



# Python Programming

User-Defined & Lambda functions

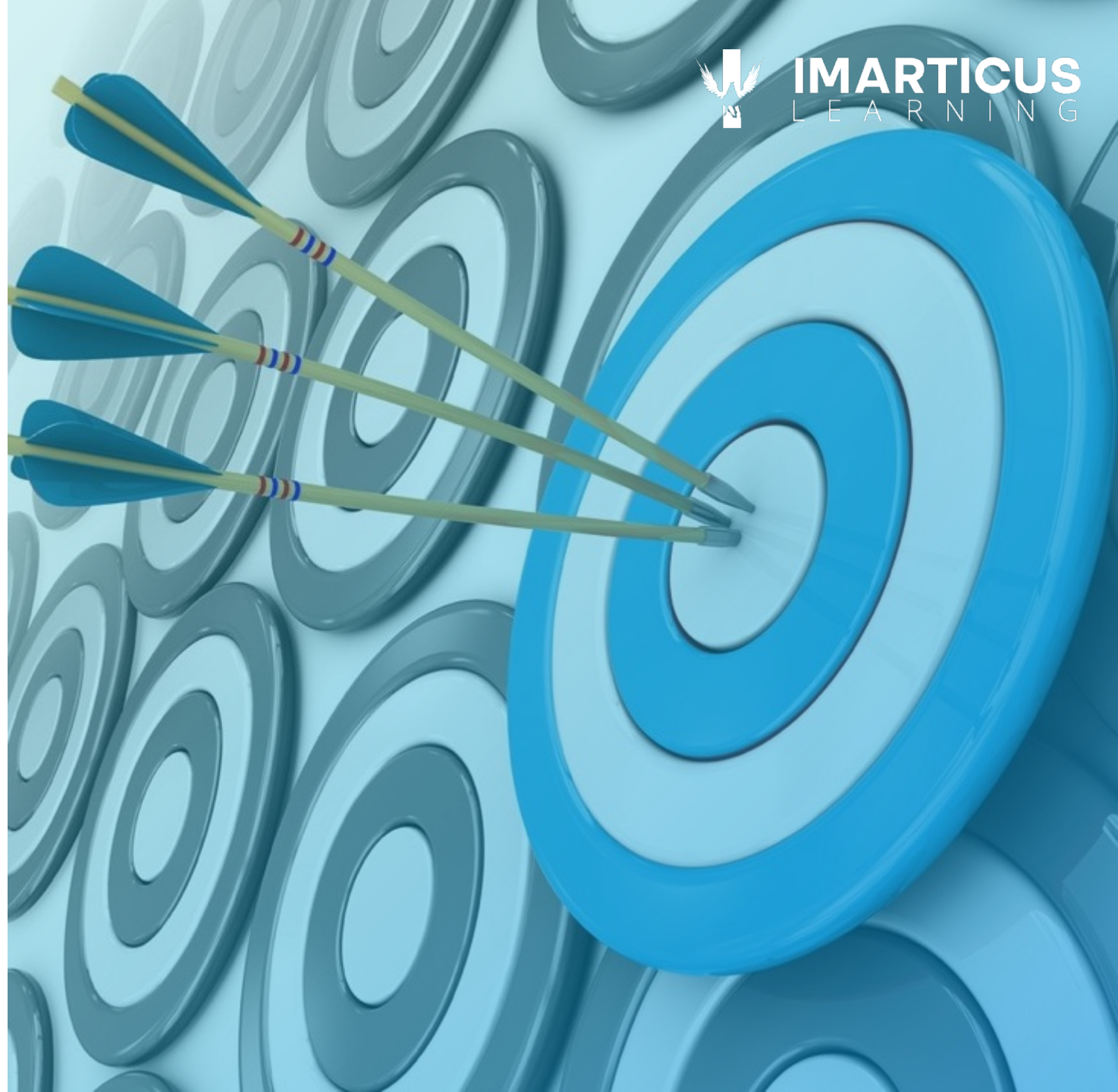
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## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

**At the end of this session, you will learn:**

- User-Defined Functions
- Function Arguments
- Lambda Functions





# User-Defined Functions (UDFs)

The functions whose functionalities are pre-defined in Python are called as built-in functions

The Python interpreter has a number of functions built into it that are always available

Some examples of built-in functions are:

Print()

Input()

Min()

Max()

Type() etc.

We can define functions according to our need as well.  
Such functions are called as user-defined functions.

A function that a user defines is known as **user defined function**

A user can give any name to a user-defined function except that the function name should not have any special character including a space character

Any pre-defined Python keywords should not be used as function name



*You cannot use the Python keywords as function name*

## THE DEF KEYWORD

- In python, a user-defined function's declaration begins with the def keyword, followed by the function name
- Keyword **def** marks the start of function header



## DEFINING THE USER-DEFINED FUNCTION

Step 1: Keyword def marks the start of the function header



Step 2: Provide a unique function name



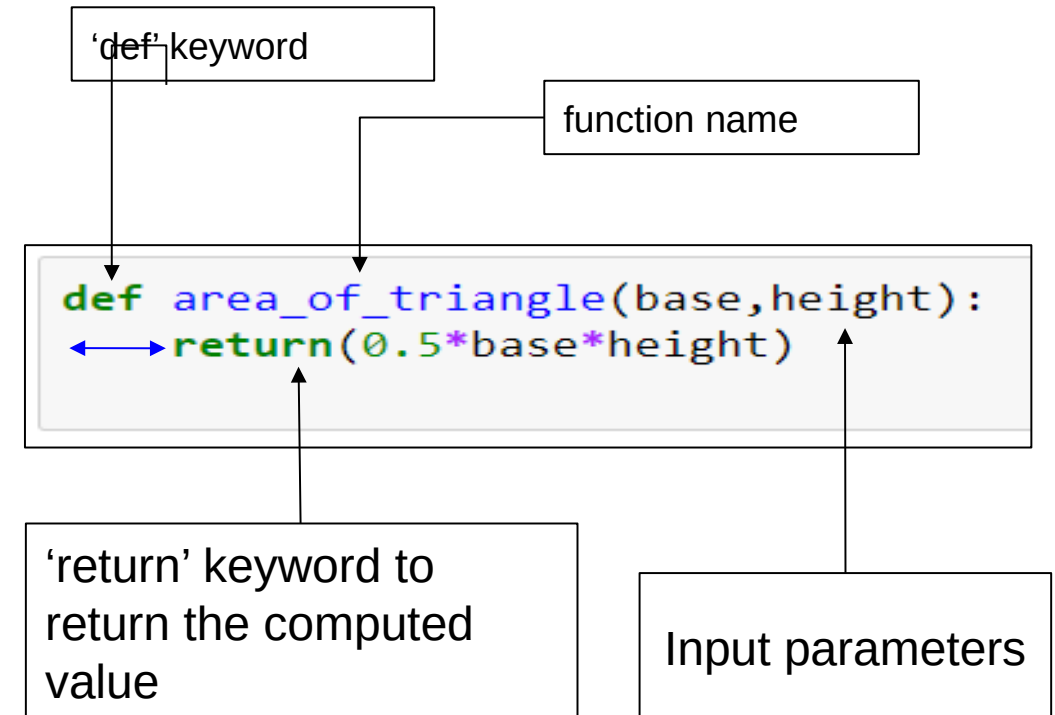
Step 3 (optional): Provide parameters (arguments) by which we pass value to the function



Step 4: Add colon(:) to mark the end of the function header



Step 5: Write the necessary code. A function can be ended with or without a return statement



↔ 1<sup>st</sup> indentation

## WRITE YOUR OWN FUNCTION

```
# create a function 'greet' to display greeting whenever the function is called
```

```
def greet():  
    print("Hello and welcome")
```

```
# call the function
```

```
greet()
```

```
Hello and welcome
```

## WRITE YOUR OWN FUNCTION WITH A PARAMETER

```
# create a function 'greet' that displays a greeting to the person whose name is provided
```

```
def greet(name):  
    print("Hello", name, "Welcome to the show")
```

```
# take name from the user
```

```
person_name = input("Enter your name: ")
```

```
# call the function
```

```
greet(person_name)
```

```
Enter your name: Shawn
```

```
Hello Shawn Welcome to the show
```



```
# take name from the user
person_name = input("Enter your name: ")

# call the function
greet()

Enter your name: John

-----
TypeError                                Traceback (most recent call last)
<ipython-input-60-3ce897404fa0> in <module>()
      3
      4 # call the function
----> 5 greet()

TypeError: greet() missing 1 required positional argument: 'name'
```

*The function will throw an error if we do not pass the required parameter as per the function definition*

## THE RETURN KEYWORD

*# create a function 'addition' that takes two input parameters and adds them*

```
def addition(num1, num2):  
    add = num1 + num2  
    return(add)
```

*# call the function by passing two values and assing to a variable*

```
summation = addition(2, 8)  
print(summation)
```

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```
# create a function 'addition' that takes two input parameters and adds them  
def addition(num1, num2):  
    add = num1 + num2  
    return
```

```
# call the function by passing two values and assing to a variable  
summation = addition(2, 8)  
print(summation)
```

None

*The function returns no value if we use return keyword in the function with any return value*



# Function Arguments

Four types of formal arguments:

- 1 Required Arguments
- 2 Keyword Arguments
- 3 Default Arguments
- 4 Variable-length Arguments

## REQUIRED ARGUMENTS

Required arguments are the arguments passed to a function in correct positional order

```
# create a function 'reg_arg' with
def reg_arg(num1, num2):
    print("First argument is: ", num1)
    print("Second argument is: ", num2)

# call the function by passing two values
num1 = 2
num2 = 8
reg_arg(num2, num1)
```

```
First argument is: 8
Second argument is: 2
```

## REQUIRED ARGUMENTS

In case, if the function does not requires the argument and is still passed it will throw an error

```
# create a function 'greet' that displays a greeting to the person whose name is provided  
def greet():  
    print("Hello and Welcome to the show")
```

```
# take name from the user  
person_name = input("Enter your name: ")
```

```
# call the function  
greet(person_name)
```

Enter your name: John

```
-----  
TypeError                                Traceback (most recent call last)  
<ipython-input-2-c8ce153fb1aa> in <module>()  
    3  
    4 # call the function  
----> 5 greet(person_name)  
  
TypeError: greet() takes 0 positional arguments but 1 was given
```

## REQUIRED ARGUMENTS

In case, if the function requires the argument and is not passed it will throw an error

```
# create a function 'hello' to display greetings for the day  
# the function has argument 'name'
```

```
def hello(name):  
    print("Hello," + name + " have a wonderful day ahead!")
```

```
hello()
```

```
-----  
TypeError                                Traceback (most recent call last)  
<ipython-input-87-a75d7781aaeb> in <module>  
----> 1 hello()
```

```
TypeError: hello() missing 1 required positional argument: 'name'
```

```
hello("Steve")
```

```
Hello,Steve have a wonderful day ahead!
```

- When we call a function with some values, these values get assigned to the arguments according to their position
- When we call functions in this way, the order (position) of the arguments can be changed
- Such arguments are called as keyword arguments

```
# pass the argument and change in position of the argument  
def employee(Name, Designation):  
    print(Name, Designation)
```

```
# Keyword arguments  
employee(Name = "John", Designation="CEO")  
  
employee(Designation = "CEO", Name = "John")
```

```
John CEO  
John CEO
```



## DEFAULT ARGUMENTS

A default argument is a value provided in a function declaration that is automatically assigned by the compiler if the caller of the function doesn't provide a value for the argument

```
# define a function with a default argument  
def emp(name, sal = 12000):  
    print("emp name - ", name)  
    print("emp salary - ", sal)
```

```
emp("Sam")
```

```
emp name - Sam  
emp salary - 12000
```

We have passed a default value for salary in the function definition

## VARIABLE-LENGTH ARGUMENTS

- Using `*args` helps you in passing variable number of arguments
- This is especially helpful when you do not know how many arguments to pass to the function

```
# define a function the returns the addition on numbers passed  
def addition(*numbers):  
    add = 0  
    for num in numbers:  
        add = add + num  
    print(add)
```

```
addition(1,2)
```

```
3
```

```
addition(5,4,6,7,10)
```

```
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```

## VARIABLE-LENGTH KEYWORDED ARGUMENTS

- `**kwargs` allows the users to pass keyword-ed arguments of variable length to a function

```
def employee(**details):  
    print(type(details))  
    for k, v in details.items():  
        print(k, "-->", v)
```

```
employee(first_name = "Jack", salary = 12000)
```

```
<class 'dict'>  
first_name --> Jack  
salary --> 12000
```

```
employee(first_name = "Jack", seconf_name = "Mayer", salary = 12000, designation = "Financial Advisor")
```

```
<class 'dict'>  
first_name --> Jack  
seconf_name --> Mayer  
salary --> 12000  
designation --> Financial Advisor
```

# LAMBDA FUNCTION

Lambda functions are anonymous

They do not have any name

'Lambda' keyword to be used to create lambda function

Simple one-line function

No '**def**' or '**return**' keyword to be used with a lambda function

Every lambda function begins with the “lambda” keyword

A lambda function can have multiple arguments separated by commas

A colon precedes the expression

The expression always returns an object

```
lambda arguments : expression
```



# LAMBDA FUNCTION

## Python function code to find the greater number

```
def greater(num1,num2):  
    if (num1>num2):  
        return num1  
    else:  
        return num2
```

```
great = greater(8,15)  
print(great)
```

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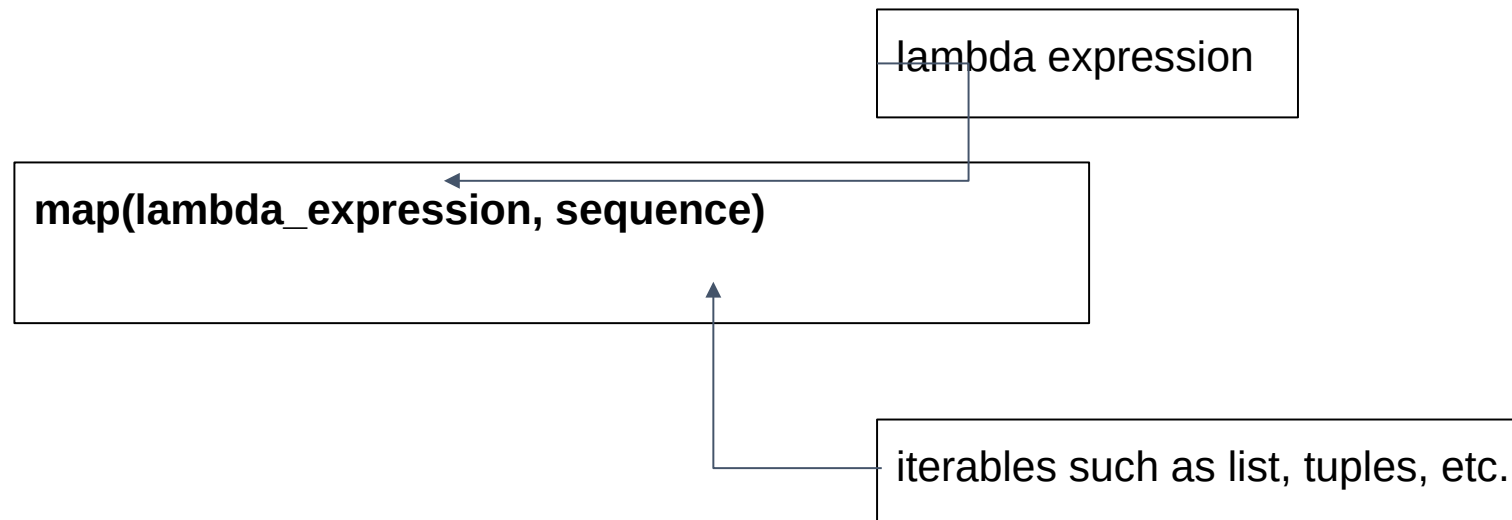
## Lambda function to find the greater number

```
greater = lambda num1, num2: num1 if num1 > num2 else num2  
greater(8,15)
```

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## LAMBDA WITH MAP()

- *map()* functions expect a function\_object, in our case a lambda function, and an iterable
- It executes the function\_object for each element in the sequence and returns a sequence of the elements modified by the function object



## LAMBDA WITH MAP()

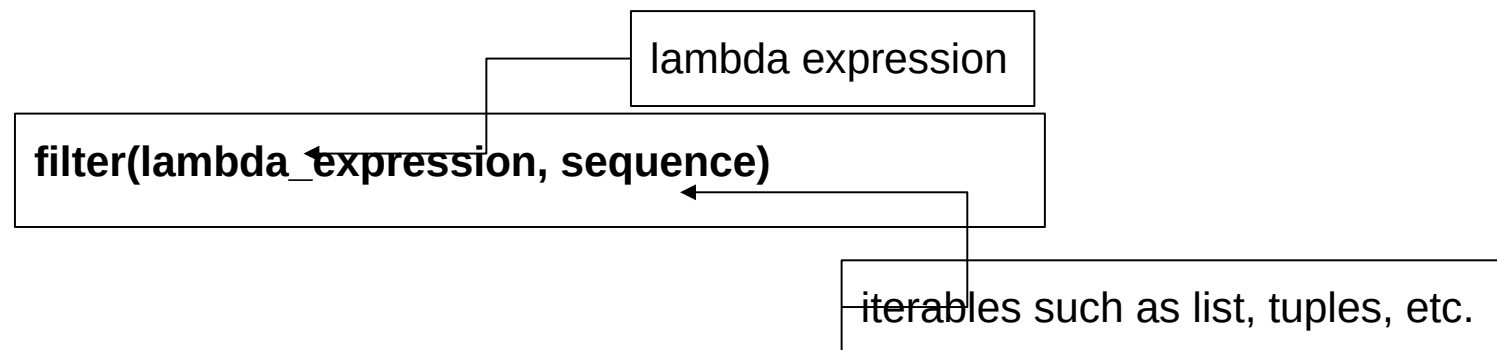
*# The output is often type-casted into a seq type, as follow:*

```
num_list = list(range(1,11))  
sq_list = list(map(lambda x: x**2, num_list))  
sq_list
```

```
[1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36, 49, 64, 81, 100]
```

## LAMBDA WITH FILTER()

- The *filter()* function expects two arguments: *function\_object(lambda)* and an iterable
- *Lambda expression* returns a boolean value and is called for each element of the iterable
- It returns only those elements for which the *function\_object* returns *true*



## LAMBDA WITH FILTER()

*# The output is often type-casted into a seq type, as follow:*

```
num_list = list(range(1,11))  
sq_list = list(filter(lambda x: x % 5 == 0, num_list))  
sq_list
```

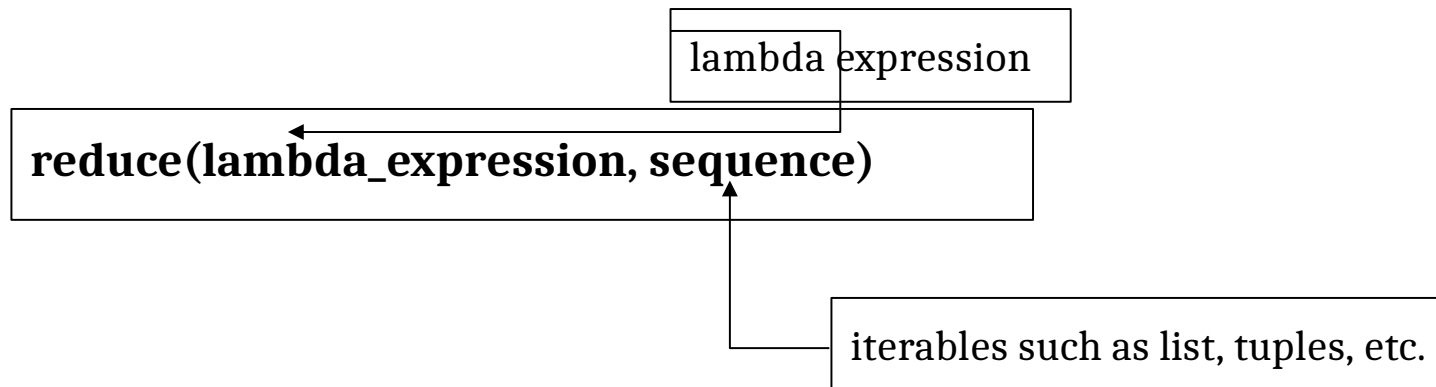
```
[5, 10]
```



Unlike `map()`, the `filter()` function can have only one iterable as input.

## LAMBDA WITH REDUCE()

- The reduce() function in Python takes in a function and a sequence as argument.
- The function is called with a lambda function and a sequence. A new reduced result is returned.
- This performs a repetitive operation over the pairs of the sequence object.





## LAMBDA WITH REDUCE()

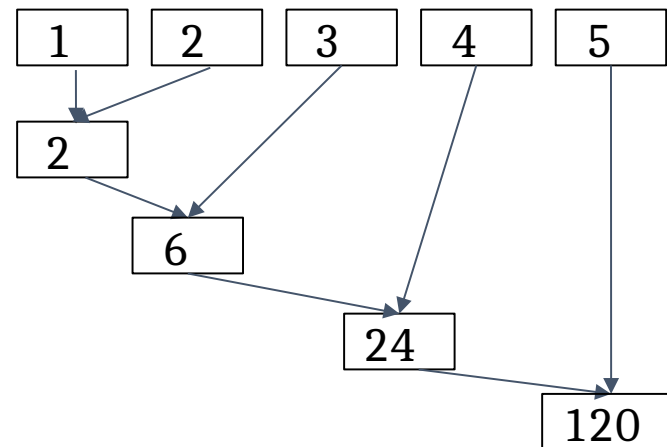
Determining the factorial of a number

```
# import reduce function from the functools library
from functools import reduce
num_list = [1,2,3,4,5]

# the following function prints factorial of 5
reduce(lambda a,b: a*b, num_list)

120
```

Working:



## LAMBDA WITH REDUCE()

Determining the minimum of a numeric tuple by using reduce:

```
# import reduce function from the functools library
from functools import reduce

# create a numeric tuple
num_tup = (0, -8, 55, -100, 1000, 33)

# the following function prints the minimum value from the iterable passed
reduce(lambda x, y: x if (x<y) else y, num_tup)

-100
```

*Note:*

reduce() can only  
have iterables of  
same type as input

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