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Solution for exercise 3.3.14 in Pitman

Question a) Markov's inequality

$$P(X \ge 50,000) \le \frac{E(X)}{50,000} = \frac{1}{5}$$

Question b) Chebychevs inequality

$$P(|X-E(X)| \geq kSD(X)) = \leq \frac{1}{k^2}$$

we have k = 5 such that the probability is bounded by $\frac{1}{25}$. The bound provided by Chebychevs inequality is much sharper than the one provided by Markov's inequality.