

# Computational Statistics lab 1

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## Question 1: Be careful when comparing

```
# -----  
# A1  
# -----
```

Two code snippets are mentioned in the question. Snippet 1 :

```
x1 = 1/3  
x2 = 1/4  
if ( x1-x2 == 1/12) {  
  print ("Subtsraction is correct")  
}else {  
  print ( " Substraction is wrong" )  
}
```

```
[1] " Substraction is wrong"
```

Snippet 2 :

```
x1 = 1  
x2 = 1/2  
if ( x1-x2 == 1/2) {  
  print ("Subtsraction is correct")  
}else {  
  print ( " Substraction is wrong" )  
}
```

```
[1] "Subtsraction is correct"
```

Analysis : In case of first snippet ,  $1/3$  and  $1/12$  results in a number with infinite decimal part, ie to say that these fractions has no finite representation and so R rounds it up. So the resulting value of the subtraction is not exactly equal to each other. So snippet 1 gives out messsage “Substraction is wrong”

But in case of snippet 2,  $1/2$  has a finite representation and hence snippet 2 gives out correct answer.

To go around the problem with snippet 1 , we can use `all.equal` since it tests for ‘near equity’ of two objects.  
revised code for snippet 1

```
x1 = 1/3
x2 = 1/4
if (isTRUE(all.equal((x1 - x2),1/12))) {
  print ("Subtsraction is correct")
}else {
  print ( " Substraction is wrong" )
}
```

```
[1] "Subtsraction is correct"
```

## Question 2: Derivative

```
# -----
# A2
# -----
```

Function to calculate derivative :

```
f = function(x){x}

derivative_func = function(f=f,x){
  e = 10^-15
  f1 = (f(x + e) - f(x)) / e
  return(f1)
}
```

Evaluating function at  $x = 1$  and  $x = 100000$

```
x1 = derivative_func(f,1)
x1
```

```
[1] 1.110223
```

```
x100000 = derivative_func(f,100000)
x100000
```

```
[1] 0
```

## Results obtained and true values

As  $f(x) = x$  , true value is  $e/e$  ie 1.

For  $x = 1$   $e$  is not considered to be very small when  $x = 1$ , so  $f(1+e)$  results in 1.0000000000000011 which is slightly greater than 1, after this gets subtracted with  $f(1)$ , we get numerator slightly greater than denominator and when this gets divided by  $e$  due to underflow in  $r$  , we get the answer slightly bigger than 1.

For  $x = 100000$  When  $x$  is 100000 , value of  $e$  is very small , this results in numerator being 0 due to underflow error. Hence we get derivative for this function for a large  $x$  as 0

## Question 3: Variance

```
# -----  
# A3  
# -----
```

### 1 My variance function

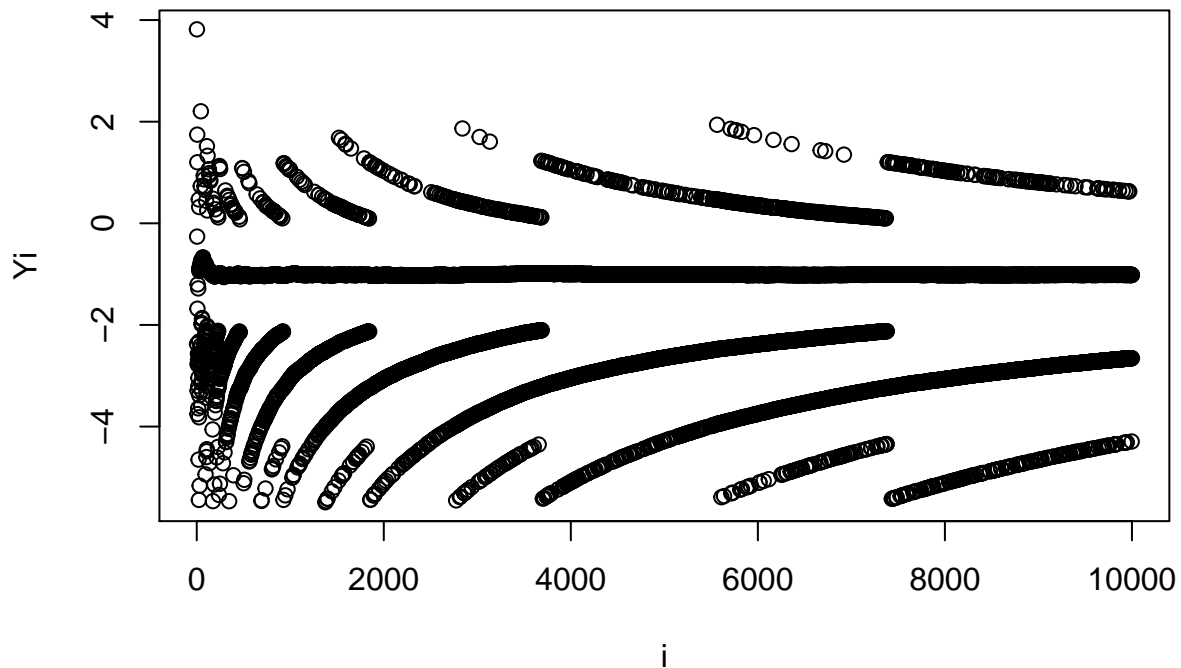
```
myvar = function(x){  
  n = length(x)  
  var = (1/(1-n)) * (sum(x^2) - ((1/n) * (sum(x))^2))  
  return(var)  
}
```

### Generating x vector

```
x = rnorm(10000, mean = 10^8, sd = 1)
```

### Plotting graph to compare the above variance function with var()

```
n = length(x)  
i = 1:10000  
Yi = 0  
for( j in 1:n){  
  Yi[j] = myvar(x[1:j]) - var(x[1:j])  
}  
plot(x = i , y = Yi)
```



We can see there is difference between our variance function and `var()`. If there was no difference, we would have observed all the points to be at zero as there would be no difference. As the value of  $x$  increases, the summation of  $x^2$  and  $x$  used in our formula will have overflow, hence the result is not accurate. This results in the difference of variances.

## Better implementation variance estimator

Trying to implement formula of sample variance,  $\text{var} = \frac{\sum (x - \bar{x})^2}{n-1}$  to improve the results.

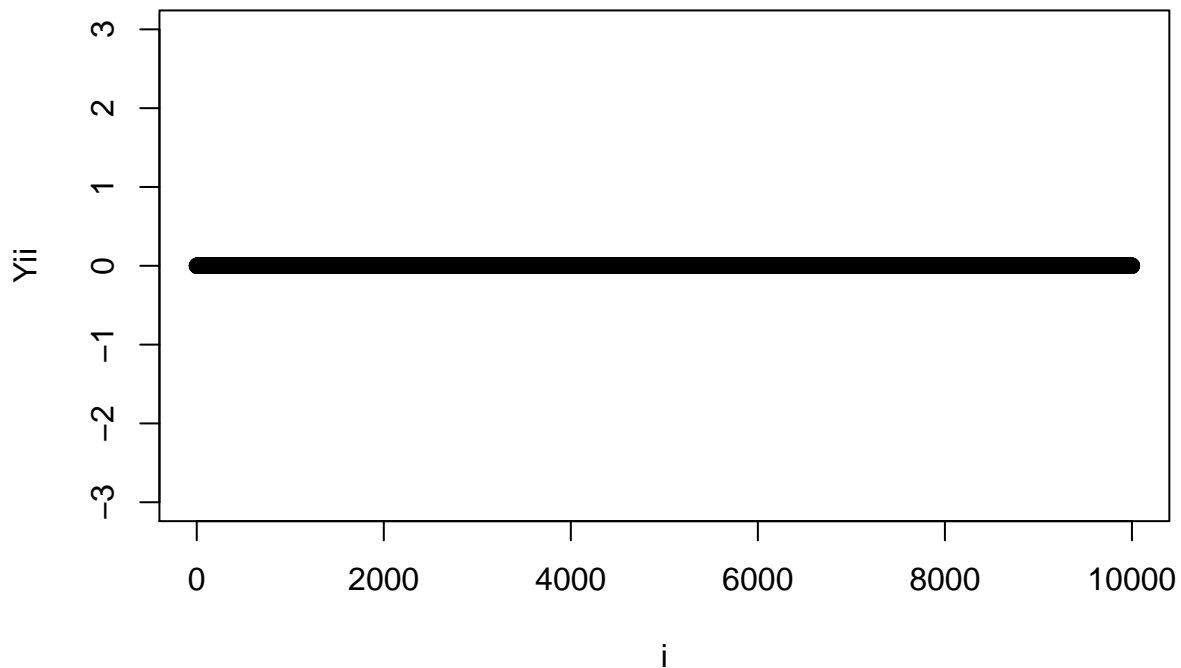
```

better_var = function(x){
  len = length(x)
  x_bar = mean(x)
  v = (sum((x - x_bar)^2 )) / (len-1)
  return(v)
}

n = length(x)
i = 1:10000
Yii = 0
j=0
for( j in 1:n){
  Yii[j] = better_var(x[1:j]) - var(x[1:j])
}

plot(x = i, y = Yii, ylim = c(-3,3))

```



This function gives better result as the difference plotted in the graph is concentrated at zero. This is because the  $x - \bar{x}$  is done before summation is applied onto it, this tackles the overflow problem better than the function written before.

## Question 4: Binomial Coefficient

```
# -----
#  $A_4$ 
# -----
```

- A)  $\text{prod}(1:n)/(\text{prod}(1:k)*\text{prod}(1:(n-k)))$
- B)  $\text{prod}((k+1):n)/\text{prod}(1:(n-k))$
- C)  $\text{prod}(((k+1):n)/(1:(n-k)))$

1. For the above R expressions below values of  $n$  and  $k$  does not work properly  
When  $k > n$  we will get answer -Inf/Inf instead of 0 for all expressions.

```
n = 8
k = 14
prod(1:n)/(prod(1:k)*prod(1:(n-k)))      # A expression
```

```
[1] Inf
```

```
prod((k+1):n)/prod(1:(n-k))          # B expression
```

```
[1] Inf
```

```
prod(((k+1):n)/(1:(n-k)))            # C expression
```

```
[1] Inf
```

```
choose(n,k)
```

```
[1] 0
```

When  $k=n$  we will get answer Inf instead of 1 for all expressions.

```
n = 8  
k = 8  
prod(1:n)/(prod(1:k)*prod(1:(n-k)))  # A expression
```

```
[1] Inf
```

```
prod((k+1):n)/prod(1:(n-k))          # B expression
```

```
[1] Inf
```

```
prod(((k+1):n)/(1:(n-k)))            # C expression
```

```
[1] Inf
```

```
choose(n,k)
```

```
[1] 1
```

When  $k<0$  we will get answer -Inf/Inf instead of 0 for expression A.

```
n = 10  
k = -12  
prod(1:n)/(prod(1:k)*prod(1:(n-k)))  # A expression
```

```
[1] Inf
```

```
prod((k+1):n)/prod(1:(n-k))          # B expression
```

```
[1] 0
```

```
prod((k+1):n)/(1:(n-k))          # C expression
```

```
[1] 0
```

```
choose(n,k)
```

```
[1] 0
```

When k=0 we will get answer Inf instead of 1 for expression A.

```
n = 10
k = 0
prod(1:n)/(prod(1:k)*prod(1:(n-k)))    # A expression
```

```
[1] Inf
```

```
prod((k+1):n)/prod(1:(n-k))          # B expression
```

```
[1] 1
```

```
prod((k+1):n)/(1:(n-k))          # C expression
```

```
[1] 1
```

```
choose(n,k)
```

```
[1] 1
```

When n=k=0 we will get answer NaN instead of 1 for all expressions.

```
n = 0
k = 0
prod(1:n)/(prod(1:k)*prod(1:(n-k)))    # A expression
```

```
[1] NaN
```

```
prod((k+1):n)/prod(1:(n-k))          # B expression
```

```
[1] NaN
```

```
prod((k+1):n)/(1:(n-k))          # C expression
```

```
[1] NaN
```

```
choose(n,k)
```

```
[1] 1
```

2. ## Comparing  $A, B$  and  $C$  for large values

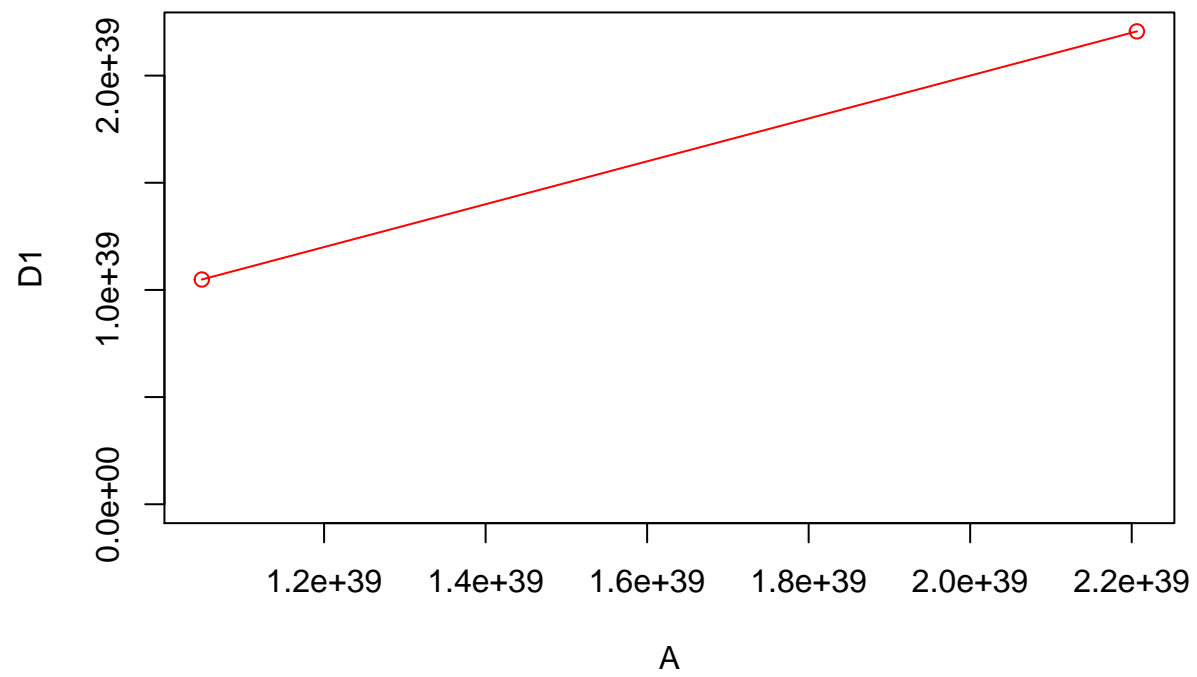
```
n = c(148, 148, 200, 320, 1500)
k = c(101, 100, 179, 191, 990)
i = 0
for(i in 1:5){
  A = prod(1:n[i])/(prod(1:k[i])*prod(1:(n[i]-k[i])))
  B = prod((k[i]+1):n[i])/prod(1:(n[i]-k[i]))
  C = prod((k[i]+1):n[i])/(1:(n[i]-k[i]))
  D = choose(n[i], k[i])
  cat("A expression      : ", A, fill = TRUE)
  cat("B expression      : ", B, fill = TRUE)
  cat("C expression      : ", C, fill = TRUE)
  cat("choose function    : ", D, fill = TRUE)
}
```

```
A expression      : 1.048632e+39
B expression      : 1.048632e+39
C expression      : 1.048632e+39
choose function    : 1.048632e+39
A expression      : 2.206498e+39
B expression      : 2.206498e+39
C expression      : 2.206498e+39
choose function    : 2.206498e+39
A expression      : NaN
B expression      : 1.383075e+28
C expression      : 1.383075e+28
choose function    : 1.383075e+28
A expression      : NaN
B expression      : Inf
C expression      : 2.300721e+92
choose function    : 2.300721e+92
A expression      : NaN
B expression      : NaN
C expression      : Inf
choose function    : Inf
```

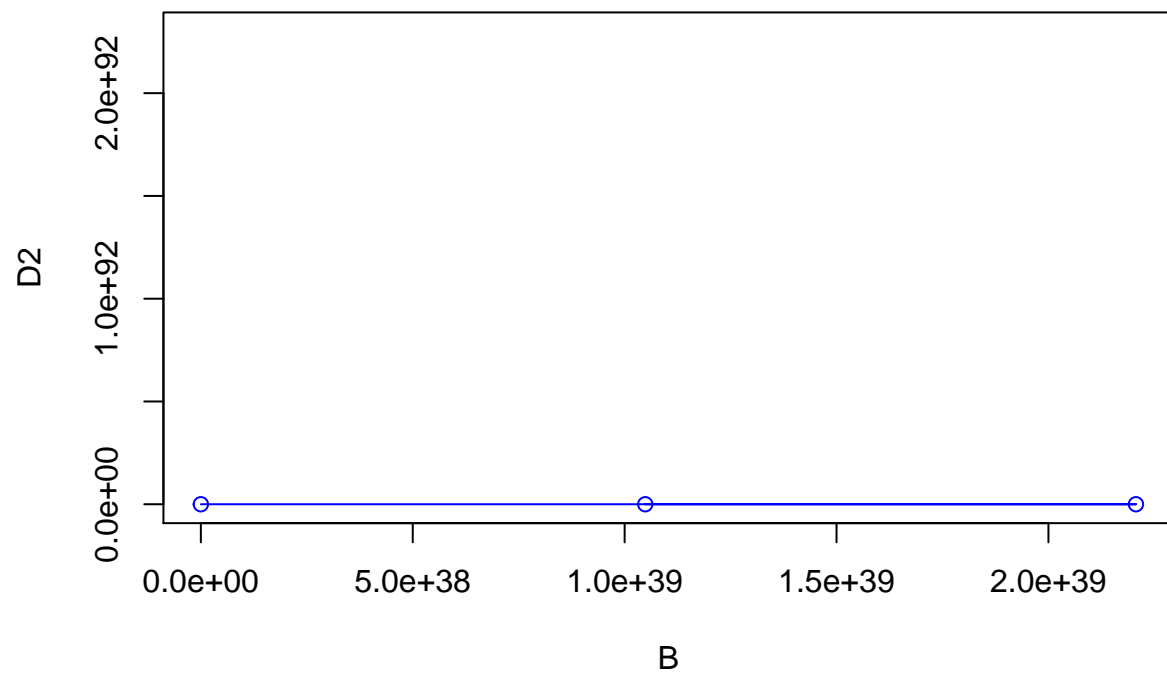
Plotting the results from above expressions

```
A = c(1.048632e+39, 2.206498e+39, NaN)
D1 = c(1.048632e+39, 2.206498e+39, 1.383075e+28)
B = c(1.048632e+39, 2.206498e+39, 1.383075e+28, NaN)
D2 = c(1.048632e+39, 2.206498e+39, 1.383075e+28, 2.300721e+92)
C = c(1.048632e+39, 2.206498e+39, 1.383075e+28, 2.300721e+92, Inf)
D3 = c(1.048632e+39, 2.206498e+39, 1.383075e+28, 2.300721e+92, Inf)
plot(A, D1, type = "o", col = "red")
```

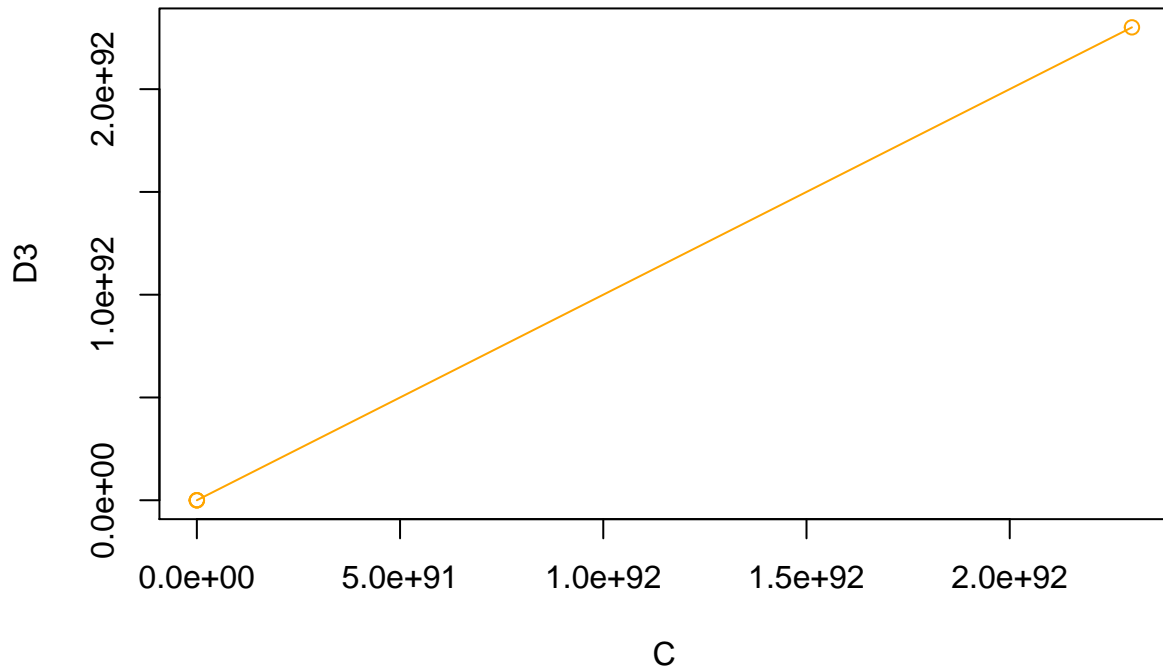




```
plot(B, D2, type = "o", col = "blue")
```



```
plot(C, D3, type = "o", col = "orange")
```



Here, D1, D2 and D3 are the results from choose function for A, B and C expression respectively. A expression throws overflow problem for  $n$  and  $k > 170$  giving  $\text{Inf}/\text{Inf} = \text{NaN}$ . B expression throws overflow problem for  $n = 320$  and  $k = 191$  giving  $\text{Inf}/\text{Inf} = \text{NaN}$ . C expression gives same result as choose function(function to calculate binomial coefficient) and throws overflow problem for very large numbers.

## Comparing $A$ , $B$ and $C$ for small values

In the following plot we show the result for  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  when  $n = 173$  and for  $k$  in range (1:170):

```
f1 <- function(n,k){
  fact1 <- prod(1:n)/(prod(1:k)*prod(1:(n-k)))
  return(fact1)
}                                     # A expression
f2 <- function(n,k){
  fact2 <- prod((k+1):n)/prod(1:(n-k))    # B expression
  return(fact2)
}
f3 <- function(n,k){
  fact3 <- return(fact3)
}                                     #C expression

N = 170
K = 169
fact1 <- vector()
```

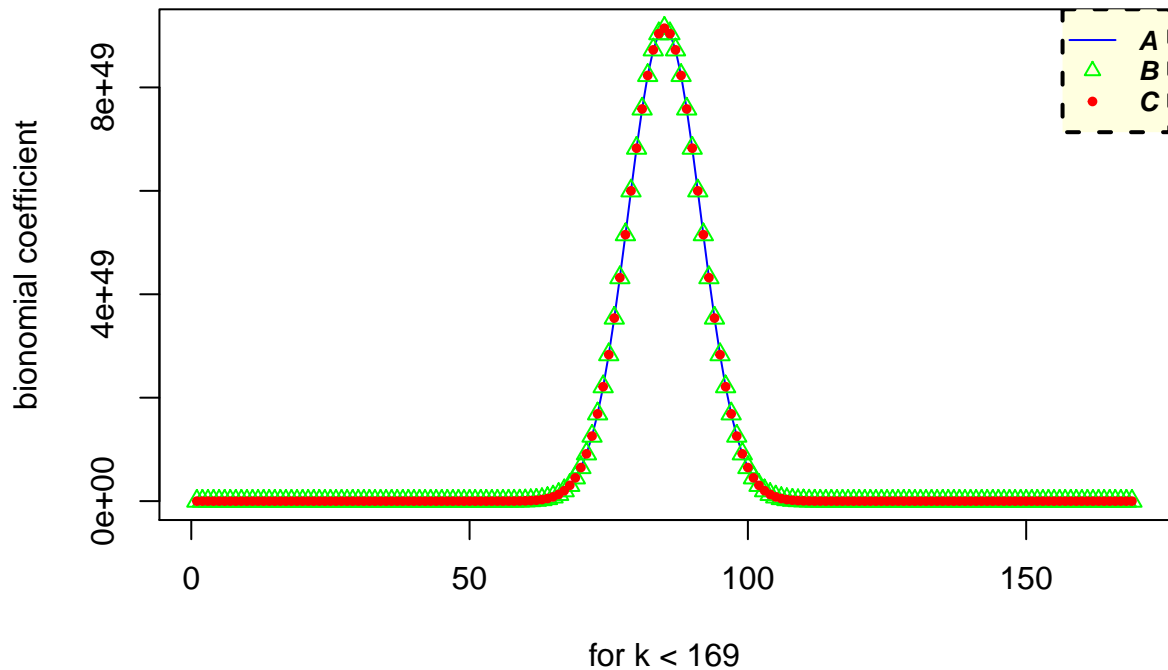
```

for(i in 1:K){
  fact1 <- append(fact1,f1(N,i))
}
plot(1:K,y = fact1,type = "l",col="blue",ylab = "bionomial coefficient",
     xlab = "for k < 169")

fact2 <- vector()
for(i in 1:K){
  fact2 <- append(fact2,f1(N,i))
}
points(1:K,y = fact2,type = "p",col="green",cex=1,pch = 2)

fact3 <- vector()
for(i in 1:K){
  fact3 <- append(fact3,f1(N,i))
}
points(1:K,y = fact2,type = "p",cex=0.8,pch = 20,col="red")
legend("topright",legend=c("A","B","C"),
      col=c("blue","green","red"), lty=c(1,NA,NA),
      pch = c(NA,2,20),cex=0.8, text.font=4, box.lty=2,
      box.lwd=2, box.col="black",bg='lightyellow')

```



For small numbers, A, B and C expressions produces same set of results whereas C expression calculates binomial coefficient for large numbers compared to A and B expressions.

3. For the below value of n and k, A expression gives Nan which is a overflow problem whereas B and C expressions produces the result. The A expression computes product from 1 to n (i.e.199) which exceeds the

range of R. Hence it throws overflow problem first among 3 expressions.

```
n = 199
k = 197
prod(1:n)/(prod(1:k)*prod(1:(n-k)))      # A expression
```

```
[1] NaN
```

```
prod((k+1):n)/prod(1:(n-k))              # B expression
```

```
[1] 19701
```

```
prod(((k+1):n)/(1:(n-k)))                # C expression
```

```
[1] 19701
```

```
choose(n,k)
```

```
[1] 19701
```

For the below value of n and k, A and B expressions gives NaN which is a overflow problem whereas C expression produces the result. The B expression computes product from k+1 to n and k is smaller. Hence it throws overflow problem.

```
n = 199
k = 19
prod(1:n)/(prod(1:k)*prod(1:(n-k)))      # A expression
```

```
[1] NaN
```

```
prod((k+1):n)/prod(1:(n-k))              # B expression
```

```
[1] NaN
```

```
prod(((k+1):n)/(1:(n-k)))                # C expression
```

```
[1] 1.613588e+26
```

```
choose(n,k)
```

```
[1] 1.613588e+26
```

For the below value of n and k, A and B expressions gives Nan and C expression gives Inf which is a overflow problem. Both C expression and choose function(R built in function for binomial coefficient) gives same result. The C expression first computes the division operation and then prod() is used for the computed value. Here, the overflow problem occurs for very large numbers.

```
n = 10037
k = 997
prod(1:n)/(prod(1:k)*prod(1:(n-k)))      # A expression
```

```
[1] NaN
```

```
prod((k+1):n)/prod(1:(n-k))              # B expression
```

```
[1] NaN
```

```
prod(((k+1):n)/(1:(n-k)))                # C expression
```

```
[1] Inf
```

```
choose(n,k)
```

```
[1] Inf
```

Hence we can conclude that C expression calculates binomial coefficient for very large numbers compared to A and B expressions.

## Appendix

```
knitr::opts_chunk$set(echo = TRUE, comment = NA)
```

```
# -----  
# A1  
# -----
```

```
x1 = 1/3  
x2 = 1/4  
if ( x1-x2 == 1/12) {  
  print ("Subtsraction is correct")  
}else {  
  print ( " Substraction is wrong" )  
}  
x1 = 1  
x2 = 1/2  
if ( x1-x2 == 1/2) {  
  print ("Subtsraction is correct")  
}else {  
  print ( " Substraction is wrong" )  
}  
x1 = 1/3  
x2 = 1/4  
if (isTRUE(all.equal((x1 - x2),1/12))) {  
  print ("Subtsraction is correct")  
}else {  
  print ( " Substraction is wrong" )  
}
```

```
# -----  
# A2  
# -----
```

```
f = function(x){x}  
  
derivative_func = function(f=f,x){  
  e = 10-15  
  f1 = (f(x + e) - f(x)) / e  
  return(f1)  
}  
x1 = derivative_func(f,1)  
x1  
x100000 = derivative_func(f,100000)  
x100000
```

```
# -----  
# A3  
# -----
```

```
myvar = function(x){  
  n = length(x)
```

```

var = (1/(1-n)) * (sum(x^2) - ((1/n) * (sum(x))^2))
return(var)
}
x = rnorm(10000, mean = 10^8, sd = 1)
n = length(x)
i = 1:10000
Yi = 0
for( j in 1:n){
  Yi[j] = myvar(x[1:j]) - var(x[1:j])
}
plot(x = i , y = Yi)

better_var = function(x){
  len = length(x)
  x_bar = mean(x)
  v = (sum((x - x_bar)^2 ))/ (len-1)
  return(v)
}

```

```

n = length(x)
i = 1:10000
Yii = 0
j=0
for( j in 1:n){
  Yii[j] = better_var(x[1:j]) - var(x[1:j])
}

plot(x = i, y = Yii, ylim = c(-3,3))

```

```

# -----
# A4
# -----

```

```

n = 8
k = 14
prod(1:n)/(prod(1:k)*prod(1:(n-k)))      # A expression
prod((k+1):n)/prod(1:(n-k))              # B expression
prod(((k+1):n)/(1:(n-k)))                # C expression
choose(n,k)

n = 8
k = 8
prod(1:n)/(prod(1:k)*prod(1:(n-k)))      # A expression
prod((k+1):n)/prod(1:(n-k))              # B expression
prod(((k+1):n)/(1:(n-k)))                # C expression
choose(n,k)

n = 10
k = -12
prod(1:n)/(prod(1:k)*prod(1:(n-k)))      # A expression
prod((k+1):n)/prod(1:(n-k))              # B expression
prod(((k+1):n)/(1:(n-k)))                # C expression
choose(n,k)

n = 10

```



```

k = 0
prod(1:n)/(prod(1:k)*prod(1:(n-k)))      # A expression
prod((k+1):n)/prod(1:(n-k))              # B expression
prod(((k+1):n)/(1:(n-k)))                # C expression
choose(n,k)
n = 0
k = 0
prod(1:n)/(prod(1:k)*prod(1:(n-k)))      # A expression
prod((k+1):n)/prod(1:(n-k))              # B expression
prod(((k+1):n)/(1:(n-k)))                # C expression
choose(n,k)
n = c(148, 148, 200, 320, 1500)
k = c(101, 100, 179, 191, 990)
i = 0
for(i in 1:5){
  A = prod(1:n[i])/(prod(1:k[i])*prod(1:(n[i]-k[i])))
  B = prod((k[i]+1):n[i])/prod(1:(n[i]-k[i]))
  C = prod(((k[i]+1):n[i])/(1:(n[i]-k[i])))
  D = choose(n[i], k[i])
  cat("A expression      : ", A, fill = TRUE)
  cat("B expression      : ", B, fill = TRUE)
  cat("C expression      : ", C, fill = TRUE)
  cat("choose function   : ", D, fill = TRUE)
}
A = c(1.048632e+39, 2.206498e+39, NaN)
D1 = c(1.048632e+39, 2.206498e+39, 1.383075e+28)
B = c(1.048632e+39, 2.206498e+39, 1.383075e+28, NaN)
D2 = c(1.048632e+39, 2.206498e+39, 1.383075e+28, 2.300721e+92)
C = c(1.048632e+39, 2.206498e+39, 1.383075e+28, 2.300721e+92, Inf)
D3 = c(1.048632e+39, 2.206498e+39, 1.383075e+28, 2.300721e+92, Inf)
plot(A, D1, type = "o", col = "red")
plot(B, D2, type = "o", col = "blue")
plot(C, D3, type = "o", col = "orange")
f1 <- function(n,k){
  fact1 <- prod(1:n)/(prod(1:k)*prod(1:(n-k)))
  return(fact1)
}
# A expression
f2 <- function(n,k){
  fact2 <- prod((k+1):n)/prod(1:(n-k))      # B expression
  return(fact2)
}
f3 <- function(n,k){
  fact3 <- return(fact3)
}
#C expression

N = 170
K = 169
fact1 <- vector()
for(i in 1:K){
  fact1 <- append(fact1,f1(N,i))
}

```

```

plot(1:K,y = fact1,type = "l",col="blue",ylab = "bionomial coefficient",
     xlab = "for k < 169")

fact2 <- vector()
for(i in 1:K){
  fact2 <- append(fact2,f1(N,i))
}
points(1:K,y = fact2,type = "p",col="green",cex=1,pch = 2)

fact3 <- vector()
for(i in 1:K){
  fact3 <- append(fact3,f1(N,i))
}
points(1:K,y = fact2,type = "p",cex=0.8,pch = 20,col="red")
legend("topright",legend=c("A","B","C"),
      col=c("blue","green","red"), lty=c(1,NA,NA),
      pch = c(NA,2,20),cex=0.8, text.font=4, box.lty=2,
      box.lwd=2, box.col="black",bg='lightyellow')

n = 199
k = 197
prod(1:n)/(prod(1:k)*prod(1:(n-k)))      # A expression
prod((k+1):n)/prod(1:(n-k))              # B expression
prod(((k+1):n)/(1:(n-k)))                # C expression
choose(n,k)

n = 199
k = 19
prod(1:n)/(prod(1:k)*prod(1:(n-k)))      # A expression
prod((k+1):n)/prod(1:(n-k))              # B expression
prod(((k+1):n)/(1:(n-k)))                # C expression
choose(n,k)

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prod((k+1):n)/prod(1:(n-k))              # B expression
prod(((k+1):n)/(1:(n-k)))                # C expression
choose(n,k)

```