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**Directions:** Show all work.

1. [5 points] Let  $n \ge 1$ . Give the identity that is proved by the following combinatorial argument: Each non-empty subset of  $\{1, \ldots, n\}$  consists of a maximum element k for some  $1 \le k \le n$  together with a subset of  $\{1, \ldots, k-1\}$ .

2. [5 points] Let  $n \ge 1$ . Give a combinatorial proof that  $n! - 1 = \sum_{k=1}^{n} (k-1)(k-1)!$ . (Hint: except for the identity permutation  $\sigma$  where  $\sigma = 12 \cdots n$ , every permutation  $\sigma$  of [n] has at least one index i such that the value of  $\sigma$  at position i is not equal to i.)