

6/24/2025 OOP Python

Recursion!

$$n! = 1 \times 2 \times 3 \times 4 \times \dots \times n$$

"n factorial"

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res = 1
for i in range(1, n+1):
    res = res * i
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$$n! = [1 \times 2 \times 3 \times \dots \times (n-1)] \times n$$

$$n! = (n-1)! \times n$$

if  $n == 0:$

return 1

return  $n + \text{fact}(n-1)$

res  $\boxed{1} \times 2 \times 3 \times 4 \times 5 \times 6$   
 $i \boxed{1} \times 2 \times 3 \times 4 \times 5 \times 6$   
 $n \boxed{6}$

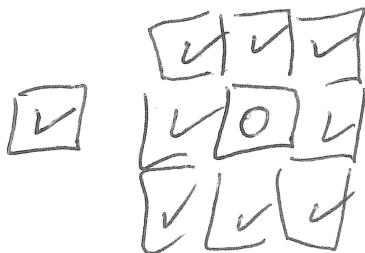
~~fact(0) ret 1~~  
~~fact(1)  $1 \times 1$  ret 1~~  
~~fact(2)  $1 \times 2$~~   
~~fact(3)  $1 \times 2 \times 3$  ret 6~~  
~~fact(4)  $1 \times 2 \times 3 \times 4$  ret 24~~  
~~fact(5)  $1 \times 2 \times 3 \times 4 \times 5$  ret 120~~

main  $5 + 24$   
 $\boxed{120}$  ret 120

Power

$$b^e = b^1 \times b^{e-1}$$

# Recursion in MineSweeper



no adj bombs

all ✓ are automatically  
safe!

if we click on a 0 square,  
recursively click on all  
adjacent squares automatically

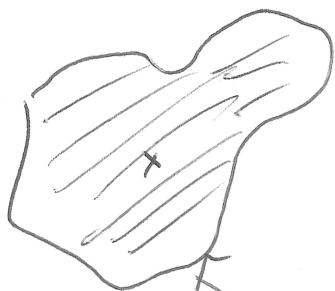
up to 8 recursive calls

Can't click on the same square twice!



Infinite

MAKE SURE THIS CAN'T HAPPEN,  
OTHERWISE YOU'LL HAVE INFINITE  
RECURSION



fill for paint bucket  
flood fill

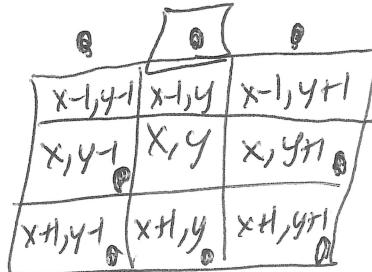
non-zero  
squares  
are like  
boundary  
in Paint

# DX/DY Arrays (DR/DC Arrays)

$DX = [-1, -1, -1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1]$

$DY = [-1, 0, 1, -1, 1, -1, 0, 1]$

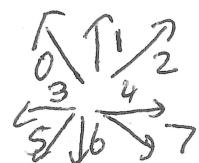
Dir      0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7



for i in range(len(DX)):

$nX = x + DX[i]$

$nY = y + DY[i]$



#2 options

If newSquare valid:  
clear(nX, nY)

OPT 1

clear(nX, nY) always call

ADD MORE

BASE CASES  
RETURNS ON  
BAD REC CALLS

# my board storage

1	*	*	2
1	2	3	*
1	1	2	1
1	*	1	0

board

F	F	F	F
F	F	F	F
E	F	T	T
F	F	T	T

show

cell



1F	*F	#F	2F
1F	2F	3F	*F
1F	1F	2T	1T
1F	*F	1T	0T

alternative method  
of storing lots