

AI ASSISTANT CODING

LAB-02

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Lab 2: Exploring Additional AI Coding Tools beyond Copilot – Google Gemini (Colab) and Cursor AI

Task – 1 : Refactoring Odd/Even Logic (List Version)

Scenario: You are improving legacy code.

The given legacy program calculates the sum of odd and even numbers in a list. The code needs to be improved for better readability and efficiency using AI tools.

Prompt Used :

Write a program to calculate the sum of odd and even numbers in a list,
Refactor this Python code to improve readability and efficiency.

Original Code :

```
def sum_odd_even(numbers: list[int]) -> tuple[int, int]:  
    even_sum = 0  
    odd_sum = 0  
    for num in numbers:  
        if num % 2 == 0:  
            even_sum += num  
        else:  
            odd_sum += num  
    return even_sum, odd_sum  
  
my_list = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10]  
even_sum, odd_sum = sum_odd_even(my_list)  
print(f"List: {my_list}")
```

```
print(f"Sum of even numbers: {even_sum}")  
print(f"Sum of odd numbers: {odd_sum}")
```

AI-Refactored Code :

```
def sum_odd_even(numbers: list[int]) -> tuple[int, int]:
```

```
    """
```

Calculates the sum of even and odd numbers in a list.

Args:

numbers: A list of integers.

Returns:

A tuple containing (even_sum, odd_sum).

```
    """
```

```
even_sum = sum(num for num in numbers if num % 2 == 0)
```

```
odd_sum = sum(num for num in numbers if num % 2 != 0)
```

```
return even_sum, odd_sum
```

Example usage:

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

```
even_sum, odd_sum = sum_odd_even(my_list)
```

```
print(f"List: {my_list}")
```

```
print(f"Sum of even numbers: {even_sum}")
```

```
print(f"Sum of odd numbers: {odd_sum}")
```

The screenshot shows two versions of a Python function for summing odd and even numbers in a list, displayed in a Google Colab notebook. The left pane contains the code, and the right pane contains a Gemini AI interface providing analysis and suggestions.

Original Code (Top):

```

def sum_odd_even(numbers: list[int]) -> tuple[int, int]:
    even_sum = 0
    odd_sum = 0
    for num in numbers:
        if num % 2 == 0:
            even_sum += num
        else:
            odd_sum += num
    return even_sum, odd_sum

my_list = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10]
even_sum, odd_sum = sum_odd_even(my_list)
print(f"List: {my_list}")
print(f"Sum of even numbers: {even_sum}")
print(f"Sum of odd numbers: {odd_sum}")

```

Refactored Code (Bottom):

```

def sum_odd_even(numbers: list[int]) -> tuple[int, int]:
    """
    Calculates the sum of even and odd numbers in a list.

    Args:
        numbers: A list of integers.

    Returns:
        A tuple containing (even_sum, odd_sum).
    """
    even_sum = sum(num for num in numbers if num % 2 == 0)
    odd_sum = sum(num for num in numbers if num % 2 != 0)
    return even_sum, odd_sum

# Example usage:
my_list = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10]
even_sum, odd_sum = sum_odd_even(my_list)

print(f"List: {my_list}")
print(f"Sum of even numbers: {even_sum}")
print(f"Sum of odd numbers: {odd_sum}")

```

Gemini Analysis (Right):

- Task – 1 : Refactoring Odd/Even Logic (List Version)**
- Write a program to calculate the sum of odd and even numbers in a list.**
- I've already provided a Python program in your notebook (cell PAR-2Z7MVZ6) that calculates the sum of odd and even numbers in a list.**
- Here's how it works:**
 - Initialization:** `even_sum` and `odd_sum` are initialized to 0.
 - Iteration:** It iterates through each `num` in the `numbers` list.
 - Conditional Summation:**
 - If `num % 2 == 0`, the number is even, so it's added to `even_sum`.
- Explain the 'sum_odd_even' function in more detail**
- Refactor 'sum_odd_even' using a list comprehension**
- Add error handling for non-integer inputs to the function**
- What can I help you build?**

Explanation :

The refactored code reduces the number of variables and uses Python's built-in `sum()` function. It improves readability, reduces code length, and enhances maintainability. The logic is clearer and easier to modify.

Task 2: Area Calculation Explanation (Gemini)

Scenario

This task helps onboard a junior developer by explaining a function that calculates areas of different shapes.

Prompt Used :

Write a Python function to calculate area of circle, rectangle, and triangle and explain the code

```
import math
```

```
def calculate_area(shape: str, **kwargs) -> float:  
    """  
    Calculates the area of different geometric shapes.  
    """
```

Args:

shape (str): The type of shape ('circle', 'rectangle', 'triangle').
**kwargs: Keyword arguments for the dimensions of the shape:
- For 'circle': 'radius' (float)
- For 'rectangle': 'length' (float), 'width' (float)
- For 'triangle': 'base' (float), 'height' (float)

Returns:

float: The calculated area of the shape.

Raises:

ValueError: If an unsupported shape is provided or required dimensions are missing.

```
"""
```

```
if shape.lower() == 'circle':  
    if 'radius' in kwargs:  
        radius = kwargs['radius']  
        return math.pi * radius**2  
    else:  
        raise ValueError("For 'circle', 'radius' is required.")  
elif shape.lower() == 'rectangle':
```

```
if 'length' in kwargs and 'width' in kwargs:  
    length = kwargs['length']  
    width = kwargs['width']  
    return length * width  
  
else:  
    raise ValueError("For 'rectangle', 'length' and 'width' are required.")  
  
elif shape.lower() == 'triangle':  
    if 'base' in kwargs and 'height' in kwargs:  
        base = kwargs['base']  
        height = kwargs['height']  
        return 0.5 * base * height  
  
    else:  
        raise ValueError("For 'triangle', 'base' and 'height' are required.")  
  
else:  
    raise ValueError("Unsupported shape. Choose from 'circle', 'rectangle', or 'triangle'.")
```

```
# Example usage:  
  
print(f"Area of circle (radius=5): {calculate_area('circle', radius=5):.2f}")  
print(f"Area of rectangle (length=4, width=6): {calculate_area('rectangle', length=4, width=6):.2f}")  
print(f"Area of triangle (base=7, height=3): {calculate_area('triangle', base=7, height=3):.2f}")
```

```
# Example of handling an error (uncomment to test):  
  
# try:  
#     print(calculate_area('square', side=5))  
# except ValueError as e:  
#     print(f"Error: {e}")
```

Untitled17.ipynb

```

import math

def calculate_area(shape: str, **kwargs) -> float:
    """
    Calculates the area of different geometric shapes.

    Args:
        shape (str): The type of shape ('circle', 'rectangle', 'triangle').
        **kwargs: Keyword arguments for the dimensions of the shape:
            - For 'circle': 'radius' (float)
            - For 'rectangle': 'length' (float), 'width' (float)
            - For 'triangle': 'base' (float), 'height' (float)

    Returns:
        float: The calculated area of the shape.

    Raises:
        ValueError: If an unsupported shape is provided or required dimensions are missing.
    """
    if shape.lower() == 'circle':
        if 'radius' in kwargs:
            radius = kwargs['radius']
            return math.pi * radius**2
        else:
            raise ValueError("For 'circle', 'radius' is required.")
    elif shape.lower() == 'rectangle':
        if 'length' in kwargs and 'width' in kwargs:
            length = kwargs['length']
            width = kwargs['width']
            return length * width
        else:
            raise ValueError("For 'rectangle', 'length' and 'width' are required.")
    elif shape.lower() == 'triangle':
        if 'base' in kwargs and 'height' in kwargs:
            base = kwargs['base']
            height = kwargs['height']
            return 0.5 * base * height
        else:
            raise ValueError("For 'triangle', 'base' and 'height' are required.")
    else:
        raise ValueError("Unsupported shape. Choose from 'circle', 'rectangle', or 'triangle'.")

    # Example usage:
    print(f"Area of circle (radius=5): {calculate_area('circle', radius=5):.2f}")
    print(f"Area of rectangle (length=4, width=6): {calculate_area('rectangle', length=4, width=6):.2f}")
    print(f"Area of triangle (base=7, height=3): {calculate_area('triangle', base=7, height=3):.2f}")

    # Example of handling an error (uncomment to test):
    # try:
    #     print(calculate_area('square', side=5))
    # except ValueError as e:
    #     print(f"Error: {e}")

```

Gemini

- Write a Python function to calculate area of circle, rectangle, and triangle and explain the code

Certainly! Here's a Python function to calculate the area of a circle, rectangle, or triangle, along with an explanation of how it works:

The `calculate_area` function in the executed cell has produced the following results:

- Area of a circle with radius 5: 78.54
- Area of a rectangle with length 4 and width 6: 24.00
- Area of a triangle with base 7 and height 3: 10.50

These results demonstrate the function correctly calculating the areas for each specified shape using the provided dimensions.

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Test the error handling for an unsupported shape
Add functionality to calculate the area of a square
Explain how to use this function with a list of shapes

What can I help you build?

Gemini can make mistakes, so double-check it and use code with caution. [Learn more](#)

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The screenshot shows a Google Colab notebook titled "Untitled17.ipynb". On the left, there's a "Code Explanation" panel that provides a detailed breakdown of a Python function named `calculate_area`. This function takes a shape name and keyword arguments for dimensions. It uses conditional logic to apply different area calculation formulas based on the shape. The explanation covers imports, function definition, parameters, loops, conditionals, and error handling. On the right, there's a "Gemini" panel where AI has generated a similar function and provided its output for three specific shapes: a circle with radius 5, a rectangle with length 4 and width 6, and a triangle with base 7 and height 3. The AI also suggests additional prompts for testing and expanding the function.

Explanation :

The function accepts the shape name and required dimensions as input. Conditional statements decide which formula to apply. For a circle, radius is used, while rectangle and triangle require two values. The function returns the calculated area based on the selected shape.

Task 3: Prompt Sensitivity Experiment (Cursor AI)

Use Cursor AI with different prompts for the same problem and observe code changes.

The factorial problem was used to test how different prompts affect AI-generated code.

Prompts Used :

1. Write a Python program to calculate factorial
2. Write an optimized Python function to calculate factorial with comments
3. Generate a beginner-friendly factorial program with error handling

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Visual Studio Code interface. The left sidebar has a message: "NO FOLDER OPENED" with "Open Folder" and "Clone Repository" buttons. The main editor area contains three blocks of Python code, each with a different prompt:

```
#1. Write a Python program to calculate factorial of a number
def factorial(n):
    if n == 0:
        return 1
    else:
        return n * factorial(n-1)
print(factorial(5))
#test case 1:
print(factorial(5))
#output:
120

#2. Write an optimized Python function to calculate factorial with comments and test cases
def factorial(n):
    if n == 0:
        return 1
    else:
        return n * factorial(n-1)
print(factorial(5))
#test case 1:
print(factorial(5))
#output:
120

#3. Generate a beginner-friendly factorial program with error handling
def factorial(n):
    if n == 0:
        return 1
    else:
        return n * factorial(n-1)
print(factorial(5))
#test case 1:
print(factorial(5))
#output:
120
```

The status bar at the bottom shows "Cursor Tab" and "Ln 43, Col 1".

Observation

The AI produced different code styles depending on the prompt. Optimized prompts improved performance and readability, while beginner-friendly prompts added validation and safety checks.

Task 4: Tool Comparison Reflection

Comparison of Gemini, Copilot, and Cursor AI

Reflection :

Google Gemini is best suited for explanations and learning support. GitHub Copilot provides real-time inline suggestions, improving developer productivity. Cursor AI excels in experimentation, refactoring, and prompt-based exploration. Each tool serves a different purpose, and choosing the right one depends on whether the goal is learning, development speed, or code analysis.