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		Q.No.	Question		Expected Time to complete
		1			Week4 -
			Lab 7: Error Debugging with AI: Systematic approaches to finding and fixing bugs		Wednesday

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	<p>Lab Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To identify and correct syntax, logic, and runtime errors in Python programs using AI tools• To understand common programming bugs and AI-assisted debugging suggestions• To evaluate how AI explains, detects, and fixes different types of coding errors• To build confidence in using AI for structured debugging practices	
	<p>Lab Outcomes (LOs)</p> <p>After completing this lab, students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use AI tools to detect and correct syntax, logic, and runtime errors• Interpret AI-suggested bug fixes and explanations• Apply systematic debugging strategies using AI-generated insights• Refactor buggy code using reliable programming patterns	
	<p>Task 1: Fixing Syntax Errors</p> <p>Scenario</p> <p>You are reviewing a Python program where a basic function definition contains a syntax error.</p> <pre>python def add(a, b) return a + b</pre> <p>Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide a Python function <code>add(a, b)</code> with a missing colon• Use an AI tool to detect the syntax error• Allow AI to correct the function definition• Observe how AI explains the syntax issue <p>Expected Output</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Corrected function with proper syntax• Syntax error resolved successfully• AI-generated explanation of the fix <p>Prompt:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"><p>I have a Python function defined as <code>def add(a, b)</code> without a colon at the end. Please detect the syntax error, correct the function definition, and explain clearly why the colon is required in Python function declarations. Show me the corrected code and provide an explanation of the fix.</p></div> <p>Code:</p> <div style="background-color: #f0f0f0; padding: 10px; border-radius: 10px;"><pre>[] Start coding or generate with AI. [2] ✓ 0s ⏪ def add(a, b): return a + b # Example usage: result = add(5, 3) print(f"The sum is: {result}") ... The sum is: 8</pre></div> <p>Output:</p> <div style="background-color: #f0f0f0; padding: 10px; border-radius: 10px;"><pre>... The sum is: 8</pre></div> <p>Explanation of the error:</p> <p>In Python, a colon (:) is used to mark the end of a statement that introduces a new <i>code block</i>.</p>	

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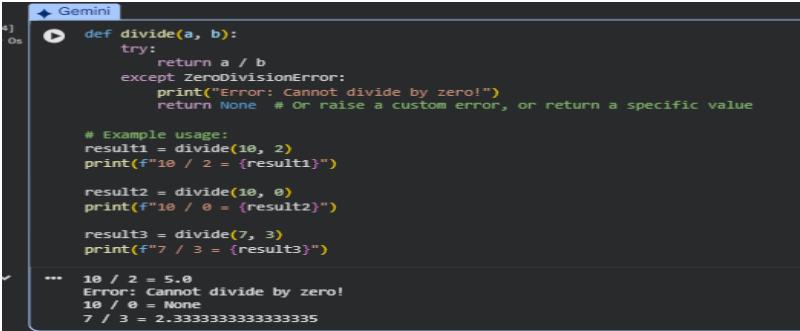
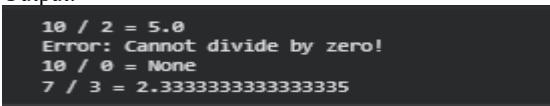
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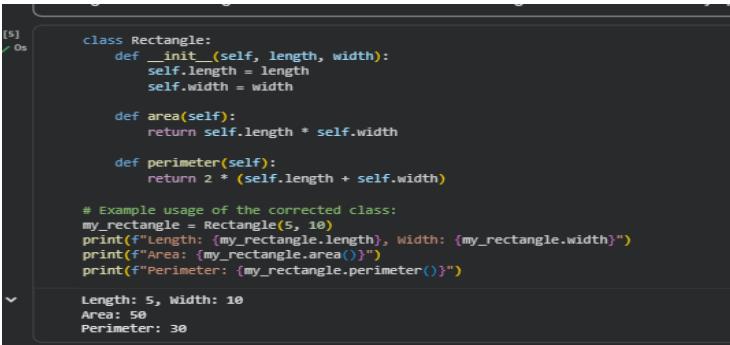
	<p>This includes def statements for function definitions, if/elif/else statements, for and while loops, and with statements, among others.</p> <p>When you define a function using def, the colon tells the Python interpreter that the code that follows, typically on the next line and indented, belongs to the function's body. Without the colon, Python doesn't know where the function header ends and where its body begins, leading to a SyntaxError.</p>	
	<p>Task 2: Debugging Logic Errors in Loops</p> <p>Scenario You are debugging a loop that runs infinitely due to a logical mistake.</p> <pre>python def count_down(n): while n >= 0: print(n) n += 1 # Should be n -= 1</pre> <p>Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Provide a loop with an increment or decrement errorUse AI to identify the cause of infinite iterationLet AI fix the loop logicAnalyze the corrected loop behavior <p>Expected Output</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Infinite loop issue resolvedCorrect increment/decrement logic appliedAI explanation of the logic error <p>Prompt:</p> <pre>I have a Python function count_down(n) that uses a while n >= 0: loop. Inside the loop, instead of decrementing n, the code mistakenly increments it (n += 1). This causes the loop to run infinitely. Please detect the logic error, correct the loop so it counts down properly, and explain why the increment caused an infinite loop. Also, analyze how the corrected loop will behave.</pre> <p>Code:</p> <pre>def count_down(n): print(f"Starting countdown from: {n}") while n >= 0: print(n) n -= 1 # Corrected: decrement n instead of incrementing print("Countdown finished!") # Example usage of the corrected function: count_down(5)</pre> <p>Output:</p> <pre>Starting countdown from: 5 5 4 3 2 1 0 Countdown finished!</pre> <p>Explanation of the error in the code: The Logic Error (Infinite Loop): The original code <code>n += 1</code> within the <code>while n >= 0:</code> loop created an infinite loop because the condition <code>n >= 0</code> would <i>always</i> remain true (assuming <code>n</code> started as non-negative). Each iteration would increase <code>n</code>, moving it further away from becoming less than 0, thus preventing the loop from ever terminating. The Correction:</p>	

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	<p>The fix involves changing $n += 1$ to $n -= 1$. This decrements the value of n in each iteration, moving it closer to fulfilling the loop termination condition ($n < 0$).</p> <p>Behavior of the Corrected Loop:</p> <p>With $n = -1$, the loop will behave as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Initialization: The function starts with n set to its initial value (e.g., 5).Condition Check: The while loop checks if $n \geq 0$. If true, the loop body executes.Action: The current value of n is printed.Decrement: n is then reduced by 1 ($n = n - 1$).Iteration: Steps 2-4 repeat.Termination: This process continues until n becomes less than 0. At that point, the condition $n \geq 0$ becomes false, and the loop terminates. The final print statement outside the loop ("Countdown finished!") is then executed.	
	<p>Task 3: Handling Runtime Errors (Division by Zero)</p> <p>Scenario</p> <p>A Python function crashes during execution due to a division by zero error.</p> <pre># Debug the following code def divide(a, b): return a / b print(divide(10, 0))</pre> <p>Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Provide a function that performs division without validationUse AI to identify the runtime errorLet AI add try-except blocks for safe executionReview AI's error-handling approach <p>Expected Output</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Function executes safely without crashingDivision by zero handled using try-exceptClear AI-generated explanation of runtime error handling <p>Prompt:</p> <div style="background-color: #f0f0f0; padding: 5px;"><p>"I have a Python function <code>divide(a, b)</code> that simply returns <code>a / b</code> without any validation. When I call <code>divide(10, 0)</code>, the program crashes with a <code>ZeroDivisionError</code>. Please detect this runtime error, correct the function by adding a try-except block so it executes safely without crashing, and explain clearly how the error handling works and why it prevents the crash."</p></div> <p>Code:</p>  <pre>Gemini def divide(a, b): try: return a / b except ZeroDivisionError: print("Error: Cannot divide by zero!") return None # Or raise a custom error, or return a specific value # Example usage: result1 = divide(10, 2) print(f"10 / 2 = {result1}") result2 = divide(10, 0) print(f"10 / 0 = {result2}") result3 = divide(7, 3) print(f"7 / 3 = {result3}") ... 10 / 2 = 5.0 Error: Cannot divide by zero! 10 / 0 = None 7 / 3 = 2.3333333333333335</pre> <p>Output:</p>  <pre>10 / 2 = 5.0 Error: Cannot divide by zero! 10 / 0 = None 7 / 3 = 2.3333333333333335</pre> <p>Explanation of the error in the code: The Runtime Error (ZeroDivisionError):</p>	

	<p>When you call divide(10, 0), the Python interpreter attempts to perform the division 10 / 0. Mathematically, division by zero is undefined, and in programming, it leads to a ZeroDivisionError, which is a type of runtime error that causes your program to crash if not handled.</p> <p>The Correction (try-except block):</p> <p>We fix this by wrapping the potentially problematic code (a / b) within a try-except block:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • try block: This block contains the code that might raise an exception (in this case, a / b). Python will attempt to execute this code. • except ZeroDivisionError: block: If a ZeroDivisionError occurs <i>specifically</i> within the try block, Python immediately stops executing the try block and jumps directly to the code inside this except block. Here, we print an informative error message and return None (a common practice to indicate that an operation could not complete successfully). If no ZeroDivisionError occurs, the except block is skipped entirely. 	
	<p>Task 4: Debugging Class Definition Errors</p> <p>Scenario</p> <p>You are given a faulty Python class where the constructor is incorrectly defined.</p> <pre>python</pre> <pre>class Rectangle: def __init__(length, width): self.length = length self.width = width</pre> <p>Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a class definition with missing self-parameter • Use AI to identify the issue in the <code>__init__()</code> method • Allow AI to correct the class definition • Understand why <code>self</code> is required <p>Expected Output</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corrected <code>__init__()</code> method • Proper use of <code>self</code> in class definition • AI explanation of object-oriented error <p>Prompt:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px; background-color: #f9f9f9;"> I have a Python class Rectangle where the constructor <code>__init__()</code> is defined without the <code>self</code> parameter. Please detect the issue in the constructor, correct the class definition by adding <code>self</code>, and explain why <code>self</code> is required in Python classes. Show me the corrected code and provide a clear explanation of the object-oriented error. </div> <p>Code:</p>  <pre>(S) 1 Os class Rectangle: def __init__(self, length, width): self.length = length self.width = width def area(self): return self.length * self.width def perimeter(self): return 2 * (self.length + self.width) # Example usage of the corrected class: my_rectangle = Rectangle(5, 10) print(f"Length: {my_rectangle.length}, Width: {my_rectangle.width}") print(f"Area: {my_rectangle.area()}") print(f"Perimeter: {my_rectangle.perimeter()}") Length: 5, Width: 10 Area: 50 Perimeter: 30</pre> <p>Output:</p> <div style="background-color: #f9f9f9; padding: 5px;"> <pre>Length: 5, Width: 10 Area: 50 Perimeter: 30</pre> </div> <p>Explanation of the error in the code:</p>	

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	<p>The Object-Oriented Error (Missing self): In Python, when you define a method within a class, whether it's the constructor (<code>__init__</code>) or any other instance method, the first parameter <i>must</i> be <code>self</code>. This <code>self</code> parameter is a convention (though not a keyword) that refers to the instance of the class itself. When you call a method on an object (e.g., <code>my_object.method()</code>), Python automatically passes the object instance as the first argument to that method. If the method definition doesn't include <code>self</code>, Python doesn't know where to pass this instance, leading to a <code>TypeError</code> indicating too many arguments were given (as the instance is passed implicitly). For <code>__init__</code>, specifically, its job is to initialize the attributes of the newly created object. Without <code>self</code>, you have no way to access or assign these attributes to the specific object being created.</p> <p>The Correction: The fix involves adding <code>self</code> as the first parameter in the <code>__init__</code> method definition: <code>def __init__(self, length, width):</code> Inside the method, <code>self.length = length</code> and <code>self.width = width</code> then correctly assign the passed <code>length</code> and <code>width</code> values to the <code>length</code> and <code>width</code> attributes of the specific <code>Rectangle</code> object (<code>self</code>) that is being initialized.</p> <p>Why <code>self</code> is required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Instance Reference: <code>self</code> provides a way for the method to refer to the specific instance of the object on which the method is being called. Without <code>self</code>, a method wouldn't know which object's data it should operate on.Attribute Access: All instance variables (attributes) of a class are accessed using the <code>self</code> keyword (e.g., <code>self.attribute_name</code>). This ensures that each object instance maintains its own set of data.Method Calling: Similarly, if one instance method needs to call another instance method within the same class, it does so using <code>self.other_method()</code>.	
	<p>Task 5: Resolving Index Errors in Lists</p> <p>Scenario A program crashes when accessing an invalid index in a list.</p> <pre>python numbers = [1, 2, 3] print(numbers[5])</pre> <p>Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Provide code that accesses an out-of-range list indexUse AI to identify the Index ErrorLet AI suggest safe access methodsApply bounds checking or exception handling <p>Expected Output</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Index error resolvedSafe list access logic implementedAI suggestion using length checks or exception handling <p>Prompt:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"><p><small>(Refactor the Rectangle class with additional methods) (Add more examples for the Rectangle class) (Explain the concept of inheritance in Python classes)</small></p><p>"I have a Python list <code>numbers = [1, 2, 3]</code> and the code tries to access <code>numbers[5]</code>. This causes the program to crash with an <code>IndexError</code>. Please detect the error, correct the code by applying safe list access methods (like bounds checking or exception handling), and explain clearly how your fix prevents the crash. Show me the corrected code and provide an explanation of the safe access logic."</p></div> <p>Code:</p>	

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numbers = [1, 2, 3]

try:
    # Attempt to access an element
    index_to_access = 5
    value = numbers[index_to_access]
    print(f"Accessed value at index {index_to_access}: {value}")
except IndexError:
    # Handle the error if the index is out of bounds
    print(f"Error: Index {index_to_access} is out of bounds for the list.")
    print(f"The list has {len(numbers)} elements, with valid indices from 0 to {len(numbers) - 1}.")\n\n# Example of valid access
try:
    valid_index = 1
    value = numbers[valid_index]
    print(f"Accessed value at index {valid_index}: {value}")
except IndexError:
    print(f"Error: Index {valid_index} is out of bounds for the list.\n\nError: Index 5 is out of bounds for the list.
The list has 3 elements, with valid indices from 0 to 2.
Accessed value at index 1: 2
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Output:

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** Error: Index 5 is out of bounds for the list.
The list has 3 elements, with valid indices from 0 to 2.
Accessed value at index 1: 2
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Explanation of the error in the code:

The Runtime Error (IndexError):

When you define numbers = [1, 2, 3], this list has three elements. In Python, list indices start from 0. So, the valid indices for this list are 0, 1, and 2. Attempting to access numbers[5] (or any index 3 or greater) leads to an IndexError because there is no element at that position in the list. Without error handling, this error would terminate your program.

The Correction (try-except block):

Similar to handling ZeroDivisionError, we use a try-except block to manage IndexError:

- **try block:** This block contains the code that might raise an exception. Here, value = numbers[index_to_access] is placed inside try because it's the operation that could potentially cause an IndexError.
- **except IndexError: block:** If an IndexError occurs within the try block, Python immediately stops executing the try block and transfers control to the except IndexError block. Inside this block, we provide a user-friendly message explaining that the index is out of bounds. This prevents the program from crashing.

How it prevents the crash:

By catching the IndexError, your program doesn't abruptly stop. Instead, it executes the code within the except block, allowing you to inform the user about the issue or take alternative actions, and then continue with the rest of your program's execution. This makes your code more robust and user-friendly by gracefully handling unexpected situations during list access.

Note: Report should be submitted a word document for all tasks in a single document with prompts, comments & code explanation, and output and if required, screenshots