

**NEVER GET IN A BATTLE OF
BITS WITHOUT AMMUNITION**

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PYTHON IS NOT SLOW...

IT IS "DIFFERENTLY FAST".

SOME BACKGROUND...

- MEMORY USAGE IS PROBABLY MY MAIN PROBLEM
- USUALLY I FIND CPU-BOUND PERFORMANCE ADEQUATE (ESPECIALLY WITH NUMPY DERIVED STUFF)
- I PREFER ALGORITHMIC/ARCHITECTURAL OPTIMIZATIONS

- MANY ISSUES ARE SOLVED WITH PYPY
- CPYTHON IS STILL "THE STANDARD"

OUTLINE

- PYTHON "BASIC" TYPES
 - MEMORY OCCUPATION
 - IMPLEMENTATION
- OO DESIGN IN SCIENTIFIC SETTING
- CPU PROFILING
- MEMORY PROFILING

HIGH LEVEL LANGUAGES

- LOW-LEVEL VS. HIGH-LEVEL
- HIGH-LEVEL LANGUAGES CREATE ABSTRACTIONS, WHICH IS USUALLY FINE...
- UNLESS WHEN IT IS NOT (!!)
- THEN YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND QUITE A LOT MORE ABOUT HOW YOUR PLATFORM WORKS
- WHAT ABOUT ABSTRACTION LEAKS?
 - LAW OF LEAKY ABSTRACTIONS
([HTTP://WWW.JOELONSOFTWARE.COM/ARTICLES/LEAKYABSTRACTIONS.HTML](http://www.joelonsoftware.com/articles/leakyabstractions.html))
 - ZEN AND THE ART OF ABSTRACTION MAINTENANCE (A. MARTELLI, OSCON'09)

FLAT IS BETTER THAN NESTED

OBJECT ORIENTED PROGRAMMING LEADS TOWARDS "NESTED" STRUCTURES

WHAT IS THE COST OF ALL THIS?

OBJECT ORIENTED PROGRAMMING

- MOSTLY STATEFUL PROGRAMMING
- DEALS WITH MUTABILITY WITH ENCAPSULATION
- WHICH ALSO HELPS WITH HIDING THE IMPLEMENTATION DETAILS
- PROGRAM TO AN INTERFACE, NOT TO AN IMPLEMENTATION
- AVOID RETURNING "HANDLES" TO OBJECT INTERNALS

- MAKING INTERFACES THAT PROVIDE
 - COMPUTATIONALLY EFFICIENT OPERATIONS
 - ALL THE REQUIRED OPERATIONS

EXAMPLE

```
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    def __init__(self, x, y):  
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        self.y = y
```

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```

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Point(3, 4)
```

```
Out[24]: Point(x=3, y=4)
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Out[24]: Point(x=3, y=4)
```

```
In [25]: sys.getsizeof(Point(3, 4))
```

```
Out[25]: 72
```

VS. 344 BYTES

EXAMPLE

```
class Point(object):
    def __init__(self, x, y):
        self.x = x
        self.y = y

class Triangle(object):
    def __init__(self, a1, a2, a3):
        self._vertices = [a1, a2, a3]

    @property
    def vertices(self):
        return self._vertices
```

- IN TRIANGLE WE ARE RETURNING A HANDLE.
- FEW ADVANTAGES OVER A LIST
- MORE MEMORY
- DO SOMETHING SMARTER!
- MAKE A COPY
- RETURN A "VIEW"
- CHANGE THE API!

PYTHON OBJECT MODEL

- FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS DISCUSSION, WE LEAVE DESCRIPTOR COMPLETELY OUT
- MOST (?) PYTHON OBJECTS HAVE A `__dict__` ATTRIBUTE
 - IT IS THE FIRST PLACE WHERE ATTRIBUTES ARE LOOKED UP
 - IT IS THE PLACE WHERE ATTRIBUTES ARE WRITTEN
 - A "NORMAL" PYTHON OBJECT AT LEAST OCCUPIES THE SPACE REQUIRED FOR THE `__dict__` (AND THEN SOME)
- PYTHON OBJECTS DEFINED IN C NORMALLY HAVE NO `__dict__` ATTRIBUTE
- PYTHON OBJECTS WHOSE CLASS WAS DEFINED WITH A `__slots__` ATTRIBUTE DO NOT HAVE A `__dict__` ATTRIBUTE (UNLESS SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED)
 - THEY STILL OCCUPY SOME SPACE (JUST FOR BEING THERE)

STARTING TO GET THE IDEA...

`getsizeof(object, default) -> int`

Return the size of object in bytes.

```
In [3]: import sys
```

```
In [10]: class Normal(object):  
         pass  
n = Normal()  
sys.getsizeof(n)
```

```
Out[10]: 64
```

```
In [11]: class Slotted(object):  
         __slots__ = ()  
s = Slotted()  
sys.getsizeof(s)
```

```
Out[11]: 16
```

```
In [12]: s.foo = 1 # AttributeError
```

MORE ON SLOTS...

```
In [23]: class SlottedDict(object):  
         __slot__ = ('__dict__', )  
         sd = SlottedDict()  
         sys.getsizeof(sd)
```

Out[23]: 64

```
In [18]: class SubSlot(Slotted):  
         pass  
         ss = SubSlot()  
         ss.a = 1  
         sys.getsizeof(ss)
```

Out[18]: 64

```
In [21]: class SubSlot2(Slotted):  
         __slots__ = ()  
         ss2 = SubSlot2()  
         sys.getsizeof(ss2)
```

Out[21]: 16

IF WE REQUIRE `__dict__`,
WE GET IT! (AND WE PAY FOR IT)

INSTANCES OF SUBCLASSES
OF SLOTTED CLASSES, STILL
HAVE A `__dict__`!

UNLESS THEIR CLASS ALSO HAS
A `__slots__`!

MORE ON GETSIZEOF (1)

- RETURN THE SIZE OF AN OBJECT IN BYTES.
- BUILT-IN OBJECTS GIVE CORRECT RESULTS, THIRD PARTY STUFF DEPENDS
- ONLY THE OBJECT, NOT WHAT IT REFERS TO!

```
In [7]: class Fatty(object):
        def __init__(self, sz):
            self.a = range(sz)
f = Fatty(10000)
print sys.getsizeof(f)
print sys.getsizeof(f.a)
print sum(map(sys.getsizeof, f.a))
```

```
64
80072
240000
```

MORE ON GETSIZEOF (2)

- GETSIZEOF RETURNS THE VALUE RETURNED BY `__sizeof__` + SPACE USED FOR REFERENCE COUNTING

```
In [8]: class Munchausen(object):
        __slots__ = ()
        def __sizeof__(self):
            return 1000000
        baron = Munchausen()
        sys.getsizeof(baron)
```

```
Out[8]: 1000000
```

GETSIZEOF (SLOTS VS. ATTRIBUTES)

```
In [9]: class LotsOfSlots(object):  
        __slots__ = ["a%d" % i for i in xrange(1000)]  
los = LotsOfSlots()  
sys.getsizeof(los)
```

Out[9]: 8048

```
In [14]: class LotsOfAttributes(object):  
        def __init__(self):  
            for i in xrange(1000):  
                setattr(self, 'a%d' % i, None)  
loa = LotsOfAttributes()  
print sys.getsizeof(loa)  
print sys.getsizeof(loa.__dict__)
```

64

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OK... AN OBJECT WITH 1000 ATTRIBUTES
IS AN EXERCISE IN BAD DESIGN...

INTEGERS

- FROM THE PREVIOUS SLIDES: 10000 INTS = 240000 BYTES
- YES: 1 INTEGER = 24 BYTES

```
In [2]: sys.getsizeof(1)
```

```
Out[2]: 24
```

- ON A 64 BIT INTEL MACHINE, A C "LONG" TAKES 64 BITS!!!
- AN INTEGER IN PYTHON IS A FULL-FLEDGED OBJECT!

- HERE WE DO NOT CONSIDER THE LONG DATATYPES

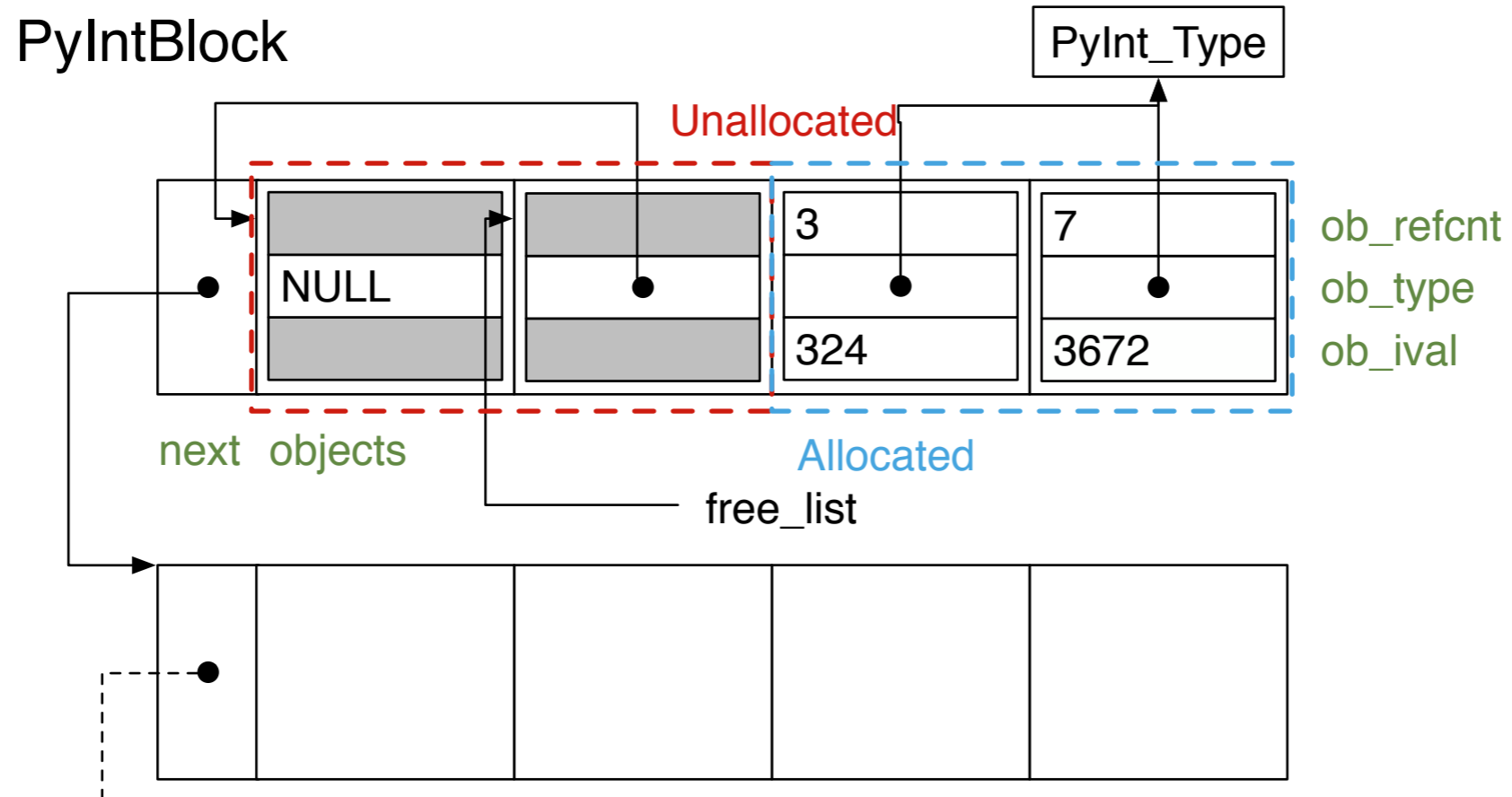
MORE INTEGERS

```
#define PyObject_HEAD          \  
    Py_ssize_t ob_refcnt;     \  
    struct _typeobject *ob_type;  
  
typedef struct {  
    PyObject_HEAD  
    long ob_ival;  
} PyIntObject;
```

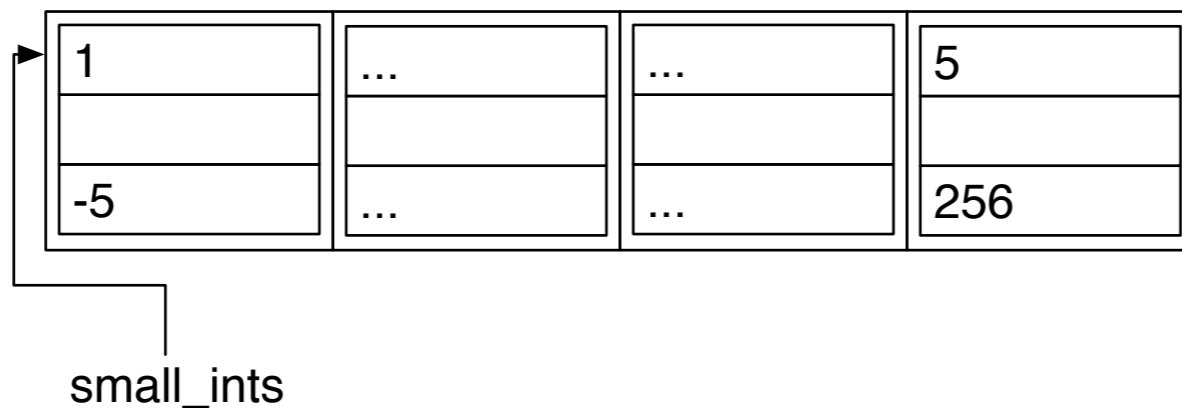
- ALTHOUGH LARGER THAN C INTEGERS, PYTHON INTEGERS ARE STILL RELATIVELY SMALL ENTITIES (sizeof(size_t) + POINTER + LONG)
- THE COST OF INDIVIDUALLY MALLOC'ING EACH INTEGER USED JUST ONCE WOULD BE RATHER PROHIBITIVE (MEMORY + CPU)



INTEGER STORAGE



Small Integers




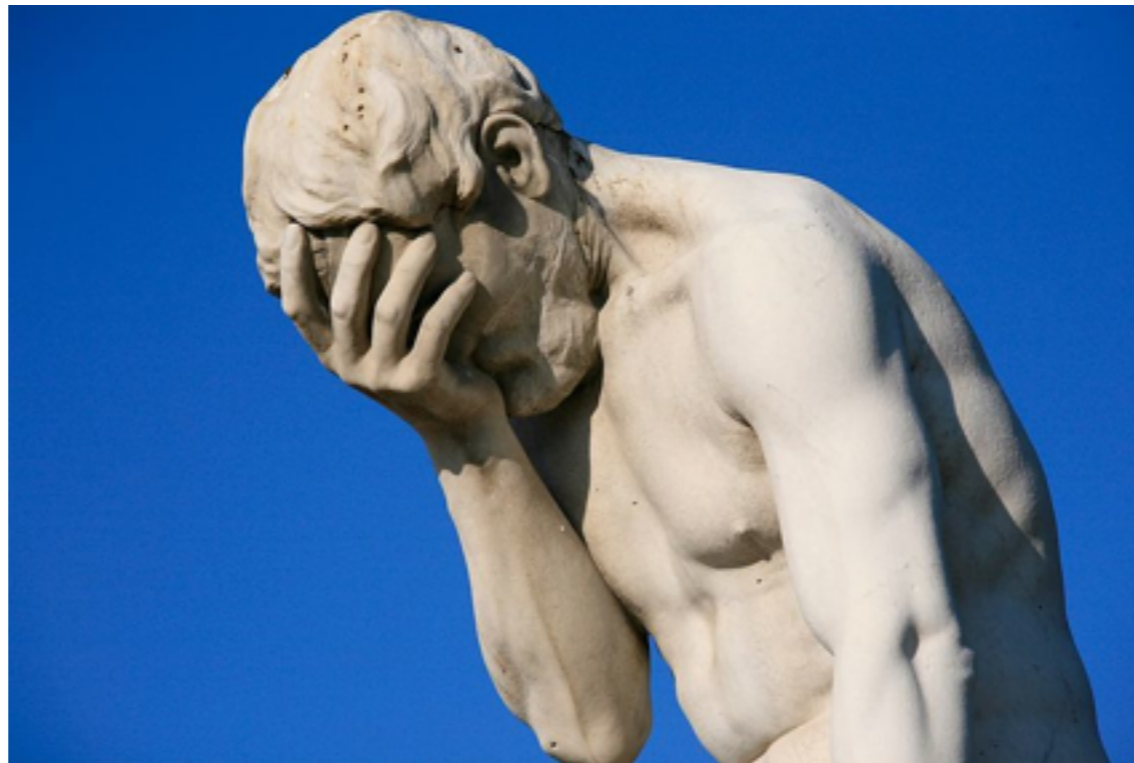
ALL IS WELL...

- WHEN AN OPERATION WOULD RESULT IN A VALUE NOT REPRESENTABLE AS A (PYTHON) INTEGER, A (PYTHON) LONG IS RETURNED INSTEAD
- $A + B$ COULD "OVERFLOW"
- "EASY": E.G., $A + B < \text{MAX_UNSIGNED_LONG}$ (WITH $A > 0$ & $B > 0$)

```
static PyObject *
int_add(PyIntObject *v, PyIntObject *w)
{
    register long a, b, x;
    CONVERT_TO_LONG(v, a);
    CONVERT_TO_LONG(w, b);
    /* casts in the line below avoid undefined behaviour on overflow */
    x = (long)((unsigned long)a + b);
    if ((x^a) >= 0 || (x^b) >= 0)
        return PyInt_FromLong(x);
    return PyLong_Type.tp_as_number->nb_add((PyObject *)v, (PyObject *)w);
}
```

... WHAT ENDS LONG!

- BUT SOME SERIOUS  CAN HAPPEN WITH MULTIPLICATION (FOR EXAMPLE)
- FROM THE DOCS: "INTEGER OVERFLOW CHECKING FOR * IS PAINFUL"
- FLOATING POINT ARITHMETIC IS USED INSTEAD
(NO REALLY, IT MAKES SENSE; OVERFLOW CHECKING IS REALLY A PAIN)

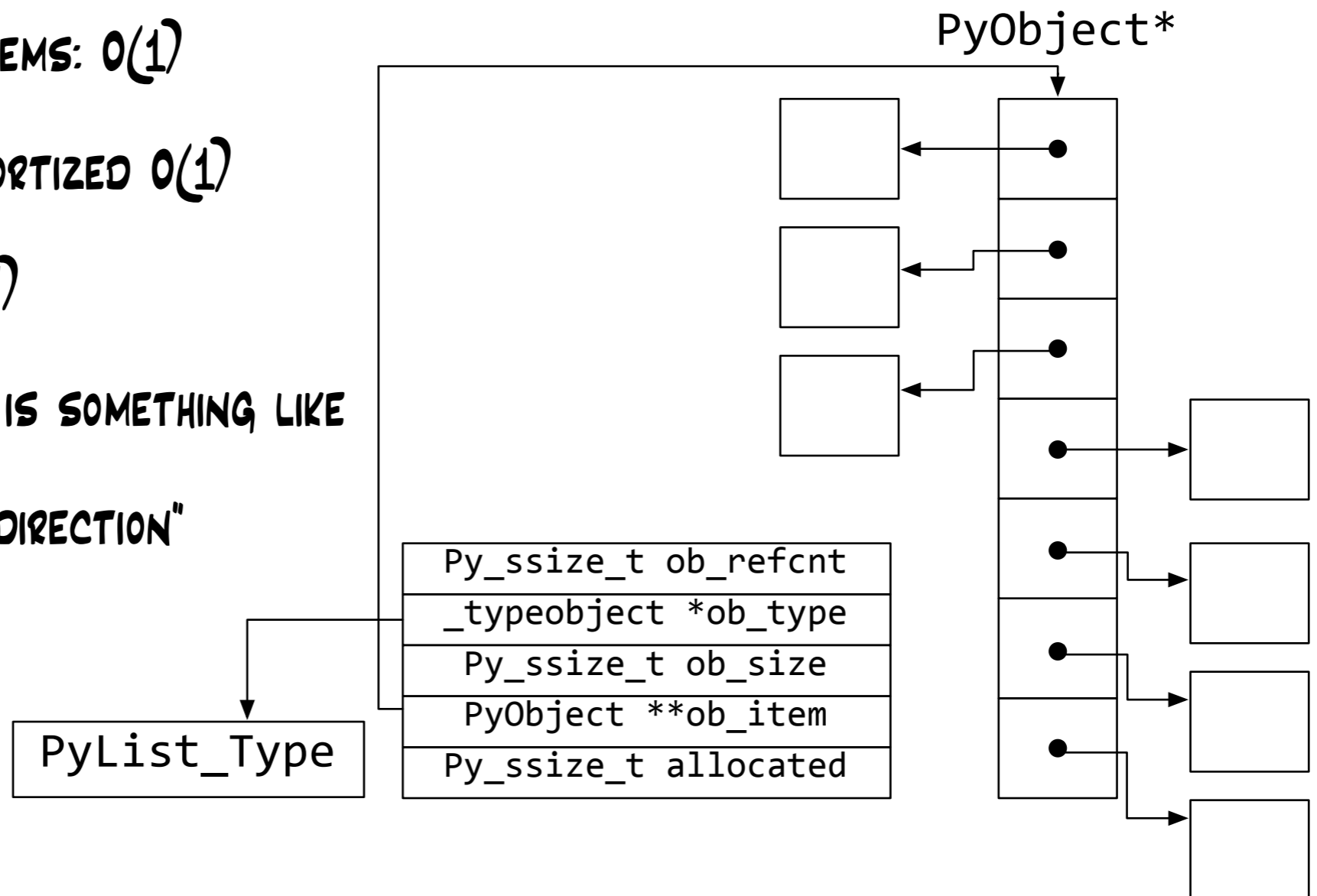


FLOATS

- THERE IS A "FLOATBLOCK" LINKED LIST
 - NO "SMALL FLOATS" ARRAY (OBVIOUSLY)
 - OPERATIONS ARE DONE ACCORDING TO THE C PLATFORM SEMANTICS
 - EACH OPERATION "CONVERTS" PYTHON FLOATS TO C DOUBLES, PERFORMS THE OPERATION AND "CONVERTS" THE RESULT TO A PYTHON FLOAT
-
- `[x*y for x,y in izip([...], [...])]`

LISTS

- A PYTHON LIST IS IMPLEMENTED AS AN ARRAY OF POINTERS TO PYOBJECTS
- COMPLEXITY IS WHAT WE EXPECT FROM A DYNAMIC ARRAY
- GET/SET ITEMS: $O(1)$
- APPEND: AMORTIZED $O(1)$
- INSERT: $O(N)$
- MEMORY USAGE IS SOMETHING LIKE
- "LOTS OF INDIRECTION"



DICTIONARIES

- DICTS ARE ESSENTIALLY HASH MAPS
- DEFINITELY NOT A TEXTBOOK IMPLEMENTATION:
BEAUTIFUL HIGHLY OPTIMIZED IMPLEMENTATION
- NO LINKED-LISTS (!!)
- OPEN ADDRESSING
- IT IS PROBABLY THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT STRUCTURE OF PYTHON
- USED ALSO AS PART OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF OTHER OBJECTS...
- COMPLEXITY IS STANDARD (PERFORMANCE IS OUTSTANDING)
- GET/SET AMORTIZED $O(1)$

DICTIONARY IMPLEMENTATION

- DICTENTRY "HOLDS" A KEY-VALUE PAIR IN THE DICTIONARY
- ME_HASH CONTAINS THE HASH OF THE KEY
- VERY SIMPLE HASHING FUNCTIONS FOR STRINGS AND INTEGERS (HASH(INT) = INT)
- RELATIVELY SIMPLE "PROBING" FUNCTION

PyDictEntry

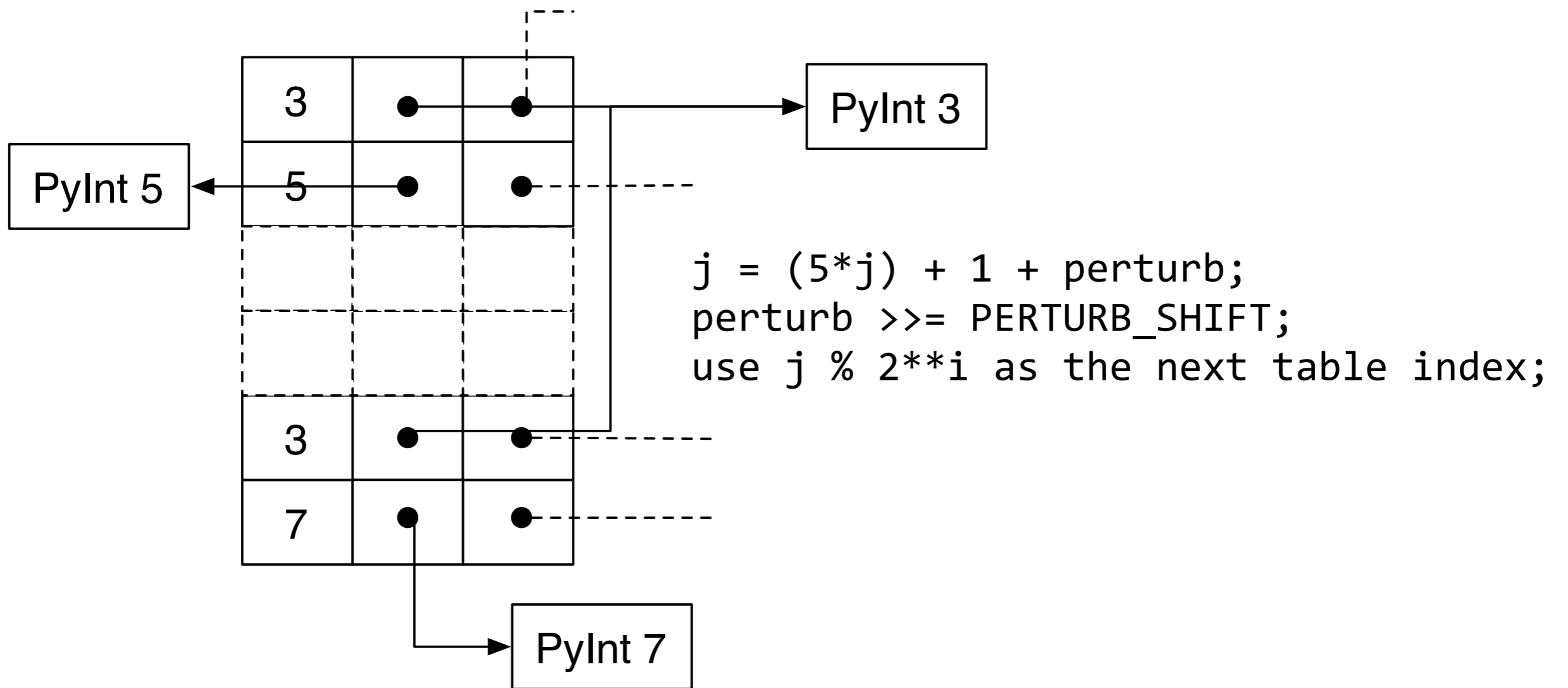
Py_ssize_t me_hash
PyObject* me_key
PyObject* me_value

$$\frac{\text{sizeof(size_t)} + 2 * \text{sizeof(pointer)}}{}$$

$$64 * 3 = 192 \text{ bits} = 24 \text{ bytes}$$

Unused	me_key = me_value = NULL
Active	me_value != NULL && me_key ∉ {NULL, dummy}
Dummy	me_key = dummy && me_value = NULL

PROBE



DICT

```
typedef struct _dictobject PyDictObject;
struct _dictobject {
    PyObject_HEAD
    Py_ssize_t ma_fill; /* # Active + # Dummy */
    Py_ssize_t ma_used; /* # Active */

    /* The table contains ma_mask + 1 slots, and that's a power of 2.
    */
    Py_ssize_t ma_mask;

    /* ma_table points to ma_smalltable for small tables, else to
    * additional malloc'ed memory. ma_table is never NULL!
    */
    PyDictEntry *ma_table;
    PyDictEntry *(*ma_lookup)
        (PyDictObject *mp, PyObject *key, long hash);
    PyDictEntry ma_smalltable[PyDict_MINSIZE];
};
```

SIZE OF DICTIONARIES

- AN EMPTY DICT TAKES 280 BYTES ON A 64 BIT INTEL MACHINE
- A LOT OF PYTHON OBJECTS DO HAVE DICTS!

```
graph = {'A': ['B', 'C'],  
        'B': ['C', 'D'],  
        'C': ['D'],  
        'D': ['C'],  
        'E': ['F'],  
        'F': ['C']}
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INTERNAL NETWORKX REPRESENTATION
6 ELEMENTS = 2.5 KB



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```

10⁶ NODES WITH NX IS 5 GB
AS A SPARSE MATRIX IT IS < 2 MB

TUPLES

- "IMMUTABLE SEQUENCE"
- NOT GENERAL PURPOSE DATA STRUCTURES (WESLEY CHUN:
[HTTP://WESCPY.BLOGSPOT.IT/2012/05/TUPLES-ARENT-WHAT-YOU-THINK-THEYRE-FOR.HTML](http://wescpy.blogspot.it/2012/05/tuples-arent-what-you-think-theyre-for.html))
- "COMPOSITE" DICTIONARY KEYS
- "INDIVIDUAL ENTITY" (MAYBE NAMEDTUPLES ARE EVEN BETTER)
- GET DATA TO AND FROM FUNCTIONS
- SOME MEMORY OVERHEAD IS THERE

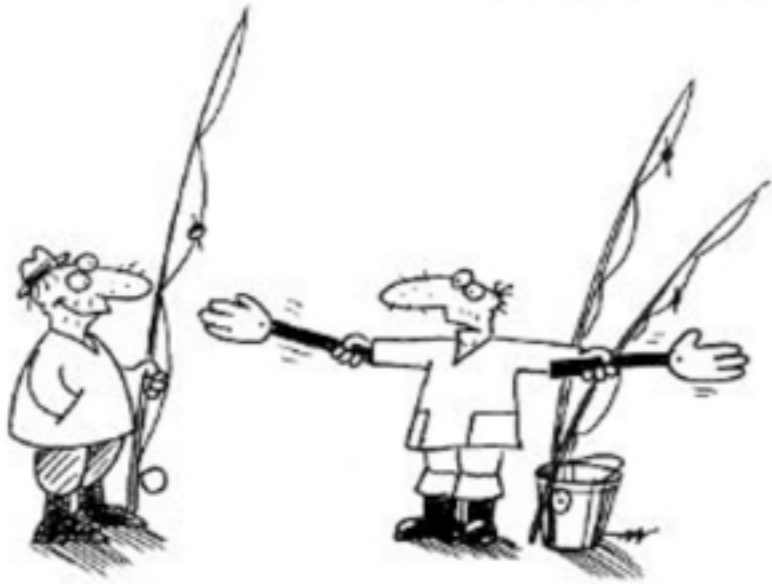
```
In [20]: sys.getsizeof(('a', 'b'))
```

```
Out[20]: 72
```

```
In [21]: sys.getsizeof(('a', 'b', 'c'))
```

```
Out[21]: 80
```

HOW LARGE IS YOUR OBJECT?



- GETSIZEOF (ALREADY DISCUSSED)
- RECURSIVE
([HTTP://CODE.ACTIVESTATE.COM/RECIPES/577504/](http://code.activestate.com/recipes/577504/))
- PYMPER.ASIZEOF!
- PIP INSTALL PYMPER

```
[20]: p = Point(3, 4)      # namedtuple  
      o = OldPoint(3, 4) # plain object
```

```
[21]: print sys.getsizeof(p), sys.getsizeof(o) + sys.getsizeof(o.__dict__)  
      72 344
```

```
[22]: print asizeof.asizeof(p), asizeof.asizeof(o)  
      536 472
```

NAMEDTUPLES "LAZILY" CREATE `__DICT__`

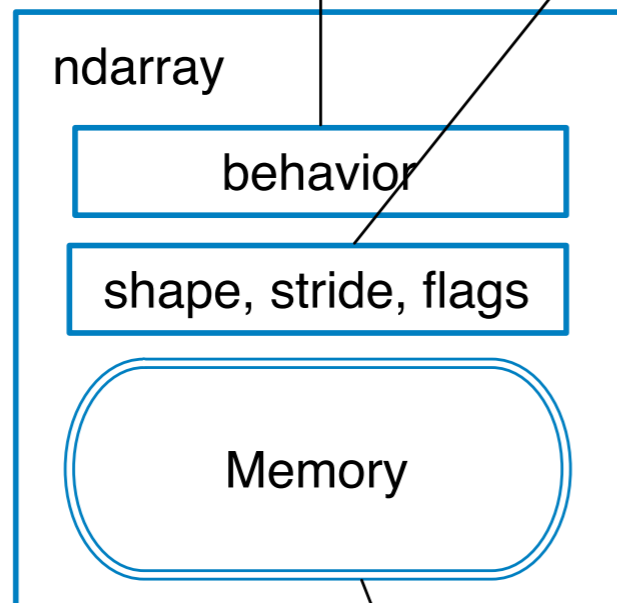
PUTTING ALL TOGETHER

- PYTHON "CORE" STRUCTURES ARE VERY USEFUL AND POWERFUL
- BUILT FOR EASE OF USE + *SOME* PERFORMANCE CONSTRAINTS
(SUPER FAST DICTS)
- EACH "NESTED" STRUCTURE FORCES SOME INDIRECTION
 - MORE MEMORY OVERHEAD
 - "POINTER CHAINS"
 - LESS MEMORY LOCALITY
 - JUST MORE OPERATIONS

NUMPY ARRAY

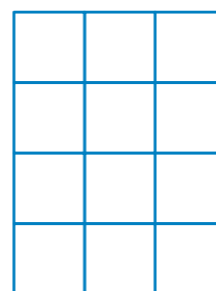
Is an object, so there is some behavior, e.g., the def. of `__add__` and similar stuff

An n-dimensional array has property such as its shape or the data-type of the elements contains



$$(i_0, \dots, i_{n-1}) \rightarrow I$$

Shape: (d_0, \dots, d_{n-1})

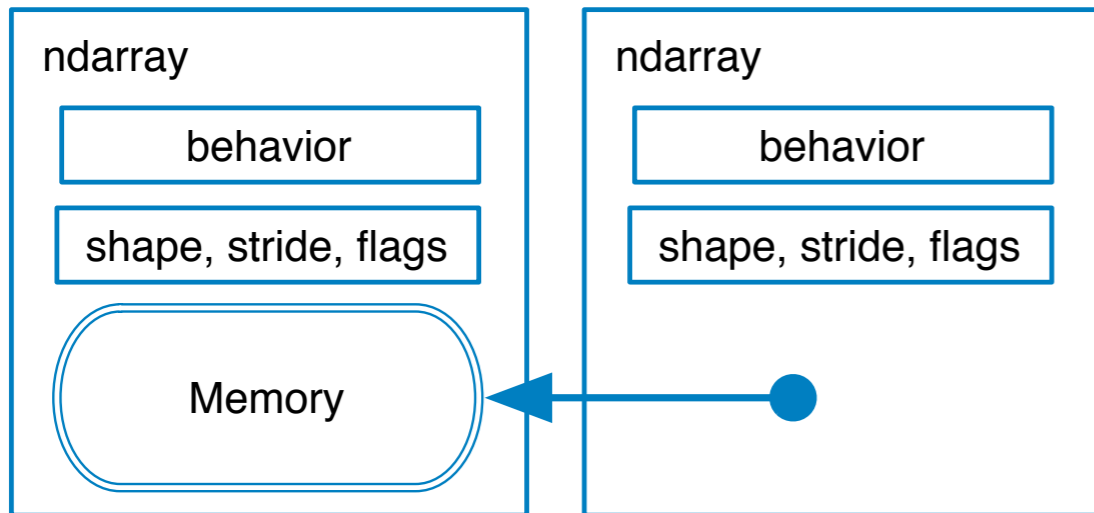


4x3

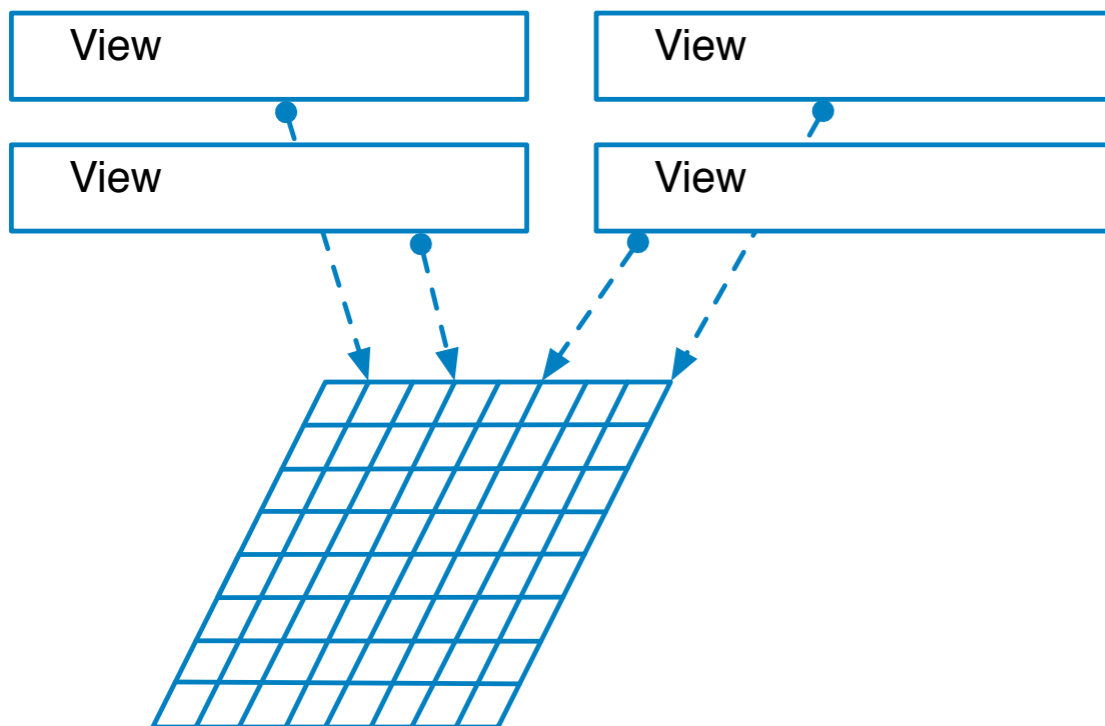
An n-dimensional array references some (usually contiguous memory area)

N-dimensional arrays are homogeneous

NUMPY, COPIES & VIEWS



```
b = a.view()  
b.flags.writeable = False  
b[0,0] = 0 # RuntimeError
```



PROFILING VS. BENCHMARKING

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WHERE IS THE PROBLEM?

IS THERE A PROBLEM?

RUNNING A SET OF PROGRAMS TO ASSESS
THEIR RELATIVE PERFORMANCE

BENCHMARKING

BENCHMARKING EXECUTION

- "MANUAL SOLUTIONS"
- TIMEIT MODULE
- IPYTHON

```
In [9]: %timeit map(lambda x: x + 1, range(10000))  
100 loops, best of 3: 4.07 ms per loop
```

```
In [10]: def f(x):  
         return x + 1
```

```
In [11]: %%timeit lst = range(10000)  
         map(f, lst)  
100 loops, best of 3: 3.16 ms per loop
```

PROFILING EXECUTION

- PROFILING OFTEN REQUIRES "INSTRUMENTING" INTERPRETER/CODE, ETC.
- PROFILING DOES NOT RELIABLY MEASURE "PERFORMANCE"

```
import cProfile
```

```
import re
```

```
cProfile.run('re.compile("foo|bar")') # to stdout
```

```
cProfile.run('re.compile("foo|bar")', 'restats')
```

```
python -m cProfile [-o output_file] [-s sort_order] myscript.py
```

```
In [9]: %prun re.compile("foo|bar")
```

- WITH PSTAT YOU READ BACK THE PROFILING LOG, AND EXAMINE IT

```
In [1]: import pstats
```

```
In [2]: p = pstats.Stats('standard.prof')
```



```
p.sort_stats('cumulative').print_stats(9)
```

```
Wed Jul 3 11:45:23 2013 standard.prof
```

```
514425388 function calls (514424680 primitive calls) in 691.147 seconds
```

```
Ordered by: cumulative time
```

```
List reduced from 1251 to 9 due to restriction <9>
```

ncalls	tottime	percall	cumtime	percall	filename:lineno(function)
1	2.397	2.397	691.149	691.149	blogsim/execution.py:77(main)
1	0.000	0.000	688.746	688.746	blogsim/execution.py:38(simulate)
1	0.000	0.000	686.806	686.806	blogsim/simulation.py:42(run)
1	0.630	0.630	666.737	666.737	blogsim/engine.py:98(run)
374636	53.619	0.000	659.533	0.002	blogsim/engine.py:58(read_post)
41416852	63.272	0.000	587.674	0.000	blogsim/engine.py:42(get_messages)
36416971	45.691	0.000	458.925	0.000	
					blogsim/purepy_backend.py:58(mark_could_have_read_if_active)
41416852	201.541	0.000	426.443	0.000	
					blogsim/purepy_backend.py:34(_mark_read_aux)
124251573	169.862	0.000	169.862	0.000	{method 'extend' of 'list' object


```
p.sort_stats('time').print_stats(10)
```

```
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```

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```
Ordered by: internal time
```

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41416852	38.875	0.000	38.875	0.000	{_bisect.bisect_right}
36416971	30.477	0.000	39.130	0.000	blogsim/purepy_backend.py:51(last_activation_of)
78270800	18.458	0.000	18.458	0.000	{method 'setdefault' of 'dict' objects}
46859708	10.162	0.000	10.162	0.000	blogsim/timeline.py:4(now)
374636	8.892	0.000	11.426	0.000	blogsim/engine.py:94(neighbors)

LINE_PROFILER

- IF YOU REALLY WANT TO OPTIMIZE A PROCEDURE, YOU NEED TO KNOW WHERE TIME IS SPENT INSIDE THE PROCEDURE!

- LINE_PROFILER (SEARCH THE CHEESESHOP) DOES THAT!

```
@profile
def slow_function(a, b, c):
    ...
```

- RUN THE PROGRAM AS USUAL

- READ THE RESULTS WITH

```
$ python -m line_profiler script_to_profile.py.lprof
```

LINE_PROFILER

```
In [8]: lst = range(100)
        random.shuffle(lst)
```

```
In [9]: %load_ext line_profiler
```

```
In [11]: %lprun -f sort_numbers sort_numbers(lst)
```

```
In [12]: %lprun -f insertion_sort.sort_numbers insertion_sort.sort_numbers(lst)
Timer unit: 1e-06 s
```

```
File: insertion_sort.py
Function: sort_numbers at line 1
Total time: 0.011399 s
```

Line #	Hits	Time	Per Hit	% Time	Line Contents
1					def sort_numbers(s):
2	100	535	5.3	4.7	for i in range(1, len(s)):
3	99	124	1.3	1.1	val = s[i]
4	99	120	1.2	1.1	j = i - 1
5	2608	4110	1.6	36.1	while (j >= 0) and (s[j] >
6	2509	3378	1.3	29.6	s[j+1] = s[j]
7	2509	2971	1.2	26.1	j = j - 1
8	99	161	1.6	1.4	s[j+1] = val

LINE_PROFILER

```
In [8]: lst = range(100)
        random.shuffle(lst)
```

```
In [9]: %load_ext line_profiler
```

```
In [11]: %lprun -f sort_numbers sort_numbers(lst)
```

```
In [25]: %lprun -f insertion_sort.sort_numbers insertion_sort.sort_numbers(lst)
Timer unit: 1e-06 s
```

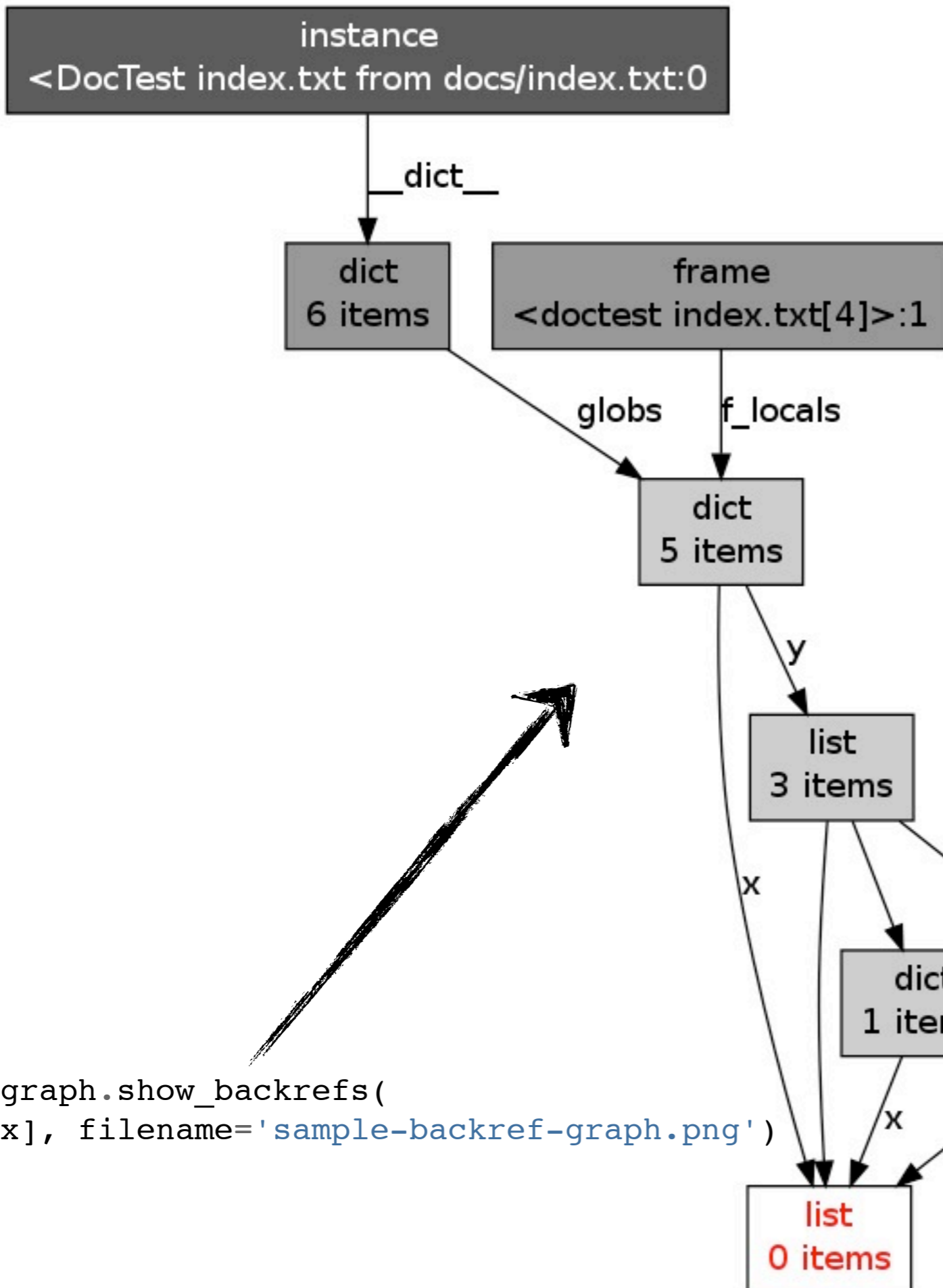
```
File: insertion_sort.py
Function: sort_numbers at line 1
Total time: 143.9 s
```

Line #	Hits	Time	Per Hit	% Time	Line Contents
1					def sort_numbers(s):
2	10000	22512	2.3	0.0	for i in range(1, len(s)):
3	9999	24376	2.4	0.0	val = s[i]
4	9999	19258	1.9	0.0	j = i - 1
5	25289518	48885095	1.9	34.0	while (j >= 0) and (s[j] >
6	25279519	50397861	2.0	35.0	s[j+1] = s[j]
7	25279519	44531577	1.8	30.9	j = j - 1
8	9999	19185	1.9	0.0	s[j+1] = val

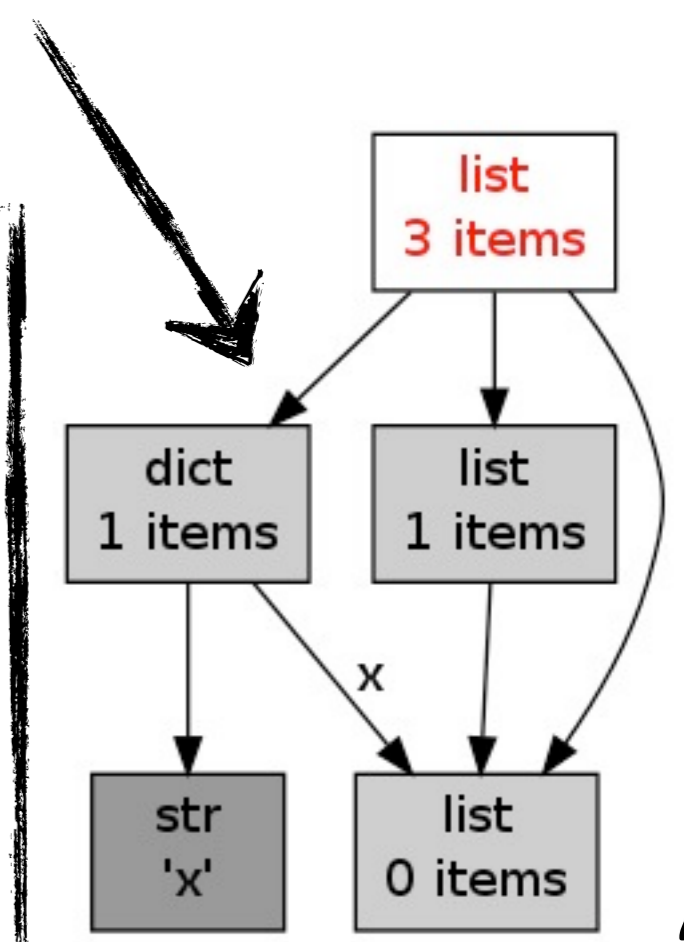
MEMORY PROFILING

- NO "STANDARD" MEMORY PROFILER
- SEVERAL OPTIONS WITH SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT FOCUS
 - OBJGRAPH: CREATES A GRAPH OF REFERENCES/BACKREFERENCES
 - MELIAE: "TWO STEP PROCESS" LIKE CPROFILE & PSTAT
 - PYMPLEP (ESPECIALLY MEMORY LEAKS)

OBJGRAPH



```
>>> x = []  
>>> y = [x, [x], dict(x=x)]  
>>> import objgraph  
>>> objgraph.show_refs(  
    [y], filename='sample-graph.png')
```



```
objgraph.show_backrefs(  
    [x], filename='sample-backref-graph.png')
```



```
>>> om = loader.load('my.dump')
```

```
>>> om.summarize()
```

```
Total 5078730 objects, 290 types,
```

```
Total size = 367.4MiB (385233882 bytes)
```

Index	Count	%	Size	% Cum	Max	Kind
0	2375950	46	224148214	58	58	4194313 str
1	63209	1	77855404	20	78	3145868 dict
2	1647097	32	29645488	7	86	20
bzrlib._static_tuple_c.StaticTuple						
3	374259	7	14852532	3	89	304 tuple
4	138464	2	12387988	3	93	536 unicode

```
...
```


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- WEAVE (C++ EMBEDDED!)

```
def prod7(m, v):  
    nrows, ncolumns = m.shape  
    res = np.zeros(nrows)  
    code = r"""  
for (int i=0; i<nrows; i++) {  
for (int j=0; j<ncolumns; j++) {  
res(i) += m(i, j)*v(j); }  
} """  
    err = weave.inline(code,  
        ['nrows', 'ncolumns', 'res', 'm', 'v'],  
        type_converters=weave.converters.blitz, compiler='gcc')
```

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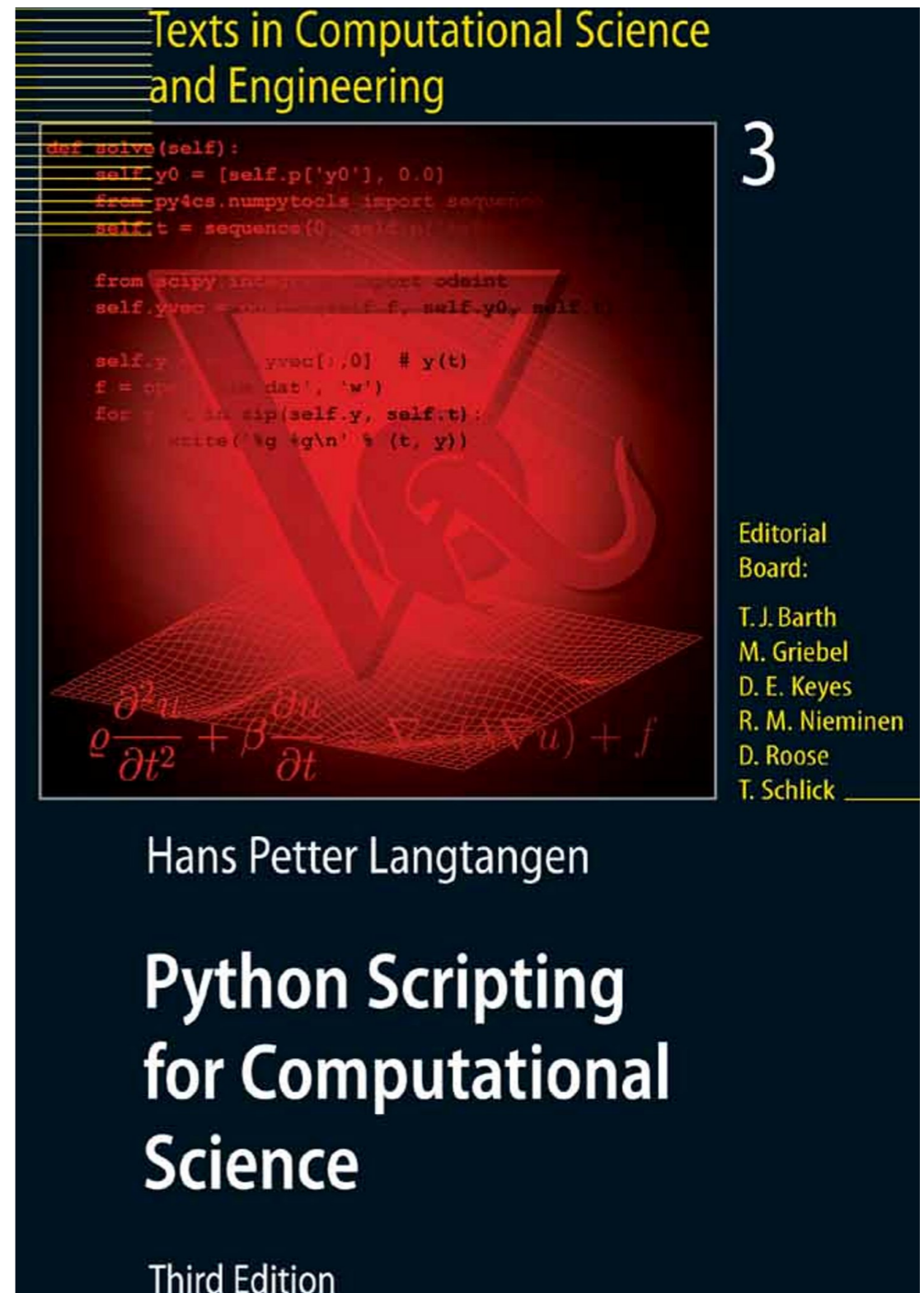
```
In [5]: %timeit np.dot(m, v)
100 loops, best of 3: 2.19 ms per loop

In [6]: %timeit prod7(m, v)
10 loops, best of 3: 19 ms per loop
```

PERFORMANCE HINTS

method	function name	CPU time
pure Python loops	prod1	490
map/reduce	prod2	454
map/reduce	prod3	209
Psyco	prod6	327
Fortran	prod4	2.9
Fortran, cache-friendly loops	prod5	1.0
Weave	prod7	1.6
NumPy	dot	1.0

**2K x 2K DENSE MATRIX
MULTIPLIED WITH
2K ARRAY**



CYTHON

- CREATES A COMPILED PYTHON MODULE
- CYTHON -> C -> NATIVE CODE
- INTEROPERATES WITH NUMPY

```
def naive_convolve(np.ndarray[DTYPE_t, ndim=2] f not None,  
                  np.ndarray[DTYPE_t, ndim=2] g not None):
```

- TO SOME EXTENT, WITH C++
- ALLOWS TO DECLARE BUFFERS
- TYPE ANNOTATIONS
- "OBJECTS" WITH METHODS THAT ARE NOT PYTHON ACCESSIBLE

MONGO + NUMPY = MONARY

```
from monary import Monary
import numpy

with Monary("127.0.0.1") as monary:
    arrays = monary.query(
        "mydb", # database name
        "collection", # collection name
        {}, # query spec
        ["x1", "x2", "x3", "x4", "x5"], # field names (in Mongo record)
        ["float64"] * 5 # Monary field types (see below)
    )

for array in arrays: # prove that we did something...
    print numpy.mean(array)
```

- PyMongo Insert -- EC2: 102 s -- Mac: 76 s
- PyMongo Query -- EC2: 85 s -- Mac: 88 s
- Monary Query -- EC2: 5.4 s -- Mac: 3.8 s

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