Exploring Prompt Engineering with Python

Connect.it The Future of Python

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Inputs, Parameters, Outputs

In the context of LLMs, we can say that:

- **Inputs** are sequences of tokens.
- **Parameters** are weights and biases.
- **Outputs** are sequences of tokens.

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Chain of Thought Prompting

Keypoints

- **Chain of Thought Prompting** is a technique that involves prompting a model with a series of questions.
- The answers to the questions are used as inputs to subsequent questions.
- This technique is useful for eliciting detailed and coherent responses.

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Zero-Shot Prompting

- **Zero-shot prompting** is a technique that involves prompting a model with a single question.
- The model is expected to generate a coherent and relevant response.

Few-Shot Prompting

- **Few-shot prompting** is a technique that involves prompting a model with a small number of examples.
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Star Coder from Hugging Faces

- **Star Coder** is a large language model developed by Hugging Face.
- It is pre-trained on a large corpus of code. Also, it is fine-tuned on a large dataset of code.
- Star Coder 2 support more than 80 programming languages.
- The largest version of this *family* has 15B parameters. There are another versions of 3B and 7B parameters.
- Those versions had been trained using between three and four trillion of tokens. The Stack is used as main source of data.

Setup Python & Any IDE

- Here you need to have Python installed and VS Code and Jupyter Notebook extension.
- It works at any python version, but it is recommended to use python 3.10 or newer.
- As IDE, it is recommended to use VS Code. It is FOSS, and have a lot of useful extensions.
- The required packages are:

```
# no one
```

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Open Assistant's Dataset. . . for your own chat assistant

Open Assistant's dataset is a large dataset of code that useful to make fine-tunning on Star Coder. It is available on Hugging Face's model hub.

Open Assistant's has more than 40000 conversations, switching roles between human and assistant.

Open Assistant's has a permissive licence and had been totally produced by humans.

Link: https://huggingface.co/datasets/OpenAssistant/oasst1

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Steps to Make the Tests

1. Create an account at Hugging Face.
2. Create a bearer token, and install StarCoderEX extension in VS Code.
3. Open in the web browser the Code Llama Playground.
4. It is time to interact with the code generators.

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Let's Give a Shoot. . . or a few

Please, try next prompts:

1. *"Create in Python a function to sum two numbers."*
2. *"Create in Python a function called my_sum_2 to calculate the sum of two integer parameters called num_1 and num_2, adding doctring to the function."*

Let's Give a Shoot. . . or a few

Create a multiplication function, but with another examples.

Q. Create in Python a function to calculate the sum of two numbers.

A.
```
def my_own_sum(num_1: int, num_2: int) -> int:
    """This method sums two numbers.
    Parameters:
    - num_1 (int): The first number to be added.
    - num_2 (int): The second number to be added.
    Returns:
    - int: The sum of the two numbers.
    """
    return num_1 + num_2
```

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Create a multiplication function, but with another examples.

Q. Create in Python a function to calculate the subtraction of two numbers.

A.
```
def my_own_subtract(num_1: int, num_2: int) -> int:
    """This method subtracts two numbers.
    Parameters:
    - num_1(int): The first number to be subtracted.
    - num_2(int): The second number to be subtracted.
    Returns:
    - int: The subtract of the two numbers.
    """
    return num_1 - num_2
```

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