

COS126 Recursive Methods Activity - 2.3

- Group Activity: Methods, Recursion

```
// Here is a non-recursive method which returns n! where 0! = 1, 1! = 1
// and n! = 1 * 2 * ... * n (assuming n >= 0).
public static long factorial(int N) {
    long f = 1;
    for (int i = 1; i <= N; i++) {
        f = f*i;
    }
    return f;
}
```

Write a recursive method `factorial()` to calculate $n!$ where $0! = 1$ and $n! = n * (n-1)!$

```
public static _____ factorial(_____) {

    // base case
    if (_____)

        return _____;

    // reduction step
    return _____ * factorial(_____);

}
```

Recommended Book Exercises: 2.3.3 (trace by hand, then program it to see the correct answer), 2.3.8, 2.3.14, 2.3.22