

Human-in-the-Loop Math Routing Agent — Final Proposal

Overview We propose an Agentic RAG system that behaves like a mathematics professor: it first consults an in-house knowledge base (KB), and only if needed, routes to web search through MCP servers. A human-in-the-loop feedback layer continuously improves solution quality (bonus: DSPy). The stack ships with a FastAPI backend and a lightweight React UI.

Architecture (Agentic Workflow)

- 1. AI Gateway Guardrails (Input/Output):** The API enforces topic scoping (Math only) and basic PII filters pre-inference; and validates outputs post-inference (topic safe, length caps). We align this with modern AI gateways that provide rule-based guardrails at the edge (e.g., Cloudflare AI Gateway's Guardrails). Citations: Cloudflare AI Gateway Guardrails (Feb 2025).

- 2. Routing:** A LangGraph-like controller (implemented here as a lightweight router) decides:

- a) KB path:** retrieve with TF-IDF/Qdrant and solve using a math solver.

- b) Web path:** if KB confidence is low, call an MCP server (Tavily/Exa) to search + extract, then synthesize a step-by-step solution.

- c) Refuse:** if nothing reliable is found.

- 3. Knowledge Base & VectorDB:** We include a minimal KB (algebra/calculus) and TF-IDF store for the demo; production swaps to Qdrant with embeddings.

Citations: Qdrant docs.

- 4. Web Search via MCP (Required):** Use Tavily MCP or Exa MCP as Model Context Protocol servers to perform real-time search and structured extraction. This keeps the agent's external tools sandboxed and observable.

Citations: Tavily MCP, Exa MCP, Awesome MCP Servers (directory).

- 5. Solver:** A symbolic core (SymPy) covers common tasks (solve, differentiate, integrate) and formats steps like a teacher. When external docs are available, they inform the explanation (not the final numeric algebra which is verified by SymPy).

- 6. Human-in-the-Loop (HITL):** The UI collects 1 to 5 ratings and free-text critiques. Feedback is stored (SQLite) and periodically compiled with DSPy to refine the "MathExplainer" module (self-improving prompts/programs).

Citations: DSPy.

Guardrails (Input & Output) — Approach & Rationale

- **Input Guardrails:** topic scope to Mathematics; lightweight PII regex; out-of-scope refusal. This reduces prompt abuse and keeps the system educational.
- **Output Guardrails:** reject non-math or

unsafe content, cap verbosity, and surface citations for web-sourced answers. - **Why this approach?** Guardrails at the “gateway” are easy to audit and can run before model calls—reducing cost and risk, per AI gateway best practices.

Knowledge Base - **Dataset:** Demo KB contains core tasks (linear equations, quadratics, derivatives, basic integrals). For production, seed with JEE/AMC/CEM math archives and lecture notes, embedded into Qdrant. - **Example in KB questions to try:** 1) “Solve for x: $2x + 5 = 17$ ” 2) “Differentiate $f(x) = \sin(x)$ ” 3) “Integrate $x^2 dx$ ”

Web Search / MCP Setup - **Servers:** - Tavily MCP (search/extract/crawl) - Exa MCP (web/academic/code search) - **Strategy:** Use MCP tools to: (i) search, (ii) extract focused snippets, (iii) attribute sources. We only use web to support explanations; algebra is solved/verified with SymPy to avoid copying errors. - **Example out of KB questions:** 1) “State and explain the Binomial Theorem (short).” 2) “What is the definition of a convergent sequence?” 3) “Give the formula for the sum of the first n natural numbers and prove it.” (These trigger MCP search, then a SymPy-verified reasoning where applicable.)

Human in the Loop Routing - **Flow:** User → Guarded Input → Router → (KB or MCP) → SymPy solution → Guarded Output → Feedback capture (rating+comment). - **Learning:** Periodically export (question, solution, rating ≥ 4) and use **DSPy** to compile an improved “MathExplainer”. Redeploy the compiled module (or prompt) to the solver agent. This is objective-aligned and simple to operate.

[Bonus] Benchmark: JEEBench - **Dataset:** JEEBench (EMNLP 2023) — 515 challenging IIT-JEE problems across Math, Physics, Chemistry. - **Script:** Included `backend/scripts/run_jeebench.py` expects a JSONL subset; evaluates symbolic equivalence via SymPy. - Notes: Because many JEE problems are long-form and multi-step, we recommend scoring both final correctness and step quality (via rubric / human sampling).`

Deliverables - **Source code: FastAPI backend (+ stubs for MCP), React UI, KB builder, DSPy training sketch, JEEBench runner. - **Demo:** Run FastAPI (`uvicorn app.main:app`), then `npm start` in frontend. Ask KB questions first, then toggle to out of KB concepts to observe MCP (stub in this archive). - **PDF (this file)** and **README** included.**

References - Cloudflare AI Gateway Guardrails (2025-02):
<https://blog.cloudflare.com/guardrails-in-ai-gateway/> - Qdrant Documentation: <https://qdrant.tech/documentation/> - Tavily MCP Server: <https://github.com/tavily-ai/tavily-mcp/> / <https://docs.tavily.com/documentation/mcp> - Exa MCP Server: <https://github.com/exa-labs/exa-mcp-server> / <https://exa.ai> - Awesome MCP Servers directory: <https://mcpservers.org/> - DSPy (Stanford): <https://dsp.py.ai/> ; <https://github.com/stanfordnlp/dspy> - JEEBench (EMNLP 2023): <https://github.com/dair-iitd/jeebench> ; <https://arxiv.org/abs/2305.15074>