Lecture 10

Memory in Python

Announcements For This Lecture

Reading

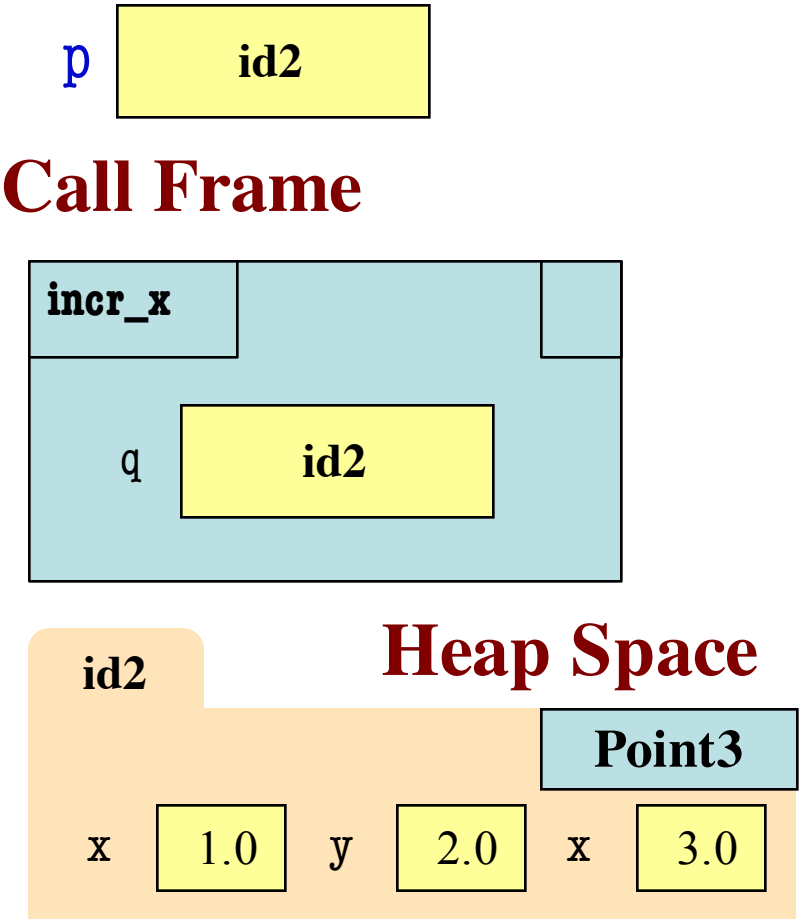
- Reread all of Chapter 3

Assignments

- Work on your revisions
  - Want done by Sunday
- **Survey**: 445 responded
  - Remaining do by tomorrow
  - **Avg Time**: 6.5 hours
  - **STD Dev**: 4 hours
- Assignment 2 also Sunday
  - Scan and submit online
- Assignment 3 up Monday

Modeling Storage in Python

- **Global Space**
  - What you "start with"
  - Stores global variables
  - Also **modules & functions!**
  - Lasts until you quit Python
- **Call Frame**
  - Variables in function call
  - Deleted when call done
- **Heap Space**
  - Where "folders" are stored
  - Have to access indirectly



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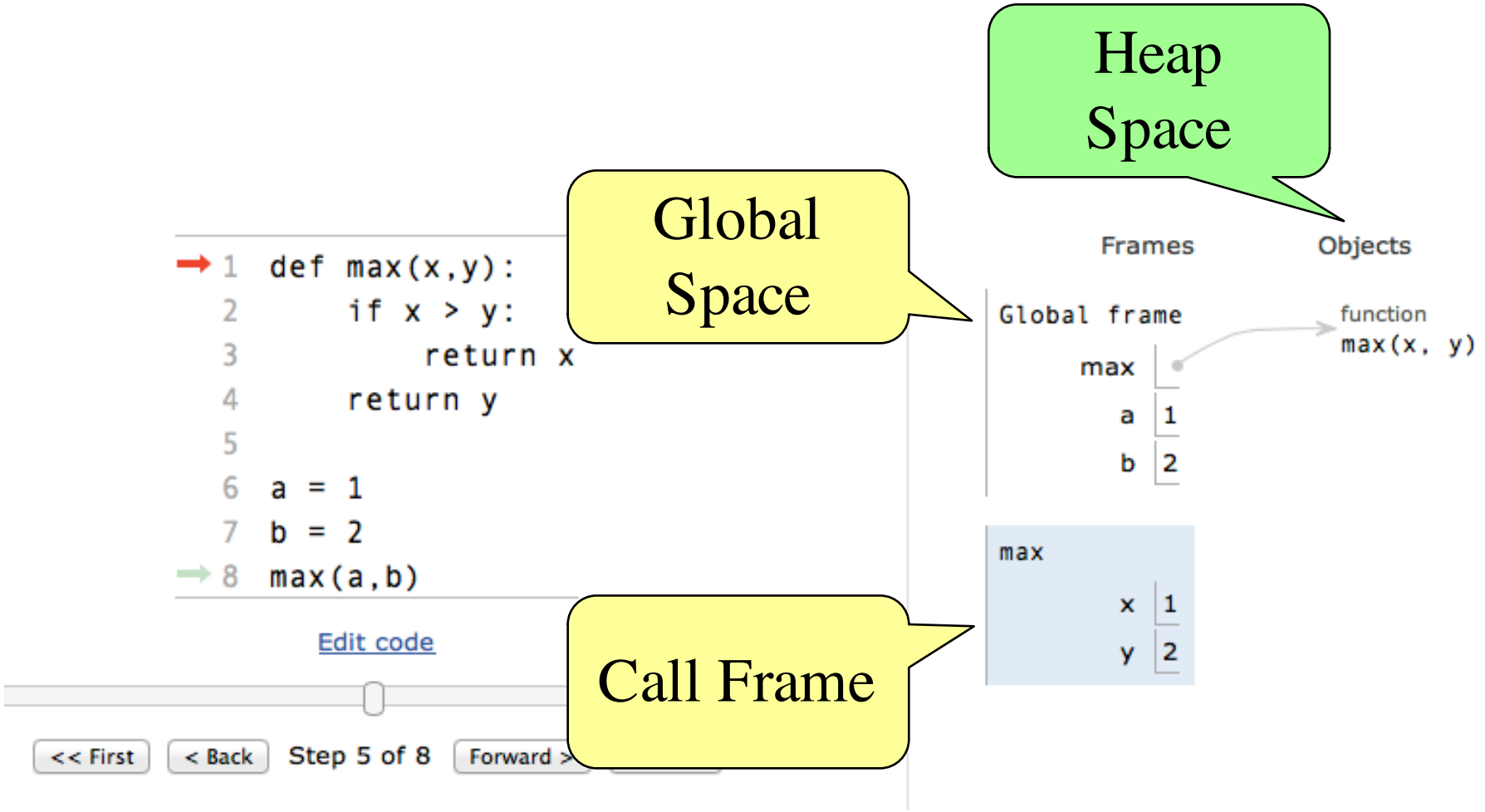

Functions and Global Space

- A function definition…
  - Creates a global variable (same name as function)
  - Creates a **folder** for body
  - Puts folder id in variable
- Variable vs. Call

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<fun to_centigrade at 0x100498de8>
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0.0
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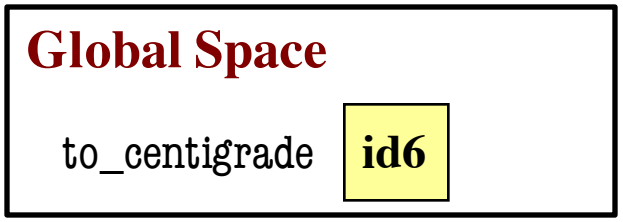
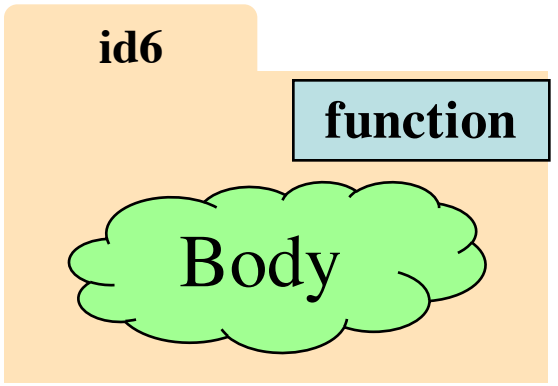
Body





Modules and Global Space

- Importing a module:
  - Creates a global variable (same name as module)
  - Puts contents in a **folder**
    - Module variables
    - Module functions
  - Puts folder id in variable
- **from** keyword dumps contents to global space

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import math
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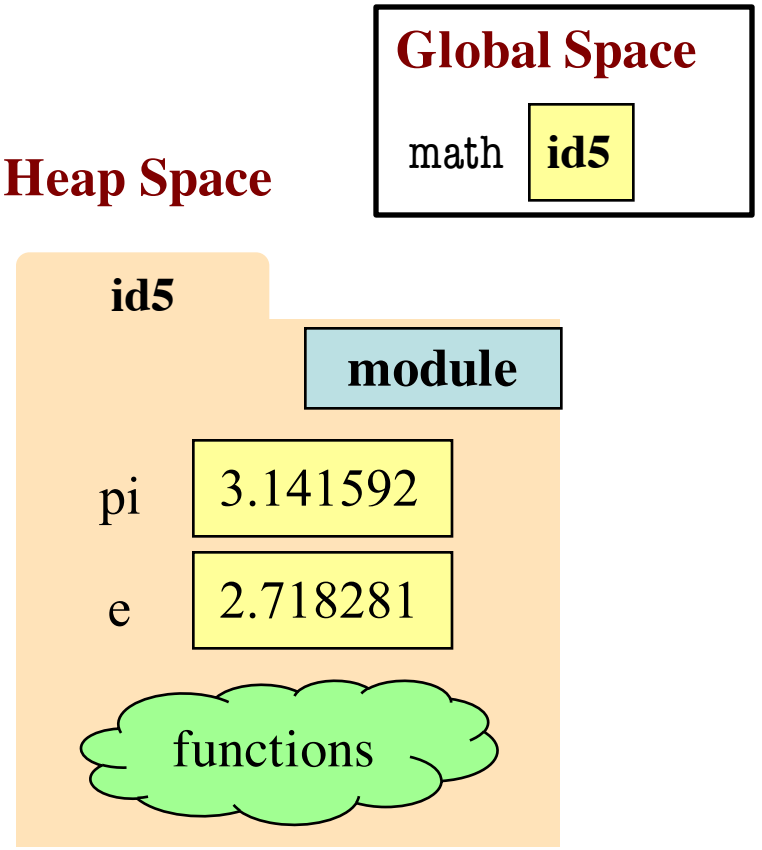

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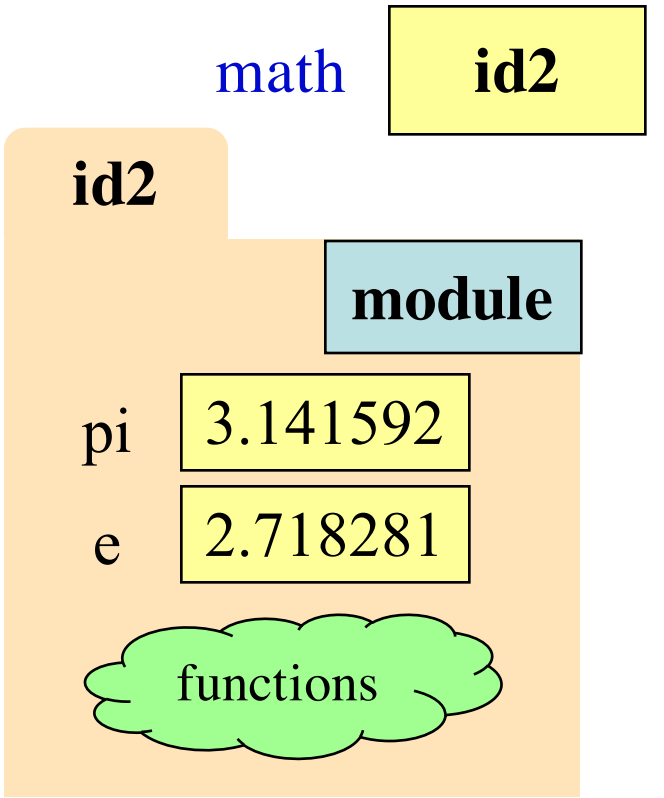

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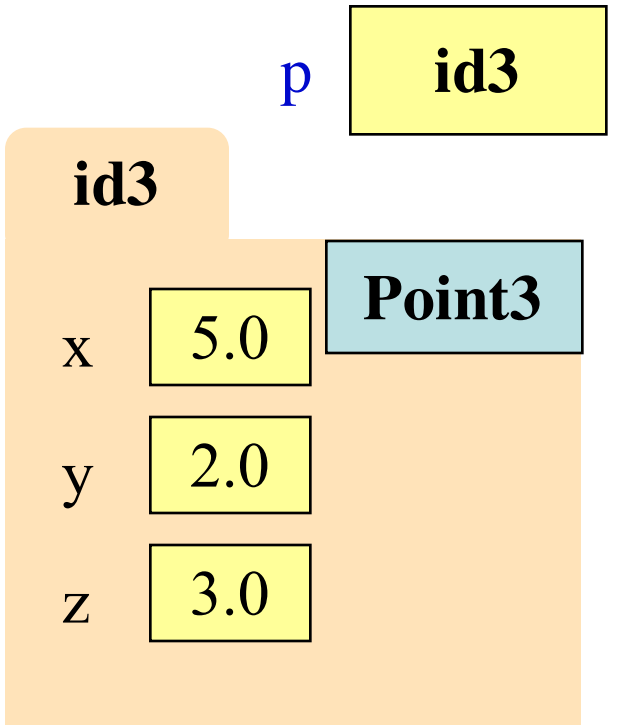

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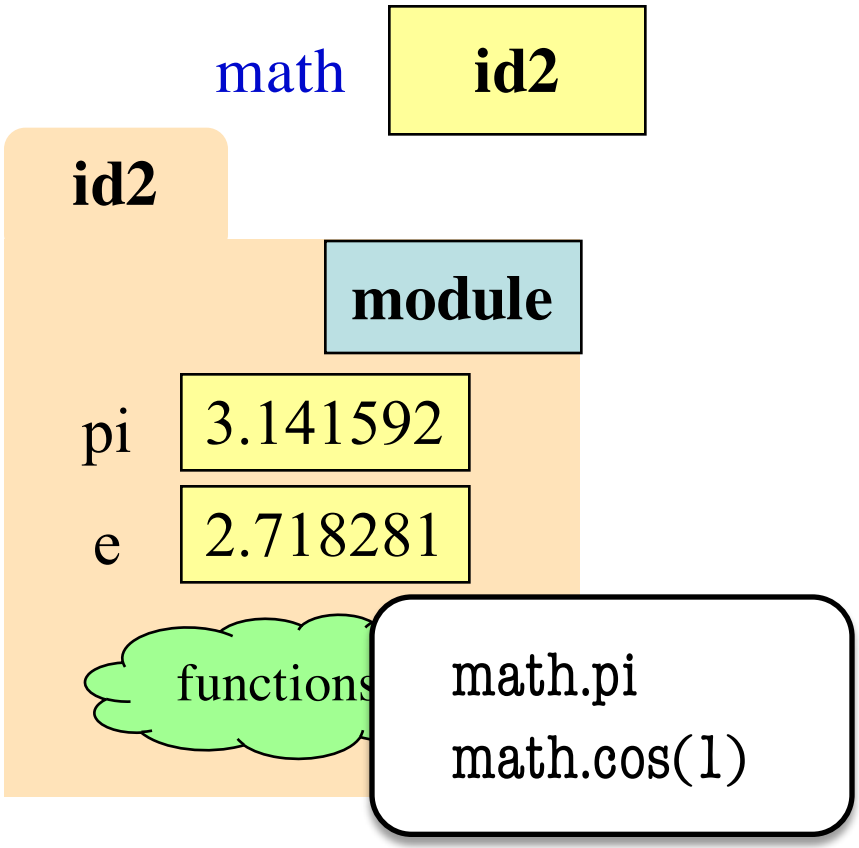

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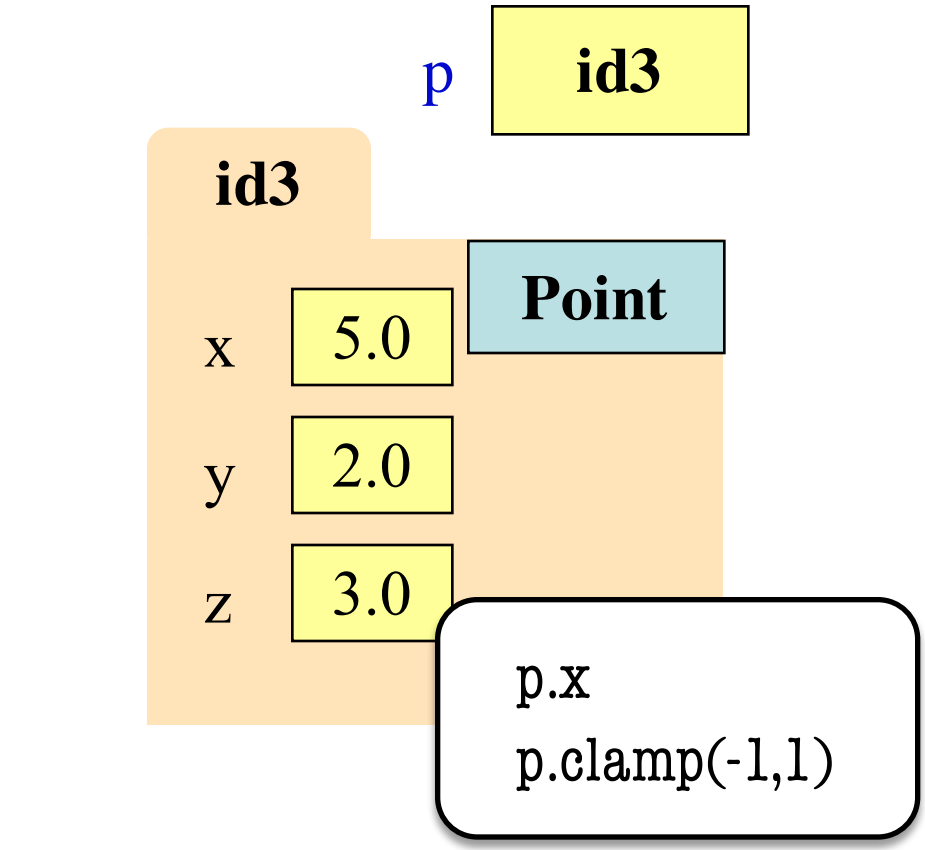

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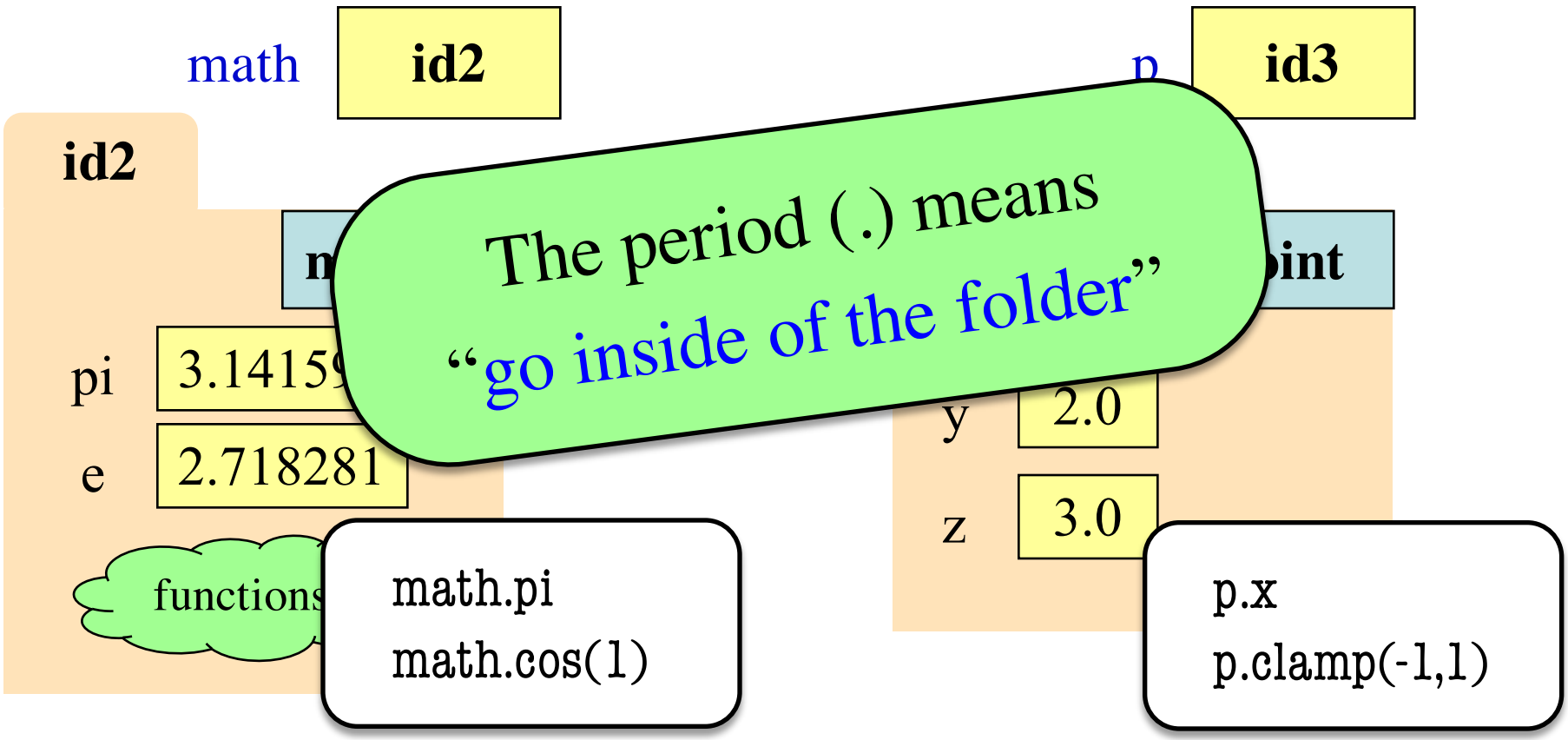

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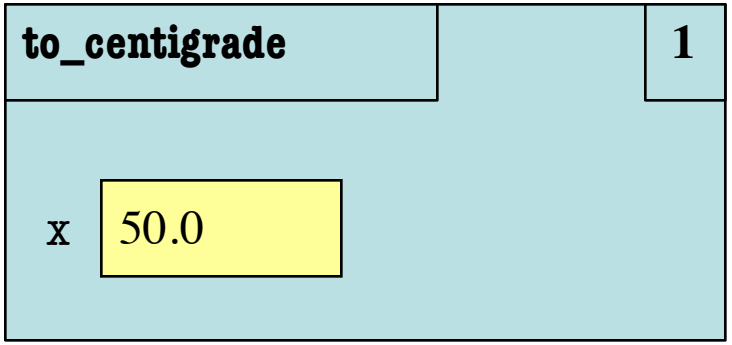

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Only at the End!

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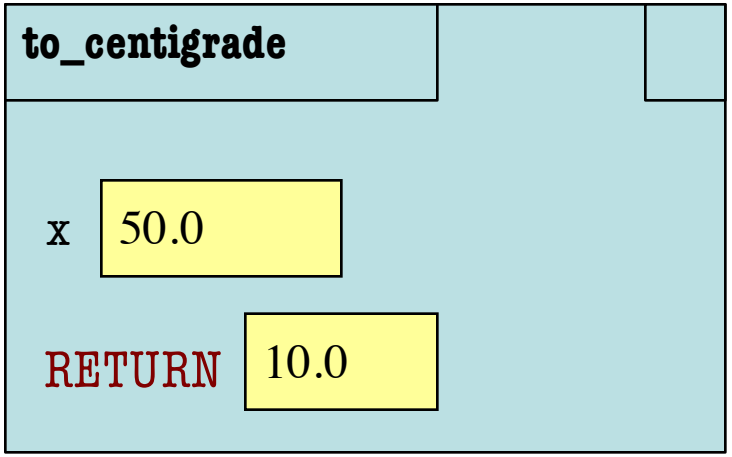

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But don't actually erase on an exam

Aside: What Happens Each Frame Step?

- The instruction counter **always** changes
- The contents only **change** if
  - You add a new variable
  - You change an existing variable
  - You delete a variable
- If a variable refers to a **mutable object**
  - The contents of the folder might change

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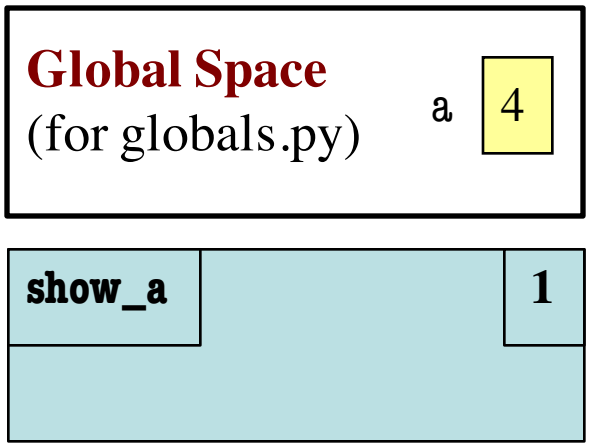


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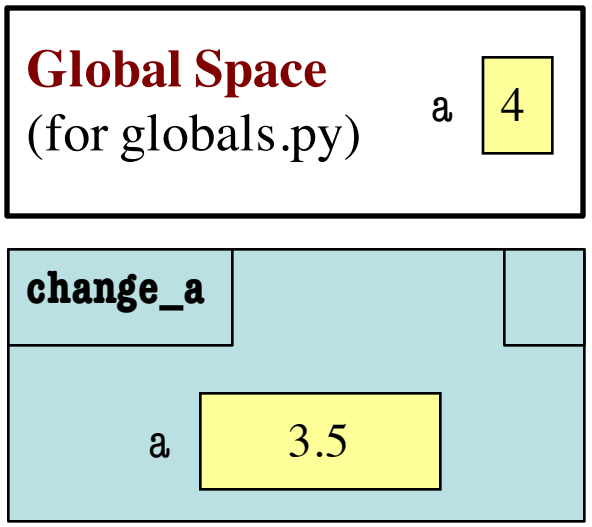


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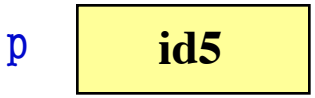

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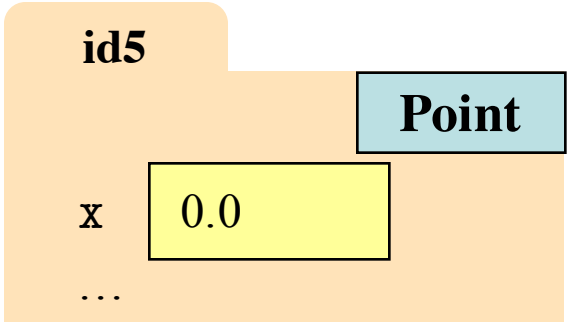

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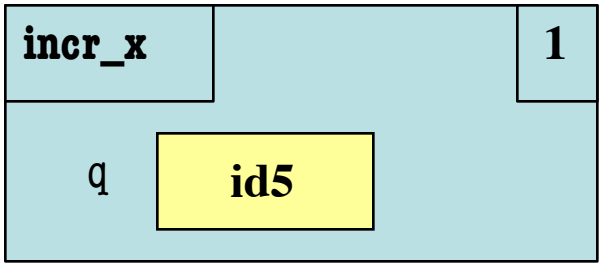

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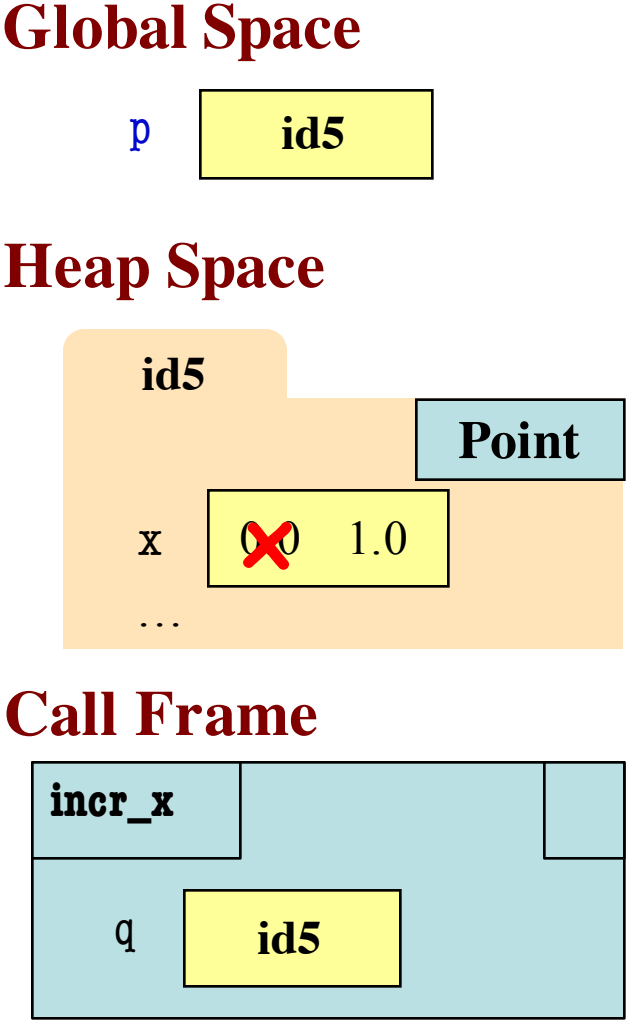

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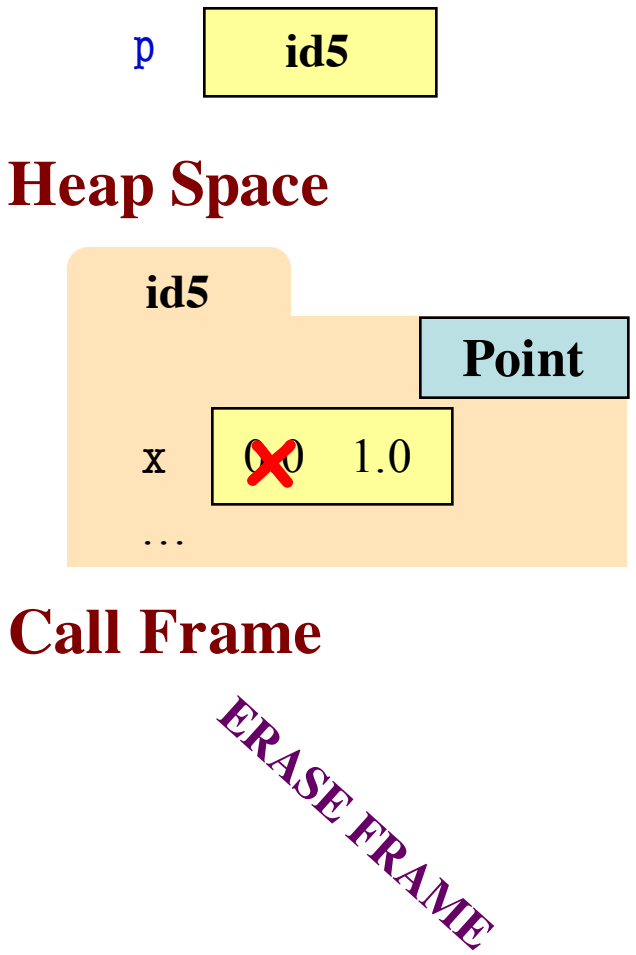

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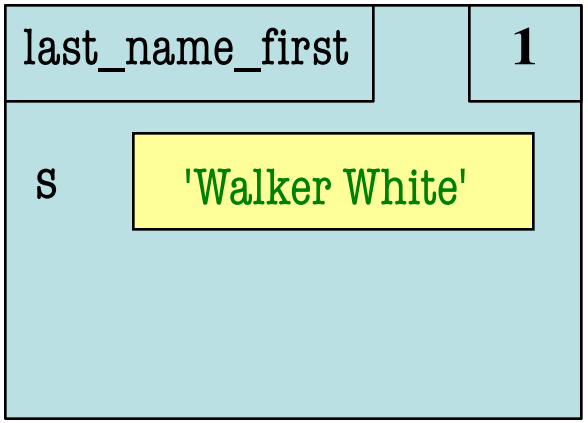

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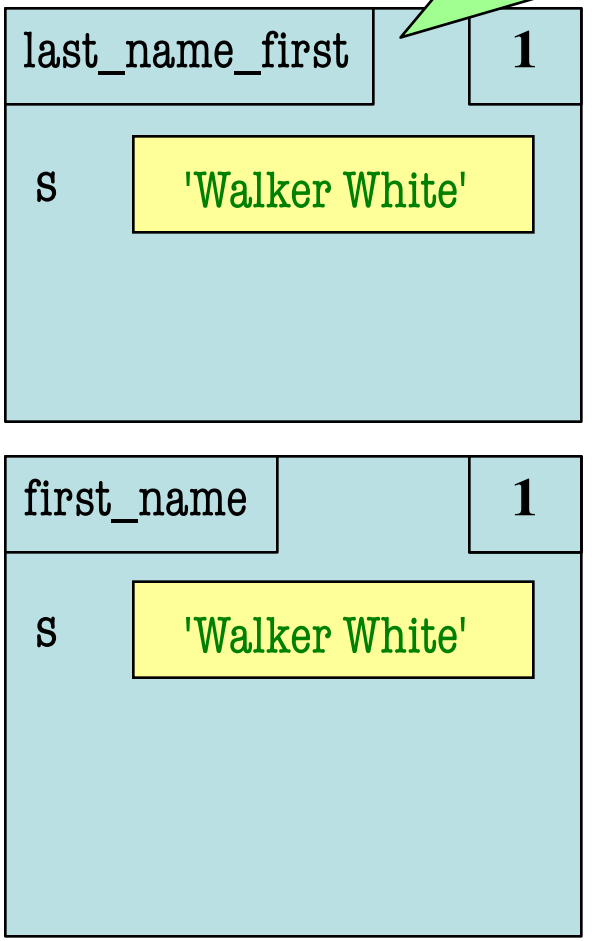

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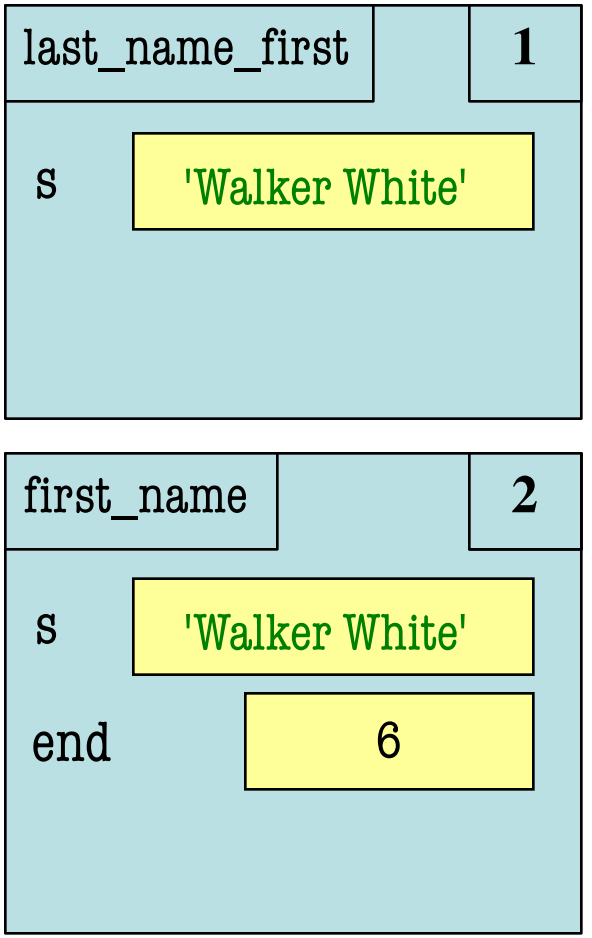

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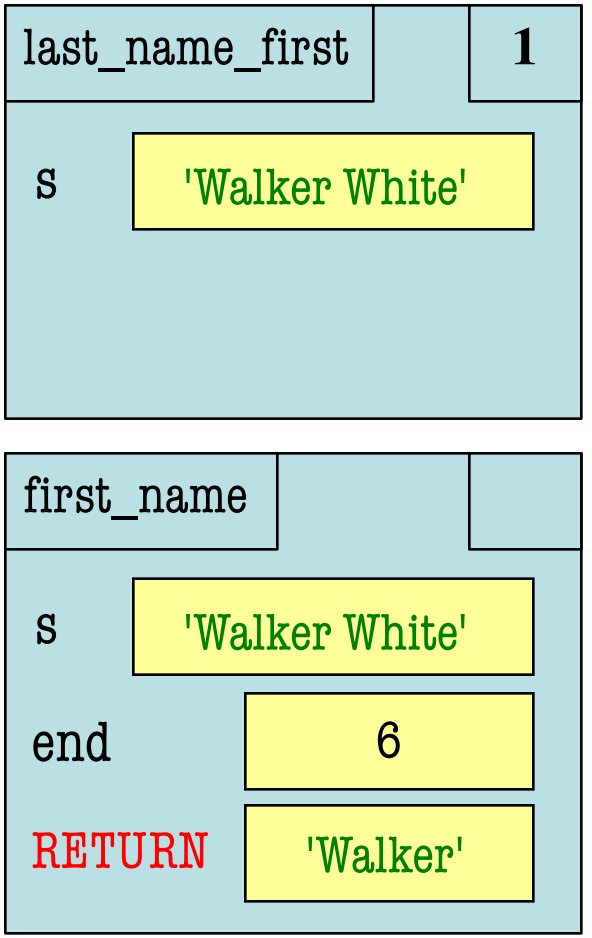

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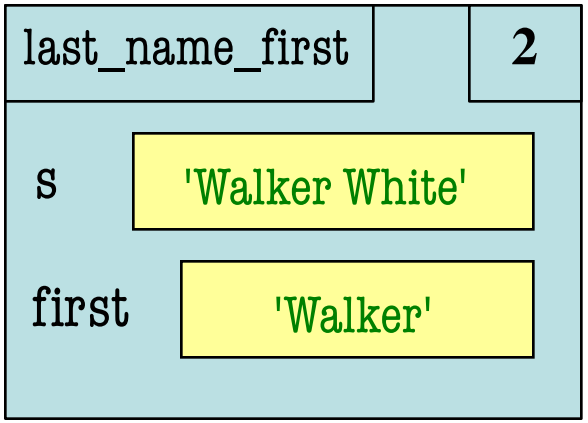


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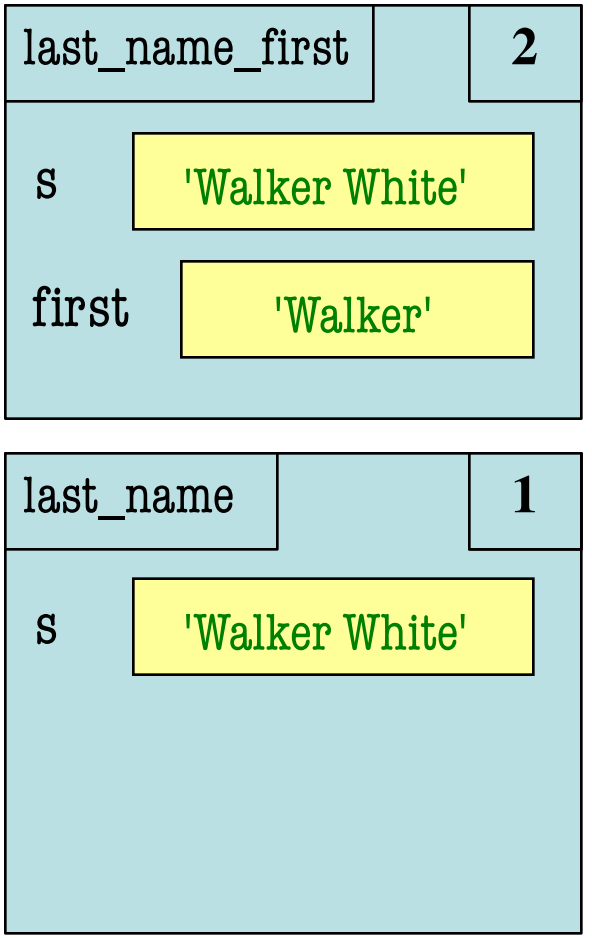

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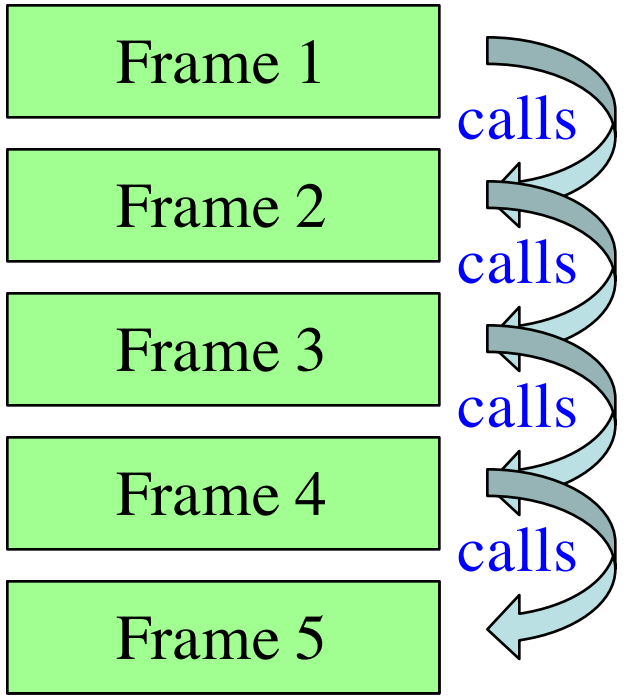

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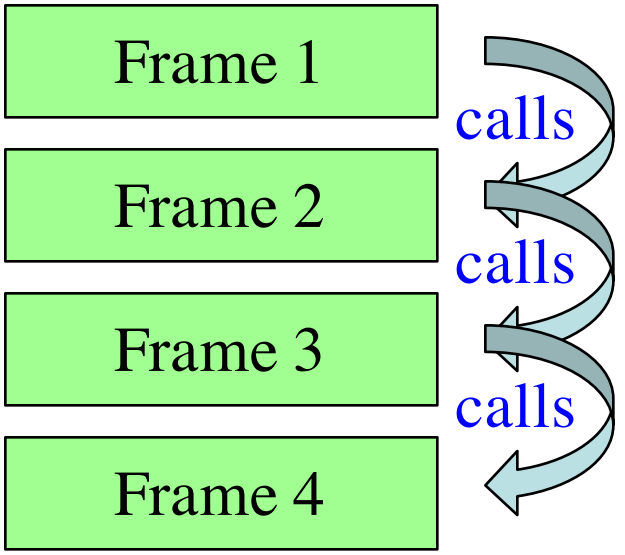

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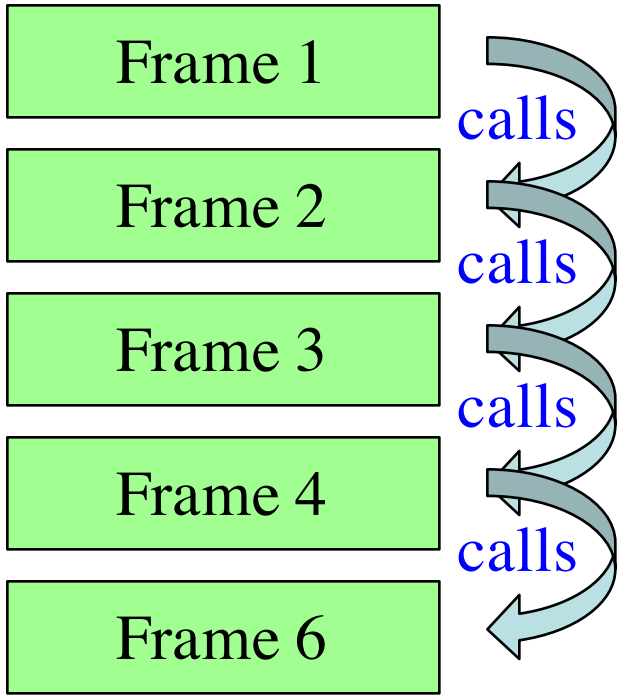

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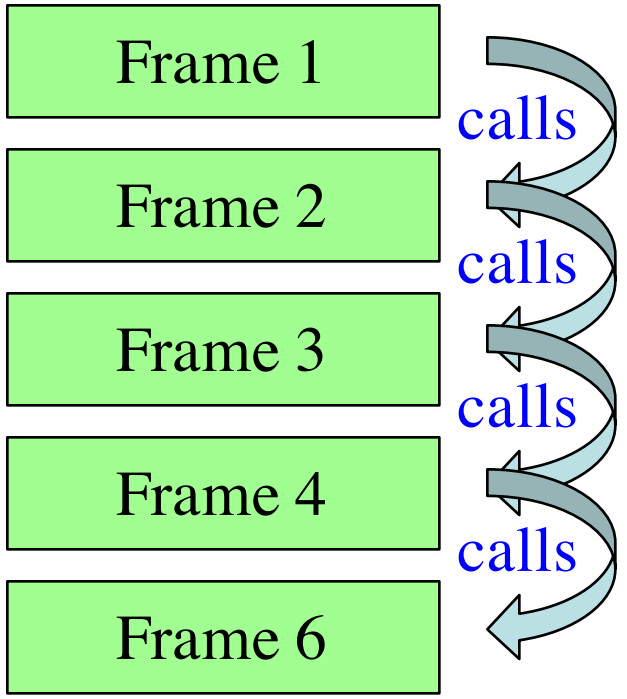

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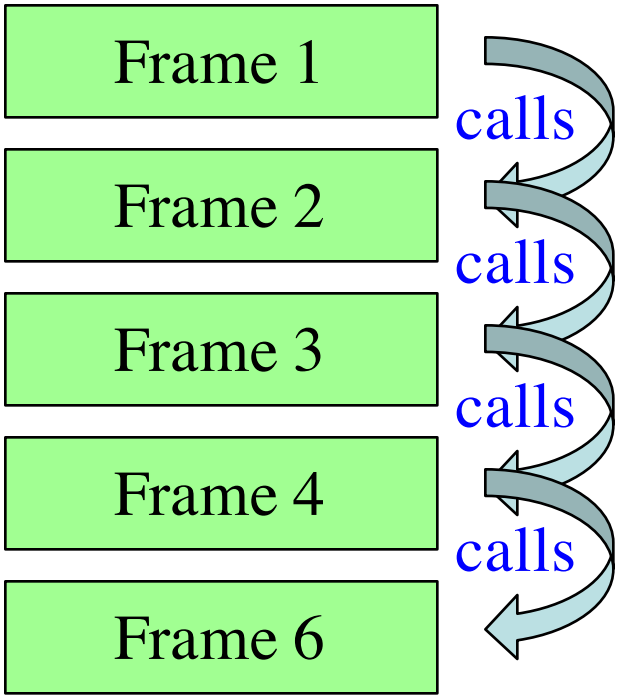

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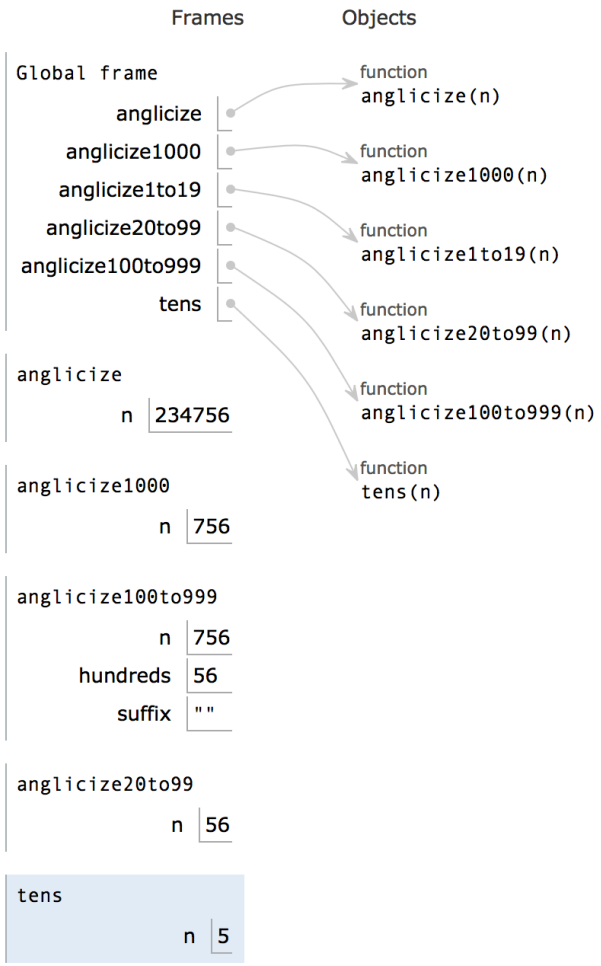

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