

Advanced Excel Cheat Sheet

Logical Functions

✓ **IF** – Returns one value if a condition is **TRUE** and another if **FALSE**

- ◆ Usage: Used to apply conditions, such as pass/fail, discount eligibility, etc.
- ◆ Example: `=IF(A1>50, "Pass", "Fail")` → If A1 is greater than 50, returns "Pass", otherwise "Fail".

✓ **IFS** – Returns different values based on multiple conditions

- ◆ Usage: Used to assign multiple conditions, such as grading students or categorizing values.
- ◆ Example: `=IFS(A1>90, "A", A1>80, "B", A1>70, "C", TRUE, "Fail")` → Returns "A" if A1 > 90, "B" if A1 > 80, etc.

✓ **AND** – Returns **TRUE** if all conditions are met, otherwise **FALSE**

- ◆ Usage: Used to check if multiple conditions are met, such as loan eligibility.
- ◆ Example: `=AND(A1>50, B1<100)` → Returns **TRUE** if A1 > 50 and B1 < 100.

✓ **OR** – Returns **TRUE** if at least one condition is met

- ◆ Usage: Used when only one condition needs to be satisfied, such as a bonus condition.
- ◆ Example: `=OR(A1>50, B1>100)` → Returns **TRUE** if either condition is met.

✦ Lookup & Reference Functions

✓ **VLOOKUP** – Searches for a value in a column and returns a value from another column

- ◆ Usage: Used to fetch data, such as retrieving employee salaries or product prices.
- ◆ Example: `=VLOOKUP(101, A2:C10, 2, FALSE)` → Finds 101 in column A and returns the value from the 2nd column.

✓ **HLOOKUP** – Searches for a value in a row and returns a value from another row

- ◆ Usage: Used when data is structured in rows instead of columns.
- ◆ Example: `=HLOOKUP("Product", A1:E3, 2, FALSE)` → Finds "Product" in row 1 and returns the value from row 2.

✓ **XLOOKUP** – Searches for a value in a column and returns a corresponding value from another column (modern replacement for VLOOKUP)

- ◆ Usage: Used for advanced lookups with missing values handled better than VLOOKUP.
- ◆ Example: `=XLOOKUP(101, A2:A10, B2:B10, "Not Found")` → Searches for 101 in column A and returns the corresponding value from column B.

✓ **INDEX** – Returns the value of a cell based on row and column numbers

- ◆ Usage: Used to fetch data dynamically when row and column numbers are known.
- ◆ Example: `=INDEX(A2:C5, 2, 3)` → Returns the value at row 2, column 3 of the range.

✓ **MATCH** – Returns the position of a value in a row or column

- ◆ Usage: Used to determine the rank or position of a value in a list.
- ◆ Example: `=MATCH(50, A2:A10, 0)` → Finds 50 in A2:A10 and returns its position.

✓ **OFFSET** – Returns a reference shifted by a number of rows and columns

- ◆ Usage: Used to create dynamic ranges in dashboards and reports.
- ◆ Example: `=OFFSET(A1, 2, 1)` → Returns the value 2 rows down and 1 column right of A1.

✦ Text Functions

✓ **LEFT** – Extracts a specific number of characters from the left side of text

- ◆ Usage: Used for extracting area codes, first names, etc.
- ◆ Example: =LEFT("Excel", 2) → Returns "Ex".

✓ **RIGHT** – Extracts a specific number of characters from the right side of text

- ◆ Usage: Used to extract suffixes, last names, etc.
- ◆ Example: =RIGHT("Excel", 2) → Returns "el".

✓ **MID** – Extracts characters from a specific position in text

- ◆ Usage: Used to extract middle values from a string, such as extracting part of an ID.
- ◆ Example: =MID("Advanced Excel", 3, 5) → Returns "vance".

✓ **LEN** – Returns the number of characters in text

- ◆ Usage: Used for validating text length, such as checking if passwords meet character requirements.
- ◆ Example: =LEN("Excel") → Returns 5.

✦ Date & Time Functions

✓ **TODAY** – Returns the current date

- ◆ Usage: Used in reports and automated schedules.
- ◆ Example: =TODAY() → Returns today's date.

✓ **NOW** – Returns the current date and time

- ◆ Usage: Used in timestamps and real-time data tracking.
- ◆ Example: =NOW() → Returns the current date and time.

✓ **DATEDIF** – Returns the difference between two dates in years, months, or days

- ◆ Usage: Used for calculating age, service tenure, etc.
- ◆ Example: =DATEDIF(A1, B1, "Y") → Returns the number of years between A1 and B1.

✦ Error Handling Functions

✓ **IFERROR** – Returns a specified value if a formula results in an error

- ◆ Usage: Used to handle errors in calculations, such as division by zero.
- ◆ Example: `=IFERROR(A1/B1, "Error!")` → If B1 is 0, returns "Error!".

✓ **IFNA** – Returns a specified value if a formula results in a #N/A error

- ◆ Usage: Used to handle #N/A errors in lookup functions, such as when a value is not found in a dataset.
- ◆ Example: `=IFNA(VLOOKUP(105, A2:B10, 2, FALSE), "Not Found")` → If 105 is not found in column A, returns "Not Found".

✦ Mathematical Functions

✓ **ROUND** – Rounds a number to a specified number of decimal places

- ◆ Usage: Used in financial and statistical calculations where decimal precision is needed.
- ◆ Example: `=ROUND(3.14159, 2)` → Returns 3.14.

✓ **MROUND** – Rounds a number to the nearest specified multiple

- ◆ Usage: Used when rounding to the nearest interval, such as nearest 5, 10, or 100.
- ◆ Example: `=MROUND(23, 5)` → Returns 25.

✓ **CEILING** – Rounds a number up to the nearest specified multiple

- ◆ Usage: Used in pricing, inventory calculations, and time scheduling where rounding up is necessary.
- ◆ Example: `=CEILING(23, 5)` → Returns 25.

✓ **FLOOR** – Rounds a number down to the nearest specified multiple

- ◆ Usage: Used in calculations where values should not exceed a certain threshold.
- ◆ Example: `=FLOOR(23, 5)` → Returns 20.

✓ **MOD** – Returns the remainder after division

- ◆ Usage: Used for determining divisibility, identifying odd/even numbers, and cyclic patterns.
- ◆ Example: `=MOD(10, 3)` → Returns 1 (since $10 \div 3 = 3$ remainder 1).

✦ Statistical Functions

✓ **LARGE** – Returns the *n*th largest value in a dataset

- ◆ Usage: Used to find top-performing sales, highest marks, etc.
- ◆ Example: =LARGE(A1:A10, 2) → Returns the 2nd largest value.

✓ **SMALL** – Returns the *n*th smallest value in a dataset

- ◆ Usage: Used to find the lowest values, such as the cheapest product.
- ◆ Example: =SMALL(A1:A10, 3) → Returns the 3rd smallest value.

✓ **MEDIAN** – Returns the middle value in a dataset

- ◆ Usage: Used in statistics to find the central tendency.
- ◆ Example: =MEDIAN(A1:A10) → Returns the median value.

✓ **MODE** – Returns the most frequently occurring number

- ◆ Usage: Used to find the most common values in a dataset.
- ◆ Example: =MODE(A1:A10) → Returns the most common number in the range.

✓ **FACT** – Returns the factorial of a number

- ◆ Usage: Used in probability and statistics calculations.
- ◆ Example: =FACT(5) → Returns 120.

✓ **COMBIN** – Returns the number of ways to choose *k* items from *n* without repetition

- ◆ Usage: Used in statistical probability.
- ◆ Example: =COMBIN(10, 3) → Returns 120.

✓ **COMBINA** – Returns the number of ways to choose *k* items from *n* with repetition

- ◆ Usage: Used when order does not matter, but repetition is allowed.
- ◆ Example: =COMBINA(10, 3) → Returns 220.