comb()-	- Combinatorial function	

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comb(n, k) returns the elementwise combinatorial function *n*-choose-*k*, the number of ways to choose *k* items from *n* items, regardless of order.

Syntax

real matrix comb(real matrix n, real matrix k)

Conformability

 $\begin{array}{rcl} \texttt{comb}(n,\,k): & & \\ & n: & r_1 \times c_1 \\ & k: & r_2 \times c_2, & n \text{ and } k \text{ r-conformable} \\ & & \\ & result: & & \max(r_1,r_2) \times \max(c_1,c_2) \end{array}$

Diagnostics

comb(n, k) returns missing when either argument is missing or when the result would be larger than 10^{300} .

Also see

[M-4] Statistical — Statistical functions

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