

2-D Lists; References Revisited

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2-D Lists

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- what is `len(mylist)`? 4
- To capture a rectangular table or grid of values, use a *two-dimensional* 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]]
```

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


2-D Lists: Try These Questions!

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- 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?

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```

- 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

row index column index
- 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

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```

`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

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```

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

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	← column indices
0	15	8	3	16	12	7	9	5	
1	6	11	9	4	1	5	8	13	
2	17	3	5	18	10	6	7	21	
3	8	14	13	6	13	12	8	4	
4	1	9	5	16	20	2	3	9	

row indices →

Accessing an Element of a 2-D List

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

examples:

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>>> print(table[2][1])
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```

↑ ↑
row index column index


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

examples:

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```



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

Using Nested Loops to Process a 2-D List

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```

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

Using Nested Loops to Process a 2-D List

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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)
```

<u>r</u>	<u>c</u>	<u>table[r][c]</u>	<u>count</u>
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count = 0
for r in range(len(table)):
    for c in range(len(table[0])):
        if table[r][c] > 15:
            count += 1
print(count) # prints 5
```

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

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```

A.

```
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
```

C.

```
count = 0
for r in range(len(table[0])):
    for c in range(len(table)):
        if table[r][c] % 2 == 0:
            count += 1
```

D. either A or B

E. either A or C

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for r in len(table):  
    for c in len(table[0]):  
        if c % 2 == 0:  
            count += 1
```

C.

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count = 0  
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    for c in range(len(table)):  
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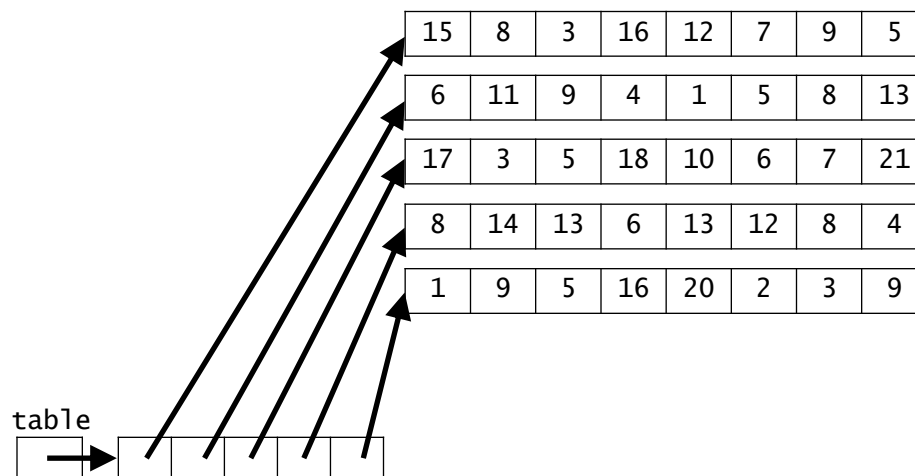
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print(count) # prints 4
```

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

Picturing a 2-D List (cont)

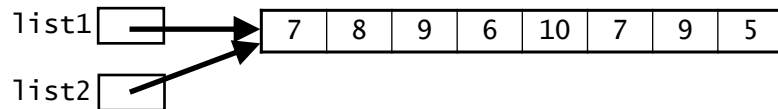
- Here's a more accurate picture:



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:

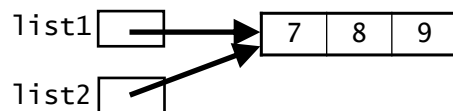
```
list1 = [7, 8, 9, 6, 10, 7, 9, 5]
list2 = list1[:]
```



Changing the Internals vs. Changing a Variable

- When two variables hold a reference to the same list...

```
list1 = [7, 8, 9]
list2 = list1
```

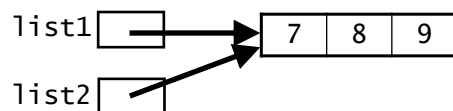


The variables are like two business cards that both have the address of the same office.

The list is the office.

- ...if we change *the internals* of the list...

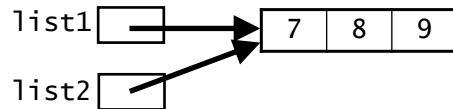
```
list2[2] = 4
print(list1)
```



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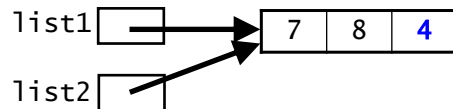


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- ...if we change *the internals* of the list, both variables will "see" the change:

```
list2[2] = 4
print(list1)    # prints [7, 8, 4]
```



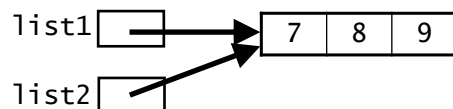
We're changing the contents of the office.

Using either business card to find the office will lead you to see the changed contents.

Changing the Internals vs. Changing a Variable (cont.)

- When two variables hold a reference to the same list...

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list2 = list1
```

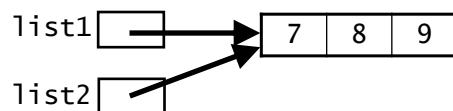


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- ...if we change one of the variables *itself*...

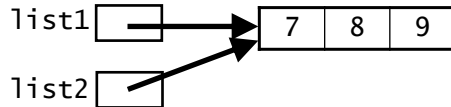
```
list2 = [4, 5, 6]
print(list1)
```



Changing the Internals vs. Changing a Variable (cont.)

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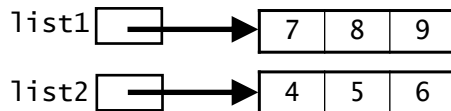


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The list is the office.

- ...if we change one of the variables *itself*, that does *not* change the other variable:

```
list2 = [4, 5, 6]
print(list1)    # prints [7, 8, 9]
```



We're changing the address on one of the business cards. It now refers to a different office.

The other business card still refers to the original unchanged office!

What is the output of this program?

```
def mystery5(x):
    x = x * -1
    return x
def mystery6(l1, l2):
    l1[0] = 0
    l2 = [1, 1]
x = 7
vals = [7, 7]
mystery5(x)
mystery6(vals, vals)
print(x, vals)
```

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- C. 7 [0, 7]
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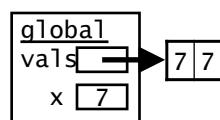
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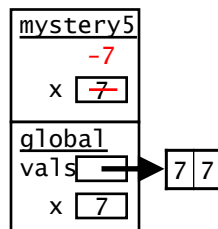
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x = 7  
vals = [7, 7]  
mystery5(x) # throw return value away!  
mystery6(vals, vals)  
print(x, vals)
```

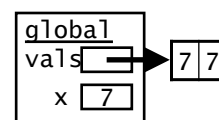
before **mystery5**



during **mystery5**



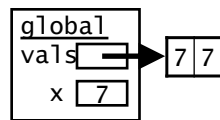
after **mystery5**



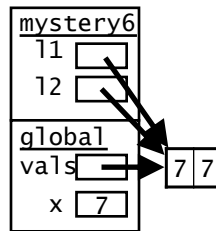
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print(x, vals)
```

before `mystery6`



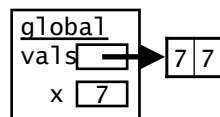
during `mystery6`



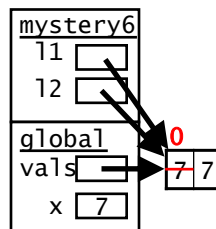
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before `mystery6`



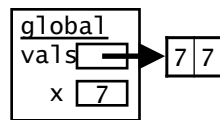
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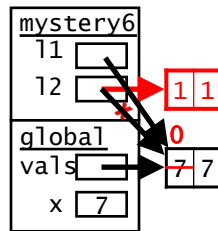
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print(x, vals)
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before `mystery6`



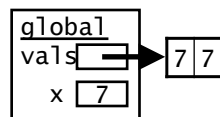
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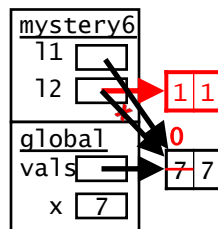
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mystery5(x)  
mystery6(vals, vals)  
print(x, vals) # output: 7 [0, 7]
```

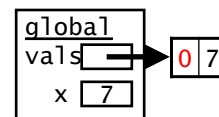
before `mystery6`



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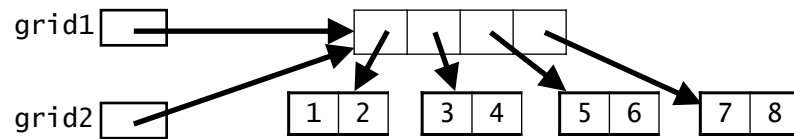


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Copying a 2-D List

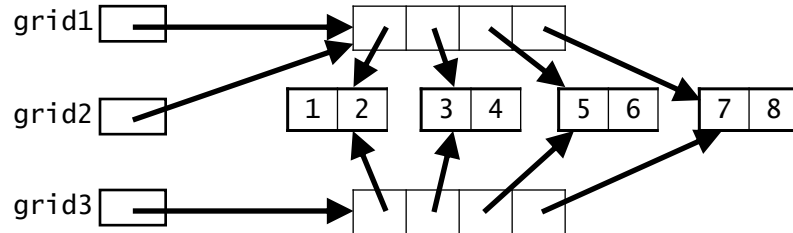
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grid1 = [[1, 2], [3, 4], [5, 6], [7, 8]]
```



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- Does this? `grid3 = grid1[:]`

Copying a 2-D List

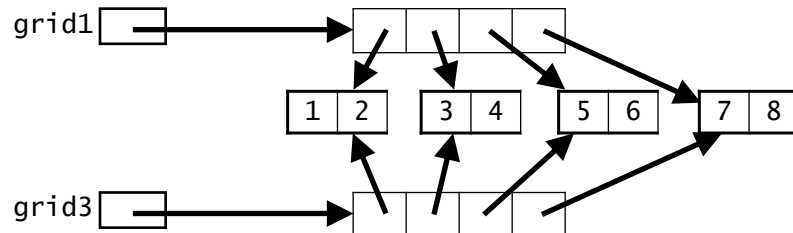
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```



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- Does this? `grid3 = grid1[:]` **not fully!**

A Shallow Copy

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

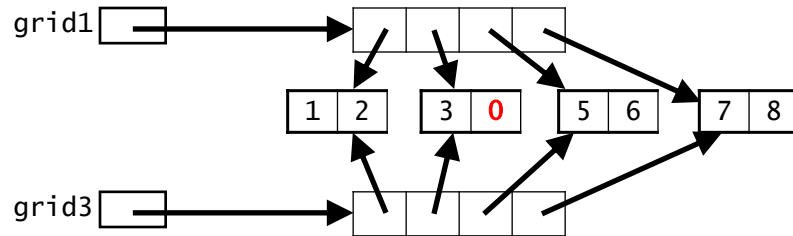


- grid1 and grid3 now share the same sublists.
 - known as a *shallow copy*
- What would this print?

```
grid1[1][1] = 0  
print(grid3)
```

A Shallow Copy

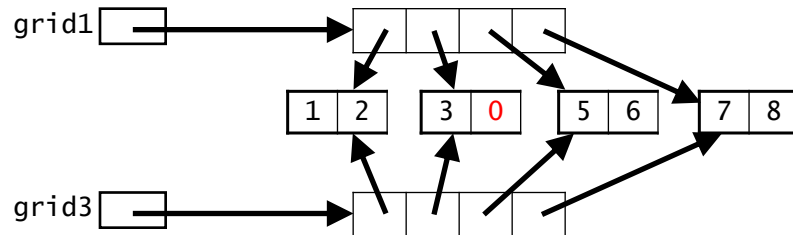
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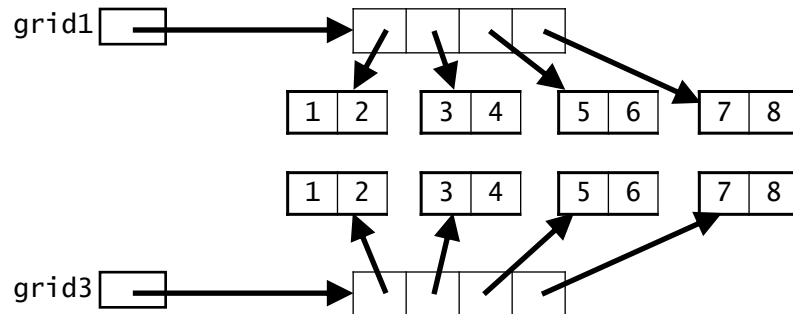
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grid3 = grid1[:]
```



- `grid1` and `grid3` now share the same sublists.
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- What would this print?
`grid1[1][1] = 0`
`print(grid3)` `[[1, 2], [3, 0], [5, 6], [7, 8]]`

A Deep Copy: Nothing is Shared

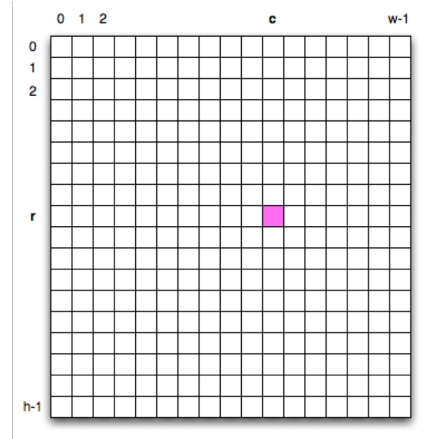
grid1 = [[1, 2], [3, 4], [5, 6], [7, 8]]



- In PS 7, you'll see one way to do this.

PS 7: Image Processing

- An image is a 2-D collection of *pixels*.
 - h rows, w columns
- The pixel at position (r, c) tells you the color of the image at that location.
- We'll load an image's pixels into a 2-D list and process it:



```
pixels = load_pixels('my_image.png') # get a 2-D list!
h = len(pixels)
w = len(pixels[0])
for r in range(h):
    for c in range(w):
        # process pixels[r, c] in some way
```

Pixels in PS 7

- Each pixel is represented by a list of 3 integers that specify its color:
 [red, green, blue]
 - example: the pink pixel at right has color
 [240, 60, 225]
 - known as RGB values
 - each value is between 0-255
- Other examples:
 - pure red: [255, 0, 0]
 - pure green: [0, 255, 0]
 - pure blue: [0, 0, 255]
 - white: [255, 255, 255]
 - black: [0, 0, 0]

