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Examples

```
kk=0:10
pp=c(.1,.2,.3,.4,.5)
ppoibin(kk=kk, pp=pp, method = "DFT-CF",wts=rep(2,5))
ppoibin(kk=kk, pp=pp, method = "RF",wts=rep(2,5))
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ppoibin(kk=kk, pp=pp, method = "RNA", wts=rep(2,5))
ppoibin(kk=kk, pp=pp, method = "NA", wts=rep(2,5))
ppoibin(kk=kk, pp=pp, method = "PA", wts=rep(2,5))
dpoibin(kk=kk, pp=pp, wts=rep(2,5))
qpoibin(qq=0:10/10, pp=pp, wts=rep(2,5))
rpoibin(m=2, pp=pp, wts=rep(2,5))

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poibin

The Poisson Binomial Distribution.

Description

The cdf, pmf, quantile function, and random number generation for the Poisson binomial distribution.

Usage

```

ppoibin(kk, pp, method = "DFT-CF", wts=NULL)
dpoibin(kk, pp, wts=NULL)
qpoibin(qq, pp, wts=NULL)
rpoibin(m, pp, wts=NULL)

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Arguments

kk	The values where the cdf or pmf to be evaluated.
pp	The vector for p_j 's which are the success probabilities for indicators.
method	"DFT-CF" for the DFT-CF method, "RF" for the recursive formula, "RNA" for the refined normal approximation, "NA" for the normal approximation, and "PA" for the Poisson approximation.
wts	The weights for p_j 's.
qq	The values where the quantile function to be evaluated.
m	The number of random numbers to be generated.

Details

See the reference for computational details.

Value

Returns the entire cdf, pmf, quantiles, and random numbers.

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