

Chapter 7.3 - 7.4 examples

Section 7.3

Example 7.13

Consider the Hat Check problem, but suppose instead of wanting no man to leave with his own hat, we are interested in the number of ways to distribute the 100 hats so that precisely 40 of the men leave with their own hats.

If 40 men leave with their own hats, then there are 60 men who do not receive their own hats. There are $C(100, 60)$ ways to choose the 60 men who will not receive their own hats and d_{60} ways to distribute those hats so that no man receives his own. There's only one way to distribute the 40 hats to the men who their own hats, meaning that there are

$$\binom{100}{60} d_{60} = 420788734922281721283274628333913452107678525002320680486289651537677289131789$$

such ways to return the hats.

To solve this problem we have to think about how there will be 2 different groups of people in this senerio. People who will leave with thier own hats and the people who will leave without their hat. There is only one way that the 40 people who go home with the same hat can arrange their hats. For the other 60 people there is $\binom{100}{60}$ ways to choose the 60 men out of the 100. Also there are d_{60} ways to distribute the hats to ensure that these men don't leave with thier own hat. This leaves us with the following number of ways we could return the hats.

$$\binom{100}{60} d_{60} = 420788734922281721283274628333913452107738151595140722182899444$$