

Solution of question 9.3.8

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Question: Five cards are drawn successively with replacement from a well-shuffled deck of 52 cards. What is the probability that

- (a) all the five cards are spades?
- (b) only 3 cards are spades?
- (c) none is a spade?

Solution: Let us define:

| Parameter | Value | Description |
|------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|
| n | 5 | number of cards drawn |
| p | $\frac{1}{4}$ | drawing a spade card |
| q | $\frac{3}{4}$ | drawing any other card |
| $\mu = np$ | $\frac{5}{4}$ | mean of the distribution |
| $\sigma^2 = npq$ | $\frac{15}{16}$ | variance of the distribution |
| Y | {0,1,2,3,4,5} | Random Variable |

(i) Gaussian Distribution

The gaussian distribution function is defined as:

$$p_Y(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} \quad (x \in Y) \quad (1)$$

- (a) If we consider all cards to be spades,

$$Y = 5 \quad (2)$$

Substituting values in (1),

$$p_Y(5) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\left(\frac{15}{16}\right)}} e^{-\frac{\left(5-\frac{5}{4}\right)^2}{2\left(\frac{15}{16}\right)}} \quad (3)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{15}{2}} \quad (4)$$

$$= 0.0001245 \quad (5)$$

- (b) If we consider 3 cards to be spades,

$$Y = 3 \quad (6)$$

Substituting values in (1),

$$p_Y(3) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\left(\frac{15}{16}\right)}} e^{-\frac{\left(3-\frac{5}{4}\right)^2}{2\left(\frac{15}{16}\right)}} \quad (7)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{49}{30}} \quad (8)$$

$$= 0.044 \quad (9)$$

- (c) If we consider 0 cards to be spades,

$$Y = 0 \quad (10)$$

Substituting values in (1),

$$p_Y(0) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\left(\frac{15}{16}\right)}} e^{-\frac{\left(0-\frac{5}{4}\right)^2}{2\left(\frac{15}{16}\right)}} \quad (11)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{5}{6}} \quad (12)$$

$$= 0.0978 \quad (13)$$

(ii) Gaussian vs Binomial Comparison

| Y | Gaussian | Binomial |
|-----|-----------|----------|
| 0 | 0.0978 | 0.2373 |
| 3 | 0.044 | 0.08789 |
| 5 | 0.0001245 | 0.00098 |

(iii) Binomial vs Gaussian Graph

