

(1) (Text answer) Consider the following program for computing factorial numbers:

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/* Factorial function definition */
int fact(int n)
{
    int i; /* counter variable */
    int f; /* factorial */

    /* pre-condition */
    assert (n >= 0);

    /* post-condition */
    f = 1;
    for(i = 1; i <= n; i = i + 1)
    {
        f = i * f;
    }
    return f;
}
```

Provide your answers to the following questions in a plain text file:

- (a) How many arithmetic operations (+, -, *, /) are required to compute fact (5) ?
- (b) How many arithmetic operations (+, -, *, /) are required to compute fact (n) for any positive integer n ?

Exercise 1:

a)

16 arithmetic operations are needed.

b)

The loop has to run n times before reaching the factorial.

The for-loop has three computing components, " $i \leq n$ " & " $i = i + 1$ " & " $f = 1 * f$ ".

The loop also has to end by running the comparison " $i \leq n$ " one final time.

The amount of arithmetic operations can therefore be described as $n_{ao} = n * 3 + 1$