CS 1110:
Introduction to Computing Using Python

Lecture 7

Objects

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Lecture 7 Announcements

- Please check the ***end*** of the Lecture 6 slides (slides 25-29) for many announcements:

http://www.cs.cornell.edu/courses/cs1110/2017sp/lectures/02-14-17/presentation-06.pdf

- Incorrect link for how to break up long lines in Section 10 of Assignment 1. Watch course website for announcements about A1:

http://www.cs.cornell.edu/courses/cs1110/2017sp/announcements.php

Review: Types

- Type **int**:
  - **Values**: integers
  - **Ops**: +, –, *, /, %, **
- Type **float**:
  - **Values**: real numbers
  - **Ops**: +, –, *, /, **
- Type **bool**:
  - **Values**: **True** and **False**
  - **Ops**: not, and, or
- Type **str**:
  - **Values**: string literals
    - Double quotes: "abc"
    - Single quotes: 'abc'
  - **Ops**: + (concatenation)

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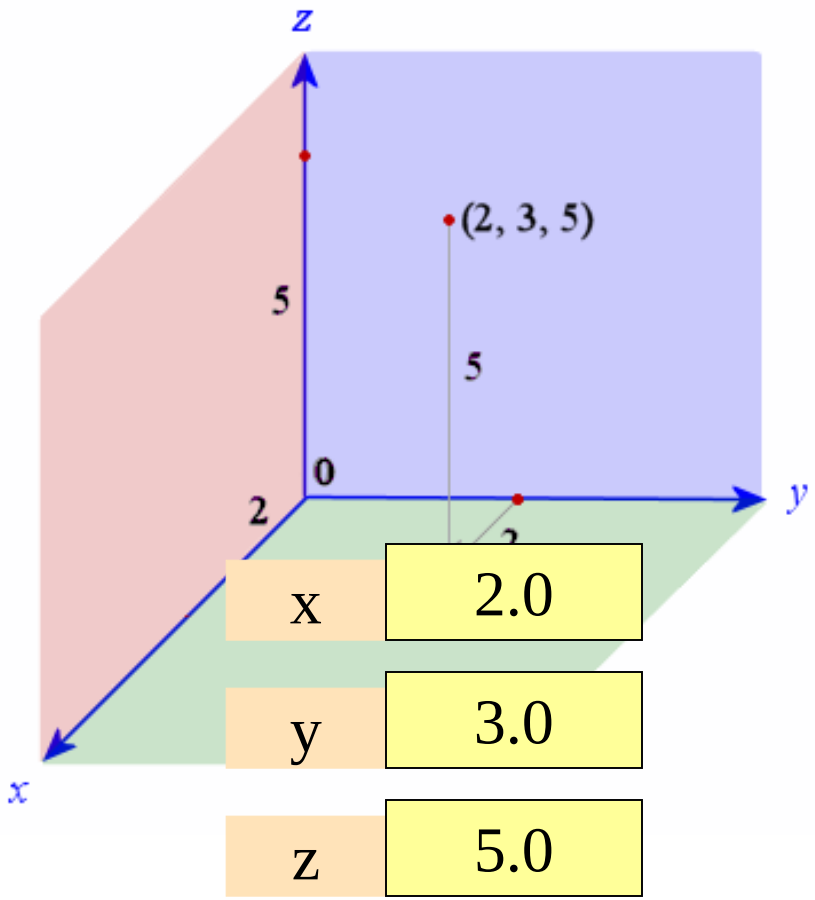

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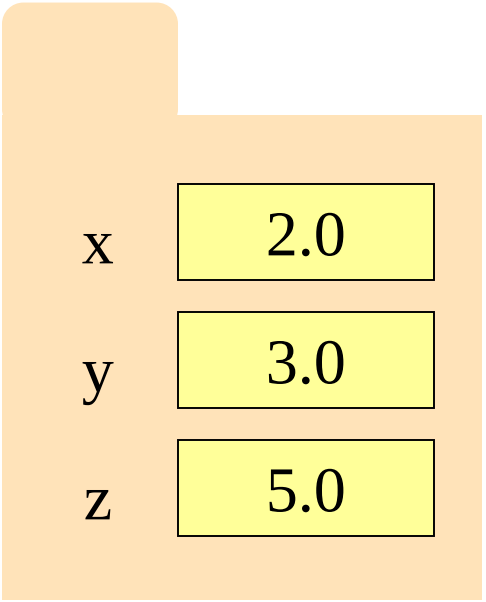
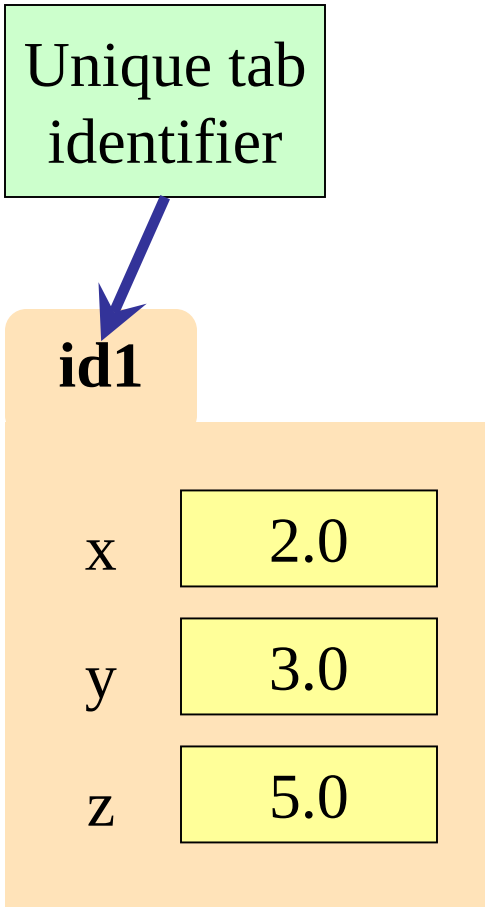
- Can we stick them together in a "folder"?
- Motivation for **objects**



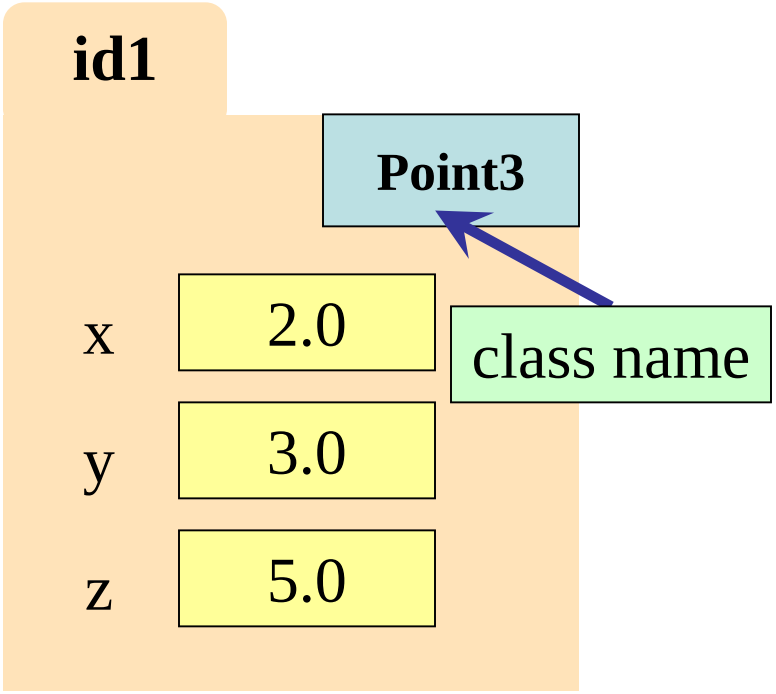
Objects: Organizing Data in Folders

- An object is like a **manila folder**
- It contains other variables
  - Variables are called **attributes**
  - These values can change
- It has an **ID** that identifies it
  - Unique number assigned by Python (just like a NetID for a Cornellian)
  - Cannot ever change
  - Has no meaning; only identifies



Classes: Types for Objects

- Values must have a type
  - An object is a **value**
  - Object type is a **class**
- **Modules** provide classes
  - Will show how later
- **Example**: geom
  - Classes: Point2, Point3



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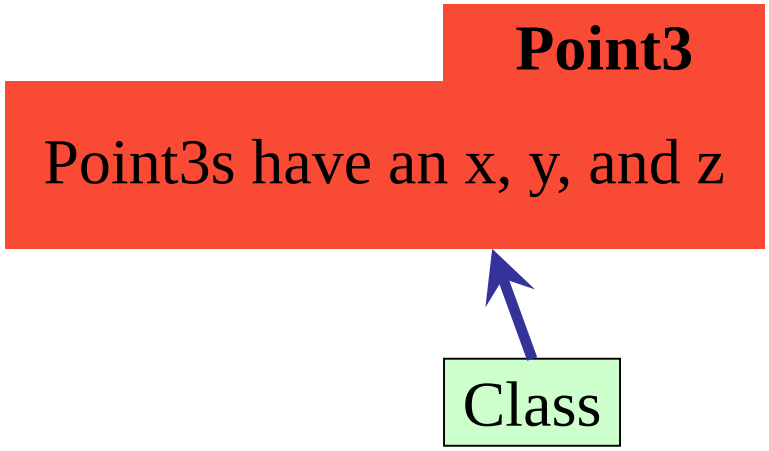
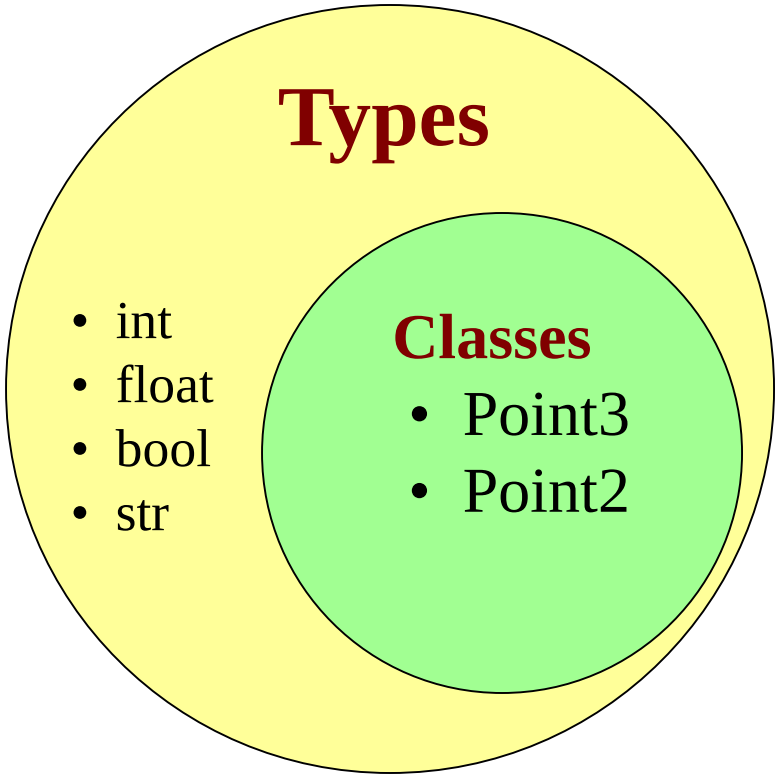
- Sort of like a template





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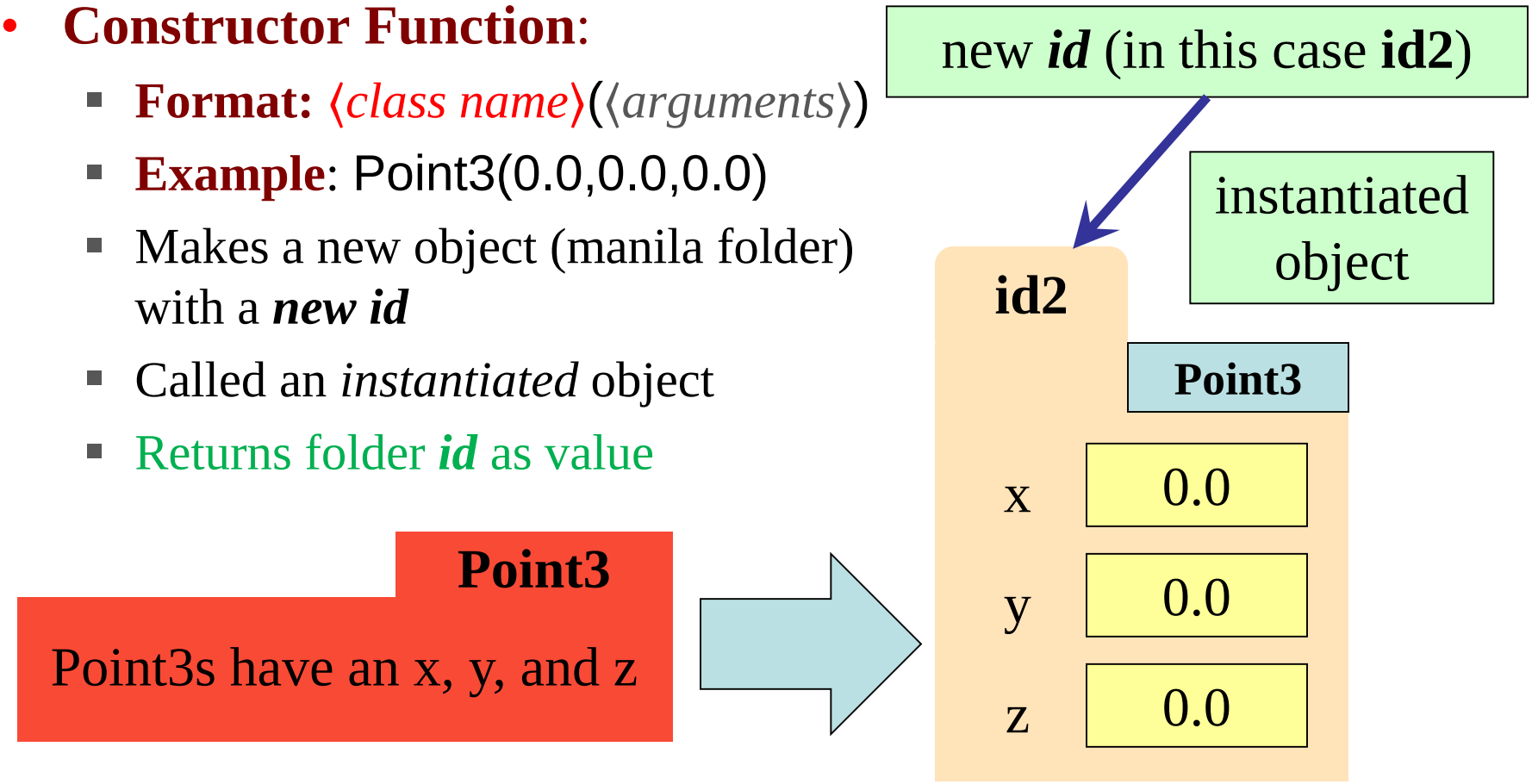

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  - Creates a Point object
  - Stores object's ***id*** in p

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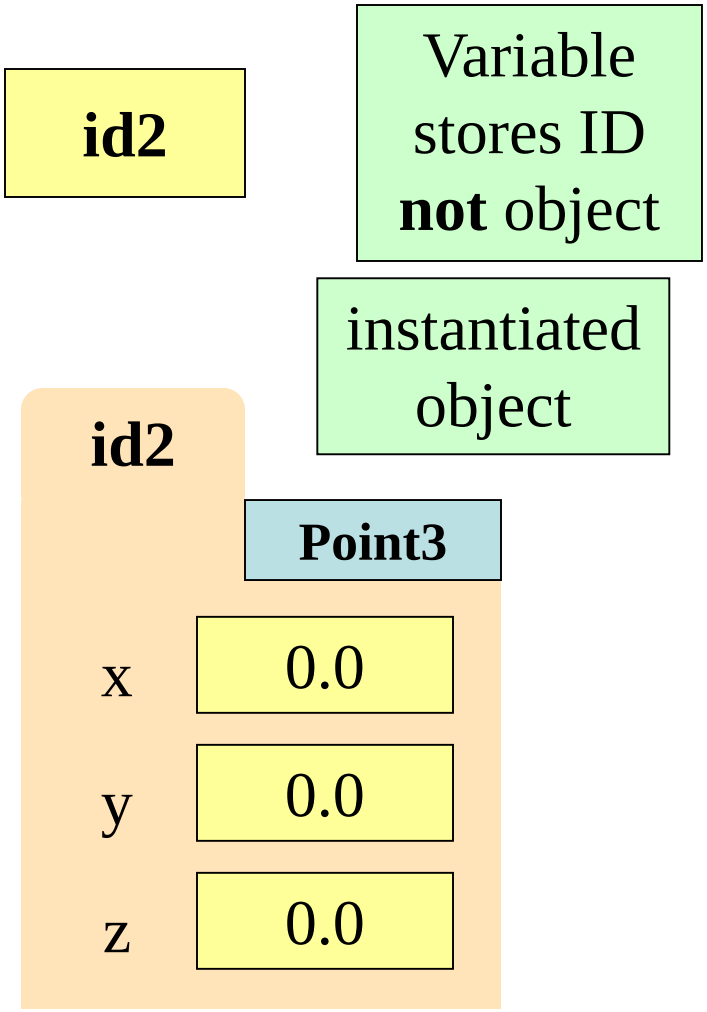

Constructors and Modules

```
>>> import geom
```

Need to import module that has Point class.

```
>>> p = geom.Point3(0.0,0.0,0.0)
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Constructor is function. Prefix w/ module name.

```
>>> id(p)
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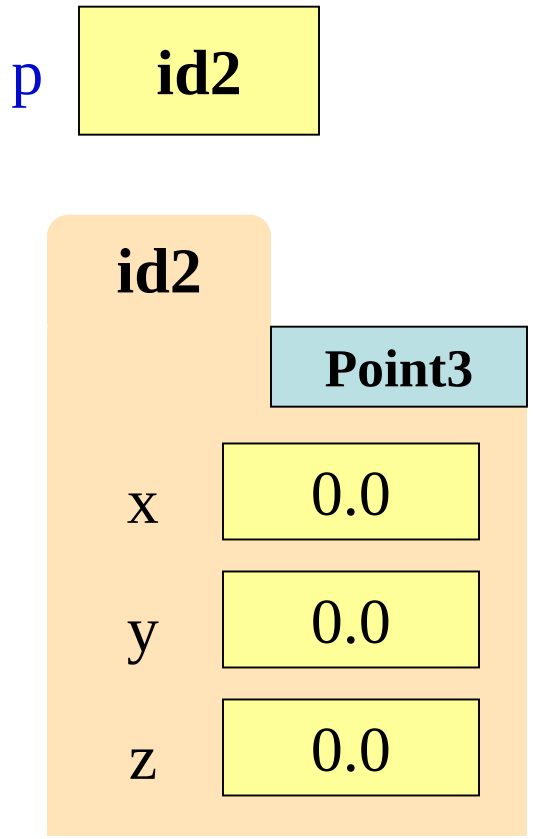
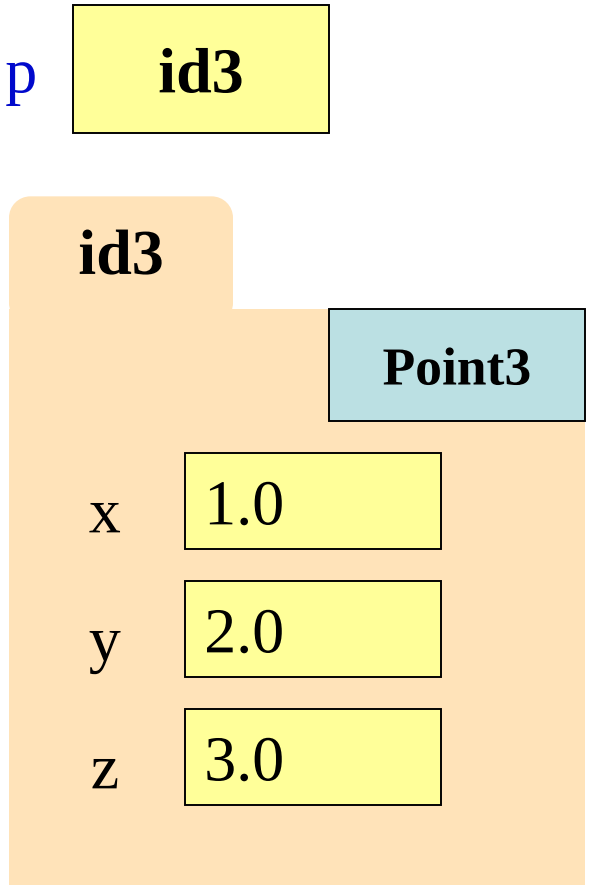
Shows the ***id*** of p.



Accessing Attributes

- Attributes are variables that live inside of objects
  - Can **use** in expressions
  - Can **assign** values to them
- **Format**: ⟨*variable*⟩.⟨*attribute*⟩
  - **Example**: p.x
  - Look like module variables
- To evaluate p.x, Python:
  1. finds folder with ***id*** stored in p
  2. returns the value of x in that folder



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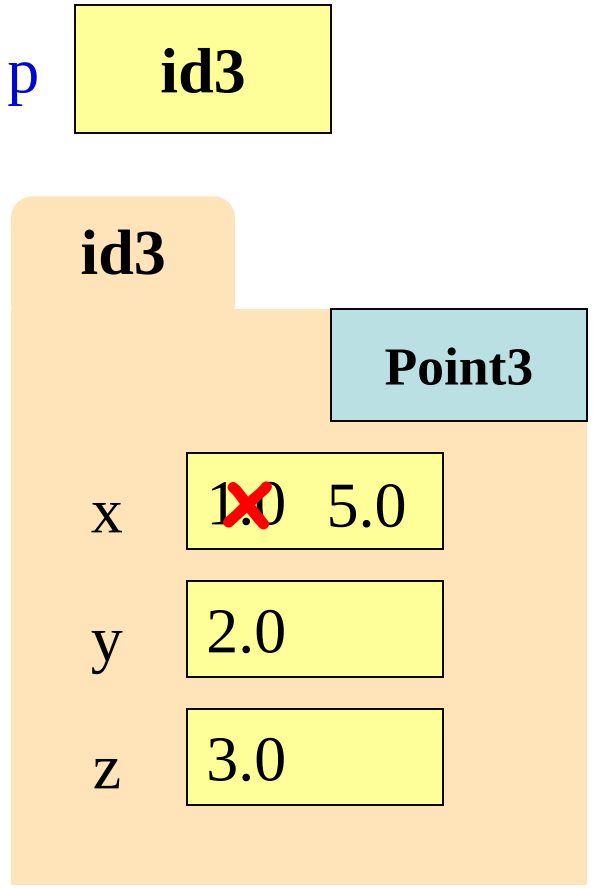
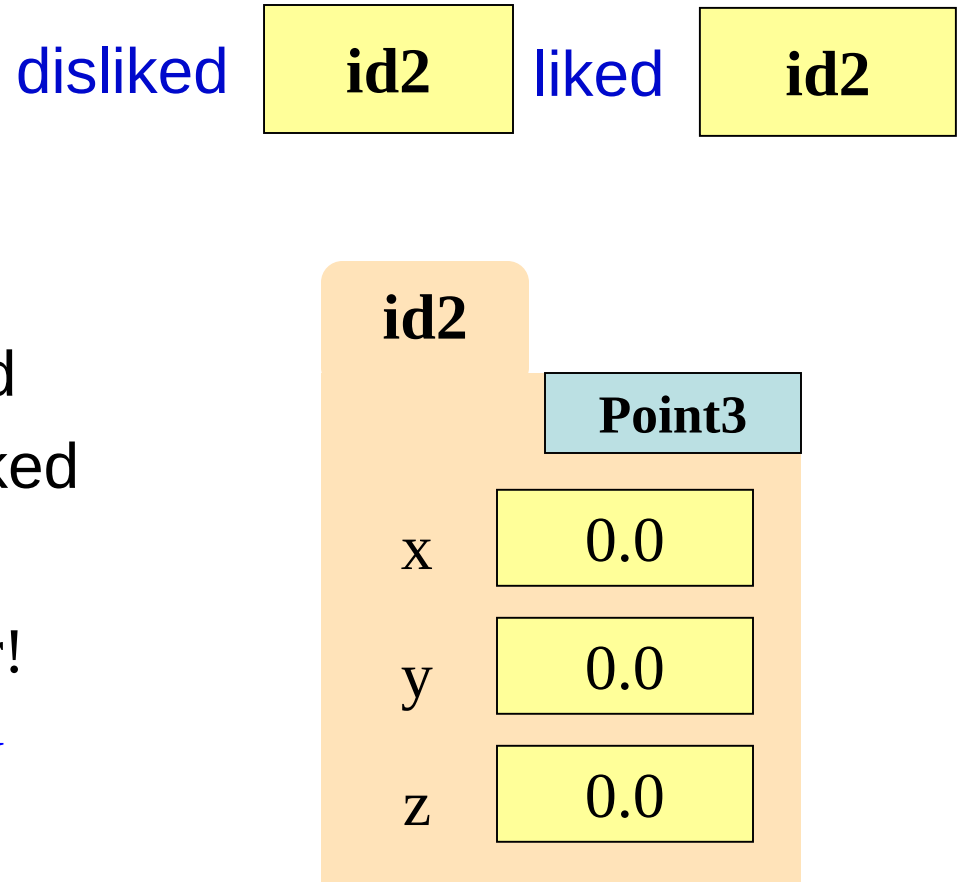


Object Variables

- Variable stores object ***id***
  - **Reference** to the object
  - Reason for folder analogy
- Assignment uses object ***id***
  - **Example**: liked = disliked
  - Takes contents from disliked
  - Puts contents in liked
  - Does not make new folder!
- This is the cause of many mistakes in this course



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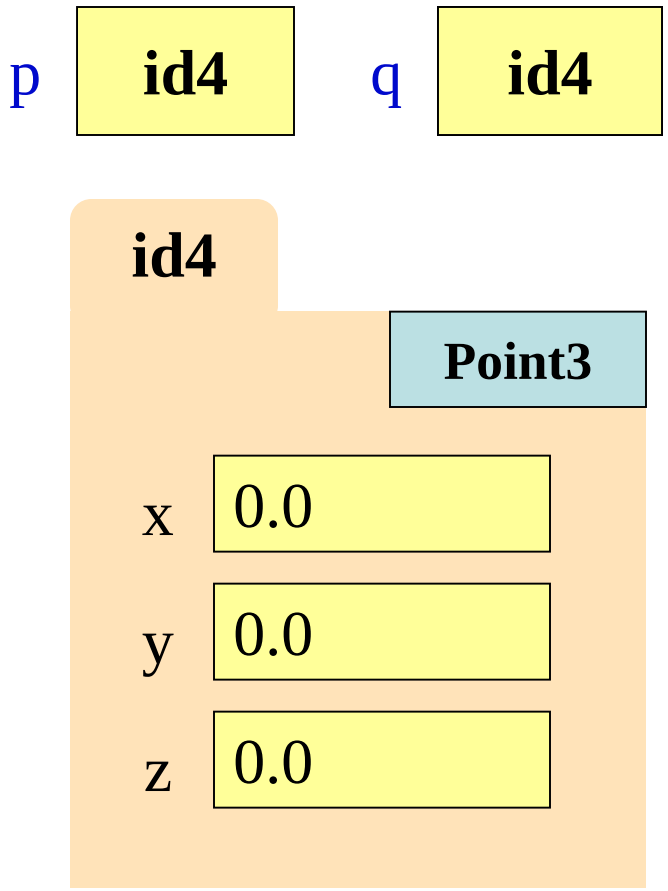

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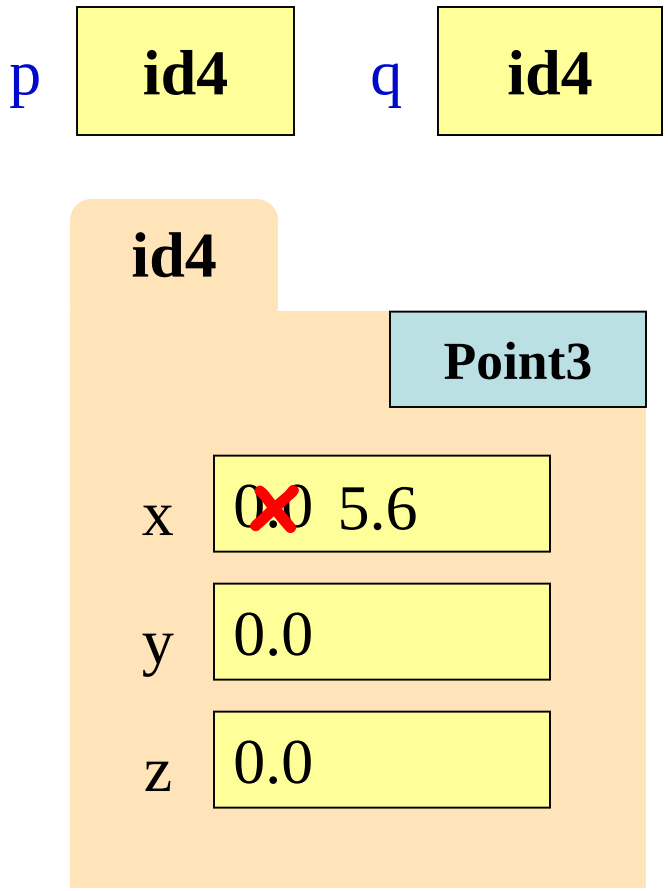

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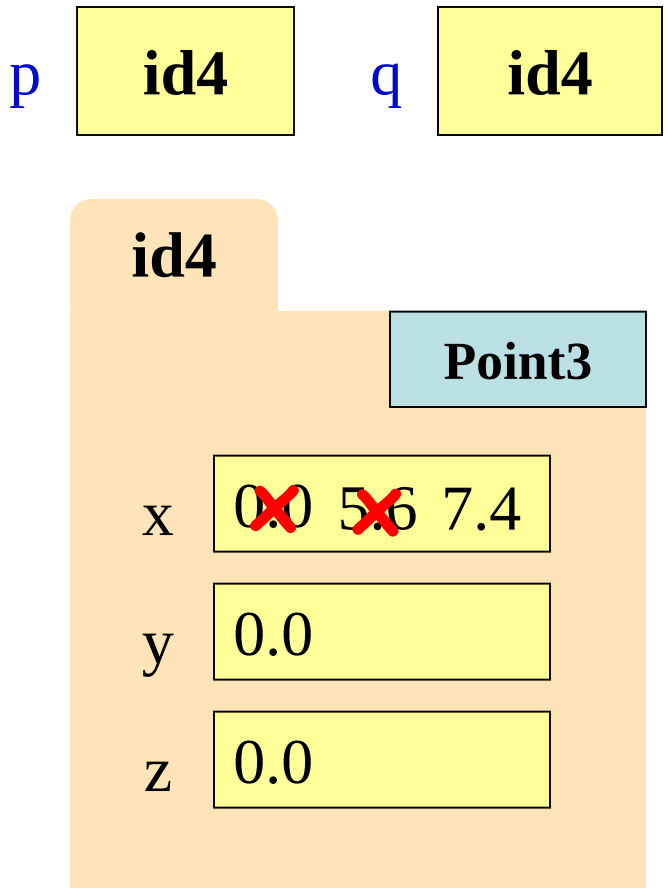

Assignment and Attribute Oddness

```
>>> p = 5.0
>>> q = p
>>> p = 4.0
>>> q
5.0
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```
>>> from geom import *
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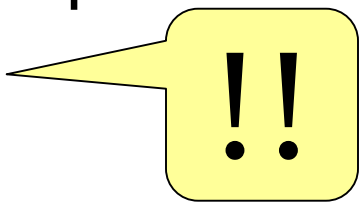

The rules of variables have not changed! However, combining variable assignment with object references can be confusing.

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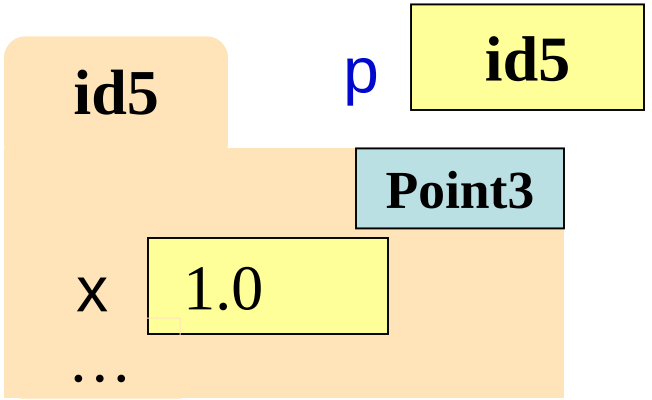

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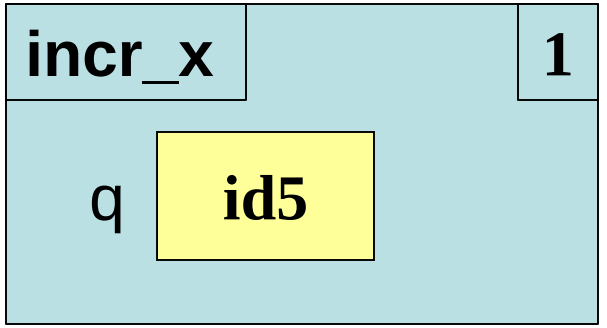

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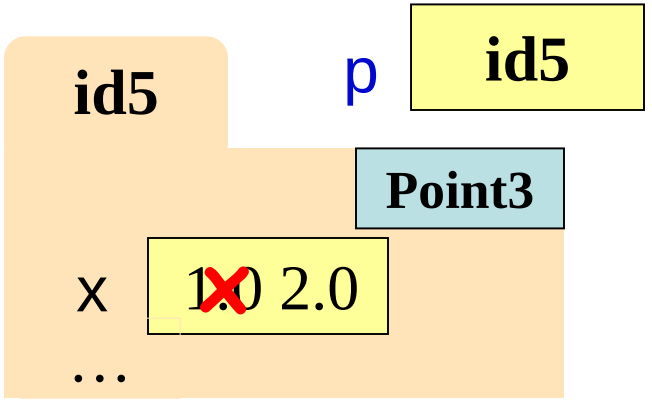

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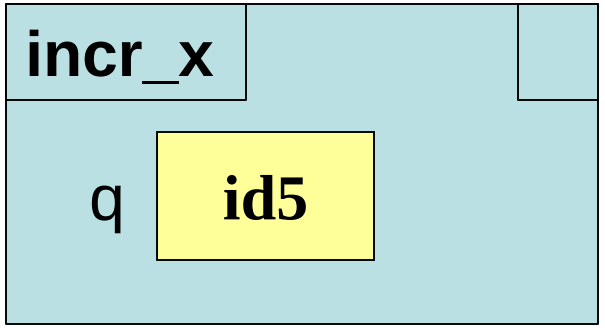

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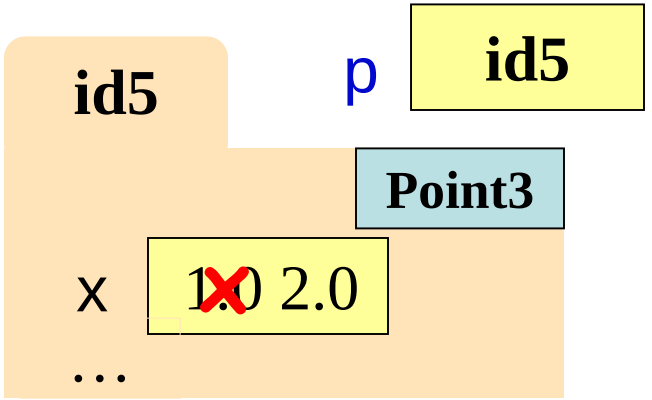

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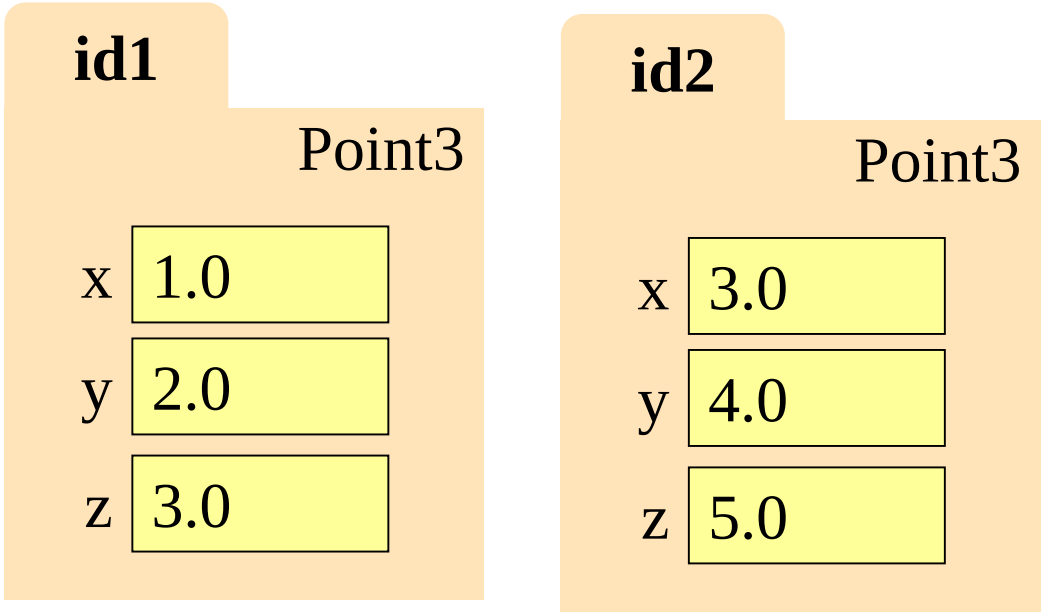

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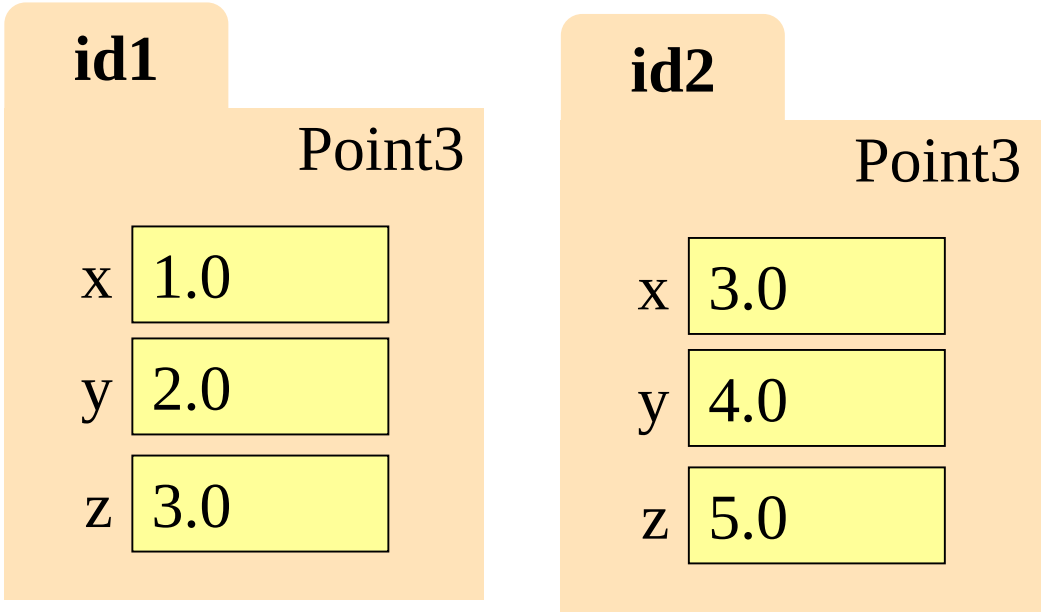

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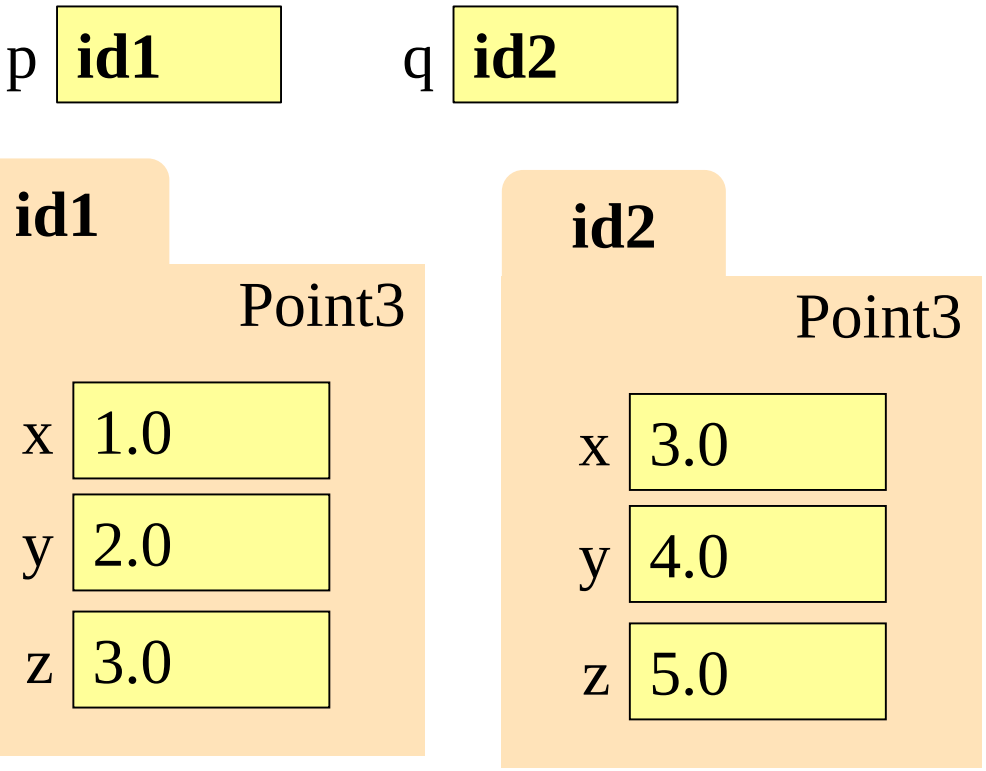

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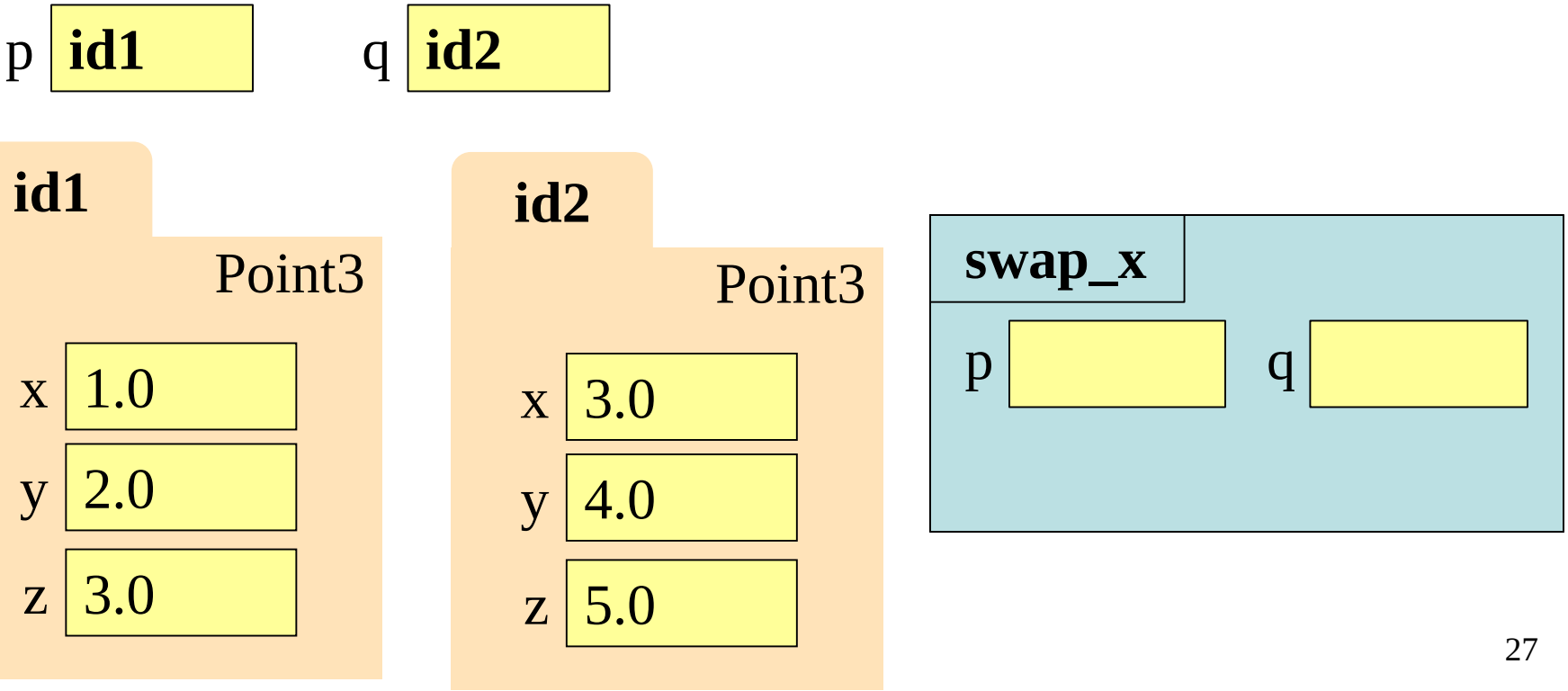

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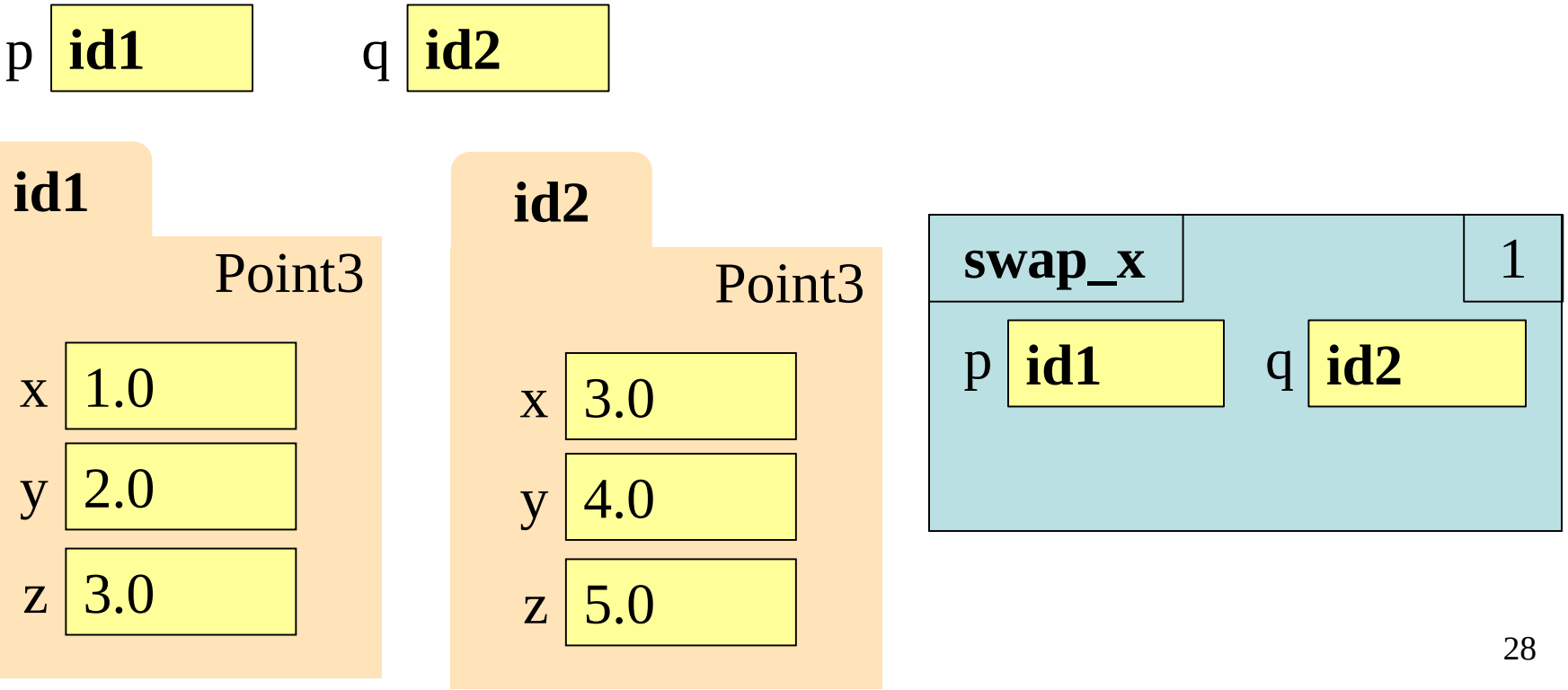

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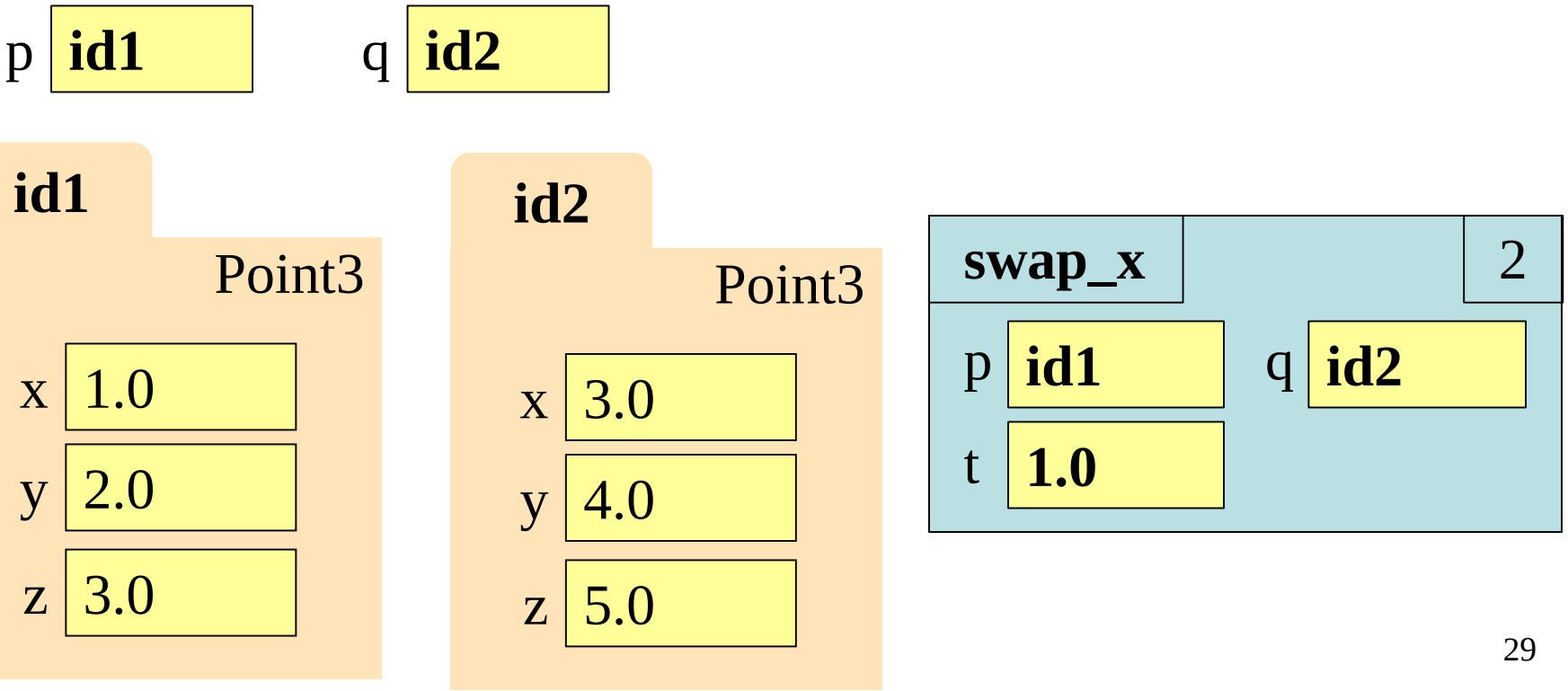

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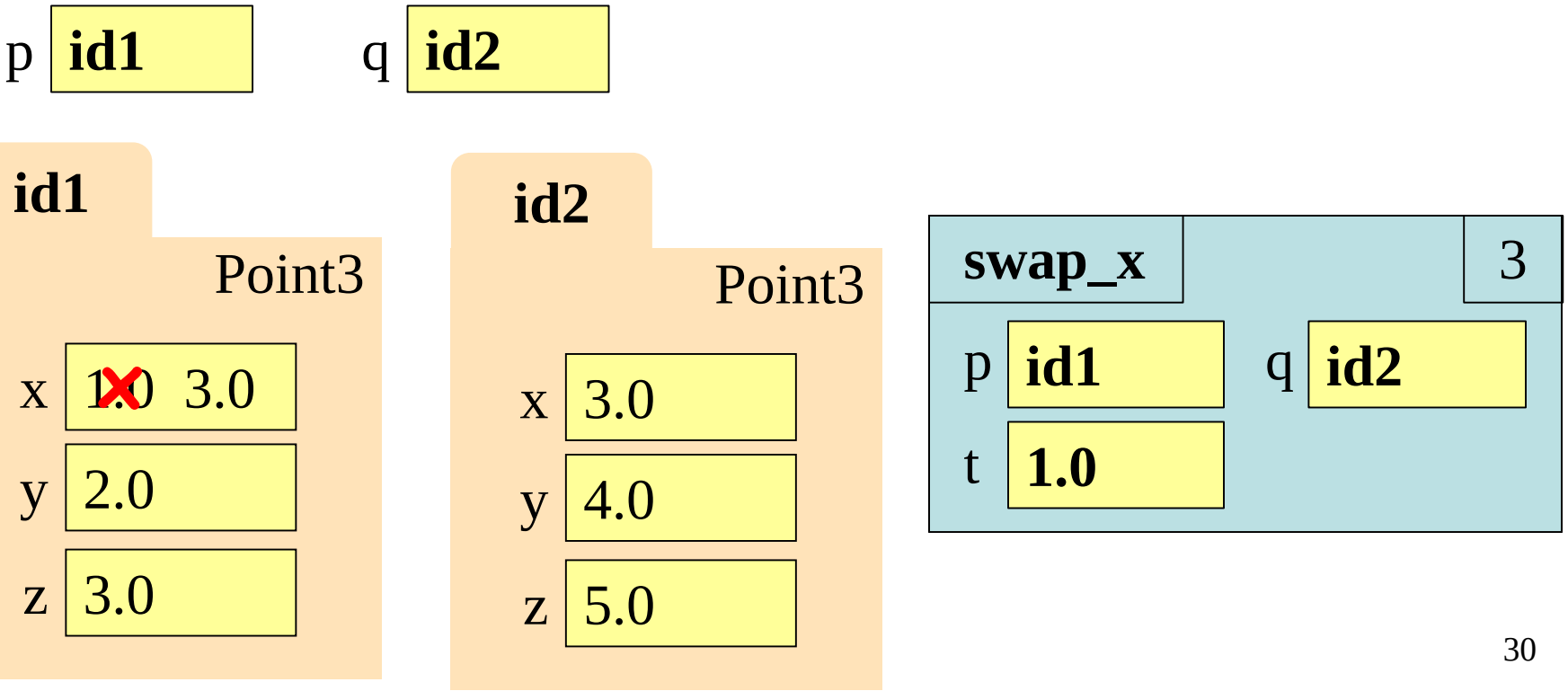

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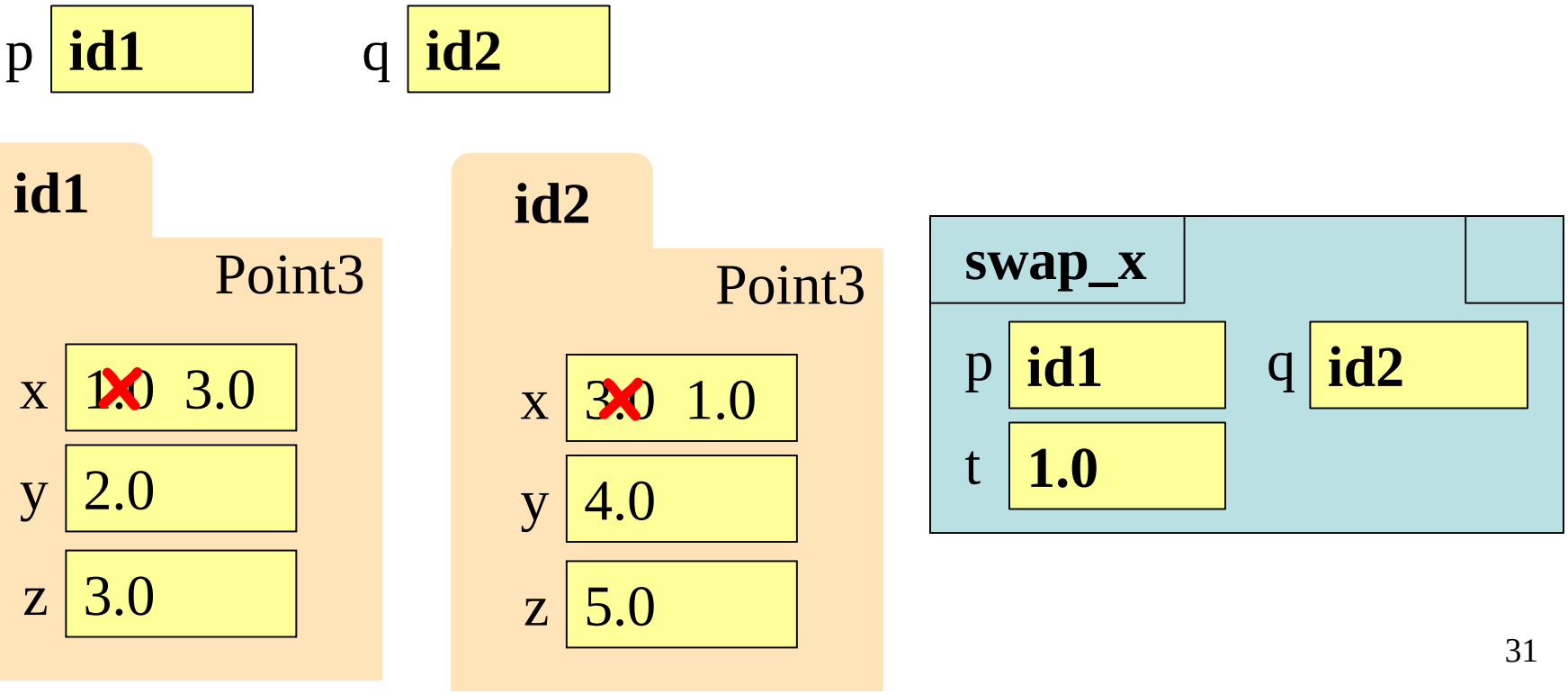

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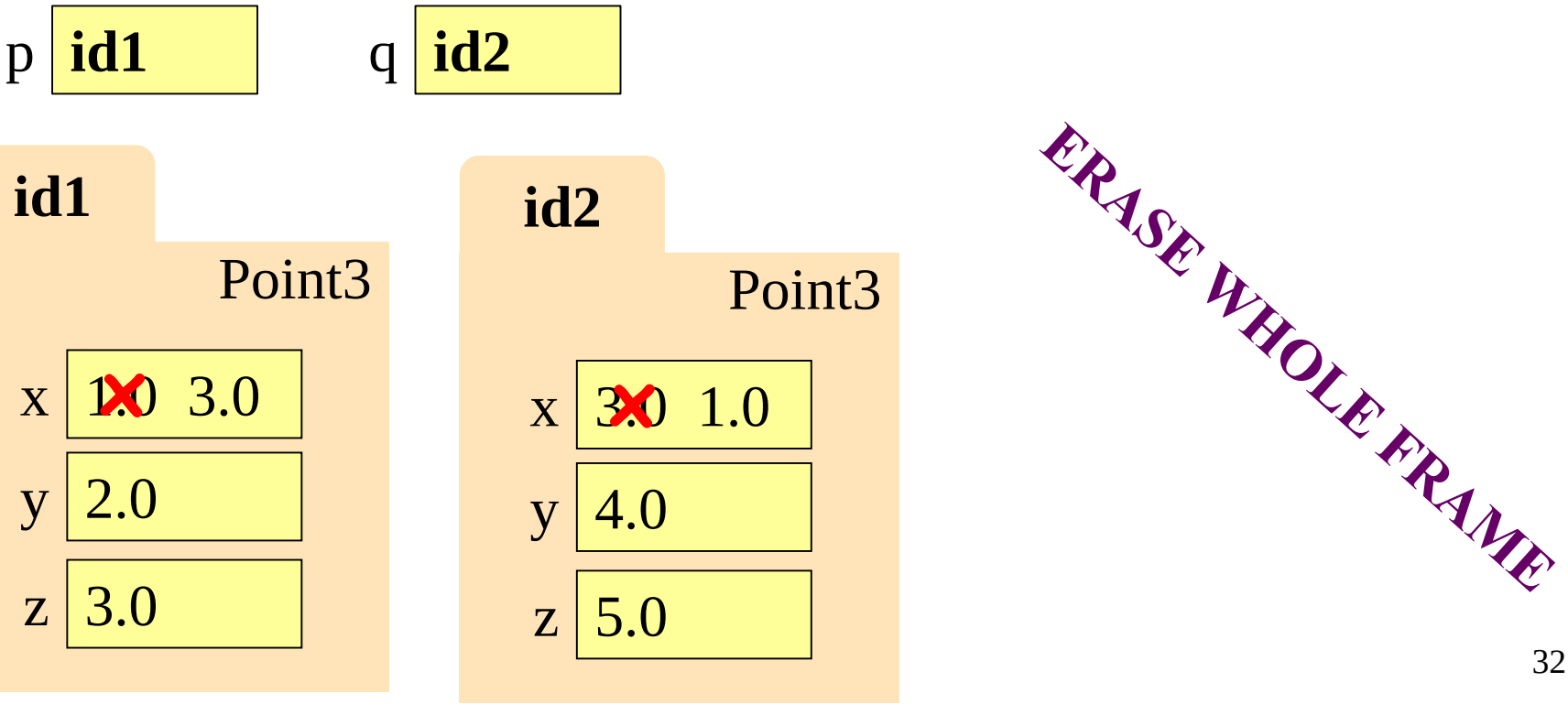

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Before calling swap(p, q):

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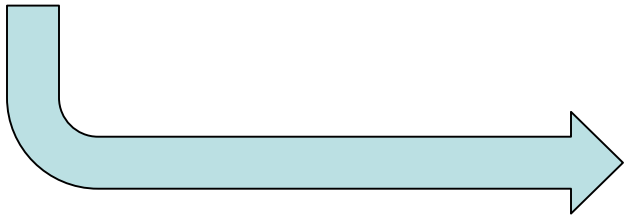

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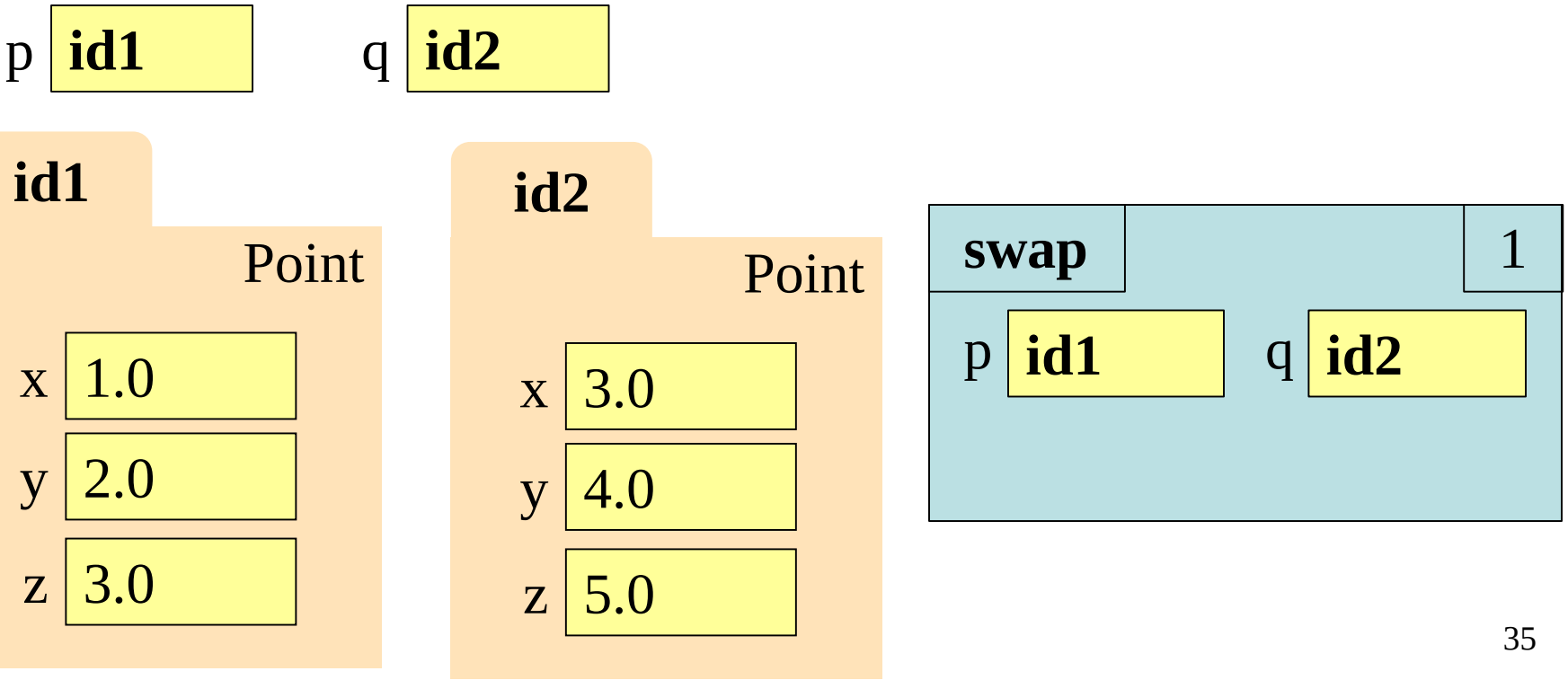

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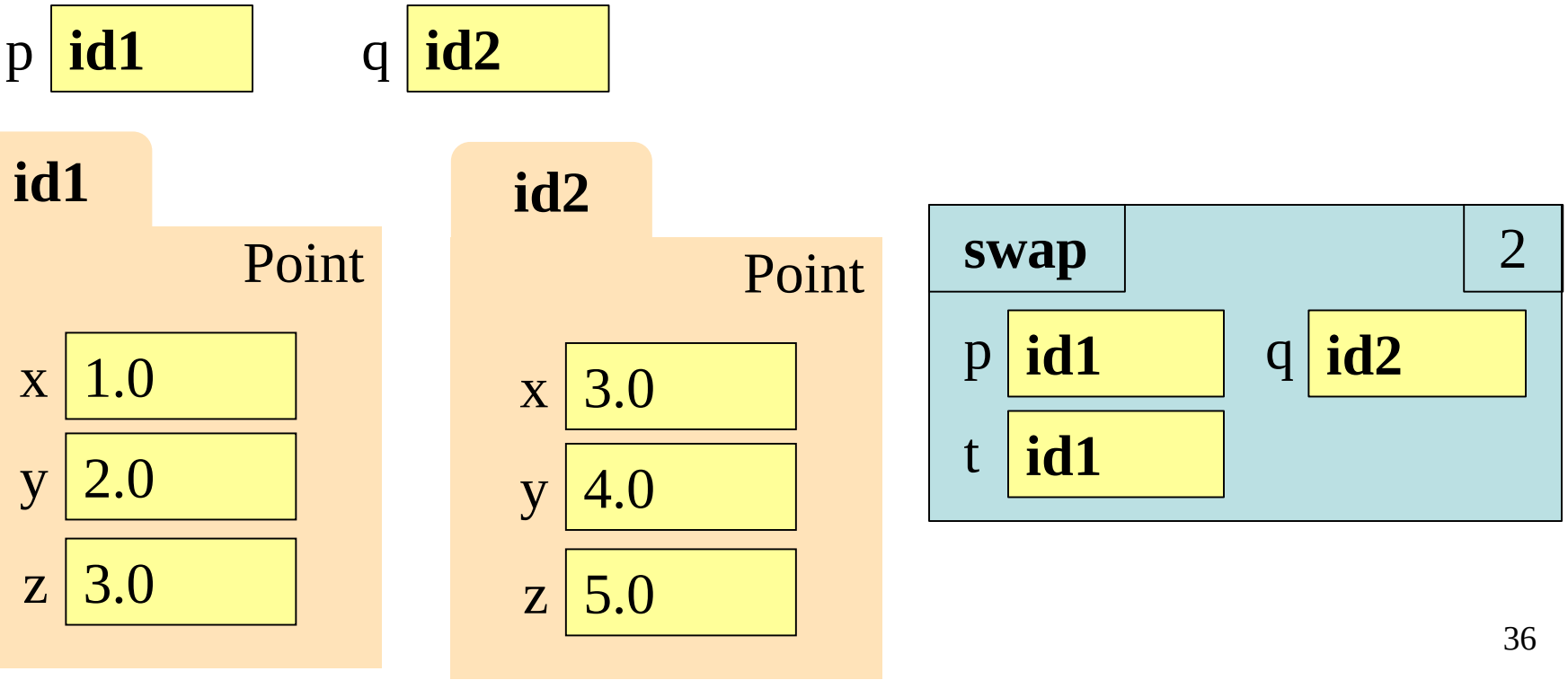

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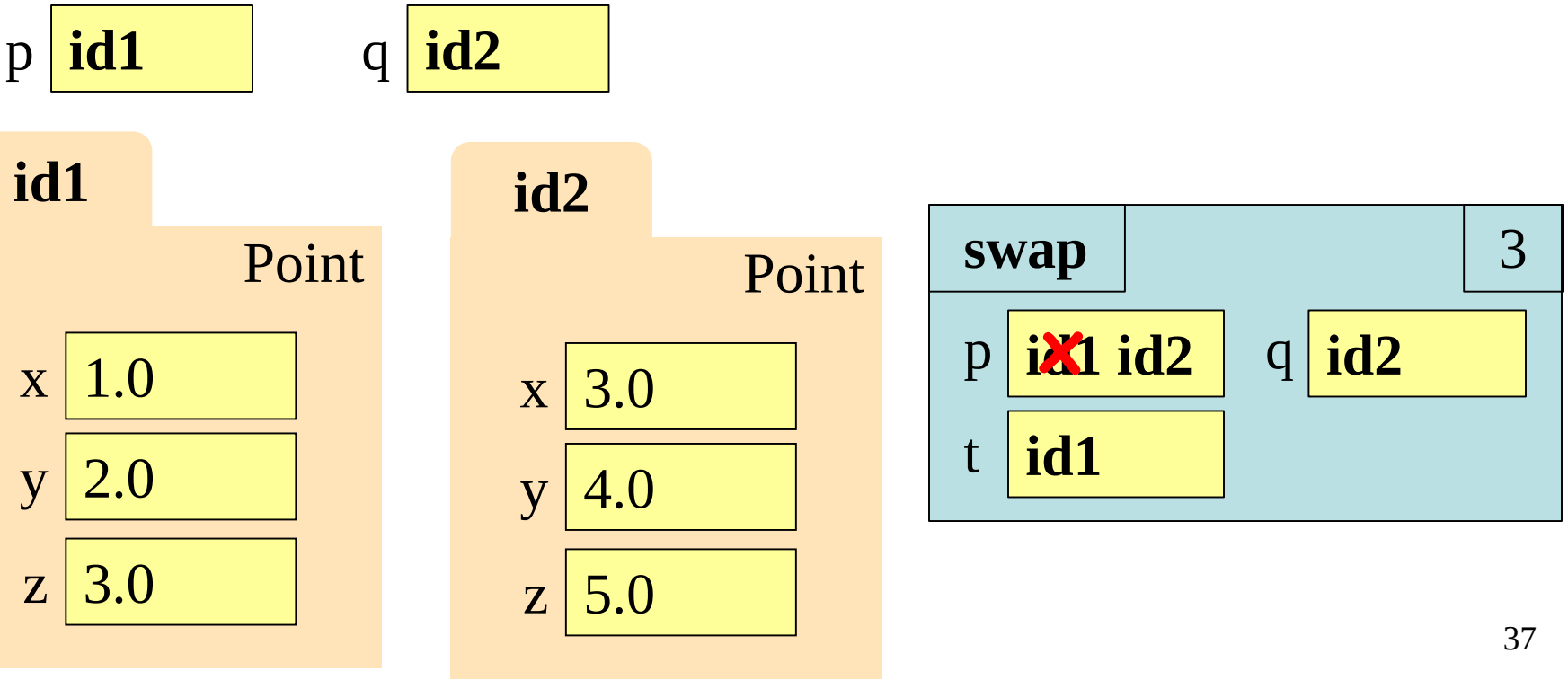

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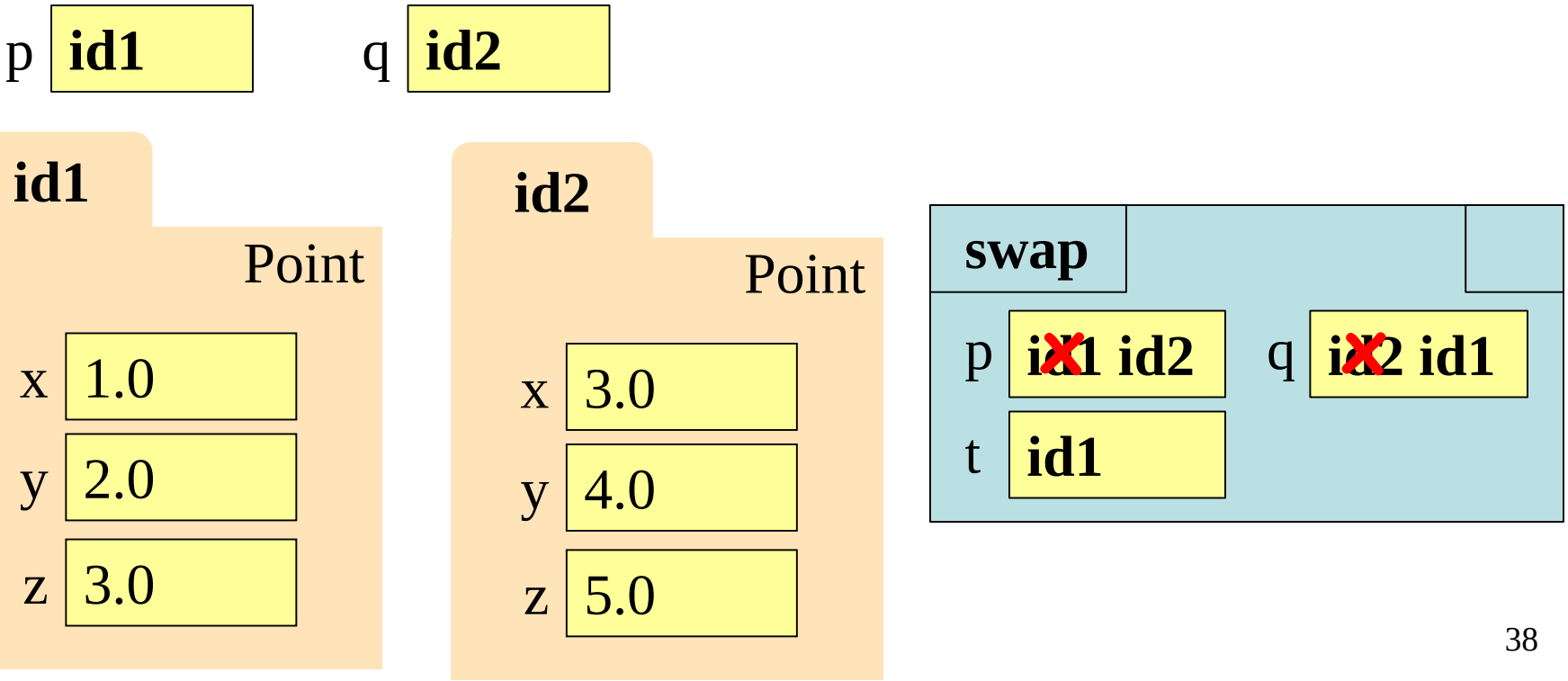

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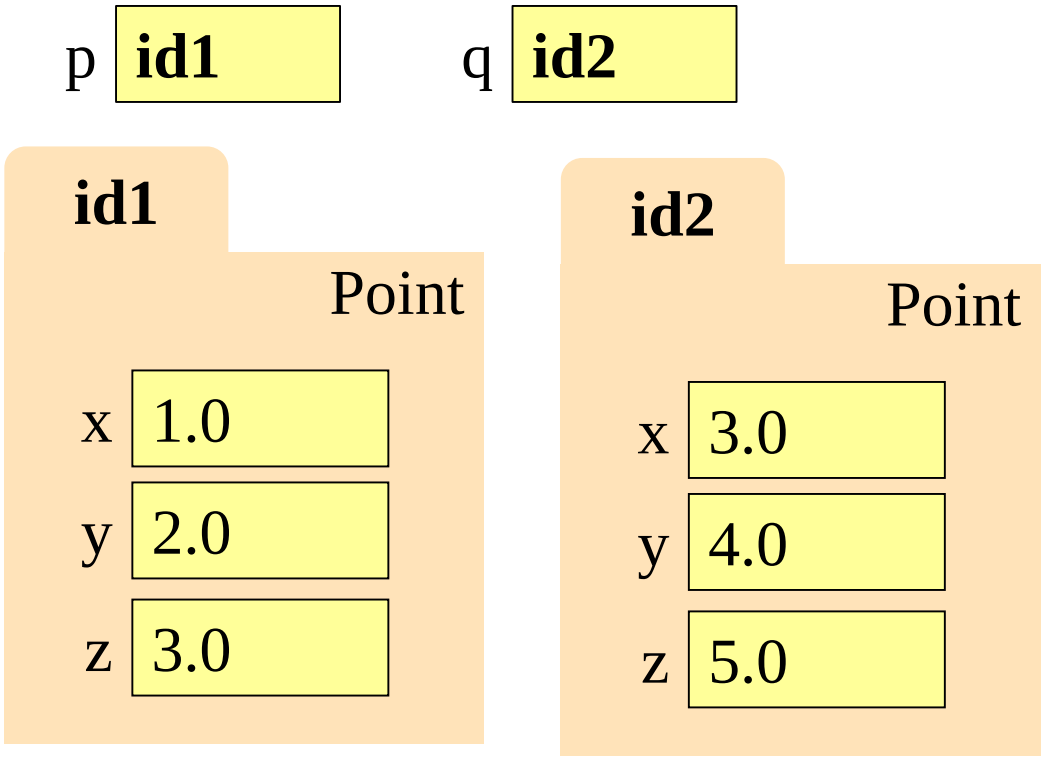

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