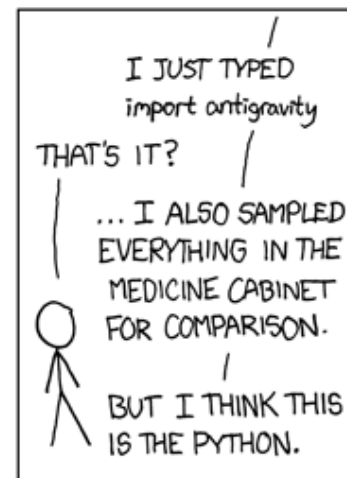
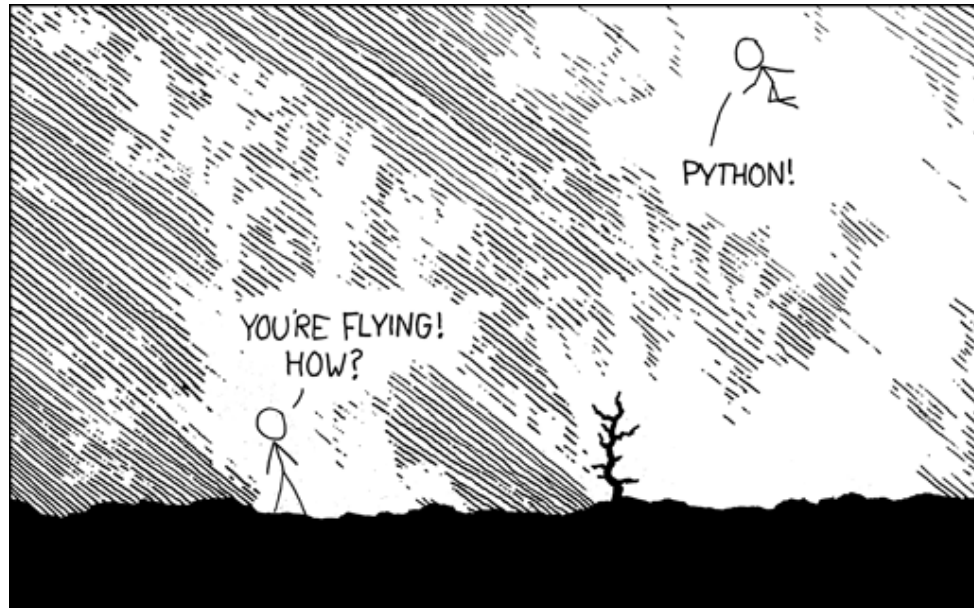


From HMMM to Python



Factorial via Recursion...

Python

```
x = input()
y = fac(x)
print y

def fac(x):
    """ recursive
        factorial! """
    if x == 0:
        return 1
    else:
        REC = fac(x-1)
        return x*REC
```

Hmmm

```
00 read r1
01 loadn r15 42
02 call r14 5
03 jump 21
04 nop
05 jnez r1 8
06 loadn r13 1
07 jumpi r14
08 storei r1 r15
09 addn r15 1
10 storei r14 r15
11 addn r15 1
12 addn r1 -1
13 call r14 5
14 addn r15 -1
15 loadi r14 r15
16 addn r15 -1
17 loadi r1 r15
18 mul r13 r13 r1
19 jumpi r14
20 nop
21 write r13
22 halt
```



This is same as `return x*f(x-1)`
but done in 2 steps...

Name (s) _____

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A. 44 B. 46 C. 47 D. 48 E. Other

Bonus Quiz!

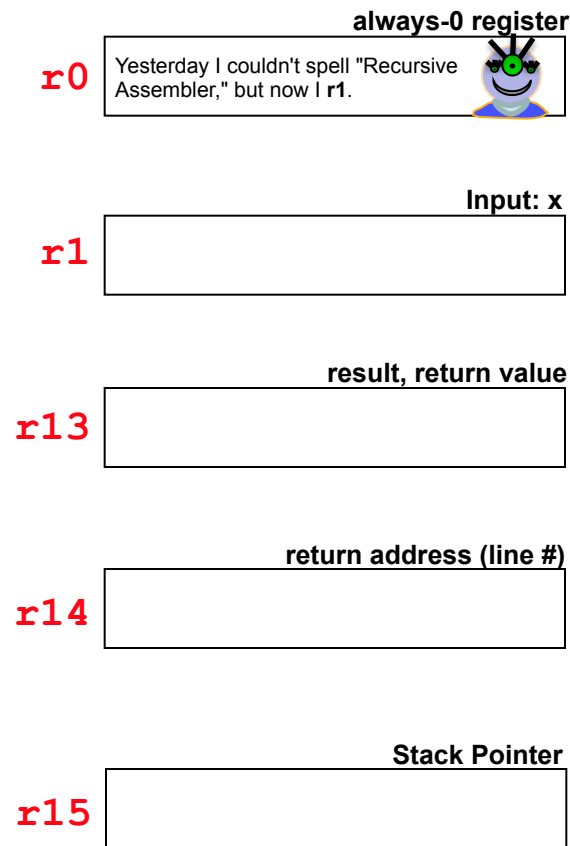
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Write down what happens in the registers and memory (the stack) as this program runs...

Program (low RAM) The input is 3.

```
00 read r1
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02 call r14 5
03 jump 21
04 nop
05 jnez r1 8
06 loadn r13 1
07 jumpi r14
08 storei r1 r15
09 addn r15 1
10 storei r14 r15
11 addn r15 1
12 addn r1 -1
13 call r14 5
14 addn r15 -1
15 loadi r14 r15
16 addn r15 -1
17 loadi r1 r15
18 mul r13 r13 r1
19 jumpi r14
20 nop
21 write r13
22 halt
```

CPU Registers
with labels



Memory (high RAM)
"the stack"

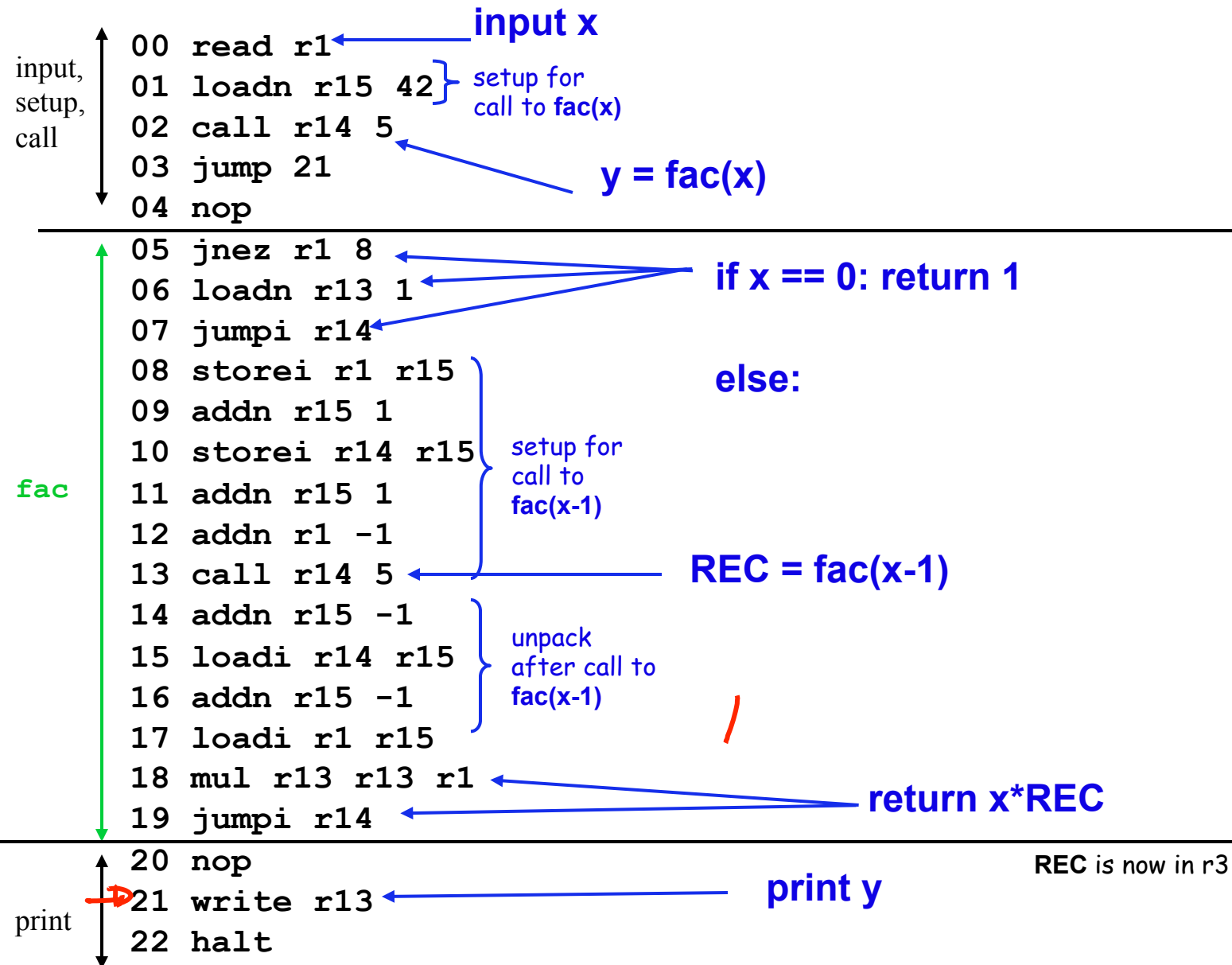
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43	<input type="text"/>
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45	<input type="text"/>
46	<input type="text"/>
47	<input type="text"/>
48	<input type="text"/>
49	<input type="text"/>
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Common Pitfalls



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Recursive Factorial!



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game

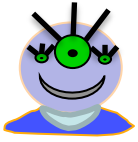
Hmmm Detectives

```
00 read r1          # get an integer from the user
                    # and hold it in register r1
01 load r2 2        # put 2 in r2
02 mul r1 r2 r1     # r1 = r1 * r2
03 loadn r3 42      # put 42 in r3
04 storei r1 r3     # store the value of r1 at memory
                    # location 42
05 load r4 42       # load the value from memory
                    # location 42 into r4
06 write r4         # write out (print) the contents of r4
07 halt            # stop here.
```

Hmmm says:

Invalid load target at pc 1: 2

Halting program execution.



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03 load r3 42       # put 42 in r3
04 storei r1 r3     # store the value of r1 at
                   # memory location 42
05 load r4 42       # load the value from memory
                   # location 42 into r4
06 write r4         # write out (print) the contents of r4
07 halt            # stop here.
```

Hmmm says:

Invalid store target at pc 4: 0

Halting program execution.



Hmmm, I'm not
sure about this
game

Hmmm Detectives

```
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                   # and hold it in register r1
01 loadn r2 2       # put 2 in r2
02 mul r1 r2 r1     # r1 = r1 * r2
03 load r3 42       # put 42 in r3
04 store r1 r3      # store the value of r1 at
                   # memory location 42
05 load r4 42       # load the value from memory
                   # location 42 into r4
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ARGUMENT ERROR:

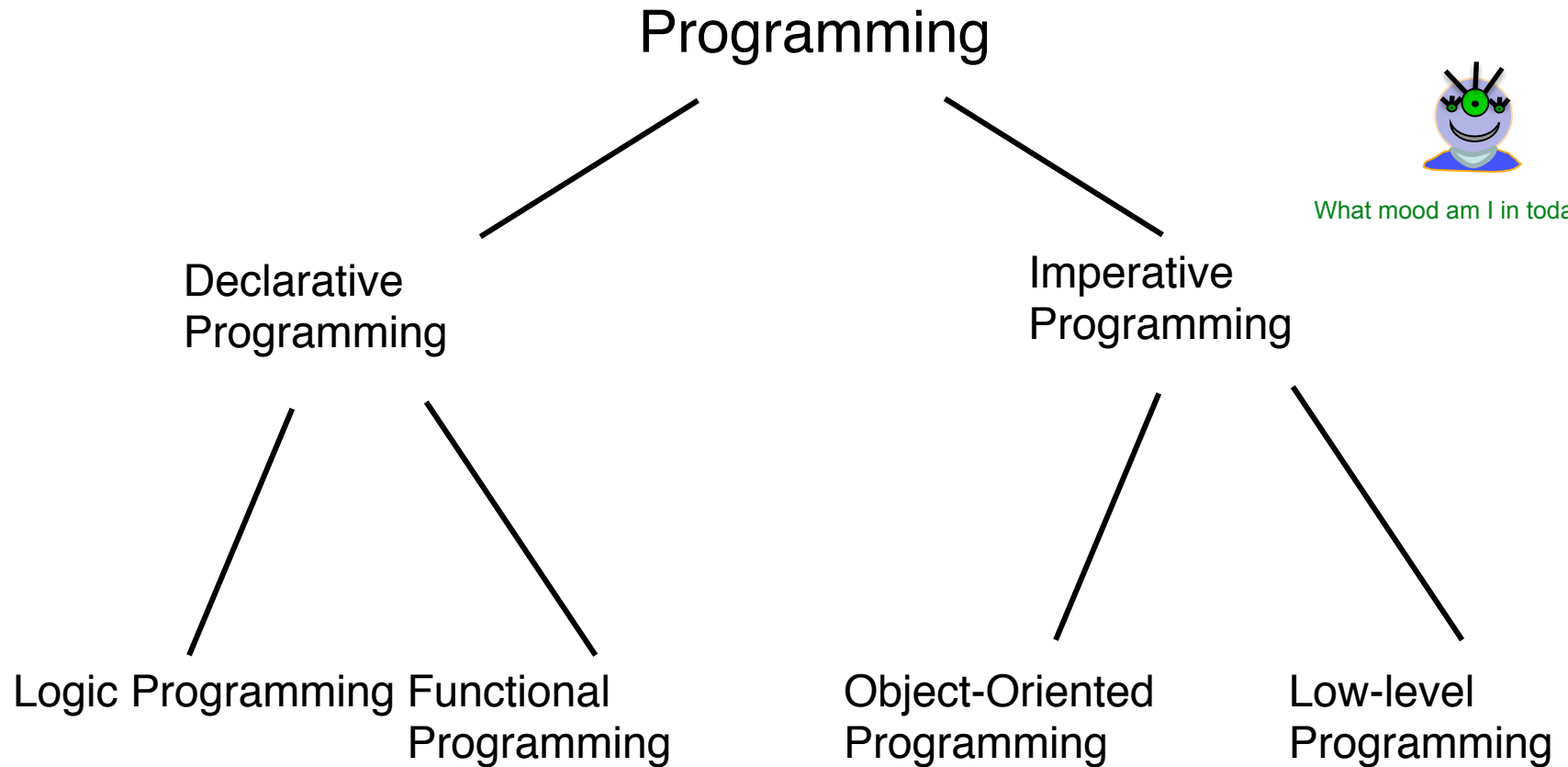
'r3' IS NOT A VALID NUMBER.

******* ASSEMBLY TERMINATED UNSUCCESSFULLY *******

ASSEMBLY RESULTS:

```
0 : 0000 0001 0000 0001      00 read r1          # get an integer from
1 : 0001 0010 0000 0010      01 loadn r2 2       # put 2 in r2
2 : 1000 0001 0010 0001      02 mul r1 r2 r1     # r1 = r1 * r2
3 : 0001 0011 0010 1010      03 loadn r3 42      # put 42 in r3
4 : ***ARGUMENT ERROR HERE*** 04 store r1 r3      # store the value of
5 : 0010 0100 0010 1010      05 load r4 42       # load the value from
6 : 0000 0100 0000 0010      06 write r4         # write out (print)
7 : 0000 0000 0000 0000      07 halt            # stop here.
```

Taxonomy of Programming Models



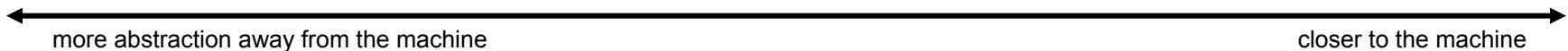
What mood am I in today?

Prolog

Racket

Python

Hmmm



More Powerful Languages...

Functional Languages

Simple, elegant syntax
“Bootstrapping”
No “side effects”
No: `for`, `while`, `=`

Imperative Languages

“Large” syntax
“What’s bootstrapping?”
Major “side effects”
Yes: `for`, `while`, `=`

More Powerful Languages...

Functional Languages

Simple, elegant syntax
Few or no “side effects”
No: `for`, `while`, `=`

ML, Lisp, Scheme,
Haskell, Python

Imperative Languages

“Large” syntax
“Side effects” are how you get things done
Yes: `for`, `while`, `=`

Java, C, C++, Pascal,
Fortran, Python

Legal disclaimer:

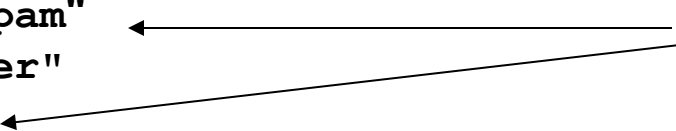
Python can be viewed as “functional” if we restrict our attention to a subset of its syntax. May not be considered functional in some states.

demo!

Beyond Integers...

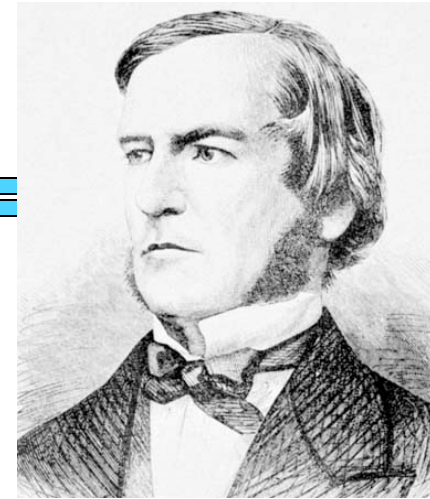
```
>>> 3/4
0
>>> 3.0/4
0.75
>>> 3+2j
(3+2j)
>>> (3+2j)*(1-j)
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in ?
NameError: name 'j' is not defined
>>> (3+2j)*(1-1j)
(5-1j)
>>> S = "spam"
>>> S + "mer"
'spammer'
>>> 3*S
'spamspamspam'
>>> S*3
'spamspamspam'
>>> len(S)
4
```

single quotes and double quotes are the same!



Booleans

```
>>> 3 == 1+2
True
>>> 42 == "spam"
False
>>> True == 1
True
>>> False == 0
True
>>> True + 5
6
```



George Boole
1815-1864



string functions

<code>str</code>	<code>str(42)</code> returns <code>'42'</code>	converts input to a string
<code>len</code>	<code>len('42')</code> returns <code>2</code>	returns the string's length
<code>+</code>	<code>'XL' + 'II'</code> returns <code>'XLII'</code>	<i>concatenates</i> strings
<code>*</code>	<code>'VI'*7</code> returns <code>'VIVIVIVIVIVIVI'</code>	<i>repeats</i> strings

Given these strings

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} s1 = "ha" \\ s2 = "t" \end{array} \right.$$

What are

`s1 + s2`

`2*s1 + s2 + 2*(s1+s2)`

What did you say!?!



String surgery

s = **'harvey mudd college'**
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18

s [**↑**] *indexes* into the string, returning a one-character string
index ↓

s [**0**] returns **'h'** Read "s-of-zero" or "s-zero"

s [**6**] returns

s [] returns **'e'** Which index returns 'e'?

s [**len(s)**] returns

Negative indices...

```
      0  1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18
s = 'harvey mudd college'
```

Diagram illustrating the mapping of negative indices to the string "harvey mudd college". The string is shown with its positive indices (0-18) above and negative indices (-19 to -2) below. Vertical lines connect the characters to their corresponding indices.

Index	Character
0	h
1	a
2	r
3	v
4	e
5	y
6	
7	m
8	u
9	d
10	d
11	
12	c
13	o
14	l
15	l
16	e
17	g
18	e

Negative indices count *backwards* from the end!

`s[-1]` returns `'e'`

`s[-11]` returns

`s[-0]` returns

Python can suit
any mood...



Slicing

what to do if you want a
bigger piece of the pie!



```
s = 'harvey mudd college'
```

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18

`s [:]` slices the string, returning a substring

What's going on here?

`s[0:6]` returns 'harvey'

`s[12:18]` returns 'colleg'

`s[17:]` returns 'ge'

`s[:]` returns 'harvey mudd college'

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the first index is the first character of the slice

the second index is **ONE AFTER** the last character

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a missing index means the end of the string

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```

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`s[:]` *slices* the string, returning a substring

What are these slices?

```
s[15:-1]
```

```
s[:]
```

How would you get

```
'mud'
```

```
'e'
```

Lists ~ Strings *of anything*

Commas
separate
elements.

```
L = [ 3.14, [2,40], 'third', 42 ]
```

Square brackets tell python you want a list.

`len(L)`

`L[0]`

`L[0:1]`

Indexing: could return a different type

Slicing: always returns the same type

How could you
extract from L

`'hi'`

disclaimer: lists are also arrays...

Skip-Slicing

if you don't want your neighbor to get any...



```
s = 'harvey mudd college'
```

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18

`s[: :]` *skip-slices*, returning a subsequence
the third index is the "stride" length

it defaults to 1

`s[0:8:2]` returns `'hre'`

What skip-slice returns `'doe'`

What does this return? `s[1::6]`

I love this one.



Name(s): _____

Raising and razing lists

"Quiz"

```
pi = [3,1,4,1,5,9]
```

```
Q = [ 'pi', "isn't", [4,2] ]
```

```
message = 'You need parentheses for chemistry !'
```



I ♥ ()

Part 1

What are $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{len}(pi) \\ \text{len}(Q) \\ \text{len}(Q[1]) \end{array} \right.$

What slice of `pi` is `[3,1,4]`

What slice of `pi` is `[3,4,5]`

⋮

What are

```
pi[0] * (pi[1] + pi[2])
```

and

```
pi[0] * (pi[1:2] + pi[2:3])
```

Part 2

What are $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} Q[0] \\ Q[0:1] \\ Q[0][1] \\ Q[1][0] \end{array} \right.$

What is `message[9:15]`

What is `message[:5]`

Extra! Mind Muddlers

What is `pi[pi[2]]`?

How many nested `pi`'s before `pi[...pi[0]...]` produces an error? ⋮

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{	<code>len(pi)</code>	A. 6, 3, 1
	<code>len(Q)</code>	B. 5, 2, 2
	<code>len(Q[1])</code>	C. 6, 4, 2
		D. 6, 3, 5
		E. 5, 3, 4

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B. `pi[1:3]`, `pi[1:5:2]`

C. `pi[0:3]`, `pi[0:5:2]`

D. `pi[0:3:2]`, `pi[1:6:2]`

E. `pi[1:5:2]`, `pi[0:5:1]`

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What slice of `pi` is `[3,1,4]`

B. "141414", 15

C. 15, 15

What slice of `pi` is `[3,4,5]`

D. 15, [1, 4, 1, 4, 1, 4]

E. 12, "141414"

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What is `message[:5]`

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Static vs. Dynamic Typing

type determined at **run** time

Python is **dynamically** typed
Java is **statically** typed

↑ type determined at **compile** time

```
>>> x = 5
>>> x = "hello"
>>> x = 3.5
```

```
>>> x = 4
>>> y = "2"
>>> x + y
```

Traceback (most recent call last):

File "<pyshell#2>", line 1, in <module>

x + y

TypeError: unsupported operand type(s) for +: 'int' and 'str'

```
>>> str(x) + y
"42"
>>> x + int(y)
6
```

← type casting



I hate being type cast!

The **in** thing



```
>>> 3*'i' in 'alien' ← python is badly confused here...
```

```
False
```

```
>>> 'i' in 'team'
```

```
False
```



but otherwise it seems pretty perceptive!

```
>>> 'cs' in 'physics'
```

```
True
```

```
>>> 'sleep' not in 'CS 42'
```

```
True
```

```
>>> 42 in [41,42,43]
```

```
True
```

a little bit different for lists...

```
>>> 42 in [ [42], '42' ]
```

```
False
```

Functioning in Python

Some basic, built-in functions:

abs	absolute value		
max	} of lists	these change data from one type to another	bool
min			float
sum			int
range	creates lists		long
round	only as accurately as it can!		list
			str

These are the most important:

help

dir

You call
that a
language?!



Functioning in Python

Far more are available in separate files, or *modules*:

```
import math
```

accesses `math.py`'s functions

```
math.sqrt( 1764 )
```

```
dir(math)
```

lists all of `math.py`'s functions

```
from math import *
```

same, but without typing `math.`
all of the time...

```
pi
```

```
sin( pi/2 )
```

help()
help modules

Functioning in Python

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    """ returns double its input, x """  
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keywords

`def` starts the function
`return` stops it immediately
and sends back the return value

Comments

They begin with `#`

Some of Python's *baggage*...

Docstrings

They become part of python's **built-in help system!**
With each function be sure to include one that

- (1) describes overall what the function does, and
- (2) explains what the inputs mean/are

Functioning in Python

```
def undo(s):  
    """ this "undoes" its string input, s """  
    return 'de' + s
```

```
>>> undo('caf')
```

```
>>> undo(undo('caf'))
```

if, elif, else...

```
def foo(x):  
    """This function demonstrates the use  
    of if, elif, and else"""  
    if x > 0 and x < 42:  
        return "Small"  
    elif x >= 42 and x < 100:  
        return "Nice!"  
    elif 100 <= x < 200:    # <- Funky!  
        return "Big"  
    else:  
        print "That was one nasty number!"  
        return "Yuck!"
```



Notice how lines with the same level of indentation are in the same code block!

Mutable vs. Immutable data

Changeable types:

`dictionary`

`list`

Unchangeable types:

`tuple`

`float`

`string`

`bool`

`int`



What's a dictionary?

I guess I'll have to look it up!

Functions and (immutable) Variables

```
def fact(a):  
    result = 1  
    while a > 0:  
        result *= a  
        a -= 1  
    return result
```

```
>>> x = 5  
>>> y = fact(x)  
>>> x  
??
```

Functions and (immutable) Variables

The fine print: This is not the “truth”... but it's close enough

```
def swap(a, b):  
    temp = a  
    a = b  
    b = temp
```

```
>>> x = 5  
>>> y = 10  
>>> swap(x, y)  
>>> print x, y  
??
```

x

y

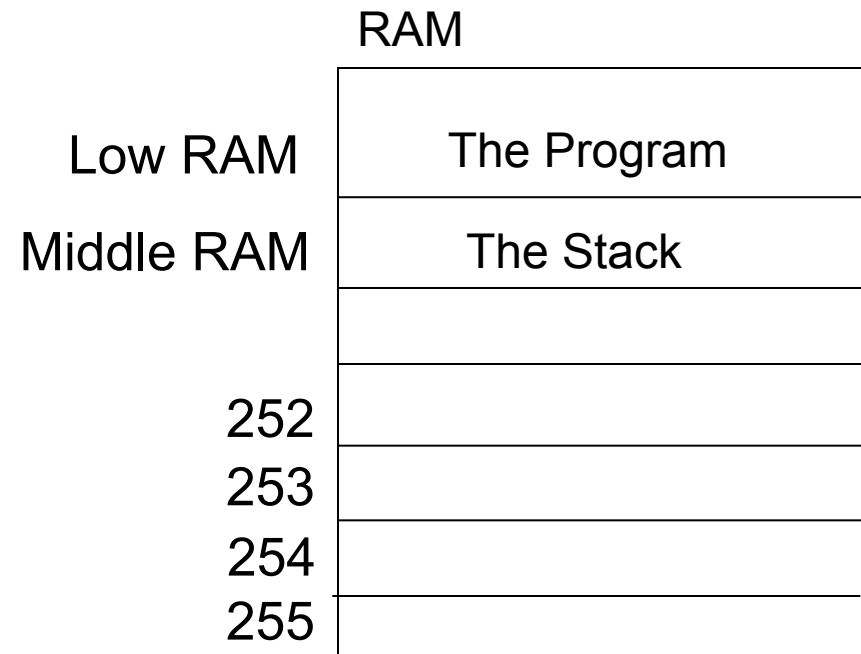
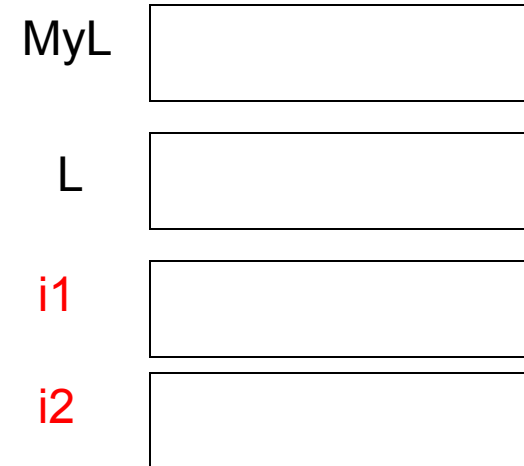
a

b

temp

Functions and Mutable Types

```
def swap(L, i1, i2):  
    temp = L[i1]  
    L[i1] = L[i2]  
    L[i2] = temp  
  
>>> MyL = [2, 3, 4, 1]  
>>> swap(myL, 0, 3)  
>>> print myL  
??
```



Reference vs. Value

Mutable types:

dictionary

list

Immutable types:

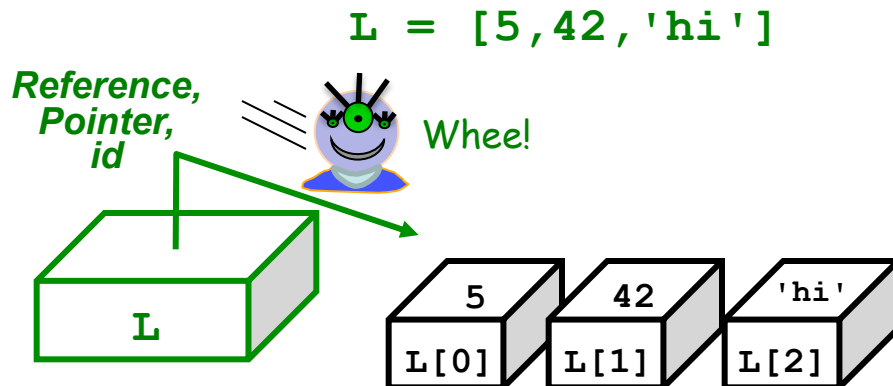
tuple

float

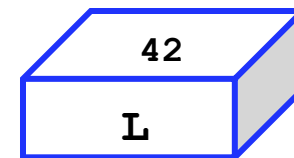
string

bool

int

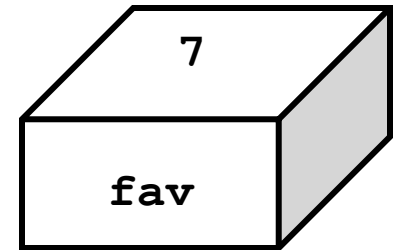


`L = 42`

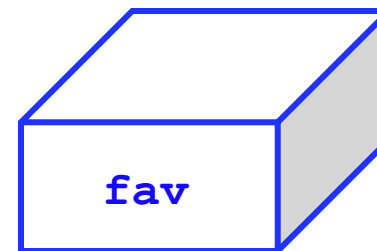


“Pass By Value”

```
def main()  
    """ calls conform """  
    print " Welcome to Conformity, Inc. "  
  
    fav = 7  
    conform(fav)  
  
    print " My favorite number is", fav
```

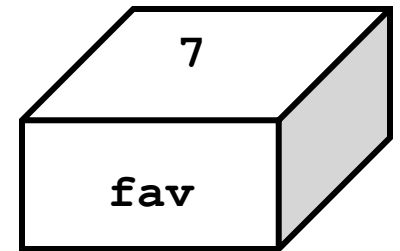


```
def conform(fav)  
    """ sets input to 42 """  
    fav = 42  
    return fav
```



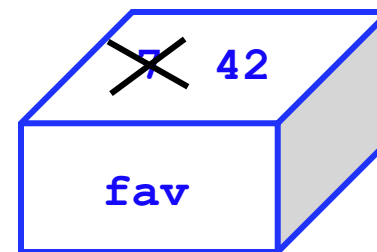
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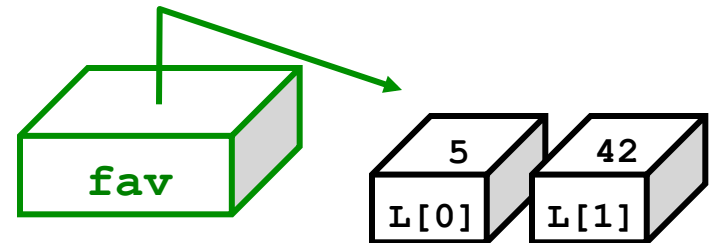
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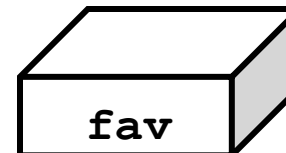
“Pass by value” means that data is **copied** when sent to a method

Passing *lists* by value...

```
def main()  
    """ calls conform2 """  
    print " Welcome to Conformity, Inc. "  
    fav = [ 7, 11 ]  
    conform2(fav)  
    print " My favorite numbers are", fav
```



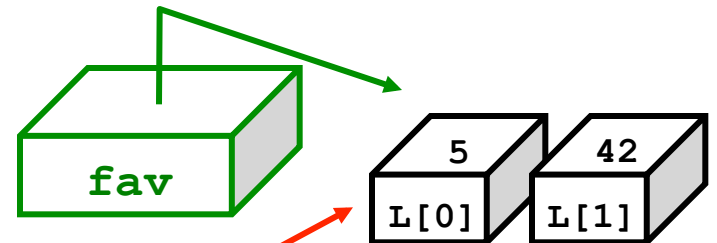
```
def conform2(fav)  
    """ sets all of fav to 42 """  
    fav[0] = 42  
    fav[1] = 42
```



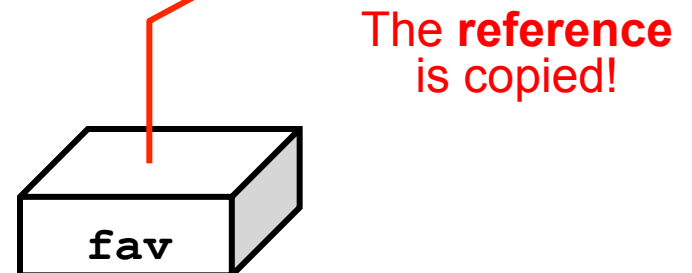
**What gets passed
by value here?**

Passing *lists* by value...

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    print " My favorite numbers are", fav
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```



can change data elsewhere!

The conclusion

You can change **the contents of lists** in functions that take those lists as input.

(actually, lists or any mutable objects)

Those changes will be visible **everywhere**.

(immutable objects are safe, however)