

Copy !

An important concept for Part Four

You will:

- Explore what is copy in python and it's type.
- Explore how to implement it in C

Python - copy

Copy

- Is the module, which provides functions to create shallow and deep copies of objects, for creating a copy of a provided argument/variable.

Types of copy

python import

```
import copy
import numpy as np
```

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Python

Shallow copy

A **shallow copy** in python creates a new object to reference the original nested object.

- If you modify new object, it will affect the new object as well.

```
def main():
    #initialized parameter
    w_init = [[2],[3]]

    #perform shallow copy
    w = copy.copy(w_init)

    # Before modification of w
    print("\nBefore change shallow copied parameter, w \n")
    print(f"Original: w_init[0][0]:  {w_init[0][0]},  w_init[1][0]:  {w_init[1][0]}")
    print(f"Shallow copy: w[0][0]:  {w[0][0]},    w[1][0]:  {w[1][0]} \n")

    #modify the initialized parameter
    w[0][0] = 0
    w[1][0] = 0

    # After modification of w
    print("After change shallow copied parameter, w \n")
    print(f"Original: w_init[0][0]:  {w_init[0][0]},  w_init[1][0]:  {w_init[1][0]}")
    print(f"Shallow copy: w[0][0]:  {w[0][0]},    w[1][0]:  {w[1][0]}")

if __name__=="__main__":
    main()
```

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Before change shallow copied parameter, w

Original: w_init[0][0]: 2, w_init[1][0]: 3
Shallow copy: w[0][0]: 2, w[1][0]: 3

After change shallow copied parameter, w

Original: w_init[0][0]: 0, w_init[1][0]: 0
Shallow copy: w[0][0]: 0, w[1][0]: 0

Deep copy

A **Deep copy** in python creates a new object and ensuring no shared references with the original objects by recursively copies all objects found inside the original object.

- If you modify new object it will not affect the original object.

```
def main():
    #initialized parameter
    w_init = [[2], [3]]

    #perform deep copy
    w = copy.deepcopy(w_init)

    # Before modification of w
    print("\nBefore change deep copied parameter, w \n")
    print(f"Original: w_init[0][0]:  {w_init[0][0]},  w_init[1][0]:  {w_init[1][0]}")
    print(f"Shallow copy: w[0][0]:  {w[0][0]},    w[1][0]:  {w[1][0]} \n")

    #modify the initialized parameter
    w[0][0] = 0
    w[1][0] = 0

    # After modification of w
    print("After change deep copied parameter, w \n")
    print(f"Original: w_init[0][0]:  {w_init[0][0]},  w_init[1][0]:  {w_init[1][0]}")
    print(f"Shallow copy: w[0][0]:  {w[0][0]},    w[1][0]:  {w[1][0]}")

if __name__=="__main__":
    main()
```

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Before change deep copied parameter, w

Original: w_init[0][0]: 2, w_init[1][0]: 3
Shallow copy: w[0][0]: 2, w[1][0]: 3

After change deep copied parameter, w

Original: w_init[0][0]: 2, w_init[1][0]: 3
Shallow copy: w[0][0]: 0, w[1][0]: 0

C - copy

Shallow copy

A **shallow copy** In C, involves copying the value of a pointer, so that both the original pointer and the copied pointer point to the same memory location.

- This means that changes to one will affect the other.

```
1 float **copy(float src[][n]){
2
3     /*
4     Shallow copy
5     Args:
6         src (ndarray (row, col)):  initialized parameter
7
8     Return:
9         dest (ndarray (row, col)):  copy of the initilialized parameter
10    */
11
12
13    float **dest = (float **)calloc(m, sizeof(float *));
14    if (dest ==NULL){
15        perror("Error in allocating the memory");
16        free(dest);
17    }
18
19    for (int i = 0; i < m; i++)
20    {
21        dest[i] = src[i];
22    }
23
24    return dest;
25 }
```

```
1  #include <stdio.h>
2  #include <stdlib.h>
3  #include <math.h>
4
5  #define m 2          //row
6  #define n 1          //col
7
8  int **copy(int src[][n]);
9  int **deepcopy(int src[][n]);
10
11 int main(){
12     //Initialized paramter
13     int w_init[][n] = {3, 2};
14
15     //perform shallow copy
16     int **w=copy(w_init);
17
18     printf("\nBefore changinge shallow copied parameter, w\n\n");
19     printf("Original:  w_init[0][0]:   %d, w_init[1][0]:   %d \n", w_init[0][0], w_init[1][0]);
20     printf("Deep copy:  w[0][0]:   %d, w[1][0]:   %d\n", w[0][0], w[1][0]);
21
22     //change the copied parameter
23     w[0][0] = 0;
24     w[1][0] = 0;
25
26     printf("\nAfter changinge shallow copied parameter, w\n\n");
27     printf("Original:  w_init[0][0]:   %d, w_init[1][0]:   %d \n", w_init[0][0], w_init[1][0]);
28     printf("Deep copy:  w[0][0]:   %d, w[1][0]:   %d\n", w[0][0], w[1][0]);
29
30
31     free(w);
32
33
34     return 0;
35 }
```

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- `venvsuzanodero@suzans-MacBook-Air Gradient_Descent % ./a.out`

Before changinge shallow copied parameter, w

Original: w_init[0][0]: 3, w_init[1][0]: 2
Deep copy: w[0][0]: 3, w[1][0]: 2

After changinge shallow copied parameter, w

Original: w_init[0][0]: 0, w_init[1][0]: 0
Deep copy: w[0][0]: 0, w[1][0]: 0

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Deep copy

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- If you modify new object it will not affect the original object.

```
1 float **deepcopy(float src[][n]){
2     /*
3     Deep copy
4     Args:
5         src (ndarray (row, col)):    initialized parameter
6
7     Return:
8         dest (ndarray (row, col)):  copy of the initilialized parameter
9     */
10
11     float **dest = (float **)calloc(m, sizeof(float *));
12     if (dest ==NULL)
13     {
14         perror("Error in allocating memory");
15     }
16     for (int i = 0; i < m; i++)
17     {
18         dest[i] = (float *)calloc(n, sizeof(float));
19
20         if (dest[i]==NULL)
21         {
22             perror("Error in allocating memory");
23             free(dest[i]);
24         }
25         free(dest);
26
27         for (int j = 0; j < n; j++)
28         {
29             dest[i][j] = src[i][j];
30         }
31     }
32
33
34
35     return dest;
36 }
```

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 #include <stdlib.h>
3 #include <math.h>
4
5 #define m 2          //row
6 #define n 1          //col
7
8 int **copy(int src[][n]);
9 int **deepcopy(int src[][n]);
10
11 int main(){
12     //Initialized paramter
13     int w_init[][n] = {3, 2};
14
15     //perform deep copy
16     int **w=deepcopy(w_init);
17
18     printf("\nBefore changinge deep copied parameter, w \n\n");
19     printf("Original:  w_init[0][0]:   %d, w_init[1][0]:   %d \n", w_init[0][0], w_init[1][0]);
20     printf("Deep copy:  w[0][0]:    %d, w[1][0]:    %d\n", w[0][0], w[1][0]);
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22     //change the copied parameter
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24     w[1][0] = 0;
25
26     printf("\nAfter changinge deep copied parameter, w\n\n");
27     printf("Original:  w_init[0][0]:   %d, w_init[1][0]:   %d \n", w_init[0][0], w_init[1][0]);
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29
30     for (int i = 0; i < m; i++)
31     {
32         free(w[i]);
33     }
34
35     free(w);
36
37
38     return 0;
39 }
```

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Before changinge deep copied parameter, w

Original: w_init[0][0]: 3, w_init[1][0]: 2
Deep copy: w[0][0]: 3, w[1][0]: 2

After changinge deep copied parameter, w

Original: w_init[0][0]: 3, w_init[1][0]: 2
Deep copy: w[0][0]: 0, w[1][0]: 0

- `venvsuzanodero@suzans-MacBook-Air Gradient_Descent %`