

Uncertainty in Electrical Components

GROUP ASSIGNMENT

RESISTOR PRODUCTION

In production of 100Ω resistors, the resistance of each resistors will be a random variable that is Gaussian distributed with a mean of 100Ω , and a standard deviation of σ .

The resistors are sorted in 5% and 10% resistors. Thus all resistors within 5% of 100Ω are sorted in one package, and resistors between 5% and 10% are sorted in another package. Resistors deviating more than 10% are discarded.

Questions

1. Begin by assuming that $\sigma = 5$. How many percent on average of the produced resistors are in each package, and how many are discarded. Instead of a lookup table you can use the matlab function `normcdf()`. Use the doc in matlab to find out arguments in the function.
2. Make a matlab simulation that simulate 1000 resistors, and confirm the result obtained in question 1. Use matlab's `randn()` function.
3. What should the standard deviation be if the packages of 5% resistors contains half of the resistors? Find the result with the function `norminv()`.
4. Sample 1000 resistors, with the found standard deviation, plot the pdf and cdf with a `hist()` function in matlab.
5. Find the mean and standard deviation of the 1000 samples, use the `mean()` and `var()` functions in matlab.
6. Why are the found mean and standard deviation not exact?