

Functions Assignment

1) What is difference b/w a function & a method in python.

Ans In python, the primary distinction b/w a function and a method lies in their association with objects and classes.

> Function is a block of code that performs a specific task. It can be defined independently and called by its name from anywhere in the program, without requiring an object instance.

function example

```
def greet(name):  
    return f"Hello, {name}!"  
message = greet("Alice")  
print(message)
```

>> A method, on the other hand, is a function that belongs to a class. It is defined within a class and operates on data (attributes) of an object belonging to that class.

Methods are called using dot notation (object.method()) on an instance of class.

example of method

```
class Dog:  
    def __init__(self, name):  
        self.name = name  
    def bark(self):  
        return f"{self.name} says woof!"  
my_dog = Dog("Buddy")  
print(my_dog.bark())
```

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2) Explain the concept of function arguments and parameters in python.

the parameters and arguments are often used interchangeably but they refer to distinct concepts related to functions.

Parameters

These are the variables defined within the parentheses in functions. They act as placeholders for the values that the function expects to receive when it is called.

Arguments

These are the actual values or data that are passed to a function when it is called. When a function is invoked, the arguments provided are assigned to corresponding parameters.

Example

```
def greet(name, message): # 'name', 'message' are func parameters
    """ This function greet a person with a custom message """
    print(f"Hello, {name}! {message}")
# Calling the function with arguments
greet("Alice", "Welcome to Python")
greet("Bob", "Have a good day")
```

3) What are the different ways to define and call function in python.

the Defining a function:

The standard way to define a function in python is using the def keyword

```
def function_name (par1, par2, par3):
    return result # optional
```

Calling a function

To execute the code with a defined function, it must be called

python function_name (arg1, arg2, arg3, ...)

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```
example
def greet(name):
    print(f"Hello, {name}!")

def add_numbers(a, b):
    return a + b

# function call
greet("Alice")
result = add_numbers(5, 3)
print(f"The sum is: {result}")
```

(4) What is purpose of the 'return' statement in python functions
Ans The return statement in python function serves to exit the function and send a value back to caller.

Key aspect of return

Exit the function:

It immediately terminates and control is passed back to point in code.

Returns a value

The value is sent back to caller.

Enable data flow.

```
def calculate_area(length, width):
```

```
    area = length * width
```

```
    return area # return the calculated area.
```

calling the function and storing the rectangle value

```
rectangle_area = calculate_area(5, 8)
```

```
print(f"The area of rectangle is: {rectangle_area}")
```


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⑤ what are iterables in python and how do they differ from iterators?

Ans In python, an iterable is an object that can be iterated over, meaning it can return its elements one at a time.

Ex lists, tuples, strings and dictionaries.

An object is iterable if it defines either an `__iter__()` or `__getitem__()` method.

An iterator must implement the iterator protocol, which consists of two methods:

* `__iter__()`;

* `__next__()`;

The key difference is that an iterable is a source of data that can be iterated, while an iterator is a mechanism that performs the iteration.

Example

`my-list = [1, 2, 3]`

`my-iterator = iter(my-list)`

`next(my-list) = 1`

`next(my-list) = 2`

⑥ explain the concept of generators in python & how they are defined.

Ans A generator in python is a special type of function that returns an iterator, allowing for the generation of sequences of values one at a time, on demand, rather than storing the entire sequence in memory.

Generators are defined similarly to regular functions using the `def` keyword but instead of using `return` to send back a value and terminate the function, they use the `yield` keyword.

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example

```
def my-generator():  
    yield 1  
    yield 2  
    yield 3  
  
# create a generator object  
gen = my-generator()  
print(next(gen))  
print(next(gen))  
print(next(gen))
```

⑦ What are the advantages of using generators over regular functions?

Ans Generators offer several advantages.

- 1) Memory Efficiency → produces the values one at a time
- 2) Handling Infinite Sequences → creating and processing infinite sequences
- 3) Improved performance.
avoid creation and storage of large data structures, generators lead to performance.
- 4) Simplicity and Readability
Simplify the code for iterative processes by abstracting away the complexities.
- 5) Flexible & asynchronous operations.
- 6) Reusable and modular code.

⑧ What is lambda function in python and when it is typically used.

Ans is a small anonymous function defined using the lambda keyword.

lambda functions do not have name and are restricted to a single expression.

Syntax

lambda arguments: expression

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Lambda function are typically used for scenarios where a small, one time function is needed.

ex
numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4]
doubled_numbers = list(map(lambda x: x*2, numbers))

o/p
= [1, 4, 6, 8]

Q) explain the purpose and usage of 'map()' function in python.
Ans The map() function in python is a built in high-order function used to apply a specified function to each item in an iterable. It returns an iterator that yields the results.

Syntax

map(function, iterable)

Example

```
def square(numbers):  
    return num* num
```

```
numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
```

```
squared_numbers = map(square, numbers)
```

```
print(list(squared_numbers))
```

o/p [1, 4, 9, 16, 25]

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⑩ what is difference b/w 'map()', 'reduce()' and 'filter()'

Ans map()

Apply a given function to each item in an iterable and returns an iterator yielding the results. It transforms elements individually.

Syntax: map(function, iterable)

Example:

num = [1, 2, 3, 4]

Squared-num = list(map(lambda x: x*x, num))

print(Squared-num) o/p = [1, 4, 9, 16]

Filter():

Construct an iterator from elements of an iterable for which a function returns true. It selectively include elements based on a condition.

Syntax: filter(function, iterable)

must return boolean value.

reduce()

Apply a function of two arguments cumulatively to the items of an iterable, from left to right, so as to reduce the iterable to single value.

Syntax: from functools import reduce; reduce(function, iterable[, initializer]).

Example from functools import reduce
num = [1, 2, 3, 4]

sum of num = reduce(lambda x, y: x+y, num)

print(sum of num)

o/p = 10

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(11) We write the internal mechanism for sum operation using reduce function on this given list [47, 11, 42, 13],

Ans From functools we import reduce

Define list

num = [47, 11, 42, 13]

reduce()

total = reduce(lambda x, y: x + y, num)

print("Total:", total)

