

1. What is the relationship between def statements and lambda expressions ?

Ans: def statement is used to define normal functions and lambda expressions are used to create anonymous functions that can be assigned to a variable and be called using the variable. Since lambda is an expression it is a single statement unlike the block of statements in the body of def statement.

2. What is the benefit of lambda?

Ans:

- Reduce the number of lines of code.
- Used when a function is needed temporarily
- Can be used inside another function.
- Can define a function and call it immediately at the end of definition.

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

Ans:

map(): takes a function and list of inputs or a list of functions and returns an output after applying the function on the list.

filter(): creates a list of elements for which a function returns true, resembles a for loop but it is faster.

reduce(): applies a rolling computation to sequential pairs of values in a list

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In [6]: 1 import functools
2 # map function
3 print('Map:', list(map(lambda x: 2*x, [1,2,3,4])))
4 # filter function
5 print('Filter:', list(filter(lambda x: x%2 == 0, [1,2,3,4])))
6 # reduce function
7 print('Reduce:', functools.reduce(lambda x,y: x+y, [1,2,3,4,5,6]))

Map: [2, 4, 6, 8]
Filter: [2, 4]
Reduce: 21
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4. What are function annotations, and how are they used?

Ans: Function annotations allow you to add arbitrary metadata to function parameters and return value.

They can be used as follows:

In case of simple parameters: def func(x: expression, y: expression = 20)

In case of excess parameters: def func (**args: expression, **kwargs: expression)

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

Ans: A recursive function is a function that calls itself during its execution. The process may repeat several times.

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In [9]: 1 def factorial(n):
2       2 if n==1:
3           3 return 1
4       4 else:
5           5 return (n*factorial(n-1))
6       6 print(factorial(5))
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6. What are some general design guidelines for coding functions?

Ans:

- Use a docstring to explain the functionality

- avoid or limit using global variables
- Proper indentation
- Follow a naming convention throughout the code and use self-explanatory names
- Local variables format : localVariable, Global variables format : GlobalVariable
- Constant format: CONSTANT

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

Ans: Function can communicate with the calling function is via print, return or yield.