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Explain how to do this in Python?

Use the method .copy() to initialise w with the values of w0

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To initialize w with the values of w0 using the .copy() method in Python, you can follow these steps:

1. **Ensure w0 is a list or dictionary:** The .copy() method is available for lists and dictionaries in Python.
2. **Use the .copy() method:** This method creates a shallow copy of the list or dictionary, meaning it copies the structure but not the nested objects.

Here's an example for both a list and a dictionary:

For a List

Original list

```
w0 = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
```

Create a copy of w0

```
w = w0.copy()
```

Now w is a separate list with the same values as w0

```
print(w) # Output: [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
```

For a Dictionary

Original dictionary

```
w0 = {'a': 1, 'b': 2, 'c': 3}
```

Create a copy of w0

```
w = w0.copy()
```

Now w is a separate dictionary with the same key-value pairs as w0

```
print(w) # Output: {'a': 1, 'b': 2, 'c': 3}
```

Important Notes

- **Shallow Copy:** The .copy() method creates a shallow copy. If your list or dictionary contains other mutable objects (like other lists or dictionaries), those objects are not copied. Instead, references to the original objects are included in the new list or dictionary.
- **Deep Copy:** If you need to copy nested objects as well, you should use the copy.deepcopy() method from the copy module.

Example of Deep Copy

```
import copy
```

```
# Original nested list
```

```
w0 = [[1, 2], [3, 4]]
```

```
# Create a deep copy of w0
```

```
w = copy.deepcopy(w0)
```

```
# Now w is a completely separate list with the same nested values as w0
```

```
print(w) # Output: [[1, 2], [3, 4]]
```

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