

# Lecture 13

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**Proof:** We copy the idea of the previous example. We make an "order form" putting  $n$  types into an order.

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