



Prompt Engineering Project-2

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AI-Powered Math Problem Solver

Project Report

1. Project Overview

The AI-Powered Math Problem Solver is an intelligent application that leverages the capabilities of large language models (LLMs) to assist students, educators, and enthusiasts in solving a wide range of mathematical problems. This tool can interpret user queries, understand mathematical expressions, and generate either step-by-step solutions or direct answers based on user preference.

2. Objectives

- To build an interactive, intelligent system that can solve engineering-level math problems.
- To integrate natural language understanding for accepting flexible math queries.
- To support two modes of output: step-by-step explanation and direct answer.
- To enhance accessibility to math help without reliance on traditional calculators or search engines.

3. Technologies Used

- Frontend: React.js + TailwindCSS
- Backend: Node.js
- LLM Integration: OpenAI GPT-4 / Anthropic Claude / Cohere
- Prompt Engineering: Custom-designed prompts based on query type
- Math Formatting: KaTeX / MathJax
- Deployment: Vercel / Netlify / Render

4. Core Features

- Natural Language Input
- Solution Mode Toggle: Step-by-Step or Direct Answer
- Equation Support with LaTeX-style input and output
- Dynamic Re-prompting for clarity and formatting

5. Prompt Engineering Approach

Prompts are dynamically constructed based on query type, user-selected output mode, and include few-shot examples for better context understanding.

Example Prompt (Step-by-Step):

"You are a math tutor. Solve the following step-by-step and format your answer with LaTeX: Integrate $x^2 * \sin(x)$ dx"

Example Prompt (Direct):

"What is the solution to: Integrate $x^2 * \sin(x)$ dx? Only provide the final answer in LaTeX."

6. System Architecture

User → React Frontend → Backend API (Node.js) → LLM API (OpenAI)
↑ ↓
Math Renderer ←— Formatted LLM Output

7. Challenges Faced

- Ensuring math accuracy in responses
- Handling ambiguous or poorly-phrased queries
- Maintaining consistency in step formatting
- Balancing prompt verbosity with response clarity
- Obtaining API key

8. Conclusion

This project demonstrates how modern AI can revolutionize education by offering intelligent, adaptive, and user-friendly tools for learning and problem-solving. With further enhancements, this math solver could become a powerful companion for learners across the globe.

9. Streamlit App Code (Frontend)

This is the Streamlit-based UI that allows users to type in math problems and get AI-powered answers. It includes modern styling, handles user inputs, toggles between solution modes, and interacts with the OpenRouter API.

```
import streamlit as st
import requests
import os
import textwrap
from dotenv import load_dotenv
load_dotenv()

st.set_page_config(page_title="🧠 Math Solver", layout="centered")
st.markdown("""
<style>
html, body, [class*="css"] {
    font-family: 'Segoe UI', sans-serif;
    background-color: #f5f5f5;
    color: #333333;
}
.main {
    padding-top: 30px;
}
.stTextInput>div>div>input {
    padding: 12px;
    border-radius: 10px;
}
.stButton>button {
    background-color: #4CAF50;
    color: white;
    border: none;
    padding: 10px 20px;
    font-size: 1em;
    border-radius: 5px;
    transition: background-color 0.3s ease;
}
.stButton>button:hover {
    background-color: #455A64;
}
</style>
""")
```

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        color: white;
        padding: 10px 20px;
        border-radius: 10px;
        border: none;
    }
    .stSelectbox>div>div {
        border-radius: 10px;
    }

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</style>

"""", unsafe_allow_html=True)

st.title("📝 Engineering Math Problem Solver")
st.markdown(""""
Type any engineering math problem below and get a solution using AI.
Choose whether you want a **step-by-step explanation** or just the **direct answer**.
""")

question = st.text_area("Enter your math problem:", height=150, placeholder="e.g. Solve the differential equation
 $dy/dx + y = e^x$ ")
mode = st.selectbox("Solution Type:", ["Step-by-Step", "Direct Answer"])

api_key = os.getenv("OPENROUTER_API_KEY")
model = "mistralai/mixtral-8x7b-instruct"

headers = {
 "Authorization": f"Bearer {api_key}",
 "HTTP_REFERER": "your-app-id-on-openrouter",
 "Content-Type": "application/json"
}

if mode == "Step-by-Step":
 prompt_prefix = "Solve this engineering math problem step-by-step:"
else:
 prompt_prefix = "Give a direct concise answer to this engineering math problem:"

if st.button("🔍 Solve"):
 if not question.strip():
 st.warning("⚠️ Please enter a math problem before clicking Solve.")
 elif not api_key:
 st.error("❌ API key is missing. Please set the OPENROUTER_API_KEY environment variable.")
 else:
 with st.spinner("Solving..."):
 try:
 response = requests.post(
 "https://openrouter.ai/api/v1/chat/completions",
 headers=headers,
 json={
 "model": model,
 "messages": [
 {"role": "user", "content": f"{prompt_prefix} {question}"}
]
 },

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    timeout=60
)

if response.status_code == 200:
    result = response.json()
    answer = result["choices"][0]["message"]["content"]
    answer_wrapped = "\n\n".join(textwrap.wrap(answer, width=100))
    st.markdown("### ✅ Solution")
    st.markdown(f"""\n<div style='white-space: pre-wrap;'>{answer_wrapped}</div>""", unsafe_allow_html=True)
else:
    st.error(f"⚠️ API Error {response.status_code}: {response.text}")
except requests.exceptions.RequestException as e:
    st.error(f"❌ Request failed: {str(e)}")

```

10. Prompt Engineering for Code Generation

These are prompts that have been used to generate or enhance different parts of the application using ChatGpt:

1. Create a Streamlit app that takes a math problem as input and solves it using an API. Add an option to toggle between step-by-step and direct answers.
2. Build a modern UI in Streamlit for a math solver with styled input boxes and a nice layout.
3. Generate a Python script using Streamlit to call OpenRouter's Mixtral-8x7B model to solve math queries.
4. Write an HTML form that submits a math problem to a Flask backend and displays the returned result cleanly.
5. Add custom CSS styling to a basic Flask HTML template for a math app with centered layout and styled buttons.
6. Improve the performance and user feedback of a Streamlit app that calls an external API with a spinner and error handling.
7. Show how to load environment variables (API keys) securely in a Python web app using dotenv.
8. Generate a Streamlit math solver with API error handling, response formatting, and Markdown rendering.

11.App screenshots

The screenshot shows the main interface of the "Engineering Math Problem Solver" app. At the top, there is a logo consisting of colored squares and the text "Engineering Math Problem Solver". Below the logo, a sub-header reads: "Type any engineering math problem below and get a solution using AI. Choose whether you want a step-by-step explanation or just the direct answer." A text input field is labeled "Enter your math problem:" followed by a large gray input area. Below the input area, a dropdown menu is set to "Step-by-Step". A green button labeled "Solve" is positioned next to the dropdown. A yellow warning bar at the bottom states: "⚠ Please enter a math problem before clicking Solve." In the top right corner, there are "Deploy" and three-dot buttons.

The screenshot shows the "Solver" app interface. The title "Solver" is at the top. Below it is the same sub-header: "Type any engineering math problem below and get a solution using AI. Choose whether you want a step-by-step explanation or just the direct answer." A text input field is labeled "Enter your math problem:" followed by a large gray input area containing the text "Differentiate x^2". A dropdown menu below the input field is set to "Direct Answer". A green "Solve" button is present. A checked checkbox labeled "Solution" is shown with the text "The derivative of x^2 is 2x." in the bottom right. In the top right corner, there are "Deploy" and three-dot buttons.

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Differentiate x^2

Solution Type:

Step-by-Step

 Solve

Solution

To differentiate the function x^2 , we will use the power rule for differentiation. The power rule states that if you have a function of the form $f(x) = x^n$, where n is any real number, then its derivative is given by: $f'(x) = n * x^{n-1}$. In this case, our function is $f(x) = x^2$, so $n = 2$.

Applying the power rule, we get: $f'(x) = 2 * x^{(2-1)}$. Simplifying the expression, we have: $f'(x) = 2 * x^1$. Since x^1 is just x , the final answer is: $f'(x) = 2x$.

YT VIDEO LINKS

https://youtu.be/FdrAJt_cx1o?si=RU9GdoCJtD0TEF6Y