

# Class 7

# “lambda” function

# Functions: “lambda” expressions

- **lambda** expressions are another way of defining functions but with a difference.
  - They aren't capable of multiple expressions and can only handle single expressions.
  - They can only be used one time.
- Syntax:
  - lambda **arguments**: expression
- Comparing with function structure
  - def functionName( arguments ):  
    statements...  
    return something



lambda function



Regular function

# “lambda” function examples:

- Compute the square of a number using lambda function

```
f = lambda x: x*x  
p = f(5)  
print(p)
```

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- Find out which number is greater of 2 using lambda function

```
f = lambda a,b: a if a>b else b  
p = f(5,10)  
print(p)
```

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# Map, filter, reduce functions



# 'map' function

- **The map() function:** map() is a function with two arguments.
  - Syntax: `r = map(func, seq)`
- The advantage of the lambda operator can be seen when it is used in combination with the map() function.
- The first argument func is the name of a function and the second a sequence (e.g. a list) seq.
- map() applies the function func to all the elements of the sequence seq.
- It returns a new list with the elements changed by function

```
def fahrenheit(T):  
    return ((float(9)/5)*T + 32)  
def celsius(T):  
    return (float(5)/9)*(T-32)  
temp = (36.5, 37, 37.5,39)  
print(list(map(fahrenheit, temp)))  
print(list(map(celsius, temp)))
```

```
[97.7, 98.60000000000001, 99.5, 102.2]
```

```
[2.5, 2.7777777777777777, 3.0555555555555556, 3.8888888888888893]
```

- `map()` can be applied to **more than one list**.
- The lists have to **have the same length**.
- `map()` will apply its lambda function to the respective elements of the argument lists
- It first applies to the elements with the 0th index, then to the elements with the 1st index until the nth index is reached:



# Exercise on 'map':

1.  $a = [1,2,3,4]$   $b = [17,12,11,10]$   $c = [-1,-4,5,9]$ 
  - 1. Compute element-wise sum of a and b.
  - 2. Compute element-wise sum of a, b, and c.
  - 3. Compute  $a + b - c$  (element-wise).

We can see in the example above that the parameter x gets its values from the list a, while y gets its values from b, and z from list c

- **Apply lambda function**

```
a = [1,2,3,4]
b = [17,12,11,10]
c = [-1,-4,5,9]

aa = map(lambda x,y:x+y, a,b)
bb = map(lambda x,y,z:x+y+z, a,b,c)
cc = map(lambda x,y,z:x+y-z, a,b,c)

print(list(aa))
print(list(bb))
print(list(cc))
```

```
[18, 14, 14, 14]
[17, 10, 19, 23]
[19, 18, 9, 5]
```

2. Check whether each element in 'b' is a factor of respective element in 'a'

– a = [2,4,6,8]

– b = [1,2,5,4]

- Use **lambda function**

```
a = [2,4,6,8]
b = [1,2,5,4]
c = map(lambda x,y:x%y==0, a,b)
list(c)
```

```
[True, True, False, True]
```

# 'filter' function

- The function **filter(function, list)**
- It offers an elegant way to filter out all the elements of a list, for which the function returns **True**.
- The function **filter(f,l)** needs a function '**f**' as its first argument.
- '**f**' returns a Boolean value, i.e. either **True** or **False**.
- This function will be applied to every element of the list '**l**'.
- Only if '**f**' returns True will the element of the list be included in the result list

# 'filter' Example:

1. fib = [0,1,1,2,3,5,8,13,21,34,55]
- A. Return odd Fibonacci numbers from the following sequence of Fibonacci numbers
- B. Return even Fibonacci numbers from the above sequence of Fibonacci numbers:

```
fibonacci = [0,1,1,2,3,5,8,13,21,34,55]
odd_numbers = list(filter(lambda x: x % 2, fibonacci))
print(odd_numbers)
```

```
[1, 1, 3, 5, 13, 21, 55]
```

```
even_numbers = list(filter(lambda x: x % 2 == 0, fibonacci))
print(even_numbers)
```

```
[0, 2, 8, 34]
```

2.  $a = [1, 3, 6, 9, 18, 36, 24]$

- a) Get the list of values divisible by both 3 and 6
- b) Get the list of values divisible by both 3 or 9
- c) Get the list of values divisible by 2 and 3

3.  $b = ['44', '32', '55', '23', '51', '66', 'a2a']$

- d) Get the list of strings where first and last letters are same
- e) Get the list of strings where first and last letters are not same



# 'reduce' function

- The function **reduce(func, seq)** continually applies the function, '**func()**' to the sequence '**seq**'.
- It returns a single value.



If  $\text{seq} = [s_1, s_2, s_3, \dots, s_n]$ , calling  $\text{reduce}(\text{func}, \text{seq})$  works like this:

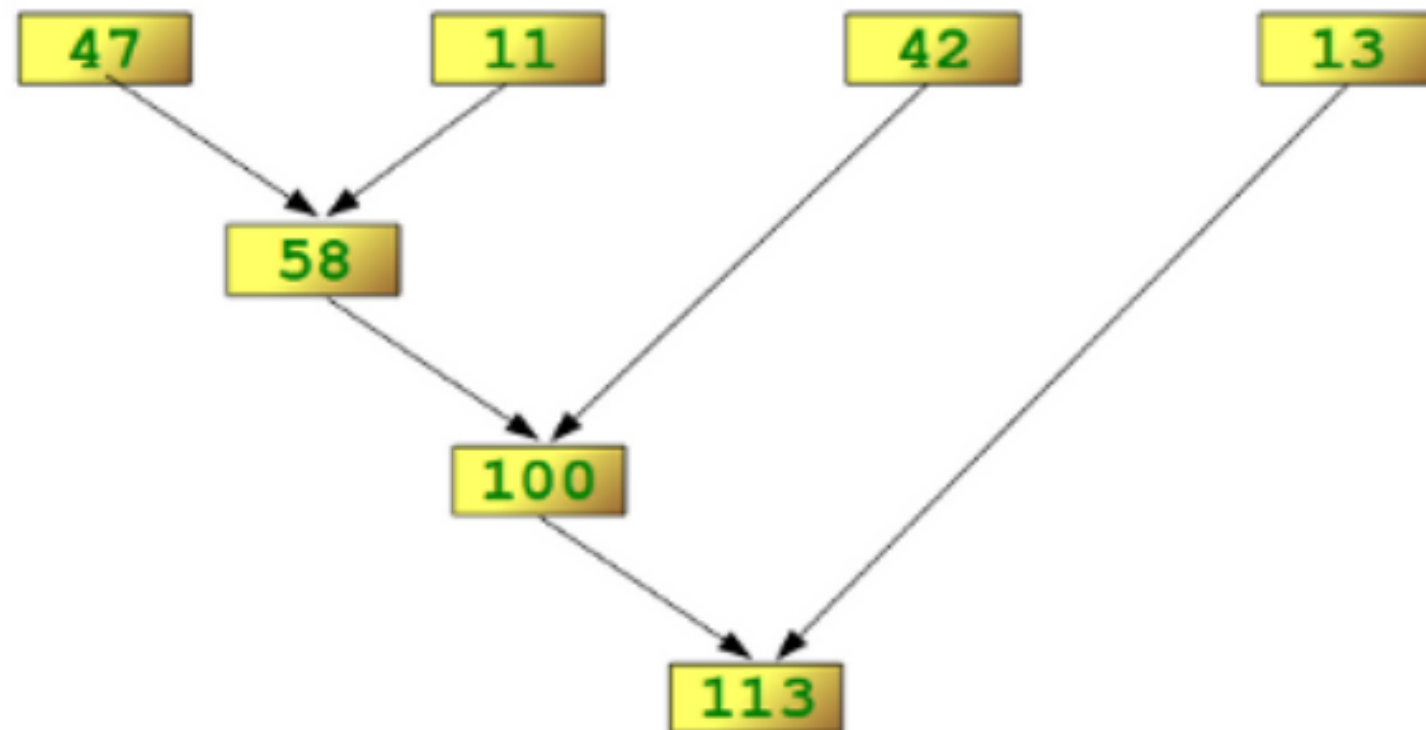
1. The first two elements of  $\text{seq}$  will be applied to  $\text{func}$ , i.e.  **$\text{func}(s_1, s_2)$**
2. The list on which  $\text{reduce}()$  works looks now like this: [  **$\text{func}(s_1, s_2)$** ,  $s_3, \dots, s_n$  ]
3. In the next step,  $\text{func}$  will be applied on the previous result and the third element of the list, i.e.  **$\text{func}(\text{func}(s_1, s_2), s_3)$**
4. The list looks like this now: [  **$\text{func}(\text{func}(s_1, s_2), s_3)$** ,  $\dots, s_n$  ]
5. Continue like this until just one element is left and return this element as the result of  $\text{reduce}()$



```
from functools import reduce  
reduce(lambda x,y: x+y, [47,11,42,13])
```

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The following diagram shows the intermediate steps of the calculation:



# 'reduce' Example:

1. Determining the maximum of a list of numerical values by using reduce. (**from functools import reduce**)
2. Calculating the sum of the numbers from 1 to 100
3. Calculate the multiple of numbers from 1 to 10.

