

**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 $X$ mark
$q$	0.6	Probability that ball bears $Y$ mark
$\mu$	2.4	$np$
$\sigma$	1.2	$\sqrt{np(1-p)}$
$X$		Number of cards bear mark $X$
$Y$		Number of cards bear mark $Y$

TABLE 4  
DEFINITION OF PARAMETERS

**(i) Gaussian Distribution**

$$X \approx Y \sim \mathcal{N}(2.4, 1.2) \quad (1)$$

- (a) all will bear  $X$  mark

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

- i) Without correction:

$$\Pr(X = 5) = Q\left(\frac{5 - \mu}{\sigma}\right) \quad (3)$$

$$= Q\left(\frac{5 - 1.2}{2.4}\right) \quad (4)$$

$$= Q(1.583) \quad (5)$$

$$= 0.005671 \quad (6)$$

- ii) With a 0.5 correction:

$$\Pr(X \geq 5) = Q\left(\frac{5 + 0.5 - \mu}{\sigma}\right) \quad (7)$$

$$= Q\left(\frac{5 + 0.5 - 1.2}{2.4}\right) \quad (8)$$

$$= Q(\sqrt{2.5}) \quad (9)$$

$$= 0.004 \quad (10)$$

**Binomial**

$$\Pr(X = 5) = {}^nC_k p^k (1 - p)^{n-k} \quad (11)$$

$$= 0.004096 \quad (12)$$

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

$$Y \leq 2 \quad (13)$$

- i) Without correction:

$$\Pr(Y \leq 2) = Q\left(\frac{2 - \mu}{\sigma}\right) \quad (14)$$

$$= Q\left(\frac{2 - 1.2}{2.4}\right) \quad (15)$$

$$= Q(0.33) \quad (16)$$

$$= 0.3707 \quad (17)$$

- ii) With a 0.5 correction:

$$\Pr(Y \leq 2) = Q\left(\frac{2 + 0.5 - \mu}{\sigma}\right) \quad (18)$$

$$= Q\left(\frac{2 + 0.5 - 1.2}{2.4}\right) \quad (19)$$

$$= Q(0.541) \quad (20)$$

$$= 0.1781 \quad (21)$$

**Binomial**

$$\Pr(Y \leq 2) = 1 - \Pr(Y > 2) \quad (22)$$

$$= 1 - \sum_{k=3}^6 {}^nC_k p^k (1 - p)^{n-k} \quad (23)$$

$$= 0.1792 \quad (24)$$

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

$$Y \leq 2 \quad (25)$$

i) Without correction:

$$\Pr(\geq 1) = Q\left(\frac{1 - \mu}{\sigma}\right) \quad (26)$$

$$= Q\left(\frac{1 - 1.2}{2.4}\right) \quad (27)$$

$$= Q(-0.833) \quad (28)$$

$$= 0.791462 \quad (29)$$

ii) With a 0.5 correction:

$$\Pr(Y \geq 1) = Q\left(\frac{1 + 0.5 - \mu}{\sigma}\right) \quad (30)$$

$$= Q\left(\frac{1 + 0.5 - 1.2}{2.4}\right) \quad (31)$$

$$= Q(\sqrt{1.125}) \quad (32)$$

$$= Q(1.5811) \quad (33)$$

$$= 0.981 \quad (34)$$

### Binomial

$$\Pr(Y \geq 1) = 1 - \Pr(Y = 0) \quad (35)$$

$$= 1 - {}^nC_k p^k (1 - p)^{n-k} \quad (36)$$

$$= 0.995904 \quad (37)$$

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

$$Y = 3 \quad (38)$$

i) Without correction:

$$\Pr(X = 3) = Q\left(\frac{3 - \mu}{\sigma}\right) \quad (39)$$

$$= Q\left(\frac{3 - 1.2}{2.4}\right) \quad (40)$$

$$= Q(0.75) \quad (41)$$

$$= 0.2276 \quad (42)$$

ii) With a 0.5 correction:

$$\Pr(X = 3) = Q\left(\frac{3 + 0.5 - \mu}{\sigma}\right) \quad (43)$$

$$= Q\left(\frac{3 + 0.5 - 1.2}{2.4}\right) \quad (44)$$

$$= Q(0.85) \quad (45)$$

$$= 0.274 \quad (46)$$

### Binomial

$$\Pr(X = 3) = {}^nC_k p^k (1 - p)^{n-k} \quad (47)$$

$$= 0.2764 \quad (48)$$

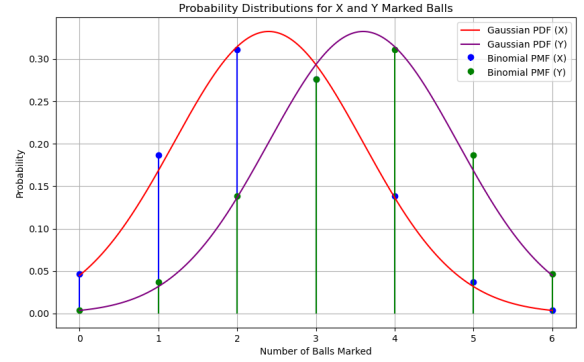


Fig. 1. pmf of binomial and pdf of Gaussian of X and Y marked balls