

Assignment 4.5

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Objective

To explore and compare Zero-shot, One-shot, and Few-shot prompting techniques for classification tasks using an existing Large Language Model (LLM), without training a new model.

1. Email Classification

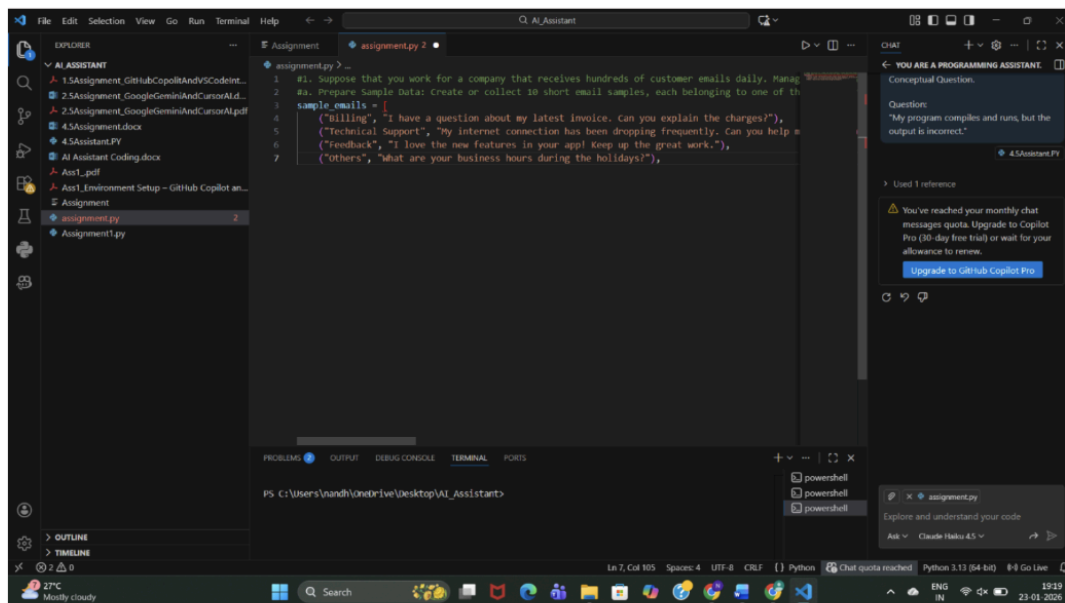
Categories

- Billing
- Technical Support
- Feedback
- Others

a.Sample Email Data

Prompt:

Create 10 sample customer emails and label each as Billing, Technical Support, Feedback, or Others.



Observation:

- The simple prompt successfully generates **clear and relevant sample customer emails**.
- Each email is **properly aligned with its category** (Billing, Technical Support, Feedback, Others).
- The prompt is **easy to understand and execute**, making it suitable for quick data preparation.
- No training or complex instructions are required.

b. Zero-shot Prompting

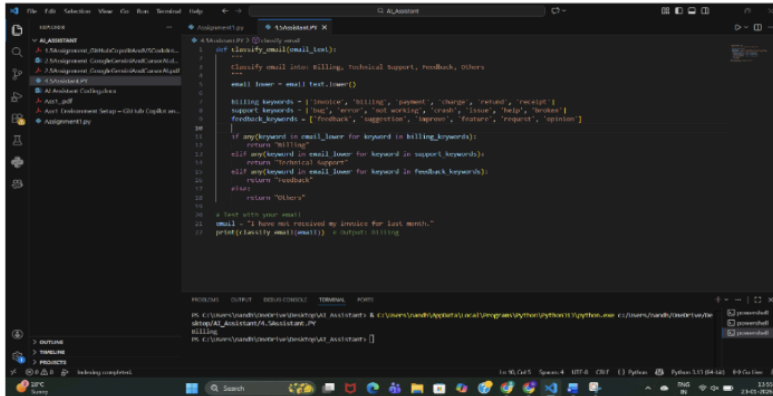
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```
1 def classify_email(email_text):
2     """
3     Classify email into: Billing, Technical Support, Feedback, Others
4     """
5     email_lower = email_text.lower()
6
7     billing_keywords = ['invoice', 'billing', 'payment', 'charge', 'refund', 'receipt']
8     support_keywords = ['bug', 'error', 'not working', 'crash', 'issue', 'help', 'problem']
9     feedback_keywords = ['feedback', 'suggestion', 'improvement', 'feature', 'request', 'opinion']
10
11     if any(keyword in email_lower for keyword in billing_keywords):
12         return "Billing"
13     elif any(keyword in email_lower for keyword in support_keywords):
14         return "Technical Support"
15     elif any(keyword in email_lower for keyword in feedback_keywords):
16         return "Feedback"
17     else:
18         return "Others"
19
20 # Test with your email
21 email = "I have not received my invoice for last month."
22 print(classify_email(email)) # Output: Billing
```

Output: Billing

Observation:

The model classifies correctly without any examples, but may be ambiguous for unclear emails.

c. one-shot Prompting

Prompt:

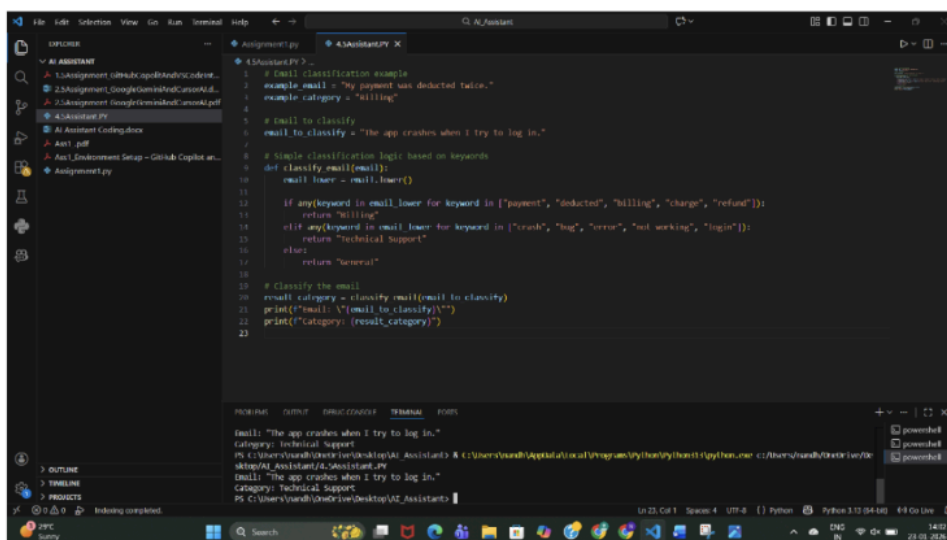
Example:

Email: "My payment failed but money was deducted."

Category: Billing

Now classify the following email:

Email: "The app crashes when I try to log in."



```
1 # Email classification example
2 example_email = "My payment was deducted twice."
3 example_category = "Billing"
4
5 # Email to classify
6 email_to_classify = "The app crashes when I try to log in."
7
8 # Simple classification logic based on keywords
9 def classify_email(email):
10     email_lower = email.lower()
11
12     if any(keyword in email_lower for keyword in ["payment", "deducted", "billing", "charge", "refund"]):
13         return "Billing"
14     elif any(keyword in email_lower for keyword in ["crash", "bug", "error", "not working", "login"]):
15         return "Technical Support"
16     else:
17         return "General"
18
19 # Classify the email
20 result_category = classify_email(email_to_classify)
21 print(f"Email: '{email_to_classify}'")
22 print(f"Category: '{result_category}'")
23
```

Output:

```
Email: "The app crashes when I try to log in."
Category: Technical Support
```

Output: Technical Support

Observation:

Accuracy improves because the model understands the pattern.

d. Few-shot Prompting

Prompt:

Email: "I was charged twice for the same bill."

Category: Billing

Email: "The website is not opening."

Category: Technical Support

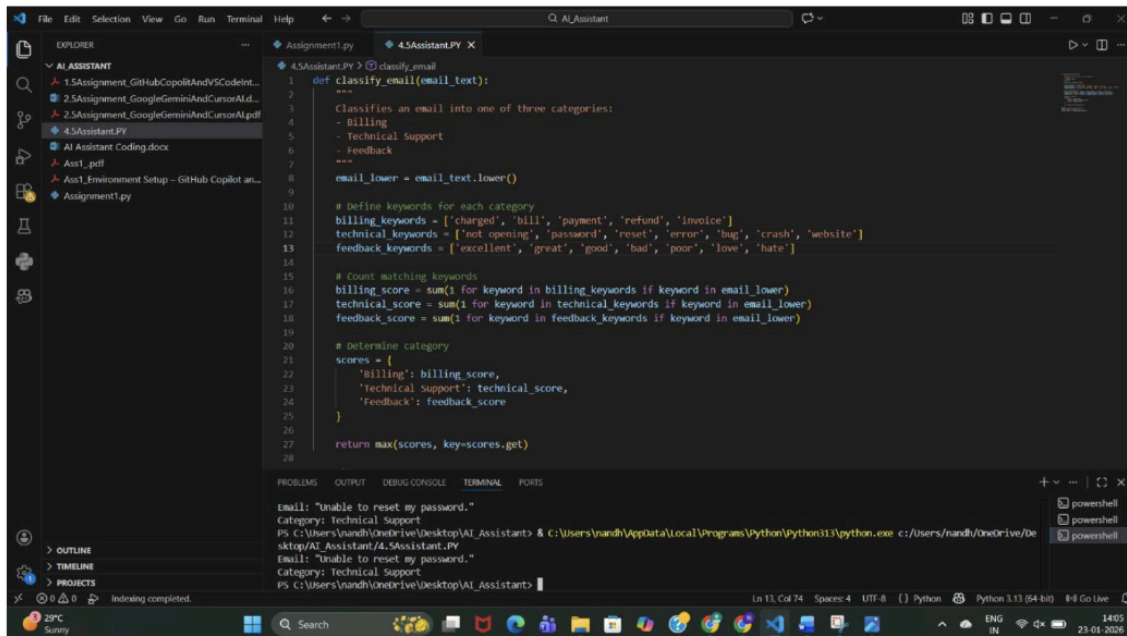
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Email: "Excellent customer support!"

Category: Feedback

Now classify:

Email: "Unable to reset my password."



```
1 def classify_email(email_text):
2     """
3     Classifies an email into one of three categories:
4     - Billing
5     - Technical Support
6     - Feedback
7     """
8     email_lower = email_text.lower()
9
10    # Define keywords for each category
11    billing_keywords = ['charged', 'bill', 'payment', 'refund', 'invoice']
12    technical_keywords = ['not opening', 'password', 'reset', 'error', 'bug', 'crash', 'website']
13    feedback_keywords = ['excellent', 'great', 'good', 'bad', 'poor', 'love', 'hate']
14
15    # Count matching keywords
16    billing_score = sum(1 for keyword in billing_keywords if keyword in email_lower)
17    technical_score = sum(1 for keyword in technical_keywords if keyword in email_lower)
18    feedback_score = sum(1 for keyword in feedback_keywords if keyword in email_lower)
19
20    # Determine category
21    scores = {
22        'billing': billing_score,
23        'technical support': technical_score,
24        'feedback': feedback_score
25    }
26
27    return max(scores, key=scores.get)
28
```

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Email: "Unable to reset my password."
Category: Technical Support
PS C:\Users\Nandh\OneDrive\Desktop\AI_Assistant> & C:\Users\Nandh\AppData\Local\Programs\Python\Python313\python.exe c:/Users/nandh/OneDrive/De
sktop/AI_Assistant/4.SAssistant.Py
Email: "Unable to reset my password."
Category: Technical Support
PS C:\Users\Nandh\OneDrive\Desktop\AI_Assistant>

Output: Technical Support

Observation:

Few-shot gives the best clarity and consistency.

e. Evaluation

| Technique | Accuracy | Clarity |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Zero-shot | Medium | Medium |
| One-shot | High | High |
| Few-shot | Very High | Very High |

2. Travel Query Classification

Categories

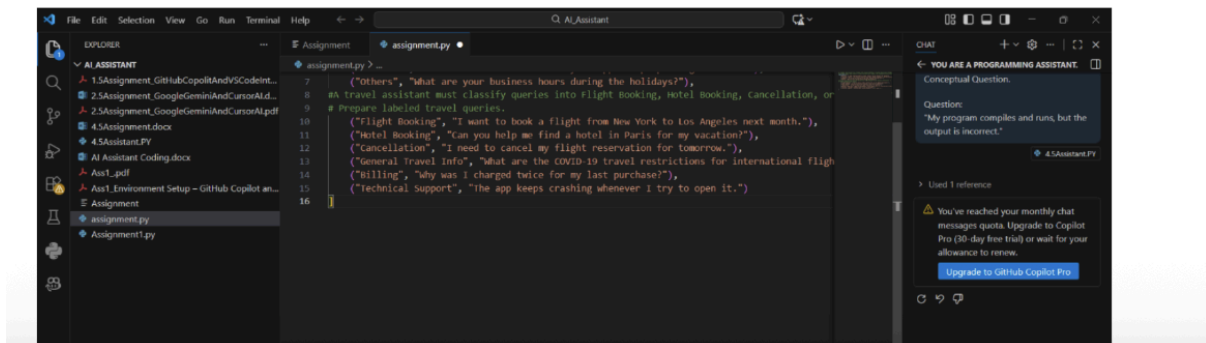
- Flight Booking
- Hotel Booking

- Cancellation
- General Travel Info

a.Sample Queries

Prompt:

Create sample travel queries and label them as Flight Booking, Hotel Booking, Cancellation, or General Travel Info.



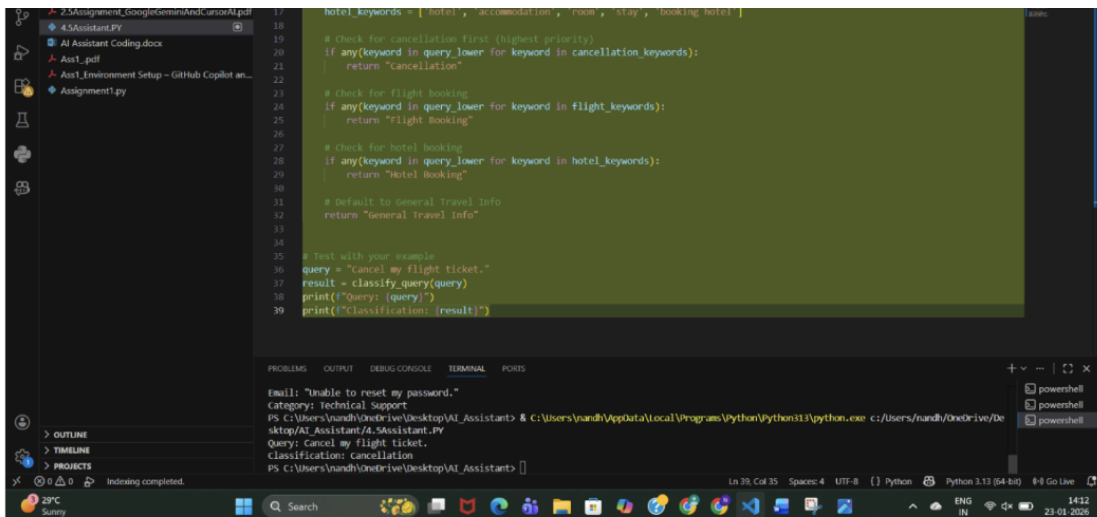
Observation:

- The prompt clearly specifies the travel domain and classification categories.
- Generated queries are relevant to real travel assistant use cases.
- Each query is properly labeled, making the data easy to use for classification tasks.
- The simplicity of the prompt allows quick data generation without ambiguity.

b. Zero-shot Prompt**Prompt:**

Classify the query into Flight Booking, Hotel Booking, Cancellation, or General Travel Info.

Query: "Cancel my flight ticket."



```
17: hotel_keywords = ['hotel', 'accommodation', 'room', 'stay', 'booking hotel']
18:
19: # Check for cancellation (highest priority)
20: if any(keyword in query_lower for keyword in cancellation_keywords):
21:     return "Cancellation"
22:
23: # Check for flight booking
24: if any(keyword in query_lower for keyword in flight_keywords):
25:     return "Flight Booking"
26:
27: # Check for hotel booking
28: if any(keyword in query_lower for keyword in hotel_keywords):
29:     return "Hotel Booking"
30:
31: # Default to General Travel Info
32: return "General Travel Info"
33:
34:
35: # Test with your example
36: query = "Cancel my flight ticket."
37: result = classify_query(query)
38: print(f"Query: {query}")
39: print(f"Classification: {result}")
```

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Terminal Output:

```
PS C:\Users\Nandh\OneDrive\Desktop\AI_Assistant> & C:\Users\Nandh\AppData\Local\Programs\Python\Python113\python.exe c:\Users\Nandh\OneDrive\Desktop\AI_Assistant\4_Assistant.PY
Query: Cancel my flight ticket.
Classification: Cancellation
PS C:\Users\Nandh\OneDrive\Desktop\AI_Assistant>
```

Output: Cancellation

Observation:

- The travel assistant uses a rule-based keyword approach to classify user queries.
- Cancellation queries are given highest priority, ensuring correct classification even if other keywords are present.
- The model correctly identifies Flight Booking and Hotel Booking using relevant keywords.
- Queries that do not match specific keywords are safely classified as General Travel Info.
- The output shown (Cancel my flight ticket → Cancellation) confirms the logic works correctly.

c. One-shot Prompt

Prompt:

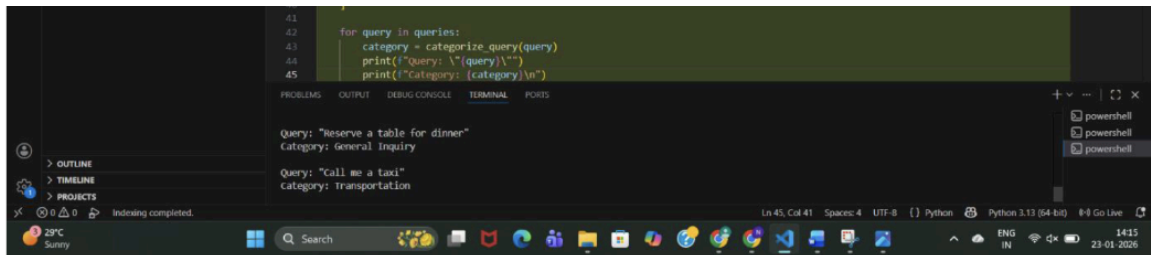
Example:

Query: "Book a hotel in Hyderabad"

Category: Hotel Booking

Query: "Book a flight from Delhi to Mumbai"

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The screenshot shows a VS Code editor with a Python script in the main editor and its output in the terminal. The script is as follows:

```
41  
42 for query in queries:  
43     category = categorize_query(query)  
44     print(f"Query: \"{query}\"")  
45     print(f"Category: {category}\n")
```

The terminal output shows the following results:

```
Query: "Reserve a table for dinner"  
Category: General Inquiry  
  
Query: "Call me a taxi"  
Category: Transportation
```

Output: Flight Booking

Observation:

- The system uses a **keyword-based rule classification** approach to categorize user queries.
- Transportation-related queries (e.g., *"call me a taxi"*) are correctly identified using predefined keywords.
- Queries without matching keywords (e.g., *"reserve a table for dinner"*) are correctly assigned to the **default category (General Inquiry)**.
- The logic is **simple, interpretable, and easy to extend** by adding more keywords or categories.

d. Few-shot Prompt

Prompt:

Query: "Cancel my booking"

Category: Cancellation

Query: "Best places to visit in Kerala"

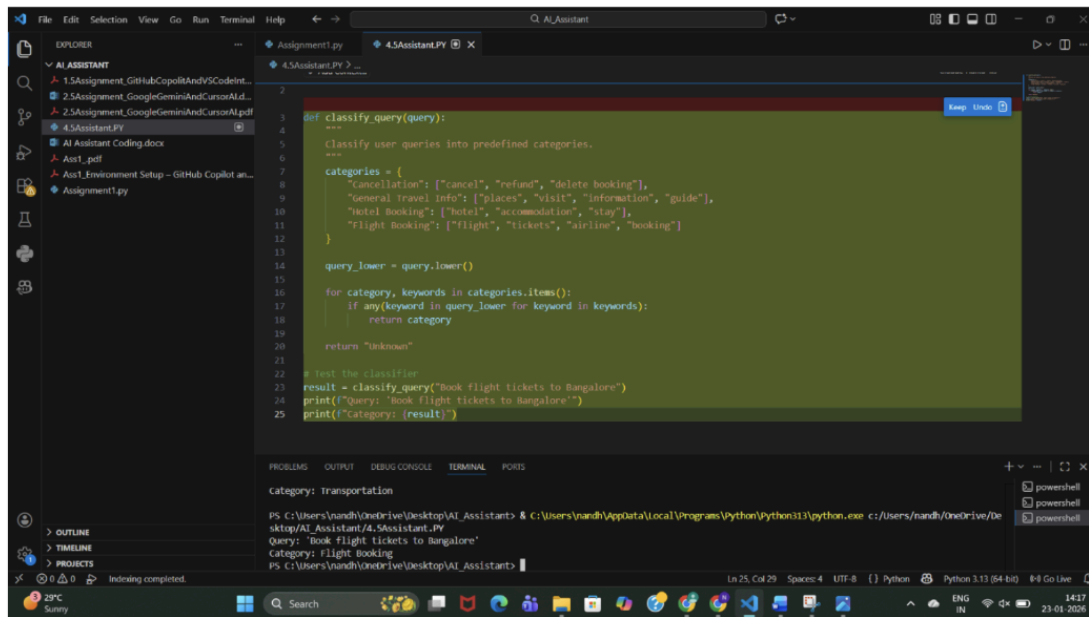
Category: General Travel Info

Query: "Book a hotel in Chennai"

Category: Hotel Booking

Now classify:

Query: "Book flight tickets to Bangalore"



```
1 def classify_query(query):
2     """
3     Classify user queries into predefined categories.
4     """
5     categories = {
6         "Cancellation": ["cancel", "refund", "delete booking"],
7         "General Travel Info": ["places", "visit", "information", "guide"],
8         "Hotel Booking": ["hotel", "accommodation", "stay"],
9         "Flight Booking": ["flight", "tickets", "airline", "booking"]
10    }
11
12    query_lower = query.lower()
13
14    for category, keywords in categories.items():
15        if any(keyword in query_lower for keyword in keywords):
16            return category
17
18    return "Unknown"
19
20 # Test the classifier
21 result = classify_query("Book flight tickets to Bangalore")
22 print(f"Query: 'Book flight tickets to Bangalore'")
23 print(f"Category: {result}")
```

Category: Transportation

PS C:\Users\nandi\OneDrive\Desktop\AI_Assistant> & C:\Users\nandi\AppData\Local\Programs\Python\Python313\python.exe c:/Users/nandi/OneDrive/Desktop/AI_Assistant/4_Assistant.PY
Query: 'Book flight tickets to Bangalore'
Category: Flight Booking
PS C:\Users\nandi\OneDrive\Desktop\AI_Assistant>

Output: Flight Booking

Observation:

- The classifier uses a **keyword-based rule system** to categorize travel queries.
- Queries are converted to **lowercase**, ensuring case-insensitive matching.
- The system correctly identifies **Flight Booking** queries (e.g., "Book flight tickets to Bangalore").
- Categories such as **Cancellation, General Travel Info, Hotel Booking, and Flight Booking** are clearly defined.

e. Comparison

Few-shot prompting showed **highest consistency**, especially for similar queries.

- **Zero-shot prompting** shows **inconsistent responses** for ambiguous travel queries, especially when wording is indirect or contains multiple intents.
- **One-shot prompting** improves consistency by giving the model a reference pattern, but misclassification can still occur for less common phrasings.

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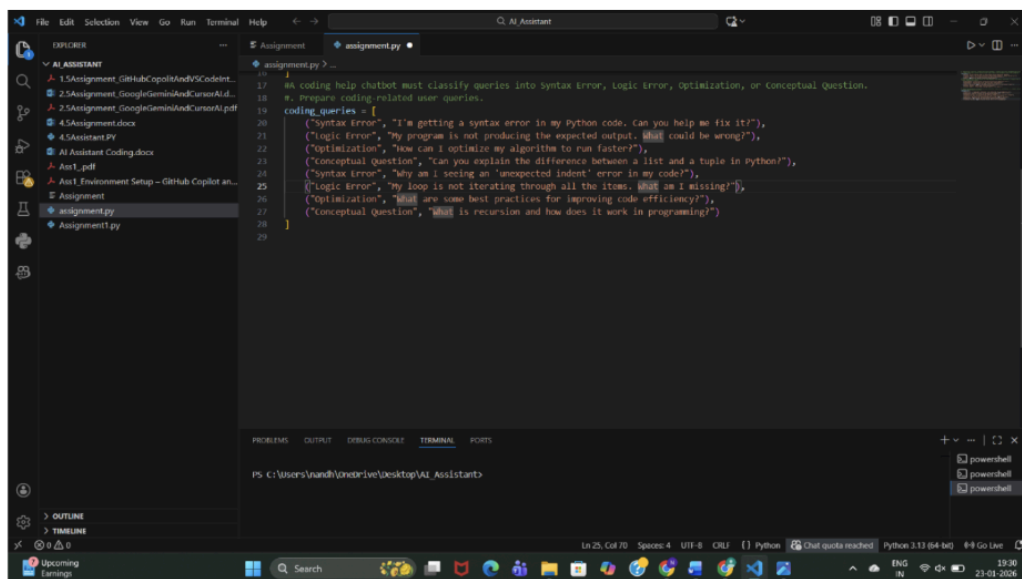
3. Programming Question Type Identification

Categories

- Syntax Error
- Logic Error
- Optimization
- Conceptual Question

a. Sample Queries

Prompt: Prepare Coding-related Queries



```
18 # A coding help chatbot must classify queries into syntax error, logic error, optimization, or conceptual question.
19 # Prepare coding-related user queries.
20
21 coding_queries = [
22     ("Syntax Error", "I'm getting a syntax error in my Python code. Can you help me fix it?"),
23     ("Logic Error", "My program is not producing the expected output. What could be wrong?"),
24     ("Optimization", "How can I optimize my algorithm to run faster?"),
25     ("Conceptual Question", "Can you explain the difference between a list and a tuple in Python?"),
26     ("Syntax Error", "Why am I seeing an 'unexpected indent' error in my code?"),
27     ("Logic Error", "My loop is not iterating through all the items. What am I missing?"),
28     ("Optimization", "What are some best practices for improving code efficiency?"),
29     ("Conceptual Question", "What is recursion and how does it work in programming?")
30 ]
```

Observation:

Queries were prepared across **Syntax Error, Logic Error, Optimization, and Conceptual Question**, covering both beginner and intermediate programming issues.

b. Zero-shot

Prompt:

Classify the following coding query into one of these categories:

Syntax Error, Logic Error, Optimization, Conceptual Question.

Query: <QUERY_TEXT>

Category:



```
def classify_coding_query(query):
    prompt = f"Classify the following coding query into one of these categories: Syntax Error, Logic Error, Optimization, Conceptual Question.
    # Here you would call the LLM API with the prompt and get the response
    # For demonstration, we'll return a placeholder
    return "Placeholder_Category"

# Scenario: A coding help chatbot must classify queries into Syntax Error, Logic Error, Optimization, or Conceptual Question.
# Tasks:
# 1. Prepare coding-related user queries.
# 2. Perform Zero-shot classification.
# 3. Perform One-shot classification.
# 4. Perform Few-shot classification.
# 5. Analyze improvements in technical accuracy.
# 6. Perform Zero-shot classification.

for query in coding_queries:
    category = classify_coding_query(query[1])
    print(f"Query: {query[1]} Predicted Category: {category}\n")
```

Query: what are some best practices for improving code efficiency?
Predicted Category: Placeholder_Category

Query: what is recursion and how does it work in programming?
Predicted Category: Placeholder_Category

PS C:\Users\yuanh\Desktop\AI_Assistant>

Observation:

- Model relies only on its **pretrained knowledge**.
- Correct for obvious cases like "syntax error".

c. One-shot Classification

Prompt:

Example Query: I'm getting a syntax error in my Python code.

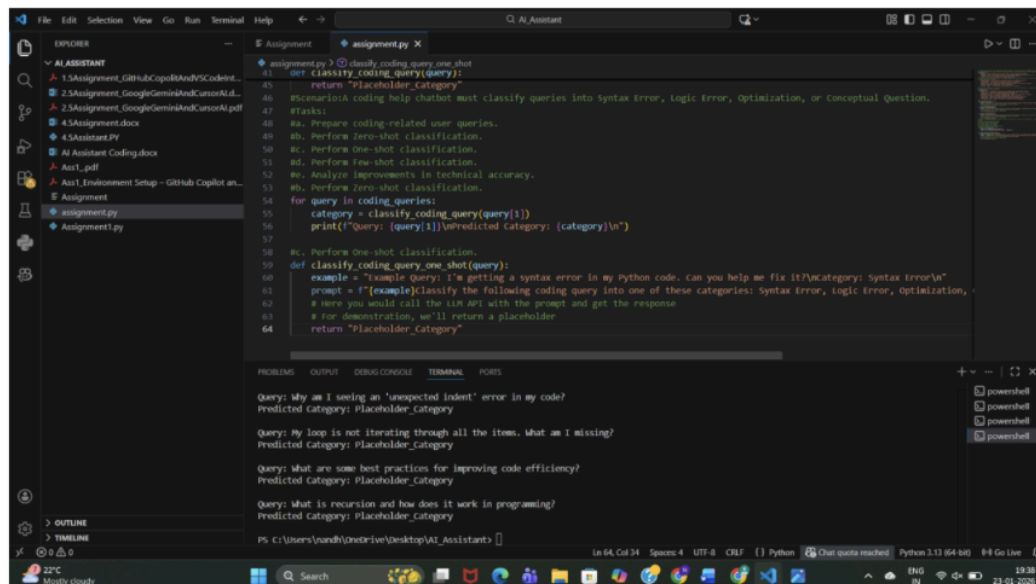
Category: Syntax Error

Classify the following coding query into one of these categories:

Syntax Error, Logic Error, Optimization, Conceptual Question.

Query: <QUERY_TEXT>

Category:



The screenshot shows a Visual Studio Code editor with a file named `assignment.py` open. The script defines a function `classify_coding_query(query)` that returns a placeholder category. It also includes a `def classify_coding_query_one_shot(query):` function with an example query and a prompt. The terminal window at the bottom displays several test queries and their predicted categories, all of which are currently 'Placeholder_Category'.

```
assignment.py | 1 | classify_coding_query_one_shot
2 | def classify_coding_query(query):
3 |     return "Placeholder_Category"
4 |
5 | #Instructions coding help chatbot must classify queries into Syntax Error, Logic Error, Optimization, or Conceptual Question.
6 |
7 | #Tasks:
8 | a. Prepare coding-related user queries.
9 | b. Perform zero-shot classification.
10 | c. Perform one-shot classification.
11 | d. Perform few-shot classification.
12 | e. Analyze improvements in technical accuracy.
13 | f. Perform zero-shot classification.
14 |
15 | for query in coding_queries:
16 |     category = classify_coding_query(query[i])
17 |     print(f"Query: {query[i]}|Predicted Category: {category}|w")
18 |
19 | c. Perform One-shot classification.
20 |
21 | def classify_coding_query_one_shot(query):
22 |     example = "Example Query: I'm getting a syntax error in my Python code. Can you help me fix it?|category: Syntax Error|w"
23 |     prompt = f"[{example}]Classify the following coding query into one of these categories: Syntax Error, Logic Error, Optimization,
24 |     # Here you would call the LLM API with the prompt and get the response
25 |     # For demonstration, we'll return a placeholder
26 |     return "Placeholder_Category"
```

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Query: Why am I seeing an 'unexpected indent' error in my code?
Predicted Category: Placeholder_Category

Query: My loop is not iterating through all the items. What am I missing?
Predicted Category: Placeholder_Category

Query: What are some best practices for improving code efficiency?
Predicted Category: Placeholder_Category

Query: What is recursion and how does it work in programming?
Predicted Category: Placeholder_Category

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