### What is the relationship between def statements and lambda expressions?

* **def Statements:**
  + Used to define a function with a name, a set of parameters, and a body containing multiple statements.
  + Example:

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def add(x, y):

return x + y

* + Functions defined with def can have a block of code and are more versatile.
* **Lambda Expressions:**
  + Used to create anonymous functions (functions without a name) that are limited to a single expression.
  + Syntax: lambda parameters: expression
  + Example:

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add = lambda x, y: x + y

* + Lambda expressions are typically used for short, throwaway functions, often as arguments to higher-order functions like map, filter, and sorted.

**Relationship:**

* Both def and lambda create functions, but def is more suited for complex functions with multiple statements, while lambda is ideal for simple, one-liner functions.

### 2. What is the benefit of lambda?

* **Conciseness:** Lambda expressions provide a concise way to write small functions inline, without the need for a full function definition.
* **Anonymous Functions:** Useful for creating functions without a name, which is helpful in cases where the function is used only once or in a limited scope.
* **Functional Programming:** Lambda expressions are often used in functional programming paradigms where functions are passed as arguments to other functions (e.g., map, filter, sorted).

### 3. Compare and contrast map, filter, and reduce.

* **map:**
  + Applies a function to each item in an iterable and returns an iterable (map object) with the results.
  + Syntax: map(function, iterable)
  + Example:

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numbers = [1, 2, 3]

squared = map(lambda x: x \*\* 2, numbers) # [1, 4, 9]

* **filter:**
  + Applies a function to each item in an iterable and returns an iterable (filter object) with only the items that return True.
  + Syntax: filter(function, iterable)
  + Example:

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numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]

evens = filter(lambda x: x % 2 == 0, numbers) # [2, 4]

* **reduce:**
  + Applies a function cumulatively to the items in an iterable, from left to right, reducing it to a single result.
  + reduce is not a built-in function in Python 3 but is available in the functools module.
  + Syntax: reduce(function, iterable)
  + Example:

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from functools import reduce

numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4]

product = reduce(lambda x, y: x \* y, numbers) # 24

**Comparison:**

* **Purpose:** map transforms data, filter selects data, and reduce aggregates data.
* **Return Value:** map and filter return iterables, while reduce returns a single value.

### 4. What are function annotations, and how are they used?

* **Function Annotations:**
  + Provide a way to attach metadata to function parameters and return values.
  + Syntax: def function(param: type) -> return\_type:
  + Example:

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def add(x: int, y: int) -> int:

return x + y

* + **Usage:** Annotations are primarily used for documentation and type checking. They do not affect the runtime behavior of the function. Tools like type checkers and IDEs use them to provide better code assistance and error checking.

### 5. What are recursive functions, and how are they used?

* **Recursive Functions:**
  + Functions that call themselves in their definition.
  + **Base Case:** A condition under which the function returns a result without making a recursive call.
  + **Recursive Case:** The part where the function calls itself with modified arguments.
  + Example:

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def factorial(n):

if n == 0:

return 1

else:

return n \* factorial(n - 1)

**Usage:**

* Recursive functions are used for problems that can be broken down into simpler, similar problems (e.g., factorial calculation, tree traversal, etc.). They are useful for problems where iterative solutions are less natural or more complex.

### 6. What are some general design guidelines for coding functions?

* **Single Responsibility:** Each function should have a single purpose or responsibility.
* **Readability:** Functions should be named descriptively, and their behavior should be clear.
* **Reusability:** Functions should be designed to be reusable in different contexts.
* **Simplicity:** Keep functions small and focused; avoid complexity where possible.
* **Documentation:** Include docstrings to explain the function's purpose, parameters, and return values.
* **Error Handling:** Implement appropriate error handling within functions to manage unexpected conditions gracefully.

### 7. Name three or more ways that functions can communicate results to a caller.

1. **Return Value:**
   * The most common method where the function returns a result using the return statement.
   * Example:

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def add(x, y):

return x + y

1. **Print Statements:**
   * Functions can use print() to output results directly, though this is less flexible than returning values.
   * Example:

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def print\_sum(x, y):

print(x + y)

1. **Modifying Mutable Objects:**
   * Functions can modify mutable objects (like lists or dictionaries) passed as arguments.
   * Example:

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def append\_to\_list(lst, item):

lst.append(item)

1. **Global Variables:**
   * Functions can modify global variables, though this is generally discouraged due to potential side effects and reduced clarity.
   * Example:

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result = 0

def update\_result(value):

global result

result = value