

AI ASSISTED CODING

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LAB-2:

Scenario:

write a python program to calculate sum of odd and even numbers in a list

The screenshot shows a code editor interface with the following details:

- File Explorer:** Shows several files: factorial_no_function.py, factorial_function.py, factorial_iterative_Recursive.py, HPC1.py, and evenodd.py (the current file). A note says "You are improving legacy code that calcu".
- Code Editor:** The evenodd.py file contains the following Python code:

```
1 # write a python program to calculate sum of odd and even numbers in a list
2
3 numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10] # Sample list of numbers
4 even_sum = 0 # Initialize sum of even numbers
5 odd_sum = 0 # Initialize sum of odd numbers
6
7 for num in numbers:
8     if num % 2 == 0:
9         even_sum += num # Add to even sum if number is even
10    else:
11        odd_sum += num # Add to odd sum if number is odd
12
13 print("Sum of even numbers:", even_sum)
14 print("Sum of odd numbers:", odd_sum)
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17 # Optimized and more readable version
18
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```
- Terminal:** The terminal shows the command PS C:\Users\UMUTHOUJU PRAVALIKA> & "C:/Users/UMUTHOUJU PRAVALIKA/AppData/Local/Programs/Python/Python311/python.exe" "c:/Users/UMUTHOUJU PRAVALIKA/Downloads/evenodd.py" followed by the output:

```
PS C:\Users\UMUTHOUJU PRAVALIKA> Sum of even numbers: 30
Sum of odd numbers: 25
PS C:\Users\UMUTHOUJU PRAVALIKA>
```

```
# refactor the above code using python best practices
```

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Visual Studio Code interface with the following details:

- File Explorer:** Shows several Python files in the current workspace, including `factorial_no_function.py`, `Extension: GitHub Copilot Chat`, `factorial_function.py`, `factorial_iterative_Recursive.py`, `HPC1.ipynb`, and `evenodd.py`.
- Search Bar:** Contains the text "You are improving legacy code that calcu".
- Code Editor:** Displays Python code for calculating the sum of odd and even numbers. The code uses two separate loops to iterate through a list of numbers (1-10) and add odd/even numbers to their respective sums.
- Terminal:** Shows the command line output for the `evenodd.py` script, which prints the sum of even numbers as 30 and the sum of odd numbers as 25.

Task 2: Area Calculation Explanation

Scenario

You are onboarding a junior developer and need to explain how a function calculates the area of different shapes.

❖ Task:

Prompt Used in Google Gemini (Colab)

“Explain a Python function that calculates the area of different shapes like circle, rectangle, and triangle.”

❖ Expected Output:

➤ Code

```

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  Commands + Code + Text Run all
  Import math
  def calculate_area(shape, **kwargs):
    """
    Calculates the area of different geometric shapes.

    Args:
      shape (str): The type of the shape ('circle', 'rectangle', 'triangle').
      **kwargs: Keyword arguments for the shape's dimensions:
        - For 'circle': 'radius'
        - For 'rectangle': 'length', 'width'
        - For 'triangle': 'base', 'height'
    """
    if shape == 'circle':
      radius = kwargs.get('radius')
      if (variable) length: May | None
      return math.pi * (radius ** 2)
    elif shape == 'rectangle':
      length = kwargs.get('length')
      width = kwargs.get('width')
      if length is None or width is None:
        return "Error: Length and width are required for a rectangle."
      return length * width
    elif shape == 'triangle':
      base = kwargs.get('base')
      height = kwargs.get('height')
      if base is None or height is None:
        return "Error: Base and height are required for a triangle."
      return 0.5 * base * height
    else:
      return "Error: Unknown shape. Supported shapes are 'circle', 'rectangle', 'triangle'."

  # Example Usage
  print("Area of circle with radius 5: ", calculate_area("circle", radius=5))
  print("Area of rectangle with length 4 and width 6: ", calculate_area("rectangle", length=4, width=6))
  print("Area of triangle with base 7 and height 3: ", calculate_area("triangle", base=7, height=3))
  print("Area of unknown shape: ", calculate_area("square", side=5))
  print("Area of circle missing radius: ", calculate_area("circle"))

  Area of circle with radius 5: 78.53981633974483
  Area of rectangle with length 4 and width 6: 24
  Area of triangle with base 7 and height 3: 10.5
  Area of unknown shape: Error: Unknown shape. Supported shapes are 'circle', 'rectangle', 'triangle'.
  Area of circle missing radius: Error: Radius is required for a circle.

```

Function Definition:

```

def calculate_area(shape, **kwargs):

```

- **shape** (string): This is the first argument, specifying the type of shape for which the area needs to be calculated. Currently, it supports 'circle', 'rectangle', and 'triangle'.
- ****kwargs**: This allows the function to accept an arbitrary number of keyword arguments (like `radius=5, length=4, width=6`). These arguments are used to pass the specific dimensions required for each shape.

How it works:

The function uses conditional statements (`if-elif-else`) to determine which shape's area formula to apply:

- 1. Circle:**
 - If `shape` is 'circle', it retrieves the `radius` from `kwargs`.
 - It includes a check to ensure `radius` is provided. If not, it returns an error message.
 - The area is calculated using the formula: $\pi \times \text{radius}^2$ (where π is accessed via `math.pi`).
- 2. Rectangle:**
 - If `shape` is 'rectangle', it retrieves `length` and `width` from `kwargs`.
 - It checks if both `length` and `width` are provided.
 - The area is calculated as: `length * width`.
- 3. Triangle:**
 - If `shape` is 'triangle', it retrieves `base` and `height` from `kwargs`.
 - It checks if both `base` and `height` are provided.
 - The area is calculated as: `0.5 * base * height`.
- 4. Unknown Shape:**
 - If the provided `shape` does not match any of the supported types, the function returns an error message indicating that the shape is unknown and lists the supported shapes.

Return Value:

The function returns a `float` representing the calculated area if successful, or a `str` containing an error message if the shape is unsupported or required dimensions are missing.

Explanation

- The function `calculate_area()` is used to calculate the area of various shapes.
- The parameter `shape` specifies the type of shape (circle, rectangle, or triangle).
- `value1` and `value2` represent the required dimensions of the shape.
- For a **circle**, the area is calculated using the formula $\pi \times \text{radius}^2$.
- For a **rectangle**, the area is calculated as $\text{length} \times \text{breadth}$.
- For a **triangle**, the area is calculated as $\frac{1}{2} \times \text{base} \times \text{height}$.
- If an unknown shape is passed, the function returns "Invalid shape".

Task 3: Prompt Sensitivity Experiment

Scenario

You are testing how Cursor AI responds to different prompts for the same problem and observing how the generated code changes.

Problem Selected

Calculate the factorial of a number.

Prompt List and Code Variations (Using Cursor AI)

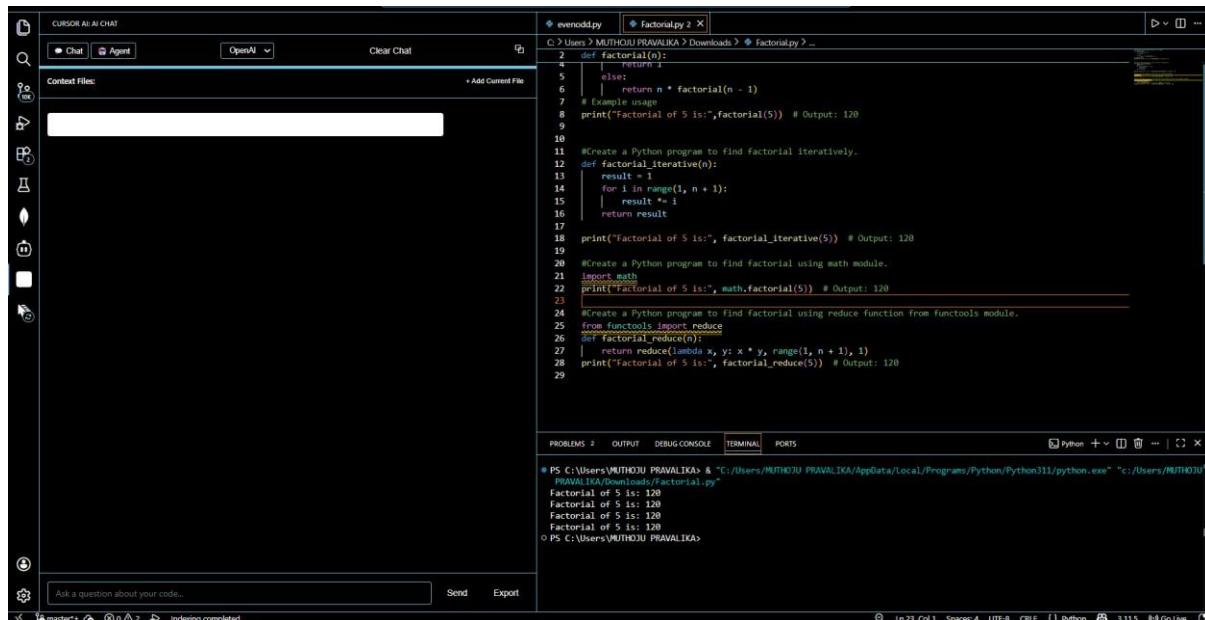
Prompt 1

Prompts:

*#Write a Python program to calculate factorial of a number." #Create
a Python program to find factorial iteratively.*

#Create a Python program to find factorial using math module.

#Create a Python program to find factorial using reduce function from functools module.



Task 4: Tool Comparison Reflection

❖ Scenario:

You must recommend an AI coding tool.

❖ Task:

Based on your work in this topic, compare Gemini, Copilot, and Cursor AI for usability and code quality.

❖ Expected Output:

Short written reflection

Tool Comparison Reflection

During this experiment with AI-assisted coding, I explored three major AI coding tools: **Gemini**, **GitHub Copilot**, and **Cursor AI**. Each tool has strengths and limitations in terms of **usability** and **code quality**.

1. Gemini

- **Usability:** Gemini provides a clear interface for generating code and explanations. It's beginner-friendly, and the AI can respond to natural language prompts directly.
- **Code Quality:** Gemini often generates readable code with proper comments and stepwise logic. However, sometimes it includes extra steps that may not be necessary, slightly reducing efficiency.
- **Best Use Case:** Learning and understanding code logic, especially for beginners.

2. GitHub Copilot

- **Usability:** Copilot integrates seamlessly into VS Code. Code suggestions appear inline, making coding faster. Accepting or cycling through suggestions is intuitive.
- **Code Quality:** Copilot usually produces functional code that follows common programming practices. It is strong for generating boilerplate code and common algorithms. However, complex or niche problems may require manual adjustments.
- **Best Use Case:** Professional coding and rapid prototyping in known programming languages.

3. Cursor AI

- **Usability:** Cursor AI allows prompt-based code generation and editing directly in VS Code. It supports various ways to give instructions, like comments or selected code blocks, making it flexible.
- **Code Quality:** Cursor AI generates concise and efficient code, often with multiple variations based on prompts. It is particularly useful for experimenting with different coding approaches and learning alternative methods.
- **Best Use Case:** Testing code variations, experimenting with different programming approaches, and learning multiple solutions for the same problem.

Recommendation:

Based on this experience, **Cursor AI** is the most versatile tool for experimentation and learning because it provides multiple code variations and responds well to diverse prompts. **GitHub Copilot** is

best for rapid coding and industry-level projects, while **Gemini** excels in educational scenarios and step-by-step code explanation.