

a) Let $s_1 = s_2 = \dots = s_n = \alpha$

Probability of this happening is:

$$P(s_1 = \alpha) \cdot P(s_2 = \alpha) \dots P(s_n = \alpha)$$

$$= \prod_i \binom{m}{\alpha} \cdot p_i^\alpha \cdot (1-p_i)^{m-\alpha}$$

$$= \left(\binom{m}{\alpha} \right)^n \cdot (p_1 \cdot p_2 \dots p_n)^\alpha \cdot [(1-p_1)(1-p_2) \dots (1-p_n)]^{m-\alpha}$$

$$\therefore \text{Ans} = \sum_{\alpha=0}^m \left(\binom{m}{\alpha} \right)^n \cdot (p_1 \cdot p_2 \dots p_n)^\alpha \cdot [(1-p_1)(1-p_2) \dots (1-p_n)]^{m-\alpha}$$

b) Each s_i is a sum of m Bernoulli, iid RVs with $P(1) = p_i$

$\therefore s_i$ is Binomial(p_i, m) and $s_i \perp s_j \forall i \neq j$

$$\therefore E[s_i] = p_i \cdot m, \quad \text{Var}(s_i) = p_i(1-p_i)m$$

$$\therefore E[s_1 + s_2 \dots s_n] = E[s_1] + E[s_2] \dots E[s_n]$$

$$\therefore E[S] = (p_1 + p_2 \dots p_n) \cdot m$$

Since s_i s are independent, $\text{Var}(\sum s_i) = \sum \text{Var}(s_i)$

$$\therefore \text{Var}(S) = \text{Var}(s_1) + \text{Var}(s_2) \dots \text{Var}(s_n)$$

$$= p_1(1-p_1)m + p_2(1-p_2)m \dots p_n(1-p_n)m$$

$$\therefore \text{Var}(S) = m \left((p_1 + p_2 + \dots p_n) - (p_1^2 + p_2^2 \dots p_n^2) \right)$$