Question: An urn contains 25 balls of which 10 balls bear a mark X and the remaining 15 bear a mark Y. A ball is drawn at random from the urn, its mark is noted down and it is replaced. If 6 balls are drawn in this way, find the probability that

- (a) all will bear X mark.
- (b) not more than 2 will bear Y mark.
- (c) at least one ball will bear Y mark.
- (d) the number of balls with X mark and Y mark will be equal.

Solution:

Parameter	Values	Description	
n	6	Number of draws	
p	0.4	Probability that ball bears <i>X</i> mark	
q	0.6	Probability that ball bears Y mark	
$\mu = np$	2.4	mean of the distribution	
$\sigma = npq$	1.2	variance of the distribution	
X		Number of cards bear mark X	
Y		Number of cards bear mark Y	

TABLE 4

DEFINITION OF PARAMETERS

using Gaussian

$$Y \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\mu, \sigma^2\right)$$
 (1)

The CDF of Y:

$$F_Y(y) = 1 - \Pr(Y > y)$$
 (2)

$$= 1 - \Pr\left(\frac{Y - \mu}{\sigma} > \frac{y - \mu}{\sigma}\right) \tag{3}$$

But,

$$\frac{Y - \mu}{\sigma} \sim \mathcal{N}(2.4, 1.44) \tag{4}$$

(5)

the Q-function is defined as:

$$Q(x) = \Pr(Y > x) \ \forall x \in Y \sim \mathcal{N}(2.4, 1.44)$$
 (6)

therefore the cdf will be:

$$F_{Y}(y) = \begin{cases} 1 - Q\left(\frac{y - \mu}{\sigma}\right), & y > \mu \\ Q\left(\frac{\mu - y}{\sigma}\right), & y < \mu \end{cases}$$
 (7)

(a) all will bear X mark. using Gaussian

considering 0.5 as the correction term,

$$Pr(X > 5.5) = 1 - F_X(5.5)$$
 (8)

$$=Q\left(\frac{5.5-\mu}{\sigma}\right) \tag{9}$$

$$=Q\left(\frac{3.1}{1.2}\right) \tag{10}$$

$$= Q(2.583) \tag{11}$$

$$= 0.00489$$
 (12)

(b) not more than 2 will bear Y mark.

using Gaussian

considering 0.5 as the correction term,

$$\Pr(Y < 2.5) = 1 - Q\left(\frac{2.5 - \mu}{\sigma}\right)$$
 (13)

$$=1-Q\left(\frac{-1.1}{1.2}\right) \tag{14}$$

$$= 1 - Q(-0.9166) \tag{15}$$

$$= Q(0.9166) \tag{16}$$

$$= 0.1796$$
 (17)

(c) at least one ball will bear Y mark.

using Gaussian

considering 0.5 as the correction term,

$$\Pr(Y < 0.5) = 1 - Q\left(\frac{0.5 - \mu}{\sigma}\right)$$
 (18)

$$=1-Q\left(\frac{-1.1}{1.2}\right)$$
 (19)

$$= 1 - Q(-2.588) \tag{20}$$

$$= 1 - 0.0048$$
 (21)

$$= 0.9952$$
 (22)

(d) the number of balls with X mark and Y mark will be equal.

using Gaussian

Calculate the mean(μ_D) and variance(σ_D) of the difference variance D,

$$\mu_D = -1.2 \tag{23}$$

$$\sigma_D = 2.4 \tag{24}$$

$$Pr(D = 0) = Q\left(\frac{0 - \mu_D}{\sigma_D}\right)$$
 (25)
= $Q\left(\frac{1.2}{1.697}\right)$ (26)

$$=Q\left(\frac{1.2}{1.697}\right) \tag{26}$$

$$= Q(0.71) \tag{27}$$

$$= 0.2388$$
 (28)

Gaussian vs Binomial Table

Question	Gaussian	Binomial
all will bear X mark	0.00489	0.00409
not more than 2 will bear Y mark	0.1796	0.1792
at least one ball will bear Y mark	0.9952	0.9959
the number of balls with X mark and Y mark will be equal	0.2388	0.2764

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Gaussian vs Binomial graph

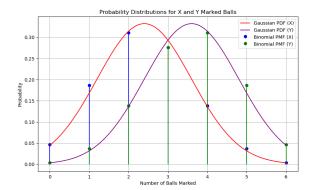


Fig. 4. pmf of binomial and pdf of Gaussian of X and Y marked balls