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what is a factorial number and write code to find in js

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A factorial number is the product of all positive integers less than or equal to a given number. It is denoted by the exclamation mark (!) symbol. For example, the factorial of 5 (written as 5!) is calculated as $5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1$, which equals 120.

Here's an example of JavaScript code to find the factorial of a number:

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function factorial(number) {
  if (number === 0 || number === 1) {
    return 1;
  } else {
    let result = 1;
    for (let i = 2; i <= number; i++) {
      result *= i;
    }
    return result;
  }
}

// Example usage
const num = 5;
const factorialOfNum = factorial(num);
console.log(`The factorial of ${num} is ${factorialOfNum}`);
```

In the code above, the `factorial()` function takes a number as an argument and calculates its factorial using a loop. If the input number is 0 or 1, it returns 1 since the factorial of 0 and 1 is 1. Otherwise, it initializes the `result` variable to 1 and multiplies it by each number from 2 to the input number, updating the `result` variable in each iteration. Finally, it returns the calculated factorial.


In the example usage, we pass `num` as 5 to calculate its factorial, and the result is printed to the console.

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use $n * (n - 1)$

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Certainly! Here's an alternative implementation of the factorial function in JavaScript using recursion and the formula $n * (n - 1)$:

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function factorial(number) {  
  if (number === 0 || number === 1) {  
    return 1;  
  } else {  
    return number * factorial(number - 1);  
  }  
}  
  
// Example usage  
const num = 5;  
const factorialOfNum = factorial(num);  
console.log(`The factorial of ${num} is ${factorialOfNum}`);
```

In this code, the `factorial()` function is defined recursively. If the input number is 0 or 1, it returns 1 (base case). Otherwise, it recursively calls itself with the argument `number - 1` and multiplies the current number (`number`) with the factorial of the preceding number (`number - 1`). This continues until the base case is reached.

The example usage remains the same, and you will get the same output as before.
