

Work with your neighbor. (This will be graded for participation only.)

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1. What is a reference? If a variable  $x$  is a reference to a list (array), does  $x$  actually contain the list?

**ANS:**

Every data value (or object) has a unique identity number. We call the unique identity number a *reference*. (You can think of this as the address of the object in memory.)

If  $x$  is a list, then  $x$  does not contain the list. The list's identity number (reference) is stored in  $x$ .

2. We said that the line of code

$x = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]$

is executed in two steps. What are these steps?

**ANS:**

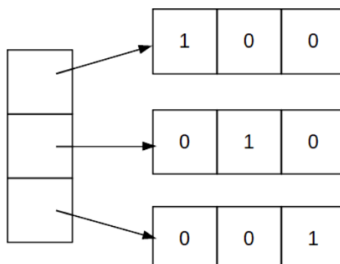
- i. Construct the list in memory somewhere
- ii. Store a reference to this list in  $x$  (i.e., store the identity number of the list in  $x$ )

3. Draw the data structure diagram (that is, the reference diagram) for the following:

$[ [1, 0, 0], [0, 1, 0], [0, 0, 1] ]$

Discuss with your group. Make sure everyone can see the diagram and that you agree on the diagram!

**ANS:**

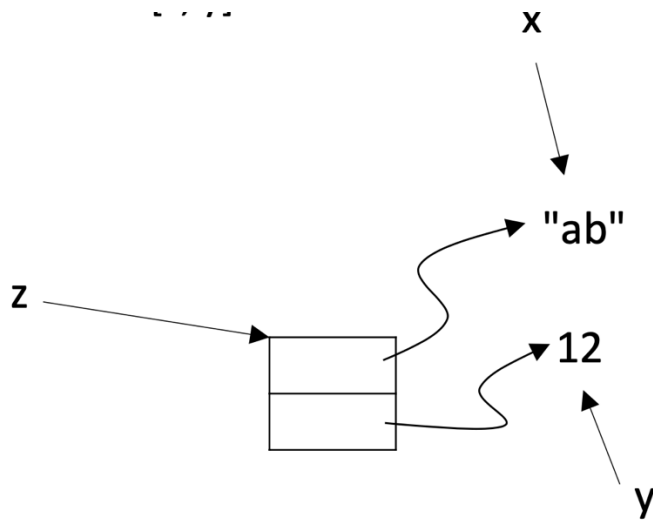


4. Draw the diagrams for the following:

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x, y = "ab", 12
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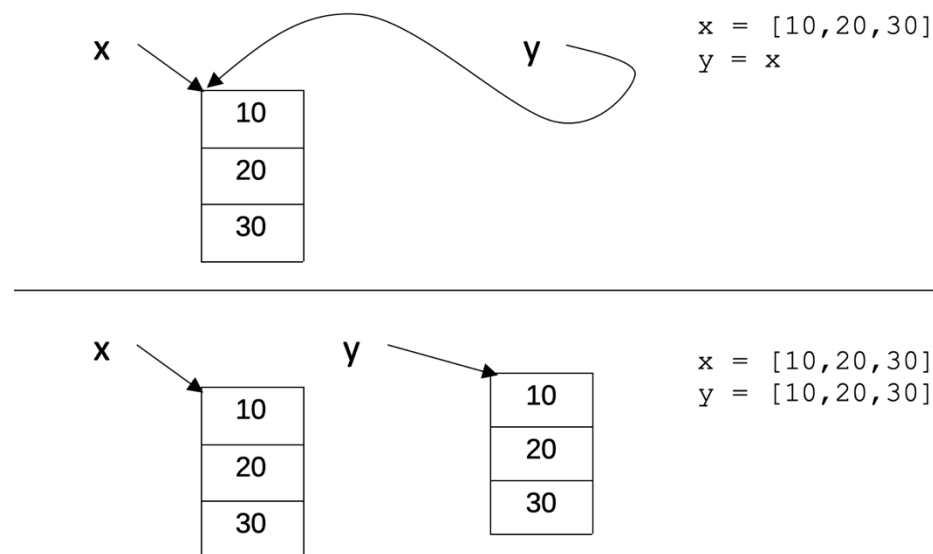
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z = [x, y]
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ANS:

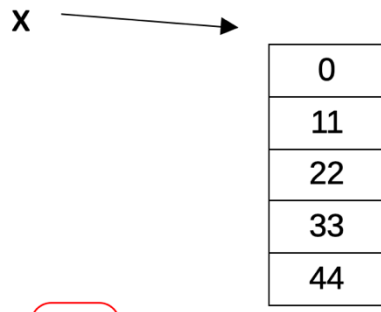


5. Slide 24: Write the code that produces the two different diagrams.

ANS:



6. Slide 27: Write the code that produces the diagram shown.



**ANS:**

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x = []  
  
for i in range(5):  
    x.append(i*11)
```

7. Slide 28: What is the diagram for z?

**ANS:**

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>>> x = [10, 20, 30]    # a list containing 3 values  
>>> y = ["ab", "cd"]    # a list containing 2 values  
>>> z = [x, y]          # a list containing 2 values
```

