
Announcements

- Final exam: April 20th at 9:00am, at the GYM
- Review tutorial: April 12th from 4:00pm to 6:00pm at ENGMC 13
- Course evaluations on Minerva (before April 13th:)
 - Login to **Minerva for students** (from <http://www.mcgill.ca>)
 - Select **Student Menu** (or a pop-up window will appear)
 - Click on **MOLE** - McGill Online Evaluations
 - Select COMP-202
 - Fill out the evaluation (it's anonymous.)

Recursion

- A recursive method is a method that calls itself (directly or indirectly.)
- A recursive definition is a definition of something in terms of itself
- Some recursive definitions don't make sense, (e.g. from Webster's: growl: to utter a growl), but others do

Recursive functions

- Factorial: the factorial of a natural number n , written $n!$ is the multiplication of the first n positive integers, i.e.

$$n! = \underbrace{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot \dots \cdot (n-2) \cdot (n-1)}_{(n-1)!} \cdot n$$

Recursive functions (contd.)

Summarizing:

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This can be implemented as a static recursive method:

```
static int factorial(int n)
{
    if (n == 0)
    {
        return 1;
    }
    return factorial( n - 1 ) * n;
}
```

Execution of recursive methods

- Consider the following client for this factorial function:

```
int r;  
r = factorial(4);
```

Execution of recursive methods

```
static int factorial(int n)
{
    if (n == 0)
    {
        return 1;
    }
    return factorial( n - 1 ) * n;
}
```

- Execution proceeds as follows:

```
factorial(4)
return factorial(4-1) * 4
```

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}
```

- Execution proceeds as follows:

```
factorial(4)
return factorial(3) * 4
```

Execution of recursive methods

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        return 1;
    }
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}
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- Execution proceeds as follows:

```
factorial(4)
return factorial(3) * 4
return (factorial(3-1) * 3) * 4
```

Execution of recursive methods

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static int factorial(int n)
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    if (n == 0)
    {
        return 1;
    }
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}
```

- Execution proceeds as follows:

```
factorial(4)
return factorial(3) * 4
return (factorial(2) * 3) * 4
```

Execution of recursive methods

```
static int factorial(int n)
{
    if (n == 0)
    {
        return 1;
    }
    return factorial( n - 1 ) * n;
}
```

- Execution proceeds as follows:

```
factorial(4)
return factorial(3) * 4
return (factorial(2) * 3) * 4
return ((factorial(2-1) * 2) * 3) * 4
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```
factorial(4)
return factorial(3) * 4
return (factorial(2) * 3) * 4
return ((factorial(1) * 2) * 3) * 4
return (((factorial(1-1) * 1) * 2) * 3) * 4
```

Execution of recursive methods

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{
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    {
        return 1;
    }
    return factorial( n - 1 ) * n;
}
```

- Execution proceeds as follows:

```
factorial(4)
return factorial(3) * 4
return (factorial(2) * 3) * 4
return ((factorial(1) * 2) * 3) * 4
return (((factorial(0) * 1) * 2) * 3) * 4
```

Execution of recursive methods

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static int factorial(int n)
{
    if (n == 0)
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        return 1;
    }
    return factorial( n - 1 ) * n;
}
```

- Execution proceeds as follows:

```
factorial(4)
return factorial(3) * 4
return (factorial(2) * 3) * 4
return ((factorial(1) * 2) * 3) * 4
return (((1 * 1) * 2) * 3) * 4
```

Execution of recursive methods

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static int factorial(int n)
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    }
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}
```

- Execution proceeds as follows:

```
factorial(4)
return factorial(3) * 4
return (factorial(2) * 3) * 4
return (((1) * 2) * 3) * 4
```

Execution of recursive methods

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static int factorial(int n)
{
    if (n == 0)
    {
        return 1;
    }
    return factorial( n - 1 ) * n;
}
```

- Execution proceeds as follows:

```
factorial(4)
return factorial(3) * 4
return ((2) * 3) * 4
```

Execution of recursive methods

```
static int factorial(int n)
{
    if (n == 0)
    {
        return 1;
    }
    return factorial( n - 1 ) * n;
}
```

- Execution proceeds as follows:

```
factorial(4)
return (6) * 4
```

Execution of recursive methods

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static int factorial(int n)
{
    if (n == 0)
    {
        return 1;
    }
    return factorial( n - 1 ) * n;
}
```

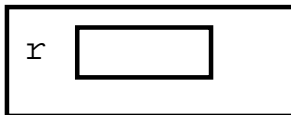
- Execution proceeds as follows:

```
factorial(4)
return 24
```

Execution of recursive methods

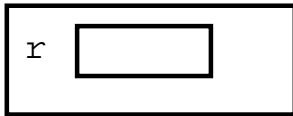
This is executed in some frame:

Some frame

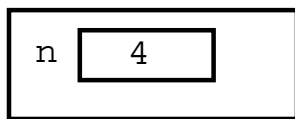


Execution of recursive methods

When we call `factorial(4)`; a new frame for the method is created:
Some frame



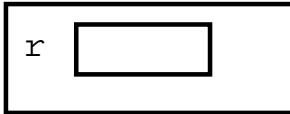
factorial frame



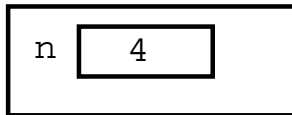
We execute the body of `factorial`; `n` is not 0 so we execute
`return factorial(n-1)*n;`
which in this frame is the same as
`return factorial(4-1)*4;`

Execution of recursive methods

Some frame



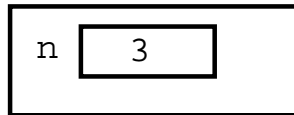
factorial frame



pending computation:

```
return factorial(3)*4;
```

factorial frame



Again, we execute the body of factorial;
again, n is not 0 so we execute

```
return factorial(n-1)*n;
```

which in this frame is the same as

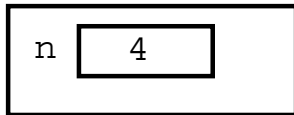
```
return factorial(3-1)*3;
```

Execution of recursive methods

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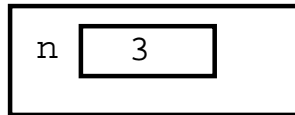
factorial frame



pending computation:

```
return factorial(3)*4;
```

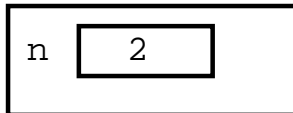
factorial frame



pending computation:

```
return factorial(2)*3;
```

factorial frame



Again, we execute the body of factorial;
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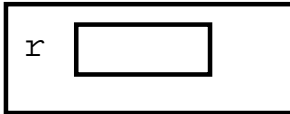
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return factorial(n-1)*n;
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which in this frame is the same as

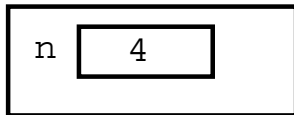
```
return factorial(2-1)*2;
```

Execution of recursive methods

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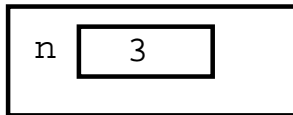
factorial frame



pending computation:

`return factorial(3)*4;`

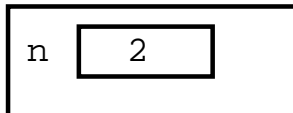
factorial frame



pending computation:

`return factorial(2)*3;`

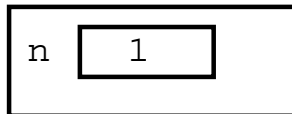
factorial frame



pending computation:

`return factorial(1)*2;`

factorial frame



Again, we execute the body of factorial;
again, n is not 0 so we execute

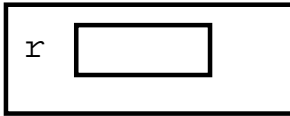
`return factorial(n-1)*n;`

which in this frame is the same as

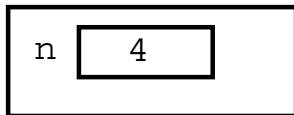
`return factorial(1-1)*1;`

Execution of recursive methods

Some frame



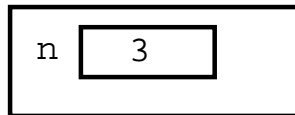
factorial frame



pending computation:

`return factorial(3)*4;`

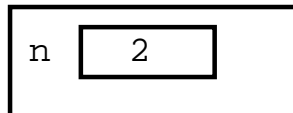
factorial frame



pending computation:

`return factorial(2)*3;`

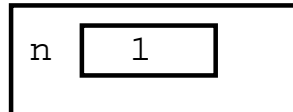
factorial frame



pending computation:

`return factorial(1)*2;`

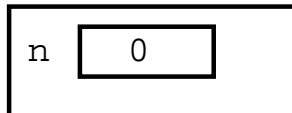
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pending computation:

`return factorial(0)*1;`

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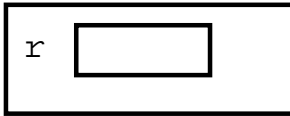
Now, we have reached the base case, and n is 0, so we execute:

`return 1;`

We get rid of the frame, and pass the returned value to the caller

Execution of recursive methods

Some frame



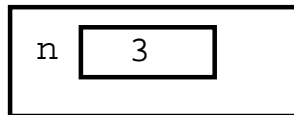
factorial frame



pending computation:

```
return factorial(3)*4;
```

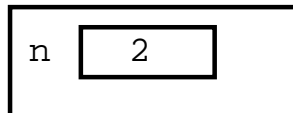
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pending computation:

```
return factorial(2)*3;
```

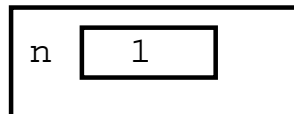
factorial frame



pending computation:

```
return factorial(1)*2;
```

factorial frame



The pending computation here was:

```
return factorial(0)*1;
```

and the method called `factorial(0)`

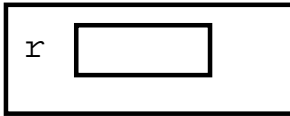
returned 1, so this pending computation is now:

```
return 1*1;
```

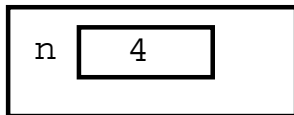
We get rid of the frame, and pass the returned value to the caller

Execution of recursive methods

Some frame



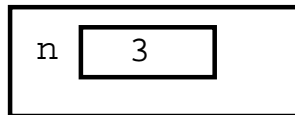
factorial frame



pending computation:

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return factorial(3)*4;
```

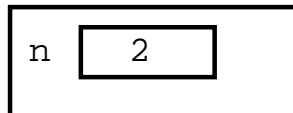
factorial frame



pending computation:

```
return factorial(2)*3;
```

factorial frame



The pending computation here was:

```
return factorial(1)*2;
```

and the method called `factorial(1)`

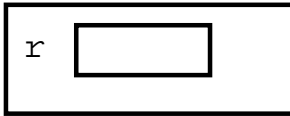
returned 1, so this pending computation is now:

```
return 1*2;
```

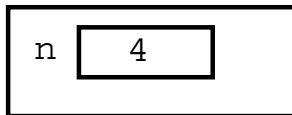
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Execution of recursive methods

Some frame



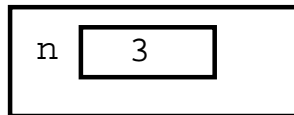
factorial frame



pending computation:

```
return factorial(3)*4;
```

factorial frame



The pending computation here was:

```
return factorial(2)*3;
```

and the method called `factorial(2)`

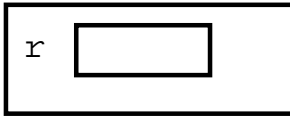
returned 2, so this pending computation is now:

```
return 2*3;
```

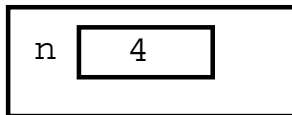
We get rid of the frame, and pass the returned value to the caller

Execution of recursive methods

Some frame



factorial frame



The pending computation here was:

```
return factorial(3)*4;
```

and the method called `factorial(3)`

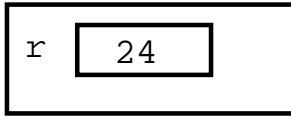
returned 6, so this pending computation is now:

```
return 6*4;
```

We get rid of the frame, and pass the returned value to the caller

Execution of recursive methods

Some frame



The pending computation here was:

```
r = factorial(4);
```

which returned 24, so this pending computation is now:

```
r = 24;
```

Reverse

```
public class MoreStringOperations
{
    static String reverse(String s)
    {
        if (s.equals("")) {
            return "";
        }
        return reverse(rest(s))+s.charAt(0);
    }
    static String rest(String s)
    {
        String result = "";
        int i = 1;
        while (i < s.length()) {
            result = result + s.charAt(i);
            i++;
        }
        return result;
    }
}
```

Double recursion

- Problem: Compute the n -th Fibonacci number
- Analysis: The Fibonacci sequence 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, ... is defined by:

$$fib(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n \leq 2 \\ fib(n-1) + fib(n-2) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- Implementation:

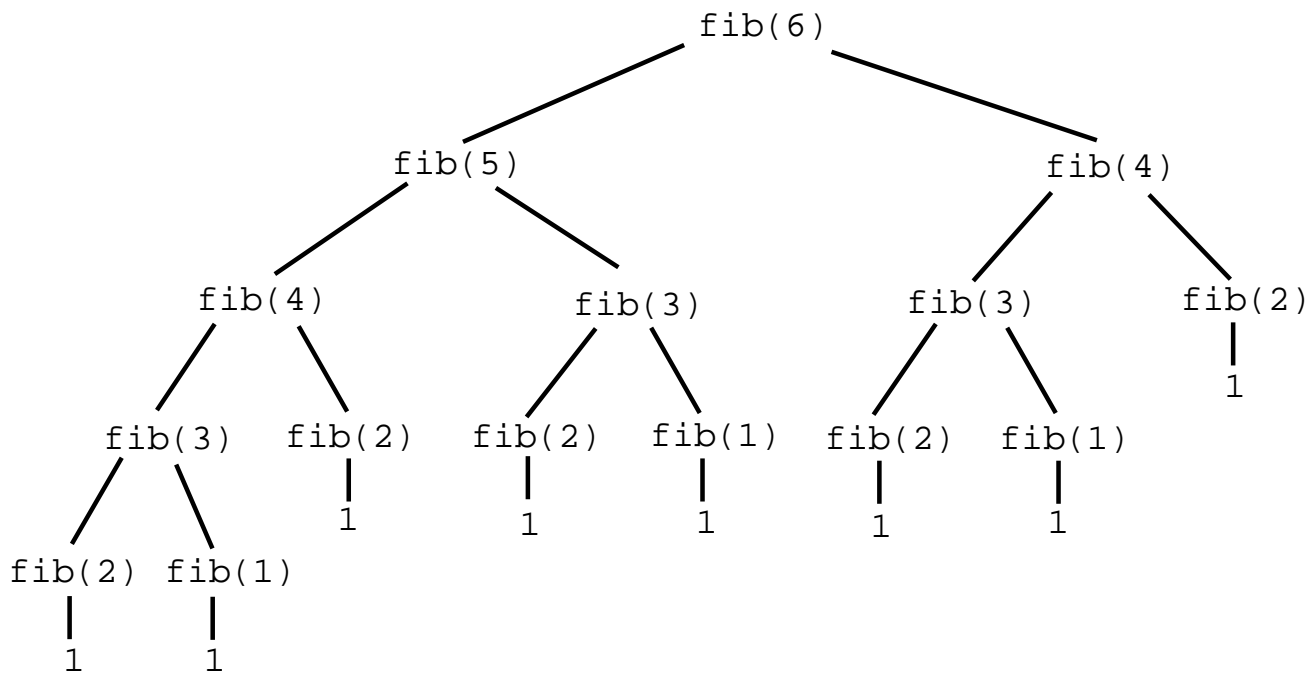
```
static int fib(int n)
{
    if (n <= 2) {
        return 1;
    }
    return fib(n - 1) + fib(n - 2);
}
```

Iteration vs recursion

- Iterative solution to the Fibonacci problem:

```
static int fib(int n)
{
    int a, b, c, i;
    a = 1;
    b = 1;
    c = 1;
    i = 3;
    while (i <= n)
    {
        c = a + b;
        a = b;
        b = c;
        i++;
    }
    return c;
}
```

Execution trees



Divide and Conquer

- To solve a problem:
 1. Divide it into smaller sub-problems
 2. Solve each subproblem separately
 3. Combine the solution of the subproblems

Recursion

Problem: write a method that given a double b and a positive integer n , computes b^n

Recursion

$$b^n = \underbrace{b \cdot b \cdot b \cdot \dots \cdot b \cdot b}_{n \text{ times}}$$

Recursion

$$b^n = b \cdot \underbrace{b \cdot b \cdot \dots \cdot b \cdot b}_{n-1 \text{ times}}$$

Recursion

$$b^n = b \cdot b^{n-1}$$

Recursion

$$b^n = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 0 \\ b \cdot b^{n-1} & \text{if } n > 0 \end{cases}$$

Recursion

$$b^n = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 0 \\ b \cdot b^{n-1} & \text{if } n > 0 \end{cases}$$

```
double pow(double b, int n)
{
    if (n == 0) return 1;
    return b * pow(b, n - 1);
}
```

Recursion

$$b^n = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 0 \\ b \cdot b^{n-1} & \text{if } n > 0 \text{ and } n \text{ is odd} \\ (b^{n/2})^2 & \text{if } n > 0 \text{ and } n \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

Recursion

$$b^n = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 0 \\ b \cdot b^{n-1} & \text{if } n > 0 \text{ and } n \text{ is odd} \\ (b^{n/2})^2 & \text{if } n > 0 \text{ and } n \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

```
double fastpow(double b, int n)
{
    if (n == 0) return 1;
    if (n % 2 == 1) return b * fastpow(b, n - 1);
    double p = fastpow(b, n/2);
    return p * p;
}
```

Recursion

$$b^n = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 0 \\ b \cdot b^{n-1} & \text{if } n > 0 \text{ and } n \text{ is odd} \\ (b^2)^{n/2} & \text{if } n > 0 \text{ and } n \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

```
double fastpow(double b, int n)
{
    if (n == 0) return 1;
    if (n % 2 == 1) return b * fastpow(b, n - 1);
    return fastpow(b * b, n / 2);
}
```

Recursion and termination

```
static void f(int n)
{
    System.out.println(n);
    f(n);
}
```

Recursion and termination

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Recursion and termination

```
static int f(int n)
{
    System.out.println(n);
    return f(n) + 1;
}
```

Recursion and termination

```
f(5)
return f(5) + 1
return (f(5) + 1) + 1
return ((f(5) + 1) + 1) + 1
.
.
.
```

Recursion and termination

```
static int f(int n)
{
    System.out.println(n);
    return f(n-1);
}
```

Recursion and termination

```
f(5)
return f(4)
return f(3)
return f(2)
return f(1)
return f(0)
return f(-1)
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Recursion and termination

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static int f(int n)
{
    if (n == 0) return 1;
    System.out.println(n);
    return f(n);
}
```

Recursion and termination

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f(5)
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Recursion and termination

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static int f(int n)
{
    if (n == 0) return 1;
    System.out.println(n);
    return f(n-1);
}
```

Recursion and termination

```
f(5)
return f(4)
return f(3)
return f(2)
return f(1)
return f(0)
return 1
```

Recursion and termination

```
static int f(int n)
{
    if (n == 0) return 1;
    System.out.println(n);
    return f(n - 2) + 1;
}
```

Recursion and termination

```
static int f(int n)
{
    if (n == 0) return 1;
    System.out.println(n);
    return f(n / 2) + 1;
}
```

Recursion and termination

```
static int f(int n)
{
    if (n == 0) return 1;
    System.out.println(n);
    return f(n + 2);
}
```

Recursion and termination

```
f(5)  
returns f(7)  
returns f(9)  
returns f(11)  
returns f(13)
```

```
.  
. .  
. . .
```

Recursion and termination

- For a recursive method to terminate it is necessary:
 - to have at least one base case
 - the recursive method call must change the parameters so that the subproblem is “smaller” than the original problem

Recursion and termination

```
static int f(int n)
{
    if (n == 0) return 1;
    else if (n % 2 == 0) return n / 2;
    else return f( f( 3 * n + 1 ) );
}
```

Recursion and termination

If n is odd then the third case applies, and we have to compute

$$f(f(3n + 1))$$

But, since n is odd, then $n = 2k + 1$ for some $k \geq 0$, which implies that

$$\begin{aligned} 3n + 1 &= 3(2k + 1) + 1 \\ &= 6k + 3 + 1 \\ &= 6k + 4 \\ &= 2(3k + 2) \end{aligned}$$

so $3n + 1$ is even!

Therefore

$$f(3n + 1) = \frac{3n + 1}{2}$$

so we can rewrite

$$f(f(3n + 1))$$

as

$$f\left(\frac{3n + 1}{2}\right)$$

Recursion and termination

```
static int f(int n)
{
    if (n == 0) return 1;
    else if (n % 2 == 0) return n / 2;
    else return f( (3 * n + 1) / 2 );
}
```

Recursion and termination

$$f(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 0 \\ n/2 & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \\ f(\frac{3n+1}{2}) & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

Question: for all $n > 0$, is $\frac{3n+1}{2} < n$?

Answer: no! For $n > 0$

$$3n > 2n$$

so

$$3n + 1 > 2n$$

therefore

$$\frac{3n + 1}{2} > n$$

Hence the argument of the recursive call increases!

Does this mean, then that f cannot terminate?

No! eventually $\frac{3n+1}{2}$ will be even, thus reaching a base case (but the proof is hard!)

Recursion and termination

Determining whether a program might terminate is in general hard

Furthermore, it is impossible to write a program that takes as input any program P and decides whether P terminates or not.

Normal Recursion

```
void p(...)  
{  
    ...  
    p(...);  
    ...  
}
```

Indirect Recursion

```
void p(...)  
{  
    ...  
    q(...);  
    ...  
}  
void q(...)  
{  
    ...  
    r(...);  
    ...  
}  
void r(...)  
{  
    ...  
    p(...);  
    ...  
}
```

Mutual Recursion

```
void p(...)  
{  
    ...  
    q(...);  
    ...  
}  
void q(...)  
{  
    ...  
    p(...);  
    ...  
}
```

Recursion on two arguments

```
int h(int x, int y)
{
    if (x == 1) return 2;
    if (y == 1) return 3 * x;
    return h(x - 1, y) + h(x, y - 1);
}
```

Recursion on two arguments

```
int h(int x, int y)
{
    if (x == 1) return 2;
    if (y == 1) return 3 * x;
    return h(x - 1, y) + h(x, y - 1);
}
```

x\y	1	2	3	4	5
1	2	2	2	2	2
2					
3					
4					

Recursion on two arguments

```
int h(int x, int y)
{
    if (x == 1) return 2;
    if (y == 1) return 3 * x;
    return h(x - 1, y) + h(x, y - 1);
}
```

x\y	1	2	3	4	5
1	2	2	2	2	2
2	6				
3	9				
4	12				

Recursion on two arguments

```
int h(int x, int y)
{
    if (x == 1) return 2;
    if (y == 1) return 3 * x;
    return h(x - 1, y) + h(x, y - 1);
}
```

x\y	1	2	3	4	5
1	2	2	2	2	2
2	6	8	10	12	14
3	9	17	27	39	53
4	12	29	56	95	148

Recursion on two arguments

```
int h(int x, int y)
{
    if (x == 1) return 2;
    if (y == 1) return 3 * x;
    return h(x - 1, y) + h(x, y - 1);
}
```

x\y	1	2	3	4	5
1	2	2	2	2	2
2	6	8	10	12	14
3	9	17	27	39	53
4	12	29	56	95	148

Recursion and termination

Ackermann's function:

$$A(m, n) = \begin{cases} n + 1 & \text{if } m = 0 \text{ and } n \geq 0 \\ A(m - 1, 1) & \text{if } m \geq 1 \text{ and } n = 0 \\ A(m - 1, A(m, n - 1)) & \text{if } m \geq 1 \text{ and } n \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

$m \backslash n$	0	1	2	3	4
0	1	2	3	4	5
1	2	3	4	5	6
2	3	5	7	9	11
3	5	13	29	61	125

Recursion and termination

Ackermann's function:

$$A(m, n) = \begin{cases} n + 1 & \text{if } m = 0 \text{ and } n \geq 0 \\ A(m - 1, 1) & \text{if } m \geq 1 \text{ and } n = 0 \\ A(m - 1, A(m, n - 1)) & \text{if } m \geq 1 \text{ and } n \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

m \ n	0	1	2	3	4	n
0	1	2	3	4	5	n+1
1	2	3	4	5	6	n+2
2	3	5	7	9	11	2n+3
3	5	13	29	61	125	$2^{(n+3)} - 3$
4	13	65533	$2^{65536} - 3$			$2^{2^{\dots^2}} - 3$

$A(4,2)$ is greater than the number of particles in the universe raised to the power 200

$A(5,2)$ cannot be written as a decimal expansion in the physical universe.

Recursion and termination

```
static int ackermann(int m, int n)
{
    if (m == 0 && n >= 0)
        return n + 1;
    else if (m >= 1 && n == 0)
        return ackermann(m - 1, 1);
    else
        return ackermann(m - 1, ackermann(m, n - 1));
}
```

Recursive data-structures

- For example:
 - A *list of numbers* is either:
 - * A single number, or
 - * A number followed by a list of numbers.
 - For example:
 - * 5 is a list of numbers
 - * 7, 5 is a list of numbers (because 5 is a list)
 - * 6, 7, 5 is a list of numbers (because 7, 5 is a list)
 - * 8, 6, 7, 5 is a list of numbers (because 6, 7, 5 is a list)

Recursive data-structures

- For example:
 - A *list of data* is either:
 - * An *empty list* [], or
 - * A *pair* consisting of:
 - Some data, and
 - A list of data.
 - For example:
 - * [] is a list
 - * [5, []] is a list
 - * [7, [5, []]] is a list
 - * [6, [7, [5, []]]] is a list
 - * [8, [6, [7, [5, []]]]] is a list

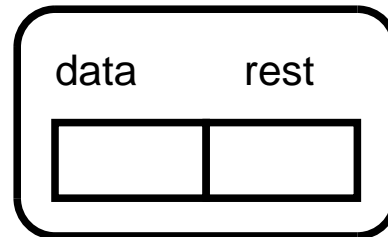
Recursive data-structures

EmptyList

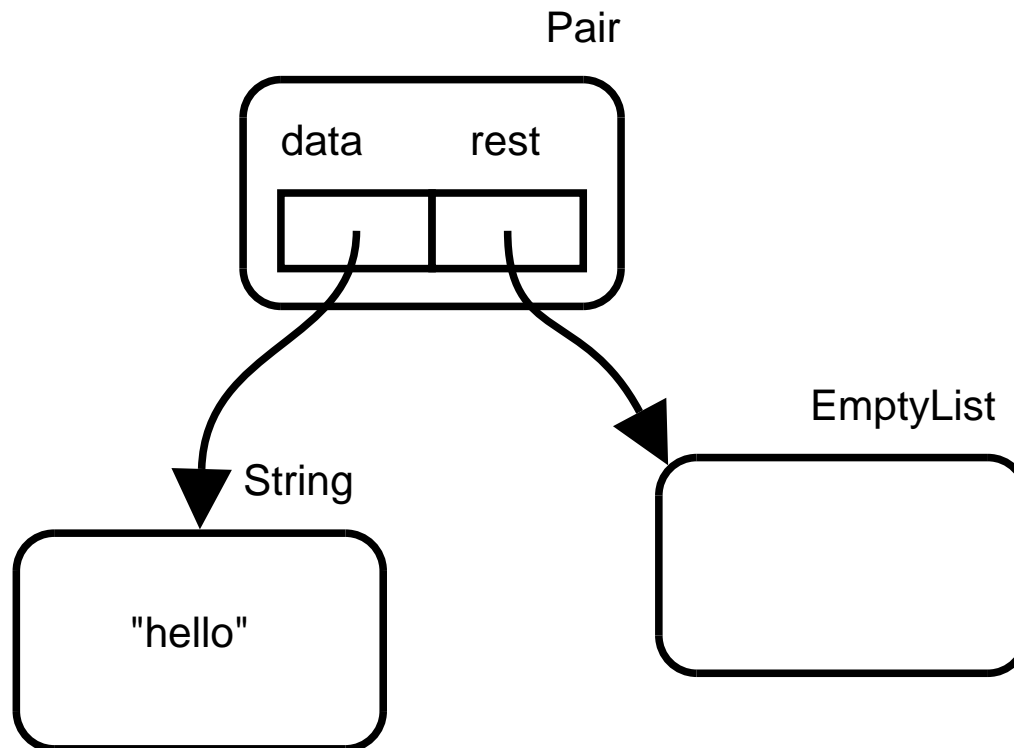


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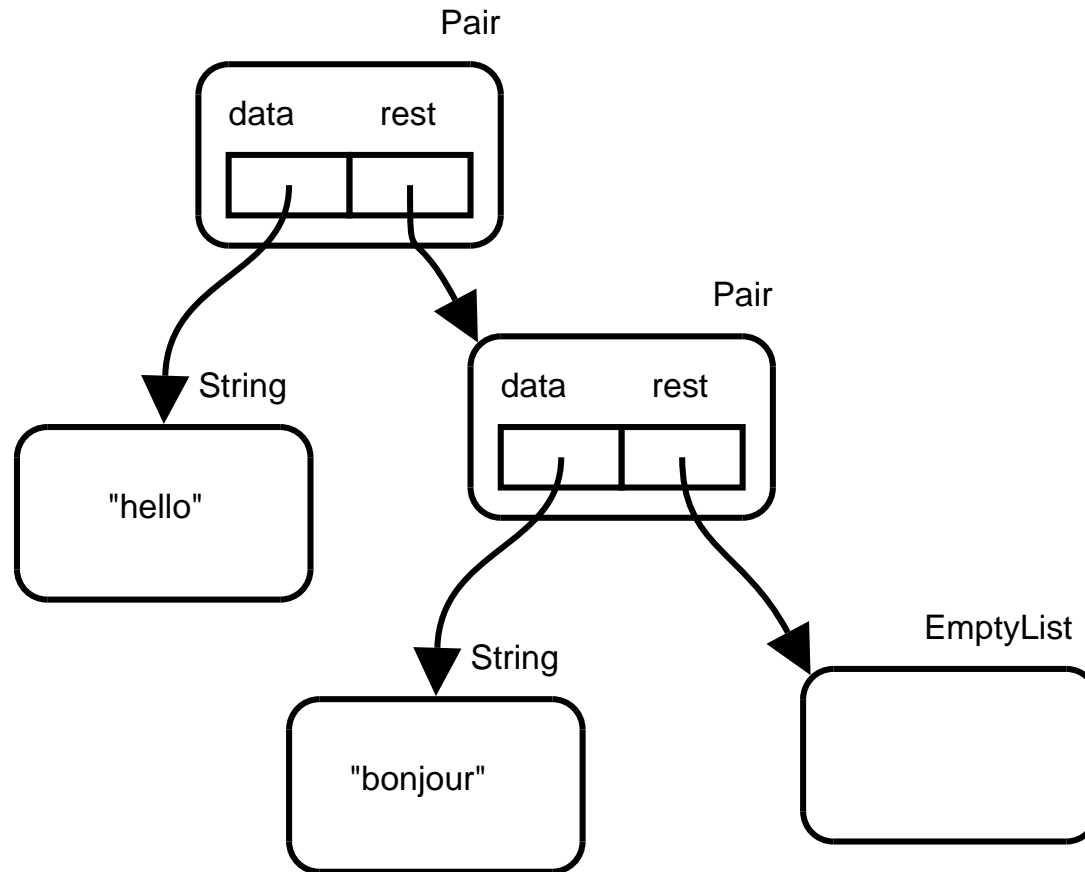
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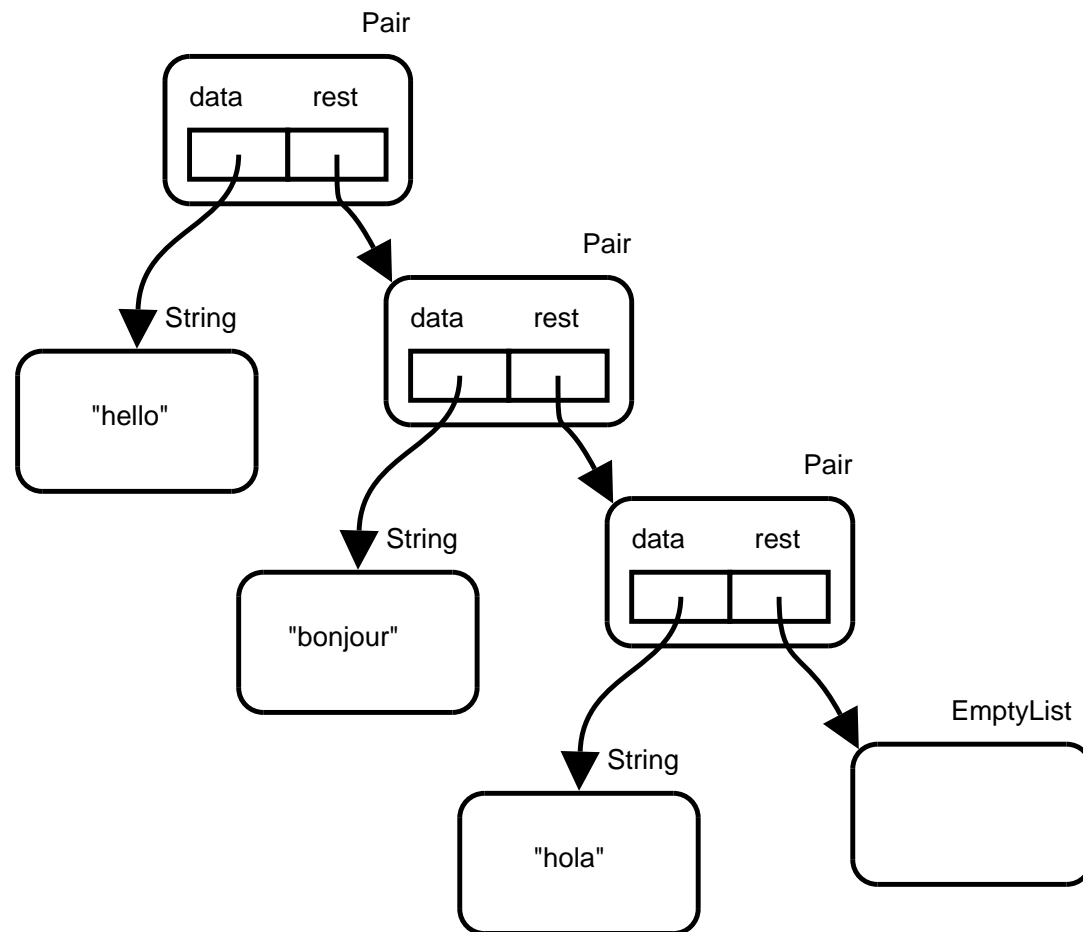
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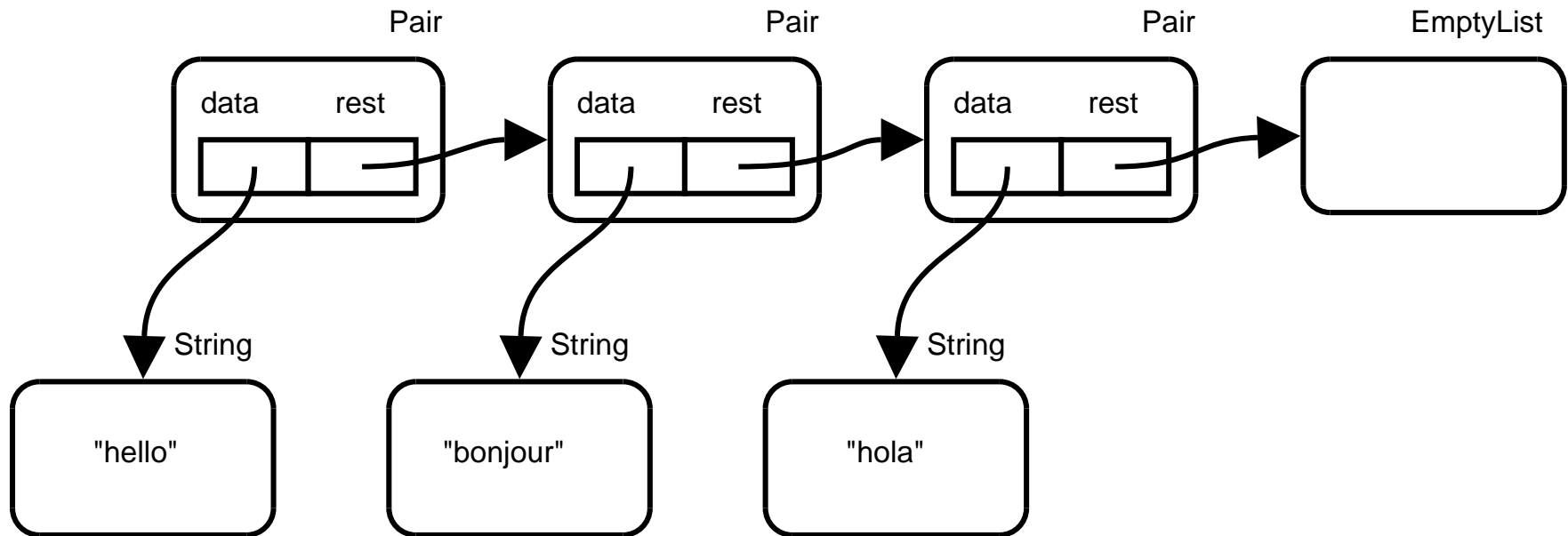
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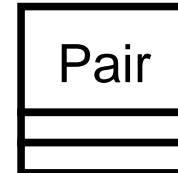
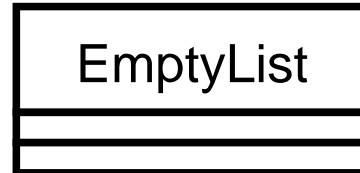
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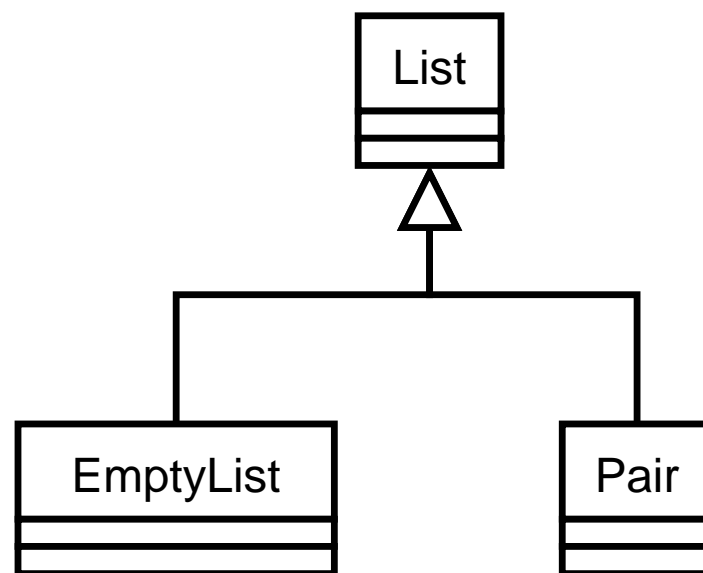
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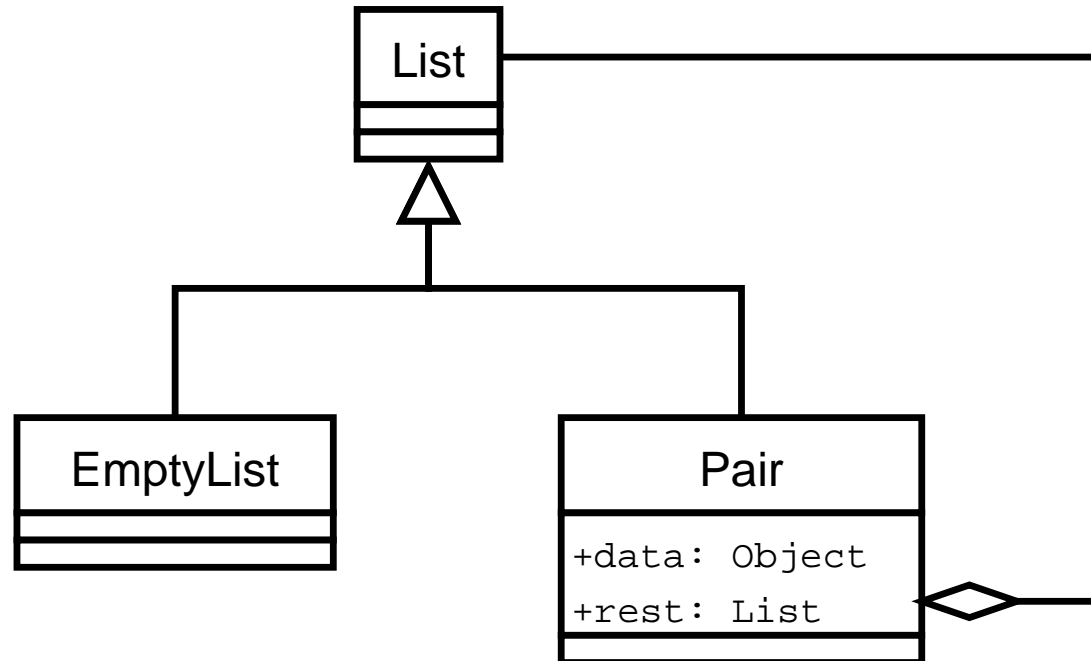


Recursive data-structures



- An empty list *is a* list
- A pair *is a* list

Recursive data-structures



- A pair *has* a data object
- A pair *has* a list (a reference to the rest or the list)

Recursive data-structures

```
class List  
{  
}
```

Recursive data-structures

```
class List  
{  
}
```

```
class EmptyList extends List  
{  
}
```

```
class Pair extends List  
{  
}
```

Recursive data-structures

```
class List
{
}
```

```
class EmptyList extends List
{
}
```

```
class Pair extends List
{
    Object data;
    List rest;
}
```

Recursive data-structures

```
class Pair extends List
{
    Object data;
    List rest;

    Pair(Object d, List l)
    {
        data = d;
        rest = l;
    }

    Object getData() { return data; }
    List getRest() { return rest; }
}
```

Recursive data-structures

```
public class ListTest
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        EmptyList nil = new EmptyList();
        List l1 = nil;
    }
}
```

Recursive data-structures

```
public class ListTest
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        List l1 = new EmptyList();
    }
}
```

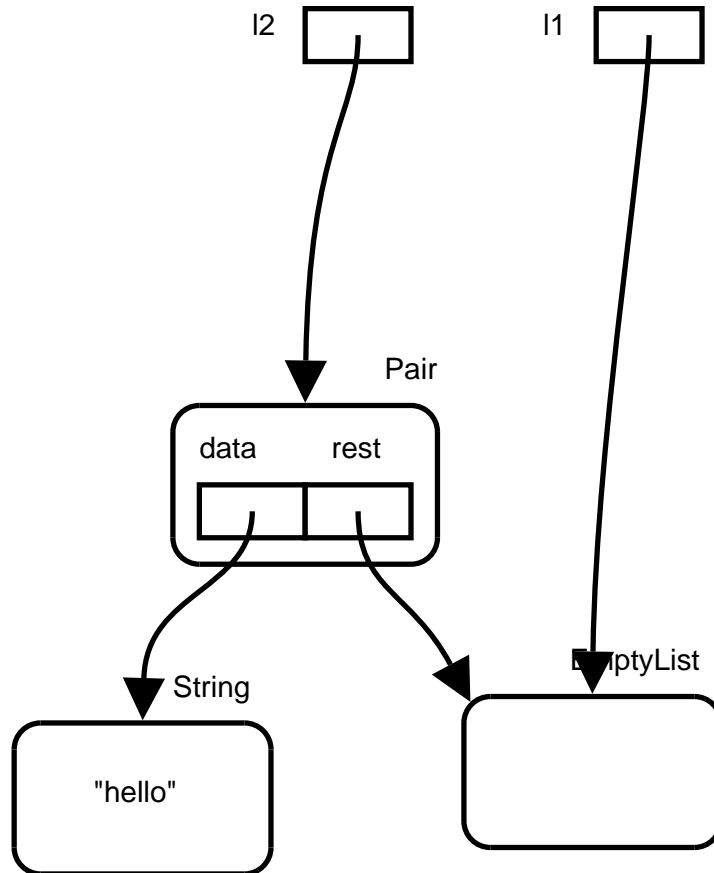
Recursive data-structures

```
public class ListTest
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        List l1 = new EmptyList();
        Pair p1 = new Pair("hello", l1);
    }
}
```

Recursive data-structures

```
public class ListTest
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        List l1 = new EmptyList();
        List l2 = new Pair("hello", l1);
    }
}
```

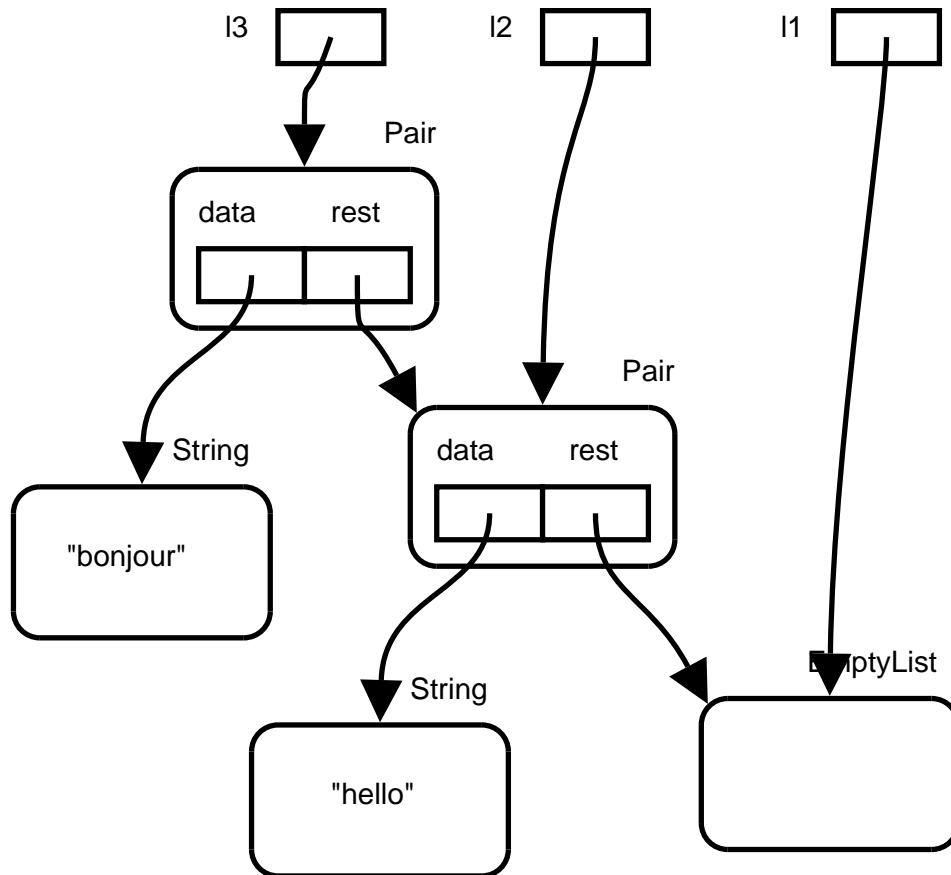
Recursive data-structures



Recursive data-structures

```
public class ListTest
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        List l1 = new EmptyList();
        List l2 = new Pair("hello", l1);
        List l3 = new Pair("bonjour", l2);
    }
}
```

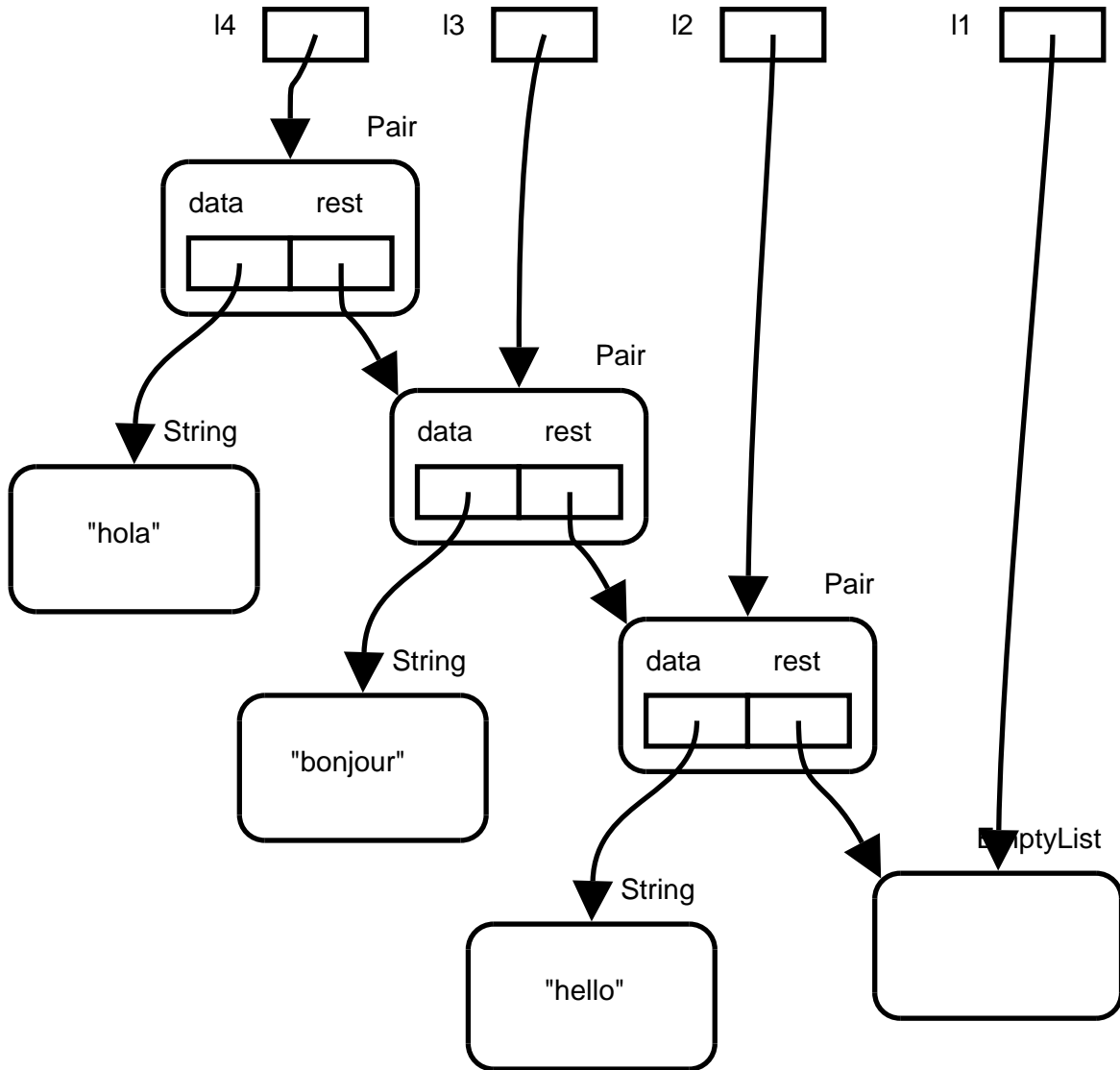
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Recursive data-structures

```
public class ListTest
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        List l1 = new EmptyList();
        List l2 = new Pair("hello", l1);
        List l3 = new Pair("bonjour", l2);
        List l4 = new Pair("hola", l3);
    }
}
```

Recursive data-structures



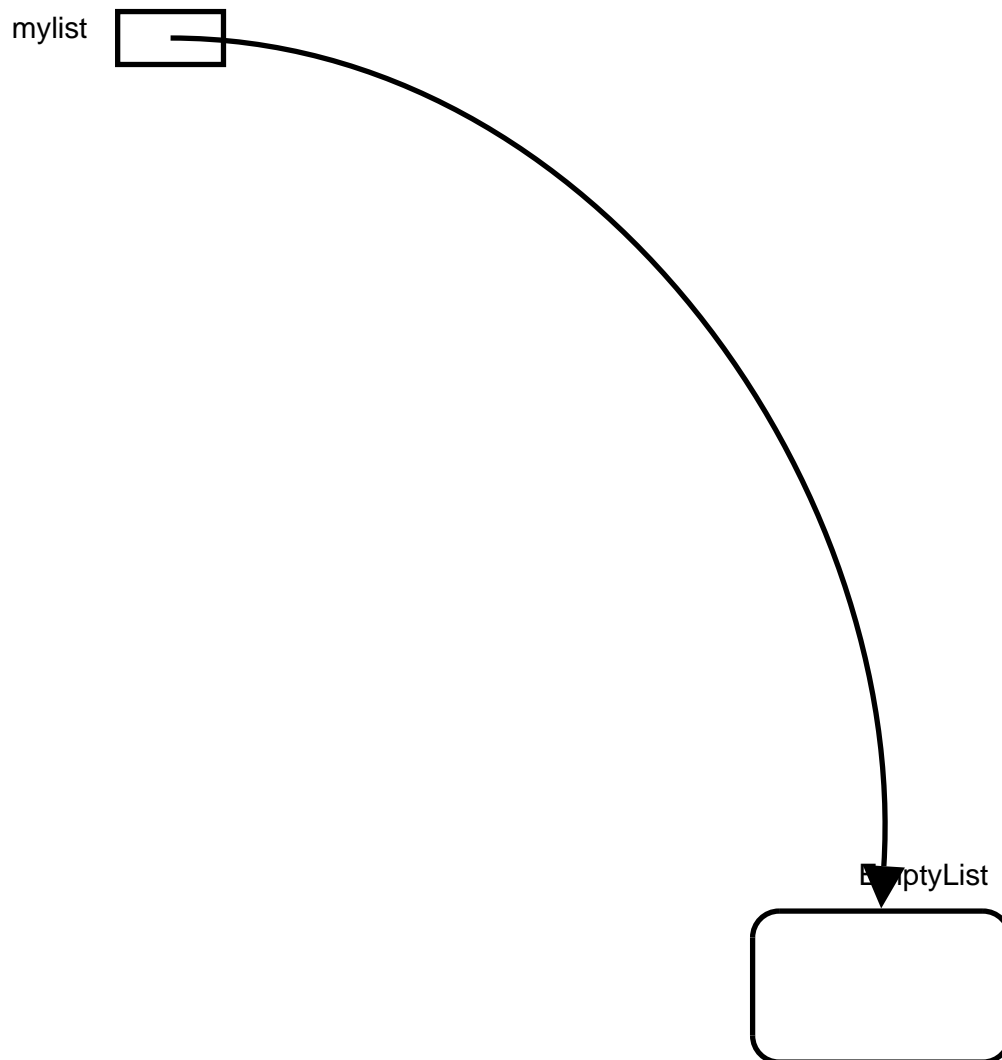
Recursive data-structures

```
public class ListTest
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        List l4 = new Pair("hola",
                           new Pair("bonjour",
                                       new Pair("hello",
                                               new EmptyList())));
    }
}
```

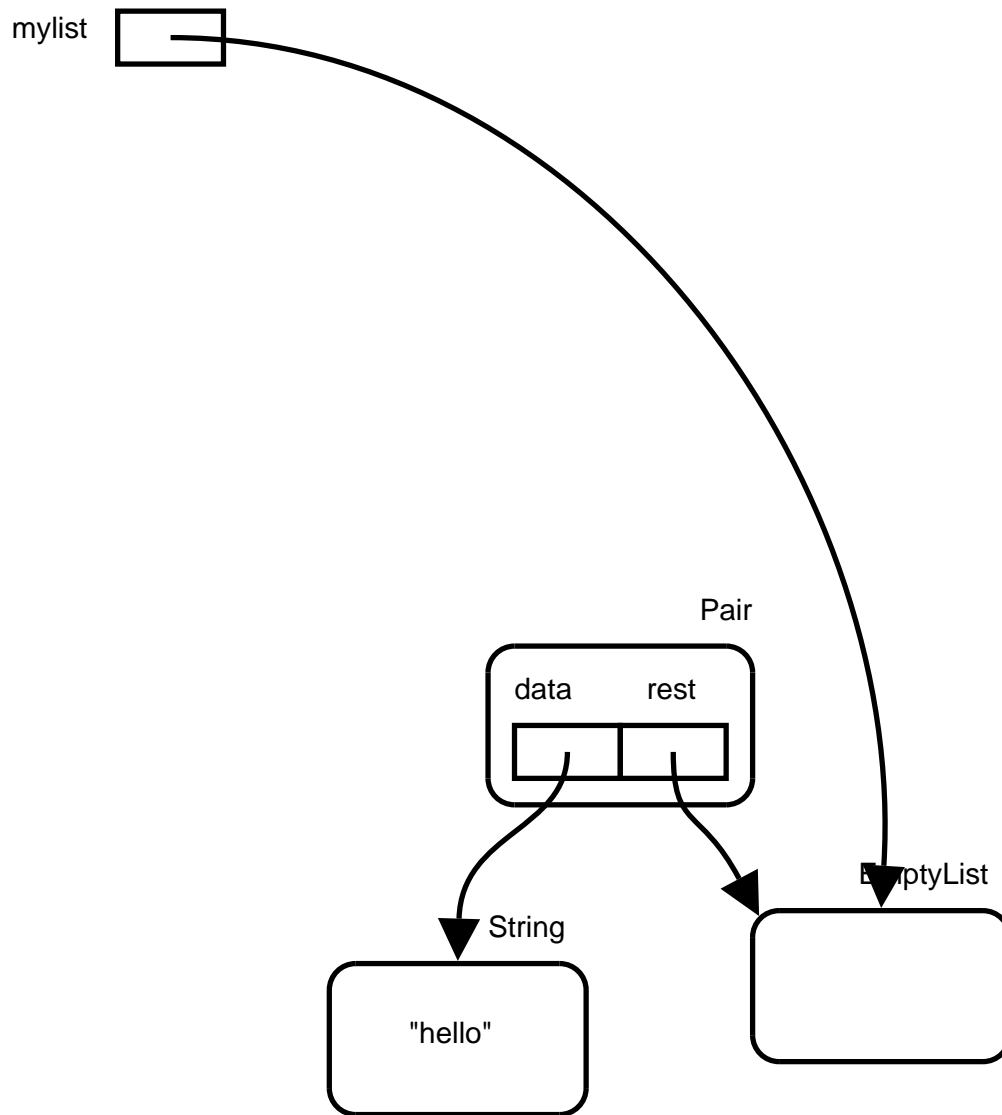
Recursive data-structures

```
public class ListTest
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        Scanner scanner = new Scanner(System.in);
        List mylist = new EmptyList();
        int i = 1;
        while (i <= 3)
        {
            System.out.print("Enter a word: ");
            String word = scanner.nextLine();
            mylist = new Pair(word, mylist);
            i++;
        }
    }
}
```

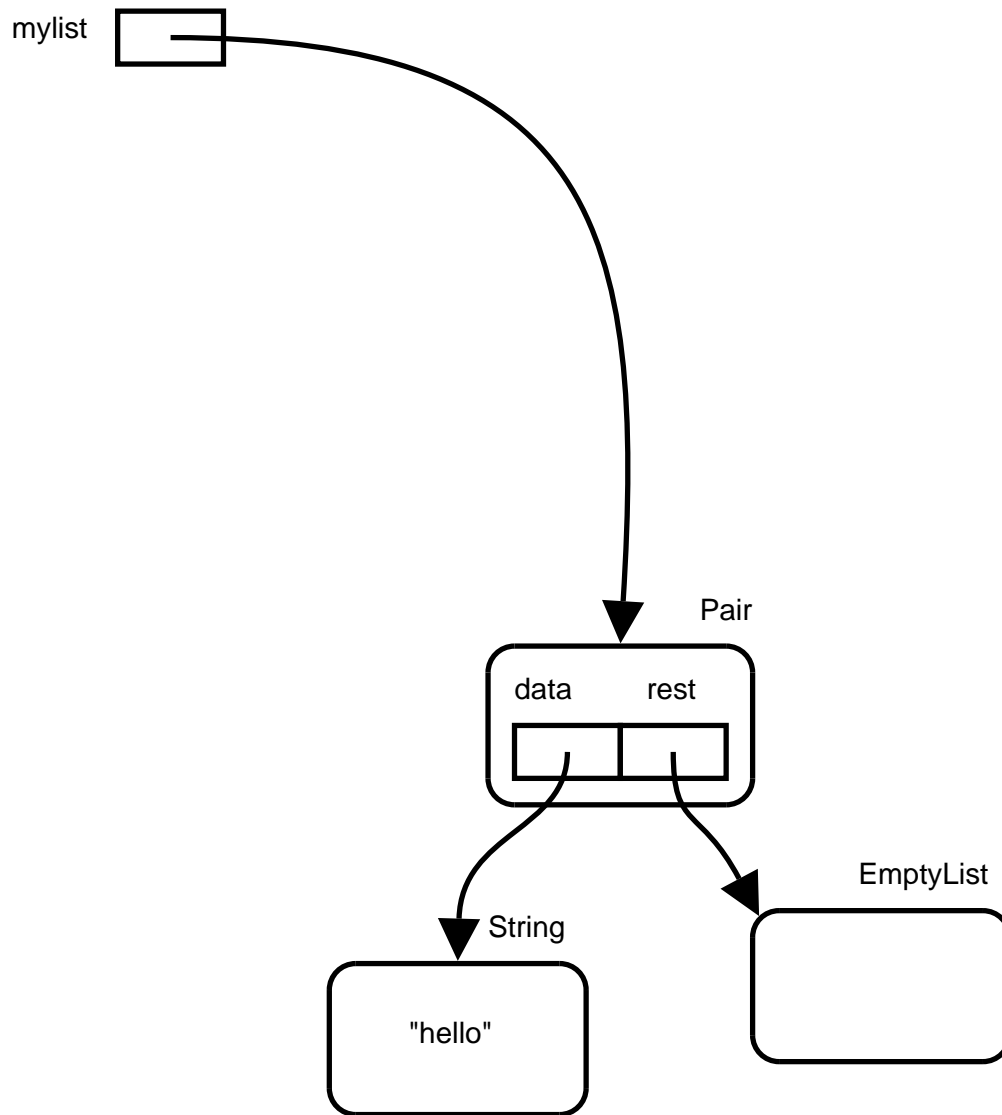
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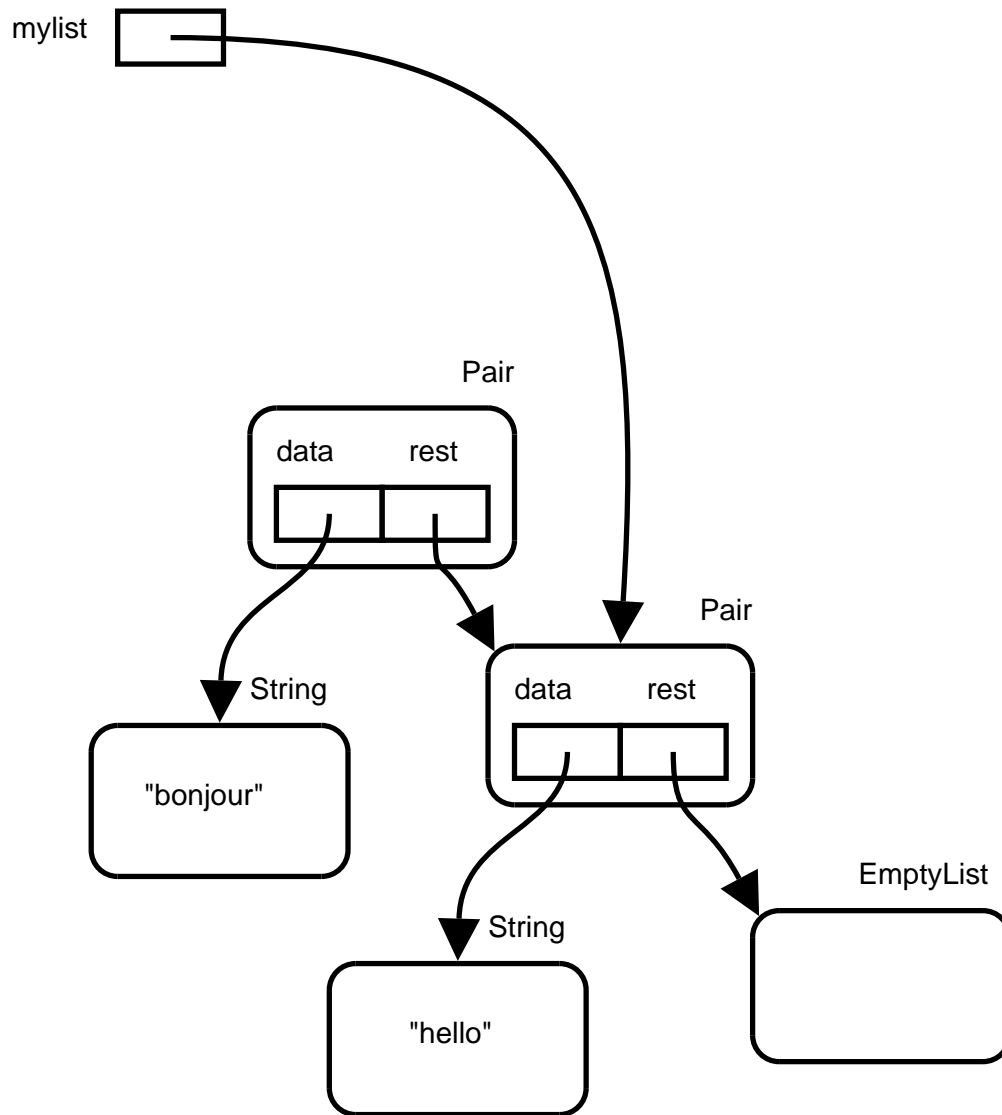
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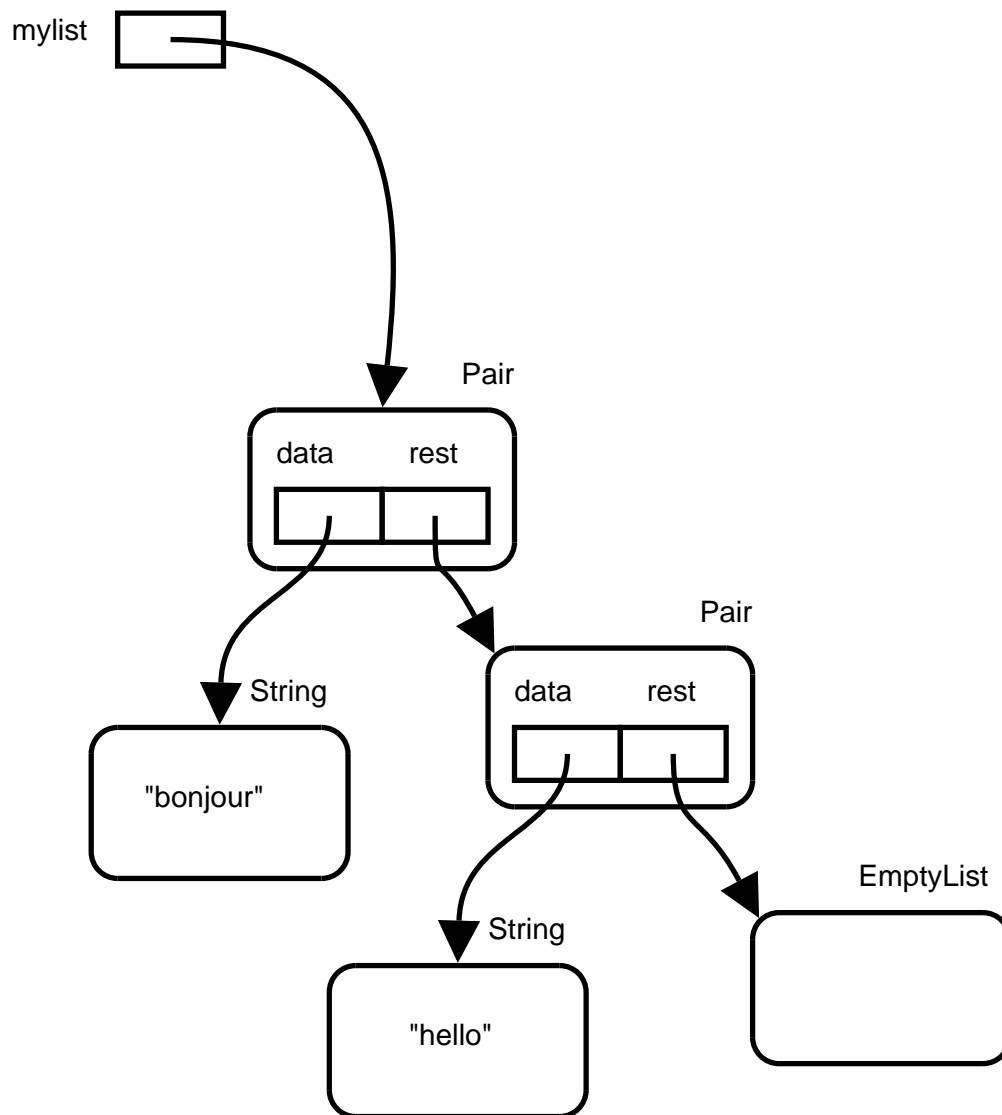
Recursive data-structures



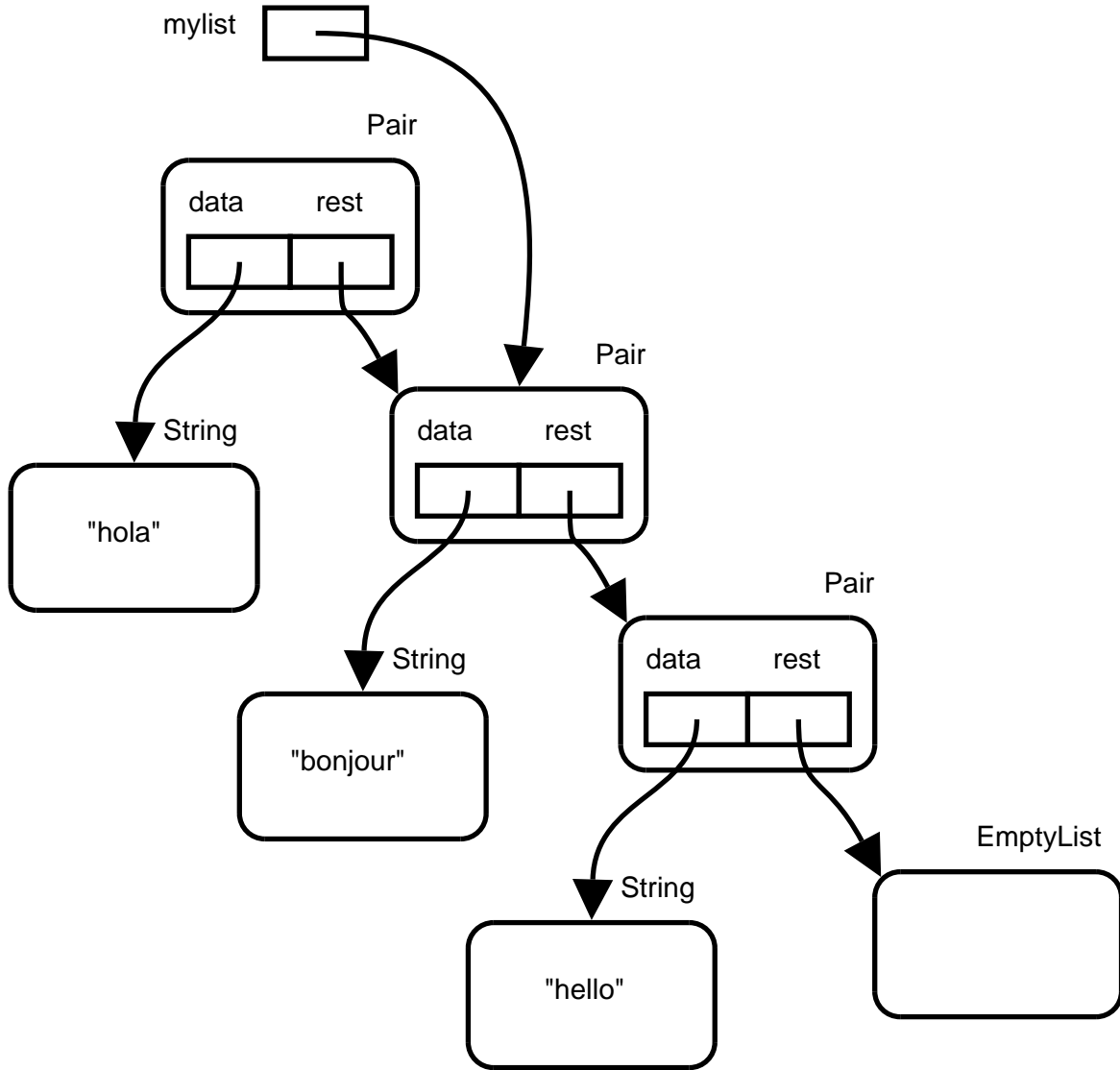
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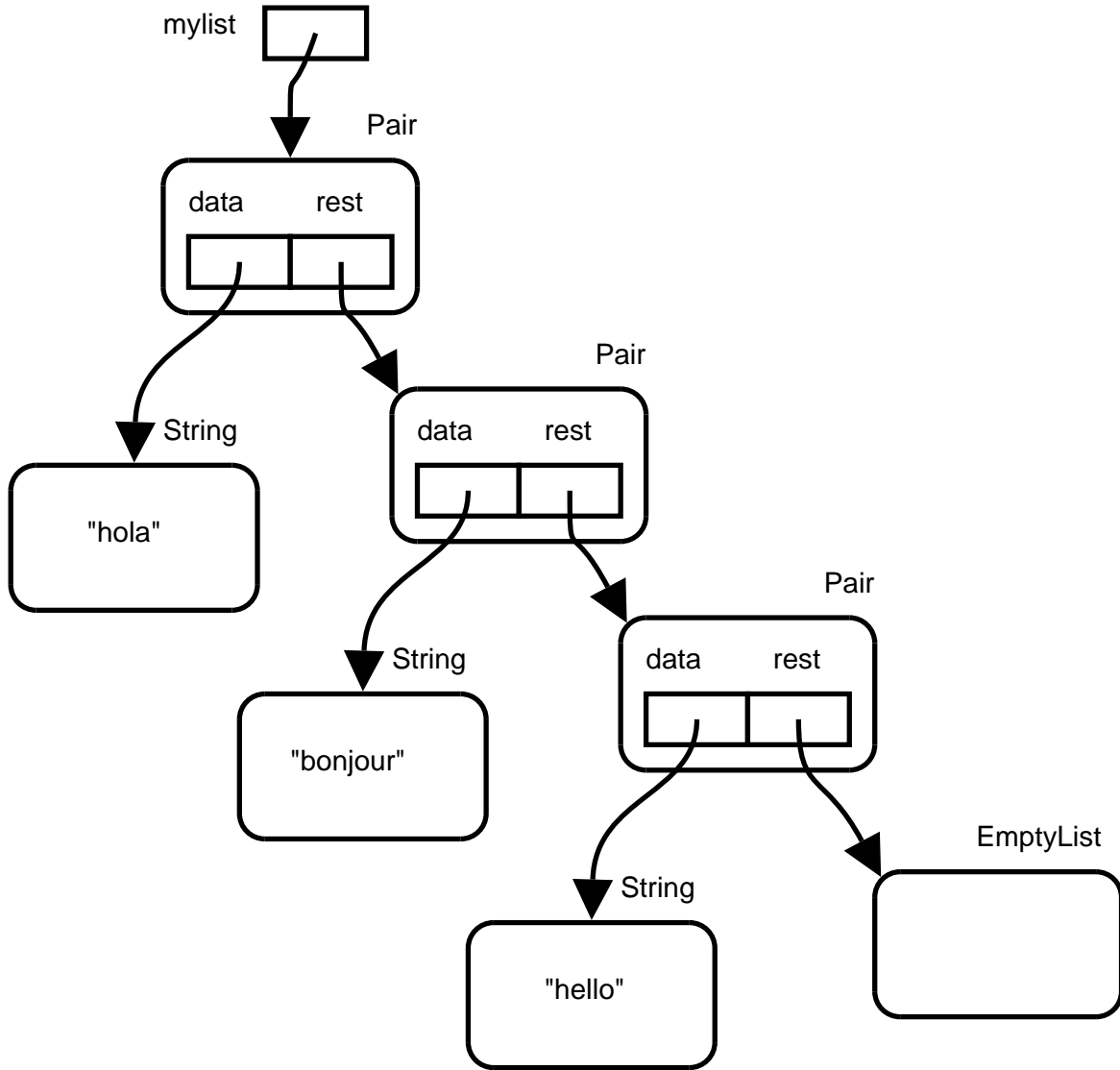
Recursive data-structures



Recursive data-structures



Recursive data-structures



Recursive data-structures

```
public class ListTest
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        List l = enter_list(4);
    }
    static List enter_list(int n)
    {
        Scanner scanner = new Scanner(System.in);
        List mylist = new EmptyList();
        int i = 1;
        while (i <= n)
        {
            System.out.print("Enter a word: ");
            String word = scanner.nextLine();
            mylist = new Pair(word, mylist);
            i++;
        }
        return mylist;
    }
}
```

Recursive data-structures

- Linked-lists are dynamically allocated data-structures:
 - Data-structures: data organized in a particular pattern
 - Dynamically allocated: elements are added at runtime (no predetermined fixed size, like arrays)

Recursive data-structures

```
public class ListTest
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        List l = enter_list(4);
        print_list(l);
    }
    static List enter_list()
    { ... }
    static void print_list(List l)
    { ... }
}
```

Recursive data-structures

To print a list l :

1. If l is an empty list:
 - (a) print ""
2. Otherwise (it is a pair)
 - (a) print the *data* of the pair, and
 - (b) print the *rest* of the list

Recursive data-structures

```
class Pair extends List
{
    Object data;
    List rest;

    Pair(Object d, List l)
    {
        data = d;
        rest = l;
    }

    Object getData() { return data; }
    List getRest() { return rest; }
}
```

Recursive data-structures

```
public class ListTest
{
    ...
    static void print_list(List l)
    {
        if (l instanceof EmptyList)
        {
            System.out.print("");
        }
        else
        {
            Pair p = (Pair)l;
            Object data = p.getData();
            List rest = p.getRest();
            System.out.print(data + ", ");
            print_list(rest);
        }
    }
}
```

Recursive data-structures

```
public class ListTest
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        List l = enter_list(4);
        print_list(l);
    }
    static List enter_list()
    { ... }
    static void print_list(List l)
    { ... }
    static boolean member(Object item, List l)
    { ... }
}
```

Recursive data-structures

```
public class ListTest
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        List l = enter_list(4);
        print_list(l);
        if (member("beer", l))
        {
            System.out.print("It's there");
        }
    }
    static List enter_list()
    { ... }
    static void print_list(List l)
    { ... }
    static boolean member(Object item, List l)
    { ... }
}
```

Recursive data-structures

To determine whether an item x is in a list l , do:

1. If l is an empty list:
 - (a) return false
2. Otherwise (it is a pair)
 - (a) If the *data* of the pair is equal to x :
 - i. return true
 - (b) Otherwise:
 - i. determine whether x is in the *rest* of the list, and return the result of that

Recursive data-structures

```
static boolean member(Object item, List l)
{
    if (l instanceof EmptyList)
    {
        return false;
    }
    else
    {
        Pair p = (Pair)l;
        Object data = p.getData();
        if (data.equals(item))
        {
            return true;
        }
        else
        {
            List rest = p.getRest();
            return member(item, rest);
        }
    }
}
```

Recursive data-structures

```
class List
{
    static void print_list(List l)
    { ... }
    static boolean member(Object item, List l)
    { ... }
}
```

Recursive data-structures

```
class List
{
    void print_list()
    { ... }
    boolean member(Object item)
    { ... }
}
```

Recursive data-structures

```
class ListTest
{
    static void print_list(List l)
    {
        if (l instanceof EmptyList)
        {
            System.out.print("");
        }
        else
        {
            Pair p = (Pair)l;
            Object data = p.getData();
            List rest = p.getRest();
            System.out.print(data + ", ");
            print_list(rest);
        }
    }
}
```

Recursive data-structures

```
class List
{
    void print_list()
    {
        if (this instanceof EmptyList)
        {
            System.out.print("");
        }
        else
        {
            Pair p = (Pair)this;
            Object data = p.getData();
            List rest = p.getRest();
            System.out.print(data + " , ");
            rest.print_list();
        }
    }
}
```

Recursive data-structures

```
static boolean member(Object item, List l)
{
    if (l instanceof EmptyList)
    {
        return false;
    }
    else
    {
        Pair p = (Pair)l;
        Object data = p.getData();
        if (data.equals(item))
        {
            return true;
        }
        else
        {
            List rest = p.getRest();
            return member(item, rest);
        }
    }
}
```

Recursive data-structures

```
class List {
    boolean member(Object item)
    {
        if (this instanceof EmptyList)
        {
            return false;
        }
        else
        {
            Pair p = (Pair)this;
            Object data = p.getData();
            if (data.equals(item))
            {
                return true;
            }
            else
            {
                List rest = p.getRest();
                return rest.member(item);
            }
        }
    }
}
```

Recursive data-structures

```
public class ListTest
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        List l = enter_list(4);
        print_list(l);
        if (member("beer", l))
        {
            System.out.print("It's there");
        }
    }
    static List enter_list()
    { ... }
    static void print_list(List l)
    { ... }
    static boolean member(Object item, List l)
    { ... }
}
```

Recursive data-structures

```
public class ListTest
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        List l = enter_list(4);
        l.print_list();
        if (l.member("beer"))
        {
            System.out.print("It's there");
        }
    }
    static List enter_list()
    { ... }
}
```

Recursive data-structures

```
class List
{
    void print_list()
    { ... }
    boolean member(Object item)
    { ... }
}
```

Recursive data-structures

```
abstract class List
{
    abstract void print_list();

    abstract boolean member(Object item);
}
```

Recursive data-structures

```
class EmptyList extends List
{
}
```

Recursive data-structures

```
class EmptyList extends List
{
    void print_list()
    { ... }
    boolean member(Object item)
    { ... }
}
```

Recursive data-structures

```
class EmptyList extends List
{
    void print_list()
    {
        System.out.print("");
    }
    boolean member(Object item)
    {
        return false;
    }
}
```

Recursive data-structures

```
class Pair extends List
{
    Object data;
    List rest;

    Pair(Object d, List l) { ... }

    Object getData() { return data; }
    List getRest() { return rest; }

    void print_list()
    { ... }
    boolean member(Object item)
    { ... }
}
```

Recursive data-structures

```
class Pair extends List
{
    Object data;
    List rest;

    ...

void print_list()
{
    Pair p = (Pair)this;
    Object data = p.getData();
    List rest = p.getRest();
    System.out.print(data + ", ");
    rest.print_list();
}
}
```

Recursive data-structures

```
class Pair extends List
{
    Object data;
    List  rest;

    ...

    void print_list()
    {
        System.out.print(data + ", ");
        rest.print_list();
    }
}
```

Recursive data-structures

```
class Pair extends List
{
    Object data;
    List  rest;

    ...

    void print_list()
    {
        System.out.print(data + ", ");
        rest.print_list(); // Dynamic-dispatch
    }
}
```

Recursive data-structures

```
class Pair extends List
{
    Object data;
    List rest;

    ...

    boolean member(Object item)
    {
        Pair p = (Pair)this;
        Object data = p.getData();
        if (data.equals(item))
        {
            return true;
        }
        else
        {
            List rest = p.getRest();
            return rest.member(item);
        }
    }
}
```

Recursive data-structures

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