

AI-ASSISTANT-CODING-LAB-10.3

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Problem Statement 1: AI-Assisted Bug Detection

Scenario: A junior developer wrote the following Python function to calculate factorials:

```
def factorial(n):  
    result = 1  
    for i in range(1, n):  
        result = result * i  
    return result
```

Instructions:

1. Run the code and test it with factorial(5).
2. Use an AI assistant to:
 - o Identify the logical bug in the code.
 - o Explain why the bug occurs (e.g., off-by-one error).
 - o Provide a corrected version.
3. Compare the AI's corrected code with your own manual fix.
4. Write a brief comparison: Did AI miss any edge cases (e.g., negative numbers, zero)?

PROMPT: Identify the logical bug in the factorial function. explain why it occurs, and provide a corrected version.

Code:

```
# TASK 1 PROMPT (Zero-Shot)  
# Identify the logical bug in the factorial function,  
# explain why it occurs, and provide a corrected version.  
  
def factorial(n: int) -> int:  
    """  
    Calculates factorial of a number.  
    """  
    if n < 0:  
        raise ValueError("Factorial is not defined for negative numbers")  
  
    result = 1  
    for i in range(1, n + 1):    # FIX: included n (off-by-one error fixed)  
        result *= i  
    return result
```

OUTPUT:

```
TASK 1 OUTPUT:
Bug Identified   : Off-by-one error (range(1, n) excluded n)
Fix Applied      : Changed range(1, n) to range(1, n+1)
Correct Output   : factorial(5) = 120
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```

Justification:

The factorial code had an off-by-one error because the loop did not include the number n . AI helped identify the logical mistake quickly. The loop range was corrected to include n . This produced the correct output for factorial calculation.

Problem Statement 2: Task 2 — Improving Readability & Documentation

Scenario: The following code works but is poorly written:

```
def calc(a, b, c):
    if c == "add":
        return a + b
    elif c == "sub":
        return a - b
    elif c == "mul":
        return a * b
    elif c == "div":
```

Instructions:

5. Use AI to:

- o Critique the function's readability, parameter naming, and lack of documentation.
- o Rewrite the function with:
 1. Descriptive function and parameter names.
 2. A complete docstring (description, parameters, return value, examples).
 3. Exception handling for division by zero.
 4. Consideration of input validation.
 6. Compare the original and AI-improved versions.
 7. Test both with valid and invalid inputs (e.g., division by zero, non-string operation).

PROMPT: Critique the function for readability and documentation. then rewrite it with meaningful names, docstring, input validation, and exception handling.

CODE:

```

# TASK 2 PROMPT (One-Shot)
# Critique the function for readability and documentation,
# then rewrite it with meaningful names, docstring,
# input validation, and exception handling.

def calculate(a: float, b: float, operation: str) -> float:
    """
    Performs arithmetic operations.
    """
    if not isinstance(operation, str):
        raise TypeError("Operation must be a string")

    if operation == "add":
        return a + b
    elif operation == "sub":
        return a - b
    elif operation == "mul":
        return a * b
    elif operation == "div":
        if b == 0:
            raise ZeroDivisionError("Division by zero not allowed")
        return a / b
    else:
        raise ValueError("Invalid operation")

```

OUTPUT:

```

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TASK 2 OUTPUT:
Issues Identified : Poor naming, no documentation, no error handling
Fix Applied      : Added descriptive names, docstring, validation
Add Result       : 15
Multiply Result  : 50
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```

Justification:

The original function had unclear variable names and no documentation. AI suggested better naming and added a proper docstring. Error handling and input validation were included. This made the function more readable and reliable.

Problem Statement 3: Enforcing Coding Standards

Scenario: A team project requires PEP8 compliance. A developer submits:

```

def Checkprime(n):
    for i in range(2, n):
        if n % i == 0:
            return False

```

return True

Instructions:

8. Verify the function works correctly for sample inputs.
9. Use an AI tool (e.g., ChatGPT, GitHub Copilot, or a PEP8 linter with AI explanation) to:
 - o List all PEP8 violations.
 - o Refactor the code (function name, spacing, indentation, naming).
10. Apply the AI-suggested changes and verify functionality is preserved.
11. Write a short note on how automated AI reviews could streamline code reviews in large teams.

PROMPT:

Identify PEP8 violations and refactor the code. while preserving functionality.

CODE:

```
# TASK 3 PROMPT (Zero-Shot)
# Identify PEP8 violations and refactor the code
# while preserving functionality.

def check_prime(n: int) -> bool:
    """
    Checks whether a number is prime.
    """
    if n <= 1:
        return False

    for i in range(2, n):
        if n % i == 0:
            return False
    return True
```

OUTPUT:

```
TASK 3 OUTPUT:
PEP8 Issues      : Function name, indentation, spacing
Fix Applied      : snake_case name, proper indentation
Is 7 Prime?      : True
Is 10 Prime?     : False
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```

Justification: The original code violated PEP8 naming and indentation rules.

AI identified these style issues accurately. The function was refactored using snake_case and proper formatting. Functionality was preserved with improved code quality.

Problem Statement 4: AI as a Code Reviewer in Real Projects

Scenario:

In a GitHub project, a teammate submits:

```
def processData(d):
```

```
    return [x * 2 for x in d if x % 2 == 0]
```

Instructions:

1. Manually review the function for:
 - o Readability and naming.
 - o Reusability and modularity.
 - o Edge cases (non-list input, empty list, non-integer elements).
2. Use AI to generate a code review covering:
 - a. Better naming and function purpose clarity.
 - b. Input validation and type hints.
 - c. Suggestions for generalization (e.g., configurable multiplier).
3. Refactor the function based on AI feedback.
4. Write a short reflection on whether AI should be a standalone reviewer or an assistant.

PROMPT: Review the function for readability, reusability, edge cases, and type safety. Refactor accordingly.

CODE:

```
# TASK 4 PROMPT (Few-Shot)
# Review the function for readability, reusability,
# edge cases, and type safety. Refactor accordingly.

from typing import List, Union

def double_even_numbers(
    numbers: List[Union[int, float]],
    multiplier: int = 2
) -> List[Union[int, float]]:
    """
    Doubles even numbers in a list.
    """
    if not isinstance(numbers, list):
        raise TypeError("Input must be a list")

    return [
        num * multiplier
        for num in numbers
        if isinstance(num, (int, float)) and num % 2 == 0
    ]
```

OUTPUT:

```
TASK 4 OUTPUT:
Issues Identified : Poor naming, no validation, no type hints
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Fix Applied      : Clear name, type hints, validation, reusability
Processed List   : [4, 8, 12]
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```

Justification:

The original function lacked clarity and input validation. AI recommended meaningful names and type hints. Validation and reusability were added. This improved robustness and real-world usability.

Problem Statement 5: AI-Assisted Performance Optimization

Scenario: You are given a function that processes a list of integers, but it runs slowly on large datasets:

```
def sum_of_squares(numbers):
    total = 0
    for num in numbers:
        total += num ** 2
    return total
```

Instructions:

1. Test the function with a large list (e.g., `range(1000000)`).
2. Use AI to:
 - o Analyze time complexity.
 - o Suggest performance improvements (e.g., using built-in functions, vectorization with NumPy if applicable).
 - o Provide an optimized version.
3. Compare execution time before and after optimization.
4. Discuss trade-offs between readability and performance.

PROMPT: Analyze the time complexity and optimize the function using Pythonic constructs.

CODE:

```
# TASK 5 PROMPT (Zero-Shot)
# Analyze the time complexity and optimize the function
# using Pythonic constructs.
def sum_of_squares_optimized(numbers) -> int:
    """
    Returns sum of squares using optimized generator expression.
    """
    return sum(x * x for x in numbers)
```

OUTPUT:

TASK 5 OUTPUT:

Performance Issue: Loop-based accumulation (slower)

Fix Applied : Used generator expression with sum()

Optimized Result : 285

Justification:

The original function used a manual loop which was slower. AI analyzed the time complexity and suggested optimization. A generator expression with sum() was used.

This improved performance while keeping the code readable.