



# ITERATION WITH RECURSION

# Generate n random numbers

```
import scala.util.Random

def randomNumbers(length: Int): List[Int] =
  if(length <= 0) Nil
  else {
    val number = Random.nextInt(100)
    number :: randomNumbers(length - 1)
  }
```

```
randomNumbers(2)
// res0: List[Int] = List(18, 10)
randomNumbers(5)
// res1: List[Int] = List(16, 90, 85, 62, 51)
randomNumbers(-1)
// res2: List[Int] = List()
```

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randomNumbers(2)
// res4: List[Int] = List(64, 29)
```

```
randomNumbers(-1)
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randomNumbers(2)
// res6: List[Int] = List(45, 31)
```

```
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## Infinite recursion

```
def doSomething: String = doSomething
```

```
def doSomething: String = {
  while(true) { /* do nothing */ }
  ???
}
```

# Generalise with Function0

```
def repeat[A](length: Int, action: () => A): List[A] =  
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```

```
repeat(5, () => Random.nextInt(100))  
// res8: List[Int] = List(68, 27, 53, 76, 28)
```

```
repeat(2, () => println("Hello"))  
// Hello  
// Hello  
// res9: List[Unit] = List((), ())
```

# Generalise with call-by-name parameter

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  else {  
    val result = action  
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  }
```

```
repeat(5, Random.nextInt(100))  
// res11: List[Int] = List(11, 12, 86, 44, 34)  
  
repeat(2, println("Hello"))  
// Hello  
// Hello  
// res12: List[Unit] = List((), ())
```

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repeat(5, Random.nextInt(100))  
// res14: List[Int] = List(58, 8, 69, 47, 93)  
  
repeat(2, println("Hello"))  
// Hello  
// Hello  
// res15: List[Unit] = List((), ())
```



# Retry

```
import scala.util.{Try, Success, Failure}

def retry[A](remainingRetries: Int, action: => A): A =
  Try(action) match {
    case Success(value)      => value
    case Failure(exception) =>
      if(remainingRetries <= 0) throw exception
      else retry(remainingRetries - 1, action)
  }
```

# Recursive data structure

- List
- Tree: JSON, file system
- `case class Person(name: String, children: List[Person])`

# Problems with recursions

to understand what is recursion, we need to first understand recursion

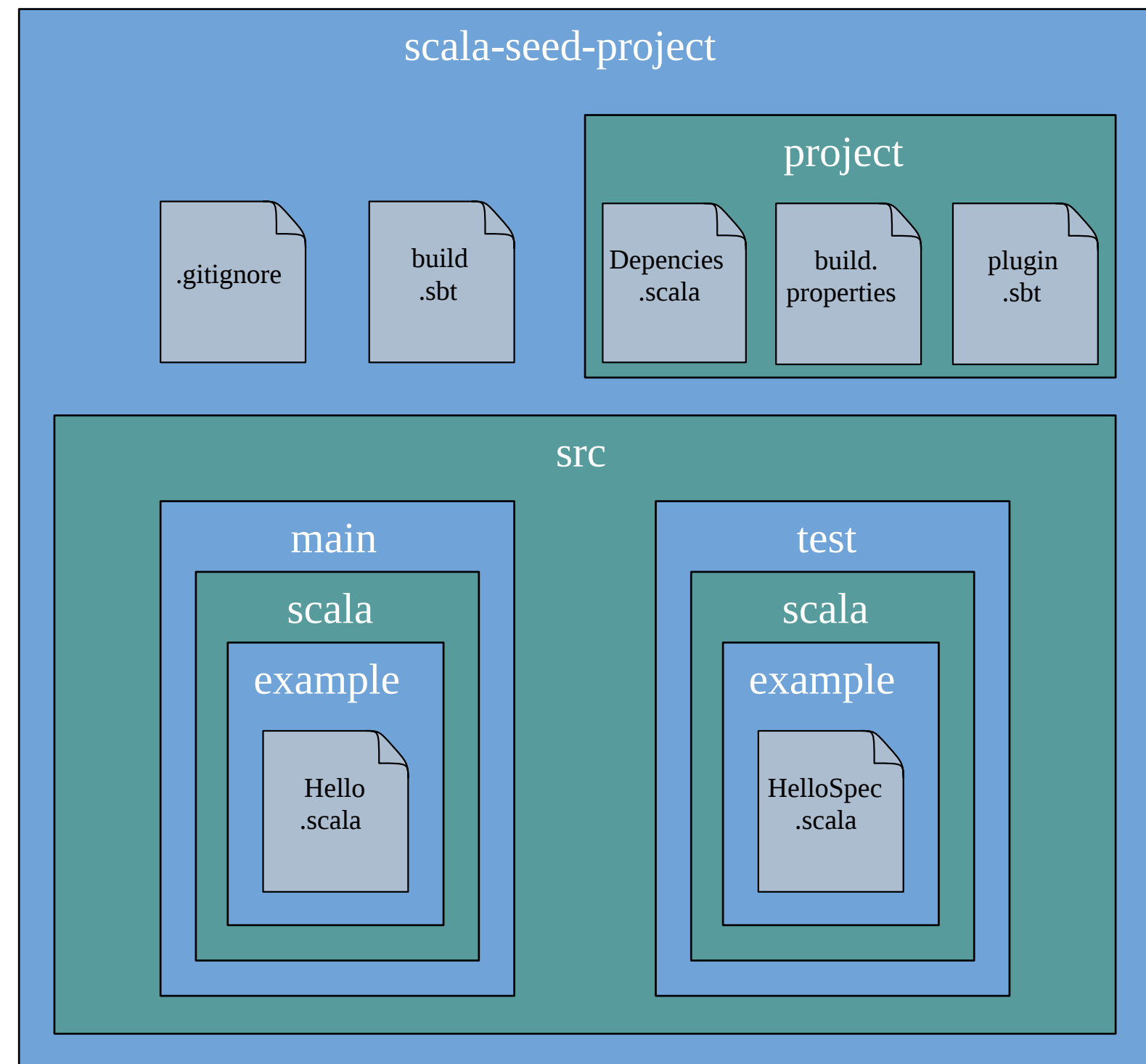
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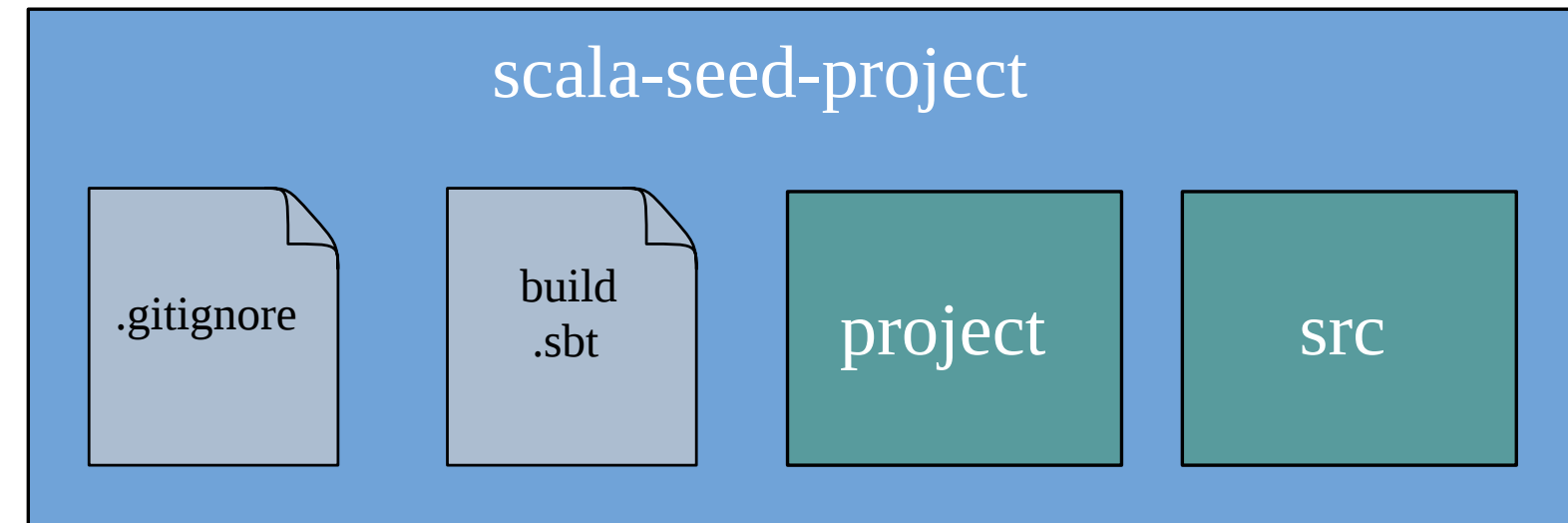
```
sbt new scala/scala-seed.g8  
cd scala-seed-project
```

```
diskUsage(".")
```



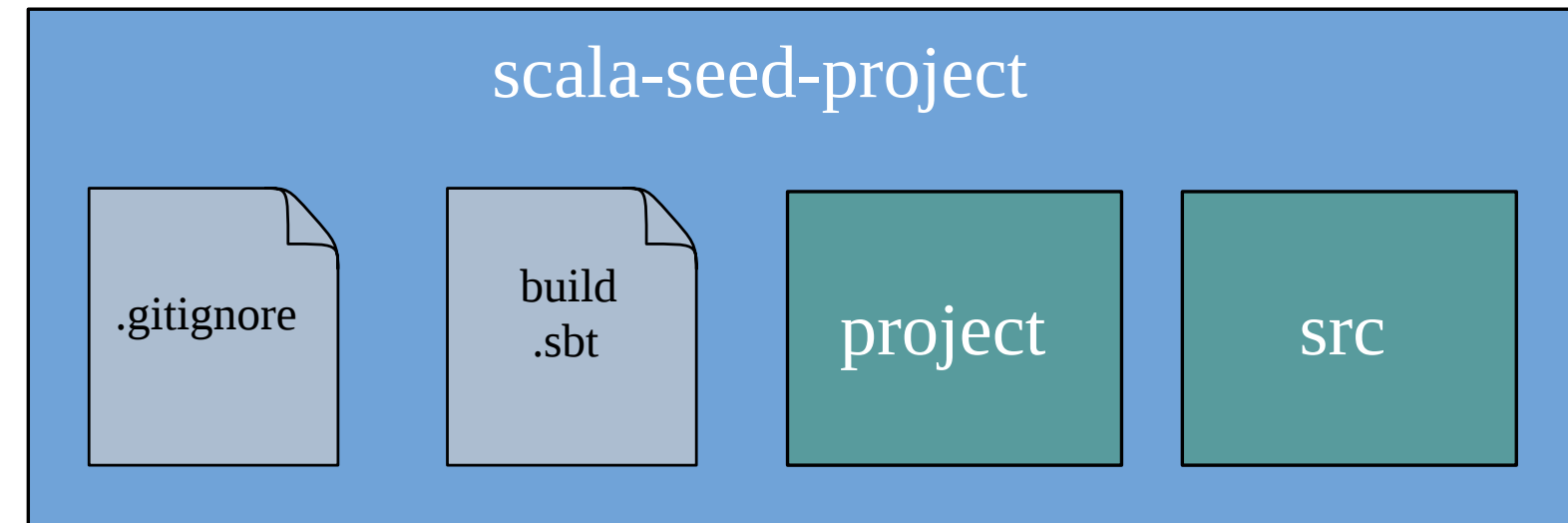
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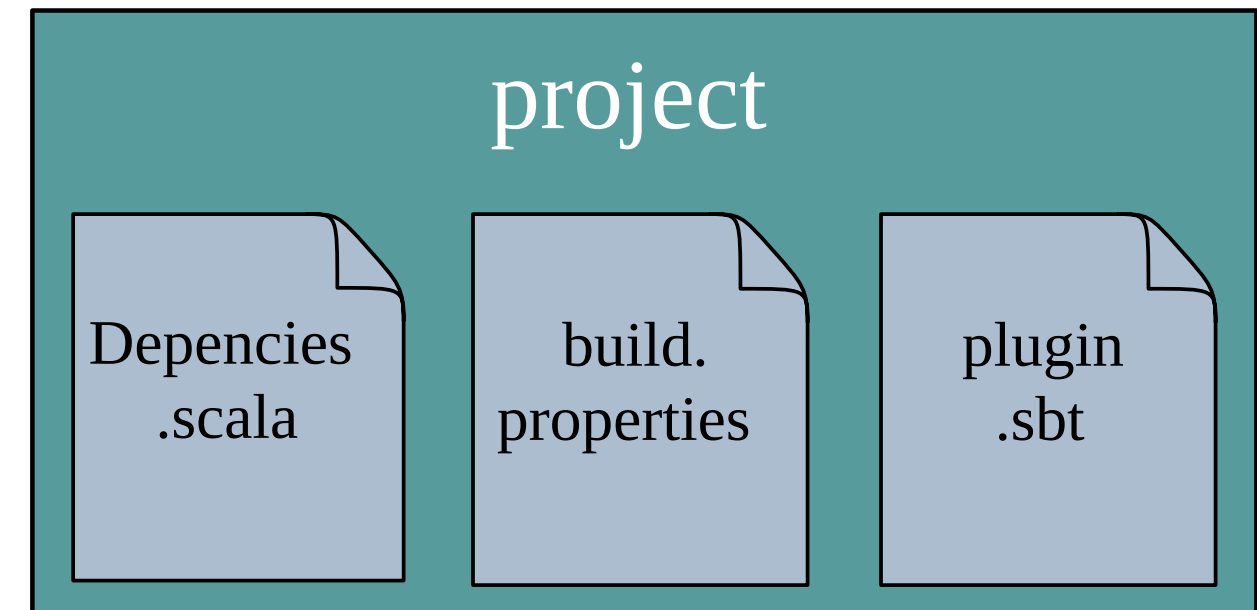
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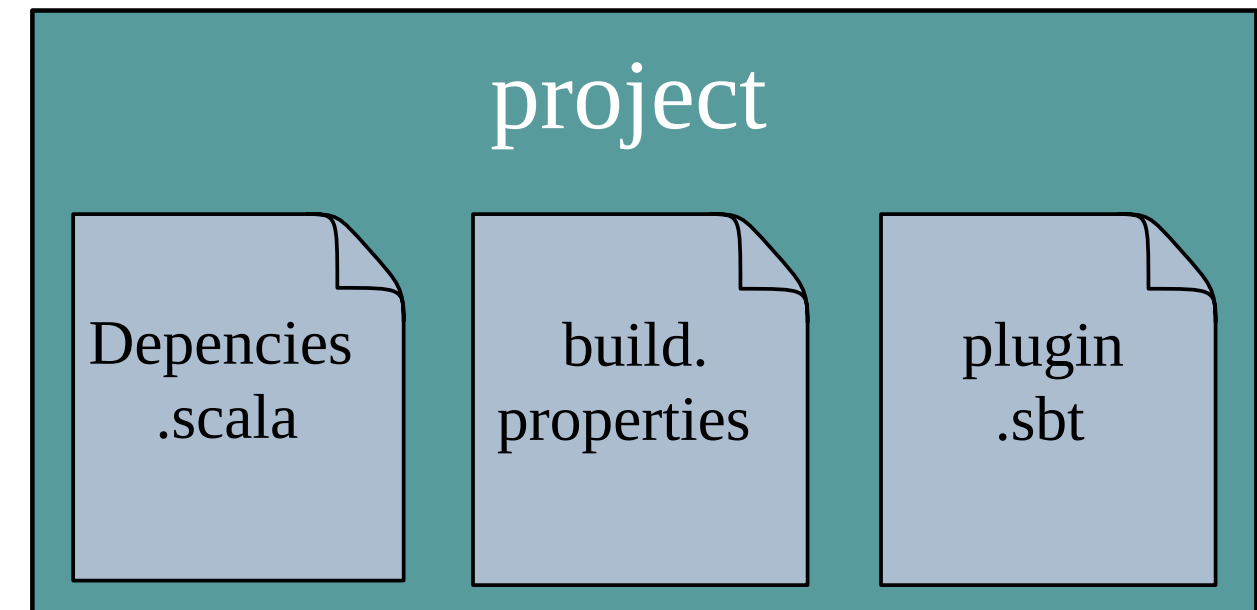
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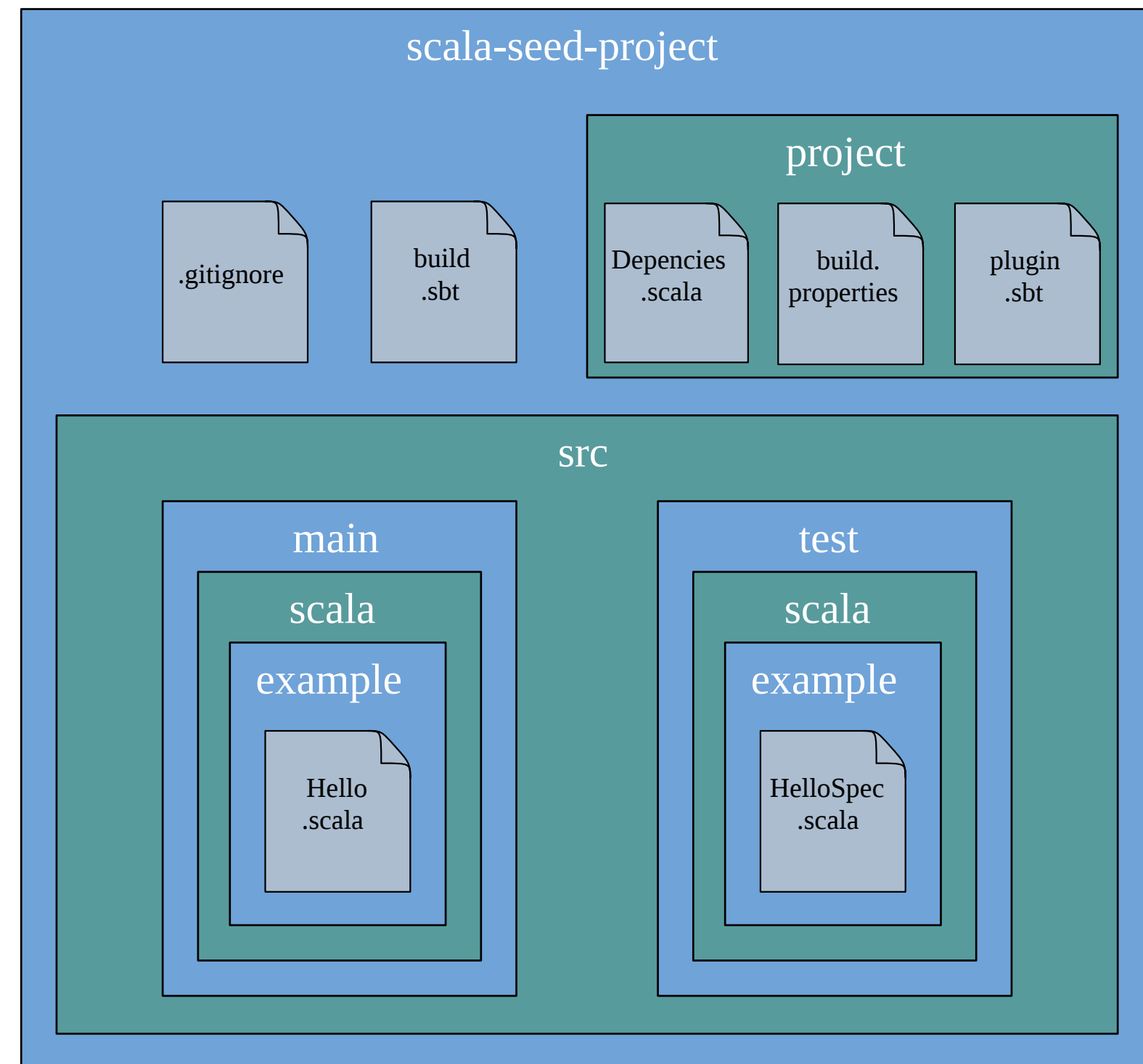
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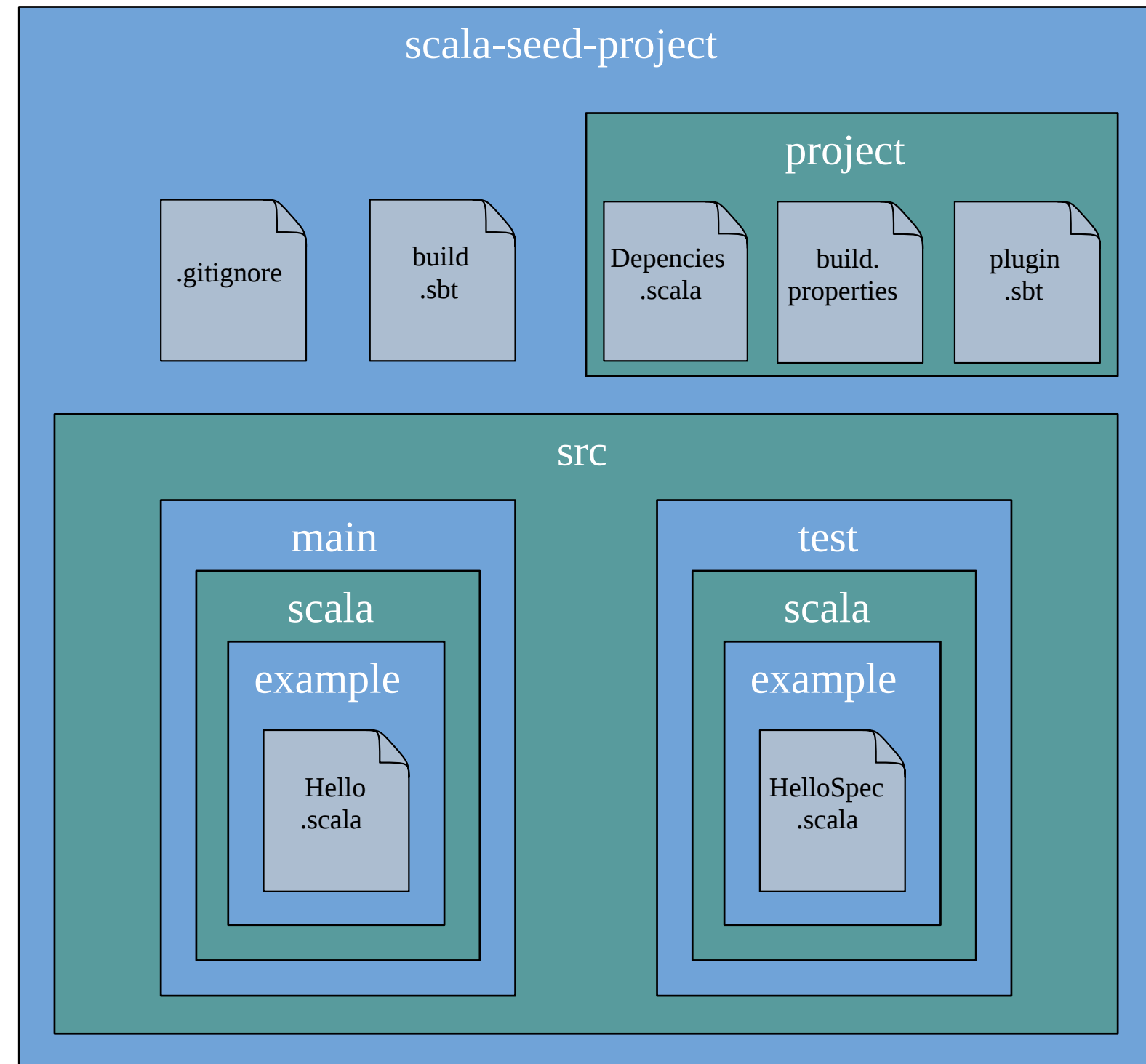
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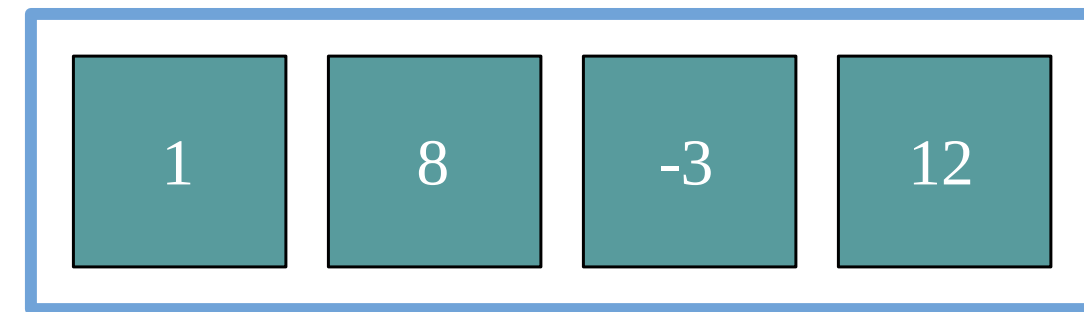
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# Recursion

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  numbers match {  
    case Nil =>  
      0  
    case head :: tail =>  
      head + sum(tail)  
  }
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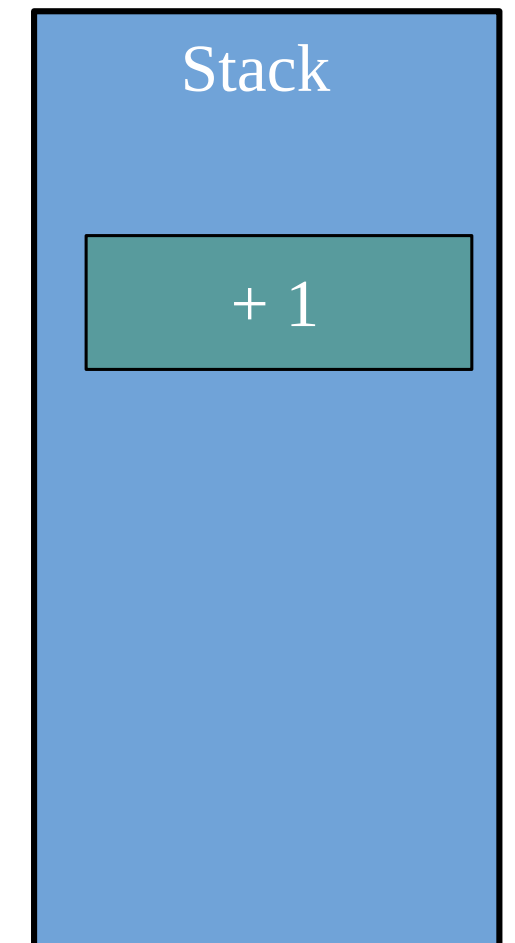
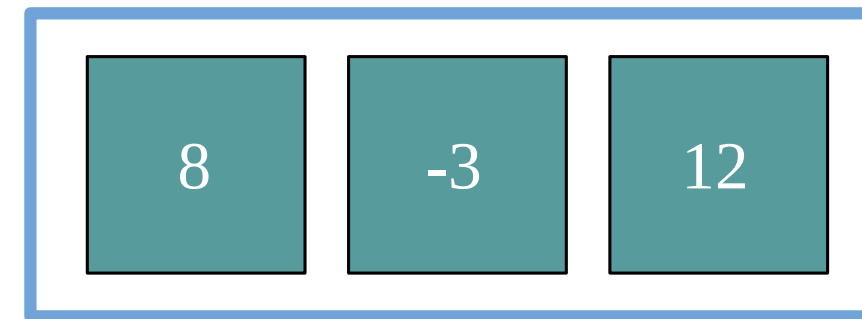
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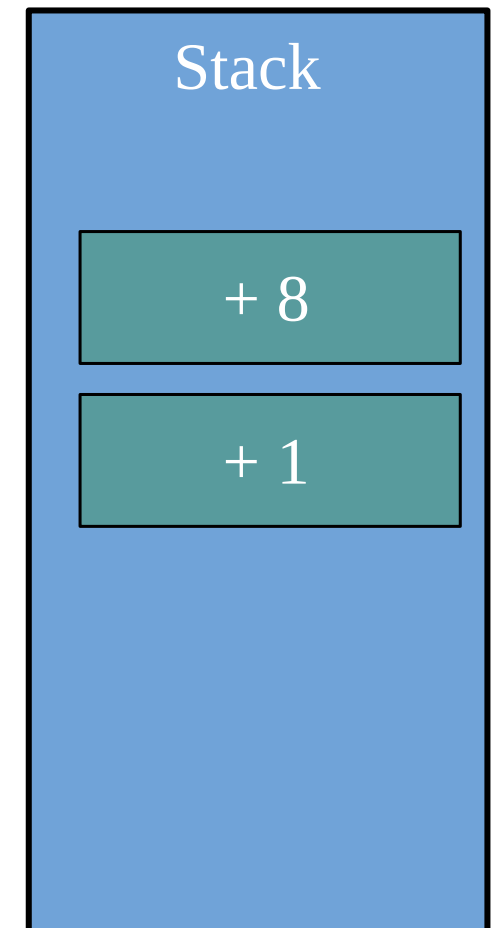
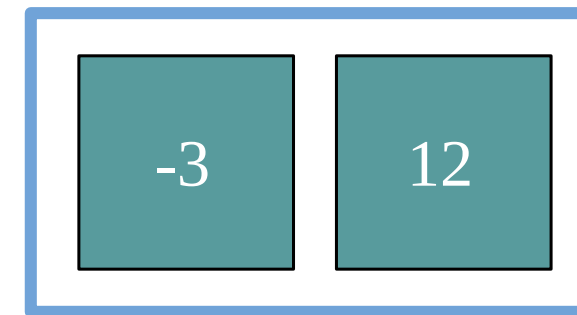
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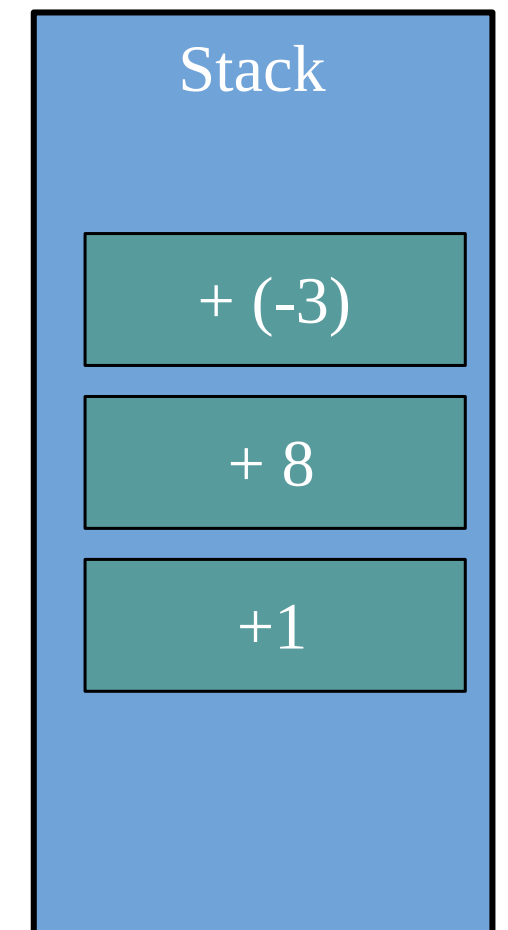
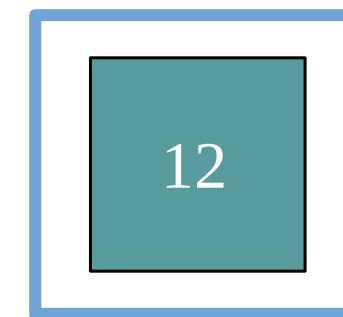
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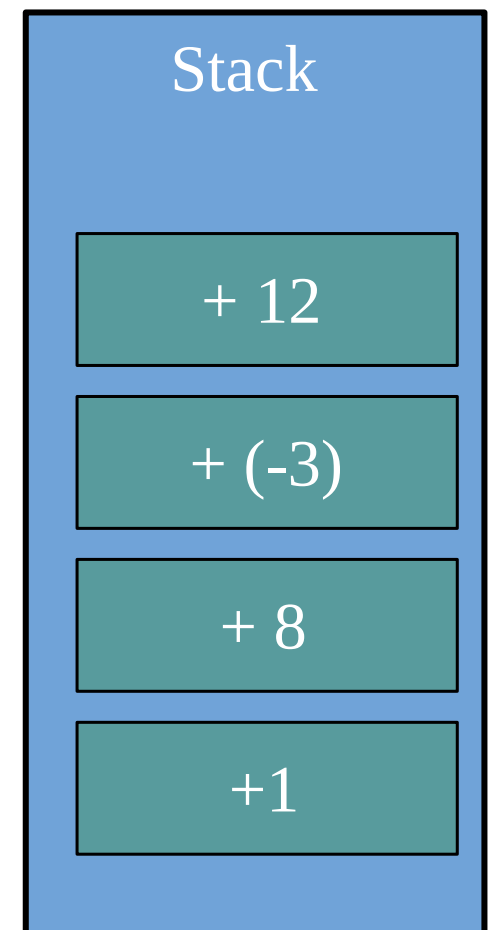
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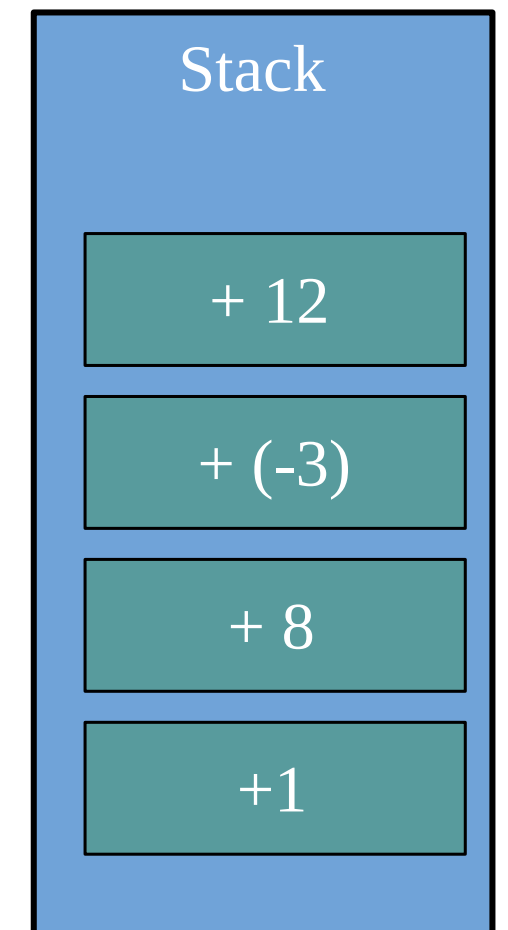
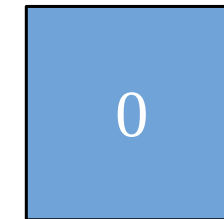
Nil



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```
sum(List())  
// res23: Int = 0
```





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