping of a coin and the number 1 to 6 which are outcomes of the throwing of a dice.)

A set of random variables can be either discrete (1 and 0 for flipping coin, 1 to 6 for throwing of a dice) or continuous (e.g. the wavelength of photon emitting from a black surface).

A probability distribution can be defined for a particular set of random variable and it has the following property

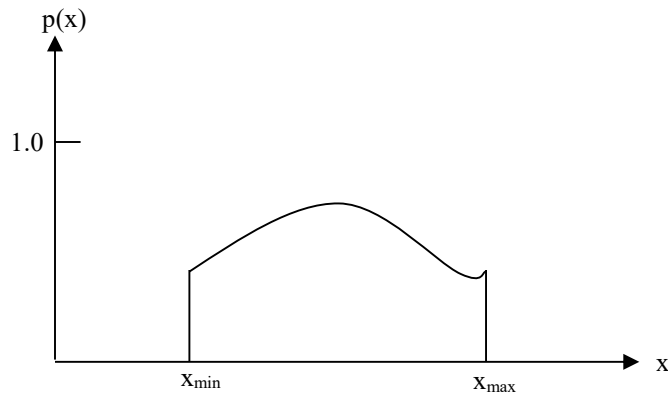
For a set of discrete random variables  $(x_1 < x_2 < \dots < x_N)$

$$\sum_{i=1}^N p(x_i) = 1.0$$



For a continuous random variable ( $x_{\min} \leq x \leq x_{\max}$ )

$$\int_{x_{\min}}^{x_{\max}} p(x) = 1.0$$

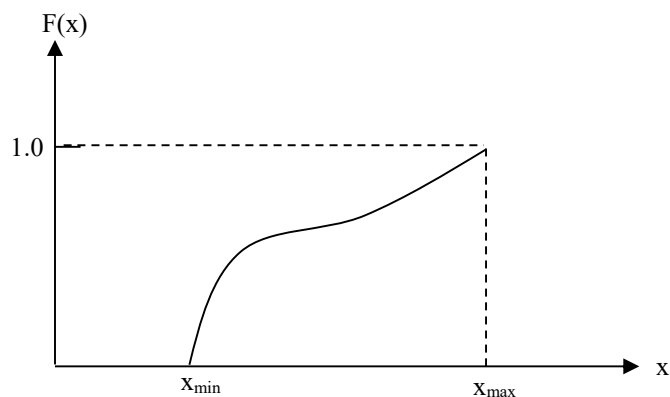


For a continuous random variable  $X$  with  $x_{\min} < X < x_{\max}$ , a cumulative distribution function is defined as

$$F(x) = P\{\text{a random selection of } X \text{ gives a value less than } x\}$$

Properties of the cumulative distribution function:

1.  $F(x)$  is a non-decreasing function for  $x_{\min} < x < x_{\max}$ , with  $F(x_{\min}) = 0$  and  $F(x_{\max}) = 1$



2.  $F(x)$  may have intervals on which it is differentiable; in these intervals the probability density function (pdf),  $p(x)$ , is defined as

$$p(x) = \frac{dF(x)}{dx} \geq 0$$

Physically,  $p(x)dx$  is the probability of a random selection of  $X$  giving a value between  $x$  and  $x + dx$  and

$$F(x) = \int_{x_{\min}}^x p(x') dx'$$

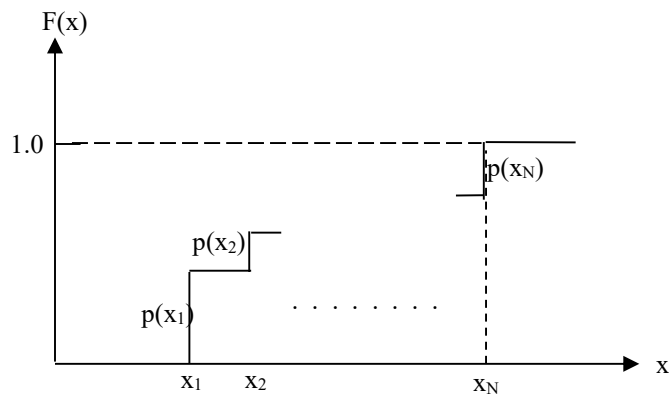
$$F(x_{\min}) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad F(x_{\max}) = \int_{x_{\min}}^{x_{\max}} p(x') dx' = 1.0$$

3. For a discrete set of random variables  $(x_1 < x_2 < \dots < x_N)$ , a cumulative distribution function  $F(x)$  is defined as

$$F(x) = \sum_{i=1}^N \delta(x - x_i) p(x_i)$$

where  $\delta(z)$  is the Dirac delta function defined by

$$\delta(z) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{when } z = 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



## 2. Sampling Random Variables

Basic problem of sampling: Assuming that we have an infinite supply of random variables with uniform probability, can one use these random variables to generate a set of random variables which follow a specific probability density function  $p(x)$  ?

### 2.1 Transformation of Random Variables

Let  $x$  be a random variable with cumulative distribution function  $F_x(x)$  and a pdf of

$$f_x(x) = \frac{dF_x(x)}{dx}$$

If  $y = y(x)$  is a continuous non-decreasing function of  $x$ , i.e.

$$y(X) \leq y(x) \quad \text{if and only if} \quad X \leq x$$

then  $y$  and  $x$  should have similar cumulative distribution function

$$P\{y(X) = Y \leq y(x)\} = P\{X \leq x\}$$

and

$$F_y(y) = F_x(x) \quad \text{when} \quad y = y(x)$$

The relation between the two probability density functions (pdf) is

$$f_y(y) dy = f_x(x) dx \rightarrow f_y(y) \frac{dy}{dx} = f_x(x)$$

If  $y = y(x)$  is a continuous non-increasing function of  $x$ , i.e.

$$f_y(y) \frac{dy}{dx} = -f_x(x)$$

and in general, for any random variable  $x$  with pdf  $f_x(x)$  and  $y = y(x)$ , then

$$f_y(y) = f_x(x) \left| \frac{dx}{dy} \right| = f_x(x) \left| \frac{dx}{dy} \right|^{-1}$$

### **Some pdf Examples:**

1.

$$f_x(x) = \frac{4}{\pi} \frac{1}{1+x^2} \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1$$

$$y = \frac{1}{x} \quad 1 \leq y \leq \infty$$

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2. Uniform distribution

$$f_x(x) = 1 \quad x \in [0, 1]$$

$$y = a + bx \quad y \in [a, a+b]$$

$$f_y(y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b} & a \leq y \leq a+b \text{ for } b > 0 \\ -\frac{1}{b} & a+b \leq y \leq a \text{ for } b < 0 \end{cases}$$

3. Gaussian Distribution

$$f_x(x) = \Phi'(x|0,1) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left[-\frac{x^2}{2}\right] \quad -\infty < x < \infty$$

$$y = \sigma x + \mu \quad -\infty < y < \infty$$

$$f_y(y) = \Phi'(y|\mu, \sigma) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{y-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2\right] \quad -\infty < y < \infty$$

4. Uniform distribution

$$f_x(x) = 1 \quad x \in [0,1]$$

$$y = x^r$$

$$f_y(y) = \left| \frac{1}{r} \right| y^{1/r-1} \quad \text{for } \begin{cases} 0 < y \leq 1 & \text{for } r > 0 \\ 1 < y < \infty & \text{for } r < 0 \end{cases}$$

5. Uniform distribution

$$f_x(x) = 1 \quad x \in [0,1]$$

$$y = -\log x \quad (x = e^{-y})$$

$$f_y(y) = e^{-y} \quad 1 < y < \infty$$

## 2.2 Algorithm for the Sampling of a Random Variable with a Specific Distribution

Let  $\xi$  be a random variable between 0 and 1, with a uniform pdf and therefore a cumulative distribution function given by

$$F_\xi(\xi) = \begin{cases} 0, & \xi < 0 \\ \xi, & 0 \leq \xi \leq 1 \\ 1, & \xi \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

If  $y$  is an increasing function of  $\xi$ , then the actual relation  $y(\xi)$  can be determined by the equation

$$F_y(y) = F_\xi(\xi) = \xi$$

The procedure for sampling of  $y$  with a given pdf  $f(y)$  is as follow:

1. Find the solution to the equation

$$F_y(y) = F_\xi(\xi) = \xi$$

and make sure that  $y$  is an increasing function of  $\xi$

2. Sample the random variable  $\xi$  with the random number generator and determine  $y$  from the relation developed in (1)
3. The resulting distribution of  $y$  will satisfy the cumulative distribution  $F_y(y)$  and the pdf  $f(y)$

**Examples:**

1.

$$f_y(y) = \lambda e^{-\lambda y} \quad 0 < y < \infty$$

$$F_y(y) = \int_0^y \lambda e^{-\lambda u} du = 1 - e^{-\lambda y} = \xi$$

$$y = -\frac{1}{\lambda} \log(1 - \xi)$$

2.

$$f_y(y) = \frac{2}{\pi} \frac{1}{1+y^2} \quad 0 < y < \infty$$

$$F_y(y) = \int_0^y \frac{2}{\pi} \frac{1}{1+u^2} du = \frac{2}{\pi} \tan^{-1} y = \xi$$

$$y = \tan \frac{\pi}{2} \xi$$

3.

$$f_y(y) = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{1}{1+y^2} \quad -\infty < y < \infty$$

$$F_y(y) = \int_{-\infty}^y \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{1}{1+u^2} du = \frac{1}{\pi} \tan^{-1} y + \frac{1}{2} = \xi$$

$$y = \tan \frac{\pi}{2} (2\xi - 1)$$

4.

$$f_r(r) = r \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}r^2\right] \quad 0 < r < \infty$$

$$F_r(r) = \int_0^r u \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}u^2\right] du = 1 - \exp\left[-\frac{r^2}{2}\right] = \xi$$

$$r = \left[-2 \log(1 - \xi)\right]^{1/2}$$

### **Example of Sampling of Two Random Variables**

Let  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  be two independent random variables for a Gaussian distribution pdf

$$f(y_1, y_2) = \Phi'(y_1|0,1)\Phi'(y_2|0,1) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}(y_1^2 + y_2^2)\right]$$

the equation can be transformed into polar coordinate by the transformation

$$\begin{aligned} y_1 &= r \cos \phi \\ y_2 &= r \sin \phi \end{aligned}$$

and the pdf becomes

$$f(y_1, y_2) dy_1 dy_2 = \left( \exp\left[-\frac{r^2}{2}\right] r dr \right) \left( \frac{d\phi}{2\pi} \right)$$

Since the angle  $\phi$  is uniformly distributed over  $(0, 2\pi)$ , it is sampled by

$$\phi = 2\pi\xi_2$$

$r$  is sampled by

$$r = \left[-2 \log(1 - \xi_1')\right]^{1/2} = \left[-2 \log \xi_1\right]^{1/2}$$

So the two independent variables are sampled by

$$\begin{aligned} y_1 &= \left[-2 \log \xi_1\right]^{1/2} \cos(2\pi\xi_2) \\ y_2 &= \left[-2 \log \xi_1\right]^{1/2} \sin(2\pi\xi_2) \end{aligned}$$



## 2.3 Numerical Transformation

For same pdf, the solution to the equation

$$F_y(y) = \xi$$

cannot be done analytically. For example, a random variable with a Gaussian distribution has a pdf

$$f(x) = \Phi(x|0,1) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2}\right)$$

would yield an equation

$$F_x(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^x \exp\left(-\frac{u^2}{2}\right) du = \text{erf}(x) = \xi$$

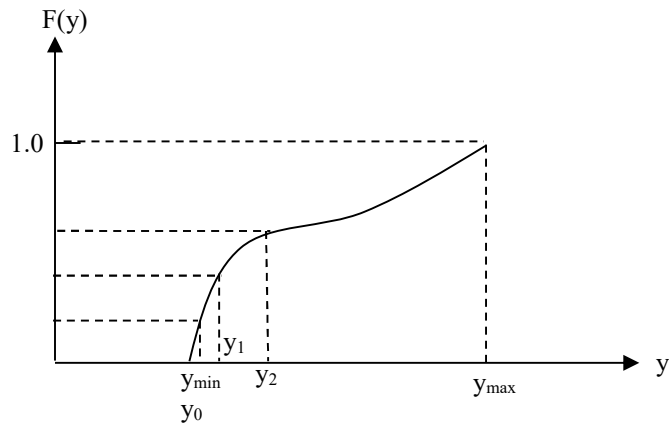
To generate the random variable  $x$  from a sampling of  $\xi$  would require a numerical inversion.

### An alternate numerical approach

For a given  $F_y(y)$ , find a set of discrete value of  $y$  ( $y_0, y_1, \dots, y_N$ ) such that

$$F_y(y_n) = \int_{y_{\min}}^{y_n} f_y(y) dy = \frac{n}{N}, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, N$$

with  $y_0 = y_{\min}$ ,  $y_N = y_{\max}$



For a random variable  $\xi$ , find  $n$  such that

$$\frac{n}{N} < \xi < \frac{n+1}{N}$$

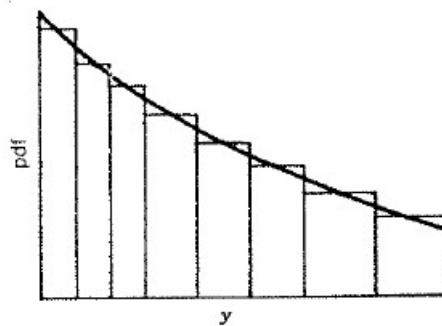
Then  $y(\xi)$  can be calculated by linear interpolation

$$y(\xi) = y_n + (y_{n+1} - y_n)u$$

with

$$u = N\xi - n, \quad 0 < u < 1$$

Note that this approach corresponds to approximating a pdf by a step function as follow:

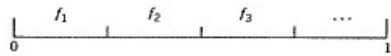


## 2.4 Sampling of Discrete Distributions

Suppose we have a class of events  $E_k$  with discrete probability  $f_k$  and we want to sample the events. Since

$$\sum_{k=1}^N f_k = 1.0$$

It is possible to take the interval  $[0,1]$  and exhaust it by dividing the interval into  $N$  segments each of which has a length equal to  $f_k$  as follow:



A uniform random variable  $\xi$  is generated. The interval to which  $\xi$  falls determine the identify of the event  $E_j$  by the relation

$$\sum_{k=0}^{j-1} f_k < \xi < \sum_{k=0}^j f_k$$

Example: Sampling of  $K$  equally likely event

$$f_k = \frac{1}{K}, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, K$$

For a given random number  $\xi$  within the interval  $[0,1]$ , the interval at which  $\xi$  falls is determined by

$$\frac{j-1}{K} \leq \xi \leq \frac{j}{K} \rightarrow j-1 \leq K\xi \leq j$$

Computer program (in FORTRAN) simulating the flipping of a coin (with equal probability of two discrete outcomes, head or tail)

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INTEGER(4) iseed
iseed = 425001

open (10, file = 'coin.out')
write(10, 10)
10 format(' i ', 2x, ' rflip ', 2x, ' nh', 2x, ' nt', /)
n = 100
nh = 0
nt = 0
do i = 1, n
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        rflip = RAN(iseed)
        if (rflip .le. 0.5) then
            nh = nh +1
        else
            nt = nt +1
        endif
        write(10, 100) i, rflip, nh, nt
100    format(i3, 2x, e11.4, 2(2x, i3))
        enddo
    end

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### Result of the calculation

i	rflip	nh	nt
1	.5531E+00	0	1
2	.8759E+00	0	2
3	.4586E+00	1	2
4	.6844E+00	1	3
5	.1413E+00	2	3
6	.3427E+00	3	3
7	.2402E+00	4	3
8	.9630E+00	4	4
9	.3832E+00	5	4
10	.5354E+00	5	5
11	.8917E+00	5	6
12	.2799E+00	6	6
13	.2022E+00	7	6
14	.6372E+00	7	7
15	.7591E-01	8	7
16	.3466E+00	9	7
17	.2850E+00	10	7
18	.9279E+00	10	8
19	.7132E+00	10	9
20	.7959E+00	10	10
21	.7828E+00	10	11
22	.2777E-01	11	11
23	.4178E+00	12	11
24	.1118E+00	13	11
25	.9732E+00	13	12
26	.5329E+00	13	13
27	.1612E+00	14	13
28	.4771E+00	15	13
29	.8472E+00	15	14
30	.4074E+00	16	14
31	.4647E+00	17	14
32	.3606E+00	18	14
33	.4194E+00	19	14
34	.9996E+00	19	15
35	.4202E-01	20	15
36	.2159E+00	21	15
37	.7820E+00	21	16
38	.4850E+00	22	16
39	.7024E+00	22	17
40	.8063E+00	22	18
41	.5745E+00	22	19
42	.7305E+00	22	20
43	.5792E-01	23	20
44	.6274E-02	24	20
45	.8540E+00	24	21
46	.5200E+00	24	22
47	.3817E+00	25	22
48	.2477E+00	26	22
49	.6113E+00	26	23
50	.6542E+00	26	24

## 2.5 Sampling of Mixed Distributions

Consider a pdf  $f_x(x)$  which has a jump from 0 to 0.5 at  $x = 0$ , for example

$$F_x(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 0 \\ 1 - \frac{1}{2}e^{-\lambda x} & x > 0 \end{cases}$$

We set

$$x = \begin{cases} 0 & \xi \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ -\log[2(1-\xi)]/\lambda & \xi \geq \frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$$

that is, we solve for  $F_x(x) = \xi$  only when  $\xi \geq 1/2$ .

## Application to Radiative Heat Transfer

### Example 1: Blackbody Emissive Power (Planck function)

$$e_{\lambda,b} = \frac{2\pi C_1}{\lambda^5 (e^{C_2/\lambda T} - 1)} = \text{energy emitted per unit area per unit time per unit wavelength around } \lambda$$

$$\sigma T^4 = \int_0^\infty e_{\lambda,b} d\lambda = \text{total energy emitted per unit area per unit time}$$

$$P(\lambda) = \frac{e_{\lambda,b}}{\sigma T^4} = \text{pdf of a surface emitting radiant energy at wavelength } \lambda$$

$$R_\lambda = \int_0^\lambda P(\lambda') d\lambda' = \frac{\int_0^\lambda e_{\lambda,b}(\lambda') d\lambda'}{\sigma T^4} = F_{0-\lambda} = \text{cumulative distribution function}$$

Monte Carlo simulation of radiative emission from a blackbody:

N = number of "bundles" used in the simulation

e =  $\sigma T^4 / N$  = energy per bundle

For each bundle, pick a random number  $\xi$

Determine the wavelength  $\lambda$  from the relation  $\xi = R_\lambda = F_{0-\lambda}$

### **Example 2: Emission from a non-gray surface**

$$e_{\lambda} = \varepsilon_{\lambda} e_{\lambda,b} = \varepsilon_{\lambda} \frac{2\pi C_1}{\lambda^5 (e^{C_2/\lambda T} - 1)} = \text{emissive power, energy emitted per unit area per unit time per unit wavelength around } \lambda$$

$$e = \varepsilon \sigma T^4 = \int_0^{\infty} \varepsilon_{\lambda} e_{\lambda,b} d\lambda = \text{total energy emitted per unit area per unit time}$$

$$P(\lambda) = \frac{\varepsilon_{\lambda} e_{\lambda,b}}{\varepsilon \sigma T^4} = \text{pdf of a surface emitting radiant energy at wavelength } \lambda$$

$$R_{\lambda} = \int_0^{\lambda} P(\lambda') d\lambda' = \frac{\int_0^{\lambda} \varepsilon_{\lambda'}(\lambda') e_{\lambda',b}(\lambda') d\lambda'}{\varepsilon \sigma T^4} = \text{cumulative distribution function}$$

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For each bundle, pick a random number  $\xi$

Determine the wavelength  $\lambda$  from the relation  $\xi = R_{\lambda}$

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C      this program generate the monte carlo simulation of
C      emission from a non-gray surface with step wise emissivity
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C-----C
C      program emission

      implicit double precision(a-h,o-z)
      common /data/ xlemit(100), emit(100), xlambda(100)
      common /data1/ nemit
      dimension ncount(100)
      real*8 rand
      data rand/5249347.d0/
      sigma = 0.5672e-04
      xc1 = 0.595e11
      xc2 = 1.439e4
      xpi = 3.14159

C      sigma (erg/(K**4-cm**2-sec)), Stefan-Boltzmann Const.

      open (10, file = 'emit.in')
      open (20, file = 'emit.out')
      open (30, file = 'bundle.out')

      read(10, *) ts, nbundle
      read(10, *) nemit
      do ne = 1, nemit
      read(10, *) xlemit(ne), emit(ne)
      enddo

      if (xlemit(1) .gt. 0.d0) then
10      write(20, 10) xlemit(1)
1      format(/, ' first wavelength must be zero',
1      /, ' xlemit(1) = ', e11.4)
      stop
      endif

C
C      emit(ne) is the emissivity with wavelength greater than
C      xlemit(ne) but less than xlemit(ne +1)
C
C      emit(nemit) is the emissivity with wavelength greater than
C      xlemit(nemit)
C

      read(10, *) nlambda
      do nx = 1, nlambda
      read(10, *) xlambda(nx)
      ncount(nx) = 0.d0
      enddo

C
C      this section calculate the total emissivity
C

      etot = 0.d0
      do nx = 1, nemit
      if (nx .lt. nemit) then
1      etot = etot + (ffrac(ts, xlemit(nx +1)) -ffrac(ts, xlemit(nx)))
1      *emit(nx)
      else
1      etot = etot + (1.d0 -ffrac(ts, xlemit(nx)))
1      *emit(nx)
      endif
      enddo

      ebundle = etot*sigma*ts**4/nbundle

      write(20, 11) ts, etot, ebundle
11      format(/, ' surface temperature = ', e11.4,

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1          /, ' total emissivity = ', e11.4,
1          /, ' energy per bundle = ', e11.4, ' erg/cm**2/s')

do nx = 1, nlambda
write(20, 22) xlambda(nx), fem(ts, xlambda(nx))
22 format(' xlambda(nx) = ', e11.4, ' fem = ', e11.4)
enddo

do i = 1, nbundle

call random(rx,rand)
c write(20, 21) rx
21 format(' rx = ', e11.4)

do nx = 1, nlambda -1
c write(20, 20) nx, xlambda(nx), xlambda(nx +1),
c 1 rx, fem(ts, xlambda(nx)), fem(ts, xlambda(nx +1))
20 format(' nx = ', i3, ' xlambda(nx) = ', e11.4,
1 ' xlambda(nx) = ', e11.4,
1 ' rx = ', e11.4, ' fem(ts, xlambda(nx)) = ', e11.4,
1 ' fem(ts, xlambda(nx +1)) = ', e11.4)
if (rx .ge. fem(ts, xlambda(nx))/etot .and.
1 rx .le. fem(ts, xlambda(nx +1))/etot) then
ncount(nx) = ncount(nx) +1
goto 12
endif
enddo
if (rx .gt. fem(ts, xlambda(nlambda))) then
ncount(nlambda) = ncount(nlambda) +1
endif
12 continue

enddo

write(30, 101)
101 format(' lambda ', 2x, 'ncount', 2x, ' energy ', 2x,
1 ' power ', 2x, ' ebb ', 2x, ' em')

sume = 0.d0
ntot = 0
do i = 1, nlambda
xenergy = ncount(i)*ebundle
if (i .lt. nlambda) then
dlam = xlambda(i +1) -xlambda(i)
else
dlam = xlambda(nlambda) -xlambda(nlambda -1)
endif

do nx = 1, nemit
if (xlambda(i) .lt. xlemit(nx)) then
xem = emit(nx -1)
goto 110
endif
enddo
xem = emit(nemit)
110 continue

if (xlambda(i) .eq. 0.d0) then
ebb = 0.d0
else
ebb = xem*2.d0*xpi*xc1/xlambda(i)**5
1 / (dexp(xc2/xlambda(i)/ts) -1.d0)
endif

write(30, 100) xlambda(i), ncount(i), xenergy, xenergy/dlam,
1 ebb, xem
100 format(e11.4, 2x, i6, 4(2x, e11.4))
sume = sume +ncount(i)*ebundle
ntot = ntot +ncount(i)
enddo

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201      write(20, 201) ntot, sume, etot*sigma*ts**4
      format(/, ' ntot = ', i3,
1         /, ' sume = ', e11.4, ' etot*sigma*ts**4 = ', e11.4)

      end

*-----*
* This subroutine generates      *
* pseudo random number          *
*-----*
      SUBROUTINE random(RAN,RAND)
C-----C
C   RANDOM NUMBER GENERATOR      C
C-----C
      implicit double precision(a-h,o-z)
      REAL*8 RAND
      RAND=DMOD(RAND*131075.0d0,2147483649.0d0)
C      RAN=SNGL(RAND/2147483649.0D0)
      RAN=DBLE(RAND/2147483649.0D0)
      write(12,'(2x,"rand=",e12.5," ran=",f7.4)') rand,ran  !5/8/92
      RETURN
      END

C *****
      double precision function ffrac(tfuel,xlm)
      implicit double precision(a-h,o-z)
      real prodtable(10),fractable(10)
C   lambda T products are in um K
      data prodtable/ 555.6, 1666.7, 3055.6, 4166.7, 5277.8,
1      6388.9, 7500.0, 9722.2, 12777.8, 55555.6/
      data fractable/ 0.17d-7, 0.02537, 0.28576, 0.51029, 0.66685,
1      0.76838, 0.83435, 0.90819, 0.95307, 1./

      prod = tfuel*xlm

      if (prod.ge.0.d0 .and. prod.le.prodtable(1)) then
         ffrac = fractable(1)*prod/prodtable(1)
         return
      else
         if (prod.gt.prodtable(10)) then
            ffrac = fractable(10)
            return
         endif
         endif

         do i = 1, 9
            if (prod .ge. prodtable(i) .and. prod .le. prodtable(i+1)) then
               fraction = (prod - prodtable(i))/(prodtable(i+1) -prodtable(i))
               ffrac = fractable(i) +fraction*(fractable(i+1) -fractable(i))
               goto 100
            endif
         enddo

         write(20, 10) tfuel, xlm
10      format(/, ' error in finding f values with',
1         /, ' tfuel = ', e11.4,
2         /, ' xlm   = ', e11.4)
         stop

100     return

      end

C *****
C
C   double precision function fem(tfuel,xlm)
      implicit double precision(a-h,o-z)
      common /data/ xlemit(100), emit(100), xlambda(100)
      common /data1/ nemit

```

```

do nx = 1, nemit -1
if (xlm .ge. xlemit(nx) .and. xlm .le. xlemit(nx +1)) then
fem = 0.d0
do ix = 1, nx -1
fem = fem +emit(ix)*(ffrac(tfuel, xlemit(ix +1))
1      -ffrac(tfuel, xlemit(ix)))
enddo
fem = fem +emit(nx)*(ffrac(tfuel, xlm)
1      -ffrac(tfuel, xlemit(nx)))
return
endif
enddo

fem = 0.d0
do ix = 1, nemit -1
fem = fem +emit(ix)*(ffrac(tfuel, xlemit(ix +1))
1      -ffrac(tfuel, xlemit(ix)))
enddo
fem = fem +emit(nemit)*(ffrac(tfuel, xlm)
1      -ffrac(tfuel, xlemit(nemit)))
return
end

```

### **Input File (emit.in)**

```
2000. 200000
3
0.0 0.35
2.0 0.2
4.0 0.0
21
0.0
0.2
0.4
0.6
0.8
1.0
1.2
1.4
1.6
1.8
2.0
2.2
2.4
2.6
2.8
3.0
3.2
3.4
3.6
3.8
4.0
```

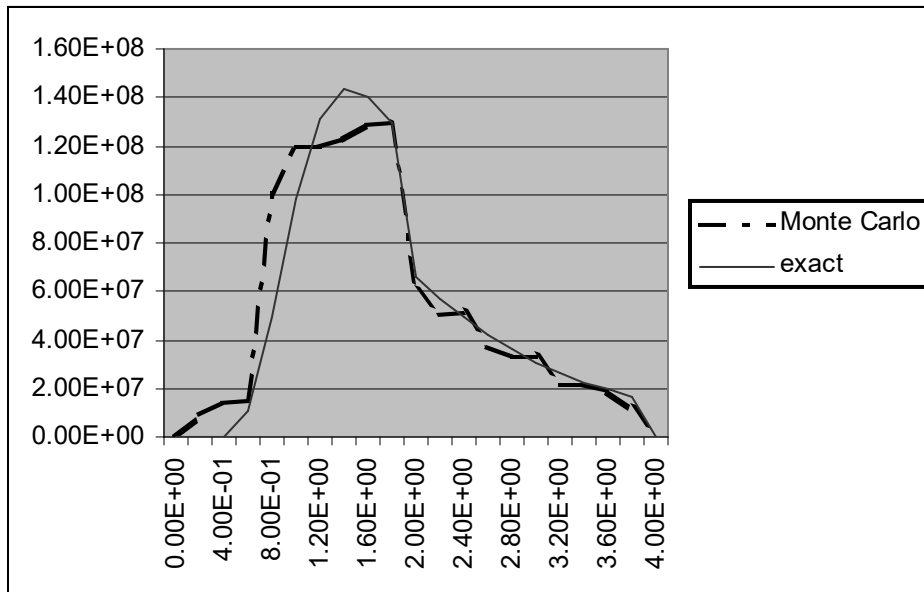
### **Output file (emit.out)**

```
surface temperature = .2000E+04
total emissivity = .2417E+00
energy per bundle = .1097E+04 erg/cm**2/s
xlambda(nx) = .0000E+00 fem = .0000E+00
xlambda(nx) = .2000E+00 fem = .4284E-08
xlambda(nx) = .4000E+00 fem = .1953E-02
xlambda(nx) = .6000E+00 fem = .5150E-02
xlambda(nx) = .8000E+00 fem = .8346E-02
xlambda(nx) = .1000E+01 fem = .3075E-01
xlambda(nx) = .1200E+01 fem = .5700E-01
xlambda(nx) = .1400E+01 fem = .8324E-01
xlambda(nx) = .1600E+01 fem = .1102E+00
xlambda(nx) = .1800E+01 fem = .1385E+00
xlambda(nx) = .2000E+01 fem = .1668E+00
xlambda(nx) = .2200E+01 fem = .1801E+00
xlambda(nx) = .2400E+01 fem = .1914E+00
xlambda(nx) = .2600E+01 fem = .2027E+00
xlambda(nx) = .2800E+01 fem = .2107E+00
xlambda(nx) = .3000E+01 fem = .2181E+00
xlambda(nx) = .3200E+01 fem = .2253E+00
xlambda(nx) = .3400E+01 fem = .2300E+00
xlambda(nx) = .3600E+01 fem = .2348E+00
xlambda(nx) = .3800E+01 fem = .2390E+00
xlambda(nx) = .4000E+01 fem = .2417E+00

ntot = ***
sume = .2193E+09 etot*sigma*ts**4 = .2193E+09
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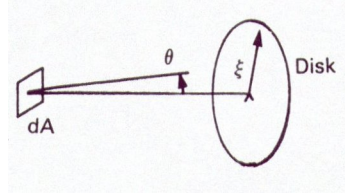
## Output file (bundle.out)

lambda	ncount	energy	power	ebb	em
.0000E+00	0	.0000E+00	.0000E+00	.0000E+00	.3500E+00
.2000E+00	1625	.1782E+07	.8910E+07	.9725E-01	.3500E+00
.4000E+00	2616	.2869E+07	.1434E+08	.1971E+06	.3500E+00
.6000E+00	2660	.2917E+07	.1459E+08	.1043E+08	.3500E+00
.8000E+00	18353	.2013E+08	.1006E+09	.4959E+08	.3500E+00
.1000E+01	21799	.2391E+08	.1195E+09	.9825E+08	.3500E+00
.1200E+01	21848	.2396E+08	.1198E+09	.1312E+09	.3500E+00
.1400E+01	22338	.2450E+08	.1225E+09	.1435E+09	.3500E+00
.1600E+01	23407	.2567E+08	.1283E+09	.1406E+09	.3500E+00
.1800E+01	23547	.2582E+08	.1291E+09	.1296E+09	.3500E+00
.2000E+01	10980	.1204E+08	.6021E+08	.6581E+08	.2000E+00
.2200E+01	9206	.1010E+08	.5048E+08	.5729E+08	.2000E+00
.2400E+01	9329	.1023E+08	.5115E+08	.4931E+08	.2000E+00
.2600E+01	6714	.7363E+07	.3681E+08	.4219E+08	.2000E+00
.2800E+01	6038	.6622E+07	.3311E+08	.3602E+08	.2000E+00
.3000E+01	6046	.6630E+07	.3315E+08	.3075E+08	.2000E+00
.3200E+01	3918	.4297E+07	.2148E+08	.2630E+08	.2000E+00
.3400E+01	3904	.4281E+07	.2141E+08	.2254E+08	.2000E+00
.3600E+01	3512	.3851E+07	.1926E+08	.1939E+08	.2000E+00
.3800E+01	2160	.2369E+07	.1184E+08	.1673E+08	.2000E+00
.4000E+01	0	.0000E+00	.0000E+00	.0000E+00	.0000E+00



## Monte Carlo Simulation of arbitrary probability density distribution with two or more independent variables

Example: Distribution of radiation packets arriving at various disk radii



$F(\xi, \theta)$  = number of packets that have arrived at the disk within each small radial increment  $\Delta\xi$  and angular increment  $\Delta\theta$  about some radius  $\xi$  and angle  $\theta$

$f(\xi, \theta) = F(\xi, \theta)/(\Delta\xi\Delta\theta)$  = frequency function, the number of packets per unit  $\xi$  and per unit  $\theta$  arriving at the disk at  $(\xi, \theta)$

$P(\xi, \theta)$  = probability density function (in two dimension)

$P(\xi, \theta)d\xi d\theta$  = probability that a radiation packet will arrive within an infinitesimal area  $d\xi d\theta$  about the position  $(\xi, \theta)$

$$P(\xi, \theta) = \frac{f(\xi, \theta)}{\int_0^R \int_0^{2\pi} f(\xi, \theta) d\theta d\xi}$$

Question: Can a random number generator be used to simulate the probability density distribution of the radiation packets.

Answer:

1. Pick a random number  $R_1$ , determine  $\xi$  from

$$R_1 = F(\xi) = \int_{\xi_{\min}}^{\xi} \int_{\theta_{\min}}^{\theta_{\max}} P(\xi', \theta') d\xi' d\theta'$$

example: for the radiation packets problem:

$$R_1 = F(\xi) = \int_0^{\xi} \int_0^{2\pi} P(\xi', \theta') d\xi' d\theta'$$

2. and for a given  $\xi$ , pick a second random number  $R_2$  and determine  $\theta$  from

$$R_2 = G(\xi, \theta) = \int_{\theta_{\min}}^{\theta} P(\xi, \theta') d\theta'$$

example: for the radiation packets problem:

$$R_2 = G(\xi, \theta) = \int_0^{\theta} P(\xi, \theta') d\theta'$$

### **Sampling procedure for probability density function with three variables: $P(\lambda, \xi, \theta)$**

1. Pick a random number  $R_1$
2. Determine  $\lambda$  from the relation

$$R_1 = F_{\lambda}(\lambda) = \int_{\lambda_{\min}}^{\lambda} \int_{\xi_{\min}}^{\xi_{\max}} \int_{\theta_{\min}}^{\theta_{\max}} P(\lambda', \xi', \theta') d\lambda' d\xi' d\theta'$$

3. Pick a second random number  $R_2$
4. For the given value of  $\lambda$  and the second random number  $R_2$ , determine  $\xi$  from

$$R_2 = G_{\xi}(\lambda, \xi) = \frac{\int_{\xi_{\min}}^{\xi} \int_{\theta_{\min}}^{\theta_{\max}} P(\lambda, \xi', \theta') d\xi' d\theta'}{\int_{\xi_{\min}}^{\xi_{\max}} \int_{\theta_{\min}}^{\theta_{\max}} P(\lambda, \xi', \theta') d\xi' d\theta'}$$

5. Pick a third random number  $R_3$
6. For the given values of  $(\lambda, \xi)$  and the third random number, determine  $\theta$  from

$$R_3 = H_{\theta}(\lambda, \xi, \theta) = \frac{\int_{\theta_{\min}}^{\theta} P(\lambda, \xi, \theta') d\theta'}{\int_{\theta_{\min}}^{\theta_{\max}} P(\lambda, \xi, \theta') d\theta'}$$

If  $P(\lambda, \xi, \theta) = P_1(\lambda)P_2(\xi)P_3(\theta)$

( $\lambda, \theta, \xi$  have mutually independent probabilistic density functions)



$$F_{\lambda}(\lambda) = \int_{\lambda_{\min}}^{\lambda} P_1(\lambda') d\lambda' \int_{\xi_{\min}}^{\xi_{\max}} P_2(\xi') d\xi' \int_{\theta_{\min}}^{\theta_{\max}} P_3(\theta') d\theta'$$

$$= \int_{\lambda_{\min}}^{\lambda} P_1(\lambda') d\lambda'$$

$$G_{\xi}(\lambda, \xi) = \frac{P_1(\lambda) \int_{\xi_{\min}}^{\xi} P_2(\xi') d\xi' \int_{\theta_{\min}}^{\theta_{\max}} P_3(\theta') d\theta'}{P_1(\lambda) \int_{\xi_{\min}}^{\xi_{\max}} P_2(\xi') d\xi' \int_{\theta_{\min}}^{\theta_{\max}} P_3(\theta') d\theta'}$$

$$= \int_{\xi_{\min}}^{\xi} P_2(\xi') d\xi'$$

$$H_{\theta}(\lambda, \xi, \theta) = \frac{P_1(\lambda) P_2(\xi) \int_{\theta_{\min}}^{\theta} P_3(\theta') d\theta'}{P_1(\lambda) P_2(\xi) \int_{\theta_{\min}}^{\theta_{\max}} P_3(\theta') d\theta'} = \int_{\theta_{\min}}^{\theta} P_3(\theta') d\theta'$$

General procedure for generating distribution with random numbers for three independent variables

Pick  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$  and  $R_3$ , generate the variables  $\lambda$ ,  $\xi$ ,  $\theta$  from the relations:

$$R_1 = F(\lambda) = \int_{\lambda_{\min}}^{\lambda} P_1(\lambda') d\lambda'$$

$$R_2 = G(\xi) = \int_{\xi_{\min}}^{\xi} P_2(\xi') d\xi'$$

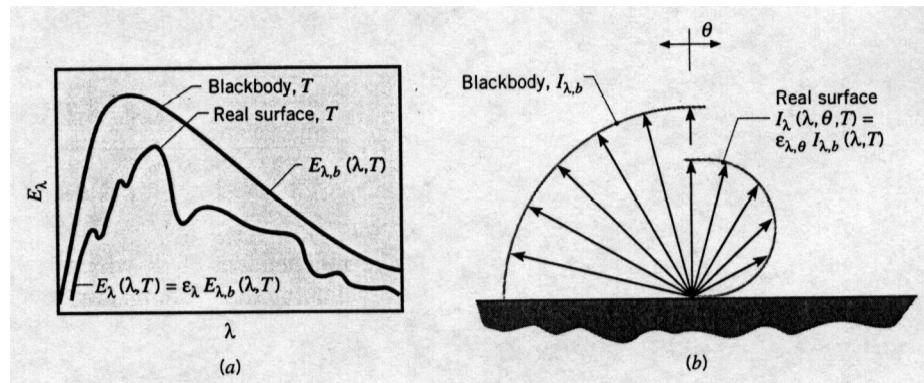
$$R_3 = H(\theta) = \int_{\theta_{\min}}^{\theta} P_3(\theta') d\theta'$$

## Application to Radiation Heat Transfer:

### 1. Evaluation of exchange factor

$e(\lambda, \theta, \varphi) d\lambda d\theta d\varphi$  = energy emitted per unit area per unit wavelength in angular interval  $d\theta$  and  $d\varphi$

Real Surface Emission (12.4 in Incropera and DeWitt)



$$e(\lambda, \theta, \varphi) d\lambda d\theta d\varphi = \frac{1}{\pi} \epsilon_{\lambda,\theta} e_{\lambda,b} \cos \theta \sin \theta d\lambda d\theta d\varphi$$

with  $\epsilon_{\lambda,\theta}$  = spectral directional emissivity

$e(T)$  = total emission

$$E(T) = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi/2} \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{\pi} \epsilon_{\lambda,\theta} E_{\lambda,b} \cos \theta \sin \theta d\lambda d\theta d\varphi$$

$$= \epsilon(T) \sigma T^4$$

with  $\epsilon(T)$  = total emissivity

Probability density function for radiation emission

$$P(\lambda, \theta, \varphi) = \frac{\varepsilon_{\lambda, \theta} E_{\lambda, b} \cos \theta \sin \theta}{\pi \varepsilon(T) \sigma T^4}$$

if  $\varepsilon_{\lambda, \theta} = \Phi_1(\lambda) \Phi_2(\theta)$

then

$$P(\lambda, \theta, \varphi) = P_1(\lambda) P_2(\theta) P_3(\varphi)$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} P_1(\lambda) &= \frac{\Phi_1(\lambda) E_{\lambda, b}}{\varepsilon(T) \sigma T^4} \\ P_2(\theta) &= 2 \Phi_2(\theta) \cos \theta \sin \theta \\ P_3(\varphi) &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \end{aligned}$$

For gray diffuse surface ( $\varepsilon_{\lambda, \theta} = \varepsilon(T)$ )

$$\begin{aligned} P_1(\lambda) &= \frac{E_{\lambda, b}}{\sigma T^4} & R(\lambda) &= \int_0^\lambda \frac{E_{\lambda, b} d\lambda}{\sigma T^4} = F_{0-\lambda} \\ P_2(\theta) &= 2 \cos \theta \sin \theta & R(\theta) &= \int_0^\theta 2 \cos \theta' \sin \theta' d\theta' = \sin^2 \theta \\ P_3(\varphi) &= \frac{1}{2\pi} & R(\varphi) &= \frac{\varphi}{2\pi} \end{aligned}$$

## Evaluation of Radiative Exchange with the Monte Carlo Method

View Factor ( $F_{1-2}$ ) = Fraction of radiation emitted from a surface  $A_1$  which is absorbed by a black surface  $A_2$  (without accounting for reflection from other surfaces)

1. Emit  $N_1$  energy bundles from area  $A_1$  using the probabilistic distribution
2. Counts all the energy bundles which is intercepted by  $A_2$ ,  $N_2$
3.  $F_{1-2} = N_2 / N_1$

Interchange Factors ( $F_{1-2}$ ) = Fraction of radiation emitted from a surface  $A_1$  which is absorbed by a surface  $A_2$  (accounting for all possible reflection from other surfaces)

(same procedure except the energy bundle is followed through all of its reflection from surfaces)

NEVADA (A computer code to compute view factors and interchange factors for up to 10 diffuse/specular reflecting surfaces)

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```

C-----
--C
C
C
C
C
C
C    this program generate the monte carlo simulation of
C    problem 12.8 of Incropera and DeWitt
C
C-----
--C

    program angular

    implicit double precision(a-h,o-z)
    common /data/ xlemit(100), emit(100), xlambda(100)
    common /data1/ nemit
    real*8 rand
    data rand/5249347.d0/
    sigma = 0.5672e-04
    xc1 = 0.595e11
    xc2 = 1.439e4
    xpi = 3.14159

C    sigma (erg/(K**4-cm**2-sec)), Stefan-Boltzmann Const.

    open (10, file = 'angular.in')
    open (20, file = 'angular.out')
    open (30, file = 'bundle.out')

    read(10, *) theta1, theta2
    read(10, *) nbundle

C
C    this program is to compute the fraction of energy
C    radiated between theta1 and theta2
C
C

    write(20, 11) theta1, theta2, nbundle
11    format(/, ' theta1 = ', e11.4,
1      /, ' theta2 = ', e11.4,
1      /, ' number of bundle = ', i7)

C
C    theta1 and theta2 input is in degree
C

    theta1 = theta1/180*xpi
    theta2 = theta2/180*xpi

    write(30, 101)
101    format(' i ', 2x, ' theta ', 2x, 'ncount', 2x,
1      ' f12 ')

    ncount = 0

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do i = 1, nbundle

    call random(rx,rand)
    theta = dasin(dsqrt(rx))

c    write(20, 21) rx, theta, theta1, theta2
21    format('  rx = ', e11.4, '  theta = ', e11.4,
1        /, '  theta1 = ', e11.4,
1        '  theat2 = ', e11.4)

    if (theta .le. theta2 .and. theta .ge. theta1) then
        ncount = ncount +1
        xcount = ncount*1.d0
        f12 = xcount/i
        write(30, 102) i, theta/xpi*180.d0, ncount, f12

    endif

102    format(i5, 2x, e11.4, 2x, i5, 2x, e11.4)

    enddo

    stop
end

*-----*
*  This subroutine generates      *
*  pseudo random number          *
*-----*
      SUBROUTINE random(RAN,RAND)
C-----C
C    RANDOM NUMBER GENERATOR      C
C-----C
      implicit double precision(a-h,o-z)
      REAL*8 RAND
      RAND=DMOD(RAND*131075.0d0,2147483649.0d0)
c      RAN=SNGL(RAND/2147483649.0D0)
      RAN=DBLE(RAND/2147483649.0D0)
      write(12,'(2x,"rand=",e12.5,"  ran=",f7.4)') rand,ran  !5/8/92
      RETURN
      END

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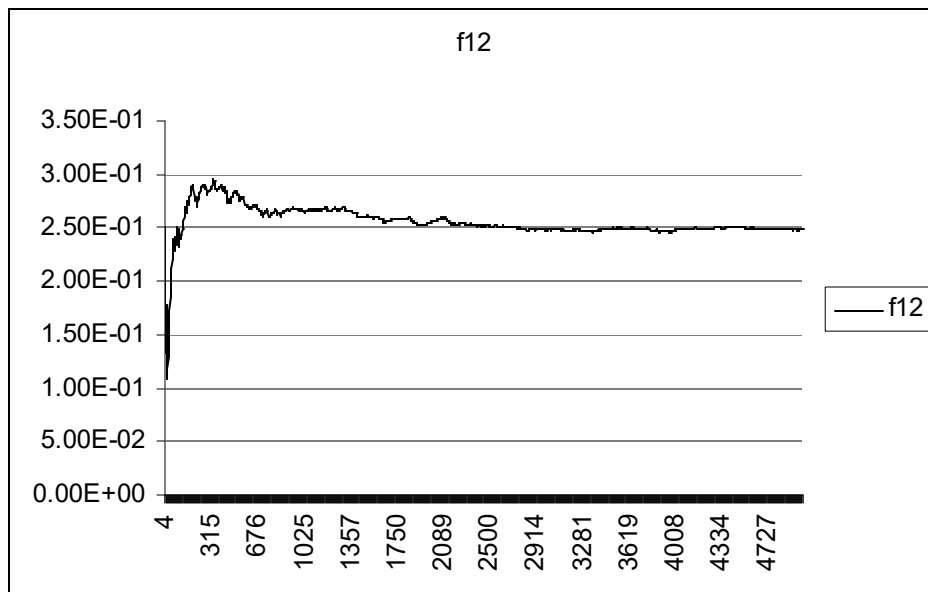
### File angular.in

```
0. 30.  
5000
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### File angular.out

```
theta1 = .0000E+00  
theta2 = .3000E+02  
number of bundle = 5000
```

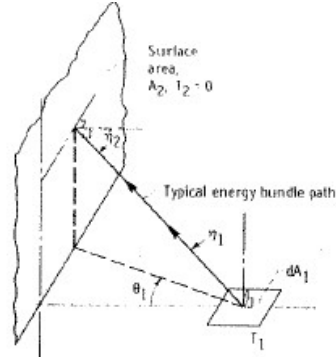
### File bundle.out



## 2. Evaluation of radiative exchange between gray surfaces

Physics of the problem:

Consider the radiative exchange between  $dA_1$ , at temperature  $T_1$  and surface  $A_2$ , an infinite plane at temperature  $T_2 = 0$  as in the following figure:



Let element  $dA_1$  have the emissivity  $\varepsilon_1(T_1, \lambda, \eta_1) = \varepsilon_{1,\lambda}(T_1, \lambda)\varepsilon_{1,\eta}(T_1, \eta_1)$

The total emissivity is given by

$$\varepsilon_1(T_1) = \frac{1}{\sigma T_1^4} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi/2} \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{\pi} \varepsilon_{1,\lambda}(T_1, \lambda) \varepsilon_{1,\eta}(T_1, \eta_1) E_{\lambda,b}(T_1, \lambda) \cos \eta_1 \sin \eta_1 d\eta_1 d\theta_1 d\lambda$$

Then the sampling of emission from  $dA_1$  can be generated by the following pdf and cumulative distribution functions

$$\begin{aligned} P_1(\lambda) &= \frac{\varepsilon_{1,\lambda}(T_1, \lambda) E_{\lambda,b}}{\varepsilon_1(T_1) \sigma T_1^4} & \xi_\lambda = R_1(\lambda) &= \frac{\int_0^\lambda \varepsilon_{1,\lambda}(T_1, \lambda) E_{\lambda,b} d\lambda}{\varepsilon_1(T_1) \sigma T_1^4} \\ P_2(\eta_1) &= 2\varepsilon_{1,\eta}(T_1, \eta_1) \cos \eta_1 \sin \eta_1 & \xi_\eta = R_2(\eta_1) &= 2 \int_0^{\eta_1} \varepsilon_{1,\eta}(T_1, \eta') \cos \eta' \sin \eta' d\eta' \\ P_3(\theta_1) &= \frac{1}{2\pi} & \xi_\theta = R_3(\theta_1) &= \frac{\theta_1}{2\pi} \end{aligned}$$

For convenience of computation, it is useful to simulate the exact integral by a power series

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda &= A + B\xi_\lambda + C\xi_\lambda^2 + \dots \\ \eta_1 &= A' + B'\xi_\eta + C'\xi_\eta^2 + \dots \end{aligned}$$



Monte Carlo simulation of the absorption process

First determine the normal of surface  $A_2$

$$\vec{n}_2 = \hat{x}$$

For a bundle with wavelength  $\lambda$ , emitted in direction  $(\eta_1, \theta_1)$ , it has a directional vector of

$$\vec{r}_{12} = (\sin \eta_1 \cos \theta, \sin \eta_2 \sin \theta, \cos \eta_1)$$

Relative to surface  $A_2$ , the bundle has a polar angle given by

$$\cos \eta_2 = \vec{r}_{12} \cdot \vec{n}_2 = \sin \eta_1 \cos \theta_1$$

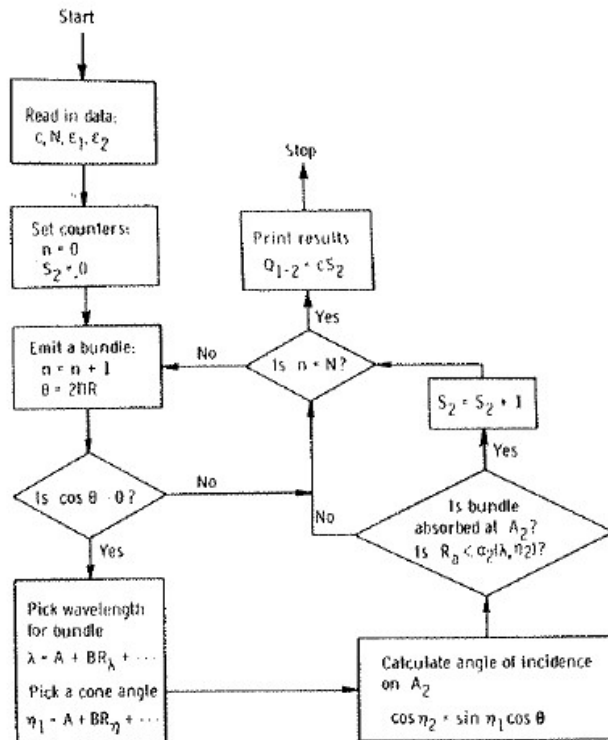
To simulate the absorption of energy bundles by  $A_2$  with an absorptivity (by Kirchoff's law)

$$\alpha_2(\lambda, \eta_2) = \varepsilon_2(\lambda, \eta_2)$$

pick a random number  $\xi_\alpha$ , the bundle is considered as absorbed when

$$\xi_\alpha \leq \varepsilon_2(\lambda, \eta_2)$$

Flow chart for the computer program



### 3. Simulation of radiative absorption by a medium

For a beam of energy of initial intensity  $I_0$

Absorption by a medium with absorption coefficient  $a(S)$  at an interval between  $S$  and  $S+dS$

$$dI = I_0 e^{-\int_0^S a(s') ds'} a(S) dS$$

Probability density of a photon to be absorbed by the medium at  $S$  is

$$P(S) = \frac{dI}{I_0 dS} = a(S) e^{-\int_0^S a(s') ds'}$$

The Monte Carlo simulation of the absorption process is thus given by:

1. Let  $N$  = number of bundle
2. Energy per bundle =  $I_0 / N$
3. pick a random number  $\xi_L$
4. The distance  $L$  at which the bundle is absorbed is given by

$$\xi_L = \int_0^L P(S) dS = \int_0^L e^{-\int_0^S a(s') ds'} a(S) dS = 1 - e^{-\int_0^L a(s') ds'}$$

or determine  $L$  by

$$-\int_0^L a(s') ds' = \ln(1 - \xi_L)$$

For a medium with constant absorption coefficient  $a$ ,  $L$  is determined by

$$\xi_L = 1 - e^{-aL} \quad \text{or} \quad L = -\frac{1}{a} \ln(1 - \xi_L)$$

#### 4. Simulation of radiative emission by a medium

Radiative emission from a medium is isotropic

The emission from a volume  $dV$  at temperature  $T$  with wavelength  $\lambda$  in direction  $(\eta, \phi)$  is given by

$$d^4Q_e = a(\lambda, T, P) i_{\lambda b}(T) \sin \eta d\eta d\phi d\lambda dV$$

Total energy emitted by the volume  $dV$  is

$$\begin{aligned} dQ_e &= dV \int_0^\infty \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi a(\lambda, T, P) i_{\lambda b}(T) \sin \eta d\eta d\phi d\lambda \\ &= 4\pi dV \int_0^\infty a(\lambda, T, P) i_{\lambda b}(T) d\lambda \end{aligned}$$

So the pdf for emission from a medium is

$$\begin{aligned} P(\eta) &= \frac{1}{2} \sin \eta \\ P(\phi) &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \\ P(\lambda) &= \frac{\pi a(\lambda, T, P) i_{\lambda b}(T)}{a_p \sigma T^4} \end{aligned}$$

where  $a_p$  is called the Planck mean absorption coefficient given by

$$a_p = \frac{\pi \int_0^\infty a(\lambda, T, P) i_{\lambda b}(T) d\lambda}{\sigma T^4}$$

Sampling of emission in  $(\lambda, \eta, \phi)$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_\eta &= \int_0^\eta P(\eta') d\eta' = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\eta \sin \eta' d\eta' = \frac{1 - \cos \eta}{2} \\ \xi_\phi &= \frac{\phi}{2\pi} \\ \xi_\lambda &= \frac{\pi \int_0^\lambda a(\lambda', T, P) i_{\lambda b}(\lambda', T) d\lambda'}{a_p \sigma T^4} \end{aligned}$$

### Condition of radiative equilibrium (energy conservation) in a Monte Carlo calculation

At a given volume  $dV$ ,

if  $w =$  energy per bundle in the simulation  
 $S_{dV} =$  number of bundles absorbed by  $dV$

then  $dQ_{abs} =$  energy absorbed by volume  $dV$   
 $= wS_{dV}$

Then energy conservation requires

$$dQ_e = 4a_p \sigma T^4 dV = dQ_{abs} = wS_{dV}$$

The temperature can then be determined by

$$T = \left( \frac{wS_{dV}}{4a_p \sigma dV} \right)^{1/4}$$

## 5. Example Calculation

A gray gas with constant absorption coefficient  $a$  is contained between two infinite parallel plates. Plate 1 is at temperature  $T_1$  while plate 2 is at temperature  $T_2 = 0$ . The two plates are separated by a distance  $D$ . Calculate the heat transfer and the gas temperature distribution by the Monte Carlo method.

### a. Emission from the lower plate at $T_1$

$N$  = number of bundle emitted from the lower plate

$$w = \text{energy per bundle} = \sigma T_1^4 / N$$

The direction of each bundle is determined by two random number with

$$\xi_\eta = \sin^2 \eta$$
$$\xi_\phi = \frac{\phi}{2\pi}$$

Since the medium is gray and the surface is black, there is no wavelength dependent and the sampling of wavelength is not required.

### b. Absorption of an energy bundle

Since the problem is one-dimensional, the distance  $D$  between the two plates can be divided into  $k$  equal segments of length  $\Delta x = D/k$ . For each bundle emitted by the lower plate, the distance it travels prior to absorption,  $L$ , is given by

$$\xi_L = 1 - e^{-aL} \quad \text{or} \quad L = -\frac{1}{a} \ln(1 - \xi_L)$$

The volume element at which this bundle is absorbed is given by

$$j = \left\lceil \frac{L \cos \eta}{\Delta x} \right\rceil + 1$$

where  $[x]$  stands for the greatest integer less than  $x$ . If  $j \leq k$ ,  $S_j$ , which is the number of bundles absorbed by the  $j$ th volume, will increase by one. If  $j > k$ ,  $S_{w2}$ , which is the number of bundles absorbed by the upper wall, will increase by one.

### c. Absorption of an energy bundle

Since the medium is at radiative equilibrium, the absorbed energy bundle will be re-emitted from the same element to conserve energy. The direction of emission is sampled by

$$\xi_\eta = \frac{1 - \cos \eta}{2}$$

$$\xi_\phi = \frac{\phi}{2\pi}$$

The absorption of this bundle is then determined by the same procedure as in step b. The position of the next absorption point is then determined by

$$x - x_0 = L \cos \eta$$

With  $x_0$  being the position of the previous absorption and  $L$  is sampled by

$$\xi_L = 1 - e^{-aL} \quad \text{or} \quad L = -\frac{1}{a} \ln(1 - \xi_L)$$

This process will continue until the bundle reaches a black boundary.

d. Heat transfer and temperature distribution

Let

$$S_{w1} = \text{number of bundles absorbed by the lower wall}$$

$$S_{w2} = \text{number of bundles absorbed by the upper wall}$$

$$S_j = \text{number of bundles absorbed by the } j\text{th element}$$

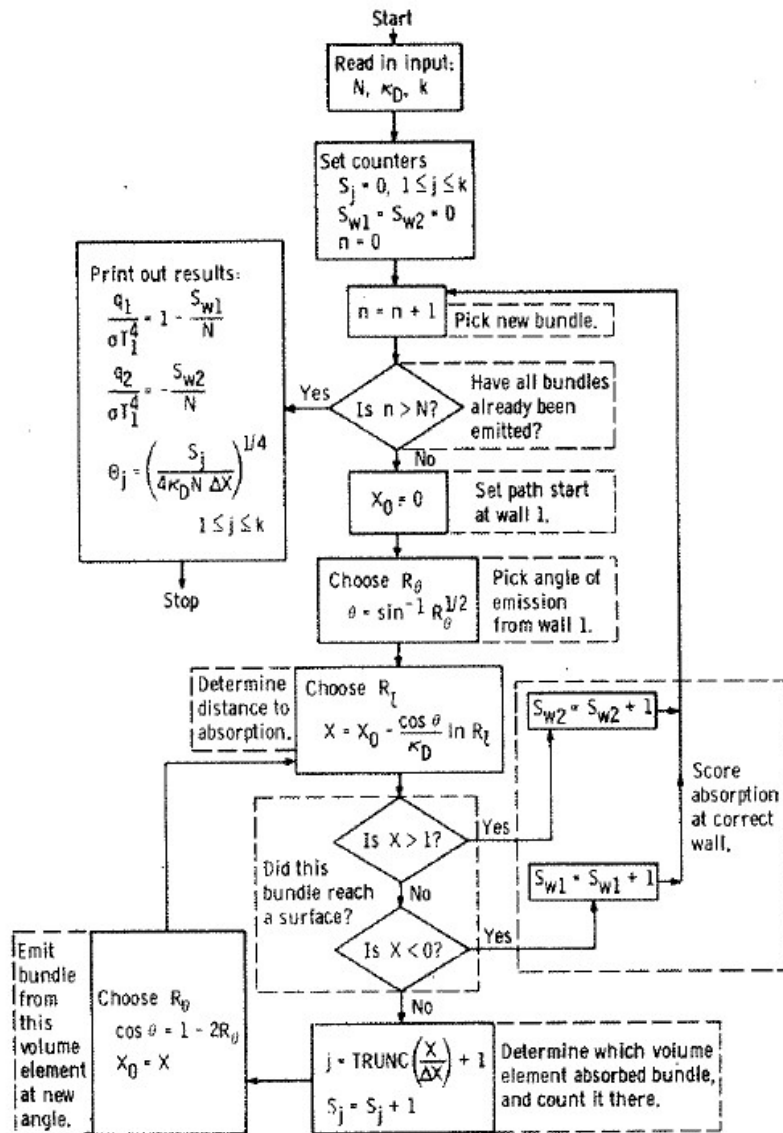
Then

$$\frac{q_1}{\sigma T_1^4} = \frac{w(N - S_{w1})}{wN} = 1 - \frac{S_{w1}}{N}$$

$$-\frac{q_2}{\sigma T_1^4} = \frac{S_{w2}}{N} = 1 - \frac{S_{w1}}{N}$$

$$\Theta_j = \frac{T_j}{T_1} = \left( \frac{wS_j}{4a\sigma\Delta x T_1^4} \right)^{1/4} = \left( \frac{S_j}{4aN\Delta x} \right)^{1/4}$$

e. Flow Chart of the program



5. Monte Carlo simulation of an absorbing, emitting and scattering medium

Physics:

The medium is characterized by an extinction coefficient  $\kappa_e$ , an absorption coefficient  $\kappa_a$  and a scattering coefficient  $\kappa_s$  which are related by

$$\kappa_e = \kappa_a + \kappa_s$$

The ratio of the scattering coefficient to the extinction coefficient is called the scattering albedo, defined as

$$\omega = \frac{\kappa_s}{\kappa_e}$$

The scattered energy intensity is related to the incoming intensity by a phase function  $S(\eta', \phi')$  with  $(\eta', \phi')$  being the polar and azimuthal angles measured relative to the direction of the incoming intensity.

Mathematically, the probability that a photon (or energy bundle) scattered by the medium, into a direction  $(\eta', \phi')$  within a solid angle  $d\omega'$  relative to the incident direction, is given by

$$\frac{S(\eta', \phi') d\omega'}{4\pi} = \left[ \frac{S(\eta') \sin \eta' d\eta'}{2} \right] \left( \frac{d\phi'}{2\pi} \right)$$

Note that the scattering phase function generally is only a function of  $\eta'$

The pdf for the scattering process is thus

$$P(\eta') = \frac{S(\eta') \sin \eta'}{2}$$
$$P(\phi') = \frac{1}{2\pi}$$



## The Monte Carlo Simulation of a scattering process

- a. Determine the “extinction” length  $L$  with a random number  $\xi_L$  by

$$L = -\frac{1}{\kappa_e} \ln(1 - \xi_L)$$

- b. Determine whether the bundle is absorbed by a random number  $\xi_\omega$  by

$$\xi_\omega < \omega \quad \text{scattered}$$

$$\xi_\omega > \omega \quad \text{absorbed}$$

- c. If the bundle is absorbed and the medium is at radiative equilibrium, re-emit the bundle in the direction given by

$$\xi_\eta = \frac{1 - \cos \eta}{2}$$

$$\xi_\phi = \frac{1}{2\pi}$$

- d. If the bundle is scattered, direct the bundle into direction  $(\eta', \phi')$  by the relation

$$\xi_{\eta'} = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\eta'} S(x) \sin x dx$$

$$\xi_{\phi'} = \frac{\phi'}{2\pi}$$