

AI assisted coding

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ASSIGNMENT 2

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

and Cursor AI

Task 1: Cleaning Sensor Data

❖ Scenario:

❖ You are cleaning IoT sensor data where negative values are invalid.

❖ Task:

Use Gemini in Colab to generate a function that filters out all negative numbers from a list.

```
▶ def filter_non_negative(data_list):
    """
    Filters out negative numbers from a list.

    Args:
        data_list: A list of numbers.

    Returns:
        A new list containing only non-negative numbers from the input list.
    """
    return [item for item in data_list if item >= 0]

# Example usage:
sensor_readings = [10, -5, 0, 25, -12, 30, -1]
cleaned_data = filter_non_negative(sensor_readings)

print(f"Original sensor readings: {sensor_readings}")
print(f"Cleaned data (non-negative): {cleaned_data}")

... Original sensor readings: [10, -5, 0, 25, -12, 30, -1]
Cleaned data (non-negative): [10, 0, 25, 30]
```

Task 2: String Character Analysis

❖ Scenario:

You are building a text-analysis feature.

❖ Task:

Use Gemini to generate a Python function that counts vowels, consonants, and digits in a string.

```
▶ def analyze_string_characters(input_string):
    """
    Counts the number of vowels, consonants, and digits in a string.

    Args:
        input_string: The string to analyze.

    Returns:
        A tuple containing the counts of (vowels, consonants, digits).
    """

    vowels = "aeiouAEIOU"
    vowel_count = 0
    consonant_count = 0
    digit_count = 0

    for char in input_string:
        if char.isalpha(): # Check if the character is an alphabet
            if char in vowels:
                vowel_count += 1
            else:
                consonant_count += 1
        elif char.isdigit(): # Check if the character is a digit
            digit_count += 1

    return vowel_count, consonant_count, digit_count

# Sample inputs and outputs:
string1 = "Hello World 123"
v, c, d = analyze_string_characters(string1)
print(f"String: {string1}")
print(f"Vowels: {v}, Consonants: {c}, Digits: {d}\n")

string2 = "Python is fun! 4ever"
v, c, d = analyze_string_characters(string2)
print(f"String: {string2}")
print(f"Vowels: {v}, Consonants: {c}, Digits: {d}\n")

string3 = "aeiou AEIOU 0123456789"
v, c, d = analyze_string_characters(string3)
print(f"String: {string3}")
print(f"Vowels: {v}, Consonants: {c}, Digits: {d}\n")

*** String: 'Hello World 123'
Vowels: 3, Consonants: 7, Digits: 3

String: 'Python is fun! 4ever'
Vowels: 5, Consonants: 10, Digits: 1

String: 'aeiou AEIOU 0123456789'
Vowels: 10, Consonants: 0, Digits: 10
```

Task 3

❖ Scenario:

You must decide which AI tool is clearer for string logic.

❖ Task:

Generate a palindrome-checking function using Gemini and Copilot, then compare the results.

GEMINI

```
def is_palindrome(s):
    """
    Checks if a string is a palindrome.

    A palindrome reads the same forwards and backwards, ignoring spaces,
    punctuation, and case differences.

    Args:
        s (str): Input string to check

    Returns:
        bool: True if palindrome, False otherwise
    """
    # Clean the string: lowercase, remove non-alphabetic characters
    cleaned = ''.join(char.lower() for char in s if char.isalpha())

    # Compare with its reverse
    return cleaned == cleaned[::-1]

# Example usage and test cases
test_cases = [
    "A man a plan a canal Panama", # True
    "race a car", # False
    "Was it a car or a cat I saw?", # True
    "hello", # False
    "Madam I'm Adam", # True
    "", # True (empty string)
    "a" # True (single character)
]

for test in test_cases:
    result = is_palindrome(test)
    print(f'{test} -> {result}')
```

COPilot

```
def is_palindrome(s):
    # Normalize the string by converting to lowercase and removing spaces
    s = s.lower().replace(" ", "")
    # Check if the string is equal to its reverse
    return s == s[::-1]

# Example usage:
print(is_palindrome("Racecar"))  # Output: True
print(is_palindrome("Hello"))    # Output: False
```

OBSERVATIONS

3 Key Differences:

- **Character filtering:** First code removes *only* spaces, second removes *all nonalphabetic characters*
- **Code style:** First is minimal (no docstring, modifies input), second is production-ready (docstring, doesn't modify input, list comprehension)
- **Test coverage:** First tests 2 simple cases, second tests 7 diverse cases including punctuation, empty string, and edge cases

Task 4: Code Explanation Using AI

❖ Scenario:

You are reviewing unfamiliar code written by another developer.

❖ Task:

Ask Gemini to explain a Python function (prime check OR palindrome check) line by line.

```

def is_prime(num):
    """
    Checks if a given number is a prime number.

    Args:
        num: An integer.

    Returns:
        True if the number is prime, False otherwise.
    """
    if num <= 1:
        return False
    for i in range(2, int(num**0.5) + 1):
        if num % i == 0:
            return False
    return True

# Sample usage:
print(f"Is 7 a prime number? {is_prime(7)}")
print(f"Is 10 a prime number? {is_prime(10)}")
print(f"Is 2 a prime number? {is_prime(2)}")
print(f"Is 1 a prime number? {is_prime(1)}")
print(f"Is 0 a prime number? {is_prime(0)}")

```

Explanation of `is_prime(num)` function:

```

def is_prime(num):
    # This line defines a function named 'is_prime' that takes one argument, 'num'.

    if num <= 1:
        # This is the first check. Prime numbers are defined as natural numbers greater than 1.
        # So, if 'num' is 1 or less (0, negative numbers), it's not prime.
        return False
        # If the condition `num <= 1` is true, the function immediately returns False.

    for i in range(2, int(num**0.5) + 1):
        # This line starts a loop to check for divisibility.
        # We only need to check for divisors up to the square root of 'num'.
        # If 'num' has a divisor greater than its square root, it must also have a divisor smaller than its square root.
        # `range(2, ...)` starts checking from 2 because 1 is not a relevant divisor for primality.
        # `int(num**0.5) + 1` ensures the loop includes the integer part of the square root.

        if num % i == 0:
            # Inside the loop, this line checks if 'num' is perfectly divisible by 'i' (the current number in the loop).
            # The modulo operator ('%') returns the remainder of the division.
            # If the remainder is 0, it means 'num' has a divisor other than 1 and itself, making it not prime.
            return False
            # If a divisor is found, the function immediately returns False.

    return True
    # If the loop completes without finding any divisors (meaning no `return False` was executed),
    # it means 'num' has no divisors other than 1 and itself, so it is a prime number.
    # The function then returns True.

```

MY COMMENTS ON THIS

I understand the prime function now. The square root check make sense because factors come in pairs, so only need to test up to \sqrt{n} . Loop starts from 2 skip 1 since 1 not count. Early return when find divisor save time. If no divisor after loop, it is prime.