## Al Homework Jun 3

Objective: Learn the **Assistants API** (with built-in file\_search) and **Structured Output** by building a mini AI tutor that pulls answers from uploaded study materials and then produces concise revision notes.

## Repo scaffold

```
study-assistant-lab/
⊢ README.md
                          # openai>=1.83.0, python-dotenv, pydantic
─ requirements.txt
                          # OPENAI API KEY

⊢ .env.example

⊢ data/
                            # place your PDF(s) here
    └─ calculus basics.pdf

─ scripts/
  ├ 00_bootstrap.py # create/reuse assistant with file_search

─ 01_qna_assistant.py # Part 1 solution

    □ 02 generate notes.py # Part 2 solution

   └ 99_cleanup.py
└ tests/
   test_notes_schema.py # optional pytest validation
```

## Part 1 — Q&A Assistant from PDFs (≈ 60 min)

**Goal:** Build an assistant that answers study questions by retrieving passages from the uploaded PDF(s).

1. Bootstrap the assistant (run 00\_bootstrap.py ). For example:

```
assistant = client.assistants.create(
   name="Study Q&A Assistant",
   instructions=(
     "You are a helpful tutor."
```

```
"Use the knowledge in the attached files to answer questions.

"Cite sources where possible."
),
model="gpt-4o-mini",
tools=[{"type": "file_search"}]
)
```

2. Upload one or more course PDFs. For example:

```
file_id = client.files.create(
    purpose="knowledge_retrieval",
    file=open("data/calculus_basics.pdf", "rb")
).id
client.assistants.update(
    assistant.id,
    tool_resources={"file_search": {"vector_store_files": [file_id]}}
)
```

- 3. Interact via threads ( 01\_qna\_assistant.py )
  - Prompt examples to test:
    - "Explain the difference between a definite and an indefinite integral in one paragraph."
    - "Give me the statement of the Mean Value Theorem."
  - Stream the run; print both answer and the citations field to verify retrieval.
- 4. **Self-check**: answer references at least one chunk ID from the PDF.

## Part 2 — Generate 10 Exam Notes (≈ 45 min)

**Goal:** Produce exactly **ten** bite-sized revision notes in JSON, enforcing a schema with Structured Output.

1. Define a Pydantic schema

2. Prompt in JSON-mode ( 02\_generate\_notes.py )

```
system = (
    "You are a study summarizer."
    "Return exactly 10 unique notes that will help prepare for the
exam."
    "Respond *only* with valid JSON matching the Note[] schema."
)

response = client.chat.completions.create(
    model="gpt-4o-mini",
    messages=[{"role": "system", "content": system}],
    response_format={"type": "json_object"}
)
data = json.loads(response.choices[0].message.content)
notes = [Note(**item) for item in data["notes"]] # will raise if
invalid
```

3. **Print pretty notes** or save to exam\_notes.json.