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$$\sum_{m=0}^r {}_n C_m p^m q^{n-m} \approx F(z) \text{ where } z = \frac{r + \frac{1}{2} - np}{\sqrt{npq}} \text{ and } Z \sim n(\mu = 0, \sigma = 1)$$