

Multinomial

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Notations

Traditional name

Multinomial coefficient

Traditional notation

$$(n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_m; n_1, n_2, \dots, n_m)$$

Mathematica StandardForm notation

$$\text{Multinomial}[n_1, n_2, \dots, n_m]$$

Primary definition

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$$(n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_m; n_1, n_2, \dots, n_m) = \frac{\Gamma(n+1)}{\prod_{k=1}^m \Gamma(n_k+1)} /; -n \notin \mathbb{N}^+ \wedge n = \sum_{k=1}^m n_k$$

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$$(n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_m; n_1, n_2, \dots, n_m) = 0 /; -n \in \mathbb{N}^+ \wedge n = \sum_{k=1}^m n_k$$

$(n; n_1, n_2, \dots, n_m)$ is the number of ways of putting $n = n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_m$ different objects into m different boxes with n_k in the k th box, $k = 1, 2, \dots, m$.

Specific values

Specialized values

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$$(n; n) = 1$$

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$$(n_1 + n_2; n_1, n_2) = \binom{n_1 + n_2}{n_2}$$

Values at fixed points

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$$(0; 0, 0, \dots, 0) = 1$$

General characteristics

Domain and analyticity

$(n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_m; n_1, n_2, \dots, n_m)$ is an analytical function of n_1, n_2, \dots, n_m which is defined over \mathbb{C}^m .

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$$(n_1 * n_2 * \dots * n_m) \rightarrow (n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_m; n_1, n_2, \dots, n_m) : \mathbb{C}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

Symmetries and periodicities

Mirror symmetry

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$$(\overline{n_1} + \overline{n_2} + \dots + \overline{n_m}; \overline{n_1}, \overline{n_2}, \dots, \overline{n_m}) = (\overline{n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_m}; \overline{n_1}, \overline{n_2}, \dots, \overline{n_m})$$

Permutation symmetry

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$$(n_1 + n_2; n_1, n_2) = (n_1 + n_2; n_2, n_1)$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & (n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_k + \dots + n_j + \dots + n_m; n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k, \dots, n_j, \dots, n_m) = \\ & (n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_j + \dots + n_k + \dots + n_m; n_1, n_2, \dots, n_j, \dots, n_k, \dots, n_m) /; n_k \neq n_j \wedge k \neq j \end{aligned}$$

Periodicity

No periodicity

Poles and essential singularities

With respect to n_k

By variable n_k , $1 \leq k \leq m$, (with fixed other variables) the function $(n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_m; n_1, n_2, \dots, n_m)$ has an infinite set of singular points:

a) $n_k = -\tilde{N}_k - j /; j \in \mathbb{N}^+$, are the simple poles with residues

$$\frac{(-1)^{j-1}}{\Gamma(1-j-\tilde{N}_k) \prod_{r=1}^{k-1} \Gamma(n_r+1) \prod_{r=k+1}^m \Gamma(n_r+1) (j-1)!} /; \tilde{N}_k = \sum_{r=1}^{k-1} n_r + \sum_{r=k+1}^m n_r \bigwedge j \in \mathbb{N}^+;$$

b) $n_k = \tilde{\infty}$ is the point of convergence of poles, which is an essential singular point.

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$$\text{Sing}_{n_k}((n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_m; n_1, n_2, \dots, n_m)) = \{\{-\tilde{N}_k - j, 1\} /; j \in \mathbb{N}^+\}, \{\tilde{\infty}, \infty\}$$

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$$\text{res}_{n_k}((n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_m; n_1, n_2, \dots, n_m))(-\tilde{N}_k - j) = \frac{(-1)^{j-1}}{\Gamma(1-j-\tilde{N}_k) \prod_{r=1}^{k-1} \Gamma(n_r+1) \prod_{r=k+1}^m \Gamma(n_r+1) (j-1)!} /;$$

$$\tilde{N}_k = \sum_{r=1}^{k-1} n_r + \sum_{r=k+1}^m n_r \bigwedge j \in \mathbb{N}^+$$

Branch points

With respect to n_k

The function $(n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_m; n_1, n_2, \dots, n_m)$ does not have branch points.

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$$\mathcal{BP}_{n_k}((n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_m; n_1, n_2, \dots, n_m)) = \{\} /; 1 \leq k \leq m$$

Branch cuts

With respect to n_k

The function $(n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_m; n_1, n_2, \dots, n_m)$ does not have branch cuts.

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$$\mathcal{BC}_{n_k}((n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_m; n_1, n_2, \dots, n_m)) = \{\} /; 1 \leq k \leq m$$

Series representations

Asymptotic series expansions

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$$(n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_m; n_1, n_2, \dots, n_m) \propto \frac{n_1^{a-1}}{\prod_{k=2}^m \Gamma(n_k + 1)} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k (1-a)_k B(k, a, a) n_1^{-k}}{k!} /;$$

$$(|n_1| \rightarrow \infty) \bigwedge a = \sum_{k=2}^m n_k + 1 \bigwedge B(n, \alpha, z) = n! \left([t^n] \frac{t^\alpha e^{tz}}{(e^t - 1)^\alpha} \right) \bigwedge |\arg(a + n_1)| < \pi$$

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$$(n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_m; n_1, n_2, \dots, n_m) \propto \frac{n_1^{a-1}}{\prod_{k=2}^m \Gamma(n_k + 1)} \left(1 + \frac{(a-1)a}{2n_1} + O\left(\frac{1}{n_1^2}\right) \right) /; (|n_1| \rightarrow \infty) \bigwedge a = \sum_{k=2}^m n_k + 1 \bigwedge |\arg(a + n_1)| < \pi$$

Other series representations

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$$(n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_m; n_1, n_2, \dots, n_m) = \left(\left[t_1^{n_1}, t_2^{n_2}, \dots, t_m^{n_m} \right] \left(\sum_{k=1}^m t_k \right)^n \right) /; n = \sum_{k=1}^m n_k$$

Identities

Recurrence identities

Consecutive neighbors

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$$(n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_m; n_1, n_2, \dots, n_m) = \sum_{l=1}^m (n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_m - 1; n_1, n_2, \dots, n_{l-1}, n_l - 1, n_{l+1}, \dots, n_m)$$

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$$(n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_m; n_1, n_2, \dots, n_m) = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^m n_j}{n_l} (n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_m - 1; n_1, n_2, \dots, n_{l-1}, n_l - 1, n_{l+1}, \dots, n_m)$$

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$$(n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_m; n_1, n_2, \dots, n_m) = \frac{n_l + 1}{\sum_{j=1}^m n_j + 1} (n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_m + 1; n_1, n_2, \dots, n_{l-1}, n_l + 1, n_{l+1}, \dots, n_m)$$

Distant neighbors

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$$(n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_m; n_1, n_2, \dots, n_m) = \frac{1}{(n_l - p + 1)_p} \left(\sum_{j=1}^m n_j - p + 1 \right)_m (n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_m - p; n_1, n_2, \dots, n_{l-1}, n_l - p, n_{l+1}, \dots, n_m)$$

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$$(n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_m; n_1, n_2, \dots, n_m) = \frac{(n_l + 1)_p}{(\sum_{j=1}^m n_j + 1)_p} (n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_m + p; n_1, n_2, \dots, n_{l-1}, n_l + p, n_{l+1}, \dots, n_m)$$

Generalized Cauchy summation

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$$\sum_{j_1=0}^{k_1} \sum_{j_2=0}^{k_2} \dots \sum_{j_n=0}^{k_n} (p; j_1, j_2, \dots, j_n) \left(q + \sum_{h=1}^n k_h; k_1 - j_1, k_2 - j_2, \dots, k_n - j_n \right) = \left(p + q + \sum_{h=1}^n k_h; k_1, k_2, \dots, k_n \right) /;$$

$$k_1 \in \mathbb{N} \wedge k_2 \in \mathbb{N} \wedge \dots \wedge k_n \in \mathbb{N} \wedge p \in \mathbb{N}^+ \wedge q \in \mathbb{N}^+ \wedge n \in \mathbb{N}^+$$

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$$\sum_{j_1=0}^{k_1} \sum_{j_2=0}^{k_2} \dots \sum_{j_n=0}^{k_n} (-1)^{\sum_{h=1}^p j_{2h}} (m; j_1, j_2, \dots, j_n) = 1 - \delta_{n \bmod 2} /; m \in \mathbb{N}^+ \wedge n \in \mathbb{N}^+ \wedge p \in \mathbb{N}^+$$

Functional identities

Relations of special kind

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$$\sum_{k_1=0}^n \sum_{k_2=0}^n \dots \sum_{k_m=0}^n \delta_{n - \sum_{j=1}^m k_j, 0} (k_1 + k_2 + \dots + k_m; k_1, k_2, \dots, k_m) (n_1 - k_1 + n_2 - k_2 + \dots + n_m - k_m; n_1 - k_1, n_2 - k_2, \dots, n_m - k_m)$$

Differentiation

Low-order differentiation

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$$\frac{\partial (n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_m; n_1, n_2, \dots, n_m)}{\partial n_m} = (n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_m; n_1, n_2, \dots, n_m) (\psi(n+1) - \psi(n_m+1)) /; n = \sum_{k=1}^m n_k$$

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$$\frac{\partial^2 (n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_m; n_1, n_2, \dots, n_m)}{\partial n_m^2} = (n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_m; n_1, n_2, \dots, n_m) (\psi(n+1)^2 - 2\psi(n_3+1)\psi(n+1) + \psi(n_m+1)^2 + \psi^{(1)}(n+1) - \psi^{(1)}(n_m+1)) /; n = \sum_{k=1}^m n_k$$

Symbolic differentiation

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$$\frac{\partial^u (n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_m; n_1, n_2, \dots, n_m)}{\partial n_m^u} =$$

$$\frac{(-1)^u u! \Gamma(s+1)^{u+1}}{\prod_{k=1}^{m-1} \Gamma(n_k + 1) \Gamma(n_m - s)} {}_{u+2}\tilde{F}_{u+1}(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{u+1}, s - n_m + 1; a_1 + 1, a_2 + 1, \dots, a_{u+1} + 1; 1);$$

$$a_1 = a_2 = \dots = a_{u+1} = s + 1 \bigwedge s = \sum_{k=1}^m n_k \bigwedge u \in \mathbb{N} \bigwedge s - n_m \notin \mathbb{N}$$

Summation

Finite summation

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$$\sum_{k_{1,1}=0}^o \dots \sum_{k_{m,n}=0}^o \prod_{i=1}^m (k_{i,1} + \dots + k_{i,n}; k_{i,1}, \dots, k_{i,n}) = (b_1 + \dots + b_n; b_1, \dots, b_n);$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^n k_{i,j} = a_i \bigwedge \sum_{i=1}^m k_{i,j} = b_i \bigwedge \sum_{i=1}^m a_i = \sum_{j=1}^n b_j \bigwedge o = \text{Max}(k_{1,1}, \dots, k_{m,n})$$

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$$\sum_{j_1=\sigma_0}^{\sigma_1} \sum_{j_2=\sigma_1}^{\sigma_2} \dots$$

$$\sum_{j_n=\sigma_{n-1}}^{\sigma_n} (-1)^{\sum_{h=10}^n k_h - \sum_{h=1}^{n-1} \sigma_h} (\sigma_n; \sigma_n - k_n, k_n - \sigma_{n-1}, \sigma_{n-1} - k_{n-1}, k_{n-1} - \sigma_{n-2}, \dots, \sigma_{q+2} - k_{q+2}, k_{q+2} - \sigma_{q+1}, \sigma_{q+1} - k_q, \sigma_q)$$

$$(\sigma_q; \sigma_q - k_q, k_q - \sigma_{q-1}, \sigma_{q-1} - k_{q-1}, k_{q-1} - \sigma_{q-2}, \dots, \sigma_2 - k_2, k_2 - \sigma_1, \sigma_1 - k_0, \sigma_0) \prod_{j=1}^n \delta_{\sigma_{j-1}, \sigma_j};$$

$$\sigma_0 \in \mathbb{N} \wedge \sigma_1 \in \mathbb{N} \wedge \dots \wedge \sigma_n \in \mathbb{N} \wedge \sigma_0 \leq \sigma_1 \leq \dots \leq \sigma_{n-1} \leq \sigma_n \wedge q \in \bigwedge \mathbb{N} \wedge 0 \leq q \leq n \wedge n \in \mathbb{N}^+$$

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$$\sum_{j_1=\sigma_0}^{\sigma_1} \sum_{j_2=\sigma_1}^{\sigma_2} \dots \sum_{j_n=\sigma_{n-1}}^{\sigma_n} (-1)^{\sum_{h=10}^n k_h - \sum_{h=1}^{n-1} \sigma_h} (\sigma_n; \sigma_n - k_n, k_n - \sigma_{n-1}, \sigma_{n-1} - k_{n-1}, k_{n-1} - \sigma_{n-2}, \dots, \sigma_{q+2} - k_{q+2}, k_{q+2} - \sigma_{q+1},$$

$$\sigma_{q+1} - k_q, \sigma_q) (\sigma_q; \sigma_q - k_q, k_q - \sigma_{q-1}, \sigma_{q-1} - k_{q-1}, k_{q-1} - \sigma_{q-2}, \dots, \sigma_2 - k_2, k_2 - \sigma_1, \sigma_1 - k_0, \sigma_0) =$$

$$2^{\sigma_n - \sigma_0} (\sigma_n; \sigma_n - \sigma_{n-1}, \sigma_{n-1} - \sigma_{n-2}, \dots, \sigma_2 - \sigma_1, \sigma_1 - \sigma_0, \sigma_0); \sigma_0 \in \mathbb{N} \wedge \sigma_1 \in \mathbb{N} \wedge \dots \wedge \sigma_n \in \mathbb{N} \wedge$$

$$\sigma_0 \leq \sigma_1 \leq \dots \leq \sigma_{n-1} \leq \sigma_n \wedge q \in \mathbb{N} \wedge 0 \leq q \leq n \wedge n \in \mathbb{N}^+$$

Representations through equivalent functions

With related functions

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$$(n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_m; n_1, n_2, \dots, n_m) = \frac{n!}{\prod_{k=1}^m n_k!} /; n = \sum_{k=1}^m n_k$$

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$$(n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_m; n_1, n_2, \dots, n_m) = \frac{(n_m + 1)_{n-n_m}}{\prod_{k=1}^{m-1} \Gamma(n_k + 1)} /; n = \sum_{k=1}^m n_k$$

Theorems

The multinomial expansion

$$(a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_m)^n = \sum_{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_m=0}^n \delta_{n, n_1+n_2+\dots+n_m}(n; n_1, n_2, \dots, n_m) \prod_{k=1}^m a_k^{n_k}.$$

The derivative of product

$$\frac{\partial^n}{\partial z^n} \prod_{k=1}^m f_k(z) = \sum_{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_m=0}^n \delta_{n, n_1+n_2+\dots+n_m}(n; n_1, n_2, \dots, n_m) \prod_{k=1}^m \frac{\partial^{n_k}}{\partial z^{n_k}} f_k(z)$$

The expected value of the number of real roots of a system of n sparse polynomial equations in n variables

The expected value of the number of real roots of a system of n sparse polynomial equations in n variables can be expressed in multinomials and the volume of the corresponding Newton polytopes.

Generalized multinomial theorem

$$A_n(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m, p_1, p_2, \dots, p_m) = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} k! (k+x) A_{n-k}(x_1+k, x_2, \dots, x_m, p_1-1, p_2, \dots, p_m) /;$$

$$A_n(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m, p_1, p_2, \dots, p_m) = \sum_{k_1, k_2, \dots, k_m=0}^n \delta_{n, k_1+k_2+\dots+k_m}(k_1+k_2+\dots+k_m;$$

$$k_1, k_2, \dots, k_m) \prod_{j=1}^m (x_j + k_j)^{k_j+p_j} /; n \in \mathbb{N} \wedge p_1, p_2, \dots, p_m \in \mathbb{Z}$$

The volume of the d -dimensional region

The volume V of the d -dimensional region $\sum_{k=1}^d |x_k|^{p_k} < 1$ is $V = 2^d / s(\sum_{k=1}^d p_k^{-1}; p_1^{-1}, p_2^{-1}, \dots, p_d^{-1})$.

History

–C. F. Hindenburg (1779)

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