

Upper Bound Derivation for $C(m,n)$
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In the following it is shown that for $n > 1$ and $m > 3n + 1$, $C(m, n)$ is bounded by

$$C(m,n) < \frac{2m^n}{n!} \quad (1.3.7)$$

From Equation (1.3.4) we may proceed from the expression for $C(m, n)$, for the case $m > n + 1$, as follows

$$\begin{aligned} C(m,n) &= 2 \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{m-1}{i} = 2 \binom{m-1}{n} \left[1 + \frac{n}{m-n} + \frac{n(n-1)}{(m-n)(m-n+1)} + \dots + \frac{n!}{(m-1)(m-2)\dots(m-n)} \right] \\ &< 2 \binom{m-1}{n} \left[1 + \frac{n}{m-n} + \frac{n^2}{(m-n)^2} + \dots \right] \end{aligned}$$

Now, assuming $m > 2n$ in the preceding expression, the term in brackets forms a geometric series in $n/(m-n)$ which allows us to express the preceding inequality as

$$C(m,n) < 2 \binom{m-1}{n} \frac{m-n}{m-2n} \quad (1.3.8)$$

Before proceeding further with the derivation, it is noted that in the limit of large n , the preceding expansion converges to the following useful approximation

$$\lim_{\substack{n \rightarrow \infty \\ m > 2n}} C(m,n) = 2 \binom{m-1}{n} \frac{m-n}{m-2n} \quad (1.3.9)$$

This result will be employed in Section 1.5. Getting back to Equation (1.3.8) one may proceed as follows

$$\begin{aligned} C(m,n) &< 2 \binom{m-1}{n} \frac{m-n}{m-2n} = 2 \frac{(m-1)(m-2)\dots(m-(n-1))}{n!} \left(\frac{m-n}{m-2n} \right) \\ &< \frac{2}{n!} m^{n-2} \frac{(m-n+1)(m-n)(m-n)}{m-2n} \end{aligned}$$

where $n > 1$ was assumed. Now, since one can show that for $m > 3n + 1$ the rightmost ratio in the preceding expression satisfies the inequality

$$\frac{(m-n+1)(m-n)(m-n)}{m-2n} < m^2$$

one obtains the desired result

$$C(m,n) < \frac{2}{n!} m^{n-2} m^2 = 2 \frac{m^n}{n!} .$$