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Comparison: Vagueness Detection & Question Effort Classification

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1.1 Method Comparison

Method	Accuracy	Latency	Cost	Complexity	Pl
Heuristic (Keyword)	75-80%	<1ms	$0	Low	**Pl 1**
Heuristic (Pattern)	80-85%	<5ms	$0	Medium	Pl 1-
ML (Fine-tuned)	85-90%	10-50ms	$0*	High	Pl 2
LLM (GPT-4)	90-95%	500-2000ms	$0.01/prompt	Low	Pl 3
LLM (Claude Haiku)	88-92%	300-1000ms	$0.0003/prompt	Low	Pl 3

* Training cost, inference is local

1.2 Heuristic Vagueness Detection

Approach: Pattern matching for vague indicators

Indicators:

```
// Vague verbs (lack specificity)
```

```
let vague_verbs = [
    "implement", "add", "make", "create", "do", "build",
    "fix", "update", "change", "improve", "handle"
];

// Missing context patterns
let missing_context = [
    r"(?i)\bOAuth\b(?!\s*(2|1\.0))",           // OAuth without
version
    r"(?i)\bapi\b(?!\s*\()",                    // API without
details
    r"(?i)\bauth\b(?!entication|orization)",    // Auth without type
    r"(?i)\bdatabase\b(?!\s*(SQL|NoSQL))",      // Database without
type
];

// Ambiguous quantifiers
let ambiguous_quantifiers = [
    "some", "a few", "several", "many", "better", "good", "fast"
];
```

Scoring Logic:

```
pub fn vagueness_score(prompt: &str) -> f32 {
    let mut score = 0.0;

    // Check vague verbs (0.2 per match)
    for verb in VAGUE_VERBS {
        if prompt.to_lowercase().contains(verb) {
            score += 0.2;
        }
    }

    // Check missing context (0.3 per match)
    for pattern in MISSING_CONTEXT_PATTERNS {
        if regex_match(pattern, prompt) {
            score += 0.3;
        }
    }

    // Check ambiguous quantifiers (0.1 per match)
    for quant in AMBIGUOUS_QUANTIFIERS {
        if prompt.to_lowercase().contains(quant) {
            score += 0.1;
        }
    }

    // Normalize to 0.0-1.0
    score.min(1.0)
}

// Threshold: >0.5 = vague
pub fn is_vague(prompt: &str) -> bool {
    vagueness_score(prompt) > 0.5
}
```

Pros: - ✅ Fast (<1ms per prompt) - ✅ Free (no API calls) - ✅ Deterministic (testable) - ✅ No dependencies (just regex)

Cons: - ❌ Lower accuracy (75-80%) - ❌ Requires manual pattern curation - ❌ Misses context-dependent vagueness

Validation:

```
        // Test cases
        assert!(is_vague("Implement OAuth"));              // Missing
version
        assert!(is_vague("Add authentication"));           // Missing type
        assert!(!is_vague("Implement OAuth2 with PKCE")); // Specific
        assert!(!is_vague("Add JWT authentication"));     // Specific
```

1.3 LLM-Based Vagueness Detection

Approach: Prompt LLM to classify prompt as vague/specific

Prompt Template:

```
You are a coding task analyzer. Classify the following prompt as
VAGUE or SPECIFIC.

A prompt is VAGUE if it:
- Missing implementation details (version, provider, algorithm)
- Uses ambiguous verbs without context (implement, add, fix)
- Lacks constraints (performance, compatibility, scale)

A prompt is SPECIFIC if it:
- Includes versions, standards, or specific technologies
- Defines clear acceptance criteria
- Provides concrete examples or constraints

Prompt: "{user_prompt}"

Classification (VAGUE or SPECIFIC):
```

Implementation:

```
        pub async fn llm_vagueness_check(
            prompt: &str,
            model: LlmModel,
        ) -> Result<VaguenessResult> {
            let classification_prompt = format!(
                "You are a coding task analyzer...\n\nPrompt: \"
{}\"\n\nClassification:",
                prompt
            );

            let response = llm_call(model, classification_prompt).await?;

            let is_vague = response.to_lowercase().contains("vague");
            let confidence = extract_confidence(&response).unwrap_or(0.8);

            Ok(VaguenessResult { is_vague, confidence, reasoning: response
})
        }
```

Pros: - ✅ High accuracy (90-95%) - ✅ Context-aware (understands domain) - ✅ Handles edge cases (multi-part prompts) - ✅ Provides reasoning (explainable)

Cons: - ❌ Slow (300-2000ms latency) - ❌ Costs $0.0003-$0.01 per prompt - ❌ Non-deterministic (different responses) - ❌ Requires API access

Cost Analysis (Claude Haiku): - Prompt size: ~200 tokens - Response: ~50 tokens - Cost: $0.00025 input + $0.000125 output = **$0.000375/prompt** - 1000 prompts/day: **$0.38/day = $138/year**

Verdict: Phase 3 upgrade when accuracy >90% is required.

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2. Question Effort Classifiers

2.1 Classifier Comparison

Approach	Accuracy	Latency	Cost	Maintainability	Phase
Keyword Heuristic	75-80%	<1ms	$0	High	**Phase 1**
Length + Pattern	80-85%	<5ms	$0	Medium	Phase 1-2
ML (SVM)	85-88%	5-10ms	$0*	Low	Phase 2
LLM (Few-shot)	90-95%	500ms	$0.0003	High	Phase 3

* Training cost

2.2 Heuristic Effort Classification

Approach: Keyword matching + length heuristics

Decision Tree:

```
pub enum EffortLevel {
    Low,    // Selection, accessible context
    Medium, // Research, preferences
    High,   // Investigation, blocking
}

pub fn classify_effort(question: &str) -> EffortLevel {
    let word_count = question.split_whitespace().count();
    let lower = question.to_lowercase();

    // High-effort indicators (override)
    let high_indicators = [
        "investigate", "research", "before proceeding", "blocking",
        "need to decide", "architecture", "trade-off", "strategy"
    ];
    for indicator in high_indicators {
        if lower.contains(indicator) {
            return EffortLevel::High;
        }
    }

    // Low-effort indicators (selection)
    let low_indicators = [
        "which", "choose", "select", "prefer", "option", "or"
    ];
```

```
            let has_options = lower.contains(" or ") ||
lower.contains("option");
            let has_selection = low_indicators.iter().any(|ind|
lower.contains(ind));

            if (has_options || has_selection) && word_count < 15 {
                return EffortLevel::Low;
            }

            // Length-based fallback
            match word_count {
                0..=10 => EffortLevel::Low,
                11..=20 => EffortLevel::Medium,
                _ => EffortLevel::High,
            }
        }
```

Examples:

```
        // Low-effort (selection, <10 words)
        classify_effort("Which provider: Google, GitHub, or Auth0?")
        // => EffortLevel::Low

        // Medium-effort (research, 10-20 words)
        classify_effort("What OAuth2 flow should we use for this mobile
app?")
        // => EffortLevel::Medium

        // High-effort (investigation, >20 words or blocking)
        classify_effort("Should we investigate distributed caching
strategies before implementing session storage?")
        // => EffortLevel::High
```

Pros: - ✅ Fast (<1ms) - ✅ Free - ✅ Transparent (rule-based) - ✅ Easy to tune (add keywords)

Cons: - ❌ Lower accuracy (75-80%) - ❌ Misses nuanced effort (context-dependent) - ❌ Keyword list maintenance burden

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2.3 LLM-Based Effort Classification

Approach: Few-shot prompting with examples

Prompt Template:

```
Classify the following question by user effort required to answer
it.

Effort Levels:
- LOW: Selection from options, accessible context (e.g., "Which
framework: A, B, or C?")
- MEDIUM: Some research needed, not blocking (e.g., "What is the
recommended approach?")
- HIGH: Deep investigation or blocking decision (e.g., "Should we
investigate caching strategies before proceeding?")

Examples:
Question: "Which database: PostgreSQL or MySQL?"
Effort: LOW
```

```
Question: "What authentication method should we use?"
Effort: MEDIUM

Question: "Should we investigate distributed tracing solutions
before implementing logging?"
Effort: HIGH

Question: "{question}"
Effort:
```

Implementation:

```
        pub async fn llm_effort_classify(
            question: &str,
            model: LlmModel,
        ) -> Result<EffortLevel> {
            let prompt = format!("Classify the following
question...\n\nQuestion: \"{}\"\nEffort:", question);

            let response = llm_call(model, prompt).await?;

            let effort = if response.contains("LOW") {
                EffortLevel::Low
            } else if response.contains("MEDIUM") {
                EffortLevel::Medium
            } else {
                EffortLevel::High
            };

            Ok(effort)
        }
```

Pros: - ✅ High accuracy (90-95%) - ✅ Context-aware - ✅ Handles edge cases (rhetorical questions, multi-part)

Cons: - ❌ Slow (500ms) - ❌ Costs $0.0003/question - ❌ Non-deterministic

Cost Analysis (Claude Haiku, 10 questions/run): - 10 questions/consensus run × 3 agents = 30 questions - 30 questions × $0.0003 = **$0.009/run** - 100 runs/month = **$0.90/month** = **$10.80/year**

Verdict: Viable for Phase 3 if <$15/year budget acceptable.

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3. Rust NLP Crates

3.1 Crate Comparison

Crate	Purpose	Maturity	Performance	Ease of Use
regex	Pattern matching	⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐	Excellent (<1ms)	Easy
nlprule	Grammar/syntax	⭐⭐⭐	Good (10-50ms)	Medium
tokenizers	Tokenization	⭐⭐⭐⭐	Excellent	Easy
rs-natural	NLP toolkit	⭐⭐	Medium	Hard

rsnltk	Tokenization	⭐⭐	Medium	Medium
rust-bert	Transformers	⭐⭐⭐	Slow (GPU)	Hard

Maturity Scale: - ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐ Production-ready, actively maintained, >1M downloads - ⭐⭐⭐⭐ Stable, well-documented - ⭐⭐⭐ Functional, some rough edges - ⭐⭐ Experimental, limited docs - ⭐ Proof-of-concept

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3.2 Regex (Pattern Matching)

Purpose: Keyword extraction, pattern detection for vagueness

Use Case:

```rust
use regex::Regex;

lazy_static! {
    static ref VAGUE_OAUTH: Regex = Regex::new(r"(?i)\bOAuth\b(?!\s*(2|1\.0))").unwrap();
    static ref AMBIGUOUS_DB: Regex = Regex::new(r"(?i)\bdatabase\b(?!\s*(SQL|NoSQL))").unwrap();
}

pub fn detect_vagueness(prompt: &str) -> bool {
    VAGUE_OAUTH.is_match(prompt) || AMBIGUOUS_DB.is_match(prompt)
}
```

Pros: - ✅ Blazing fast (<1ms) - ✅ Zero-cost abstraction - ✅ Battle-tested (most popular Rust regex) - ✅ No external dependencies

Cons: - ❌ Limited to pattern matching (no semantics) - ❌ Requires manual pattern curation

Recommendation: **Phase 1 foundation** ✅

3.3 nlprule (Grammar & Syntax)

Purpose: POS tagging, dependency parsing for advanced vagueness detection

Use Case:

```rust
use nlprule::{Tokenizer, Rules};

let tokenizer = Tokenizer::new("en")?;
let rules = Rules::new("en")?;

pub fn detect_incomplete_sentence(prompt: &str) -> bool {
    let tokens = tokenizer.tokenize(prompt);

    // Check for missing subject/verb/object
    let has_verb = tokens.iter().any(|t| t.pos().starts_with("VB"));
    let has_noun = tokens.iter().any(|t| t.pos().starts_with("NN"));

    !(has_verb && has_noun)
}
```

Pros: - ✅ Dependency parsing (structural analysis) - ✅ POS tagging (verb/noun detection) - ✅ Grammar rules (sentence completeness)

Cons: - ❌ Slower (10-50ms per prompt) - ❌ Large model files (~50MB) - ❌ Limited to English (multi-language requires separate models)

Recommendation: Phase 2 (enhanced heuristics) if accuracy <80% in Phase 1

3.4 tokenizers (HuggingFace)

Purpose: Fast tokenization for ML models

Use Case:

```
use tokenizers::Tokenizer;

let tokenizer = Tokenizer::from_pretrained("bert-base-uncased",
None)?;

pub fn count_technical_terms(prompt: &str) -> usize {
    let encoding = tokenizer.encode(prompt, false)?;
    let tokens = encoding.get_tokens();

    // Count tokens matching technical vocabulary
    tokens.iter().filter(|t| TECH_VOCAB.contains(t)).count()
}
```

Pros: - ✅ Fast (Rust implementation of HF tokenizers) - ✅ Compatible with BERT/GPT models - ✅ Subword tokenization (handles technical terms)

Cons: - ❌ Requires pre-trained tokenizer model - ❌ Not useful without ML model

Recommendation: Phase 2-3 if using ML-based vagueness detection

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3.5 rust-bert (Transformers)

Purpose: Local LLM inference for vagueness detection

Use Case:

```
use rust_bert::pipelines::sentiment::SentimentModel;

let model = SentimentModel::new(Default::default())?;

pub fn classify_vagueness_ml(prompt: &str) -> bool {
    // Fine-tuned BERT for vague/specific classification
    let result = model.predict(&[prompt]);
    result[0].label == "vague"
}
```

Pros: - ✅ Local inference (no API calls) - ✅ High accuracy (90%+ with fine-tuning) - ✅ Privacy (no data leaves system)

Cons: - ❌ Slow (500ms-2s on CPU) - ❌ Large models (100MB-1GB) - ❌ Requires GPU for real-time use - ❌ Training complexity (fine-tuning needed)

Recommendation: Phase 3 (optional) if LLM API costs exceed $50/year

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4. Performance Trade-offs

4.1 Accuracy vs Latency

```
Accuracy
  95% |                              * LLM (GPT-4)
      |                         * LLM (Haiku)
  90% |                    * ML (Fine-tuned BERT)
      |
  85% |          * Heuristic (Pattern)
  80% |     * Heuristic (Keyword)
  75% |
      |________________________________________________
        <1ms   <10ms   <100ms  <500ms  <2000ms
                        Latency
```

Key Insight: Heuristic methods provide 75-85% accuracy with <5ms latency, sufficient for Phase 1.

4.2 Accuracy vs Cost (per 1000 prompts)

```
Accuracy
  95% |                              * GPT-4 ($10)
      |
  90% |                    * Haiku ($0.38)
      |                    * BERT (Free)
  85% |          * Pattern (Free)
  80% |     * Keyword (Free)
  75% |
      |________________________________________________
        Free              $0.38            $10
                        Cost/1K prompts
```

Key Insight: Heuristic methods are free, LLM methods cost $0.38-$10 per 1000 prompts.

4.3 Cost Analysis (Annual, 10K prompts/year)

Method	Cost/Prompt	Annual Cost (10K prompts)	Notes
Heuristic (Keyword)	$0	**$0**	CPU cost negligible
Heuristic (Pattern)	$0	**$0**	Regex overhead <1ms
ML (Local BERT)	$0*	**$0**	*Inference only, training separate
LLM (Claude Haiku)	$0.000375	**$3.75**	Cheapest cloud option
LLM (GPT-4)	$0.01	**$100**	Highest accuracy

Budget Constraint: SPEC-PPP-000 targets <$100/year for all PPP features. Heuristic methods are **required** for Phase 1 to meet budget.

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5. Decision Matrices

5.1 Vagueness Detection Method Selection

Scoring (0-10 scale, higher better):

Criterion	Weight	Heuristic	ML (BERT)	LLM (Haiku)	LL (GPT
Accuracy	0.3	7 (75-80%)	8.5 (85-90%)	9 (90-92%)	9.5 (9 95%)
Latency	0.25	10 (<1ms)	7 (50ms)	5 (500ms)	3 (2000
Cost	0.2	10 ($0)	10 ($0)	8 ($3.75/yr)	4 ($100
Simplicity	0.15	9 (regex)	4 (training)	8 (API)	8 (AP
Maintainability	0.1	7 (patterns)	5 (model)	9 (prompts)	9 (prom
Weighted Score	-	**8.45**	**7.28**	**7.63**	**6.73**

Winner: **Heuristic (8.45)** for Phase 1

Decision: Start with heuristic (keyword + pattern), upgrade to LLM (Haiku) in Phase 3 if accuracy <80% in production.

5.2 Question Effort Classifier Selection

Scoring:

Criterion	Weight	Heuristic	ML (SVM)	LLM (Haiku)
Accuracy	0.35	7 (75-80%)	8 (85-88%)	9 (90-95%)
Latency	0.25	10 (<1ms)	8 (5ms)	5 (500ms)
Cost	0.2	10 ($0)	10 ($0)	7 ($10.80/yr)
Simplicity	0.15	9 (rules)	5 (training)	8 (API)
Explainability	0.05	10 (transparent)	6 (weights)	8 (reasoning)
Weighted Score	-	**8.50**	**7.70**	**7.79**

Winner: **Heuristic (8.50)** for Phase 1

Decision: Keyword matching + length heuristics (Phase 1), optional LLM upgrade (Phase 3).

5.3 Rust NLP Crate Selection (Phase 1)

Scoring:

Criterion	Weight	regex	nlprule	tokenizers	rust ber
Maturity	0.25	10 (★★★★★)	7 (★★★)	8 (★★★★)	7 (★★★
Performance	0.25	10 (<1ms)	7 (10-50ms)	9 (fast)	3 (slov
Ease of Use	0.2	10 (simple)	6 (medium)	8 (easy)	4 (har
Relevance	0.2	9 (patterns)	8 (syntax)	5 (tokenize)	9 (class:
Dependencies	0.1	10 (none)	6 (models)	7 (models)	4 (larg
Weighted Score	-	**9.65**	**7.00**	**7.60**	**5.50**

Winner: **regex (9.65)** for Phase 1

Decision: Use `regex` crate exclusively for Phase 1 (pattern matching). Consider `nlprule` for Phase 2 if enhanced syntax analysis is needed.

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6. Recommendations

6.1 Phase 1 Implementation (Heuristic-Based)

Timeline: 2-3 days **Cost**: $0 **Accuracy Target**: 75-80%

Components: 1. **Vagueness Detector**: - Keyword matching (vague verbs, ambiguous quantifiers) - Pattern matching (missing context via regex) - Scoring function (0.0-1.0, threshold 0.5)

2. **Effort Classifier**:
   - Keyword lists (low/medium/high indicators)
   - Length heuristics (word count)
   - Decision tree (override logic)
3. **Dependencies**:
   - `regex` crate only
   - No external APIs
4. **Integration**:
   - Called during trajectory logging (SPEC-PPP-004)
   - Stores question effort in `trajectory_questions` table
   - Used by R_{Proact} calculation

Acceptance Criteria: - [ ] Vagueness detection: >75% accuracy on test set (50 prompts) - [ ] Effort classification: >75% accuracy on test set (50 questions) - [ ] Latency: <5ms per prompt/question - [ ] Zero cost (no API calls)

6.2 Phase 2 Enhancement (Advanced Heuristics)

Timeline: 1-2 weeks **Cost**: $0 **Accuracy Target**: 80-85%

Components: 1. **Dependency Parsing** (optional): - Use `nlprule` for POS tagging - Detect incomplete sentences (missing subject/verb) - Improve context detection

2. **Domain-Specific Patterns**:
   - Coding task vocabulary (OAuth, API, database patterns)
   - Technology-specific requirements (version, provider, flow)
3. **Multi-Part Question Handling**:
   - Split compound questions
   - Classify each part separately
   - Aggregate effort scores

Trigger: If Phase 1 accuracy <80% in production (after 100+ runs).

6.3 Phase 3 LLM Upgrade (Optional)

Timeline: 1 week **Cost**: $3.75-$10.80/year **Accuracy Target**: 90-95%

Components: 1. **LLM-Based Vagueness Detection**: - Use Claude Haiku ($0.000375/prompt) - Few-shot prompting with examples - Cache common prompts (reduce cost 50%)

2. **LLM-Based Effort Classification**:
   - Use Claude Haiku ($0.0003/question)
   - Extract reasoning (explainable)
3. **Hybrid Approach**:
   - Heuristic first (fast path)
   - LLM only if heuristic uncertain (0.4-0.6 score)
   - Reduces cost 80% while maintaining accuracy

Trigger: If Phase 2 accuracy <85% OR user feedback indicates poor proactivity detection.

6.4 Decision Summary

Component	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3
Vagueness Detection	Keyword + Pattern	+ Dependency parsing	+ LLM (Haiku)
Effort Classification	Keyword + Length	+ Multi-part handling	+ LLM (Haiku)
Rust Crates	regex	regex + nlprule	regex + nlprule
Cost	$0	$0	$3.75-$10.80/year
Accuracy	75-80%	80-85%	90-95%
Latency	<5ms	<50ms	200-500ms

Recommendation: Implement Phase 1 (heuristic) immediately. Phase 2-3 are optional upgrades based on production metrics.

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7. Integration with /reasoning Command

7.1 Relationship Analysis

Vagueness Detection vs **Reasoning Effort**:

Aspect	Vagueness Detection	/reasoning (Extended Thinking)
Purpose	Detect ambiguous prompts	Handle complex reasoning tasks
Trigger	Ambiguity in prompt	Complexity in task
Action	Ask clarifying questions	Allocate more compute (tokens)
PPP Dimension	Proactivity (R_{Proact})	Productivity (R_{Prod})
User Impact	Fewer wasted iterations	Better solution quality

Key Insight: Vagueness ≠ Complexity. They are orthogonal dimensions: - Vague + Simple: "Add OAuth" (ask for version/provider) - Vague + Complex: "Implement distributed auth" (ask + reason) - Specific + Simple: "Add JWT with HS256" (no questions, no reasoning) - Specific + Complex: "Implement OAuth2 with PKCE and token rotation" (no questions, high reasoning)

7.2 Integration Strategy

Separate but Complementary:

```
        pub async fn process_prompt(prompt: &str, config: &Config) ->
Result<Response> {
            // Step 1: Vagueness detection (PPP Proactivity)
            let vagueness_score = detect_vagueness(prompt);
            if vagueness_score > 0.5 {
                return Ok(Response::ClarifyingQuestions(
                    generate_questions(prompt)
                ));
            }

            // Step 2: Complexity analysis (Reasoning)
            let complexity_score = analyze_complexity(prompt);
            let reasoning_effort = if complexity_score > 0.7 {
                ReasoningEffort::High
            } else {
                ReasoningEffort::Medium
            };

            // Step 3: Execute with appropriate reasoning
            execute_with_reasoning(prompt, reasoning_effort).await
        }
```

Decision (ADR-001-003): Keep vagueness detection and /reasoning as separate systems with clear triggers.

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8. Validation Strategy

8.1 Test Dataset Creation

Approach: Create labeled dataset with 100 examples

Vagueness Examples:

```
Vague (50):
- "Implement OAuth" (missing version)
- "Add authentication" (missing type)
- "Fix the bug" (missing context)
- "Make it faster" (no baseline)
...

Specific (50):
- "Implement OAuth2 with Google provider using PKCE"
- "Add JWT authentication with HS256 signing"
- "Fix null pointer in user_service.rs:42"
- "Reduce API latency from 200ms to <100ms"
...
```

Question Effort Examples:

```
Low (33):
- "Which database: PostgreSQL or MySQL?"
- "Do you prefer tabs or spaces?"
...

Medium (33):
- "What authentication method should we use?"
- "How should we handle errors?"
...

High (34):
- "Should we investigate caching strategies before proceeding?"
- "Do you want me to research distributed tracing solutions?"
...
```

Labeling: Manual annotation by 2-3 engineers, resolve disagreements via consensus.

8.2 Accuracy Measurement

Metrics:

```rust
pub struct ValidationMetrics {
    pub accuracy: f32,       // (TP + TN) / Total
    pub precision: f32,      // TP / (TP + FP)
    pub recall: f32,         // TP / (TP + FN)
    pub f1_score: f32,       // 2 * (P * R) / (P + R)
}

pub fn evaluate(
    classifier: &dyn VaguenessDetector,
    test_set: &[(String, bool)],
) -> ValidationMetrics {
    let mut tp = 0; let mut tn = 0;
```

```
        let mut fp = 0; let mut fn = 0;

        for (prompt, is_vague) in test_set {
            let predicted = classifier.is_vague(prompt);
            match (predicted, *is_vague) {
                (true, true) => tp += 1,
                (false, false) => tn += 1,
                (true, false) => fp += 1,
                (false, true) => fn += 1,
            }
        }

        let accuracy = (tp + tn) as f32 / test_set.len() as f32;
        let precision = tp as f32 / (tp + fp) as f32;
        let recall = tp as f32 / (tp + fn) as f32;
        let f1_score = 2.0 * (precision * recall) / (precision +
recall);

        ValidationMetrics { accuracy, precision, recall, f1_score }
    }
```

Acceptance Criteria: - Phase 1: Accuracy >75%, F1 >0.75 - Phase 2: Accuracy >80%, F1 >0.80 - Phase 3: Accuracy >90%, F1 >0.90

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9. Conclusion

9.1 Key Findings

1. **Heuristic methods are viable for Phase 1**: 75-85% accuracy achievable with keyword + pattern matching
2. **LLM-based detection is expensive**: $3.75-$10.80/year for 10K prompts (acceptable)
3. **Regex is sufficient for Phase 1**: No need for complex NLP libraries
4. **Vagueness ≠ Complexity**: Separate systems for proactivity (vagueness) and productivity (reasoning)
5. **90%+ accuracy requires LLM**: Phase 3 upgrade needed for >90% accuracy

9.2 Recommended Path

Phase 1 (Immediate): - Heuristic vagueness detection (keyword + pattern) - Heuristic effort classification (keyword + length) - Dependencies: `regex` crate only - Target: 75-80% accuracy, <5ms latency, $0 cost

Phase 2 (If needed): - Enhanced heuristics (dependency parsing via `nlprule`) - Domain-specific patterns (OAuth, API, database) - Target: 80-85% accuracy, <50ms latency, $0 cost

Phase 3 (Optional): - LLM-based detection (Claude Haiku) - Hybrid approach (heuristic + LLM fallback) - Target: 90-95% accuracy, 200-500ms latency, $3.75-$10.80/year

9.3 Next Steps

1. Create `recommendations.md` with phased implementation plan
2. Create `evidence/vagueness_detector_poc.rs` with working PoC
3. Create ADRs documenting key decisions:
    - ADR-001-001: Heuristic vs LLM-based vagueness detection
    - ADR-001-002: Question effort classification strategy
    - ADR-001-003: Integration with /reasoning command

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