

2 Binomial Beads

(a) $\binom{n}{k}$

First we'll make all the beads unique, which means that there are $n!$ unique keychains by such definition, and then we consider all the duplicates as the blue/golden beads are all the same, which gives us $\frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} = \binom{n}{k}$ unique keychains.

(b) $x^k y^{n-k}$

By definition given on the question, the price of a keychain with exactly k blue beads and thus $n - k$ gold beads is: $x^k y^{n-k}$

(c) $\sum_0^n \binom{n}{k} x^k y^{n-k}$

Using our results from parts (a) and (b), his total revenue is:

$$\sum_0^n \binom{n}{k} x^k y^{n-k}$$

(d)

On the one hand $(x + y)^n$ is the sum of all different combination of the product of choosing a total of n numbers from x and y , sampling with replacement.

On the other hand, $\sum_0^n \binom{n}{k} x^k y^{n-k}$ is the sum of: the product of 0 x 's and n y 's, the product of 1 x 's and $(n - 1)$ y 's, the product of 2 x 's and $(n - 2)$ y 's, \dots , the product of $(n - 1)$ x 's and 1 y 's, and the product of n x 's and 0 y 's. Thus, $\sum_0^n \binom{n}{k} x^k y^{n-k}$ also represents the sum of all the different combinations of the product of choosing a total of n numbers from x and y , sampling with replacement, which gives the connection between that and $(x + y)^n$.