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## 0.1 Notation for Data Set

- Suppose that we have a data set with  $n$  observations. For each observation, a measure is recorded. Conventionally the measures are denoted  $x$  unless a more suitable notation is available.
- A subscript can be used to indicate which observation the measure is for.
- Hence we would write a data set as follows;  $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_1 \dots x_n)$  (i.e. the first, second, third ...  $n$ th observation).

## 0.2 Relational operators

- $>$  means 'is greater than
- $\geq$  means 'is greater than or equal to
- $<$  means 'is less than

- $\leq$  means ‘is less than or equal to’
- $\neq$  means ‘is not equal to’
- $\approx$  or  $\simeq$  means ‘is approximately equal to’

## 0.3 Factorials Numbers

A factorial is a positive whole number, based on a number  $n$ , and which is written as “ $n!$ ”. The factorial  $n!$  is defined as follows:

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

The factorial function (symbol: !) just means to multiply a series of descending natural numbers.

Remark  $n! = n \times (n - 1)!$

**Example:**

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$$(n + 1)! = (n + 1) \times n!$$

- $5! = 5 \times 4!$
- $6! = 6 \times 5!$  and so on

### 0.3.1 Factorials

**Examples:**

Importantly

$$n! = n \times (n - 1)! = n \times (n - 1) \times (n - 2)!$$

For Example

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For the positive integer  $n$  and non-negative integer  $k$  ( with  $k \leq n$ ), the choose operator is calculated as follows:

$$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k! \times (n-k)!}$$

Evaluate the following:

1  $\binom{5}{2}$

2  $\binom{5}{0}$

3  $\binom{10}{1}$

4  $\binom{10}{9}$

### The Choose Operator

$$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k! \times (n-k)!}$$

$$\binom{3}{1} = \frac{3!}{1! \times (3-1)!} = \frac{3 \times 2!}{1! \times 2!} = \frac{3}{1} = 3$$

### The Choose Operator

- $\binom{3}{0} = 1$
- (Remember  $0!$  is always equal to 1)
- $\binom{3}{1} = 3$
- $\binom{3}{2} = 3$
- $\binom{3}{3} = 1$

## 0.4 Binomial Coefficients

- $n!$  and  $k!$  are the coefficients of  $n$  and  $k$  respectively.
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More examples of Binomial coefficients on blackboard.

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$$\frac{6!}{3! \times 3!} = \frac{6 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3!}{3! \times 3!} = \frac{120}{6} = 20$$

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3.  $\binom{6}{3}$

5.  $\binom{10}{1}$

2.  $\binom{5}{0}$

4.  $\binom{6}{6}$

6.  $\binom{10}{9}$

$$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k! \times (n-k)!}$$

•  $\binom{6}{2} = 15$

•  $\binom{4}{0} = 1$

•  $\binom{5}{2} = 10$

•  $\binom{4}{3} = 4$

## Formula

$$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} = \frac{n(n-1)\dots(n-k+1)}{k(k-1)\dots 1},$$

which can be written using factorials as whenever  $k \leq n$

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something mentioned previously)

**Probability Mass Function** (Formally defining

- a probability mass function (pmf) is a **function** that gives the probability that a discrete random variable is exactly equal to some value.

$$P(X = k)$$

- The probability mass function is often the primary means of defining a discrete probability distribution
- It is conventional to present the probability mass function in the form of a table.
- The p.m.f of a value  $k$  is often denoted  $f(k)$ .

**Binomial Example 1** (Revision from Last Class)

Suppose a die is tossed 5 times. What is the probability of getting exactly 2 fours?

**Solution:** This is a binomial experiment in which the number of trials is equal to 5, the number of successes is equal to 2, and the probability of success on a single trial is  $1/6$  or about 0.167.

Therefore, the binomial probability is:

$$P(X = 2) = {}^5C_2 \times (1/6)^2 \times (5/6)^3 = 0.161$$

**Binomial Example 2** Suppose there is a container that contains 6 items. The probability that any one of these items is defective is 0.3. Suppose all six items are inspected.

- What is the probability of 3 defective components?
- What is the probability of 4 defective components?

$$P(3 \text{ defects}) = f(3) = P(X = 3) = \binom{6}{3} 0.3^3 (1 - 0.3)^{6-3} = 0.1852$$

$$P(4 \text{ defects}) = f(4) = P(X = 4) = \binom{6}{4} 0.3^4 (1 - 0.3)^{6-4} = 0.0595$$

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Evaluate the following

- ${}^{10}C_0$
- ${}^{10}C_1$
- ${}^6C_3$

Solutions

- ${}^{10}C_0 = 10!/(10! \times 0!) = 1$
- ${}^{10}C_1 = 10!/(9! \times 1!) = 10$
- ${}^6C_3 = 120$

### 0.5.2 Binomial Coefficients

$$\binom{5}{2} = \frac{5!}{2! (5-2)!} = \frac{5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3!}{2! \cdot 3!} = \frac{5 \cdot 4}{2 \cdot 1} = 10$$

$$\binom{5}{0} = \frac{5!}{0! (5-0)!} = \frac{5!}{0! \cdot 5!} = \frac{5!}{2!} = 1$$

Recall  $0! = 1$

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More examples of Binomial coefficients on blackboard.

$$\binom{52}{5} = 2598960$$

Easier example

$$\binom{8}{3} = \frac{8!}{3! \times 5!}$$

We can divide above and below by  $(5!)$ , leaving us with

$$\frac{8 \times 7 \times 6}{3 \times 2 \times 1} = 56$$

There are 56 way to pick 3 objects at random from group of 8 objects.

## More Exercises

Evaluate the following:

(i)  $\binom{5}{2}$

(iv)  $\binom{6}{6}$

(ii)  $\binom{5}{0}$

(v)  $\binom{10}{1}$

(iii)  $\binom{6}{3}$

(vi)  $\binom{10}{9}$

## 0.6 Maximum, Minimum and Range

### 0.6.1 Range

- The Range is simply the difference between the maximum value

- The **range** of a set of data is the difference between the highest and lowest values in the data set.
- Consider the following data set  
 $\{39, 23, 34, 41, 37, 27, 44\}$
- The highest value (i.e. the maximum) is 44.
- The lowest value (i.e. the minimum) is 23.
- The range is the difference is between these two numbers:

$$\text{Range} = 44 - 23 = 21.$$

In this first homework, we will focus on some simple calculations, and simple concepts. The learning outcome is to familiarise yourself with the SULIS homework system

- Calculate the range of the following data set

$$3, 7, 5, 13, 20, 23, 39, 23, 40, 23, 14, 12, 56, 23, 29$$

- Calculate the range of these numbers:

$$3, -7, 5, 13, -2$$

- For each of these data sets, determine the sample size.

## 0.7 Summation

The summation sign  $\sum$  is commonly used in most areas of statistics. Given  $x_1 = 3, x_2 = 1, x_3 = 4, x_4 = 6, x_5 = 8$  find:



$$(i) \sum_{i=1}^{i=n} x_i \qquad (ii) \sum_{i=3}^{i=4} x_i^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} (i) \sum_{i=1}^{i=n} x_i &= x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 + x_5 \\ &= 3 + 1 + 4 + 6 + 8 \\ &= \mathbf{22} \end{aligned}$$

$$(ii) \sum_{i=1}^{i=n} x_i^2 = x_3^2 + x_4^2 = 9 + 16 = \mathbf{25}$$

When all elements of a data set are used, a simple version of the summation notation can be used.  $\sum_{i=1}^{i=n} x_i$  can simply be written as  $\sum x$

### Example

Given that  $p_1 = 1/4, p_2 = 1/8, p_3 = 1/8, p_4 = 1/3, p_5 = 1/6$  find:

- $\sum_{i=1}^{i=n} p_i \times x_i$
- $\sum_{i=1}^{i=n} p_i \times x_i^2$

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## 0.9 The Exponential Function

$$f(x) = e^x$$

For most statistical analyses that you are likely to encounter, the value of x is likely to be negative or less than one.

$$f(x) = e^{-1}$$

$$f(x) = e^{0.5}$$

Combinations formula

$${}^nC_k = \frac{n!}{k! \times (n-k)!}$$

- Remark  $n! = n \times (n-1)!$
- $0! = 1$

Show that

$${}^nC_0 = 1$$

**Solution:**

$${}^nC_0 = \frac{n!}{0! \times (n-0)!} = \frac{n!}{n!} = 1$$

Show that

$${}^nC_1 = n$$

**Solution:**

$${}^nC_1 = \frac{n!}{1! \times (n-1)!} = \frac{n \times (n-1)!}{(n-1)!} = n$$

Compute  ${}^7C_2$

**Solution:**

$${}^7C_2 = \frac{7!}{2! \times (7-2)!} = \frac{7 \times 6 \times 5!}{2! \times 5!} = \frac{42}{2} = 21$$

Compute  ${}^{11}C_1$

**Solution:**

$${}^{11}C_1 = \frac{11!}{1! \times 10!} = \frac{11 \times 10!}{1 \times 10!} = 11$$

### 0.9.1 Example: Factorials

Examples:

- $4! = 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 = 24$
- $7! = 7 \times 6 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 = 5,040$
- $1! = 1$
- $0! = 1$

Importantly

$$n! = n \times (n-1)! = n \times (n-1) \times (n-2)!$$

For Example

$$6! = 6 \times 5! = 6 \times 5 \times 4!$$

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- Zero factorial : Remark  $0! = 1$  not 0.

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### 0.9.2 Example 1

$$\binom{5}{2} = \frac{5!}{2! (5-2)!} = \frac{5.4.3!}{2!.3!} = \frac{5.4}{2.1} = 10$$

#### Example 2

$$\binom{5}{0} = \frac{5!}{0! (5-0)!} = \frac{5!}{0!.5!} = \frac{5!}{2!} = 1$$

Recall  $0! = 1$