

## pass\_variables\_to\_functions

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[1]: def try_to_modify(x, y, z):
      x = 23
      y.append(42)
      z = [99] # new reference
      print(x)
      print(y)
      print(z)

a = 77 # immutable variable
b = [99] # mutable variable
c = [28]
try_to_modify(a, b, c)
# Immutable types (e.g., integers, strings, tuples) are effectively pass by
# value in Python because you can't modify
# them in-place within a function.

# Mutable types (e.g., lists, dictionaries) are effectively pass by reference
# because changes made to them within a function will
# affect the original object.

# Parameters to functions are references to objects/values, which are passed by
# value. When you pass a variable to
# a function, python passes the reference to the object to
# which the variable refers (the value).
# Not the variable itself.

# If the value passed in a function is immutable, the function does not modify
# the caller's variable. If the
# value is mutable, the function may modify
# the caller's variable in-place.
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[99, 42]

[99]

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[2]: print(a) # not changed
      print(b)
      print(c)
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77
[99, 42]
[28]
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[14]: #####
      x = 5

      # "global" variables cannot be modified within the function, unless declared
      ↪ global in the function.
      def addx(y):
          return x + y
      addx(10)
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[14]: 15
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[18]: def setx(y):
      x = y
      print('x is %d' %x)
      setx(10)
      x
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x is 10
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[18]: 5
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[19]: def setx_(y):
      global x
      x = y
      print('x is %d' %x)
      setx_(10)
      x
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x is 10
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[19]: 10
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[26]: #####3

      # function definition
      def calculateTotalSum(*arguments):
          # type(arguments) => <class 'tuple'>
          # arguments => (5, 4, 3, 2, 1)
          totalSum = 0
          for number in arguments:
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        totalSum += number
    print(totalSum)

# function call
calculateTotalSum(5, 4, 3, 2, 1)

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[24]: # function definition
def displayArgument(**arguments):
    # type(arguments) => <class 'dict'>
    # arguments => {'argument1': 'Geeks', 'argument2': 4, 'argument3': 'Geeks'}
    for arg in arguments.items():
        print(arg)

# function call
displayArgument(argument1 ="Geeks", argument2 = 4, argument3 ="Geeks")

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('argument1', 'Geeks')
('argument2', 4)
('argument3', 'Geeks')

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[34]: #####
z=10
def setx_v(z):
    print(z)
    y = z*20
    print('x is %d' %y)
setx_v(15)
z

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15  
x is 300

[34]: 10

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[33]: z=16
def setx_v_(z):
    print(z)
    z = z*100
    print('x is %d' %z)
setx_v_(z)
z

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16  
x is 1600

[33]: 16

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[35]: #####
var = 100 # A global variable
def increment():
    var = var + 1 # Try to update a global variable

increment()
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UnboundLocalError                                Traceback (most recent call last)
Cell In[35], line 6
      3 def increment():
      4     var = var + 1 # Try to update a global variable
----> 6 increment()

Cell In[35], line 4, in increment()
      3 def increment():
----> 4     var = var + 1

UnboundLocalError: local variable 'var' referenced before assignment
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[73]: var = 100 # A global variable
def increment_():
    var = 0
    var = var + 1 # Try to update a global variable
    return var

increment_()
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[73]: 1

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[42]: def func():
    var_ = 100 # a nonlocal variable - nonlocal to nested() #
    ↪immutable
    def nested():
        # nonlocal statement causes the listed identifiers to refer to
        ↪previously bound variables in the nearest
        #
        ↪enclosing scope excluding globals.
        nonlocal var_ # declare var as nonlocal
        var_ += 100

    nested()
    print(var_)

func()
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[44]: # Unlike global, you can't use nonlocal outside of a enclosed function.
nonlocal my_var
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Cell In[44], line 2
    nonlocal my_var
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SyntaxError: nonlocal declaration not allowed at module level
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[49]: # Unlike global, you can't use nonlocal outside of a nested function.
def func_():
    nonlocal var # Try to use nonlocal in a local scope
    print(var)
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Cell In[49], line 3
    nonlocal var # Try to use nonlocal in a local scope
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SyntaxError: no binding for nonlocal 'var' found
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[50]: def func_1():
    def nested():
        nonlocal lazy_var # Try to create a nonlocal lazy name
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Cell In[50], line 3
    nonlocal lazy_var # Try to create a nonlocal lazy name
    ^
SyntaxError: no binding for nonlocal 'lazy_var' found
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[51]: def func_2(arg):
    var = 100
    print(locals())
    another = 200

func_2(300)
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{'arg': 300, 'var': 100}
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[ ]:
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[60]: print( list(locals().items())[:5] )
       locals() is globals()
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[('__name__', '__main__'), ('__doc__', 'Automatically created module for IPython  
interactive environment'), ('__package__', None), ('__loader__', None),  
('__spec__', None)]
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[60]: True

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[53]: # locals() is only useful for read operations since updates to the locals_  
↪dictionary are ignored by Python.
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def func_3():  
    var = 100  
    locals()['var'] = 200  
    print(var)
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func_3()
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100

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[61]: list(globals().items())[:5]
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[61]: [('__name__', '__main__'),  
      ('__doc__',  
       'Automatically created module for IPython interactive environment'),  
      ('__package__', None),  
      ('__loader__', None),  
      ('__spec__', None)]
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[63]: globals()['__doc__'] = """Docstring for __main__ ."""  
      __doc__
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[63]: 'Docstring for \_\_main\_\_ .'

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[66]: def power_factory(exp):  
      # returns closures (an inner function).  
      def power(base):  
          return base ** exp  
      return power
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square = power_factory(2)  
print(square(10))  
square(20)
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100

[66]: 400

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[65]: power_factory(4)
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[65]: <function \_\_main\_\_.power\_factory.<locals>.power(base)>

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[67]: cube = power_factory(3)
      print(cube(3))
      cube(4)
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[67]: 64

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[68]: #####
def mean():
    sample = []
    def _mean(number):
        sample.append(number)
        return sum(sample) / len(sample)
    return _mean

current_mean = mean()
print(current_mean(10))
print(current_mean(15))
print(current_mean(12))
print(current_mean(11))
current_mean(13)
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10.0

12.5

12.333333333333334

12.0

[68]: 12.2

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[72]: #####3
def mean_():
    total = 0
    length = 0
    def _mean(number):
        nonlocal total, length
        total += number
        length += 1
        return total / length
    return _mean

current_mean = mean_()
print(current_mean(10))
print(current_mean(15))
print(current_mean(12))
print(current_mean(11))
current_mean(13)
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10.0  
12.5  
12.333333333333334  
12.0

[72]: 12.2

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