

1. LARGE FACTORIALS TO 6 PLACES BY: BILL BARRETT #151A
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STEP	INSTRUCTIONS	INPUT DATA/UNITS	KEYS	OUTPUT DATA/UNITS
1	Read both sides of Card			
2	Input n for n! to 6 places	n	A	n! Char.
3	Find exponent for n!		E	exponent
4	Recall n after computing n!		B	n
5	Calculate approximate n!	n	D	n! Char.
6	Find exponent for n!		E	exponent

Note: in either (2) or (5), n can vary from 1 to 1x10⁹⁸.

*(For n between 1 and 69,

program uses n! in calculator)

Approximate times to compute

n! using step (2):

n	Time to Find n!
100	24 sec.
200	1 min. 23 sec.
500	4 min. 19 sec.
1000	10 min. 14 sec.
10,000	1 hr. 56 min.
1,000,000	197 hrs.

Values Calculated

n	HP 67 n!	Correct n!
100	9.332621554x10 ¹⁵⁷	9.332621544x10 ¹⁵⁷
1000	4.023872616x10 ²⁵⁶⁷	4.023872601x10 ²⁵⁶⁷
10,000	2.846259718x10 ³⁵⁶⁵⁹	??
100,000	2.824229458x10 ⁴⁵⁶⁵⁷³	??

n! program works by stripping exponent from 69! and multiplying by 70, 71, etc. to n, removing the exponent whenever the resulting product reaches 1x10⁹⁹ in value. Thus it prevents an over-run. Exponent found using log of my modification of Stirling's approximation for large n!. Approximate n! also uses the approximation formula: $n! \approx (1 + \frac{1}{2n}) \left(\frac{n}{e}\right)^n (2\pi n)^{1/2}$. This yields n! of at least 6 place accuracy for n between 70 and 2000, to 4 places at n=10,000.

A	n!	B	RCL n	C	D	x n!	E	EXP
0		0		0		0		0
1	x	1	x	2	x	3		4
2	x	5	x	7		8		9

Flag Set Status

0	OFF	1	OFF	2	OFF	3	OFF
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Registers

0	x	1	x	2		3	x	4	x
5	x	6	x	7		8	x	9	x

0		1		2		3		4	
5		6		7		8		9	

A	B	C	D	E	F	x
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001	ALBL	21 11	020	STOR	22 05	077	RTN	24
002	STOR	35 04	040	STOR	22 05	078	ALBL	21 00
003	DSP	-63 05	041	ALBL	21 05	079	RCL	36 04
004	EEX	-23	042	RCL	36 09	080	P1	16-24
005	9	09	043	ST+3	35-24 03	081	x	-35
006	3	03	044	STOR	22 01	082	x	02
007	STOR	35 05	045	ALBL	21 02	083	x	-35
008	RCL	36 04	046	RCL	36 04	084	LOC	16 32
009	6	06	047	n!	16 32	085	2	02
010	9	09	048	RTN	24	086	+	-24
011	STOR	35 01	049	ALBL	21 06	087	1	01
012	XCV	-41	050	RCL	36 03	088	e ^x	33
013	XCV	16-35	051	ENT	-21	089	RCL	36 04
014	STOR	22 02	052	LOC	16 32	090	+	-24
015	RCL	36 01	053	INT	16 34	091	1/X	32
016	n!	16 32	054	10 ^x	16 33	092	LOC	16 32
017	EEX	-23	055	+	-24	093	RCL	36 04
018	9	09	056	STOR	35 05	094	x	-35
019	0	00	057	CSOR	23 00	095	+	-35
020	+	-24	058	STOR	35 00	096	RCL	36 04
021	STOR	35 03	059	INT	16 34	097	ENT	-21
022	RCL	36 01	060	STOR	35 06	098	1	01
023	STOR	35 00	061	RCL	36 05	099	2	02
024	1	01	062	RTN	24	100	x	-35
025	1	01	063	ALBL	21 15	101	+	-62
026	CHS	-22	064	RCL	36 06	102	7	07
027	STOR	35 06	065	DSP	-63 00	103	-	-45
028	ALBL	21 01	066	RTN	24	104	1/X	32
029	1	01	067	ALBL	21 14	105	1	01
030	ST+0	35-35 00	068	STOR	35 04	106	+	-35
031	RCL	36 00	069	DSP	-63 00	107	LOC	16 32
032	ST+3	35-35 03	070	CSOR	23 00	108	+	-35
033	RCL	36 04	071	STOR	35 00	109	RTN	24
034	XCV	16-33	072	INT	16 34	110	ALBL	21 12
035	STOR	22 06	073	STOR	35 06	111	RCL	36 04
036	RCL	36 03	074	RCL	36 00	112	RTN	24
037	RCL	36 09	075	FRC	16 44	113	R/S	51
038	XCV	16-35	076	10 ^x	16 33			

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Imagine being shown a deck of ordinary palying cards. You fan them out and remove the Jokers. There is no apparent order to the deck but you cut the cards several times anyway and riffle-shuffle once or twice using your best "water-fall" flourish to square up the cards again. The cards are now divided into two nearly equal piles. You remove a card from the middle of one pile, memorize it, and place it in the middle of the opposite pile. Set either one of the two piles aside since it won't be needed. Cut the remaining pile several times and shuffle it again to be certain the cards are well mixed. You proceed to enter the value and suit of each card from the chosen pile on your calculator. When you press R/S, the calculator will concentrate intently for a few moments and display the card you selected.

Perhaps you would like the following variation even more. After the cards are cut several times and riffle-shuffled once, you divide the deck into a small and a large pile. The small pile contains a dozen or so cards. You remove a card from the small pile and place it, sight unseen, in your pocket. Now select a card from the middle of the large pile. Memorize it and place it in the middle of the small pile. Thoroughly shuffle the small pile and enter the value and suit of each card on the calculator. After a few seconds, the calculator will display the selected card. When you are ready to continue, press R/S again. This time the calculator will predict the unknown card in your pocket!

Sounds impossible? Both of these feats are easy with the Impossible Discovery program described here. The original version of this program was first published in V3N3 of "65 NOTES." A major drawback of that program was that it required a deck of 48 numbered cards such as those found in a game called "RACK-O." A playing card version was subsequently created and published under the title "Impossible Discovery II" and may be obtained from the HP-65 Users Library (#04746A). The program described here is the result of many requests for a version that would run on the HP-67 or HP-97. It features a number of improvements over the previous versions such as: faster data entry, faster execution time, the entire program is contained on a single magnetic card, the last card entered can be recalled or deleted, and the program discovers two cards and not just one.

In order to perform the trick, you must arrange the cards beforehand in a predetermined order. The best way to accomplish this is to divide the cards into four suits. Arrange each suit in ascending order by counting off the cards, face up, starting with the Ace and ending with the King. After the suits are arranged, cut the Spades so that the 3 is on top. Cut the Hearts, Clubs and Diamonds so that the 6, 9 and Queen respectively are on top. Now pick up the top card from each pile in rotation, placing it face down in your left hand. Mentally check yourself by adding

three to the previous card and always pick up the cards in the same order: Spades, Hearts, Clubs, Diamonds. When you are finished, the order of the face down cards from the bottom of the deck to the top should be 3S, 6H, 9C, QD, 2S, 5H, etc. Put the two Jokers on top if you have them.

The presentation of the trick has already been described. There are a few limitations, however, you must keep in mind to be successful. First, only simple cuts are permitted. You may avoid false cuts by asking the spectator to cut the deck into two piles at the start. Once this is done, tell him to complete the cut by placing one pile on the other. Tell him that he may repeat this process a time or two if he desires. Actually, it makes no difference how many times he does this. The riffle-shuffle, on the other hand, introduces a measure of uncertainty to the process of finding the selected cards. The chance of a mis-calculation is minimized by: 1) restricting the spectator to one riffle-shuffle, 2) having sufficient cards in each pile, and 3) selecting a card close to the middle of the pile. Under ideal circumstances, the trick can be performed with as few as five or six cards and the card may be as close as third from the end. With two riffle-shuffles, it is essential that the deck be divided into nearly equal piles and that cards near the center be selected. The probability of finding the selected cards decreases if the shuffling is sloppy. With two "average" shuffles, you have about a 70 percent chance of getting both cards.

Entering cards on the calculator is easy. First load both sides of the magnetic card and press R/S to initialize the program. Press the digit corresponding to the value of the card (Ace=1, Jack=11, Queen=12, King=13) and then press "A" for Diamonds, "B" for Clubs, "C" for Hearts, or "D" for Spades. To reduce the chance of error, use a small piece of gummed typewriter correction tape over the -, + and x keys. Relabel these keys Jack, King and Queen, respectively. The calculator will now automatically produce the correct value when the appropriate key is pressed. Also note that it is not necessary to press "I" for an Ace; in this case, simply press the key corresponding to the suit.

If you make a mistake or can't remember the last card entered, press "E" and the display will briefly show the value and suit of the last card entered. The value is displayed to the left of the decimal point and the suit is displayed to the right according to the scheme: Diamonds=.01, Clubs=.02, Hearts=.03, and Spade=.04. This is easy to remember since it is the same order as the suit entry keys. You may delete the last card, if it is incorrect, by pressing "f" and then "e". When all of the cards are entered, press R/S to obtain one of the selected cards. If the card is among those read in, a positive value is displayed. A negative value, on the other hand, indicates that the card in the display is not among those read in, i.e., in the pocket or the other pile.

There are several things you should keep in mind that will enhance your presentation. At no time should you ever see the selected cards. This will remove suspicion that you are in any way helping the calculator. It also helps if you let the spectator enter the cards on the calculator. As with any trick, the presentation should be practiced several times to be sure that you understand and remember the directions, and that you have the cards arranged properly. You may also want to work out a patter to go with the trick. Perhaps something about automation taking over magic or how you and the HP-67 are going to beat the odds at Vegas. You should emphasize whatever aspects of the trick impress you the most. For example the fact that the cards are completely mixed up when they are read in, that the calculator doesn't know whether the selected card is among those read in or not, or that you've only given the calculator about a dozen cards out of the whole deck. You may also want to have a second deck prepared in your coat pocket in case someone insists that you do it again. In this eventuality, you want everyone to be convinced that the cards are in complete disarray when you begin the second time. You can help create this impression by idly shuffling the first deck while the cards are being picked up and the trick is being discussed. Make a production of this by spilling a few cards or exaggerating the shuffle as you describe how well the cards were mixed. Insist that the HP-67 never repeats a trick and pocket the first deck. Make up some excuses about it being too much strain on the batteries and the logic having to cool down before you reluctantly agree to do it again. This time produce the second deck from the same pocket. You may also want to do the handling yourself to avoid any mischief. Explain that you will do things just the same way in slow-motion so that everyone can follow what is happening. Better yet, you should actually demonstrate the other variation to add a slightly different twist to the mystery.

Inevitably people will want to know how it works. Unless you have really done your homework, the best response is an honest "I don't know." I usually tell everyone that it was a lucky guess or that it's actually magic and leave it at that. For an explanation, though, you should read "Mathematics, Magic and Mystery" by Martin Gardner, available from Dover Publications

(T335). The original trick was created by Charles Jordan and called Magic by Mail because the selected card was literally determined through the mail. The computerized version described here is considerably faster and avoids much of the work involved. In a future article, I will tell you how to add another amazing card discovery to this program. In the meantime, you can enjoy demonstrating the marvelous power of your HP-67 to your friends. Keep the secret. W.M.KOLB (265)



001 CLPC 16-53	061 XYY? 16-32	121 #L6L5 21 05
002 5 -42	062 SF2 16 21 02	122 CFB 16 22 00
003 5 05	063 LSTX 16-63	123 RCLC 36 13
004 ST02 35 02	064 INT 16 34	124 X -35
005 2 02	065 IS21 16 26 46	125 XXY -41
006 ST04 35 11	066 GTC3 22 03	126 RCLB 36 12
007 4 04	067 RJ -31	127 X -35
008 ST08 35 12	068 RCL1 36 01	128 + -35
009 1 01	069 GT03 22 02	129 RCLF 36 15
010 3 03	070 #L6L4 21 04	130 + -24
011 ST0C 35 13	071 XBP? 16-42	131 FRC 16 44
012 ENT? -21	072 SF2 16 21 02	132 RCLF 36 15
013 + -35	073 LSTX 16-63	133 X -35
014 ST0D 35 14	074 ST0D 35 00	134 RND 16 24
015 ENT? -21	075 2 02	135 ST03 35 03
016 + -35	076 5 05	136 EEX -23
017 ST0E 35 15	077 RCL1 36 46	137 XXY -41
018 CF1 16 22 01	078 + -35	138 XBP? 16-43
019 CLX -51	079 GSB6 23 16 12	139 SF1 16 21 01
020 ST0D 35 00	080 F2? 16 23 02	140 XYY? 16-33
021 ST01 35 01	081 CNE -22	141 SF2 16 21 02
022 #L6L1 21 01	082 R/S 51	142 RCLB 36 11
023 DSP8 -63 00	083 G704 22 16 11	143 XXY -41
024 #L6L2 21 02	084 #L6L4 21 16 12	144 RCLD 36 14
025 1 01	085 ST03 35 03	145 XYY? 16-34
026 2 02	086 EEX -23	146 SF0 16 21 00
027 ENT? -21	087 XXY -41	147 F0? 16 23 00
028 EEX -23	088 3 03	148 CLX -31
029 R/S 51	089 X -35	149 - -45
030 RCLD 36 14	090 RCLC 36 13	150 Y 31
031 CNE -22	091 + -24	151 ST04 35 04
032 XCI 16-41	092 FRC 16 44	152 F0? 16 23 00
033 ST06 35 06	093 - -45	153 ST+8 35-55 00
034 DS21 16 25 46	094 RCLC 36 13	154 F0? 16 23 00
035 RCLB 36 11	095 X -35	155 CLX -31
036 RCLD 36 14	096 RCL3 36 03	156 ST+1 35-55 01
037 Y 31	097 RCLB 36 12	157 IS21 16 26 46
038 F1? 16 23 01	098 + -24	158 GT02 22 02
039 ST+1 35-55 01	099 FRC 16 44	159 #L6L6 21 15
040 ENT? -21	100 RCLB 36 12	160 RCL3 36 03
041 + -35	101 X -35	161 GSB6 23 16 12
042 F2? 16 23 02	102 EEX -23	162 FSE 16 51
043 ST+1 35-55 01	103 + -35	163 GT01 22 01
044 #L6L4 21 16 11	104 EEX -23	164 #L6L6 21 16 15
045 RCL1 36 01	105 2 02	165 PCL4 36 04
046 IS21 16 26 46	106 + -24	166 F0? 16 23 00
047 RCLB 36 00	107 + -35	167 ST-8 35-45 00
048 ST0D 35 00	108 DSP2 -63 02	168 F0? 16 23 00
049 RCL2 36 02	109 RTH 24	169 CLX -51
050 X -35	110 #L6L4 21 11	170 ST-1 35-45 01
051 FRC 16 44	111 RCL5 36 05	171 RCL3 36 03
052 RCLB 36 00	112 GT05 22 05	172 XBP? 16-43
053 #L6L3 21 03	113 #L6L6 21 12	173 CF1 16 22 01
054 RCL2 36 02	114 EEX -23	174 EEX -23
055 X -35	115 GT05 22 05	175 XYY? 16-33
056 FRC 16 44	116 #L6L6 21 13	176 CF2 16 22 02
057 F2? 16 23 02	117 RCLB 36 11	177 DS21 16 25 46
058 XYY? 16-33	118 GT05 22 05	178 GT02 22 02
059 F2? 16 23 02	119 #L6L6 21 14	179 ST02 22 02
060 ST04 22 04	120 3 03	180 R/S 51

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LARGE FACTORIALS, PERMUTATIONS & COMBINATIONS

This program is based on Jim Davidson's (547) HP-25 program for large n factorials in V5N2P24. It is quite reliable for at least 8 digit accuracy, tho firmware and approximation formulas may be more accurate in the range of applicability of each of them. This program makes it possible to go well beyond the hardware limit of dynamic range, however.

Record the card in Display FIX 0 mode. The program will print the arguments and answer on the HP-97. The Print commands should be deleted for the HP-67. Answers are printed in scientific notation: mantissa on one line, exponent of ten on following line.

User Instructions:

- For factorial n: Key n; key A
Machine prints: n; mantissa; exponent.
- For permutation of n things taken n at a time:
Key: n, Enter, n, P(Printout as above.)
- For combination of n things taken n at a time:
Key: n, Enter, n, C