Prompt Engineering Templates for Narrative Classification

Zero-Shot Template

System: You are a financial narrative classifier.

User: Classify this article into narratives:

[ARTICLE_TEXT]

Few-Shot Template

Examples: [Market Crash] -> "Stocks plunge..."

[Inflation] -> "Prices surge..."

Classify: [NEW_ARTICLE]

Chain-of-Thought

1. Identify key entities
2. Analyze sentiment
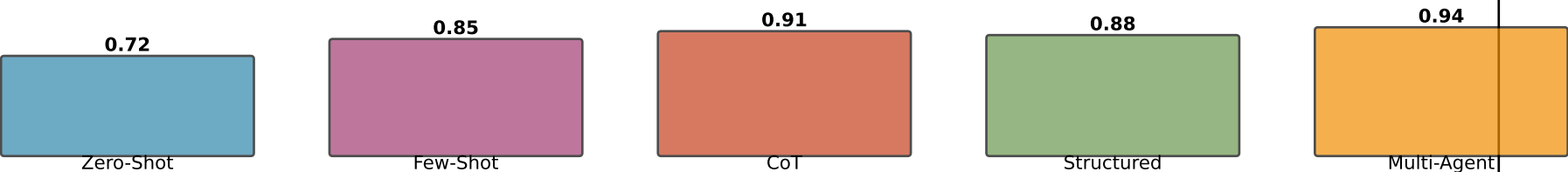3. Match to narratives

Structured Output Template

Return JSON:
```
{
    "primary_narrative": "Market Crash",
    "confidence": 0.92,
    "secondary_narratives": ["Fed Policy", "Recession"]
}
```

Multi-Agent Reasoning

Agent 1: Extract entities and facts

Agent 2: Analyze market sentiment

Agent 3: Historical pattern matching

Aggregator: Combine insights -> narrative

Template Performance Metrics

Zero-Shot	Few-Shot	CoT	Structured	Multi-Agent
0.72	0.85	0.91	0.88	0.94

Advanced prompting techniques improve narrative detection by 30%