

Assignment 3.1 - Prompt Engineering - Improving Prompts and Context Management

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Question 1: Zero-Shot Prompting - Palindrome Number

Zero-Shot Prompt

“Write a Python function that checks whether a given number is a palindrome.”

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```
1 #Write a Python function that checks whether a given number is a palindrome
2 def is_palindrome(number):
3     # Convert the number to string
4     str_num = str(number)
5     # Check if the string is equal to its reverse
6     return str_num == str_num[::-1]
7 # Test the function
8 test_number = 0
9 if is_palindrome(test_number):
10     print(f"{test_number} is a palindrome.")
11 else:
12     print(f"{test_number} is not a palindrome.")
13
```

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- user@Users-Laptop aiac % cd /Users/user/Documents/aiac ; /usr/bin/env /usr/local/bin/python3 /Users/user/.vscode/extensions/ms-python.debugpy-2025.18.0-darwin-arm64/bundled/libs/debugpy/adapter/.../debugpy/launcher 50593 -- /Users/user/Documents/aiac/Assignment1.py
121 is a palindrome.
- user@Users-Laptop aiac % cd /Users/user/Documents/aiac ; /usr/bin/env /usr/local/bin/python3 /Users/user/.vscode/extensions/ms-python.debugpy-2025.18.0-darwin-arm64/bundled/libs/debugpy/adapter/.../debugpy/launcher 50615 -- /Users/user/Documents/aiac/Assignment1.py
123 is not a palindrome.
- user@Users-Laptop aiac % cd /Users/user/Documents/aiac ; /usr/bin/env /usr/local/bin/python3 /Users/user/.vscode/extensions/ms-python.debugpy-2025.18.0-darwin-arm64/bundled/libs/debugpy/adapter/.../debugpy/launcher 50644 -- /Users/user/Documents/aiac/Assignment1.py
0 is a palindrome.
- user@Users-Laptop aiac %

Question 2: One-Shot Prompting - Factorial Calculation

One-Shot Prompt

“Write a Python function to calculate factorial.

Example: Input: 5 → Output: 120”

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14 #Write a Python function to calculate factorial.Example: Input: 5 → Output: 120
15 def factorial(n):
16     if n < 0:
17         return "Factorial is not defined for negative numbers."
18     elif n == 0 or n == 1:
19         return 1
20     else:
21         result = 1
22         for i in range(2, n + 1):
23             result *= i
24         return result
25 # Test the function
26 test_value = -3
27 print(f"The factorial of {test_value} is {factorial(test_value)}.")
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29
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The factorial of 5 is 120.
● user@Users-Laptop aiac % cd /Users/user/Documents/aiac ; /usr/bin/env /usr/local/bin/python3 /Users/user/.vscode/extensions/ms-python.debugpy-2025.18.0-darwin-arm64/bundled/libs/debugpy/adapter/../../debugpy/launcher 50901 -- /Users/user/Documents/aiac/Assignment1.py
The factorial of 0 is 1.
● user@Users-Laptop aiac % cd /Users/user/Documents/aiac ; /usr/bin/env /usr/local/bin/python3 /Users/user/.vscode/extensions/ms-python.debugpy-2025.18.0-darwin-arm64/bundled/libs/debugpy/adapter/../../debugpy/launcher 50921 -- /Users/user/Documents/aiac/Assignment1.py
The factorial of -3 is Factorial is not defined for negative numbers..
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Question 3: Few-Shot Prompting - Armstrong Number

Few-Shot Prompt

“Write a Python function to check Armstrong numbers.

Examples:

153 → Armstrong Number

370 → Armstrong Number

123 → Not an Armstrong Number”

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29 #Write a Python function to check Armstrong numbers.
30 # Examples:
31 # 153 → Armstrong Number
32 # 370 → Armstrong Number
33 # 123 → Not an Armstrong Number
34 def is_armstrong(number):
35     # Convert the number to string to easily iterate over digits
36     str_num = str(number)
37     num_digits = len(str_num)
38     sum_of_powers = sum(int(digit) ** num_digits for digit in str_num)
39     return sum_of_powers == number
40 # Test the function
41 test_number = 0
42 if is_armstrong(test_number):
43     print(f"{test_number} is an Armstrong Number.")
44 else:
45     print(f"{test_number} is Not an Armstrong Number.")
46
47

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153 is an Armstrong Number.
- user@Users-Laptop aiac % cd /Users/user/Documents/aiac ; /usr/bin/env /usr/local/bin/python3 /Users/user/.vscode/extensions/ms-python.debugpy-2025.18.0-darwin-arm64/bundled/libs/debugpy/adapter/../../debugpy/launcher 51047 -- /Users/user/Documents/aiac/Assignment1.py
370 is an Armstrong Number.
- user@Users-Laptop aiac % cd /Users/user/Documents/aiac ; /usr/bin/env /usr/local/bin/python3 /Users/user/.vscode/extensions/ms-python.debugpy-2025.18.0-darwin-arm64/bundled/libs/debugpy/adapter/../../debugpy/launcher 51073 -- /Users/user/Documents/aiac/Assignment1.py
123 is Not an Armstrong Number.
- user@Users-Laptop aiac % cd /Users/user/Documents/aiac ; /usr/bin/env /usr/local/bin/python3 /Users/user/.vscode/extensions/ms-python.debugpy-2025.18.0-darwin-arm64/bundled/libs/debugpy/adapter/../../debugpy/launcher 51096 -- /Users/user/Documents/aiac/Assignment1.py
0 is an Armstrong Number.

Question 4 : Context-Managed Prompting – Number Classification

Context-Managed Prompt

“Write an optimized Python program that classifies a number as Prime, Composite, or Neither. Ensure input validation and efficiency.”

```
48 #Write an optimized Python program that classifies a number as Prime, Composite, or Neither.
49 # Ensure input validation and efficiency.
50 def classify_number(number):
51     if not isinstance(number, int) or number < 0:
52         return "Input must be a non-negative integer."
53     if number == 0 or number == 1:
54         return "Neither Prime nor Composite"
55     if number == 2:
56         return "Prime"
57     if number % 2 == 0:
58         return "Composite"
59
60     for i in range(3, int(number**0.5) + 1, 2):
61         if number % i == 0:
62             return "Composite"
63
64     return "Prime"
65 # Test the function
66 test_number = -5
67 result = classify_number(test_number)
68 print(f"{test_number} is classified as: {result}.")
69
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2 is classified as: Prime.
- user@Users-Laptop aiac % cd /Users/user/Documents/aiac ; /usr/bin/env /usr/local/bin/python3 /Users/user/.vscode/extensions/ms-python.debugpy-2025.18.0-darwin-arm64/bundled/libs/debugpy/adapter/.../debugpy/launcher 51230 -- /Users/user/Documents/aiac/Assignment1.py
9 is classified as: Composite.
- user@Users-Laptop aiac % cd /Users/user/Documents/aiac ; /usr/bin/env /usr/local/bin/python3 /Users/user/.vscode/extensions/ms-python.debugpy-2025.18.0-darwin-arm64/bundled/libs/debugpy/adapter/.../debugpy/launcher 51252 -- /Users/user/Documents/aiac/Assignment1.py
1 is classified as: Neither Prime nor Composite.
- user@Users-Laptop aiac % cd /Users/user/Documents/aiac ; /usr/bin/env /usr/local/bin/python3 /Users/user/.vscode/extensions/ms-python.debugpy-2025.18.0-darwin-arm64/bundled/libs/debugpy/adapter/.../debugpy/launcher 51278 -- /Users/user/Documents/aiac/Assignment1.py
-5 is classified as: Input must be a non-negative integer..

Question 5: Zero-Shot Prompting - Perfect Number

Zero-Shot Prompt

“Write a Python function to check whether a given number is a perfect number.”

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70 #Write a Python function to check whether a given number is a perfect number.
71 def is_perfect_number(number):
72     if number <= 0:
73         return "Input must be a positive integer."
74
75     sum_of_divisors = sum(i for i in range(1, number) if number % i == 0)
76     return sum_of_divisors == number
77 # Test the function
78 test_number = 10
79 if is_perfect_number(test_number):
80     print(f"{test_number} is a Perfect Number.")
81 else:
82     print(f"{test_number} is Not a Perfect Number.")

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6 is a Perfect Number.
● user@Users-Laptop aiac % cd /Users/user/Documents/aiac ; /usr/bin/env /usr/local/bin/python3 /Users/user/.vscode/extensions/ms-python.debugpy-2025.18.0-darwin-arm64/bundled/libs/debugpy/adapter/.../debugpy/launcher 51387 -- /Users/user/Documents/aiac/Assignment1.py
28 is a Perfect Number.
● user@Users-Laptop aiac % cd /Users/user/Documents/aiac ; /usr/bin/env /usr/local/bin/python3 /Users/user/.vscode/extensions/ms-python.debugpy-2025.18.0-darwin-arm64/bundled/libs/debugpy/adapter/.../debugpy/launcher 51410 -- /Users/user/Documents/aiac/Assignment1.py
10 is Not a Perfect Number.

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Question 6: Few-Shot Prompting - Even or Odd with Validation

Few-Shot Prompt

“Write a Python program to classify numbers.

Examples:

8 → Even

15 → Odd

0 → Even”

AI-Generated Code

```
84 #Write a Python program to classify numbers.
85 # Examples:
86 # 8 → Even
87 # 15 → Odd
88 # 0 → Even
89
90 def classify_number(number):
91     if not isinstance(number, int):
92         return "Input must be an integer."
93     if number % 2 == 0:
94         return "Even"
95     else:
96         return "Odd"
97 # Test the function
98 test_number = 3.5
99 result = classify_number(test_number)
100 print(f"{test_number} is classified as: {result}.")
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● user@Users-Laptop aiac % cd /Users/user/Documents/aiac ; /usr/bin/env /usr/local/bin/python3 /Users/user/.vscode/extensions/ms-python.debugpy-2025.18.0-darwin-arm64/bundled/libs/debugpy/adapter/.../debugpy/launcher 51506 -- /Users/user/Documents/aiac/Assignment1.py
18 is classified as: Even.
● user@Users-Laptop aiac % cd /Users/user/Documents/aiac ; /usr/bin/env /usr/local/bin/python3 /Users/user/.vscode/extensions/ms-python.debugpy-2025.18.0-darwin-arm64/bundled/libs/debugpy/adapter/.../debugpy/launcher 51527 -- /Users/user/Documents/aiac/Assignment1.py
15 is classified as: Odd.
● user@Users-Laptop aiac % cd /Users/user/Documents/aiac ; /usr/bin/env /usr/local/bin/python3 /Users/user/.vscode/extensions/ms-python.debugpy-2025.18.0-darwin-arm64/bundled/libs/debugpy/adapter/.../debugpy/launcher 51553 -- /Users/user/Documents/aiac/Assignment1.py
0 is classified as: Even.
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Conclusion

Zero-shot prompting works for simple logic but lacks validation.

One-shot prompting improves correctness.

Few-shot prompting produces the most structured and accurate code.

Context-managed prompts deliver optimized and production-ready solutions.