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Assignment – 7.4

Task Description #1:

Introducea buggyPython function that calculates the factorial of a number using recursion. Use Copilot or Cursor AIto detect and fix the logical or syntax errors.

CODE

```
def factorial(n):
    if n < 0:
        raise ValueError("Factorial is not defined for negative numbers")
    elif n == 0 or n == 1: # Correct base case
        return 1
    else:
        return n * factorial(n - 1) # Correct recursive step
print(factorial(5))   #   120
print(factorial(0))     #     1
print(factorial(1)) # 1
```

OUTPUT

120 1 1 720

OBSERVATION

The recursive factorial function works correctly. The output discrepancy (720) indicates that the code executed in your environment had one more print(factorial(6)) call than the snippet you posted.

Task Description #2:

Provide a list sorting function that fails due to a type error (e.g., sorting list with mixed integers and strings). Prompt AI to detect the issue and fix the code for consistent sorting.

CODE

```
def buggy_sort_list(items):
    return sorted(items)


#Fixed version: Convert everything to integers before sorting
def fixed_sort_list(items):
    return sorted(int(x) for x in items)
# Example input
data = [10, "5", 3, "20", 7]
print("---- Buggy Version ----")
try:
    print(buggy_sort_list(data))
except TypeError as e:
    print("Error:", e)
print("\n---- Fixed Version ----")
print(fixed_sort_list(data))
```

OUTPUT

```
[3, 7, 10]
```

OBSERVATION

1.The buggy version fails because Python cannot compare integers and strings during sorting.

2.The fixed version should convert all values to integers, producing [3, 5, 7, 10, 20].

3.If your output is [3, 7, 10], that means the AI applied filtering instead of conversion (ignoring strings instead of converting them).

4.Both approaches are valid fixes, but they give different results

Task Description #3:

WriteaPython snippetfor file handling that opens a file but forgets to close it. Ask Copilot or Cursor AI to improveit using the best practice (e.g., with open() block).

CODE

```
def read_file(filename):
    with open(filename, "r") as file:
        content = file.read()
    return content
# Example usage
print(read_file("example.txt"))
```

OUTPUT

```
Hello AI
This is a test file.
```

OBSERVATION

1.**Best practice followed:**

- Using with open() prevents resource leakage, unlike open() without close().

2.**Safe execution:**

- No need to manually close the file; avoids runtime warnings.

3.**Readable and concise:**

- The context manager makes the code clean and Pythonic.

4.**Limitation:**

- Reads the entirefile at once; for very large files, reading line by line might be more memory-efficient

Task Description #4:

Provideapiece ofcodewith a ZeroDivisionError inside a loop. Ask AI to add error handling using try-except and continue execution safely

CODE

```
numbers = [10, 5, 0, 2, 0, 4]
for n in numbers:
    try:
        result = 100 / n
```

```
        print(f"100 / {n} = {result}")
    except ZeroDivisionError:
        print(f"Error: Cannot divide by zero for n = {n}. Skipping...")
        continue
```

OUTPUT

100 / 10 = 10.0

100 / 5 = 20.0

Error: Cannot divide by zero for n = 0. Skipping...

100 / 2 = 50.0

Error: Cannot divide by zero for n = 0. Skipping...

100 / 4 = 25.0

OBSERVATION

1.**Error handling works correctly:**

- Division by zero does not crash the program.
- A meaningful message is printed for zero values.

2.**Execution continues safely:**

- Loop continues for the remaining numbers after an error.

3.**Readable and maintainable:**

- Clear separation of normal execution and error handling.

4.**Best practice:**

- Using try-except inside a loop is ideal when some operations might fail but others should still execute

Task Description #5:

Include a buggy class definition with incorrect __init__ parameters or attribute references. Ask AI to analyze and correct the constructor and attribute usage.

CODE

```
class Student:
```

```
    def __init__(self, name, age):  #       Correct parameters
        self.name = name            #       Proper attribute assignment
        self.age = age


    def display(self):
        print(f"Name: {self.name}, Age: {self.age}")
#Example usage
s1=Student("Alice", 20)
s1.display()
```

OUTPUT

```
Name: Alice, Age: 20
```

OBSERVATION

1.**Constructor correctly defined:**

- Includes self as the first parameter.
- Attributes self.name and self.age are properly initialized.

2.**Attribute references correct:**

- display method correctly accesses attributes with self.

3.**No runtime errors:**

- Instantiating the class and calling display works as expected.

4.**Good coding practice:**

- Proper use of self ensures instance-specific data is maintained.
- Code is readable and maintainable.