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LARSON—MATH 556—SAGE WORKSHEET 04
Recursion—Graph Theory

1. Log in to your Sage/Cocalc account.
 - (a) Start Chrome browser.
 - (b) Go to `http://cocalc.com`
 - (c) Click “Sign In”.
 - (d) Click project **Classroom Worksheets**.
 - (e) Click “New”, call it **s04**, then click “Sage Worksheet”.

A **recursive** function is a function that calls itself. It must always have a *base case* so that the recursion eventually stops.

2. Here is an example of a recursive definition of the *factorial* function. The base case here is the case where the input is 0 or 1.

```
def factorial(n):
    if n==0 or n==1:
        return 1
    else:
        return n*factorial(n-1)
```

Now try `factorial(0)`, `factorial(1)`, `factorial(2)`, `factorial(3)`, and `factorial(10)`.

A **graph** is a mathematical object consisting of *points* and *lines* (also called *vertices* and *edges*). Sage includes the `graphs` class which contains a number of *methods*. Some of these include constructors for making well-known graphs. “g1” is an arbitrarily chosen name in what follows. We could use “pete” (or anything else) instead!

3. Evaluate:

```
g1=graphs.PetersenGraph()
g1.show()
```

The *order* of a graph is the number of vertices it has. The *size* of a graph is the number of edges it has. How many vertices and edges does the Petersen graph have? Evaluate `g1.order()` and `g1.size()`.

4. Find the order and size of the icosahedron graph. Use `g2=graphs.IcosahedralGraph()`

5. Find the order and size of the dodecahedron graph. Use `g3=graphs.DodecahedralGraph()`

6. Find the order and size of the tetrahedron graph. Use `g4=graphs.TetrahedralGraph()`

7. Find the order and size of the octahedral graph. Use `g5=graphs.OctahedralGraph()`

8. Let's get acquainted with paths, cycles, stars, and complete graphs. Evaluate the following Sage *Interact* and play with the features you see:

```
@interact
def i_graph(graph=selector(["path", "cycle", "star", "complete"],
    label="Select a graph", default="path"),order=slider(3,20,1,3)):
    dict={"path":graphs.PathGraph(order),
        "cycle":graphs.CycleGraph(order),
        "star":graphs.StarGraph(order),
        "complete":graphs.CompleteGraph(order)}
    g=dict[graph]
    print "This graph has %s vertices and %s edges" %(g.order(),g.size())
    g.show()
```

9. We can create our own graph using the `Graph()` constructor, and the `add_vertex()` and `add_edge()` methods. Lets make a `cycle` on 5 vertices. First initialize the graph and make the vertices:

```
g=Graph()
for i in [1..5]:
    g.add_vertex()
g.show()
```

Notice that the vertex labels start at 0. Now make the edges:

```
for i in [0..3]:
    g.add_edge(i,i+1)
g.show()
```

You're still missing an edge. What will you add to the code to get the missing edge?