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Subject: Re: CHISQR\_CVF question.

Posted by [R.G. Stockwell](#) on Thu, 20 Aug 2009 15:21:51 GMT

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> "Craig Markwardt" <craig.markwardt@gmail.com> wrote in message  
> news:cab41ca6-e1a4-4f73-851f->8b25ab0c1e58@k26g2000vbp.googlegroups.com...  
> On Aug 19, 4:42 pm, "R.G. Stockwell" <noemai...@please.com> wrote:  
>> "Paolo" <pgri...@gmail.com> wrote in message  
>>  
>> basically yes,  $\text{abs}(\text{fft}(\text{ts}))^2$ , and comparing it to chisquare from the  
>> IDL functions.  
>> I have worked on it, but I think the result is off by a factor of 2.  
>> That is a factor of 2 too stringent.  
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...  
>> Perhaps you can check my understanding. If we have a 95% significance  
>> level,  
>> then if we make a spectrum with 1000 points, shouldnt 50 of them be above  
>> that 95% line?

> Let's say we have a time series, defined like this,  
> LC = time series values (array)  
> ERR = measurement uncertainty (array) of each LC point.

> I define the power spectrum in the following way,  
> POW =  $\text{ABS}(\text{FFT}(\text{LC}, +1))^2 * (2 / \text{TOTAL}(\text{ERR}^2))$   
> which is to say, it is normalized by the total variance of the time  
> series, and a factor of 2. Assuming LC is real, then really only the  
> first half of POW is independent.

Well, there you go. lol. I though I had a factor of 2 missing somewhere.  
Although I need to examine that a bit more, since I do both the full + and -  
spectrum, as well as just the +. It makes sense though.

thanks for the response,  
cheers,  
bob

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