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# Spark Essentials

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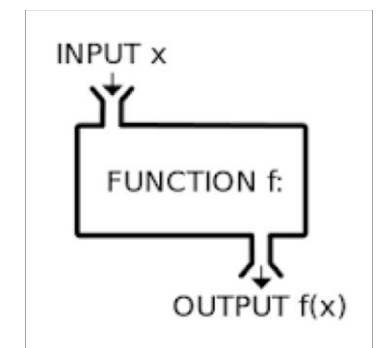
## Review of Concepts

- ▶ What is Functional Programming – Python
  - ▶ Lambda Functions
  - ▶ Map, Filter, Reduce
- ▶ List Comprehensions
- ▶ List Slicing



## Functional Programming

- ▶ Functional Programming is a style whose underlying model of computation is the *function*.
- ▶ Functions take input and produce output, without any side effects
- ▶ No state
- ▶ Immutable data
- ▶ Function as first-class citizen
- ▶ Recursion
- ▶ Purity ...



<https://marcobonzanini.com/2015/06/08/functional-programming-in-python/>



# Python Functional Programming

Python is a multi paradigm programming language. As a Python programmer why uses functional programming in Python?

Python is not a functional language but have a lot of features that enables us to applies functional principles in the development, turning our code more elegant, concise, maintanable, easier to understand and test.



## Lambda function

- ▶ Syntax : **lambda argument\_list: expression**
  - ▶ argument\_list: comma separated list of arguments
  - ▶ expression: arithmetic expression using these arguments
  
- ▶ The function can be assigned to a variable





## Lambda function

### ▢ Example

```
>> f = lambda x,y: x + y
```

```
>> f(1,2)
```

```
Out[1]: 3
```

- ▢ Only **one** expression in the lambda body
- ▢ Advantage of the lambda can be seen when it is used in combination with other functions (e.g. map, filter, reduce)



## The map() function

- ▶ Syntax: **r = map(func, seq)**
  - ▶ *func*: the name of a function
  - ▶ *Seq*: a sequence (e.g. a list)
  
- ▶ *Map* applies the function *func* to all the elements of the sequence *seq* and returns a **new list** with the elements changed by *func*



## The map() function

### Example 1

```
>> nums = [1,2,3,4]
>> squares = map(lambda x: x * x, nums)
>> print squares
Out[1]: [1, 4, 9, 16]
```

### Example 2

```
>> Celsius = [39.2, 36.5, 37.3, 37.8]
>> Fahrenheit = map(lambda x: (float(9) / 5) * x + 32, Celsius)
>> print Fahrenheit
Out[1]: [102.56, 97.700000000000003, 99.140000000000001, 100.03999999999999]
>> C = map(lambda x: (float(5) / 9) * (x - 32), Fahrenheit)
>> print C
Out[1]: [39.200000000000003, 36.5, 37.300000000000004, 37.799999999999997]
```





## The filter() function

- ▶ Syntax: **f = filter(*function*, list)**
  - ▶ *Function* that returns true or false – applied to every element of the list
- ▶ *Filter* returns a **new list** with the “True” elements returned from applying the function to the list



## The filter() function

### ▶ Example

```
>> fib = [0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, 55]
>> result = filter(lambda x: x % 2 == 1, fib)
>> print result
Out[1]: [1, 1, 3, 5, 13, 21, 55]
```



## The reduce() function

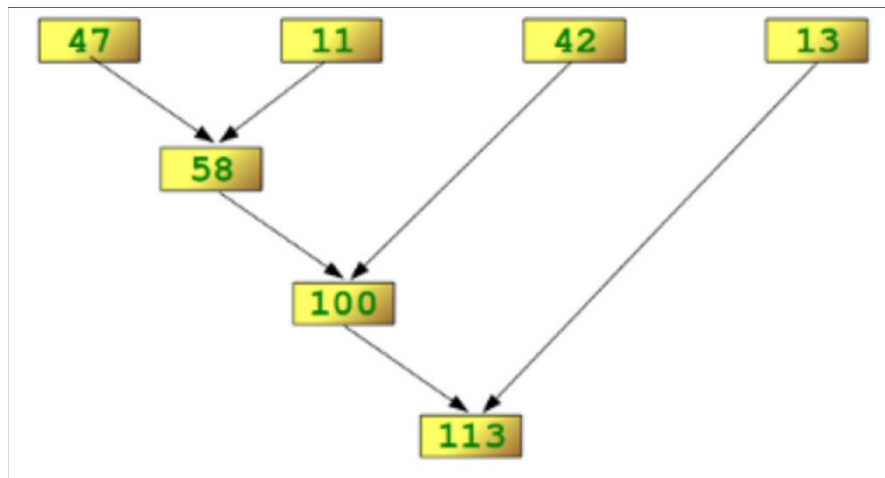
- ▶ Syntax: **r = reduce(func, seq)**
  - ▶ *func*: the name of the function
  - ▶ *seq*: a sequence (e.g. A list)
  
- ▶ *Reduce* continually applies the function *func* to the sequence *seq* and returns a single value.

## The reduce() function

### ▶ Example

```
>> result= reduce(lambda x,y: x + y, [47, 11, 42, 13])
```

```
Out[1]: 113
```





## List Comprehensions

```
doubled_odds= []  
for n in numbers:  
    if n % 2 == 1:  
        doubled_odds.append(n*2)  
  
doubled_odds = [n*2 for n in numbers if n % 2 == 1]
```

- ▣ Copy-paste the for-loop into a list comprehension by:
  - ▣ Copying the variable assignment to our new list
  - ▣ Copying the expression that we've been appending
  - ▣ Copying the for loop line
  - ▣ Copying the if statement line





## List slicing

- **Slicing: Extracting parts of list**

- **Syntax:**

```
list[start:end]  
list[start:]  
list[end:]  
list[:]
```

- **start** inclusive and excluding **end**
- Slicing returns a new list

```
>>> colors = ['yellow', 'red', 'blue', 'green', 'black']  
>>> colors[0:]  
['yellow', 'red', 'blue', 'green', 'black']  
  
>>> colors[:4]  
['yellow', 'red', 'blue', 'green']  
  
>>> colors[1:3]  
['red', 'blue']  
  
>>> colors[:]  
['yellow', 'red', 'blue', 'green', 'black']
```



## Spark Essentials

- ▶ SparkContext
- ▶ Creating RDDs
- ▶ Operations on RDDs
  - ▶ Basic transformations
  - ▶ Basic actions
- ▶ Persistence



## SparkContext

- ▶ Main entry point to Spark functionality
- ▶ Created for you in Spark shells and notebooks as variable **sc**
- ▶ In standalone programs, you'd create your own
  - ▶ (See last slide)
  - ▶ Now we are assuming that we are working either in the shell or with notebooks

## Creating RDDs

```
# Turn a local collection into an RDD
>> rdd_1 = sc.parallelize([1, 2, 3])

# Load text file from local FS, HDFS, or S3
>> rdd_2 = sc.textFile("file.txt")
>> rdd_3 = sc.textFile("directory/*.txt")
>> rdd_4 =
sc.textFile("hdfs://namenode:9000/path/file")

# Transforming an existing RDD
>> rdd_5 = rdd2.filter(function)
```



## RDD operations

### ▶ *Transformations*

- ▶ lazy operation to build RDDs from other RDDs

### ▶ *Actions*

- ▶ Computes a result based on existing RDD or write it to storage

#### Transformations

```
map(func)
flatMap(func)
filter(func)
groupByKey()
reduceByKey(func)
mapValues(func)
sample(...)
union(other)
distinct()
sortByKey()
...
```

#### Actions

```
reduce(func)
collect()
count()
first()
take(n)
saveAsTextFile(path)
countByKey()
foreach(func)
...
```





= easy



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## Essential Core & Intermediate Spark Operations



### TRANSFORMATIONS

#### General

- map
- filter
- flatMap
- mapPartitions
- mapPartitionsWithIndex
- groupBy
- sortBy

#### Math / Statistical

- sample
- randomSplit

#### Set Theory / Relational

- union
- intersection
- subtract
- distinct
- cartesian
- zip

#### Data Structure / I/O

- keyBy
- zipWithIndex
- zipWithUniqueId
- zipPartitions
- coalesce
- repartition
- repartitionAndSortWithinPartitions
- pipe



### ACTIONS

- reduce
- collect
- aggregate
- fold
- first
- take
- foreach
- top
- treeAggregate
- treeReduce
- foreachPartition
- collectAsMap

- count
- takeSample
- max
- min
- sum
- histogram
- mean
- variance
- stdev
- sampleVariance
- countApprox
- countApproxDistinct

- takeOrdered

- saveAsTextFile
- saveAsSequenceFile
- saveAsObjectFile
- saveAsHadoopDataset
- saveAsHadoopFile
- saveAsNewAPIHadoopDataset
- saveAsNewAPIHadoopFile

## pySpark map(), filter(), reduce()

▶ **Note: Different syntax than Python**

▶ Map syntax:

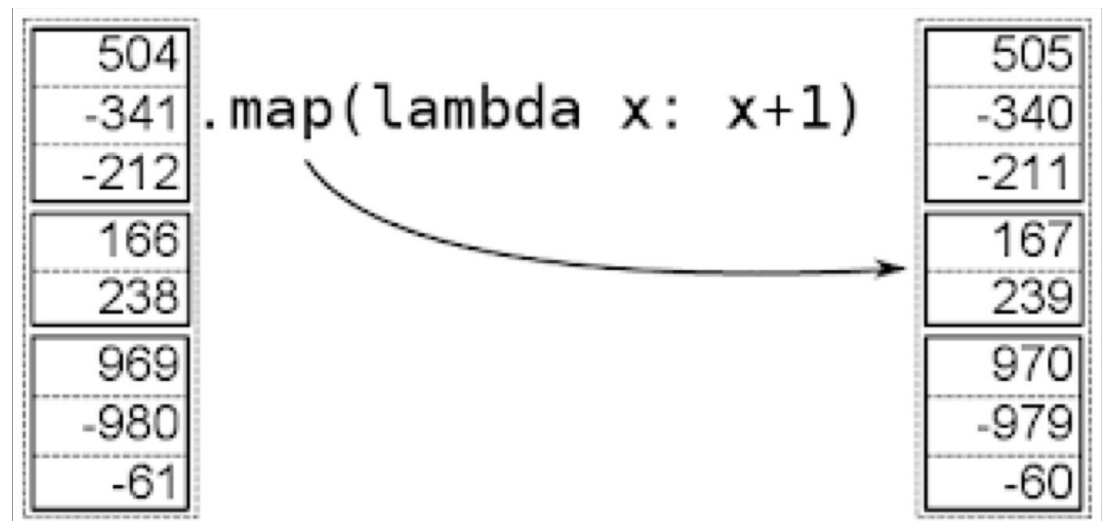
▶ `rdd.map(function)`

▶ Filter syntax:

▶ `rdd.filter(function)`

▶ Reduce syntax:

▶ `rdd.reduce(function)`





## Passing functions to Spark

- ▶ The **lambda** syntax allows us to define “simple” functions inline. We can also pass defined functions.

```
def hasHadoop( line ):  
    return “Hadoop” in line
```

```
>> lines = sc.textFile(“README.txt”)  
>> hadoopLines = lines.filter(hasHadoop)
```



## Basic Transformations

```
nums = sc.parallelize([1, 2, 3])  
# Pass each element through a function  
squares = nums.map(lambda x: x * x) # => [1, 4, 9]  
  
# Keep elements passing a predicate  
even = squares.filter(lambda x: x % 2 == 0) # => [4]  
  
# Map each element to zero or more others  
nums.flatMap(lambda x: range(0, x)) # => [0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 2]  
  
# Map each element to zero or more others  
nums.map(lambda x: range(0, x)) # => [[0], [0, 1], [0, 1, 2]]
```



## Map() vs flatmap()

- ▣ **flatMap**: Similar to map. It returns a new RDD by applying a function to each element of the RDD, but the output is flattened.

```
>> rdd = sc.parallelize([1, 2, 3])
```

```
>> rdd.map(lambda x: [x, x * 2])
```

```
Out[1]: [ [1, 2], [2, 4], [3, 6]]
```

```
>> rdd.flatMap(lambda x: [x, x * 2])
```

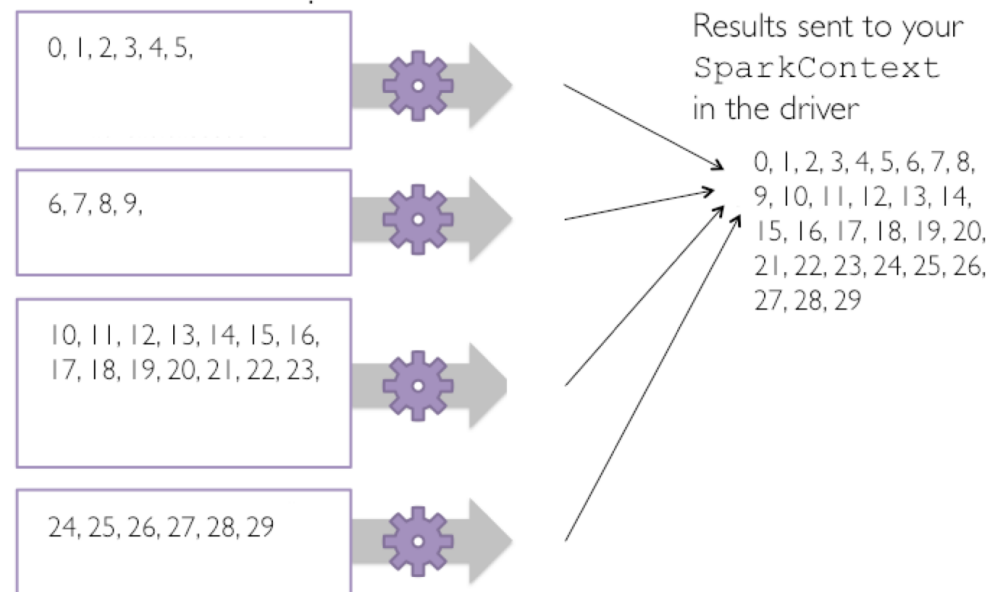
```
Out[1]: [ 1, 2, 2, 4, 3, 6]
```



## Basic Actions

```
nums = sc.parallelize([5, 1, 3, 2])
nums.collect() # => [5, 1, 3, 2] # Retrieve RDD
contents as a local collection → Results must
fit in memory on the local machine
nums.take(2) # => [5, 1] # Return first K
elements
nums.takeOrdered(4) # => [1, 2, 3, 5] # Return
first K elements ordered
nums.takeOrdered(4, lambda n:-n) # => [5, 3, 2,
1]
nums.count() # => 4 # Count number of elements
# Merge elements with an associative function
nums.reduce(lambda x, y: x + y) # => 12
nums.saveAsTextFile("hdfs://file.txt")
```

`collect()` : Gathers the entries from all partitions into the driver





## Persistence

- ▶ Spark **recomputes** the RDDs each time we call an action → expensive and can also cause data to be read from the disk again
- ▶ We can avoid this by caching data:
  - ▶ `cache()`
  - ▶ `persist()`
- ▶ Fault tolerant: In case of failure, Spark can rebuild the RDD
- ▶ Super Fast: will allow multiple operations on the same data set without recreating it



## Persistence

- ▶ RDDs can be **cached** using the *cache* operation. They can also be **persisted** using *persist* operation.
- ▶ With `cache()`, you use only the default storage level `MEMORY_ONLY`.
- ▶ With `persist()`, you can specify which storage level you want to use.
- ▶ Use `persist()` if you want to assign another storage level than `MEMORY_ONLY` to the RDD
  - ▶ Memory only
  - ▶ Memory and disk
  - ▶ Memory and disk and replication



## Persistence Example

```
>> lines = sc.textFile("README.md", 4)

>> lines.count()

Out[1]: 1024
```

```
>> pythonLines = lines.filter(lambda line: "Python" in line)

>> pythonLines.count()

Out[1]: 50
```

Causes Spark to reload **lines** from disk used.

```
>> lines = sc.textFile("README.md", 4)

>> lines.persist() # ~lines.cache()

>> lines.count()

Out[1]: 1024
```

```
>> pythonLines = lines.filter(lambda line:
"Python" in line)

>> pythonLines.count()

Out[1]: 50
```

Spark will avoid re-computing lines every time it is used.



## SparkContext – Cluster execution

```
import sys

from pyspark import SparkContext, SparkConf

if __name__ == "__main__":
    conf = SparkConf().setAppName("Spark Count")
    sc = SparkContext(conf=conf)
    logFile = "README.md"
    textFile = sc.textFile(logFile)
    wordCounts = textFile.flatMap(lambda line:
        line.split()).map(lambda word: (word,1))
        .reduceByKey(lambda a, b: a+b)
    wordCounts.collect()
```





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