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Mutability

Some objects in Python, such as lists and dictionaries, are **mutable**, meaning that their contents or state can be changed. Other objects, such as numeric types, tuples, and strings, are **immutable**, meaning they cannot be changed once they are created.

Let's imagine you order a mushroom and cheese pizza from La Val's, and they represent your order as a list:

```
>>> pizza = ['cheese', 'mushrooms']
```

With list mutation, they can update your order by mutate pizza directly rather than having to create a new list:

```
>>> pizza.append('onions')
>>> pizza
['cheese', 'mushrooms', 'onions']
```

Aside from append, there are various other list mutation methods:

- append(el): Add el to the end of the list. Return None.
- extend(lst): Extend the list by concatenating it with lst. Return None.
- insert(i, el): Insert el at index i. This does not replace any existing elements, but only adds the new element el. Return None.
- remove(el): Remove the first occurrence of el in list. Errors if el is not in the list. Return None otherwise.
- pop(i): Remove and return the element at index i.

We can also use list indexing with an assignment statement to change an existing element in a list. For example:

```
>>> pizza[1] = 'tomatoes'
>>> pizza
['cheese', 'tomatoes', 'onions']
```

Q1: WWPD: Mutability

What would Python display? In addition to giving the output, draw the box and pointer diagrams for each list to the right.

```
>>> s1 = [1, 2, 3]
>>> s2 = s1
>>> s1 is s2
```

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>>> s2.extend([5, 6])
>>> s1[4]
```

```
>>> s1.append([-1, 0, 1])
>>> s2[5]
```

```
>>> s3 = s2[:]
>>> s3.insert(3, s2.pop(3))
>>> len(s1)
```

```
>>> s1[4] is s3[6]
```

```
>>> s3[s2[4][1]]
```

```
>>> s1[:3] is s2[:3]
```

```
>>> s1[:3] == s2[:3]
```

```
>>> s1[4].append(2)
>>> s3[6][3]
```

Q2: Add This Many

Write a function that takes in a valuex, a value el, and a list s, and adds el to the end of s the same number of times that x occurs in s. Make sure to modify the original list using list mutation techniques.

```
def add_this_many(x, el, s):
    """ Adds el to the end of s the number of times x occurs in s.
   >>> s = [1, 2, 4, 2, 1]
   >>> add_this_many(1, 5, s)
   >>> s
   [1, 2, 4, 2, 1, 5, 5]
   >>> add_this_many(2, 2, s)
    [1, 2, 4, 2, 1, 5, 5, 2, 2]
    "*** YOUR CODE HERE ***"
# You can use more space on the back if you want
```

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Object-oriented programming (OOP) is a programming paradigm that allows us to treat data as objects, like we do in real life.

For example, consider the **class Student**. Each of you as individuals is an **instance** of this class.

Details that all CS 61A students have, such as name, are called **instance variables**. Every student has these variables, but their values differ from student to student. A variable that is shared among all instances of **Student** is known as a **class variable**. For example, the extension_days attribute is a class variable as it is a property of all students.

All students are able to do homework, attend lecture, and go to office hours. When functions belong to a specific object, they are called **methods**. In this case, these actions would be methods of **Student** objects.

Here is a recap of what we discussed above:

- class: a template for creating objects
- instance: a single object created from a class
- instance variable: a data attribute of an object, specific to an instance
- class variable: a data attribute of an object, shared by all instances of a class
- method: a bound function that may be called on all instances of a class

Instance variables, class variables, and methods are all considered **attributes** of an object.

Q3: WWPD: Student OOP

Below we have defined the classes Professor and Student, implementing some of what was described above. Remember that Python passes the self argument implicitly to methods when calling the method directly on an object.

```
class Student:
   extension_days = 3 # this is a class variable
   def __init__(self, name, staff):
        self.name = name # this is an instance variable
        self.understanding = 0
        staff.add student(self)
        print("Added", self.name)
   def visit_office_hours(self, staff):
        staff.assist(self)
        print("Thanks, " + staff.name)
class Professor:
   def __init__(self, name):
        self.name = name
        self.students = {}
   def add_student(self, student):
        self.students[student.name] = student
   def assist(self, student):
        student.understanding += 1
   def grant_more_extension_days(self, student, days):
        student.extension_days = days
```

What will the following lines output?

```
>>> callahan = Professor("Callahan")
>>> elle = Student("Elle", callahan)
```

```
>>> elle.visit_office_hours(callahan)
```

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>>> elle.visit_office_hours(Professor("Paulette"))
```

```
>>> elle.understanding
```

```
>>> [name for name in callahan.students]
```

```
>>> x = Student("Vivian", Professor("Stromwell")).name
```

```
>>> x
```

```
>>> [name for name in callahan.students]
```

```
>>> elle.extension_days
```

```
>>> callahan.grant_more_extension_days(elle, 7)
>>> elle.extension_days
```

```
>>> Student.extension_days
```

Q4: Keyboard

We'd like to create a Keyboard class that takes in an arbitrary number of Buttons and stores these Buttons in a dictionary. The keys in the dictionary will be ints that represent the position on the Keyboard, and the values will be the respective Button. Fill out the methods in the Keyboard class according to each description, using the doctests as a reference for the behavior of a Keyboard.

Hint: You can iterate over *args as if it were a list.

```
class Button:
   def __init__(self, pos, key):
      self.pos = pos
      self.key = key
      self.times_pressed = 0
class Keyboard:
   """A Keyboard takes in an arbitrary amount of buttons, and has a
   dictionary of positions as keys, and values as Buttons.
   >>> b1 = Button(0, "H")
   >>> b2 = Button(1, "I")
   >>> k = Keyboard(b1, b2)
   >>> k.buttons[0].key
   'H'
   >>> k.press(1)
   'I'
   >>> k.press(2) # No button at this position
   >>> k.typing([0, 1])
   'HI'
   >>> k.typing([1, 0])
   'IH'
   >>> b1.times_pressed
   >>> b2.times_pressed
   0.000
   def __init__(self, *args):
       _____
      for _____:
          _____
   def press(self, info):
       """Takes in a position of the button pressed, and
      returns that button's output."""
      if ____:
          _____
          _____
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       _____
   def typing(self, typing_input):
       """Takes in a list of positions of buttons pressed, and
      returns the total output."""
       _____
      for _____:
          _____
```