

1 Convolution of Uniform Distributions

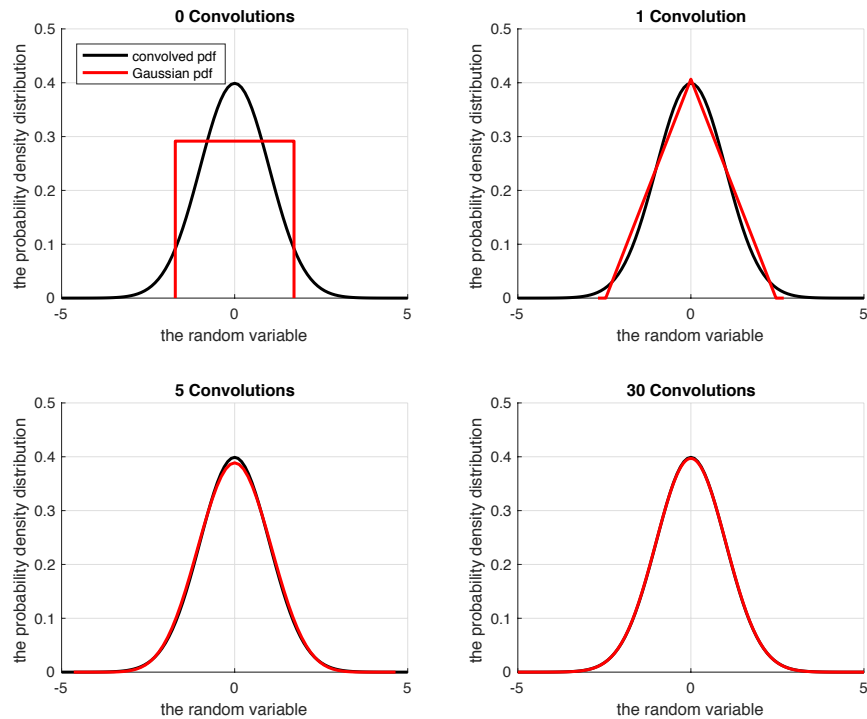


Figure 1: Convolutions of uniform pdf (red) compared to the Gaussian pdf (black). All pdf's are adjusted for $\mu = 0$ and $\sigma^2 = 1$. Note the clear convergence of the convolved pdf to the Gaussian pdf, demonstrating the Central Limit Theorem.

2 Convolution of Non-Uniform Distributions

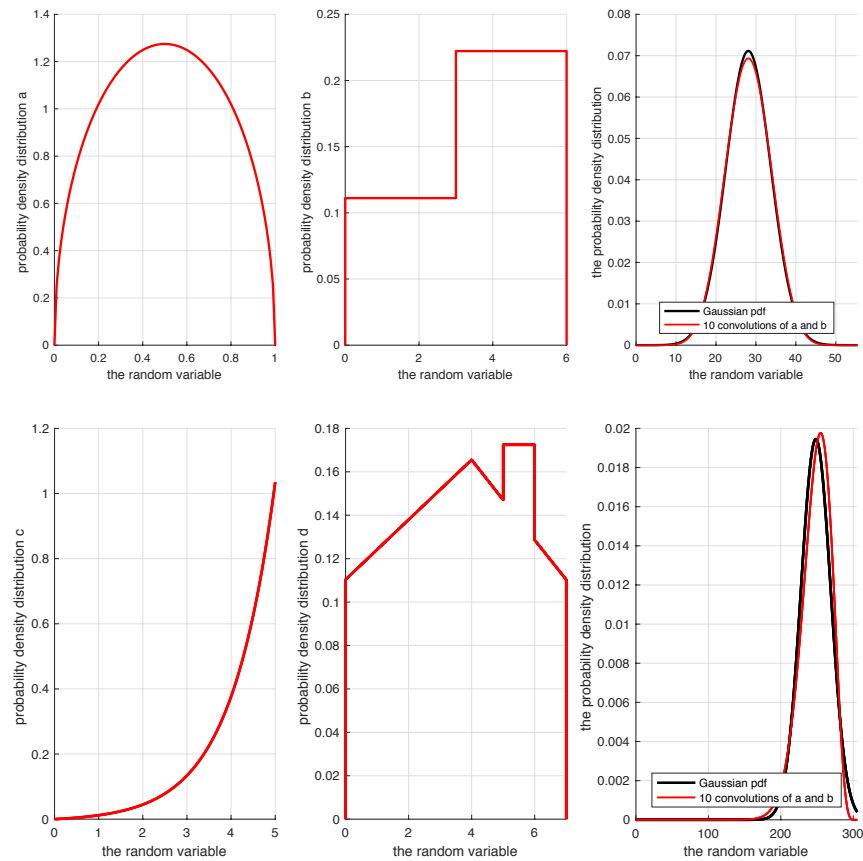


Figure 2: Convolutions of non-uniform pdf's (red) compared to the Gaussian pdf (black). Top: A semi-circular pdf convolved with a step-shaped pdf; Bottom: An exponential-shaped pdf convolved with a house-shaped pdf. Note that despite having different and somewhat arbitrary shape and location, there is still convergence to the Gaussian pdf after 30 convolutions.

3 χ^2 Test Against “TRUE” Distribution

Demonstration of χ^2 test of whether random samples of a normally distributed population came from that “TRUE” population. Sample frequency in binned areas was compared to “TRUE” frequency of the area under the pdf curve within those bin edges (Figure ??) and a χ^2 value was calculated using **equation (6)**.

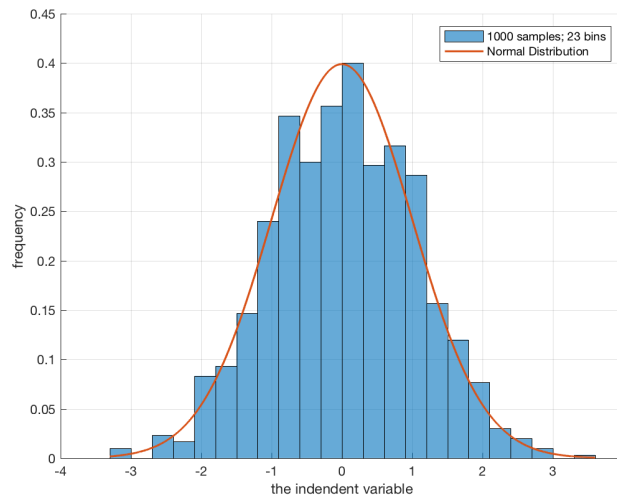


Figure 3: Example of samples drawn (blue histogram) compared to the pdf from which they were taken (red line).

The test is done by comparing the χ^2 value from our samples to the χ^2_{k-3} pdf. The probability of obtaining a higher χ^2 value than the one observed is calculated from the area under the curve of the χ^2_{k-3} pdf from the χ^2 to ∞ (Figure 4).

SOME RESULTS FROM (3):

Gaussian compared to TRUE distribution: 1000 samples

fraction that pass at 95% confidence

0.7540

0.7550

0.7640

0.7490

" " " at 80% confidence

0.5340

0.5080

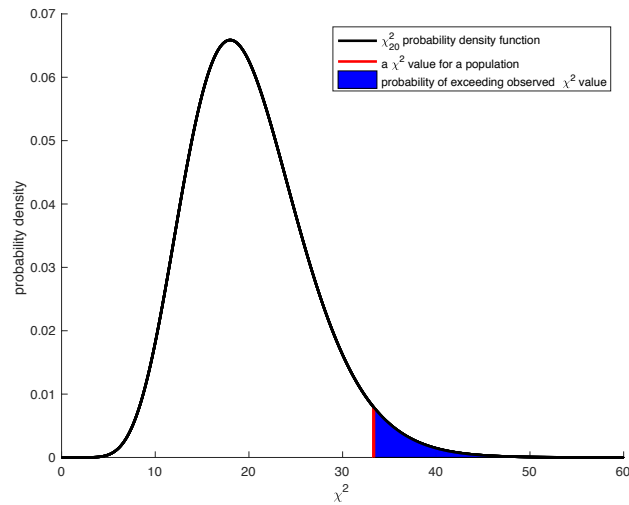


Figure 4: Example an observed χ^2 value compared to the χ^2_{k-3} pdf, with the shaded area representing the probability used in the test.

0.5420

0.5440

4 χ^2 Test Against “FALSE” Distribution

Demonstration of χ^2 test of whether random samples pulled from a Rayleigh pdf came from a “FALSE” population (i.e. a Gaussian pdf of the same μ and σ^2). Sample frequency in binned areas was compared to “FALSE” frequency of the area under the pdf curve within those bin edges (Figure 5) and a χ^2 value was calculated using **equation (6)**.

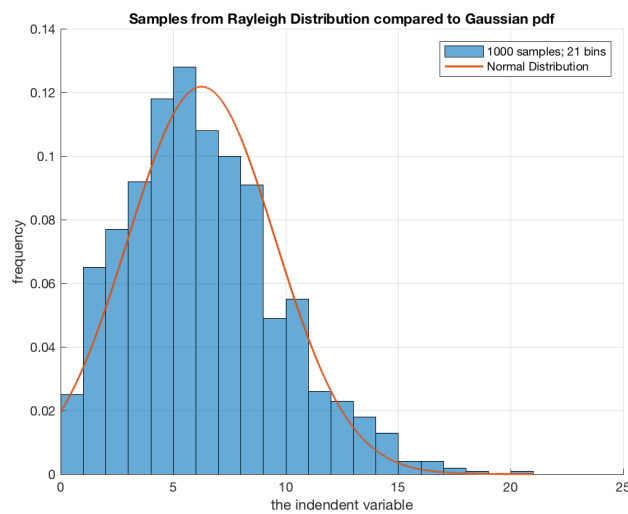


Figure 5: Example of samples drawn (blue histogram) compared to the “FALSE” pdf from which they were NOT taken (red line).

SOME RESULTS FROM (4)

Rayleigh distribution compared to Gaussian: 95% confidence

50 samples

0.5060

0.4760

0.4940

75 samples

0.4690

0.4480

0.4400

100 samples

0.3540

0.3750

0.3550
250 samples
0.1410
0.1310
0.1210
500 samples
0.0210
0.0180
0.0190
750 samples
0.0030
0
0.0020
1000 samples
none pass