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DNHI Homework 2
Recursion

Problem 1

Part A Write an iterative method that computes a value of x^n for a positive integer n and a real number x.

Part B Write a recursive method that computes a value of x^n for a positive integer n and a real number x.

Problem 2

Consider the following recursive method

```
public int recMethod ( int number ) {
  if ( number <= 0 )
    return 0;
  if ( number % 2 == 0 )
    return recMethod ( number - 1 );
  else
    return number + recMethod ( number - 1);
}

```

Part A
How many times is this method called (including the initial call) when we run `recMethod(10)` ?

How many times is this method called (including the initial call) when we run `recMethod(-10)` ?

Part B
What does `recMethod` do (i.e. what does it compute)?

Problem 3

Write a recursive method to compute the following series:

$$\frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{5} + \frac{3}{7} + \frac{4}{9} + \ldots + \frac{i}{2i+1}.$$

Problem 4

Write a **recursive** method that computes the sum of the digits in an integer. Use the following method header:

```
    public static int sumOfDigits ( long n )
```

For example, `sumOfDigits( 234 )` should return 9 (since 2 + 3 + 4 = 9) and `sumOfDigits( 390 )` should return 12 (since 3 + 9 + 0 = 12).

Problem 5

For each of the following recursive methods, rewrite it using iterations instead of recursion. HINT: in order to do so you should first figure out what these methods do.

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Part A

```
public int recur( int n ) {

  if (n < 0 ) throw new IllegalArgumentException ("negative argument detected");
  return recur_proper(n);
}


public int recur_proper ( int n ) {
  if (n < 0 )
    return -1;
  else if ( n < 10 )
    return 1;
  else
    return ( 1 + recur_proper ( n / 10 ) );
}
```

Part B

```
public int recur2 ( int n ){
  if (n < 0 )
    return -1;
  else if ( n < 10 )
    return n;
  else
    return ( n % 10 + recur2 ( n / 10 ) );
}
```

Problem 6

What would be printed by the following programs

Part A)

```
1 public class CatsAndDogs {
2
3   public static void main(String[] args) {
4     foo("Cats and Dogs", 4);
5   }
6
7   public static void foo ( String s, int n ) {
8     if (n <= 1)
9       System.out.println("Cats");
10    else {
11      System.out.println( s ) ;
12      foo ( s, n-1 );
13    }
14  }
15 }
```

Part B)

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```java
public class Numbers {

  public static void main(String[] args) {
    int [] list = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5};
    System.out.println( foo (list, 0, list.length-1) );
  }

  public static int foo ( int [] nums, int begin, int end ) {
    if ( begin == end )
      return nums[begin];
    else
      return nums[begin] + foo(nums, begin+1, end);
  }
}
```

Problem 7

Part A Write a method that generates all sequences of a given length that contain digits 0 through 9 (all ten digits are allowed, repetitions are allowed)? Given length of the sequence equal to n, how many possible sequences are there?

Part B Modify the above method so that none of the generated sequences start with zero. How many of those sequences exist, given the length of n digits?