```python
# sum of the elements of a list using recursion
def sum(x):
    if  not x  :
        return 0
    else:
        return sum(x[1:]) + x[0]
a = [1, 3, 2,4]
print(sum(a))
#finding the smallest element of a list using recursion
def Min(list):
    if len(list) <= 1:
        return list[0]
    else:
        m = Min(list[1:])
        return m if m < list[0] else list[0]
l = [69,12,54,38,71,2]
print("Minimum element in a list ", l, " is ",Min(l))
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