

Derivation of Poisson Distribution

Start from

$$S_{v'0} = N_{v'} N_0 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dQ' H_{v'}(Q') e^{-Q'^2} e^{\kappa Q'} e^{-\frac{\kappa^2}{2}}$$

and supplementary sheet on Hermite polynomials, item
2. Use $\lambda = \kappa/2$, $z = Q' \rightarrow Q$, $v' \rightarrow v$

$$\Rightarrow S_{v0} = N_v N_0 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dQ H_v(Q) e^{-Q^2} e^{-\kappa^2/4} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\kappa/2)^n}{n!} H_n(Q)$$

$$\left[N_v = \{ \sqrt{\pi} v! 2^v \}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right]$$

$$= N_v N_0 e^{-\kappa^2/4} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\kappa/2)^n}{n!} \frac{\delta_{vn}}{N_v N_n}$$

$$= e^{-\kappa^2/4} \frac{(\kappa/2)^v}{v!} \sqrt{2^v v!}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{|S_{v0}|^2 = \frac{(\kappa^2/2)^v}{v!} e^{-\kappa^2/2}}$$

Poisson Intensity Distribution