

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.

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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

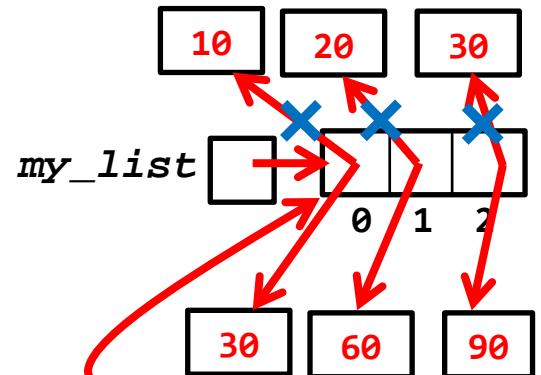
def demo_constructing_a_new_list():
    my_list = [10, 20, 30]
    my_list = return_tripled_list(my_list)
    print('B.', my_list)

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

    return new_list
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Box and Pointer diagram:

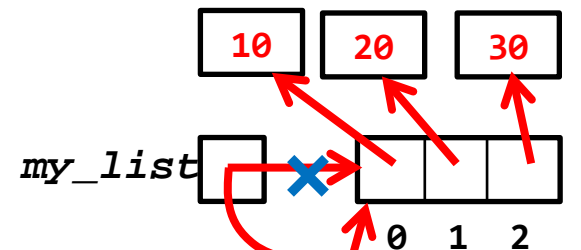
demo mutating a list:



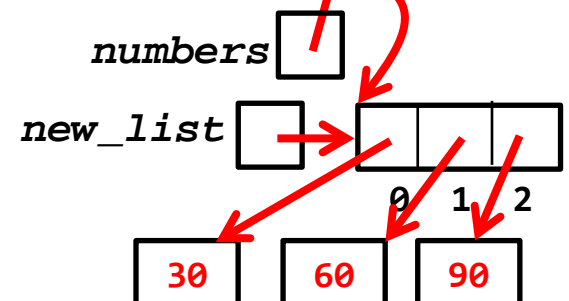
mutate list:



demo constructing a new list



return tripled 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)