

Factorial ! 0 0 0 Out Of (Combinations)

<p>For a non-negative integer argument y, the definition is $x! = \Gamma(1+y)$. In general, $x!$ is $\Gamma(1+x)$ (the gamma function). Thus:</p> <pre> (*)/1 2 3 4 5) , (!5) 120 120]x=: 2 %~ 3 -- i. 2 4 _1.5 _1 _0.5 0 0.5 1 1.5 2 !x _3.54491 _ 1.77245 1 0.886227 1 1.32934 2]fi=:!^:_1(24 25 2.1 9876) 4 4.02705 2.05229 7.33019 ! fi 24 25 2.1 9876 </pre>	<p>For non-negative arguments $x!y$ is the number of ways that x things can be chosen out of y. More generally, $x!y$ is $(y!)/(x!(y-x)!)$. Thus:</p> <pre> 3!5 10 (!5)%(!3)*(!5-3) 10 1j2 ! 3.5 8.64269j16.9189]y=:2&!^:_1 (45 4.1 30 123) 10 3.40689 8.26209 16.1924 2 ! y 45 4.1 30 123]x=:!&10^:_1 (2.5 45) 0.3433618 2 x ! 10 2.5 45 </pre>
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The first table below illustrates the relation between the dyad $!$ and the table of binomial coefficients; the last two illustrate its relation to the figurate numbers:

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h=: 0,i=: i.5 [ j=: -1+i.5 [ k=: 5#1
tables=: ( ,.h);(i,i!/i);(j,i!/j);(k,i(+/\^:)k)
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format tables

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0	0 1 2 3 4	_1 _2 _3 _4 _5	1 1 1 1 1
+--+	+-----+	+-----+	+-----+
0	1 1 1 1 1	1 1 1 1 1	1 1 1 1 1
1	0 1 2 3 4	_1 _2 _3 _4 _5	1 2 3 4 5
2	0 0 1 3 6	1 3 6 10 15	1 3 6 10 15
3	0 0 0 1 4	_1 _4 _10 _20 _35	1 4 10 20 35
4	0 0 0 0 1	1 5 15 35 70	1 5 15 35 70
+--+	+-----+	+-----+	+-----+
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Figurate numbers of order zero are all ones; those of higher orders result from successive applications of subtotals (that is, sums over prefixes, or $+/\backslash$). Those of order two are the triangular numbers, resulting from subtotals over the integers beginning with one.