Sergi Elizalde\* (sergi.elizalde@dartmouth.edu), Department of Mathematics, Dartmouth College, 6188 Kemeny Hall, Hanover, NH 03784. Descent sets of cyclic permutations.

The descent set of a sequence  $a_1a_2...$  is the set of indices i such that  $a_i > a_{i+1}$ . Consider the n! cyclic permutations of  $\{1, 2, ..., n+1\}$  written in one-line notation, and for each one of them remove the last entry  $\pi(n+1)$ . We show that the descent sets of these objects have the same distribution as the descent sets of permutations of  $\{1, 2, ..., n\}$ . We give a bijective proof of this fact, as well as an alternate derivation using work of Gessel and Reutenauer. (Received August 27, 2009)