## 2. Plotting and fitting of Multinomial distribution and graphical representation of probabilities.

The multinomial distribution is a multivariate generalization of the binomial distribution. Consider a trial that results in exactly one of some fixed finite number k of possible outcomes, with probabilities  $p_i, p_2, \ldots, p_k$  (so that  $p_i \ge 0$  for  $i = 1, \ldots, k$  and  $\sum i = 1kpi = 1$ ), and there are n independent trials. Then let the random variables  $X_i$  indicate the number of times outcome number i was observed over the n trials. Then  $X = (X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_k)$  follows a multinomial distribution with parameters n and  $\mathbf{p}$ , where  $\mathbf{p} = (p_1, p_2, \ldots, p_k)$ .

## Multinomial Distribution Formula

$$p(x_1, x_2 \dots x_k) = \left[\frac{n!}{x_1! \cdot x_2! \dots x_k!}\right] \cdot p_1^{x_1} \cdot p_2^{x_2} \dots p_k^{x_k}$$

$$|Cov(X_i, X_j) = -np_i p_j \ (i \neq j)$$

When  $X = (x_1, x_2, ..., x_k)$  follows a multinomial distribution with the PMF given above,  $X_i$  follows a binomial distribution with n trials and success probability  $p_i$ .

## how to implement in excel

Multinomial = MULTINOMIAL(X1,X2,X3)

 $Probability = MULTINOMIAL*PRODUCT(p1^X1,p2^X2,p3^X3)$ 

