

# Exercises 21

## recursion

### Exercise 21.1 - Recursive subprograms

1. Write a recursive subroutine that calculates the sum of the first  $n$  squares. For example, if  $n = 3$ , this sub-program will calculate  $1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2$ . This subroutine is only defined for  $n$  greater than 0.
2. Write a recursive subroutine which calculates the sum of the positive elements of an array.
3. Write a recursive routine that checks whether a string is a palindrome.  
Reminder: A palindrome is a word that reads the same from left to right and right to left, such as **radar** or **ada**. To do this you use the methods `charAt ()` and `length()` of class; `String.s.charAt (i)` returns the  $i$ -th character of the string  $s$  and `s.length()` returns the length of  $s$ .
4. Write a recursive subroutine that rearranges the elements of an array in reverse order.
5. Write a recursive subroutine which calculates the value of a string of digital digits.

If it helps, you can start by looking for a formula that expresses the recursive calculation in general.

### Exercise 21.2 - Fibonacci

Write a function that calculates the values of the Fibonacci series, which is defined by:

$$u_0 = 0$$

$$u_1 = 1$$

$$u_n = u_{n-1} + u_{n-2}$$

**Write** this function as iterative and recursive form.

Which of the two variants is better here?