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Recall: Taylor series expansion of  $e^x$ :

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Plug in x=-1 and truncate after n terms to see that  $e^{-1} \approx \left[1 - \frac{1}{1!} + \frac{1}{2!} - \frac{1}{2!} + \cdots + (-1)^n \frac{1}{n!}\right]$ 

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# Combinatorial proof involving $D_n$

Recall: The combinatorial interpretation of  $D_n$  is: "The number of ways to return n hats to n people so no one gets his/her own hat back" Example. Prove the following recurrence relation for  $D_n$ 

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