

Let  $S_n$  denote the set of permutations of the sequence  $(1, 2, \dots, n)$ . For every permutation  $\pi = (\pi_1, \dots, \pi_n) \in S_n$ , let  $\text{inv}(\pi)$  be the number of pairs  $1 \leq i < j \leq n$  with  $\pi_i > \pi_j$ ; i.e. the number of inversions in  $\pi$ . Denote by  $f(n)$  the number of permutations  $\pi \in S_n$  for which  $\text{inv}(\pi)$  is divisible by  $n + 1$ .

Prove that there exist infinitely many primes  $p$  such that  $f(p-1) > \frac{(p-1)!}{p}$ , and infinitely many primes  $p$  such that  $f(p-1) < \frac{(p-1)!}{p}$ .