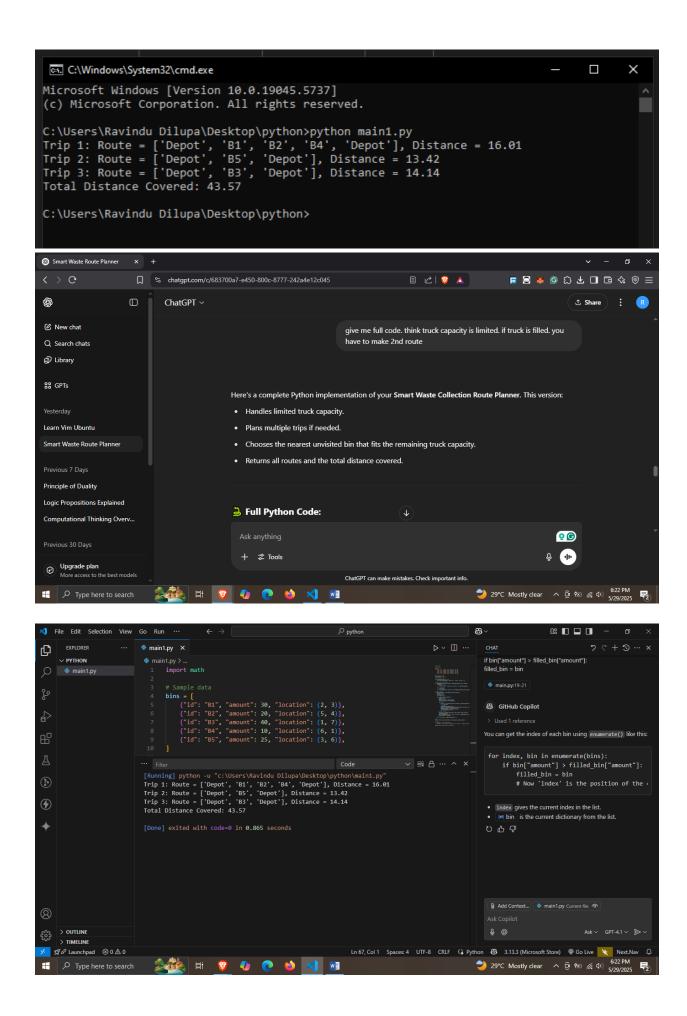
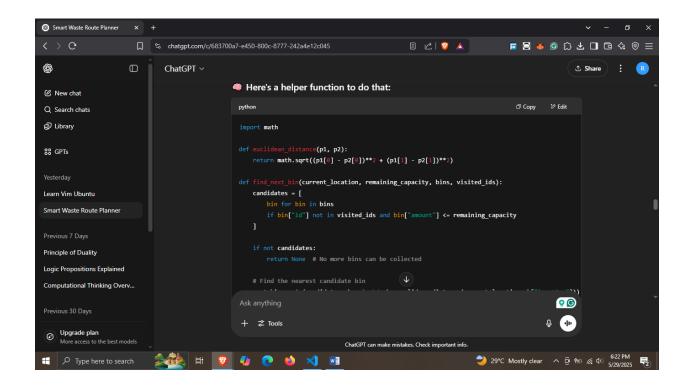
Smart Waste Collection Route Planner - Ai based project

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import math
# Sample data
bins = [
  {"id": "B1", "amount": 30, "location": (2, 3)},
  {"id": "B2", "amount": 20, "location": (5, 4)},
  {"id": "B3", "amount": 40, "location": (1, 7)},
  {"id": "B4", "amount": 10, "location": (6, 1)},
  {"id": "B5", "amount": 25, "location": (3, 6)},
]
truck_capacity = 60
depot_location = (0, 0)
# Distance function
def euclidean_distance(p1, p2):
  return math.sqrt((p1[0] - p2[0]) ** 2 + (p1[1] - p2[1]) ** 2)
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# Find nearest bin that fits
def find_next_bin(current_location, remaining_capacity, bins, visited):
  candidates = [
    b for b in bins
    if b["id"] not in visited and b["amount"] <= remaining_capacity
  ]
  if not candidates:
    return None
  return min(candidates, key=lambda b: euclidean_distance(current_location,
b["location"]))
# Plan all trips
def plan_routes(bins, truck_capacity, depot_location):
  visited = set()
  all_routes = []
  total distance = 0
  while len(visited) < len(bins):
    route = ["Depot"]
    distance = 0
    current_location = depot_location
    remaining capacity = truck capacity
    while True:
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next bin = find next bin(current location, remaining capacity, bins,
visited)
      if not next_bin:
         break
      route.append(next bin["id"])
      distance += euclidean distance(current location, next bin["location"])
      remaining_capacity -= next_bin["amount"]
      current location = next bin["location"]
      visited.add(next bin["id"])
    # Return to depot
    distance += euclidean distance(current location, depot location)
    route.append("Depot")
    all_routes.append({"route": route, "distance": round(distance, 2)})
    total distance += distance
  return all routes, round(total distance, 2)
# Run
routes, total = plan routes(bins, truck capacity, depot location)
# Output
for i, trip in enumerate(routes, 1):
  print(f"Trip {i}: Route = {trip['route']}, Distance = {trip['distance']}")
print(f"Total Distance Covered: {total}")
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What software system did you choose to build, and why?

I chose to build a **Smart Waste Collection Route Planner**. This system addresses a real-world problem faced by urban waste management services. It was chosen because it combines optimization, environmental sustainability, and logistics. By efficiently planning waste collection routes, the system can reduce fuel consumption, minimize travel time, and prevent truck overloading, contributing to smarter city operations.

Which AI tools did you use during development, and how exactly did they help?

I used **ChatGPT** during the entire development process. It provided assistance in the following ways:

- Clarifying the problem requirements and helping define the input and output structure.
- Assisting in the design of the algorithm by explaining different approaches such as greedy selection and route optimization under constraints.
- Generating Python code to calculate Euclidean distance, filter bins by waste amount and proximity, and manage truck routing.
- Refining logic for handling multiple trips when the truck reaches its capacity.

ChatGPT functioned like an intelligent coding assistant that accelerated development while also helping me understand key programming concepts.

What parts of the system did you complete with AI assistance?

Al assistance was used to:

- Design the greedy algorithm that prioritizes larger bins first and selects the nearest one among ties.
- Implement functions such as find_best_bin and plan_routes, which form the core logic of the system.
- Write clean and readable Python code with logical structure and reusable components.
- Debug and refine the handling of multiple trips when the truck's capacity is exceeded.

Although I reviewed and modified the code where necessary, the AI played a significant role in creating a functional prototype.

What challenges did you face, and how did you solve them?

A key challenge was how to select the next bin in a way that balances waste amount and travel efficiency while staying within the truck's capacity. Initially, I only prioritized distance, which led to suboptimal waste collection. With the help of AI, I modified the algorithm to prioritize bins with the largest waste amounts that still fit within the remaining capacity. Another challenge was planning multiple trips. I addressed this by tracking visited bins and looping until all were collected, returning the truck to the depot at the end of each trip.

Do you believe AI tools make programming easier or reduce the need for deep technical knowledge? Explain your thoughts.

Al tools do make programming easier by reducing time spent on syntax, debugging, and initial algorithm design. They serve as a productivity booster and learning aid. However, they do not eliminate the need for technical knowledge. A solid understanding of algorithms, logic, and software structure is still necessary to evaluate and modify the Algenerated code correctly. In this project, I was able to critically assess and adjust the code generated by the AI to ensure it met the requirements.

Would you consider using AI tools in your future studies or professional tasks? Why or why not?

Yes, I would consider using AI tools in the future. They provide significant support for rapid prototyping, learning new concepts, and automating routine coding tasks. As long as the outputs are reviewed and validated, AI tools can enhance both academic and professional productivity. They are especially useful for exploring different approaches to solving a problem, saving time, and improving code quality.