# Chroma self-querying

Chroma is a database for building Al applications with embeddings.

In the notebook we'll demo the SelfQueryRetriever wrapped around a Chroma vector store.

### **Creating a Chroma vectorstore**

First we'll want to create a Chroma VectorStore and seed it with some data. We've created a small demo set of documents that contain summaries of movies.

NOTE: The self-query retriever requires you to have [lark] installed (pip install lark). We also need the chromadb package.

#!pip install lark

#!pip install chromadb

We want to use OpenAIEmbeddings so we have to get the OpenAI API Key.

import os
import getpass

```
os.environ["OPENAI_API_KEY"] = getpass.getpass("OpenAI API Key:")
```

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OpenAI API Key: ······
```

```
from langchain.schema import Document
from langchain.embeddings.openai import OpenAIEmbeddings
from langchain.vectorstores import Chroma

embeddings = OpenAIEmbeddings()
```

```
docs = [
   Document(
       page content="A bunch of scientists bring back dinosaurs and mayhem breaks loose",
       metadata={"year": 1993, "rating": 7.7, "genre": "science fiction"},
   ),
   Document(
       page content="Leo DiCaprio gets lost in a dream within a dream within a dream within a ...",
       metadata={"year": 2010, "director": "Christopher Nolan", "rating": 8.2},
   ),
   Document(
        page content="A psychologist / detective gets lost in a series of dreams within dreams within dreams
and Inception reused the idea",
       metadata={"year": 2006, "director": "Satoshi Kon", "rating": 8.6},
    ),
   Document(
        page content="A bunch of normal-sized women are supremely wholesome and some men pine after them",
       metadata={"year": 2019, "director": "Greta Gerwig", "rating": 8.3},
   ),
```

```
Document(
    page_content="Toys come alive and have a blast doing so",
    metadata={"year": 1995, "genre": "animated"},
),
Document(
    page_content="Three men walk into the Zone, three men walk out of the Zone",
    metadata={
        "year": 1979,
        "rating": 9.9,
        "director": "Andrei Tarkovsky",
        "genre": "science fiction",
        "rating": 9.9,
    },
),
]
vectorstore = Chroma.from_documents(docs, embeddings)
```

```
Using embedded DuckDB without persistence: data will be transient
```

# **Creating our self-querying retriever**

Now we can instantiate our retriever. To do this we'll need to provide some information upfront about the metadata fields that our documents support and a short description of the document contents.

```
from langchain.llms import OpenAI
from langchain.retrievers.self_query.base import SelfQueryRetriever
from langchain.chains.query_constructor.base import AttributeInfo
```

```
metadata_field_info = [
    AttributeInfo(
        name="genre",
        description="The genre of the movie",
        type="string or list[string]",
    ),
    AttributeInfo(
        name="year",
        description="The year the movie was released",
        type="integer",
    ),
    AttributeInfo(
        name="director",
        description="The name of the movie director",
        type="string",
    ),
    AttributeInfo(
        name="rating", description="A 1-10 rating for the movie", type="float"
    ),
document content description = "Brief summary of a movie"
11m = OpenAI(temperature=0)
retriever = SelfQueryRetriever.from llm(
    llm, vectorstore, document content description, metadata field info, verbose=True
```

## **Testing it out**

And now we can try actually using our retriever!

```
# This example only specifies a relevant query
retriever.get_relevant_documents("What are some movies about dinosaurs")
```

```
[Document(page_content='A bunch of scientists bring back dinosaurs and mayhem breaks loose', metadata=
{'year': 1993, 'rating': 7.7, 'genre': 'science fiction'}),
    Document(page_content='Toys come alive and have a blast doing so', metadata={'year': 1995, 'genre':
'animated'}),
    Document(page_content='A psychologist / detective gets lost in a series of dreams within dreams and Inception reused the idea', metadata={'year': 2006, 'director': 'Satoshi Kon', 'rating': 8.6}),
    Document(page_content='Leo DiCaprio gets lost in a dream within a dream within a dream within a ...',
metadata={'year': 2010, 'director': 'Christopher Nolan', 'rating': 8.2})]
```

```
# This example only specifies a filter
retriever.get_relevant_documents("I want to watch a movie rated higher than 8.5")
```

```
query=' ' filter=Comparison(comparator=<Comparator.GT: 'gt'>, attribute='rating', value=8.5)
[Document(page_content='A psychologist / detective gets lost in a series of dreams within dreams within
```

```
dreams and Inception reused the idea', metadata={'year': 2006, 'director': 'Satoshi Kon', 'rating': 8.6}),
    Document(page_content='Three men walk into the Zone, three men walk out of the Zone', metadata={'year':
1979, 'rating': 9.9, 'director': 'Andrei Tarkovsky', 'genre': 'science fiction'})]

# This example specifies a query and a filter
    retriever.get_relevant_documents("Has Greta Gerwig directed any movies about women")
```

```
query='women' filter=Comparison(comparator=<Comparator.EQ: 'eq'>, attribute='director', value='Greta
Gerwig')

[Document(page_content='A bunch of normal-sized women are supremely wholesome and some men pine after
them', metadata={'year': 2019, 'director': 'Greta Gerwig', 'rating': 8.3})]
```

```
# This example specifies a composite filter
retriever.get_relevant_documents(
    "What's a highly rated (above 8.5) science fiction film?"
)
```

```
query=' ' filter=Operation(operator=<Operator.AND: 'and'>, arguments=[Comparison(comparator=
<Comparator.EQ: 'eq'>, attribute='genre', value='science fiction'), Comparison(comparator=<Comparator.GT:
'gt'>, attribute='rating', value=8.5)])
```

```
[Document(page_content='Three men walk into the Zone, three men walk out of the Zone', metadata={'year':
1979, 'rating': 9.9, 'director': 'Andrei Tarkovsky', 'genre': 'science fiction'})]

# This example specifies a query and composite filter
retriever.get_relevant_documents(
    "What's a movie after 1990 but before 2005 that's all about toys, and preferably is animated"
)
```

```
query='toys' filter=Operation(operator=<Operator.AND: 'and'>, arguments=[Comparison(comparator=
<Comparator.GT: 'gt'>, attribute='year', value=1990), Comparison(comparator=<Comparator.LT: 'lt'>,
attribute='year', value=2005), Comparison(comparator=<Comparator.EQ: 'eq'>, attribute='genre',
value='animated')])
[Document(page_content='Toys come alive and have a blast doing so', metadata={'year': 1995, 'genre': 'animated'})]
```

#### Filter k

We can also use the self query retriever to specify [k]: the number of documents to fetch.

We can do this by passing [enable\_limit=True] to the constructor.

```
# This example only specifies a relevant query
retriever.get_relevant_documents("what are two movies about dinosaurs")
```

```
[Document(page_content='A bunch of scientists bring back dinosaurs and mayhem breaks loose', metadata=
{'year': 1993, 'rating': 7.7, 'genre': 'science fiction'}),
    Document(page_content='Toys come alive and have a blast doing so', metadata={'year': 1995, 'genre': 'animated'}),
    Document(page_content='A psychologist / detective gets lost in a series of dreams within dreams and Inception reused the idea', metadata={'year': 2006, 'director': 'Satoshi Kon', 'rating': 8.6}),
    Document(page_content='Leo DiCaprio gets lost in a dream within a dream within a dream within a ...',
metadata={'year': 2010, 'director': 'Christopher Nolan', 'rating': 8.2})]
```