

# AI ASSISTED CODING

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## Lab assignment-1.1

### Prompt 1: Factorial without Functions

Use GitHub Copilot to generate a Python program that calculates the factorial of a number without defining any functions (using loops directly in the main code)

Code(screenshot):

The screenshot shows a terminal window with the following content:

```
ass-1.1.py > ...
1 # Calculate the factorial of a number using a loop (no functions)
2
3 n = int(input("Enter a number: "))
4 factorial = 1
5
6 for i in range(1, n + 1):
7     factorial *= i
8
9 print(f"Factorial of {n} is {factorial}")

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PS C:\Users\nered\OneDrive\Desktop\wtml> & C:/Users/nered/AppData/Local/Programs/Python/Python313/python.exe c:/Users/nered/OneDrive/Desktop/wtm1/ass-1.1.py
Enter a number: 12
Factorial of 12 is 479001600
PS C:\Users\nered\OneDrive\Desktop\wtml>
```

The terminal shows the execution of the Python script `ass-1.1.py`. It prompts the user to enter a number (12), calculates the factorial (479001600), and prints the result.

## Code explanation:

This code calculates the factorial of a user-provided number using a loop:

- It prompts the user to enter a number and stores it in `n`.
- It initializes `factorial` to 1.
- It uses a for loop from 1 to `n`, multiplying `factorial` by each number in the range.
- After the loop, it prints the result, which is the factorial of the input number.

## Prompt 2: Improving Efficiency

- Description:

Examine the Copilot-generated code from Task 1 and

demonstrate how its efficiency can be improved (e.g., removing unnecessary variables, optimizing loops).

Code(screen shot):

The screenshot shows a code editor window with a dark theme. The file is named 'Untitled-3.py'. The code calculates the factorial of a number entered by the user. It includes a check for negative numbers and a loop to calculate the factorial. The terminal below shows the execution of the script and its output.

```
Untitled-3.py > ...
2 if num < 0:
3     print("Factorial does not exist for negative numbers.")
4 else:
5     factorial = 1
6     for i in range(2, num + 1):
7         factorial *= i
8     print(f"The factorial of {num} is {factorial}.")
```

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Enter a number: 2  
The factorial of 2 is 2.  
PS C:\Users\nered\OneDrive\Desktop\wtml>

Code explanation:

This code calculates the factorial of a number entered by the user:

- num = int(input("Enter a number: "))  
Prompts the user to enter a number and converts the input to an integer.
- if num < 0:  
Checks if the number is negative.

- `print("Factorial does not exist for negative numbers.")`  
If negative, prints a message since factorials are only defined for non-negative integers.
- else:  
If the number is zero or positive:
  - `factorial = 1`  
Initializes the factorial result to 1.
  - `for i in range(2, num + 1):`  
Loops from 2 up to and including `num`.
    - `factorial *= i`  
Multiplies `factorial` by each value of `i` in the loop.
  - `print(f"The factorial of {num} is {factorial}.")`  
Prints the final factorial value

### prompt 3: Factorial with Functions

Use GitHub Copilot to generate a Python program that calculates the factorial of a number using a user-defined function.

## Code(screen shot):

The screenshot shows a code editor with a Python script named `Untitled-3.py`. The code defines a factorial function and prints the result for a user input of 3. The terminal below shows the script being run and the output.

```
1 def factorial(num):
2     if num < 0:
3         return None
4     result = 1
5     for i in range(2, num + 1):
6         result *= i
7     return result
8
9 n = int(input("Enter a number: "))
10 fact = factorial(n)
11 if fact is None:
12     print("Factorial does not exist for negative numbers.")
13 else:
14     print(f"The factorial of {n} is {fact}.")
```

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PS C:\Users\nered\OneDrive\Desktop\wtml> & C:/Users/nered/AppData/Local/Programs/Python/Python313/python.exe c:/Users/nered/Desktop/wtml/untitled-3.py
Enter a number: 3
The factorial of 3 is 6.
PS C:\Users\nered\OneDrive\Desktop\wtml>
```

## Code explanation:

This program calculates the factorial of a number using a user-defined function:

- The `factorial(num)` function checks if the input is negative. If so, it returns None.
  - If the input is zero or positive, it initializes `result` to 1 and multiplies it by each integer from 2 up to `num`.
  - The main code gets a number from the user, calls the `factorial` function, and stores the result.
  - If the result is None, it prints a message for negative numbers. Otherwise, it prints the factorial value.

## Prompt 4: Comparative Analysis – With vs Without Functions

Differentiate between the Copilot-generated factorial program with functions and without functions in terms of logic, reusability, and execution

Code(screen shot):

The screenshot shows a code editor interface with multiple tabs. The active tab is 'Untitled-3.py' which contains the following Python code:

```
# Function to reverse a string
def reverse_string(s):
    return s[::-1]
# Recursive version of factorial
def factorial_recursive(n):
    if n == 0 or n == 1:
        return 1
    else:
        return n * factorial_recursive(n - 1)
# Iterative version of factorial
def factorial_iterative(n):
    result = 1
    for i in range(2, n + 1):
        result *= i
    return result
# Example usage
num = int(input("Enter a number to calculate its factorial: "))
print(f"Recursive: Factorial of {num} is {factorial_recursive(num)}")
print(f"Iterative: Factorial of {num} is {factorial_iterative(num)}")
```

Below the code editor is a terminal window showing the execution of the script:

```
PS C:\Users\nered\OneDrive\Desktop\wtml> & c:/Users/nered/AppData/Local/Programs/Python/Python313/python.exe c:/Users/nered/OneDrive/Desktop/wtml/Untitled-3.py
Enter a number to calculate its factorial: 5
Recursive: Factorial of 5 is 120
Iterative: Factorial of 5 is 120
PS C:\Users\nered\OneDrive\Desktop\wtml>
```

Code explanation:

- **reverse\_string(s):**

This function takes a string s and returns its reverse using slicing (s[::-1]).

- **factorial\_recursive(n):**

This function calculates the factorial of n recursively.

- If n is 0 or 1, it returns 1 (base case).
- Otherwise, it returns n \* factorial\_recursive(n - 1).

- **factorial\_iterative(n):**

This function calculates the factorial of n using a loop.

- It initializes result to 1.
- Then multiplies result by each number from 2 to n.

- **Example usage:**

- The user is prompted to enter a number.
- The program prints the factorial of that number using both the recursive and iterative functions.

## Prompt 5: Iterative vs Recursive Factorial

- Description:

Prompt GitHub Copilot to generate both iterative and recursive versions of the factorial function.

## ● Expected Output:

- o Two correct implementations.
  - o A documented comparison of logic, performance, and execution flow between iterative and recursive approaches.

## Code (screen shot):

The screenshot shows a Python code editor with the following code:

```
Untitled-3.py > ...
1 # Iterative version of factorial
2 def factorial_iterative(n):
3     """
4         Calculates factorial using a loop.
5         Returns 1 for n=0 or n=1.
6     """
7     result = 1
8     for i in range(2, n + 1):
9         result *= i
10    return result
11
12 # Recursive version of factorial
13 def factorial_recursive(n):
14     """
15         Calculates factorial using recursion.
16         Returns 1 for n=0 or n=1 (base case).
17     """
18     if n == 0 or n == 1:
19         return 1
20     else:
21         return n * factorial_recursive(n - 1)
22
23 # Example usage
24 num = int(input("Enter a number: "))
25 print(f"Iterative: Factorial of {num} is {factorial_iterative(num)}")
26 print(f"Recursive: Factorial of {num} is {factorial_recursive(num)}")
27
28 # Comparison:
29 # - Logic: Iterative uses a loop to multiply numbers; recursive calls itself, reducing n each time.
30 # - Performance: Iterative is generally faster and uses less memory, as recursion adds call stack overhead.
31 # - Execution flow: Iterative runs in a single loop; recursive breaks the problem into smaller subproblems until the base case is reached.
```

Below the code editor, the terminal window shows the execution of the script:

```
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```

```
PS C:\Users\nered\OneDrive\Desktop\wtml> & C:/Users/nered/AppData/Local/Programs/Python/Python313/python.exe c:/Users/nered/OneDrive/Desktop/wtml/Untitled-3.py
Enter a number: 4
Iterative: Factorial of 4 is 24
Recursive: Factorial of 4 is 24
PS C:\Users\nered\OneDrive\Desktop\wtml>
```

**Code explanation:**

The code provides two ways to calculate the factorial of a number:

### **1. Iterative Version ([factorial\\_iterative](#))**

- Uses a loop to multiply numbers from 2 up to n.
- Returns 1 for n = 0 or n = 1.
- Efficient in terms of speed and memory.

### **2. Recursive Version ([factorial\\_recursive](#))**

- Calls itself with n - 1 until it reaches the base case (n = 0 or n = 1).
- Returns 1 for the base case.
- Less efficient for large n due to call stack overhead.

**Example usage:**

- Prompts the user for a number.
- Prints the factorial using both methods.

**Comparison:**

- *Logic:* Iterative uses a loop; recursive breaks the problem into smaller subproblems.

- *Performance*: Iterative is faster and uses less memory.
- *Execution flow*: Iterative runs in a single loop; recursive uses multiple function calls until the base case.