

Another simple example

- Suppose we want to compute powers of a number by successive multiplication
- Idea would be to keep track of number of multiplications, plus intermediate product
- Stop when have multiplied number x by itself p times, and return final product
- Here is simple code

Computing powers

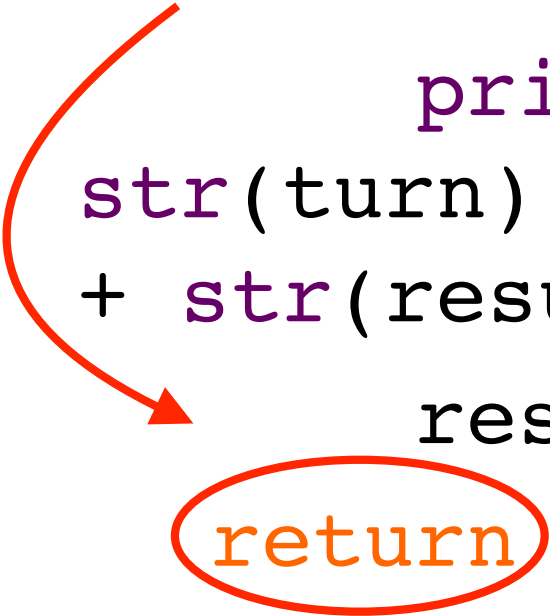
```
x = float(raw_input('Enter a number: '))  
p = int(raw_input('Enter an integer power: '))
```

```
result = 1
```

```
for turn in range(p):  
    print('iteration: ' + str(turn) + \  
          'current result: ' + str(result))  
    result = result * x
```

Let's define our procedure

```
def iterativePower(x, p):  
    result = 1  
    for turn in range(p):  
        print ('iteration: ' +  
str(turn) + ' current result: '  
+ str(result))  
        result = result * x  
    return result
```



And this creates

iterativePower	

Procedure object

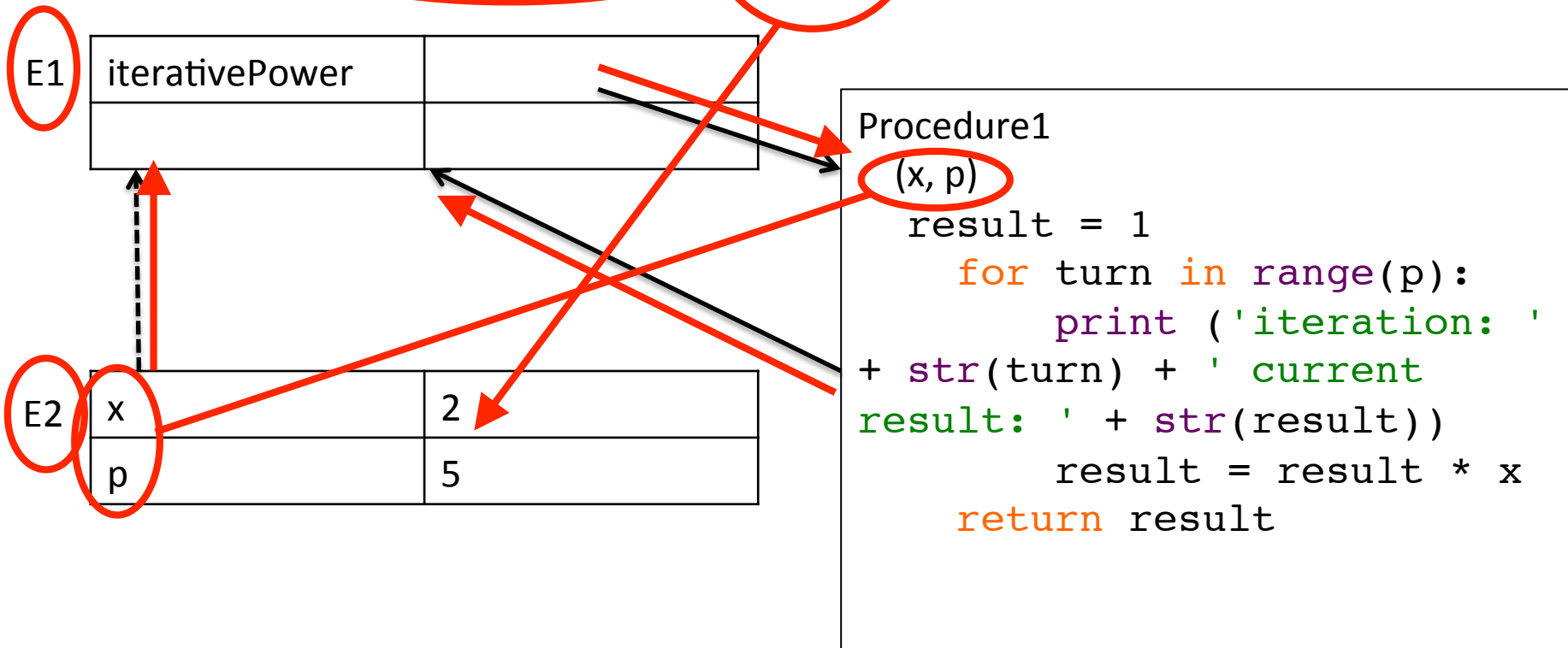
Procedure1

(x, p)

```
result = 1
for turn in range(p):
    print ('iteration: '
+ str(turn) + ' current
result: ' + str(result))
    result = result * x
return result
```

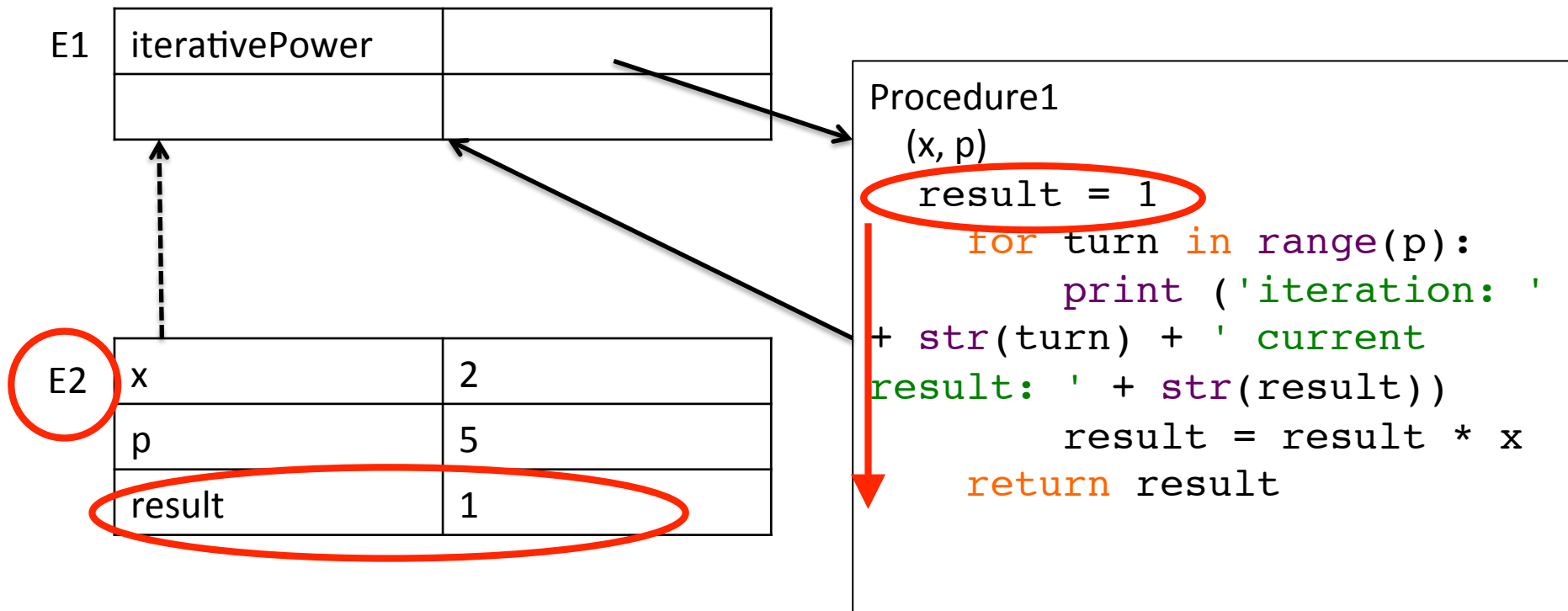
Example

- Call `iterativePower(2, 5)`



Example

- Evaluating body of procedure initially causes...

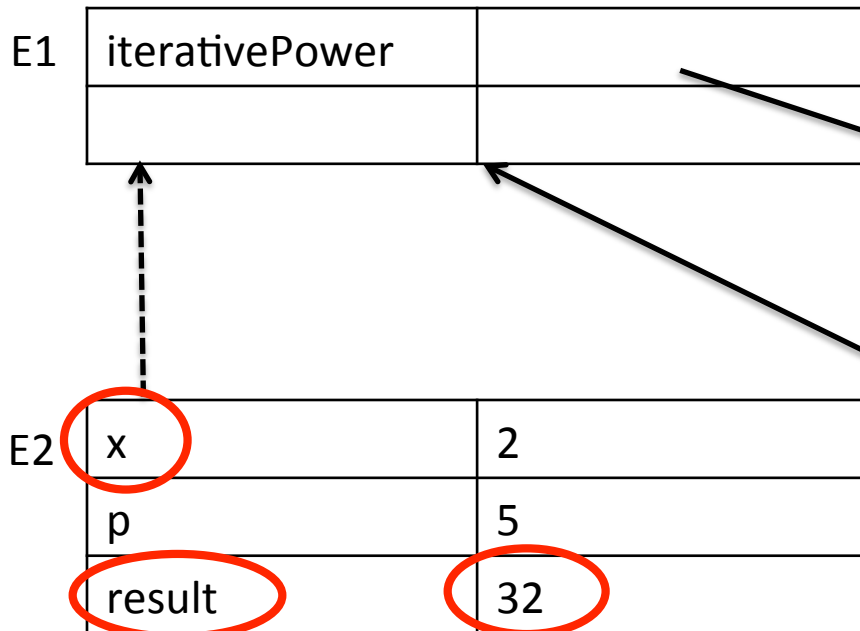


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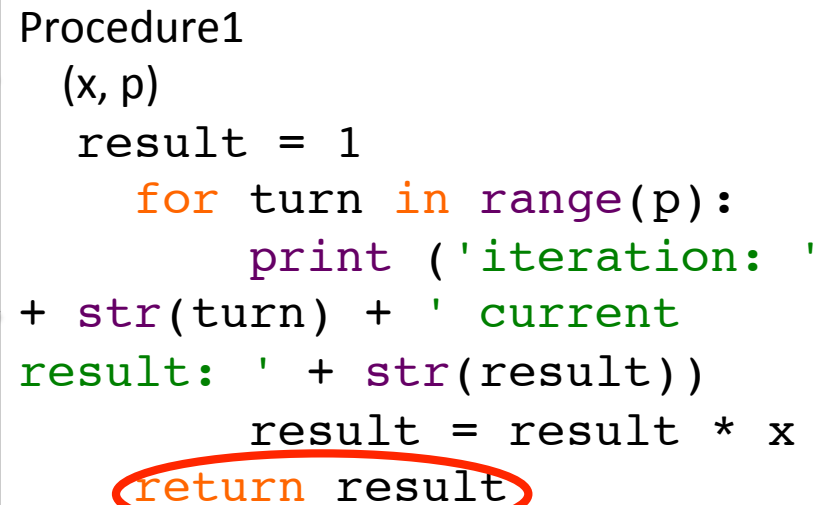
- and for loop rebinds local variable until exit, when return statement returns value of result

E1	iterativePower	

E2	x	2
	p	5
	result	32



```
Procedure1
(x, p)
    result = 1
    for turn in range(p):
        print ('iteration: '
+ str(turn) + ' current
result: ' + str(result))
        result = result * x
    return result
```



Scoping is local

- Imagine we had evaluated

```
x = 3
```

```
p = 4
```

```
print(iterativePower(2, 5))
```

- Then our local environment would have separate bindings for x and p, which would not be visible to the environment of the function call

Example

- Evaluating body of procedure initially causes...

E1

x	3
p	4
iterativePower	

E2

x	2
p	5
result	1

Procedure1

```
(x, p)
result = 1
for turn in range(p):
    print ('iteration: '
+ str(turn) + ' current
result: ' + str(result))
    result = result * x
return result
```

Example

- But now evaluation of body only sees bindings in E2

E1

x	3
p	4
iterativePower	

E2

x	2
p	5
result	1

Procedure1

```
(x, p)
result = 1
  for turn in range(p):
    print ('iteration: '
+ str(turn) + ' current
result: ' + str(result))
    result = result * x
  return result
```