New Due Dates

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- This is referred to as the Chair's Paradox

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For *n* voters, there are $n! = n \cdot (n-1) \cdot \ldots \cdot 1$ orderings

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