





#### Brain Teaser

Question: What digit is the most frequent between the numbers 1 and 1,000 (inclusive)? What digit is the least frequent between the numbers 1 and 1,000 (inclusive)?





#### Solution: Brain Teaser

**Answer:** The most common digit is 1 and the least common digit is 0.

The digits 0 through 9 follow the same pattern. There is exactly 1 occurrence digit for every 10 numbers. For instance, the digit 2 appears once between 10 and 19 and once between 30 and 39. 2 also appears in 20, 21, etc... and 200, 201, 202, etc... The only difference for 1 is that 1,000 includes a 1, so there is a single extra occurrence (301 vs. 300).

The reason 0 has the least occurrences is because 0 doesn't have any equivalents to 22, 33, 44, 222, 333, etc...





# Step 1: Company Overview

- Understand each part of the business
- \* How does it make money? What are the different revenue streams?
- \* Who are the key customers?
- \* What key geographic regions does the company serve?
- \* How has the company performed in recent years?



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# Step 3: Understanding the Industry

- What industry does the company compete in?
- \* Who are main competitors?
- \* What metrics do investors care about when examining the companies in the industry?



# Step 4: Taking a Deeper Dive

- Goal is to develop a view on whether you agree or disagree with the current market perception of the business
- \* What sort of economics does this business enjoy?
- \* What is the economic moat?
- \* What are the financials like?



# Step 5: Developing a View

- Hardest part of the pitch
- Goal is to use research to develop an understanding of where the business is heading in the future
- Develop assumptions that you will use in your valuation
- Need to have a differentiated view from the market



### Step 5: Developing a View

❖ Shouldn't be more than a few major points → best investments are the ones that have a lot of upside for just a few reasons

#### Eg.

- \* Market overreactions
- Growth at a reasonable price
- Hidden assets
- Discount to NAV



#### Step 6: Valuation

- Derive the value of the business
- Should reflect the major points and assumptions in your investment thesis
- Figure out your possible upside
- 2 Types
  - \* Relative Valuation
  - Intrinsic Valuation





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