

A few useful mathematical functions for

Data Science :

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Geometric series:

$$\sum_{j=0}^n p^j = \frac{1-p^{n+1}}{1-p}, \text{ for } |p| < 1 \quad \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} p^j = \frac{1}{1-p}$$

Gamma function: For an integer α :

$$\Gamma(\alpha) = \int_0^{\infty} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-x} dx = (\alpha-1)!$$

Beta function: For two integers α and β :

$$B(\alpha, \beta) = \int_0^1 x^{\alpha-1} (1-x)^{\beta-1} dx = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha) \Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}$$

Permutations: The number of arrangements of n distinct objects:

$$n! = n(n-1) \dots (2)(1).$$