

School of Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence

Lab Assignment # 1.5

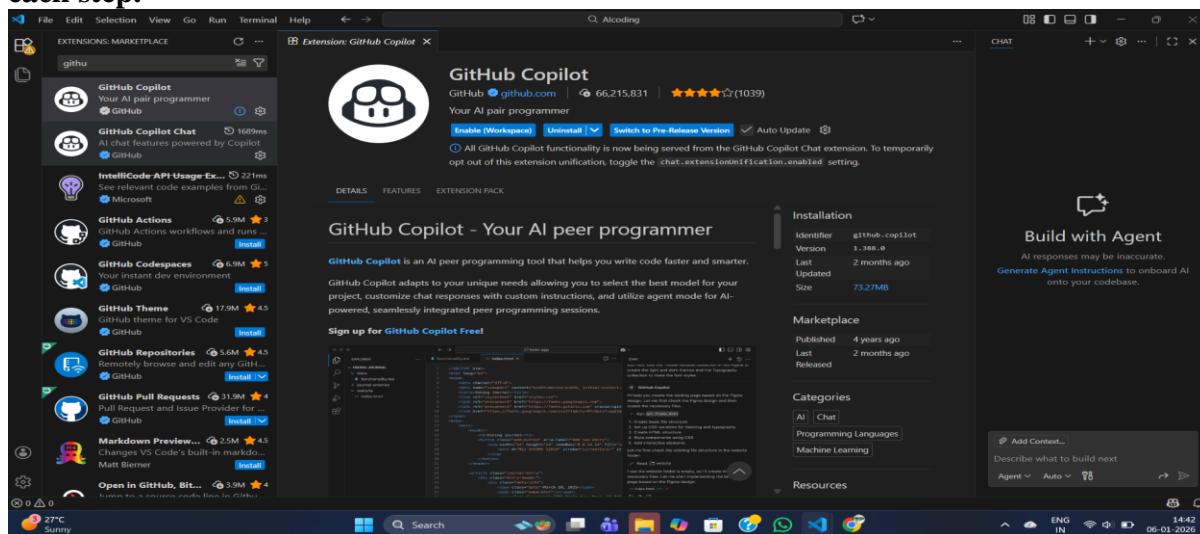
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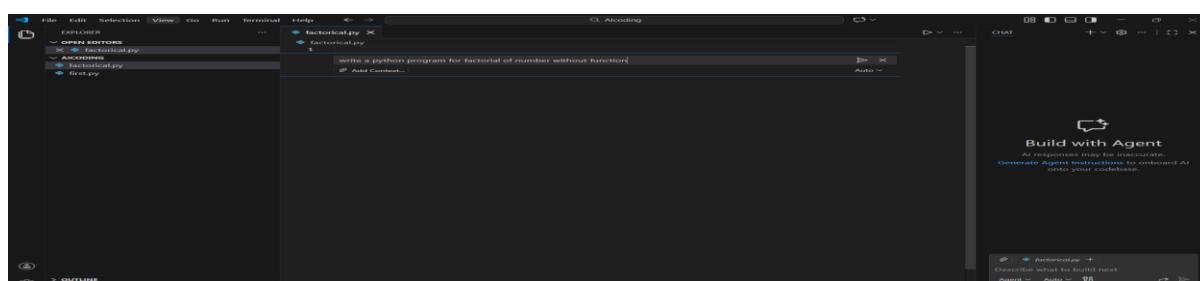
SCREENSHOTS:

Task 0: Install and configure GitHub Copilot in VS Code. Take screenshots of each step.



Task1: 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.



The screenshot shows the VS Code interface with the "factorial.py" file open in the editor. The code is as follows:

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1 num = int(input("Enter a number: "))
2 factorial = 1
3
4 if num < 0:
5     print("Factorial is not defined for negative numbers")
6 elif num == 0:
7     print("Factorial of 0 is 1")
8 else:
9     for i in range(1, num + 1):
10        factorial *= i
11 print(f"Factorial of {num} is {factorial}")

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The screenshot shows the VS Code interface with the "factorial.py" file open in the editor. The code is identical to the one in the previous screenshot.

At the bottom of the screen, the terminal window shows the output of the Python script:

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Enter a number: 5
Factorial of 5 is 120
PS C:\Users\nanip\Desktop\AIcoding>

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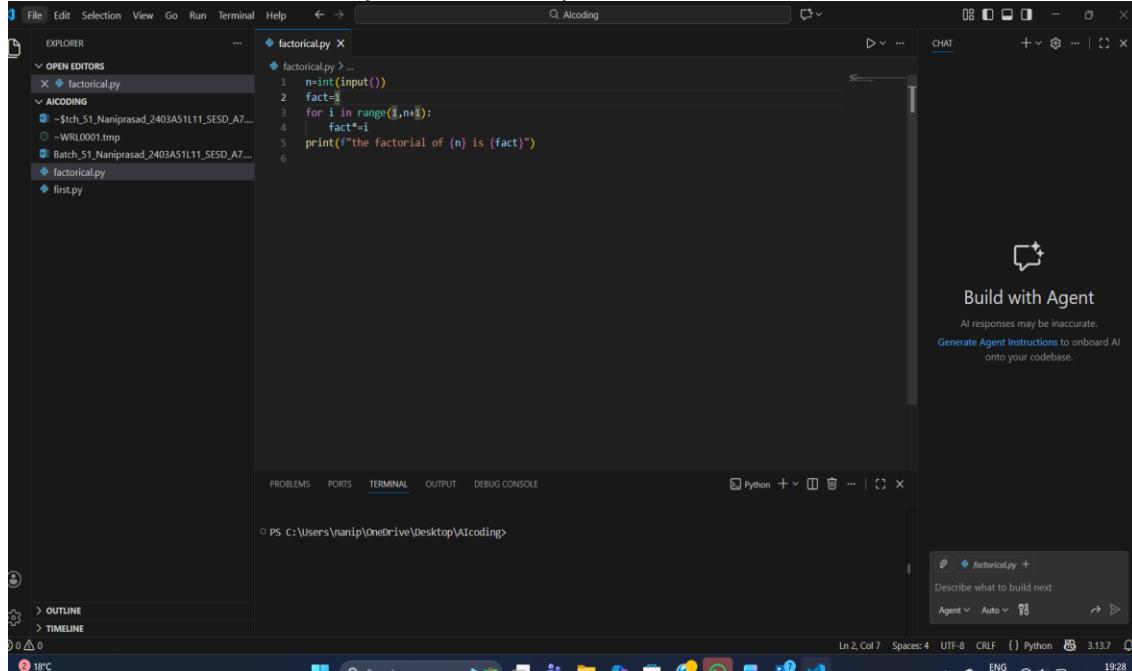
- ❖ The Copilot is very helpful because we can generate code by just giving a prompt in Copilot Chat (**ctrl + I**)
- ❖ The code generated was as requested in the prompt

TASK - 2

Task Description

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

- ❖ Reduce unnecessary variables
- ❖ Improve loop clarity
- ❖ Enhance readability and efficiency



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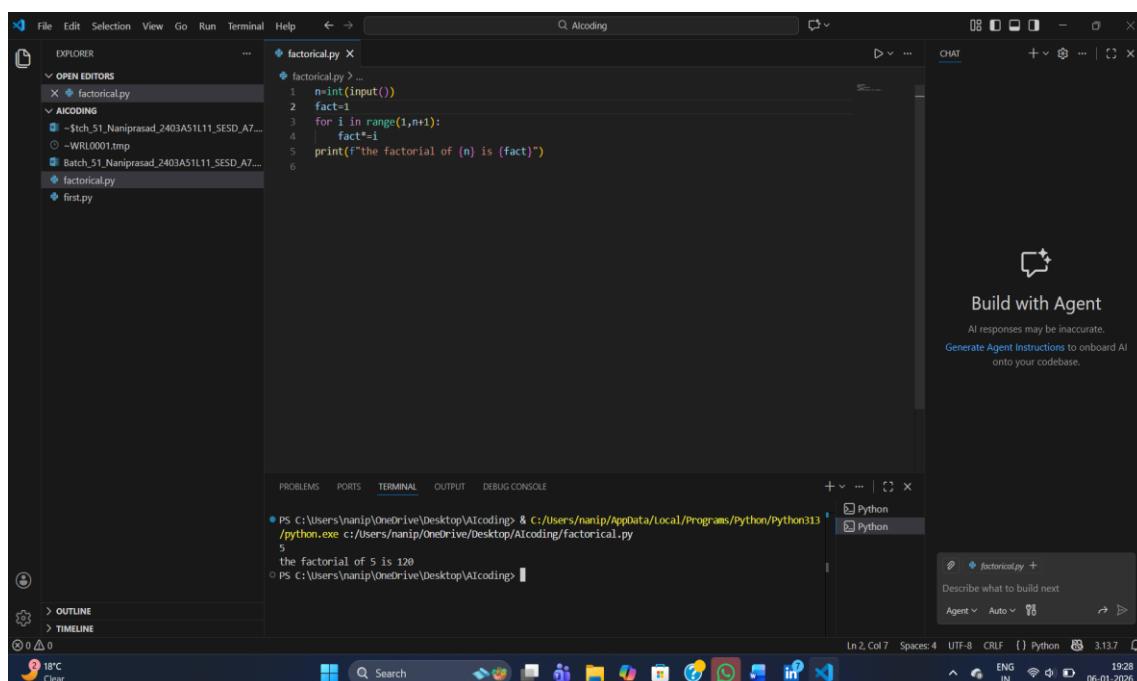
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What was improved?

- Shorter multiplication statement
- **factorial = factorial * i** → **factorial *= i**

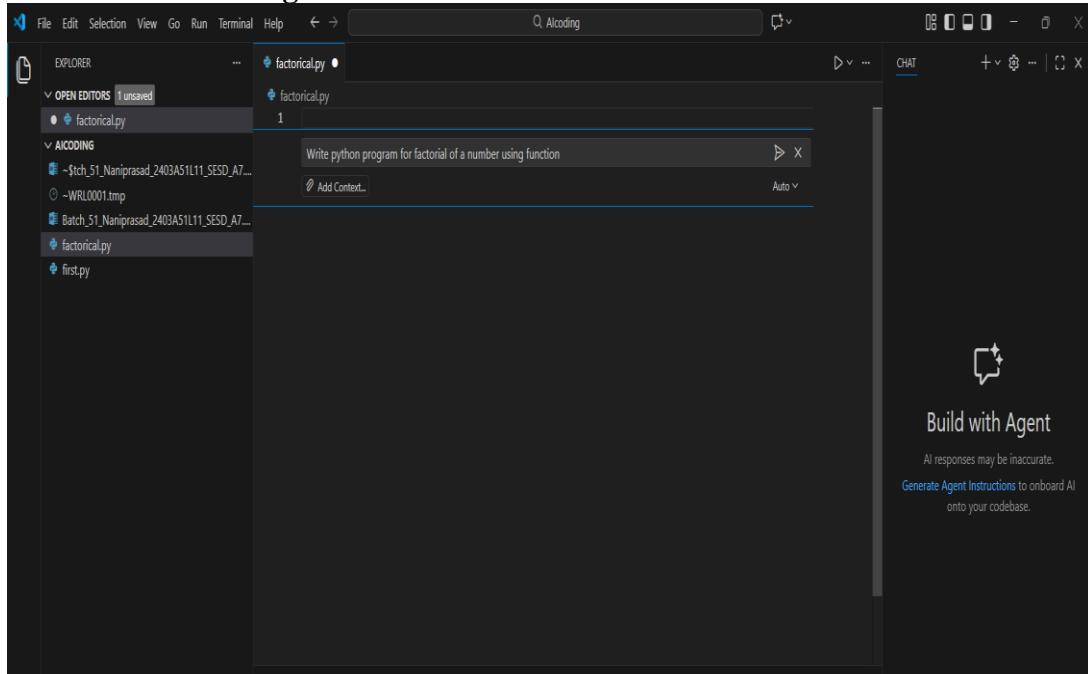
- ❖ The loop logic is self-explanatory, so the comment was removed.
- ❖ # Why the new version is better?
- ❖ Readability
 - ❖ *= is clearer and more concise.
 - Fewer lines and less clutter make the code easier to read.
- ❖ Maintainability
 - Cleaner code is easier to modify and debug.
 - Reduced redundancy lowers the chance of mistakes.
- ❖ Performance
 - Performance is effectively the same.
- ❖ *= is marginally optimized at the bytecode level, but the difference is negligible.

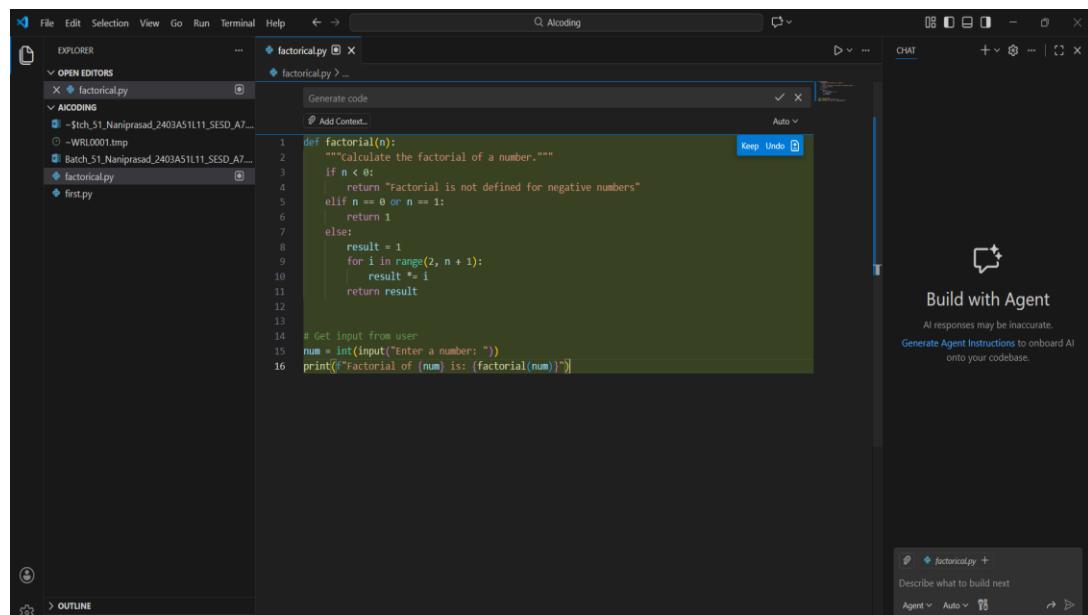
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Task Description

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

- ❖ Creating a user-defined function
- ❖ Calling the function from the main block

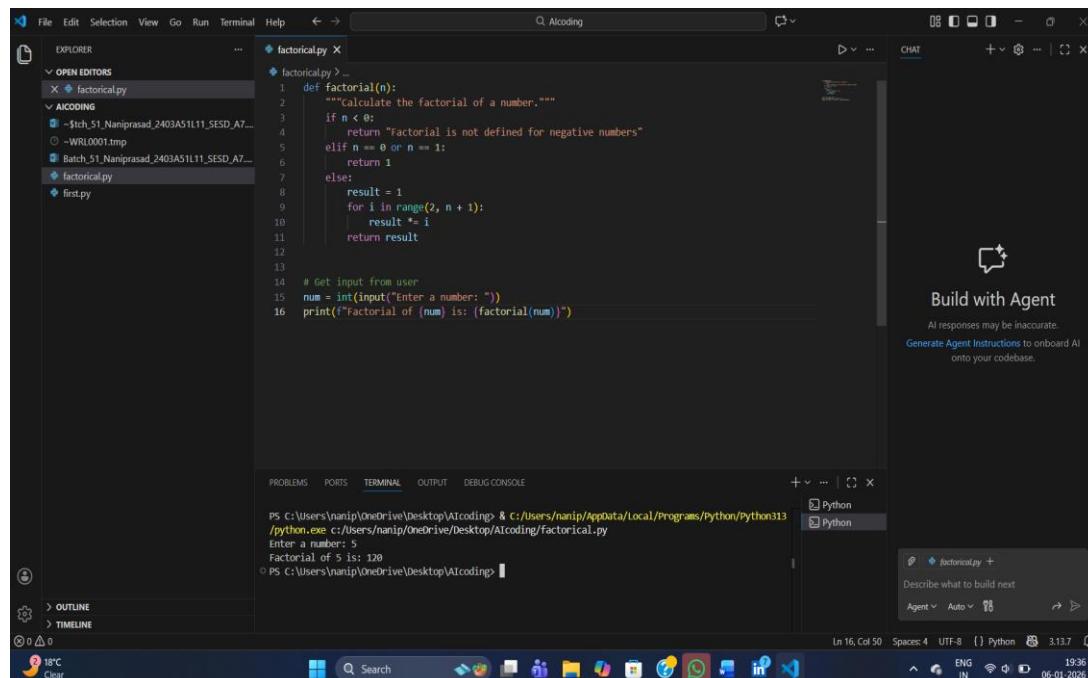




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2     """calculate the factorial of a number."""
3     if n < 0:
4         return "Factorial is not defined for negative numbers"
5     elif n == 0 or n == 1:
6         return 1
7     else:
8         result = 1
9         for i in range(2, n + 1):
10            result *= i
11    return result
12
13
14 # Get input from user
15 num = int(input("Enter a number: "))
16 print(f"Factorial of {num} is: {factorial(num)}")

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Modularity improves reusability by:

Allowing the factorial() function to be reused in multiple programs without rewriting code.

Making the program easier to test, update, and debug.

Improving code organization, where logic is separated from input/output handling.

Supporting scalability, as the same function can be extended or integrated into larger projects.

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

The screenshot shows the VS Code interface comparing two Python files: factorial.py (non-function approach) and factorial.py (function-based approach). The terminal shows the execution of both programs to calculate the factorial of 5.

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factorial.py (Non-function approach)
1 factorial(n):
2     if n == 0 or n == 1:
3         return 1
4     else:
5         result = 1
6         for i in range(2, n + 1):
7             result *= i
8
9
10    # Get input from user
11    num = int(input("Enter a number: "))
12    print(f"Factorial of {num} is: {factorial(num)}")

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factorial.py (Function-based approach)
1 def factorial(n):
2     if n == 0 or n == 1:
3         return 1
4     else:
5         result = 1
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7             result *= i
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10    # Get input from user
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Output in Terminal:

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The screenshot shows the VS Code interface with a comparison analysis overlay. It highlights the function-based approach as superior across all criteria.

Comparison Analysis:

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1 # Comparison Analysis
2 print("\n--- comparison of Approaches ---")
3 print("Non-function approach:")
4 print(" Logic clarity: Simple but mixed concerns")
5 print(" Reusability: Low - code cannot be reused")
6 print(" Debugging ease: Harder - logic embedded in main flow")
7 print(" Large projects: Poor - code duplication likely")
8 print(" AI dependency: Moderate - straightforward logic")
9
10 print("\nFunction-based approach:")
11 print(" Logic clarity: High - isolated and documented")
12 print(" Reusability: High - can be imported and used anywhere")
13 print(" Debugging ease: Easy - logic is testable and modular")
14 print(" Large projects: Excellent - follows best practices")
15 print(" AI dependency: Lower - cleaner code requires less AI assistance")
16
17 print("\nRecommendation: Use function-based approach for production code")

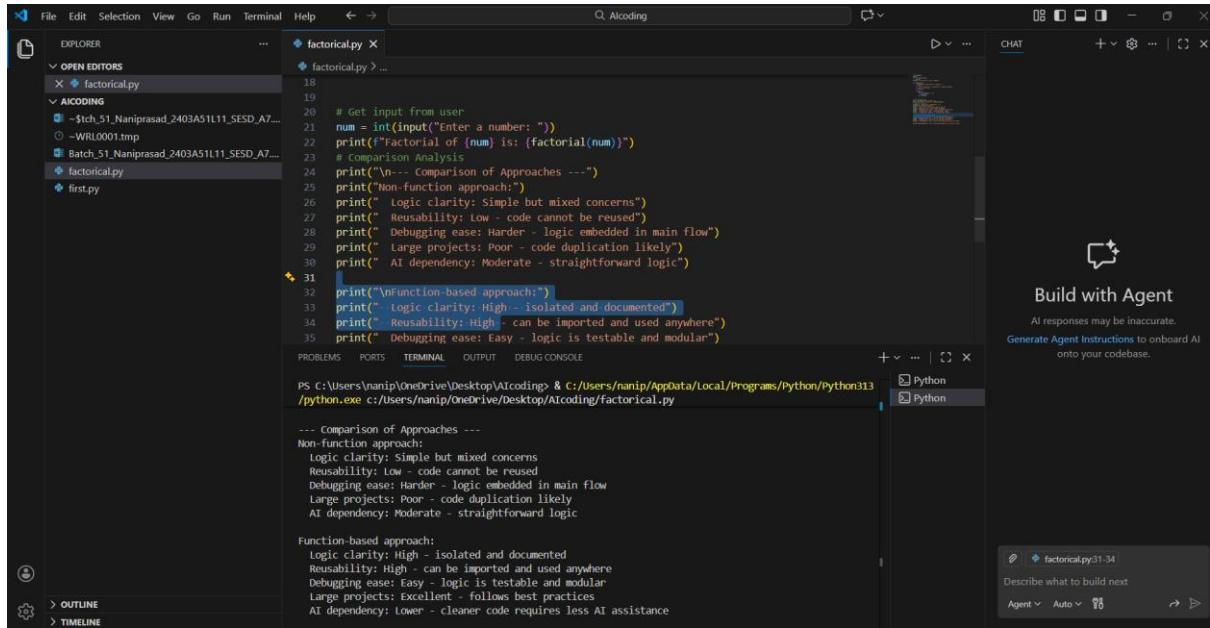
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The screenshot shows the VS Code interface with the 'factorical.py' file open in the editor. The code implements a factorial function using a non-function-based approach. The AI Agent is providing analysis and comparison of this approach against a function-based approach.

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20 num = int(input("Enter a number: "))
21 print("Factorial of {} is: {}".format(num, factorial(num)))
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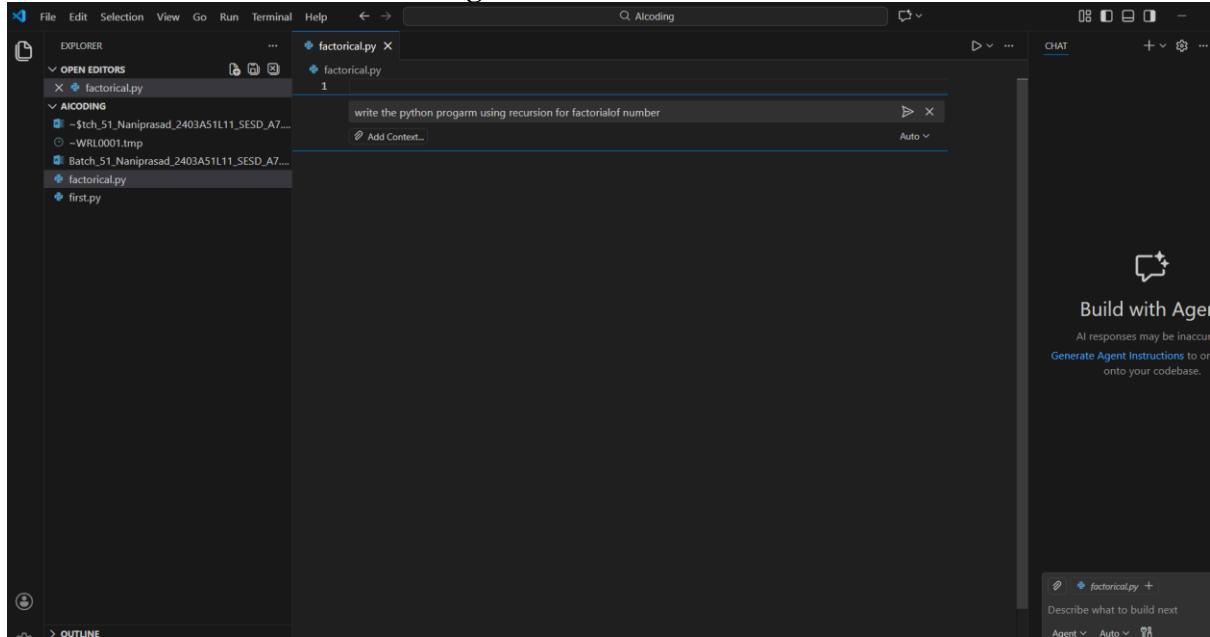
TASK - 5

Task Description

Prompt Copilot to generate:

An iterative version of the logic

A recursive version of the same logic

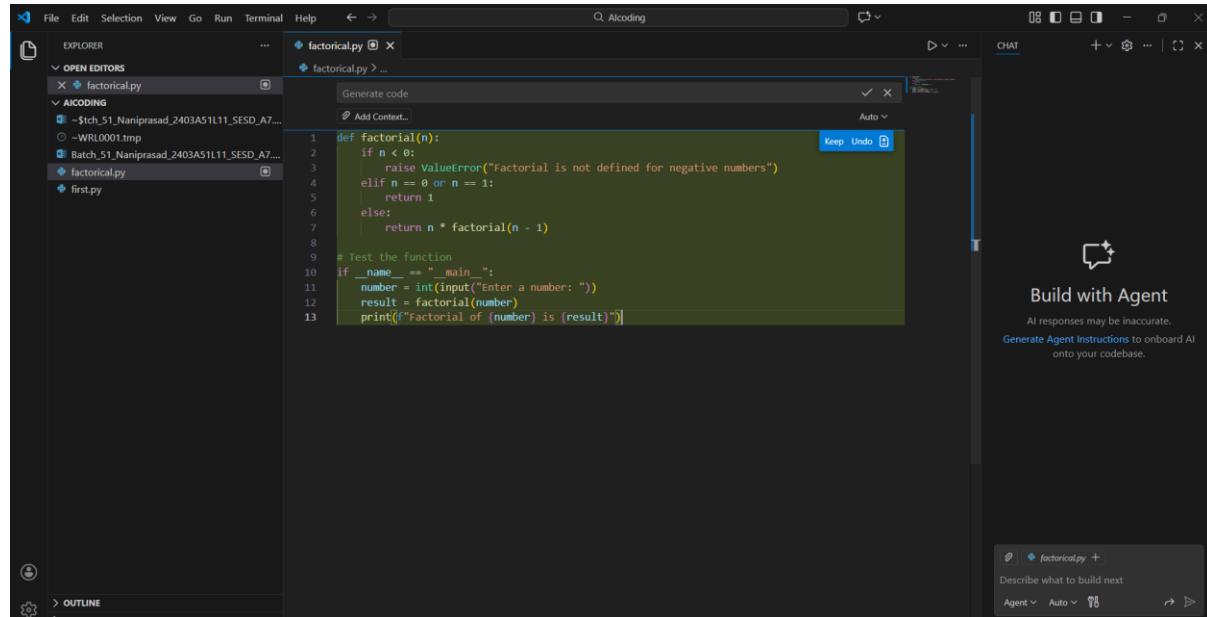


The screenshot shows the VS Code interface with the 'factorical.py' file open. The AI Copilot is prompting the user to write a Python program using recursion for calculating the factorial of a number.

AI Copilot Prompt:

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write the python program using recursion for factorialof number
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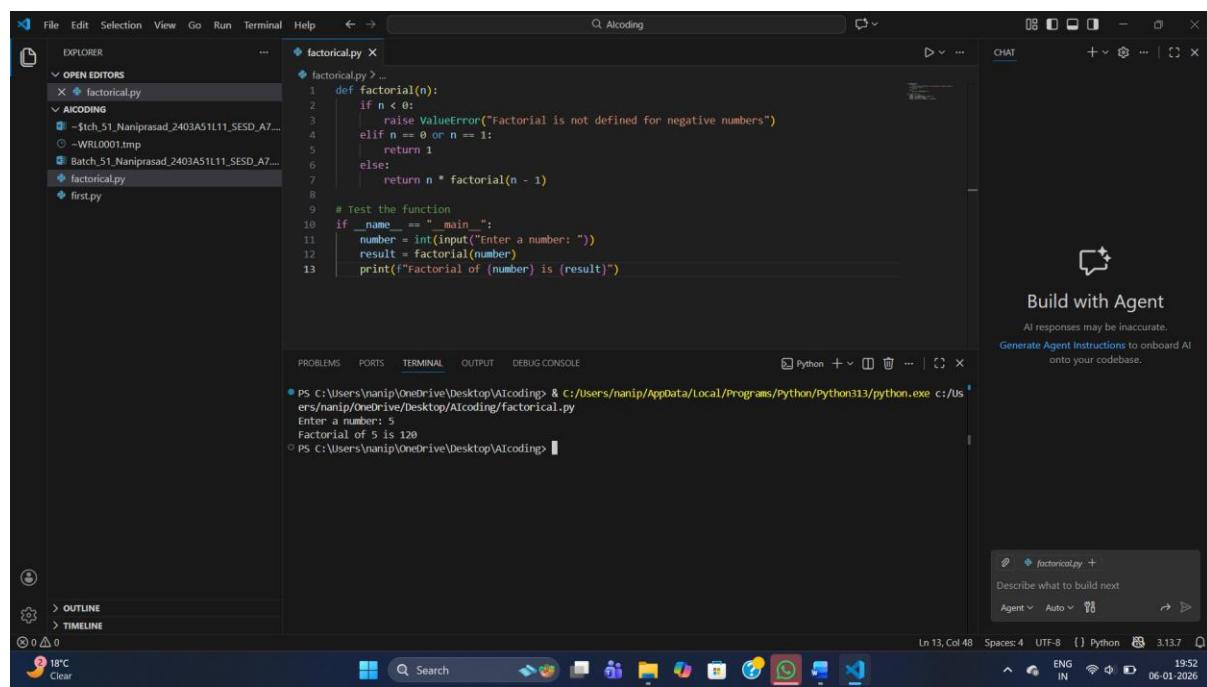
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def factorial(n):
    if n < 0:
        raise ValueError("Factorial is not defined for negative numbers")
    elif n == 0 or n == 1:
        return 1
    else:
        return n * factorial(n - 1)

# Test the function
if __name__ == "__main__":
    number = int(input("Enter a number: "))
    result = factorial(number)
    print(f"Factorial of {number} is {result}")

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Explanation:

How the Function Works

1. Negative number check

Factorials are not defined for negative numbers. If the input is negative, the program raises an error message.

2. Base cases

For 0 and 1, the factorial is defined as 1. This acts as the stopping condition for recursion.

3. Recursive case

For numbers greater than 1, the function calls itself with n-1. This recursive process continues until it reaches the base case.

Example:

- To compute 5!, the function calculates 5\times 4!.
- Then 4! becomes 4\times 3!, and so on, until it reaches 1!.

- Main Program Flow
- The program asks the user to enter a number.
- It then calls the factorial function with that number.
- Finally, it prints the result in a clear message.

- Example Execution

If the user enters 5:

- The recursive calls break it down step by step until reaching 1.
- The final result is 120.

So the program outputs: *Factorial of 5 is 120.*

Summary

This program demonstrates:

- Recursion (function calling itself).
- Error handling (for negative inputs).
- Base cases (to stop recursion).
- User interaction (taking input and displaying output).

