Object-oriented programming (WIF)

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Exercise 06: Recursion

The following applies to all subtasks: do not use for or while. The tasks are only to be completed using recursion.

Method:

- Identify the base case (terminating case); when is the solution trivial?
- Identify the recursive case; when is the solution non-trivial, but based on another solution?
- What are the parameters for the method, and how must they be adapted in the recursive case?

Please note: since the signatures are already predefined, a helper method is often necessary to implement the actual recursion.

Task 1: Recursion for arrays

Implement the generic static methods toString and contains of the predefined class Arrays. Which parameters are useful for the helper function?

Please note: try to avoid using copies of the array.

Task 2: Recursion for lists

Implement the methods addRec and containsRec of the generic class List. The two iterative implementations (add and contains) are provided as help.

Please note: you can either create the helper methods in the List class, or you can extend the List. Element class.

Task 3: Recursion for binary trees

Implement the methods addRec and containsRec of the generic class Tree. Here too, the two iterative implementations (add and contains) are provided as help.

Additional task

Implement the toStringRec methods of the List and Tree classes recursively. The respective iterative toString methods are given.