

**Solution** (#294) If we list the elements  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  in some order then there is a free choice from the  $n$  elements of what the first term is. Given that choice, though, there are now  $n - 1$  choices for the second term as the first term may not appear again. So there are  $n(n - 1)$  ways to choose the first two terms.

Given those two choices there are  $n - 2$  choices for the third term and so  $n(n - 1)(n - 2)$  ways to choose the first three terms.

In all, then, there are

$$n \times (n - 1) \times (n - 2) \times \dots \times 1 = n!$$

ways of listing  $n$  elements where order counts.