

School of Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence

Lab Assignment # 1

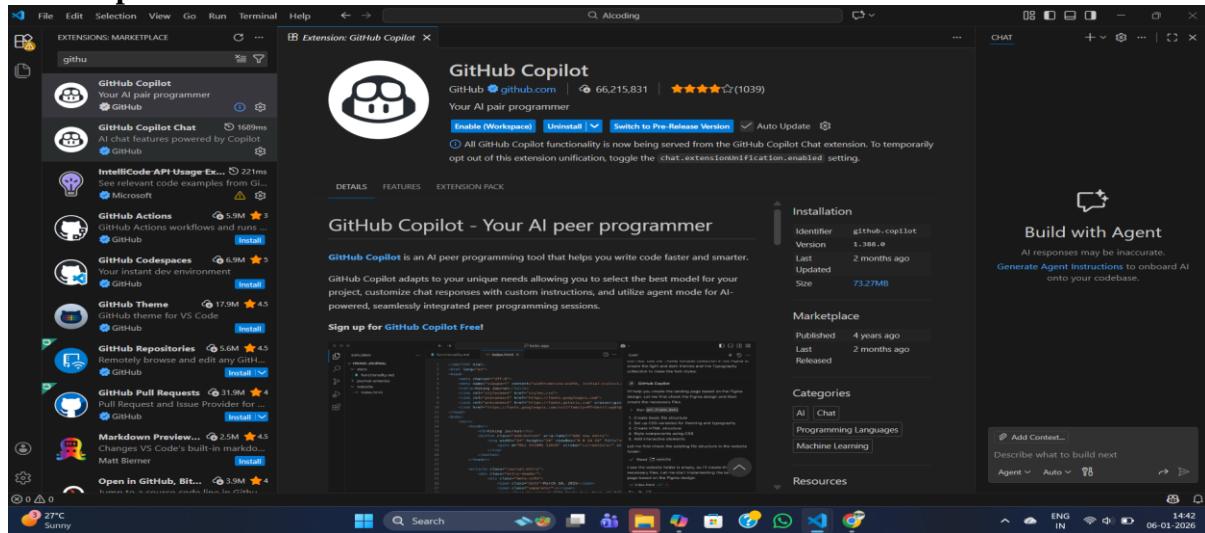
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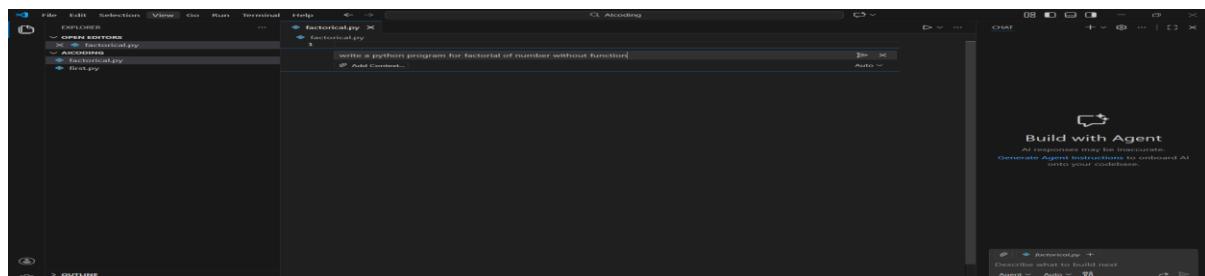
SCREENSHOTS:

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.



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```

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2 factorial = 1
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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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```

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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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- File Explorer:** Shows files like `factorial.py`, `first.py`, and some temporary files.
- Terminal:** Displays the Python code for calculating factorial:


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n=int(input())
fact=1
for i in range(1,n+1):
    fact*=i
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What was improved?

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

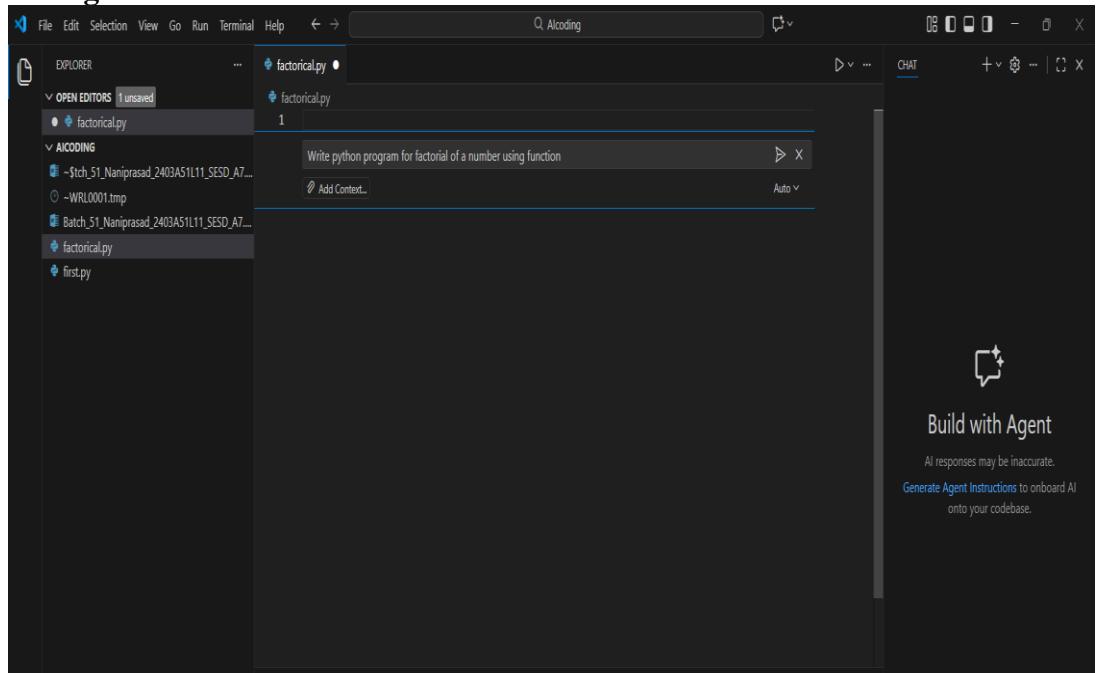
- ❖ The loop logic is self-explanatory, so the comment was removed.
- ❖ # Why the new version is better?
- ❖ Readability
 - ❖ *= is clearer and more concise.
 - Fewer lines and less clutter make the code easier to read.
- ❖ Maintainability
 - Cleaner code is easier to modify and debug.
 - Reduced redundancy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

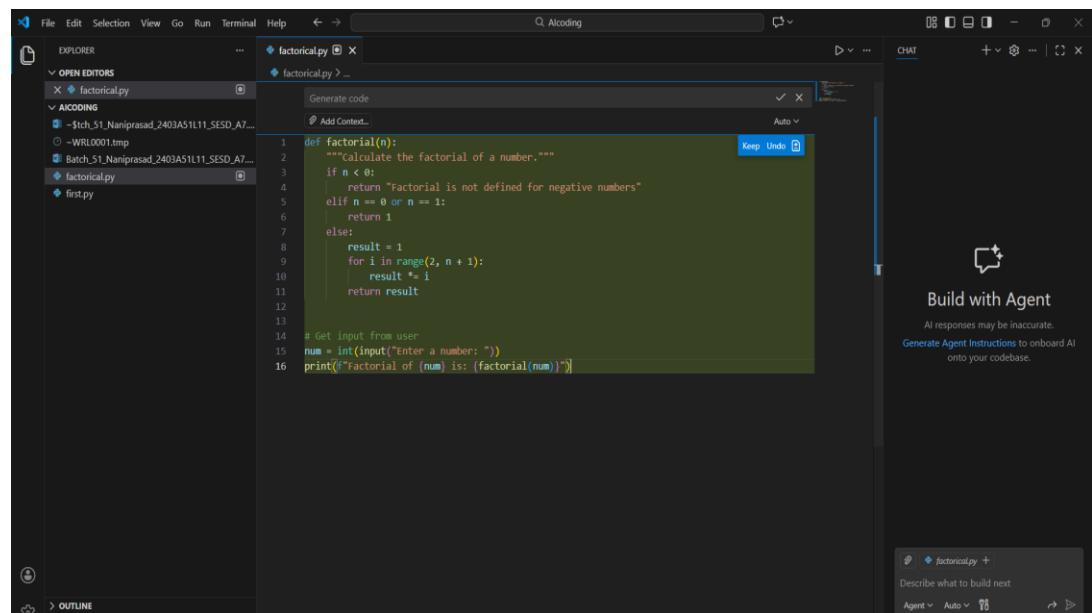
Task3

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





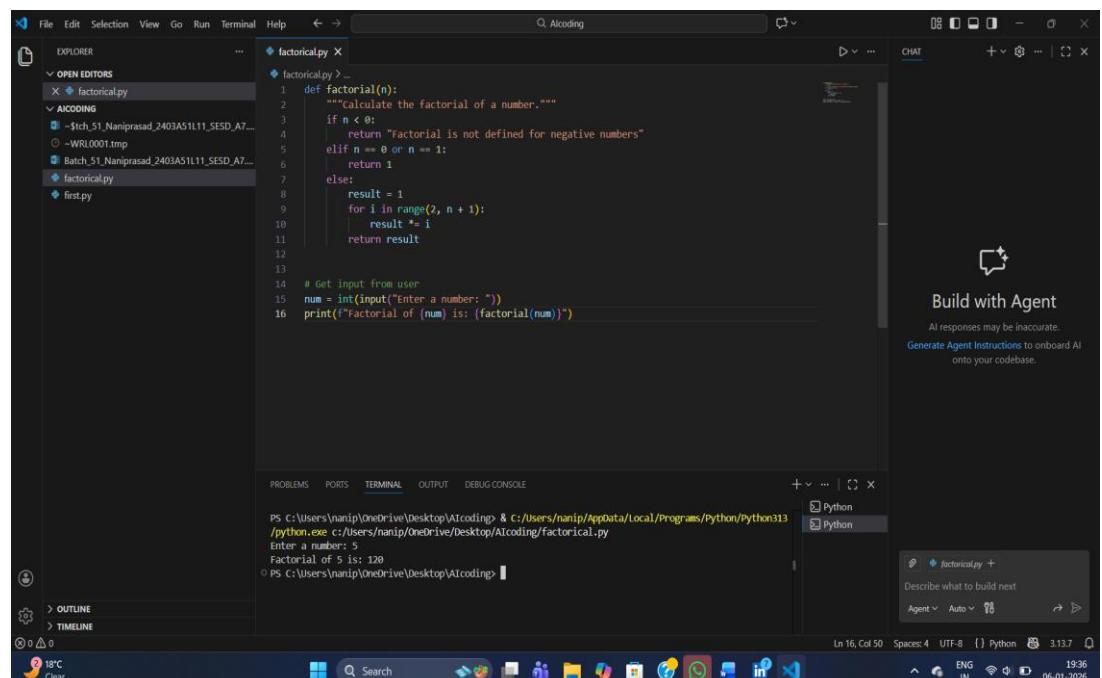
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def factorial(n):
    """Calculate the factorial of a number."""
    if n < 0:
        return "Factorial is not defined for negative numbers"
    elif n == 0 or n == 1:
        return 1
    else:
        result = 1
        for i in range(2, n + 1):
            result *= i
        return result

# Get input from user
num = int(input("Enter a number: "))
print(f"Factorial of {num} is: {factorial(num)}")

```

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Terminal output:

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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.

#Task4

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 with two code snippets side-by-side. The left snippet is a non-function-based approach:

```

factorial.py
def factorial(n):
    if n == 0 or n == 1:
        return 1
    else:
        result = 1
        for i in range(2, n + 1):
            result *= i
        return result
    
```

The right snippet is a function-based approach:

```

factorial.py
def factorial(n):
    num = int(input("Enter a number: "))
    print(f"Factorial of {num} is: {factorial(num)}")
    
```

A tooltip in the center asks to "Compare the non-function and function-based Copilot-generated programs on the following criteria:" with options: Logic clarity, Reusability, and Add Context... A "Build with Agent" sidebar is visible on the right.

The screenshot shows the VS Code interface with the function-based approach highlighted. A red bar at the top says "Comparison Analysis". The code is as follows:

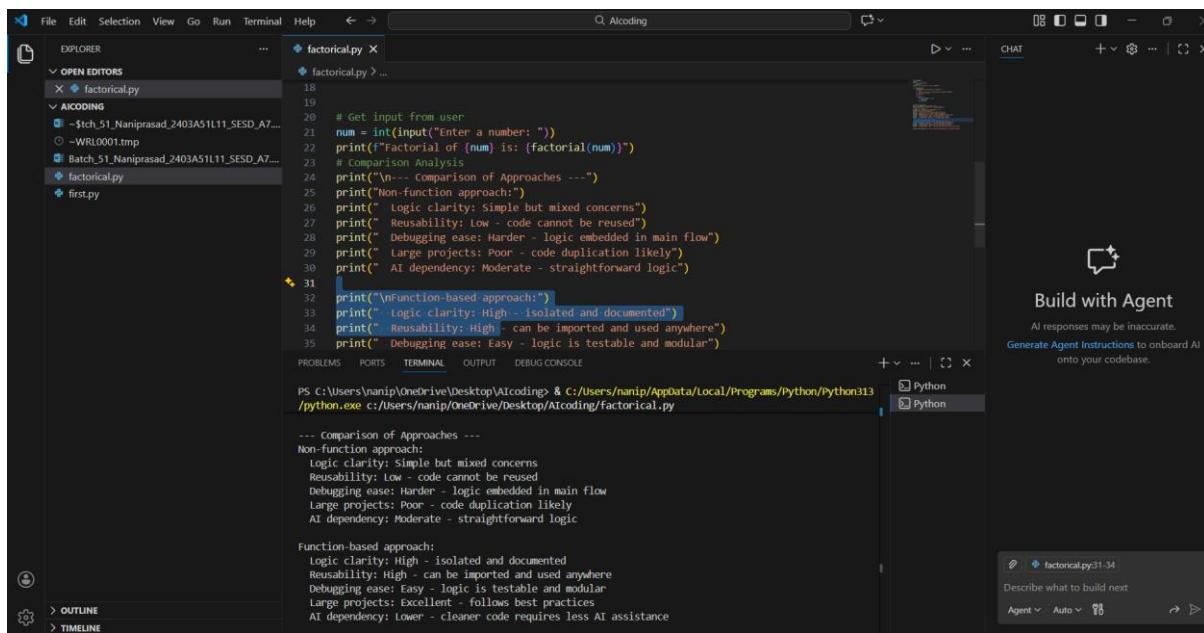
```

print("\n--- Comparison of Approaches ---")
print("Non-function approach:")
print(" Logic clarity: Simple but mixed concerns")
print(" Reusability: Low - code cannot be reused")
print(" Debugging ease: Harder - logic embedded in main flow")
print(" Large projects: Poor - code duplication likely")
print(" AI dependency: Moderate - straightforward logic")

print("\nFunction-based approach:")
print(" Logic clarity: High - isolated and documented")
print(" Reusability: High - can be imported and used anywhere")
print(" Debugging ease: Easy - logic is testable and modular")
print(" Large projects: Excellent - follows best practices")
print(" AI dependency: Lower - cleaner code requires less AI assistance")

print("\nRecommendation: Use function-based approach for production code")
    
```

A green bar highlights the recommendation at the bottom. A "Build with Agent" sidebar is visible on the right.



The screenshot shows the VS Code interface with the 'AI CODING' extension active. The 'factorial.py' file is open in the editor. The 'TERMINAL' tab shows the command: PS C:\Users\nanip\OneDrive\Desktop\AIcoding & C:/Users/nanip/AppData/Local/Programs/Python/Python313/python.exe c:/Users/nanip/OneDrive/Desktop/AIcoding/factorial.py. The 'OUTPUT' tab displays the AI-generated analysis of the code:

```

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19
20 # Get input from user
21 num = int(input("Enter a number: "))
22 print(f"Factorial of {num} is: {factorial(num)}")
23 # Comparison Analysis
24 print("n--- Comparison of Approaches ---")
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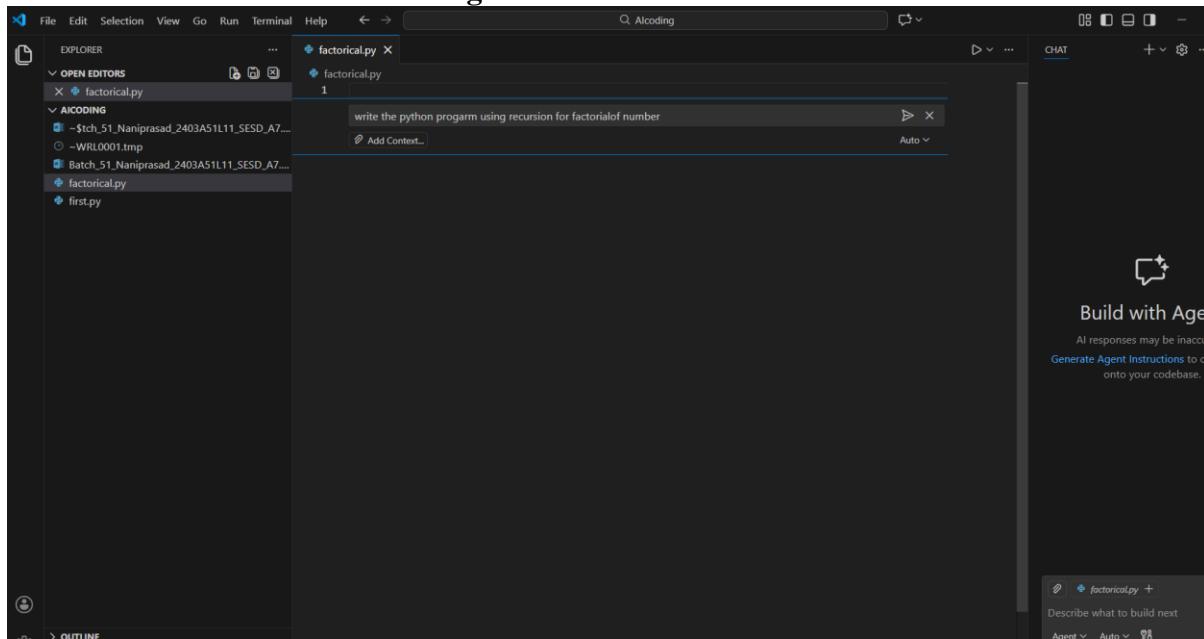
TASK - 5

Task Description

Prompt Copilot to generate:

An iterative version of the logic

A recursive version of the same logic



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The screenshot shows the Visual Studio Code (VS Code) interface with the following details:

- File Explorer:** Shows files in the workspace, including `factorial.py`, `first.py`, and several AI Coding-related files.
- Editor:** Displays the `factorial.py` code. The code defines a factorial function that handles negative numbers, returns 1 for 0 or 1, and uses recursion for other values. It also includes a test function that prompts the user for a number and prints the result.
- AI Coding Extension:** A floating panel titled "AI Coding" is open, showing the current code in the editor. Below it is a "Generate code" section with a "Keep Undo" button and an "Add Context..." dropdown. The "Auto" setting is selected.
- Terminal:** Shows a Python terminal session where the code is run and the output "Factorial of 5 is 120" is displayed.
- Chat Panel:** A "Build with Agent" panel is visible on the right, with a message stating "AI responses may be inaccurate. Generate Agent Instructions to onboard AI onto your codebase." It includes a "Describe what to build next" input field and "Agent" and "Auto" selection buttons.
- Bottom Status Bar:** Shows the file path (`C:\Users\nanip\OneDrive\Desktop\AIcoding\factorial.py`), line 13, column 48, spaces 4, encoding UTF-8, Python 3.13.7, and the date/time (06-01-2026).

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).

