

## Worksheet: Tracing Recursion – Solutions

1. Consider the following recursive method:

```
public static void recur1(int n) {
    if (n > 0)
        recur1(n - 2);
    System.out.print(n + " ");
}
```

Trace the output for the following method calls:

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|----|------------|--------------|
| a. | recur1(6); | <u>0246</u>  |
| b. | recur1(3); | <u>-113</u>  |
| c. | recur1(5); | <u>-1135</u> |
| d. | recur1(0); | <u>0</u>     |

2. Consider the following recursive method:

```
public static void recur2(int n) {
    if (n > 0) {
        recur2(n - 1);
        for (int i = 0; i < n; i++)
            System.out.print("*");
        System.out.println();
    }
}
```

Trace the output for the following method calls:

- |    |              |    |            |    |            |
|----|--------------|----|------------|----|------------|
| a. | recur2(6)    | b. | recur2(3); | c. | recur2(1); |
|    | <u>*</u>     |    | <u>*</u>   |    | <u>*</u>   |
|    | <u>**</u>    |    | <u>**</u>  |    |            |
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3. Consider the following recursive method:

```
public static void recur3(int n) {
    if (n > 0)
        recur3(n - 10);
    System.out.print(n + " ");
}
```

Trace the output for the following method calls:

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|----|--------------|-------------------------|
| a. | recur3(50);  | <u>0 10 20 30 40 50</u> |
| b. | recur3(18);  | <u>-2 8 18</u>          |
| c. | recur3(-50); | <u>-50</u>              |



4. Consider the following recursive method:

```
public static void recur4 (int n){
    if (n > 1)
        recur4(n / 10);
    System.out.print (n % 10 + " ");
}
```

Trace the output for the following method calls:

- a. `recur4(1457);` [1457](#)  
b. `recur4(1881);` [1881](#)  
c. `recur4(-50);` [0](#)

5. Consider the following recursive method:

```
public static void recur5 (int n){
    if (n > 1)
        recur5(n -1);
    System.out.print (n+ " ");
}
```

Trace the output for the following method calls:

- a.      recur5(12);                      1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12
- b.      recur5(8);                              1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
- c.      recur5(-50);                      -50