Recap

Maps

- Key-Value-Storage, used frequently!
- Interface: `Map<K, V>`
- Implementation: `HashMap<K, V>`
  - Keys and values are stored in pairs
  - Pairs in which the keys have the same `hashCode()` end up together in a linked list

Recursion

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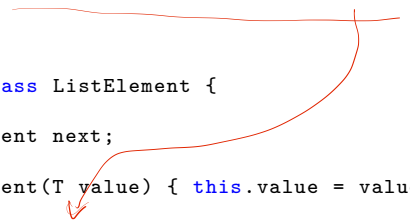

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`size()` is recursive, because it may call itself

Session 8: Recursion, Part 2

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Natural numbers

- 0 is a natural number
- If n is a natural number, $n + 1$ is also a natural number

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Definition of the factorial

Non-recursive definition

- $n! = \prod_{i=1}^{n} i$

Recursive definition

- $0! = 1$ (base case)
- $n! = n \times (n-1)!$ (recursion step)

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Some German Sentences

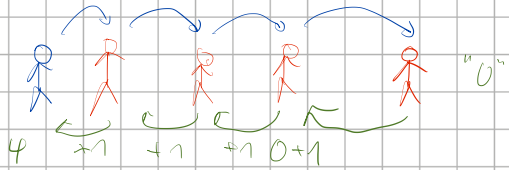
- A main clause consists of a noun phrase and a verb phrase (base case)
  - E.g., "Maria schläft"
- A sentence consists of two main clauses, joined by "denn" (recursion step)
  - E.g., "Maria schläft denn Hans isst denn der Pizzabote war da."

Recursion

- Two components
  - Recursion step: How to make one additional step
  - Base case(s): When and how to stop doing additional steps

Example

- Recursion step (for person A)
  - Ask the next person (B) how long this queue is
  - The queue length for A is one more than for B
- Base case
  - The first person knows how long the queue is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+1
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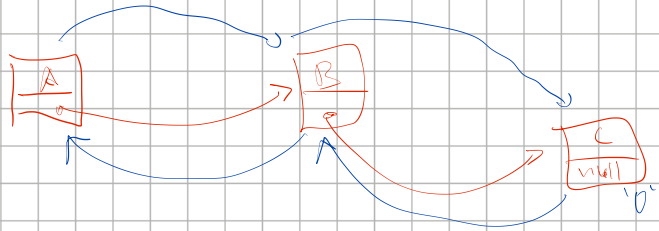
A
B
C
null
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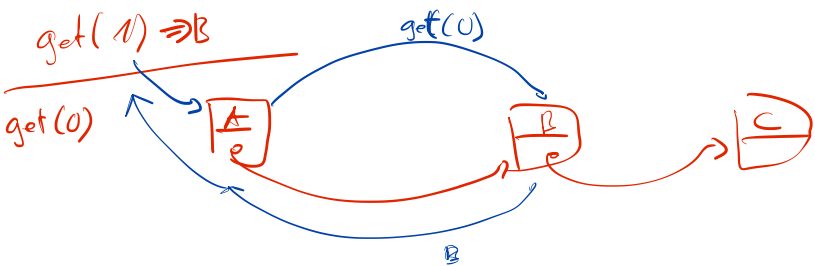
Implementation of `get(int)` in linked list



Recursion

- Two relevant areas in programming
  - Recursive data structures – how we store things
  - Recursive algorithms – how we process things
- Usually, one needs recursive algorithms to deal with recursive data structures

Section 1

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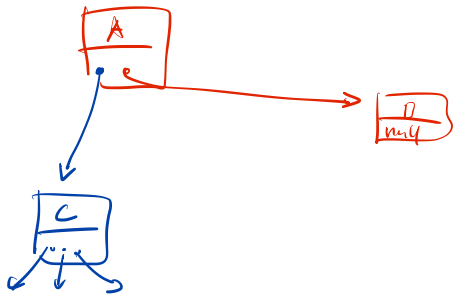

Recursive Definition of a Tree

A tree is a **pair** consisting of some value and a **set** of children, which are **tree**s.

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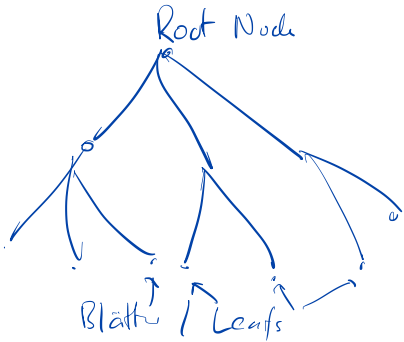

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Recursive Data Structures

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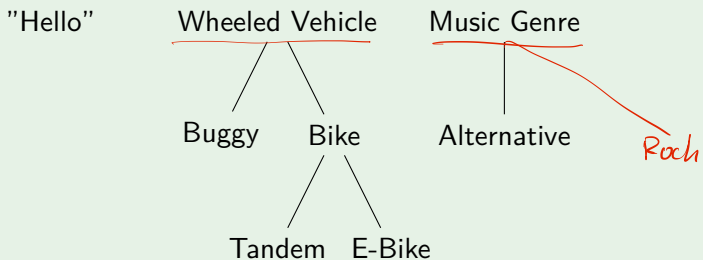
Examples

All these are trees:



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Creation of a data structure `Tree<T>`

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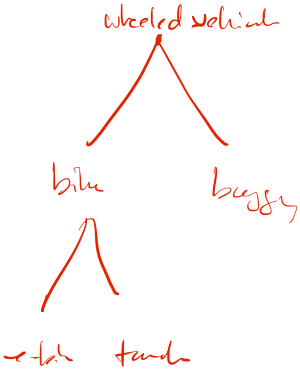

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Visit each item in the tree and print it

wheeled vehicle
bike
tandem
e-bike
buggy

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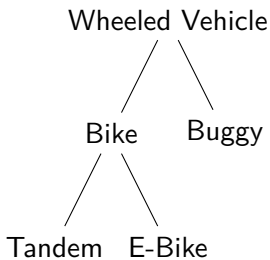

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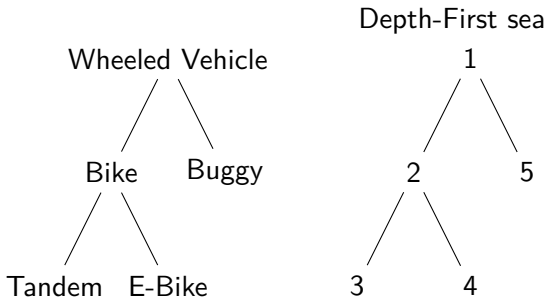

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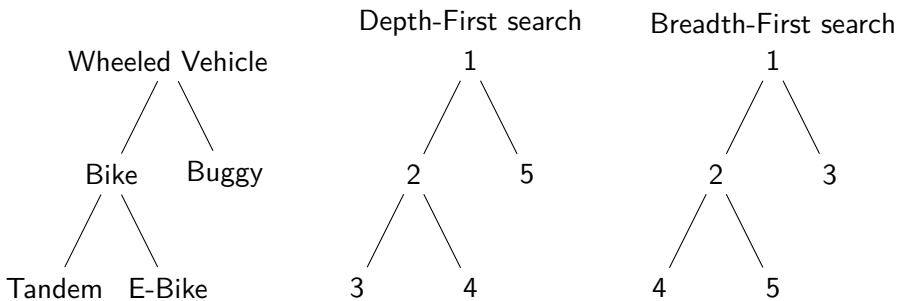

Exercise

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