

AI PYTHON LAB TEST 1

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1. Q1. Write a Python function to calculate the factorial of a number. Use a coding assistant and document how you refine your prompt to ensure the function handles negative input and zeros. (Each question carries 5 marks)

Prompt:

Role: You are an expert Python coding assistant.

Task: Write a Python function named factorial(n) that correctly calculates the factorial of a number.

Requirements:

Use a clean and efficient approach (recursion or iteration).

Include a detailed docstring describing the function, parameters, return value, and errors.

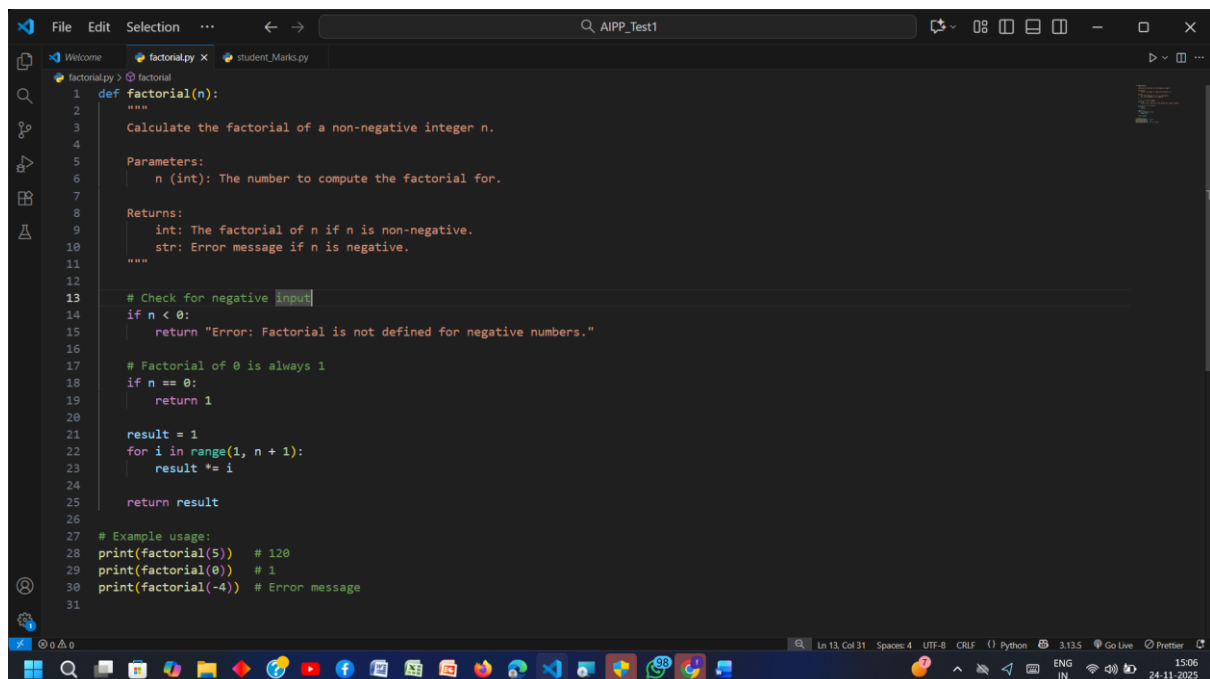
The function must return 1 when the input is 0.

If the input is negative or not an integer, raise a ValueError with a clear message.

Provide example usage after the function.

Output Format: Return only the final Python code in a code block.

Code:



```
1 def factorial(n):
2     """
3     Calculate the factorial of a non-negative integer n.
4
5     Parameters:
6     n (int): The number to compute the factorial for.
7
8     Returns:
9     int: The factorial of n if n is non-negative.
10    str: Error message if n is negative.
11    """
12
13    # Check for negative input
14    if n < 0:
15        return "Error: Factorial is not defined for negative numbers."
16
17    # Factorial of 0 is always 1
18    if n == 0:
19        return 1
20
21    result = 1
22    for i in range(1, n + 1):
23        result *= i
24
25    return result
26
27 # Example usage:
28 print(factorial(5)) # 120
29 print(factorial(0)) # 1
30 print(factorial(-4)) # Error message
```

PRACTICAL OUTPUT:



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FARNAS ALI@LAPTOP-LPQSTBHM MINGW64 ~/OneDrive/Desktop/AIPP_Test1
$ C:/Python313/python.exe "c:/Users/FARNAS ALI/OneDrive/Desktop/AIPP_Test1/factorial.py"
120
1
Error: Factorial is not defined for negative numbers.
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2. Q2. Given a list of student marks, compute the mean and list all students above the mean. Demonstrate zero-shot, one-shot, and few-shot prompts to guide an AI tool to solve this. Summarize the differences in approach.

(Each question carries 5 marks)

1. ZERO-SHOT PROMPT

Zero-Shot Prompt

“Given a list of student marks, compute the mean and list all students who scored above the mean.”

AI Output (Expected)

The AI must infer the structure and steps without any example.

2. ONE-SHOT PROMPT

One-Shot Prompt

**“Here is an example:*

Input: {‘A’: 50, ‘B’: 80, ‘C’: 70}

Output: Mean = 66.67, Above mean = [‘B’, ‘C’]

*Now solve this: Given a list of student marks, compute the mean and list the students who scored above the mean.”**

AI Output (Expected)

Uses the single example as a pattern for formatting and logic.

3. FEW-SHOT PROMPT

Few-Shot Prompt

“Follow the examples below:

Example 1:

Input: {‘A’: 60, ‘B’: 90, ‘C’: 40}

Output: Mean = 63.33, Above mean = [‘B’]

Example 2:

Input: {‘John’: 72, ‘Emma’: 88, ‘Ryan’: 65}

Output: Mean = 75, Above mean = [‘Emma’]

Now process this new list:

‘Sam’: 80, ‘Lia’: 55, ‘Omar’: 70, ‘Ria’: 95.

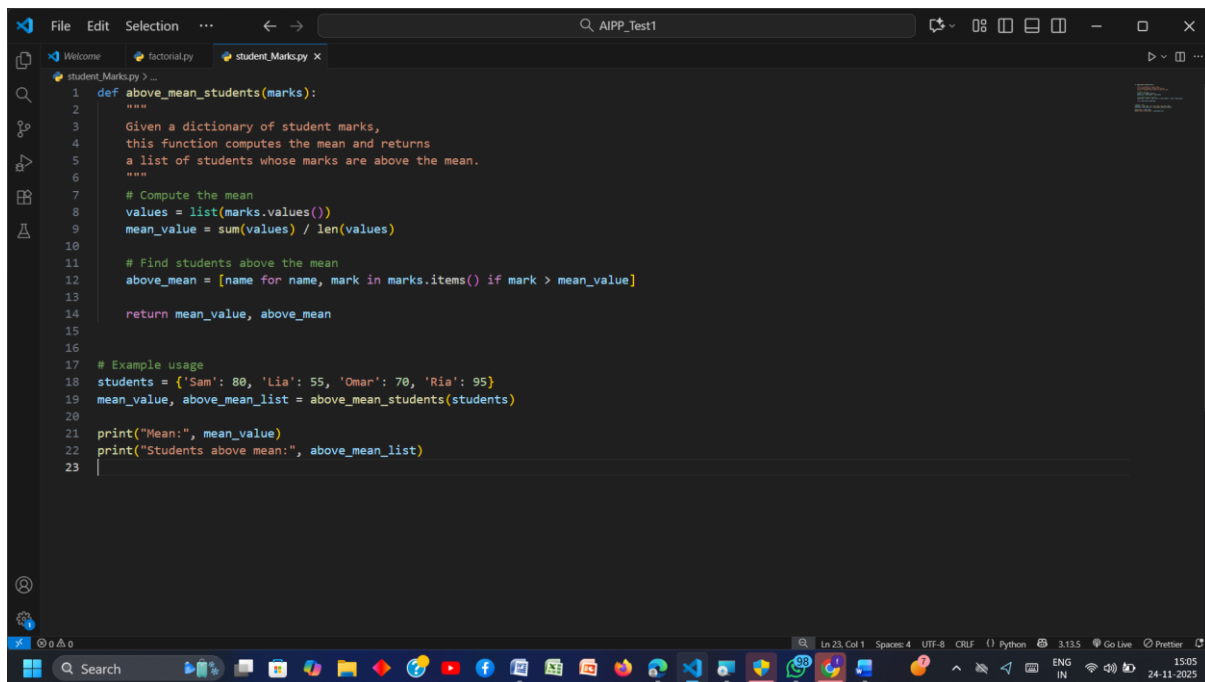
Compute the mean and list all students above the mean.”

AI Output (Expected)

AI now imitates the style, structure, and reasoning from multiple examples.

Prompt Type	Description	Example Use	AI Behavior
Zero-Shot	No examples provided. AI must figure out the task from instructions alone.	Quick tasks, general instructions	May produce inconsistent formatting or interpretations.
One-Shot	One example is given.	Teaching the expected answer format.	More consistent; AI follows the style of the example.
Few-Shot	Multiple examples provided.	Complex tasks requiring structure or reasoning.	Highest accuracy and consistency; AI learns the pattern clearly.

Code:



```
1 def above_mean_students(marks):
2     """
3     Given a dictionary of student marks,
4     this function computes the mean and returns
5     a list of students whose marks are above the mean.
6     """
7     # Compute the mean
8     values = list(marks.values())
9     mean_value = sum(values) / len(values)
10
11    # Find students above the mean
12    above_mean = [name for name, mark in marks.items() if mark > mean_value]
13
14    return mean_value, above_mean
15
16
17 # Example usage
18 students = {'Sam': 80, 'Lia': 55, 'Omar': 70, 'Ria': 95}
19 mean_value, above_mean_list = above_mean_students(students)
20
21 print("Mean:", mean_value)
22 print("Students above mean:", above_mean_list)
23
```

PRACTICAL OUTPUT:



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FARNAS ALI@LAPTOP-UPQ9T8BH MINGW64 ~/OneDrive/Desktop/AI/PP_Test1
$ C:/Python313/python.exe "c:/Users/FARNAS ALI/OneDrive/Desktop/AI/PP_Test1/student_Marks.py"
Mean: 75.0
Students above mean: ['Sam', 'Ria']
FARNAS ALI@LAPTOP-UPQ9T8BH MINGW64 ~/OneDrive/Desktop/AI/PP_Test1
$
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