Chapter 5 Methods / Functions

Motivations

A method is a construct for grouping statements together to perform a function. Using a method, you can write the code once for performing the function in a program and reuse it by many other programs. For example, often you need to find the maximum between two numbers. Whenever you need this function, you would have to write the following code:

```
int result;
if (num1 > num2)
  result = num1;
else
  result = num2;
```

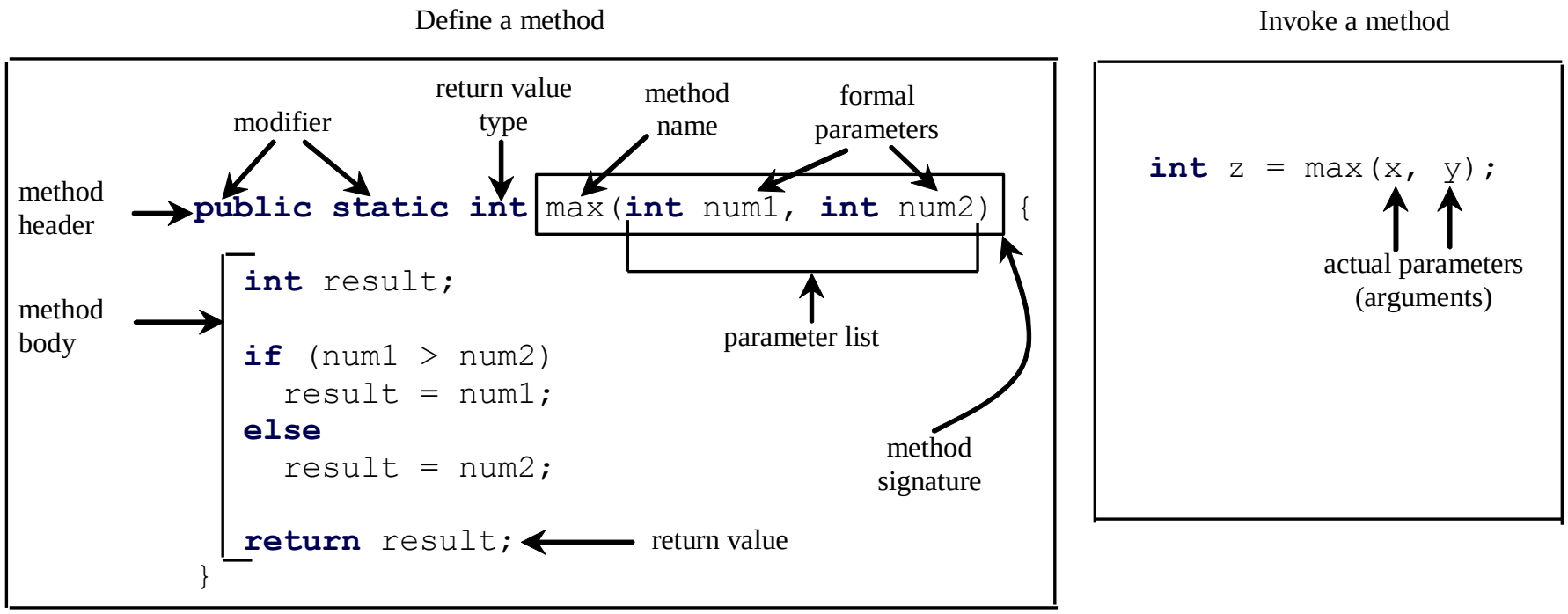
If you define this function for finding a maximum number between any two numbers in a method, you don't have to repeatedly write the same code. You need to define it just once and reuse it by any other programs.

Objectives

- To define methods, invoke methods, and pass arguments to a method (§5.2-5.5).
- To develop reusable code that is modular, easy-to-read, easy-to-debug, and easy-to-maintain. (§5.6).
- To determine the scope of variables (§5.9).
- To know how to use the methods in the Math class (§§5.10-5.11).
- To learn the concept of method abstraction (§5.12).
- To design and implement methods using stepwise refinement (§5.12).

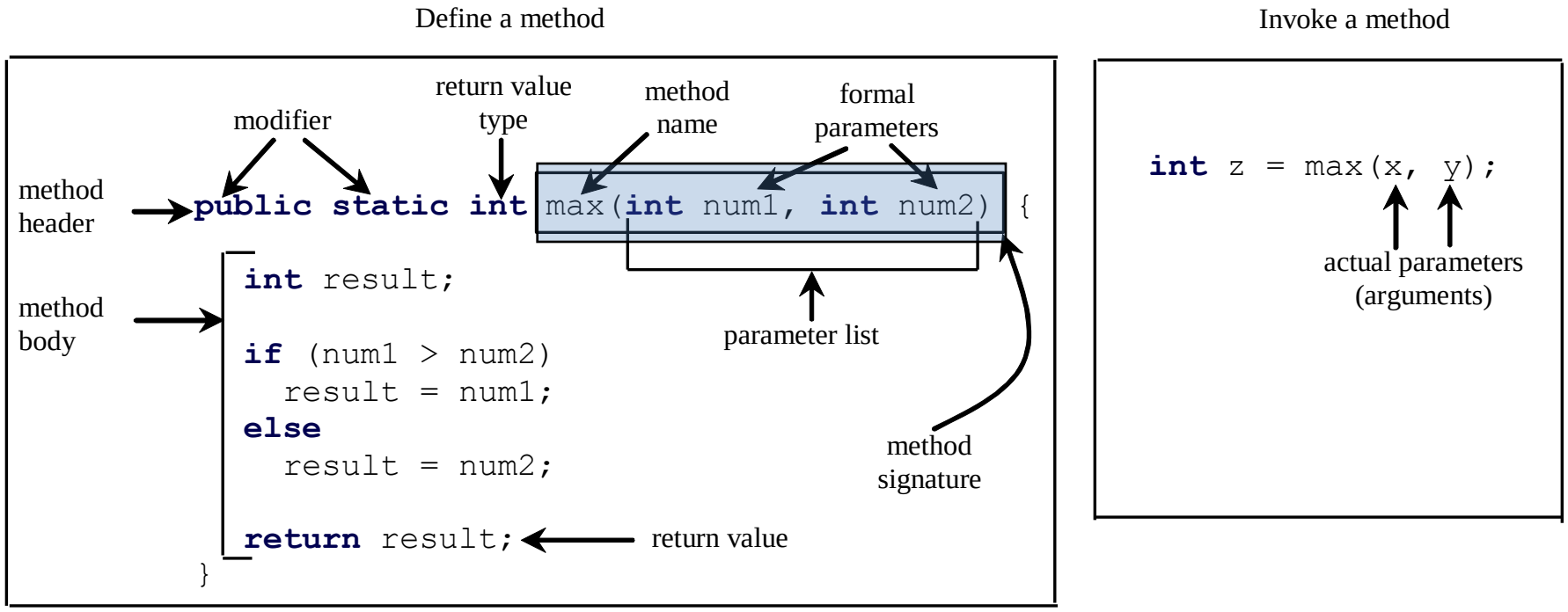
Defining Methods

A method is a collection of statements that are grouped together to perform an operation.



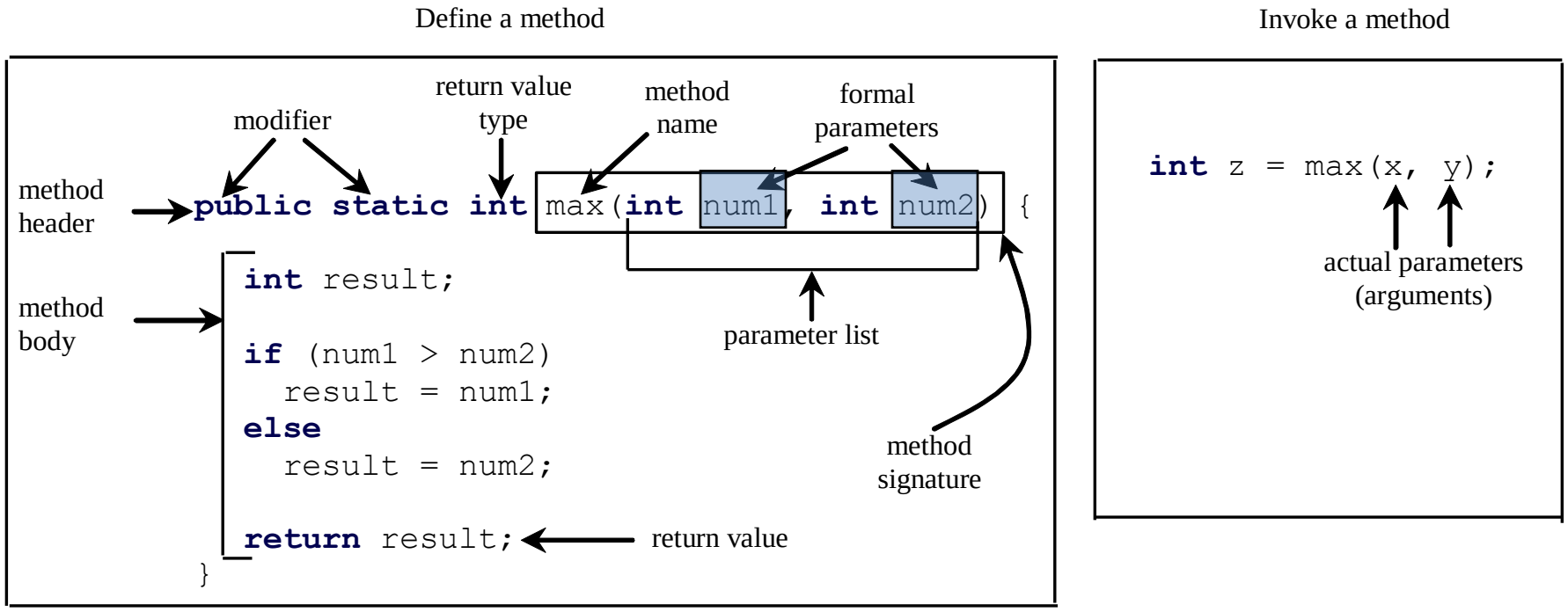
Method Signature

Method signature is the combination of the method name and the parameter list.



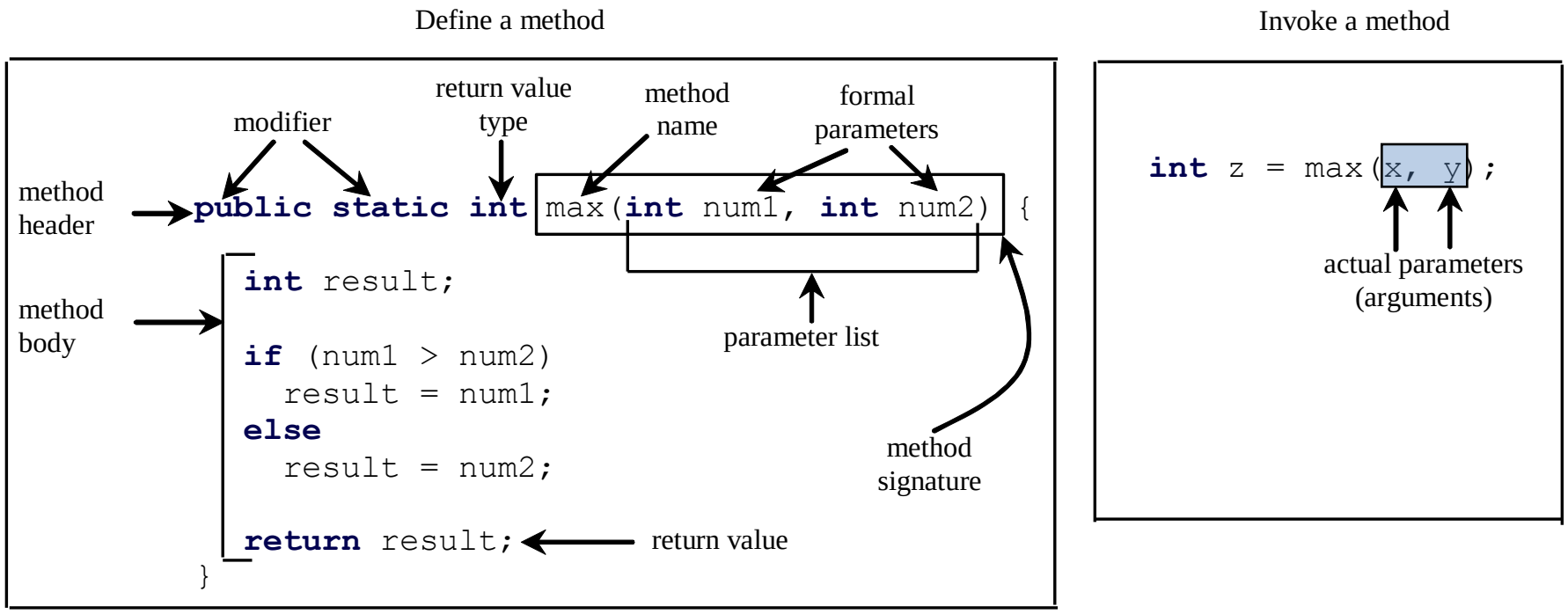
Formal Parameters

The variables defined in the method header are known as *formal parameters*.



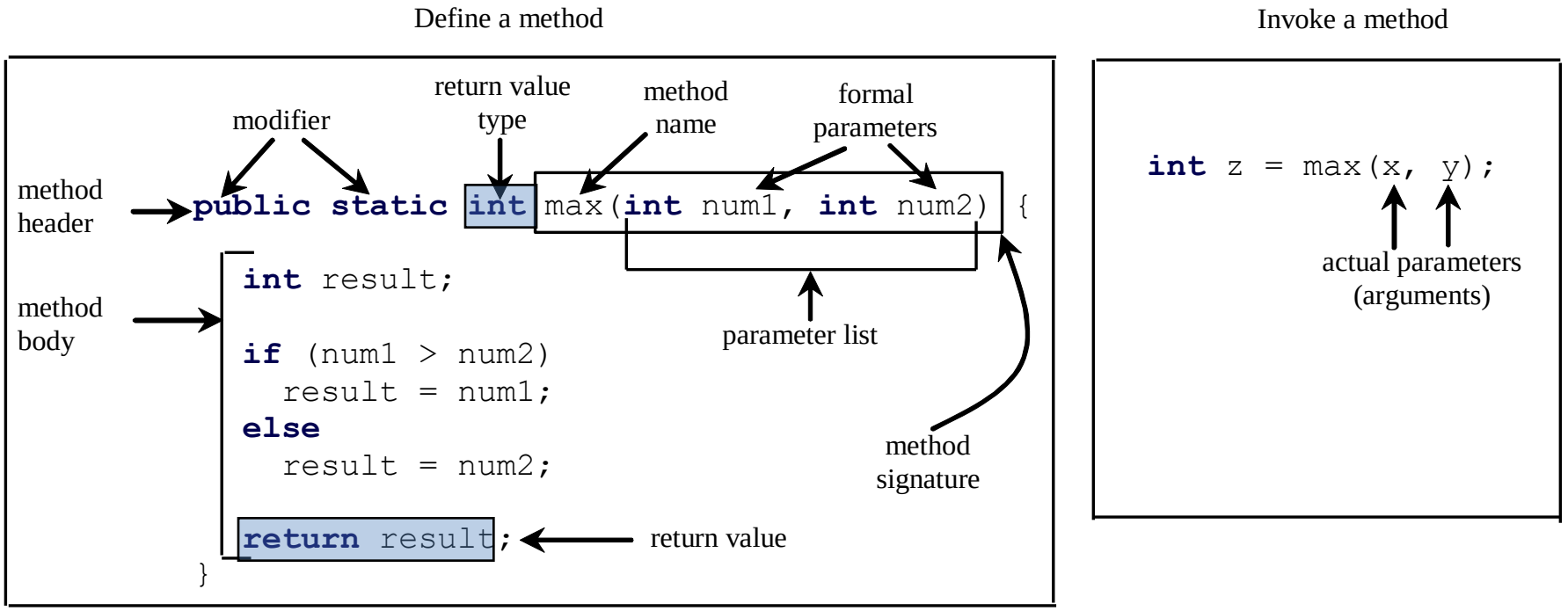
Actual Parameters

When a method is invoked, you pass a value to the parameter. This value is referred to as *actual parameter or argument*.



Return Value Type

A method may return a value. The returnValueType is the data type of the value the method returns. If the method does not return a value, the returnValueType is the keyword void. For example, the returnValueType in the main method is void.

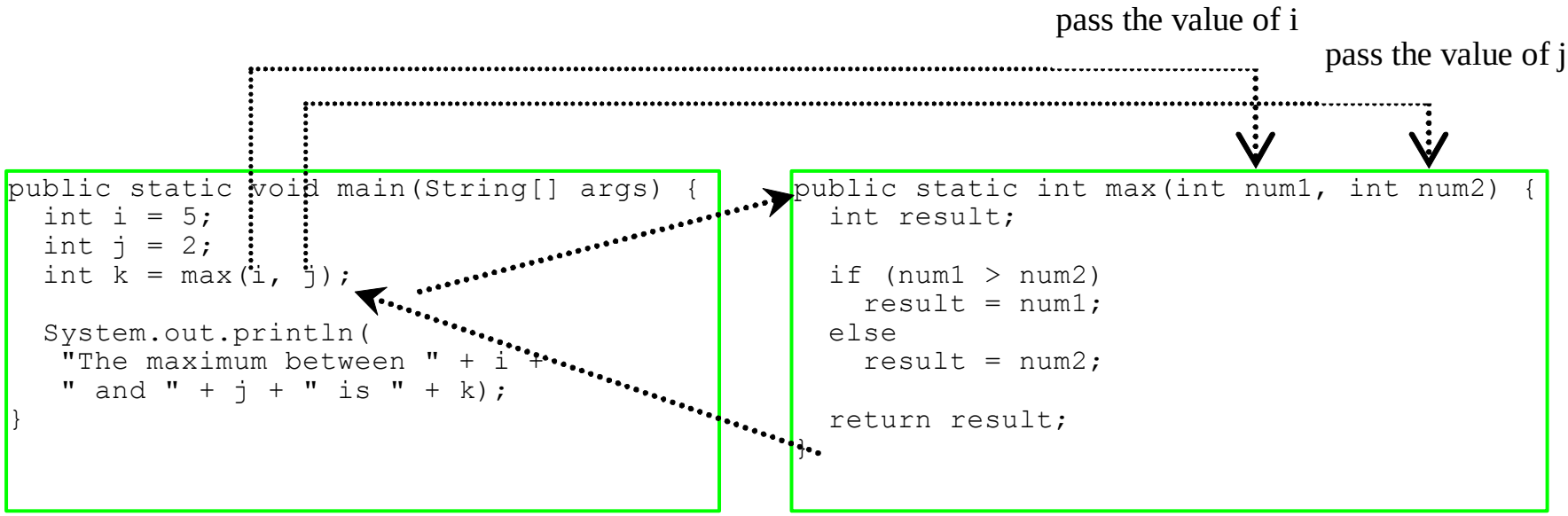


Calling Methods

Testing the `max` method

This program demonstrates calling a method max to return the largest of the `int` values

Calling Methods, cont.



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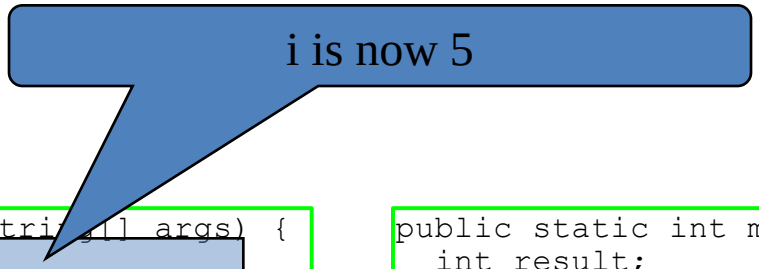


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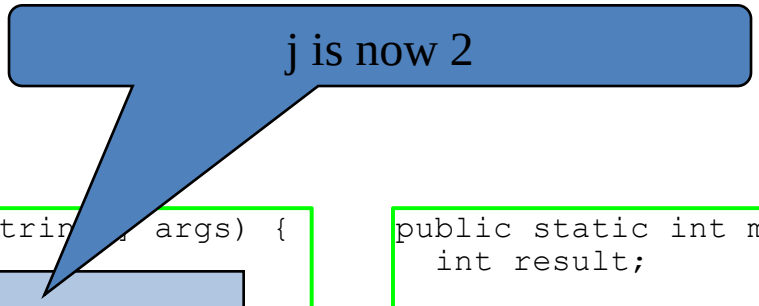


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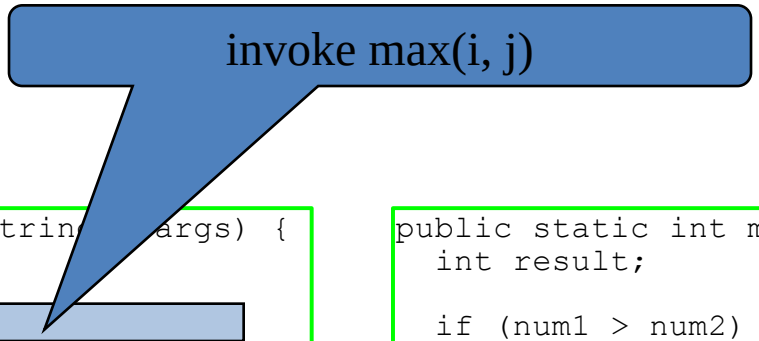


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Trace Method Invocation

invoke max(i, j)
Pass the value of i to num1
Pass the value of j to num2

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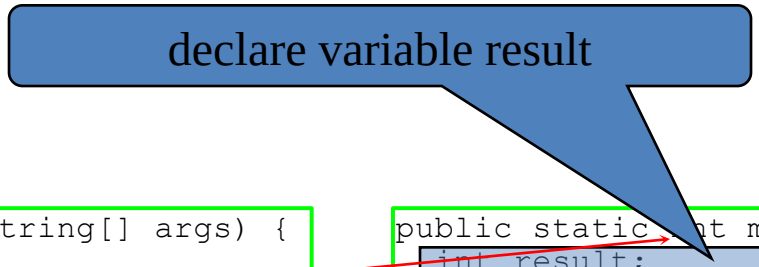


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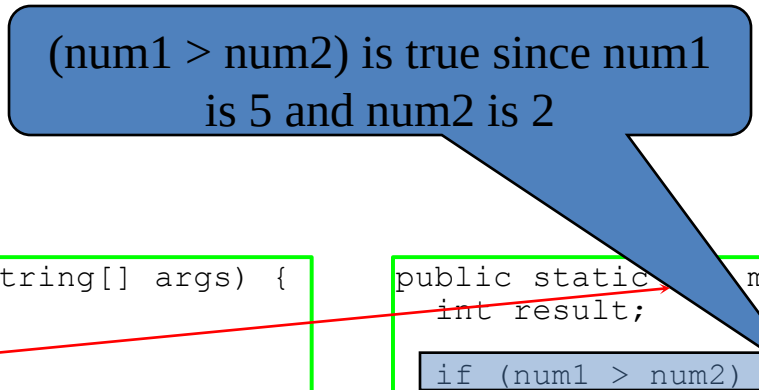


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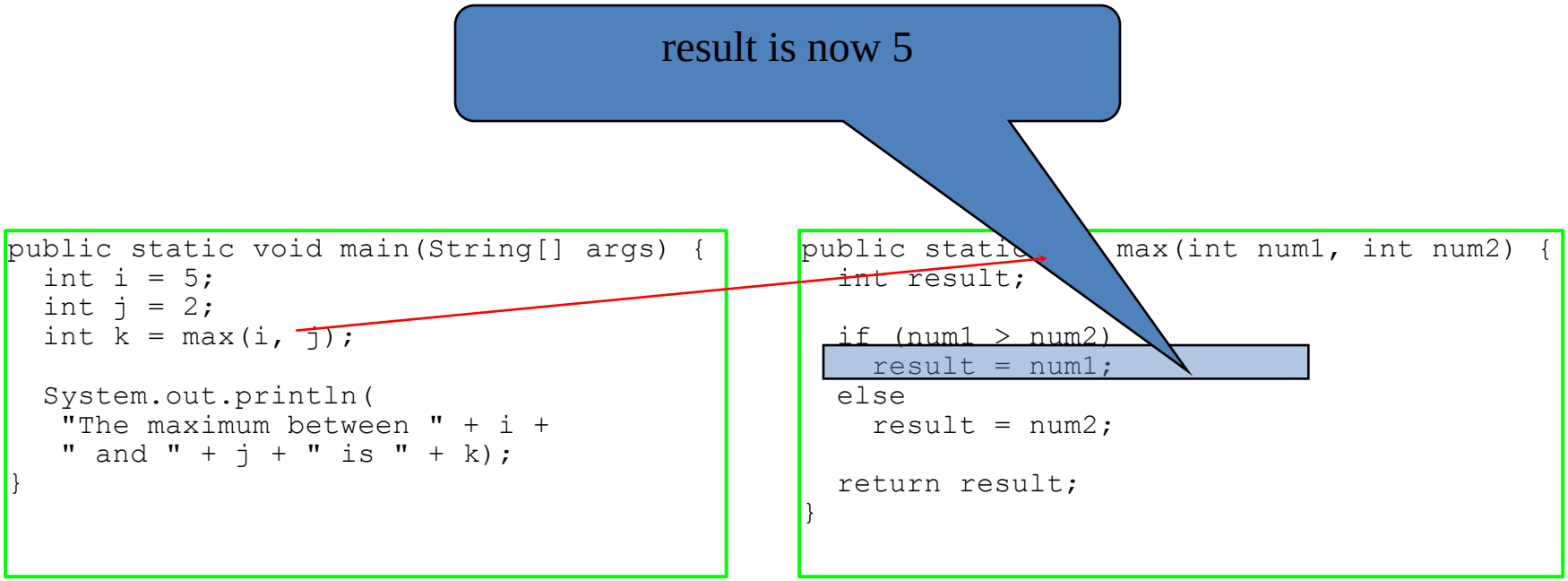

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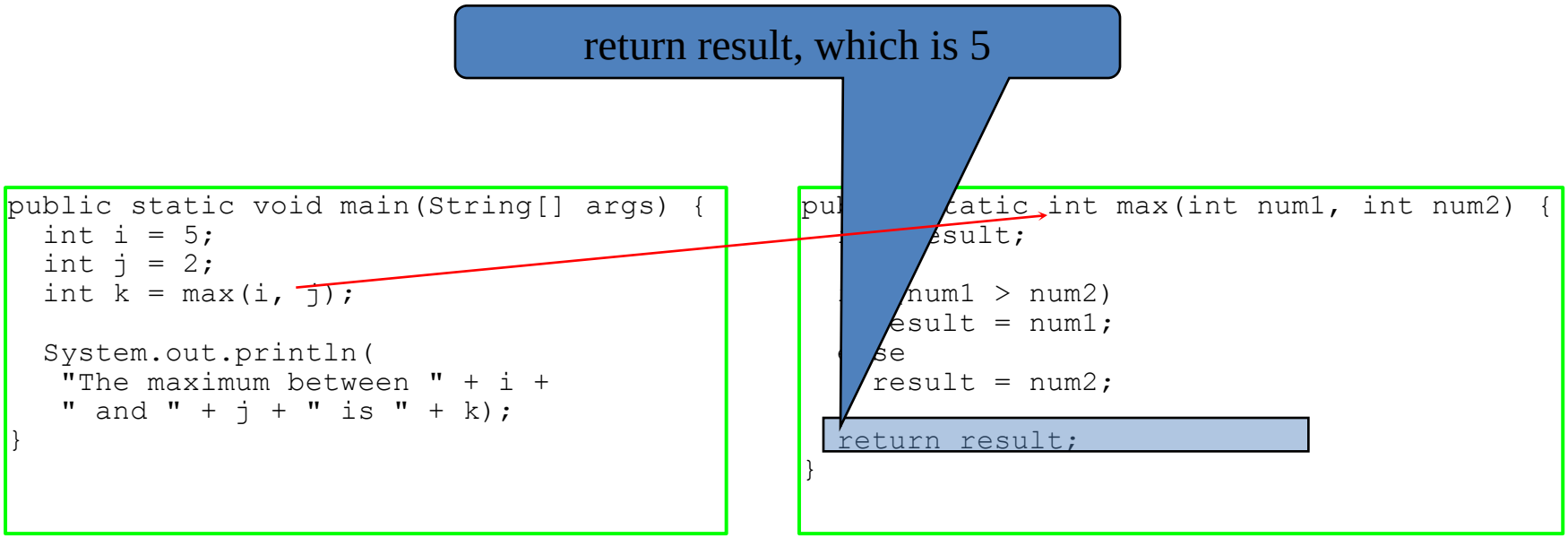

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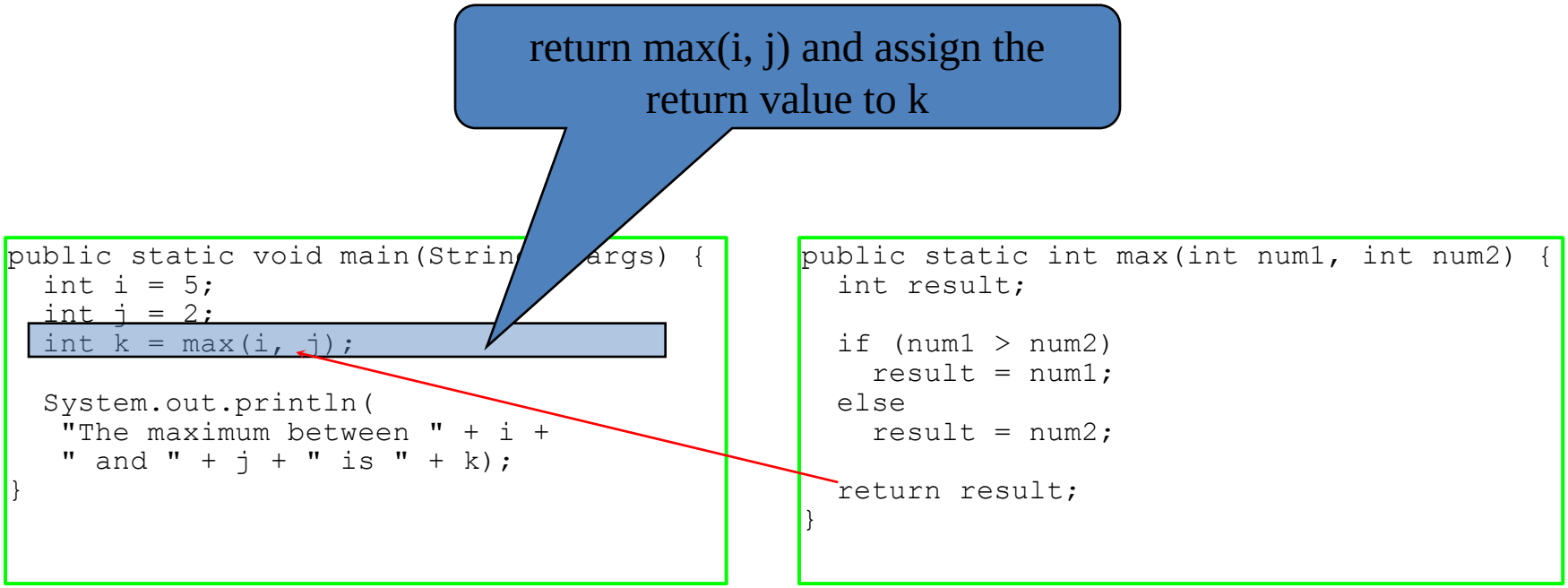

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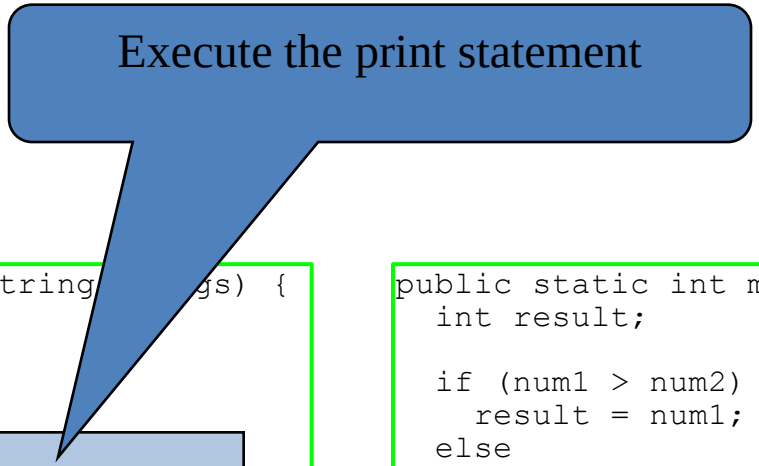


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  int result;

  if (num1 > num2)
    result = num1;
  else
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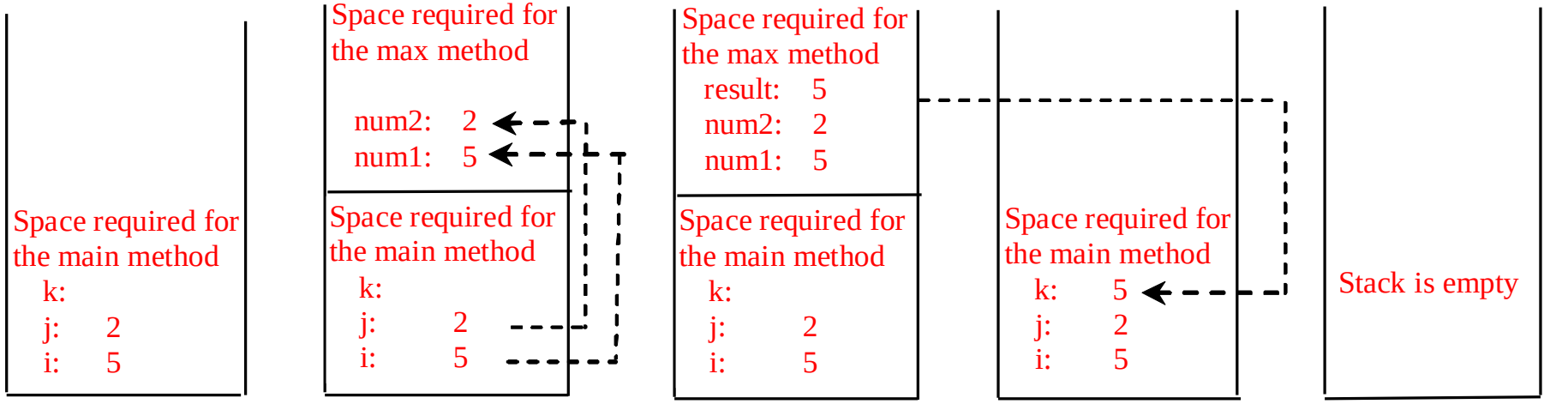
  return result;
}
```

Reuse Methods from Other Classes

NOTE: One of the benefits of methods is for reuse. The max method can be invoked from any class besides TestMax. If you create a new class Test, you can invoke the max method using ClassName.methodName (e.g., TestMax.max).

Call Stacks



(a) The main method is invoked.

(b) The max method is invoked.

(c) The max method is being executed.

(d) The max method is finished and the return value is sent to k.

(e) The main method is finished.

Trace Call Stack

i is declared and initialized

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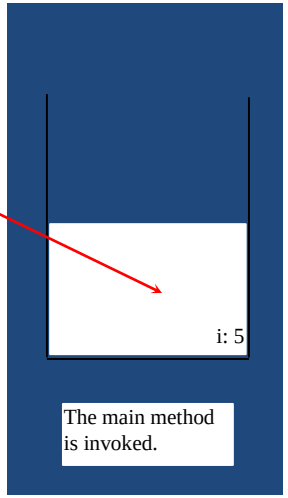

Trace Call Stack

j is declared and initialized

```
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  int i = 5;
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  int k = max(i, j);

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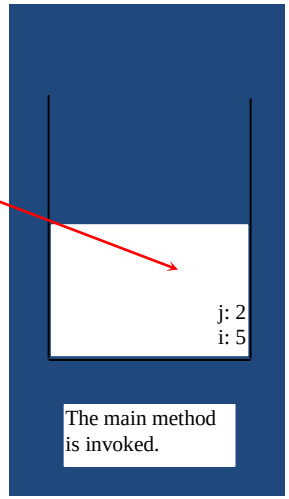

Trace Call Stack

Declare k

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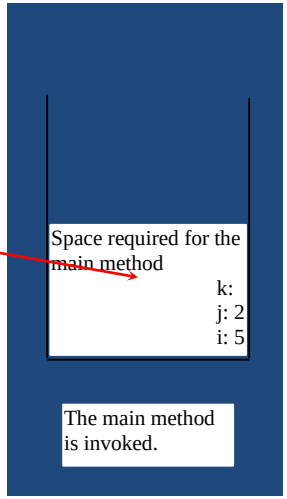

Trace Call Stack

Invoke max(i, j)

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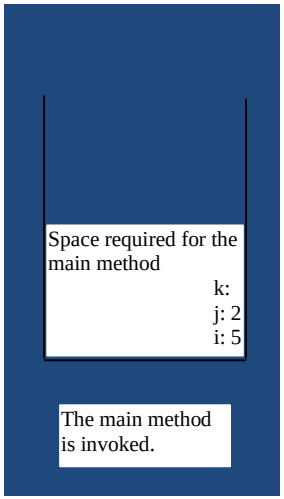

Trace Call Stack

pass the values of i and j to num1 and num2

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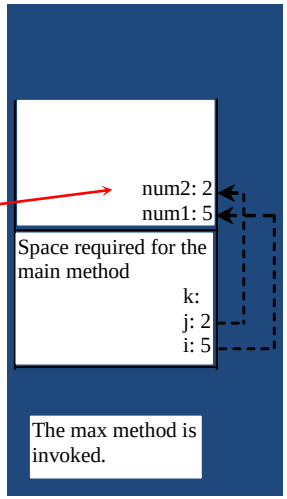

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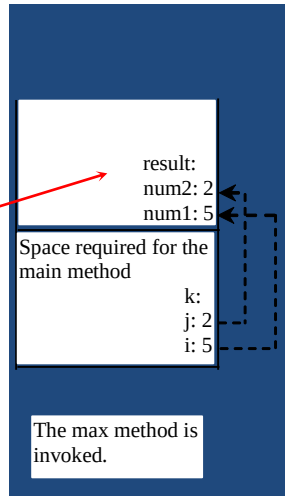

Trace Call Stack

(num1 > num2) is true

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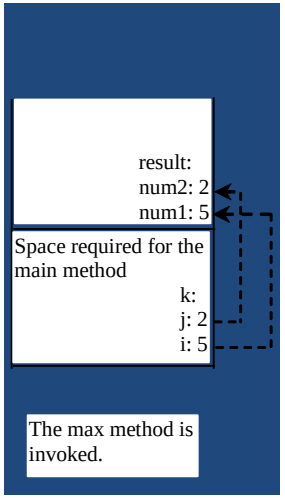

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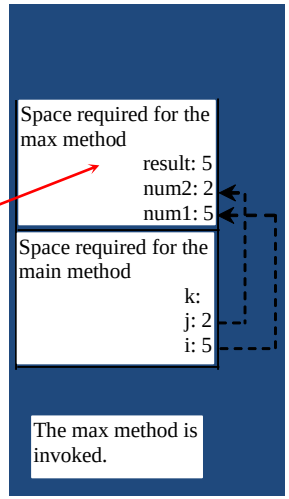
Assign num1 to result



Trace Call Stack

Return result and assign it to k

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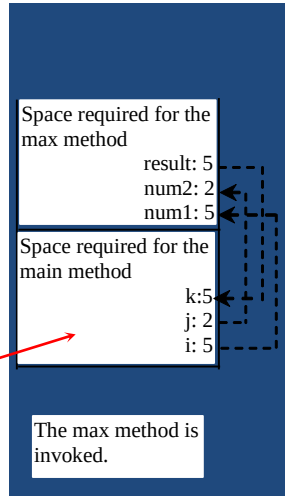

Trace Call Stack

Execute print statement

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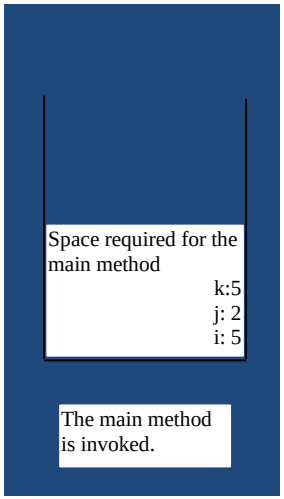


void Method Example

This type of method does not return a value. The method performs some actions.

Passing Parameters

```
public static void nPrintln(String message, int n) {
  for (int i = 0; i < n; i++)
    System.out.println(message);
}
```

Suppose you invoke the method using

nPrintln(“Welcome to Java”, 5);

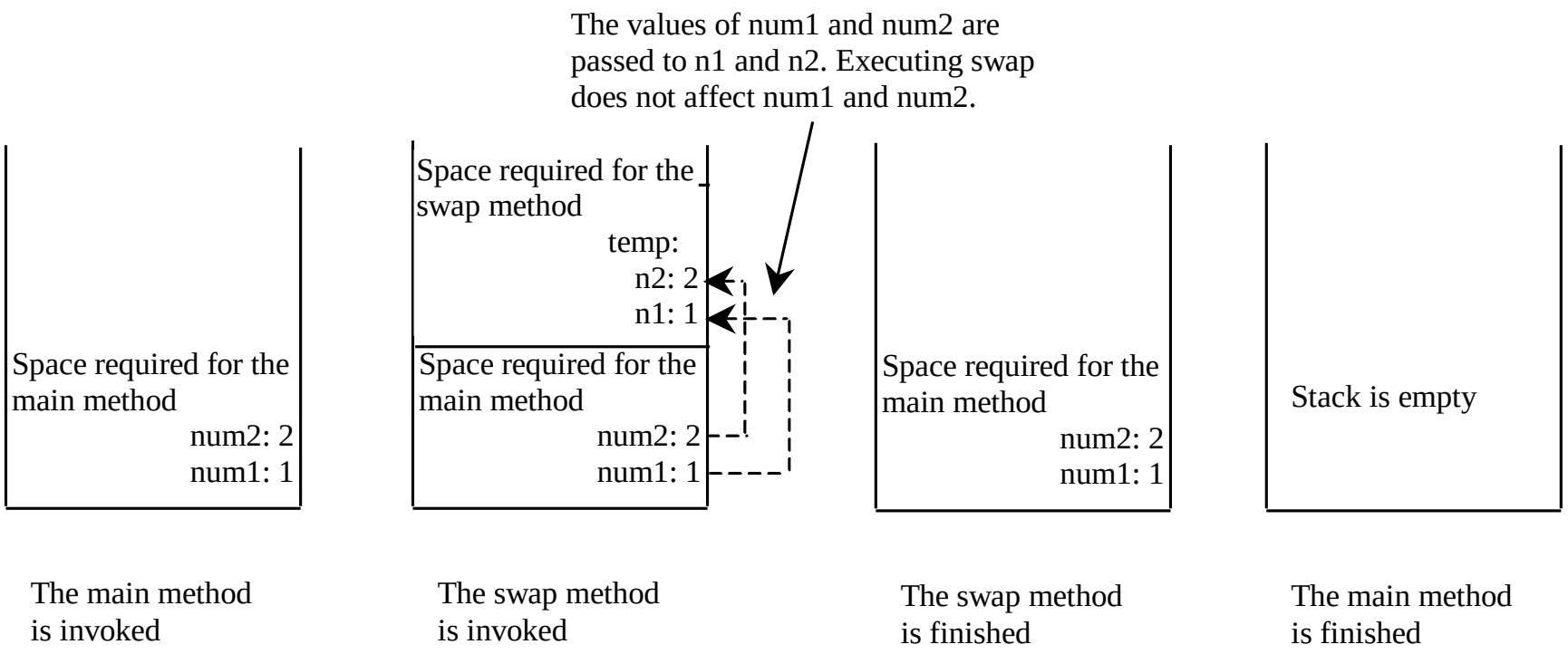
What is the output?

Suppose you invoke the method using

nPrintln(“Computer Science”, 15);

What is the output?

Pass by Value, cont.



Modularizing Code

Methods can be used to reduce redundant coding and enable code reuse. Methods can also be used to modularize code and improve the quality of the program.

Scope of Local Variables

A local variable: a variable defined inside a method.

Scope: the part of the program where the variable can be referenced.

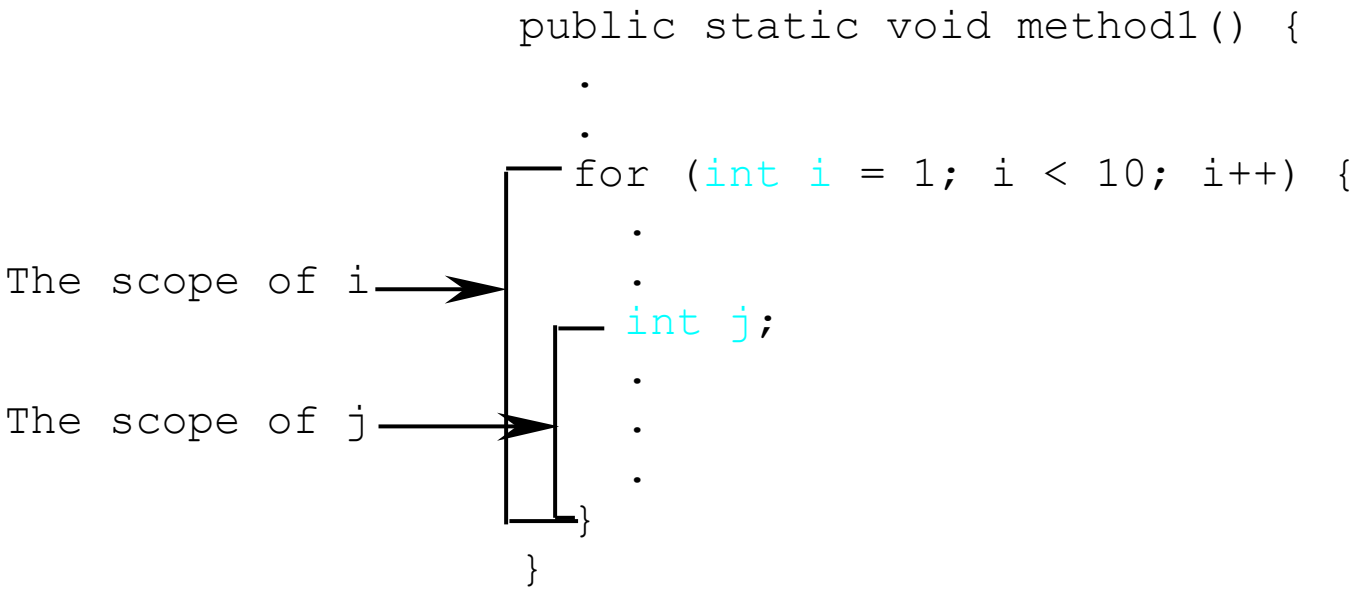
The scope of a local variable starts from its declaration and continues to the end of the block that contains the variable. A local variable must be declared before it can be used.

Scope of Local Variables, cont.

You can declare a local variable with the same name multiple times in different non-nesting blocks in a method, but you cannot declare a local variable twice in nested blocks.

Scope of Local Variables, cont.

A variable declared in the initial action part of a for loop header has its scope in the entire loop. But a variable declared inside a for loop body has its scope limited in the loop body from its declaration and to the end of the block that contains the variable.



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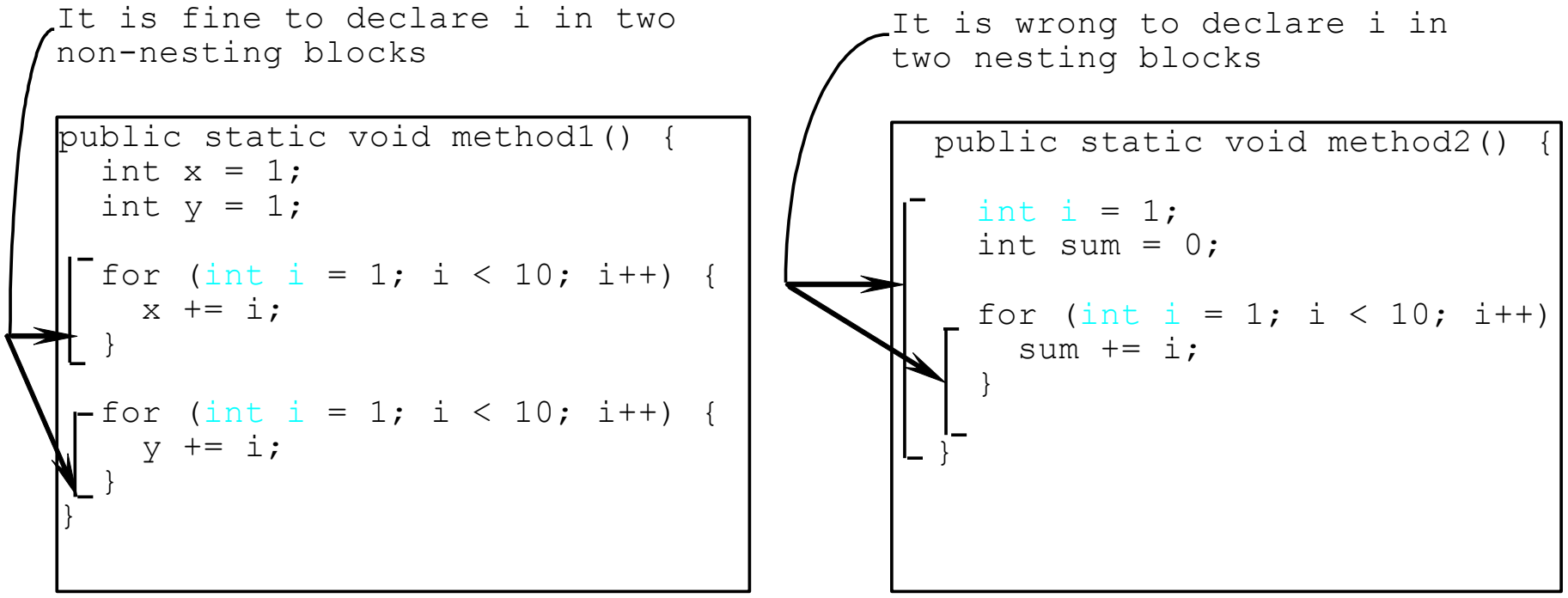


Scope of Local Variables, cont.

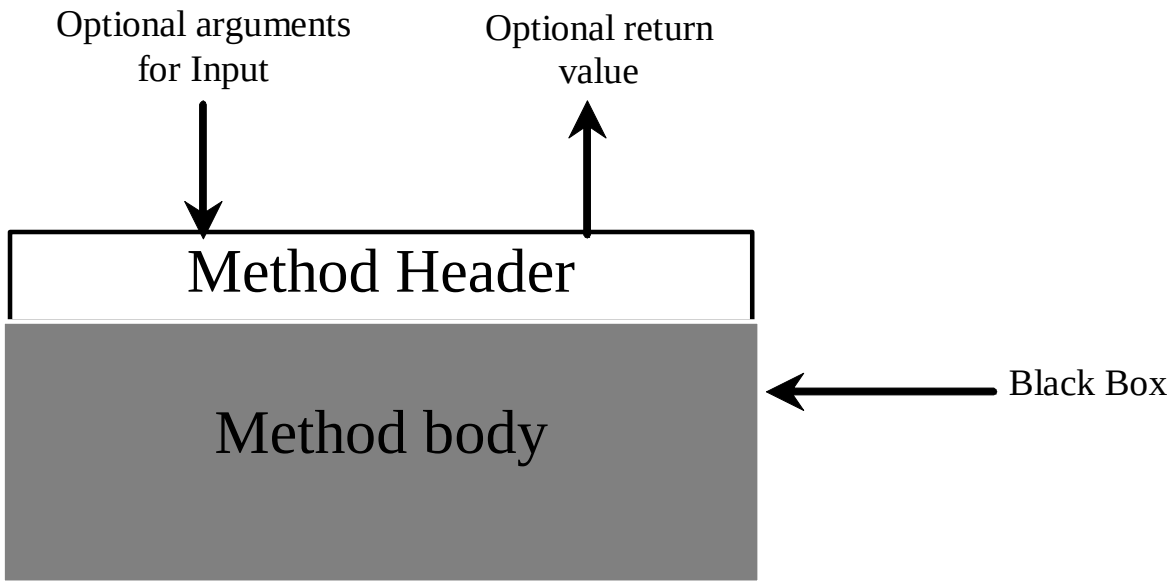
```
// Fine with no errors
public static void correctMethod() {
  int x = 1;
  int y = 1;
  // i is declared
  for (int i = 1; i < 10; i++) {
    x += i;
  }
  // i is declared again
  for (int i = 1; i < 10; i++) {
    y += i;
  }
}
```

Scope of Local Variables, cont.

```
// With no errors
public static void incorrectMethod() {
   int x = 1;
   int y = 1;
   for (int i = 1; i < 10; i++) {
     int x = 0;
     x += i;
   }
}
```

Method Abstraction

You can think of the method body as a black box that contains the detailed implementation for the method.



Benefits of Methods

- Write a method once and reuse it anywhere.
- Information hiding. Hide the implementation from the user.
- Reduce complexity.

The `Math` Class

- Class constants:
  - `PI`
  - `E`
- Class methods:
  - Trigonometric Methods
  - Exponent Methods
  - Rounding Methods
  - min, max, abs, and random Methods

Trigonometric Methods

- `sin(double a)`
- `cos(double a)`
- `tan(double a)`
- `acos(double a)`
- `asin(double a)`
- `atan(double a)`

Radians

toRadians(90)

```
Examples:


Math.sin(0) returns 0.0

Math.sin(Math.PI / 6)
  returns 0.5

Math.sin(Math.PI / 2)
  returns 1.0

Math.cos(0) returns 1.0

Math.cos(Math.PI / 6)
  returns 0.866

Math.cos(Math.PI / 2)
  returns 0
```

Exponent Methods

- `exp(double a)`

  Returns `e` raised to the power of `a`.

- `log(double a)`

  Returns the natural logarithm of `a`.

- `log10(double a)`

  Returns the 10-based logarithm of `a`.

- `pow(double a, double b)`

  Returns `a` raised to the power of `b`.

- `sqrt(double a)`

  Returns the square root of `a`.

```
Examples:


Math.exp(1) returns 2.71
Math.log(2.71) returns 1.0
Math.pow(2, 3) returns 8.0
Math.pow(3, 2) returns 9.0
Math.pow(3.5, 2.5) returns
   22.91765
Math.sqrt(4) returns 2.0
Math.sqrt(10.5) returns 3.24
```

Rounding Methods

- `double ceil(double x)`

  x rounded up to its nearest integer. This integer is returned as a double value.

- `double floor(double x)`

  x is rounded down to its nearest integer. This integer is returned as a double value.

- `double rint(double x)`

  x is rounded to its nearest integer. If x is equally close to two integers, the even one is returned as a double.

- `int round(float x)`

  Return (int)Math.floor(x+0.5).

- `long round(double x)`

  Return (long)Math.floor(x+0.5).

Rounding Methods Examples

```
Math.ceil(2.1) returns 3.0
Math.ceil(2.0) returns 2.0
Math.ceil(-2.0) returns –2.0
Math.ceil(-2.1) returns -2.0
Math.floor(2.1) returns 2.0
Math.floor(2.0) returns 2.0
Math.floor(-2.0) returns –2.0
Math.floor(-2.1) returns -3.0
Math.rint(2.1) returns 2.0
Math.rint(2.0) returns 2.0
Math.rint(-2.0) returns –2.0
Math.rint(-2.1) returns -2.0
Math.rint(2.5) returns 2.0
Math.rint(-2.5) returns -2.0
Math.round(2.6f) returns 3
Math.round(2.0) returns 2
Math.round(-2.0f) returns -2
Math.round(-2.6) returns -3
```

min, max, and abs

- `max(a, b)` and `min(a, b)`

  Returns the maximum or minimum of two parameters.

- `abs(a)`

  Returns the absolute value of the parameter.

- `random()`

  Returns a random `double` value in the range [0.0, 1.0).

```
Examples:

Math.max(2, 3) returns 3
Math.max(2.5, 3) returns
  3.0
Math.min(2.5, 3.6)
  returns 2.5
Math.abs(-2) returns 2
Math.abs(-2.1) returns
  2.1
```

The random Method

Generates a random double value greater than or equal to 0.0 and less than 1.0 (0 <= Math.random() < 1.0).

Examples:

```
(int)(Math.random() * 10)
```
→ Returns a random integer between 0 and 9.

```
50 + (int)(Math.random() * 50)
```
→ Returns a random integer between 50 and 99.

In general,

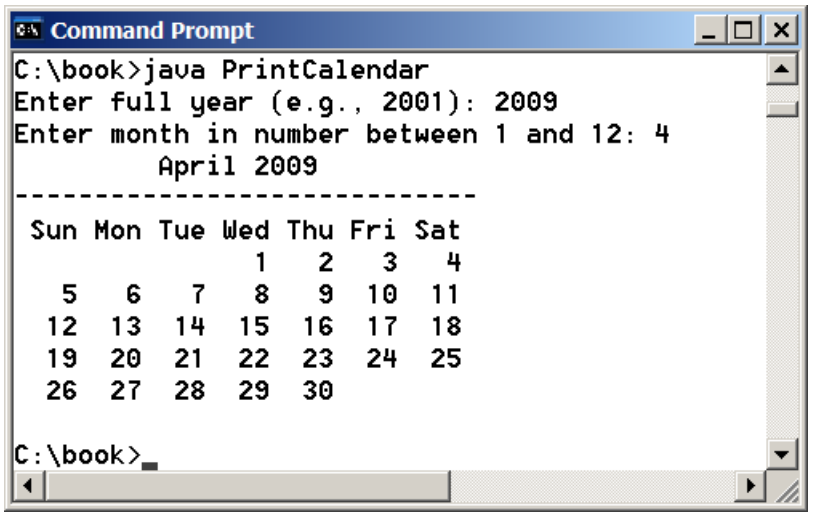
```
a + Math.random() * b
```
→ Returns a random number between a and a + b, excluding a + b.

Stepwise Refinement (Optional)

The concept of method abstraction can be applied to the process of developing programs. When writing a large program, you can use the "divide and conquer" strategy, also known as *stepwise refinement*, to decompose it into subproblems. The subproblems can be further decomposed into smaller, more manageable problems.

PrintCalender Case Study

Let us use the PrintCalendar example to demonstrate the stepwise refinement approach.



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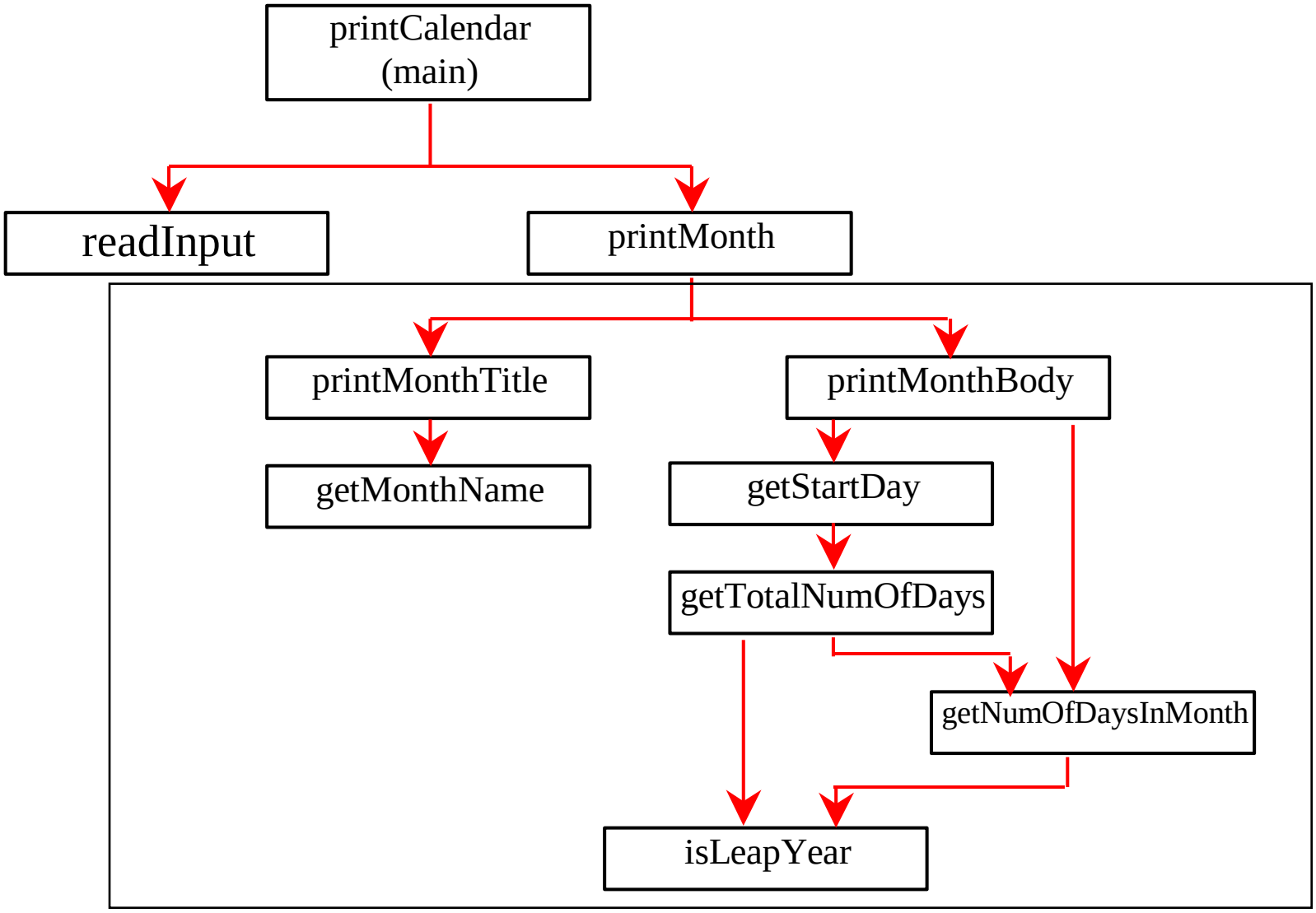

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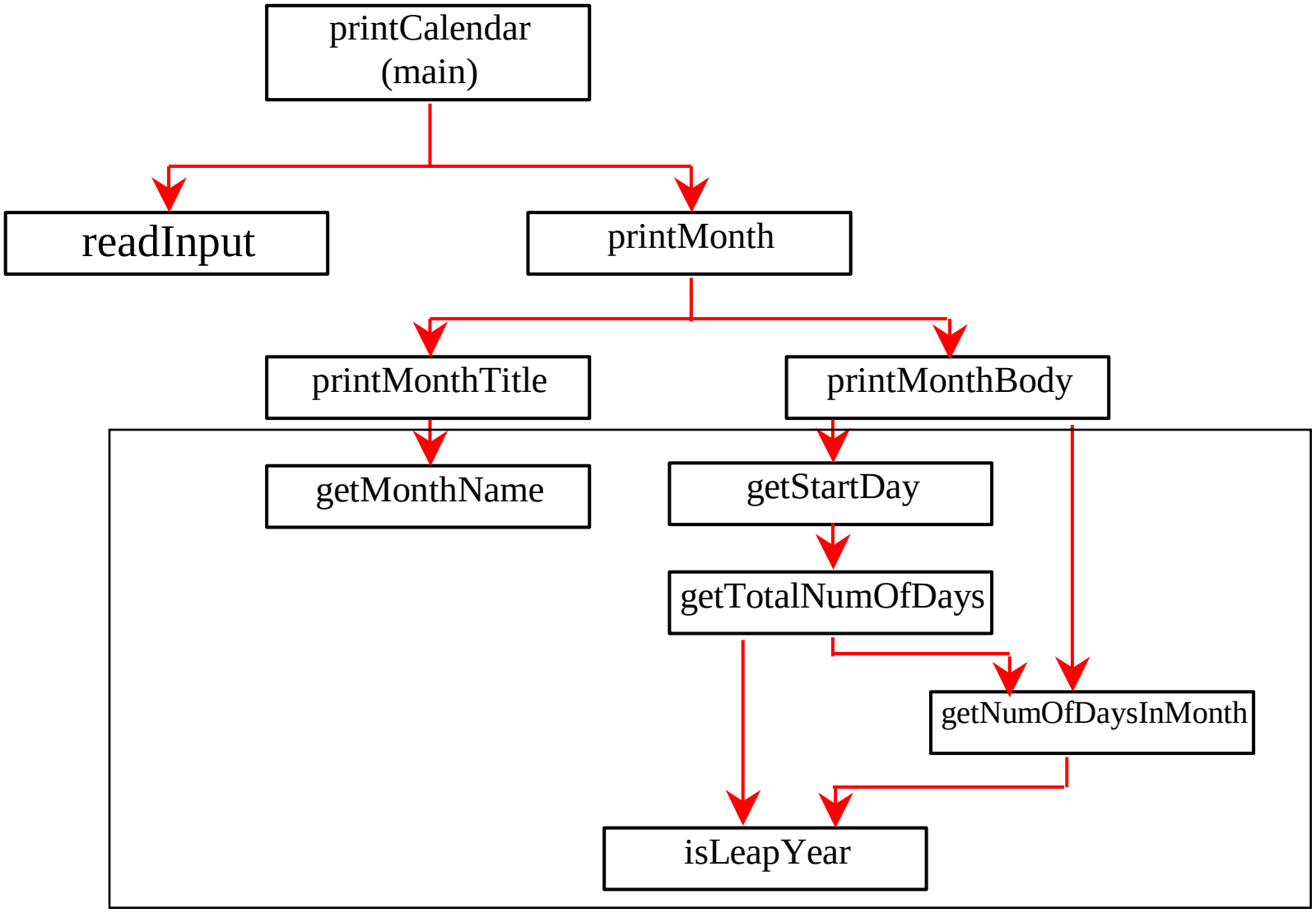

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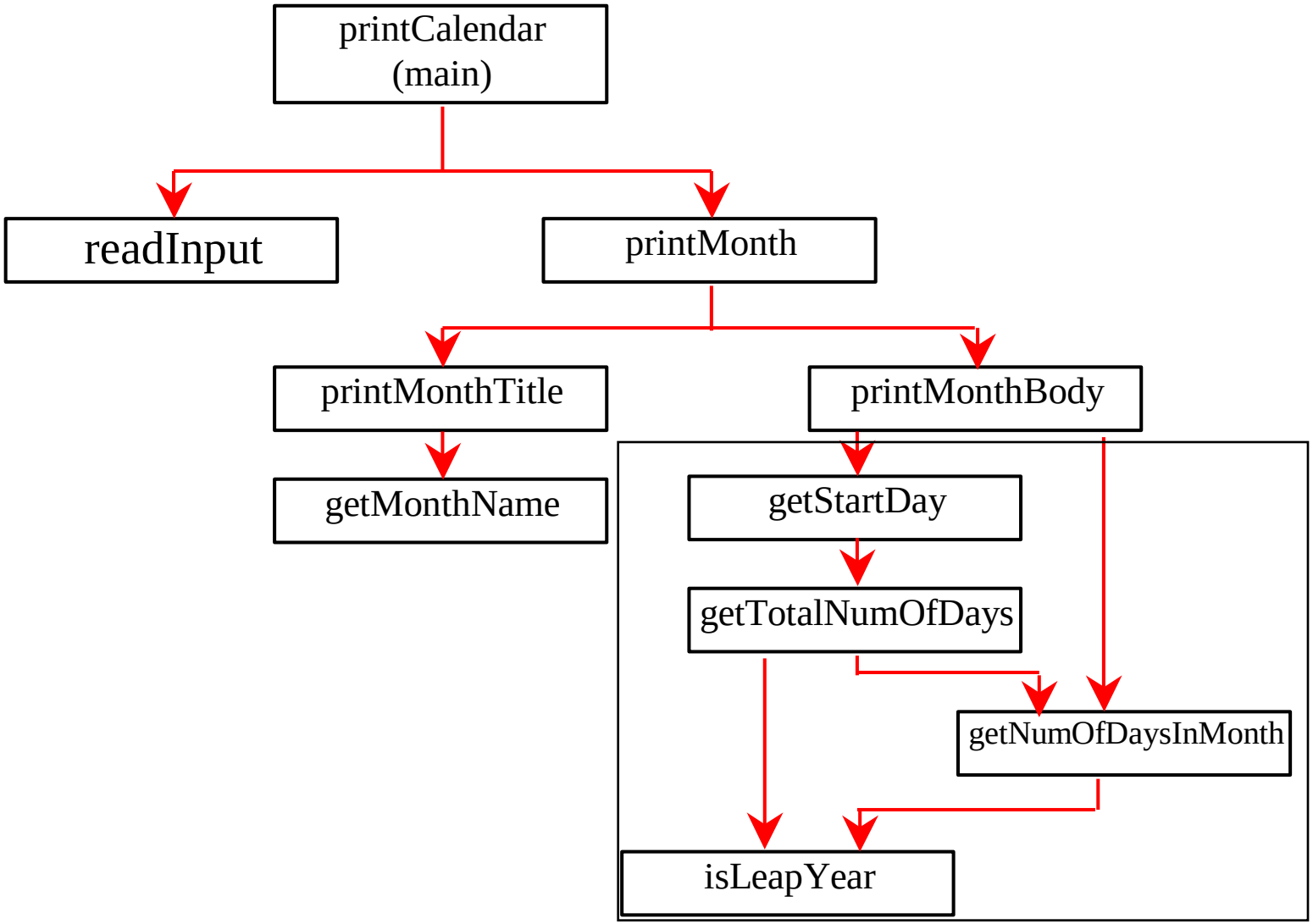

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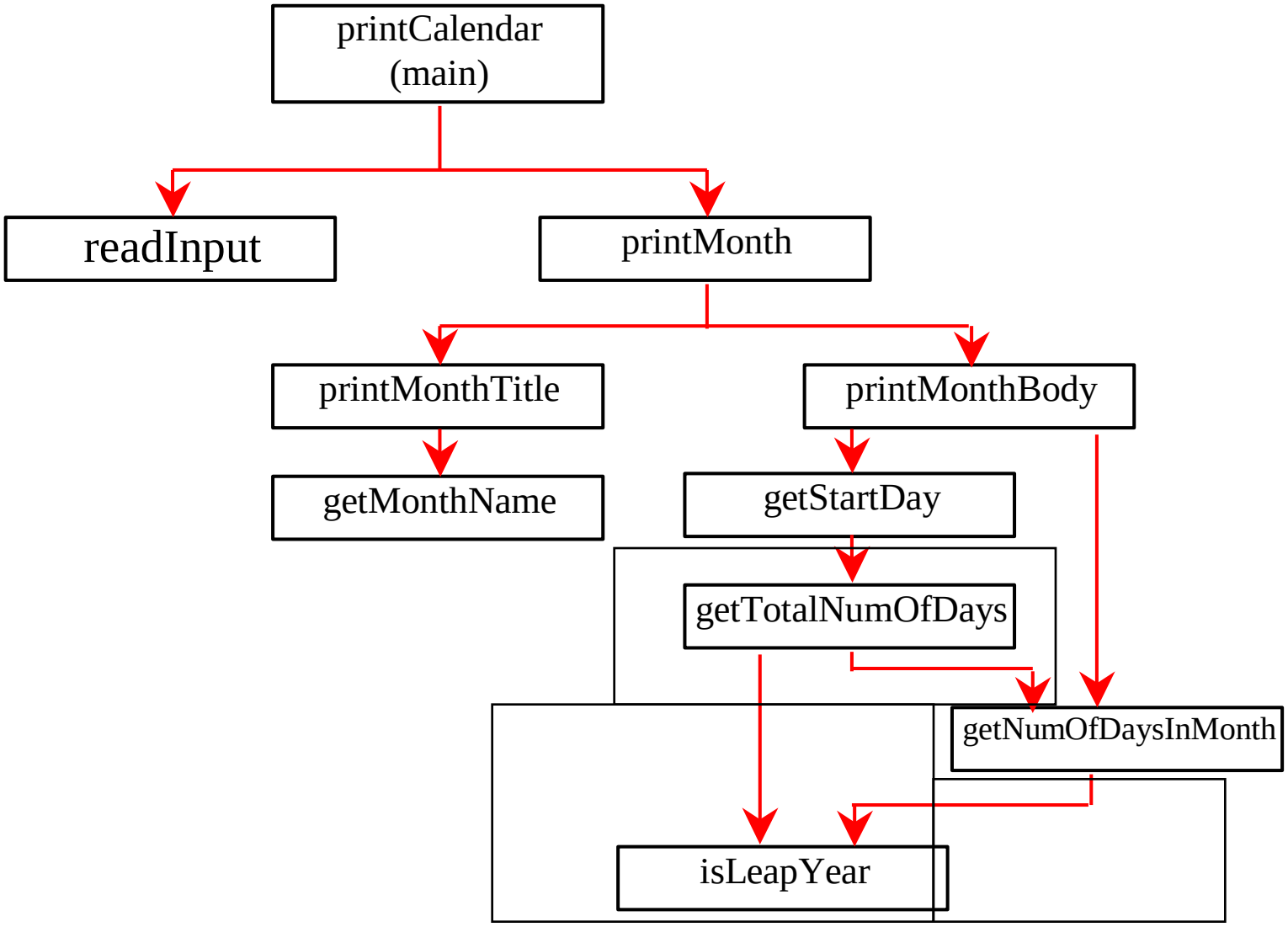

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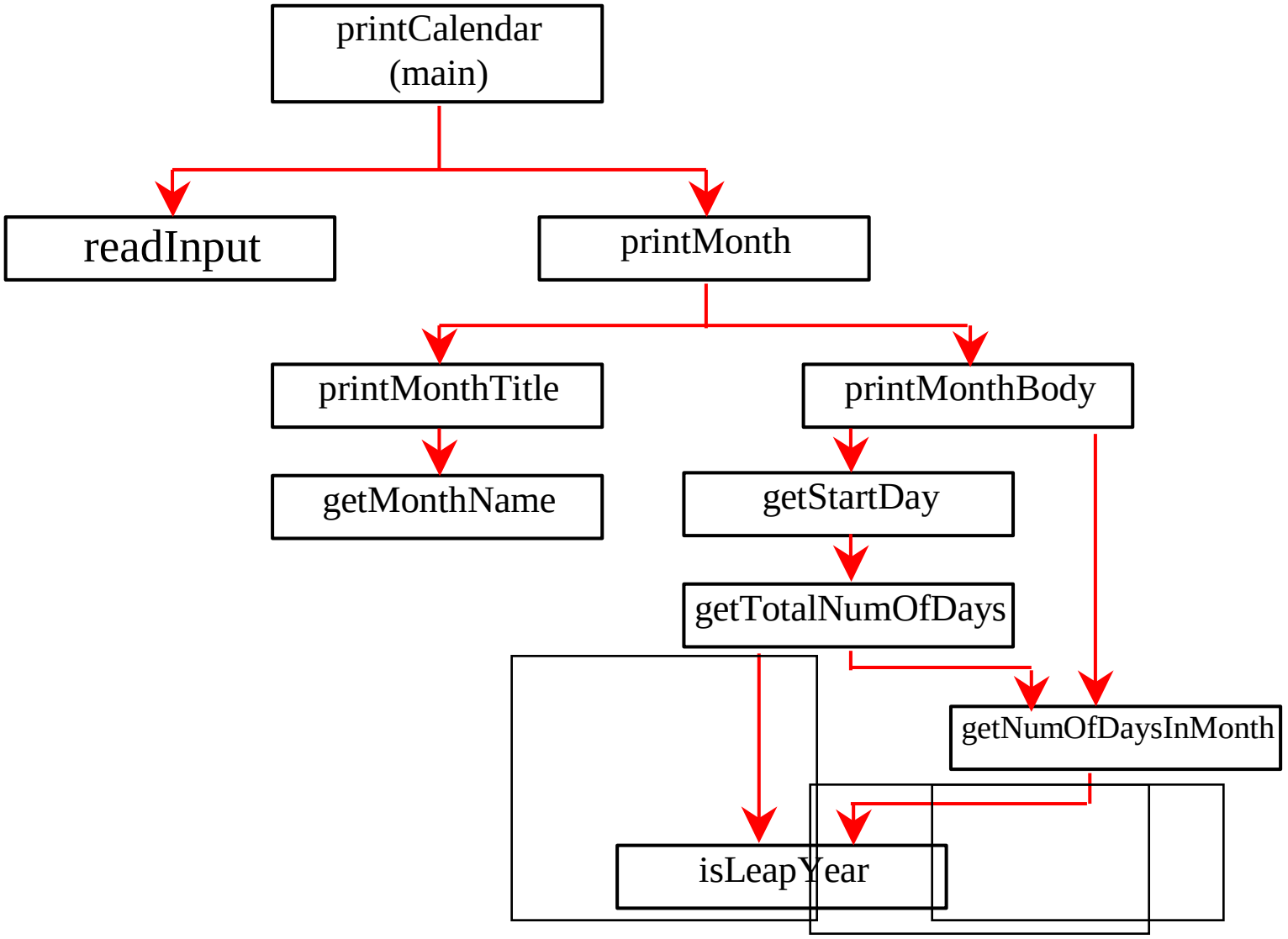

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