



Chapter 1: Basic Aggregation - \$match and \$project

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One solution is below.

```
COPY
db.movies.aggregate([
  {
    $match: {
      cast: { $elemMatch: { $exists: true } },
      directors: { $elemMatch: { $exists: true } },
      writers: { $elemMatch: { $exists: true } }
    }
  },
  {
    $project: {
      _id: 0,
      cast: 1,
      directors: 1,
      writers: {
        $map: {
          input: "$writers",
          as: "writer",
          in: {
            $arrayElemAt: [
                $split: ["$$writer", " ("]
              },
          }
        }
    }
  },
```

With our first \$match stage, we filter out documents that are not an array or have an empty array for the fields we are interested in.

```
{
    $match: {
      cast: { $elemMatch: { $exists: true } },
      directors: { $elemMatch: { $exists: true } },
      writers: { $elemMatch: { $exists: true } }
}
}
```

Next is a \$project stage, removing the _id field and retaining both the directors and cast fields. We replace the existing writers field with a new computed value, cleaning up the strings within writers

We use another **\$project** stage to computer a new field called **labor_of_love** that ensures the intersection of **cast**, **writers**, and our newly cleaned **directors** is greater than 0. This definitely means that at least one element in each array is identical! **\$gt** will return true or false.

Lastly, we follow with a **\$match** stage, only allowing documents through where **labor_of_love** is **true**. In our example we use a **\$match** stage, but **itcount()** works too.

```
{
    $match: { labor_of_love: true }
},
{
    $count: "labors of love"
}

// or
    {
    $match: { labor_of_love: true }
}
]).itcount()
```

This produces 1597, as expected.

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