AIAC – 1.2

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Task 0

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Expected Output

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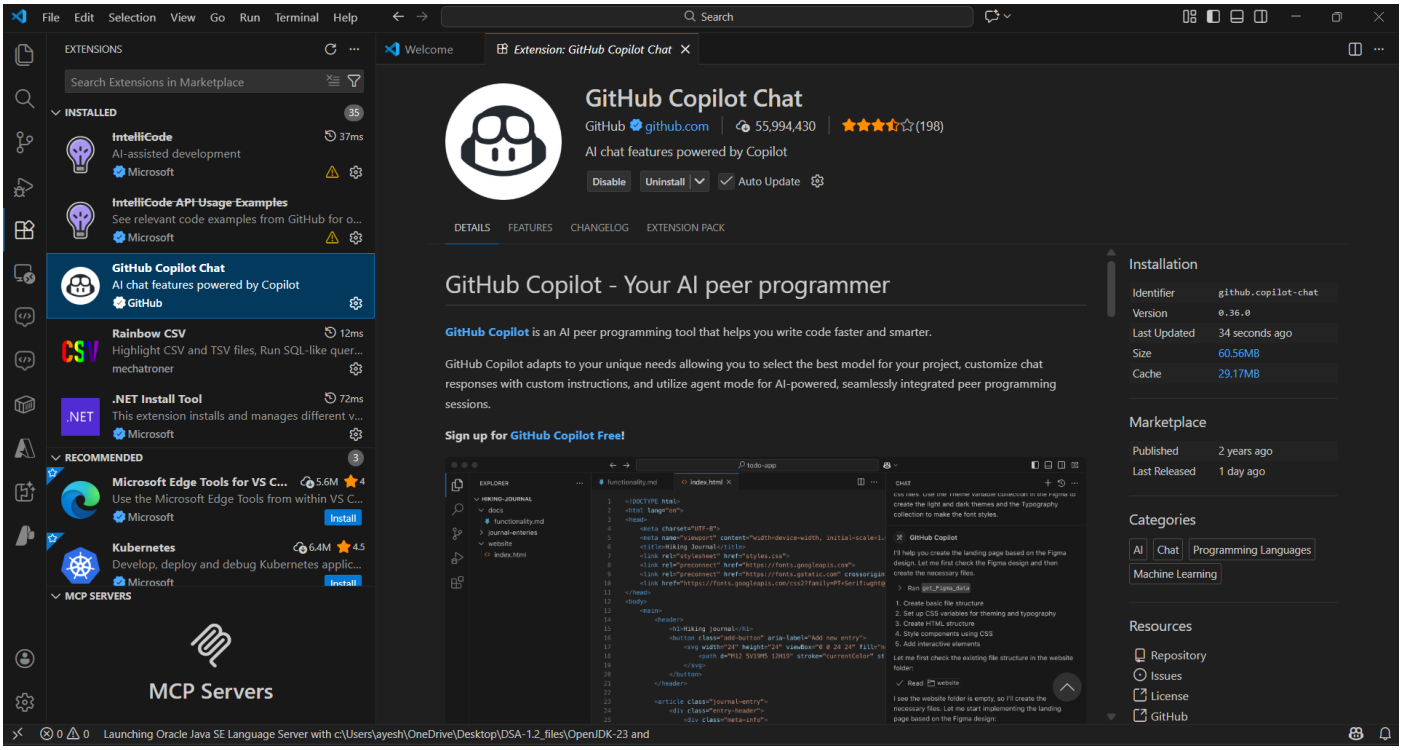
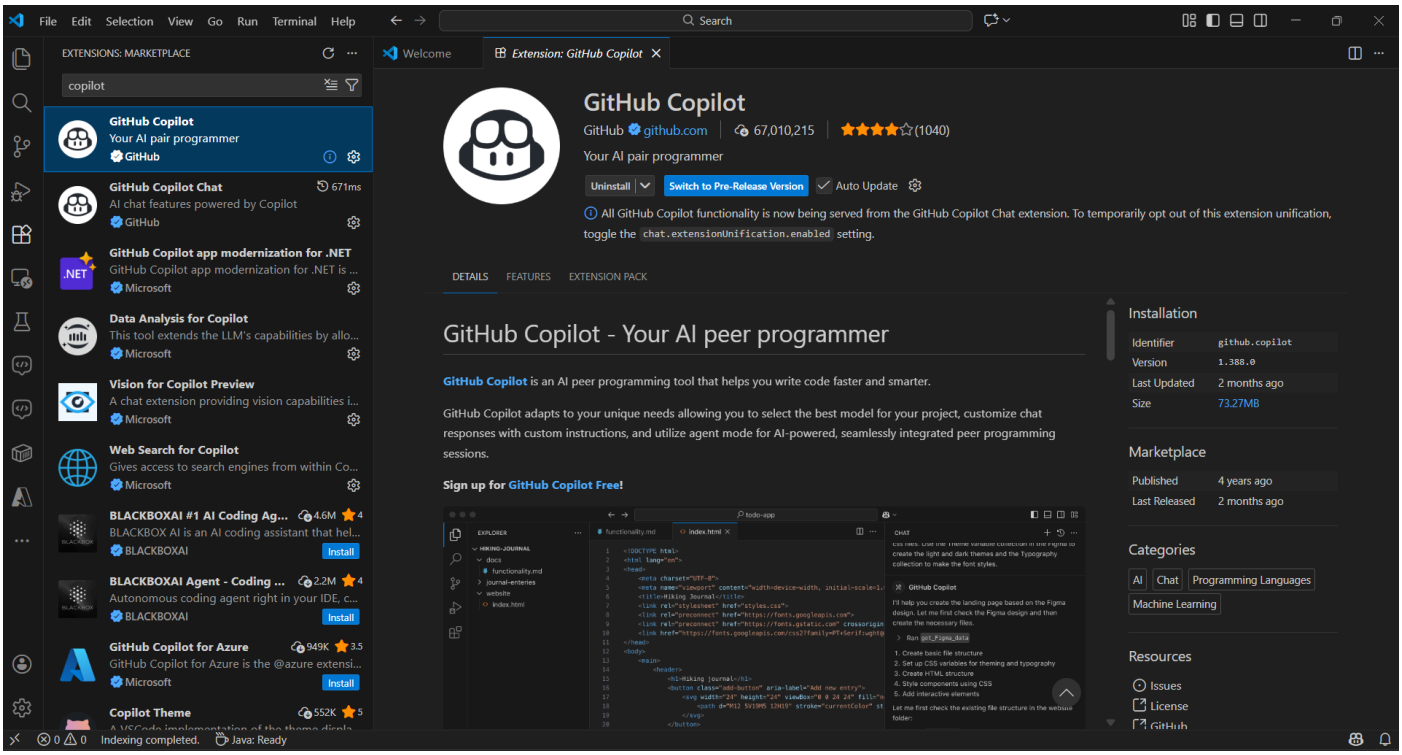




Task 1: AI-Generated Logic Without Modularization (Factorial without Functions)

• Scenario

You are building a small command-line utility for a startup intern onboarding task. The program is simple and must be written quickly without modular design.

• Task Description

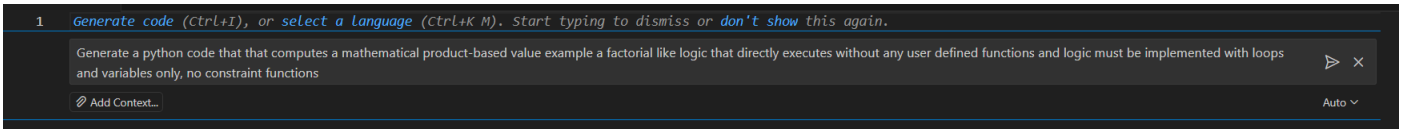
Use GitHub Copilot to generate a Python program that computes a mathematical product-based value (factorial-like logic) directly in the main execution flow, without using any user-defined functions.

• Constraint:

➢ Do not define any custom function

➢ Logic must be implemented using loops and variables only

Prompt:



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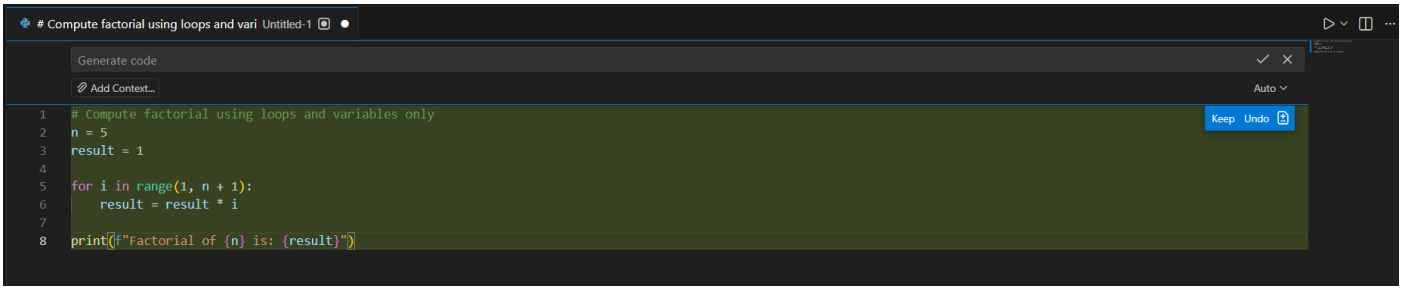

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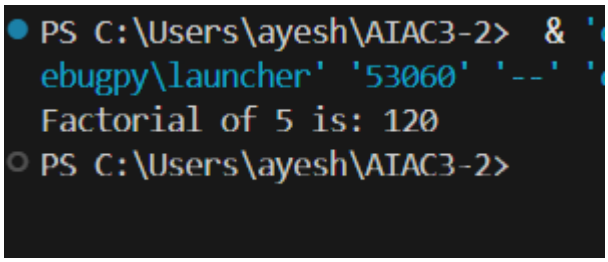


Justification:

GitHub Copilot was helpful in generating the factorial logic quickly using only loops and variables, without requiring any custom functions. It initialized proper variables and made learning easier without worrying about syntax errors and focus on understanding the logic.

Task 2: AI Code Optimization & Cleanup (Improving Efficiency)

❖ Scenario

Your team lead asks you to review AI-generated code before committing it to a shared repository.

❖ Task Description

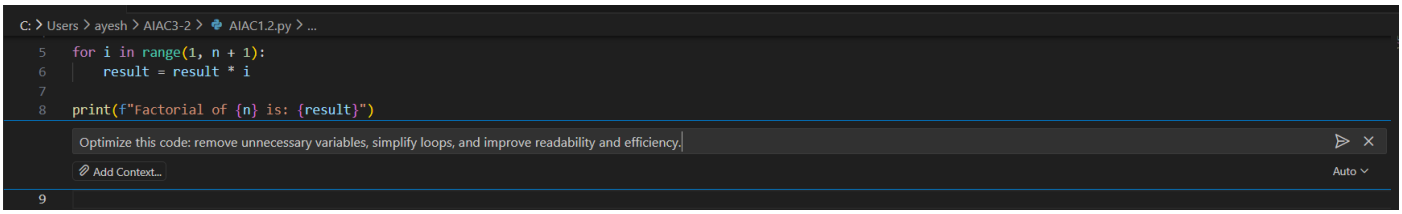
Analyze the code generated in Task 1 and use Copilot again to:

➢ Reduce unnecessary variables

➢ Improve loop clarity

➢ Enhance readability and efficiency

Prompt:



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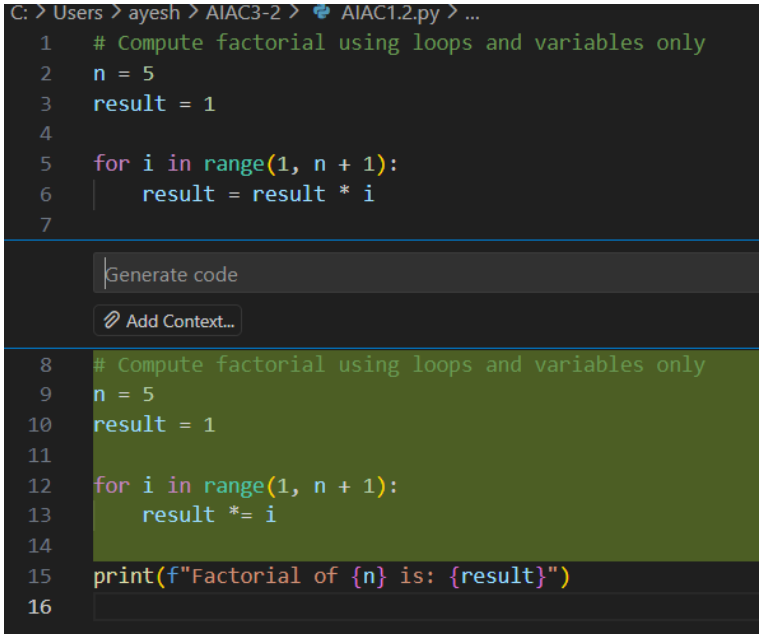

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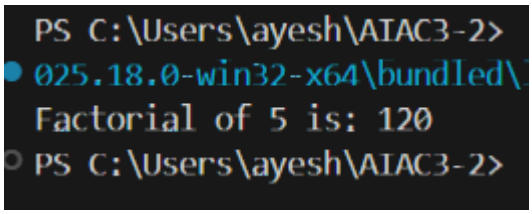


Justification:

The optimized code improves readability by using a cleaner multiplication operator while keeping the same logic. The optimized version follows better Python coding practices without changing the output. Overall, the code becomes more concise and readable while maintaining the same performance.

Task 3: Modular Design Using AI Assistance (Factorial with Functions)

❖ Scenario

The same logic now needs to be reused in multiple scripts.

❖ Task Description

Use GitHub Copilot to generate a modular version of the program by:

➢ Creating a user-defined function

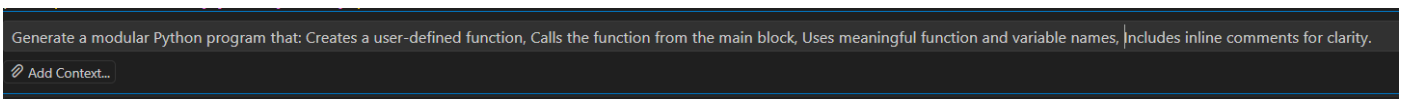
➢ Calling the function from the main block

❖ Constraints

➢ Use meaningful function and variable names

➢ Include inline comments (preferably suggested by Copilot)

Prompt:



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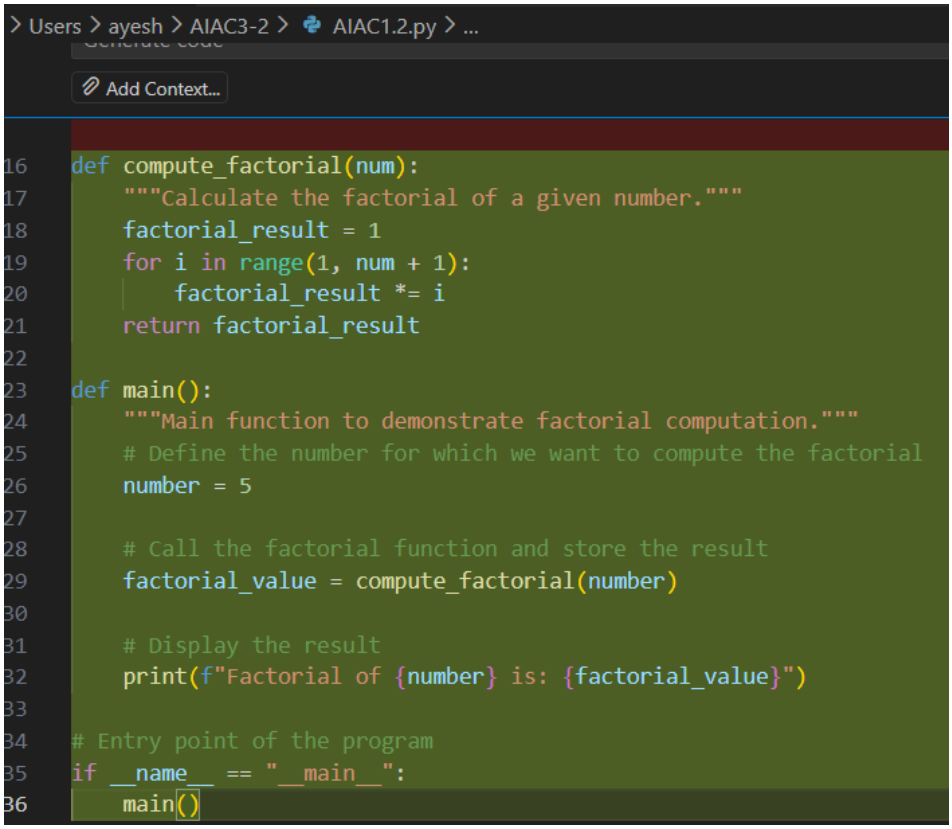


Output:

```
Factorial of 5 is: 120
Factorial of 7 is: 5040
PS C:\Users\ayesh\AIAC3-2>
```

Justification:

The program was modularized by creating a separate compute_factorial() function, allowing the same logic to be reused easily. The main() block clearly separates execution flow from logic, improving code structure. Meaningful function and variable names make the program easy to understand. Inline comments improve readability and help explain each step of the computation.

Task 4: Comparative Analysis – Procedural vs Modular AI Code (With vs Without Functions)

❖ Scenario: As part of a code review meeting, you are asked to justify design choices.

❖ Task Description: Compare the non-function and function-based Copilot-generated programs on the following criteria:

➢ Logic clarity

➢ Reusability

➢ Debugging ease

➢ Suitability for large projects

➢ AI dependency risk

Criteria	Procedural Code (Without Functions)	Modular Code (With Functions)
Logic Clarity	Logic is written in one block, so it is easy to understand for small programs.	Logic is clearly separated into functions, making the flow more organized.
Reusability	Code cannot be reused easily and must be rewritten each time.	Functions can be reused in multiple programs without rewriting code.
Debugging Ease	Debugging becomes difficult as the program grows larger.	Easier to debug because errors can be traced inside specific functions.
Suitability for Large Projects	Not suitable for large projects due to lack of structure.	Suitable for large projects because code is modular and well-structured.
AI Dependency Risk	More dependent on AI for rewriting code again and again.	Less dependent on AI since reusable functions reduce repeated generation.

Task 5: AI-Generated Iterative vs Recursive Thinking

❖ Scenario

Your mentor wants to test how well AI understands different computational paradigms.

❖ Task Description

Prompt Copilot to generate:

An iterative version of the logic

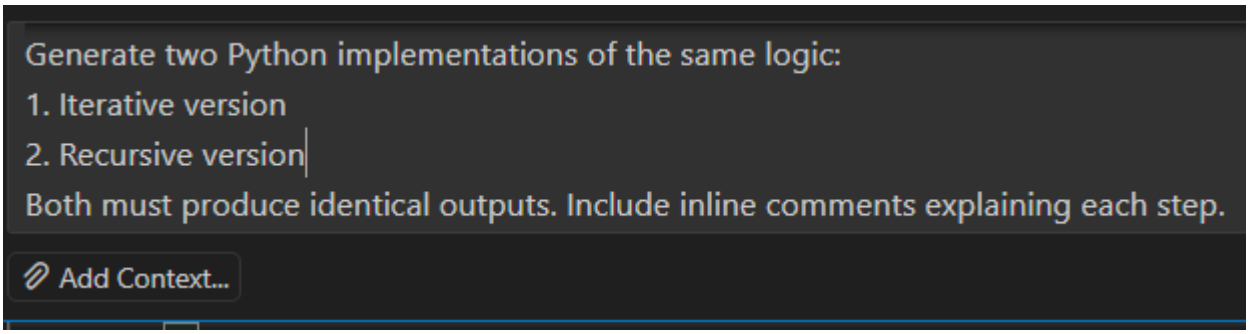
A recursive version of the same logic

❖ Constraints

Both implementations must produce identical outputs

Students must not manually write the code first

Prompt:



Generated Code:

```python
# Iterative version of factorial
def factorial_iterative(num):
    """Calculate factorial using iteration."""
    # Initialize result to 1 (multiplicative identity)
    result = 1
    # Loop from 1 to num (inclusive)
    for i in range(1, num + 1):
        # Multiply result by each number
        result *= i
    # Return the computed factorial
    return result

# Recursive version of factorial
def factorial_recursive(num):
    """Calculate factorial using recursion."""
    # Base case: factorial of 0 or 1 is 1
    if num <= 1:
        return 1
    # Recursive case: multiply num by factorial of (num - 1)
    return num * factorial_recursive(num - 1)

# Test both implementations
if __name__ == "__main__":
    test_number = 7

    # Compute using iterative approach
    iterative_result = factorial_iterative(test_number)
    # Compute using recursive approach
    recursive_result = factorial_recursive(test_number)

    # Verify both produce identical outputs
```

Output:

```
Factorial of 5 is: 120
Factorial of 7 is: 5040
Iterative: 5040
Recursive: 5040
Results match: True
PS C:\Users\ayesh\AIAC3-2>
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Justification:

The program calculates factorial using both iterative and recursive methods. In the iterative approach, a loop multiplies numbers step by step, while in the recursive approach the function keeps calling itself until the base case is reached. Both methods give the same output.

The iterative version is easier to understand and more efficient since it doesn't use extra memory. The recursive version uses the call stack and can be slow or cause errors for large inputs, so it's not recommended in such cases.