

COURSE: AI Assisted Coding

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Lab 3: Prompt Engineering: Improving prompt and context management

Objective: To explore how variations in prompt structure affect the quality, completeness, and accuracy of responses from a large language model.

Requirements:

- VS Code with GitHub Copilot or Cursor API and/or Google Colab with Gemini
- Tasks to be completed are as below.

Task 1: Conceptual Understanding in Physics Scenario

Suppose that you are a data assistant developer for an EdTech company that uses ChatGPT to answer student queries related to introductory physics.

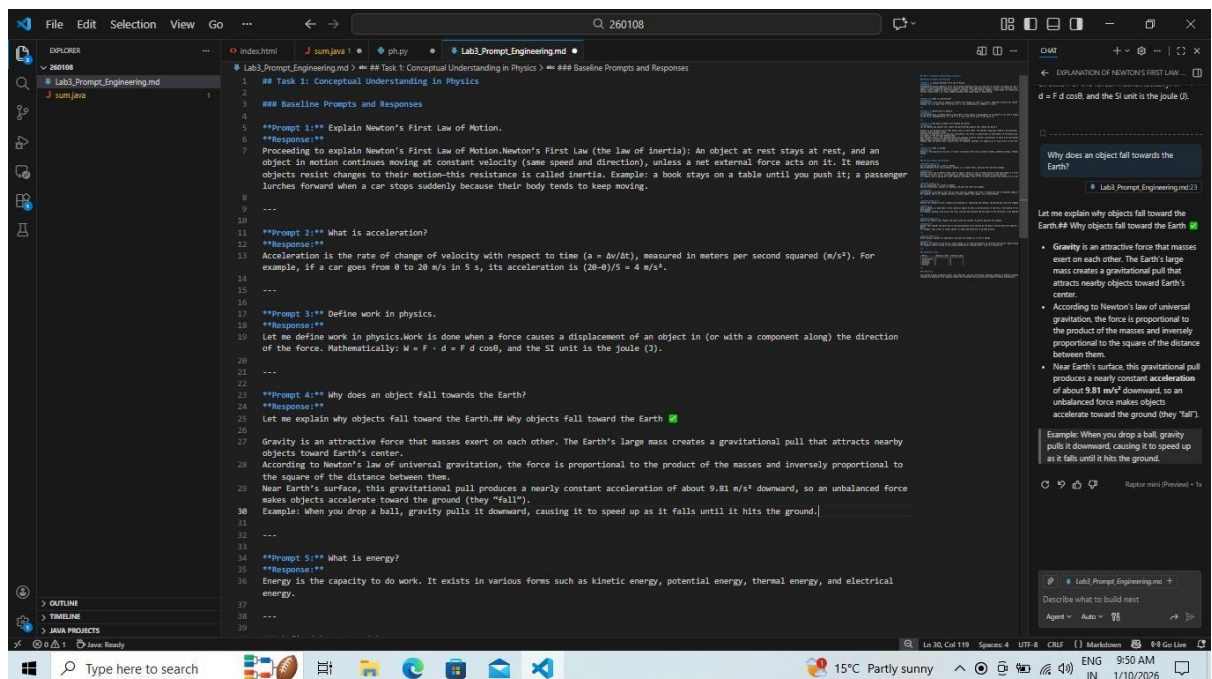
Tasks to be completed

1. Baseline Prompt Testing

Choose 5 typical user queries, for example:

“Explain, What, Define, Why, What”

- Run these prompts in a chat-based AI model and record the raw responses.

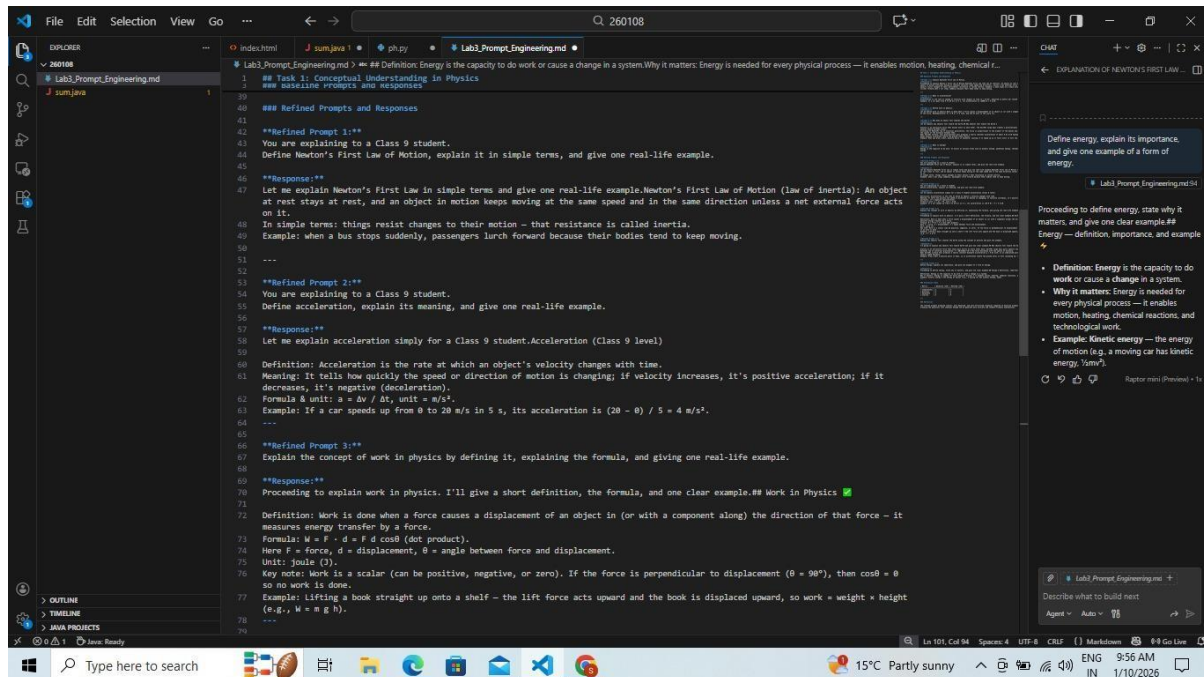


2. Prompt Refinement

Rewrite each query using the following strategies:

- Add 5 different contexts (school level, competitive exam, real-life application, mathematical focus, conceptual focus).
- Make the task explicit (e.g., “List and explain Newton’s three laws with one real-world example each.”).
- Break the query into subtasks (definition → explanation → example).

Run these prompts in a chat-based AI model and record the raw responses.



3. Evaluate Outputs

Score AI responses on a scale of 1–5 using:

- Completeness
- Accuracy
- Relevance
- Clarity

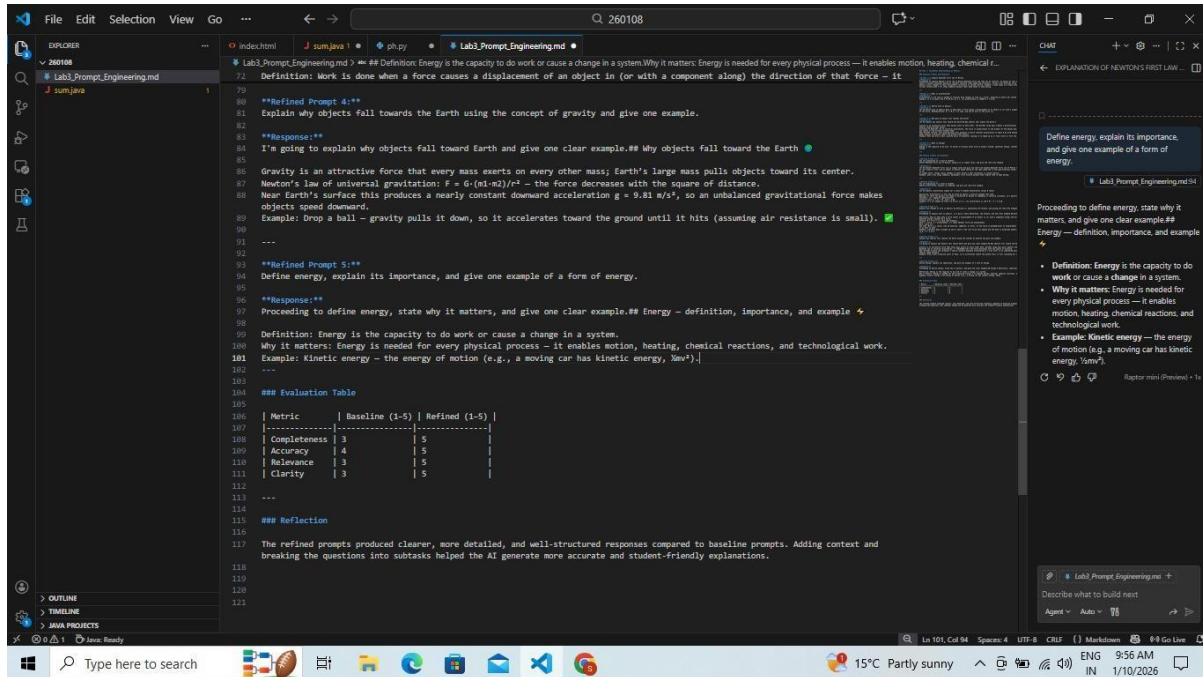
Run these prompts in a chat-based AI model and record the raw responses. Present

results in a comparative table.

4. Reflection

Discuss how contextual and structured prompts influenced the depth and correctness of

responses.



Task 2: Programming Fundamentals (Python)

Scenario

Suppose that you are a data assistant developer for an EdTech platform that supports beginner programming students.

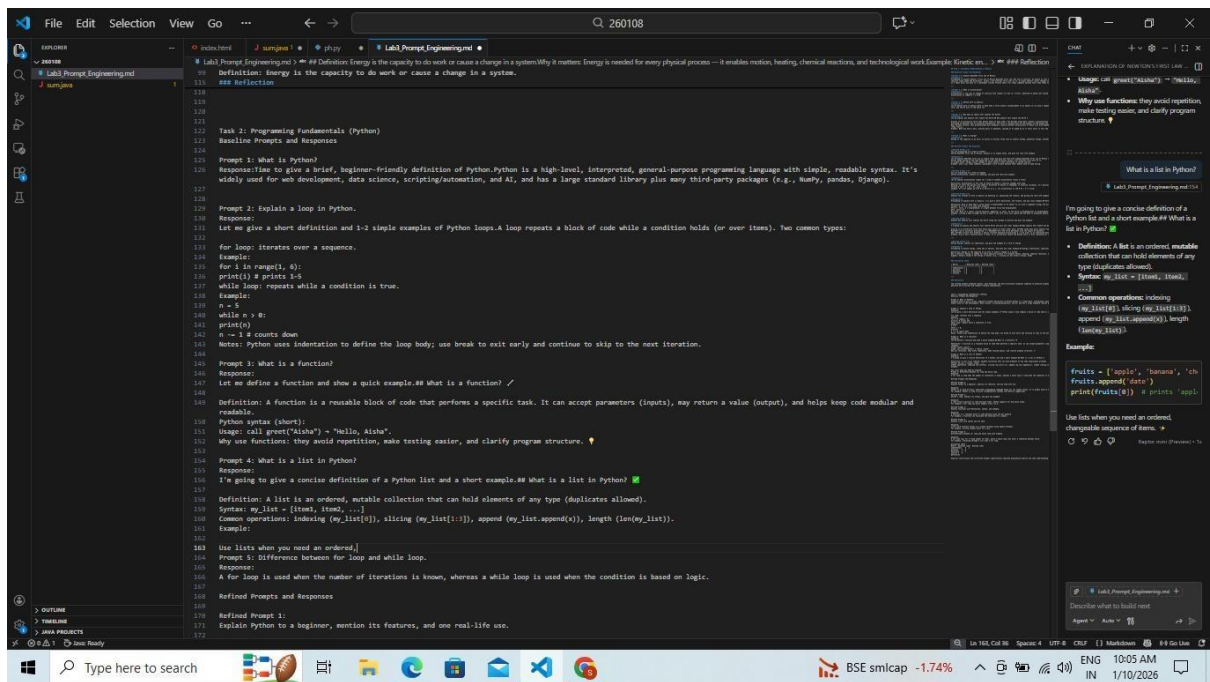
Tasks to be completed

1. Baseline Prompt Testing

Choose 5 common user queries, such as:

- “What, Explain, How, What, Difference”

Run these prompts in a chat-based AI model and record the raw responses.

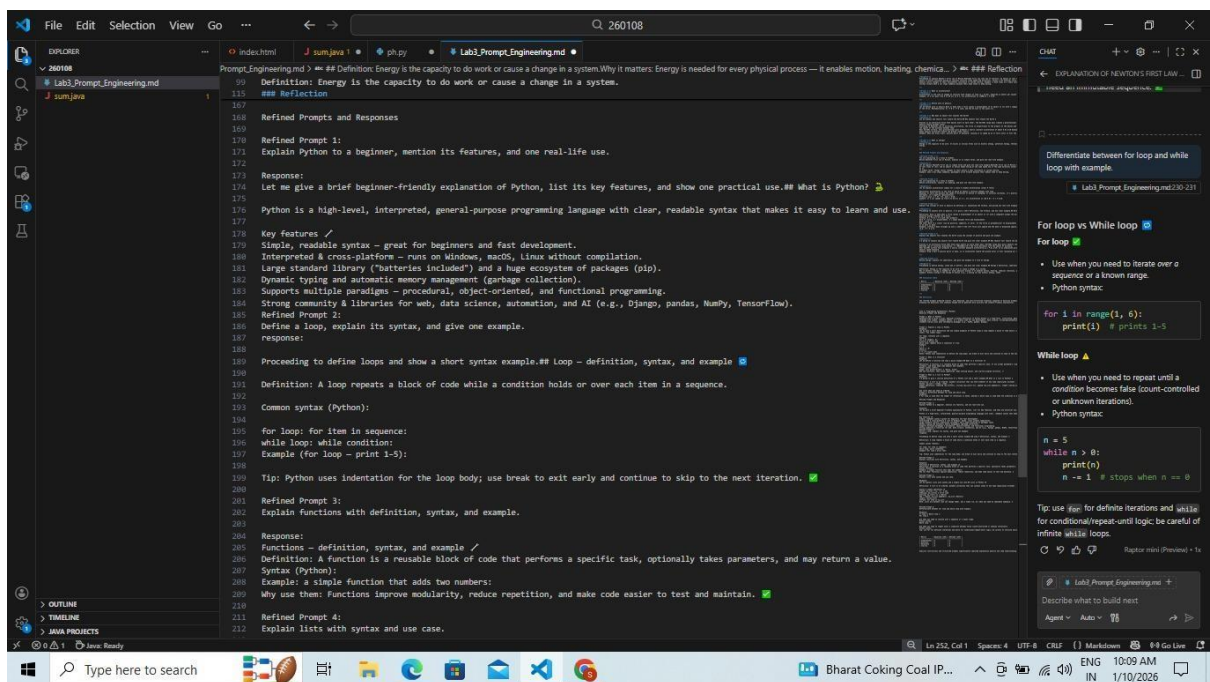


2. Prompt Refinement

Rewrite each query by:

- Adding 5 contexts (beginner, exam-oriented, real-world analogy, syntax-focused, performance-focused).
- Making instructions explicit (e.g., “Define a Python loop and show one example for for-loop and while-loop.”).
- Breaking into subtasks (definition → syntax → example → use case).

Run these prompts in a chat-based AI model and record the raw responses.

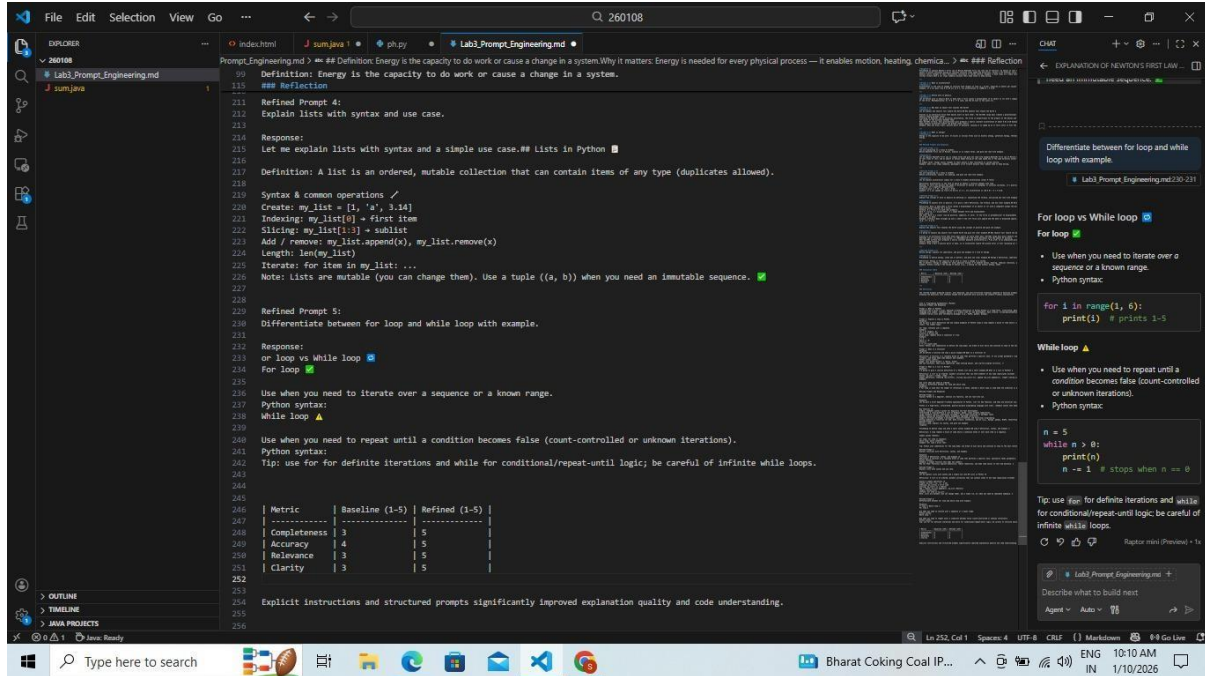


3. Evaluate Outputs

- Evaluate responses using completeness, accuracy, relevance, and clarity.
- Summarize findings in a table.

4. Reflection

Analyze, how explicit subtasks improve code correctness and explanation quality.



Task 3: Data Science and Machine Learning Concepts Scenario

Suppose that you are a data assistant developer for an EdTech company offering data science courses.

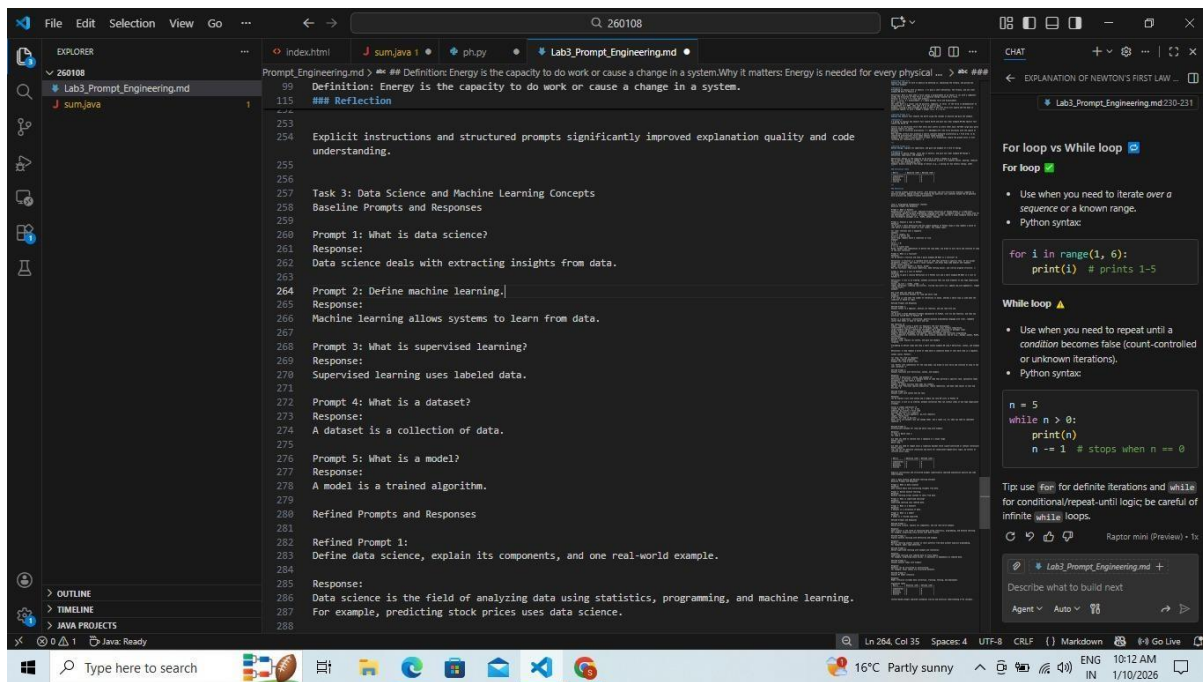
Tasks to be completed

1. Baseline Prompt Testing

Select 5 typical queries, for example:

- “What, Explain, What, Define, What”

Run these prompts in a chat-based AI model and record the raw responses.



2. Prompt Refinement

Refine each query by:

- Adding 5 contexts (academic, industry, beginner-friendly, mathematical, interview-focused).
- Making tasks explicit (e.g., “Define supervised learning and explain it with one real-world example.”).
- Breaking into subtasks (definition → types → example → limitation).

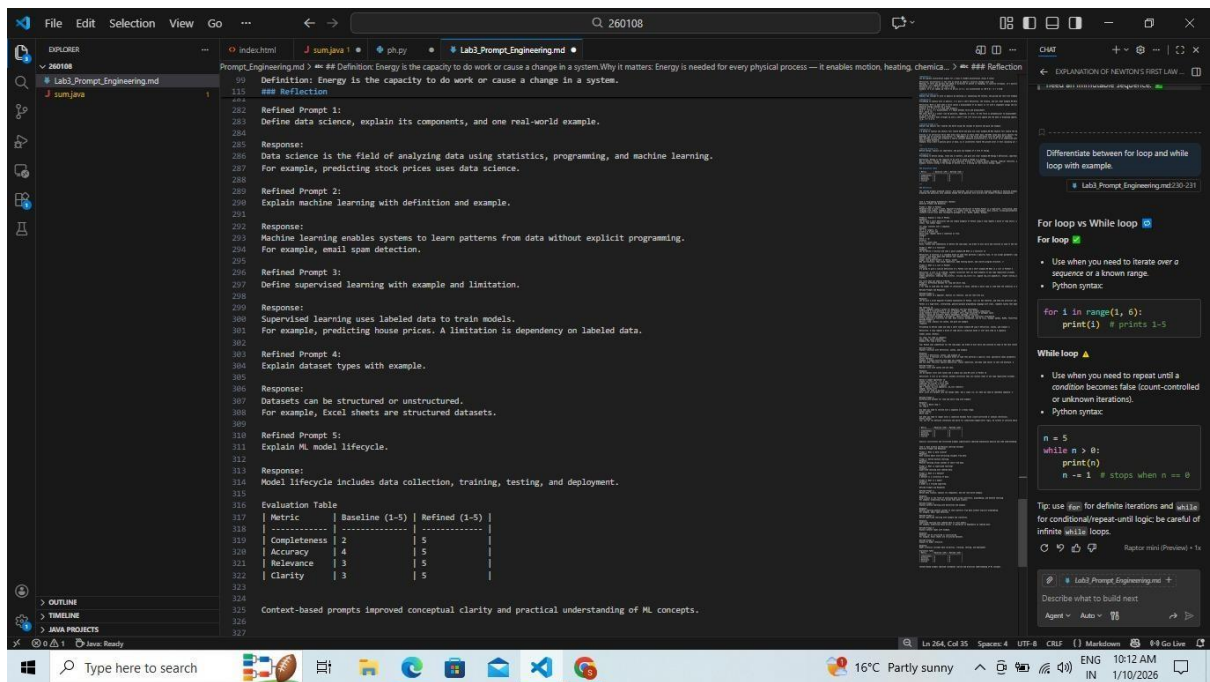
Run these prompts in a chat-based AI model and record the raw responses.

3. Evaluate Outputs

Score outputs using the given metrics and present results in a table.

4. Reflection

Reflect on how context management affects conceptual clarity in technical domains.



Task 4: Database and SQL Queries

Scenario

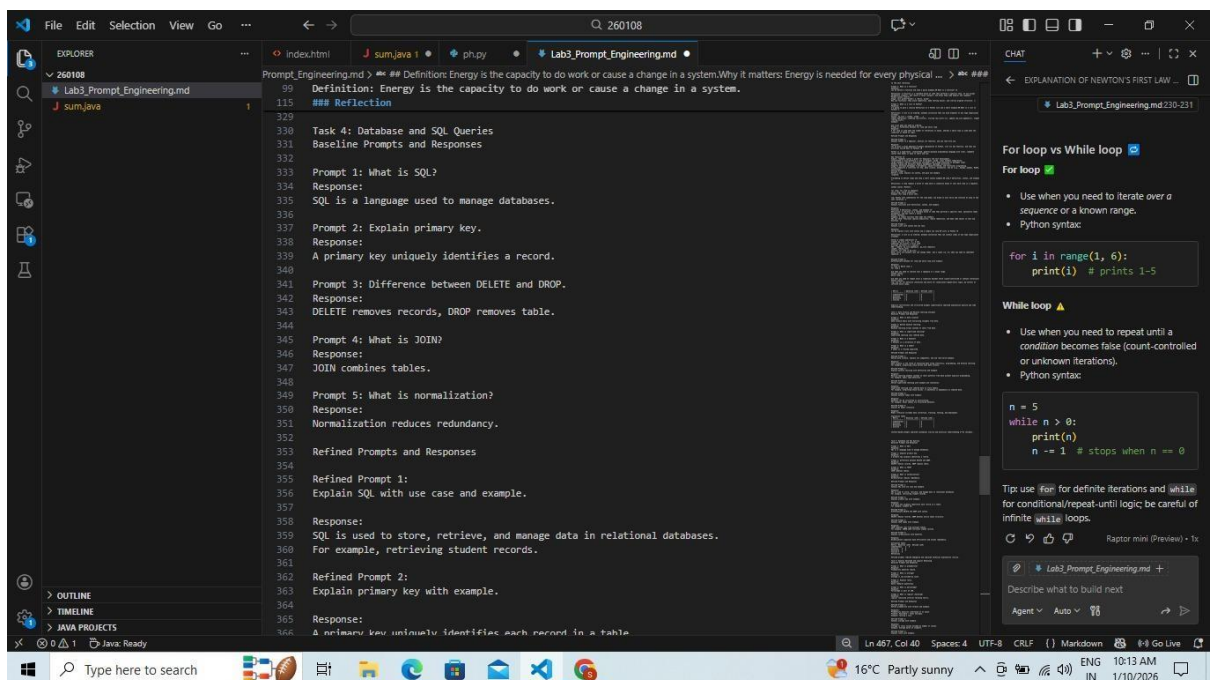
Suppose that you are a data assistant developer supporting students learning database systems. Tasks to be completed

1. Baseline Prompt Testing

Choose 5 common queries, such as:

- “Explain, What, Difference, where, how”

Run these prompts in a chat-based AI model and record the raw responses.



2. Prompt Refinement

Rewrite each prompt by:

- Adding 5 contexts (theory exam, practical lab, interview prep, real-world database, optimization focus).
- Making instructions explicit (e.g., “Explain SQL JOIN types with syntax and examples.”).
- Breaking into subtasks (definition → syntax → example → use case).

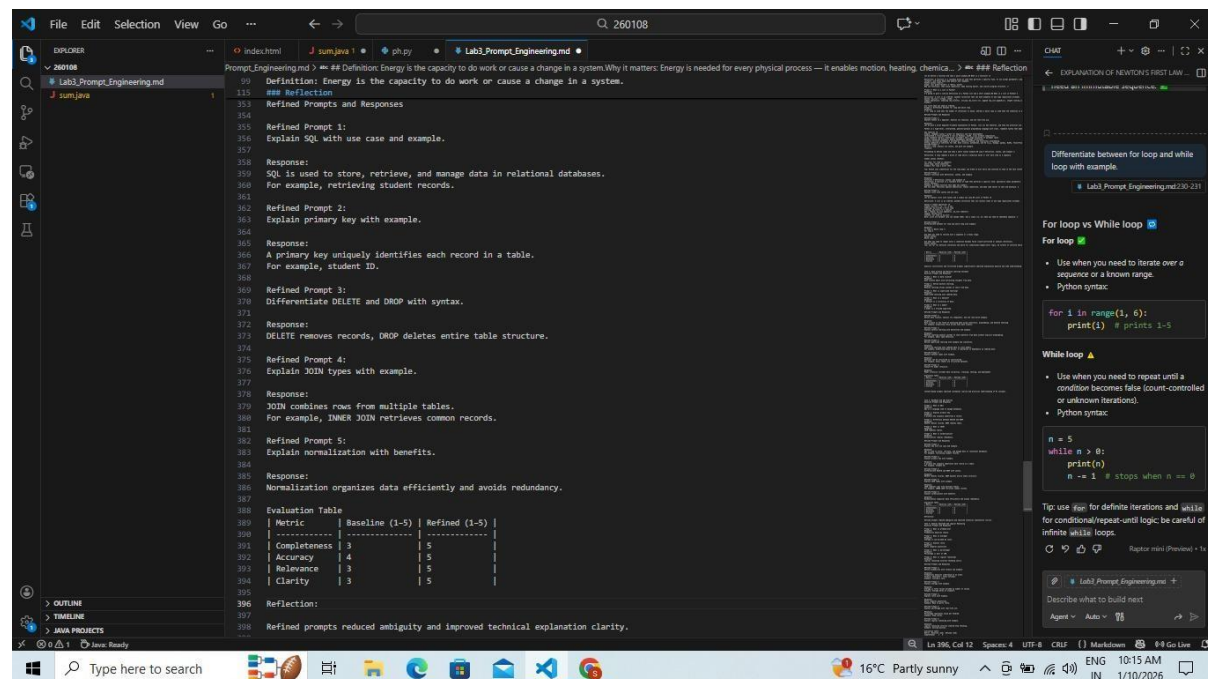
Run these prompts in a chat-based AI model and record the raw responses.

3. Evaluate Outputs

Evaluate responses using the four metrics and summarize results in a comparison table.

4. Reflection

Discuss how refined prompts reduce ambiguity in technical explanations.



Task 5: General Aptitude and Logical Reasoning

Scenario

Suppose that you are a data assistant developer for an EdTech company focused on aptitude and competitive exam preparation.

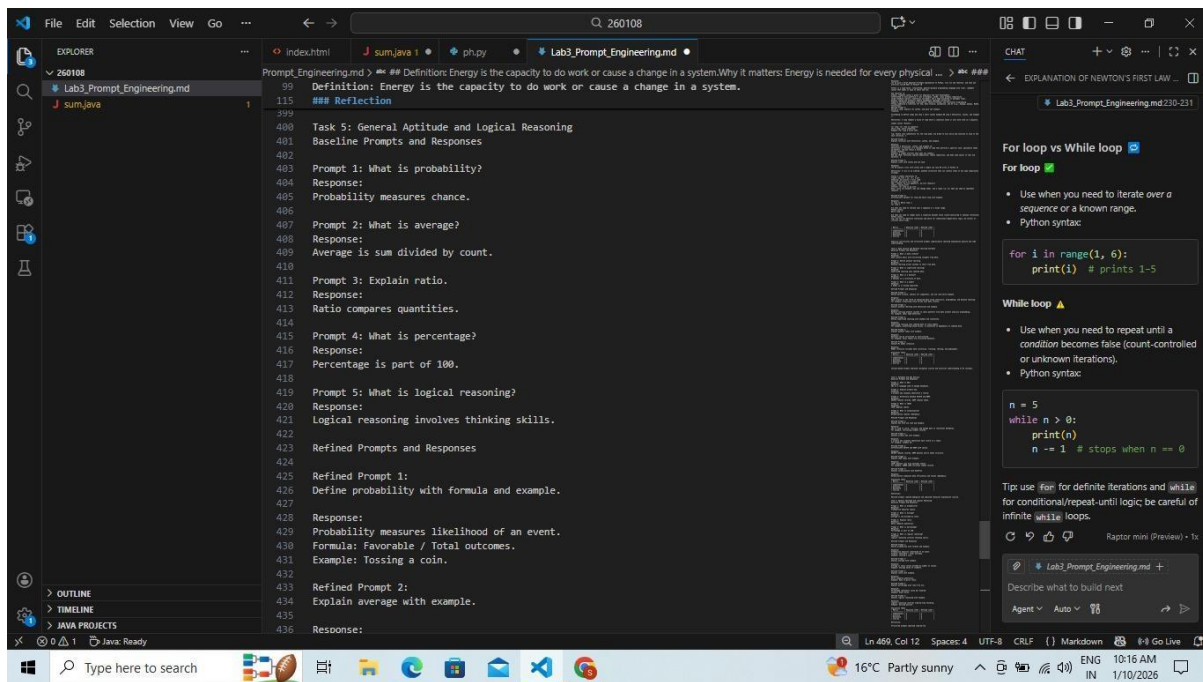
Tasks to be completed

1. Baseline Prompt Testing

Select 5 user queries, for example:

- “Explain, What, Difference, where, how”

Run these prompts in a chat-based AI model and record the raw responses.



2. Prompt Refinement

Rewrite each query by:

- Adding 5 contexts (school exams, competitive exams, real-life analogy, formula-based, step-by-step solving).
- Making tasks explicit (e.g., “Define probability and solve one simple numerical example.”).
- Breaking into subtasks (definition → formula → example → common mistakes).

Run these prompts in a chat-based AI model and record the raw responses.

3. Evaluate Outputs

- Score responses using completeness, accuracy, relevance, and clarity.
- Present findings in a table.

4. Reflection

Reflect on how structured prompts improve step-by-step reasoning and learner understanding.

