



Microsoft Excel Advanced



COUNT Function

It counts the number of cells that contain numbers. It counts numbers within the list of arguments.

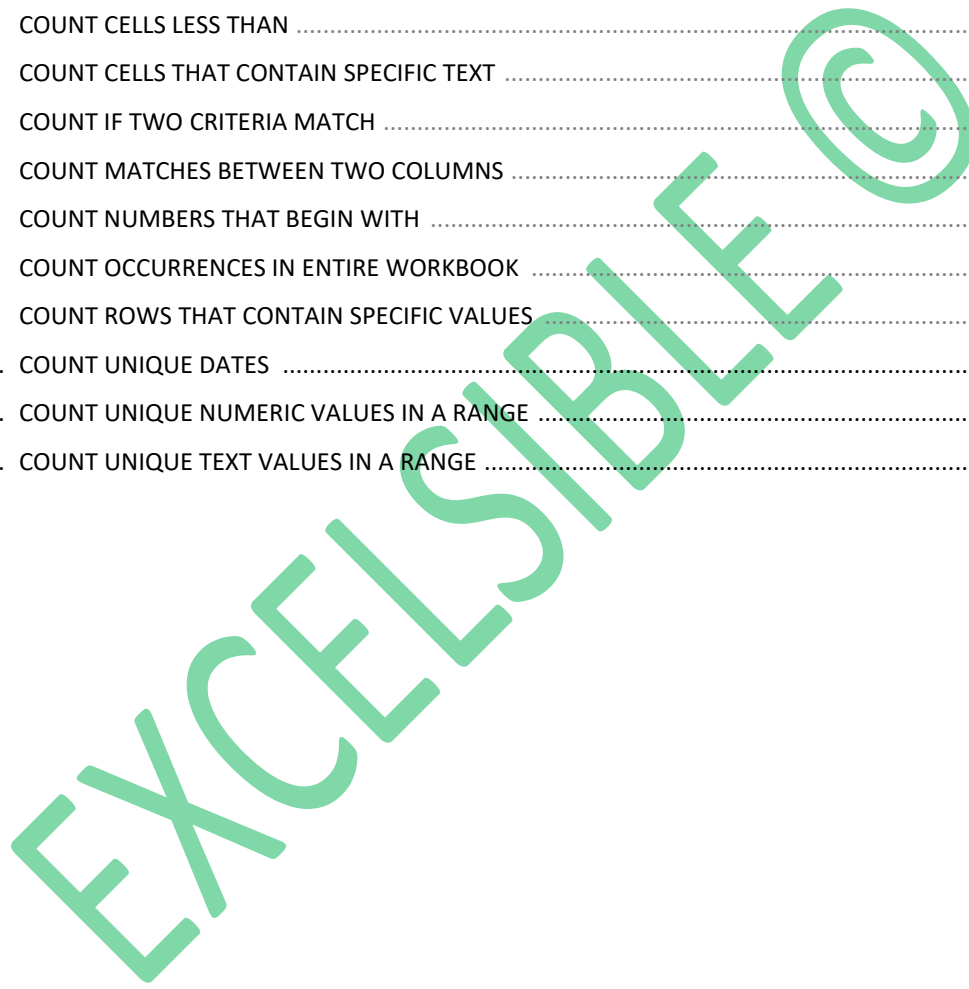
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1 COUNT CELLS EQUAL TO

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	Order	Size	Color	Amount				
2	01001	Large	Red	€ 14.00				
3	01002	Medium	Red	€ 14.00				
4	01003	Medium	Blue	€ 15.00				
5	01004	Small	Black	€ 18.00				
6	01005	Large	Blue	€ 15.00				
7	01006	Large	Purple	€ 18.00				
8	01007	Medium	Red	€ 17.00				
9	01008	Medium	Green	€ 15.00				
10	01009	Small	Blue	€ 15.00				
11	01010	Medium	Red	€ 17.00				
12	01011	Large	Purple	€ 18.00				
13	01012	Medium	Black	€ 18.00				

Count the number of cells equal to Red Color

Count of Red
4

=COUNTIF(C2:C13,"red")



FUNCTION 1

In this function, **COUNTIF** is counting the **number of cells** in the range **C2 : C13** that contain the text "red".

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2 COUNT CELLS GREATER THAN

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	Name	Score		Count the number of cells with score greater than 90				
2	Jim	79		Count the number of cells with score greater than or equal to 90				
3	Adrian	82						
4	Sandy	86						
5	Ayako	91						
6	Sylvia	77						
7	Miguel	81						
8	Yuri	90						
9	Kay	83						
10	Harry	75						
11	Jane	93						
12	Robert	70						
13	Emily	88						

CRITERIA	RESULT
>90	2
>=90	3

1
=COUNTIF(B2:B13,D5)

2
=COUNTIF(B2:B13,D6)

FUNCTION 1

In this function, **COUNTIF** is counting the **number of cells** in the range **B2 : B13** that are **equal to the value** in cell **D5**.

FUNCTION 2

In this function, **COUNTIF** is counting the **number of cells** in the range **B2 : B13** that are **equal to the value** in cell **D6**.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
17	Name	Score						
18	Jim	79						
19	Adrian	82						
20	Sandy	86						
21	Ayako	91						
22	Sylvia	77						
23	Miguel	81						
24	Yuri	90						
25	Kay	83						
26	Harry	75						
27	Jane	93						
28	Robert	70						
29	Emily	88						

CRITERIA	RESULT
90	2
	3

3
=COUNTIF(B18:B29,">" &D18)

4
=COUNTIF(B18:B29,">=" &D18)

FUNCTION 3

In this function, **COUNTIF** is counting the **number of cells** in the range **B18 : B29** that are **greater than the value** in cell **D18**.

FUNCTION 4

In this function, **COUNTIF** is counting the **number of cells** in the range **B18 : B29** that are **greater than or equal to the value** in cell **D18**.

3 COUNT CELLS LESS THAN

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	Name	Score		Count the number of cells with score less than 90				
2	Jim	79		Count the number of cells with score less than or equal to 90				
3	Adrian	82						
4	Sandy	86						
5	Ayako	91						
6	Sylvia	77						
7	Miguel	81						
8	Yuri	90						
9	Kay	83						
10	Harry	75						
11	Jane	93						
12	Robert	70						
13	Emily	88						

CRITERIA	RESULT
<75	1
<=75	2

1
=COUNTIF(B2:B13,D5)
2
=COUNTIF(B2:B13,D6)

FUNCTION 1

In this function, **COUNTIF** is counting the **number of cells** in the range **B2:B13** that are **equal to the criteria** in cell **D5**.

FUNCTION 2

In this function, **COUNTIF** is counting the **number of cells** in the range **B2:B13** that **equal to the criteria** in cell **D6**.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
17	Name	Score						
18	Jim	79						
19	Adrian	82						
20	Sandy	86						
21	Ayako	91						
22	Sylvia	77						
23	Miguel	81						
24	Yuri	90						
25	Kay	83						
26	Harry	75						
27	Jane	93						
28	Robert	70						
29	Emily	88						

CRITERIA	RESULT
75	1
	2

3
=COUNTIF(B18:B29,"<" &D18)
4
=COUNTIF(B18:B29,"<=" &D18)

FUNCTION 3

In this function, **COUNTIF** is counting the **number of cells** in the range **B18:B29** that are **less than the value** in cell **D18**.

FUNCTION 4

In this function, **COUNTIF** is counting the **number of cells** in the range **B18:B29** that are **less than or equal to the value** in cell **D18**.

4 COUNT CELLS THAT CONTAIN SPECIFIC TEXT

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	Data					
2	APP-0234-R					
3	APP-0235-G					
4	APP-0235-S					
5	AXX-0299-Y					
6	HAT-0456-B					
7	HAT-0457-R					
8	EQU-0876-S					
9	EQU-0877-S					
10	RSL-0933-F					
11	RSL-1044-R					
12	VXT-1414-R					

TARGET	COUNT
contains "a"	6
contains "2"	4
contains "-s"	3
contains "x"	2

as text

Count cells that contain specific text as shown below:

1
=COUNTIF(A2:A12, "*a*")
2
=COUNTIF(A2:A12, "*2*")
3
=COUNTIF(A2:A12, "*-s*")
4
=COUNTIF(A2:A12, "*x*")

FUNCTION 1

In this function, the range being counted is **A2:A12**.

The criterion is **"*a*"**, which means that the function will count the **number of cells** in the range that contain the letter **"a"** **anywhere within the cell**.

FUNCTION 2

In this function, the range being counted is **A2:A12**.

The criterion is **"*2*"**, which means that the function will count the **number of cells** in the range that contain the number **"2"** **anywhere within the cell**.

FUNCTION 3

In this function, In this function, the range being counted is **A2:A12**.

The criterion is **"*-s*"**, which means that the function will count the **number of cells** in the range that contain the string **"-s"** **anywhere within the cell**.

FUNCTION 4

In this function, the range being counted is **A2:A12**.

The criterion is **"*x*"**, which means that the function will count the **number of cells** in the range that contain the letter **"x"** **anywhere within the cell**.

5 COUNT IF TWO CRITERIA MATCH

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
1	Color	Qty	Date							
2	Red	10	15-Jan-22							
3	Red	12	20-Aug-22							
4	Blue	25	25-Aug-22							
5	Black	30	30-Aug-22							
6	Blue	20	04-Aug-22							
7	Purple	30	09-Aug-22							
8	Red	10	10-Sep-22							
9	Green	12	15-Sep-22							
10	Blue	20	12-Oct-22							
11	Red	25	13-Oct-22							
12	Purple	10	14-Nov-22							

Count if two criteria match.	
CRITERIA	RESULT
Blue >15	3
Red >15	1

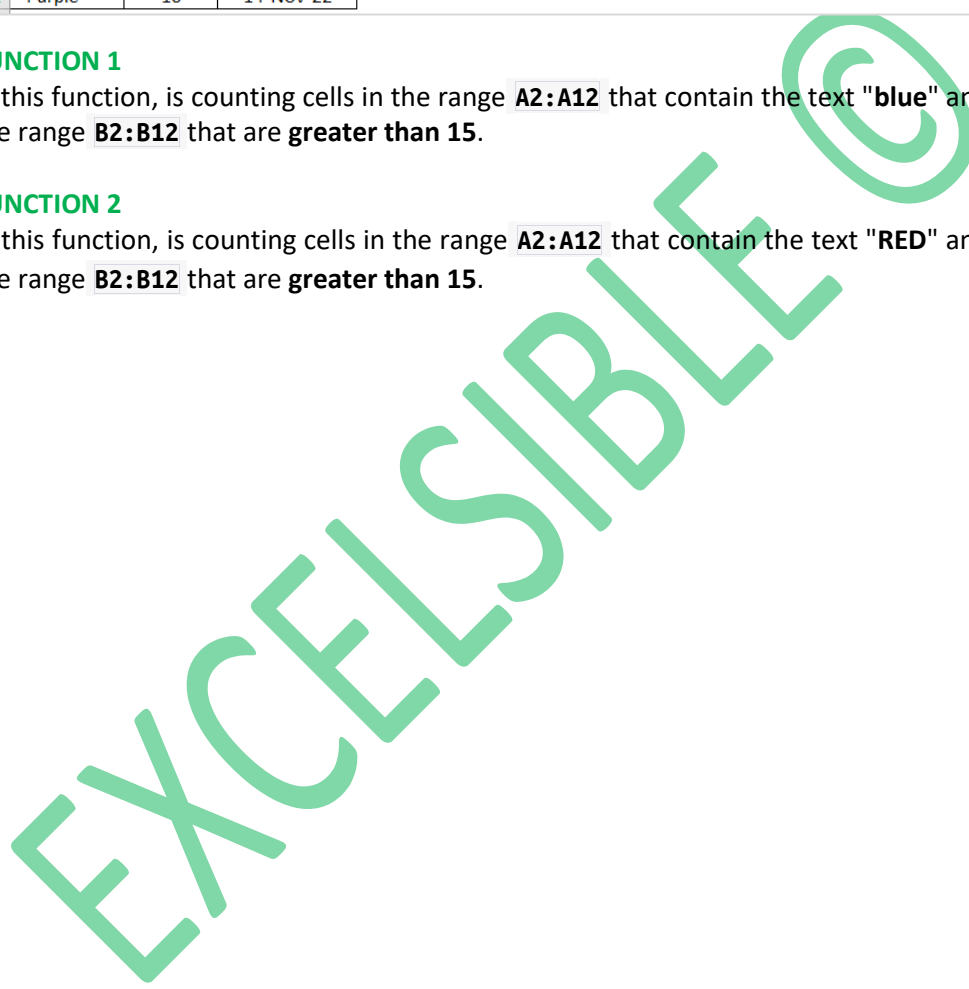
`=COUNTIFS(A2:A12,"blue",B2:B12,">15")`
`=COUNTIFS(A2:A12,"RED",B2:B12,">15")`
case insensitive

FUNCTION 1

In this function, is counting cells in the range **A2:A12** that contain the text "blue" and cells in the range **B2:B12** that are **greater than 15**.

FUNCTION 2

In this function, is counting cells in the range **A2:A12** that contain the text "RED" and cells in the range **B2:B12** that are **greater than 15**.



6 COUNT MATCHES BETWEEN TWO COLUMNS

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	Column #1	Column #2						
2	AZXB	AZXB						
3	YFHD	YFHD						
4	YFDX	YFDX						
5	XCGE	XCGE						
6	XDBH	XDCC	X					
7	CXHZ	CXHZ						
8	XCDX	XCDX						
9	XYEF	XYEF						
10	XDXB	XDXB						
11	YZBY	YBBY	X					
12	CXFY	CXFY						
13								
14								
15								
16								
17								
18								

Count matches between two columns. **1**

MATCH	9	=SUMPRODUCT(--(A2:A12=B2:B12))
NON-MATCH	2	=SUMPRODUCT(--(A2:A12<>B2:B12))

2

SUMPRODUCT will actually return **zero** because **TRUE** and **FALSE** values are not counted as numbers in Excel by default. numbers. **The double negative (--) is a simple way to do that.**

To get SUMPRODUCT to treat **TRUE** as **1** and **FALSE** as **zero**, we need to "coerce" them into.

The double negative (--) coerces the TRUE FALSE values to 1s and 0s, respectively.

FUNCTION 1

In this function, **SUMPRODUCT** is being used with the logical operator **--** and the **=** operator, which tests for **equality between elements** in the range **A2:A12** and the range **B2:B12**.

The **--** operator before the parentheses converts the resulting array of **TRUE** and **FALSE** values to **1s** and **0s**, respectively.

FUNCTION 2

In this function, **SUMPRODUCT** is being used with the logical operator **--** and the **<>** operator, which tests for **inequality between elements** in the range **A2:A12** and the range **B2:B12**.

The **--** operator before the parentheses converts the resulting array of **TRUE** and **FALSE** values to **1s** and **0s**, respectively.

7 COUNT NUMBERS THAT BEGIN WITH

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	Number								
2	250648								
3	250876								
4	350345								
5	450654								
6	250756								
7	450890								
8	250879								
9	450537								
10	250237								
11	351645								
12	551287								
13									
14	<i>Numbers in column A are entered as text</i>								
15									
16									
17	<i>The double negative (--) coerces the TRUE FALSE values to 1s and 0s, respectively.</i>								

Count numbers that begin with the following codes:

CODE	RESULT
25	5
35	2
45	3
55	1

=SUMPRODUCT(--(LEFT(A2:A12,LEN(C5))=C5))

1

FUNCTION 1

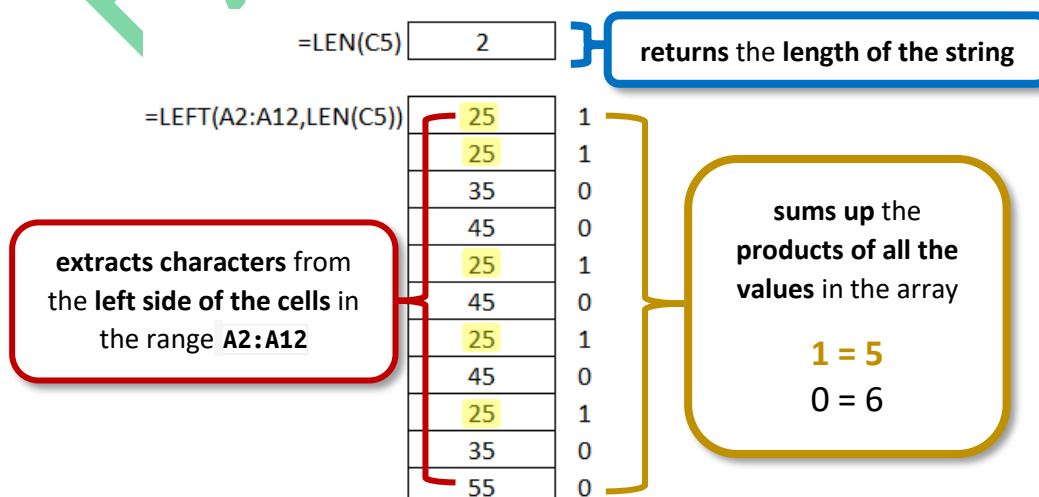
The **LEFT** function extracts characters from the left side of the cells in the range **A2:A12**.

The **LEN** function returns the length of the string in cell **C5**.

The **=C5** part of the function compares the result of the **LEFT** function to the value in cell **C5**. If the values are equal, the formula returns **TRUE** for that cell. If the values are not equal, the formula returns **FALSE** for that cell.

The **--** operator in front of the array formula converts the array of **TRUE** and **FALSE** values returned by the formula to **1s** and **0s**. **TRUE** values are converted to **1s**, and **FALSE** values are converted to **0s**.

The **SUMPRODUCT** function sums up the products of all the values in the array. If all of the values in the array are **1**, the function will return the number of elements in the array. If any of the values are **0**, the function will return a value less than the number of elements in the array.



8 COUNT OCCURRENCES IN ENTIRE WORKBOOK

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	Search						
2	Steven		Count occurrences of name 'Steven' in entire workbook.				
3							
4	Range		Result				
5	A1:A6		3				
6			=SUMPRODUCT(COUNTIF(INDIRECT("'" & Sheets & "'!" & A5),A2))				
7							
8							
9	Sheets	<i>Sheets is the named range A10:A12.</i>					
10	Sheet1						
11	Sheet2						
12	Sheet3						

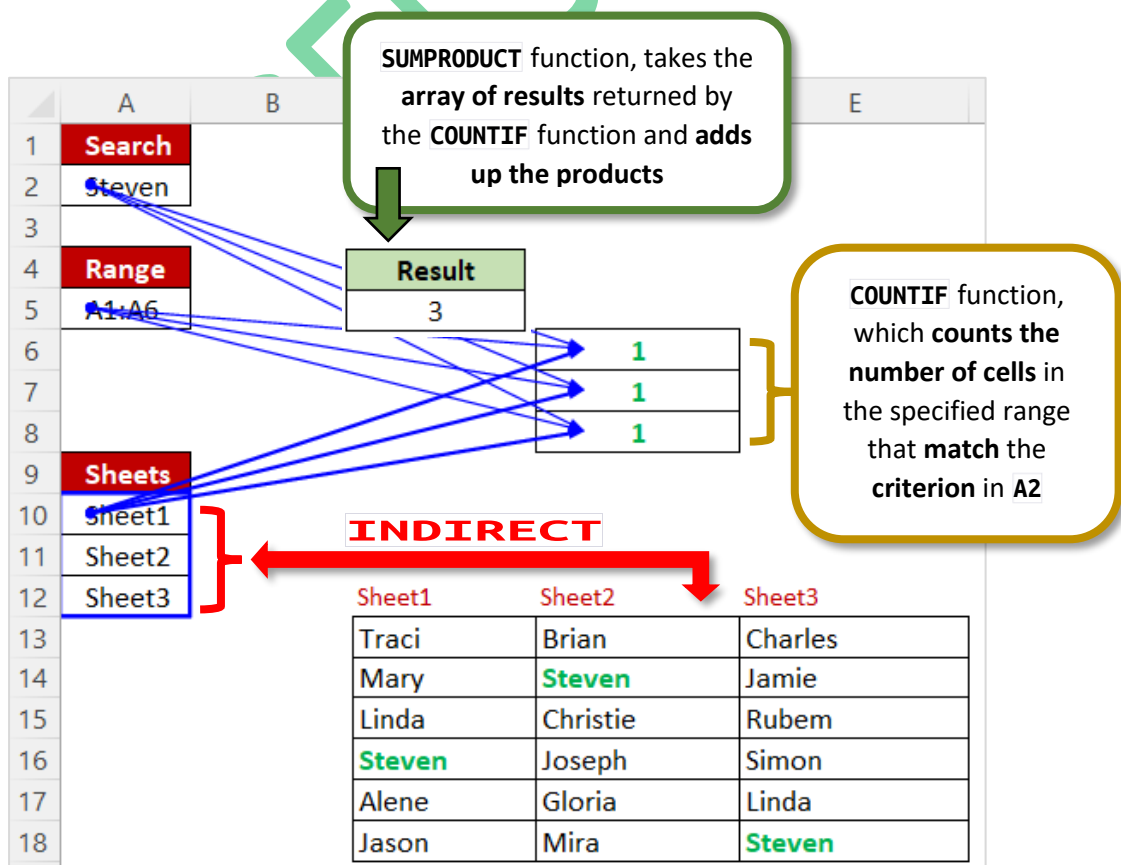
FUNCTION 1

The **INDIRECT** function is being used to build a **reference to a range of cells on multiple sheets**. The **sheet names** are stored in the **Sheets** range and the **cell reference A5** is **concatenated** to the **sheet names** using the **&** operator.

The **resulting reference** is **passed** as the **range argument** to the **COUNTIF** function, which **counts the number of cells** in the specified range that **match the criterion** in **A2**.

Finally, the **SUMPRODUCT** function takes the **array of results** returned by the **COUNTIF** function and **adds up the products**.

The overall effect of this formula is to **count the number of cells in multiple sheets** that **match a criterion** in cell **A2** and then **add up the counts**.



9 COUNT ROWS THAT CONTAIN SPECIFIC VALUES

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
1	19	23	19	X	Count the number of rows that contain the value 19.						
2	21	15	18								
3	19	22	22	X							
4	17	15	23		Value	19					
5	16	22	24								
6	18	16	16		Result	5					
7	17	17	25								
8	16	19	19	X							
9	24	21	18		=SUM(--(MMULT(--(A1:C12=F4),TRANSPOSE(COLUMN(A1:C12)^0))>0))						
10	17	18	25								
11	19	22	25	X							
12	25	19	25	X							
13											
14	<i>Data is the named range A1:C12.</i>										
15											
16	<i>The double negative (--) coerces the TRUE</i>										
17	<i>FALSE values to 1s and 0s, respectively.</i>										

FUNCTION 1

- Check if the **values** in a range called "data" are **equal to the value** in cell F4.
- Count the **number of times** that this **condition** is true.

The **SUM** function is used to add up the results of the condition being checked.

The **MMULT** function is used to multiply two arrays of values. In this case, the **--** operator is being used to **convert** the arrays of **TRUE** and **FALSE** values returned by the **data=F4** condition into arrays of **1s** and **0s**. The **TRANSPOSE** function is used to **transpose the array**.

The **COLUMN** function is used to **return an array** of the **column numbers** for a **given range**. In this case, the **^0** operator is used to **raise each column number to the power of 0**, which has the effect of returning an **array of 1s** with the **same size** as the **data range**.

Finally, the **>0** operator is used to check if the **result** of the **MMULT** function is **greater than 0**. This returns an array of **TRUE** and **FALSE** values, which are then converted to **1s** and **0s** using the **--** operator. The **SUM** function is then used to **add up all of the 1s in the array**, giving the **final result**.

The screenshot shows the Excel interface with the following callouts:

- Count the number of ROWS the value 19 is found.** (Red callout pointing to the 'Value' field containing 19)
- Count the number of TIMES the value 19 is found in each row.** (Blue callout pointing to the 'Result' field containing 5)
- Transpose the table in order to read each value row by row** (Green callout pointing to the transposed array of 1s and 0s)

The formula shown is: **=SUM(--(MMULT(--(data=F4),TRANSPOSE(COLUMN(data)^0))>0))**

10 COUNT UNIQUE DATES

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	Date	Stock	Quantity	Action		Count total trades		
2	01/10/2022	AAPL	100	Buy		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> Total trades 12 =COUNT(date) </div> <p>Count unique dates</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Trading days 5 =COUNT(UNIQUE(date)) </div>		
3	01/10/2022	CONS	100	Buy				
4	05/10/2022	INTC	100	Sell				
5	05/10/2022	PFE	50	Sell				
6	05/10/2022	HLT	100	Sell				
7	07/10/2022	AMZN	25	Buy				
8	07/10/2022	CAT	150	Sell				
9	09/10/2022	MMM	100	Sell				
10	09/10/2022	IBM	50	Sell				
11	12/10/2022	MSFT	200	Buy				
12	12/10/2022	HD	50	Buy				
13	12/10/2022	GILD	100	Sell				

FUNCTION 1

This function is using the range called "date" as the **input**. The function will **count** the **number of cells** in the range **A2:A13** that contain a **number**, and return the **result** as a **numerical value**.

If the range contains any cells with **text** or **other non-numeric values**, those cells will be **ignored**. Only cells that contain **numbers**, including **dates formatted as numbers**, will be counted.

FUNCTION 2

This function is using the **UNIQUE** function as an **input**. The **UNIQUE** function takes a range range called "date" as **input** and returns a **list of unique values** in that range.

The **COUNT** function then **counts the number of cells in the list** returned by the **UNIQUE** function and returns the **result** as a **numerical value**.

11 COUNT UNIQUE NUMERIC VALUES IN A RANGE

	A	B	C	D	E
1	EMPL ID	HOURS		Count unique Empl ID values.	
2	905	2			
3	905	4			
4	905	5			
5	905	2			
6	773	4			
7	773	8			
8	801	5			
9	963	8			
10	963	9			
11	963	6			
12					
13	<i>The double negative (--) coerces the TRUE FALSE values to 1s and 0s, respectively.</i>				

Unique count w/FREQUENCY	4
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=SUM(--(FREQUENCY(A2:A11,A2:A11)>0))

FUNCTION 1

The **SUM** function **adds up** all of the **values** in a **range of cells**. In this case, the range of cells being summed is produced by the **FREQUENCY** function.

The **FREQUENCY** function takes **two arguments**: an **array of data**, and an **array of bins**. The function returns an **array** that represents the **frequency distribution of the data**, with **each element** in the output array corresponding to the **number of occurrences of the data** within the corresponding bin.

The **--** operator in front of the **FREQUENCY** function **converts** the output of the function from an array to a **series of values**.

The **>0** part of the formula **filters** the **series of values**, so that only the **non-zero values** are **included** in the **final sum**.

So, the overall formula returns the **sum** of the **number of occurrences** of all **unique values** in the range **A2:A11**.

12 COUNT UNIQUE TEXT VALUES IN A RANGE

	A	B	C	D	E
1	NAME	HOURS		Count unique Name values.	
2	Jim	2			
3	Jim	4			
4	Jim	5			
5	Sue	2			
6	Sue	4			
7	Mark	8			
8	Mark	5			
9	Mark	8			
10	Tony	9			
11	Tony	6			
12					
13	<i>The double negative (--) coerces the TRUE FALSE values to 1s and 0s, respectively.</i>				

Unique count w/FREQUENCY	4
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```
=SUMPRODUCT(--
(FREQUENCY(MATCH(A2:A11,A2:A11,0),RO
W(A2:A11)-ROW(B5)+1)>0))
```

FUNCTION 1

The **SUMPRODUCT** function returns the **sum of the products** of corresponding entries in one or more arrays. The **--** operator is used to **convert** the results of the **FREQUENCY** function, which are arrays of logical values, to arrays of **1s** and **0s**. The **FREQUENCY** function returns a frequency distribution, which is a **summary of how often each value occurs in a range**. It takes **two arguments**: an **array of data** and an **array of bins**.

The **MATCH** function is used to **find the position of a value in an array**. It takes **three arguments**: the **value** you want to **find**, the **range to search**, and the **type of match you want**. In this case, the **value** you want to find is **A2**, the **range to search** is **A2:A11**, and the **type of match** you want is **0**, which specifies an **exact match**.

The **ROW** function returns the **row number of a reference**. It takes **one argument**, which can be a **cell reference** or a range of cells. In this case, **ROW(A2:A11)** returns an array of row numbers for the cells in the range **A2:A11**, and **ROW(B5)** returns the row number of cell **B5**.

The **+1** at the end of the **ROW** function **increases the row numbers by 1**. This is necessary because the **FREQUENCY** function **expects the bins array to start at 1, not 0**.

The final part of the formula, **>0**, checks if the **value is greater than 0**. If it is, the result is **TRUE**, which is **converted to 1** by the **--** operator. If it is **not**, the result is **FALSE**, which is **converted to 0** by the **--** operator.

So, to summarize, this formula returns the **sum of the number of occurrences of each value** in the range **A2:A11**.