1128-26-334Daniel Gallab* (dgallab@zagmail.gonzaga.edu), Gonzaga University, 502 E Boone Ave,
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It is known that as x increases, that x^x eventually exceeds x! without bound. It is also know that as x increases, x! eventually exceeds a^x without bound, for any positive fixed value of a. However, it is much more difficult to compare the growth rates of (ax)! and x^x . We will examine this problem and show that in the case where a is greater than one, that (ax)! exceeds x^x without bound. (Received February 28, 2017)