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Perfect primes (hard version)

The statement of this exercise is identical to that of exercise . But here the solution required is more efficient in general.

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);
С	<pre>int is_perfect_prime (int n);</pre>
Java	<pre>public static boolean isPerfectPrime(int n);</pre>
Python	<i>is_perfect_prime</i> (<i>n</i>) # 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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