

Document Splitting

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In [ ]: !pip install dotenv
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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']
```

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In [ ]: from langchain.text_splitter import RecursiveCharacterTextSplitter, CharacterTextSplitter
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In [ ]: chunk_size = 26
chunk_overlap = 4
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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?

```
In [ ]: text1 = 'abcdefghijklmnpqrstuvwxy'
```

```
In [ ]: r_splitter.split_text(text1)
```

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Out[ ]: ['abcdefghijklmnpqrstuvwxy']
```

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In [ ]: text2 = 'abcdefghijklmnpqrstuvwxyabcdefg'
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In [ ]: r_splitter.split_text(text2)
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Out[ ]: ['abcdefghijklmnpqrstuvwxy', 'wxyabcdefg']
```

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"
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In [ ]: r_splitter.split_text(text3)
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Out[ ]: ['a b c d e f g h i j k l m', 'l m n o p q r s t u v w x', 'w x y z']
```

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In [ ]: c_splitter.split_text(text3)
```

```
Out[ ]: ['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']
```

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In [ ]: c_splitter = CharacterTextSplitter(
    chunk_size=chunk_size,
    chunk_overlap=chunk_overlap,
    separator = ' '
)
c_splitter.split_text(text3)
```

```
Out[ ]: ['a b c d e f g h i j k l m', 'l m n o p q r s t u v w x', 'w x y z']
```

Try your own examples!

Recursive splitting details

`RecursiveCharacterTextSplitter` is recommended for generic text.

```
In [ ]: some_text = """When writing documents, writers will use document structure to group content. \
This can convey to the reader, which idea's are related. For example, closely related ideas \
are in sentences. Similar ideas are in paragraphs. Paragraphs form a document. \n\n \
Paragraphs are often delimited with a carriage return or two carriage returns. \
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."""
```

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In [ ]: len(some_text)
```

```
Out[ ]: 496
```

```
In [ ]: c_splitter = CharacterTextSplitter(  
        chunk_size=450,  
        chunk_overlap=0,  
        separator = ' '  
    )  
    r_splitter = RecursiveCharacterTextSplitter(  
        chunk_size=450,  
        chunk_overlap=0,  
        separators=["\n\n", "\n", " ", ""]  
    )
```

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In [ ]: c_splitter.split_text(some_text)
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```
Out[ ]: ['When writing documents, writers will use document structure to group content. This can convey to the reader, which idea  
\'s are related. For example, closely related ideas are in sentences. Similar ideas are in paragraphs. Paragraphs form a  
document. \n\n Paragraphs are often delimited with a carriage return or two carriage returns. Carriage returns are the "b  
ackslash 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 [ ]: r_splitter.split_text(some_text)
```

```
Out[ ]: ["When writing documents, writers will use document structure to group content. This can convey to the reader, which idea  
's are related. For example, closely related ideas are in sentences. Similar ideas are in paragraphs. Paragraphs form a d  
ocument.",  
        'Paragraphs are often delimited with a carriage return or two carriage returns. Carriage returns are the "backslash n" y  
ou see embedded in this string. Sentences have a period at the end, but also, have a space.and words are separated by spa  
ce.']
```

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

```
In [ ]: r_splitter = RecursiveCharacterTextSplitter(  
        chunk_size=150,  
        chunk_overlap=0,  
        separators=["\n\n", "\n", "\. ", " ", ""]  
    )  
    r_splitter.split_text(some_text)
```

```
Out[ ]: ["When writing documents, writers will use document structure to group content. This can convey to the reader, which idea  
's are related",  
        '. For example, closely related ideas are in sentences. Similar ideas are in paragraphs. Paragraphs form a document.',  
        'Paragraphs are often delimited with a carriage return or two carriage returns',  
        '. 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 [ ]: r_splitter = RecursiveCharacterTextSplitter(  
        chunk_size=150,  
        chunk_overlap=0,  
        separators=["\n\n", "\n", "(?<=\. )", " ", ""]  
    )  
    r_splitter.split_text(some_text)
```

```
Out[ ]: ["When writing documents, writers will use document structure to group content. This can convey to the reader, which idea  
's are related.",  
        'For example, closely related ideas are in sentences. Similar ideas are in paragraphs. Paragraphs form a document.',  
        'Paragraphs are often delimited with a carriage return or two carriage returns.',  
        '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 [ ]: 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  
        )
```

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In [ ]: docs = text_splitter.split_documents(pages)
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In [ ]: len(docs)
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Out[ ]: 77
```

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In [ ]: len(pages)
```

```
Out[ ]: 22
```

```
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)

Out[ ]: 52

In [ ]: len(docs)

Out[ ]: 353
```

Token splitting

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

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

Tokens are often ~4 characters.

```
In [ ]: from langchain.text_splitter import TokenTextSplitter

In [ ]: text_splitter = TokenTextSplitter(chunk_size=1, chunk_overlap=0)

In [ ]: text1 = "foo bar bazzzyfoo"

In [ ]: text_splitter.split_text(text1)

Out[ ]: ['foo', ' bar', ' b', 'az', 'zy', 'foo']

In [ ]: text_splitter = TokenTextSplitter(chunk_size=10, chunk_overlap=0)

In [ ]: docs = text_splitter.split_documents(pages)

In [ ]: docs[0]

Out[ ]: Document(page_content='MachineLearning-Lecture01 \n', metadata={'source': 'docs/cs229_lectures/MachineLearning-Lecture01.pdf', 'page': 0})

In [ ]: pages[0].metadata

Out[ ]: {'source': 'docs/cs229_lectures/MachineLearning-Lecture01.pdf', 'page': 0}
```

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.

```
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"),
]

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]
```

```
Out[ ]: Document(page_content='Hi this is Jim \nHi this is Joe', metadata={'Header 1': 'Title', 'Header 2': 'Chapter 1'})
```

```
In [ ]: md_header_splits[1]
```

```
Out[ ]: Document(page_content='Hi this is Lance', metadata={'Header 1': 'Title', 'Header 2': 'Chapter 1', 'Header 3': 'Section'})
```

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

```
In [ ]: loader = NotionDirectoryLoader("docs/Notion_DB")
docs = loader.load()
txt = ' '.join([d.page_content for d in docs])
```

```
In [ ]: headers_to_split_on = [
    ("#", "Header 1"),
    ("##", "Header 2"),
]
markdown_splitter = MarkdownHeaderTextSplitter(
    headers_to_split_on=headers_to_split_on
)
```

```
In [ ]: md_header_splits = markdown_splitter.split_text(txt)
```

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In [ ]: md_header_splits[0]
```

```
Out[ ]: Document(page_content="This is a living document with everything we've learned working with people while running a startu
p. And, of course, we continue to learn. Therefore it's a document that will continue to change. \n**Everything related
to working at Blendle and the people of Blendle, made public.** \nThese are the lessons from three years of working with
the people of Blendle. It contains everything from [how our leaders lead](https://www.notion.so/ecfb7e647136468a9a0a32f17
71a8f52?pvs=21) to [how we increase salaries](https://www.notion.so/Salary-Review-e11b6161c6d34f5c9568bb3e83ed96b6?pvs=2
1), from [how we hire](https://www.notion.so/Hiring-451bbcf8d9b49438c063326bb7af0a?pvs=21) and [fire](https://www.notio
n.so/Firing-5567687a2000496b8412e53cd58eed9d?pvs=21) to [how we think people should give each other feedback](https://ww
w.notion.so/Our-Feedback-Process-eb64f1de796b4350aeab3bc068e3801f?pvs=21) – and much more. \nWe've made this document pu
blic because we want to learn from you. We're very much interested in your feedback (including weeding out typo's and Dun
glish ;)). Email us at hr@blendle.com. If you're starting your own company or if you're curious as to how we do things at
Blendle, we hope that our employee handbook inspires you. \nIf you want to work at Blendle you can check our [job ads he
re](https://blendle.homerun.co/). If you want to be kept in the loop about Blendle, you can sign up for [our behind the s
cenes newsletter](https://blendle.homerun.co/yes-keep-me-posted/tr/apply?token=8092d4128c306003d97dd3821bad06f2).", metad
ata={'Header 1': "Blendle's Employee Handbook"})
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In [ ]:
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