# Notes: Data Analysis in Spreadsheets Created by Wenxiao Zhou

#### 1.Predefined Functions

(1) First function: ROUND

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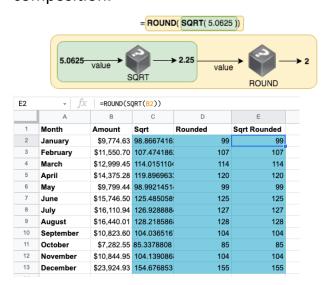
Functions perform calculations on your data. For example, the ROUND function calculates the rounded value of its input.

ROUND(value): rounds the number you give as input, value. Automatically calculate values by 'command+return' or drag down the right



# (2) Function composition-SQRT

Google Sheets will first evaluate the innermost function and use the result as an argument for the outer function. Combining functions like this is called function composition.



(3) Functions and ranges-MIN, MAX

Arguments can be ranges, where every value in the range is checked (e.g. =MAX(A1:A7)):

MIN(value1, [value2, ...]): searches for the minimum value in its arguments MAX(value1, [value2, ...]): searches for the maximum value in its arguments

#### (4) Selecting ranges- SUM, AVERAGE, MEDIAN

SUM(value1, [value2, ...]): calculates the sum of all its arguments AVERAGE(value1, [value2, ...]): calculates the average of all its arguments MEDIAN(value1, [value2, ...]): calculates the median of all its arguments

#### (5) Multiple arguments – RANK

RANK gives you an idea how a value compares to other values in a range. RANK(value, data): evaluates to the rank of value in a range, data



#### More arguments of RANK:

This time, use the third argument, is\_ascending, to get the rank of the value where the data list is considered in an ascending order.

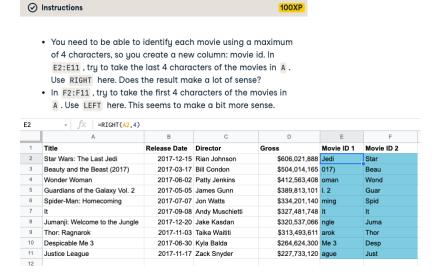
RANK(value, data, [is\_ascending]): when is\_ascending is 1, the rank is considered in an ascending order of the data. It defaults to 0, meaning the rank will be considered in a descending list of data. See the table below for an example. Find the worst 2 months in amount counts:



# (6) String manipulation – LEFT, RIGHT

LEFT(string, [number\_of\_characters]): selects the leftmost part of a string. The number of characters selected is defined in the optional argument number\_of\_characters, and defaults to 1.

RIGHT(string, [number\_of\_characters]): selects the rightmost part of a string. The number of characters selected is defined in the optional argument number\_of\_characters, and defaults to 1.



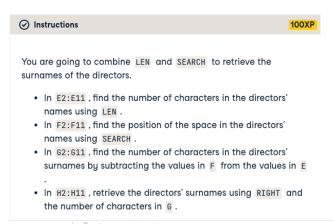
# (7) String Information- LEN, SEARCH

LEN(text): evaluates to the number of characters of text. E.g. =LEN("Cell") would evaluate to 4.

SEARCH(search\_for, text\_to\_search): searches for search\_for in text\_to\_search: search for: the string to look for

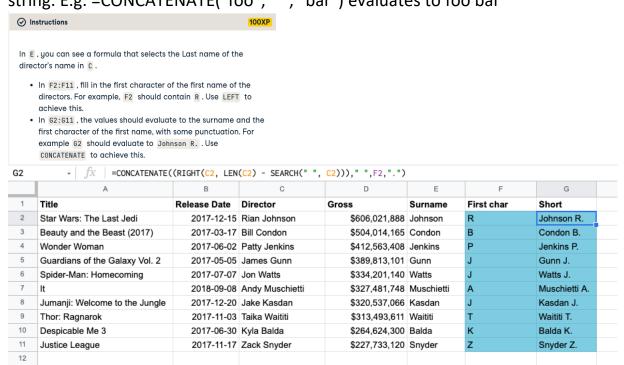
text to search: the string to look in

SEARCH evaluates to a number, the location in the string where search\_for appears, with 1 being the first character. E.g. =SEARCH("e", "test test") would evaluate to 2, because the first "e" appears as the second character.



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	A	В	С	D	E	F	G	Н	
1	Title	Release Date	Director	Gross	Length	Space	Length surna	Surname	
2 Star Wars: The Last Jedi		2017-12-15	Rian Johnson	\$606,021,888	12	5	7	Johnson	
3	Beauty and the Beast (2017)	2017-03-17	Bill Condon	\$504,014,165	11	5	6	Condon	
4	Wonder Woman	2017-06-02	Patty Jenkins	\$412,563,408	13	6	7	Jenkins	
5	Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2	2017-05-05	James Gunn	\$389,813,101	10	6	4	Gunn	
6	Spider-Man: Homecoming	2017-07-07	Jon Watts	\$334,201,140	9	4	5	Watts	
7	It	2017-09-08	Andy Muschietti	\$327,481,748	15	5	10	Muschietti	
8	Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle	2017-12-20	Jake Kasdan	\$320,537,066	11	5	6	Kasdan	
9	Thor: Ragnarok	2017-11-03	Taika Waititi	\$313,493,611	13	6	7	Waititi	
10	Despicable Me 3	2017-06-30	Kyla Balda	\$264,624,300	10	5	5	Balda	
11	Justice League	2017-11-17	Zack Snyder	\$227,733,120	11	5	6	Snyder	
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# (8) Combining strings – CONCATENATE CONCATENATE(string1, [string2, ...]): combines one or more strings into a single string. E.g. =CONCATENATE("foo", " ", "bar") evaluates to foo bar



#### (9) Date Functions - WEEKDAY

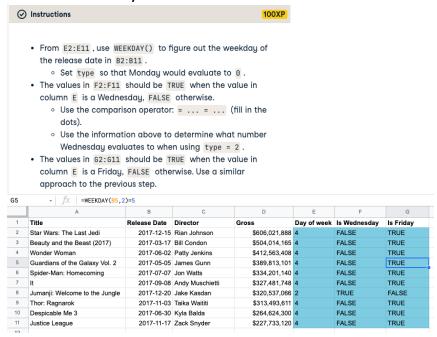
WEEKDAY(date, [type]): evaluates to the day of the week of a date. type is 1, 2 or 3.

type = 1: Sunday is day 1 and Saturday is day 7 (default)

type = 2: Monday is day 1 and Sunday is day 7

type = 3: Monday is day 0 and Sunday is day 6

For example, using =WEEKDAY(A1, 2) (where A1 contains the date 2019-01-01) would evaluate to 2, because January 1st 2019 fell on a Tuesday and setting type to 2 sets Monday at 1.



# (10) Comparing Dates

DATEDIF(start\_date, end\_date, unit): calculates the time difference between two dates. The difference will be calculated between start\_date and end\_date. The end\_date must take place after the start\_date. A third argument here is the unit, this can be:

"Y": the number of years between two dates

"M": the number of months between two dates

"D": the number of days between two dates

A full list can be found here

NOW(): a function without arguments, evaluates to the current time For example, =DATEDIF("2018-01-01", "2018-01-03", "D") would evaluate to 2.



### (11) Combining Functions



#### 2. Conditional Functions and Lookups

# (1) Performance Statistics

You work in a fashion company with 100 employees. You want to start tracking the effectiveness of your tailors and decide to keep track of their performance for the month January of 2018.

Finally, there's a bigger table, which contains the performance metrics:

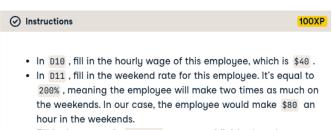
Finished: the amount of finished products that day

Output: the combined value of those finished products

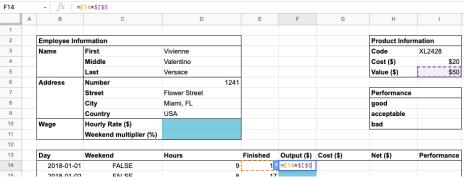
Cost: the cost to produce those products

Net: the difference between output and cost

Performance: the performance of the employee, bad, acceptable or good.



 Fill in the output in F14:F44: amount of finished products times the value in I5.



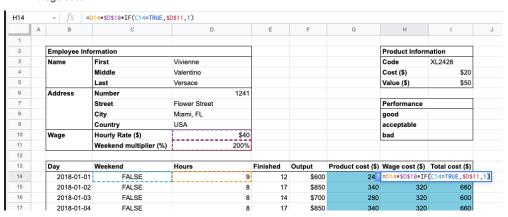
#### (2) Flow Control-IF

IF(logical\_expression, value\_if\_true, value\_if\_false): depending on the logical\_expression, return value\_if\_true when its result is TRUE, return value if false otherwise.



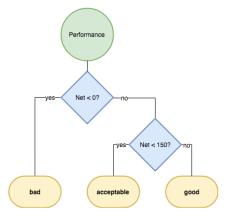
You're going to use  $\ensuremath{\texttt{G14:144}}$  to gradually calculate the total cost for each day:

- In 614:644, calculate the product cost: the values in E times
   I4. Be sure to use an absolute reference.
- In H14:H44, calculate the wage cost: the values in D times \$D\$10, multiplied by 200% if it's weekend. A little help:
   = \_\_\_ \* \$D\$10 \* IF(\_\_\_, \$D\$11, 1)
- In I14:I44, calculate the total cost: the product cost plus the wage cost.



# (3) Nested Logical Functions - IF

To understand this, you can think of IF functions as parts of a decision tree. In each splitting of the tree, you follow a path depending on the value of a *logical expression*. If the expression is TRUE, you follow one branch, if it is FALSE you follow the other. When you nest IF statements, you're just following along the branches of the decision tree. Visually this looks as follows:



This image illustrates a decision tree where if Net is smaller than 0, it evaluates to "bad", if it is bigger than 150, evaluates to "good" and if it is in between, evaluates to "acceptable".

	13	Day	Weekend	Hours	Finished	Output (\$)	Cost (\$)	Net (\$)	Performance	
	14	2018-01-01	FALSE	9	12	\$600	\$600		=if(H14<0,"bad",if(H14<150,"acceptable","g	(("boo
- 1	15	2018-01-02	FALSE	8	17	\$850	\$660	\$190	good	
	46	2040 04 02	FALCE		4.4	6700	6000	6400	t-bl-	

#### (4) Combining Logical values – OR, WEEKDAY

OR(logical\_expression1, [logical\_expression2, ...]): this is the logical operator that returns TRUE if one of the expressions is TRUE and FALSE if and only if all of them are FALSE.

For example, we can determine whether a cell (e.g. A2) is equal to 21 or 22 by using the following formula: =OR(A2 = 21, A2 = 22).

WEEKDAY(date, [type]): evaluates to the day of the week of a date. type is 1, 2 or 3.

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type = 2: Monday is day 1 and Sunday is day 7

type = 3: Monday is day 0 and Sunday is day 6



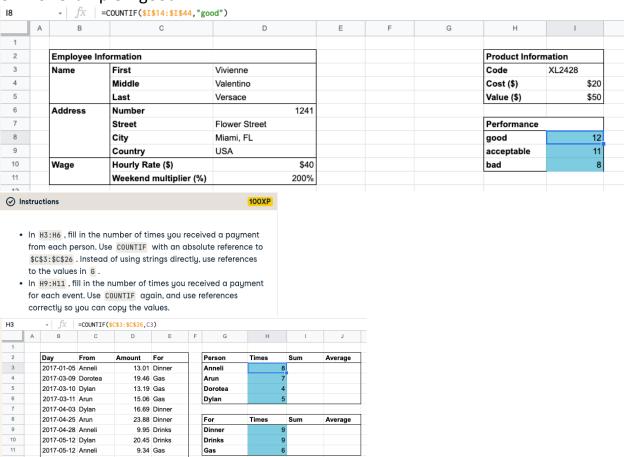
- Have a look at the values in column C, they're currently just values. No formulas.
- Change the value in C14 by a formula using the day in B14.
   A weekend day is Saturday or Sunday.
  - Your formula should contain two logical expressions that test for weekend days.
- Copy your result of C14 to C44, overwriting all manually entered logical values.

#### (5) Conditional Counting - COUNTIF

COUNTIF(range, criterion): count the number of times the criterion is met in the specified range.

range: the source data that is used. Typically, you'll need to use an absolute reference for this one.

criterion: a pattern to check for. It can be as simple as a string you want to match on. For example: "good".



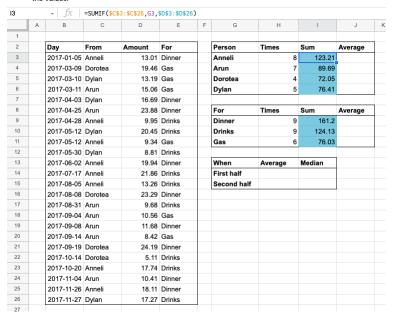
# (6) Conditional Sum - SUMIF

SUMIF(range, criterion, sum\_range): evaluates to the conditional sum across a range.

range: the range on which the criterion will be checked criterion: the pattern that will be checked, e.g. "Dylan" sum\_range: the range of values that will be summed up



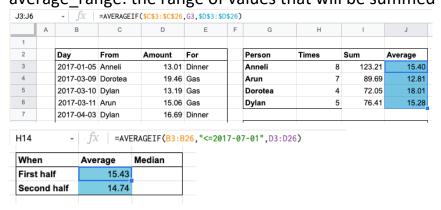
- In 13:16, fill in the sum of the payments from each person.
   Use SUMIF with an absolute reference to \$c\$3:\$c\$26. Instead of using strings directly, use references to the values in 6. For the last argument, use an absolute reference to the payments: \$0\$3:\$0\$26.
- In 19:111, fill in the sum of the payments for each event. Use SUMIF again, and use references correctly so you can copy the values.



### (7) Conditional Average – AVERAGEIF

AVERAGEIF(range, criterion, average\_range): evaluates to the conditional average across a range.

range: the range on which the criterion will be checked criterion: the pattern that will be checked, e.g. "Dylan" average range: the range of values that will be summed up



(8) Filters - FILTER, DATEVALUE, MEDIAN

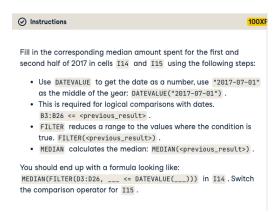
Finally, you'll have to find the conditional median on a range. However, there's no such function as MEDIANIF, so you'll have to find a way to generalize what you've learned previously.

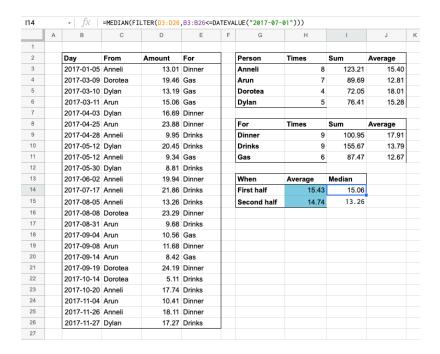
You can do so using a filter. A filter will take a range, apply a condition to all values of it and evaluate to the range of values where the condition passed. Specifically, you'll be using the following:

FILTER(range, condition1, [condition2, ...]): evaluates to a filtered version of range, based on the passed conditions. condition1 here is substantially different from the criterion argument you're used to. condition1 is not a string, but rather a range of logical values, for example A1:A5 > 5.

For example, if we wanted to calculate the average amount spent on dinners, we could use the following formula: =AVERAGE(FILTER(D3:D26, E3:E26 = "Dinner")). Here, we filter the range of amount spent (D3:D26) based on whether the range E3:E26 contains the word "Dinner". We then take the average of this filtered range.

DATEVALUE(date\_string): evaluates to the date object of a date\_string





#### (9) Grades in class

#### a. Automating the lookup - VLOOKUP

VLOOKUP(search\_key, range, index, is\_sorted): look for a match in the leftmost column of a lookup table and return the value in a certain column:

search\_key: the value to search for

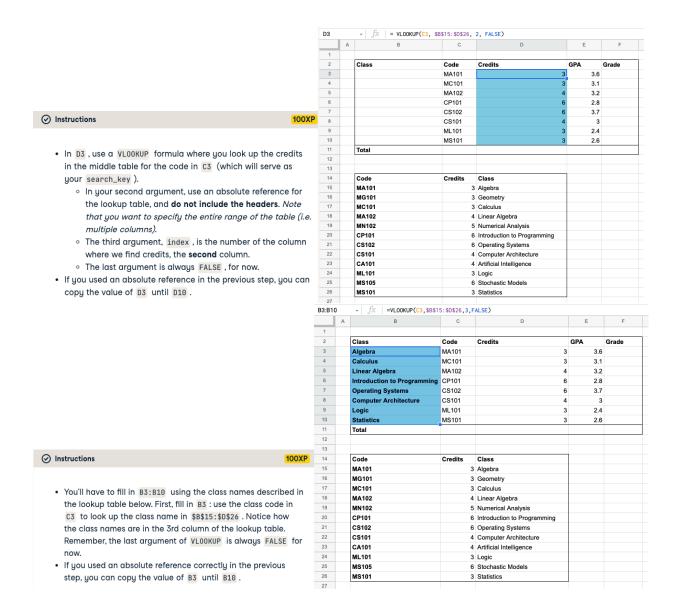
range: the lookup table, without the headers. You typically use an absolute reference for this.

index: the column number of the value to be returned, where the first column in

range is numbered 1

is\_sorted: should be FALSE for now

You can compare it to the process of looking through a phone book. The search\_key would be the name of the person you want the phone number of. The range is the data in the book, with the names in the leftmost column. Finally, the index is the number of the column where you find what you need, the phone number.

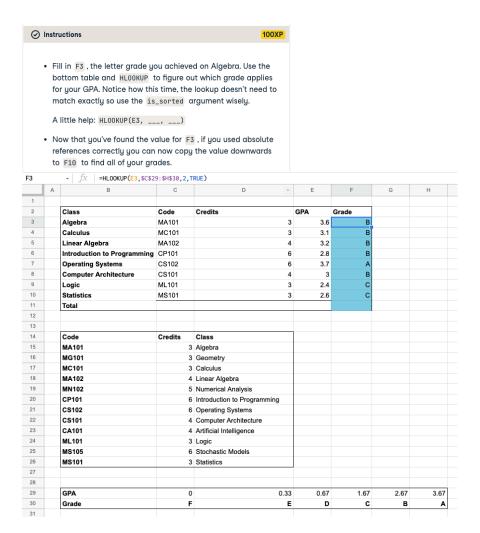


# b. Horizontal Lookup – HLOOKUP

HLOOKUP(search\_key, range, index, is\_sorted): similar to VLOOKUP but in a horizontal fashion. The key will be looked for in the uppermost row, and index now refers to the row number.

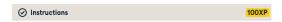
the last argument, is\_sorted. If set to TRUE (default), the function assumes that the values in range are sorted. When this is the case, the match doesn't have to be exact, but HLOOKUP will look for the closest match less than or equal to search\_key. If search\_key is FALSE, an exact match is required.

For example, =HLOOKUP(0.57, \$C\$29:\$H\$30, 2, TRUE) would evaluate to E in the given spreadsheet, as the closest match less than or equal to 0.57 is 0.33.



c. Weighted Average – SUMPRODUCT, HLOOKUP<加权求和> SUMPRODUCT(array1, [array2, ...]): figure out the sum of products of 2 or more ranges of equal size.

E.g. SUMPRODUCT(A1:A3, B1:B3) evaluates to the result of (A1 \* B1) + (A2 \* B2) + (A3 \* B3). In mathematics, this operation is called the dot product. In addition, you will again need to use HLOOKUP to calculate your grade: HLOOKUP(search\_key, range, index, is\_sorted)



- In D11 , calculate the sum of the credits from each course.
- In cells  $\,$  63:610 , calculate the product of the values in  $\,$  D  $\,$  and  $\,$  E  $\,$  .
- Calculate the sum of these values in 611 and divide this sum by the total amount of credits ( D11 ).
- In E11, use SUMPRODUCT with D3:D10 and E3:E10, and then divide by the total amount of credits (D11) to find the same result as G11 (much simpler!).
- Find the grade corresponding to your weighted average GPA
  in F11 by using the result in E11 and an HL00KUP. You can
  use the existing HL00KUP in cell F10 and simply copy the
  value down into cell F11!

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A	В	С	D	E	F	G	Н
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2	Class	Code	Credits	GPA	Grade		
3	Algebra	MA101	3	3.6	В	10.8	
4	Calculus	MC101	3	3.1	В	9.3	
5	Linear Algebra	MA102	4	3.2	В	12.8	
6	Introduction to Programming	CP101	6	2.8	В	16.8	
7	Operating Systems	CS102	6	3.7	Α	22.2	
8	Computer Architecture	CS101	4	3	В	12	
9	Logic	ML101	3	2.4	С	7.2	
10	Statistics	MS101	3	2.6	С	7.8	
11	Total		32	3.090625	В	3.090625	
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15	MA101	3	Algebra				
16	MG101	3	Geometry				
17	MC101	3	Calculus				
18	MA102	4	Linear Algebra				
19	MN102	5	Numerical Analysis				
20	CP101	6	Introduction to Programming				
21	CS102	6	Operating Systems				
22	CS101	4	Computer Architecture				
23	CA101	4	Artificial Intelligence				
24	ML101	3	Logic				
25	MS105	6	Stochastic Models				
26	MS101	3	Statistics				
27							
28							
29	GPA	0	0.33	0.67	1.67	2.67	3.6
30	Grade	F	E	D	С	В	

#### Reference:

# Google Sheets Function List:

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#### Hard Coded:

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