



15-112  
Lecture 2

Lists

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Tuesday Logistics

# As you walk in

Quiz will start at the beginning of lecture

- Have pencil/pen ready
- Silence phones



# Quiz

## Before we start

- Don't open until we start
- Make sure your name and Andrew ID are on the front
- Read instruction page
- No questions (unless clarification on English)

## Additional info

- 25 min

# Announcements

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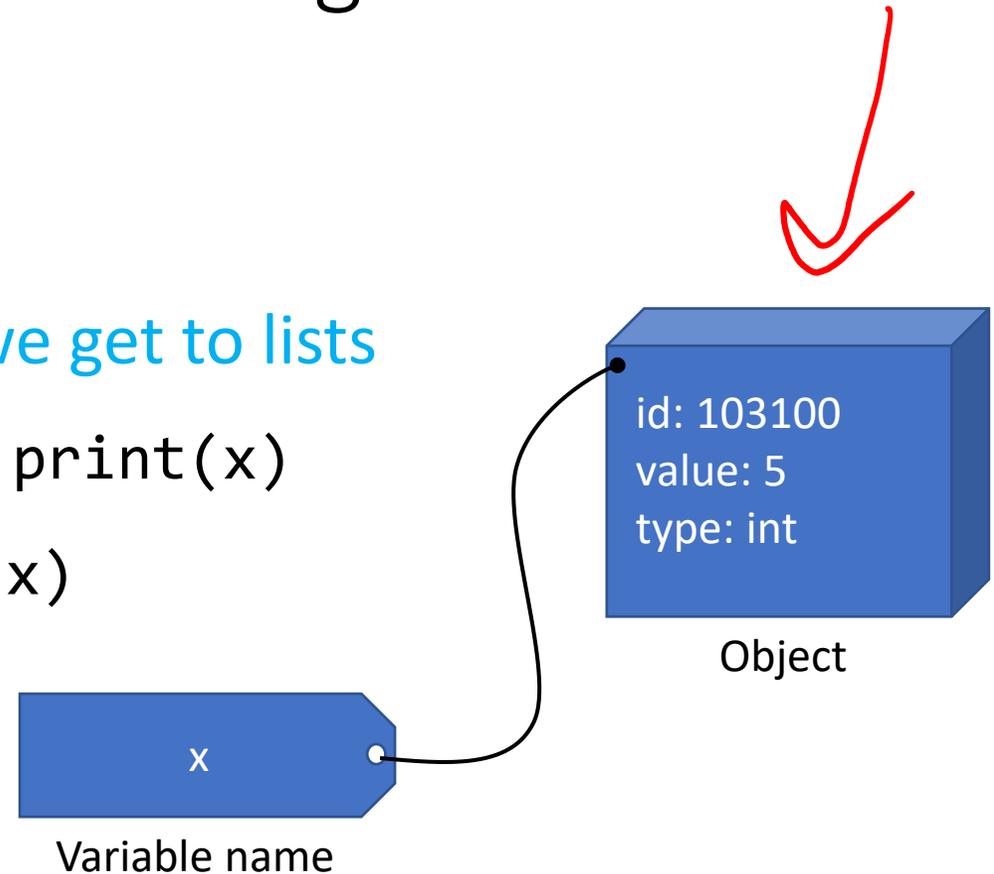
Lists

# Python Objects and Variable Naming

All of the “things” in Python are objects

Python objects all have:

- id More on object ids when we get to lists
- value We can try to see this with `print(x)`
- type We can see this with `type(x)`



## Variable naming

Think of a variable name as a gift tag attached to an object

Python keeps track of variable names to allow us to use that object later

# Running Python

## Pythontutor

- Help \*see\* how Python works

### Learn Python, JavaScript, C, C++, and Java

This tool helps you learn Python, JavaScript, C, C++, and Java programming by [visualizing code execution](#). You can use it to debug your homework assignments and as a supplement to online coding tutorials.

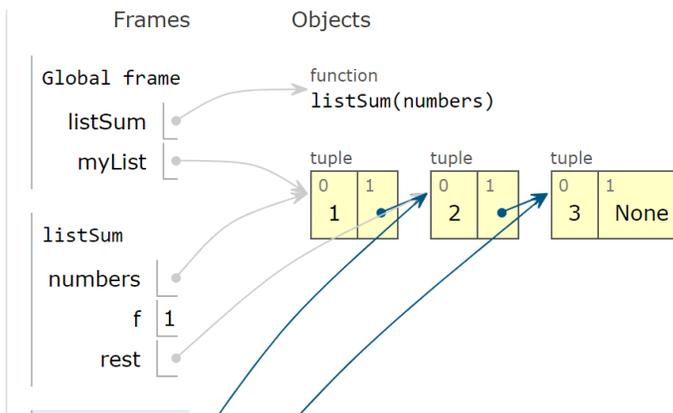
Start coding now in [Python](#), [JavaScript](#), [C](#), [C++](#), and [Java](#)

**Over 15 million people in more than 180 countries** have used Python Tutor to visualize over 200 million pieces of code. It is the most widely-used program visualization tool for computing education.

You can also embed these visualizations into any webpage. Here's an example showing recursion in Python:

```
Python 3.6
1 def listSum(numbers):
2     if not numbers:
3         return 0
4     else:
5         (f, rest) = numbers
6         return f + listSum(rest)
7
8 myList = (1, (2, (3, None)))
9 total = listSum(myList)
```

[Edit this code](#)



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- Help \*see\* how Python works
- Helpful to learn how to write out work for code tracing

Optional settings  
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Visualize Execution NEW: if you use

show all frames (Python) ▾  
hide exited frames [default]  
show all frames (Python)

```
Python 3.6  
known limitations  
  
1 def f(x):  
2     print(x)  
3  
4     return 7*x  
5  
6 def g(y):  
7     x = 2*f(y)  
8  
9     return x  
10  
11 print(f(g(3)))  
  
Edit this code
```

Print output (drag lower right corner to resize)

3  
42  
294

Frames      Objects

Global frame

- f → function f(x)
- g → function g(y)

g

- y | 3
- x | 42
- Return value | 42

f

- x | 3
- Return value | 21

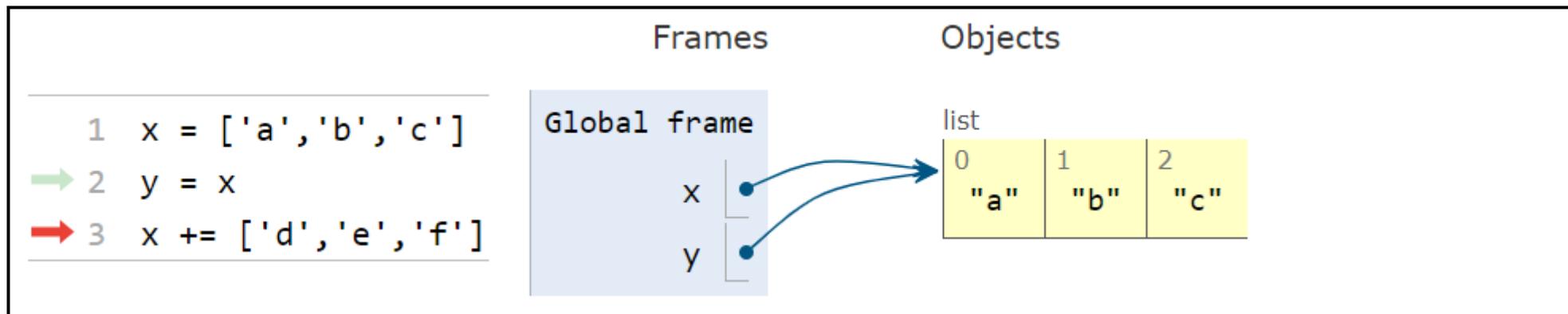
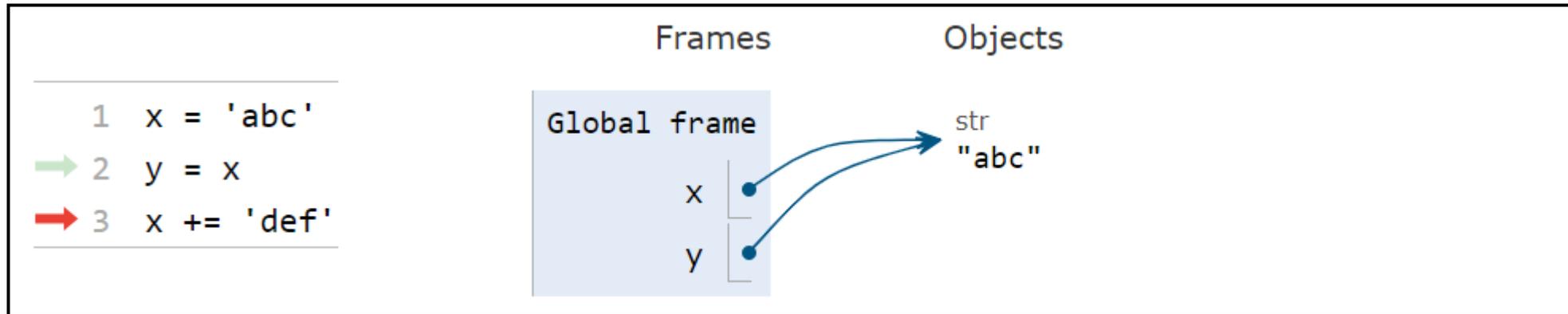
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- Return value | 294

# Strings vs Lists

## Lists are mutable!

With strings, we always have to create a new string to modify an existing string

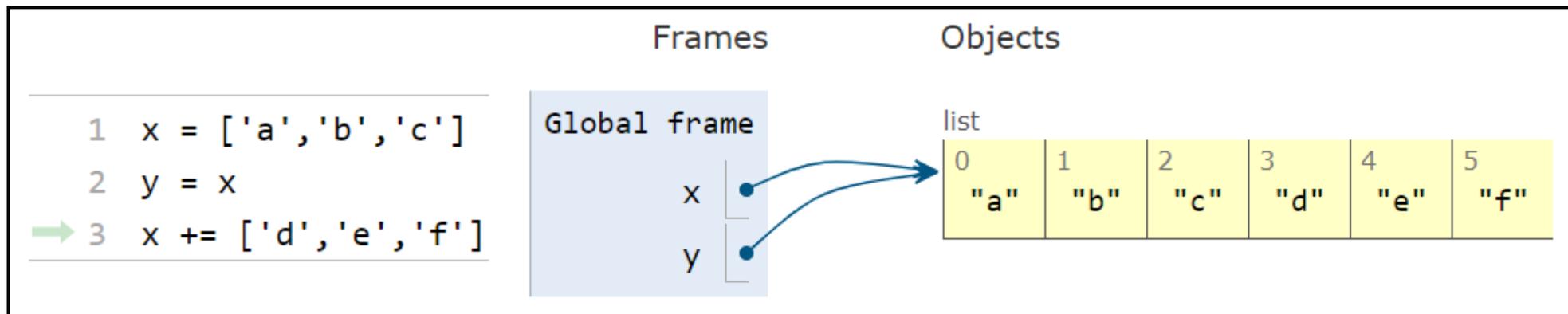
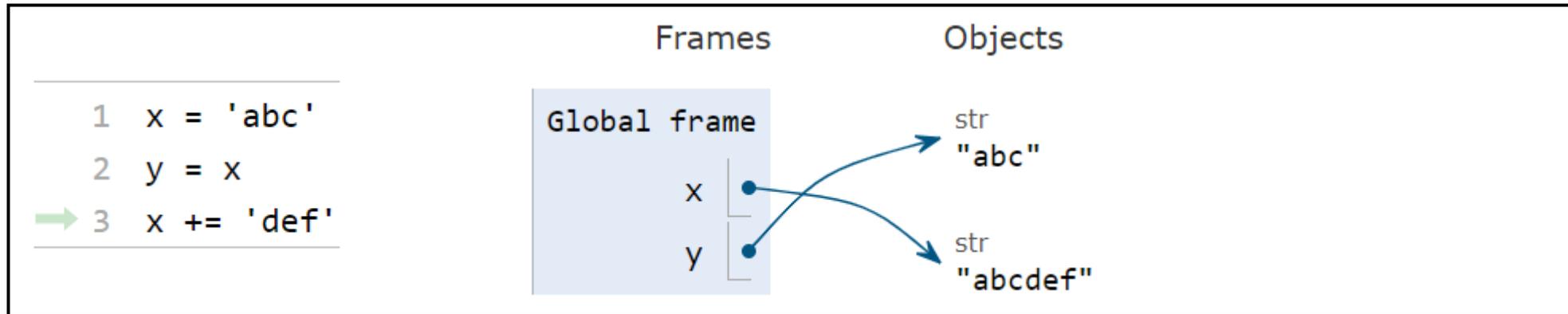


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# Reminder: Strings and aliases

Two variables are “aliases” are when they reference the exact same object

This happens when you assign a variable to another variable:

```
s = 'abc'
```

```
t = s
```

s and t are **aliases** referencing the same to the same exact string object 'abc'

But...strings are immutable. We can't possibly change s without making a new string.

```
s += 'def' # Assigns s to a new string 'abcdef'
```

```
# The string t is referencing remains 'abc'
```

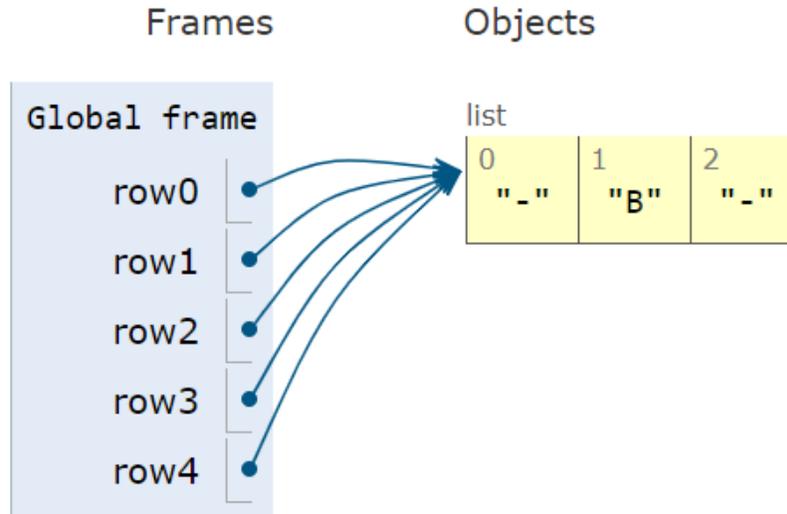
# Aliasing

Two variables are “aliases” are when they reference the exact same object

```
row0 = ['-', '-', '-']  
row1 = row0  
row2 = row0  
row3 = row0  
row4 = row0
```

```
row4[1] = 'B'
```

```
print(row0)  
print(row1)  
print(row2)  
print(row3)  
print(row4)
```



Print output (drag lower right corner to resize)

```
['-', 'B', '-']  
['-', 'B', '-']  
['-', 'B', '-']  
['-', 'B', '-']  
['-', 'B', '-']
```

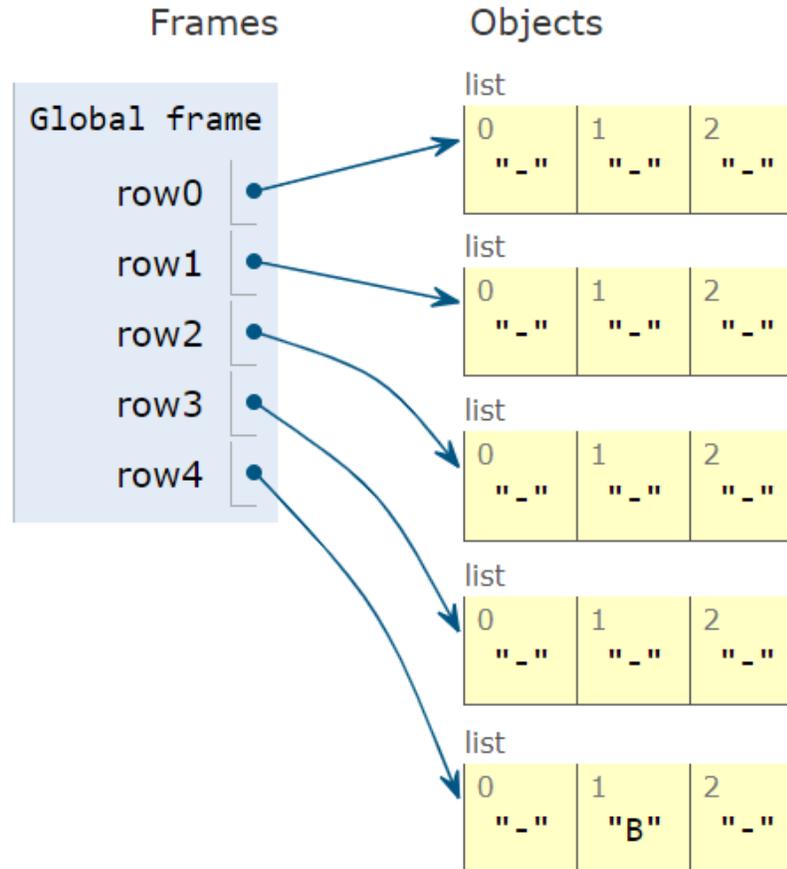
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row3 = ['-', '-', '-']  
row4 = ['-', '-', '-']
```

```
row4[1] = 'B'
```

```
print(row0)  
print(row1)  
print(row2)  
print(row3)  
print(row4)
```



Print output (drag lower right corner to resize)

```
['-', '-', '-']  
['-', '-', '-']  
['-', '-', '-']  
['-', '-', '-']  
['-', 'B', '-']
```

# Poll 1

What does this print?

```
import copy
```

```
A = [10, 20, 30]
```

```
B = A
```

```
C = copy.copy(A)
```

```
A[0] = 44
```

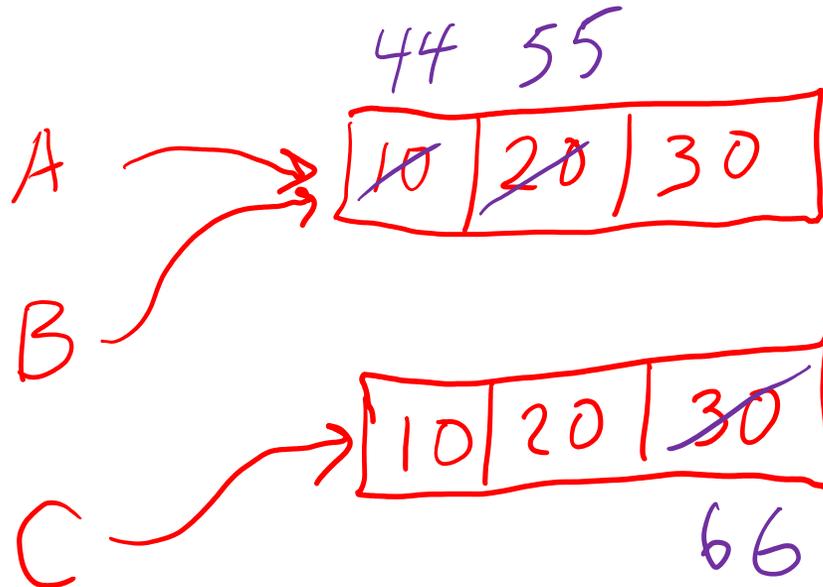
```
B[1] = 55
```

```
C[2] = 66
```

```
print('A:', A)
```

```
print('B:', B)
```

```
print('C:', C)
```



I. A: [44, 20, 30]

B: [10, 55, 30]

C: [10, 20, 66]

II. A: [44, 55, 30]

B: [44, 55, 30]

C: [10, 20, 66]

III. A: [44, 20, 66]

B: [10, 55, 30]

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IV. A: [44, 55, 66]

B: [44, 55, 66]

C: [44, 55, 66]

# Poll 2

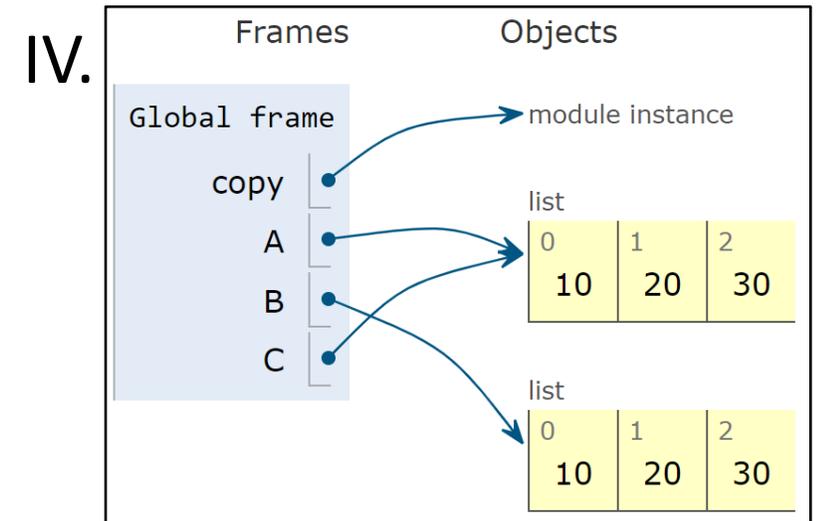
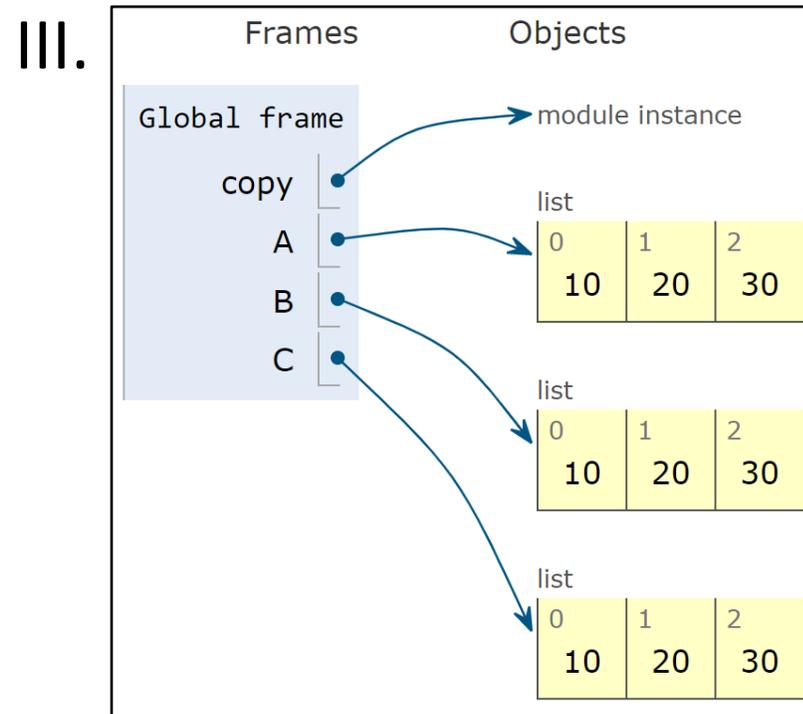
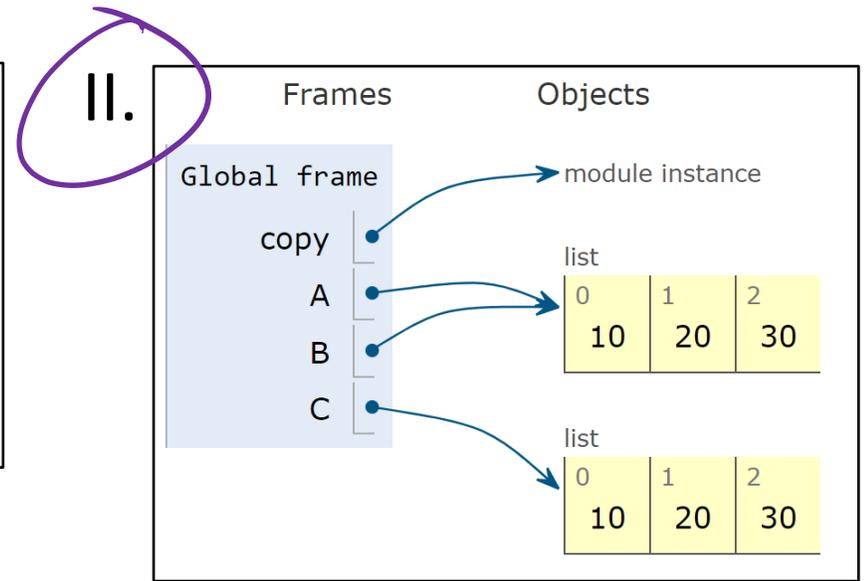
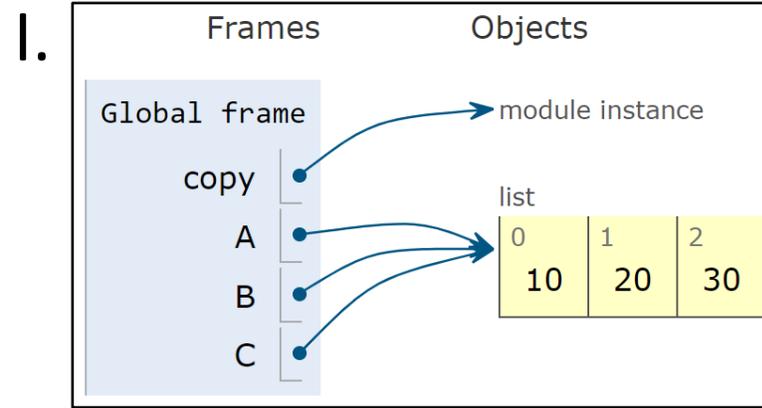
Which is the correct visualization?

```
import copy
```

```
A = [10, 20, 30]
```

```
B = A
```

```
C = copy.copy(A)
```



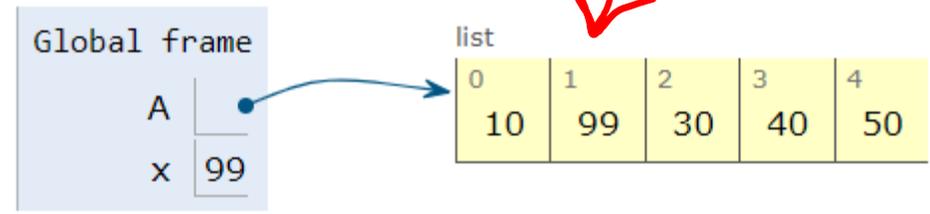
# List indexing and slicing

*not with str*

A = [10, 20, 30, 40, 50]

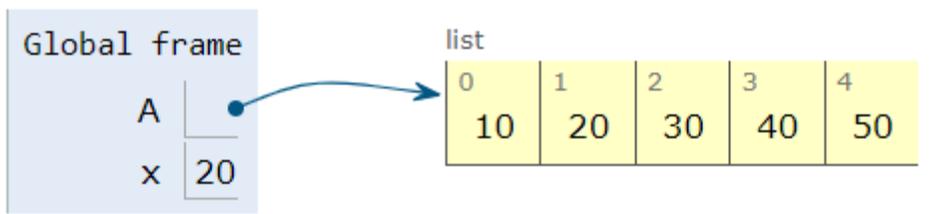
x = 99

A[1] = x



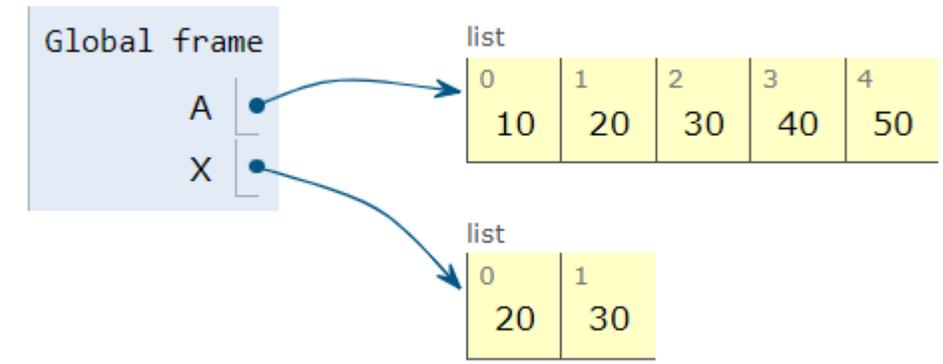
A = [10, 20, 30, 40, 50]

x = A[1]



A = [10, 20, 30, 40, 50]

X = A[1:3]

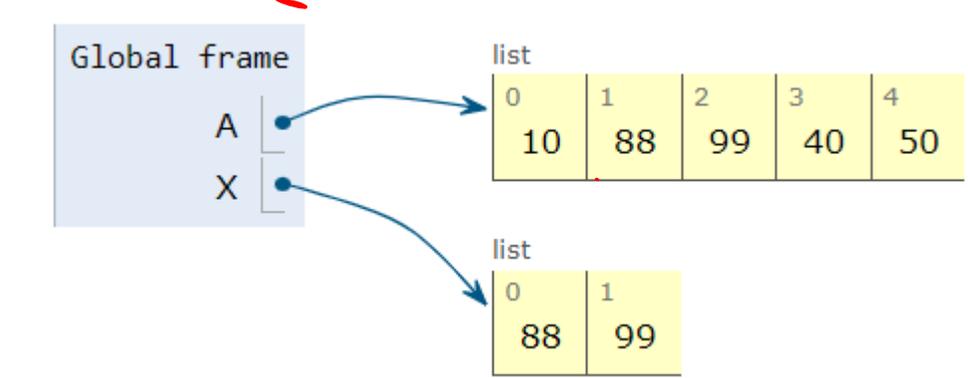


A = [10, 20, 30, 40, 50]

X = [88, 99]

A[1:3] = X

*not with str*



# Adding elements

```
A = [10, 20, 30, 40, 50]
```

```
B = A
```

```
A.append(99)
```

Global frame

A

B

list

0	1	2	3	4	5
10	20	30	40	50	99

```
A = [10, 20, 30, 40, 50]
```

```
B = A
```

```
A += [99]
```

Global frame

A

B

list

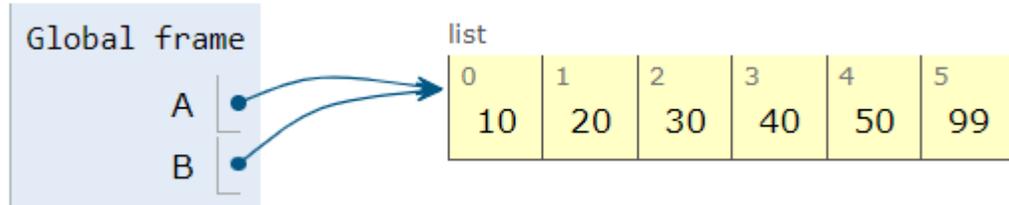
0	1	2	3	4	5
10	20	30	40	50	99

# Adding elements

1  
A = [10, 20, 30, 40, 50]

B = A

A.append(99)

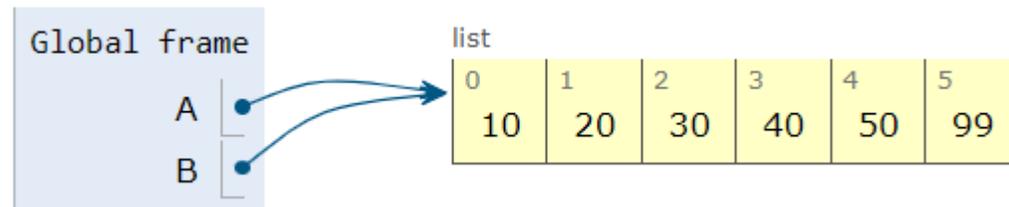


2  
A = [10, 20, 30, 40, 50]

B = A

A += [99]

*A = A + [99]*



A = [10, 20, 30, 40, 50]

A += 99

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

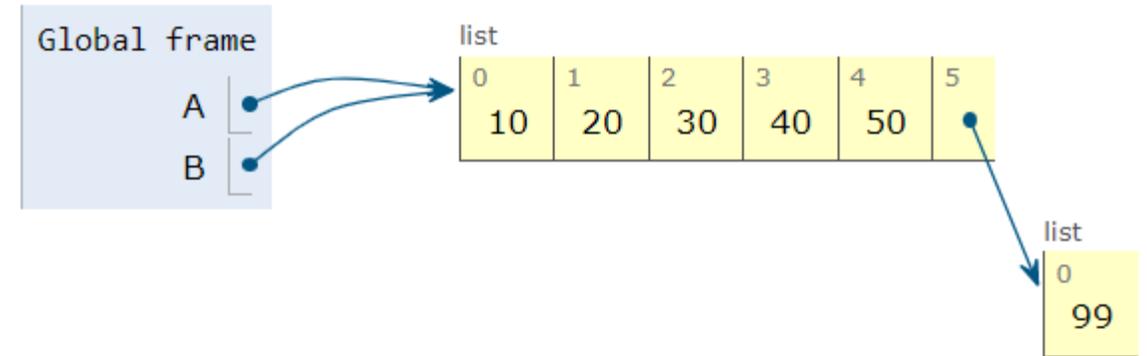
# CAUTION

Reference slide

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B = A

A.append([99])

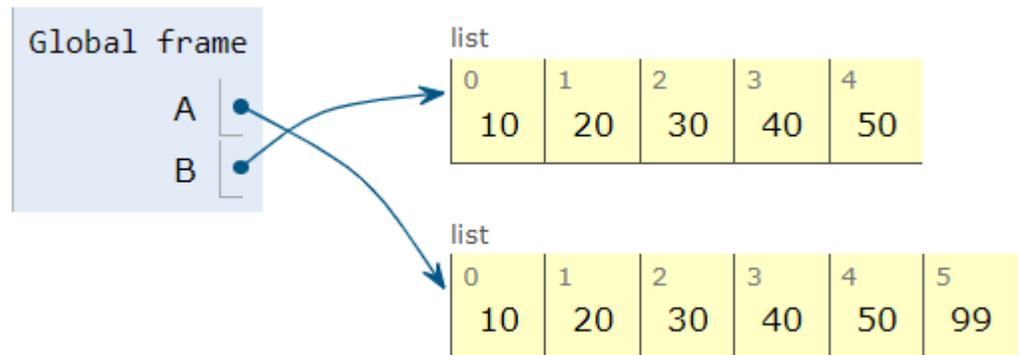


# INCONSISTENT with +=

A = [10, 20, 30, 40, 50]

B = A

A = A + [99]



# Poll 3

What are the resulting A, B, and C?

```
import copy
```

```
A = [10, 20, 30]
```

```
B = A
```

```
C = copy.copy(A)
```

```
A[0] = 44
```

```
B[1] = 55
```

```
C[2] = 66
```

```
A = A + [77]
```

$(D = A + [77])$

Global

A

B

C

44 55

~~[10, 20, 30]~~

[10, 20, 30]

66

[44, 55, 30, 77]

I. A: [44, 20, 30, 77]

B: [10, 55, 30]

C: [10, 20, 66]

II. A: [44, 55, 30, 77]

B: [44, 55, 30]

C: [10, 20, 66]

III. A: [44, 20, 66, 77]

B: [10, 55, 30]

C: [44, 20, 66]

IV. A: [44, 55, 30, 77]

B: [44, 55, 30, 77]

C: [10, 20, 66]

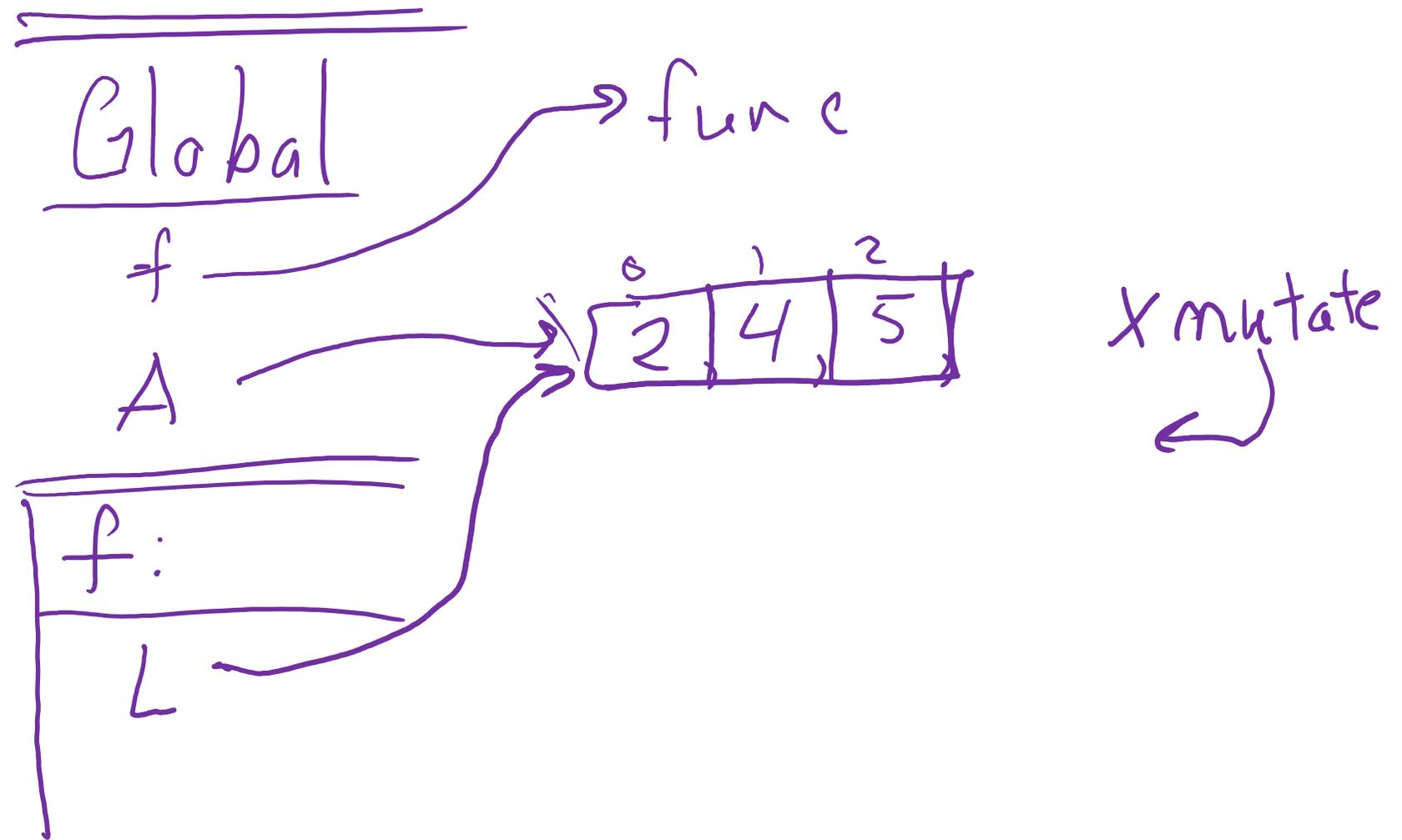
## Poll 4

What does this print?

```
def f(L):  
    L.remove(3)
```

→ A = [2, 3, 4, 5]  
print(f(A))

- I. [2, 3, 4, 5]
- II. [2, 4, 5]
- III. [2, 3, 5]
- IV. []
- V. None



## Poll 5

What does this print?

```
def f(L):  
    L.remove(3)  
  
A = [2, 3, 4, 5]  
f(A)  
→ print(A)
```

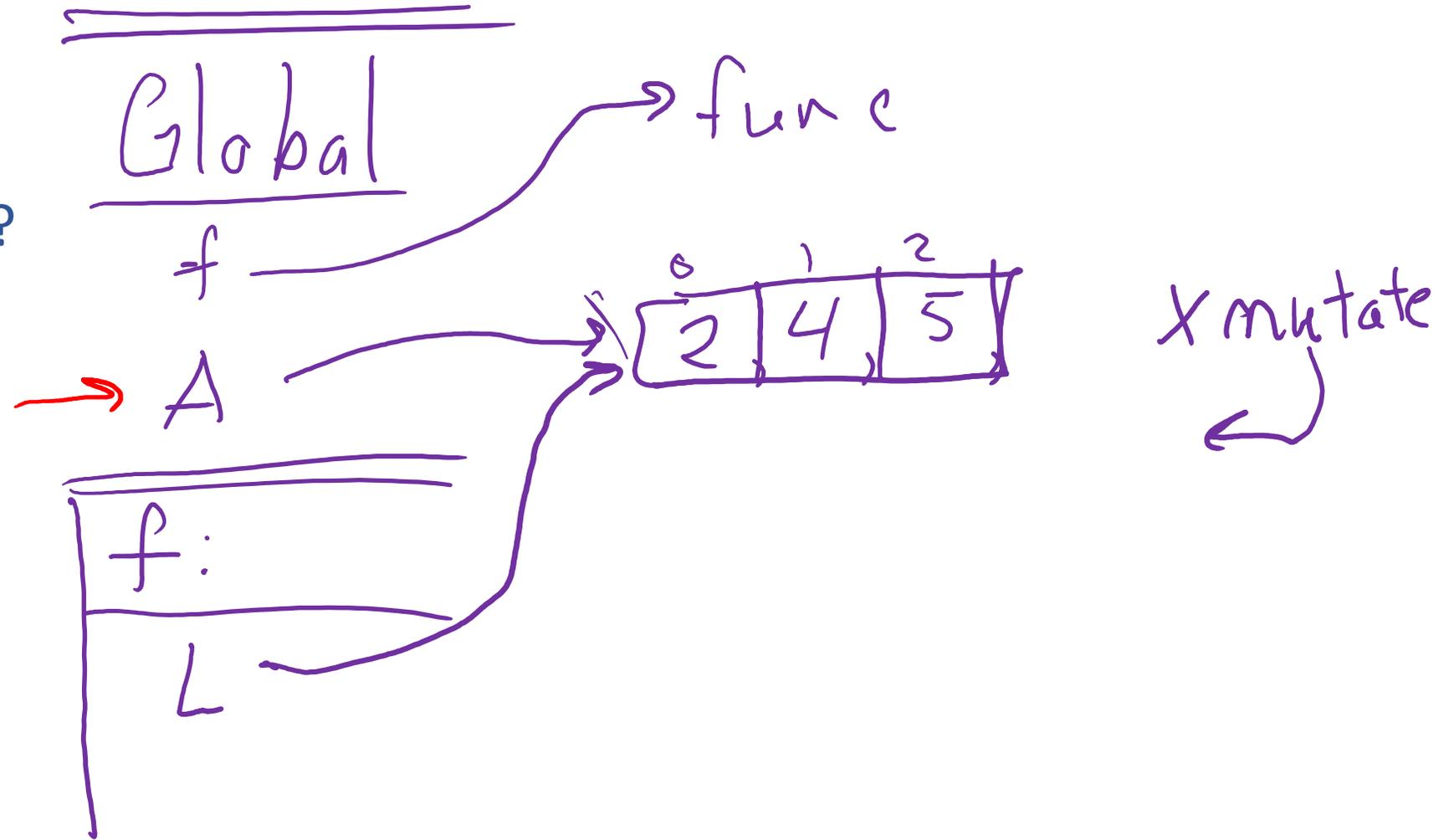
I. [2, 3, 4, 5]

II. [2, 4, 5]

III. [2, 3, 5]

IV. []

V. None



## 4.2.12 Summary of List Methods and Functions

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Some mutating vs. non-mutating list analogs, for:

```
a = ['cat', 'dog', 'pig', 'cow']
```

### Mutating (aliasing)

```
b = a
```

```
a.append('axolotl') # just the element
```

```
a.extend(['axolotl']) # watch the brackets
```

```
a += ['axolotl'] # also needs brackets
```

### Non-mutating

```
b = copy.copy(a)
```

```
b = a[:]
```

```
b = a + []
```

```
b = list(a)
```

```
a = a + ['axolotl']
```

# Caution: Mutating in Loops

Guided Exercise: removeEvens

Broken version:

```
for i in range(len(L)):
    if L[i] % 2 == 0:
        L.pop(i)
```

L = [2, 4, 6, 7]

2	4	6	7
---	---	---	---

# Caution: Mutating in Loops

## Guided Exercise: removeEvens

### Broken version:

```
for i in range(len(L)):
    if L[i] % 2 == 0:
        L.pop(i)
```

### Corrected version:

```
i = 0
while i < len(L):
    if L[i] % 2 == 0:
        L.pop(i)
    else:
        i += 1
```

$L = [2, 4, 6, 7]$

2	4	6	7
---	---	---	---

$i = 0$

$L.pop(i)$

4	6	7
---	---	---

$i = 1$

$L.pop(i)$

4	7
---	---

$i = 2$

$L[i] \% 2$

Error: Index out of range

# Poll 6

Which is best?

I. *Mutating*

```
def doubleValues(L):  
    for i in range(len(L)):  
        L[i] *= 2
```

II. *(Ok, for some design purposes)*

```
def doubleValues(L):  
    for i in range(len(L)):  
        L[i] *= 2  
    return L
```

III.

*new A*  
*non-mutating*

```
def doubleValues(L):  
    A = []  
    for item in L:  
        A.append(item*2)  
    return A
```

~~IV.~~

*Broken*

```
def doubleValues(L):  
    A = []  
    for item in L:  
        A.append(item*2)
```

# Pattern: Building up a result

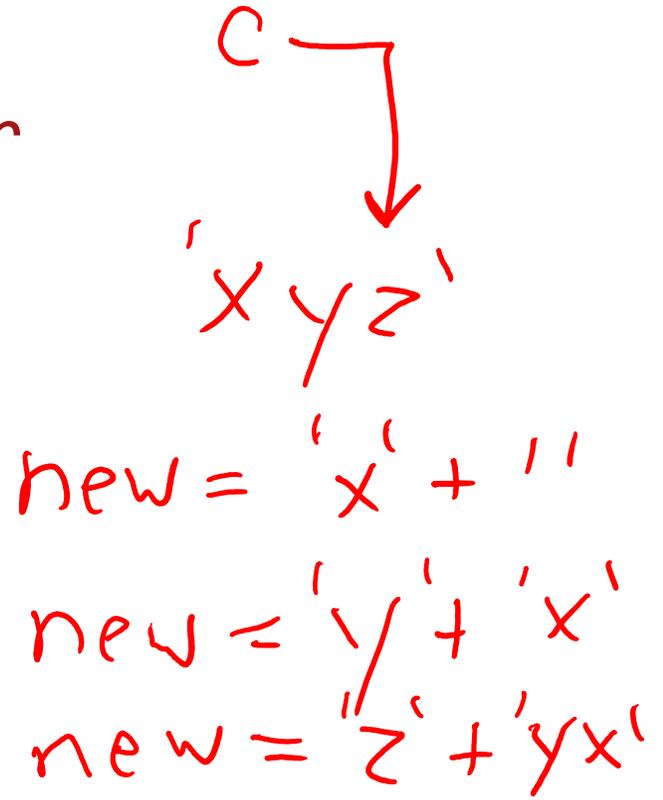
## Building up a string

### Sketch:

- Start with empty string: `result = ''`
- Loop
  - adding to string as needed: `result += nextChar`

### Example:

```
def reverseString(s):  
    newString = ''  
    for c in s:  
        newString = c + newString  
    return newString
```



# Pattern: Building up a result

## Building up a string

### Sketch:

- Start with empty string: `result = []`
- Loop
  - adding to string as needed: `result.append(nextVal)`

### Example:

```
def doubleListValues(L):  
    newList = []  
    for val in L:  
        newList.append(2*val)  
  
    return newList
```

# Poll 7

What does this print?

- I. <class 'int'>
- II. <class 'str'>
- III. <class 'list'>
- IV. <class 'tuple'>
- V. (<class 'str'>, <class 'int'>)
- VI. ERROR
- VII. I have no idea

```
def f():  
    return 'a', 3  
  
x = f()  
print(type(x))
```

# Tuples and List Comprehensions

# Tuples

Like lists but immutable

FAIL: `myTuple[0] = 99`

Simulate multiple return values

```
def sumProd(x, y):  
    return x+y, x*y
```

Multiple assignment

```
cx, cy = width/2, height/2
```

One line swapping!

```
y, x = x, y
```

Single element tuples

```
myTuple = (99,)
```

# List Comprehension

## Sample for loop

```
newList = []  
for variable in sequence:  
    newList.append(expression)
```

## Python shorthand

```
newList = [expression for variable in sequence]
```



# List Comprehension

Sample for loop (now with a filter)

```
newList = []  
for variable in sequence:  
    if condition:  
        newList.append(expression)
```

Python shorthand (now with a filter)

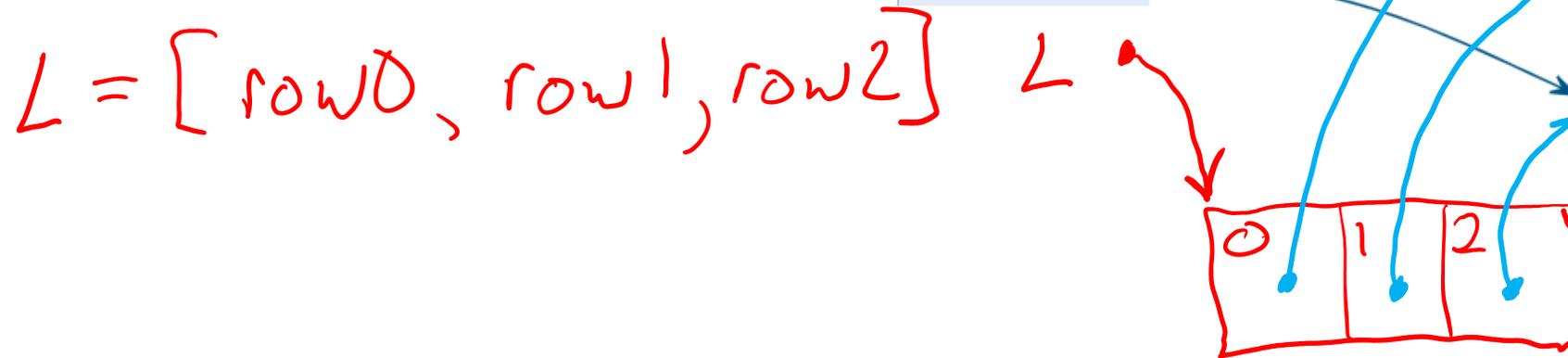
```
newList = [expression for variable in sequence if condition]
```

# 2D Lists

# We can put lists inside elements of a list

```
row0 = ['a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e']  
row1 = ['f', 'g', 'h', 'i', 'j']  
row2 = ['k', 'l', 'm', 'n', 'o']
```

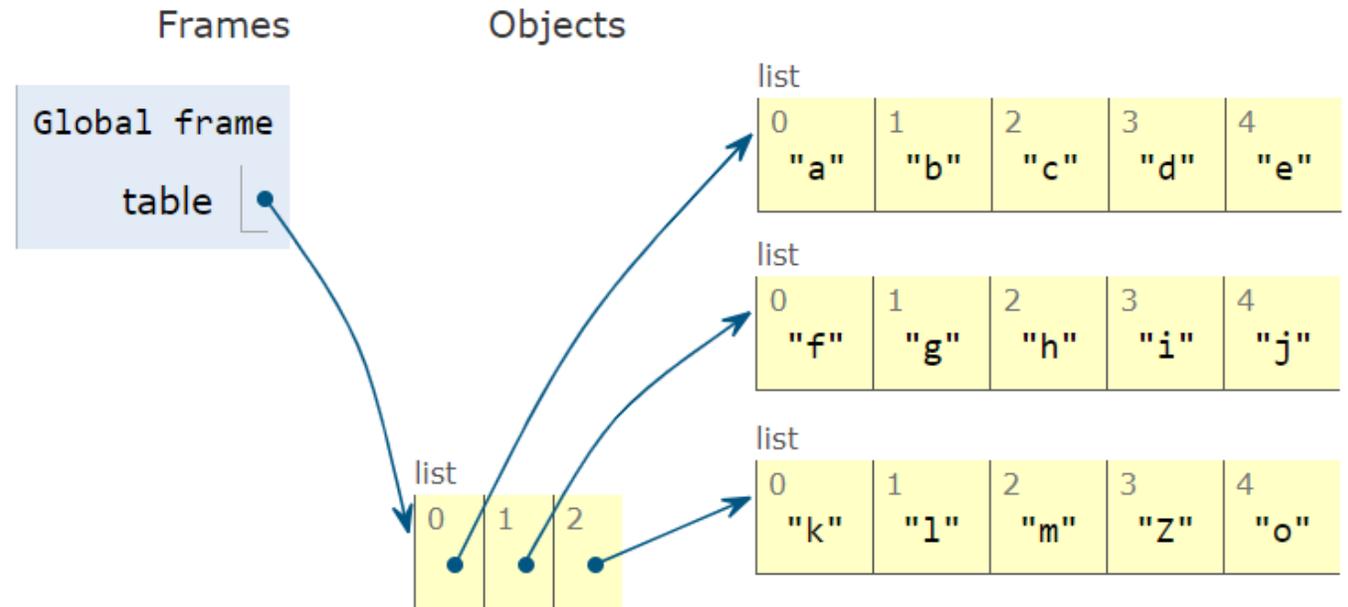
```
row2[3] = 'z'
```



# We can put lists inside elements of a list

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row0 = ['a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e']  
row1 = ['f', 'g', 'h', 'i', 'j']  
row2 = ['k', 'l', 'm', 'n', 'o']
```

```
table = [row0, row1, row2]  
table[2][3] = 'Z'
```



→ Hidden variables: global:row0, global:row1, global:row2

# Traversing 2D Lists

## Printing rectangular list

```
# Create rectangular 2D list
table = [[900, 901, 902],
         [910, 911, 912],
         [920, 921, 922]]

numRows = len(table)
numCols = len(table[0]) # Assume all rows have the same width

for i in range(numRows):
    for j in range(numCols):
        value = table[i][j]
        print(value, end=',') # Print on same row (with commas)
    print() # New line after row
```

# Traversing 2D Lists

## Printing non-rectangular (irregular) (ragged) list

```
# Create non-rectangular 2D list
table = [[900, 901],
          [910, 911, 912, 913, 914],
          [920, 921, 922]]

numRows = len(table)

for i in range(numRows):
    numCols = len(table[i])

    for j in range(numCols):
        value = table[i][j]
        print(value, end=',')
    print() # New line after row
```

```
# Simpler if we don't need indices
for row in table:
    for value in row:
        print(value, end=',')
    print() # New line after row
```

# Creating 2D Lists

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If you know the values, you can just type out the list of lists

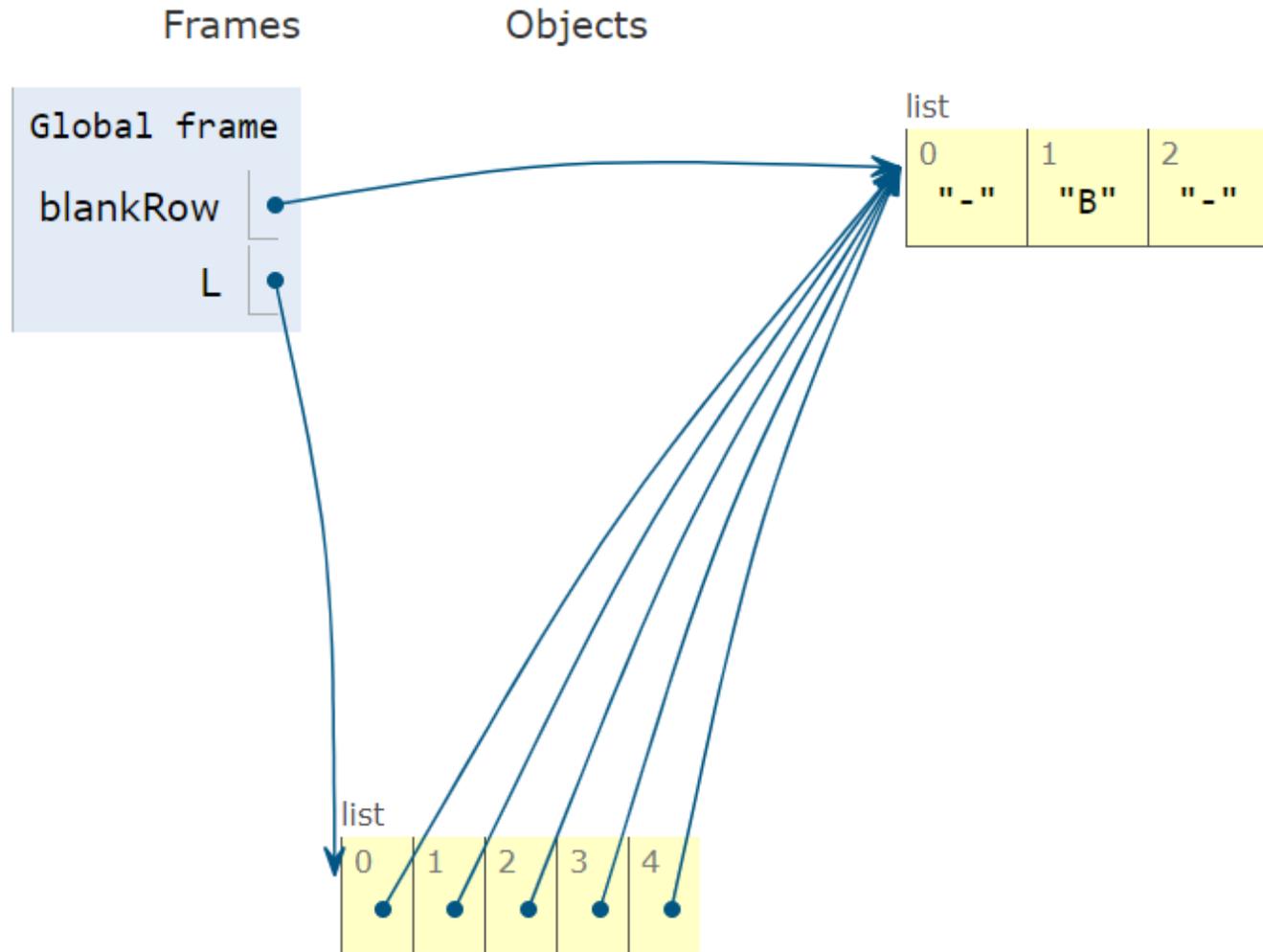
```
data = [[900, 901, 902], [910, 911, 912], [920, 921, 922]]
```

```
# Same as above but code is easier to read  
data = [[900, 901, 902],  
        [910, 911, 912],  
        [920, 921, 922]]
```

# Aliasing

Two variables are “aliases” are when they reference the exact same object

```
blankRow = ['- ', '- ', '- ']  
L = []  
L.append(blankRow)  
L.append(blankRow)  
L.append(blankRow)  
L.append(blankRow)  
L.append(blankRow)  
  
L[4][1] = 'B'
```

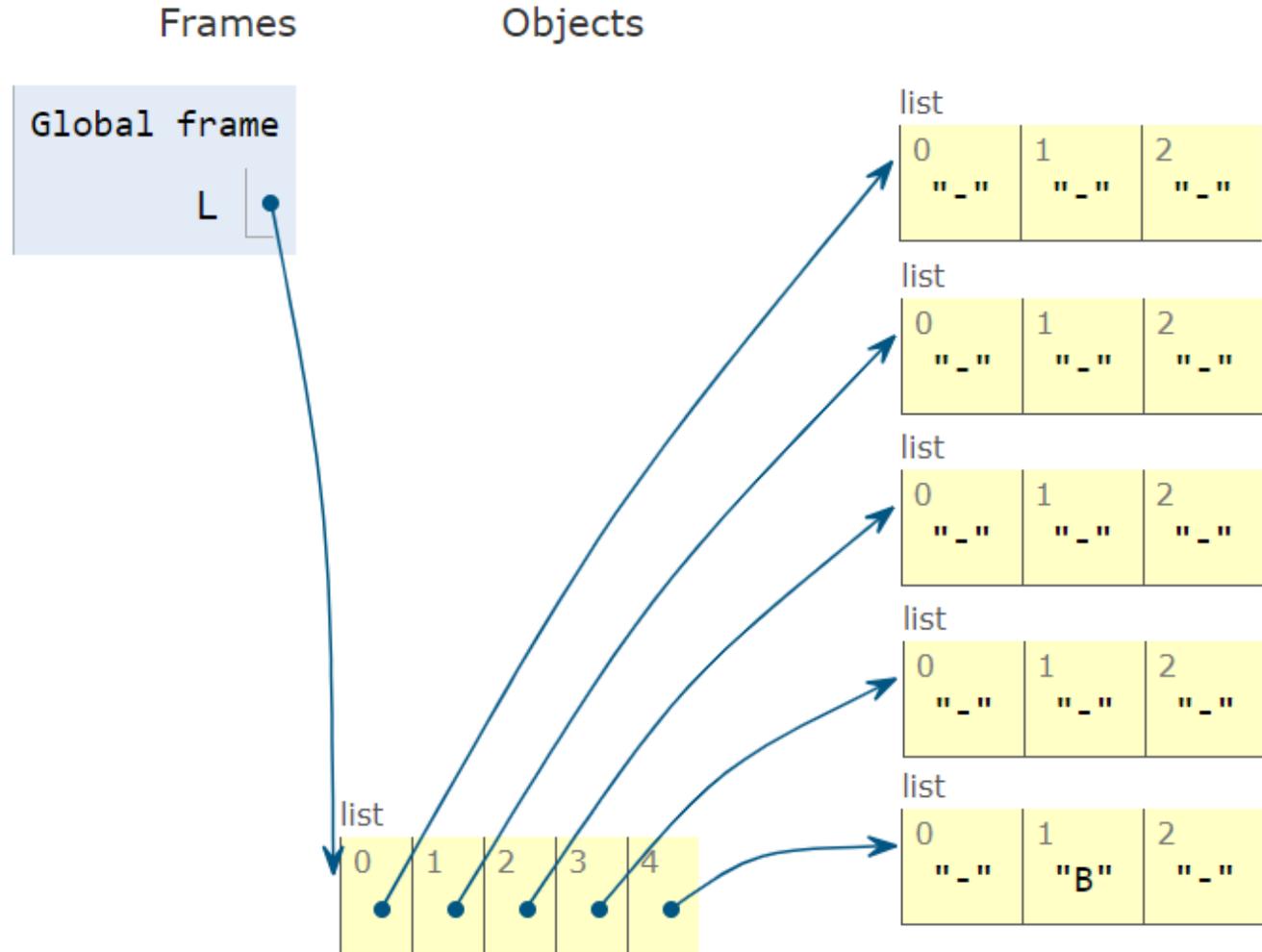


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Two variables are “aliases” are when they reference the exact same object

```
L = []
L.append(['-', '-', '-'])

L[4][1] = 'B'
```



## Poll 8

Which of these is the best code to create a blank word search board?

`numRows, numCols = 4, 3`

A. 

```
board = []
for r in range(numRows):
    board.append([' ']*numCols)
```

B. 

```
board = []
for r in range(numRows):
    cell = [' ']
    row = cell*numCols
    board.append(row)
```

C. 

```
cell = [' ']
row = cell*numCols
rowIn2DList = [row]
board = rowIn2DList*numRows
```

D. 

```
board = [[' ']*numCols]*numRows
```

# Creating 2D Lists

Options to create a "blank" 2D list

```
grid = []  
for i in range(numRows):  
    grid.append([0]*numCols)
```

Clearly loop through each location

```
grid = []  
for i in range(numRows):  
    row = []  
    for j in range(numCols):  
        row.append(0)  
    grid.append(row)
```

Fashionable Python: more concise with list comprehension

```
grid = [[0]*numCols for i in range(numRows)]
```

Be carefull!

```
board = [[0]*numCols]*numRows # Aliased!!
```

# Word Search Case Study

# Word Search

## Twilight

E	I	V	O	L	T	U	R	I	N	E	T
W	D	D	N	W	E	R	E	W	O	L	F
A	V	E	W	P	E	T	C	I	V	L	U
O	A	L	A	L	O	W	L	T	B	S	A
N	G	L	D	F	A	I	I	T	A	P	A
E	A	L	G	T	I	L	P	S	W	A	N
L	S	A	N	E	R	I	S	N	V	T	A
L	E	A	I	D	O	G	E	V	A	K	R
U	A	L	K	W	T	H	W	C	M	C	R
C	A	L	A	A	C	T	E	R	P	A	E
L	O	E	E	R	I	L	S	L	I	L	T
A	A	B	R	D	V	T	V	G	R	B	L
U	C	B	B	N	O	O	M	W	E	N	O
R	B	O	C	A	J	G	O	N	S	A	V

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# Word Search Top-down Design

## Twilight

E	I	V	O	L	T	U	R	I	N	E	T
W	D	D	N	W	E	R	E	O	L	F	
A	V	X	W	P	E	T		V	L	U	
O	A	L	A	L	O	W	L	T	B	S	A
N	G	L	D	F	A	I	I	T	A	P	A
E	A	L	G	T	I	L	P	S	W	A	N
L	S	A	N	E	R	I	S	N	V	T	A
L	E	A	I	D	O	G	E	V	A	K	R
U	A	L	K	W	T	H	W	C	M	C	R
C	A	L	A	A	C	T	E	R	P	A	E
L	O	E	E	R	I	L	S	L	I	L	T
A	A	B	R	D	V	T	V	G	R	B	L
U	C	B	B	N	O	O	M	W	E	N	O
R	B	O	C	A	J	G	O	N	S	A	V

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# Word Search Top-down Design

```
def wordSearch(grid, word):  
    gridHeight = len(grid)  
    gridWidth = len(grid[0])  
  
    for i in range(gridHeight):  
        for j in range(gridWidth):  
            if grid[i][j] != word[0]:  
                continue  
            result = searchFromPos(grid, word, i, j)  
            if result is not None:  
                return result  
  
    return None
```



A 15x10 grid of letters is shown. The first two rows are highlighted with a green border. The first row contains the letters E, I, V, O, L, T, U, R, I, N, E, T. The second row contains W, D, D, N, W, E, R, E, W, O, L, F. The cell containing the letter 'N' at row 2, column 4 is highlighted with a purple border. A green arrow points from the top right towards the 'N' cell.

E	I	V	O	L	T	U	R	I	N	E	T
W	D	D	N	W	E	R	E	W	O	L	F
A	V	E	W	P	E	T	C	I	V	L	U
O	A	L	A	L	O	W	L	T	B	S	A
N	G	L	D	F	A	I	I	T	A	P	A
E	A	L	G	T	I	L	P	S	W	A	N
L	S	A	N	E	R	I	S	N	V	T	A
L	E	A	I	D	O	G	E	V	A	K	R
U	A	L	K	W	T	H	W	C	M	C	R
C	A	L	A	A	C	T	E	R	P	A	E
L	O	E	E	R	I	L	S	L	I	L	T
A	A	B	R	D	V	T	V	G	R	B	L
U	C	B	B	N	O	O	M	W	E	N	O
R	B	O	C	A	J	G	O	N	S	A	V

# Word Search Top-down Design

```
def searchFromPos(grid, word, i, j):  
    for dir in getDirections():  
        result = searchFromPosInDir(grid, word, i, j, dir)  
        if result is not None:  
            return result
```

```
    return None
```

```
def getDirections():  
    directions = []  
    for i in (-1, 0, 1):  
        for j in (-1, 0, 1):  
            if i != 0 or j != 0:  
                directions.append((i, j))
```

```
    return directions
```

(dRow, dCol)

(-1,-1)	(-1,0)	(-1,1)
(0,-1)	(0,0)	(0,1)
(1,-1)	(1,0)	(1,1)

$[(-1,-1), (-1,0), (-1,1), (0,-1), (0,0), \dots]$

E	I	V	O	L	T	U	R	I	N
W	D	D	N	W	E	E	W	O	
A	V	E	W	E	E	C	I	V	
O	A	L	A	O	W	L	T	B	
N	G	L	D	F	A	I	I	T	A
E	A	L	G	T	I	L	P	S	W
L	S	A	N	E	R	I	S	N	V
L	E	A	I	D	O	G	E	V	A
H	A	L	K	W	T	H	W	O	

# Word Search Top-down Design

```
def searchFromPosInDir(grid, word, iStart, jStart, dir):  
    gridHeight, gridWidth = len(grid), len(grid[0])  
    i, j = iStart, jStart
```

(-1,-1)	(-1,0)	(-1,1)
(0,-1)	(0,0)	(0,1)
(1,-1)	(1,0)	(1,1)

# Can skip first position

```
i += dir[0]
```

```
j += dir[1]
```

```
for letter in word[1:]:
```

```
    if not checkBounds(i, j, gridWidth, gridHeight):
```

```
        return None
```

```
    if grid[i][j] != letter:
```

```
        return None
```

```
    i += dir[0]
```

```
    j += dir[1]
```

```
return (word, iStart, jStart, dir)
```

```
def checkBounds(i, j, width, height):  
    return (0 <= i < height) and (0 <= j < width)
```

E	I	V	O	L	T	U	R	I	N
W	D	D	N	W	E	R	E	W	O
A	V	E	W	P	E	T	C	I	V
O	A	L	A	L	O	W	L	T	B
N	G	L	D	F	A	I	I	T	A
E	A	L	G	T	I	L	P	S	W
L	S	A	N	E	R	I	S	N	V
L	E	A	I	D	O	G	E	V	A
H	A	L	K	W	T	H	W	O	

grid[2][2]  
grid[3][1]  
grid[4][0]  
grid[5][-1]