

AI전문가과정 - Python Review

Function

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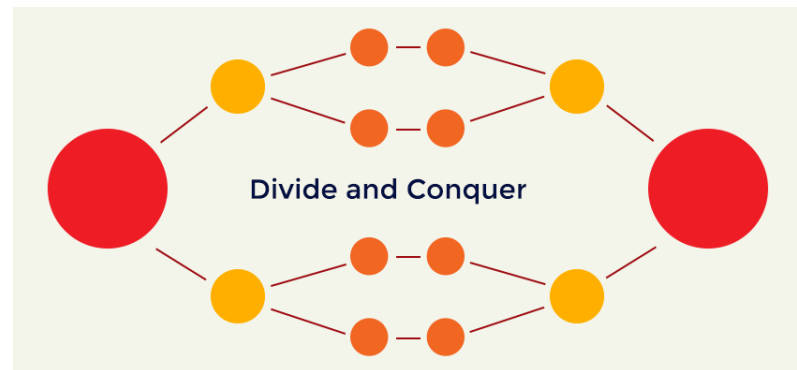
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Designing with Functions

Introduction to Functions

- Function: group of statements within a program that perform a specific task
 - Usually one task of a large program
 - Known as **divide and conquer** approach (**decomposition**)
- Divide and Conquer Paradigm
 - Divide step
 - Conquer step
 - Combine step



source: [\[Divide and Conquer Paradigm in Algorithms, Gaurav Mishra\]](#)

Introduction to Functions

- **Modular programming**: a software design technique that emphasizes separating the functionality of a program into independent, interchangeable modules
 - each module contains everything necessary to execute only one aspect of the desired functionality
 - high-level **decomposition** of the code of an entire program into pieces: **package**(folder) -> **module**(file) -> **function**
- **Abstraction**: it allows the users of a function to use a piece of code as if it were a **black box**
 - interior implementation details: users cannot see, don't need to see, and shouldn't even want to see
 - users of a function just have to know **assumptions** (about input) and **guarantees** (about output)
- **Top-down design**: technique for breaking an algorithm into functions

Benefits of Modularizing a Program with Functions

- Simpler code
- Code reuse
 - write the code once and call it multiple times
- Better testing and debugging
 - can test and debug each function individually
- Faster development
- Easier facilitation of teamwork
 - different team members can write different functions

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Defining a Function

Function Definitions

- In Python, each function definition is of the form:

`def` *name of function* (list of *formal parameters*):
 body of function

- Example:

```
def maxVal(x, y):    # function header
    """Return maximum of x and y."""
    if x > y:
        return x
    else:
        return y
```


Indentation in Python

- Each block must be indented
 - Lines in a block must begin with the same number of spaces
 - Use **tabs** or **spaces** to indent lines in a block, but not both as this can confuse the Python interpreter
- IDLE automatically indents the lines in a block
- Blank lines that appear in a block are ignored

Function Definitions

- A function is also an **object**.
- We can call a function after definition:

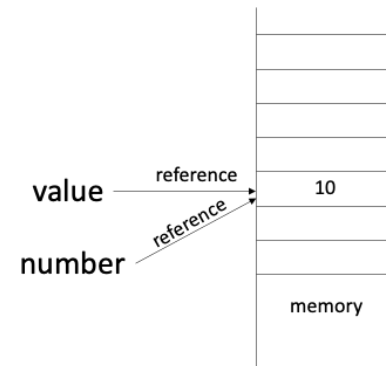
```
>>> maxVal
<function maxVal at 0x7fb2c65751f0>
>>> maxVal(3, 4)
4
>>> mV = maxVal
>>> mV(3, 4)
4
>>>
```

- At the time of function invocation (or function call)
 - **Formal parameters** (x and y) are **bound** to **actual parameters** (3 and 4)
→ **binding**
 - **actual parameters** are also referred to as **arguments**

Passing Arguments to Functions

- **Argument**: piece of data that is sent into a function
 - Function can use arguments in calculations
 - When calling the function, the argument is placed in parentheses following the function name
- **Formal Parameter** (**Parameter variable**): variable that is assigned the value of an argument when the function is called
 - The parameter and the argument reference the same value
- Scope of a parameter: within the function in which the parameter is used
 - **Scope**: the part of a program in which a variable may be accessed

```
def show_triple(number):  
    result = number * 3  
    print(result)  
  
def main():  
    value = 10  
    show_triple(value)
```



Local Variables

- Local variable: variable that is **assigned a value** inside a function
 - Belongs to the function in which it was created
 - Only statements inside that function can access it, error will occur if another function tries to access the variable
- **Scope**: the part of a program in which a variable may be **accessed**
 - For local variable: its scope is the function in which it is created
 - Local variable cannot be accessed by statements inside its function which precede its creation

```
def f(args):  
    print(args, x)  
    x = 3
```

- Different functions may have local variables with the same name
 - Each function does not see the other function's local variables, so no confusion

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Calling a Function

When a function is called: e.g., `maxVal(1+2, z)`

```
z = 6  
result = maxVal(1 + 2, z)
```

- The expressions that make up the actual parameters are evaluated.
- The formal parameters are bound to the evaluation results.
 - `x` -> 3, `y` -> whatever value of `z` at the time of call
- The code in the body is executed.
- A return statement determines the value of invocation (or call).
 - If there is no return statement to execute, returns the value `None`.
- The value of the invocation (i.e., the function call) is the returned value.
 - main effect

Function returns a value

```
z = 6
result = maxVal(1 + 2, z) # maxVal returns a value, 6
print(result)
```

- Even **void functions** (without a **return** statement) do return a value, i.e., **None**

```
def naturalNumbers(n):
    i=1
    while i <= n:
        print(i)
        i += 1

naturalNumbers(10)      # prints natural numbers from 1 to 10
naturalNumbers(0)       # prints nothing
print(naturalNumbers(0)) # prints "None"
```

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Returning Multiple Objects

```
def sum_and_mul(a, b):  
    return a + b, a * b    # returns a tuple  
  
sum, mul = sum_and_mul(1, 2)  
print(sum) # prints 3  
print(mul) # prints 2  
  
result = sum_and_mul(1, 2)  
print(result) # prints (3, 2)
```

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Positional Arguments vs. Keyword Arguments

- Two ways that formal parameters get bound to actual parameters
 - **positional** arguments (bound by position of argument)
 - **keyword** arguments (bound by the name of the formal parameter)

```
def printName(firstName, lastName, reverse):  
    if reverse:  
        print(lastName + ', ' + firstName)  
    else:  
        print(firstName, lastName)
```

```
printName('Jason', 'Mraz', False) # positional  
printName('Jason', 'Mraz', True)  # positional  
printName('Jason', 'Mraz', reverse = False) # positional and keyword
```

Positional Arguments vs. Keyword Arguments

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    else:  
        print(firstName, lastName)  
  
printName('Jason', 'Mraz', False) # positional  
printName('Jason', 'Mraz', True)  # positional  
printName('Jason', 'Mraz', reverse = False) # positional and keyword  
  
printName(reverse=False, lastName = 'Mraz', firstName = 'Jason') # keyword  
printName('Jason', firstName = 'Jason', False) # error
```

- keyword arguments can appear in any order
- keyword arguments must follow positional arguments

Keyword Arguments and Default (Argument) Values

- We can specify a default value for one or more arguments/parameters.
- Keyword arguments are commonly used with default argument values

```
def printName(firstName, lastName='Mr az', reverse=False):  
    if reverse:  
        print(lastName + ', ' + firstName)  
    else:  
        print(firstName, lastName)  
  
printName('Jason')  
printName('Jason', 'Bourne')  
printName('Jackson', 'Brown', True)  
printName(firstName='Jackson')
```

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More about Default Values

- The default values are evaluated at the point of function **definition**

```
i = 5

def f(arg = i):
    print(arg)

i = 6
f()
```

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More about Default Values

- The default values are **evaluated only once**.

```
def append2List(a, L = []):  
    L.append(a)  
    return L  
  
print(append2List(1))    # prints [1]  
print(append2List(2))    # prints [1, 2]  
print(append2List(3))    # prints [1, 2, 3]
```

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- A **reference** to the default value (i.e., object) is saved in the function definition
- Don't use a **mutable** object as a default value!

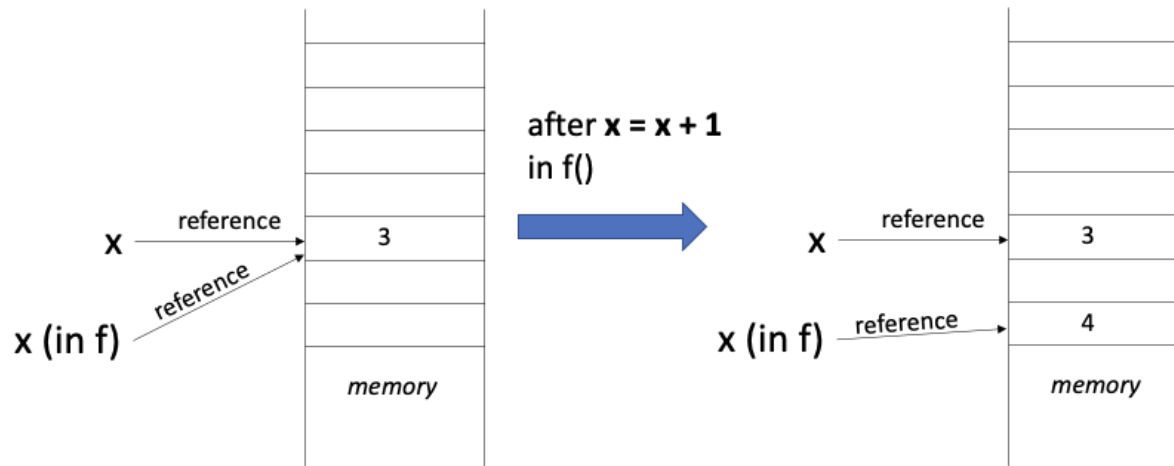
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Scope

Scoping

```
def f(x):  
    x = x + 1  
    print(x)  
    # prints 4
```

```
x = 3  
f(x)  
print(x)  
# prints 3
```



- Even though the actual and formal parameters have the same name, they are not the same variable
- Each function defines a new **name space**, also called a **scope**
- The formal parameter `x` exists (can be accessed) only within `f`
- The assignment statement `x = x + 1` binds the local name `x` to the object `4`
- This assignment have no effect on the bindings of the name `x` outside `f`

Symbol Table and Stack Frame

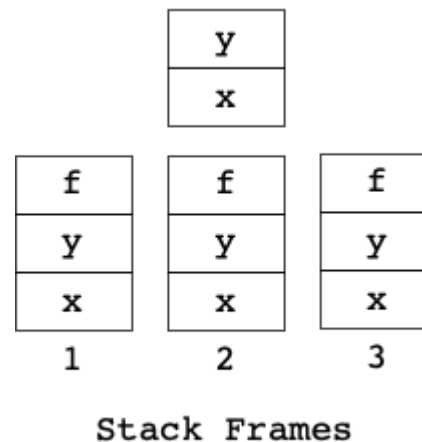
- At top level, i.e., the level of the shell, a **symbol table** (often called a **stack frame**) keeps track of **all names** defined at that level and their **current bindings**
- **When a function is called**, a **new symbol table** is created for the function
 - It keeps track of **all names** defined within the function and their **current bindings**
 - If a function is called from within the function, another stack frame is created
 - **Functions can reference variables from the containing scope**
- When the function completes, its **stack frame** goes away (is **popped off**)

```
def f(x):  
    y = 1  
    x = x + 1  
    print(x)    # prints 4
```

```
x = 3  
y = 2  
f(x)  
print(x) # prints 3  
print(y) # prints 2
```

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Static (or Lexical) Scoping

- We can determine the scope of a name by just looking at the program text
 - what matters is the context of where it is defined
 - without considering the run-time context, i.e., call stack (dynamic scoping)
- The order in which references to names occur is not relevant
 - If an object is bound to a name **anywhere in the function body**, it is treated as **local** to that function

```
def f():  
    print(x)  # x references the x outside f  
  
def g():  
    print(x)  # x references the local x  
    x = 1  
  
x = 3  
f()  # prints 3  
x = 3  
g()  # unboundLocalError: local variable 'x' referenced before assignment
```

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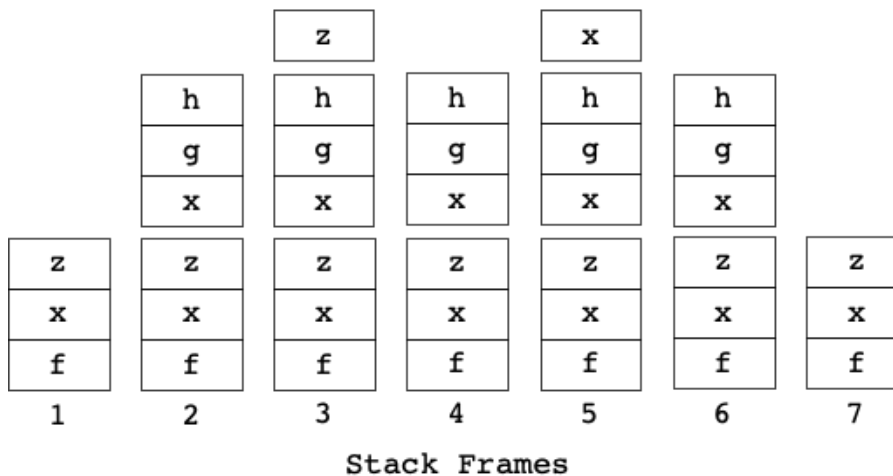
Nested Scopes

```
def f(x):
    def g():
        x = 'abc'
        print('x =', x)
    def h():
        z = x
        print('z =', z)
    x = x + 1
    print('x =', x)
    h()
    g()
    print('x =', x)
    return g
```

```
x = 3
z = f(x)
print('x =', x)
print('z =', z)
z()
```

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Result:

```
x = 4
z = 4
x = abc
x = 4
x = 3
z = <function f.<locals>.g at 0x7fd7552ec1f0>
x = abc
```

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Global Variable

Global Variable

- Global variable is **created by assignment statement** written **outside all the functions**
- Can be accessed by any statements in the program file, including from within a function
- If a function needs to assign a value to a global variable, the global variable must be redeclared within the function **global variable_name**
- In Python, variables that are only **referenced** inside a function are implicitly **global**.
 - don't have to redeclare it with **global variable_name**
- If a variable is **assigned a value** anywhere within the function's body, it's assumed to be a **local** unless explicitly declared as **global**.

Referencing a Global Variable

- In Python, variables that are only **referenced** inside a function are implicitly **global**.

```
# Create a global variable.  
my_value = 10  
  
# The show_value function prints  
# the value of the global variable.  
  
def show_value():  
    print(my_value)  
  
# Call the show_value function.  
show_value()
```

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To Change a Global Variable

- If a function needs to assign a new value to a global variable, the global variable must be **redeclared** with the keyword **global** within the function
 - gernal format: **global variable_name**

```
# Create a global variable.  
number = 0  
  
def main():  
    global number  
    number = int(input('Enter a number: '))  
    show_number()  
  
def show_number():  
    print('The number you entered is', number)  
  
main()
```

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Hide/Shadow a Global Variable

- If you do not redeclare a global variable with the `global` keyword inside a function,
 - you cannot change the variable's value inside that function
 - you are creating a new **local variable with the same name**
 - --> **hiding/shadowing** the global variable

```
# Create a global variable.  
number = 0  
  
def main():  
    global number    # redeclare the variable, number  
    number = int(input('Enter a number: '))  
    show_number()  
  
def show_number():  
    number = 100    # shadow the global variable  
    print('The number you entered is', number)  
  
main()
```

Global Constants

- **Named Constants** in Global Scope
 - You should use named constants instead of magic numbers.
- If you do not redeclare a global variable with the **global** keyword inside a function, you **cannot change** the variable's value inside that function.
 - **global constant**: global name that references a value that cannot be changed.
 - **CONTRIBUTION_RATE = 0.05** (next page)

Gobal Constant – Example

```
# The following is used as a global constant
# the contribution rate.
CONTRIBUTION_RATE = 0.05

def main():
    gross_pay = float(input('Enter the gross pay: '))
    bonus = float(input('Enter the amount of bonuses: '))
    show_pay_contrib(gross_pay)
    show_bonus_contrib(bonus)

def show_pay_contrib(gross):
    contrib = gross * CONTRIBUTION_RATE
    print('Contribution for gross pay: $', format(contrib, ',.2f'), sep='')

def show_bonus_contrib(bonus):
    contrib = bonus * CONTRIBUTION_RATE
    print('Contribution for gross pay: $', format(contrib, ',.2f'), sep='')

main()
```

Avoid Using Global Variables

- Global variables make debugging difficult
 - Many locations have to be checked to track down a bug
- Functions that use global variables are usually dependent on those variables
 - Makes such functions hard to transfer to another programs
- Global variables make a program hard to understand
 - The key to making programs readable is locality
 - Global variables can be modified or read in a wide variety of places
- There are times when global variables are just what is needed
 - for debugging or analyzing purpose
 - e.g., count how many times a function has been called

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Arbitrary Argument Lists

Arbitrary Argument Lists

- a function can be called with an arbitrary number of arguments.

```
def sum_many(*args):  
    """  
    args: passed as a tuple  
    """  
  
    print(args)  
    sum = 0  
    for i in args:  
        sum = sum + i  
    return sum  
  
result = sum_many(1, 2, 3)  
print(result) # prints 6  
result = sum_many(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10)  
print(result) # prints 55
```

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Arbitrary Argument Lists

```
def sum_mul(ops, *args):  
    if ops == 'sum':  
        result = 0  
        for i in args:  
            result = result + i  
    elif ops == 'mul':  
        result = 1  
        for i in args:  
            result = result * i  
    else:  
        result = None  
    return result  
  
result = sum_mul('sum', 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)  
print(result) # prints 15  
result = sum_mul('mul', 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)  
print(result) # prints 120
```

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Arbitrary Argument Lists

```
def sum(*values, **options):  
    """  
    values: passed as a tuple  
    options: passed as a dictionary  
    """  
  
    sum = 0  
    answer = ''  
  
    for i in values:  
        sum = sum + i  
  
    if 'neg' in options:  
        if options['neg']:  
            sum = -sum  
  
    if 'explain' in options:  
        if options['explain']:  
            answer = "The answer is "  
  
    return answer + str(sum)
```

- ****options** expects keyword arguments
 - of the form **parameter = value** pairs
 - passed as a **dictionary** to the function

```
>>> sum(1, 2, 3)  
'6'  
>>> sum(1, 2, 3, neg = True)  
'-6'  
>>> sum(1, 2, 3, neg = False)  
'6'  
>>> sum(1, 2, 3, explain = True)  
'The answer is 6'  
>>> sum(1, 2, 3, neg = True, explain = True)  
'The answer is -6'
```

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Anonymous Functions

Anonymous Functions with Lambda Expression

- Small **anonymous functions** can be created with the **lambda** keyword.

```
>>> (lambda a, b: a+b)(1, 2)
3
>>> f = lambda a, b: a+b    # define a lambda function
>>> f
<function <lambda> at 0x7fc9657ac5e0>
>>> f(1, 2)
3
```

This lambda function is equivalent to:

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


Anonymous Functions with Lambda Expression

- Lambda functions can be used wherever function objects are required.
- They are syntactically restricted to a single expression.
- Semantically, they are just **syntactic sugar** for a normal function definition.
- Like nested function definitions, lambda functions can reference variables from the **containing** scope.

```
>>> def make_incrementor(n):  
...     return lambda x: x + n  
...     # lambda function can reference the formal parameter (local variable, n)  
...  
>>> f = make_incrementor(42)  
>>> f(0)  
42  
>>> f(1)  
43
```

Anonymous Functions with Lambda Expression

- Let's translate the following code using lambda expression

```
def is_even(x):  
    if x % 2 == 0:  
        return True  
    else:  
        return False  
  
source_list = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10]  
  
filtered_list = list(filter(is_even, source_list))  
  
print(filtered_list)  # prints [2, 4, 6, 8, 10]
```

- Built-in function: `filter(function, iterable)`
 - Construct an iterator from those elements of `iterable` for which `function` returns `True`.

Anonymous Functions with Lambda Expression

- Another use of Lambda expression is to pass a small function as an argument:

```
# Program to filter out only the even items from a list

source_list = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10]

filtered_list = list(filter(lambda x: (x % 2 == 0) , source_list))

print(filtered_list)    # prints [2, 4, 6, 8, 10]
```

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Q&A

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