

Discussion 7

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Meme of the Week

**When you finally catch the person that's been
writing bad code all the time**



Agenda

- Classes
- Lab Review
- Side topic: f strings
- Side topic: shallow vs deep copies

Functions vs Methods

- Functions are independent code that ingest an object directly
- Methods are code that operate attached to a class

(this is just semantic, I like separating the two)

```
In [45]: sorted('321') # function
```

```
Out[45]: ['1', '2', '3']
```

```
In [47]: temp = ['3', '2', '1']  
temp.sort()  
temp
```

```
Out[47]: ['1', '2', '3']
```

Classes

Classes aggregate code together into a functional body. A lot of effective python code is written as classes (every time you install a new package, it's basically written as a lot of different classes). For example, recall the pandas dataframe. If you look at the source code for [pandas](#), you'll see that it's a very complicated class definition.

Classes all generally have (at the minimum) a constructor (`__init__`) function and other object related methods that are used.

In [28]:

```
class phone:
    """
    Class representation of a regular phone.
    """
    pass
```

Constructors

- denoted by `__init__` (special function)
- should ingest self as the first parameter (ALWAYS)
- populates instance with attributes

Instances

When an object is created from a class, each individual unit is referred to as an instance.

Think of it as "one of x" (for example, an instance of the iPhone class is "1/my iPhone")

Working with self

- Think of classes as a blueprint and everytime you create an instance of one, you've produced a "physical" manifestation.
- We use the self keyword to interact with THIS specific instance of the class.
- Try to think of 'self' as referencing a **specific, singular** instance of the class. Every method that works with a specific instance's values must be passed in self as an argument.

```
In [8]: class phone:
        """
        Class representation of a regular phone.
        """
        def __init__(self, maker, version, owner):
            self.maker = maker
            self.version = version
            self.owner = owner

            self.apps = []
            self.free_memory = 800
```

```
In [12]: iphone = phone('Apple', 'XR', 'Nikki')
pixel = phone('Google', 'P3', 'Sailesh')
print(iphone.maker)
print(iphone.owner)
print(iphone.apps)
print()
print(pixel.maker)
print(pixel.owner)
print(pixel.apps)
```

```
Apple
Nikki
[]
```

```
Google
Sailesh
[]
```


Instance vs Class variables

Instance variables are attached to instances of a class by keyword `self` (usually done in the constructor). Class variables are variables attached to the class itself.

```
In [15]: class phone:
        """
        Class representation of a regular phone.
        """
        id_num = 1 # class variable
        o_type = 'phone' # class variable
        def __init__(self, maker, version, owner):
            self.maker = maker
            self.version = version
            self.owner = owner
            self.id = phone.id_num
            phone.id_num+=1

            self.apps = []
            self.free_memory = 800
```

```
In [24]: iphone = phone('Apple', 'XR', 'Nikki')
        pixel = phone('Google', 'P3', 'Sailesh')
        print(iphone.id)
        print(iphone.o_type)
        print()
        print(pixel.id)
        print(pixel.o_type)
```

3
phone

4
phone

(Class) Methods

```
In [13]: class phone:
        """
        Class representation of a regular phone.
        """
        id_num = 1
        def __init__(self, maker, version, owner):
            self.maker = maker
            self.version = version
            self.owner = owner
            self.id = phone.id_num
            phone.id_num+=1

            self.apps = []
            self.free_memory = 800

        def install_app(self, app, memory):
            if self.free_memory - memory > 0:
                self.apps.append(app)
                self.free_memory -= memory
                return True
            return False
```

```
In [14]: iphone = phone('Apple', 'XR', 'Nikki')
print(iphone.install_app('duolingo', 600))
print(iphone.install_app('genshin impact', 1000))
print(iphone.apps)
```

True

False

['duolingo']

Lab Review

Question 1

def q2_01(n):

```
    for i in range(abs(20-n) * n):  
        print(i)
```

Solution: $O(n^2)$

$\text{abs}(20-n) \rightarrow n - 20 \rightarrow O(n * (n - 20)) = O(n^2)$

Question 2

def q2_02(n):

```
dictionary = {}  
for num in range(0, 100):  
    if num < n:  
        dictionary[num] = n - num
```

Solution: $O(1)$

No matter the size of n , the number of iterations is always the same

Question 3

def q2_03(n):

```
t = 1
for i in range(n*n):
    for j in range(i):
        t = t * 2
```

Solution: $O(n^3)$

equivalent to $\sum_{i=1}^n i^2 = \frac{n(2n+1)(n+1)}{6} = n^3$

Question 4

def q2_04(n):

```
result = 10
for i in range(0, 300 * n, 3):
    result = result + i
for k in range(n):
    result = result + (2 ** n)
for j in range(n * n * n * n):
    result = result + 5*j

return result
```

Solution: $O(n^4)$

Largest term comes from the final for loop, which is n times itself 4 times

Question 5

def q2_05(n):

```
i = 1
while i < n:
    i = i * 5
    j = n
    while j > 0:
        j = j // 2
```

Solution: $O((\log(n))^2)$

nested loops compound their complexity - we have a log complexity loop inside another one, meaning that we get $\log(n) * \log(n)$

Question 6

def q2_06(n):

```
i = n
for j in range(2 * n):
    while i > 1:
        i = i // 2
    i = n
```

Solution: $O(n \log(n))$

nested loops compound their complexity - we have a log complexity loop inside a linear complexity loop, meaning we get $n * \log(n)$

Question 7

def q2_07(lst):

```
    for i in range(len(lst)):
        for j in range(len(lst)*10+1):
            if i == 1:
                return True
```

Solution: $O(n)$

the outer loop can only run twice, for value $i = 0, 1$. The inner loop has a time complexity of $O(n)$ and on the second iteration of the outer loop, $i=1$, which means that when the inner loop tries to run again, it will short-circuit due to the return and condition

Question 8

def q2_08(lst):

```
    for item1 in lst:
        for item2 in lst[::-1]:
            for i in range(len(lst)+10, len(lst)-10, -1):
                print(str(item1) + str(item2) + str(i))
```

Solution: $O(n^2)$

inner most for loop is $O(1)$, so we just have a nested for loop

Question 9

def q2_09(n):

```
total = 0
for j in range(n):
    if j**2 > n:
        break
    else:
        total += j
return total
```

Solution: $O(\sqrt{n})$

the break condition is when j^2 is greater than n . This can be rephrased as the loop breaks when $j = \sqrt{n+1}$, meaning that the loop will run for $O(\sqrt{n})$ times.

Question 10

def q2_10(n):

```
def q2_10_helper(n):  
    return sum([1 for i in range(n) if i%2 == 0])  
  
total = 0  
for j in range(n):  
    total = total + q2_10_helper(n)  
return total
```

Solution: $O(n^2)$

the helper function has a linear time complexity - it takes linear time for the list comp and another linear time to calculate the sum. The for loop that calls the helper function is also linear complexity, resulting in a compounding time complexity again.

f-strings

- strings with embedded expressions
- python can evaluate snippets as subsections of strings
- must be denoted by f and {}'s

In [27]:

```
start = 30
end = 100

print(f'the program started at {start} seconds and \
completed at {end} seconds')
print(f'the total runtime was {end-start} seconds')
```

the program started at 30 seconds and completed at 100 seconds
the total runtime was 70 seconds

alternatives

```
In [51]: print('the program started at {} seconds and \
completed at {} seconds'.format(start,end))
print('the total runtime was {} seconds'.format(end-start))
```

the program started at 30 seconds and completed at 100 seconds
the total runtime was 70 seconds

```
In [55]: print('the program started at %s seconds and \
completed at %s seconds' %(start,end))
print('the total runtime was %s seconds' %(end-start))
```

the program started at 30 seconds and completed at 100 seconds
the total runtime was 70 seconds

Deep vs Shallow Copies

In short, shallow copies copy the **reference** while deep copies copy the **object**. Changes made to a shallow copy are reflected in the original object because the reference is maintained. Changes made to a deep copy are **not reflected** in the original object because it's a completely different object with a difference reference.

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```
In [3]: even_nums = [2,4,6,8,10]
        odd_nums  = [1,3,5,7,9]

        shallow = even_nums
        deep = list(odd_nums)

        shallow.append(0)
        deep.append(0)

        print("even_nums: %s" %even_nums)
        print("shallow: %s" %shallow)
        print("odd_nums: %s" %odd_nums)
        print("deep %s" %deep)
```

```
even_nums: [2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 0]
shallow: [2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 0]
odd_nums: [1, 3, 5, 7, 9]
deep [1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 0]
```

This concept extends to all objects, not just lists

```
In [4]: class counter:
        def __init__(self, curr_val = 0):
            self.curr_val = curr_val
        def get_counter(self):
            return self.curr_val
        def increment(self, val=1):
            self.curr_val += val
        def decrement(self, val=1):
            self.curr_val -= val

In [5]: c1 = counter()
        shallow_c1 = c1
        deep_c1 = counter(c1.get_counter())
        shallow_c1.decrement(2)
        deep_c1.increment(2)
        print("c1's value: %s" %c1.get_counter())
        print("shallow_c1's value: %s" %shallow_c1.get_counter())
        print("deep_c1's value: %s" %deep_c1.get_counter())

c1's value: -2
shallow_c1's value: -2
deep_c1's value: 2
```

practice questions

This week's questions will be a quiz on gradescope; note that this is purely for you to practice, your discussion participation grade is not contingent on your accuracy.

practice question Solutions

In [22]:

```
class meal:
    meal_id = 0
    def __init__(self, food_groups, calories, meal_type):
        self.food_groups = food_groups
        self.calories = calories
        self.meal_type = meal_type

        self.meal_id = meal.meal_id
        meal.meal_id += 1

    def add_food(self, food_group, calories):
        self.food_groups.append(food_group)
        self.calories+=calories

m1 = meal(['a'], 100, 'lunch')
m2 = meal(['b'], 700, 'dinner')
print(m1.meal_id)
print(m2.meal_id)
print(meal.meal_id)
```

0
1
2

```
In [26]: class SimpleClass:
          def some_method(self):
              print("This is a simple class.")

          obj = SimpleClass()
          obj.some_method()
```

This is a simple class.

```
In [2]: start = [1,2,3]
x=[1,2,3]
y=x
z=list(x)
x.append(4)
print(f'the starting list is {start}. x = {x}, y = {y}, and z = {z}')
```

the starting list is [1, 2, 3]. x = [1, 2, 3, 4], y = [1, 2, 3, 4], and z = [1, 2, 3]


```
In [23]: # sum of digits  
def foo(n):  
    if n < 10:  
        return n  
    else:  
        return n % 10 + foo(n//10)  
  
foo(12345)
```

Out[23]: 15

Thanks for coming!