

REMARK ON $n!$

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In D. Mitrinović and M. Popadić's book [1] the inequality

$$n^{\frac{n}{2}} < n! < \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^n \quad (1)$$

is introduced, where natural number $n \geq 6$. Here we shall generalize (1), proving **THEOREM:** For all natural numbers $n \geq 11$

$$2n^{\frac{n+3}{2}} < n! < \frac{n^{n-\frac{1}{2}}}{2^n}. \quad (2)$$

Proof: First, we note that for $n \geq 9$:

$$\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{n+2} < e \cdot \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^2 < 3e < n$$

(this inequality is valid for smaller n , too). Therefore $n^{n+3} > (n+1)^{n+2}$, i.e.,

$$n^{\frac{n+3}{2}} > (n+1)^{\frac{n+2}{2}}$$

and hence

$$(n+1) \cdot n^{\frac{n+3}{2}} > (n+1)^{\frac{n+4}{2}}. \quad (3)$$

Second, we see that for $n \geq 11$

$$\left(\frac{n+1}{n}\right)^n > \left(\frac{12}{11}\right)^{11} > 2.604... > 2.088... > 2\sqrt{\frac{12}{11}} > 2\sqrt{\frac{n+1}{n}},$$

i.e.

$$\left(\frac{n+1}{n}\right)^{n-\frac{1}{2}} > 2. \quad (4)$$

Now, we check directly that (2) is valid for $n = 11$. Let us assume that (2) is valid for some natural number $n \geq 11$. Then we obtain from (3) and (4) sequentially:

$$\begin{aligned} 2(n+1)^{\frac{n+4}{2}} &< 2(n+1) \cdot n^{\frac{n+3}{2}} < (n+1) \cdot n! \\ &= (n+1)! \\ &= (n+1) \cdot n! \leq (n+1) \cdot \frac{n^{n-\frac{1}{2}}}{2^n} = (n+1) \cdot \frac{2n^{n-\frac{1}{2}}}{2^{n+1}} < (n+1) \cdot \frac{(n+1)^{n-\frac{1}{2}}}{2^{n+1}} = \frac{(n+1)^{n+\frac{1}{2}}}{2^{n+1}}, \end{aligned}$$

which proves (2).

Reference:

[1] Mitrinović, D., M. Popadić, Inequalities in Number Theory. Niš, Univ. of Niš, 1978.