

Homeworks for course COSC 1P03- Introduction to Data Structures

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1- Write a recursive method to compare two strings: `int compareTo(String s1, String s2)`.

Remember, that `compareTo` returns

- a negative number if $s1 < s2$,
- 0 if $s1 == s2$, and
- a positive number if $s1 > s2$.

2- Write the following method

`public static int toInt (String s)`

recursively. It is like `parseInt`, but only for non-negative values

`toInt("138")` should return 138.

3- Write the following method

`public static boolean equals (String s1, String s2)`

recursively. Its recursive structure is like that of the `equals` methods for ints.

4- Write the following method

`public static int compare (String s1, String s2)`

recursively. Its recursive structure is similar to `equals`, above.

5- Write a recursive method `int multiply(int a, int b)` to multiply two positive integers together without using the `*` operator. To receive full credit, your algorithm must run in $O(\log a)$ time. (In other words, you may not just add `a` to itself `b` times.)

6- Write a recursive method `int parseInt(String s)`. That returns the integer represented by `s`. Throw a `NumberFormatException` if `s` does not contain an integer.

7- try to find another recursive solution for the stars problem? Prove that it works and show if your solution has better efficiency than the discussed solution in the class.