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Introduction to Computer Science: Programming Methodology

Lecture 6 Object-Oriented Programming (Additional Note)

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Mutable objects

```
from Circle import Circle

def main():
    # Create a Circle object with radius 1
    myCircle = Circle()

    # Print areas for radius 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5
    n = 5
    printAreas(myCircle, n)

    # Display myCircle.radius and times
    print("\nRadius is", myCircle.radius)
    print("n is", n)

# Print a table of areas for radius
def printAreas(c, times):
    print("Radius \t\tArea")
    while times >= 1:
        print(c.radius, "\t\t", c.getArea())
        c.radius = c.radius + 1
        times = times - 1

main() # Call the main function
```

Radius	Area
1	3.141592653589793
2	12.566370614359172
3	29.274333882308138
4	50.26548245743669
5	79.53981633974483

Radius is 6
n is 5

Practice

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- What would be the output of the above program?

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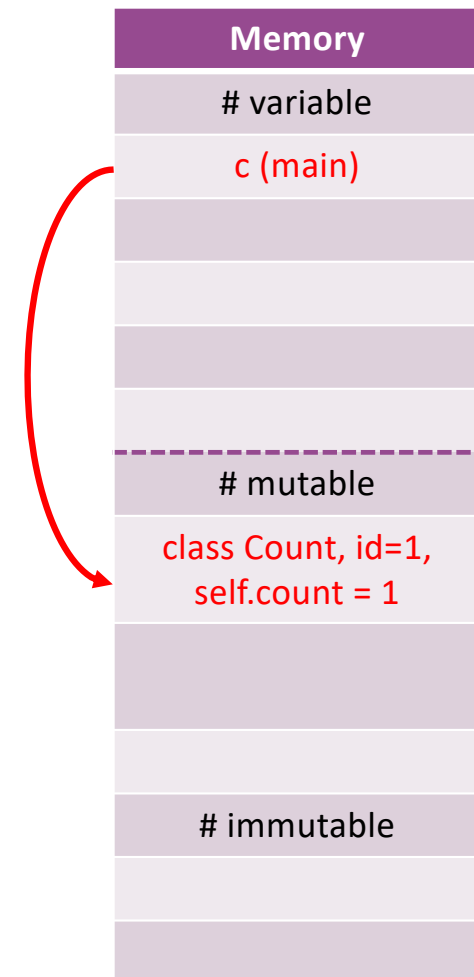
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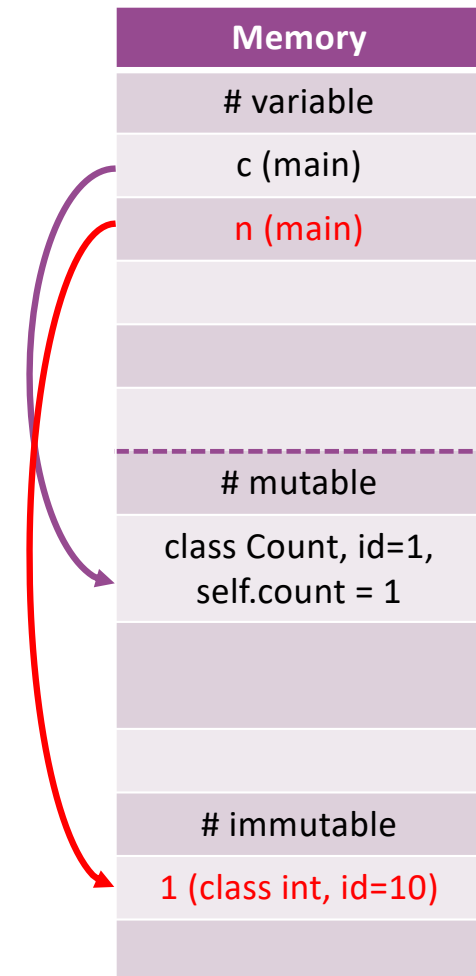
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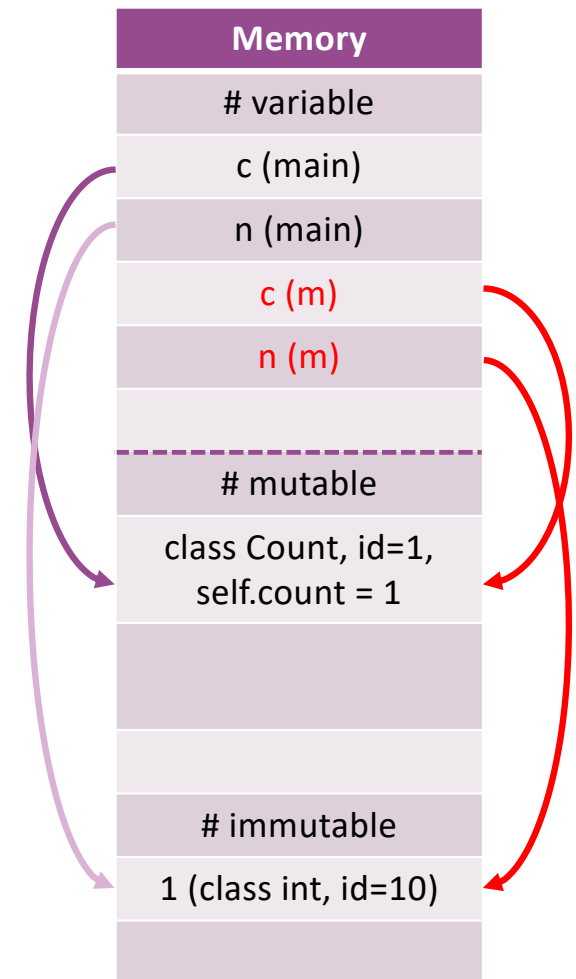
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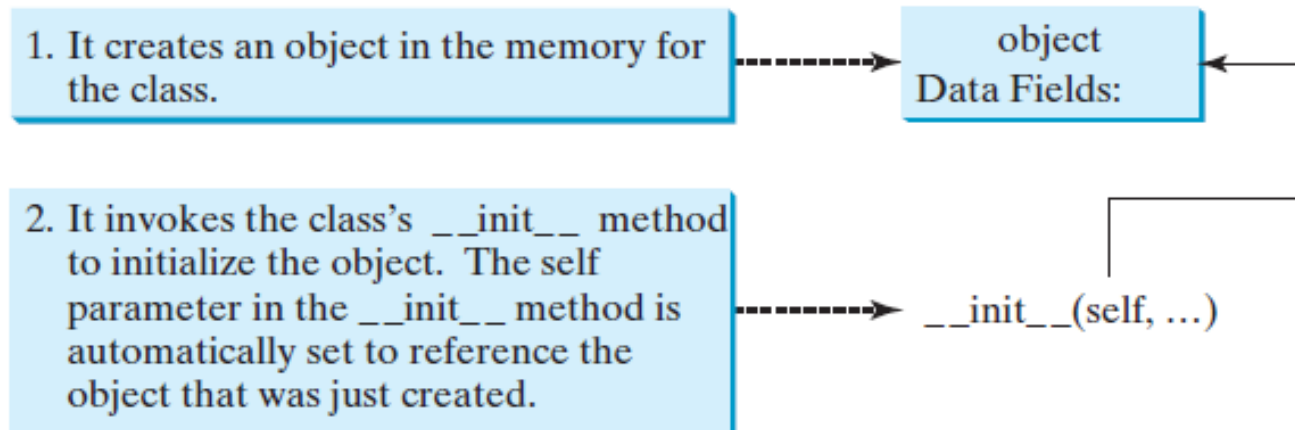
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Revisit: constructing objects

- Once a **class** is defined, you can **create objects** from the class with a **constructor**. The constructor does two things:
 - ✓ It creates an object in the memory for the class
 - ✓ It invokes the class's `__init__()` method to initialize the object



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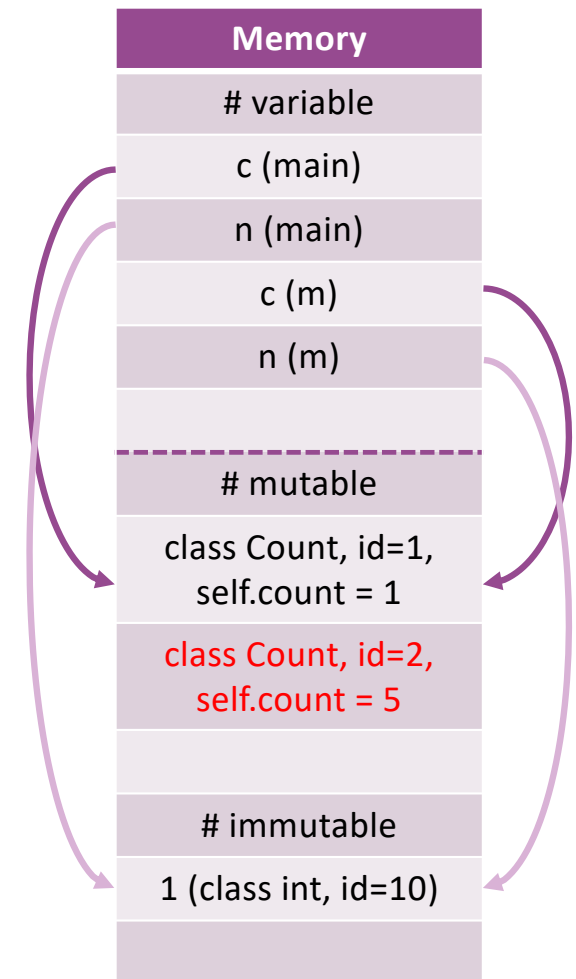
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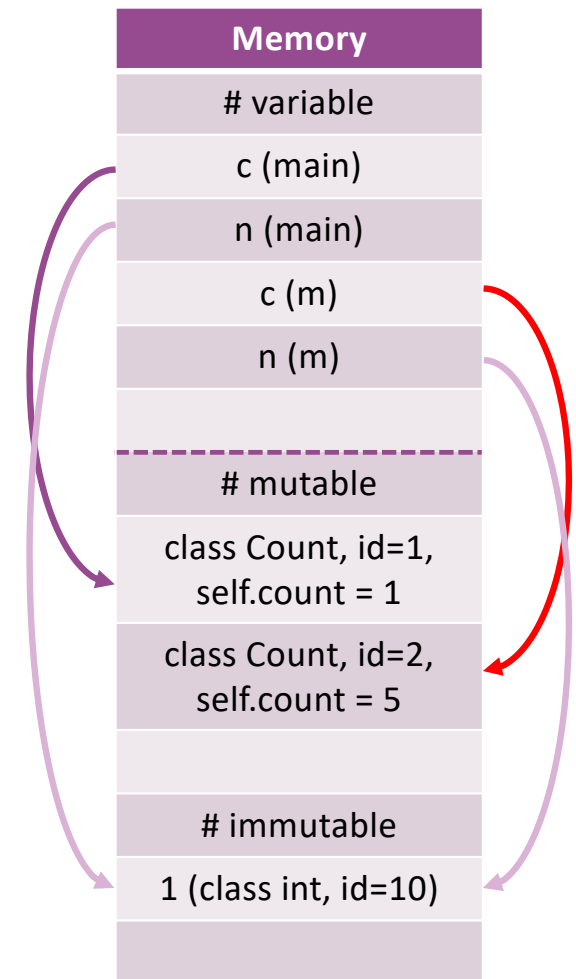
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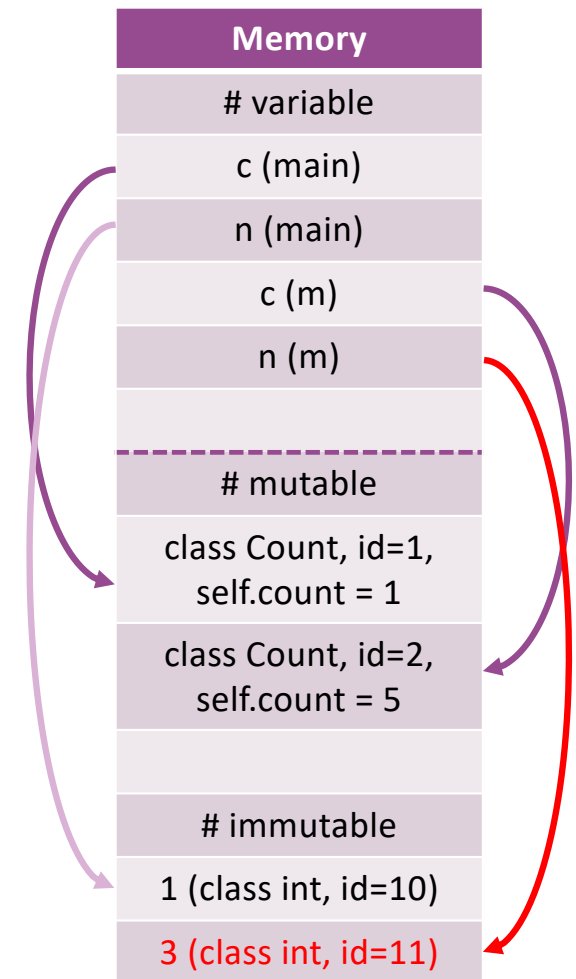
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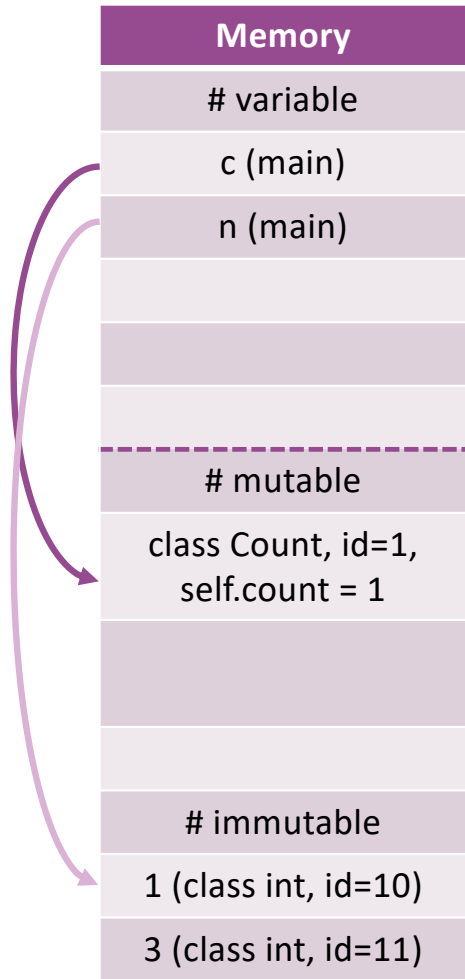
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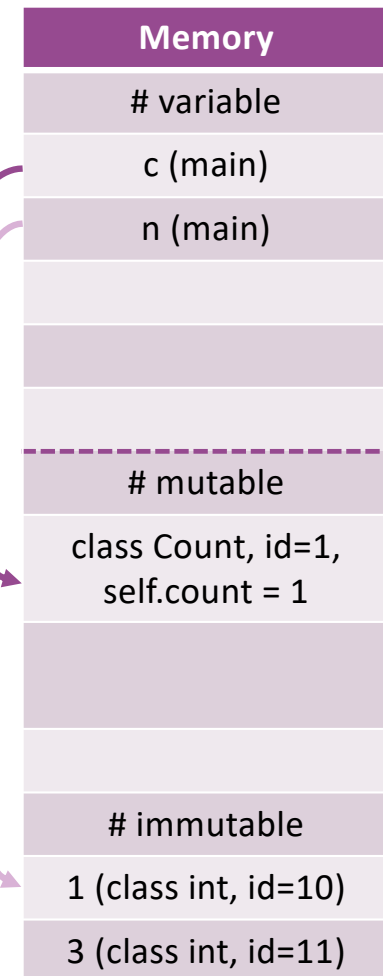
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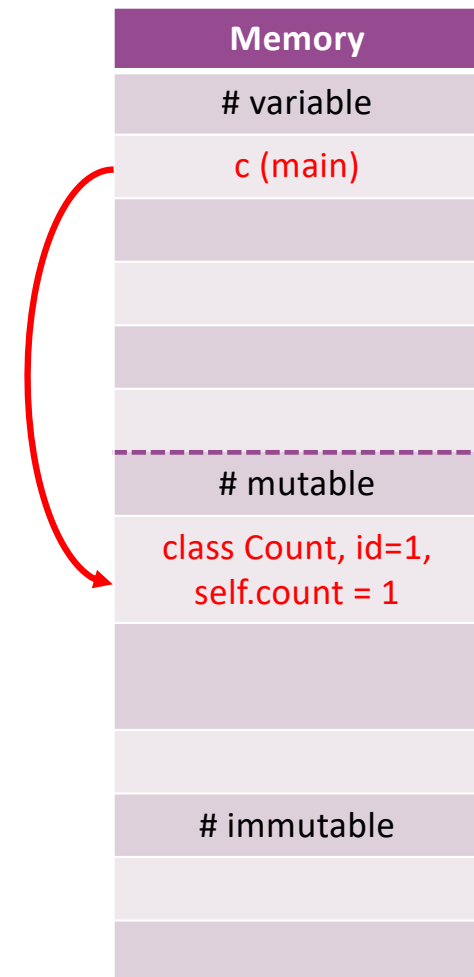
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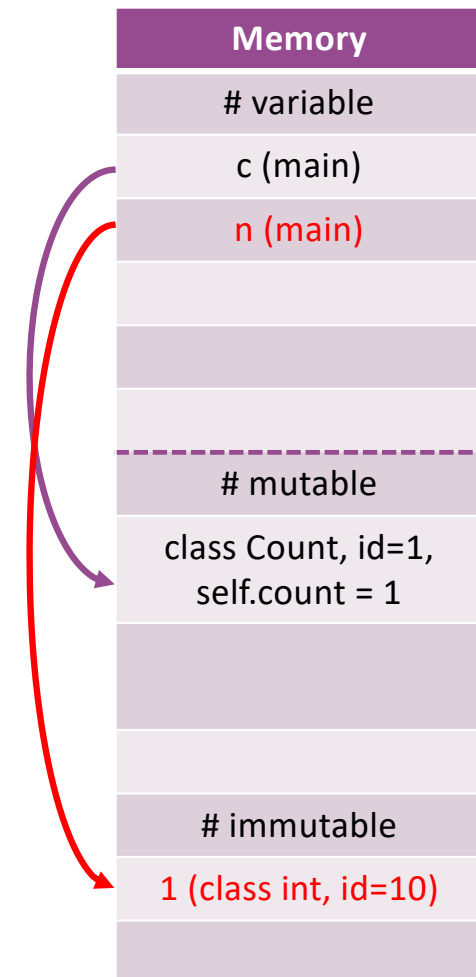
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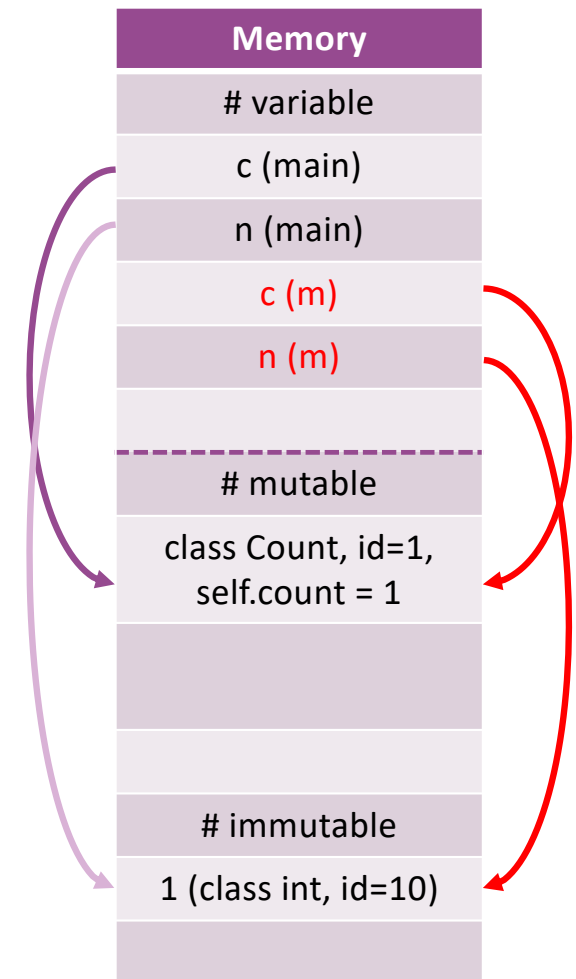
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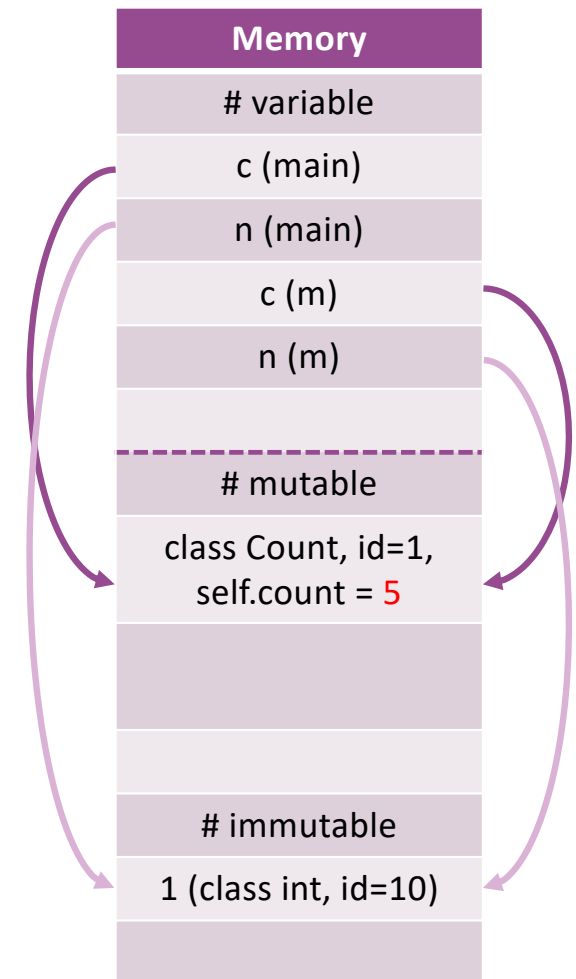
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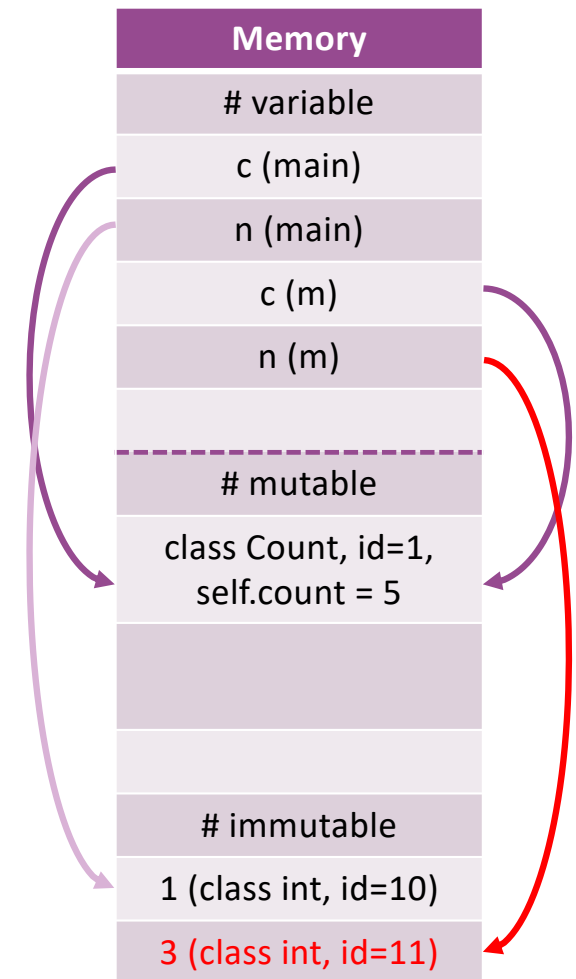
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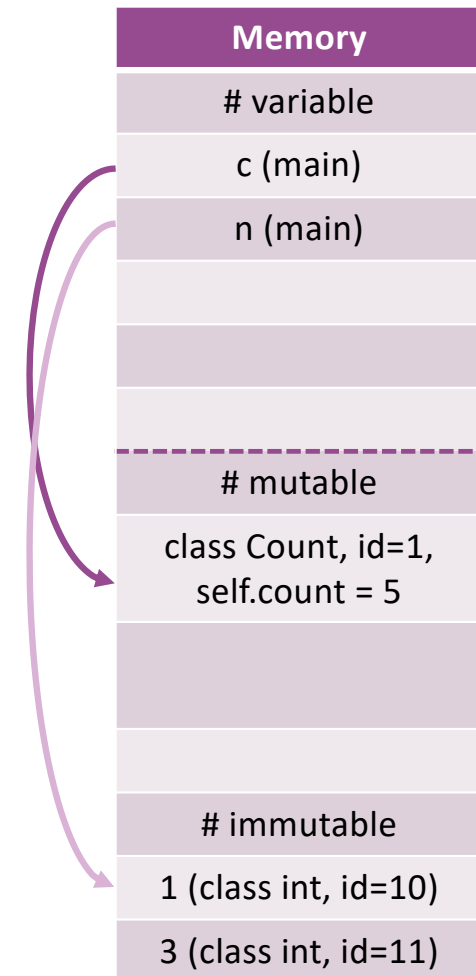
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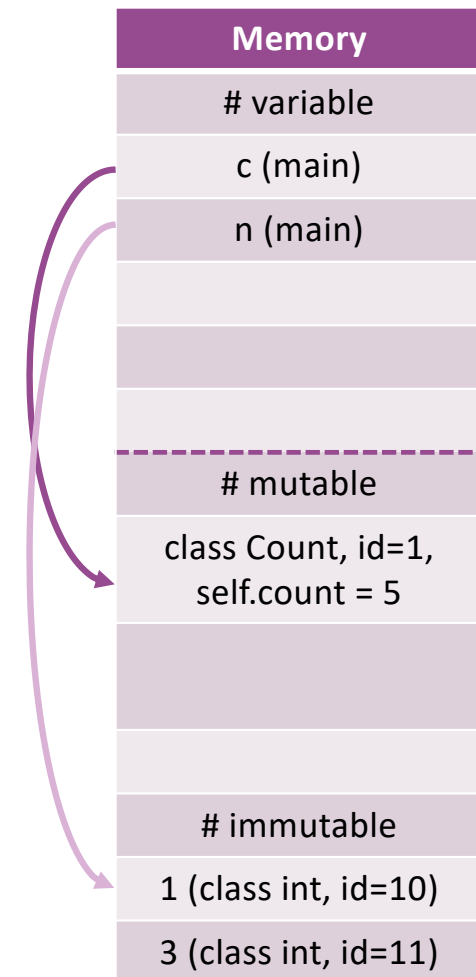
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The diagram illustrates memory layout with the following components:

- Memory** (header)
- # variable** (section header)
- c (main)** (variable)
- n (main)** (variable)
- # mutable** (section header, separated by a dashed line)
- class Count, id=1, self.count = 5** (mutable object)
- # immutable** (section header)
- 1 (class int, id=10)** (immutable object)
- 3 (class int, id=11)** (immutable object)

Arrows indicate references:

- A dark purple arrow from **c (main)** points to the **class Count** object.
- A light purple arrow from **n (main)** points to the **1 (class int, id=10)** object.

Revisit *is* operator

- The *is* operator checks whether two variables are references to the same object address
- Difference between mutable & immutable objects
 - Immutable objects do not change throughout the lifecycle of a program, so we don't need to create multiple copies of the same value. All variables with the same value reference the same memory address
 - Mutable objects' data fields may change during the program execution, so whenever a new object is created, a new memory space is allocated. Each mutable objects are different, even though they might have the same value during some periods

Memory
mutable
class Count, id=1, self.count = 5
immutable
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Practice

- Verify the above contents using `id()`

Thanks