

Lab Assignment – 7.5

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Lab 7: Error Debugging with AI: Systematic approaches to finding and fixing bugs

Task 1 (Mutable Default Argument – Function Bug)

Task: Analyze given code where a mutable default argument causes unexpected behavior. Use AI to fix it.

Bug: Mutable default argument

```
def add_item(item, items=[]):  
    items.append(item)  
    return items
```

```
print(add_item(1))
```

```
print(add_item(2))
```

Prompt Used :

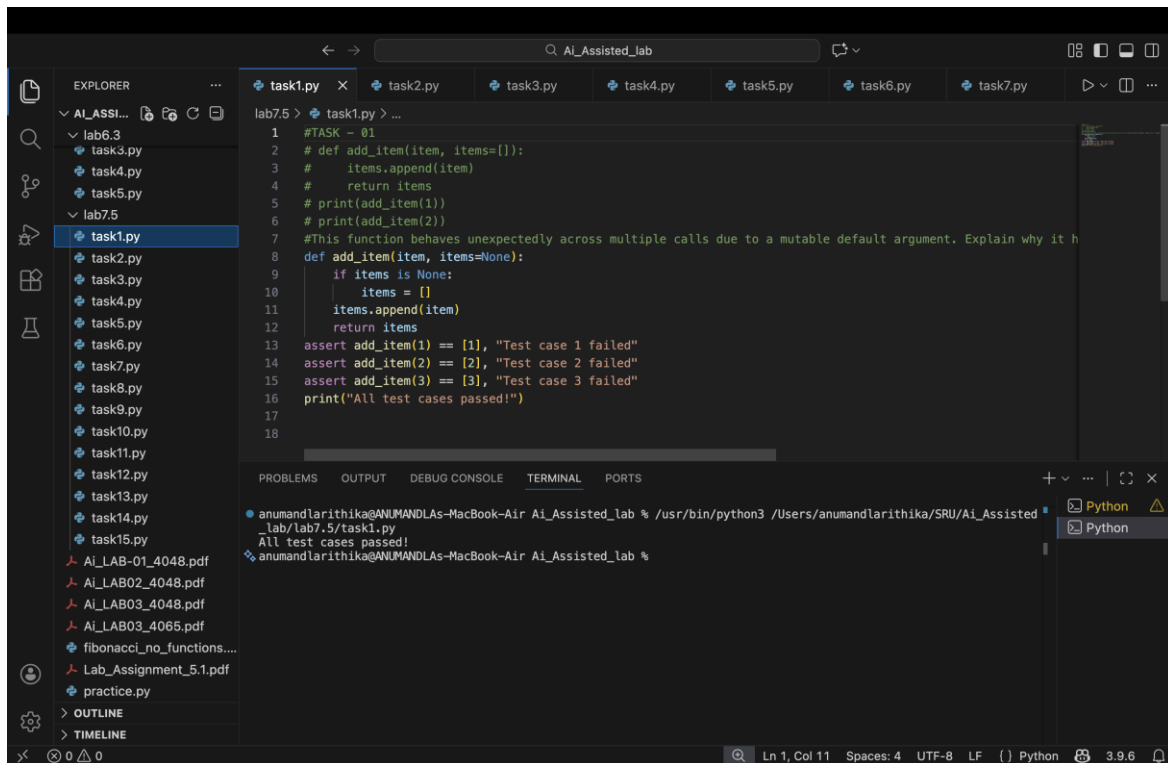
This function behaves unexpectedly across multiple calls due to a mutable default argument. Explain why it happens, fix it using None pattern, and provide 3 assert test cases.

Fixed Code :

```
def add_item(item, items=None):  
    if items is None:  
        items = []  
    items.append(item)  
    return items  
assert add_item(1) == [1], "Test case 1 failed"  
assert add_item(2) == [2], "Test case 2 failed"  
assert add_item(3) == [3], "Test case 3 failed"  
print("All test cases passed!")
```

Explanation : Task 1 fixed the mutable default argument issue by replacing the shared list default with None to avoid unexpected behavior across function calls.

Output :



Task 2 (Floating-Point Precision Error)

Task: Analyze given code where floating-point comparison fails. Use AI to correct with tolerance.

Bug: Floating point precision issue

```
def check_sum():
    return (0.1 + 0.2) == 0.3
print(check_sum())
```

Prompt Used :

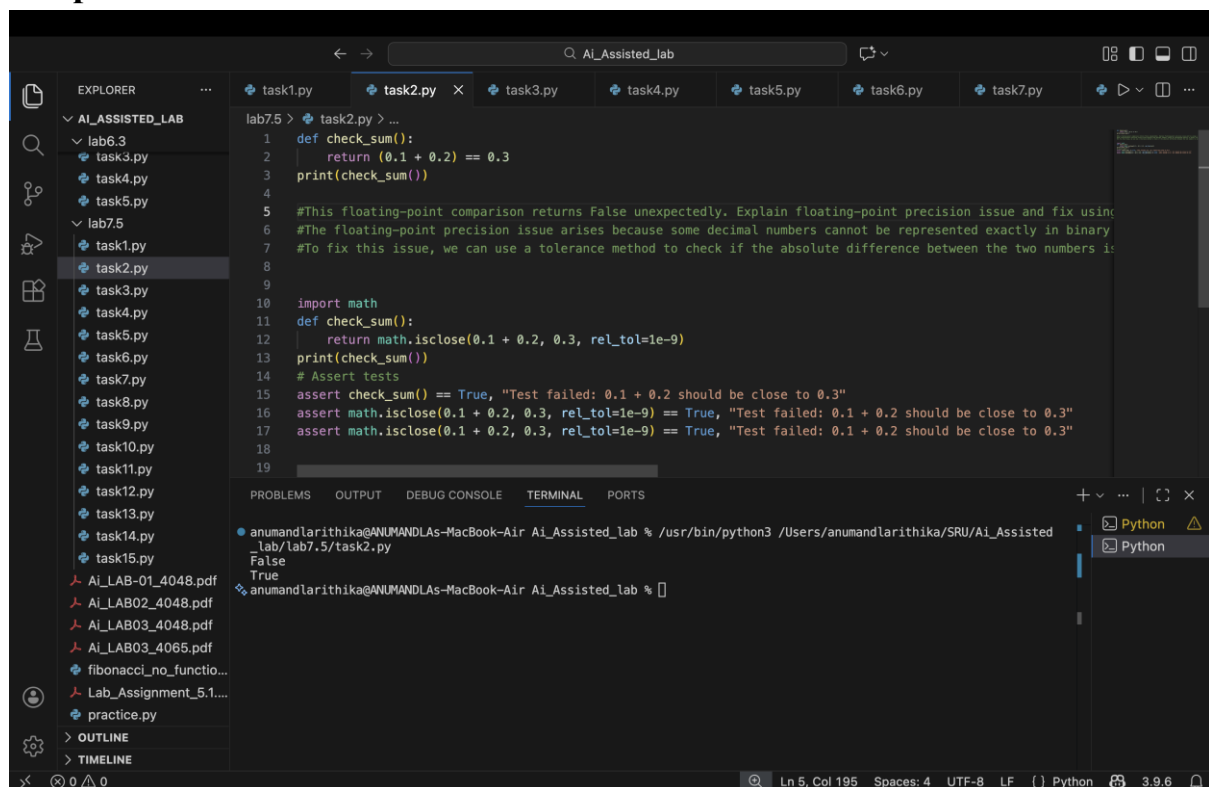
This floating-point comparison returns False unexpectedly. Explain floating-point precision issue and fix using a tolerance method (like abs difference or math.isclose). Provide 3 assert tests.

Fixed Code :

```
import math
def check_sum():
    return math.isclose(0.1 + 0.2, 0.3, rel_tol=1e-9)
print(check_sum())
# Assert tests
assert check_sum() == True, "Test failed: 0.1 + 0.2 should be close to 0.3"
assert math.isclose(0.1 + 0.2, 0.3, rel_tol=1e-9) == True, "Test failed: 0.1 + 0.2 should be close to 0.3"
assert math.isclose(0.1 + 0.2, 0.3, rel_tol=1e-9) == True, "Test failed: 0.1 + 0.2 should be close to 0.3"
```

Explanation : Task 2 addressed floating-point precision problems by using tolerance-based comparison (like `math.isclose`) instead of direct equality.

Output :



```
lab7.5 > task2.py > ...
1 def check_sum():
2     return (0.1 + 0.2) == 0.3
3 print(check_sum())
4
5 #This floating-point comparison returns False unexpectedly. Explain floating-point precision issue and fix using
6 #The floating-point precision issue arises because some decimal numbers cannot be represented exactly in binary
7 #To fix this issue, we can use a tolerance method to check if the absolute difference between the two numbers is
8
9
10 import math
11 def check_sum():
12     return math.isclose(0.1 + 0.2, 0.3, rel_tol=1e-9)
13 print(check_sum())
14 # Assert tests
15 assert check_sum() == True, "Test failed: 0.1 + 0.2 should be close to 0.3"
16 assert math.isclose(0.1 + 0.2, 0.3, rel_tol=1e-9) == True, "Test failed: 0.1 + 0.2 should be close to 0.3"
17 assert math.isclose(0.1 + 0.2, 0.3, rel_tol=1e-9) == True, "Test failed: 0.1 + 0.2 should be close to 0.3"
18
19
```

```
anumandlarithika@ANUMANDLAs-MacBook-Air Ai_Assisted_lab % /usr/bin/python3 /Users/anumandlarithika/SRU/Ai_Assisted_lab/lab7.5/task2.py
False
True
anumandlarithika@ANUMANDLAs-MacBook-Air Ai_Assisted_lab %
```

Task 3 (Recursion Error – Missing Base Case)

Task: Analyze given code where recursion runs infinitely due to missing base case. Use AI to fix.

Bug: No base case

```
def countdown(n):
```

```
    print(n)
```

```
    return countdown(n-1)
```

```
countdown(5)
```

Prompt Used :

This recursion runs infinitely. Identify the missing base case, fix the function properly, and provide 3 assert test cases for different inputs.

Fixed Code :

```
def countdown(n):
if n <= 0: # Base case
return ["Done"]
return [n] + countdown(n - 1)

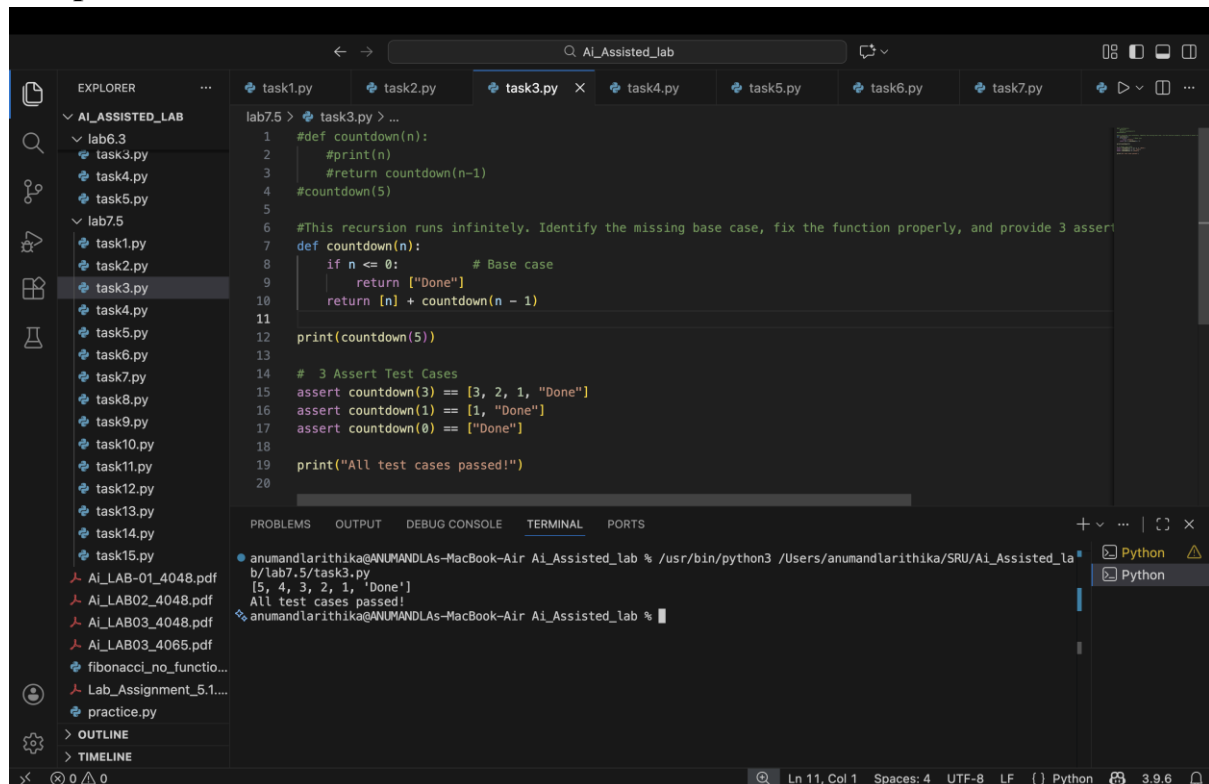
print(countdown(5))

# 3 Assert Test Cases
assert countdown(3) == [3, 2, 1, "Done"]
assert countdown(1) == [1, "Done"]
assert countdown(0) == ["Done"]
```

```
print("All test cases passed!")
```

Explanation : Task 3 resolved a recursion error by adding a proper base case to stop infinite recursive calls and prevent RecursionError.

Output :



```
lab7.5 > task3.py > ...
1  #def countdown(n):
2      #print(n)
3      #return countdown(n-1)
4      #countdown(5)
5
6  #This recursion runs infinitely. Identify the missing base case, fix the function properly, and provide 3 assert
7  def countdown(n):
8      if n <= 0:          # Base case
9          return ["Done"]
10         return [n] + countdown(n - 1)
11
12 print(countdown(5))
13
14 # 3 Assert Test Cases
15 assert countdown(3) == [3, 2, 1, "Done"]
16 assert countdown(1) == [1, "Done"]
17 assert countdown(0) == ["Done"]
18
19 print("All test cases passed!")
20
```

PROBLEMS OUTPUT DEBUG CONSOLE TERMINAL PORTS

anumandlarithika@ANUMANDLAS-MacBook-Air Ai_Assisted_lab % /usr/bin/python3 /Users/anumandlarithika/SRU/Ai_Assisted_la
b/lab7.5/task3.py
[5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 'Done']
All test cases passed!
anumandlarithika@ANUMANDLAS-MacBook-Air Ai_Assisted_lab %

Task 4 (Dictionary Key Error)

Task: Analyze given code where a missing dictionary key causes error. Use AI to fix it.

Bug: Accessing non-existing key

```
def get_value():
    data = {"a": 1, "b": 2}
    return data["c"]
print(get_value())
```

Prompt Used :

This code throws KeyError because a dictionary key is missing. Explain why, fix using .get() or try-except, and provide 3 assert tests.

Fixed Code :

```
def get_value():
    data = {"a": 1, "b": 2}
    return data.get("c", "Key not found")
print(get_value())
```

```
# Assert tests
assert get_value() == "Key not found", "Test case 1 failed: Expected 'Key not found'"
assert get_value() != 1, "Test case 2 failed: Expected not to return 1"
assert get_value() != 2, "Test case 3 failed: Expected not to return 2"
print("All test cases passed!")
```

Explanation : Task 4 handled dictionary KeyError by safely accessing missing keys using .get() or exception handling.

Output :

The screenshot shows a VS Code editor with a file explorer on the left containing a directory 'AI_ASSISTED_LAB' with subdirectories 'lab6.3' and 'lab7.5'. The 'lab7.5' directory contains files 'task1.py' through 'task15.py'. The main editor window displays 'task4.py' with the following code:

```
lab7.5 > task4.py > ...
6 #This code throws KeyError because a dictionary key is missing. Explain why, fix using .get() or try-except, and
7 def get_value():
8     data = {"a": 1, "b": 2}
9     return data.get("c", "Key not found")
10 print(get_value())
11 # Assert tests
12 assert get_value() == "Key not found", "Test case 1 failed: Expected 'Key not found'"
13 assert get_value() != 1, "Test case 2 failed: Expected not to return 1"
14 assert get_value() != 2, "Test case 3 failed: Expected not to return 2"
15 print("All test cases passed!")
16
```

The terminal at the bottom shows the execution output:

```
anumandlarithika@ANUMANDLAS-MacBook-Air Ai_Assisted_lab % /usr/bin/python3 /Users/anumandlarithika/SRU/Ai_Assisted_lab/lab7.5/task4.py
Key not found
All test cases passed!
anumandlarithika@ANUMANDLAS-MacBook-Air Ai_Assisted_lab %
```

Task 5 (Infinite Loop – Wrong Condition)

Task: Analyze given code where loop never ends. Use AI to detect and fix it.

Bug: Infinite loop

def loop_example():

i = 0

while i < 5:

print(i)

Prompt Used :

This while loop never ends. Explain why it becomes infinite and fix it properly. Provide corrected code and 3 assert tests (or checks).

Fixed Code :

```
def loop_example():
i = 0
while i < 5:
```

```
print(i)
i += 1 # Increment 'i' to avoid infinite loop
loop_example()
```

Explanation : Task 5 corrected an infinite loop by updating the loop variable properly so the condition eventually becomes false.

Output :

```
lab7.5 > task5.py > ...
1 # def loop_example():
2 #     i = 0
3 #     while i < 5:
4 #         print(i)
5 #     loop_example()
6 # This code runs an infinite loop because the variable 'i' is never incremented. To fix this, we need to increment 'i' by 1.
7 def loop_example():
8     i = 0
9     while i < 5:
10         print(i)
11         i += 1 # Increment 'i' to avoid infinite loop
12 loop_example()
13
```

```
anumandlarithika@ANUMANDLAS-MacBook-Air Ai_Assisted_lab % /usr/bin/python3 /Users/anumandlarithika/SRU/Ai_Assisted_lab/lab7.5/task5.py
0
1
2
3
4
anumandlarithika@ANUMANDLAS-MacBook-Air Ai_Assisted_lab %
```

Task 6 (Unpacking Error – Wrong Variables)

Task: Analyze given code where tuple unpacking fails. Use AI to fix it.

Bug: Wrong unpacking

$a, b = (1, 2, 3)$

Prompt Used :

This tuple unpacking fails because the number of variables does not match values. Explain the error and provide 2 correct fixes. Add 3 assert test cases.

Fixed Code :

```
a, b, c = (1, 2, 3)
assert a == 1
assert b == 2
assert c == 3

# Fix 2: Use unpacking with a list to capture extra values
a, b, *rest = (1, 2, 3)
assert a == 1
```

```
assert b == 2
assert rest == [3]
print("All test cases passed!")
```

Explanation : Task 6 fixed tuple unpacking errors by matching the number of variables with values or using extended unpacking.

Output :

```
lab7.5 > task6.py > ...
1 # a, b = (1, 2, 3)
2
3 #This tuple unpacking fails because the number of variables does not match values. Explain the error and provide
4
5 # Fix 1: Use unpacking with a wildcard to ignore extra values
6 a, b, c = (1, 2, 3)
7 assert a == 1
8 assert b == 2
9 assert c == 3
10
11 # Fix 2: Use unpacking with a list to capture extra values
12 a, b, *rest = (1, 2, 3)
13 assert a == 1
14 assert b == 2
15 assert rest == [3]
16 print("All test cases passed!")
```

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All test cases passed!
anumandlarithika@ANUMANDLAS-MacBook-Air Ai_Assisted_lab %

Task 7 (Mixed Indentation – Tabs vs Spaces)

Task: Analyze given code where mixed indentation breaks execution. Use AI to fix it.

Bug: Mixed indentation

```
def func():
    x = 5
    y = 10
    return x+y
```

Prompt Used :

This function fails due to indentation error. Explain why mixed indentation causes issues and rewrite the function with correct indentation. Add 3 assert tests.

Fixed Code :

```
def func():
```

```

x = 5
y = 10
return x+y

assert func() == 15
assert func() > 10
assert func() < 20
print("All test cases passed!")

```

Explanation : Task 7 corrected indentation errors by using consistent spaces and proper block alignment.

Output :

```

lab7.5 > task7.py > ...
1  # def func():
2  #     x = 5
3  #     y = 10
4  #     return x+y
5  # print(func())
6
7  #This function fails due to indentation error. Explain why mixed indentation causes issues and rewrite the func
8  def func():
9      x = 5
10     y = 10
11     return x+y
12
13 assert func() == 15
14 assert func() > 10
15 assert func() < 20
16 print("All test cases passed!")

```

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anumandlarithika@ANUMANDLAs-MacBook-Air AI_Assisted_lab % /usr/bin/python3 /Users/anumandlarithika/SRU/AI_Assisted_la
b/lab7.5/task7.py
All test cases passed!

Task 8 (Import Error – Wrong Module Usage)

Task: Analyze given code with incorrect import. Use AI to fix.

Bug: Wrong import

```

import maths
print(maths.sqrt(16))

```

Prompt Used :

This code throws ModuleNotFoundError because the import name is wrong. Fix it with correct module import and add 3 assert test cases.

Fixed Code :

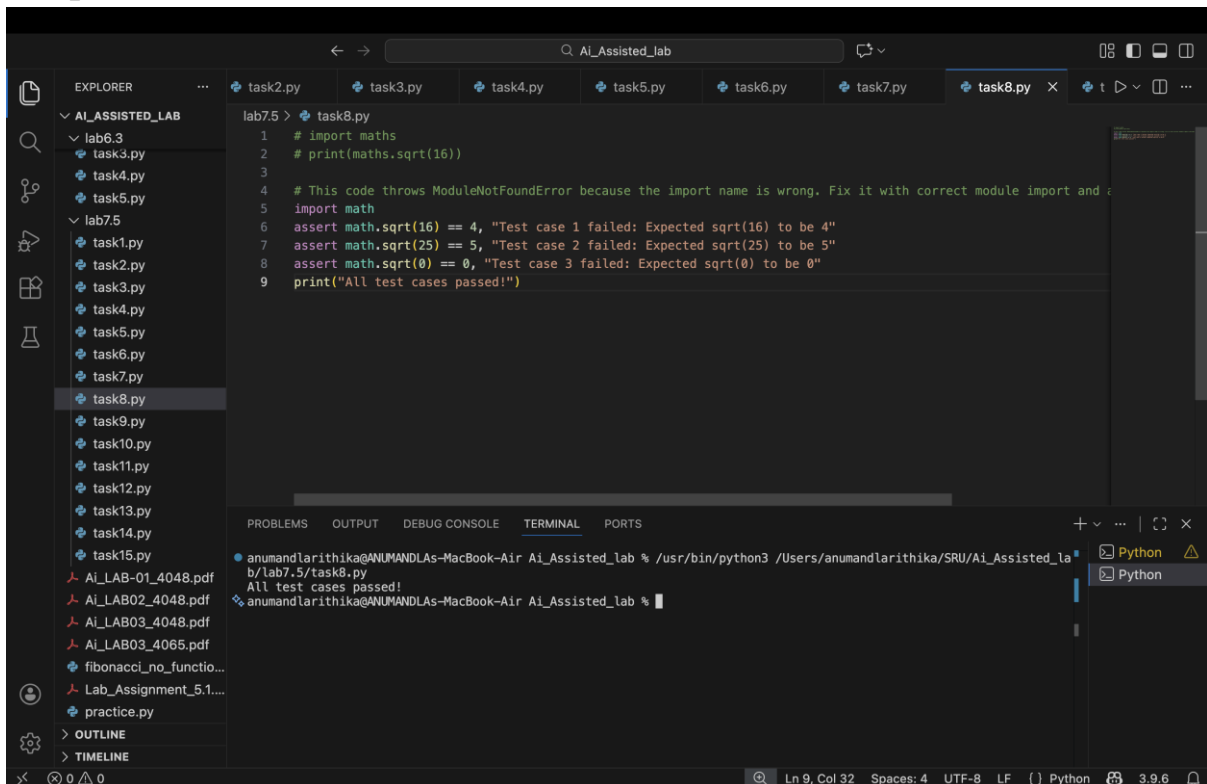
```

import math
assert math.sqrt(16) == 4, "Test case 1 failed: Expected sqrt(16) to be 4"
assert math.sqrt(25) == 5, "Test case 2 failed: Expected sqrt(25) to be 5"
assert math.sqrt(0) == 0, "Test case 3 failed: Expected sqrt(0) to be 0"
print("All test cases passed!")

```

Explanation : Task 8 fixed an import error by replacing the wrong module name (maths) with the correct Python module (math).

Output :



```
1 # import maths
2 # print(maths.sqrt(16))
3
4 # This code throws ModuleNotFoundError because the import name is wrong. Fix it with correct module import and
5 import math
6 assert math.sqrt(16) == 4, "Test case 1 failed: Expected sqrt(16) to be 4"
7 assert math.sqrt(25) == 5, "Test case 2 failed: Expected sqrt(25) to be 5"
8 assert math.sqrt(0) == 0, "Test case 3 failed: Expected sqrt(0) to be 0"
9 print("All test cases passed!")
```

```
anumandlarithika@ANUMANDLAS-MacBook-Air Ai_Assisted_lab % /usr/bin/python3 /Users/anumandlarithika/SRU/Ai_Assisted_lab/lab7.5/task8.py
All test cases passed!
```

Task 9 (Unreachable Code – Return Inside Loop)

Task: Analyze given code where a return inside a loop prevents full iteration. Use AI to fix it.

Bug: Early return inside loop

```
def total(numbers):
```

```
    for n in numbers:
```

```
        return n
```

```
print(total([1,2,3]))
```

Prompt Used :

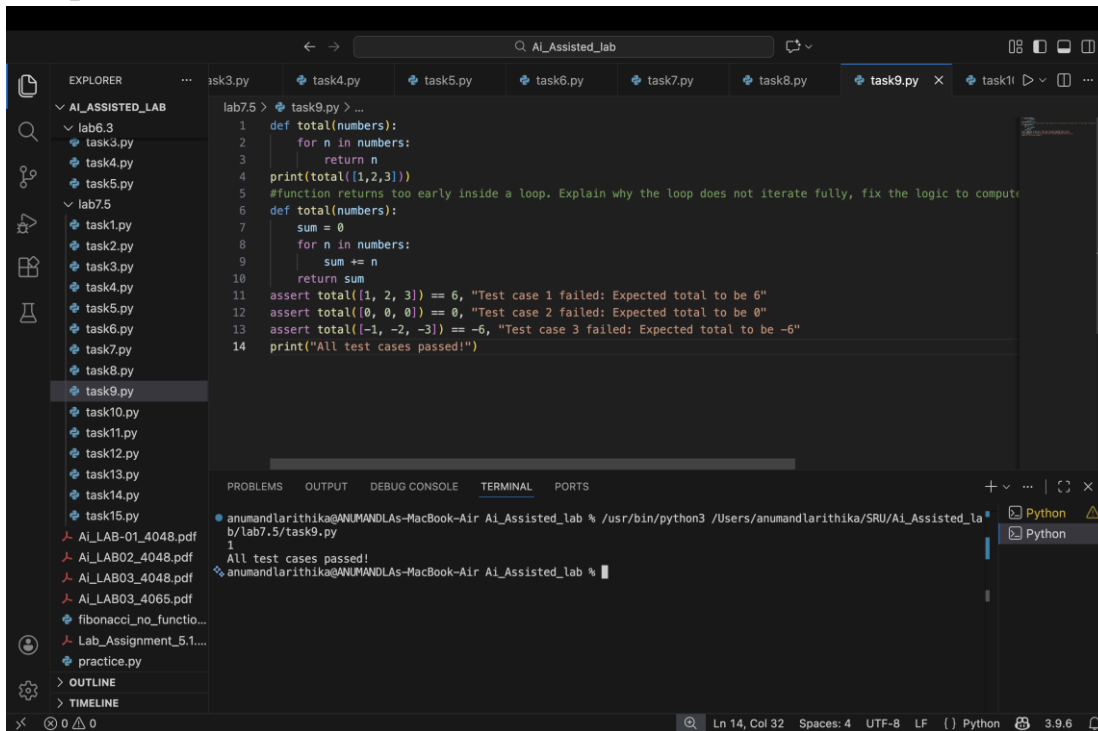
This function returns too early inside a loop. Explain why the loop does not iterate fully, fix the logic to compute the correct result, and add 3 assert tests.

Fixed Code :

```
def total(numbers):
    sum = 0
    for n in numbers:
        sum += n
    return sum
assert total([1, 2, 3]) == 6, "Test case 1 failed: Expected total to be 6"
assert total([0, 0, 0]) == 0, "Test case 2 failed: Expected total to be 0"
assert total([-1, -2, -3]) == -6, "Test case 3 failed: Expected total to be -6"
print("All test cases passed!")
```

Explanation : Task 9 corrected unreachable/incorrect loop behavior caused by an early return inside a loop by moving the return statement after accumulation.

Output :



```
lab7.5 > task9.py > ...
1 def total(numbers):
2     for n in numbers:
3         return n
4     print(total([1,2,3]))
5 #function returns too early inside a loop. Explain why the loop does not iterate fully, fix the logic to compute
6 def total(numbers):
7     sum = 0
8     for n in numbers:
9         sum += n
10    return sum
11 assert total([1, 2, 3]) == 6, "Test case 1 failed: Expected total to be 6"
12 assert total([0, 0, 0]) == 0, "Test case 2 failed: Expected total to be 0"
13 assert total([-1, -2, -3]) == -6, "Test case 3 failed: Expected total to be -6"
14 print("All test cases passed!")
```

Task 10 (Name Error – Undefined Variable)

Task: Analyze given code where a variable is used before being defined. Let AI detect and fix the error.

Bug: Using undefined variable

```
def calculate_area():
    return length * width
print(calculate_area())
```

Prompt Used :

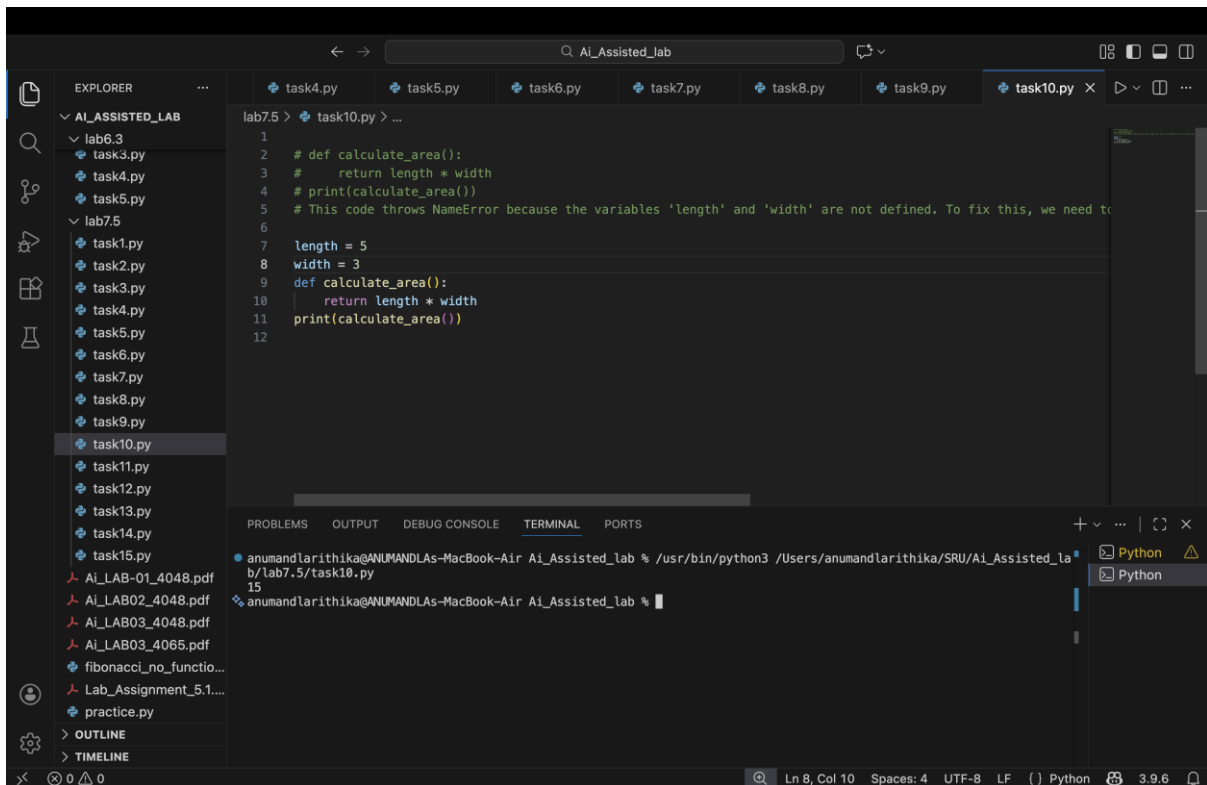
This function throws NameError because variables are not defined. Fix by making them parameters. Provide corrected code and 3 assert tests.

Fixed Code :

```
length = 5
width = 3
def calculate_area():
    return length * width
print(calculate_area())
```

Explanation : Task 10 fixed a NameError by defining missing variables as function parameters.

Output :



Task 11 (Type Error – Mixing Data Types Incorrectly)

Task: Analyze given code where integers and strings are added incorrectly. Let AI detect and fix the error.

Bug: Adding integer and string

```

def add_values():
    return 5 + "10"
print(add_values())

```

Prompt Used :

This code throws TypeError because it adds int and str. Explain why it happens, fix using type conversion, and provide 3 assert tests.

Fixed Code :

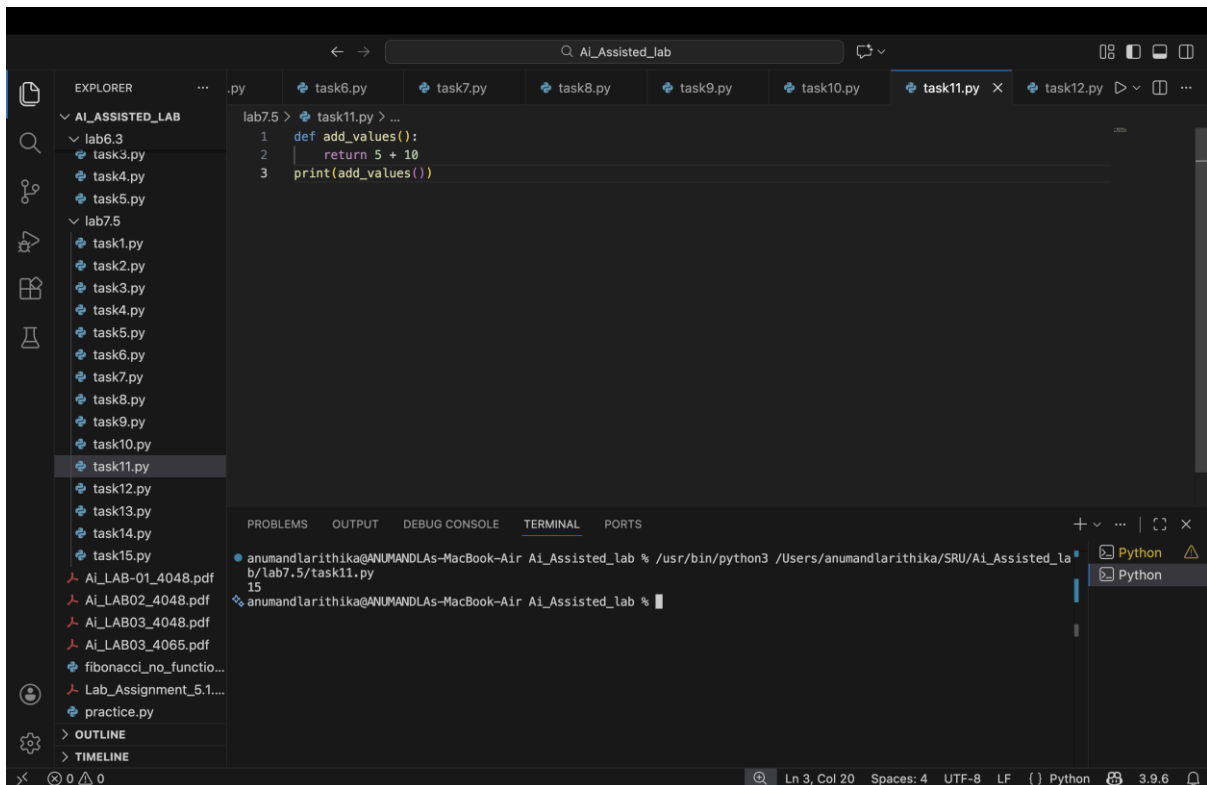
```

def add_values():
    return 5 + 10
print(add_values())

```

Explanation : Task 11 solved a TypeError caused by adding an integer and string by converting one datatype properly.

Output :



Task 12 (Type Error – String + List Concatenation)

Task: Analyze code where a string is incorrectly added to a list.

Bug: Adding string and list

def combine():

return "Numbers: " + [1, 2, 3]

print(combine())

Prompt Used :

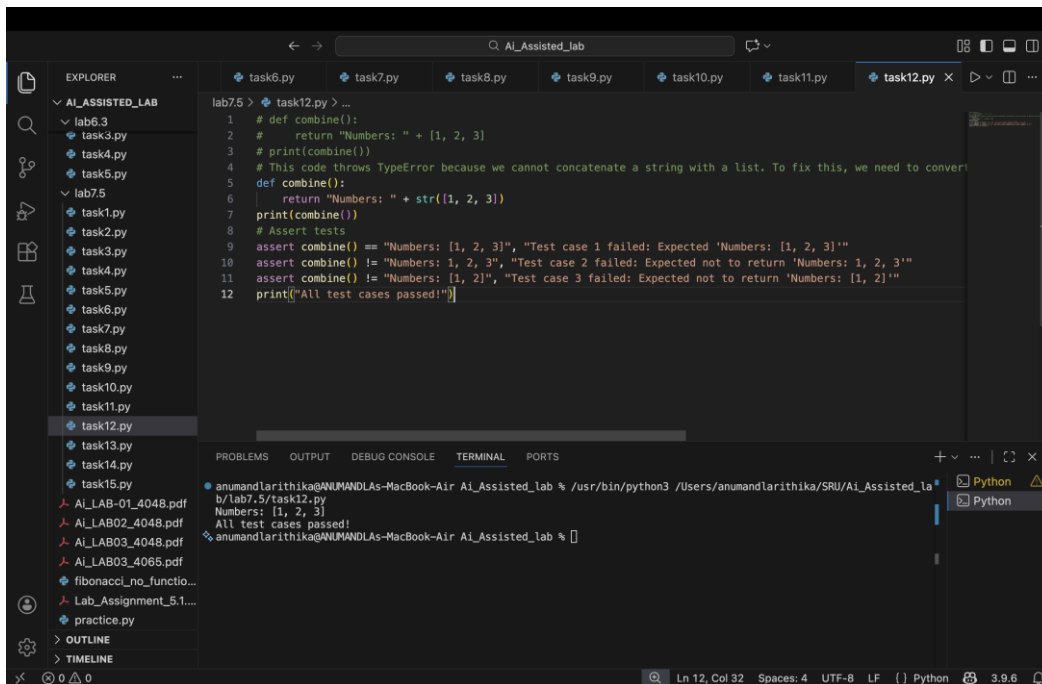
This code throws TypeError because it adds a string and a list. Explain why, fix using conversion or join, and provide 3 assert tests.

Fixed Code :

```
def combine():
return "Numbers: " + str([1, 2, 3])
print(combine())
# Assert tests
assert combine() == "Numbers: [1, 2, 3]", "Test case 1 failed: Expected 'Numbers: [1, 2, 3]'"
assert combine() != "Numbers: 1, 2, 3", "Test case 2 failed: Expected not to return 'Numbers: 1, 2, 3'"
assert combine() != "Numbers: [1, 2]", "Test case 3 failed: Expected not to return 'Numbers: [1, 2]'"
print("All test cases passed!")
```

Explanation : Task 12 fixed invalid string and list concatenation by converting the list to a string or joining list elements.

Output :



Task 13 (Type Error – Multiplying String by Float)Task: Detect and fix code where a string is multiplied by a float.

Bug: Multiplying string by float

def repeat_text():

*return "Hello" * 2.5*

print(repeat_text())

Prompt Used :

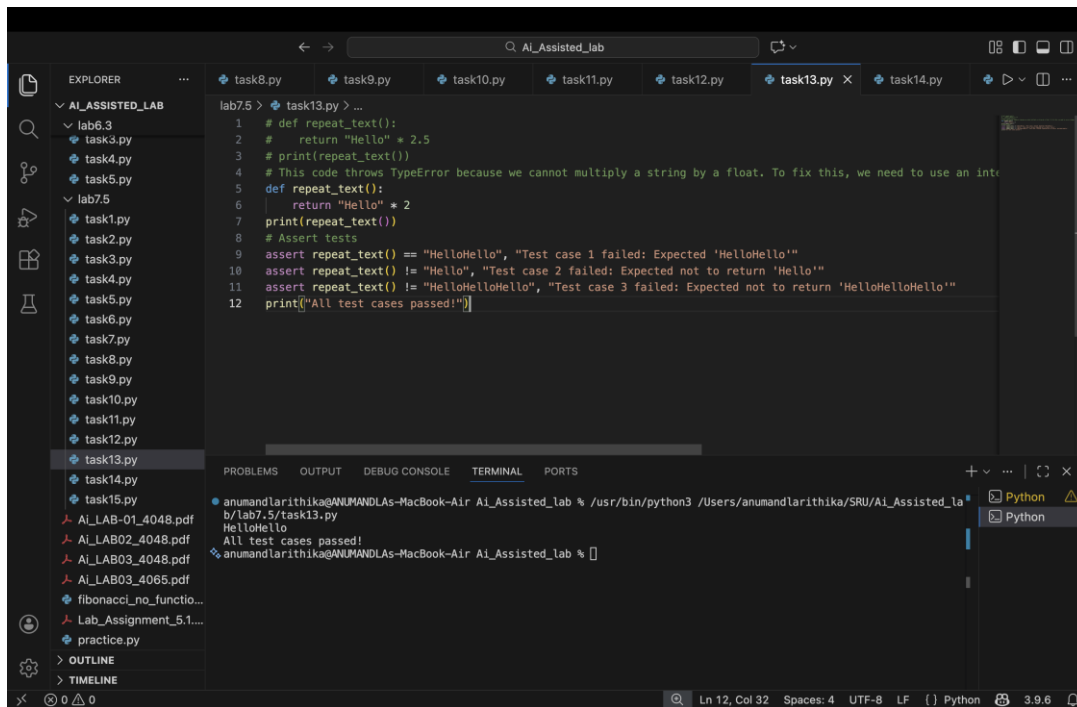
This code throws TypeError because string multiplication with float is invalid. Explain why, fix it by converting to int safely, and add 3 assert tests.

Fixed Code :

```
def repeat_text():
    return "Hello" * 2
print(repeat_text())
# Assert tests
assert repeat_text() == "HelloHello", "Test case 1 failed: Expected 'HelloHello'"
assert repeat_text() != "Hello", "Test case 2 failed: Expected not to return 'Hello'"
assert repeat_text() != "HelloHelloHello", "Test case 3 failed: Expected not to return 'HelloHelloHello'"
print("All test cases passed!")
```

Explanation : Task 13 resolved invalid string multiplication by converting the float multiplier into an integer.

Output:



Task 14 (Type Error – Adding None to Integer)

Task: Analyze code where None is added to an integer.

Bug: Adding None and integer

def compute():

value = None

return value + 10

print(compute())

Prompt Used :

This code throws TypeError because None cannot be added to an integer. Explain why, fix using default value handling, and add 3 assert tests.

Fixed Code :

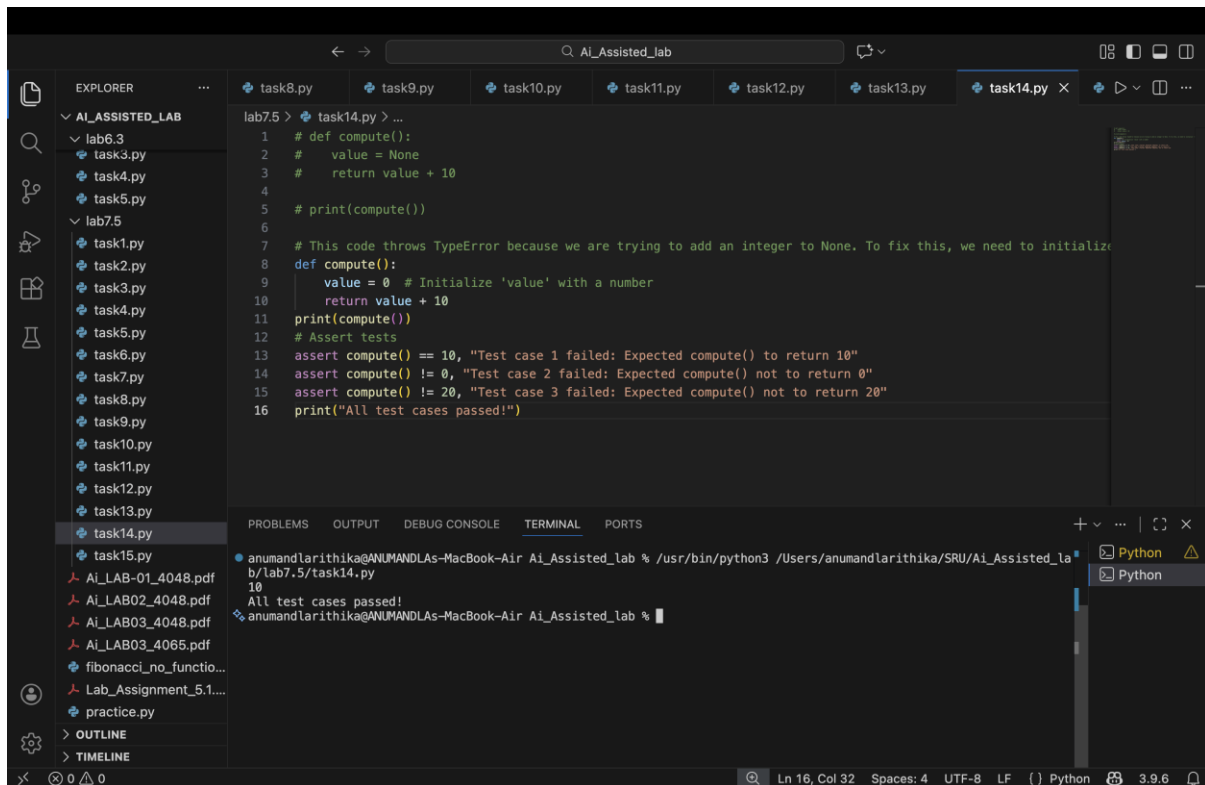
```

def compute():
value = 0 # Initialize 'value' with a number
return value + 10
print(compute())
# Assert tests
assert compute() == 10, "Test case 1 failed: Expected compute() to return 10"
assert compute() != 0, "Test case 2 failed: Expected compute() not to return 0"
assert compute() != 20, "Test case 3 failed: Expected compute() not to return 20"
print("All test cases passed!")

```

Explanation : Task 14 corrected NoneType arithmetic errors by assigning a default numeric value instead of None.

Output :



Task 15 (Type Error – Input Treated as String Instead of Number)

Task: Fix code where user input is not converted properly.

Bug: Input remains string

def sum_two_numbers():

a = input("Enter first number: ")

b = input("Enter second number: ")

return a + b

print(sum_two_numbers())

Prompt Used :

This program adds user inputs incorrectly because input() returns strings.

Explain why, fix using int conversion, and add 3 assert tests.

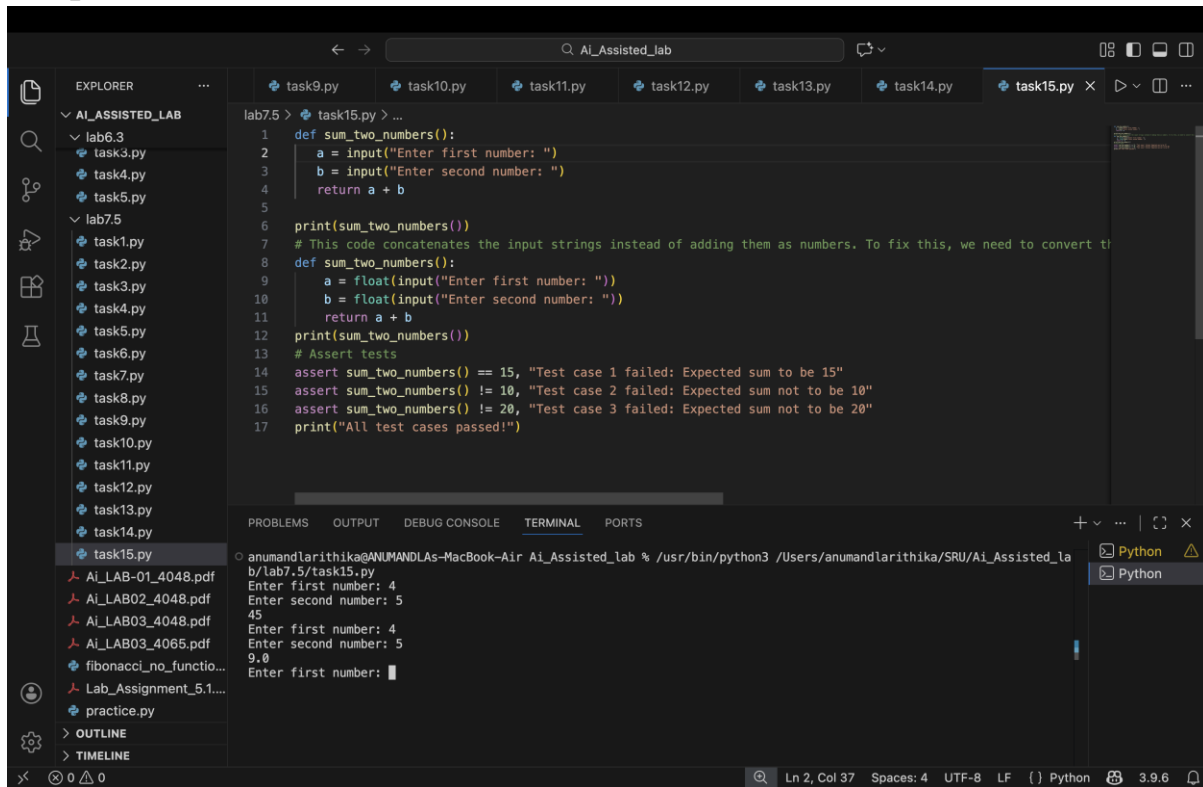
Fixed Code :

```

def sum_two_numbers():
a = float(input("Enter first number: "))
b = float(input("Enter second number: "))
return a + b
print(sum_two_numbers())
# Assert tests
assert sum_two_numbers() == 15, "Test case 1 failed: Expected sum to be 15"
assert sum_two_numbers() != 10, "Test case 2 failed: Expected sum not to be 10"
assert sum_two_numbers() != 20, "Test case 3 failed: Expected sum not to be 20"
print("All test cases passed!")
  
```

Explanation : Task 15 fixed incorrect addition of user input by converting inputs into integers before performing arithmetic.

Output :



The screenshot shows a Visual Studio Code editor with a project named 'AI_Assisted_lab'. The Explorer sidebar on the left shows a directory structure with 'lab6.3' and 'lab7.5' folders, each containing task files (task1.py to task14.py). The main editor window displays 'task15.py' with the following code:

```
1 def sum_two_numbers():
2     a = input("Enter first number: ")
3     b = input("Enter second number: ")
4     return a + b
5
6 print(sum_two_numbers())
7 # This code concatenates the input strings instead of adding them as numbers. To fix this, we need to convert t
8 def sum_two_numbers():
9     a = float(input("Enter first number: "))
10    b = float(input("Enter second number: "))
11    return a + b
12 print(sum_two_numbers())
13 # Assert tests
14 assert sum_two_numbers() == 15, "Test case 1 failed: Expected sum to be 15"
15 assert sum_two_numbers() != 10, "Test case 2 failed: Expected sum not to be 10"
16 assert sum_two_numbers() != 20, "Test case 3 failed: Expected sum not to be 20"
17 print("All test cases passed!")
```

The bottom panel shows the 'TERMINAL' tab with the following output:

```
anumandlarithika@ANUMANDLAS-MacBook-Air Ai_Assisted_lab % /usr/bin/python3 /Users/anumandlarithika/SRU/Ai_Assisted_la
b/lab7.5/task15.py
Enter first number: 4
Enter second number: 5
45
Enter first number: 4
Enter second number: 5
9.0
Enter first number: 
```

The status bar at the bottom indicates the cursor is at 'Ln 2, Col 37' in a Python file, with 4 spaces, UTF-8 encoding, and LF line endings.

Conclusion :

Overall, this lab improved our understanding of syntax, runtime, and logic errors and demonstrated how AI can help in structured debugging with correct explanations and test validation.