Task 2:
Decision and Evaluation of Different Chunking Strategies along with OpenSource and ClosedSource Embedding models.

Goal:
1.Is to determine if OpenAI (Closed) Embeddings Outperform Open-Source Models (e.g., Sentence Transformers).
2. Comparing various RAG Chunking & Embedding Strategies with and without Domain-specific evaluations.

The Evaluations were based from Evaluating Domain Specific RAG Chunking & Embedding Strategies

https://github.com/ALucek/custom-rag-evals/blob/main/chunking_evals.ipynb

Introduction:
Establishing the initial step of creating Retrieval Augmented Generation systems, specifically the process of loading and segmenting documents, is a crucial yet frequently overlooked aspect. Recent research from ChromaDB, titled "Evaluating Chunking Strategies for Retrieval," outlines various commonly employed chunking approaches as well as several novel ideas to provide valuable guidance in selecting an appropriate chunking strategy for one's specific use case.

In a below notebook, I have analyzed the various chunking strategies and their implementations within their respective repositories. Additionally, Chroma has provided an evaluation framework that enables testing on both standard and domain-specific documents. This allows for the identification of the most suitable chunking and embedding methods for a specific application. While referencing research data is a helpful starting point, conducting your own experiments can assist in determining the optimal approach for your needs.

NOTEBOOK
LINK:https://colab.research.google.com/drive/1sEze2po_M8NKk7XDAlxZQfN9wx7YTe0k?usp=sharing

Notebook consists of below process:

1. Create Custom Chunking Strategies
2. Evaluate Custom & Existing Chunking Strategies
3. Evaluate Custom & Existing Embedding Strategies

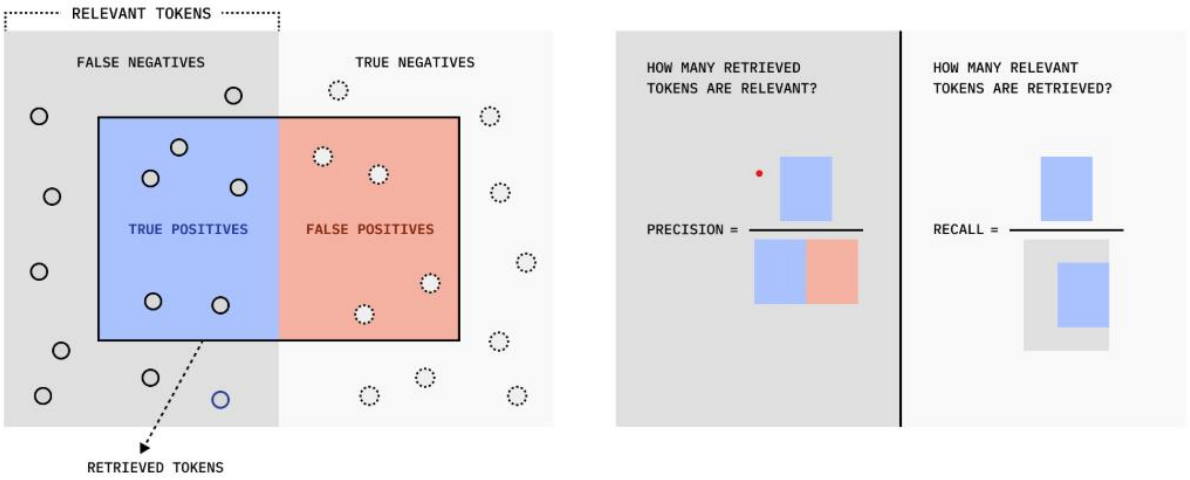
4. Create a Synthetic Dataset for Domain Specific Evaluations

First, we need to define our metrics of interest to measure.

Metrics Breakdown (Taken from the blog)
The built in metrics here are slightly different from traditional information retrieval metrics, which usually operate a document level. These will be more concerned with measuring the token level performance of our chunking and embedding strategies. The motivation for this is that:

For a given query related to a specific corpus, only a subset of tokens within that corpus will be relevant. Ideally, for both efficiency and accuracy, the retrieval system should retrieve exactly and only the relevant tokens for each query across the entire corpus.

This is better suited for testing chunking as a retrieval part of RAG systems, as we are less concerned with the specific document than the actual relevant token level information for the LLM to process, trying to maximize the relevant tokens and exclude irrelevant, redundant, and distracting superfluous information.



Variables
- q represents a specific query
- C represents the chunked corpus (the entire document split into chunks)
- t_e represents the set of tokens in relevant excerpts/highlights (ground truth)
- t_r represents the set of tokens in retrieved chunks (what our system returns)

A highlight is a segment of text in the original document that contains the relevant information needed to answer a specific query. Highlights serve as the "ground truth" against which we measure our chunking and retrieval performance.
For example:

- Document: "The Sun is composed primarily of hydrogen and helium. Through nuclear fusion in its core, it converts hydrogen into helium, releasing massive amounts of energy. This energy travels to Earth as sunlight and heat."
- Query: "How does the Sun produce energy?"
- Highlight: "Through nuclear fusion in its core, it converts hydrogen into helium, releasing massive amounts of energy."

Recall

$$\text{Recall}_q(\mathbf{C}) = \frac{|t_e \cap t_r|}{|t_e|}$$

Calculated by: length of overlap between retrieved chunks and highlights / total length of highlights
Measures what fraction of the important/relevant text is captured by the retrieved chunks. Ranges from 0 to 1, where 1 means all relevant text was captured. A low recall means the chunking strategy is missing important information.

Answers: How much of these important highlighted segments did we capture?

Example: If a highlight is 100 tokens and our chunks only capture 70 tokens of it, recall = 0.7

Precision

$$\text{Precision}_q(\mathbf{C}) = \frac{|t_e \cap t_r|}{|t_r|}$$

Calculated by: length of overlap between retrieved chunks and highlights / total length of retrieved chunks

Measures how much of the retrieved text is actually relevant. Ranges from 0 to 1, where 1 means all retrieved text was relevant. A low precision means the chunks contain a lot of irrelevant text.

Answers: How much of what we retrieved matches these highlights?

Example: If we retrieve 200 tokens of text but only 70 overlap with highlights, precision = 0.35

Precision Ω

$$\text{Precision}_{\Omega}(\mathbf{C}) = \frac{|t_e \cap t_r|}{|t_r| + |t_e \setminus t_r|}$$

Measures precision in an ideal scenario where all relevant text is captured. Shows the theoretical best precision possible for a given chunking strategy. Like regular precision but assumes you've retrieved all highlights. Lower precision omega means chunks are inherently too large or poorly aligned with natural text boundaries.

Answers: If we made sure to get all the highlights, how precise could we be?

Example: If a chunking strategy always creates chunks twice as large as needed, precision omega would be around 0.5

Intersection over Union (IoU)

$$\text{IoU}_q(\mathbf{C}) = \frac{|t_e \cap t_r|}{|t_e| + |t_r| - |t_e \cap t_r|}$$

Balances both precision and recall in a single metric. Ranges from 0 to 1, where 1 is perfect overlap. A low IoU indicates either missing content (poor recall) or retrieving too much irrelevant text (poor precision). IoU penalizes missing important content and including irrelevant content while handling redundant information.

Answers: How well do our retrieved chunks overlap with these highlights overall?

Example: If we retrieve 200 tokens, the highlight is 100 tokens, and overlap is 70 tokens, IoU = 70/(200+100-70) = 0.304

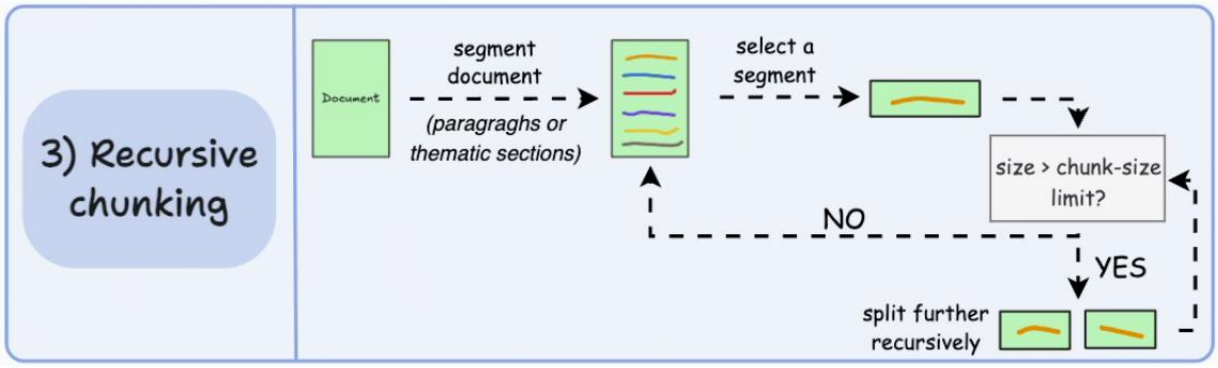
Metric Interpretation

These metrics work well together:

- High recall + low precision = retrieving too much text
- Low recall + high precision = missing important content
- High IoU = good balance of both
- Precision Ω helps evaluate the chunking strategy independent of the retrieval step

Different chunking strategies used:

1. Recursive Token Text Splitter



Recursive Token Text Splitter was taken from https://github.com/brandonstarxel/chunking_evaluation/blob/main/chunking_evaluation/chunking/recursive_token_chunker.py

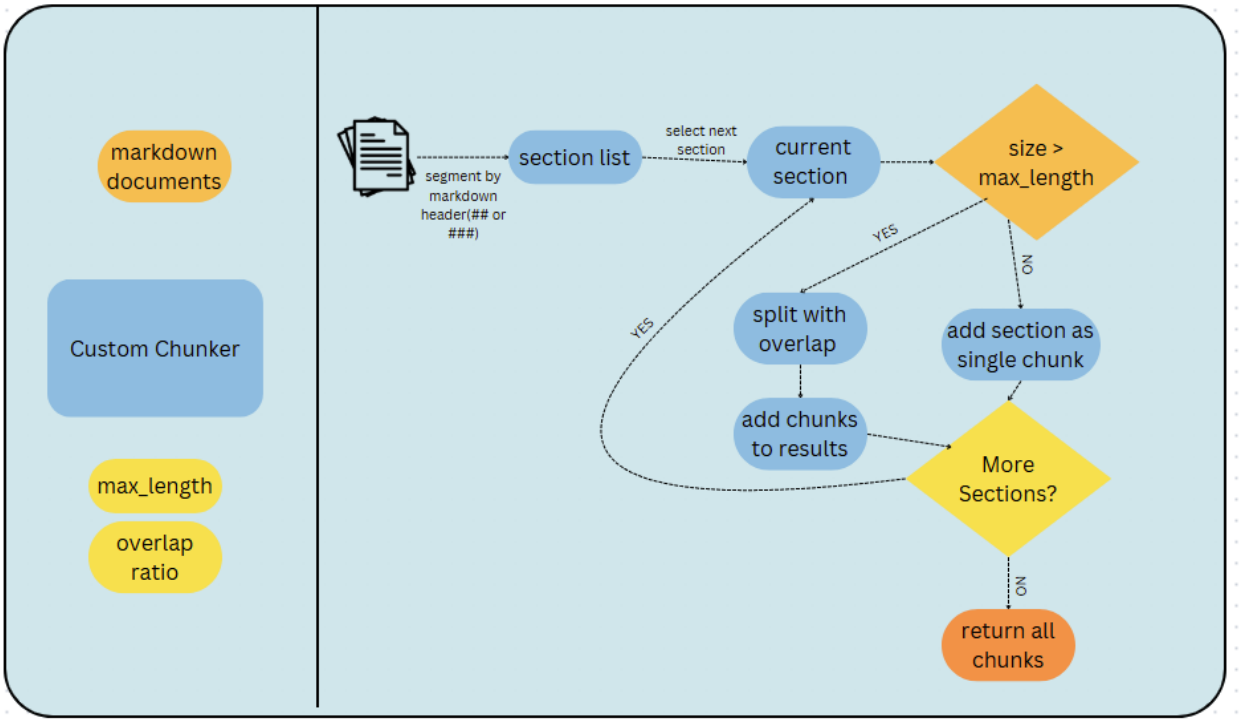
But simply counting tokens can only get us so much. When we write, we naturally separate text into paragraphs, sentences, and other logical units. The recursive tokentext splitter tries to intelligently split text by looking for natural separators in order, while respecting a maximum token length.

First, it makes a complete pass over the entire document using paragraph breaks (\n\n), creating an initial set of chunks. Then for any chunks that exceed the size limit, it recursively processes them using progressively smaller separators:

1. First tries to split on paragraph breaks (\n\n)
2. If chunks are still too big, tries line breaks (\n)
3. Then sentence boundaries (., ?, !)
4. Then words ( )
5. Finally, if no other separators work, splits on individual characters ("")

This way, the splitter preserves as much natural structure as possible - only drilling down to smaller separators when necessary to meet the size limit. A chunk that's already small enough stays intact, while larger chunks get progressively broken down until they fit.

2. Custom Chunker



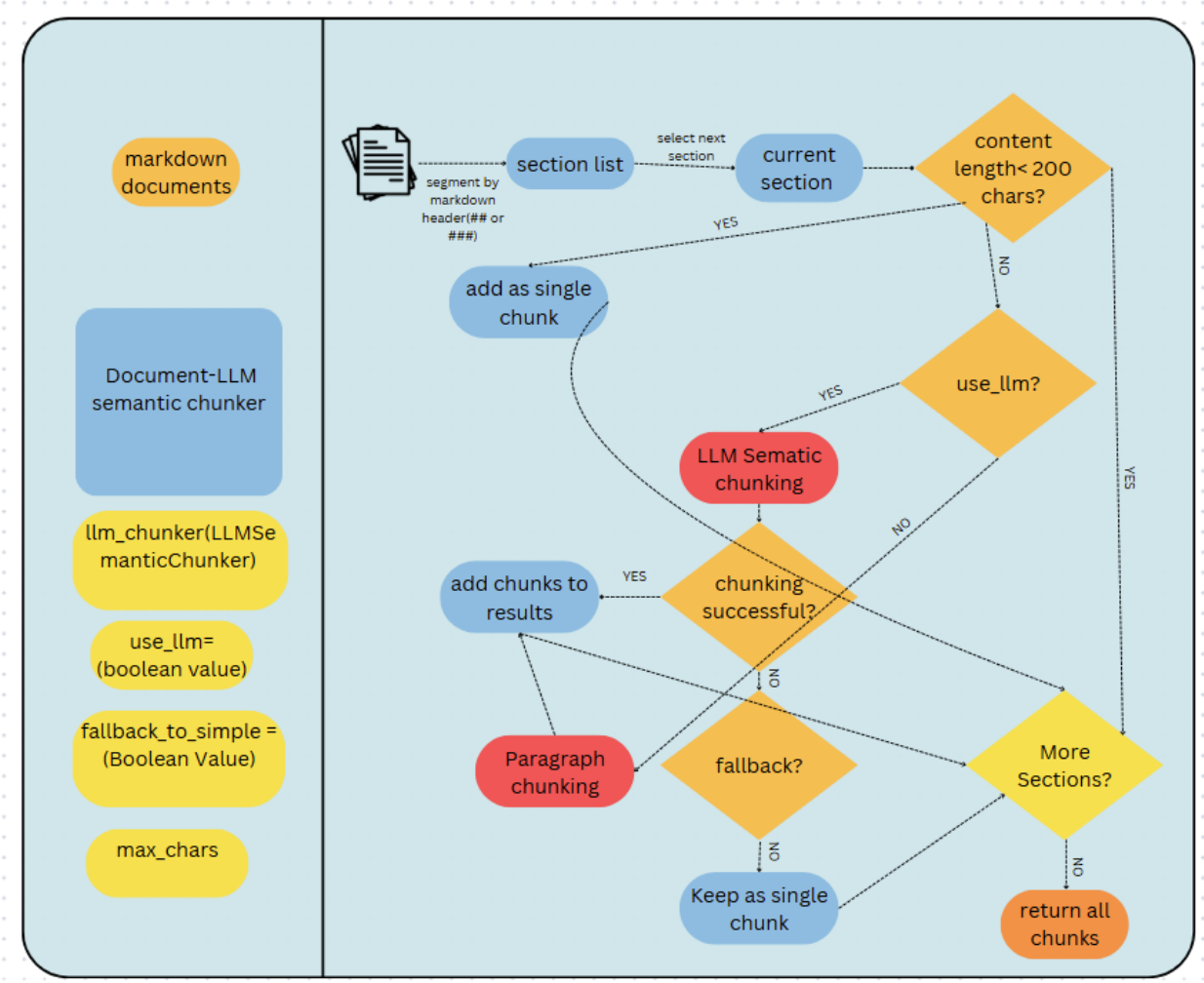
This CustomChunker class is designed to split large text documents into manageable chunks while preserving logical structure and ensuring overlap between consecutive chunks for context retention. It first divides the input text into sections based on headers (lines starting with ## or ###). Each section is then processed independently, splitting it into smaller chunks of a specified maximum length (max_length) with an overlapping portion defined by the overlap_ratio. The overlapping ensures continuity between chunks, preventing loss of context at chunk boundaries. Within each section, the text is iteratively sliced into chunks, where the next chunk starts from the end of the previous one minus the overlap length. If no progress can be made due to overlap constraints, it moves forward without overlap.

3. Document-LLM semantic chunker

The logic behind this chunker was inspired from

https://github.com/brandonstarxel/chunking_evaluation/blob/main/chunking_evaluation/chunking/llm_semantic_chunker.py

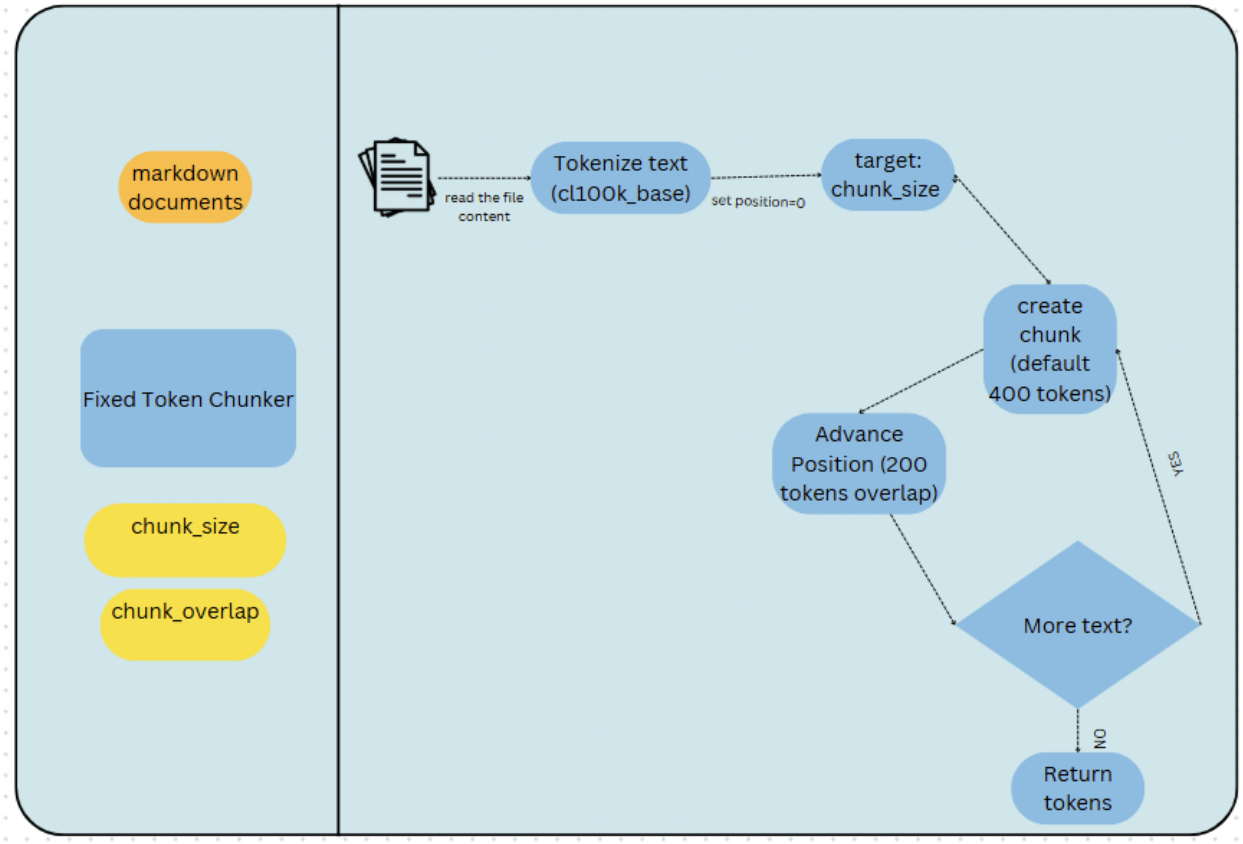
Made some further modifications, using the above as base.



1. It starts by splitting the markdown document into sections based on headers (## and ###)
2. For each section, it first checks if the content is very short (less than 200 characters)
    - If yes, it adds the section as a single chunk without further processing
3. For longer sections, it checks if LLM semantic chunking should be used
    - If LLM chunking is enabled and available, it attempts to use it
    - If not, it falls back to simple paragraph-based chunking
4. If LLM chunking fails, it either:
    - Falls back to paragraph chunking if fallback is enabled
    - Keeps the section as a single chunk if fallback is disabled
5. All generated chunks are collected and returned as the final result

The DocumentationChunker combines structure-aware splitting (headers) with content-aware splitting (LLM or paragraphs) to create meaningful chunks that preserve the document's organization and context.

4. FixedToken Chunker:



The chunking module was taken from https://github.com/brandonstarxel/chunking_evaluation

FixedTokenChunkerAdapter works:

1. It begins by reading a markdown document's content
2. The text is tokenized using the specified encoding (cl100k_base by default)
3. Starting from position 0, it creates chunks of a fixed token size (default: 400 tokens)
4. Each chunk is added to the results list
5. The position advances by (chunk_size - chunk_overlap) tokens, creating an overlap between chunks (default: 200 tokens)
6. This process continues until all text has been processed
7. Finally, it displays details about the generated chunks

Evaluating Chunking Strategies and Embedding Models (General Evaluation) :

Built into the repo is a default evaluation structure of 5 text documents and respective question & highlights data. The text corpus includes a mix of clean and unstructured text documents to simulate various text chunking and retrieval scenarios.

Corpus	No. of Tokens	No. of Queries	Ex. Thresh.	Dup. Thresh.
State of the Union	10,444	76	0.40	0.70
Wikitext	26,649	144	0.42	0.73
Chatlogs	7,727	56	0.43	0.71
Finance	166,177	97	0.42	0.70
Pubmed	117,211	99	0.40	0.67
Total	328,208	472		

The general evaluation will take the text, chunk it using the chosen chunker along with the chunks start and end index, then:

- Calculate Retrieval Performance:
    1. Embed the evaluation questions using the chosen embedding function
    2. Perform vector similarity search to retrieve top-k most relevant chunks per question
    3. Calculates regular metrics:
        - **A.** Recall: How much of the highlighted segments were captured
        - **B.** Precision: How much of the retrieved chunks were actually relevant
        - **C.** IoU: Overall balance of precision and recall
- Calculate Precision Ω Performance:
    1. Examine ALL chunks in the collection
    2. Identify which chunks contain any part of the highlight segments
    3. Calculate theoretical best precision possible if you retrieved all necessary chunks

Result:

Index	Chunking Method	Size	Overlap	Max Length	Overlap Ratio	Use LLM	Embedding Function	Recall (%)	Precision (%)	PrecisionΩ (%)	IoU (%)
0	CustomChunker	0	0	1500	0.3	NaN	SentenceTransformer	84.3 ± 34.3	3.1 ± 2.8	11.4 ± 7.0	3.1 ± 2.7
1	CustomChunker	0	0	1500	0.3	NaN	OpenAI	89.4 ± 28.7	3.3 ± 2.7	11.4 ± 7.0	3.3 ± 2.7
2	CustomChunker	0	0	2000	0.3	NaN	SentenceTransformer	79.5 ± 38.5	2.3 ± 2.2	9.2 ± 5.7	2.3 ± 2.2
3	CustomChunker	0	0	2000	0.3	NaN	OpenAI	88.9 ± 29.8	2.5 ± 2.1	9.2 ± 5.7	2.5 ± 2.1
4	CustomChunker	0	0	4000	0.4	NaN	SentenceTransformer	71.4 ± 43.6	1.1 ± 1.1	4.7 ± 3.1	1.1 ± 1.1
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6	CustomChunker	0	0	1024	0.1	NaN	SentenceTransformer	79.3 ± 37.6	4.3 ± 4.0	17.8 ± 10.5	4.3 ± 4.0
7	CustomChunker	0	0	1024	0.1	NaN	OpenAI	85.9 ± 31.9	4.6 ± 3.9	17.8 ± 10.5	4.6 ± 3.9
8	FixedTokenChunkerAdapter	400	200	0	0	NaN	SentenceTransformer	86.0 ± 33.3	2.6 ± 2.2	8.4 ± 5.1	2.6 ± 2.2
9	FixedTokenChunkerAdapter	400	200	0	0	NaN	OpenAI	89.9 ± 28.4	2.7 ± 2.1	8.4 ± 5.1	2.7 ± 2.1
10	FixedTokenChunkerAdapter	1000	200	0	0	NaN	SentenceTransformer	66.6 ± 46.2	0.9 ± 0.9	5.0 ± 3.6	0.9 ± 0.9
11	FixedTokenChunkerAdapter	1000	200	0	0	NaN	OpenAI	82.7 ± 37.3	1.0 ± 0.9	5.0 ± 3.6	1.0 ± 0.9
12	FixedTokenChunkerAdapter	4000	500	0	0	NaN	SentenceTransformer	52.6 ± 49.8	0.2 ± 0.3	1.5 ± 1.1	0.2 ± 0.3
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14	FixedTokenChunkerAdapter	2000	200	0	0	NaN	SentenceTransformer	56.7 ± 49.1	0.4 ± 0.5	2.8 ± 2.1	0.4 ± 0.5
15	FixedTokenChunkerAdapter	2000	200	0	0	NaN	OpenAI	82.6 ± 37.5	0.5 ± 0.5	2.8 ± 2.1	0.5 ± 0.5
16	DocumentationChunker	0	0	1000	0	TRUE	SentenceTransformer	80.7 ± 38.2	4.1 ± 4.2	19.6 ± 16.7	4.1 ± 4.2
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18	DocumentationChunker	0	0	4000	0	TRUE	SentenceTransformer	81.5 ± 37.7	4.0 ± 4.1	19.1 ± 16.3	4.0 ± 4.1
19	DocumentationChunker	0	0	4000	0	TRUE	OpenAI	89.8 ± 29.2	4.4 ± 4.1	19.6 ± 16.6	4.4 ± 4.1
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25	DocumentationChunker_RecursiveTokenChunker	0	0	2000	0	FALSE	OpenAI	85.0 ± 35.7	0.6 ± 0.6	3.3 ± 2.7	0.6 ± 0.6

Domain Specific Evaluation Pipelines

While general evals are great for getting up and running, it's more than likely that you're looking for the best chunking strategy and embedding model combination for your own specific documentation.

Chroma also open sourced their methodology for generating the dataset of questions and chunks from a text corpus automatically in their synthetic_evaluation framework, allowing you to generate evaluation datasets tailored to your domain.

The pipeline works by:

1. Randomly selecting segments (4000 characters) from your input documents
2. Using GPT-4 to generate natural questions based on the content, along with relevant supporting references
3. Identifying and extracting precise text spans that contain the information needed to answer each question
4. Filter for duplicates and similarity to remove redundant or unrelated questions.

Within this there are two reference extraction methods available:

1. Exact matching: Finds precise text spans in the source document
2. Approximate matching: Pre-chunks text into 100-character segments and allows references to span multiple chunks

These generated questions are further filtered on
1.Filter Poor Excerpts

This method filters out questions where any of the references aren't sufficiently similar to the question semantically. This is done by embedding the question and reference(s) and comparing both through semantic similarity. Under a certain threshold, defaulting to 0.36 the line is removed.

2.Remove Duplicates
This method looks then at the questions generated themselves, first removing all of the exact duplicates then creating a similarity matrix comparing every question to every other, again by embedding. It then applies a greedy algorithm to remove similar questions by:

1. Keeping the first question
2. Removing any later questions that are too similar above a certain threshold. 0.78 by default.
3. Move to the next question and repeat

Sample Questions generated:

question
What are the steps involved in the logic flow of the class_setup method?
What are the primary responsibilities of the `conflict_action_check` method described in the text?
What database tables are mentioned in the class_setup method?
Which specific tasks are performed when creating an SQL test environment in the class_setup method?
What methods are involved in the SQL Code Generation critical section?

References

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Running Evaluations

Results:

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2	CustomChunker	0	0	2000	0.3	NaN	SentenceTransformer	59.0 ± 45.5	4.1 ± 6.0	18.2 ± 15.1	4.1 ± 6.0
3	CustomChunker	0	0	2000	0.3	NaN	OpenAI	80.1 ± 35.2	5.6 ± 5.3	18.2 ± 15.1	5.6 ± 5.3
4	CustomChunker	0	0	4000	0.4	NaN	SentenceTransformer	55.4 ± 46.7	2.2 ± 3.5	13.2 ± 15.4	2.2 ± 3.4
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18	DocumentationChunker	0	0	4000	0	TRUE	SentenceTransformer	71.3 ± 42.1	7.2 ± 7.1	32.5 ± 19.0	7.1 ± 7.1
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20	DocumentationChunker_RecursiveTokenChunker	0	0	1000	0	FALSE	SentenceTransformer	50.1 ± 48.8	2.2 ± 4.4	11.6 ± 15.6	2.2 ± 4.4
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22	DocumentationChunker_RecursiveTokenChunker	0	0	4000	0	FALSE	SentenceTransformer	50.1 ± 48.8	2.2 ± 4.4	11.6 ± 15.6	2.2 ± 4.4
23	DocumentationChunker_RecursiveTokenChunker	0	0	4000	0	FALSE	OpenAI	70.0 ± 43.8	2.9 ± 3.9	11.6 ± 15.6	2.9 ± 3.9
24	DocumentationChunker_RecursiveTokenChunker	0	0	2000	0	FALSE	SentenceTransformer	50.1 ± 48.8	2.2 ± 4.4	11.6 ± 15.6	2.2 ± 4.4
25	DocumentationChunker_RecursiveTokenChunker	0	0	2000	0	FALSE	OpenAI	70.0 ± 43.8	2.9 ± 3.9	11.6 ± 15.6	2.9 ± 3.9

1. Higher Precision and PrecisionΩ:
    - Precision (relevance of retrieved tokens) and PrecisionΩ (theoretical best precision) are significantly higher in domain-specific evaluations. For example:
        - DocumentationChunker + OpenAI achieves 10.2% Precision (vs. ~6.5% for general evaluations).
        - PrecisionΩ reaches 32.1% (vs. ~21% in general), indicating better alignment of chunks with relevant content when tuned to domain-specific data.
2. Better Balance of Recall and Precision (IoU):
    - The Intersection over Union (IoU) metric, which balances recall and precision, shows stronger results in domain-specific evaluations. For instance:
        - DocumentationChunker + OpenAI achieves an IoU of 10.1% (vs. ~6.5% in general).
        - This reflects a more effective trade-off between capturing relevant tokens (recall) and avoiding irrelevant ones (precision).
3. Impact of Domain-Tailored Ground Truth:
    - Domain-specific evaluations use GPT-4-generated questions and references tailored to the corpus, leading to more realistic and precise "highlights" (ground truth). This results in:

- Tighter alignment between retrieved chunks and actual relevant tokens.
- Reduced noise from irrelevant or redundant text, boosting precision.

4. Embedding Model Synergy:
    - OpenAI embeddings consistently outperform SentenceTransformer in domain-specific evaluations (e.g., 10.2% vs. 7.3% Precision for DocumentationChunker with 1000-token chunks). This suggests that domain-specific data pairs better with advanced embedding models like OpenAI.
5. Best Strategy:
    - DocumentationChunker + OpenAI (Index 17) emerges as the best strategy , achieving the highest Recall (83.9%) , Precision (10.2%) , PrecisionΩ (32.1%) , and IoU (10.1%) .
    - This combination leverages domain-tailored chunking and advanced embeddings to maximize performance.
6. Worst Strategy:
    - FixedTokenChunkerAdapter (4000 tokens) + SentenceTransformer (Index 12) is the worst strategy , with the lowest Recall (55.9%) , Precision (0.3%) , PrecisionΩ (2.9%) , and IoU (0.3%) .
    - Large chunk sizes and less advanced embeddings lead to poor performance in capturing relevant information.
7. Chunk Size Impact:
    - Smaller chunk sizes (e.g., 1000 tokens) generally perform better than larger sizes (e.g., 4000 tokens), as smaller chunks allow for more precise retrieval of relevant content.
    - However, the optimal size depends on the embedding model and chunking strategy.
8. Role of LLMs in Chunking:
    - Using LLMs (e.g., GPT-4) for generating domain-specific questions and references significantly improves the quality of the evaluation dataset, enabling more accurate assessments of chunking strategies.

Goal:

1. Do OpenAI (Closed) Embeddings Outperform Open-Source Models (e.g., Sentence Transformers)?

Yes, OpenAI (closed) embeddings consistently outperform open-source models like SentenceTransformer in both domain-specific and general evaluations. The performance gap is more pronounced in domain-specific evaluations, where OpenAI embeddings leverage their advanced architecture and training to better align with tailored datasets. In general evaluations, OpenAI embeddings still show an edge, particularly in recall, but the differences are smaller. Here's the proof:

General Evaluation Results

Metric	Best OpenAI Performance	Best SentenceTransformer Performance	Difference (OpenAI - SentenceTransformer)
Recall	90.5% (DocumentationChunker + OpenAI)	80.7% (DocumentationChunker + SentenceTransformer)	9.80%
Precision	4.4% (DocumentationChunker + OpenAI)	4.1% (DocumentationChunker + SentenceTransformer)	0.30%
IoU	4.4% (DocumentationChunker + OpenAI)	4.1% (DocumentationChunker + SentenceTransformer)	0.30%

Domain-Specific Evaluation Results

Metric	Best OpenAI Performance	Best SentenceTransformer Performance	Difference (OpenAI - SentenceTransformer)
Recall	83.9% (DocumentationChunker + OpenAI)	71.7% (DocumentationChunker + SentenceTransformer)	12.20%
Precision	10.2% (DocumentationChunker + OpenAI)	7.3% (DocumentationChunker + SentenceTransformer)	2.90%
IoU	10.1% (DocumentationChunker + OpenAI)	7.3% (DocumentationChunker + SentenceTransformer)	2.80%

Key Observations: OpenAI vs. SentenceTransformer Embeddings

1. Domain-Specific Evaluations

- Higher Recall : OpenAI embeddings achieve significantly higher recall than SentenceTransformer (e.g., 83.9% vs. 71.7% for DocumentationChunker).
- Better Precision : OpenAI outperforms SentenceTransformer in precision (e.g., 10.2% vs. 7.3% for DocumentationChunker).
- Balanced IoU : OpenAI achieves better IoU, indicating a stronger balance between recall and precision (e.g., 10.1% vs. 7.3%).
- Large Chunk Sizes : Both models struggle with large chunks (e.g., 4000 tokens), but OpenAI degrades less severely.

2. General Evaluations

- Higher Recall : OpenAI embeddings consistently achieve higher recall (e.g., 90.5% vs. 80.7% for DocumentationChunker).
- Marginal Precision Gains : Precision differences are smaller, with OpenAI slightly ahead (e.g., 4.4% vs. 4.1%).
- IoU Trends : OpenAI shows marginally better IoU values (e.g., 4.4% vs. 4.1%).
- Chunk Size Impact : OpenAI maintains better performance across all chunk sizes, but the gap narrows for smaller chunks (e.g., 1024 tokens).

2.How Domain specific evaluations performed better than general evaluations.

1.Tailored Ground Truth (Highlights)

- In the domain-specific setting, the highlights are generated using GPT-4 to extract precise, contextually relevant spans directly from the corpus. This ensures that the "gold standard" answers are tightly scoped to the actual content of the text.
- General Evaluation : Highlights are often broader or less granular, leading to noisier comparisons. For instance, a general eval might treat an entire paragraph as relevant, even if only one sentence answers the query.

2. Reduced Noise in Evaluation Data

- Domain-Specific : The pipeline filters out: (as mentioned above)
    - Duplicates : Redundant questions/answers are removed.
    - Irrelevant pairs : Questions with no clear answer in the corpus are discarded.
    - Result: Metrics focus on valid, answerable queries , avoiding false penalties for irrelevant retrieval.
- General Evaluation : May include ambiguous or unanswerable queries, artificially lowering precision/recall.

Qualitative Proof from Results

Compare these two rows from the evaluation tables:

EVALUATION RESULTS	CHUNKING	EMBEDDING	PRECISION
General	Documentation Chunker	OpenAI	4.4%
Domain-Specific	Documentation Chunker	OpenAI	10.2%

Why the Gap?

- Domain-Specific : Highlights are exact, questions are precise, and chunks align with technical sections.
- General : Highlights are broader, questions are vague, and chunks include irrelevant text.

Conclusion:

1. Top Performer

- Chunking Strategy : DocumentationChunker (max_length=1000) (with LLM preprocessing: Use_LLM=True)

- Embedding Model : OpenAI

- Metrics :
    - Recall : 83.9%
    - Precision : 10.2%
    - IoU : 10.1%
- Key Insight : This combination leverages domain-tailored chunking and advanced embeddings, achieving the highest performance across all metrics.

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2. Runner-Up

- Chunking Strategy : CustomChunker (1024 tokens, overlap_ratio=0.1)
- Embedding Model : OpenAI
- Metrics :
    - Recall : ~67.9%
    - Precision : ~9.4%
    - IoU : ~9.1%
- Key Insight : While not as strong as DocumentationChunker, this strategy performs well with smaller chunk sizes and OpenAI embeddings, offering a good balance between recall and precision.

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3. Open-Source Embedding Performance (SentenceTransformer)

- Optimal Chunking Strategy : DocumentationChunker (1000 tokens)
        - Recall : 71.7%
        - Precision : 7.3%
        - IoU : 7.3%
- Key Insight : SentenceTransformer performs better with smaller, overlapping chunks, but its precision and IoU are significantly lower compared to OpenAI embeddings, especially in domain-specific evaluations.

In our evaluation of chunking strategies for SAP ABAP files, we observed that while 1000-token chunks using DocumentationChunker with OpenAI embeddings delivered superior precision (10.2%) and recall (83.9%), we've opted for 4000-token chunks as our production solution. This decision balances retrieval quality with essential operational concerns specific to our ABAP codebase. The larger chunk size preserves critical contextual integrity of interdependent ABAP logic blocks, significantly reduces vector database storage requirements, and minimizes embedding generation costs. To compensate for the expected reduction in precision, we've implemented enhanced retrieval strategies including post-search reranking and increased the number of retrieved chunks. This approach maintains acceptable performance metrics while addressing the practical challenges of processing extensive ABAP repositories with complex structural dependencies.