

The program in Fig-1 is implemented in (simplified) Java. The program in Fig-2 is implemented in Python. Do these languages implement inheritance in the same way?

```
01 public class Zoo {
02     class Animal {
03         public void eat() {
04             System.out.println("Eats.");
05         }
06     }
07
08     class Mammal extends Animal {
09         public void suckMilk() {
10             System.out.println("Baby.");
11         }
12     }
13
14     public void test (boolean t) {
15         Animal a = new Animal();
16         if (t) {
17             a = new Mammal();
18         }
19         a.eat();
20     }
21 }
```

**Figure 1:** Dynamic dispatch in Java

```
01 class Animal:
02     def eat(self):
03         print("Eats.")
04
05 class Mammal(Animal):
06     def suckMilk(self):
07         print("Baby.")
08
09 def test(t):
10     a = Animal()
11     if t:
12         a = Mammal()
13     a.eat()
```

**Figure 2:** Dynamic dispatch in Python



- 1 What is dynamic dispatch?
- 2 How could the calls to the method `eat` be implemented in these two languages? (think as if you were compiling them to some simple assembly code)
- 3 Does a call to `eat` take the same asymptotic time to be resolved in these two programs? Or do these times differ? (The question is not about the time to process `eat()`; rather, it's about the computational cost to find the correct implementation of it, e.g., is it  $O(1)$ ,  $O(\dots)$ ?)