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Structure and Interpretation of Computer Programs

Chapter 6A Functional Programming

LECTURE 7: FUNCTIONAL PROGRAMMING

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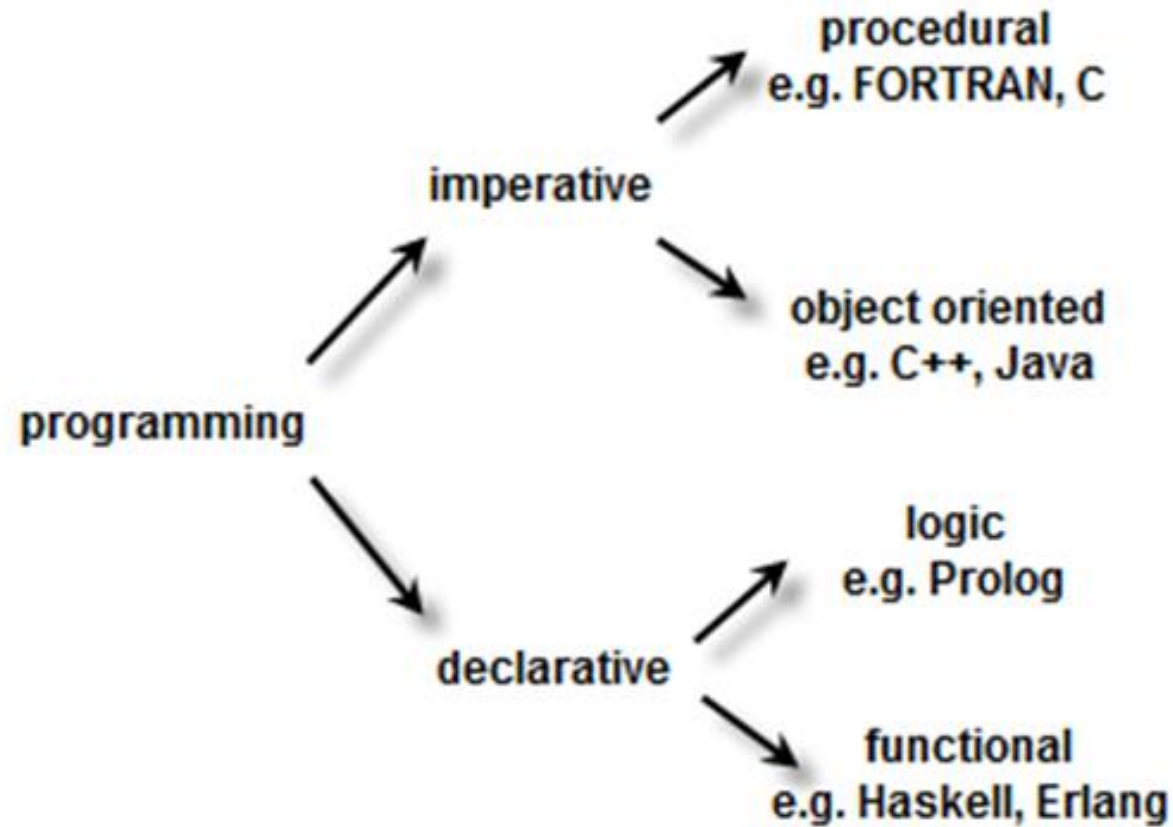
Objectives

- Concepts of functional programming:
 - Pure functions
 - Recursion
 - Referential transparency
 - Functions are First-Class and can be Higher-Order
 - Variables are Immutable

Overview

SECTION 1

Programming Paradigms



Programming Paradigms

Imperative



Object Oriented



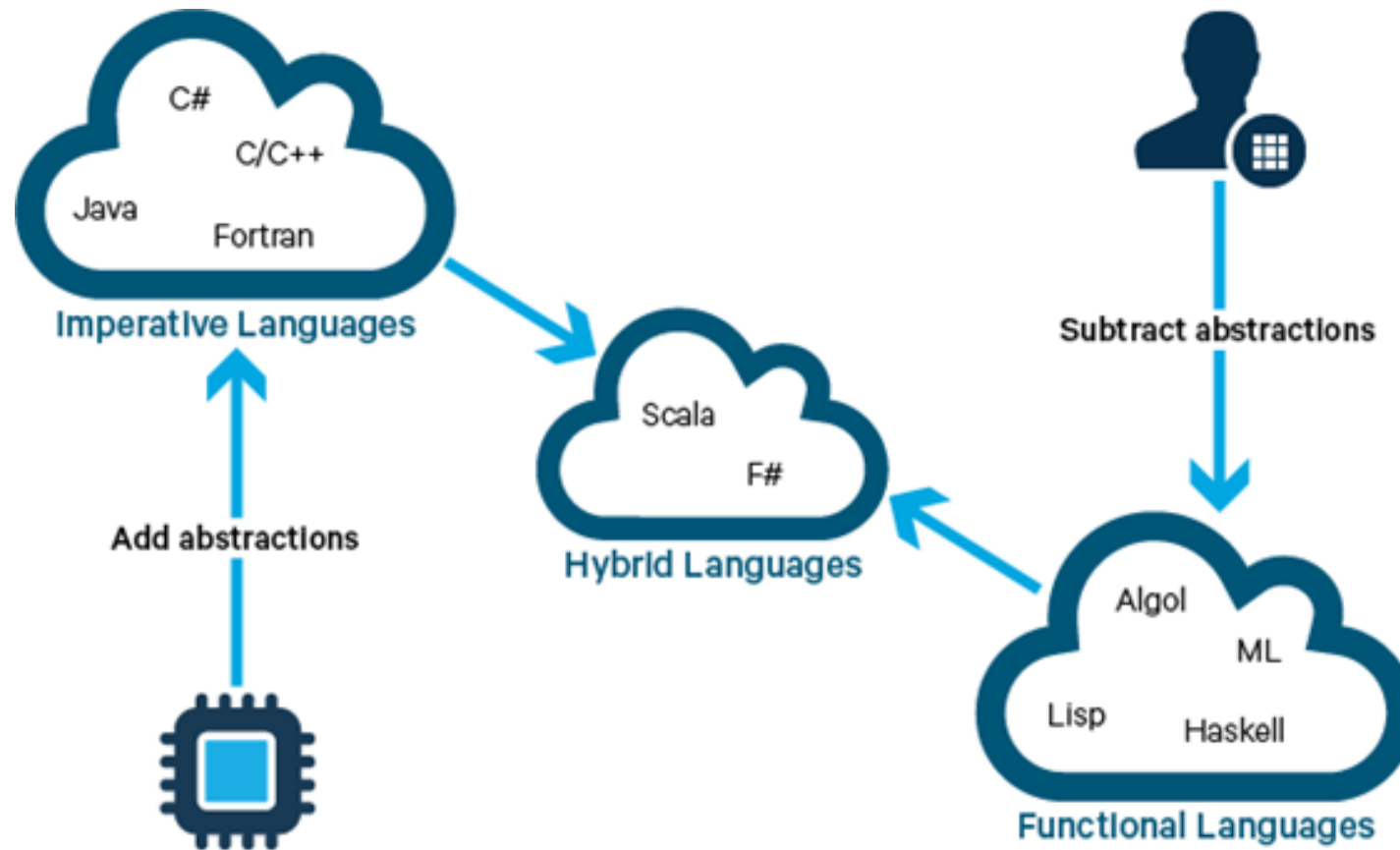
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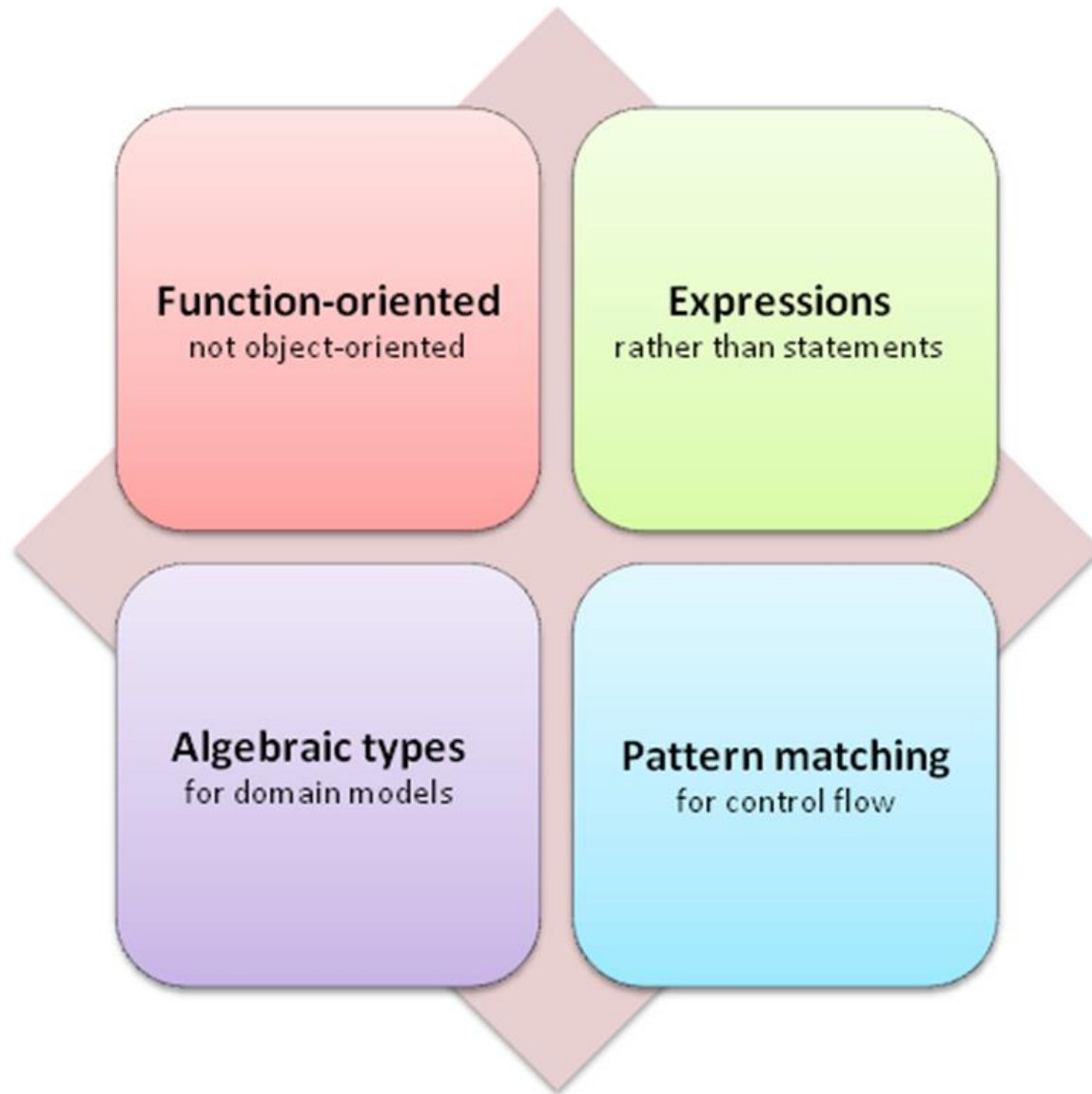


Functional Programming

- Functional programming is a programming paradigm in which we try to bind everything in pure mathematical functions style. It is a declarative type of programming style. Its main focus is on “what to solve” in contrast to an imperative style where the main focus is “how to solve”. It uses expressions instead of statements.
- An expression is evaluated to produce a value whereas a statement is executed to assign variables. Those functions have some special features discussed below.

Why Should I Use Functional Programming?

- Fewer Bugs
- Code Simpler/More Maintainable Code
- No Side Effects
- Easy to Parallelize & Scale
- Mathematically Provable
- Its been around a while

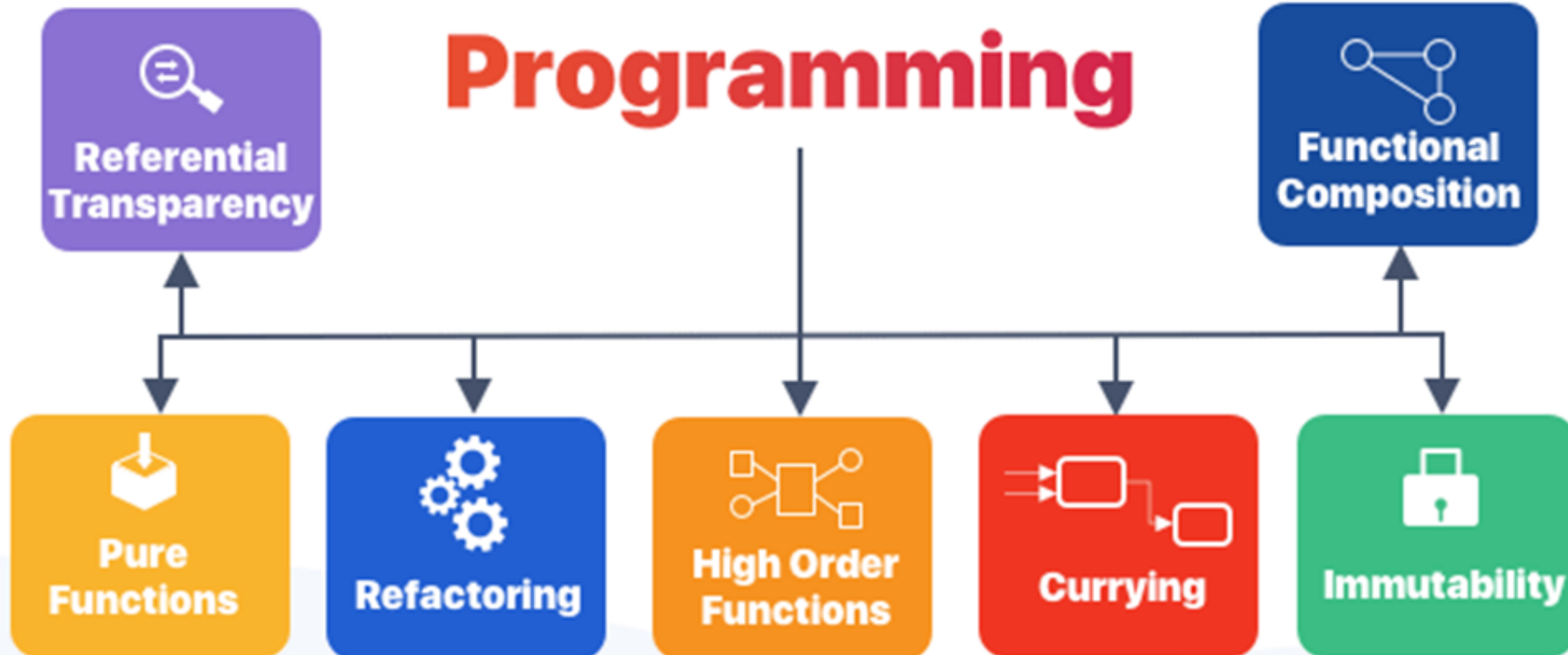


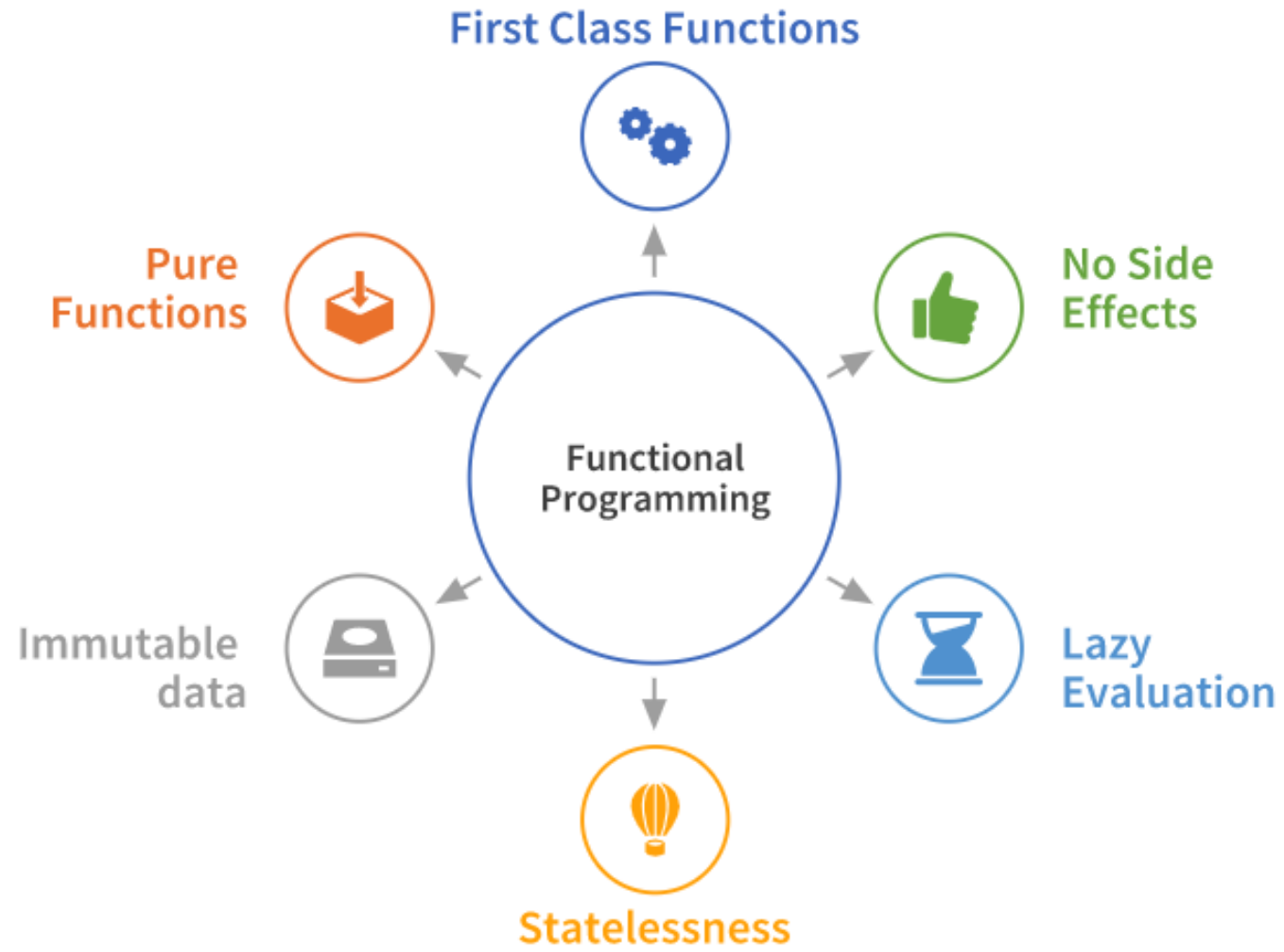
Functional Core Concepts

Terms to Know

- Immutable Data
- First Class Functions
- Recursion
- Tail Call Optimization
- Mapping
- Reducing
- Pipelining
- Currying
- Higher Order Functions
- Lazy Evaluation

Functional Programming





No side effects

```
a = 0
b = 2
sum = 0
def add():
    global sum
    sum = a + b
```

Side Effects

```
def add(a, b):
    return a + b
```

No Side Effects

Higher Order Functions (Map)

```
y = [0, 1, 2, 3, 4]
ret = []
for i in y:
    ret.append(i ** 2)
print(ret)
```

Imperative

```
y = [0, 1, 2, 3, 4]
squares = map(lambda x: x * x, y)
print(squares)
```

Functional

Higher Order Functions (Filter)

What's the difference between these?

```
x = np.random.rand(10,)
for i in range(len(x)):
    if(x[i] % 2):
        y[i] = x[i] * 5
    else:
        y[i] = x[i]
```

Imperative

```
x = np.random.rand(10,)
y = map(lambda v : v * 5,
        filter(lambda u : u % 2, x))
```

Functional

Higher Order Functions (Reduce)

```
x = [0, 1, 2, 3, 4]  
sum(x)
```

Imperative

```
import functools
```

```
x = [0, 1, 2, 3, 4]  
ans = functools.reduce(lambda a, b: a + b, x)
```

Functional Python 3.5

```
x = [0, 1, 2, 3, 4]  
ans = reduce(lambda a, b: a + b, x)
```

Functional Python 2.5

Tail Call Recursion

```
def factorial(n, r=1) :  
    if n <= 1 :  
        return r  
    else :  
        return factorial(n-1, n*r)
```

Optimized Tail Recursive

```
def factorial(n):  
    if n==0 :  
        return 1  
    else :  
        return n * factorial(n-1)
```

Non-Tail Recursive

Partial Functions

- Consider a function $f(a, b, c)$;
- Maybe you want a function $g(b, c)$ that's equivalent to $f(1, b, c)$;
- This is called “partial function application”.

Partial Functions

```
import functools
```

```
def log(message, subsystem):
```

```
    """Write the contents of 'message' to the specified subsystem."""
```

```
    print('%s: %s' % (subsystem, message))
```

```
    ...
```

```
server_log = functools.partial(log, subsystem='server')
```

```
server_log('Unable to open socket')
```

Pipelines (Don't Exist in Python ☹)

```
bands = [{'name': 'sunset rubdown', 'country': 'UK', 'active': False},  
         {'name': 'women', 'country': 'Germany', 'active': False},  
         {'name': 'a silver mt. zion', 'country': 'Spain', 'active': True}]
```

```
def format_bands(bands):  
    for band in bands:  
        band['country'] = 'Canada'  
        band['name'] = band['name'].replace('.', '')  
        band['name'] = band['name'].title()
```

```
format_bands(bands)  
print(bands)
```

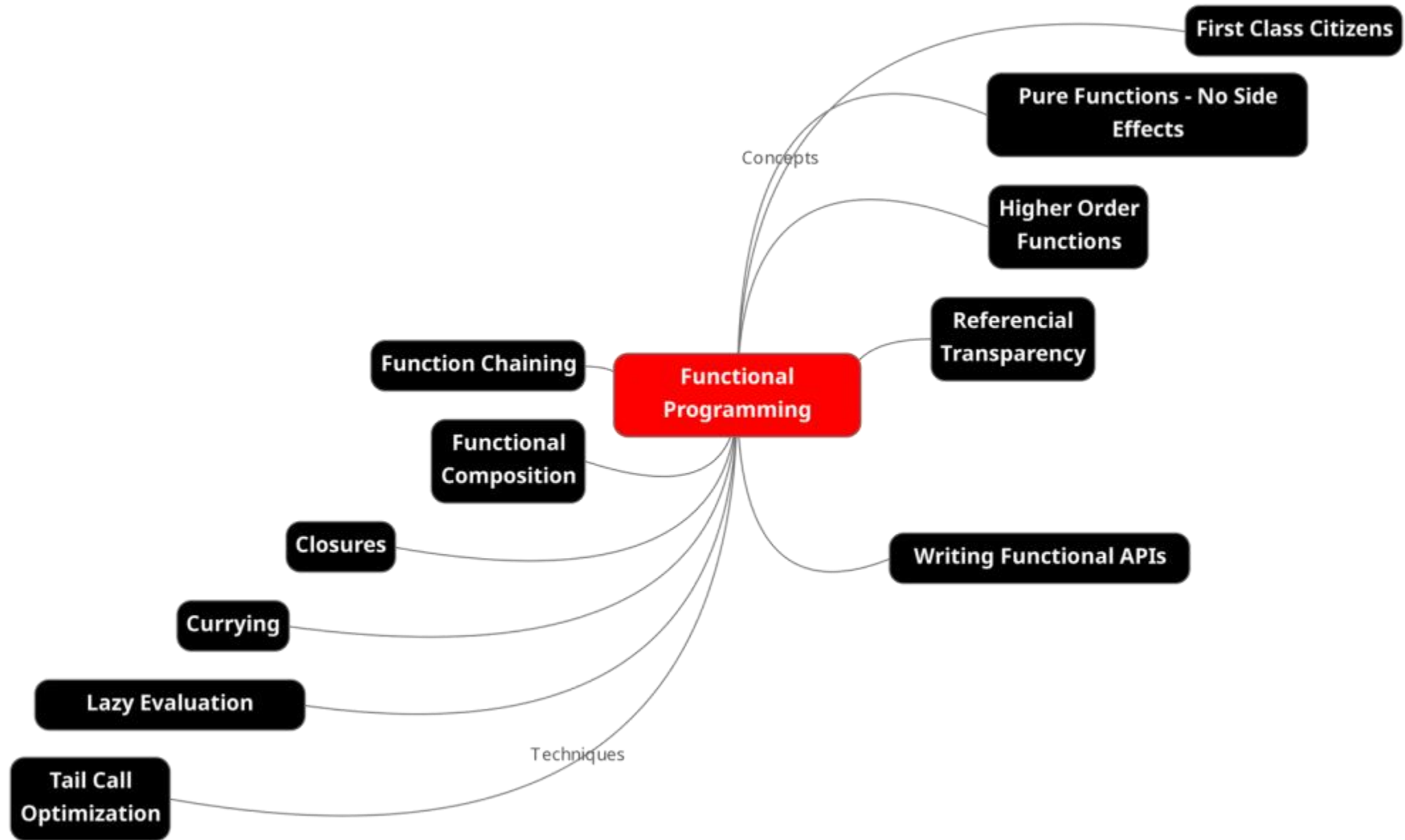
Imperative

```
def pipeline_each(data, fns):  
    return reduce(lambda a, x: map(x, a),  
                 fns,  
                 data)
```

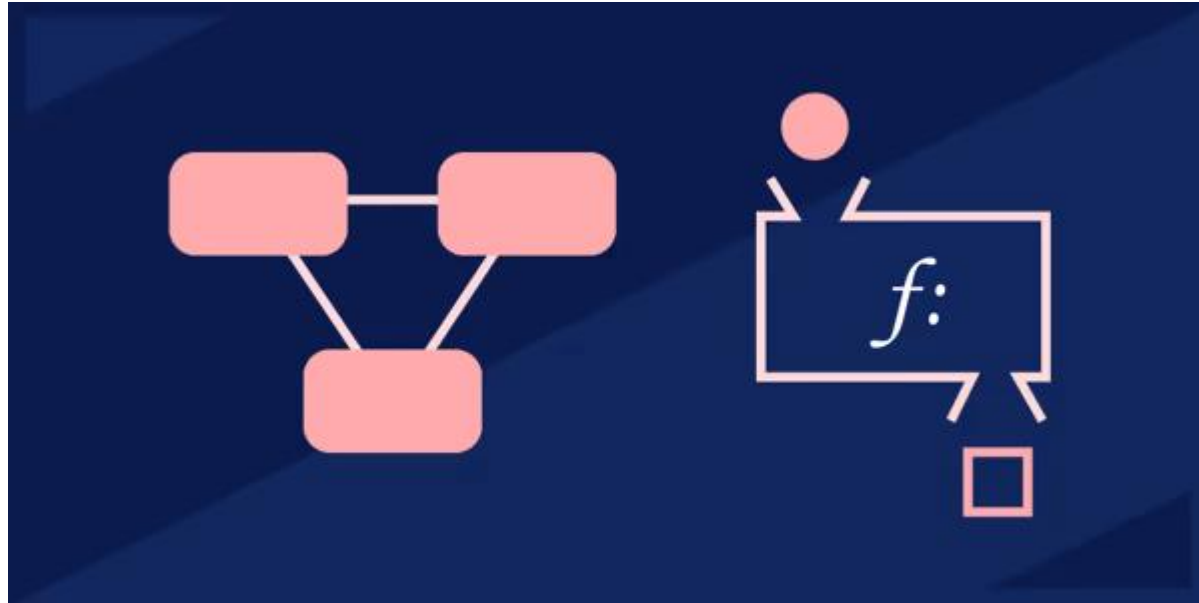
Functional Python 2.5

```
print(pipeline_each(bands,  
                   [call(lambda x: 'Canada', 'country'),  
                    call(lambda x: x.replace('.', ''), 'name'),  
                    call(str.title, 'name')]))
```

Functional Python 2.5




<div><div>Out</div><div>In</div></div>	Vector	Function
Vector	Regular function	Function factory
Function	Functional	Function operator



OOP VS Functional Programming

Comparison Chart

OOP	Functional Programming
OOP is based on the concept of objects, instead of just functions and procedures.	It emphasizes on the use of function calls as the primary programming construct.
OOP follows the imperative programming model.	It's tightly connected to declarative programming.
It does not support parallel programming.	It supports parallel programming.
Basic elements are objects and methods.	Basic elements are variables and functions.
OOP brings together data and its associated behavior in a single location.	Data and its associated behavior are considered different entities and should be kept separate.
	

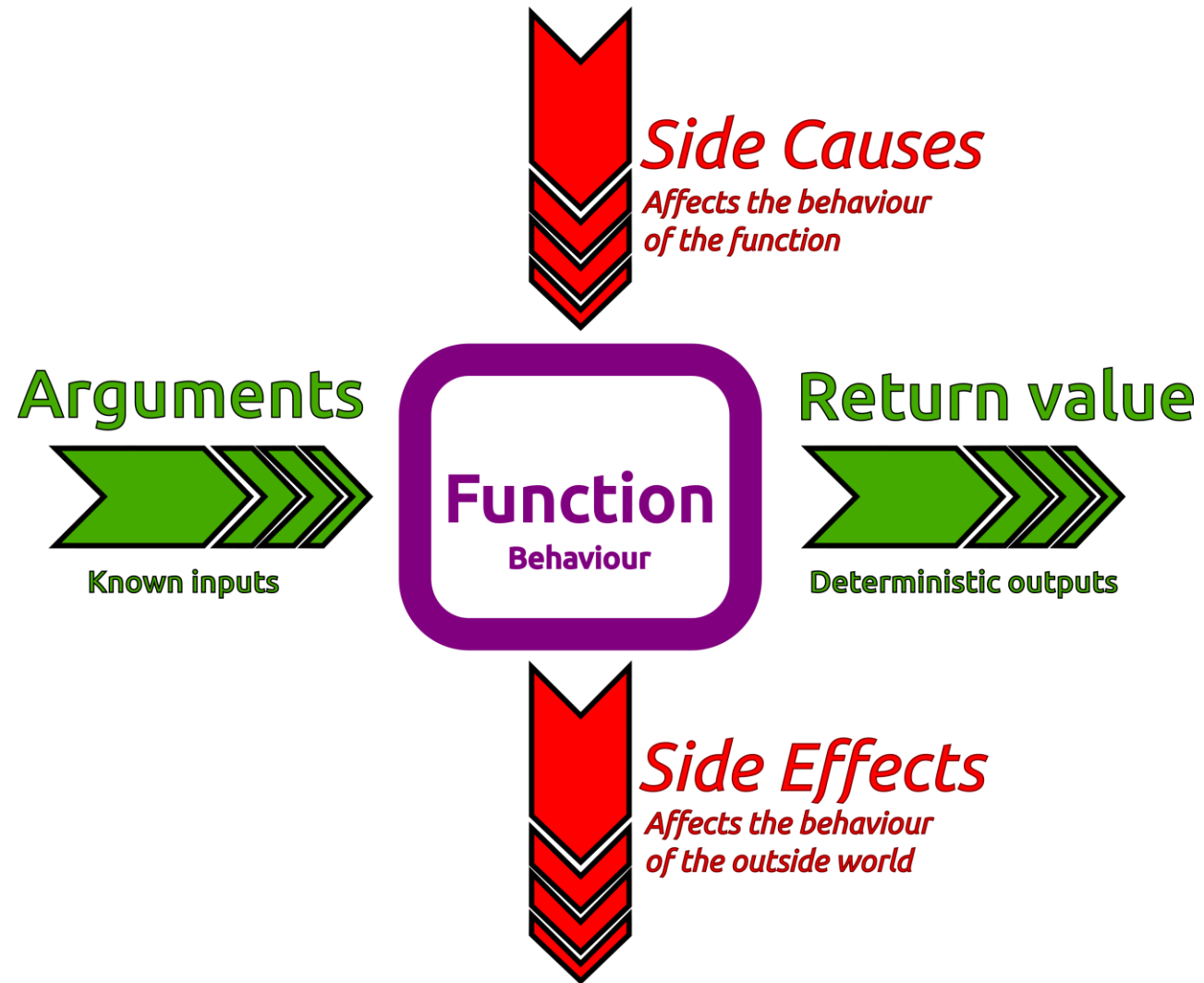
Key characteristics	Map	Filter	Reduce
Syntax	map(function, iterable object)	filter(function, iterable object)	reduce(function, iterable object)
Effect of the function on the iterable	Applies the function evenly to all the items in the iterable object	Function is a boolean condition that rejects all the items in the iterable object that are not true	Breaks down the entire process of applying the function into pair-wise operations
Input to output variables	N to N	N to M where $N \geq M$	N to 1
Use Case	Transformation/Mapping	Splitting the data	Single output operations
Example	List of the square of all numbers in a list	All even numbers from a list	Product of all the items in the list

Functional Programming in Python

SECTION 2

What Is Functional Programming?

A **pure function** is a function whose output value follows **solely from its input values**, without any observable side effects. In functional programming, a program consists entirely of evaluation of pure functions. Computation proceeds by nested or composed function calls, without changes to state or mutable data.



Functional Paradigm

The functional paradigm is popular because it offers several advantages over other programming paradigms. Functional code is:

- **High level:** You're describing the result you want rather than explicitly specifying the steps required to get there. Single statements tend to be concise but pack a lot of punch.
- **Transparent:** The behavior of a pure function depends only on its inputs and outputs, without intermediary values. That eliminates the possibility of side effects, which facilitates debugging.
- **Parallelizable:** Routines that don't cause side effects can more easily run in parallel with one another.

Functional Paradigm

- Many programming languages support some degree of functional programming. In some languages, virtually all code follows the functional paradigm. Haskell is one such example. Python, by contrast, does support functional programming but contains features of other programming models as well.
- While it's true that an in-depth description of functional programming is somewhat complex, the goal here isn't to present a rigorous definition but to show you what you can do by way of functional programming in Python.

How Well Does Python Support Functional Programming?

- To support functional programming, it's useful if a function in a given programming language has two abilities:
 1. To take another function as an argument
 2. To return another function to its caller
- Python plays nicely in both these respects. As you've learned previously in this series, everything in a Python program is an object. All objects in Python have more or less equal stature, and functions are no exception.

First Class Citizens

SECTION 3

First-Class Citizens

In Python, functions are **first-class citizens**. That means functions have the same characteristics as values like strings and numbers. Anything you would expect to be able to do with a string or number you can do with a function as well.

Functions as First-Class Citizens

- In Python, functions are actually objects
 - Assigned to a variable
 - Assigned as a property of an object
 - Function literals (aka function expression, anonymous functions, lambda expression)
- Passed as a function argument
- Returned as a function result.

Functions as First-Class Citizens

- For example, you can assign a function to a variable. You can then use that variable the same as you would use the function itself:

```
def func():  
    print("I am function func()!")
```

```
func()
```

```
another_name = func  
another_name()
```

```
I am function func()!  
I am function func()!
```

citizen1.py

Functions as First-Class Citizens

- The assignment `another_name = func` on line 8 creates a new reference to `func()` named `another_name`. You can then call the function by either name, `func` or `another_name`, as shown on lines 5 and 9.

Functions as First-Class Citizens

- You can display a function to the console with `print()`, include it as an element in a composite data object like a list, or even use it as a dictionary key:

```
def func():  
    print("I am function func()!")
```

citizen2.py

```
print("cat", func, 42)
```

```
objects = ["cat", func, 42]  
objects[1]
```

```
objects[1]()
```

```
d = {"cat": 1, func: 2, 42: 3}  
print(d[func])
```

```
cat <function func at 0x0000017E6A441EA0> 42  
I am function func()!  
2
```

Functions as First-Class Citizens

- In this example, `func()` appears in all the same contexts as the values `"cat"` and `42`, and the interpreter handles it just fine.

Note: What you can or can't do with any object in Python depends to some extent on context. There are some operations, for example, that work for certain object types but not for others.

You can add two integer objects or concatenate two string objects with the plus operator (+). But the plus operator isn't defined for function objects.

Function Composition

SECTION 4

Function Composition

- For present purposes, what matters is that functions in Python satisfy the two criteria beneficial for functional programming listed above. You can pass a function to another function as an argument:

```
def inner():  
    print("I am function inner()!")  
  
def outer(function):  
    function()  
  
outer(inner)
```

composition1.py

I am function inner()!

Function Composition

- Here's what's happening in the above example:
 - The call on line 9 passes `inner()` as an argument to `outer()`.
 - Within `outer()`, Python binds `inner()` to the function parameter `function`.
 - `outer()` can then call `inner()` directly via `function`.
- This is known as function composition.

Technical note: Python provides a shortcut notation called a decorator to facilitate wrapping one function inside another. For more information, check out the Primer on Python Decorators.

Callback Function

- When you pass a function to another function, the passed-in function sometimes is referred to as a **callback** because a **call back** to the inner function can modify the outer function's behavior.

Callback Function

- A good example of this is the Python function `sorted()`. Ordinarily, if you pass a list of string values to `sorted()`, then it sorts them in lexical order:

```
>>> animals = ["ferret", "vole", "dog", "gecko"]
```

```
>>> sorted(animals)
```

```
['dog', 'ferret', 'gecko', 'vole']
```

Callback Function

- However, `sorted()` takes an optional key argument that specifies a callback function that can serve as the sorting key. So, for example, you can sort by string length instead:

```
>>> animals = ["ferret", "vole", "dog", "gecko"]
```

```
>>> sorted(animals, key=len)
```

```
['dog', 'vole', 'gecko', 'ferret']
```

Callback Function

- `sorted()` can also take an optional argument that specifies sorting in reverse order. But you could manage the same thing by defining your own callback function that reverses the sense of `len()`:

```
>>> animals = ["ferret", "vole", "dog", "gecko"]
```

```
>>> sorted(animals, key=len, reverse=True)
```

```
['ferret', 'gecko', 'vole', 'dog']
```

```
>>> def reverse_len(s):
```

```
...     return -len(s)
```

```
...
```

```
>>> sorted(animals, key=reverse_len)
```

```
['ferret', 'gecko', 'vole', 'dog']
```

- You can check out [How to Use `sorted\(\)` and `sort\(\)` in Python](#) for more information on sorting data in Python.

Function Chaining

SECTION 5

Function Chaining

- **Method chaining** is simply being able to add `.second_func()` to whatever `.first_func()` returns. It is fairly easily implemented by ensuring that all chainable methods return `self`. (Note that this has nothing to do with `__call().__`).
- Just as you can pass a function to another function as an argument, a function can also specify another function as its return value:

Function Chaining

chaining1.py

```
def outer():  
    def inner():  
        print("I am function inner()!")  
  
    # Function outer() returns function inner()  
    return inner
```

```
function = outer()  
function  
function()  
outer()()
```

```
I am function inner()!  
I am function inner()!
```

Function Chaining

- Here's what's going on in this example:
 - **Lines 2 to 3:** `outer()` defines a local function `inner()`.
 - **Line 6:** `outer()` passes `inner()` back as its return value.
 - **Line 9:** The return value from `outer()` is assigned to variable `function`.
- Following this, you can call `inner()` indirectly through `function`, as shown on line 12. You can also call it indirectly using the return value from `outer()` without intermediate assignment, as on line 15.
- As you can see, Python has the pieces in place to support functional programming nicely. Before you jump into functional code, though, there's one more concept that will be helpful for you to explore: the [lambda expression](#).

Lambda Expression

SECTION 6

Defining an Anonymous Function With lambda

Functional programming is all about calling functions and passing them around, so it naturally involves defining a lot of functions. You can always define a function in the usual way, using the `def` keyword as you have seen in previous tutorials in this series.

Sometimes, though, it's convenient to be able to define an anonymous function on the fly, without having to give it a name. In Python, you can do this with a lambda expression.

Technical note: The term lambda comes from lambda calculus, a formal system of mathematical logic for expressing computation based on function abstraction and application.

Syntax of Lambda Expression

The syntax of a lambda expression is as follows:

`lambda` <parameter_list>: <expression>

The following table summarizes the parts of a lambda expression:

The value of a lambda expression is a callable function, just like a function defined with the def keyword. It takes arguments, as specified by <parameter_list>, and returns a value, as indicated by <expression>.

Component	Meaning
lambda	The keyword that introduces a lambda expression
<parameter_list>	An optional comma-separated list of parameter names
:	Punctuation that separates <parameter_list> from <expression>
<expression>	An expression usually involving the names in <parameter_list>

Simple Lambda Example

- Here's a quick first example:

```
>>> lambda s: s[::-1]
<function <lambda> at 0x7fef8b452e18>
>>> callable(lambda s: s[::-1])
True
```

- The statement on line 1 is just the lambda expression by itself. On line 2, Python displays the value of the expression, which you can see is a function.

Simple Lambda Example

- The built-in Python function `callable()` returns `True` if the argument passed to it appears to be callable and `False` otherwise. Lines 4 and 5 show that the value returned by the lambda expression is in fact callable, as a function should be.
- In this case, the parameter list consists of the single parameter `s`. The subsequent expression `s[::-1]` is slicing syntax that returns the characters in `s` in reverse order. So, this lambda expression defines a temporary, nameless function that takes a string argument and returns the argument string with the characters reversed.

Simple Lambda Example

The object created by a lambda expression is a first-class citizen, just like a standard function or any other object in Python. You can assign it to a variable and then call the function using that name:

```
>>> reverse = lambda s: s[::-1]
>>> reverse("I am a string")
'gnirts a ma I'
```

Simple Lambda Example

- This is functionally—no pun intended—equivalent to defining `reverse()` with the `def` keyword:

```
>>> def reverse(s):  
...     return s[::-1]  
...  
>>> reverse("I am a string")  
'gnirts a ma I'
```

```
>>> reverse = lambda s: s[::-1]  
>>> reverse("I am a string")  
'gnirts a ma I'
```

- The calls on lines 4 and 8 above behave identically.

Simple Lambda Example

However, it's not necessary to assign a variable to a lambda expression before calling it. You can also call the function defined by a lambda expression directly:

```
>>> (lambda s: s[::-1]) ("I am a string")  
'gnirts a ma I'
```

Simple Lambda Example

- Here's another example:

```
>>> (lambda x1, x2, x3: (x1 + x2 + x3) /  
3) (9, 6, 6)  
7.0
```

```
>>> (lambda x1, x2, x3: (x1 + x2 + x3) /  
3) (1.4, 1.1, 0.5)  
1.0
```

- In this case, the parameters are x1, x2, and x3, and the expression is $x1 + x2 + x3 / 3$. This is an anonymous lambda function to calculate the average of three numbers.

Simple Lambda Example

- As another example, recall above when you defined a `reverse_len()` to serve as a callback function to `sorted()`:

```
>>> animals = ["ferret", "vole", "dog",  
               "gecko"]  
>>> def reverse_len(s):  
...     return -len(s)  
...  
>>> sorted(animals, key=reverse_len)  
['ferret', 'gecko', 'vole', 'dog']
```

Simple Lambda Example

- You could use a lambda function here as well:

```
>>> animals = ["ferret", "vole", "dog", "gecko"]  
>>> sorted(animals, key=lambda s: -len(s))  
['ferret', 'gecko', 'vole', 'dog']
```

- A lambda expression will typically have a parameter list, but it's not required. You can define a lambda function without parameters. The return value is then not dependent on any input parameters:

```
>>> forty_two_producer = lambda: 42  
>>> forty_two_producer()  
42
```

Lambda Return Value

- Note that you can only define fairly rudimentary functions with lambda. The **return value** from a lambda expression can only be one **single expression**. A lambda expression can't contain statements like assignment or return, nor can it contain control structures such as for, while, if, else, or def.

Simple Lambda Example

- You learned in the previous tutorial on defining a Python function that a function defined with `def` can effectively return multiple values. If a return statement in a function contains several comma-separated values, then Python packs them and returns them as a tuple:

```
>>> def func(x):  
...     return x, x ** 2, x ** 3  
...  
>>> func(3)  
(3, 9, 27)
```

Lambda Return Value

- This implicit tuple packing doesn't work with an anonymous lambda function:

```
>>> (lambda x: x, x ** 2, x ** 3) (3)
<stdin>:1: SyntaxWarning: 'tuple' object is
not callable; perhaps you missed a comma?
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
NameError: name 'x' is not defined
```

Lambda Return Value

- But you can return a tuple from a lambda function. You just have to denote the tuple explicitly with parentheses. You can also return a list or a dictionary from a lambda function:

```
>>> (lambda x: (x, x ** 2, x ** 3)) (3)
(3, 9, 27)
```

```
>>> (lambda x: [x, x ** 2, x ** 3]) (3)
[3, 9, 27]
```

```
>>> (lambda x: {1: x, 2: x ** 2, 3: x ** 3}) (3)
{1: 3, 2: 9, 3: 27}
```


Namespace for Lambda

- A lambda expression has its own local namespace, so the parameter names don't conflict with identical names in the global namespace. A lambda expression can access variables in the global namespace, but it can't modify them.

Namespace for Lambda

- There's one final oddity to be aware of. If you find a need to include a lambda expression in a formatted string literal (f-string), then you'll need to enclose it in explicit parentheses:

```
>>> print(f"--- {lambda s: s[::-1]} ---")
File "<stdin>", line 1
    (lambda s)
      ^
```

```
SyntaxError: f-string: invalid syntax
```

```
>>> print(f"--- {(lambda s: s[::-1])} ---")
--- <function <lambda> at 0x7f97b775fa60> ---
>>> print(f"--- {(lambda s: s[::-1])('I am a string')} ---")
--- gnirts a ma I ---
```

Use Lambda as Literal

- Now you know how to define an anonymous function with lambda. For further reading on lambda functions, check out [How to Use Python Lambda Functions](#).

map() function

SECTION 7

Applying a Function to an Iterable With `map()`

- Next, it's time to delve into functional programming in Python. You'll see how lambda functions are particularly convenient when writing functional code.
- Python offers two built-in functions, `map()` and `filter()`, that fit the functional programming paradigm. A third, `reduce()`, is no longer part of the core language but is still available from a module called `functools`. Each of these three functions takes another function as one of its arguments.

Applying a Function to an Iterable With `map()`

- The first function on the docket is `map()`, which is a Python built-in function. With `map()`, you can apply a function to each element in an iterable in turn, and `map()` will return an iterator that yields the results. This can allow for some very concise code because a `map()` statement can often take the place of an explicit loop.

Calling map() With a Single Iterable

- The syntax for calling map() on a single iterable looks like this:

```
map(<f>, <iterable>)
```

map(<f>, <iterable>) returns an iterator that yields the results of applying function <f> to each element of <iterable>.

Calling map() With a Single Iterable

Here's an example. Suppose you've defined `reverse()`, a function that takes a string argument and returns its reverse, using your old friend the `[::-1]` string slicing mechanism:

```
>>> def reverse(s):  
...     return s[::-1]  
  
...  
  
>>> reverse("I am a string")  
'gnirts a ma I'
```


Calling map() With a Single Iterable

If you have a list of strings, then you can use map() to apply reverse() to each element of the list:

```
>>> animals = ["cat", "dog", "hedgehog", "gecko"]
```

```
>>> iterator = map(reverse, animals)
```

```
>>> iterator
```

```
<map object at 0x7fd3558cbef0>
```

Calling map() With a Single Iterable

- But remember, map() doesn't return a list. It returns an iterator called a map object. To obtain the values from the iterator, you need to either iterate over it or use list():

```
>>> iterator = map(reverse, animals)
>>> for i in iterator:
...     print(i)
...
tac
god
gohegdeh
okceg

>>> iterator = map(reverse, animals)
>>> list(iterator)
['tac', 'god', 'gohegdeh', 'okceg']
```

- Iterating over iterator yields the items from the original list animals, with each string reversed by reverse().

Calling map() With a Single Iterable

- In this example, reverse() is a pretty short function, one you might well not need outside of this use with map(). Rather than cluttering up the code with a throwaway function, you could use an anonymous lambda function instead:

```
>>> animals = ["cat", "dog", "hedgehog", "gecko"]
>>> iterator = map(lambda s: s[::-1], animals)
>>> list(iterator)
['tac', 'god', 'gohegdeh', 'okceg']
>>> # Combining it all into one line:
>>> list(map(lambda s: s[::-1], ["cat", "dog", "hedgehog",
"gecko"]))
['tac', 'god', 'gohegdeh', 'okceg']
```

Calling map() With a Single Iterable

- If the iterable contains items that aren't suitable for the specified function, then Python raises an exception:

```
>>> list(map(lambda s: s[::-1], ["cat", "dog",  
3.14159, "gecko"]))
```

```
Traceback (most recent call last):
```

```
File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
```

```
File "<stdin>", line 1, in <lambda>
```

```
TypeError: 'float' object is not subscriptable
```

- In this case, the lambda function expects a string argument, which it tries to slice. The second element in the list, 3.14159, is a float object, which isn't sliceable. So a TypeError occurs.

Calling map() With a Single Iterable

- Here's a somewhat more real-world example: In the tutorial section on built-in string methods, you encountered `str.join()`, which concatenates strings from an iterable, separated by the specified string:

```
>>> "+".join(["cat", "dog", "hedgehog",  
"gecko"])  
'cat+dog+hedgehog+gecko'
```

Calling map() With a Single Iterable

- This works fine if the objects in the list are strings. If they aren't, then `str.join()` raises a `TypeError` exception:

```
>>> "+".join([1, 2, 3, 4, 5])
```

```
Traceback (most recent call last):
```

```
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
```

```
TypeError: sequence item 0: expected str instance,  
int found
```

Calling map() With a Single Iterable

- One way to remedy this is with a loop. Using a for loop, you can create a new list that contains string representations of the numbers in the original list. Then you can pass the new list to `.join()`:

```
>>> strings = []
>>> for i in [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]:
...     strings.append(str(i))
...
>>> strings
['1', '2', '3', '4', '5']
>>> "+".join(strings)
'1+2+3+4+5'
```

Calling map() With a Single Iterable

- However, because map() applies a function to each object of a list in turn, it can often eliminate the need for an explicit loop. In this case, you can use map() to apply str() to the list objects before joining them:

```
>>> "+".join(map(str, [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]))  
'1+2+3+4+5'
```

- map(str, [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]) returns an iterator that yields the list of string objects ["1", "2", "3", "4", "5"], and you can then successfully pass that list to .join().
- Although map() accomplishes the desired effect in the above example, it would be more Pythonic to use a list comprehension to replace the explicit loop in a case like this.

Calling map() With Multiple Iterables

- There's another form of map() that takes more than one iterable argument:
`map(<f>, <iterable1>, <iterable2>, ..., <iterablen>)`
- `map(<f>, <iterable1>, <iterable2>, ..., <iterablen>)` applies <f> to the elements in each <iterable_i> in parallel and returns an iterator that yields the results.
- The number of <iterable_i> arguments specified to map() must match the number of arguments that <f> expects. <f> acts on the first item of each <iterable_i>, and that result becomes the first item that the return iterator yields. Then <f> acts on the second item in each <iterable_i>, and that becomes the second yielded item, and so on.

Calling map() With a Single Iterable

- An example should help clarify:

```
>>>def f(a, b, c):  
...     return a + b + c  
...
```

```
>>>list(map(f, [1, 2, 3], [10, 20, 30], [100, 200, 300]))  
[111, 222, 333]
```

- In this case, f() takes three arguments. Correspondingly, there are three iterable arguments to map(): the lists [1, 2, 3], [10, 20, 30], and [100, 200, 300].

`map(f, [1, 2, 3], [10, 20, 30], [100, 200, 300])`

`[f(1, 10, 100), f(2, 20, 200), f(3, 30, 300)]`

`[111, 222, 333]`

Calling map() With a Single Iterable

- The first item returned is the result of applying `f()` to the first element in each list: `f(1, 10, 100)`. The second item returned is `f(2, 20, 200)`, and the third is `f(3, 30, 300)`, as shown in the following diagram:
- The return value from `map()` is an iterator that yields the list `[111, 222, 333]`.

Calling map() With a Single Iterable

- Again, in this case, since `f()` is so short, you could readily replace it with a lambda function instead:

```
>>> list(  
...     map(  
...         (lambda a, b, c: a + b + c),  
...         [1, 2, 3],  
...         [10, 20, 30],  
...         [100, 200, 300]  
...     )  
... )
```

- This example uses extra parentheses around the lambda function and implicit line continuation. Neither is necessary, but they help make the code easier to read.

filter() function

SECTION 8

Selecting Elements From an Iterable With `filter()`

- `filter()` allows you to select or filter items from an iterable based on evaluation of the given function. It's called as follows:

```
filter(<f>, <iterable>)
```

- `filter(<f>, <iterable>)` applies function `<f>` to each element of `<iterable>` and returns an iterator that yields all items for which `<f>` is truthy. Conversely, it filters out all items for which `<f>` is falsy.

Selecting Elements From an Iterable With `filter()`

In the following example, `greater_than_100(x)` is truthy if `x > 100`:

```
>>> def greater_than_100(x):  
...     return x > 100  
...
```

```
>>> list(filter(greater_than_100, [1, 111, 2, 222, 3, 333]))  
[111, 222, 333]
```

Selecting Elements From an Iterable With `filter()`

- In this case, `greater_than_100()` is truthy for items 111, 222, and 333, so these items remain, whereas 1, 2, and 3 are discarded. As in previous examples, `greater_than_100()` is a short function, and you could replace it with a lambda expression instead:

```
>>> list(filter(lambda x: x > 100, [1, 111, 2, 222, 3, 333]))  
[111, 222, 333]
```


Selecting Elements From an Iterable With `filter()`

- The next example features `range()`. `range(n)` produces an iterator that yields the integers from 0 to `n - 1`. The following example uses `filter()` to select only the even numbers from the list and filter out the odd numbers:

```
>>> list(range(10))  
[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]
```

```
>>> def is_even(x):  
...     return x % 2 == 0  
...
```

```
>>> list(filter(is_even, range(10)))  
[0, 2, 4, 6, 8]
```

```
>>> list(filter(lambda x: x % 2 == 0, range(10)))  
[0, 2, 4, 6, 8]
```

Selecting Elements From an Iterable With `filter()`

- Here's an example using a built-in string method:

```
>>> animals = ["cat", "Cat", "CAT", "dog", "Dog", "DOG", \
                "emu", "Emu", "EMU"]
```

```
>>> def all_caps(s):
...     return s.isupper()
```

```
...
>>> list(filter(all_caps, animals))
['CAT', 'DOG', 'EMU']
```

```
>>> list(filter(lambda s: s.isupper(), animals))
['CAT', 'DOG', 'EMU']
```

- Remember from the previous tutorial on string methods that `s.isupper()` returns `True` if all alphabetic characters in `s` are uppercase and `False` otherwise.

reduce() function

SECTION 9

Reducing an Iterable to a Single Value With `reduce()`

- `reduce()` applies a function to the items in an iterable two at a time, progressively combining them to produce a single result.
- `reduce()` was once a built-in function in Python. Guido van Rossum apparently rather disliked `reduce()` and advocated for its removal from the language entirely. Here's what he had to say about it:

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- So now `reduce()`. This is actually the one I've always hated most, because, apart from a few examples involving `+` or `*`, almost every time I see a `reduce()` call with a non-trivial function argument, I need to grab pen and paper to diagram what's actually being fed into that function before I understand what the `reduce()` is supposed to do.
- So, in my mind, the applicability of `reduce()` is pretty much limited to associative operators, and in all other cases it's better to write out the accumulation loop explicitly. (Source)

Reducing an Iterable to a Single Value With `reduce()`

- Guido actually advocated for eliminating all three of `reduce()`, `map()`, and `filter()` from Python. One can only guess at his rationale. As it happens, the previously mentioned list comprehension covers the functionality provided by all these functions and much more. You can learn more by reading [When to Use a List Comprehension in Python](#).
- As you've seen, `map()` and `filter()` remain built-in functions in Python. `reduce()` is no longer a built-in function, but it's available for import from a standard library module, as you'll see next.

Reducing an Iterable to a Single Value With `reduce()`

- To use `reduce()`, you need to import it from a module called `functools`. This is possible in several ways, but the following is the most straightforward:

```
from functools import reduce
```

- Following this, the interpreter places `reduce()` into the global namespace and makes it available for use. The examples you'll see below assume that this is the case.

Calling reduce() With Two Arguments

- The most straightforward reduce() call takes one function and one iterable, as shown below:

```
reduce(<f>, <iterable>)
```

reduce(<f>, <iterable>) uses <f>, which must be a function that takes exactly two arguments, to progressively combine the elements in <iterable>. To start, reduce() invokes <f> on the first two elements of <iterable>. That result is then combined with the third element, then that result with the fourth, and so on until the list is exhausted. Then reduce() returns the final result.

Reducing an Iterable to a Single Value With `reduce()`

- Guido was right when he said the most straightforward applications of `reduce()` are those using associative operators. Let's start with the plus operator (+):

```
>>> def f(x, y):  
...     return x + y  
...
```

```
>>> from functools import reduce  
>>> reduce(f, [1, 2, 3, 4, 5])  
15
```

- This call to reduce() produces the result 15 from the list [1, 2, 3, 4, 5] as follows:

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{1 + 2} \\ f(1, 2) = 3 \\ \downarrow \\ \text{3 + 3} \\ f(3, 3) = 6 \\ \downarrow \\ \text{6 + 4} \\ f(6, 4) = 10 \\ \downarrow \\ \text{10 + 5} \\ f(10, 5) = 15 \end{array}$$

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With reduce()

- This is a rather roundabout way of summing the numbers in the list! While this works fine, there's a more direct way. Python's built-in `sum()` returns the sum of the numeric values in an iterable:

```
>>> sum([1, 2, 3, 4, 5])  
15
```

- Remember that the binary plus operator also concatenates strings. So this same example will progressively concatenate the strings in a list as well:

```
>>> reduce(f, ["cat", "dog", "hedgehog", "gecko"])  
'catdoghedgehoggecko'
```

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- Again, there's a way to accomplish this that most would consider more typically Pythonic. This is precisely what `str.join()` does:

```
>>> "".join(["cat", "dog", "hedgehog",  
"gecko"])  
'catdoghedgehoggecko'
```

- Now consider an example using the binary multiplication operator (*). The factorial of a positive integer n is defined as follows:

$$n! = 1 \times 2 \times \dots \times n$$

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- You can implement a factorial function using reduce() and range() as shown below:

```
def multiply(x, y):  
    return x * y  
  
def factorial(n):  
    from functools import reduce  
    return reduce(multiply, range(1, n + 1))  
  
print(factorial(4))    # 1 * 2 * 3 * 4  
print(factorial(6))    # 1 * 2 * 3 * 4 * 5 * 6  
24  
720
```

reduce1.py

Reducing an Iterable to a Single Value With `reduce()`

- Once again, there's a more straightforward way to do this. You can use `factorial()` provided by the standard `math` module:

```
>>> from math import factorial
>>> factorial(4)
24
>>> factorial(6)
720
```

Reducing an Iterable to a Single Value With `reduce()`

- As a final example, suppose you need to find the maximum value in a list. Python provides the built-in function `max()` to do this, but you could use `reduce()` as well:

```
>>> max([23, 49, 6, 32])
49
>>> def greater(x, y):
...     return x if x > y else y
...
>>> from functools import reduce
>>> reduce(greater, [23, 49, 6, 32])
49
```

Reducing an Iterable to a Single Value With `reduce()`

- Notice that in each example above, the function passed to `reduce()` is a one-line function. In each case, you could have used a lambda function instead:

```
>>> reduce(lambda x, y: x + y, [1, 2, 3, 4, 5])  
15
```

```
>>> reduce(lambda x, y: x + y, ["foo", "bar", "baz",  
"quz"])  
'foobarbazquz'
```


Reducing an Iterable to a Single Value With `reduce()`

- Notice that in each example above, the function passed to `reduce()` is a one-line function. In each case, you could have used a lambda function instead:

```
>>> def factorial(n):  
...     from functools import reduce  
...     return reduce(lambda x, y: x * y, range(1, n + 1))  
...
```

```
>>> factorial(4)
```

```
24
```

```
>>> factorial(6)
```

```
720
```

```
>>> reduce((lambda x, y: x if x > y else y), [23, 49, 6, 32])  
49
```

Reducing an Iterable to a Single Value With `reduce()`

- This is a convenient way to avoid placing an otherwise unneeded function into the namespace. On the other hand, it may be a little harder for someone reading the code to determine your intent when you use lambda instead of defining a separate function. As is often the case, it's a balance between readability and convenience.

Calling reduce() With an Initial Value

- There's another way to call reduce() that specifies an initial value for the reduction sequence:

```
reduce(<f>, <iterable>, <init>)
```

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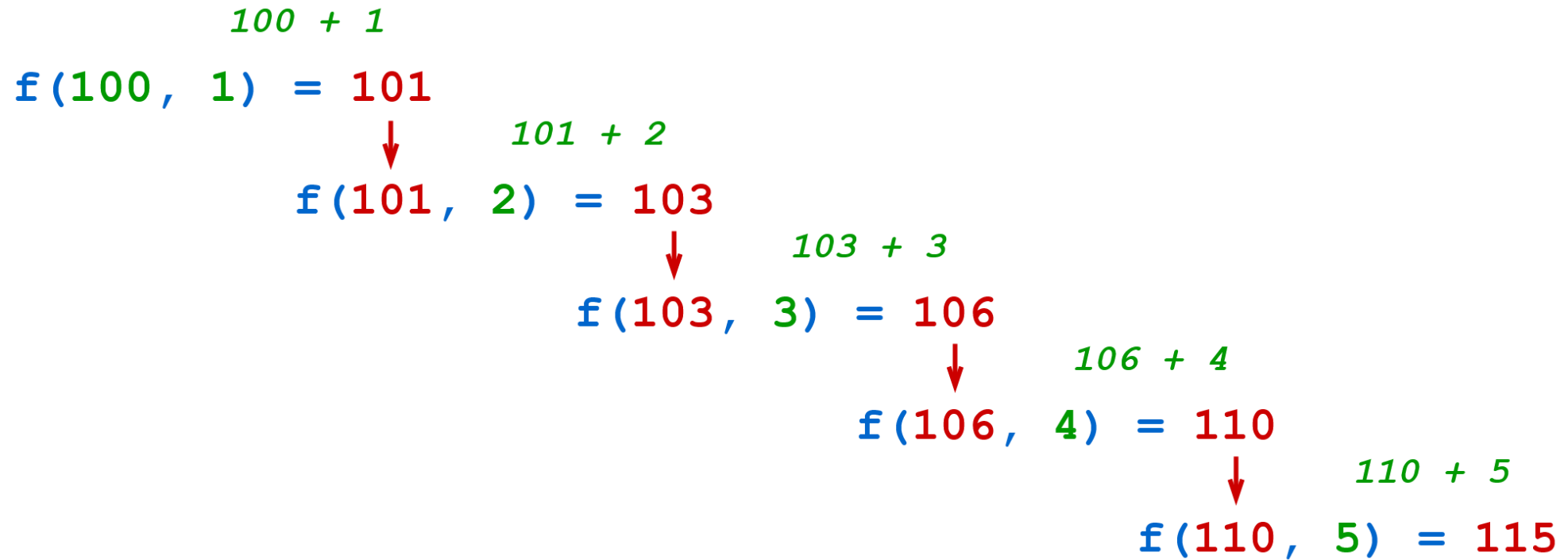
- When present, `<init>` specifies an initial value for the combination. In the first call to `<f>`, the arguments are `<init>` and the first element of `<iterable>`. That result is then combined with the second element of `<iterable>`, and so on:

```
>>> def f(x, y):  
...     return x + y  
...
```

```
>>> from functools import reduce  
>>> reduce(f, [1, 2, 3, 4, 5], 100)    # (100 + 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5)  
115
```

```
>>> # Using lambda:  
>>> reduce(lambda x, y: x + y, [1, 2, 3, 4, 5], 100)  
115
```

- Now the sequence of function calls looks like this:



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- You could readily achieve the same result without reduce():

```
>>> 100 + sum([1, 2, 3, 4, 5])  
115
```

- As you've seen in the above examples, even in cases where you can accomplish a task using reduce(), it's often possible to find a more straightforward and Pythonic way to accomplish the same task without it. Maybe it's not so hard to imagine why reduce() was removed from the core language after all.

Reducing an Iterable to a Single Value With `reduce()`

- That said, `reduce()` is kind of a remarkable function. The description at the beginning of this section states that `reduce()` combines elements to produce a single result. But that result can be a composite object like a list or a tuple. For that reason, `reduce()` is a very generalized higher-order function from which many other functions can be implemented.

Reducing an Iterable to a Single Value With `reduce()`

- For example, you can implement `map()` in terms of `reduce()`:

```
numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
x = list(map(str, numbers))
print(x)

def custom_map(function, iterable):
    from functools import reduce

    return reduce(
        lambda items, value: items + [function(value)],
        iterable,
        []
    )

x = list(custom_map(str, numbers))
print(x)
```

reduce2.py

```
['1', '2', '3', '4', '5']
['1', '2', '3', '4', '5']
```


- You can implement filter() using reduce() as well:

```
numbers = list(range(10))
print(numbers)

def is_even(x):
    return x % 2 == 0

x = list(filter(is_even, numbers))
print(x)

def custom_filter(function, iterable):
    from functools import reduce

    return reduce(
        lambda items, value: items + [value] if function(value) else items,
        iterable,
        []
    )

x = list(custom_filter(is_even, numbers))
print(x)
```

reduce3.py

[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]
[0, 2, 4, 6, 8]
[0, 2, 4, 6, 8]

- In fact, any operation on a sequence of objects can be expressed as a reduction.

Conclusion

SECTION 10

Conclusion

Functional programming is a programming paradigm in which the primary method of computation is evaluation of pure functions. Although Python is not primarily a functional language, it's good to be familiar with `lambda`, `map()`, `filter()`, and `reduce()` because they can help you write concise, high-level, parallelizable code. You'll also see them in code that others have written.

Conclusion

In this Lecture, you learned:

- What **functional programming** is
- How functions in Python are **first-class citizens**, and how that makes them suitable for functional programming
- How to define a simple **anonymous function** with **lambda**
- How to implement functional code with `map()`, `filter()`, and `reduce()`

Conclusion

- With that, you've reached the end of this introductory series on the fundamentals of working with Python. Congratulations! You now have a solid foundation for making useful programs in an efficient, Pythonic style.