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Prove that:

$$\prod_{p: \text{prime} \leq n} p^{\sum_{k=1}^n \lfloor \log_p \left(\frac{n}{k} \right) \rfloor} = n!$$

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Consider, $E_p(n!) = \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \left\lfloor \frac{n}{p^r} \right\rfloor = \text{exponent of prime } p \text{ in } n!$

$$\Rightarrow \prod_{p: \text{prime} \leq n} p^{E_p(n!)} = n!$$

Now, Consider the function $f_p(n) = \sum_{k=1}^{\lfloor n \rfloor} \left\lfloor \log_p \left(\frac{n}{k} \right) \right\rfloor \quad n \geq p$

$$\left\lfloor \log_p \left(\frac{n}{k} \right) \right\rfloor = 0, \text{ for } 0 \leq \log_p \left(\frac{n}{k} \right) < 1 \Rightarrow \frac{n}{p} < k \leq n \Rightarrow \left\lfloor \frac{n}{p} \right\rfloor < k \leq \lfloor n \rfloor$$

$$\Rightarrow f_p(n) = \sum_{k=1}^{\lfloor n/p \rfloor} \left\lfloor \log_p \left(\frac{n}{k} \right) \right\rfloor \Rightarrow f_p(n) = 0 \text{ for } n < p$$

$$\Rightarrow f_p \left(\frac{n}{p} \right) = \sum_{k=1}^{\lfloor n/p^2 \rfloor} \left\lfloor \log_p \left(\frac{n/p}{k} \right) \right\rfloor = \sum_{k=1}^{\lfloor n/p^2 \rfloor} \left\lfloor \log_p \left(\frac{n}{p \cdot k} \right) \right\rfloor + \sum_{k=\lfloor n/p^2 \rfloor + 1}^{\lfloor n/p \rfloor} 0 = \sum_{k=1}^{\lfloor n/p \rfloor} \left\lfloor \log_p \left(\frac{n/p}{k} \right) \right\rfloor$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^{\lfloor n/p \rfloor} \left[\log_p \left(\frac{n}{k} \right) - 1 \right] = \sum_{k=1}^{\lfloor n/p \rfloor} \left(\left\lfloor \log_p \left(\frac{n}{k} \right) \right\rfloor - 1 \right) = \sum_{k=1}^{\lfloor n/p \rfloor} \left\lfloor \log_p \left(\frac{n}{k} \right) \right\rfloor - \left\lfloor \frac{n}{p} \right\rfloor = f_p(n) - \left\lfloor \frac{n}{p} \right\rfloor$$

$$\Rightarrow f_p \left(\frac{n}{p} \right) = f_p(n) - \left\lfloor \frac{n}{p} \right\rfloor$$

$$\Rightarrow f_p(n) = \left\lfloor \frac{n}{p} \right\rfloor + f_p \left(\frac{n}{p} \right) = \left\lfloor \frac{n}{p} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor \frac{n}{p^2} \right\rfloor + f_p \left(\frac{n}{p^2} \right) = \left\lfloor \frac{n}{p} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor \frac{n}{p^2} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor \frac{n}{p^3} \right\rfloor + f_p \left(\frac{n}{p^3} \right)$$

$$= \left\lfloor \frac{n}{p} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor \frac{n}{p^2} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor \frac{n}{p^3} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor \frac{n}{p^4} \right\rfloor + \dots + 0 = E_p(n!) \Rightarrow E_p(n!) = f_p(n) = \sum_{k=1}^{\lfloor n \rfloor} \left\lfloor \log_p \left(\frac{n}{k} \right) \right\rfloor \quad n \geq p$$

$$\Rightarrow \prod_{p: \text{prime} \leq n} p^{\sum_{k=1}^n \lfloor \log_p \left(\frac{n}{k} \right) \rfloor} = n!$$