

# *FIT1008 – Intro to Computer Science*

## *Solutions for Tutorial 6*

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### *Exercise 1*

The call to `silly()` will print “pong” twice. Here’s why:

```
1 def silly():
2     x = 'ping'           # here x is 'ping'
3     def g():             # and here g is defined
4         print(x)         # and it's true that this x means the enclosing scope's x
5     x = 'pong'           # but here we change the enclosing scope's x to mean 'pong'
6     def f(x):
7         print(x)
8     g()                  # so by the time we call g(), the enclosing scope's x
9     f(x)                 # is the same than when we call f(x), that is, 'pong'
10
11 silly()                 # therefore, this will print "pong" twice, on two separate lines
```

### *Exercise 2*

What did Juan do wrong? More like what did Juan do right, right?

First, when he defined his class thus:

```
1 class PoolMember:
2     poolname = "FIT1008_students_community_pool"
3     name = ""
4     age = 0
5     gender = None
6
7     def __init__(self, name, age, gender):
8         PoolMember.name = name
9         PoolMember.age = age
10        PoolMember.gender = gender
```

He made `name`, `age` and `gender` properties of the class. The initialiser modifies the class property instead of making a variable for each instance of the class.

Thus, all members of the pool will share the same `name`, `age` and `gender`. Not only that but the `name`, `age` and `gender` of all pool members will be the ones for the latest person we’ve added. If a grannie joins the pool, suddenly all users will be elderly females; if a new baby boy enrol, suddenly all users will become newborn males. That’s why the admin user details are actually Emilia’s.

The second mistake Juan made was to modify the pool’s `name` in his own instance. In doing so, he created an instance variable `poolname`

that was only accessible through the admin user, via the qualified access `admin.poolname`.

This would be the correct way of writing the class:

```

1 class PoolMember:
2     poolname = "FIT1008_students_community_pool"
3     def __init__(self, name, age, gender):
4         self.name = name
5         self.age = age
6         self.gender = gender

```

And this is how you can change the name of the pool and check that everything is fine:

```

1 >>> admin = PoolMember('Juan', 18, 'male')
2 >>> PoolMember.poolname = "MONASH_all-inclusive_community_pool"
3 >>> admin.poolname
4 'MONASH_all-inclusive_community_pool'
5 >>> supervisor = PoolMember('Emilia', 26, 'female')
6 >>> supervisor.poolname
7 'MONASH_all-inclusive_community_pool'
8 >>> admin.name
9 'Juan'

```

### Exercise 3

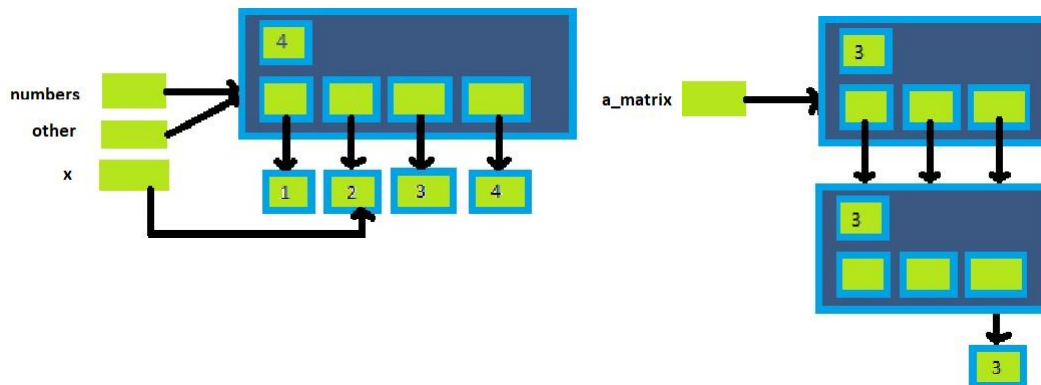


Figure 1: Memory diagram for Exercise 3

### Exercise 4

There are different options. One option is to maintain a list of customers and a list of coffees.

1. CoffeeShop - maintains a list of customers and a list of coffees.
2. Customer - contains Customer attributes and methods. Attributes include name, phone number and number of points. The methods might include one that updates the number of points, each time a coffee is bought.
3. Coffee - contains Coffee attributes and methods. Attributes include type, price, and day of the week in which the coffee is discounted.
4. List - will be defined in lectures later, it includes attributes the\_array and length, and methods \_empty, is\_full, add, delete, size.

The student could think about some issues with this model. For example, if we wish to search for a customer, what if the name of a customer is not unique? Should we ideally have a customer ID instead?

Later we will learn about dictionaries and hash tables, and the student may wish to think about an implementation with dictionaries. When searching for a customer 'record' by name, would using a dictionary speed things up? By how much?