

## Lab 3 Assignment

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Due 9/26 on Blackboard by 2 pm.

The binomial coefficient  $\binom{n}{k}$  (read " $n$  choose  $k$ ") is defined as

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

where  $!$  is the factorial symbol, (e.g.,  $4! = 4*3*2*1 = 24$ ,  $0! = 1! = 1$ ) and  $n$  and  $k$  are non-negative integers with  $n \geq k$ .

- (1) Write a function called `mybinomial.m` that calculates  $n$  choose  $k$  without using MATLAB's built-in binomial or factorial functions. This will involve multiple loops. Your script should include if-statements that return an error if  $n$  is less than  $k$  OR if either  $n$  or  $k$  is negative. You can assume that the user will use integers for  $n$  and  $k$ .
- (2) Test your function with the following inputs.

$$n = 10, \quad k = 2$$

$$n = 5, \quad k = -3$$

$$n = 9, \quad k = 13$$

### HW GUIDELINES

- Submit your PDF files containing successful execution of the code (using the tests given in the problem).
- Put your first and last name on the first line of the code.
- Remember that m-files should be commented so that a reader would know what the program/function does.
- Remember to suppress output and only show output where appropriate in the PDF file.