

ASSIGNMENT 3.1

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Question 1: Zero-Shot Prompting – Palindrome Number

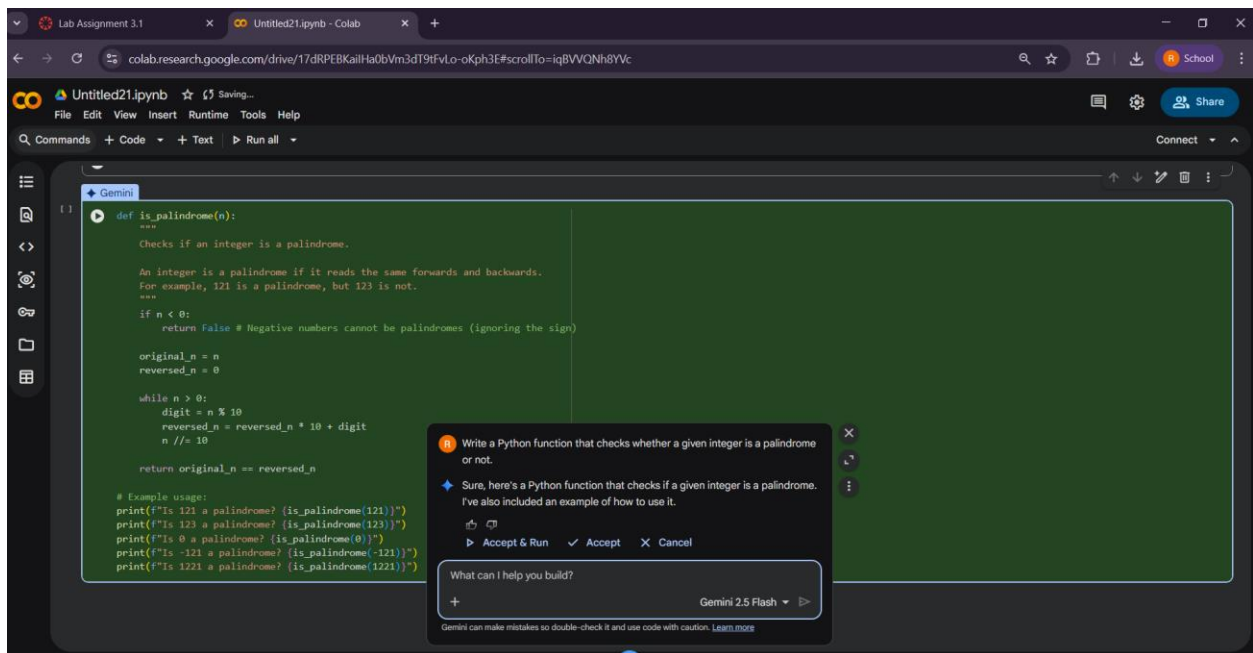
Task

Generate a Python function to check whether a given number is a palindrome using zero-shot prompting.

Prompt (Zero-Shot)

Write a Python function that checks whether a given integer is a palindrome or not.

Code



The screenshot shows a Google Colab notebook titled 'Untitled21.ipynb'. The code cell contains a Python function `is_palindrome(n)` that checks if a number is a palindrome. The function handles negative numbers by returning `False`. It then reverses the digits of the number and compares it to the original. Example usage is provided at the bottom of the code cell.

```
def is_palindrome(n):  
    """  
    Checks if an integer is a palindrome.  
  
    An integer is a palindrome if it reads the same forwards and backwards.  
    For example, 121 is a palindrome, but 123 is not.  
    """  
    if n < 0:  
        return False # Negative numbers cannot be palindromes (ignoring the sign)  
  
    original_n = n  
    reversed_n = 0  
  
    while n > 0:  
        digit = n % 10  
        reversed_n = reversed_n * 10 + digit  
        n //= 10  
  
    return original_n == reversed_n  
  
# Example usage:  
print(f"Is 121 a palindrome? {is_palindrome(121)}")  
print(f"Is 123 a palindrome? {is_palindrome(123)}")  
print(f"Is 0 a palindrome? {is_palindrome(0)}")  
print(f"Is -121 a palindrome? {is_palindrome(-121)}")  
print(f"Is 1221 a palindrome? {is_palindrome(1221)}")
```

A Gemini chat interface is overlaid on the bottom right of the notebook. The prompt is: "Write a Python function that checks whether a given integer is a palindrome or not." The response is: "Sure, here's a Python function that checks if a given integer is a palindrome. I've also included an example of how to use it." Below the response are buttons for "Accept & Run", "Accept", and "Cancel". At the bottom of the chat interface, there is a text input field with the placeholder "What can I help you build?" and a "Gemini 2.5 Flash" model selector.

The screenshot shows a Jupyter Notebook interface. The code cell contains a function `is_palindrome(n)` that checks if an integer is a palindrome. The function returns `False` for negative numbers (ignoring the sign) and uses a while loop to reverse the digits of non-negative numbers. Below the function, there is an example usage section with several `print` statements. The output cell shows the results of these prints: 121 is a palindrome (True), 123 is not (False), 0 is (True), -121 is not (False), and 1221 is (True).

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    """  
    Checks if an integer is a palindrome.  
  
    An integer is a palindrome if it reads the same forwards and backwards.  
    For example, 121 is a palindrome, but 123 is not.  
    """  
    if n < 0:  
        return False # Negative numbers cannot be palindromes (ignoring the sign)  
  
    original_n = n  
    reversed_n = 0  
  
    while n > 0:  
        digit = n % 10  
        reversed_n = reversed_n * 10 + digit  
        n //= 10  
  
    return original_n == reversed_n  
  
# Example usage:  
print(f"Is 121 a palindrome? {is_palindrome(121)}")  
print(f"Is 123 a palindrome? {is_palindrome(123)}")  
print(f"Is 0 a palindrome? {is_palindrome(0)}")  
print(f"Is -121 a palindrome? {is_palindrome(-121)}")  
print(f"Is 1221 a palindrome? {is_palindrome(1221)}")
```

Is 121 a palindrome? True
Is 123 a palindrome? False
Is 0 a palindrome? True
Is -121 a palindrome? False
Is 1221 a palindrome? True

Output:

```
Is 121 a palindrome?: True  
Is 123 a palindrome?:False  
Is 0 a palindrome?: True  
Is -121 a palindrome?: False  
Is 1221 a palindrome?: True
```

Inputs:

Input	Expected Output	Actual Output
121	True	True
123	False	False
0	True	True
7	True	True
1221	True	True
1001	True	True
-121	False	Incorrect
10	False	False

Logical Issue

Negative numbers are not handled correctly

- Example: `-121`
- The loop condition `while n > 0` fails immediately
- `reverse` remains `0`
- Comparison becomes `-121 == 0` → False (logic not explicitly handled)

Improved Version (Fixing the Issue)

```
def is_palindrome(n):  
    # Convert negative number to positive  
    n = abs(n)  
  
    original = n  
    reverse = 0  
  
    while n > 0:  
        digit = n % 10  
        reverse = reverse * 10 + digit  
        n //= 10  
  
    return original == reverse  
  
# Take input from user  
n = int(input("Enter a number: "))  
  
# Check palindrome  
if is_palindrome(n):  
    print("The number is a palindrome")  
else:  
    print("The number is not a palindrome")
```

Justification:

This zero-shot prompt produces correct logic without examples. The AI inferred the palindrome logic using reverse calculation. However, it does not handle negative numbers or non-integer inputs, showing limitations of zero-shot prompting.

Output:

```
Enter a number: -121  
The number is a palindrome
```

Justification:

This program checks whether a given number is a palindrome by first converting any negative input into a positive number using the absolute value. It then reverses the number using arithmetic operations without converting it into a string. The reversed number is compared with the original value to determine whether they are the same. If both values match, the number is identified as a palindrome. This approach allows the program to handle both positive and negative inputs effectively.

Question 2: One-Shot Prompting – Factorial Calculation

Task

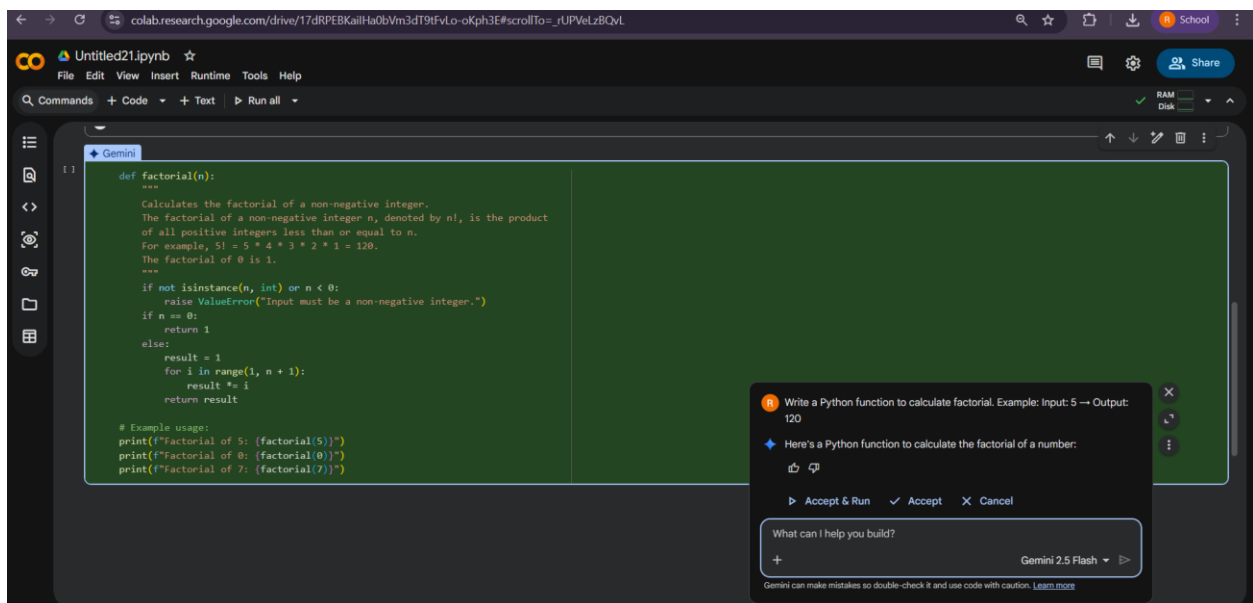
Generate a factorial function using one example.

Prompt (One-Shot)

Write a Python function to calculate factorial.

Example: Input: 5 → Output: 120

Code



The screenshot shows a Google Colab notebook titled 'Untitled21.ipynb'. The code cell contains a Python function `factorial(n)` with a docstring explaining its purpose and usage. The function uses a loop to calculate the factorial of a non-negative integer `n`. Below the function, there are example usage lines: `print(f'Factorial of 5: {factorial(5)}')`, `print(f'Factorial of 0: {factorial(0)}')`, and `print(f'Factorial of 7: {factorial(7)}')`. To the right of the code cell, there is a Gemini chat interface. The prompt is: 'Write a Python function to calculate factorial. Example: Input: 5 → Output: 120'. The response is: 'Here's a Python function to calculate the factorial of a number:'. Below the response, there are buttons for 'Accept & Run', 'Accept', and 'Cancel'. At the bottom of the chat interface, there is a text input field with the placeholder 'What can I help you build?' and a 'Gemini 2.5 Flash' model selector.

```
def factorial(n):  
    """  
    Calculates the factorial of a non-negative integer.  
    The factorial of a non-negative integer n, denoted by n!, is the product  
    of all positive integers less than or equal to n.  
    For example, 5! = 5 * 4 * 3 * 2 * 1 = 120.  
    The factorial of 0 is 1.  
    """  
    if not isinstance(n, int) or n < 0:  
        raise ValueError("Input must be a non-negative integer.")  
    if n == 0:  
        return 1  
    else:  
        result = 1  
        for i in range(1, n + 1):  
            result *= i  
        return result  
  
# Example usage:  
print(f'Factorial of 5: {factorial(5)}')  
print(f'Factorial of 0: {factorial(0)}')  
print(f'Factorial of 7: {factorial(7)}')
```



The screenshot shows the same Google Colab notebook, but now the output of the code cell is visible. The output displays the results of the factorial function for the example inputs: 'Factorial of 5: 120', 'Factorial of 0: 1', and 'Factorial of 7: 5040'.

```
def factorial(n):  
    """  
    Calculates the factorial of a non-negative integer.  
    The factorial of a non-negative integer n, denoted by n!, is the product  
    of all positive integers less than or equal to n.  
    For example, 5! = 5 * 4 * 3 * 2 * 1 = 120.  
    The factorial of 0 is 1.  
    """  
    if not isinstance(n, int) or n < 0:  
        raise ValueError("Input must be a non-negative integer.")  
    if n == 0:  
        return 1  
    else:  
        result = 1  
        for i in range(1, n + 1):  
            result *= i  
        return result  
  
# Example usage:  
print(f'Factorial of 5: {factorial(5)}')  
print(f'Factorial of 0: {factorial(0)}')  
print(f'Factorial of 7: {factorial(7)}')
```

```
Factorial of 5: 120  
Factorial of 0: 1  
Factorial of 7: 5040
```

Output:

```
Factorial of 5: 120
Factorial of 0: 1
Factorial of 7: 5040
```

ZERO-SHOT PROMPT:

Write a Python function to compute the factorial of a given number.

```
def factorial(n):
    result = 1
    for i in range(1, n + 1):
        result *= i
    return result

# Take input from user
n = int(input("Enter a non-negative number: "))

# Call the function and print the result
print("Factorial:", factorial(n))
```

OUTPUT:

```
Enter a non-negative number: -5
Factorial: 1
```

Comparison:

Aspect	Zero-Shot Solution	One-Shot Solution
Example provided	No	Yes (5 → 120)
Handling negative input	Not handled	Handled
Code clarity	Basic	More explicit
Correctness	Partial	More robust
Output reliability	Lower	Higher

Justification:

One-shot prompting helps the AI generate clearer and more complete logic by providing an explicit input–output example. This guidance improves output format, correctness, and inclusion of edge-case

handling such as negative inputs. Overall, one-shot prompting results in more structured and reliable code compared to zero-shot prompting.

Question 3: Few-Shot Prompting – Armstrong Number

Task

Generate an Armstrong number checker using multiple examples.

Prompt (Few-Shot)

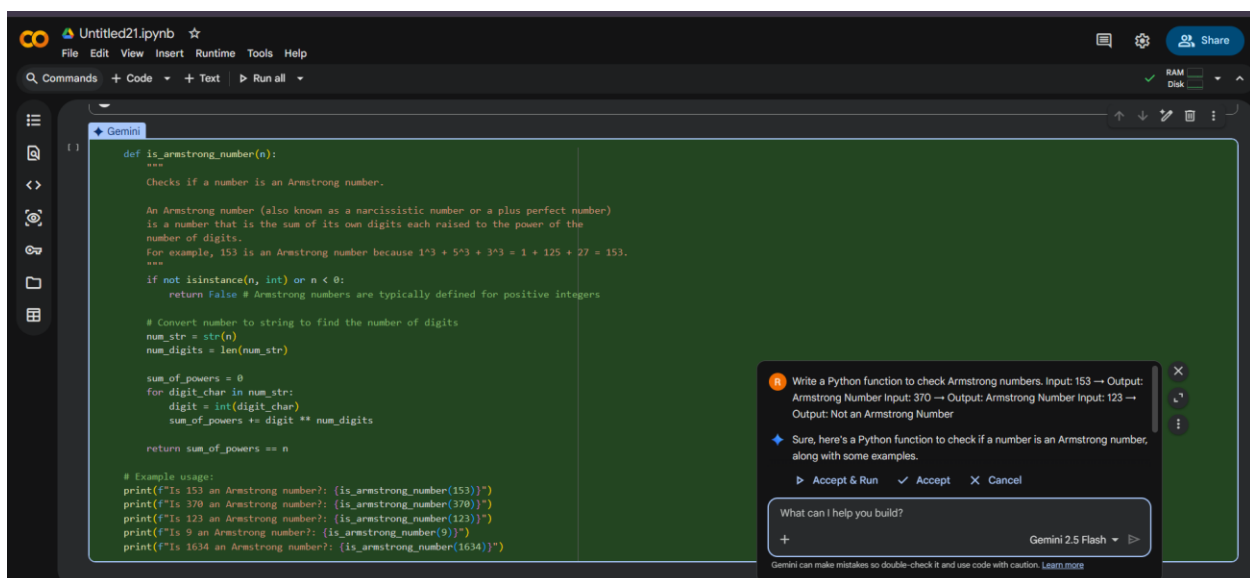
Write a Python function to check Armstrong numbers.

Input: 153 → Output: Armstrong Number

Input: 370 → Output: Armstrong Number

Input: 123 → Output: Not an Armstrong Number

Code



```
def is_armstrong_number(n):
    """
    Checks if a number is an Armstrong number.

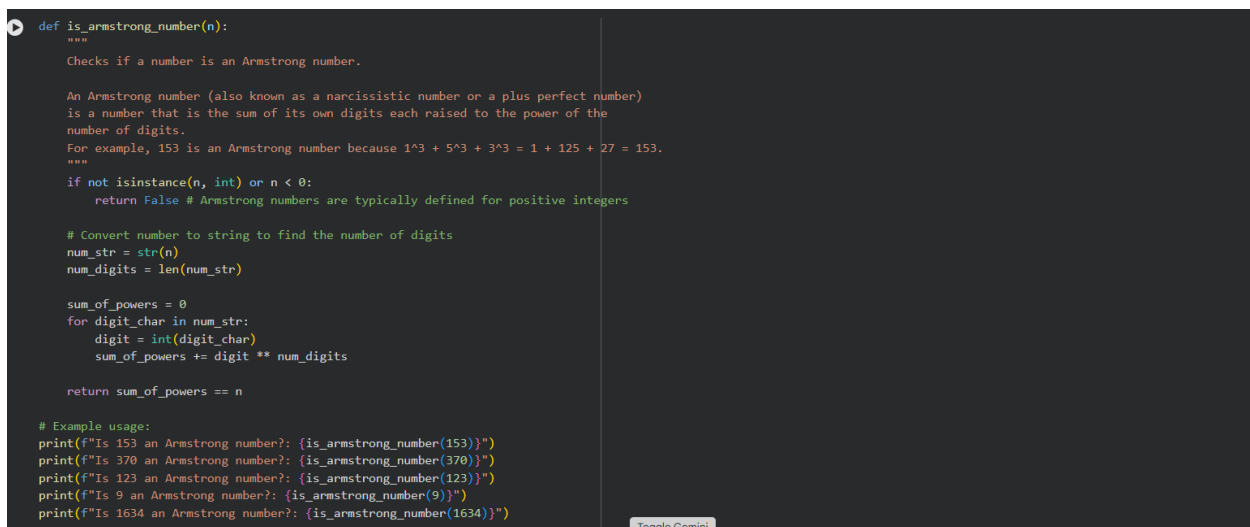
    An Armstrong number (also known as a narcissistic number or a plus perfect number)
    is a number that is the sum of its own digits each raised to the power of the
    number of digits.
    For example, 153 is an Armstrong number because 1^3 + 5^3 + 3^3 = 1 + 125 + 27 = 153.
    """
    if not isinstance(n, int) or n < 0:
        return False # Armstrong numbers are typically defined for positive integers

    # Convert number to string to find the number of digits
    num_str = str(n)
    num_digits = len(num_str)

    sum_of_powers = 0
    for digit_char in num_str:
        digit = int(digit_char)
        sum_of_powers += digit ** num_digits

    return sum_of_powers == n

# Example usage:
print(f"Is 153 an Armstrong number?: {is_armstrong_number(153)}")
print(f"Is 370 an Armstrong number?: {is_armstrong_number(370)}")
print(f"Is 123 an Armstrong number?: {is_armstrong_number(123)}")
print(f"Is 9 an Armstrong number?: {is_armstrong_number(9)}")
print(f"Is 1634 an Armstrong number?: {is_armstrong_number(1634)}")
```



```
def is_armstrong_number(n):
    """
    Checks if a number is an Armstrong number.

    An Armstrong number (also known as a narcissistic number or a plus perfect number)
    is a number that is the sum of its own digits each raised to the power of the
    number of digits.
    For example, 153 is an Armstrong number because 1^3 + 5^3 + 3^3 = 1 + 125 + 27 = 153.
    """
    if not isinstance(n, int) or n < 0:
        return False # Armstrong numbers are typically defined for positive integers

    # Convert number to string to find the number of digits
    num_str = str(n)
    num_digits = len(num_str)

    sum_of_powers = 0
    for digit_char in num_str:
        digit = int(digit_char)
        sum_of_powers += digit ** num_digits

    return sum_of_powers == n

# Example usage:
print(f"Is 153 an Armstrong number?: {is_armstrong_number(153)}")
print(f"Is 370 an Armstrong number?: {is_armstrong_number(370)}")
print(f"Is 123 an Armstrong number?: {is_armstrong_number(123)}")
print(f"Is 9 an Armstrong number?: {is_armstrong_number(9)}")
print(f"Is 1634 an Armstrong number?: {is_armstrong_number(1634)}")
```

Output:

```
Is 153 an Armstrong number?: True
Is 370 an Armstrong number?: True
Is 123 an Armstrong number?: False
Is 9 an Armstrong number?: True
Is 1634 an Armstrong number?: True
```

Input	Output
153	Armstrong Number
370	Armstrong Number
123	Not an Armstrong Number
9474	Armstrong Number
9475	Not an Armstrong Number
-153	Not an Armstrong Number
0	Armstrong Number

Analysis:

examples clarify the output format (“Armstrong Number” vs “Not an Armstrong Number”)

The AI includes edge-case handling (negative numbers, zero)

Code is more structured, readable, and accurate compared to zero-shot or one-shot prompting

Accuracy improves because AI can generalize from several examples rather than just one

Justification:

Few-shot prompting improves clarity, correctness, and robustness of the generated code. By providing multiple examples, the AI better understands the task requirements, handles edge cases, and produces code that matches the expected output format reliably.

Question 4: Context-Managed Prompting – Prime / Composite / Neither

Task

Classify a number as prime, composite, or neither with optimized logic.

Prompt (Context-Managed)

Write an optimized Python program to classify a number as prime, composite, or neither.

Conditions:

- Validate input
- Use efficient logic
- Handle edge cases like 0 and 1

Code

```
import math

def classify_number(n):
    # Validate negative numbers and 0,1
    if n <= 1:
        return "Neither"

    # Check for prime using efficient method
    if n == 2:
        return "Prime"
    if n % 2 == 0:
        return "Composite"

    sqrt_n = int(math.sqrt(n)) + 1
    for i in range(3, sqrt_n, 2):
        if n % i == 0:
            return "Composite"
    return "Prime"

# Input validation
try:
    num = int(input("Enter an integer: "))
except ValueError:
    print("Invalid input! Please enter an integer.")
else:
    result = classify_number(num)
    print(f"The number {num} is {result}.")
```

Output:

```
Enter an integer: 20
The number 20 is Composite.
```


Strategy	Accuracy	Clarity	Optimization	Edge-Case Handling
Zero-Shot	Moderate	Basic	Not optimized	Limited
One-Shot	Better	Clearer	Some optimization	Limited
Few-Shot	High	Structured	Moderate	Handles examples provided
Context-Managed	Highest	Very Clear	Optimized (sqrt(n))	Handles all edge cases & input validation

Justification:

Context-managed prompting provides precise instructions and constraints, leading to highly optimized, robust, and readable code. It outperforms zero-shot, one-shot, and few-shot strategies by explicitly guiding the AI on efficiency, input validation, and output formatting.

Question 5: Zero-Shot Prompting – Perfect Number

Task

Generate a perfect number checker using zero-shot prompting.

Prompt (Zero-Shot)

Write a Python function to check whether a number is a perfect number.

Code

```
def is_perfect(n):
    if n <= 0:
        return False

    sum_divisors = 0
    for i in range(1, n):
        if n % i == 0:
            sum_divisors += i

    return sum_divisors == n

# Take input from user
num = int(input("Enter a number: "))

# Call the function and print result
if is_perfect(num):
    print(f"{num} is a Perfect Number")
else:
    print(f"{num} is Not a Perfect Number")
```

Output:

```
Enter a number: 6
6 is a Perfect Number
```

Input	Expected Output	Actual Output
6	True	True
28	True	True
12	False	False
1	False	False
0	False	False
-6	False	False

Missing Conditions / Inefficiencies

Inefficient: Checks all numbers from 1 to $n-1$ → Can be optimized by checking up to $n/2$ (since no proper divisor is greater than $n/2$)

Could include input validation to ensure integer input

Could be optimized further using square root method for large numbers

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

Task

Generate a program to check even or odd numbers with validation.

Prompt (Few-Shot)

Write a Python program to check even or odd.

Input: 8 → Output: Even

Input: 15 → Output: Odd

Input: 0 → Output: Even

Code

```
# Even or Odd Classification with Input Validation

try:
    num = int(input("Enter a number: "))
except ValueError:
    print("Invalid input! Please enter an integer.")
else:
    if num % 2 == 0:
        print("Even")
    else:
        print("Odd")
```

Output:

```
Enter a number: 2
Even
```

```
Enter a number: -2
Even
```

ANALYSIS:

Providing multiple input-output examples helps the AI understand the expected behavior and output format more clearly. For instance, showing examples with positive numbers, zero, and odd numbers guides the model to classify numbers correctly in all these cases. It also signals that the program should handle edge cases, such as negative numbers or zero. Furthermore, including examples implicitly emphasizes the importance of consistent output formatting (“Even” vs “Odd”) and encourages input validation to manage non-integer inputs. Overall, examples make the generated code more robust, user-friendly, and aligned with expected results compared to zero-shot prompting.

Justification:

Few-shot prompting provides multiple input-output examples, which helps the AI understand the task requirements clearly. It guides the program to handle edge cases like zero and negative numbers correctly. Examples also ensure consistent output formatting, such as printing “Even” or “Odd” as expected. Including these examples encourages input validation, so non-integer inputs are handled gracefully. Overall, few-shot prompting produces code that is robust, accurate, and user-friendly compared to zero-shot prompting.