

How do I convert a cell in Google Sheets to a pure number?

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To convert a cell in Google Sheets to a pure number, you can use the "Number" formatting option. This will remove any formatting and convert the cell to a plain number without any symbols or decimals. To do this, select the cell, go to the "Format" menu, and choose "Number." This will convert the cell to a pure numerical value that can be used for calculations or other purposes.

TO_PURE_NUMBER

Converts a provided date/time, percentage, currency or other formatted numeric value to a pure number without formatting.

Sample Usage

```
TO_PURE_NUMBER(50%)
```

```
TO_PURE_NUMBER(A2)
```

Syntax

```
TO_PURE_NUMBER(value)
```

`value` - The argument or reference to a cell to be converted to a pure number.

If `value` is a number or a reference to a cell containing a numeric value, `TO_PURE_NUMBER` returns `value` with all formatting and interpretation removed.

If `value` is not a number or a reference to a cell containing a numeric value, `TO_PURE_NUMBER` returns `value` without modification.

Notes

`TO_PURE_NUMBER` is similar to applying Format -> Number -> Normal from the menu bar, except that the Normal format includes commas denoting thousands, millions, etc.

`TO_PURE_NUMBER` is similar to `N`, except that `N` returns 0 for non-numeric values except for `TRUE` which returns 1, whereas `TO_PURE_NUMBER` returns the value passed without modification for all non-numeric types.

See Also

`TO_TEXT`: Converts a provided numeric value to a text value.

`TO_PERCENT`: Converts a provided number to a percentage.

`TO_DOLLARS`: Converts a provided number to a dollar value.

`TO_DATE`: Converts a provided number to a date.

`N`: Returns the argument provided as a number.

Examples

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