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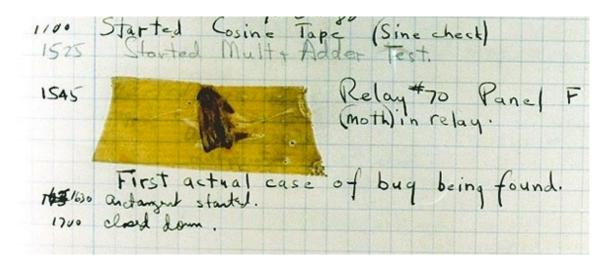
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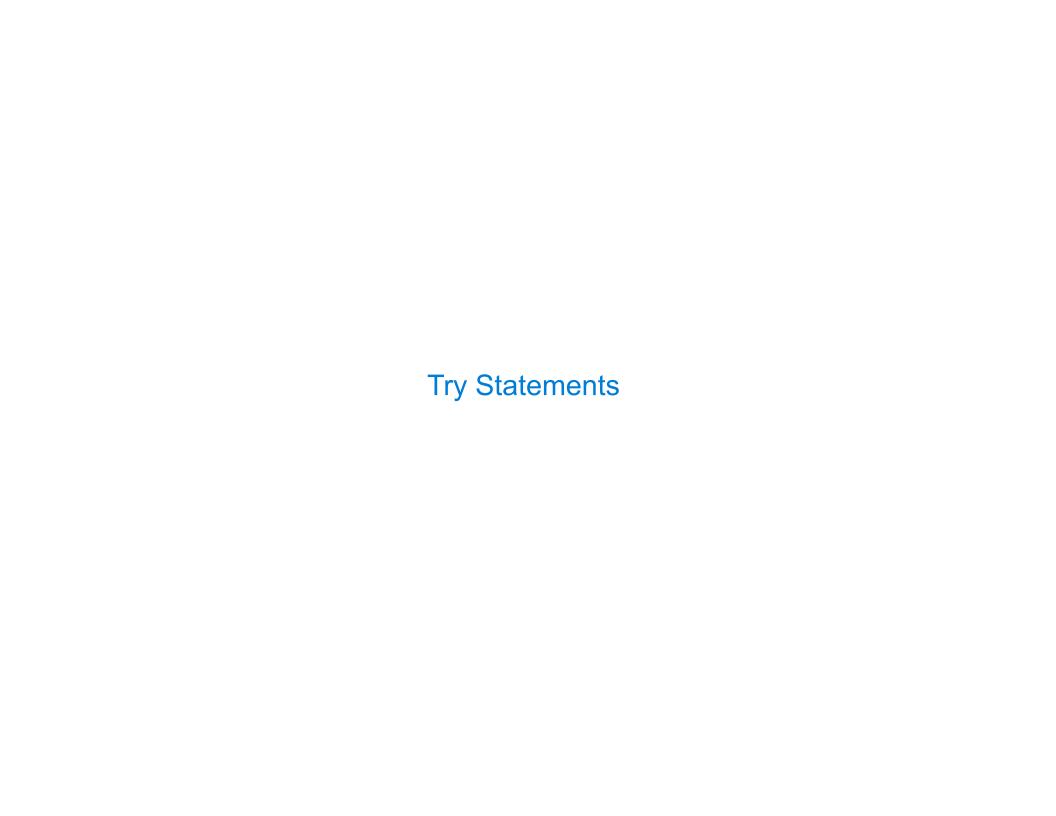
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Example: Reduce

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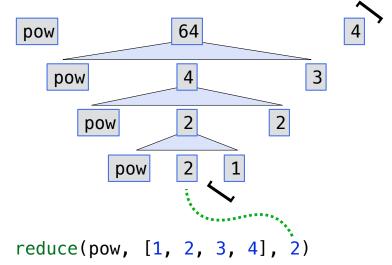
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                                                (Demo)
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