

Role-based vs Chain-of-Thought AI Comparison App

1. Objective

The goal of this project is to compare AI outputs generated using role-based prompts versus chain-of-thought (CoT) prompts.

This helps users learn how different prompt strategies affect the clarity, reasoning, and level of explanation in AI-generated responses.

2. Instructions & Implementation

Step 1: Select a Task

- Example task: *Explain how photosynthesis works* or any other concept requiring explanation.
- The task should be suitable for observing differences between **role-based explanations** and **step-by-step reasoning**.

Step 2: Role-based Prompting

Definition: In role-based prompting, the model is asked to assume a specific role (e.g., teacher, expert, student) and generate output according to that role.

Prompt Example:

```
css                                                                    Copy Edit
You are a high school biology teacher. Explain photosynthesis to students in simple words.
```

Implementation (Hugging Face Model):

- Model: google/flan-t5-large (default)
- Task: text2text-generation
- Parameters: max length, temperature, top-p
- Output Example:
(Model generates a simplified teacher-friendly explanation.)

Step 3: Chain-of-Thought (CoT) Prompting

Definition: In chain-of-thought prompting, the model is asked to reason step by step before giving the final answer. This improves transparency and detail.

Prompt Example:

vbnet

Explain photosynthesis **step by step**, reasoning **each step** clearly.

Implementation (Hugging Face Model):

- **Model:** google/flan-t5-base (default)
- **Task:** text2text-generation
- **Parameters:** max length, temperature, top-p
- **Output Example:**
(*Model generates a detailed stepwise explanation.*)

Step 4: Compare Outputs

- The app generates both outputs side by side.
- Diff and reflection tools highlight:
 - Differences in phrasing
 - Reasoning depth
 - Similarities or divergences in content

3. Observations

- **Role-based output** is concise, simple, and oriented to the assumed role.
- **CoT output** provides stepwise reasoning, enhancing interpretability.
- Outputs may vary in **detail**, **clarity**, and **structure** depending on the prompt style.
- CoT is particularly useful for complex or multi-step tasks.

4. Deliverables

- Streamlit App:
 - a. Interactive interface to enter prompts and run both models.
 - b. Displays outputs, diffs, and reflections in real time.

Model Settings

Role-based Model

google/flan-t5-large

CoT Model

google/flan-t5-base

Max Length

400

Temperature

0.30

Top-p

0.95

Deploy

conversion of light energy into light energy by photosynthesis. the process of photosynthesis

Diff

Role

CoT

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-Photosynthesis is the process by which plants convert carbon dioxide, water, and sunlight into food for them

+Photosynthesis is the process of converting light energy into light energy by photosynthesis. The process of

Reflection

Role-based explains as a teacher, CoT gives reasoning steps. Outputs diverge strongly.

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Fig4: Output Snapshot3