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

calc_pi() < 3.14159265 + 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() -float('inf')
- str() 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:

num1 = 100 num2 = 120



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.

400

X

• Example: x = 7



Memory

References

Memory



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:



Lists and References

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:

```
>>> prices = [25, 10, 30, 45]
>>> prices[2] = 50
>>> print(prices)
[25, 10, 50, 45]
```

Changing a Value vs. Changing a Variable

• There's no way to change an immutable value like 7.



• However, we *can* use assignment to change the variable—making it refer to a different value:



- 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:



Changing a Value vs. Changing a Variable

 We can also change the variable—making it refer to a completely different list:
 <u>prices = [18, 20, 4]</u>



Simplifying Our Mental Model

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

- a simplified picture, but good enough!
- The same thing holds for list elements that are immutable.
 prices = [25, 10, 30, 45]

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

Copying Variables

• The assignment

var2 = var1

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



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

$$\begin{array}{c|c} x = 50 \\ y = x \\ y & 50 \end{array}$$

Copying References

• Consider this example:

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



Given the lines of code above, what will the lines below print?
 list2[2] = 4
 print(list1[2], list2[2])

Copying References

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- Given the lines of code above, what will the lines below print?
 list2[2] = 4
 print(list1[2], list2[2])
 4
 4
- 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[:]



• What will this print now?

```
list1 = [1, 2, 3]
list2 = list1[:]
list3 = list2
list2[1] = 7
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]



- 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]



- 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]

- 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)
    print(a)  # what will be printed?
def triple(x):
    x = x * 3
```

before call to triple()



before call to triple()



during call to triple()



before call to triple()



during call to triple()



def triple(x):
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before call to triple()



during call to triple()



after call to triple()



def main(): a = 2 triple(a) print(a) # prints 2



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
```

before call to triple()



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

before call to triple()





during call to triple()



before call to triple()



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

during call to triple()





before call to triple()





```
def mystery1(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)
A.
        7 [7, 7]
B.
        14 [7, 7]
C.
    7 [111, 7]
D.
         14 [111, 7]
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    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)
before mystery1
                             during mystery1
                             mystery1
                                    14
```





after mystery1



```
def mystery1(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) # output: 7 [111, 7]
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def foo(vals, i): i += 1 vals[i] *= 2 i = 0 I1 = [1, 1, 1] I2 = I1 foo(I2, i) print(i, I1, I2)

before foo





What does this program print? Draw your own memory diagrams!



after foo


```
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.
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B.
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    7 [111, 111]
D.
        111 [111, 111]
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  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]
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 vals = [7, 7]
 mystery3(x)
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 mystery4(vals)
 print(x, vals)
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    return x
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    return vals
 x = 7
 vals = [7, 7]
  mystery3(x)
  mystery4(vals)
  print(x, vals) # output: 7 [7, 7]
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Recall Our Earlier Example...

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def mystery1(x):
  x *= 2
  return x
def mystery2(vals):
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  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...

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def mystery1(x):
    x *= 2
    return x
 def mystery2(vals):
    vals[0] = 111
    return vals
 x = 7
 vals = [7, 7]
 x = mystery1(x)
                      # assign the return value!
 mystery2(vals)
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global
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                              vals
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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 mylist = [17, 2, [2, 5], [1, 3, 7]]

What is len(mylist)?

2-D Lists

- Recall that a list can include sublists 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:

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

2-D Lists: Try These Questions!

- 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!

- what is len(table)? 5 (more generally, the # of rows / height)
- what does table[0] represent?
 the first/top row table[1]? the second row table[-1]? the last/bottom row
- 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 # table[-1][0] = 7 also works!

Dimensions of a 2-D List

```
table = [[15, 8, 3, 16, 12, 7, 9 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]]
```

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

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



Picturing a 2-D List (cont)

• Here's a more accurate picture:



Accessing an Element of a 2-D List

```
table = [[15, 8, 3, 16, 12, 7, 9 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]]
```

table[r][c] is the element at row r, column c in table

Accessing an Element of a 2-D List

table[r][c] is the element at row r, column c in table

```
examples:
>>> print(table[2][1])
3
Column index
row index
```

```
>>> table[-1][-2] = 0
```

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

```
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{r} \quad \underline{c} \quad \underline{table[r][c]} \quad \underline{count} \\ \end{array}
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print	(count)		# prints 5	
ŗ	<u>C</u>	table[r][c]	<u>count</u> 0	
0	0	15	0	
0	1	19	1	
0	2	3	1	
0	3	16	2	
1	0	6	2	
1	1	21	3	
 2	0	17	4	
2	3	18	5	

Which Of These Counts the Number of Evens?

```
table = [[15, 19, 3, 16],
          [6, 21, 9, 4],
          [17, 3, 5, 18]]
Α.
       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 c \% 2 == 0:
               count += 1
       count = 0
       for r in range(len(table[0])):
          for c in range(len(table)):
             if table[r][c] \% 2 == 0:
               count += 1
         either A or B E. either A or C
D.
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      if table[r][c] % 2 == 0:
           count += 1
print(count)
```

<u>r</u> <u>c</u> <u>table[r][c]</u> <u>count</u>

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print(count)			# prints 4	
<u>r</u>	<u>C</u>	table[r][c]	<u>count</u> 0	
0	0	15	0	
0	1	19	0	
0	2	3	0	
0	3	16	1	
1	0	6	2	
1	1	21	2	
 1	3	4	3	
 2	3	18	4	

```
def mystery5(x):
  x = x * -1
  return x
def mystery6(I1, I2):
  |1[0] = 0
  I2 = [1, 1]
x = 7
vals = [7, 7]
mystery5(x)
mystery6(vals, vals)
print(x, vals)
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B.
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C.
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D. 7 [1, 1]
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  print(x, vals)
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 x = 7
 vals = [7, 7]
 mystery5(x)
 mystery6(vals, vals)
 print(x, vals)
before mystery6
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 mystery6(vals, vals)
 print(x, vals)
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    I2 = [1, 1]
 x = 7
 vals = [7, 7]
  mystery5(x)
  mystery6(vals, vals)
  print(x, vals) # output: 7 [0, 7]
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```

Recall: Copying a List

 We can't copy a list by a simple assignment: list1 = [7, 8, 9, 6, 10, 7, 9, 5] list2 = list1



• We can copy this list using a full slice:



Copying a 2-D List

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 grid1 = [[1, 2], [3, 4], [5, 6], [7, 8]]



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

A Shallow Copy

grid1 = [[1, 2], [3, 4], [5, 6], [7, 8]]
grid3 = grid1[:]



- grid1 and grid3 now share the same sublists.
 - known as a *shallow* copy
- What would this print? grid1[1][1] = 0 print(grid3)

A Shallow Copy

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grid3 = grid1[:]



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- grid1 and grid3 now share the same sublists.
 - known as a *shallow* copy
- What would this print? grid1[1][1] = 0 print(grid3) [[1, 2], [3, 0], [5, 6], [7, 8]] 73

A Deep Copy: Nothing is Shared grid1 = [[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]

• original list:



• get 3 copies of it, concatenated together:

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 >>> grid [[1, 2], [1, 2], [1, 2]]



• What will this print?

grid[1][1] = 5 print(grid)

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

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



• What will this print?

grid[1][1] = 5 print(grid) # output: [[1, 5], [1, 5], [1, 5]]