

I'm going to prove this inequality for two cases – when  $m > n$  and  $m < n$  (when  $m = n$  it obviously holds). So suppose that  $m > n$ . Then inequality:

$$\frac{m!}{\left(m - \frac{m-n}{2}\right)!} \geq \frac{\left(\frac{m+n}{2}\right)!}{\left(\frac{m+n}{2} - \frac{m-n}{2}\right)!}$$

holds because a number of partial permutations of  $m$  items is bigger than a number of partial permutations of  $\frac{m+n}{2}$  items due to the assumption. From this inequality we are able to get the desired inequality:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{m!}{\left(\frac{m+n}{2}\right)!} &\geq \frac{\left(\frac{m+n}{2}\right)!}{n!} \\ m! \cdot n! &\geq \left(\left(\frac{m+n}{2}\right)!\right)^2 \end{aligned}$$

Now suppose  $m < n$ . Similarly:

$$\frac{n!}{\left(n - \frac{n-m}{2}\right)!} \geq \frac{\left(\frac{n+m}{2}\right)!}{\left(\frac{n+m}{2} - \frac{n-m}{2}\right)!}$$

holds. That implies:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{n!}{\left(\frac{n+m}{2}\right)!} &\geq \frac{\left(\frac{n+m}{2}\right)!}{m!} \\ m! \cdot n! &\geq \left(\left(\frac{m+n}{2}\right)!\right)^2 \end{aligned}$$

So the inequality holds for all  $m, n$ . Q. E. D.