Document Splitting ¶

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In [ ]:
             import os
             import openai
             import sys
             sys.path.append('../..')
             from dotenv import load_dotenv, find_dotenv
             _ = load_dotenv(find_dotenv()) # read local .env file
             openai.api key = os.environ['OPENAI API KEY']
     In [ ]: from langchain.text splitter import RecursiveCharacterTextSplitter, Characte
     In [ ]: chunk_size =26
             chunk overlap = 4
     In [ ]: r splitter = RecursiveCharacterTextSplitter(
                 chunk size=chunk size,
                  chunk overlap=chunk overlap
             c_splitter = CharacterTextSplitter(
                  chunk_size=chunk_size,
                  chunk overlap=chunk overlap
Why doesn't this split the string below?
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In [ ]: | text1 = 'abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz'
In [ ]: r_splitter.split_text(text1)
In [ ]: text2 = 'abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyzabcdefg'
In [ ]: r splitter.split text(text2)
```

Ok, this splits the string but we have an overlap specified as 5, but it looks like 3? (try an even number)

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In [ ]: | text3 = "a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z"
In [ ]: r_splitter.split_text(text3)
In [ ]: c splitter.split text(text3)
```

Try your own examples!

Recursive splitting details

RecursiveCharacterTextSplitter is recommended for generic text.

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In [ ]: some text = """When writing documents, writers will use document structure t
        This can convey to the reader, which idea's are related. For example, closel
        are in sentances. Similar ideas are in paragraphs. Paragraphs form a documen
        Paragraphs are often delimited with a carriage return or two carriage return
        Carriage returns are the "backslash n" you see embedded in this string. \
        Sentences have a period at the end, but also, have a space.\
        and words are separated by space."""
In [ ]: len(some text)
In [ ]: c splitter = CharacterTextSplitter(
            chunk size=450,
            chunk overlap=0,
            separator = ' '
        r splitter = RecursiveCharacterTextSplitter(
            chunk size=450,
            chunk overlap=0,
            separators=["\n\n", "\n", " ", ""]
        )
In [ ]: c_splitter.split_text(some_text)
In [ ]: r splitter.split text(some text)
```

Let's reduce the chunk size a bit and add a period to our separators:

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In [ ]: r_splitter = RecursiveCharacterTextSplitter(
            chunk size=150,
            chunk overlap=0,
            separators=["\n\n", "\n", "(?<=\. )", " ", ""]
        r splitter.split text(some text)
In [ ]: from langchain.document_loaders import PyPDFLoader
        loader = PyPDFLoader("docs/cs229 lectures/MachineLearning-Lecture01.pdf")
        pages = loader.load()
In [ ]: from langchain.text_splitter import CharacterTextSplitter
        text splitter = CharacterTextSplitter(
            separator="\n",
            chunk_size=1000,
            chunk overlap=150,
            length function=len
In [ ]: docs = text_splitter.split_documents(pages)
In [ ]: len(docs)
In [ ]: len(pages)
In [ ]: from langchain.document_loaders import NotionDirectoryLoader
        loader = NotionDirectoryLoader("docs/Notion DB")
        notion db = loader.load()
In [ ]: |docs = text_splitter.split_documents(notion_db)
In [ ]: len(notion db)
In [ ]: len(docs)
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Token splitting

We can also split on token count explicity, if we want.

This can be useful because LLMs often have context windows designated in tokens.

Tokens are often ~4 characters.

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In [ ]: from langchain.text_splitter import TokenTextSplitter
In [ ]: text_splitter = TokenTextSplitter(chunk_size=1, chunk_overlap=0)
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In [ ]: text1 = "foo bar bazzyfoo"
In [ ]: text_splitter.split_text(text1)
In [ ]: text_splitter = TokenTextSplitter(chunk_size=10, chunk_overlap=0)
In [ ]: docs = text_splitter.split_documents(pages)
In [ ]: docs[0]
In [ ]: pages[0].metadata
```

Context aware splitting

Chunking aims to keep text with common context together.

A text splitting often uses sentences or other delimiters to keep related text together but many documents (such as Markdown) have structure (headers) that can be explicitly used in splitting.

We can use MarkdownHeaderTextSplitter to preserve header metadata in our chunks, as show below.

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In [ ]: from langchain.document_loaders import NotionDirectoryLoader
        from langchain.text splitter import MarkdownHeaderTextSplitter
In [ ]: |markdown_document = """# Title\n\n \
        ## Chapter 1\n\n \
        Hi this is Jim\n\n Hi this is Joe\n\n \
        ### Section \n\n \
        Hi this is Lance \n\n
        ## Chapter 2\n\n \
        Hi this is Molly"""
In [ ]: headers_to_split_on = [
             ("#", "Header 1"),
             ("##", "Header 2"),
             ("###", "Header 3"),
        1
In [ ]: markdown splitter = MarkdownHeaderTextSplitter(
            headers_to_split_on=headers_to_split_on
        md header splits = markdown splitter.split text(markdown document)
In [ ]: |md_header_splits[0]
In [ ]: |md_header_splits[1]
```

Try on a real Markdown file, like a Notion database.