

Problem 1: Factorial Implementation

Problem Statement

Write a function to calculate the factorial of a number using either recursion or iteration.

Function Signature

```
def factorial(n):  
    # Your implementation here  
    pass
```

Requirements

- Implement the factorial function using either recursion or iteration
- Handle edge cases appropriately (e.g., $n = 0$, negative numbers)
- Test your function with the input 7

Test Case

- **Input:** 7

Instructions

1. Implement the factorial function using either recursion or iteration
2. Test your function with the input 7
3. **The result of `factorial(7)` is the password for the next file: `Q2_[answer].pdf`**

Background Information

The factorial of a non-negative integer n , denoted by $n!$, is the product of all positive integers less than or equal to n .

- $0! = 1$ (by definition)
- $n! = n \times (n-1) \times (n-2) \times \dots \times 1$

Example

```
factorial(5) = 5 × 4 × 3 × 2 × 1 = 120
```

```
factorial(0) = 1
```