

# Recursive Tracing



# Iterative Factorial

```
public static int iterativeFactorial(int n){  
    int answer = 1;  
    for(int i = 2; i <= n; i++){  
        answer *= i;  
    }  
    return answer;  
}
```

iterativeFactorial(4)

# Recursive Factorial

```
public static int recursiveFactorial(int 4){  
    return 4 * recursiveFactorial(3);  
    public static int recursiveFactorial(int 3){  
        return 3 * recursiveFactorial(2);  
        public static int recursiveFactorial(int 2){  
            return 2 * recursiveFactorial(1);  
            public static int recursiveFactorial(int 1){  
                if(n == 1){  
                    return 1;  
                }  
                else{  
                    return n * recursiveFactorial(n-1);  
                }  
            }  
        }  
    }  
}
```

recursiveFactorial(4)  
return 4\*recursiveFactorial(3)  
return 3\*recursiveFactorial(2)  
return 2\*recursiveFactorial(1)  
return 1

# Recursive Factorial

```
public static int recursiveFactorial(int 4){  
    public static int recursiveFactorial(int 3){  
        public static int recursiveFactorial(int 2){  
            public static int recursiveFactorial(int 1){  
                if(n == 1){  
                    return 1;  
                }  
                else{  
                    return n * recursiveFactorial(n-1);  
                }  
            }  
        }  
    }  
}
```

recursiveFactorial(4)

return 4\*recursiveFactorial(3)

return 3\*recursiveFactorial(2)

return 2\*recursiveFactorial(1)

return 1

Base Case!



# Recursive Factorial

```
public static int recursiveFactorial(int 4){  
    ...  
    public static int recursiveFactorial(int 3){  
        ...  
        public static int recursiveFactorial(int 2){  
            ...  
            public static int recursiveFactorial(int 1){  
                if(n == 1){  
                    return 1;  
                }  
                else{  
                    return n * recursiveFactorial(n-1);  
                }  
            }  
        }  
    }  
}
```

24

return 4\*

6

return 3\*

2

return 2\*

1

return 1

# Recursive Mystery 1

- mystery1(0)
- mystery1(1)
- mystery1(2)
- mystery1(3)
- mystery1(4)

```
public static void mystery1(int n){  
    if (n <= 1) {  
        System.out.print(n);  
    } else {  
        mystery1(n / 2);  
        System.out.print(", " + n);  
    }  
}
```

```
public static void mystery1(int n){  
    if (n <= 1) {  
        System.out.print(n);  
    } else {  
        mystery1(n / 2);  
        System.out.print(", " + n);  
    }  
}
```

# Recursive Mystery 2

- mystery2(0)
- mystery2(1)
- mystery2(2)
- mystery2(3)
- mystery2(4)

```
public static void mystery2(int n){  
    if (n <= 0) {  
        System.out.print("*");  
    } else if (n % 2 == 0) {  
        System.out.print("(");  
        mystery2(n - 1);  
        System.out.print(")");  
    } else {  
        System.out.print("[");  
        mystery2(n - 1);  
        System.out.print("]");  
    }  
}
```

```
public static void mystery2(int n){  
    if (n <= 0) {  
        System.out.print("*");  
    } else if (n % 2 == 0) {  
        System.out.print("(");  
        mystery2(n - 1);  
        System.out.print(")");  
    } else {  
        System.out.print("[");  
        mystery2(n - 1);  
        System.out.print("]");  
    }  
}
```

# Recursive Mystery 3

- `Mystery3("taco")`

```
public static void mystery3(String str){  
    if(!str.isEmpty()) {  
        System.out.print(str.charAt(0));  
        mystery3(str.substring(1));  
        System.out.print(str.charAt(0));  
    }  
}
```