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Lab 4: Advanced Prompt Engineering – Zero-shot, One-shot, and Few-shot Techniques

Task 1: Zero-shot Prompting

Prompt:

Write a Python function to determine whether a given number is prime.

Code :

```
AI-4.2.py •
AI-4.2.py > is_prime
1  #Write a Python function to determine whether a given number is prime.
2  def is_prime(n):
3      """Check if a number is prime.
4      Args:
5          n (int): The number to check.
6      Returns:
7          bool: True if n is prime, False otherwise.
8      """
9      if n <= 1:
10         return False
11     for i in range(2, int(n**0.5) + 1):
12         if n % i == 0:
13             return False
14     return True
15 # Example usage:
16 print(is_prime(17)) # Output: True
17 print(is_prime(15)) # Output: False
```

Explanation

- Uses only instruction, no examples. ☞ Checks divisibility up to \sqrt{n} .
- Correctly handles non-prime cases.

Output :

```
PROBLEMS OUTPUT DEBUG CONSOLE TERMINAL PORTS
PS C:\Users\deept\Downloads\DevOps.3-2> c;; cd 'c:\Users\deept\Downloads\DevOps.3-2'; & 'C:\Users\deept\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Python\Python313\python.exe' 'c:\Users\deept\.vscode\extensions\ms-python.debugpy-2025.19.2026011901-win32-x64\bu
s\d Focus folder in explorer (ctrl + click) C:\Users\deept\Downloads\DevOps.3-2\#Write a Python function to check whethe.py'
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PS C:\Users\deept\Downloads\DevOps.3-2> c;; cd 'c:\Users\deept\Downloads\DevOps.3-2'; & 'C:\Users\deept\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Python\Python313\python.exe' 'c:\Users\deept\.vscode\extensions\ms-python.debugpy-2025.19.2026011901-win32-x64\bu
s\debugpy\launcher' '50537' '--' 'C:\Users\deept\Downloads\DevOps.3-2\#Write a Python function to check whethe.py'
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s\debugpy\launcher' '50557' '--' 'C:\Users\deept\Downloads\DevOps.3-2\#Write a Python function to check whethe.py'
True
PS C:\Users\deept\Downloads\DevOps.3-2>
```

Task 2: One-shot Prompting

Prompt:

Generate a function to calculate the sum of elements in a list.

Code :

```
AI-4.2.py X
AI-4.2.py > ...
1 #Generate a function to calculate the sum of elements in a list.
2 def sum_of_elements(input_list):
3     return sum(input_list)
4 # Example usage:
5 example_list = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
6 result = sum_of_elements(example_list)
7 print("The sum of elements in the list is:", result)
8 # Output: The sum of elements in the list is: 15
```

Explanation

- Single example guides the logic.
- Iterates through list and adds elements.

Output :

```
PS C:\Users\deept\Downloads\DevOps.3-2> c;; cd 'c:\Users\deept\Downloads\DevOps.3-2'; & 'C:\Users\deept\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Python\Python313\python.exe' 'c:\Users\deept\.vscode\extensions\ms-python.debugpy-2025.19.2026011901
s\debugpy\launcher' '49696' '--' 'C:\Users\deept\Downloads\DevOps.3-2\AI-4.2.py'
The sum of elements in the list is: 15
```

Task 3: Few-shot Prompting Prompt

:

Write a Python function that takes an alphanumeric string and returns only the digits.

Code :

```

AI-4.2.py X
AI-4.2.py > ...
1 #write a Python function that takes an alphanumeric string and returns only the digits.
2 def extract_digits(alphanumeric_string):
3     digits = ''.join(filter(str.isdigit, alphanumeric_string))
4     return digits
5 # Example usage:
6 input_string = "a1b2c3d4e5"
7 result = extract_digits(input_string)
8 print(result) # Output: 12345
9
10

```

Explanation

- Multiple examples clarify pattern.
- Extracts only numeric characters.

Output :

```

ms\Python\Python313\python.exe 'c:\Users\deept\.vscode\extensions\ms-python.debugpy-2025.19.2026011901-win32-x64\bin
s\debugpy\launcher' '51269' '--' 'C:\Users\deept\Downloads\DevOps.3-2\AI-4.2.py'
12345

```

Task 4: Zero-shot vs Few-shot Comparison (Vowel Count)

Prompt :

Write a Python function to count the number of vowels in a given string.

Code :

```

AI-4.2.py X
AI-4.2.py > ...
1 #Write a Python function to count the number of vowels in a given string.
2 def count_vowels(input_string):
3     vowels = "aeiouAEIOU"
4     count = 0
5     for char in input_string:
6         if char in vowels:
7             count += 1
8     return count
9 # Example usage:
10 input_str = "Hello, World!"
11 print(f"Number of vowels in '{input_str}': {count_vowels(input_str)}")
12 # Output: Number of vowels in 'Hello, World!': 3
13

```

Comparison Explanation

- **Zero-shot:** Basic and longer logic.
- **Few-shot:** More optimized and concise.
- Examples help AI improve clarity and efficiency.

Output :

```
ms-python\python313\python.exe -c 'C:\Users\deept\vscode\extensions\ms-python.debugpy-2025.19.2026011901-win32-x86_64\debugpy\launcher' '61501' '--' 'C:\Users\deept\Downloads\DevOps.3-2\AI-4.2.py'
Number of vowels in 'Hello, World!': 3
```

Task 5: Few-shot Prompting (Minimum of Three Numbers) Prompt

:

write a Python function that takes three numbers and returns the minimum value without using min().

Code :

```
AI-4.2.py x
AI-4.2.py > ...
1 #write a Python function that takes three numbers and returns the minimum value without using min().
2 def find_minimum(a, b, c):
3     if a <= b and a <= c:
4         return a
5     elif b <= a and b <= c:
6         return b
7     else:
8         return c
9 # Example usage:
10 print(find_minimum(3, 1, 2)) # Output: 1
11 print(find_minimum(-5, -10, -3)) # Output: -10
12
```

Explanation

- Uses conditional logic.
- Does not use built-in `min()`.
- Covers all comparison cases.

Output :

```
PS C:\Users\deept\Downloads\DevOps.3-2> python AI-4.2.py
1
-10
```