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):

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🅏 ass-1.1.py > ...
      # Calculate the factorial of a number using a loop (no functions)
     n = int(input("Enter a number: "))
      factorial = 1
     for i in range(1, n + 1):
          factorial *= i
      print(f"Factorial of {n} is {factorial}")
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Programs/Python/Python313/python.exe c:/Users/nered/OneDrive/Desktop/wtm
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Enter a number: 12
Factorial of 12 is 479001600
PS C:\Users\nered\OneDrive\Desktop\wtml>
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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):

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):

```
Untitled-3.py > ...
    def factorial(num):
         if num < 0:
              return None
         result = 1
          for i in range(2, num + 1):
              result *= i
          return result
      n = int(input("Enter a number: "))
      fact = factorial(n)
      if fact is None:
          print("Factorial does not exist for negative numbers.")
      else:
          print(f"The factorial of {n} is {fact}.")
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ython313/python.exe c:/Users/nered/OneDrive/Desktop/wtml/Untitled-3.py
Enter a number: 3
The factorial of 3 is 6.
PS C:\Users\nered\OneDrive\Desktop\wtml>
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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 <u>result</u> to 1 and multiplies it by each integer from 2 up to <u>num</u>.
- The main code gets a number from the user, calls the <u>factorial</u> 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):

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  Untitled-3.py > ...
        def reverse string(s):
            return s[::-1]
        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
        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)}")
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  ython313/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 \underline{n} recursively.

- o If \underline{n} is 0 or 1, it returns 1 (base case).
- o Otherwise, it returns <u>n * factorial_recursive(n 1)</u>.

factorial_iterative(n):

This function calculates the factorial of \underline{n} using a loop.

o It initializes result to 1.

o Then multiplies <u>result</u> by each number from 2 to <u>n</u>.

Example usage:

- o 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):

Code explanation:

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

1. Iterative Version (factorial_iterative)

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

2. Recursive Version (factorial_recursive)

- \circ Calls itself with <u>n 1</u> until it reaches the base case (<u>n = 0</u> or <u>n = 1</u>).
- o Returns 1 for the base case.
- \circ Less efficient for large \underline{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.