

Assignment

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Functions (Theory)

Question 1) What is difference between a function and method in Python with example?

Answer 1)

Aspect

Definition

Function

An independent block of code that performs a specific task

Method

A function associated within a class

Usage

Called directly using its name

Called on an instance of a class

Scope

Can exist independently of classes

Exist within the context of a class and its instances

Example

```
def greet(name):  
    return f"Hello, {name}!"
```

```
class Person:  
    def greet(self):  
        return f"Hello, {self.name}!"
```

Question 2) Explain the concept of function arguments and parameters in Python?

Parameters are the variables listed inside the parentheses. They are placeholders that indicate what kind of input the function expects.

Arguments are the actual values you pass to the function when you call it. These values fill in the placeholders defined by the parameters.

2) Function with default Parameters

Default parameters allow you to specify default values for parameters, making them optional when calling the function

```
def greet(name="Guest"):  
    return f"Hello, {name}!"
```

```
print(greet())           # Output Hello, Guest!  
print(greet("Ritvik"))  # Output Hello, Ritvik!
```

3) Function with Variable-length Argument: (*args)

This lets you pass a variable number of arguments to function. These arguments are stored in a tuple.

```
def greet(*name):  
    return f"Hello, {' '.join(name)}!"  
print(greet("Ritvik", "Ankit", "Vishal"))
```

Output: Hello, Ritvik, Ankit, Vishal!

4) Function with Keyword Arguments (**kwargs)

This allow you to pass a variable number of keyword arguments. These arguments are stored in a dictionary.

```
def greet(**details):  
    return f"Hello, {details['name']}! Age: {details['age']}!"
```

```
Print(greet(name="Ritvik", age=20))
```

Output: Hello, Ritvik! Age: 20

Parameters

```
def greet (name, age): # 'name' & 'age' are parameters
```

```
    returns f'Hello, my name is {name} and I am {age} year old.'
```

Function Call (Along Arguments)

In this example
name and age are parameters

~~Print~~ Call

```
Print (greet ('Rishi', 20)) # 'Rishi' and '20' are arguments  
# output: Hello, my name is Rishi and I am 20 years old
```

- name and age are parameters
- "Rishi" and 20 are arguments passed to those parameters when the function is called

Question 3) what are the different ways to define and call a function in Python?

1) Regular Function: This function is defined using the `def` keyword followed by the function name and parameters in parentheses

Example

```
def greet (name):  
    return f'Hello, {name}!'  
print (greet ("Rishi")) # Output: Hello, Rishi!
```

5) Anonymous Function (Lambda Function)

A lambda function is a small anonymous function defined with the lambda keyword. It is used for short, simple functions.

```
greet = lambda name: f"Hello, {name}!"  
print(greet("Alice")) # Output: Hello Alice!
```

Question 4) What is the purpose of the return statement in Python function?

The return statement in a Python function serves to exit the function and pass back a value to the caller. It is used in many functions to send back results to part of the program that called them.

Use it.

Send back a value or result: After processing in a function can provide its result using return.

- Exit the function: it terminates the function execution immediately.
- Make function reusable: Function can be used in different contexts and combined in complex operations if they return results.

```
def add(a, b):  
    return a + b  
result = add(3, 5)  
print(result) # Output: 8
```

Question 5) what are Iterators in Python and how do they differ from iterables?

Answer 5) Iterators in Python are objects that allow you to traverse through all the elements of a collection (like a list or tuple) one at a time. They maintain a state to keep track of where they are during iteration.

Iterables, on the other hand, are objects that ~~are~~ ^{can return} an iterator. These include collections like lists, tuples, and strings. You can use the `iter()` function to get an iterator from an iterable.

Difference between

Aspect

Iterable

Iterator

Definition

Any object that can return an iterator

An object with a state that can iterate over elements

Implementation

Implements the `iter()` method

Implements both the `iter()` and `__next__()` methods

Usage

Can be looped over directly by using a `for` loop

Needs to be explicitly fetched using `next()`

State

Does not maintain state

Maintains state during iteration

Iterable

```
my_list = [1, 2, 3]
```

```
for item in my_list:
```

```
    print (item) # Outputs: 1, 2, 3
```

Iterator

```
my_iterator = iter(my_list)
```

```
print(next(my_iterator)) # Output: 1
```

```
print(next(my_iterator)) # Output: 2
```

```
print(next(my_iterator)) # Output: 3
```

Question 6 Explain the Concept of generators in Python and how they are defined?

Answer 6) Generators are special type of iterators of iterator in Python, used to iterate over a sequence of values without creating the entire sequence in memory at once. This makes them more memory-efficient for large datasets.

Concept: A generator function is defined using the `def` keyword, but instead of returning a single value, it yields a series of values using the `yield` keyword. Each call to generator function resumes where it left off and continues until the sequence is exhausted.

Defining a Generator:

```
def countdown(n):
```

```
    while n > 0:
```

```
        yield n
```

```
        n -= 1
```

In the example, countdown is generator that yield a sequence of numbers from n down to 1. Each time yield is executed, the function's state is preserved, allowing it to resume from the same point on the next call.

Using a Generator

For number in countdown(5):
 Print (number)

Output:

5

4

3

2

1

When you iterate over the generator using a for loop, it keeps yielding the next ~~value~~ value in the sequence until there are no more values left. Generators are particularly useful for handling large data streams or infinite sequences as they compute values on-the-fly.

Question 7) what are advantage of using generators over regular functions?

1) Memory Efficiency: Unlike regular functions, which might generate and store all values at once, generators produce values one at a time, only when needed. This minimize memory usage.

Lazy Evaluation: Generators compute values on-the-fly. Regular function would compute all values upfront, but generators only do the work when you ask for the next item. This can lead to performance gain.

Improved Readability: Generators often make code easier to read and maintain. Writing an iterator manually required more boilerplate code to track state, whereas generators handle this elegantly with the yield keyword.

Handling infinite sequences: Generators can model infinite sequences or very large datasets without hitting memory limits, making them highly suitable for streams of data or continuous processes.

Example

```
def count-up():  
    n = 0  
    while True:  
        yield n  
        n += 1
```

```
counter = count-up()  
for i in range(5):
```

```
    print(next(counter))
```

Output: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4

Question 8.) What is a lambda function in Python and when is it typically used?

A lambda function in Python is a small, anonymous function defined using the lambda keyword. Unlike a regular function, it has no name and is typically used for short, simple operations that are needed temporarily.

Syntax: `lambda arguments : expression`

Example # Regular function
~~def~~ `def add(a, b):`
 returns `a + b`

 # lambda function
 `add = lambda a, b : a + b`

`Print (add (2, 5))` # Output 7

Use Lambda Function

- 1) Short, Simple Function: They're ideal for simple operations that can be written in a single line.
- 2) Function Programming: Often used with functions like `map()`, `filter()`, and `sorted()` to provide quick, inline processing.
- 3) Sorting or Key Functions: Handy when you need a small function to serve as a key for sorting or other functions.

Example with sorted CD :

pairs = [(1, 'one'), (2, 'two'), (3, 'three')]

sorted_pairs = sorted(pairs, key = lambda pair: pair[1])

print(sorted_pairs)

Output: [(3, 'three'), (2, 'two'), (1, 'one')]

Question 9) Explain the purpose and usage of the 'map()' function in Python?

The map() function in Python applies a given function to all the items in an iterable (like list or tuple) and returns a map object (an iterator) with the results. It's a convenient way to ~~transform~~ transform items in an iterable without using a 'for' loop.

Purpose

The main purpose of (map()) is to apply a specific function to each item of an iterable, which can simplify and make your code more readable. It's especially useful for performing operation on large datasets or when you need to apply a common operation to all items in a collection.

Usage

Syntax:

map(function, iterable)

Example let's say you want to square each no. in list:

Regular function:

```
def square(x):  
    returns x ** 2  
    return x ** 2  
numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]  
squared_numbers = map(square, numbers)
```

```
print(list(squared_numbers))
```

Output: [1, 4, 9, 16, 25]

You can use a lambda function to make it even more concise:

```
numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]  
squared_numbers = map(lambda x: x ** 2, numbers)
```

```
print(list(squared_numbers)) # [1, 4, 9, 16, 25]
```

Question 10) What is the difference between `map()`, `reduce()`, and `filter()` function in Python?

Answers 10) All three of these functions - `map()`, `reduce()`, and `filter()` - are the Python's built-in functional programming toolkit. They are each serve different purpose for the processing iterables. Here's a comparison:

map

filter

reduce

map: For a function applied a function that will take an element and return a new element. Each item keeps its original position only those where the predicate is true return true

Applied a function of accumulators accumulates to reduce iterable to a single value

filter: For a function that takes an element and returns a boolean

reduce (function, iterable)

filter: For a function that takes an element and returns a boolean

A single value

Example: map(lambda x: x*2, [1, 2, 3, 4]) // 2 == 0, [1, 2, 3, 4] // 2 == 2, [2, 4, 6, 8]
- Applies each no. - Filters the list, keep [3, 4] -
is the list and returning only even no. Multiples all
return [2, 4, 6, 8] [2, 4] returning [2, 4]

All these functions are tools that give you different ways to handle collections of data with map (transforming items), filter (selecting items), and reduce (combining items).

Question Write the internal mechanism for sum operation reduce function on this given

list: ^[list] [47, 11, 42, 13];

Using [reduce] to sum the list [47, 11, 42, 13]

1) list: [47, 11, 42, 13]

2 Initial Call: The first two element are passed the function.

$$47 + 11 = 58$$

3 Next Call: The result from the previous call and next element are passed.

$$58 + 42 = 100$$

4) Final Call: The result from the previous Call and the next element are passed.

$$100 + 13 = 113$$

The reduce function essentially performs this Cumulative Summing operation until the list is exhausted.

from functools import reduce

number = [47, 11, 42, 13]

sum_result = reduce(lambda x, y: x+y, no.)

Print (sum_result) # Output 113