## Lecture 05 References and Mutable Data



Luna received a duck. The duck is mutable (note missing limbs)

## hw02 technical notes

## Testing for expected outcome

- assert my_function() == b

This works for integers, strings, and Booleans

## What about floating point numbers?

- assert 3.14159265 - eps < calc_pi() and

$$
\text { calc_pi() < } 3.14159265+\text { eps }
$$

Note: ' eps' should be some small floating point number (e.g., 1e-6)

## hw02 technical notes (con't)

Conversions of data types and constants:

- float()
- float('inf')
- int()
- $\operatorname{str}()$
- -float('inf')
- float('nan')

Checking the Python version:
Add this to the top of your .py script
import sys
print(sys.version)
This should produce version 3.x.y
3.5.3 (default, Sep 27 2018, 17:25:39)
[GCC 6.3.0 20170516]

## Recall: Variables as Boxes

- You can picture a variable as a named "box" in memory.
- Example from an early lecture:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { num1 }=100 \\
& \text { num2 }=120
\end{aligned}
$$

## Variables and Values

- In Python, when we assign a value to a variable, we're not actually storing the value in the variable.
- Rather:
- the value is somewhere else in memory
- the variable stores the memory address of the value.
- Example: $x=7$



## References



We say that a variable stores a reference to its value.

- also known as a pointer


## References (cont.)



- Because we don't care about the actual memory address, we use an arrow to represent a reference:

Memory


## Lists and References

$$
\text { prices }=[25,10,30,45]
$$



- When a variable represents a list, it stores a reference to the list.
- The list itself is a collection of references!
- each element of the list is a reference to a value


## Mutable vs. Immutable Data

- In Python, strings and numbers are immutable.
- their contents/components cannot be changed
- Lists are mutable.
- their contents/components can be changed
- example:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { >>> prices }=[25,10,30,45] \\
& \text { >>> prices[2] }=50 \\
& \text { >>> print(prices) } \\
& {[25,10,50,45]}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Changing a Value vs. Changing a Variable

- There's no way to change an immutable value like 7.
$\underline{x=7}$
Memory

- However, we can use assignment to change the variable-making it refer to a different value:
$\underline{x=4}$
Memory

- We're not actually changing the value 7 .
- We're making the variable x refer to a different value.


## Changing a Value vs. Changing a Variable

- Here's our original list:

- Lists are mutable, so we can change the value (the list) by modifying its elements:
prices[1] = 50



## Changing a Value vs. Changing a Variable

- We can also change the variable-making it refer to a completely different list:
prices $=[18,20,4]$



## Simplifying Our Mental Model

- When a variable represents an immutable value, it's okay to picture the value as being inside the variable.

$$
x=7
$$



- a simplified picture, but good enough!
- The same thing holds for list elements that are immutable.

$$
\text { prices }=[25,10,30,45]
$$



- We still need to use references for mutable data like lists.


## Copying Variables

- The assignment

$$
\operatorname{var} 2=\operatorname{var} 1
$$

copies the reference of var1 into var2, e.g.,

$$
\begin{array}{r}
x=50 \\
y=x
\end{array}
$$



- But when the data is in var1 is immutable you can use the box notation, e.g.,

$$
\begin{aligned}
& x=50 \\
& y=x
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
x \quad 50
$$

$$
y 50
$$

## Copying References

- Consider this example:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { list1 }=[7,8,9,6,10,7,9,5] \\
& \text { list2 }=\text { list1 }
\end{aligned}
$$



- Given the lines of code above, what will the lines below print?

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { list2[2] }=4 \\
& \operatorname{print(list1[2],~list2[2])~}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Copying References

- Consider this example:

$$
\begin{aligned}
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& \text { list2 }=\text { list1 }
\end{aligned}
$$



- Given the lines of code above, what will the lines below print?

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { list2[2] }=4 \\
& \text { print(list1[2], } \\
& \qquad 44 \\
& 44
\end{aligned}
$$

- Copying a list variable simply copies the reference.
- It doesn't copy the list itself!


## Copying a List, using slicing

- We can copy a list like slicing:
list1 = [7, 8, 9, 6, 10, 7, 9, 5] list2 = list1[:]

- What will this print now?
list2[2] = 4
print(list1[2], list2[2])


## Copying a List, using slicing

- We can copy a list like this one using a full slice:

```
list1 = [7, 8, 9, 6, 10, 7, 9, 5]
list2 = list1[:]
```

list1 $\square \square$| 7 | 8 | 9 | 6 | 10 | 7 | 9 | 5 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

list2 $\square \square$

- What will this print now?

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { list2[2] }=4 \\
& \quad \text { print(list1[2], list2[2]) } \\
& \qquad 94
\end{aligned}
$$

## What does this program output?

list1 = [1, 2, 3]<br>list2 = list1[:]<br>list3 = list2<br>list2[1] = 7<br>print(list1, list2, list3)

A. $[1,2,3][1,7,3][1,2,3]$
B. $[1,7,3][1,7,3][1,2,3]$
C. $[1,2,3][1,7,3][1,7,3]$
D. $[1,7,3][1,7,3][1,7,3]$

## What does this program output?


A. $[1,2,3][1,7,3][1,2,3]$
B. $[1,7,3][1,7,3][1,2,3]$
C. $[1,2,3][1,7,3][1,7,3]$
D. $[1,7,3][1,7,3][1,7,3]$

## What does this program output?

$\left.\begin{array}{ll}\text { list1 }=[1,2,3] \\ \text { list2 }=\text { list1[:] } \\ \text { list3 }=\text { list2 }\end{array}\right]$.
A. $[1,2,3][1,7,3][1,2,3]$
B. $[1,7,3][1,7,3][1,2,3]$
C. $[1,2,3][1,7,3][1,7,3]$
D. $[1,7,3][1,7,3][1,7,3]$

## Passing an Immutable Value to a Function

- When an immutable value (like a number or string) is passed into a function, we can think of the function as getting a copy of value (though really it gets a reference).
- If the function changes its copy of the value, that change will not be there when the function returns, this is because any assignment to the local variable updates it's reference and not the referenced value.
- Consider the following program:

```
def main():
    a = 2
    triple(a)
def triple(x):
    x = x * 3
```

    print(a) \# what will be printed?
    
## Passing an Immutable Value to a Function (cont.)

before call to triple()


$$
\begin{gathered}
\operatorname{def} \operatorname{triple}(x): \\
x=x * 3 \\
\text { def main(): } \\
a=2 \\
\operatorname{triple}(a) \\
\operatorname{print}(a)
\end{gathered}
$$

## Passing an Immutable Value to a Function (cont.)

before call to triple()


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\operatorname{def} \operatorname{triple}(x): \\
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\text { triple(a) } \\
\text { print(a) }
\end{gathered}
$$

## Passing an Immutable Value to a Function (cont.)

before call to triple()

during call to triple()


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x=x * 3 \\
\text { def main(): } \\
a=2 \\
\text { triple(a) } \\
\text { print(a) }
\end{gathered}
$$



## Passing an Immutable Value to a Function (cont.)

before call to triple()


$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { def } \operatorname{main}(): \\
& \quad a=2 \\
& \quad \text { } \operatorname{triple(a)} \quad \\
& \quad \text { print(a) } \quad \# \text { prints } 2
\end{aligned}
$$

during call to triple()

| $\frac{\text { triple }}{x}$ |
| :---: |
| 2 |
| $\frac{\text { main }}{a}$ |
| 2 |


after call to triple()
main
a

## Passing a List to a Function

- When a list is passed into a function:
- the function gets a copy of the reference to the list
- it does not get a copy of the list itself
- Thus, if the function changes the components of the list, those changes will be there when the function returns.
- Consider the following program:

```
def main():
    a = [1, 2, 3]
    triple(a)
    print(a) # what will be printed?
def triple(vals):
    for i in range(len(vals)):
        vals[i] = vals[i] * 3
```


## Passing a List to a Function (cont.)

before call to triple()


```
def main():
    a = [1, 2, 3]
    triple(a)
    print(a)
```


## Passing a List to a Function (cont.)

before call to triple()


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def main():
    a = [1, 2, 3]
    triple(a)
    print(a)
```

during call to triple()


## Passing a List to a Function (cont.)

before call to triple()


```
def triple(vals) :
    for i in range(len(vals)):
        vals[i] = vals[i] * 3
```

during call to triple()



## Passing a List to a Function (cont.)

before call to triple()


```
def main():
    a = [1, 2, 3]
    triple(a)
    print(a) # prints [3, 6, 9]
```

during call to triple()


after call to triple()


## What does this program output?

def mystery $1(\mathrm{x})$ :

$$
x^{*}=2
$$

return $\mathbf{x}$
def mystery2(vals):
vals[0] = 111
return vals
$x=7$
vals $=[7,7]$
mystery1(x)
mystery2(vals)
print(x, vals)
A. $7[7,7]$
B. $14[7,7]$
C. $\quad 7[111,7]$
D. $14[111,7]$

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## What does this program output?

$$
\text { def mystery1 }(\mathrm{x}) \text { : }
$$

$$
x^{*}=2
$$

return $x$
def mystery2(vals):
vals[0] = 111
return vals
$x=7$
vals $=[7,7]$
mystery1(x) \# throws return value away!
mystery2(vals)
print(x, vals)


## What does this program output?

def mystery $1(\mathrm{x})$ :
$x^{*}=2$
return $x$
def mystery2(vals):
vals[0] = 111
return vals
$\mathrm{x}=7$
vals $=[7,7]$ mystery1(x)
mystery2(vals) print(x, vals) \# output: 7 [111, 7]
before mystery2

during mystery 2
after mystery2



## What does this program print?

def foo(vals, i):

## Draw your own memory diagrams!

$i=0$
$I 1=[1,1,1]$
$I 2=I 1$
foo( $12, i)$
print( $\mathrm{i}, \mathrm{I}, \mathrm{I}, \mathrm{I})$
before foo
during foo
after foo


## What does this program print?

def foo(vals, i):
Draw your own memory diagrams!
i += 1
vals[i] *= 2
$\mathrm{i}=0$
I1 = [1, 1, 1]
$12=11$
foo(I2, i)
print(i, I1, I2) \# output: $0[1,2,1][1,2,1]$
before foo

during foo

after foo


## Extra practice: What about this program?

def mystery3(x): $x=111$

## return $\mathbf{x}$

def mystery4(vals): vals $=[111,111]$
return vals
$\mathrm{x}=7$
vals $=[7,7]$
mystery3(x)
mystery4(vals)
print(x, vals)
A. $7[7,7]$
B. $111[7,7]$
C. $7[111,111]$
D. $111[111,111]$

## Extra practice: What about this program?

def mystery3(x):
$x=111$
return x
def mystery4(vals):
vals $=[111,111]$
return vals
$x=7$
vals $=[7,7]$
mystery3(x)
mystery4(vals)
print(x, vals)
A.

7 [7, 7]
B. $111[7,7]$
C. $7[111,111]$
D. $111[111,111]$

## Extra practice: What about this program?

def mystery3(x):
$x=111$
return $x$
def mystery4(vals):
vals $=[111,111]$
return vals
$\mathrm{x}=7$
vals $=[7,7]$
mystery3(x) \# throw return value away!
mystery4(vals)
print(x, vals)


## Extra practice: What about this program?

def mystery3(x):
$x=111$
return $x$
def mystery4(vals):
vals $=[111,111]$
return vals
$\mathrm{x}=7$
vals $=[7,7]$
mystery3(x)
mystery4(vals)
print(x, vals) \# output: 7 [7, 7]
before mystery 4

during mystery 4
after mystery4


## Recall Our Earlier Example...

def mystery1 1 ( x :

$$
x^{*}=2
$$

## return x

def mystery2(vals): vals[0] = 111
return vals
$x=7$
vals $=[7,7]$
mystery1(x)
mystery2(vals)
print(x, vals)

How can we make the global x reflect mystery1's change?

## Recall Our Earlier Example...

def mystery1 $(\mathrm{x})$ :

$$
x^{*}=2
$$

return $x$
def mystery2(vals):
vals[0] = 111
return vals
$\mathrm{x}=7$
vals $=[7,7]$
$\mathrm{x}=$ mystery1(x) \# assign the return value!
mystery2(vals)
befprifit(x, stealks)


How can we make the global x reflect mystery1's change?

## 2-D Lists

based in part on notes from the CS-for-All curriculum developed at Harvey Mudd College

## 2-D Lists

- Recall that a list can include sublists

$$
\text { mylist }=[17,2,[2,5],[1,3,7]]
$$

What is len(mylist)?

## 2-D Lists

- Recall that a list can include sublists

$$
\text { mylist }=[17,2,[2,5],[1,3,7]]
$$

What is len(mylist)? 4

- To capture a rectangular table or grid of values, use a two-dimensional list:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { table }=[[15,8,3,16,12,7,95] \\
& {[6,11,9,4,1,5,8,13],} \\
& {[17,3,5,18,10,6,7,21],} \\
& {[8,14,13,6,13,12,8,4],} \\
& [1,9,5,16,20,2,3,9]]
\end{aligned}
$$

- a list of sublists, each with the same length
- each sublist is one "row" of the table


## 2-D Lists: Try These Questions!

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { table }=[[15,8,3,16,12,7,9 \\
& {[6,11,9,4,1,5,8,13],} \\
& {[17,3,5,18,10,6,7,21],} \\
& {[8,14,13,6,13,12,8,4],} \\
& [1,9,5,16,20,2,3,9]]
\end{aligned}
$$

- what is len(table)?
- what does table[0] represent?
table[1]?
table[-1]?
- what is len(table[0])?
- what is table[3][1]?
- how would you change the 1 in the lower-left corner to a 7 ?


## 2-D Lists: Try These Questions!

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { table }=[[15,8,3,16,12,7,9 \quad 5], \\
& {[6,11,9,4,1,5,8,13],} \\
& {[17,3,5,18,10,6,7,21],} \\
& {[8,14,13,6,13,12,8,4],} \\
& [1,9,5,16,20,2,3,9]]
\end{aligned}
$$

- what is len(table)? 5 (more generally, the \# of rows / height)
- what does table[0] represent? the first/top row

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
\text { table }[1] ? ~ t h e ~ s e c o n d ~ r o w ~ \\
\text { table[-1]? } & \text { the last/bottom row }
\end{array}
$$

- what is len(table[0])? 8 (the \# of columns / width)
- what is table[3][1]? 14

- how would you change the 1 in the lower-left corner to a 7 ? table[4][0] = $7 \quad \#$ table[-1][0] = 7 also works!


## Dimensions of a 2-D List

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { table }=[[15,8,3,16,12,7,95], \\
& {[6,11,9,4,1,5,8,13],} \\
& {[17,3,5,18,10,6,7,21],} \\
& {[8,14,13,6,13,12,8,4],} \\
& [1,9,5,16,20,2,3,9]]
\end{aligned}
$$

len(table) is the \# of rows in table
table[r] is the row with index $r$
len(table[r]) is the \# of elements in row $r$
len(table[0]) is the \# of columns in table

## Picturing a 2-D List

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { table }=[[15,8,3,16,12,7,95], \\
& \quad[6,11,9,4,1,5,8,13], \\
& {[17,3,5,18,10,6,7,21],} \\
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& [1,9,5,16,20,2,3,9]]
\end{aligned}
$$

- Here's one way to picture the above list:

|  | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | columnindices |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 15 | 8 | 3 | 16 | 12 | 7 | 9 | 5 |  |
| 1 | 6 | 11 | 9 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 8 | 13 |  |
| 2 | 17 | 3 | 5 | 18 | 10 | 6 | 7 | 21 |  |
| 3 | 8 | 14 | 13 | 6 | 13 | 12 | 8 | 4 |  |
| row 4 | 1 | 9 | 5 | 16 | 20 | 2 | 3 | 9 |  |

## Picturing a 2-D List (cont)

- Here's a more accurate picture:



## Accessing an Element of a 2-D List

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { table }=[[15,8,3,16,12,7,95], \\
& {[6,11,9,4,1,5,8,13],} \\
& {[11,3,5,18,10,6,7,21],} \\
& {[8,14,13,6,13,12,8,4],} \\
& [1,9,5,16,20,2,3,9]]
\end{aligned}
$$

table $[r][c]$ is the element at row $r$, column $c$ in table
examples:
>>> print(table[2][1])
3

## Accessing an Element of a 2-D List

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& {[17,3,5,18,10,6,7,21],} \\
& {[8,14,13,6,13,12,8,4],} \\
& [1,9,5,16,20,2,0,9]]
\end{aligned}
$$

table[r][c] is the element at row $r$, column c in table
examples:
>>> print(table[2][1])
3
>>> table[-1][-2] = 0

## Using Nested Loops to Process a 2-D List

$$
\begin{gathered}
\text { table }=[[15,8,3,16,12,7,95], \\
{[6,11,9,4,1,5,8,13],} \\
{[17,3,5,18,10,6,7,21],} \\
{[8,14,13,6,13,12,8,4],} \\
[1,9,5,16,20,2,3,9]]
\end{gathered}
$$

for $r$ in range(len(table)): for c in range(len(table[0])): \# process table[r][c]

## Using Nested Loops to Process a 2-D List

table $=[[15,19,3,16]$,
$[6,21,9,4]$,
[17, 3, 5, 18]]
count $=0$
for $r$ in range(len(table)):
for c in range(len(table[0])):
if table[r][c] > 15:
count += 1
print(count)
$\underline{\mathrm{c}}$ table[r][c] count

## Using Nested Loops to Process a 2-D List

```
table \(=[[15,19,3,16]\),
    [6, 21, 9, 4],
    [17, 3, 5, 18]]
count \(=0\)
for \(r\) in range(len(table)):
    for c in range(len(table[0])):
        if table[r][c] > 15:
            count += 1
print(count)
\# prints 5
\begin{tabular}{lllr}
\(\underline{r}\) & \(\underline{C}\) & table \([r][\mathrm{c}]\) & \begin{tabular}{r} 
count \\
0
\end{tabular} \\
0 & 15 & 0 \\
0 & 1 & 19 & 1 \\
0 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\
0 & 3 & 16 & 2 \\
1 & 0 & 6 & 2 \\
1 & 1 & 21 & 3 \\
\(\ldots\) & & & 4 \\
2 & 0 & 17 & \\
\(\ldots\) & & & 5
\end{tabular}
```


## Which Of These Counts the Number of Evens?

A. count $=0$
for $r$ in range(len(table)):
for c in range(len(table[0])):
if table[r][c] \% 2 == 0 :
count $+=1$
B. count = 0
for $r$ in len(table):
for c in len(table[0]):
if $\mathrm{c} \% 2=0$ :
count $+=1$
C. count $=0$
for $r$ in range(len(table[0])):
for c in range(len(table)):
if table[r][c] \% 2 == 0 : count += 1
D. either $A$ or $B \quad E$. either $A$ or $C$

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for $r$ in range(len(table)):
for c in range(len(table[0])):
if table[r][c] \% $2=0$ :
count += 1
B. count = 0
for $r$ in len(table):
for c in len(table[0]):
if $\mathrm{c} \% 2=0$ :
count $+=1$
C. count $=0$
for $r$ in range(len(table[0])):
for c in range(len(table)):
if table[r][c] \% 2 == 0 :

$$
\text { count }+=1
$$

D. either $A$ or $B \quad E$. either $A$ or $C$

## Using Nested Loops to Process a 2-D List

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$[6,21,9,4]$,
[17, 3, 5, 18]]
count $=0$
for $r$ in range(len(table)):
for c in range(len(table[0])):
if table[r][c] \% 2 == 0 :
count += 1
print(count)
$\underline{\mathrm{c}}$ table[r][c] count

## Using Nested Loops to Process a 2-D List

table $=[[15,19,3,16]$,
[6, 21, 9, 4],
[17, 3, 5, 18]]
count $=0$
for $r$ in range(len(table)):
for c in range(len(table[0])):
if table[r][c] \% 2 == 0 :
count += 1
print(count)
\# prints 4

| $\underline{r}$ | $\underline{c}$ | table[r][c] | count <br> 0 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 0 | 15 | 0 |  |
| 0 | 1 | 19 | 0 |
| 0 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| 0 | 3 | 16 | 1 |
| 1 | 0 | 6 | 2 |
| 1 | 1 | 21 | 2 |
| $\ldots$ |  |  |  |
| 1 | 3 | 4 | 3 |
| $\ldots$ |  |  | 4 |

## What is the output of this program?

def mystery5(x): $x=x$ * -1 return $x$
def mystery6(I1, I2): $11[0]=0$ $12=[1,1]$
$\mathrm{x}=7$
vals $=[7,7]$
mystery5(x)
mystery6(vals, vals)
print(x, vals)
A. $\quad 7[7,7]$
B. $\quad-7[1,1]$
C. $\quad 7[0,7]$
D. $7[1,1]$
E. $\quad-7[0,7]$

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C. $\quad 7[0,7]$
D. $7[1,1]$
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## Recall: Copying a List

- We can't copy a list by a simple assignment:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { list1 }=[7,8,9,6,10,7,9,5] \\
& \text { list2 }=\text { list1 }
\end{aligned}
$$



- We can copy this list using a full slice:
list1 = [7, 8, 9, 6, 10, 7, 9, 5]
list2 = list1[:]



## Copying a 2-D List

$$
\operatorname{grid1}=[[1,2],[3,4],[5,6],[7,8]]
$$

This doesn't copy a list: grid2 = grid1


- Does this? grid3 = grid1[:]

Copying a 2-D List

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\operatorname{grid} 1=[[1,2],[3,4],[5,6],[7,8]]
$$



- Does this? grid3 = grid1[:] not fully!


## A Shallow Copy

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& \operatorname{print}(\operatorname{grid} 3) \quad[[1,2],[3,0],[5,6],[7,8]]
\end{aligned}
$$

## A Deep Copy: Nothing is Shared

$$
\operatorname{grid} 1=[[1,2],[3,4],[5,6],[7,8]]
$$



- Here's one way to achieve this:
grid3 = []
for sublist in grid1: grid3 = grid3 + [sublist[:]]

In hw03, you'll take a different approach!

## Recall: List Multiplication

>>> vals = [1, 2] * 3
>>> vals
[1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2]

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## List Multiplication of a 2-D List

>>> grid = [[1, 2]] * 3
>>> grid
[[1, 2], [1, 2], [1, 2]]

- original list:

- get 3 copies of it concatenated together:

- the reference to the sublist is copied, not the sublist


## List Multiplication of a 2-D List (cont.)

>>> grid = [[1, 2]] * 3
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grid[1][1] = 5
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