

## Deep copy & shallow copy :-

For normal or single dimensional list shallow copy and deep copy are same.

But in 'nested list' both are different that if we change in list 1  $[1][0]$  element then the list 2  $[1][0]$  didn't get changed.

- In single dimensional list or normal list when we copy using 'copy.deepcopy()' the element didn't get changed.

list 1 =  $[1, 2, 3, 4]$

list 2 = `copy.deepcopy(list 1)`

list 1  $[2] = 100$

list 1

o/p  $[1, 2, 100, 4]$

list 2

o/p  $[1, 2, 3, 4]$  { element at index value  $[2]$  didn't get changed }

Example:

# deep copy shallow copy

list 1 =  $[1, 2, 3, 4]$

list 2 = list 1

list 1 [o/p :  $1, 2, 3, 4$ ]

list 2 [o/p :  $1, 2, 3, 4$ ]



# assign new element at index 1 of list 2

list 2[1] = 1000

list 2 [O/P: - 1, 1000, 3, 4]

list 1 [O/P: - 1, 2, 3, 4]

id(list 1) [O/P: - 2310184365184]

id(list 2) [O/P: - " ]

↓

[ In this case both list memory allocation is same & the reference id of each element is also same. ]

# Copy operation

# Shallow copy

list 1 = [1, 2, 3, 4]

list 2 = list 1.copy()

list 1 [O/P: 1, 2, 3, 4]

list 2 [O/P: " ]

list 2[1] [O/P: 2]

list 1[1] [O/P: 2]

list 2[1] = 1000

list 2 [O/P: 1, 1000, 3, 4]

list 1 [O/P: 1, 2, 3, 4]

↓

[ In this the memory allocation of each list is different and the reference of each element is also different ]



id (list 1) [O/p: 23101 84965184]  
id (list 2) [O/p: 23101 56965182] > Both  
are differ.

Shallow copy with nested list :-

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

list 2 = list 1.copy()

list 1 [O/p: [1, 2, 3, 4], [5, 6, 7, 8]]

list 2 [O/p: " " " " ]

list 1[1][0] [O/p: 5]

list 1[1][0] = 100

list 1 [O/p: [1, 2, 3, 4], [100, 6, 7, 8]]

list 2 [O/p: [ " " ], [ " " ]]

↳ [In the nested list the memory allocation of both list is different, but the reference of each element of ~~indices~~ of each index are same they both work on the same reference id.]

list 1.append([2, 3, 4, 5])

list 1 [O/p: [[1, 2, 3, 4], [100, 6, 7, 8], [2, 3, 4, 5]]]

list 2 [O/p: [[1, 2, 3, 4], [100, 6, 7, 8]]]

↳

In this case the memory allocation is different but the index value and their reference are also different

Ex: list [2] [3]

↳ This is different



# deep copy

import copy [for using deepcopy we have to import library copy]

list 1 = [1, 2, 3, 4]  
list 2 = copy.deepcopy(list 1)

list 2 [1] [O/P: - 2]

list 2 [1] = 100

list 2 [O/P: - 1, 100, 3, 4]

list 1 [O/P - 1, 2, 3, 4]

id (list 1) [O/P: - 231440671]

id (list 2) [O/P: - 231430576]

> ### in a normal copy shallow copy == deepcopy

list 1 = [[1, 2, 3], [3, 4, 5], [5, 6, 7]]

list 2 = copy.deepcopy(list 1)

list 1 [1] [0] [O/P: 3]

list 2 [1] [0] [O/P: 100]

list 2 [O/P: [[1, 2, 3], [100, 4, 5], [5, 6, 7]]]

id (list 1) [O/P: address]

id (" 2) [O/P: address (differs)]



> To find reference id of each element of double dimensional array:-

$a = [ [1, 2, 3], [4, 5, 6] ]$   
 $\text{id}(a)$  [OP:- 194732] (address)

$\text{id}(a[0][0])$  [OP:- 140707] 84593608 (address)

$b = a.\text{copy}()$   
 $b$  [OP:-  $[ [1, 2, 3], [4, 5, 6] ]$ ]

$\text{id}(b)$  [OP:- 194732] 26186944 (address)  
differs from 'a' address

$\text{id}(b[0][0])$  [OP:- 19470784] (address)

$\text{id}(b)$

$\text{id}(b[0][0])$  [OP:- 194732] 8618688

$\text{id}(a[0][0])$  [OP:- 140707] (Same as id of 'b[0][0]')

because it is double dimensional array

$\text{id}(a[0][0])$  [OP:- same address as id of 'b[0][0]']

> Single dimensional list:-

$x = [1, 2, 3]$

$y = x.\text{copy}()$



$id(x)$  [OP: - address]

$id(y)$  [OP: - " (differs from id of "x")]

It means copy of array is created at different place.

$id(x[1])$  [OP: - address]

$id(y[1])$  [OP: - " (same as id of

$y[1] = 5$

[OP: - [1, 2, 3]]

y

[OP: - [1, 5, 3]]

$id(x[1])$  [OP: - address]

$id(y[1])$  [OP: - " (differs from address of  $(x[1])$ )

[OP: - [1, 2, 3], [4, 5, 6]]

$b[1][0] = 9$

[OP: - [1, 2, 3], [9, 5, 6]]

[OP: - " " ]

$id(b)$  [OP: - address]

$id(l)$  [OP: - address]

$id(b[1][0])$  [OP: - address] both are same.  
 $id(l[1][0])$  [OP: - " ]