Nonlocality and Object-Oriented Programming

COMPUTER SCIENCE MENTORS 61A

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1. **(H)OOP**

Given the following code, what will Python output for the following prompts? class Baller: all_players = [] def __init__(self, name, has_ball = False): self.name = nameself.has ball = has ball Baller.all_players.append(self) def pass_ball(self, other_player): if self.has_ball: self.has_ball = False other_player.has_ball = True return True else: return False class BallHog(Baller): def pass_ball(self, other_player): return False >>> tiffany = Baller('Tiffany', True) >>> jerry = BallHog('Jerry') >>> len(Baller.all_players) Solution: 2 >>> Baller.name Solution: Error

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>>> len(jerry.all_players)
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Solution: 2

>>> tiffany.pass_ball()

Solution: Error

>>> tiffany.pass_ball(jerry)

Solution: True

>>> tiffany.pass_ball(jerry)

Solution: False

>>> BallHog.pass_ball(jerry, tiffany)

Solution: False

>>> jerry.pass_ball(tiffany)

Solution: False

>>> jerry.pass_ball(jerry, tiffany)

Solution: Error

2. TeamBaller

Write TeamBaller, a subclass of Baller. An instance of TeamBaller cheers on the team every time it passes a ball.

Hint: What can we use to avoid writing duplicate code?

"Super" Hint: There are two ways to implement pass_ball

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>>> cheerballer = TeamBaller('Susanna', has_ball=True)
>>> cheerballer.pass_ball(jerry)
Yay!!!!
True
>>> cheerballer.pass_ball(jerry)
I dont have the ball :(
False

class TeamBaller(______):
    def pass_ball(_____, ____):
        """*** Enter solution below ***"""
```

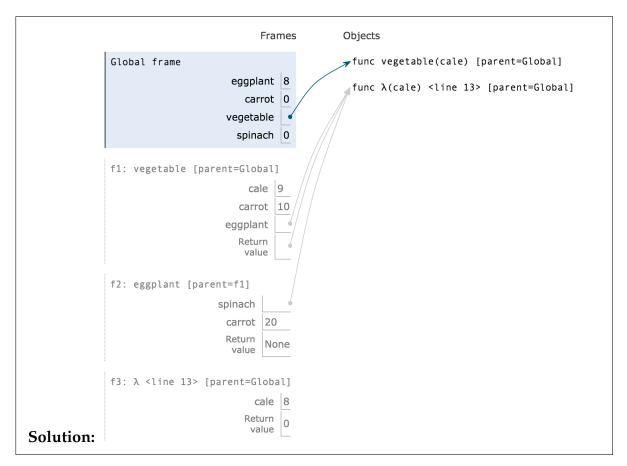
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Solution:
class TeamBaller(Baller):
    def pass_ball(self, other_player):
        did_pass = Baller.pass_ball(self, other_player)
        if did_pass:
            print('Yay!!!!')
        else:
            print("I dont have the ball :(")
            return did_pass
```

3. Nonlocal Kale

Draw the environment diagram for the following code.

```
eggplant = 8
carrot = 0

def vegetable(kale):
    carrot = 10
    def eggplant(spinach):
        nonlocal eggplant
        nonlocal kale
        kale = 9
        carrot = 20
        eggplant = spinach
        eggplant(kale)
    return eggplant
spinach = vegetable(lambda kale: carrot*kale)(eggplant)
```



4. Pinpong again...

Implement a function make_pingpong_tracker that returns the next value in the pingpong sequence each time it is called. In the body of make_pingpong_tracker, you can use assignment statements.

```
def has_seven(k): # Use this function for your answer below
  if k % 10 == 7:
      return True
  elif k < 10:
      return False
  else:
      return has_seven(k // 10)</pre>
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Solution:
def make_pingpong_tracker():
    index, current, add = 1, 0, True
    def pingpong_tracker():
        nonlocal index, current, add
        if add:
            current = current + 1
        else:
            current = current - 1
        if has_seven(index) or index % 7 == 0:
            add = not add
        index += 1
        return current
    return pingpong_tracker
```

5. (Optional) Instead of using nonlocal for pingpong, let's use OOP!

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Solution:
class PingPongTracker:
    def __init__(self):
        self.current = 0
        self.index = 1
        self.add = True

def next(self):
    if self.add:
        self.current += 1
    else:
        self.current -= 1
    if has_seven(self.index) or self.index % 7 == 0:
        self.add = not self.add
    self.index += 1
    return self.current
```

Notice how the OOP approach is insanely similar to the non local function. Instead of using nonlocal, we use self.varName and the code becomes exactly the same. We just store the data in a slightly different way. This implies that OOP and functions are pretty similar, and it turns out you can even write your own OOP framework using just functions and nonlocal!

In addition, there are a lot of python specific features that can be written using functions or using classes. If you are interested, check out the powerful python feature decorators, and note how we can write them both as functions and as classes!