# Excel \& Business Math <br> Video/Class Project \#06 <br> Formula Elements and Formula Tips For Business Math (17 Examples) 

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## Math Operators:

() Parentheses.
^ Raising to an exponent. ("caret", like carrot)

* Multiplying.
/ Dividing.
+ Adding.
- Subtracting or Negation.

Math Operators on the Standard Keyboard:
( $\quad$ Shift +9
) Shift +0
$\wedge \quad$ Shift + 6

* Shift + 8, or Number Pad
/ / Key, or Number Pad
+ Shift +=, or Number Pad
-     - Key, or Number Pad


## 2) Math Order of Operations

i. When using more than one math operator in a formula you must evaluate the math operators in this order:

| Math order of operations | Math order of operations |
| :---: | :---: |
| 1 First, do everything in the parentheses | 1 () |
| 2 Second, do all exponents | 2 |
| 3 Third, do all multiplication and division, left to right | 3 * / Left to Right |
| 4 Fourth, do all adding and subtracting, left to right | 4 +- Left to Right |

By Hand Examples:


500

Excel Examples:


## 3) Watch How Excel Calculates Your Formula with Evaluate Formula feature

i. If we want to see how Excel evaluates or calculates our formula one step at a time, we can use the Evaluate Formula feature in Excel.
ii. Here are the steps to evaluate your formula:

1. Select cell with formula
2. In the Formula Ribbon Tab, go to the Formula Auditing group, then click on the Evaluate Formula button
3. Then use the Evaluate button or the Enter key to step through and watch Excel calculate your formula one step at a time.


## 4) What to do if Arrow Keys do NOT put Cell Reference in Formula.

i. Note about Arrow Keys for putting Cell References into formulas: : If you try to use the arrow keys to put a Cell Reference in the formula and it does not work, hit F2 key to toggle it back to "Enter" mode as seen on the left side of the Status Bar.

1. Enter means you can use Arrow Keys to get a Cell Reference
2. Point means that you are currently using the Arrow Keys to get a Cell Reference
3. Edit means Arrow Keys will move Left to Right in the Formula itself.
i. When we use comparative operators, the formula (or formula element) will deliver a TRUE or FALSE and is considered a Logical Formula.
ii. The following table show the different Comparative Operators in Excel:
$=$ Equal: are two things equal?
<> Not: are two things not equal? Type less than symbol, then greater than symbol.
$>$ Greater than: is the thing on the left greater than the thing on the right?
$>=$ Greater than or equal to: is the thing on the left greater than or equal to the thing on the right?
< Less than: is the thing on the left less than the thing on the right?
$<=$ Less than or equal to: is the thing on the left less than or equal to the thing on the right?

## By Hand Examples:

$\underbrace{\text { Example 6: }}_{\text {FALSE }} \underbrace{448.00=448.01}_{\text {TRUE }} \underbrace{63500>=55000}_{\text {Example 7: }}$

## Excel Examples:

| 4 | A | B | C | D | E | F |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Comparative Operators. |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 |  | Equal: are two things equal? |  |  |  |  |
| 3 |  | Not: are two things not equal? Type less than symbol, then greater than symbol. |  |  |  |  |
| 4 |  | Greater than: is the thing on the left greater than the thing on the right? |  |  |  |  |
| 5 |  | Greater than or equal to: is the thing on the left greater than or equal to the thing on the right? Less than: is the thing on the left less than the thing on the right? |  |  |  |  |
| 6 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7 |  | Less than or equal to: is the thing on the left less than or equal to the thing on the right? |  |  |  |  |
| 8 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9 | Ex 6 | Goal: Determine If Debits = Credits |  |  |  |  |
| 10 |  | Debit (DR) | Credit (CR) |  |  |  |
| 11 |  | 35.74 | 35.74 |  |  |  |
| 12 |  | 73.61 | 73.61 |  |  |  |
| 13 |  | 113.08 | 113.08 |  |  |  |
| 14 |  | 100.49 | 100.5 |  |  |  |
| 15 |  | 17.7 | 17.7 |  |  |  |
| 16 |  | 107.38 | 107.38 |  | In Balance? |  |
| 17 |  | 448.00 | 448.01 |  | FALSE | $=\mathrm{B} 17=\mathrm{C} 17$ |
| 18 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 19 | Ex7 | Goal: Determine If Employee Gets a Bonus |  |  |  |  |
| 20 |  | Employee | Sales | Do they Get Bonus? |  |  |
| 21 |  | Emma Petrov | \$63,500.00 | TRUE | =C21>=\$D\$28 |  |
| 22 |  | Rolando Robbins | \$55,000.00 | TRUE |  |  |
| 23 |  | Abdi Amari | \$74,558.65 | TRUE |  |  |
| 24 |  | ShelaDown Cohen | \$53,741.33 | FALSE |  |  |
| 25 |  | Sioux Radcoolinator | \$37,251.06 | FALSE |  |  |
| 26 |  | Miki Ito | \$55,000 | FALSE |  |  |
| 27 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 28 |  |  | Hurdle to Get Bonus | \$55,000.00 |  |  |

iii. For each Comparative Operator there are many ways to phrase the operator. This means that you can articulate a particular comparative operator in various ways. Below list a list of different phrases that may be used for each operator:

| Comparative Operator: | $=$ | $>$ | $>=$ | $<$ | < | <> |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Possible Words: | equal | greater than | greater than or equal to | less than | less than or equal to | not |
|  |  | more than | at least | below | at most | complement of |
|  |  | above | no less than | under | no more than |  |
|  |  |  | X or more |  | X or less |  |
| Examples of Words: | equals 2000 | greater than 2000 | greater than or equal to 2000 | less than 2000 | less than or equal to 2000 | not 2000 |
|  |  | more than 2000 | at least 2000 | below 2000 | at most 2000 | complement of $2000$ |
|  |  | above 2000 | no less than 2000 | under 2000 | no more than 2000 |  |
|  |  |  | 2000 or more |  | 2000 or less |  |

If Hurdle: 2000
6) Types of Formulas seen in this class:

1) Number formulas deliver a single number answers such as a tax deduction or a monthly insurance expense.

Example:

| 4 | B | C | D | E | F | G |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 59 | Product | Beginning Quantity | End <br> Quantity | Value <br> Each | COGS |  |
| 60 | Aspen | 114 | 45 | 10 | 690 | $=(\mathrm{C} 60-\mathrm{D} 60)^{*} \mathrm{E} 60$ |
| 61 | Quad | 146 | 117 | 20 | 580 |  |
| 62 | Carlota | 108 | 102 | 15 | 90 |  |
| 63 | Bellen | 61 | 47 | 10 | 140 |  |
| 64 | Sunset | 54 | 51 | 12 | 36 |  |

2) Logical formulas (Boolean Formulas) deliver a TRUE or FALSE.
i. When we use comparative operators, the formula (or formula element) will deliver a TRUE or FALSE.

Example:

3) Other Types of formulas in Excel that are not seen in this class (but are seen in other classes I teach at Highline):
i. Text Formulas
ii. Array Formulas
iii. DAX Formulas
iv. Power Query Formulas

1) Equal Sign as first character in cell starts all formulas.
2) Follow Excel's Golden Rule for formula inputs
i. If a formula input can change, put it into a cell and refer to it in the formula with a cell reference.
ii. If a formula input will not change, you can type it into a formula (like 12 months in a year or 7 days in a week). Typing a Formula Input into a formula is called "Hard Coding" Formula Input into formula.
iii. Always label your formula inputs so that the formula input can be clearly understood by any user of the Excel spreadsheet solution.
3) Formula Elements (things you can put into a formula):
i. Equal Sign to Start Formula
ii. Cell References:
1. Relative Cell References, like: A1 or A1:A10
2. Absolute Cell References, like: \$A\$1 or \$A\$1:\$A\$10
iii. Math operators: -, +, ?, *, ^, and ()
iv. Numbers (if they won't change)
v. Built-in Functions, like SUM or ROUND
vi. Comparative operators, $>,<,>=,<=,=,<>$
4) Math Order of Operations:
i. When using more than one math operator, this is the order in which Excel will calculate the operations:
1. Operations inside Parenthesis
2. Exponents
3. Multiplication \& Division, Left To Right
4. Adding \& Subtracting, Left To Right
5) Use ROUND Function When Three Conditions Met:
i. You are required to round, like with Money.
ii. You have extraneous decimals, like past the penny position.
iii. You will use formula result in a subsequent formula.
6) SUM Function hints:
i. Use SUM Function rather than many plus symbols.
1. It is faster.
2. If you insert a row in between the start and end cell in the range, SUM will update.
3. YES: $=$ SUM (D128:D137)
4. NO: $=\mathrm{C} 128+\mathrm{C} 129+\mathrm{C} 130+\mathrm{C} 131+\mathrm{C} 132+\mathrm{C} 133+\mathrm{C} 134+\mathrm{C} 135+\mathrm{C} 136+\mathrm{C} 137$
ii. Do not wrap SUM Function around a calculation when the SUM Function is not necessary:
5. It is adds unnecessary complication to the formula: Formula is harder to read and internally it takes Excel longer to calculate
6. YES: $=\mathrm{D} 146 / 12$

NO: =SUM(C146/12)

| 4 | A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | I | J |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 32 | Ex 8 | Goal: Calculate average and maximum value for each quiz <br> Type of Formula: Number Formula. <br> Formula Elements: Equal Sign, Built-in Function, <br> Relative Range of Cells |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 33 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 34 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 35 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 36 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 37 |  | Student | Quiz 1 | Quiz 2 | Quiz 3 | Quiz 4 |  |  |  |  |
| 38 |  | Sioux | 17 | 13 | 10 | 23 |  |  |  |  |
| 39 |  | Tyrone | 24 | 21 | 24 | 25 |  |  |  |  |
| 40 |  | Abdi | 15 | 12 | 13 | 15 |  |  |  |  |
| 41 |  | Gigi | 25 | 19 | 23 | 24 |  |  |  |  |
| 42 |  | Timmy | 19 | 15 | 9 | 7 |  |  |  |  |
| 43 |  | Chin | 23 | 17 | 23 | 9 |  |  |  |  |
| 44 |  | Miki | 15 | 19 | 20 | 25 |  |  |  |  |
| 45 |  | Average | 20 | 17 | 17 | 18 | Formula in | ER |  |  |
| 46 |  | Max | 25 | 21 | 24 | 25 | Formula in | X |  |  |
| 47 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 48 | Ex 9 | Goal: Calculate Mo | nsurance Expense. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 49 |  | Type of Formula: | Formula. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 50 |  | Formula Element | Sign, Cell Reference |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 51 |  | Math Operator, Num |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 52 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 53 |  | Annual Insurance | \$13,500.00 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 54 |  | Monthly Allocation | \$1,125.00 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 55 |  |  | Formula in cell C54 | is: $=C 53 / 12$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 56 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 57 | Ex 10 | Goal: Calculate Cost | oods Sold (COGS) in | Accounting |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 58 |  | Type of Formula: | r Formula. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 59 |  | Formula Element | Sign, Parenthesis, R | Relative Cell Refere | ence, Math Operato |  |  |  |  |  |
| 60 |  | Relative Cell Refere | Parenthesis, Math Op | Operator, Relative C | Cell Reference |  |  |  |  |  |
| 61 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 62 |  | Product | Beginning <br> Quantity | End Quantity | Value Each | COGS |  |  |  |  |
| 63 |  | Aspen | 100 | 50 | 10 | 500 | Formula in | 3-D |  |  |
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1) Equal sign, =
2) Cell references, like A1, \$A\$1, A1:A10, \$A\$1:\$A\$10
3) Math operators, $-,+, /,^{*}, \wedge$, and ()
4) Numbers (if they won't change), like 12 months
5) Built-in Functions, like SUM and ROUND
6) Comparative operators, $\gg,<,>=,<=,=,<>$

## Math order of operations

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$\wedge$

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+- Left to Right


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```
1 Parenthesis ()
2 Reference Operators: colon, comma
    Example of colon in range of cells: \(=\mathrm{SUM}(\mathrm{A} 1: \mathrm{A} 4)\)
    Example of comma (union): =SUM(E10:G10,E14:G14)
3 Negation (-)
    Example: \(=-2^{\wedge} 4=16\)
    Example: \(=-\left(2^{\wedge} 4\right)=-16\)
4 Converts \% (1\% to .01)
5 Exponents (^)
    Example: \(3^{\wedge} 2=9\)
6 Multiplication (*) and Division (/), left to right
7 Adding (+) and Subtracting (-), left to right
8 Ampersand (\&)
9 Comparative symbols: \(=,<>,>=,<=,<,>\)
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