

Exercise Session 11

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1. Write a different program for each of the following point using the type traits, available in the header file `<type_traits>`.
 - (a) Statically check if a template parameter of a class is `int` or `double`; rise an error otherwise.
 - (b) Declare a function template that prints the variable passed as argument. Statically check if the latter is not a raw pointer.
 - (c) Declare `unsigned int` `i`, then declare a `float` or an `int` if `i` is signed or unsigned, respectively, without knowing the type of `i` explicitly. Check the result.
2. Write a program that perform a dot product of two arrays using the template metaprogramming technique. Using the following hints:
 - Use the container `std::array` to store the two vectors.
 - Declare a class templetized on the index, using a `std::size_t` (you need to include `<cstdint>`) to declare the template parameter. `size_t` is the type used to address arrays, in this way you avoid errors.
 - In the class introduce a static method, called `apply`, which perform one operation of the dot product and calls again `apply` with the index decreased by one. Beware, this method should be `inline`.
 - Specialize the method `apply` for the case of zero index.
 - Overload a `operator *` that implements the dot product using the class just defined. It is better if it returns a `constexpr`.