# MUTATION AND NONLOCAL

## COMPUTER SCIENCE MENTORS 61A

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## Mutation

1. What would Python display? If an error occurs, write "Error". If a function is displayed, write "Function". If nothing is returned, write "Nothing".

```
>>> a = [1, 2]
>>> a.append([3, 4])
>>> a
>>> b = list(a)
>>> a[0] = 5
>>> b
>>> b
>>> a[2][0] = 6
>>> b
>>> a.extend([7])
>>> a += [8]
>>> a += 9
```

### Challenge:

```
>>> b[2][1] = a[2:]
>>> a[2][1][0][0]
```

2. Draw the environment diagram that results from running the following code.

```
a = [1, 2, [3]]
def mystery(s, t):
    s.pop(1)
    return t.append(s)
b = a
a += [b[0]]
a = mystery(b, a[1:])
```

3. Given some list lst, possibly a deep list, mutate lst to have the accumulated sum of all elements so far in the list. If there is a nested list, mutate it to similarly reflect the accumulated sum of all elements so far in the nested list. Return the total sum of lst.

*Hint:* The **isinstance** function returns True for **isinstance** (1, **list**) if 1 is a list and False otherwise.

#### 1. Nonlocal Kale

Draw the environment diagram for the following code.

```
eggplant = 8
def vegetable(kale):
    def eggplant(spinach):
        nonlocal eggplant
        nonlocal kale
        kale = 9
        eggplant = spinach
        print(eggplant, kale)
        eggplant(kale)
    return eggplant
```

#### 2. Pingpong again...

The ping-pong sequence counts up starting from 1 and is always either counting up or counting down. At element k, the direction switches if k is a multiple of 7 or contains the digit 7.

The first 30 elements of the ping-pong sequence are listed below, with direction swaps marked using brackets at the 7th, 14th, 17th, 21st, 27th, and 28th elements:

```
1 2 3 4 5 6 [7] 6 5 4 3 2 1 [0] 1 2 [3] 2 1 0 [-1] 0 1 2 3 4 [5] [4] 5 6
```

Implement a function make\_pingpong\_tracker that returns the next value in the pingpong sequence each time it is called. You may 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)
def make_pingpong_tracker():
    """ Returns a function that returns the next value in the
    pingpong sequence each time it is called.
    >>> output = []
    >>> x = make_pingpong_tracker()
    >>> for _ in range(9):
    \dots output += [x()]
    >>> output
    [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 6, 5]
    index, current, add = 1, 0, True
    def pingpong_tracker():
        if add:
        else:
            add = not add
    return pingpong tracker
```