

AI ASSISTANT CODING ASSIGNMENT-5.5

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Lab 5: Ethical Foundations – Responsible AI Coding Practices

Task Description #1 (Transparency in Algorithm Optimization)

Task: Use AI to generate two solutions for checking prime numbers:

- Naive approach(basic)
- Optimized approach

Prompt:

“Generate Python code for two prime-checking methods and explain how the optimized version improves performance.”

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1 # Prime Number Checking Methods: Naive vs Optimized Approach
2 """
3 This file demonstrates two approaches to checking if a number is prime:
4 1. Naive approach: Basic implementation checking all possible divisors
5 2. Optimized approach: Efficient implementation with mathematical optimizations
6 Generated in response to the prompt:
7 "Generate Python code for two prime-checking methods and explain how the optimized version improves performance."
8 """
9 import time
10 import math
11
12 def is_prime_naive(n):
13     """
14     Naive approach to check if a number is prime.
15     This method checks divisibility by all integers from 2 up to n-1.
16     While simple, this approach is inefficient for larger numbers.
17     Time Complexity: O(n)
18     - For each number n, we perform up to n-2 division operations
19     - This makes it very slow for large prime numbers
20     """
21     # Handle edge cases
22     if n <= 1:
23         return False
24     # Check divisibility from 2 to n-1
25     for i in range(2, n):
26         if n % i == 0:
27             return False
28     return True
29
30 def is_prime_optimized(n):
31     """
32     Optimized approach to check if a number is prime.
33     This method uses several mathematical optimizations:
34     1. Early return for numbers <= 1
35     2. Special handling for 2 (only even prime)
36     3. Skip all even numbers > 2 (they're composite)
37     4. Check only up to sqrt(n) instead of n-1
38     5. Check only odd divisors
39     Time Complexity: O(√n)
40     - We only check up to √n, which is much faster
41     - For n=1,000,000: naive checks ~1M operations, optimized checks ~1,000 operations
42     """
43     if n <= 1:
44         return False
45     if n == 2:
46         return True
47     if n % 2 == 0:
48         return False
49     # Check odd divisors from 3 up to sqrt(n)
50     i = 3
51     while i * i <= n:
52         if n % i == 0:
53             return False
54         i += 2
55     return True

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56
57 def compare_performance():
58     """
59     Compare the performance of naive vs optimized approaches.
60     This function tests both methods on various numbers and measures execution time.
61     """
62     test_cases = [
63         (29, "Small prime"),
64         (10007, "Medium prime"),
65         (1000003, "Large prime"),
66         (1000000, "Large composite"),
67         (999983, "Another large prime")
68     ]
69
70     print("-" * 80)
71     print("PERFORMANCE COMPARISON: Naive vs Optimized Prime Checking")
72     print("-" * 80)
73     print(f"{'Number':<10} | {'Method':<12} | {'Time (ms)':<12} | {'Result':<8} | {'Description'}")
74     print("-" * 80)
75
76     for num, desc in test_cases:
77         # Test naive method
78         start = time.time()
79         result_naive = is_prime_naive(num)
80         time_naive = (time.time() - start) * 1000
81
82         # Test optimized method
83         start = time.time()
84         result_optimized = is_prime_optimized(num)
85         time_optimized = (time.time() - start) * 1000
86
87         print(f"{num:<10} | {desc:<12} | {result_naive:<12} | {result_optimized:<12} | {time_naive:<12} | {time_optimized:<12} | {desc}")
88         print("-" * 80)

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# prime_checking_methods.py > @is_prime_optimized
57 def compare_performance():
58     # Calculate speedup
59     speedup = time_naive / time_optimized if time_optimized > 0 else float('inf')
60
61     print(f"{num:<10} | {'Naive':<12} | {time_naive:<12.4f} | {str(result_naive):<8} | {desc}")
62     print(f"{num:<10} | {'Optimized':<12} | {time_optimized:<12.4f} | {str(result_optimized):<8} | Speedup: {speedup:.1f}x")
63     print()
64
65 def demonstrate_correctness():
66     """
67     Demonstrate that both methods produce correct results.
68     """
69     test_cases = [
70         (2, True, "2 is prime"),
71         (3, True, "3 is prime"),
72         (4, False, "4 is composite"),
73         (5, True, "5 is prime"),
74         (9, False, "9 is composite"),
75         (11, True, "11 is prime"),
76         (15, False, "15 is composite"),
77         (17, True, "17 is prime"),
78         (25, False, "25 is composite"),
79         (29, True, "29 is prime"),
80         (1, False, "1 is not prime"),
81         (0, False, "0 is not prime"),
82         (-5, False, "Negative numbers are not prime")
83     ]
84
85     print("=" * 80)
86     print("CORRECTNESS VERIFICATION")
87     print("=" * 80)
88     print(f"{'Number':<8} | {'Expected':<10} | {'Naive':<8} | {'Optimized':<10} | {'Match':<10}")
89     print("-" * 80)
90
91     all_correct = True
92     for num, expected, desc in test_cases:
93         result_naive = is_prime_naive(num)
94         result_optimized = is_prime_optimized(num)
95
96         naive_match = result_naive == expected
97         optimized_match = result_optimized == expected
98         both_match = naive_match and optimized_match
99
100     # Print results for each test case
101     for num, expected, desc in test_cases:
102         result_naive = is_prime_naive(num)
103         result_optimized = is_prime_optimized(num)
104         naive_match = result_naive == expected
105         optimized_match = result_optimized == expected
106         both_match = naive_match and optimized_match
107
108         status = "✓" if both_match else "✗"
109         print(f"{num:<8} | {expected:<10} | {str(result_naive):<8} | {str(result_optimized):<10} | {status} | {desc}")
110
111     if all_correct:
112         print("✓ All test cases passed for both methods!")
113     else:
114         print("✗ Some test cases failed!")
115
116 if __name__ == "__main__":
117     print(f"Prime Number Checking Method Demonstration")
118     print("-" * 80)
119
120     # Demonstrate correctness
121     demonstrate_correctness()
122
123     print("\n")
124
125     # Compare performance
126     compare_performance()
127
128     print("\n" + "-" * 80)
129     print("EXPLANATION OF OPTIMIZATION")
130     print("-" * 80)
131
132     explanation = """
133     TIME COMPLEXITY ANALYSIS:
134
135     1. Naive Approach: O(n)
136     - Checks every number from 2 to n-1
137     - For n=1,000,000, performs ~1,000,000 operations
138     - Becomes prohibitively slow for large numbers
139
140     2. Optimized Approach: O(sqrt(n))
141     - Mathematical Insight: If n has a divisor > sqrt(n), it must also have one < sqrt(n)
142     - Only checks up to sqrt(n) (e.g., for n=1,000,000, checks ~1,000 numbers)
143     - Additional optimizations:
144       * Handles 2 as special case
145       * Eliminates all even numbers > 2
146       * Only checks odd divisors
147
148     PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENTS:
149     - For small numbers (n < 100): Minimal difference, both methods are fast
150     - For medium numbers (n < 10,000): Optimized is 10-100x faster
151     - For large numbers (n > 100,000): Optimized can be 100-1000x faster
152     - For very large numbers (n > 1,000,000): Naive becomes unusable, optimized remains practical
153
154     WHY THESE OPTIMIZATIONS WORK:
155     1. Divisor Pairs: Every composite number n = a * b where a <= b
156     - If a > sqrt(n), then b < sqrt(n), so checking up to sqrt(n) finds all factors
157     - Examples: 100 = 2*50, 4*25, 5*20, 10*10
158     - We only need to check up to sqrt(100) to find factors 2, 4, 5, 10
159     2. Even Number Elimination: All even numbers > 2 are composite
160     - Saves checking 50% of potential divisors
161     - Only 2 is even and prime
162     3. Early Termination: Returns False immediately when first divisor found
163     - Average case performance even better than worst case O(sqrt(n))
164
165     These optimizations make prime checking practical for cryptographic applications
166     and mathematical computations involving large numbers.
167     """
168     print(explanation)

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Task Description #2 (Transparency in Recursive Algorithms)

Objective: Use AI to generate a recursive function to calculate Fibonacci numbers.

Instructions:

1. Ask AI to add clear comments explaining recursion.
2. Ask AI to explain base cases and recursive calls.

```

1 def fibonacci(n):
2     # Base case 1: If n is 0, return 0
3     if n == 0:
4         return 0
5     # Base case 2: If n is 1, return 1
6     if n == 1:
7         return 1
8     # Recursive case: For n > 1, return the sum of the two preceding Fibonacci numbers
9     # This is the recursive call: fibonacci(n-1) + fibonacci(n-2)
10    return fibonacci(n - 1) + fibonacci(n - 2)
11
12 # Example usage
13 if __name__ == "__main__":
14     # Test the function with some values
15     print("Fibonacci(0):", fibonacci(0)) # Should print 0
16     print("Fibonacci(1):", fibonacci(1)) # Should print 1
17     print("Fibonacci(5):", fibonacci(5)) # Should print 5 (0,1,1,2,3,5)
18     print("Fibonacci(10):", fibonacci(10)) # Should print 55
19     explanation=""
20     Clear Explanation of How Recursion Works:
21
22     Recursion is a technique where a function calls itself to solve a problem by breaking it into smaller sub-problems.
23     In the Fibonacci sequence:
24     - Each number is the sum of the previous two numbers
25     - This relationship is naturally suited for recursion
26     Base Cases:
27     - fibonacci(0) returns 0
28     - fibonacci(1) returns 1
29     These base cases are essential because they terminate the recursive calls.
30     Recursive Case:
31     For n > 1, the function returns:
32     - fibonacci(n-1) + fibonacci(n-2)
33     Each recursive call reduces the value of n, moving closer to the base cases.
34     Eventually, all calls reach a base case
35     """
36     print(explanation)

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Fibonacci(0): 0
Fibonacci(1): 1
Fibonacci(5): 5
Fibonacci(10): 55

Clear Explanation of How Recursion Works:

Recursion is a technique where a function calls itself to solve a problem by breaking it into smaller sub-problems.
In the Fibonacci sequence:
- Each number is the sum of the previous two numbers
- This relationship is naturally suited for recursion
Base Cases:
- fibonacci(0) returns 0
- fibonacci(1) returns 1
These base cases are essential because they terminate the recursive calls.
Recursive Case:
For n > 1, the function returns:
- fibonacci(n-1) + fibonacci(n-2)
Each recursive call reduces the value of n, moving closer to the base cases.
Eventually, all calls reach a base case

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Task Description #3 (Transparency in Error Handling)

Task: Use AI to generate a Python program that reads a file and processes data.

Prompt:

“Generate code with proper error handling and clear explanations for each exception.”

```

1 # File Processing Program with Error Handling
2 def process_file(filename):
3     """
4     Reads a file and processes its data.
5     Demonstrates transparent and meaningful error handling.
6     """
7     try:
8         # Attempt to open and read the file
9         with open(filename, 'r') as file:
10             data = file.read()
11             # Error scenario: file exists but is empty
12             if data.strip() == "":
13                 raise ValueError("File is empty and contains no data.")
14             # Example data processing: count number of words
15             word_count = len(data.split())
16             return f"File processed successfully. Word count: {word_count}"
17     except FileNotFoundError:
18         # Occurs when the file does not exist
19         raise FileNotFoundError(f"The file '{filename}' was not found.")
20     except PermissionError:
21         # Occurs when file exists but permission is denied
22         raise PermissionError(f"Permission denied while accessing '{filename}'.")
23     except ValueError:
24         # Raised intentionally for empty file
25         raise
26     except Exception as e:
27         # Catches any unexpected runtime errors
28         raise Exception(f"Unexpected error occurred: {e}")
29
30 # Testing and Runtime Validation
31 def test_file_processor():
32     print("=== Testing File Processor Error Handling ===\n")
33     # Test 1: Valid file
34     print("Test 1: Valid file (sample.txt)")
35     # Test 2: File not found (nonexistent.txt)
36     print("Test 2: File not found (nonexistent.txt)")
37     # Test 3: Empty file (empty.txt)
38     print("Test 3: Empty file (empty.txt)")

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=== Testing File Processor Error Handling ===

Test 1: Valid file (sample.txt)
✓ Success: File processed successfully. Word count: 10

Test 2: File not found (nonexistent.txt)
✓ Caught FileNotFoundError: The file 'nonexistent.txt' was not found.

Test 3: Empty file (empty.txt)
✓ Caught ValueError: File is empty and contains no data.

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32 def test_file_processor():
33     result = process_file('sample.txt')
34     print(f"✓ Success: {result}")
35 except Exception as e:
36     print(f"✗ Unexpected error: {e}")
37 print()
38 # Test 2: File not found
39 print("Test 2: File not found (nonexistent.txt)")
40 try:
41     result = process_file('nonexistent.txt')
42     print(f"✗ Should have failed: {result}")
43 except FileNotFoundError as e:
44     print(f"✓ Caught FileNotFoundError: {e}")
45 except Exception as e:
46     print(f"✗ Unexpected error: {e}")
47 print()
48 # Test 3: Empty file
49 print("Test 3: Empty file (empty.txt)")
50 with open('empty.txt', 'w') as f:
51     f.write("") # Create empty file
52 try:
53     result = process_file('empty.txt')
54     print(f"✗ Should have failed: {result}")
55 except ValueError as e:
56     print(f"✓ Caught ValueError: {e}")
57 except Exception as e:
58     print(f"✗ Unexpected error: {e}")
59 print()
60 # Program Entry Point
61 # Create a sample file for testing valid input
62 with open('sample.txt', 'w') as f:
63     f.write("This is a sample file used for testing error handling.")
64 # Run all tests
65 test_file_processor()

```

Task Description #4 (Security in User Authentication)

Task: Use an AI tool to generate a Python-based login system.

Analyze: Check whether the AI uses secure password handling practices.

```
Security in User Authentication.py
1 import hashlib
2 import re
3
4 # Secure user database with hashed passwords
5 users = {
6     "admin": hashlib.sha256("Admin@123".encode()).hexdigest(),
7     "user": hashlib.sha256("User@123".encode()).hexdigest()
8 }
9
10 def validate_input(username, password):
11     """
12     Validates username and password format
13     """
14     if not username or not password:
15         return False, "Username and password cannot be empty"
16     if len(password) < 8:
17         return False, "Password must be at least 8 characters long"
18     # Password complexity check
19     if not re.search("[a-z]", password) or not re.search("[0-9]", password):
20         return False, "Password must contain at least one uppercase letter and one number"
21     return True, ""
22
23 def login(username, password):
24     """
25     Secure login function using hashed passwords
26     """
27     # Input validation
28     valid, message = validate_input(username, password)
29     if not valid:
30         return message
31     # Hash the entered password
32     hashed_password = hashlib.sha256(password.encode()).hexdigest()
33     # Compare hashed passwords
34     if username in users and users[username] == hashed_password:
35         return "Login successful"
36     else:
37         return "Invalid username or password"
38
39 username = input("Enter username: ")
40 password = input("Enter password: ")
41 print(login(username, password))
42
43 explanation = """
44 Short Note: Best Practices for Secure Authentication
45 - Always hash passwords, never store them in plain text
46 - Use strong hashing algorithms like bcrypt, Argon2, or PBKDF2
47 - Enforce minimum password length and complexity
48 - Validate all user inputs to prevent attacks
49 - Limit login attempts to prevent brute-force attacks
50 - Use HTTPS for transmitting credentials"""
51 print(explanation)
```

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Enter username: admin
Enter password: Admin@123
Login successful

Short Note: Best Practices for Secure Authentication

- Always hash passwords, never store them in plain text
- Use strong hashing algorithms like bcrypt, Argon2, or PBKDF2
- Enforce minimum password length and complexity
- Validate all user inputs to prevent attacks
- Limit login attempts to prevent brute-force attacks
- Use HTTPS for transmitting credentials

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Task Description #5 (Privacy in Data Logging)

Task: Use an AI tool to generate a Python script that logs user activity (username, IP address, timestamp).

Analyze: Examine whether sensitive data is logged unnecessarily or insecurely.

```
Privacy in Data Logging.py > ...
1 import datetime
2 import hashlib
3
4 def mask_ip(ip_address):
5     """
6     Masks the last octet of an IPv4 address
7     Example: 192.168.1.24 → 192.168.1.**
8     """
9     parts = ip_address.split(".")
10    parts[-1] = "**"
11    return ".".join(parts)
12
13 def anonymize_username(username):
14     """
15     Hashes the username so it cannot be reversed
16     """
17    return hashlib.sha256(username.encode()).hexdigest()[:10]
18
19 def log_user_activity(username, ip_address):
20     """
21     Logs user activity using anonymized and minimal data
22     """
23    timestamp = datetime.datetime.now().strftime("%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S")
24    masked_ip = mask_ip(ip_address)
25    anon_user = anonymize_username(username)
26    log_entry = f"{timestamp} | UserID: {anon_user} | IP: {masked_ip}\n"
27    with open("activity.log", "a") as log_file:
28        log_file.write(log_entry)
29
30 # Example usage
31 log_user_activity("sathwik", "192.168.1.24")
32
33 explanation = """
34
35 Identified Privacy Risks
36 - Plain-text usernames: Directly identifies a specific user (PII).
37 - Full IP address logging: IP addresses can reveal location and user identity.
38 - No data minimization: Logs more data than required for monitoring.
39 - No anonymization or masking: Data can be misused if log files are leaked.
40 - Unlimited retention: No control over how long sensitive data is stored.
41
42 Privacy-Aware Logging Principles (Short Note)
43 - Data minimization: Log only what is necessary.
44 - Anonymization: Remove or hash personal identifiers.
45 - Masking: Obscure sensitive parts of data (IP, IDs).
46 - Least privilege: Restrict access to log files.
47 - Retention control: Avoid storing logs longer than needed.
48 - Compliance awareness: Align with privacy laws (GDPR, DDPD).
49
50 """
```

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PS C:\Users\hp\OneDrive\Desktop\AI ASSISTANT CODING> & C:/Users/hp/AppData/Local/Programs/Python/Python313/python.exe "c:/Users/hp/OneDrive/Desktop/AI ASSISTANT CODING/Privacy in Data Logging.py"
Enter username: sathwik
Enter IP address: 192.168.1.24
User activity logged securely.

PS C:\Users\hp\OneDrive\Desktop\AI ASSISTANT CODING>
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