

MTH 451 Quiz 3  
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**Question 1.**

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(a) let  $a = 1$  and  $b = 1$ . Then

$$(a + b)^n = (1 + 1)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k}$$

(b) Let  $a = -1$  and let  $b = 1$ . Then

$$(-1 + 1)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} (-1)^k$$

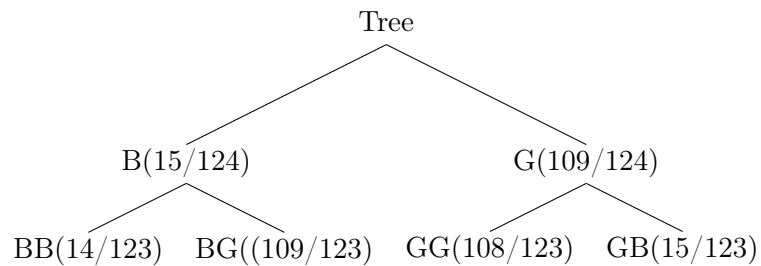
(c) Let  $x = a - 1$  and  $y = 1$ . Then

$$(x + y)^n = (a)^n = (a - 1 + 1)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n (a - 1)^k$$

**Question 2.**

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(a) Let B denote the event of getting a broken item and let G denote the event of getting a non-broken item.



(b) Since  $B = \frac{15}{124}$  and  $BB = \frac{14}{123}$ ,  $P(B \cap BB) = B \times BB = .014$

(c) We have  $P(BB) = \frac{|BB|}{|S|} = \frac{\binom{15}{2}}{\binom{124}{2}} = 0.014$ . We get the same answer as expected.