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MATH

Mathematical ESS

Calculations...

Fetch calculators unless you have them already.

Simple Percentages

- ▶ You use the value divided by the total then multiply that answer by 100%
- ▶ E.g. $20 / 35 = 0.57143 \times 100 = 57.\underline{143}\%$
- ▶ Often more than 1 decimal place is not required so you should round to 1 decimal place.



Simple Average (Mean)

Add all the data together and divide by the number of entries.

E.g. Class test results...we add all of your scores together
 $20 + 25 + 80 + 60 + 70 + 55 + 95 + 70 = \underline{475}$

$$\frac{475}{8} = 59.375 \text{ is the average score}$$



Percentage Increase/Decrease

1. $\text{Starting Value} - \text{Finishing Value} = \text{change}$
2. $\text{Change} / \text{Starting Value} = \text{fraction of change}$
3. $\text{Fraction of change} \times 100 = \% \text{ increase or decrease}$



Pyramids of Productivity, Biomass or Numbers

- ▶ Creating Scaled pyramids should be relatively easy to complete.
- ▶ The pyramids should have 4 levels (4 trophic levels).
- ▶ Each of the different pyramids shows us something different.
- ▶ P.o. Numbers should have a wide base and narrow top although can be inverted.
- ▶ P.o. Biomass and Productivity should become narrower as it increases.



Practice

10000	Trophic Level 1
500	Trophic Level 2
180	Trophic Level 3
10	Trophic Level 4

Lake Species
Ecosystem

Tree Species
Ecosystem

1	Trophic Level 1
80	Trophic Level 2
20	Trophic Level 3
5	Trophic Level 4

3000	Trophic Level 1
300	Trophic Level 2
30	Trophic Level 3
3	Trophic Level 4

Transfer of
Energy



Lincoln Index

Estimation of
population size

$$N = \frac{n_1 \times n_2}{m}$$

N = Total population of species in
sample site.

n_1 = number of animals captured
on Day 1.

n_2 = number of animals captured
on Day 2.

m = number of recaptured animals
on Day 2.



1. 21 pheasant were caught, marked, and released. 23 were caught a second time, 5 of which had a marking. Estimate the population size.
2. 15 elephants were caught, marked, and released. 8 were caught a second time, 7 of which had a marking. Estimate the population size.
3. 162 Japanese Beetles were caught, marked, and released. 148 were caught a second time, 59 of which had a marking. Estimate the population size.
4. 8 tigers were caught, marked, and released. 4 were caught a second time, 4 of which had a marking. Estimate the population size.

How would we “capture” each of these species in order to count them?



Simpson's Diversity Index

Simpson's Diversity
measures the richness
of species.

$$D = \frac{N(N-1)}{\sum n(n-1)}$$

D = Diversity Index

N = Total number of
organisms of all
species.

n = number of
individual species
divided into species

Σ = sum of



Species	Number (n)	n(n-1)
Sea holly	2	
Sand couch	8	
Sea bindweed	1	
Sporobolus pungens	1	
Echinophora spinosa	3	
Total		
	N =	n(n-1) = 64

