Nested Lists

- Lists can hold any objects
- Lists are objects
- Therefore lists can hold other lists!

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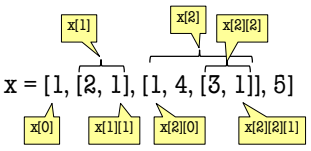
a = [2, 1]
b = [3, 1]
c = [1, 4, b]
x = [1, a, c, 5]
```



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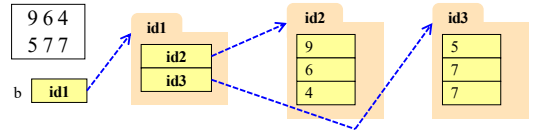
How Multidimensional Lists are Stored

- b = [[9, 6, 4], [5, 7, 7]]



- b holds name of a one-dimensional list
  - Has len(b) elements
  - Its elements are (the names of) 1D lists
- b[i] holds the name of a one-dimensional list (of ints)
  - Has len(b[i]) elements

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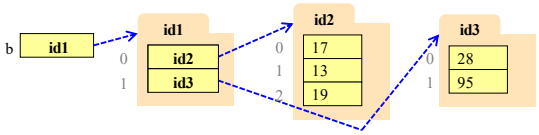
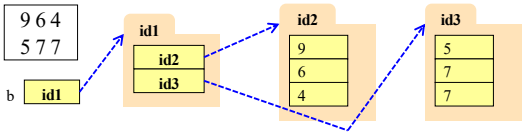
Ragged Lists vs Tables

- Ragged is 2d uneven list: b = [[17,13,19],[28,95]]



- Table is 2d uniform list: b = [[9,6,4],[5,7,7]]



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Representing Tables as Lists

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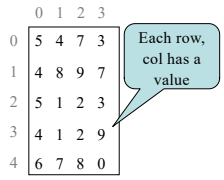

- Represent as 2d list
  - Each table row a list
  - List of all rows
  - **Row major order**
- Column major exists
  - Less common to see
  - Limited to some scientific applications

```
d = [[5,4,7,3],[4,8,9,7],[5,1,2,3],[4,1,2,9],[6,7,8,0]]
```

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Overview of Two-Dimensional Lists

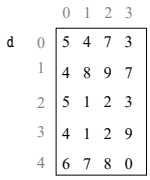
- Access value at row 3, col 2:

  d[3][2]

- Assign value at row 3, col 2:

  d[3][2] = 8

- **An odd symmetry**
  - Number of rows of d: len(d)
  - Number of cols in row r of d: len(d[r])



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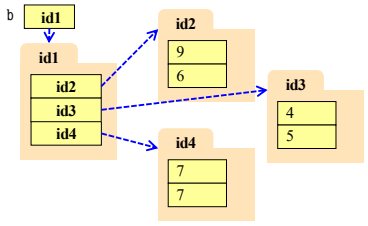
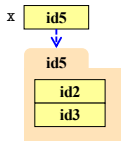
Slices and Multidimensional Lists

- Only "top-level" list is copied.
- Contents of the list are not altered
- b = [[9, 6], [4, 5], [7, 7]]



x = b[:2]



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Shallow vs. Deep Copy

- **Shallow copy:** Copy top-level list
  - Happens when slice a multidimensional list
- **Deep copy:** Copy top and all nested lists
  - Requires a special function: copy.deepcopy
- **Example:**

```
>>> import copy
>>> a = [[1,2],[2,3]]
>>> b = a[:]                  # Shallow copy
>>> c = copy.deepcopy(a)      # Deep copy
```

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Functions over Nested Lists

- Functions on nested lists similar to lists
  - Go over (nested) list with *for-loop*
  - Use *accumulator* to gather the results
- But two important differences
  - Need **multiple for-loops**
  - One for each part/dimension of loop
  - In some cases need **multiple accumulators**
  - Latter true when result is new table

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Functions on Nested Lists

```
def all_nums(table):
    """Returns True if table contains only numbers

    Precondition: table is a (non-ragged) 2d List"""
    result = True
    # Walk through table
    for row in table:
        # Walk through the row
        for item in row:
            if not type(item) in [int,float]:
                result = False

    return result
```

Accumulator

First Loop

Second Loop

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Transpose: A Trickier Example

```
def transpose(table):
    """Returns: copy of table with rows and columns swapped
    Precondition: table is a (non-ragged) 2d List"""
    numrows = len(table)    # Need number of rows
    numcols = len(table[0]) # All rows have same no. cols
    result = []                                  ) accumulator
    for m in range(numc
        row = []                                 accumulator
        for n in range(numrows):
            row.append(table[n][m]) # Create a new row list
        result.append(row)          # Add result to table
    return result
```

Accumulator for each loop

1	2
3	4
5	6

1	3	5
2	4	6

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A Mutable Example

```
def add_ones(table):
    """Adds one to every number in the table
    Preconditions: table is a 2d List,
    all table elements are int"""
    # Walk through table
    for rpos in range(len(table)):
        # Walk through each column
        for cpos in range(len(table[rpos])):
            table[rpos][cpos] = table[rpos][cpos]+1

    # No return statement
```

Do not loop over the table

1	3	5
2	4	6

2	4	6
3	5	7

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Another Example

```
def strip(table,col):
    """Removes column col from the given table
    Preconditions: table is a (non-ragged) 2d List,
    col valid column"""
    # Walk through table
    for rpos in range(len(table)):
        # Modify each row to slice out column
        table[rpos] = table[rpos][:col] + table[rpos][col+1:]


    # No return statement
```

Do not loop over the table

1	3	5
2	4	6

1	5
2	6

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