

2.2 Binomial distribution:

The binomial distribution can arise from two ways.

1. $X_1 \sim P(\lambda_1), X_2 \sim P(\lambda_2), X_1$ and X_2 are independent. Then

$$X_1 + X_2 \sim P(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2).$$

The conditional probability

$$P(X_1 = y | X_1 + X_2 = m) = \binom{m}{y} \pi^y (1 - \pi)^{m-y}$$

is distributed as $B(m, \pi)$, where

$$\pi = \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2}.$$

2. $Z_i \sim B(1, \pi), i = 1, \dots, m$, are independent. Then,

$$Y = \sum_{i=1}^m Z_i \sim B(m, \pi).$$