

Agents in LangChain

DESIGNING AGENTIC SYSTEMS WITH LANGCHAIN



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An overview of agents and tools



- **Agents**

Autonomous systems that make decisions and take actions

- **Tools**

Functions agents use to perform specific tasks

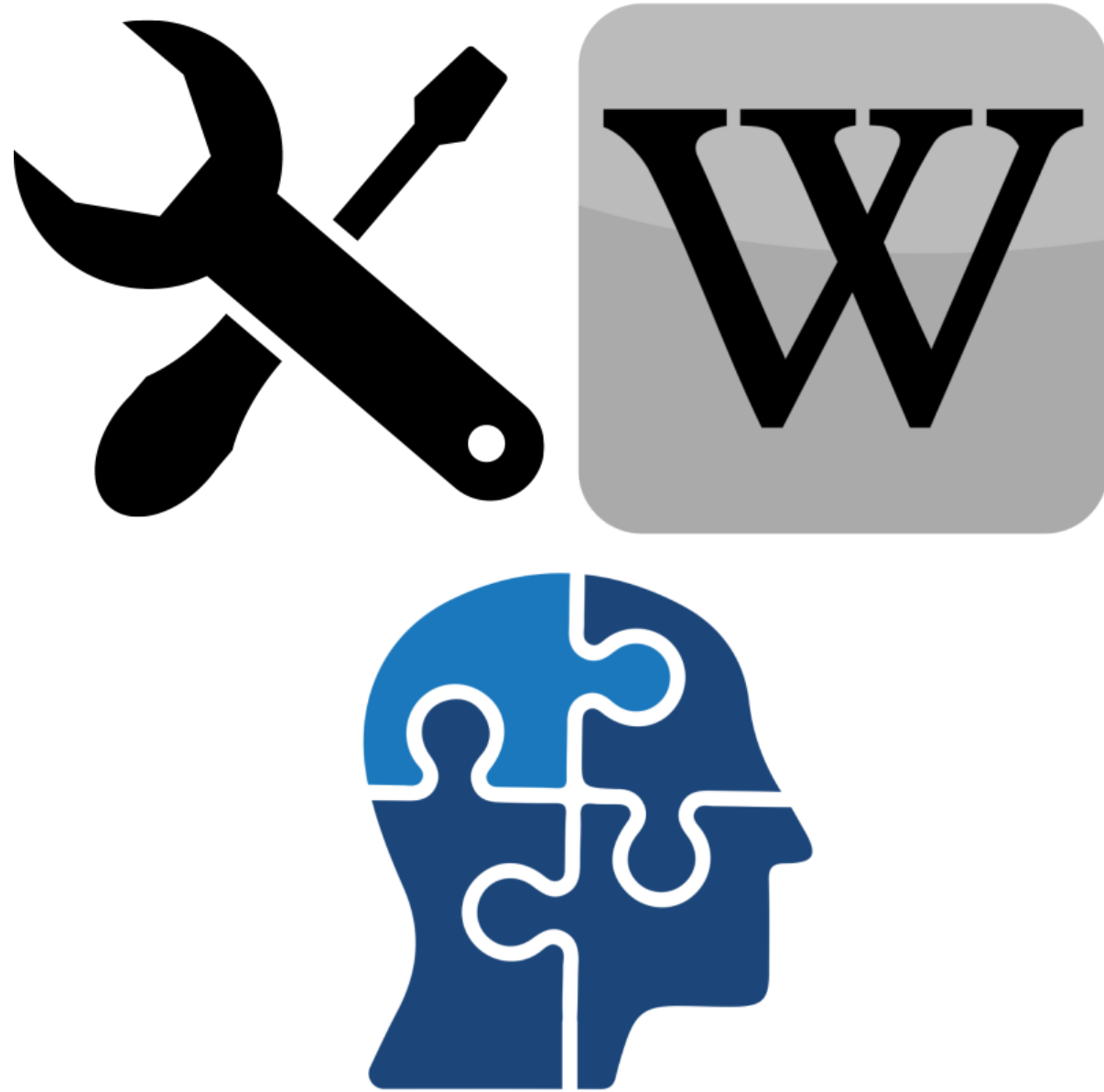
- Data query
- Research reports
- Data analysis

Basic concepts

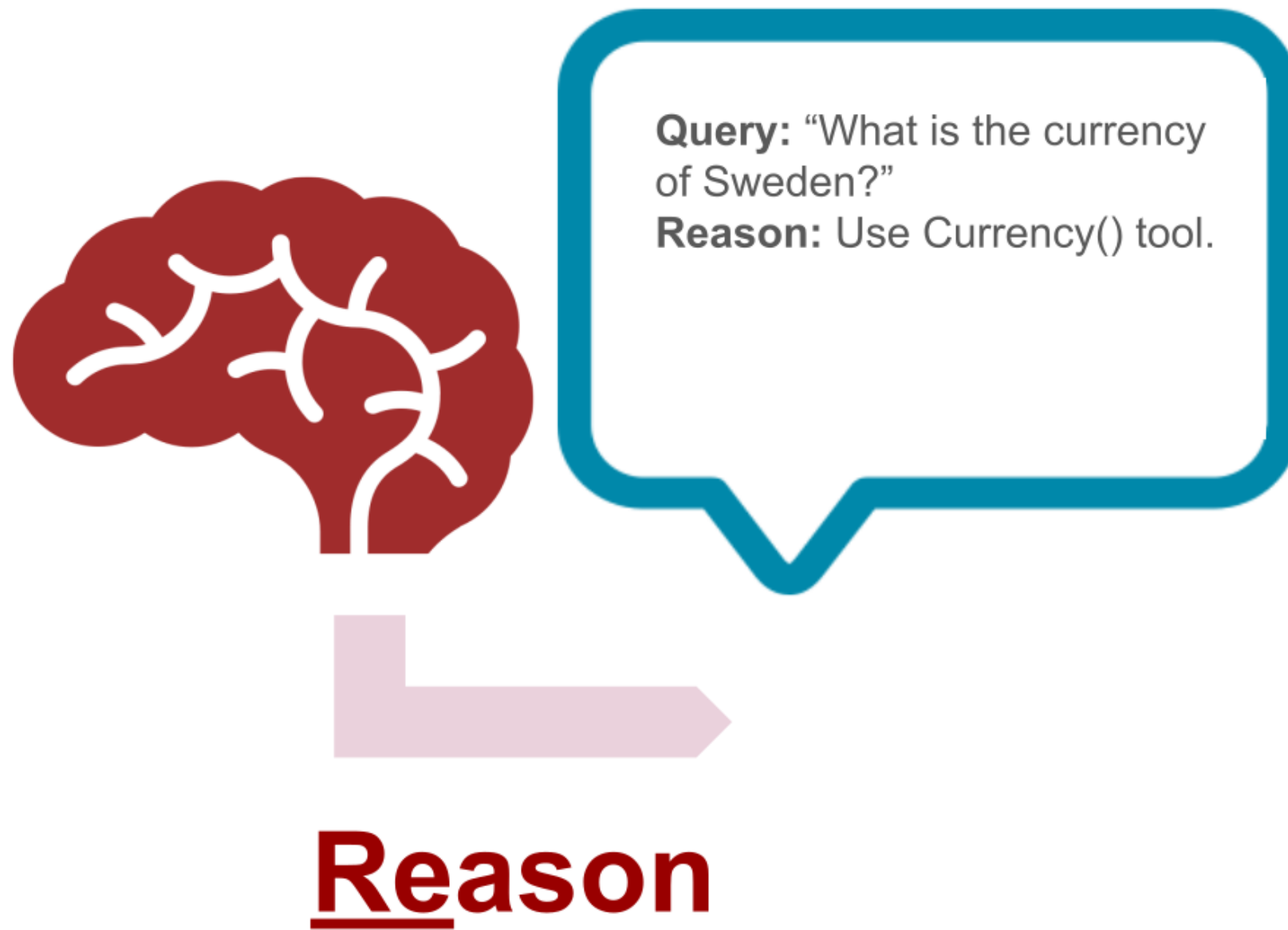


- LLMs (e.g., ChatGPT)
- Prompts
- Tools
- API
- **LangChain**
 - Building AI agents

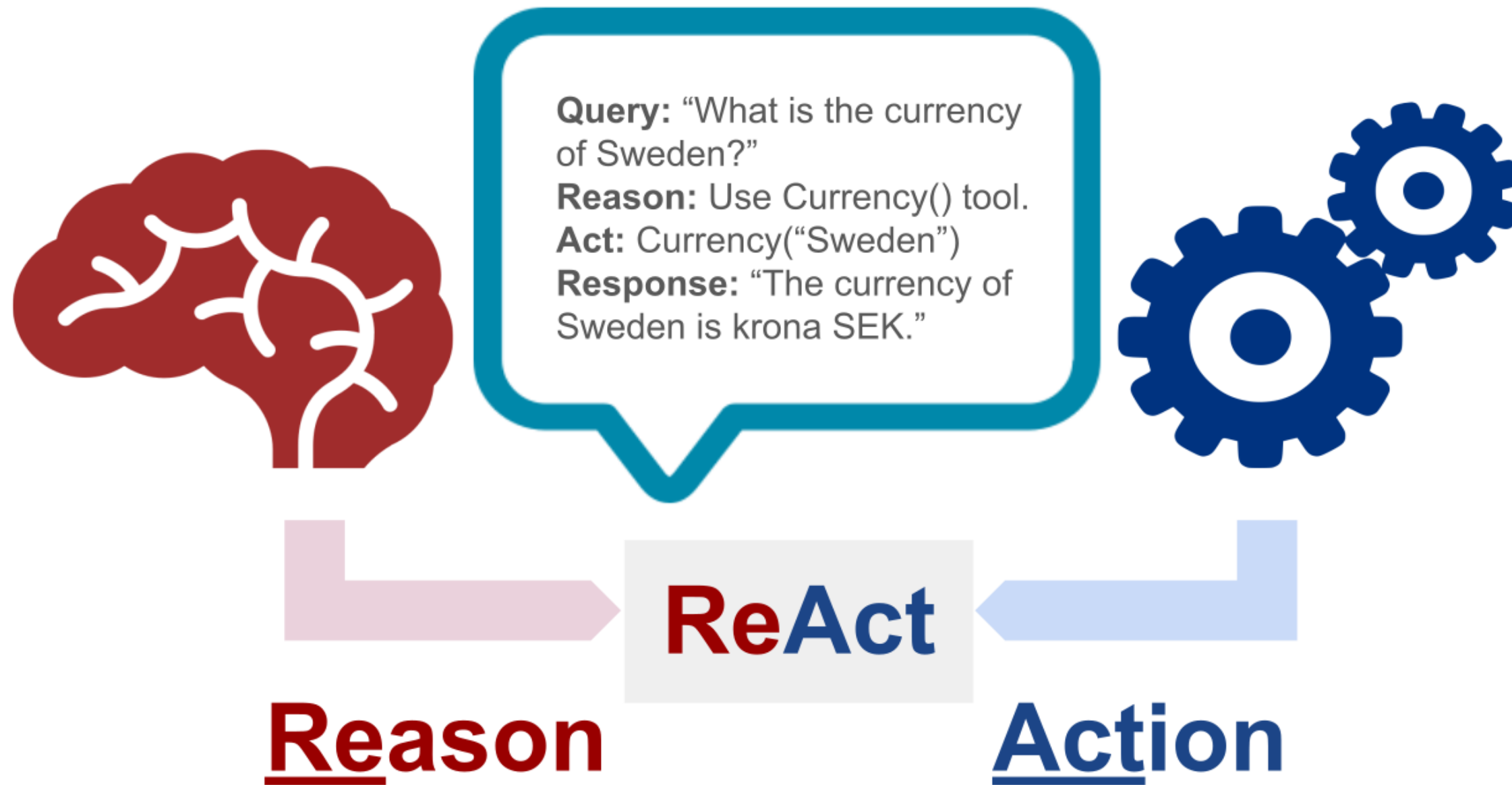
Course overview



- Math problems
- Wikipedia search
- Switch between tools and LLMs







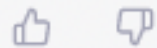
Improving response accuracy



$241 - (-241) + 1$



$241 - (-241) + 1$ is equivalent to $241 + 241 + 1$, which simplifies to $483 + 1$.
 $241 - (-241) + 1$ is equal to 484.



- Coding
- Math

Correct Answer: 483

¹ <https://community.openai.com/t/chatgpt-simple-math-calculation-mistake/62780>

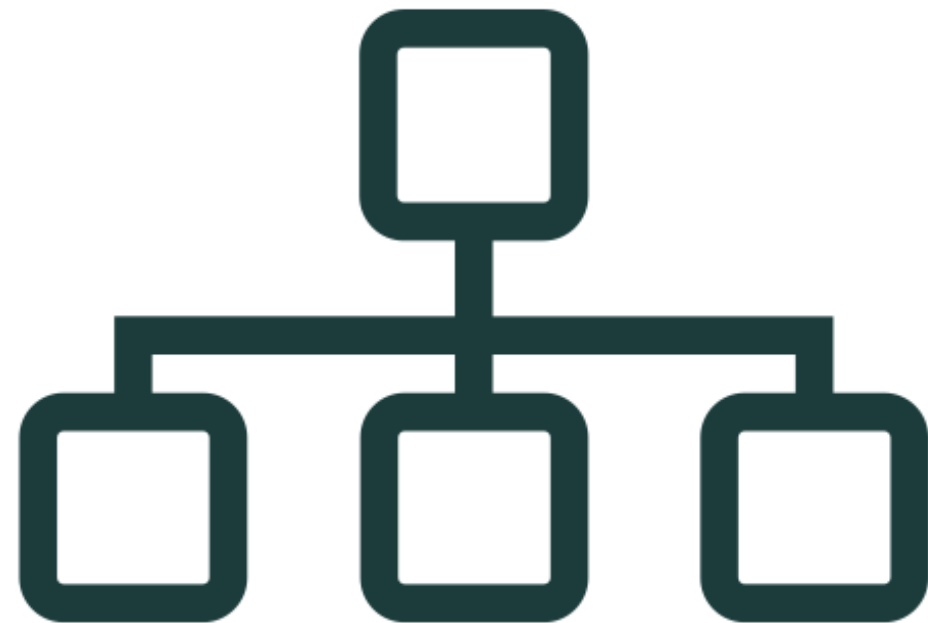
Breaking up problems



Order of Math Operations

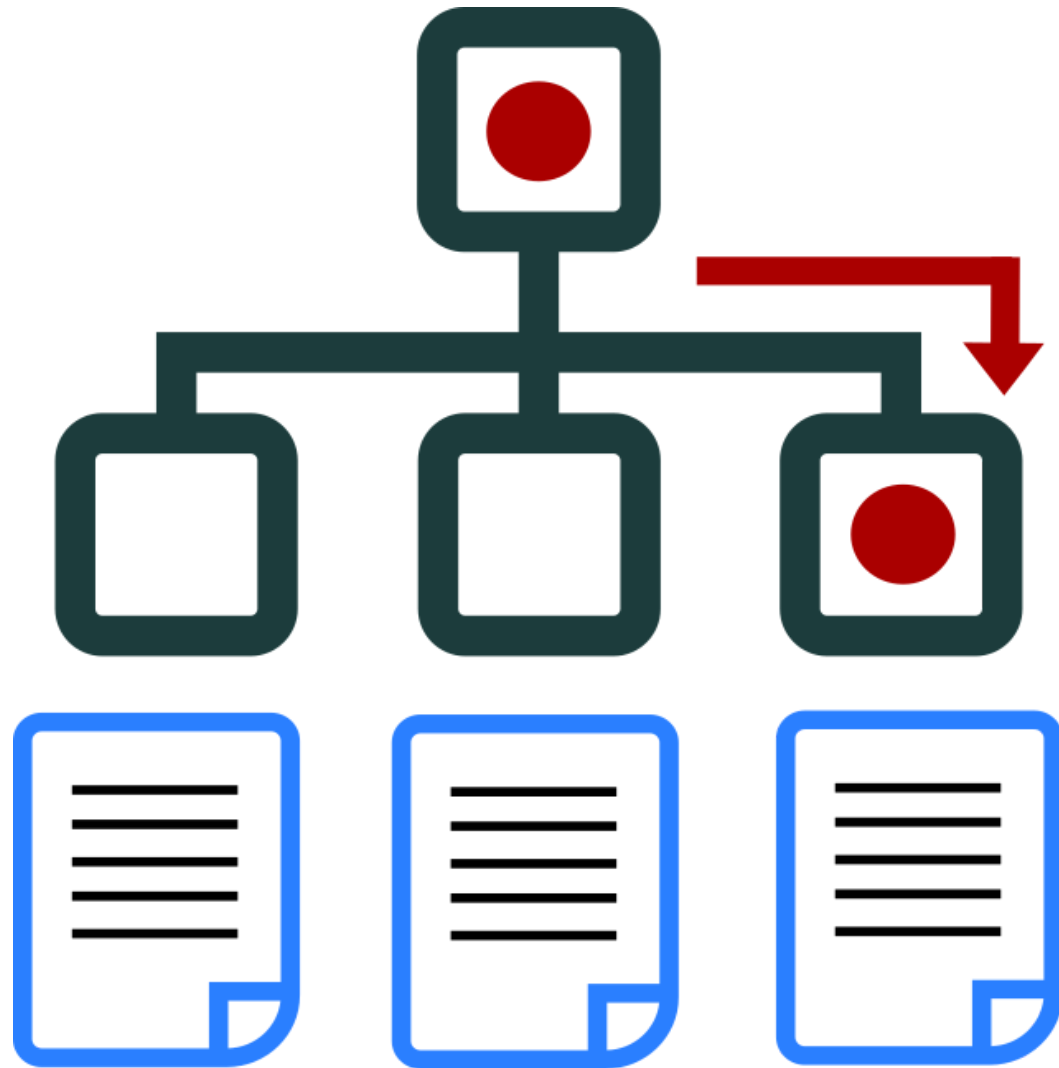
1. Parentheses
2. Exponents
3. Multiplication/Division
4. Addition/Subtraction

Expanding agents with LangGraph



LangGraph

Graph structures



Nodes

- Query the Database
- Return the Document

Edges

Rules connecting nodes

Create a ReAct agent

```
# Module imports
from langchain_core.tools import tool
from langchain_openai import ChatOpenAI
from langgraph.prebuilt import create_react_agent
import math

# LLM Setup
model = ChatOpenAI(openai_api_key="<OPENAI_API_TOKEN>", model="gpt-4o-mini")
```

Create a ReAct agent

```
# Create the agent
agent = create_react_agent(model, tools)

# Create a query
query = "What is (2+8) multiplied by 9?"

# Invoke the agent and print the response
response = agent.invoke({"messages": [("human", query)]})

# Print the agent's response
print(response['messages'][-1].content)
```

```
<script.py> output:
    The result of (2 + 8) multiplied by 9 is 90.
```

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Building custom tools

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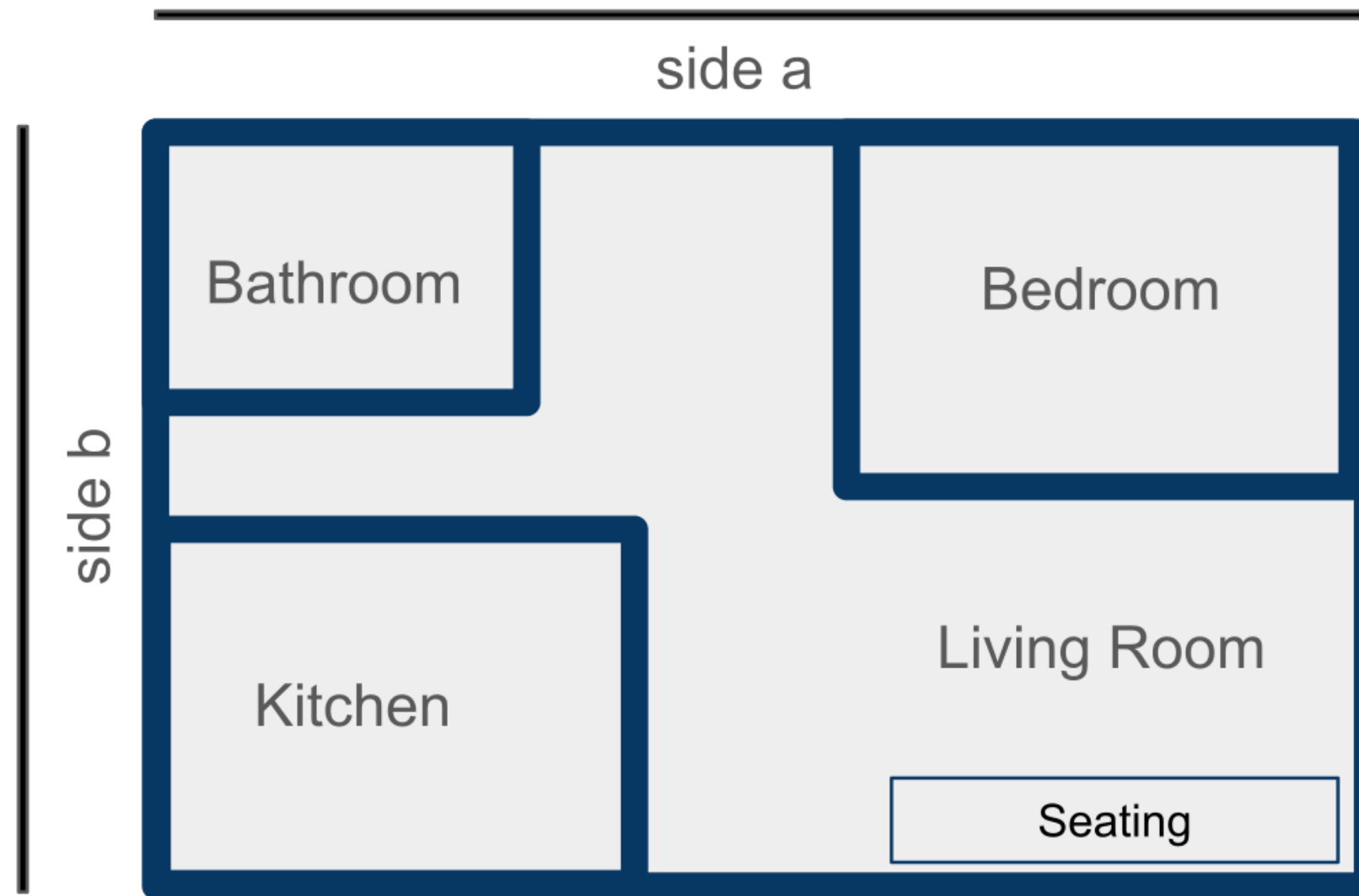


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Calculating square footage



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Creating a math tool

LangChain's internal query handling

```
"What is the area of a rectangle with  
sides 5 and 7?"  
input = " 5, 7"
```

- **Natural language input**
- **Extract numeric values as strings**

Creating a math tool

Define your tool function

```
@tool
def rectangle_area(input: str) -> float:
    """Calculates the area of a
    rectangle given the lengths of
    sides a and b."""
    sides = input.split(',')
    a = float(sides[0].strip())
    b = float(sides[1].strip())
    return a * b
```

- Use `@tool` decorator
- Name the function
- Create a docstring
- Split the input using `.split()`
- Strip whitespace using `.strip()` and convert to float
- Multiply `a` and `b` and return the answer

Tools and query setup

```
# Define the tools that the agent can access
```

```
tools = [rectangle_area]
```

```
# Create a query using natural language
```

```
query = "What is the area of a rectangle with sides 5 and 7?"
```

```
# Pass in the hypotenuse length tool and invoke the agent
```

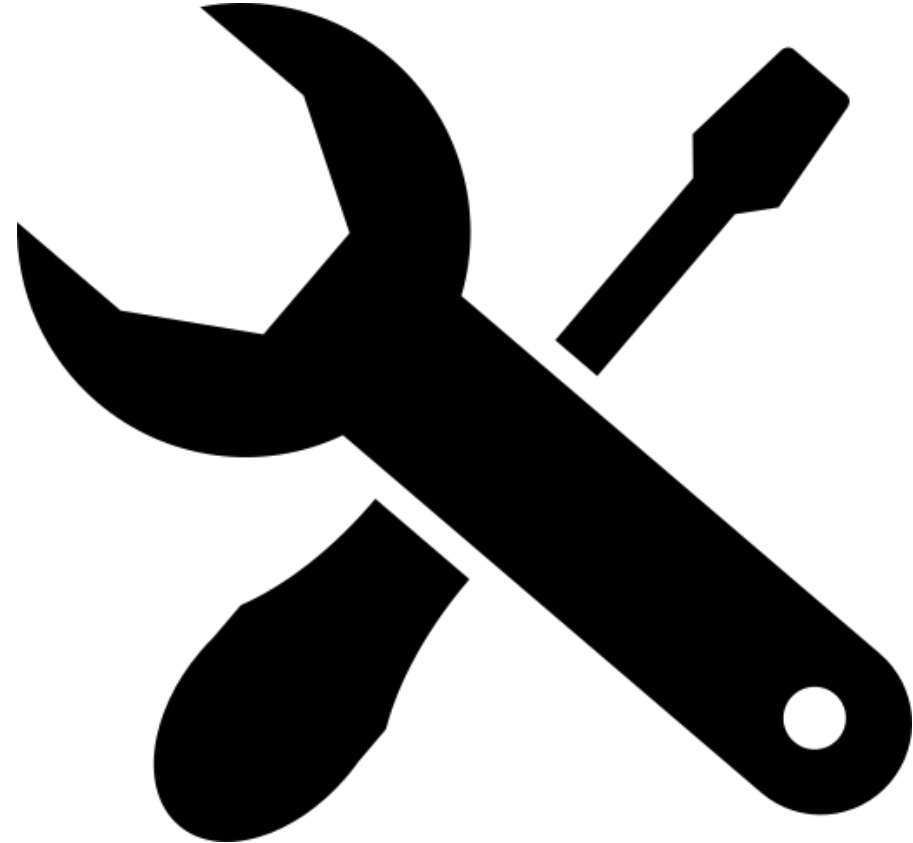
```
app = create_react_agent(model, tools)
```

Tools and query setup

```
# Invoke the agent and print the response
response = app.invoke({"messages": [("human", query)]})
print(response['messages'][-1].content)
```

The area of the rectangle with sides 5 and 7 is 35 square units.

Pre-built and custom tools



- Database Querying
- Web Scraping
- Image Generation
- [Pre-built tools API guide](#)
- [Custom tool guide](#)

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Conversation with a ReAct agent

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Conversation

The area of a rectangle with sides 5 and 7 is 35 square units.

- **Validating answers**
- **User:** "What is the area of a rectangle with sides 5 and 7?"
- **Agent:** "The area of a rectangle with sides 5 and 7 is 35 square units."

Conversation

```
tools = [rectangle_area]
query = "What is the area of a rectangle with sides 14 and 4?"

# Create the ReAct agent
app = create_react_agent(model, tools)

# Invoke the agent with a query and store the messages
response = app.invoke({"messages": [("human", query)]})

# Define and print the input and output messages
print({
    "user_input": query,
    "agent_output": response["messages"][-1].content})
```

Conversation output

```
{'user_input': 'What is the area of a rectangle with sides 14 and 4?',  
  'agent_output': 'The area of a rectangle with sides 14 and 4 is 56  
square units.'}
```

Follow-up questions

- **Follow-up:**
 - **User:** "What about one with sides 12 and 14?"
- **Conversation history:**
 - **User:** "What is the area of a rectangle with sides 5 and 7?"
 - **Agent:** "The area of a rectangle with sides 5 and 7 is 35 square units."
 - **User:** "What about one with sides 12 and 14?"
 - **Agent:** "The area of a rectangle with sides 12 and 14 is 168 square units."
- **Output**
 - **User:** "What about one with sides 12 and 14?"
 - **Agent:** "The area of a rectangle with sides 12 and 14 is 168 square units."

Follow-up questions

```
{'user_input': 'What about one with sides 12 and 14?',  
'agent_output': ['HumanMessage: What is the area of a rectangle with sides  
5 and 7?', 'AIMessage: The area of a rectangle with sides 5 and 7 is 35  
square units.',  
'HumanMessage: What about one with sides 12 and 14?',  
'AIMessage: The area of a rectangle with sides 12 and 14 is 168 square  
units.',  
'HumanMessage: What about one with sides 12 and 14?',  
'AIMessage: The area of a rectangle with sides 12 and 14 is 168 square  
units.']}]
```

Conversation history

```
from langchain_core.messages import  
HumanMessage, AIMessage
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message_history = messages["messages"]
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message history

Conversation history

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```
message_history = messages["messages"]  
new_query = "What about one with sides  
4 and 3?"
```



Conversation history

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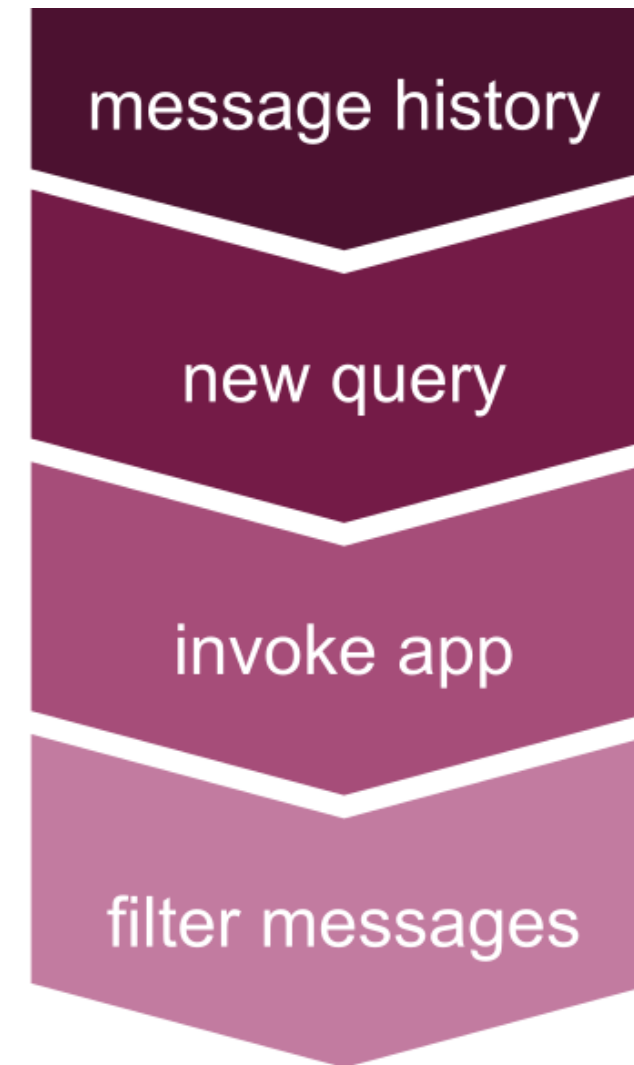
message_history = messages["messages"]
new_query = "What about one with sides
4 and 3?"

# Invoke the app with the full message history
messages = app.invoke({"messages":
    message_history + [("human",
    new_query)]})
```



Conversation history

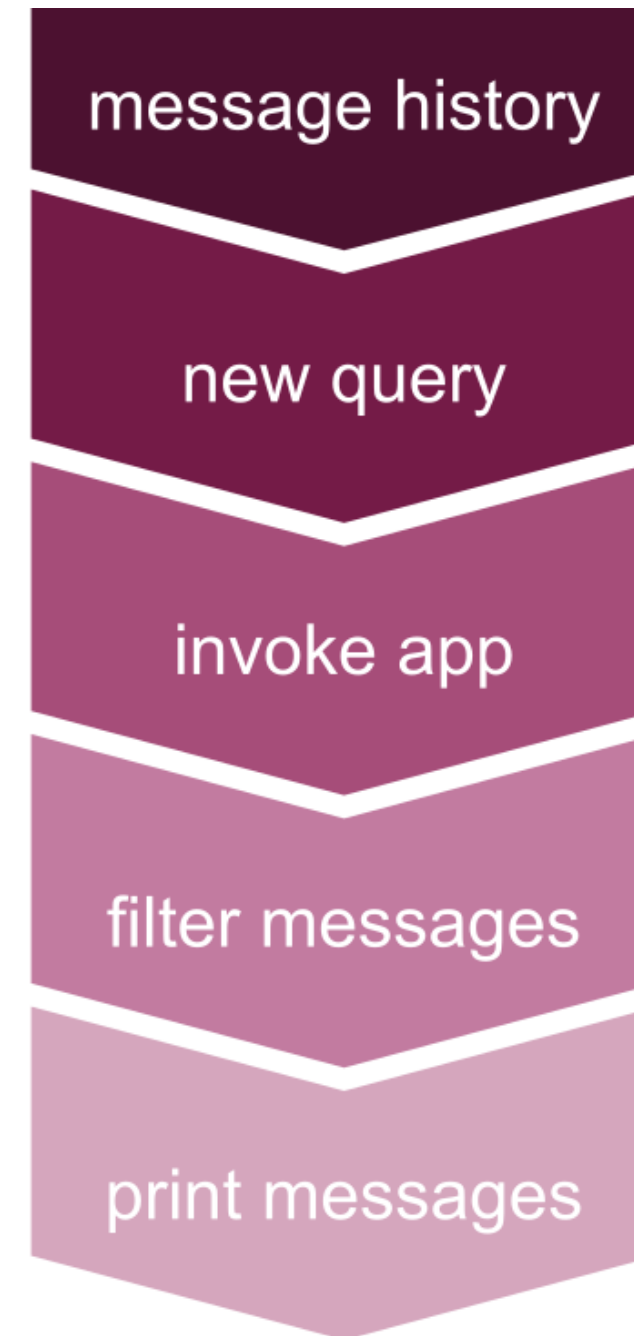
```
# Extract the human and AI messages
filtered_messages = [msg for msg in
    messages["messages"] if
    isinstance(msg,
    (HumanMessage,
    AIMessage))
    and msg.content.strip()]
```



Conversation history

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# Extract the human and AI messages
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    isinstance(msg,
    (HumanMessage,
    AIMessage))
    and msg.content.strip()]

# Format and print the final result
print({
    "user_input": new_query, "agent_output":
    [f"{msg.__class__.__name__}:
    {msg.content}" for msg in
    filtered_messages]})
```



Conversation history output

```
{'user_input': 'What about one with sides 4 and 3?',  
'agent_output': ['HumanMessage: What is the area of a rectangle with sides  
14 and 4?', 'AIMessage: The area of a rectangle with sides 14 and 4 is 56  
square units.',  
'HumanMessage: What about one with sides 4 and 3?',  
'AIMessage: The area of a rectangle with sides 4 and 3 is 12 square  
units.',  
'HumanMessage: What about one with sides 4 and 3?',  
'AIMessage: The area of a rectangle with sides 4 and 3 is 12 square  
units.']}]
```

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