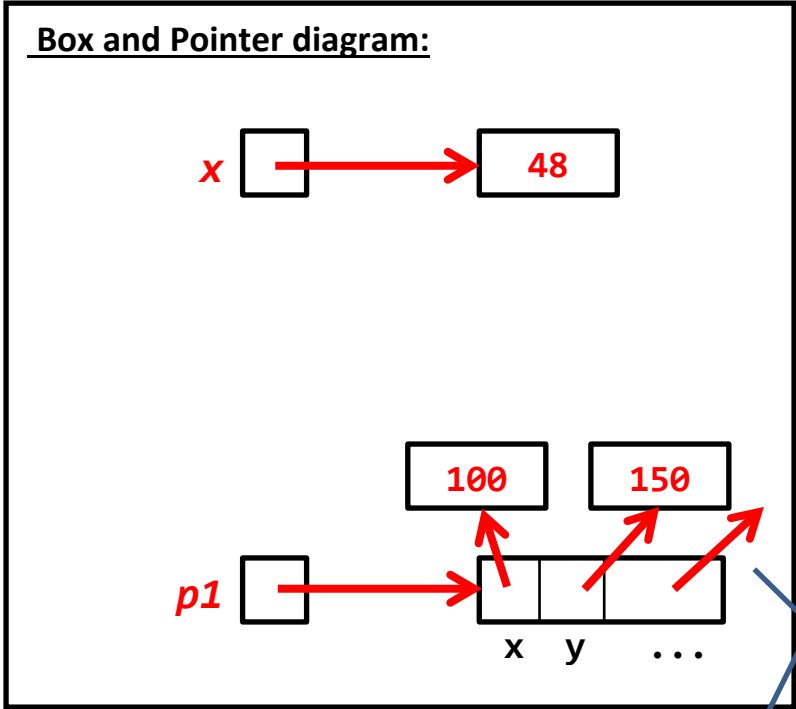


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- With your instructor, draw a Box and Pointer diagram that shows what happens when the following statements execute. (Use the boxes we supplied; just add labels and arrows for variables and data for objects.)

```
x = 48
p1 = zg.Point(100, 150)
```



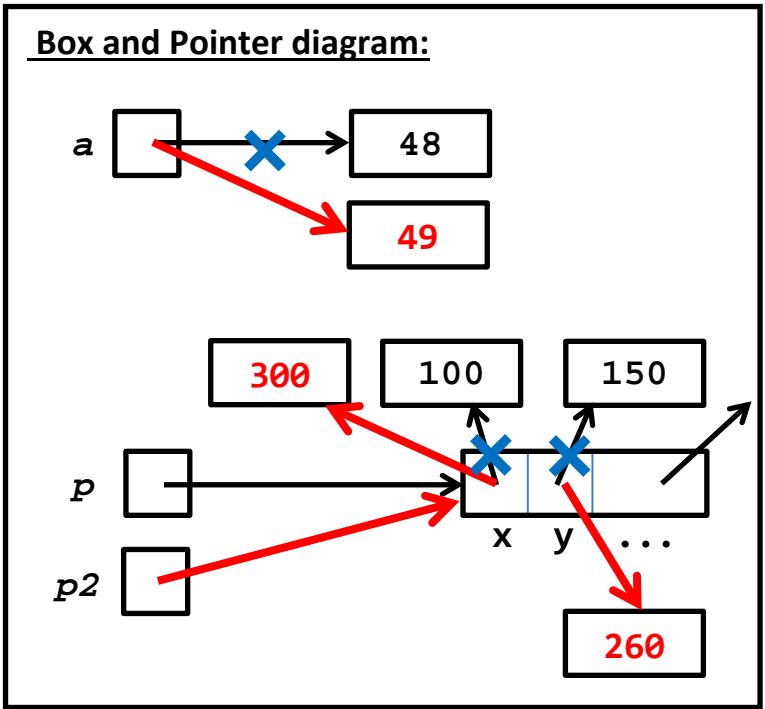
The 3<sup>rd</sup> and other arrows point to the Point's color, etc.

- An **assignment statement** causes an arrow to be established or changed. That's true for fields as well as ordinary variables. **The arrows always point to objects, never to other variables.**

With your instructor, draw a Box and Pointer diagram that shows what happens when the statements below execute. (We've already done the first two statements.)

```
a = 48
p = zg.Point(100, 150)

a = a + 1
p.x = 300
p2 = p
p2.y = p.x - 40
```



In doing this exercise, note that it is perfectly OK to have two variables refer to the **same** object.

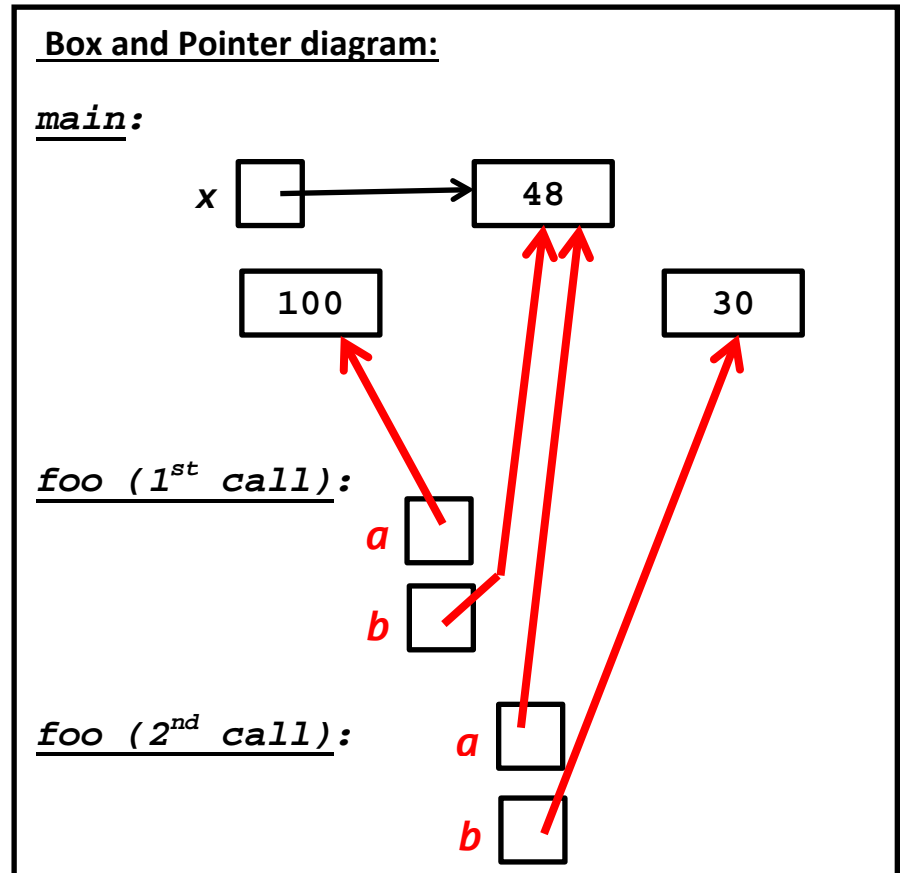
3. A **function call** creates a new **namespace** in which the function will run. The **parameters** are variables in that namespace. When the function is called, the first thing that happens is that each parameter is assigned the **value** of the corresponding actual argument.

For example, in the code snippet below when **foo(100, x)** executes, the parameter **a** is assigned the value **100**, just as if the statement **a = 100** were executed.

With your instructor, draw a Box and Pointer diagram that shows what happens when *main* (below) executes.

```
def main():
    x = 48
    foo(100, x)
    foo(x, 30)

def foo(a, b):
    ...
```

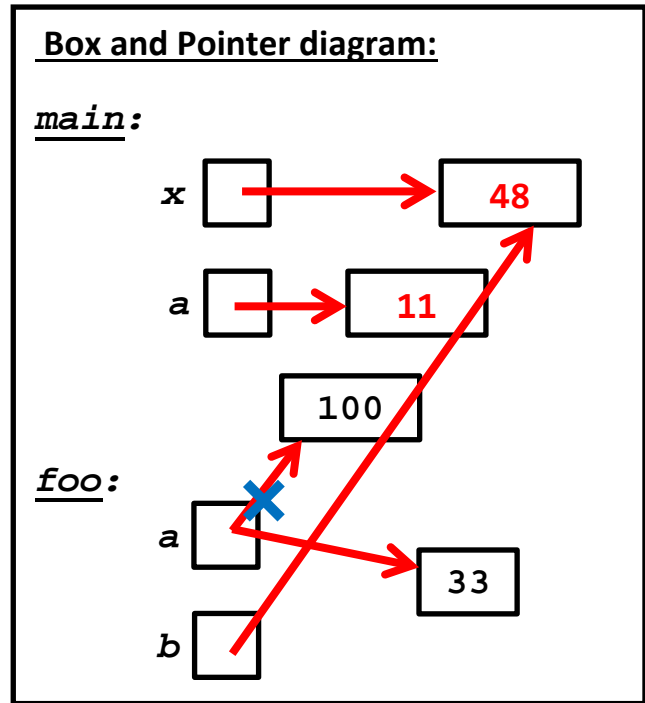


4. As you saw in the previous problem, each **function call** creates a new **namespace** in which the function will run. Variables in that namespace are simply not *the same* as variables with the same name in *main* or other namespaces. Try this one:

Complete the Box-and-Pointer diagram to the right to show what happens when *main* (below) executes. Also show the output that is printed.

```
def main():
    x = 48
    a = 11
    foo(100, x)
    print('C.', x, a)

def foo(a, b):
    print('A.', a)
    a = 33
    print('B.', a)
```



**Output:**

A. 100

B. 33

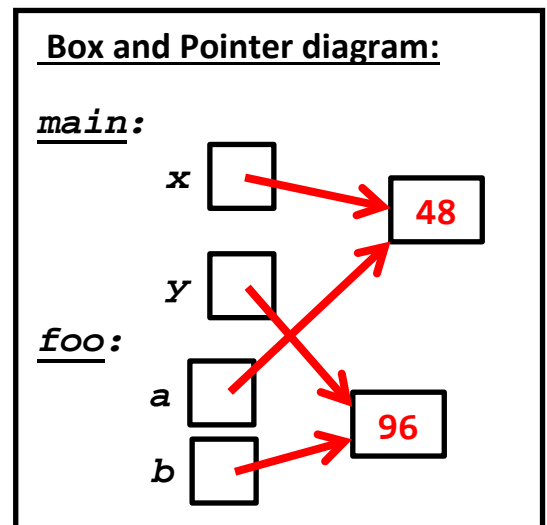
C. 48 11

5. As you know, you can send information “back” from a function to its caller by using a **return** statement. Try this one to see how that appears in these diagrams:

Complete the Box-and-Pointer diagram to the right to show what happens when *main* (to the right) executes.

```
def main():
    x = 48
    y = foo(x)

def foo(a):
    b = 2 * a
    return b
```



6. It is simply not possible for a function to change the arrow in the *caller* that corresponds to one of the function's arguments. If you really want to accomplish something like that, you have to return a value and re-assign the variable that points to the argument to that returned value. Try this one to see those ideas in action:

Complete the Box-and-Pointer diagram to the right to show what happens when *main* (below) executes. Also show the output that is printed.

```
def main():
    demo_attempt_to_change_an_arrow()
    demo_constructing_a_new_number()
    demo_again()

def demo_attempt_to_change_an_arrow():
    number = 10
    attempt_to_change_an_arrow(number)
    print('B.', number)

def attempt_to_change_an_arrow(number):
    number = number + 1
    print('A.', number)

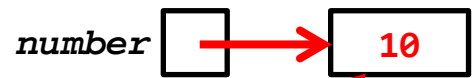
def demo_constructing_a_new_number():
    number = 10
    number2 = return_number(number)
    print('C.', number, number2)
    number = number2
    print('D.', number, number2)

def demo_again():
    number = 10
    number = return_number(number)
    print('E.', number)

def return_number(number):
    return (number + 1)
```

### Box and Pointer diagram:

#### demo attempt to change an arrow:



#### attempt to change an arrow:



#### demo constructing a new number:



#### return number (1st call):



#### demo again():



#### return number(2nd call):



Output: A. 11

B. 10

C. 10 11

D. 11 11

E. 11

7. There is nothing special about using numbers in the preceding exercise. To see this, draw a Box-and-Pointer diagram that shows what happens when *main* (below) executes. Also show the output that is printed. (This example is similar to the previous one, but with *lists* instead of numbers.)

```
def main():
    demo_attempt_to_change_an_arrow()
    demo_constructing_a_new_list()

def demo_attempt_to_change_an_arrow():
    my_list = [10, 50]
    attempt_to_change_an_arrow(my_list)
    print('B.', my_list)

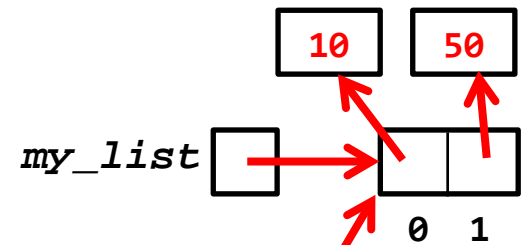
def attempt_to_change_an_arrow(my_list):
    my_list = [1, 2, 4]
    print('A.', my_list)

def demo_constructing_a_new_list():
    my_list = [10, 50]
    my_list = return_list(my_list)
    print('C.', my_list)

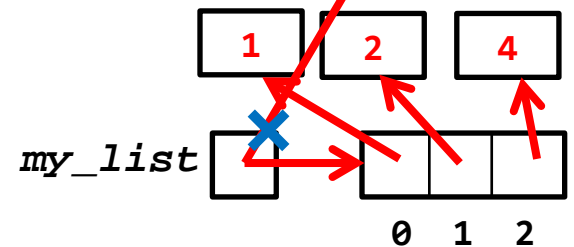
def return_list(my_list):
    return [1, 2, 4]
```

### Box and Pointer diagram:

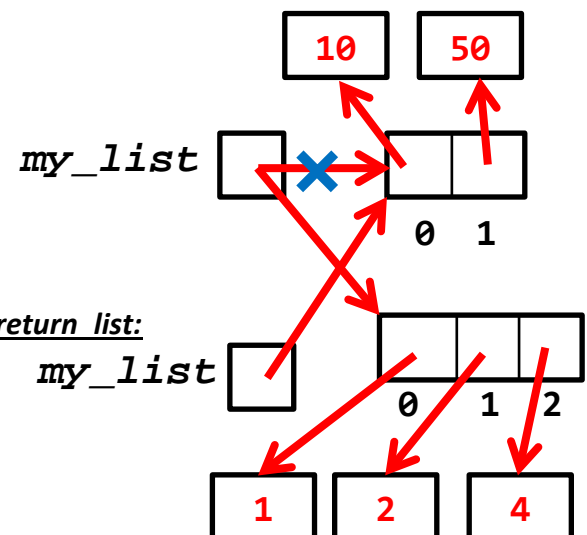
#### demo attempt to change an arrow:



#### attempt to change an arrow:



#### demo constructing a new list



### Output:

- A. [1, 2, 4]  
 B. [10, 50]  
 C. [1, 2, 4]

8. We have seen that it is simply not possible for a function to change the arrow in the *caller* that corresponds to one of the function’s arguments. But many objects can be *mutated*, which means that *the object’s value (not the variable’s reference) changes*.

To see this, draw a Box and Pointer diagram that shows what happens when *main* (below) executes. Also show the output that is printed. Do NOT show boxes for the loop variables *k* and *number*, since that would clutter the diagram.

```
def main():
    demo_mutating_a_list()
    demo_constructing_a_new_list()

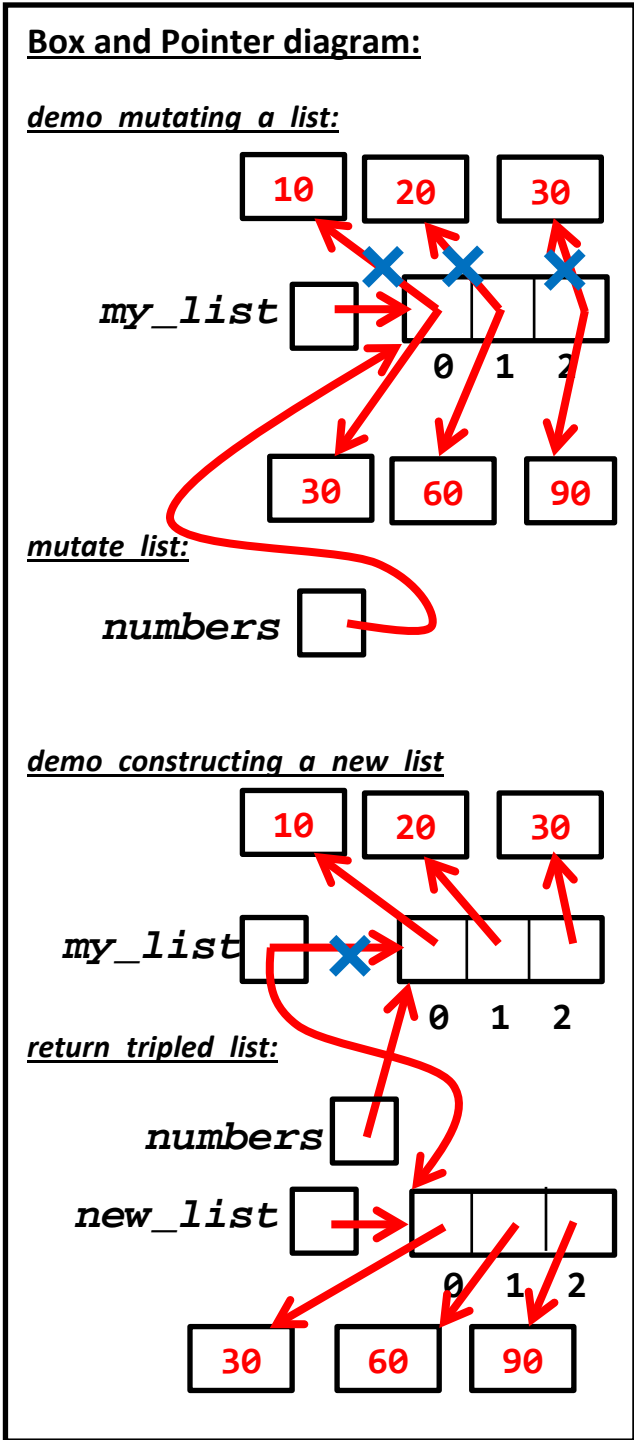
def demo_mutating_a_list():
    my_list = [10, 20, 30]
    mutate_list(my_list)
    print('A.', my_list)

def mutate_list(numbers):
    for k in range(len(numbers)):
        numbers[k] = numbers[k] * 3

def demo_constructing_a_new_list():
    my_list = [10, 20, 30]
    my_list = return_tripled_list(my_list)
    print('B.', my_list)

def return_tripled_list(numbers):
    new_list = []
    for number in numbers:
        new_list.append(number * 3)

    return new_list
```



**Output:**

A. [30, 60, 90]

B. [30, 60, 90]

*mutate\_list* and *return\_tripled\_list* both end up with a tripled list. Which one uses less storage? mutate\_list *return\_tripled\_list* (circle your choice)

9. As you just saw, **lists are mutable** – the value of the object itself (that is, its “insides”) can change.

**Tuples** are **NOT mutable** – that is their primary difference from lists. **Strings** are **NOT mutable** and **numbers** are **NOT mutable**.

**Instances of user-defined classes** (like the Zellegraphics objects) **are, in general, mutable**.

To see this, draw a Box and Pointer diagram that shows what happens when *main* (below) executes. Also show the output that is printed.

```
def main():
    demo_mutating_an_object()
    demo_constructing_a_new_object()

def demo_mutating_an_object():
    point = zg.Point(50, 10)
    mutate_point(point)
    print('A.', point)

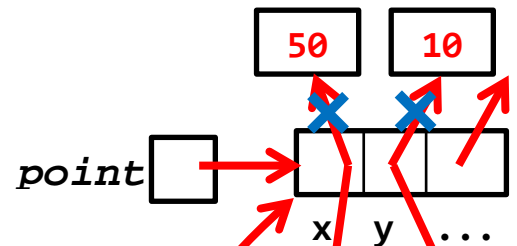
def mutate_point(point):
    point.x = point.x * 3
    point.y = point.y * 3

def demo_constructing_a_new_object():
    point = zg.Point(50, 10)
    point = return_tripled_clone(point)
    print('B.', point)

def return_tripled_clone(point):
    new_point = zg.Point(point.x * 3,
                          point.y * 3)
    return new_point
```

### Box and Pointer diagram:

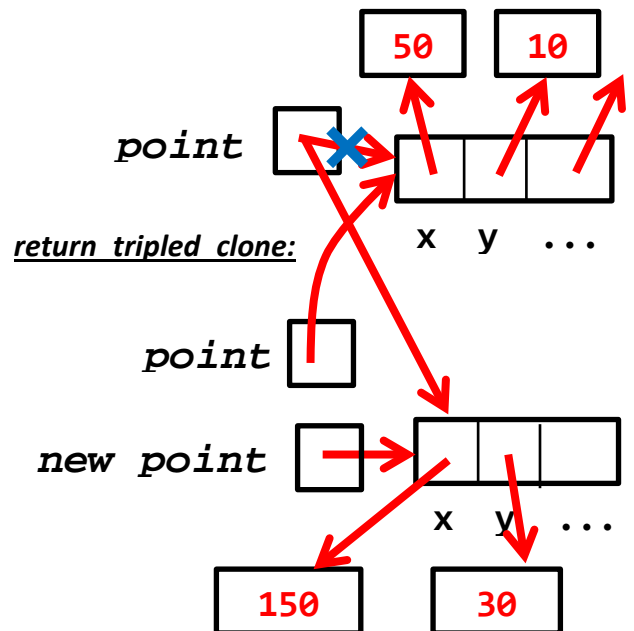
#### demo mutating an object:



#### mutate point:



#### demo constructing a new new object



### Output:

A. **Point(150, 30)**

B. **Point(150, 30)**

*mutate\_point* and *return\_tripled\_clone* both end up with a tripled point. **Which one uses less storage?** mutate\_point *return\_tripled\_clone* (circle your choice)