

Rejection method for sampling the Maxwell flux distribution

Maxwell distribution

This is the Maxwell flux distribution with $x = \frac{v}{v_T}$, v : velocity, v_T : thermal velocity

$$f(x) = 2 \exp\left(-x^2\right) x^3$$

with a maximum at x_m

$$\text{Solve}\left(\frac{d}{dx} f(x), x \sim 0, x\right)$$

$$98x^0 <, 8x^0 <, 9x^{-\frac{3}{2}}, 9x^{\frac{3}{2}} =$$

$$x_m = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\frac{3}{2}$$

and value at x_m

$$f(x_m)$$

$$\frac{3}{2} \frac{3}{2}$$

Comparison Function

As comparison function we will use the Lorentz distribution

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f1[x_, xo_, s_D] := 1 + H[s L] + H[x - xo L^2] s^2 L;
TraditionalForm@f1[x, xo, D]


$$1 + \frac{H[s L]}{s} + \frac{H[x - x_0 L^2]}{s^2} s^2 L$$

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which has a cumulative distribution

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Integrate@f1[x, xo, s D, x D]

ArcTan@
$$\frac{L^2 (x - x_0) + L^2 s^2}{L^2 s^2}$$

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that can be inverted

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Solve[% ~ z, x D]

88x = xo + s Tan@ z D <<
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Matching the two functions

To match the maxima of f and f1 we require that xo=xm and

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ao = f[xm] - f1[xm, xm, s D]


$$3 \frac{L^3}{a^3} - \frac{L^3}{a^3} s^2$$

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Thus our comparison function so far is

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Simplify@ao - f1[x, xm, s D]


$$a^3 s^2 \left( 1 + \frac{L^2 (x - x_0) + L^2 s^2}{L^2 s^2} \right) - \left( 1 + \frac{H[s L]}{s} + \frac{H[x - x_0 L^2]}{s^2} s^2 L \right)$$

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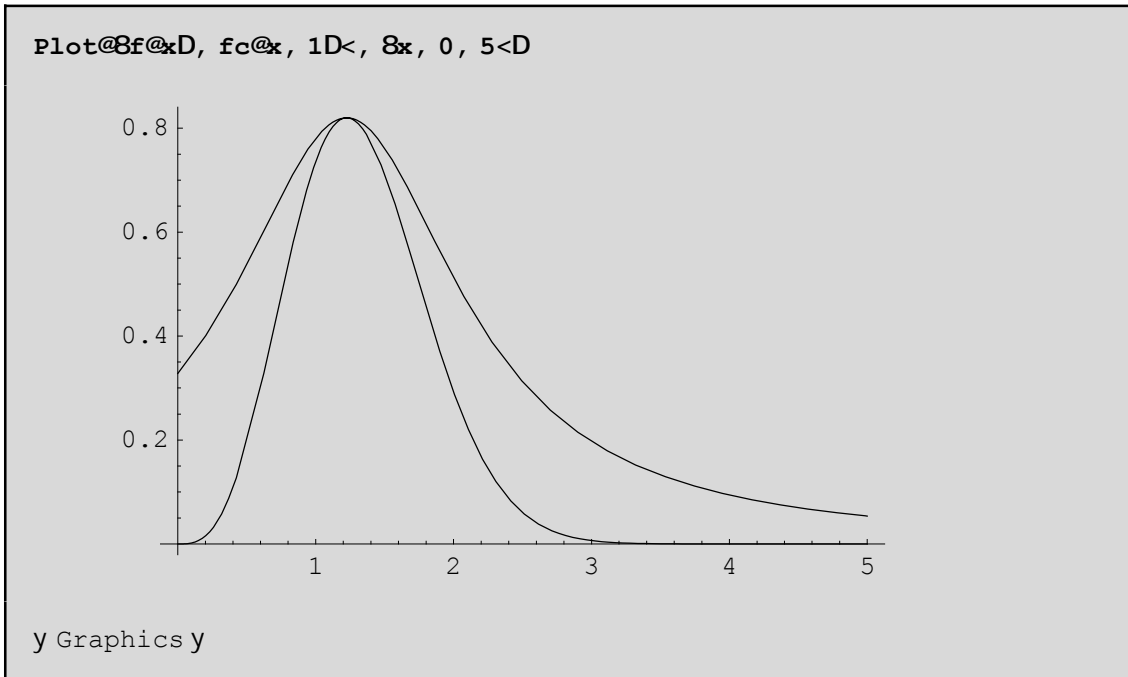
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fc[x_, s_D] := 3 * (1 + x^2)^(-3/2)

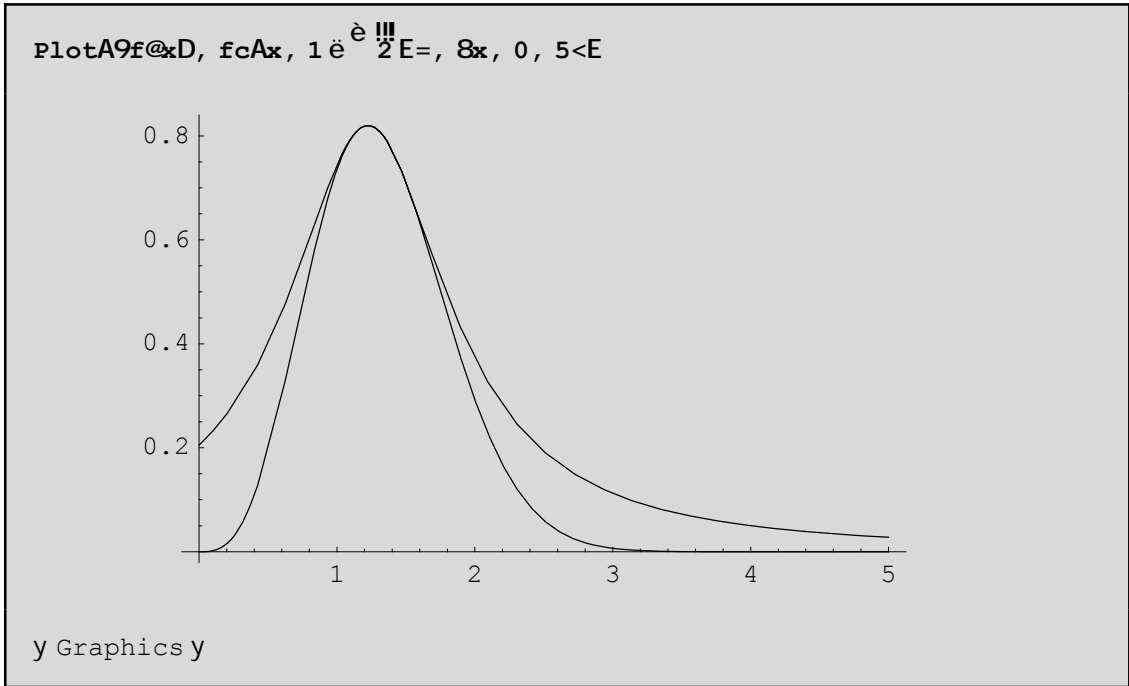
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We have now the freedom to choose s . Examples:

First guess: $s=1$



Try to bring the functions more close by choosing a smaller s

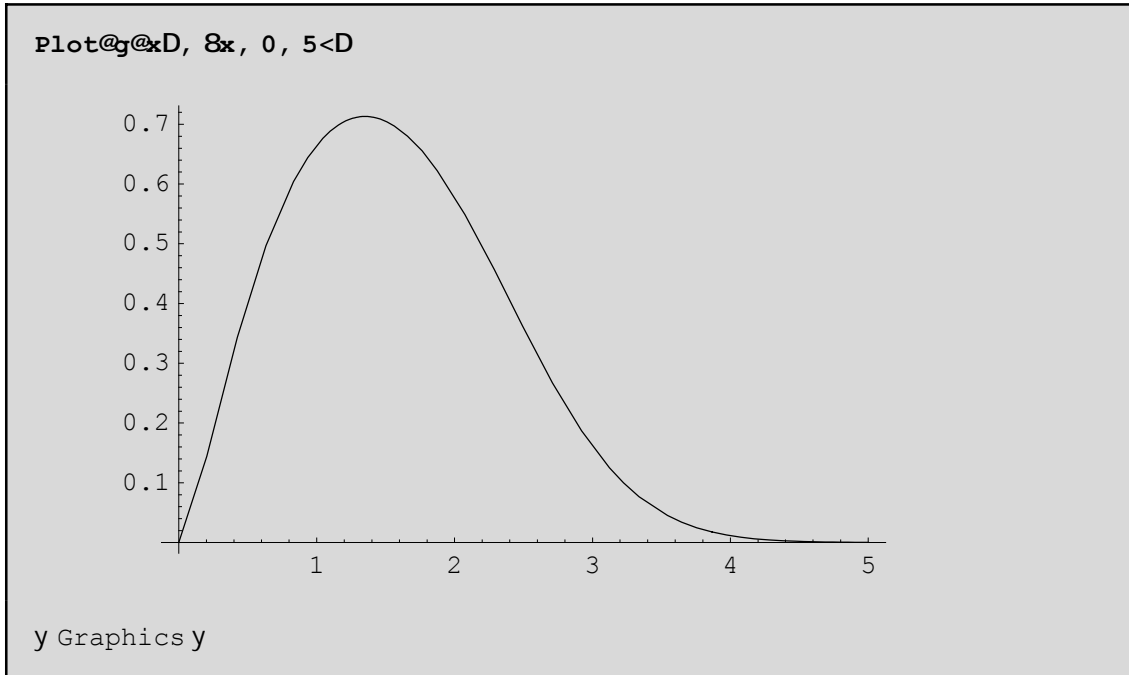


This is better.

To optimize the value of s we try to match the functions at another point $x > x_m$

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Solve[f[x] ~ f[x], s]
99s - 3 a^{3e2} x^3 - 2 6 a^{3e2} x^4 + 2 a^{3e2} x^5 =,
      3 6 a^{x^2} - 4 a^{3e2} x^3
9s 3 a^{3e2} x^3 - 2 6 a^{3e2} x^4 + 2 a^{3e2} x^5 ==
     3 6 a^{x^2} - 4 a^{3e2} x^3
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g[x]_D := 3 a^{3e2} x^3 - 2 6 a^{3e2} x^4 + 2 a^{3e2} x^5
          3 6 a^{x^2} - 4 a^{3e2} x^3
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Get the max of this function

S = D@g[x], {x} ~ 0

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{1}{2} a^2 x^2 - 4 a^3 x^3 + 6 a^3 x^3 - 2 a^6 x^4 + 2 a^3 x^5 \right) \\
 & = a x - 12 a^3 x^2 + 18 a^3 x^2 - 8 a^6 x^3 + 10 a^6 x^3 - 2 a^6 x^4 + 10 a^3 x^4 = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

FindRoot@s, {x, 1.5}<

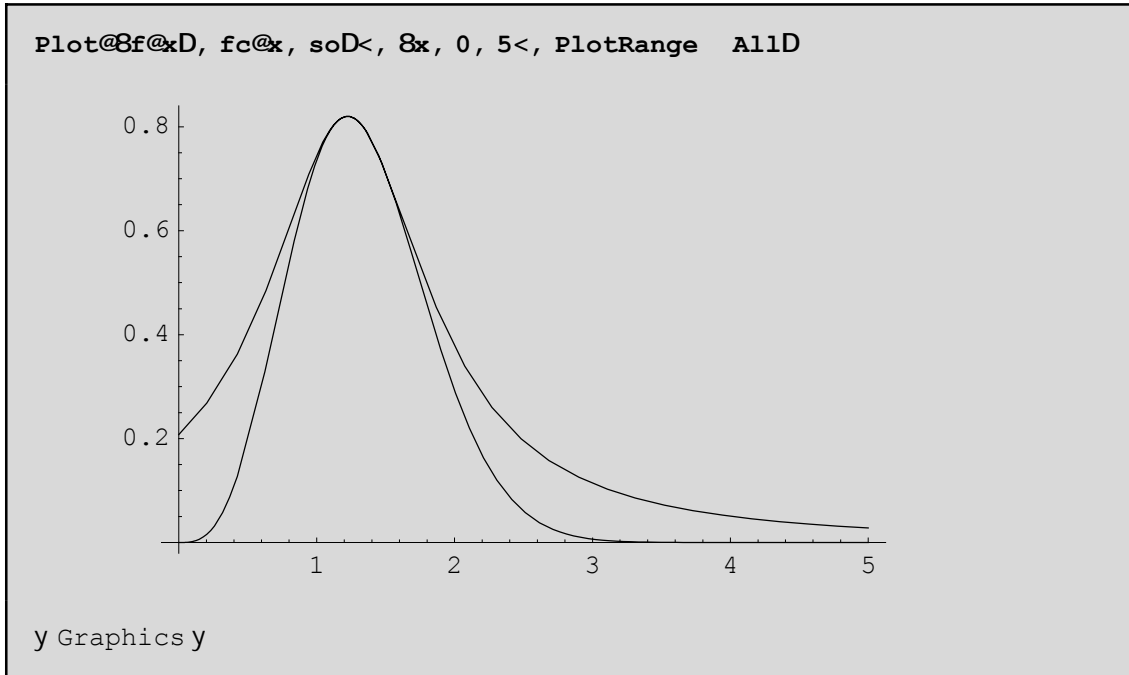
{x, 1.35126}<

This is our optimal s:

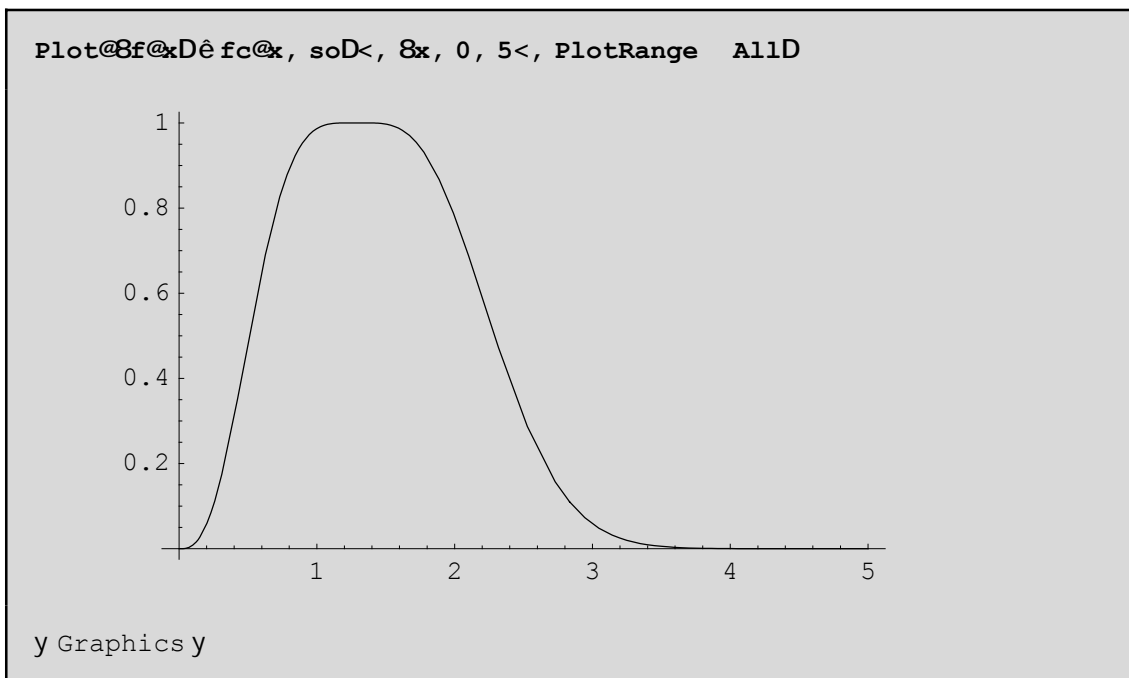
so = g@@@1, 2DDD

0.713127

This is how it looks like:



Check that our function is everywhere above $f[x]$



Ratio of distribution to comparison function

`Simplify@f@xDèfc@x, soDD`

$$\frac{1}{x^3} \left(9.63504 - 11.7502 x + 4.79701 x^2 \right)$$

Algorithm

1. Take a uniform variate U_1
2. Transform to a Lorentz distribution variate x with

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x -> xm + so Tan@ U1D
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x $  $\frac{9.63504}{2}$  + 0.713127 Tan@ U1D
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3. If $x \leq 0$ reject it and start again from step 1.
4. Compute the ratio R

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R -> Simplify@f@xDêfc@x, soDD
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R à $^{-x^2}$  x3 H9.63504 - 11.7502 x + 4.79701 x2L
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5. Take a second uniform variate U_2
6. If $U_2 > R$ reject x and start again from step 1. Else return x .