Python 3: Functional Programming

IN608: Intermediate Application Development Concepts

Last Session's Content

- More abstract data types
 - List as a stack
 - Stack class
 - List as a queue
 - Queue class
 - Circular queue

Today's Content

- Comprehension
 - o List
 - Set
 - Dictionary
- First-class functions
- Lambda expression
- Map
- Filter
- Reduce
- Iterator
- Generator

Comprehension

Comprehension

- Succinct way of creating a list, set or dictionary
- A comprehension consists of the following components:
 - Expression (optional)
 - Variable
 - Input sequence
 - Predicate (optional)

[expression for variable input sequence predicate]

List Comprehension

• Resource: https://docs.python.org/3/tutorial/datastructures.html#list-comprehensions

```
string = '123 Hi 456'
nums = []
for s in string:
    if s.isdigit():
        nums.append(int(s))
print(nums)

# is equivalent to

string = '123 Hi 456'
nums = [int(s) for s in string if s.isdigit()]
print(nums)
```

Set Comprehension

```
class Cat:
    def __init__(self, breed, is_active):
        self.breed = breed
        self.is_active = is_active
def main():
    cats = [
        Cat('Birman', True),
       Cat('Birman', True),
        Cat('Maine Coon', False),
        Cat('Persian', False),
        Cat('Ragdoll', False),
        Cat('Siamese', True)
    active_cats = {c.breed for c in cats if c.is_active}
    print(active_cats)
if __name__ == '__main__':
    main() # {'Birman', 'Siamese'}
```

Dictionary Comprehension

Programming Activity (30 Minutes)

Programming Activity

- Checkout to master git checkout master
- Create a new branch called 03-practical git checkout -b 03-practical
- Copy 03-practical.ipynb from the course materials repository into your practicals repository
- Open up the Anaconda Prompt (it should be install on all lab computers) & cd to your practicals repository
- Run the following command: jupyter notebook

Programming Activity

- Please open 06-practical.ipynb
- Please ONLY answer questions 1-2
- We will go through the solutions after 30 minutes

Solutions

First-Class Functions

First-Class Functions

- Functions in Python are first-class objects
- Assign a function as a value to a variable
- Pass a function as an argument to another function
- Return a function from another function

First-Class Functions

```
def double(x):
    return x * 2

times_two = double
print(times_two(4)) # 8

def f(func, arg):
    return func(arg)

print(f(times_two, 4)) # 8

def multiply(factor):
    def f(x):
        return factor * x
    return f

three = multiply(2)
print(three(4)) # 8
```

Lambda Expression

Lambda Expression

- Lambda expression or lambda form
- Used to create an anonymous/unnamed function
- Generally used as an argument to a higher-order function
- lambda parameters: expression yields a function object
- Resource: https://docs.python.org/3/reference/expressions.html#lambda

```
lambda parameters: expression
add = lambda x, y: x + y
print(add(5, 5)) # 10
```

Map

Map

- map(function, iterable)
- Returns an iterator which applies function to elements of iterable, yielding the results
- Resource: https://docs.python.org/3/library/functions.html#map

```
# Named function
def power_of_three(x):
    return x ** 3

# Anonymous function
power_of_three = lambda x: x ** 3

nums = [x for x in range(1, 11)]
pow_of_three_nums = map(power_of_three, nums)
print(type(pow_of_three_nums)) # <class 'map'>
print(list(pow_of_three_nums)) # [1, 8, 27, 64, 125, 216, 343, 512, 729, 1000]
```

Filter

Filter

- filter(function, iterable)
- Constructs an iterator from elements of iterable for which a function returns true
- Resource: https://docs.python.org/3/library/functions.html#filter

```
# Named function
def is_even(x):
    return x % 2 == 0

# Anonymous function
is_even = lambda x: x % 2 == 0

nums = [x for x in range(1, 11)]
even_nums = filter(is_even, nums)
print(type(even_nums)) # <class filter>
print(list(even_nums)) # [2, 4, 6, 8, 10]
```

Reduce

Reduce

- functools module
- reduce(function, iterable)
- Applies function of two arguments cumulatively to elements of iterable from left to right, reducing the iterable to a single value
- Resource: https://docs.python.org/3/library/functools.html#functools.reduce

```
from functools import reduce
# Named function
def add(x, y):
    return x + y
# Anonymous function
add = lambda x, y: x + y
nums = [x for x in range(1, 11)]
sum_nums = reduce(add, nums)
print(sum_nums) # 55
```

Iterator

Iterator

- iter(object) returns an iterator object. object must be a collection which supports the iteration or sequence protocol
- next(iterator) retrieves the next item from the iterator by calling its __next__() method
- Resources:
 - https://docs.python.org/3/library/functions.html#iter
 - https://docs.python.org/3/library/functions.html#next

```
pow_of_three_nums = [x ** 3 for x in range(1, 6)]
pow_of_three_iter = iter(pow_of_three_nums)
print(type(pow_of_three_iter)) # <class 'list_iterator'>
print(next(pow_of_three_iter)) # 1
print(next(pow_of_three_iter)) # 8
print(next(pow_of_three_iter)) # 27
print(next(pow_of_three_iter)) # 64
print(next(pow_of_three_iter)) # 125
print(next(pow_of_three_iter)) # StopIteration
```

Iterator Class

Iterator class

```
class PowerOfThree:
    def __init__(self, min, max):
        self.min = min
        self.max = max
    def __iter__(self):
        return self
    def __next__(self):
       if self.min <= self.max:</pre>
            result = self.min ** 3
            self.min += 1
            return result
        else:
            raise StopIteration
def main():
    pow_of_three = PowerOfThree(1, 5)
    pow_of_three_iter = iter(pow_of_three)
    print(next(pow_of_three_iter)) # 1
    print(next(pow_of_three_iter)) # 8
    print(next(pow_of_three_iter)) # 27
    print(next(pow_of_three_iter)) # 64
    print(next(pow_of_three_iter)) # 125
    print(next(pow_of_three_iter)) # StopIteration
if __name__ == '__main__':
    main()
```

Generator

Generator

- Returns a generator iterator
- Contains a yield for producing values that can be retrieved one at a time with the next() function

```
def power_of_three(min, max):
    while min <= max:
        yield min ** 3
        min += 1

pow_of_three = power_of_three(1, 5)
print(type(pow_of_three)) # <class 'generator'>
print(next(pow_of_three)) # 1
print(next(pow_of_three)) # 8
print(next(pow_of_three)) # 27
print(next(pow_of_three)) # 27
print(next(pow_of_three)) # 64
print(next(pow_of_three)) # 64
print(next(pow_of_three)) # StopIteration
```