

1. Recursion, Callback, Generators, Closures

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TYPES OF FUNCTIONS

- Recursion
- Callback
- Generator
- Closures
- Decorators

Increases programming efficiency

RECURSION

Calling some function within the same function until some base condition / stop condition is met that ends the recursion

whichever problem statement / condition you already know the solution for

Example:
$$n! = \begin{cases} n \times (n-1)! & n \neq 0 \\ 1 & n = 0 \end{cases} \rightarrow \text{base condition}$$

$$\text{gcd}(m, n) = \begin{cases} m \text{ (or) } n & m = n \\ \text{gcd}(m-n, n) & m > n \\ \text{gcd}(m, n-m) & m < n \end{cases} \rightarrow \text{base condition}$$

CHECK: Activation record, symbol table

Python 3.0 Essentials
Book
Tower of Hanoi problem

NOTE: Recursion always moves towards the base condition

CALLBACK

Passing a function as an argument to a function \rightarrow callback

Note: You do not call the function that is being passed as an argument; otherwise, only the returned value of that function is passed

Example: $f_1(f_2)$
 \rightarrow callback function

```
def f1():  
    print("in f1")  
def f2():  
    print("in f2")  
def f3(f):  
    f()  
  
f3(f1)  
f3(f2)
```

in f1
in f2
>>> |

- Callback functions → make code more modular, requires fewer changes to code to add new functionality

Example using key parameter of sort():

```
def func(n):
    if len(str(n)) > 1:
        return int(str(n)[1])
    else:
        return n
```

```
l = [18, 783, 827, 1, 23, 9]
l.sort(key=func)
print(l)
```

```
[1, 827, 23, 18, 783, 9]
>>>
```

proxy values are used to sort the original values

NOTE: key parameter

Takes a function as its value and applies that function to every value to get some proxy value.

These proxy values are used to perform the original function.

GENERATORS

PREREQUISITES

NOTE: __iter__

If `--iter--` is associated with a particular class, that class is iterable.

```
--iter-- in dir(list)
```

```
>>> True
```

```
--iter-- in dir(int)
```

```
>>> False
```

NOTE: Iterator

`--iter--()` function returns an iterator

```
l = [1, 5, 6, 200]
```

```
lit = l.__iter__()
```

→ `type(lit) = list iterator`

Iterator → lazy object

`next(lit)` → returns a value from lit

```
>>> l = [1, 5, 6, 200]
>>> lit = l.__iter__()
>>> next(lit)
1
>>> next(lit)
5
>>> next(lit)
6
>>> next(lit)
200
>>> next(lit)
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<pyshell#28>", line 1, in <module>
    next(lit)
StopIteration
```

→ This is the exception handled automatically by for loop

GENERATORS

- At least one "yield" statement
- "return" statement ends generator execution; even if there is some value in the return statement, that value is not considered

- Returns an iterator object that is of class "generator"

contains all values that are yielded in the function

```
#generator function
def gen():
    print(1)
    yield "a"
    print(2)
    yield "b"
    print(3)
    yield "c"

print(gen()) #does not print values since generator is a lazy object

for i in gen():
    print(i)

<generator object gen at 0x000002054B56C5F0>
1
a
2
b
3
c
```

NOTE:

When a value is returned by the next() function from an iterator object, that value is removed from the iterator.

GENERATOR EXPRESSION

$g = ([\text{write required condition here}])$ } generator expression

defined as a generator object

```
>>> g=(i*i for i in range(1,6))
>>> next(g)
1
>>> next(g)
4
>>> next(g)
9
>>> next(g)
16
>>> next(g)
25
>>> next(g)
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<pyshell#40>", line 1, in <module>
    next(g)
StopIteration
```

CLOSURE

PREREQUISITE: Nested functions

def f1(): } → Nesting / enclosing function

[def f2():] → Nested / enclosed functions

return

→ f2 cannot be called outside f1, behaves like a local variable

Some cases of nested functions

```
def f1():  
    print("in f1")  
    def f2():  
        print("in f2")  
    return f2  
f1()  
f2()
```

```
in f1  
Traceback (most recent call last):  
  File "E:/PES/Sem 1/Python/Recursion/NestingFuncs.py", line 7, in <module>  
    f2()  
NameError: name 'f2' is not defined
```

```
def f1():  
    print("in f1")  
    global f2  
    def f2():  
        print("in f2")  
f1()  
f2()
```

```
in f1  
in f2
```

```
def f1():  
    print("in f1")  
    def f2():  
        print("in f2")  
    print("f2:", id(f2), type(f2))  
    return f2  
f=f1()  
print("f:", id(f), type(f))  
f()
```

```
in f1  
f2: 2399991266896 <class 'function'>  
f: 2399991266896 <class 'function'>  
in f2
```

```
def f1():  
    print("in f1")  
    def f2():  
        print("in f2")  
    print("f2:", id(f2), type(f2))  
    return f2  
f=f1()  
print("f:", id(f), type(f))  
del f1  
f()
```

```
in f1  
f2: 1453482278480 <class 'function'>  
f: 1453482278480 <class 'function'>  
in f2
```

Local and nonlocal variables

Nested function does not have access to global variables or any local variables that are defined in the nesting function.

```
x=10  
def f1():  
    print("in f1")  
    def f2():  
        x=x+1  
        print("in f2", a)  
    return f2  
f=f1()  
f()
```

```
in f1  
Traceback (most recent call last):  
  File "E:/PES/Sem 1/Python/Recursion/NestingFuncs.py", line 10, in <module>  
    f()  
  File "E:/PES/Sem 1/Python/Recursion/NestingFuncs.py", line 5, in f2  
    x=x+1  
UnboundLocalError: local variable 'x' referenced before assignment
```



```
def f1():
    print("in f1")
    a=10
    print(a)
    def f2():
        a=a+1
        print("in f2",a)
    return f2
```

```
f=f1()
f()
```

```
in f1
10
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "E:/PES/Sem 1/Python/Recursion/NestingFuncs.py", line 11, in <module>
    f()
  File "E:/PES/Sem 1/Python/Recursion/NestingFuncs.py", line 6, in f2
    a=a+1
UnboundLocalError: local variable 'a' referenced before assignment
```

```
def f1():
    print("in f1")
    a=10
    print(a)
    def f2():
        nonlocal a
        a=a+1
        print("in f2",a)
    return f2
```

```
f=f1()
f()
```

```
in f1
10
in f2 11
```

CLOSURES

Characteristics

- Nested function
- Should have a free variable, and the enclosed function should have access to it
- Nested function should be returned by the enclosing function

Variable that is not bound
in local scope

DECORATORS

- For some function, decorator function should be executed first before moving on to the actual functionality of the original function
- Extends functionality of original function
- Decorator is used with "@" operator right before original function definition

```
def deco_f1(f):
    def func():
        print("before call")
        f()
        print("after call")
    return func
```

```
@deco_f1 #deco_f1(f1)
def f1():
    print("in f1")
```

```
f1()
```

```
before call
in f1
after call
>>>
```

- Multiple decorator functions can be used for the same original function

```
def decx(f):
    def func():
        print("x"*20)
        f()
```

```
def decx(f):
    def func():
        print("x"*20)
        f()
        print("x"*20)
    return func

def decy(f):
    def func():
        print("y"*20)
        f()
        print("y"*20)
    return func

@decx
@decy    #decx(decy(f1))
def f1():
    print("in f1")

f1()
```

```
xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
yyyyyyyyyyyyyyyyyyyy
in f1
yyyyyyyyyyyyyyyyyyyy
xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
>>> |
```