

# Recursion basics → The factorial

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You are trying to explain recursion to your friend and tell them about a factorial of a positive integer. You are writing the following:

*factorial* (X) :

- If *X* is 0, factorial is 1.
- If *X* is not 1, see: *factorial*(*X* – 1) \* *X*.

Is the algorithm correct?

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- ☐ No, it won't work. We need to change "factorial(X -1) \* X" to "factorial(X - 1) + X"
- ☐ Yes, it is correct, but it will be more efficient if we change "If X is 0" to "If X is 1"
- ☐ Yes, it is correct
- ☐ No, it won't work. The case when X = 1 is not defined

✓ Correct.

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