

MUTATION AND NONLOCAL

COMPUTER SCIENCE MENTORS 61A

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Mutation

1. What would Python display? If an error occurs, write "Error". If a function is displayed, write "Function". If nothing is returned, write "Nothing".

```
>>> a = [1, 2]
>>> a.append([3, 4])
>>> a
```

Solution:

```
[1, 2, [3, 4]]
```

```
>>> b = list(a)
>>> a[0] = 5
>>> a[2][0] = 6
>>> b
```

Solution:

```
[1, 2, [6, 4]]
```

```
>>> a.extend([7])
>>> a += [8]
>>> a += 9
```

Solution:

```
TypeError: 'int' object is not iterable
```

```
>>> a
```

Solution:

```
[5, 2, [6, 4], 7, 8]
```

Challenge:

```
>>> b[2][1] = a[2:]
>>> a[2][1][0][0]
```

Solution:

```
6
```

2. Draw the environment diagram that results from running the following code.

```
a = [1, 2, [3]]
def mystery(s, t):
    s.pop(1)
    return t.append(s)
b = a
a += [b[0]]
a = mystery(b, a[1:])
```

Solution: <https://goo.gl/s2XKiG>

3. Given some list `lst`, possibly a deep list, mutate `lst` to have the accumulated sum of all elements so far in the list. If there is a nested list, mutate it to similarly reflect the accumulated sum of all elements so far in the nested list. Return the total sum of `lst`.

Hint: The `isinstance` function returns `True` for `isinstance(l, list)` if `l` is a list and `False` otherwise.

```
def accumulate(lst):
    """
    >>> l = [1, 5, 13, 4]
    >>> accumulate(l)
    23
    >>> l
    [1, 6, 19, 23]
    >>> deep_l = [3, 7, [2, 5, 6], 9]
    >>> accumulate(deep_l)
    32
    >>> deep_l
    [3, 10, [2, 7, 13], 32]
    """
    _____:
        _____:
            if isinstance(_____, list):
                inside = _____
                _____
            else:
                _____
                _____
    _____
```

Solution:

```
sum_so_far = 0
for i in range(len(lst)):
    item = lst[i]
    if isinstance(item, list):
        inside = accumulate(item)
        sum_so_far += inside
    else:
        sum_so_far += item
        lst[i] = sum_so_far
return sum_so_far
```

1. Nonlocal Kale

Draw the environment diagram for the following code.

```
eggplant = 8
def vegetable(kale):
    def eggplant(spinach):
        nonlocal eggplant
        nonlocal kale
        kale = 9
        eggplant = spinach
        print(eggplant, kale)
    eggplant(kale)
    return eggplant
```

```
spinach = vegetable('kale')
```

Solution: <https://goo.gl/F43X2Q>

2. Pingpong again...

Implement a function `make_pingpong_tracker` that returns the next value in the pingpong sequence each time it is called. You may use assignment statements.

```
def has_seven(k): # Use this function for your answer below
    if k % 10 == 7:
        return True
    elif k < 10:
        return False
    else:
        return has_seven(k // 10)
```

Solution:

```
def make_pingpong_tracker():
    index, current, add = 1, 0, True
    def pingpong_tracker():
        nonlocal index, current, add
        if add:
            current = current + 1
        else:
            current = current - 1
        if has_seven(index) or index % 7 == 0:
            add = not add
        index += 1
        return current
    return pingpong_tracker
```