

In another worksheet there was an example demonstrating how to write a nested for-loop to draw this figure.

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Nested for-loops can be confusing. It is often clearer to hide the inner loop by moving it into a method call. So, instead of pseudocode like this

```
for line = 1, 2, 3  
    for i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5  
        print *  
    newline
```

the process could be written with pseudocode like this

```
for line = 1, 2, 3  
    printStars(5)  
    newline
```

Because this second version disentangles the two loops and replaces the inner loop with a descriptive name, it is easier to understand. The method `printStars` can then be written separately.

- 1) Write a program where the main implements the second pseudocode above and which calls a method `printStars` that you should also write.
- 2) Follow the same process as above to write a program to draw the following figure.

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## 3) The figure

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can be thought of as six lines = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 where the number of \, ! and / characters in each can be calculated as a function of the variable line. In pseudocode

```

for line = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
    printBackslashes(expression using line)
    printExclamations(expression using line)
    printSlashes(expression using line)
    newline

```

Implement this idea to replicate the figure.

## 4) If time permits, write a method printChars with the header

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public static void printChars(char ch, int numTimes)

```

that prints the character `ch` `numTimes` times. Update your program from Problem 3 to use `printChars` instead `printBackslashes`, `printExclamations`, and `printSlashes`. This is an example of eliminating redundancy by noticing that the three old methods do the same thing but with a small variation that can be expressed as a parameter.