

# RECURSION – “SQUARE ROOT APPROX”

**Lab Description :** Use an ancient mathematical method of recursion to find a square root.

The following method was known to the ancient Greeks for computing square roots:

- Given a value  $x > 0$  and a guess  $g$  for the square root, a better guess is  $(g + x/g) / 2$ .
- Write a recursive helper method `public static squareRootGuess(double x, double g)`.
- If  $g^2$  is approximately equal to  $x$ , return  $g$ , otherwise, return `squareRootGuess` with the better guess.
  - (for instance, you could say that “*approximately equal*” means within 0.001)
- Then write a method `public static squareRoot(double x)` that uses the helper method.