

Let X and Y be two independent Poisson random variables.

λ_1 and λ_2 are parameters for X and Y

$$P(X = x) = \frac{e^{-\lambda_1} \lambda_1^x}{x!}, P(Y = y) = \frac{e^{-\lambda_2} \lambda_2^y}{y!}$$

Let $Z = X + Y$

$$P(Z = z)$$

$$= P(X = x \& Y = z - x)$$

$$= \sum_{x=0}^z P(X = x)P(Y = z - x)$$

$$= \sum_{x=0}^z \frac{e^{-\lambda_1} \lambda_1^x}{x!} * \frac{e^{-\lambda_2} \lambda_2^{z-x}}{(z-x)!}$$

$$= \sum_{x=0}^z \frac{1}{x! (z-x)!} * e^{-\lambda_1 - \lambda_2} * \lambda_1^x * \lambda_2^{z-x}$$

$$= \sum_{x=0}^z \frac{z!}{x! (z-x)!} * \frac{1}{z!} e^{-\lambda_1 - \lambda_2} * \lambda_1^x * \lambda_2^{z-x}$$

$$= \sum_{x=0}^z \binom{z}{x} * \frac{\lambda_1^x * \lambda_2^{z-x}}{z!} * e^{-(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)}$$

$$= e^{-(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)} \sum_{x=0}^z \binom{z}{x} * \frac{\lambda_1^x * \lambda_2^{z-x}}{z!}$$

$$= \frac{e^{-(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)} (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)^z}{z!}$$

Thus, the sum of two independent Poisson random variable is also a Poisson random variable.