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**Plan** We prove that  $n!be$  is just a **wee bit bigger than a  $\mathbb{N}$**  and that  $n!ae^{-1}$  is **just a wee bit smaller than a  $\mathbb{N}$** . But they are equal! This will be our contradiction.

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We also got that the sum is  $\sim \frac{1}{n-1}$ . Hence

$$bC_1 \leq bn!e \leq bC + \frac{b}{n-1}$$

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