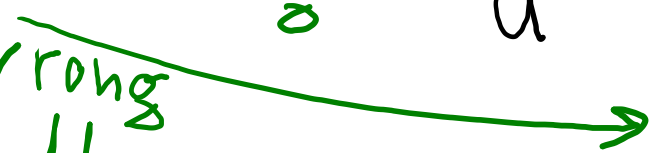


The one drawn during class was wrong  
 (Q had an odd number of edges)



Proof by induction

You want to prove a statement depending on a positive integer  $n$

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Inductive premise:

prove the statement for  $n=1$

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Inductive step: from the  
Inductive hypothesis: the statement is true for  $k-1$

prove the  
Inductive Thesis: the statement is true  
for  $k$

Example: Call  $P(n)$  the number of permutations of  $n$  objects.

Theorem:  $P(n) = n!$

Possible orderings of those objects.

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E.g.

1 2 3

2 3 1

3 1 2

1 3 2

2 1 3

3 2 1

$$P(3) = 6$$

$$6 = 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 = 3!$$

↓ inductive premise: what is  $P(1)$   
↓  $P(1) = 1 = 1!$  ✓

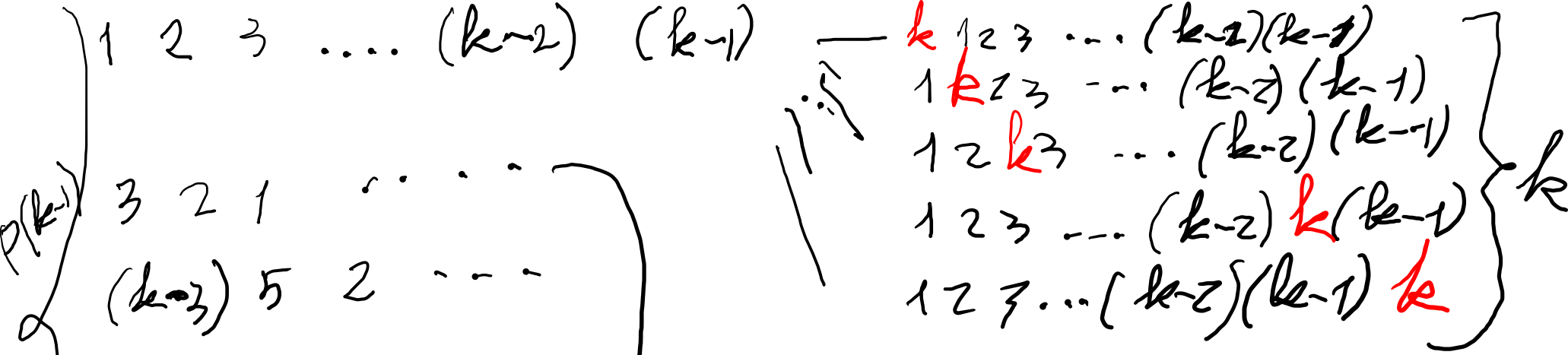
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↓ inductive step:

Inductive hyp:  $P(k-1) = (k-1)!$

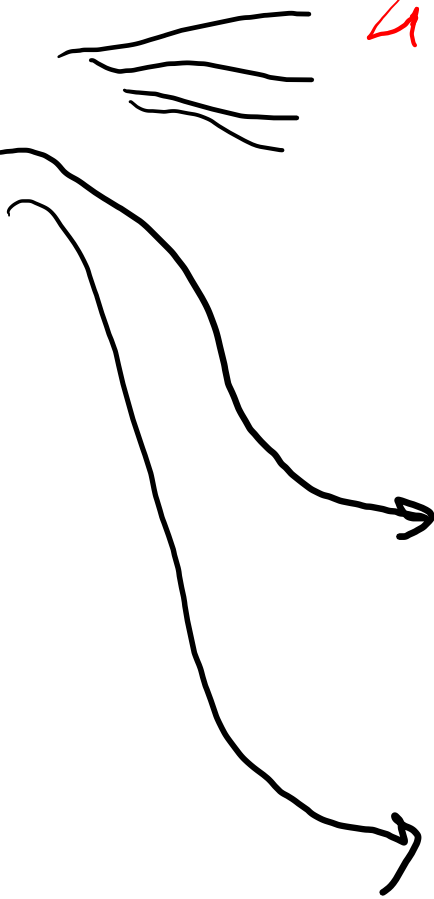
I want to prove that  $P(k) = k!$

Let's list all  $P(k-1)$  permutations  
of the numbers  $1, \dots, (k-1)$



Surely  $P(k) = k \cdot P(k-1) \underset{\text{out of Ind. Hyp}}{=} k \cdot (k-1)! = k!$

1 2 3  
 2 3 1  
 3 1 2  
 1 3 2  
 2 1 3  
 3 2 1



4 1 2 3  
 1 4 2 3  
 1 2 4 3  
 1 2 3 4

4 2 3 1  
 2 4 3 1  
 2 3 4 1  
 2 3 1 4

4 3 1 2  
 3 4 1 2  
 3 1 4 2  
 3 1 2 4

$$\varepsilon(G) = \varepsilon(G_1) + \varepsilon(G_2) + 1 =$$

$$= \cancel{\nu(G_1) - 1} + \nu(G_1) - 1 + \cancel{1} =$$

$$= \nu(G) - 1$$



