

Assignment 1

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Q: Write a code to find out the factorial of a number using both 'loop' and 'recursion' method and find out which one is better and why?

Answer:

Factorial using for loop:

```
Factorial_For.java x  Factorial_recurr.java x
1  import java.util.Scanner;
2
3  public class Factorial_For {
4  public static void main(String[] args) {
5      Scanner sc=new Scanner(System.in);
6      System.out.println("Enter the number: ");
7      long num=sc.nextInt();
8      long fact=1;
9      int steps=0;
10     for(long i=num;i>0;i--){
11         fact*=i;
12         steps++;
13     }
14     System.out.println("Fact is: "+fact+"\ncompleated in: "+steps+" steps");
15 }
16 }
```

Output:

```
/Users/sayakghorai/Desktop/Factorial.java/out/production/Factorial.java Factorial_For
Enter the number:
20
Fact is: 2432902008176640000
compleated in: 20 steps

Process finished with exit code 0
```

```
Factorial_For.java x Factorial_recurr.java x
1  import java.util.Scanner;
2
3  1 usage
4  public class Factorial_recurr {
5      2 usages
6      static int steps;
7      2 usages
8      public long factorial(long num){
9          if(num>1) {
10             steps++;
11             return num * factorial(num: num - 1);
12         }
13         else return 1;
14     }
15     public static void main(String[] args) {
16         System.out.println("Enter Number: ");
17         long num=new Scanner(System.in).nextInt();
18         long res=new Factorial_recurr().factorial(num);
19         System.out.println("Factorial is: "+res+" steps:"+steps);
20     }
21 }
```

Factorial using Recursion:

Output:

```
/Users/sayakghorai/Desktop/Factorial.java/out/production/Factorial.java Factorial_recurr
Enter Number:
20
Factorial is: 2432902008176640000 steps:19

Process finished with exit code 0
```

Ans: the recursion mechanism is better as it takes lesser steps than loop method.