

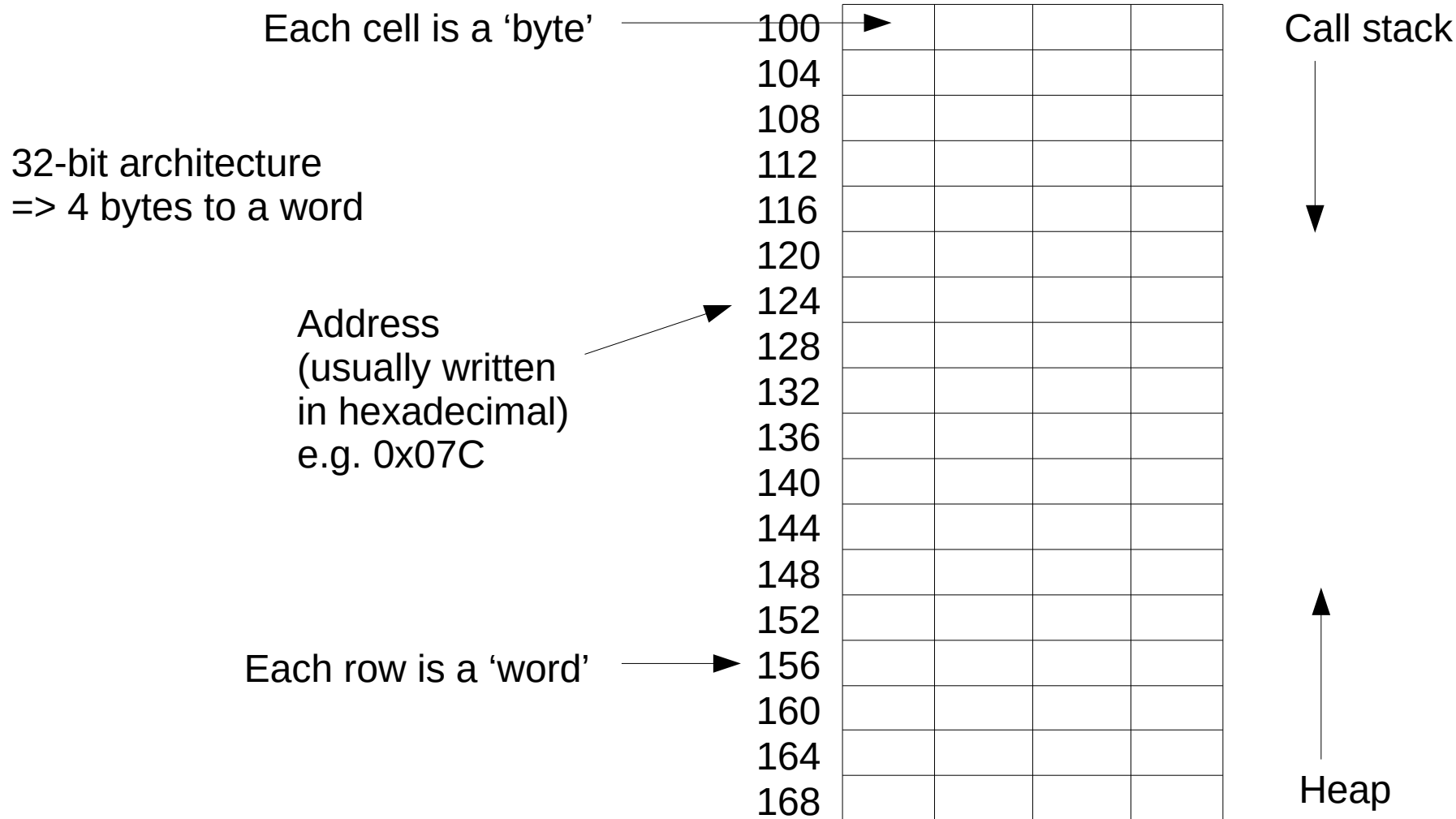
Object Oriented Programming

Additional Handout

Call stacks, heaps and pointers

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3 This example is in C/C++

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1234 is bigger than one byte

$1234 \& 0xFF = 210$

$1234 \gg 8 = 4$

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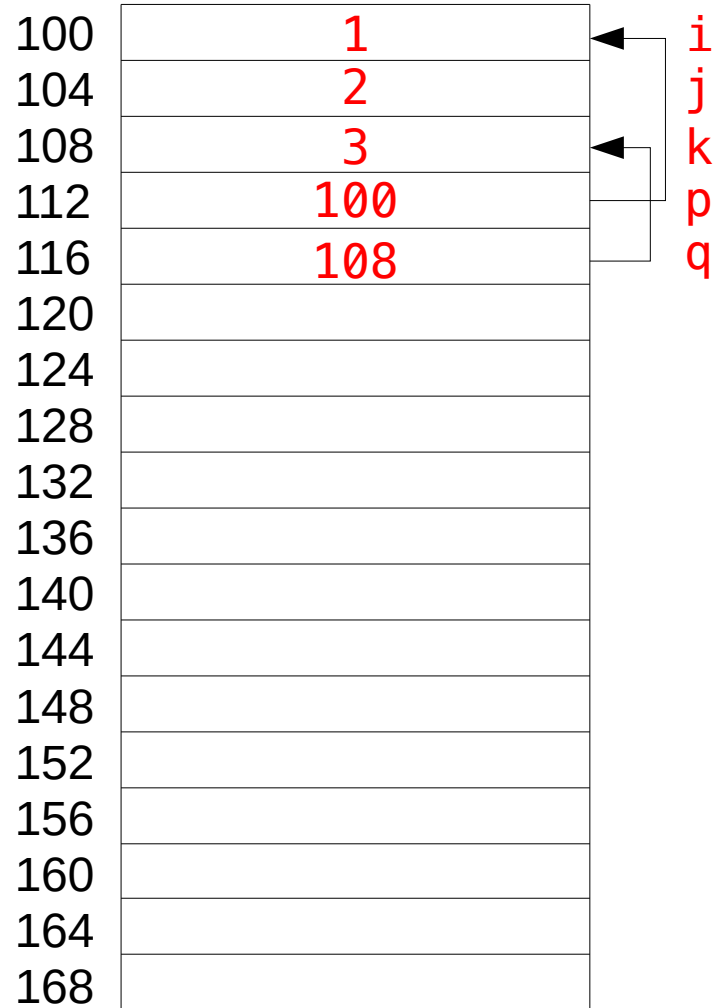
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2     int i = 1;
3     int j = 2;
4     int k = 3;
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```

* on a LHS means
'its a pointer'

& on a RHS means
'take the address of'

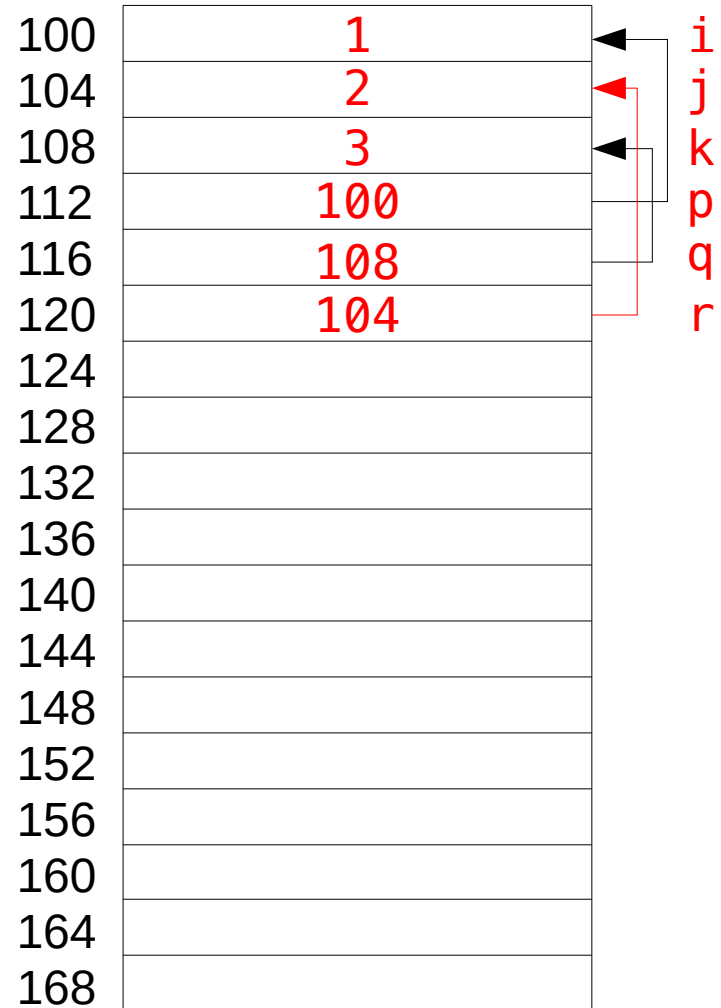


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We can do arithmetic on pointers (based on the datatype size)

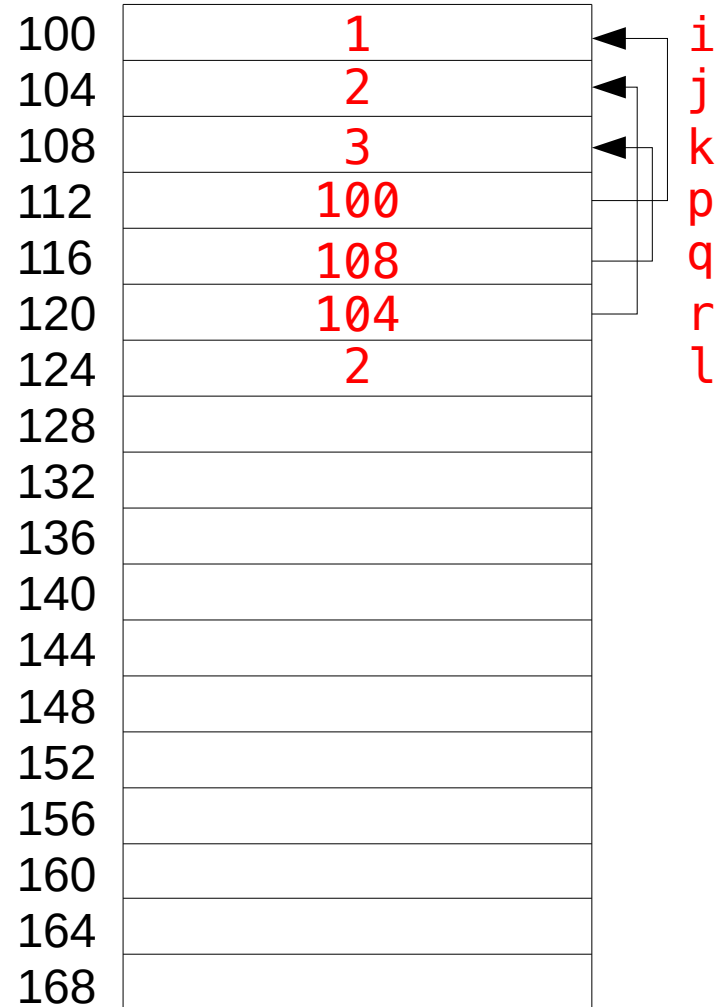


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* on the RHS means
'dereference' i.e. follow
the pointer.

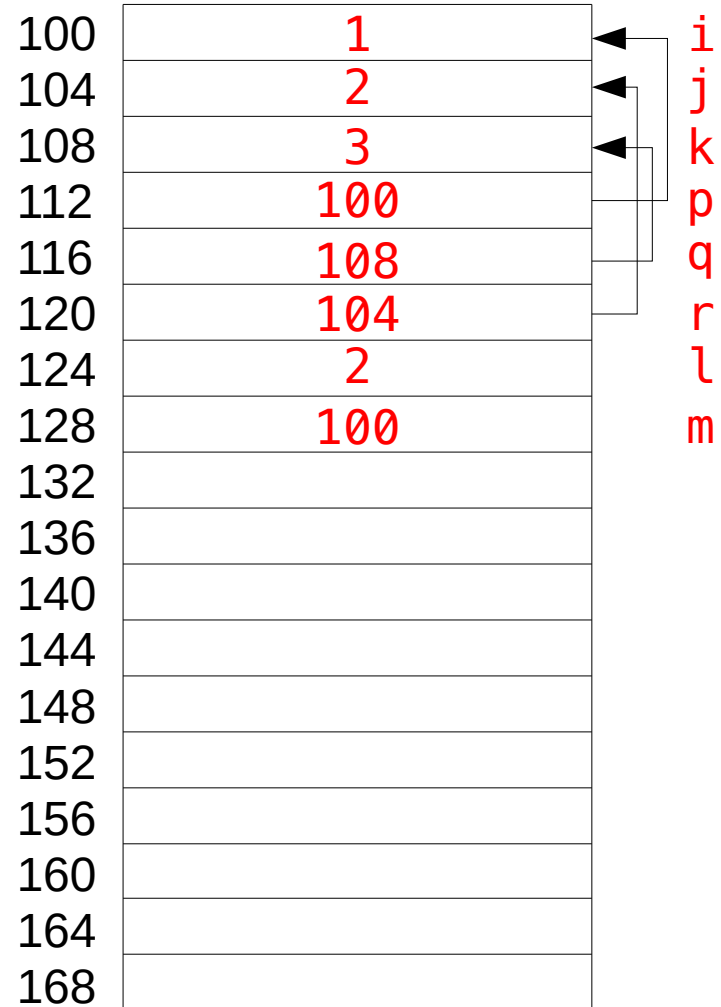


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```

Nothing will stop you
making mistakes!



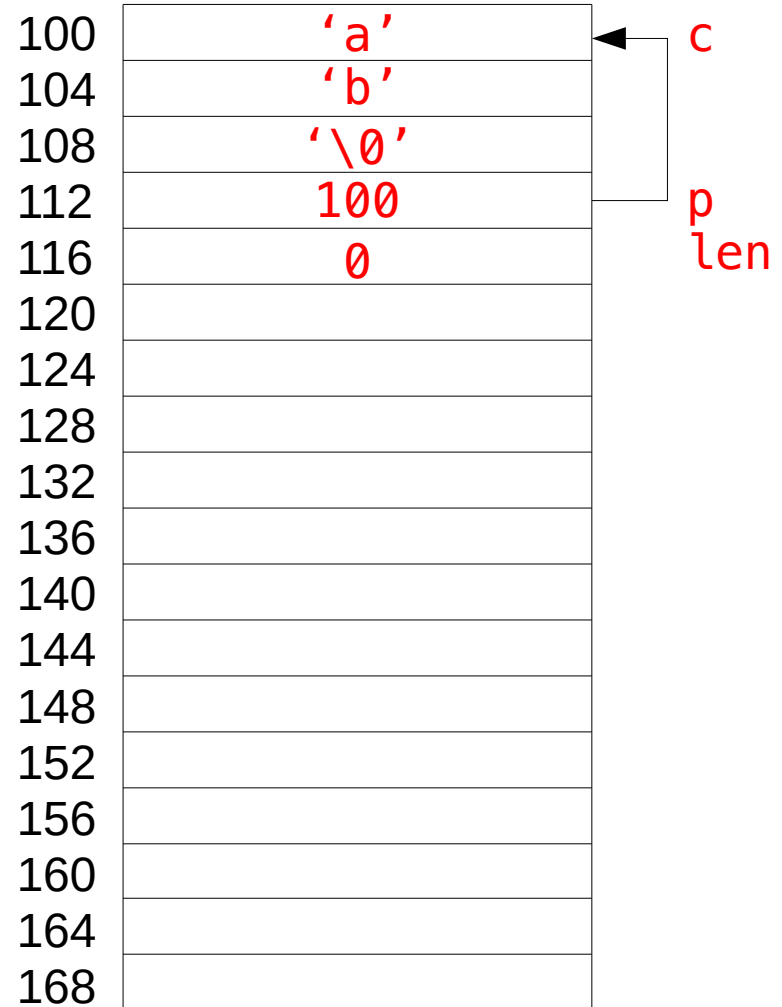
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1  int len() {
2      char[] c =
3          {'a', 'b', '\0'};
4      char* p = c;
5      int len = 0;
6      while(*p++) len++;
7      return len;
8  }

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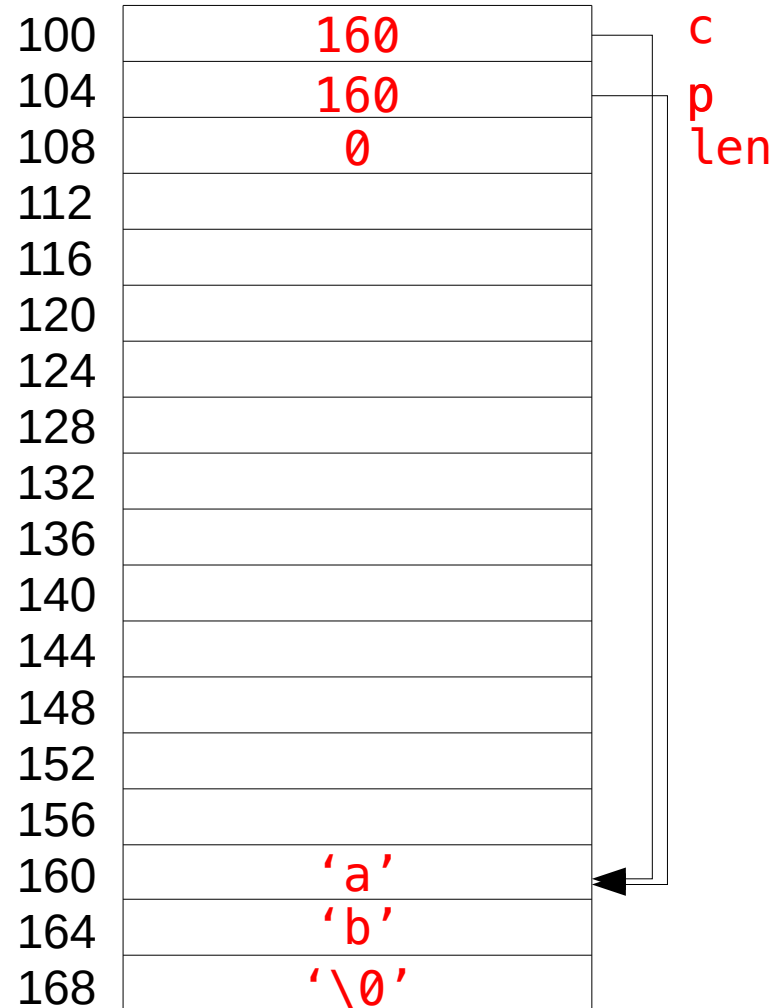
One use of pointers is to iterate over an array

Evaluate to the character pointed to by p and then post-increment p



```
1 int len() {
2     char[] c = new[]
3         {'a', 'b', '\0'};
4     char* p = c;
5     int len = 0;
6     while(*p++) len++;
7     delete[] c;
8     return len;
9 }
```

In C++ you can choose whether you want your array on the stack or the heap



Items on the stack exist only for the duration of your function call

Items on the heap exist until they are deleted


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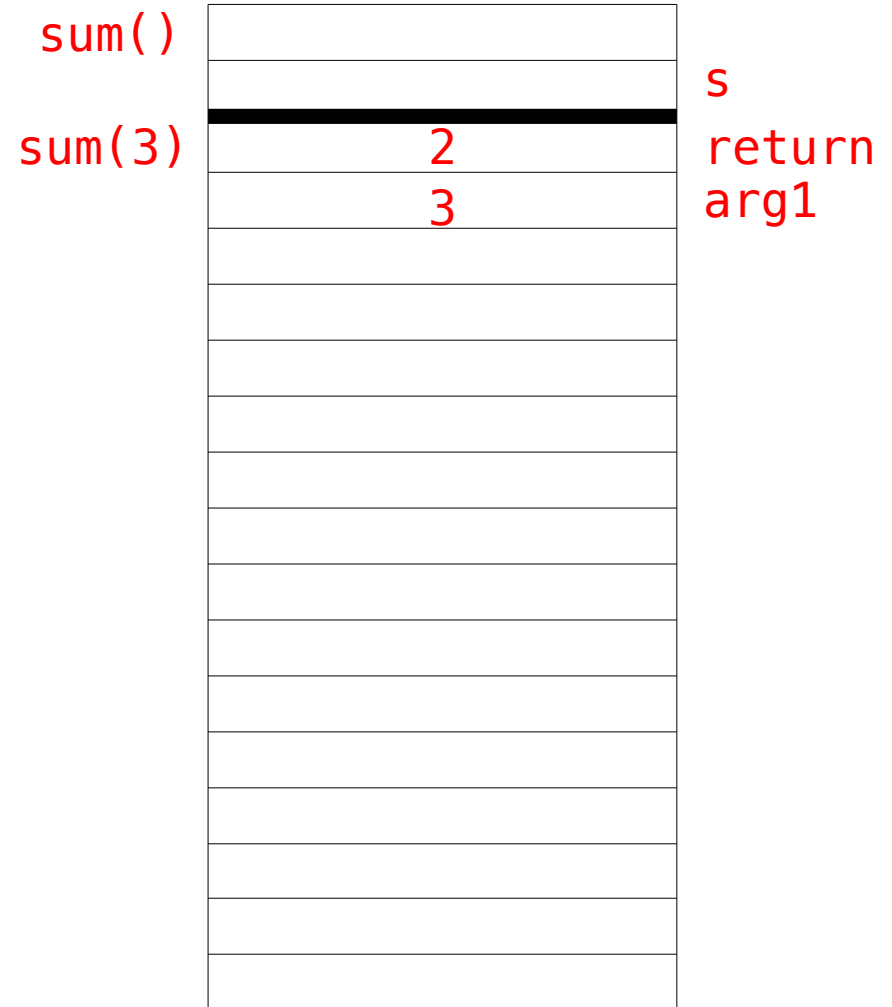


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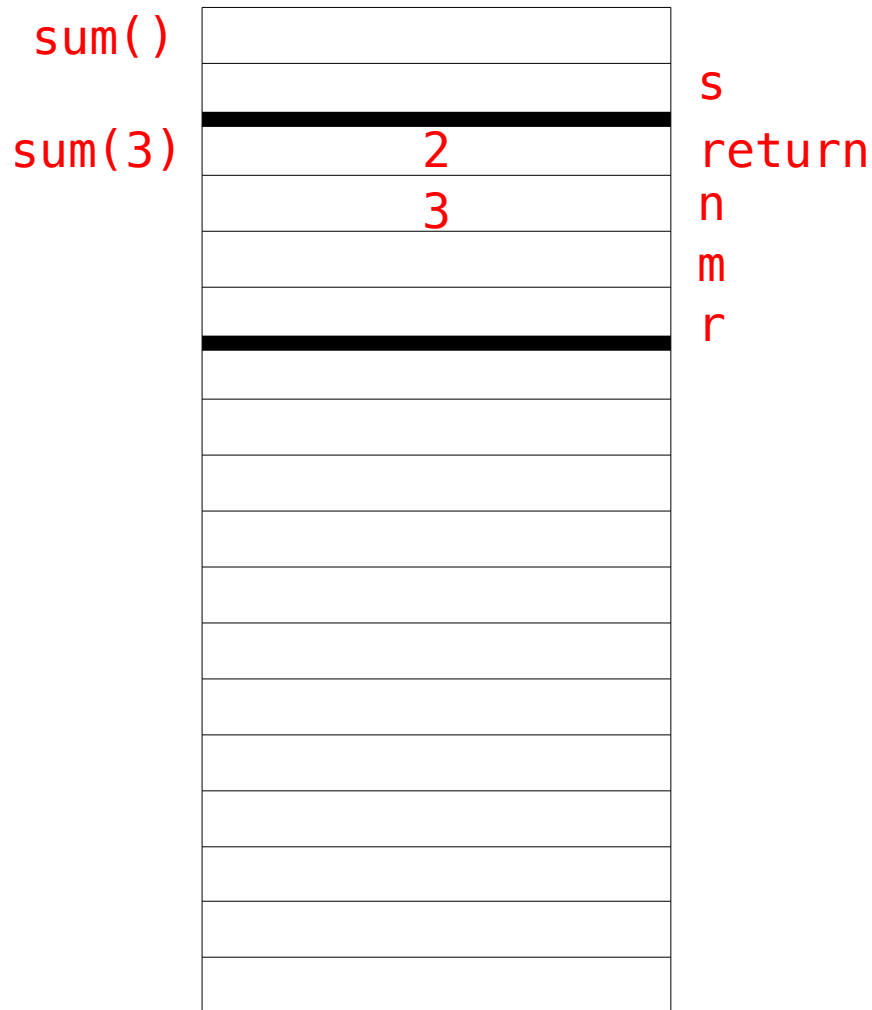
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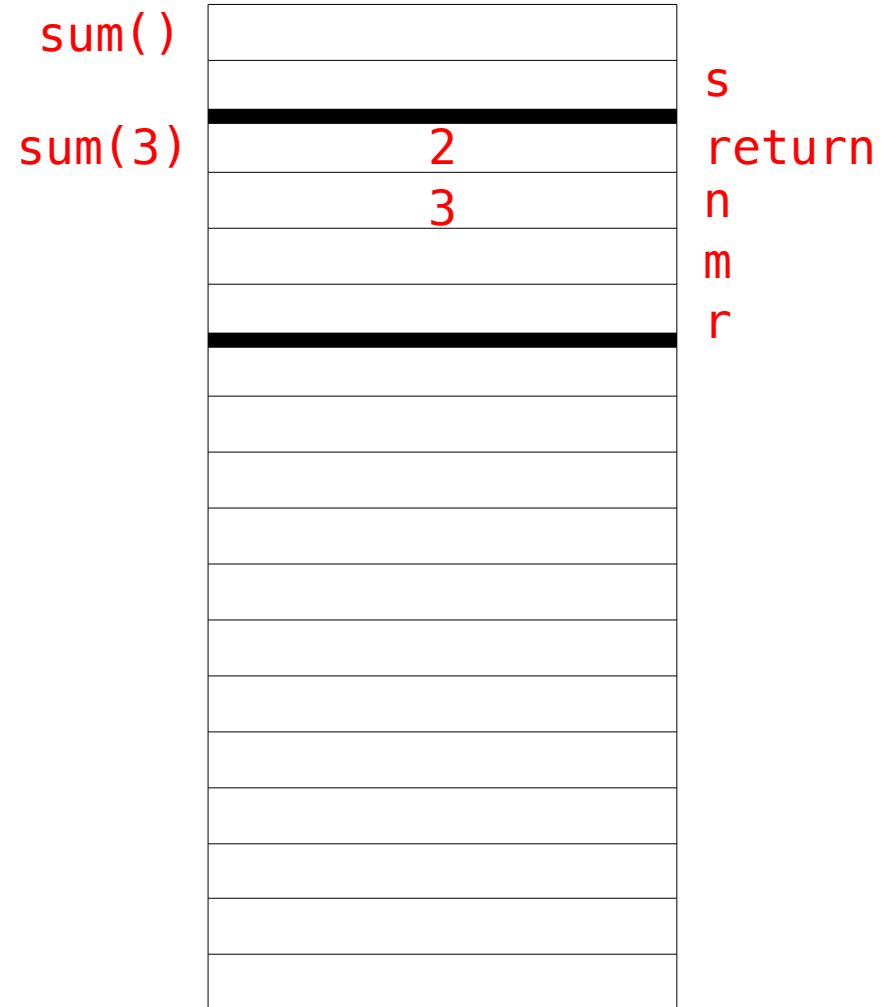
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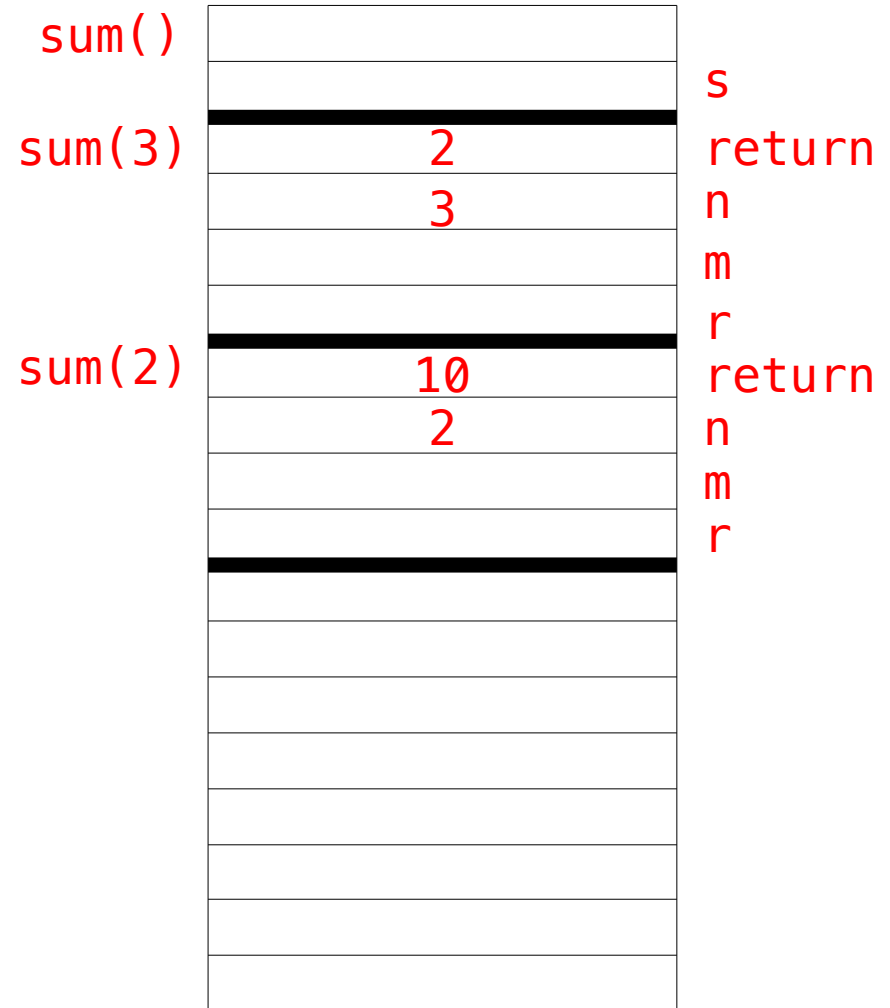
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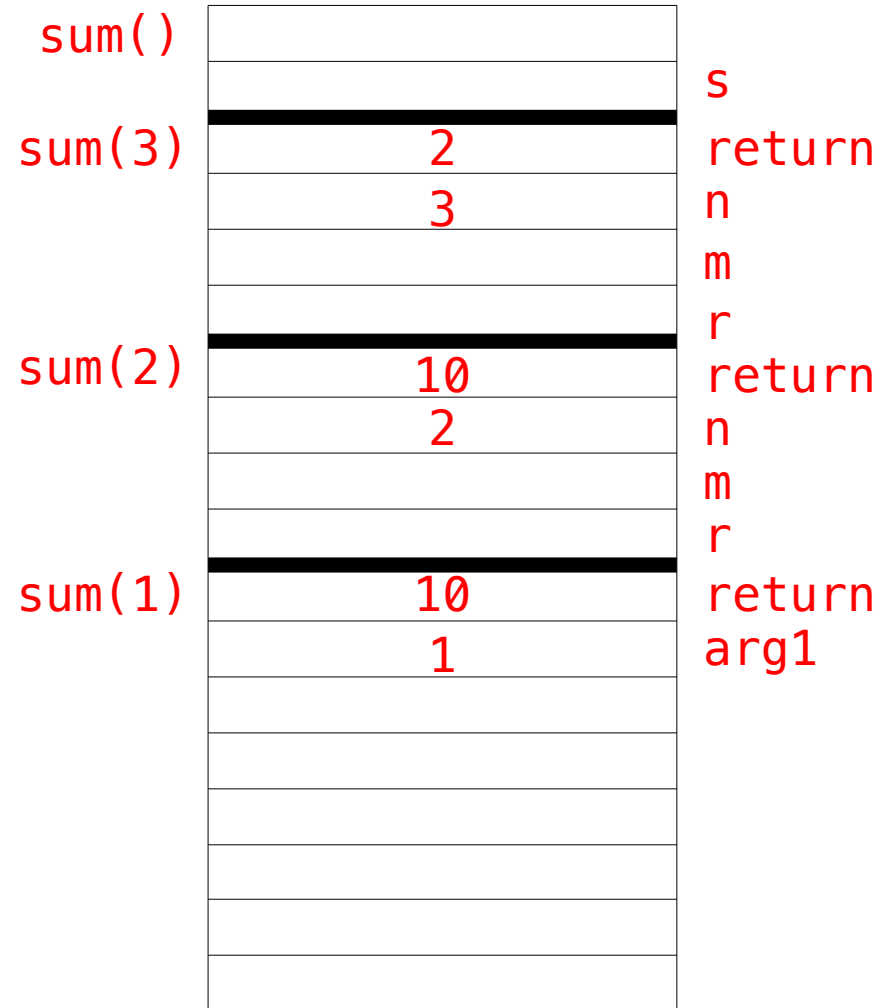
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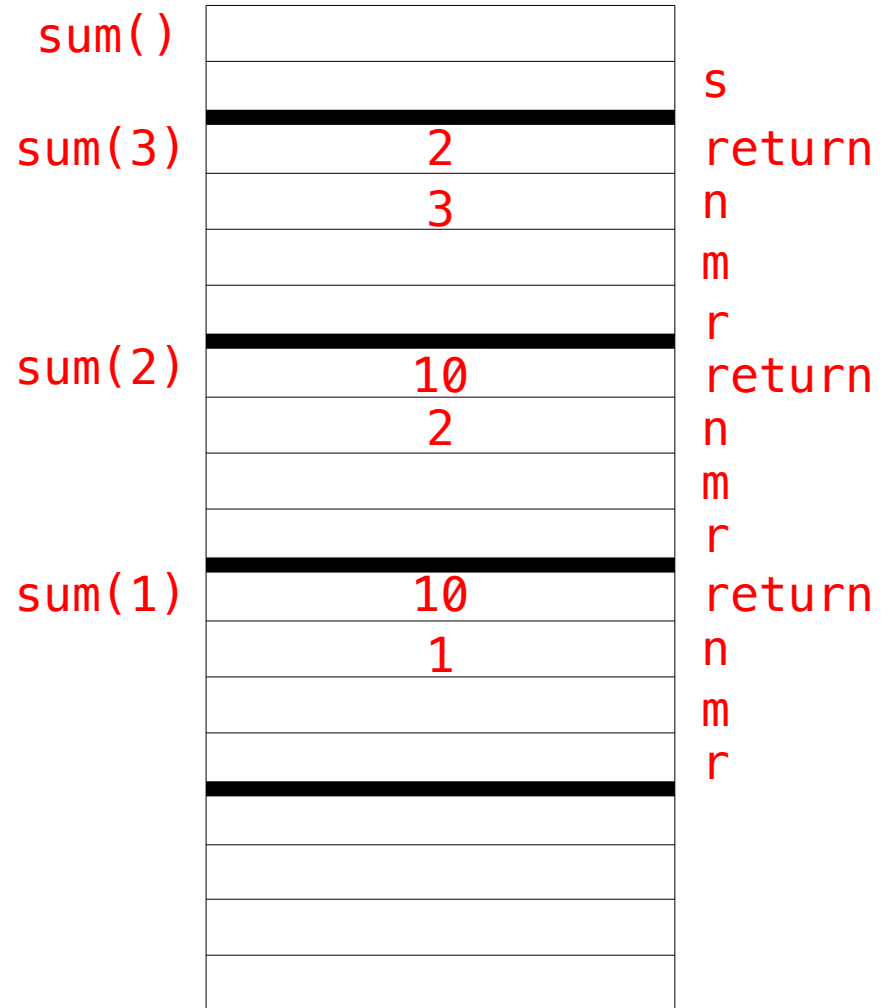
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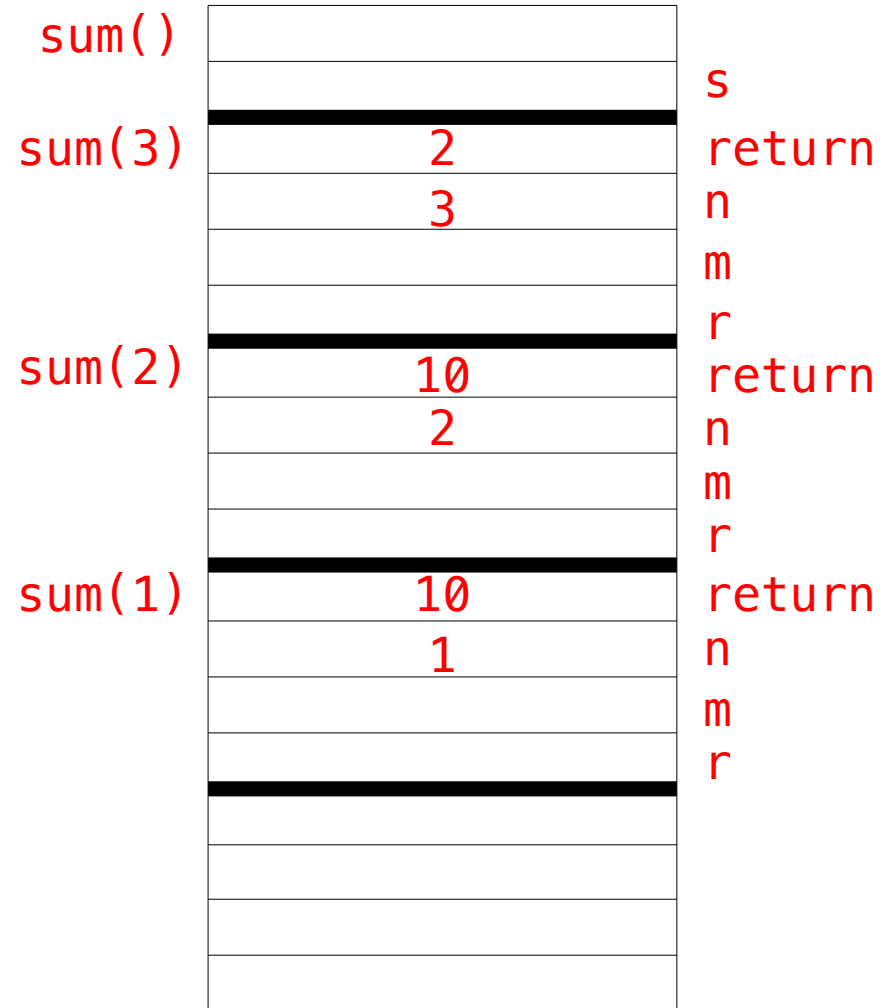
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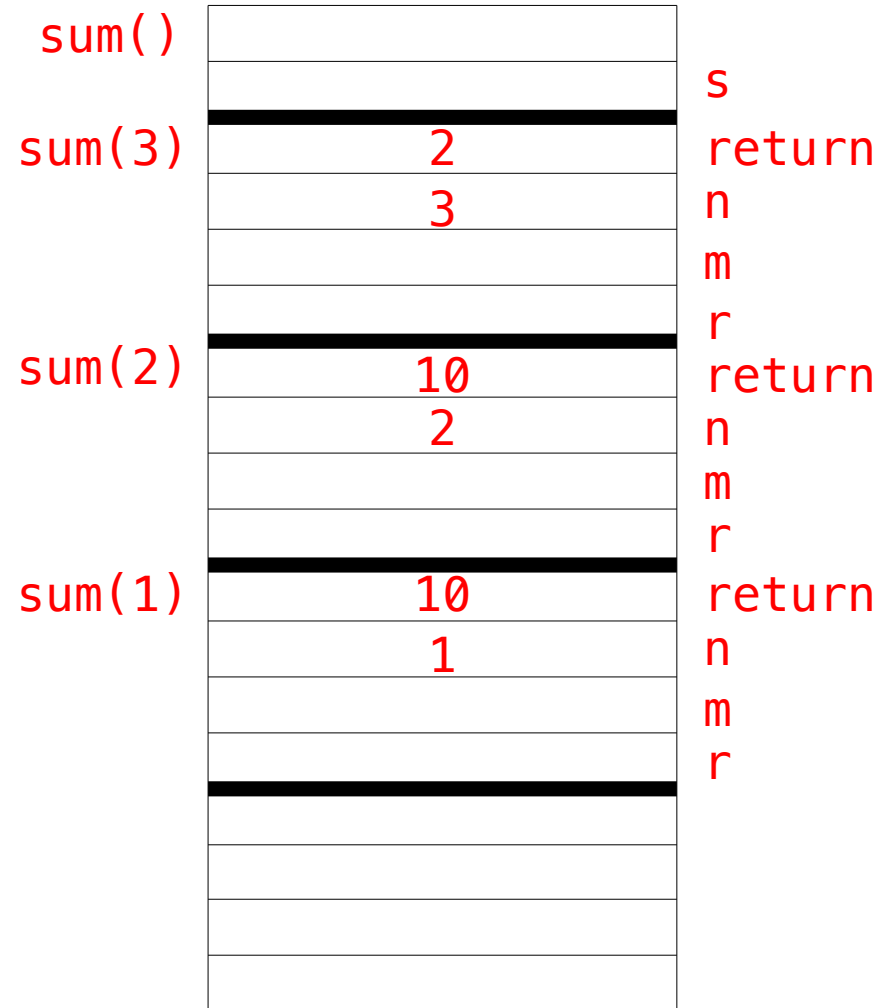
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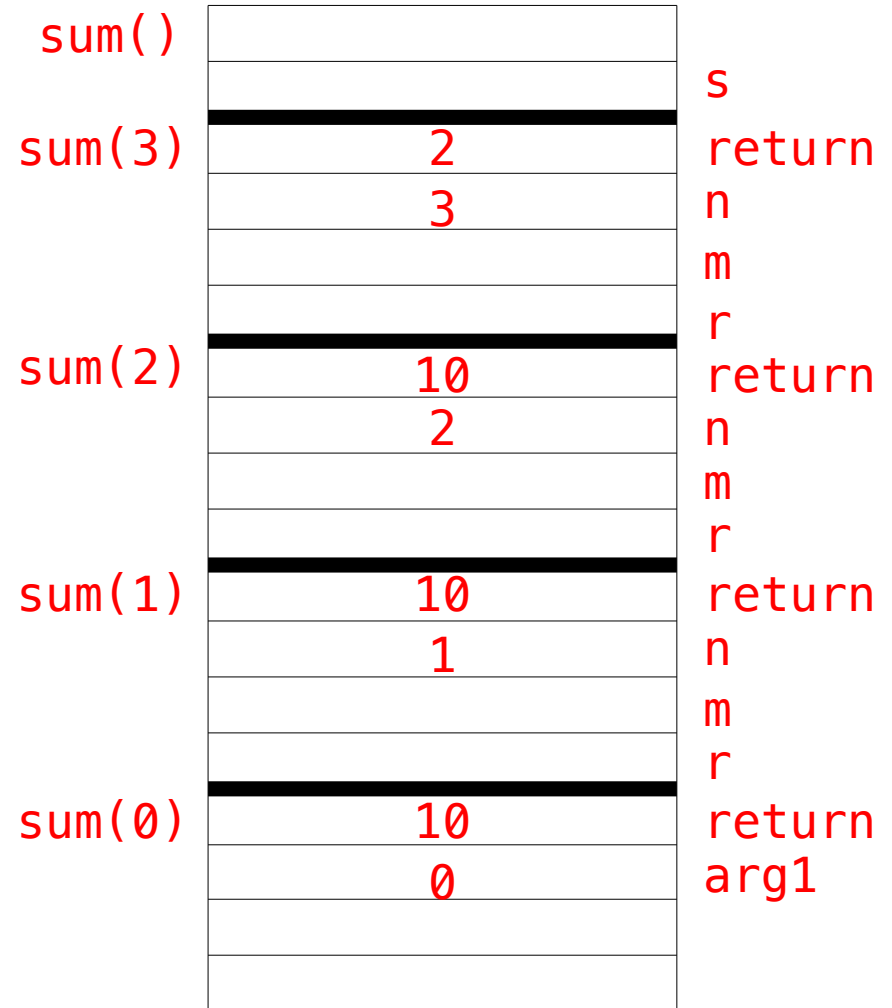
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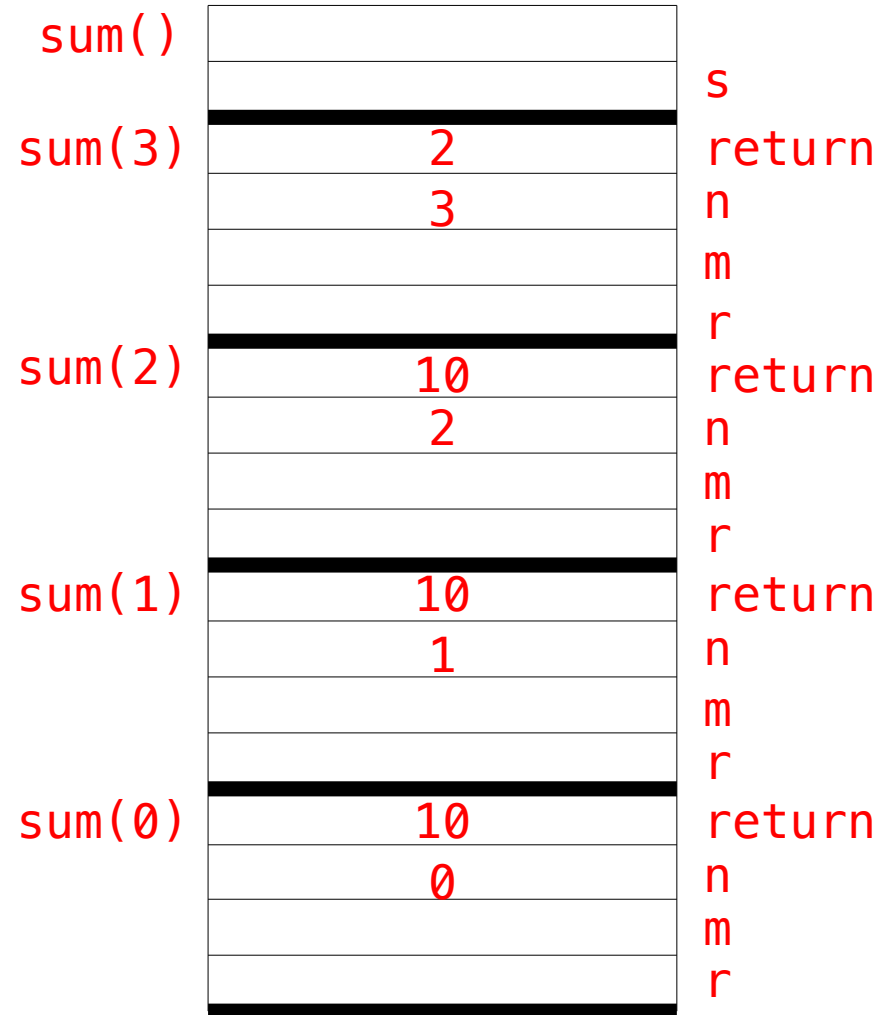
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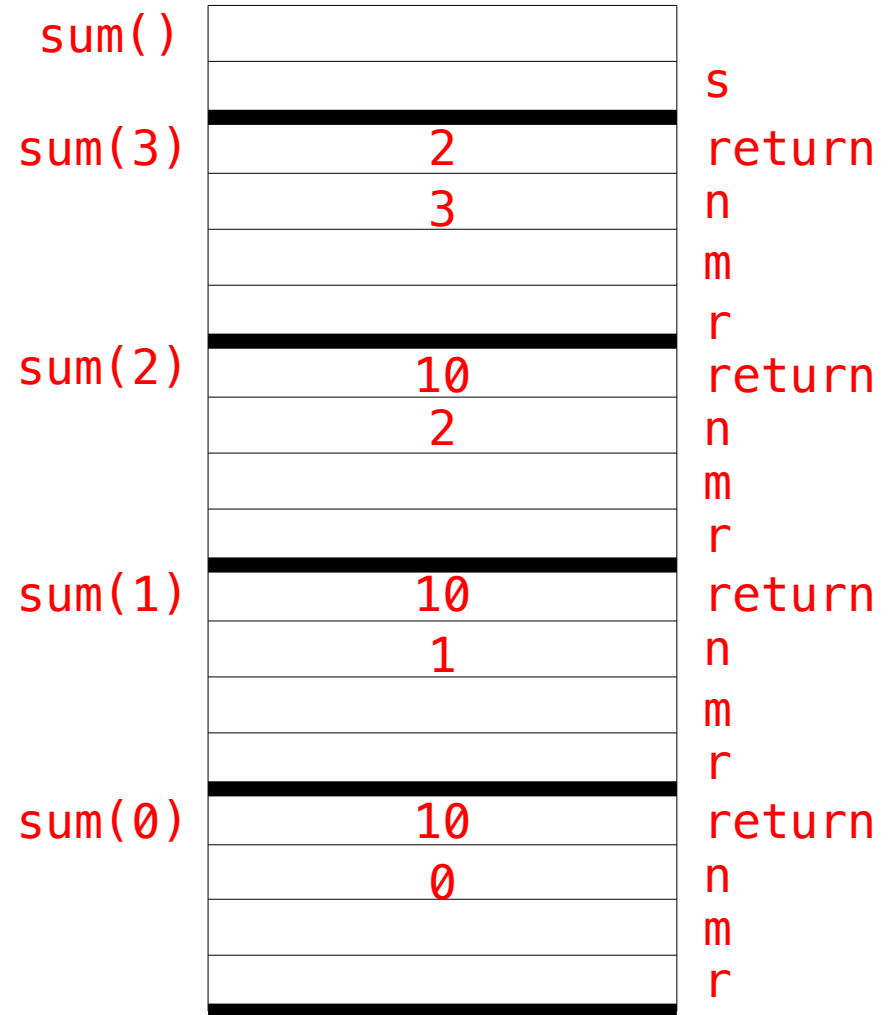
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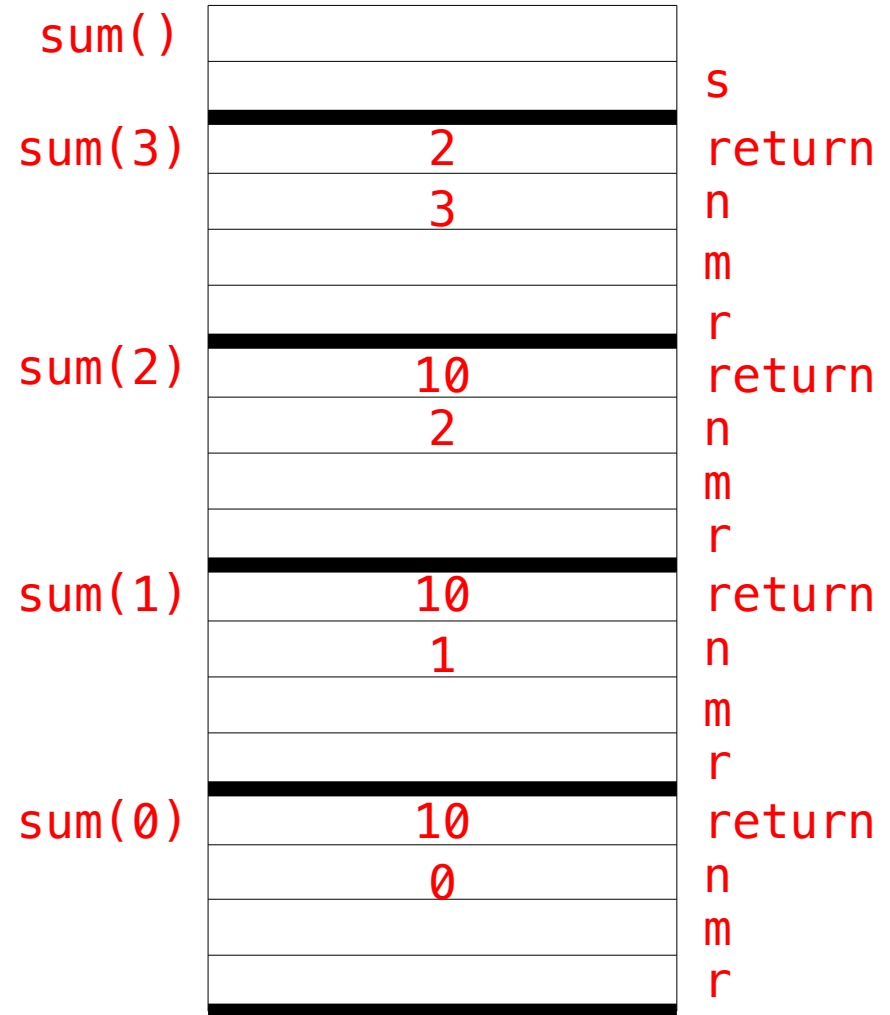
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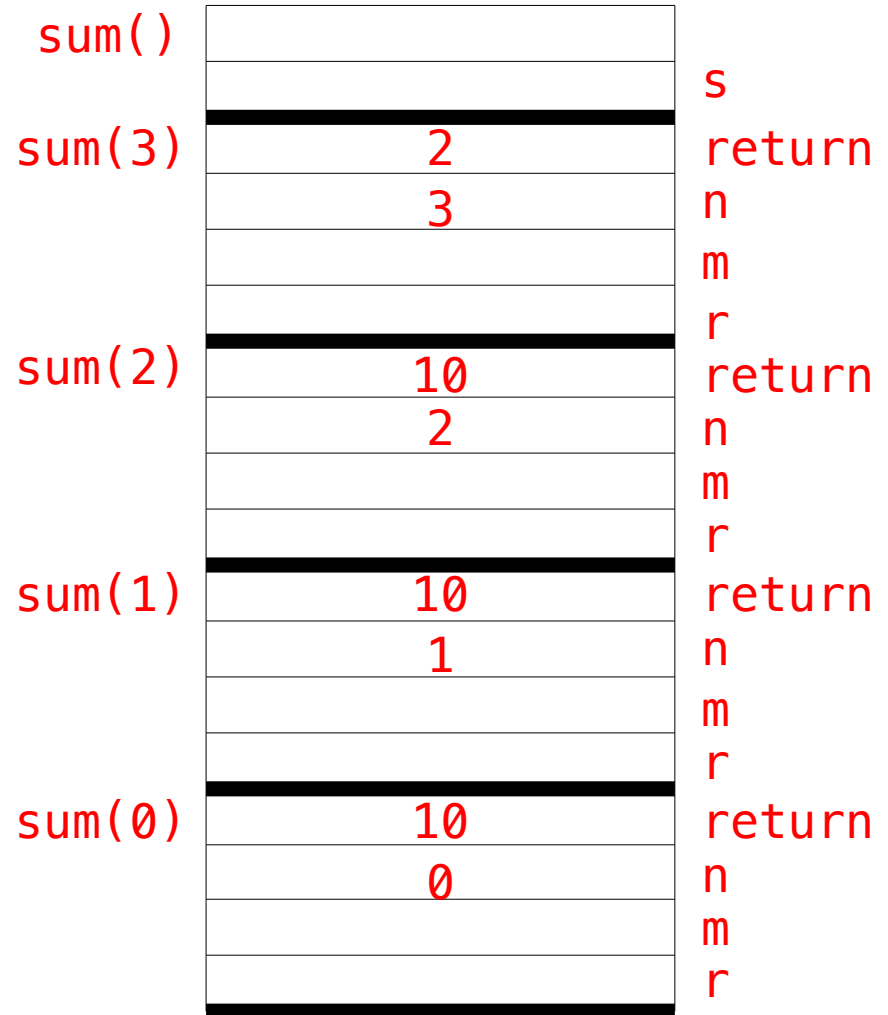


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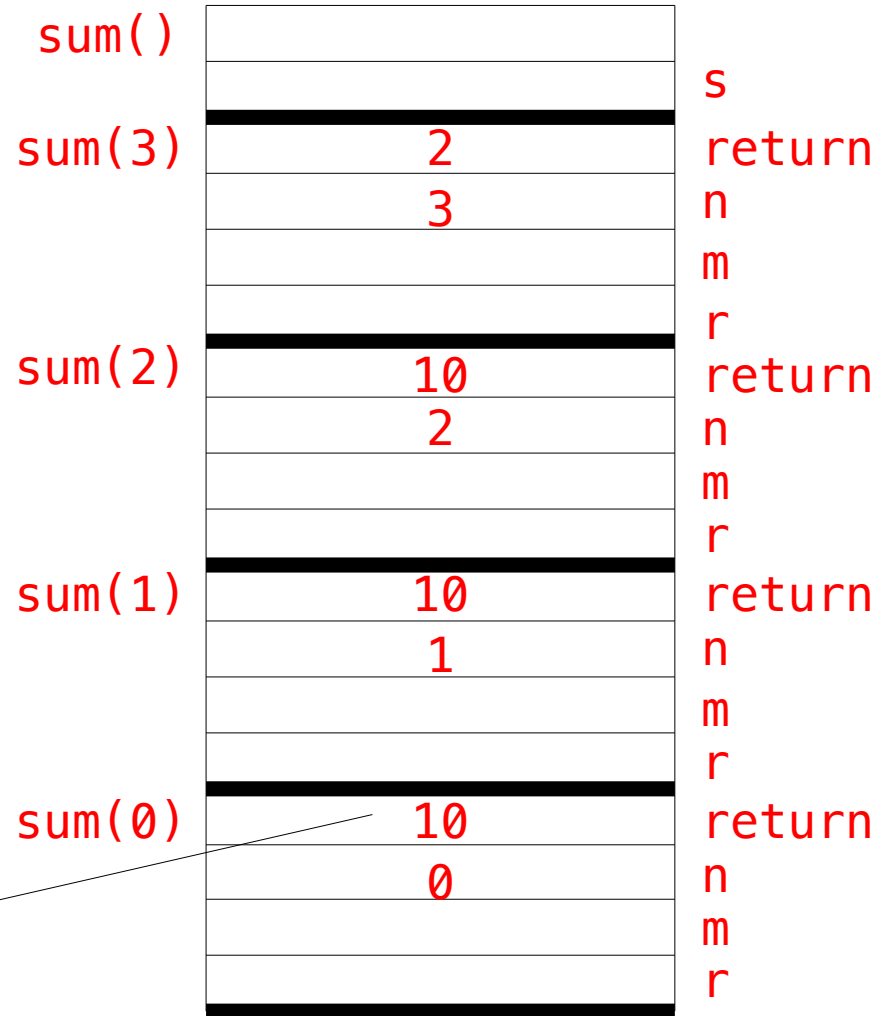
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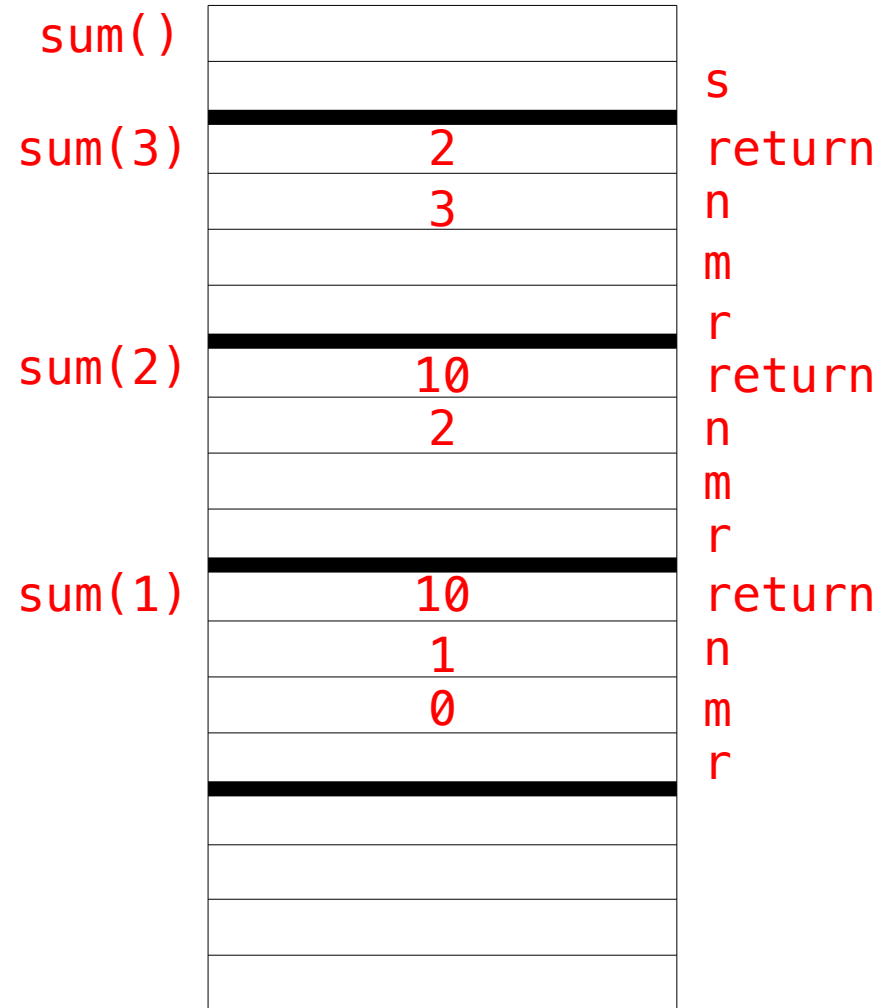
Return the value 0 and then execute instruction 10



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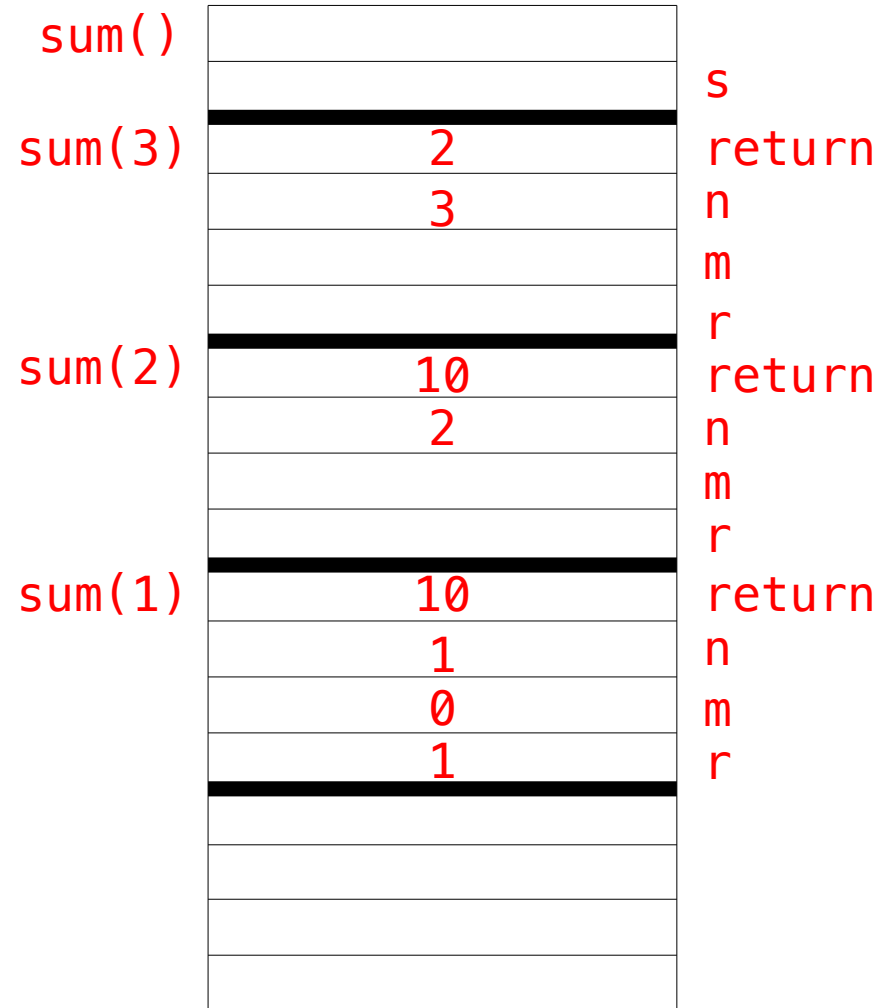


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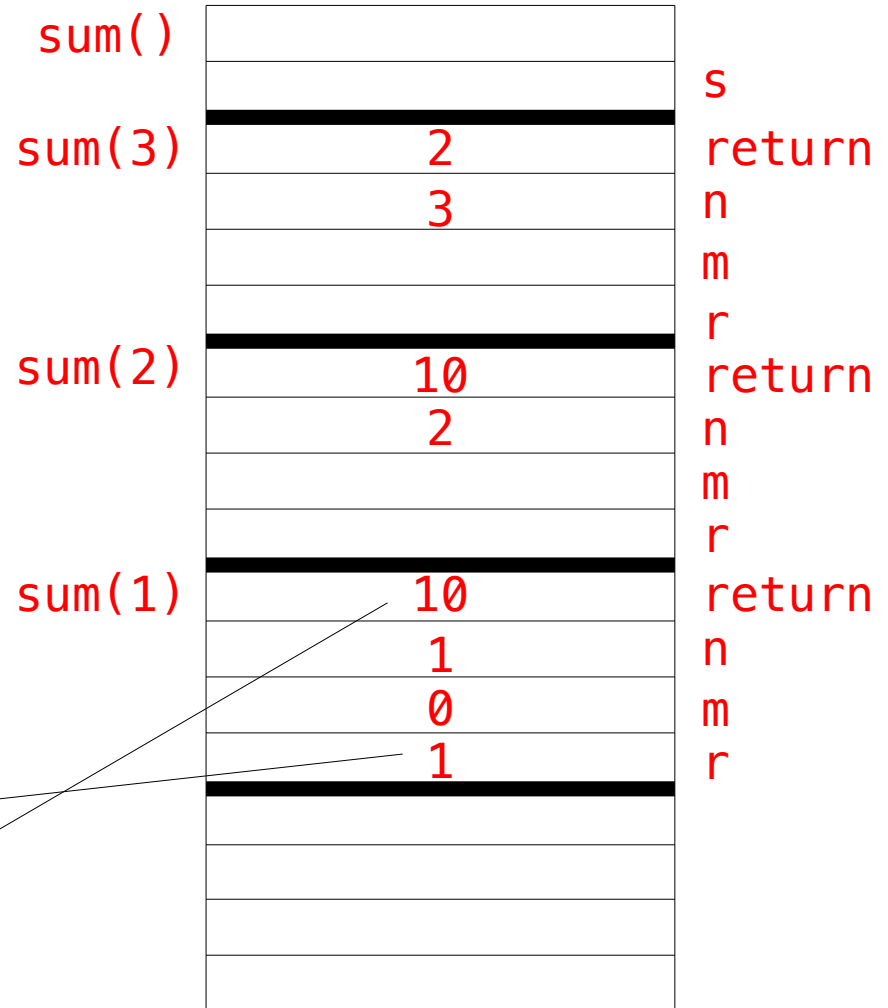
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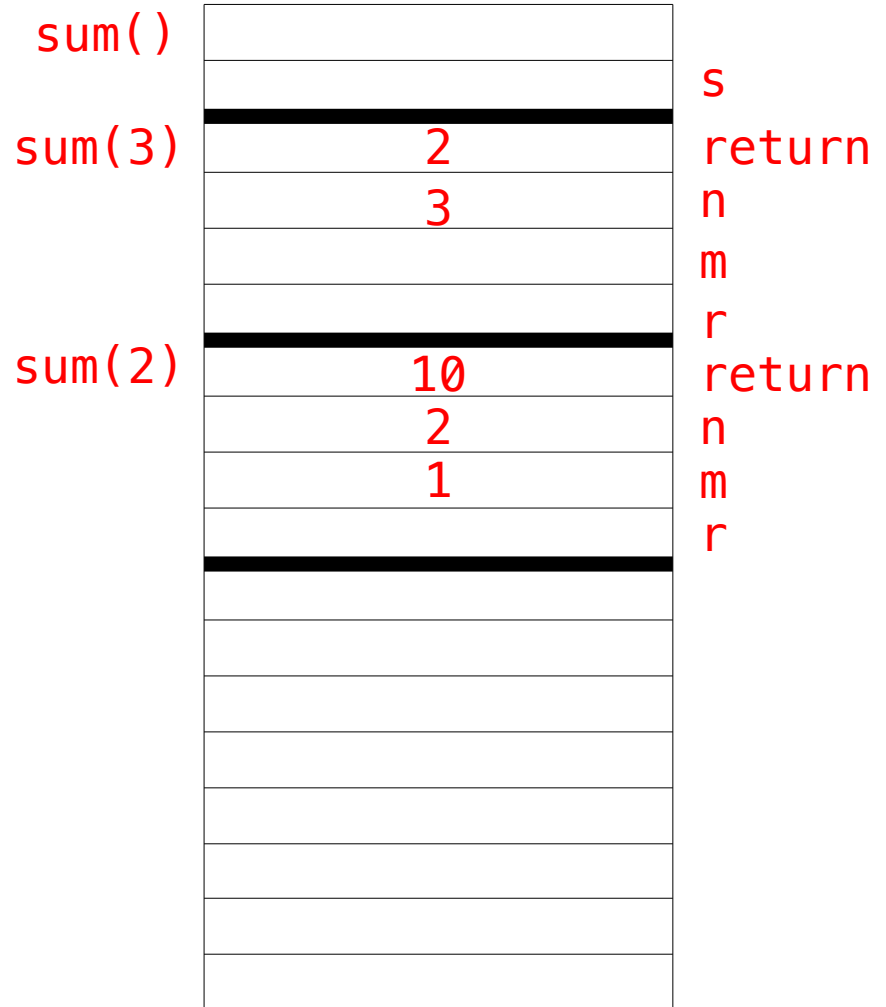
Return the value 1 and then execute instruction 10



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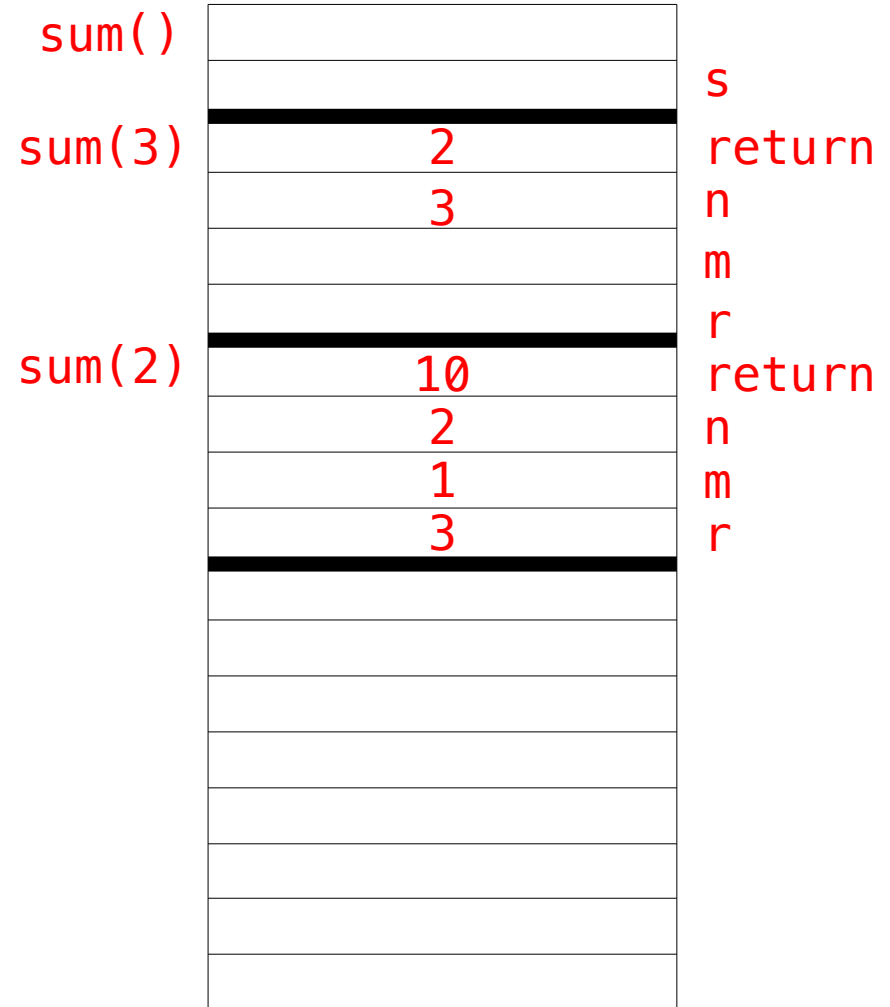



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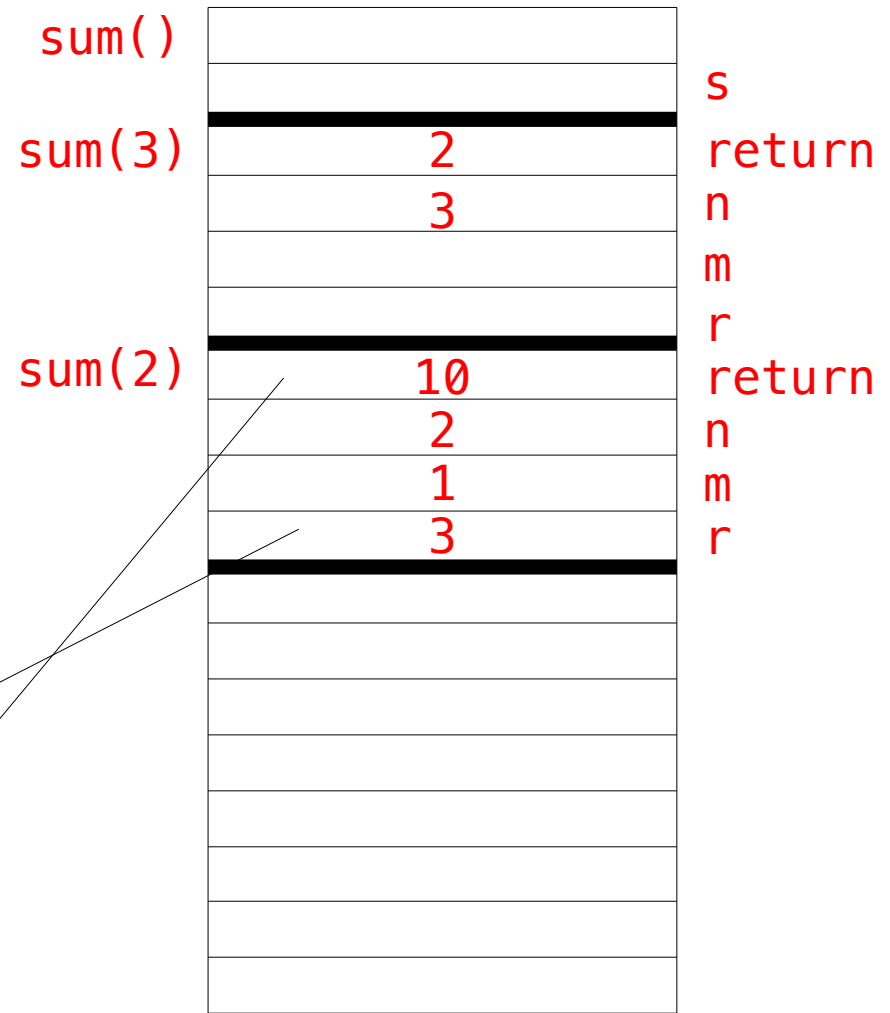
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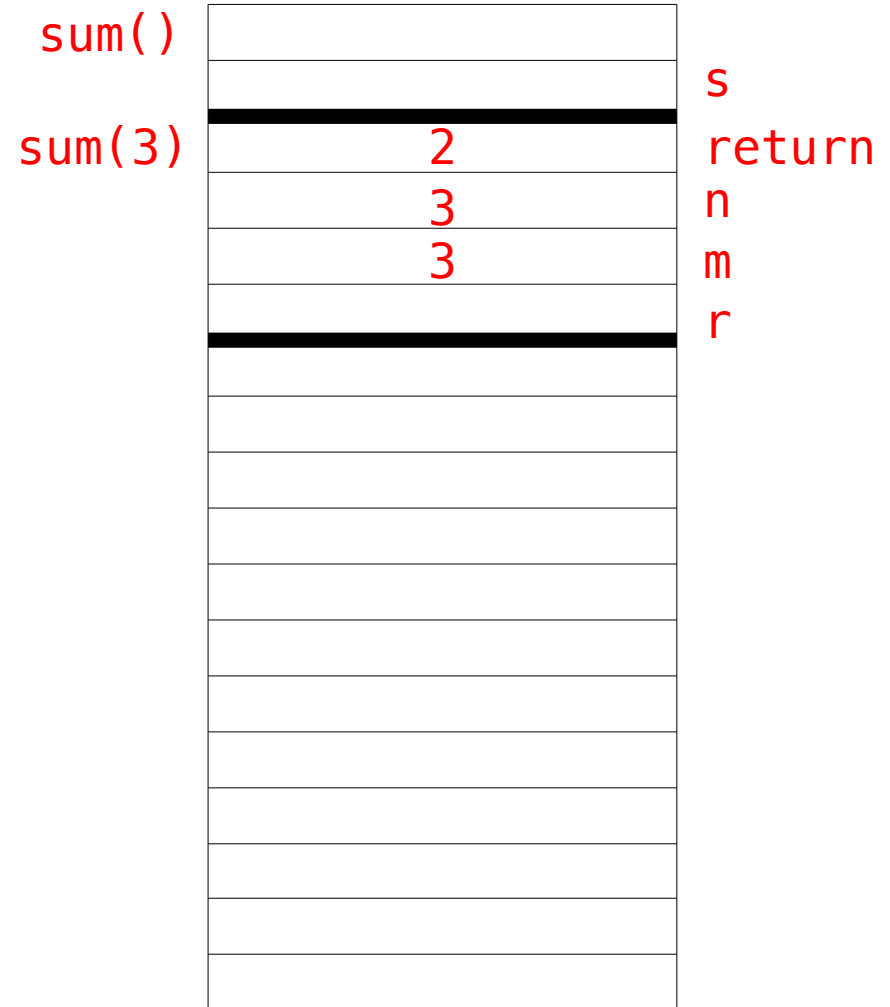
Return the value 3 and then execute instruction 10



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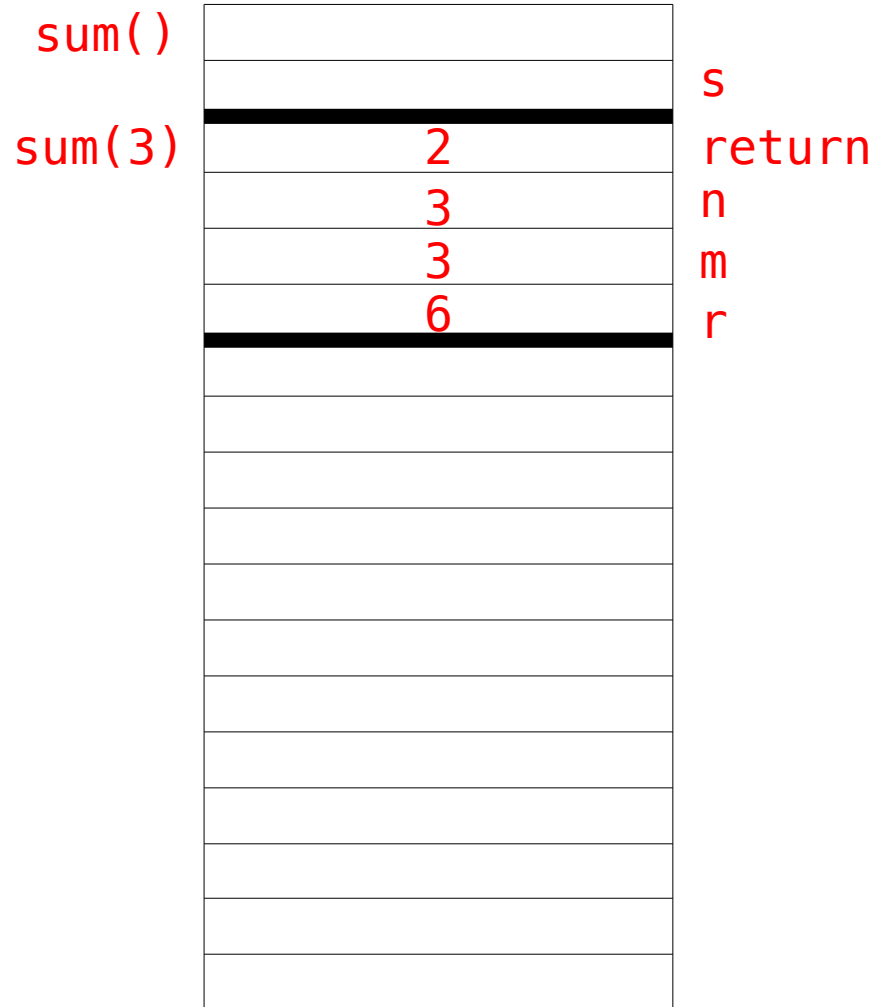


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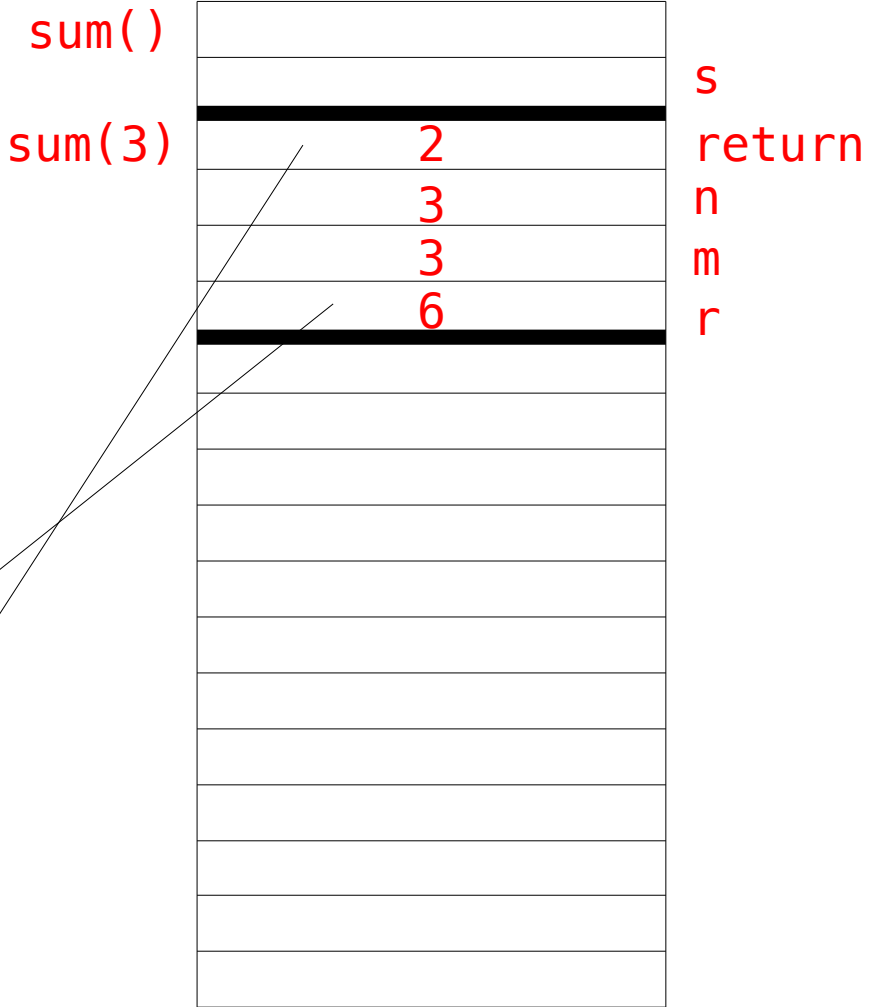
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Return the value 6 and then execute instruction 2



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Return the value 6 and then execute whatever called us

In Java primitive types go on the stack

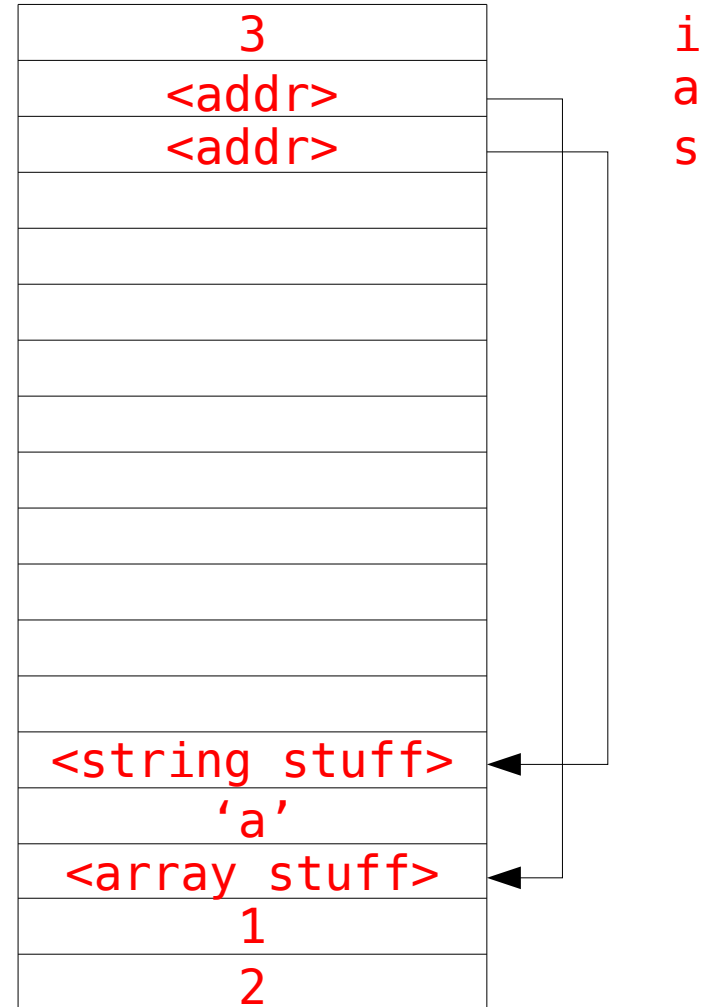
Everything else goes on the heap


```

1  static void test() {
2      int i = 3;
3      int[] a = new int[] {1,2};
4      String s = "a";
5  }

```

Java delete's for us automatically. This is called Garbage Collection



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```

'a' and 's' are references. These are like pointers but you can't do arithmetic on them.

When you say `s.toUpperCase()` you are 'dereferencing' `s` and calling the method `toUpperCase` on it.

References in C++ are a completely different concept!


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    2     int i = 3;
    3     int* k = &i;
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& on the LHS means
'reference'



Recap for Java

- Primitive types on the stack
- Everything else on the heap
- References are values on the stack that 'point' to somewhere on the heap
- References are like pointers but you can't do arithmetic on them
- Java references are not much like C++ references