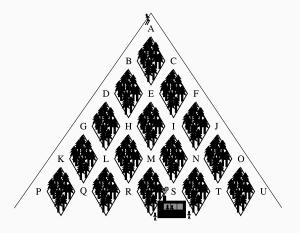


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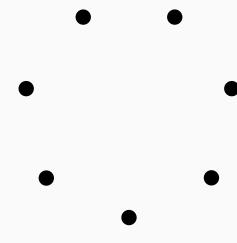


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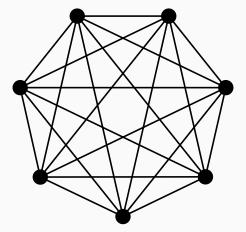


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$$n$$
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# Evaluating n choose r with technology

If we wanted to evaluate  $\binom{40}{27}$ ...

Geogebra Scientific Calculator:

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R:

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[1] 12033222880

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#### **Binomial mass function**

Let X represent the number of successes when n trials are performed and each trial has p chance of success. We use a formula to calculate the probability that X is k.

$$P(X = k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1 - p)^{n - k}$$

For example, if n = 4 and p = 0.1, then:

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$$X = \sum_{i=1}^{n} W_i$$

If so, then we know (by using those rules):

$$E(X) = np$$

$$Var(X) = np(1 - p)$$

$$SD(X) = \sqrt{np(1 - p)}$$

# Binomial mean and standard deviation

Let  $X \sim Binomial(n, p)$ . The mean (expected value) of a binomial distribution:

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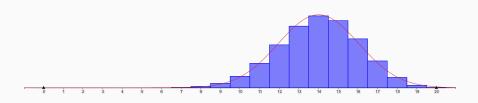
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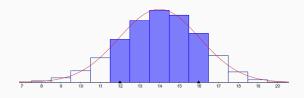
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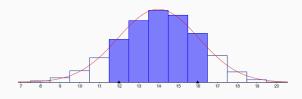
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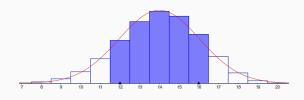
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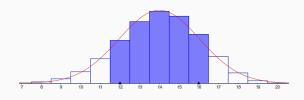


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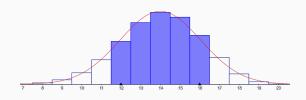


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