

Risk analysis lab 2014. 09. 29. (Markov bound)

1. Implement the followings into `convolution.m`:

a) With given $p_l^{(j)} := P(X_j = l)$, $j=1, \dots, J$ distributions and C , calculate $P\left(\sum_{j=1}^J X_j > C\right)$ using convolution.

- For the sake of simplicity, let's assume that $l=1, \dots, L$, ie. the domain corresponds to the vector indices, therefore p is represented as a $J \times L$ matrix.

- The p.d.f. of the sum of two independent random variables is the convolution of their p.d.f.-s; use the `conv` command pairwise to obtain the distribution of $\sum_{j=1}^J X_j$.

- Note that the domain of their convolution will be $l=J, \dots, JL$.

b) Plot the $p^{(j)}$ distributions on figure 1, and plot their convolution on figure 2.

2. Calculate an upper bound for the probability using the Markov inequality

$$P\left(\sum_{j=1}^J X_j > C\right) \leq \frac{\sum_{j=1}^J m_j}{C},$$

where m_j is the expected value of the j th random variable. Use `markov.m` to place code into. (Although the formula allows it, take care of probabilities being bigger than one.)