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Perfect primes

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Given a natural number n, let s(n) be the sum of the digits of n. In this exercise, we say that *n* is a perfect prime if the infinite sequence n, s(n), s(s(n)), ... only contains prime numbers. For instance, 977 is a perfect prime, because 977, 9+7+7=23, 2+3=5, 5, ..., are all prime numbers.

Write a recursive function that tells if a natural number n is a perfect prime or not.

Interface

```
C++
              bool is_perfect_prime (int n);
     C
              int is_perfect_prime (int n);
   Java
              public static boolean isPerfectPrime(int n);
Python
               is_perfect_prime (n) # returns bool
               is_perfect_prime (n: int) \rightarrow bool
```

Precondition

We have $n \ge 0$.

Observation

You only need to submit the required procedure; your main program will be ignored.

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