Homework Assignment 2

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:

```java
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:

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

For example, `sumOfDigits( 234 )` should return 9 (since $2 + 3 + 4 = 9$).
Problem 5

For each of the following recursive methods, rewrite it using iterations instead of recursion.

A)

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

B)

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

Problem 6

What would be printed by the following programs?

A)

```java
public class CatsAndDogs {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        foo("Cats and Dogs", 4);
    }

    public static void foo ( String s, int n ) {
        if (n <= 1)
            System.out.println("Cats");
        else {
            System.out.println( s );
            foo ( s, n–1 );
        }
    }
}
```

B)
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);
    }
}