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Example selectors

Select by similarity

## **Select by similarity**

This object selects examples based on similarity to the inputs. It does this by finding the examples with the embeddings that have the greatest cosine similarity with the inputs.

```
from langchain.prompts.example_selector import
SemanticSimilarityExampleSelector
from langchain.vectorstores import Chroma
from langchain.embeddings import OpenAIEmbeddings
from langchain.prompts import FewShotPromptTemplate, PromptTemplate
example_prompt = PromptTemplate(
    input_variables=["input", "output"],
    template="Input: {input}\nOutput: {output}",
)
# These are a lot of examples of a pretend task of creating antonyms.
examples = [
    {"input": "happy", "output": "sad"},
    {"input": "tall", "output": "short"},
    {"input": "energetic", "output": "lethargic"},
    {"input": "sunny", "output": "gloomy"},
    {"input": "windy", "output": "calm"},
]
```

```
example_selector = SemanticSimilarityExampleSelector.from_examples(
    # This is the list of examples available to select from.
    examples,
    # This is the embedding class used to produce embeddings which are
used to measure semantic similarity.
    OpenAIEmbeddings(),
    # This is the VectorStore class that is used to store the
embeddings and do a similarity search over.
    Chroma,
    # This is the number of examples to produce.
    k=1
)
similar_prompt = FewShotPromptTemplate(
    # We provide an ExampleSelector instead of examples.
    example_selector=example_selector,
    example_prompt=example_prompt,
```

```
prefix="Give the antonym of every input",
suffix="Input: {adjective}\nOutput:",
input_variables=["adjective"],
)
```

Running Chroma using direct local API.
Using DuckDB in-memory for database. Data will be transient.

```
# Input is a feeling, so should select the happy/sad example
print(similar_prompt.format(adjective="worried"))
```

```
Give the antonym of every input

Input: happy
Output: sad

Input: worried
Output:
```

```
# Input is a measurement, so should select the tall/short example
print(similar_prompt.format(adjective="fat"))
```

```
Give the antonym of every input

Input: happy
Output: sad

Input: fat
Output:
```

```
# You can add new examples to the SemanticSimilarityExampleSelector as
well
similar_prompt.example_selector.add_example({"input": "enthusiastic",
"output": "apathetic"})
print(similar_prompt.format(adjective="joyful"))
```

Give the antonym of every input

Input: happy
Output: sad

Input: joyful

Output: