BER and SER analysis of BPSK and QPSK

BER: Bit error rate is defined as the ratio of the no of bits in error to the total no of bits.

SER: Symbol error rate is defined as the ratio of the no of symbols in error to the total no of symbols

In case of BPSK

Each bit that is generated is represented as a symbol ,i.e bit'0' is represented as 1 and bit '1' is represented as -1 symbols respectively. Hence in this case both the SER and BER would be same as the no of bits generated =total no of symbols generated=N

Therefore BER_BPSK=SER_BPSK

In case of QPSK

Each of the generated two bits are mapped to a symbol, i.e.

00 mapped to 0.707+i0.707

01 mapped to -0.707+i0.707

11 mapped to -0.707-i0.707

10 mapped to 0.707-i0.707

Hence the no of symbols transmitted would be half of the no of bits generated.

i.e if the total no of bits =N then, total no of symbols=N/2,

Therefore SER_QPSK=2*BER_QPSK

Hence the SER_QPSK theoretical and simulated plots, are ahead from that of others.