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AI LAB – 4.5

Advanced Prompt Engineering: Zero-Shot, One-Shot, Few-Shot

Task 1: Zero-Shot Prompting – Email Classification

Prompt:

Classify the following email into one of these categories:

Billing, Technical Support, Feedback, Others.

Email: "I have not received my invoice for last month."

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print("\nTask 1: Zero-Shot Prompting  Email Classification\n")

prompt = """
Classify the following email into one of these categories:
Billing, Technical Support, Feedback, Others.

Email: "I have not received my invoice for last month."
"""

print(prompt)
# Expected Output: Billing
```

Output :

```
Zero-Shot Prompt:
Classify the following email into one of these categories:
Billing, Technical Support, Feedback, Others.

Email: "I have not received my invoice for last month."
```

Explanation:

Zero-shot prompting does not provide any examples to the model.
The model relies entirely on its pre-trained knowledge.
This method works well for simple and clear inputs.

Task 2: One-Shot Prompting – Email Classification

Prompt:

Example:

Email: "The application crashes frequently."

Category: Technical Support

Now classify the following email:

Email: "I was charged twice for my subscription."

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print("\nTask 2: One-Shot Prompting  Email Classification\n")

prompt = """
Example:
Email: "The application crashes frequently."
Category: Technical Support

Now classify the following email:
Email: "I was charged twice for my subscription."
"""

print(prompt)
# Expected Output: Billing
```

Output :

```
One-Shot Prompt:
Example:
Email: "My internet is not working."
Category: Technical Support

Now classify:
Email: "I was charged twice for my subscription."
```

Explanation:

One-shot prompting provides a single labeled example.
It helps the model understand the expected format.
Accuracy improves compared to zero-shot prompting.

Task 3: Few-Shot Prompting – Email Classification

Prompt:

Email: "Invoice not generated."

Category: Billing

Email: "App crashes on login."

Category: Technical Support

Email: "Very happy with the service."

Category: Feedback

Now classify the following email:

Email: "Unable to reset my password."

```
print("\nTask 3: Few-Shot Prompting  Email Classification\n")

prompt = """
Email: "Invoice not generated."
Category: Billing

Email: "App crashes on login."
Category: Technical Support

Email: "Very happy with the service."
Category: Feedback

Now classify the following email:
Email: "Unable to reset my password."
"""

print(prompt)
# Expected Output: Technical Support
```

Output:

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Few-Shot Prompt:
Email: "I have not received my bill."
Category: Billing

Email: "The app crashes on startup."
Category: Technical Support

Email: "Great service experience."
Category: Feedback

Now classify:
Email: "I am unable to reset my password."
```

Explanation:

Few-shot prompting provides multiple labeled examples.

This clearly defines the category boundaries.

It gives the highest accuracy among the methods.

Task 4: Zero-Shot Prompting – Travel Query Classification

Prompt:

Classify the following travel query into one of these categories:

Flight Booking, Hotel Booking, Cancellation, General Travel Info.

Query: "Cancel my flight ticket booked for tomorrow."

```
print("\nTask 4: Zero-Shot Prompting Travel Query Classification\n")

prompt = """
Classify the following travel query into one of these categories:
Flight Booking, Hotel Booking, Cancellation, General Travel Info.

Query: "Cancel my flight ticket booked for tomorrow."
"""

print(prompt)
# Expected Output: Cancellation
```

Output :

```
2. TRAVEL QUERY CLASSIFICATION

Zero-Shot Prompt:
Classify the following query into:
Flight Booking, Hotel Booking, Cancellation, General Travel Info.

Query: "Cancel my flight ticket."
```

Explanation:

The model classifies the query without prior examples.

It uses keywords and intent understanding.

Effective for direct and simple travel queries.

Task 5: One-Shot Prompting – Travel Query Classification

Prompt:

Example:

Query: "Book a flight from Delhi to London"

Category: Flight Booking

Now classify the following query:

Query: "I need a hotel in Goa for 3 nights."

```
print("\nTask 5: One-Shot Prompting Travel Query Classification\n")

prompt = """
Example:
Query: "Book a flight from Delhi to London"
Category: Flight Booking

Now classify the following query:
Query: "I need a hotel in Goa for 3 nights."
"""

print(prompt)
# Expected Output: Hotel Booking
```

Output :

```
One-Shot Prompt:
Example:
Query: "Book a flight to London"
Category: Flight Booking

Now classify:
Query: "I need a hotel in Goa."
```

Explanation:

One-shot prompting improves consistency in output.

The example guides the model's understanding.

Better accuracy than zero-shot prompting.

Task 6: Few-Shot Prompting – Travel Query Classification

Prompt:

Query: "Book flight tickets to Dubai"

Category: Flight Booking

Query: "Cancel my hotel reservation"

Category: Cancellation

Query: "Find hotels near airport"

Category: Hotel Booking

Now classify the following query:

Query: "What documents are required for international travel?"

```
print("\nTask 6: Few-Shot Prompting  Travel Query Classification\n")

prompt = """
Query: "Book flight tickets to Dubai"
Category: Flight Booking

Query: "Cancel my hotel reservation"
Category: Cancellation

Query: "Find hotels near airport"
Category: Hotel Booking

Now classify the following query:
Query: "What documents are required for international travel?"
"""

print(prompt)
# Expected Output: General Travel Info
```

Output :

```
Few-Shot Prompt:
Query: "Book flight tickets to Dubai"
Category: Flight Booking

Query: "Cancel my hotel reservation"
Category: Cancellation

Query: "Find hotels near airport"
Category: Hotel Booking

Now classify:
Query: "What documents are needed for international travel?"
```

Explanation:

Few-shot prompting reduces ambiguity in classification.

The model generalizes better to unseen queries.

Most reliable method for travel assistants.

Task 7: Zero-Shot Prompting – Programming Question Classification

Prompt:

Classify the following programming question into:

Syntax Error, Logic Error, Optimization, Conceptual Question.

Question: "My program runs but gives incorrect output."

```
print("\nTask 7: Zero-Shot Prompting  Programming Question Classification\n")

prompt = """
Classify the following programming question into:
Syntax Error, Logic Error, Optimization, Conceptual Question.

Question: "My program runs but gives incorrect output."
"""

print(prompt)
# Expected Output: Logic Error
```

3. PROGRAMMING QUESTION CLASSIFICATION

Zero-Shot Prompt:

Classify the following programming question into:

Syntax Error, Logic Error, Optimization, Conceptual Question.

Question: "My program runs but gives wrong output."

Explanation:

The model infers the issue without examples.

Suitable for clearly described programming problems.

May struggle with ambiguous technical questions.

Task 8: One-Shot Prompting – Programming Question Classification

Prompt:

Example:

Question: "Missing semicolon in Java code"

Category: Syntax Error

Now classify the following question:

Question: "My program is slow for large inputs."

```
print("\nTask 8: One-Shot Prompting  Programming Question Classification\n")

prompt = """
Example:
Question: "Missing semicolon in Java code"
Category: Syntax Error

Now classify the following question:
Question: "My program is slow for large inputs."
"""

print(prompt)
# Expected Output: Optimization
```

One-Shot Prompt:

Example:

Question: "Missing semicolon in Java"

Category: Syntax Error

Now classify:

Question: "Program is slow for large inputs."

Explanation:

One example helps identify performance-related issues.

Improves technical understanding of categories.

More accurate than zero-shot prompting.

Task 9: Few-Shot Prompting – Programming Question Classification

Prompt:

Question: "What is inheritance?"

Category: Conceptual Question

Question: "Extra bracket causes compilation error"

Category: Syntax Error

Question: "Infinite loop issue"

Category: Logic Error

Now classify the following question:

Question: "How can I optimize this algorithm?"

```

print("\nTask 9: Few-Shot Prompting  Programming Question Classification\n")

prompt = """
Question: "What is inheritance?"
Category: Conceptual Question

Question: "Extra bracket causes compilation error"
Category: Syntax Error

Question: "Infinite loop issue"
Category: Logic Error

Now classify the following question:
Question: "How can I optimize this algorithm?"
"""
print(prompt)
# Expected Output: Optimization

```

Few-Shot Prompt:

Question: "What is inheritance?"
Category: Conceptual Question

Question: "Extra bracket causes error"
Category: Syntax Error

Question: "Infinite loop issue"
Category: Logic Error

Now classify:

Question: "How can I optimize this algorithm?"

Explanation:

Multiple examples clarify category distinctions.

The model better understands technical intent.

Provides the highest classification accuracy.

Task 10: Zero-Shot Prompting – Social Media Post Categorization

Prompt:

Classify the following social media post into:

Promotion, Complaint, Appreciation, Inquiry.

Post: "The delivery was delayed again."


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print("\nTask 10: Zero-Shot Prompting  Social Media Post Categorization\n")

prompt = """
Classify the following social media post into:
Promotion, Complaint, Appreciation, Inquiry.

Post: "The delivery was delayed again."
"""
print(prompt)
# Expected Output: Complaint
```

4. SOCIAL MEDIA POST CATEGORIZATION

Zero-Shot Prompt:
 Classify the following post into:
 Promotion, Complaint, Appreciation, Inquiry.

Post: "The delivery was delayed again."

Explanation:

The model classifies based on sentiment alone.

No prior examples are provided.

Works well for clear complaints.

Task 11: One-Shot Prompting – Social Media Post Categorization

Prompt:

Example:

Post: "Love the new update!"

Category: Appreciation

Now classify the following post:

Post: "Any discounts available?"

```
print("\nTask 11: One-Shot Prompting  Social Media Post Categorization\n")

prompt = """
Example:
Post: "Love the new update!"
Category: Appreciation

Now classify the following post:
Post: "Any discounts available?"
"""
print(prompt)
# Expected Output: Inquiry
```

```
One-Shot Prompt:  
Example:  
Post: "Love the new update!"  
Category: Appreciation  
  
Now classify:  
Post: "Any discounts available?"
```

Explanation:
One-shot prompting improves sentiment recognition.
Helps the model follow a consistent format.
Better accuracy than zero-shot.

Task 12: Few-Shot Prompting – Social Media Post Categorization

Prompt:
Post: "Great customer support experience"
Category: Appreciation

Post: "Worst app experience ever"
Category: Complaint

Post: "Limited time offer! Buy now"
Category: Promotion

Now classify the following post:
Post: "When will the next update be released?"

```
print("\nTask 12: Few-Shot Prompting  Social Media Post Categorization\n")  
  
prompt = ""  
Post: "Great customer support experience"  
Category: Appreciation  
  
Post: "Worst app experience ever"  
Category: Complaint  
  
Post: "Limited time offer! Buy now"  
Category: Promotion  
  
Now classify the following post:  
Post: "When will the next update be released?"  
""  
print(prompt)  
# Expected Output: Inquiry
```

Few-Shot Prompt:

Post: "Great customer support experience"

Category: Appreciation

Post: "Worst app experience ever"

Category: Complaint

Post: "Limited time offer! Buy now"

Category: Promotion

Now classify:

Post: "When will the next update be released?"

Explanation:

Few-shot prompting handles informal language better.

Reduces confusion between similar categories.

Most effective method for social media data.

