# Methods

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+χ **Graphics Program** 0 (x, y) (x + width, y + height)+vGraphic courtesy of Eric Roberts

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Point k is at  $\frac{k}{numSides} \times 360^{\circ}$ 



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### Passing Parameters

- A method can accept **parameters** when it is called.
- Syntax:

private void name(parameters) {
 /\* ... method body ... \*/
}

- The values of the parameters inside the method are set when the method is called.
- The values of the parameters can vary between calls.

For more on the geometry and properties of stars:

Vi Hart on Stars: http://youtu.be/CfJzrmS9UfY

Wikipedia on Stars: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Star\_polygon

#### Time-Out For Announcements!

## Friday Four Square! Today at 4:15PM, Outside Gates

### Assignment 2

- Assignment 2 is due a week from today.
- **Recommendation:** Have the first five problems completed by Monday.
- Have questions? Stop by the LaIR, Keith's/Vikas's office hours, or email your section leader!

#### Back to CS106A!

### Factorials

• The number **n** factorial, denoted **n**!, is

$$1 \times 2 \times 3 \times \ldots \times (n-1) \times n$$

- For example:
  - $3! = 1 \times 2 \times 3 = 6.$
  - $5! = 1 \times 2 \times 3 \times 4 \times 5 = 120$
  - 0! = 1 (by definition)
- Factorials show up everywhere:
  - Taylor series.
  - Counting ways to shuffle a deck of cards.
  - Determining how quickly computers can sort values.

## Returning Values

- A method may produce a value that can be read by its caller.
- To indicate that a method returns a value, specify the type returned in the method declaration:

private type name(parameters) {
 /\* ... method body ... \*/
}

A value can be returned with the return statement:
 return value;

### Subtleties of return

• If a method has non-**void** return type, it must always return a value.

```
private int thisIsWrong(int x) {
    if (x == 5) {
        return 0;
    }
    What do we
    return if x != 5?
```

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private int thisIsLegal(int x) {
    if (x == 5) {
        return 0;
    } else {
        return 1;
    }
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    if (x == 5) {
        return 0;
    }
    return 1; 
} The only way we can
get here is if x is not
        equal to 5.
```