

Additional HW3 problem.

The number of eggs laid by an insect is a Poisson( $\lambda$ ) random variable. Each egg that is laid hatches independently of the others with probability  $p$ .

Let  $X$  denote the total number of eggs laid,  $X_1$  the number that hatch and  $X_2$  the number that don't.

Show that  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are independent random variables in the sense that:

$$P(X_1=l, X_2=m) = P(X_1=l)P(X_2=m)$$