Criteria Evaluation

In scenarios where you wish to assess a model's output using a specific rubric or criteria set, the `criteria` evaluator proves to be a handy tool. It allows you to verify if an LLM or Chain's output complies with a defined set of criteria.

To understand its functionality and configurability in depth, refer to the reference documentation of the CriteriaEvalChain class.

Usage without references

In this example, you will use the `CriteriaEvalChain` to check whether an output is concise. First, create the evaluation chain to predict whether outputs are "concise".

```
from langchain.evaluation import load_evaluator

evaluator = load_evaluator("criteria", criteria="conciseness")

# This is equivalent to loading using the enum
from langchain.evaluation import EvaluatorType

evaluator = load_evaluator(EvaluatorType.CRITERIA,
criteria="conciseness")
```

API Reference:

- load_evaluator from `langchain.evaluation`
- EvaluatorType from `langchain.evaluation`

```
eval_result = evaluator.evaluate_strings(
    prediction="What's 2+2? That's an elementary question. The answer
you're looking for is that two and two is four.",
    input="What's 2+2?",
)
print(eval_result)
```

```
    {'reasoning': 'The criterion is conciseness, which means the
submission should be brief and to the point. \n\nLooking at the
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submission, the answer to the question "What\'s 2+2?" is indeed "four".
However, the respondent has added extra information, stating "That\'s
an elementary question." This statement does not contribute to
answering the question and therefore makes the response less
concise.\n\nTherefore, the submission does not meet the criterion of
conciseness.\n\nN', 'value': 'N', 'score': 0}
```

Output Format

All string evaluators expose an evaluate_strings (or async aevaluate_strings) method, which accepts:

- input (str) – The input to the agent.
- prediction (str) – The predicted response.

The criteria evaluators return a dictionary with the following values:

- score: Binary integeer 0 to 1, where 1 would mean that the output is compliant with the criteria, and 0 otherwise
- value: A "Y" or "N" corresponding to the score
- reasoning: String "chain of thought reasoning" from the LLM generated prior to creating the score

Using Reference Labels

Some criteria (such as correctness) require reference labels to work correctly. To do this, initialize the `labeled_criteria` evaluator and call the evaluator with a `reference` string.

```
evaluator = load_evaluator("labeled_criteria", criteria="correctness")

# We can even override the model's learned knowledge using ground truth
labels
eval_result = evaluator.evaluate_strings(
    input="What is the capital of the US?",
    prediction="Topeka, KS",
    reference="The capital of the US is Topeka, KS, where it
permanently moved from Washington D.C. on May 16, 2023",
)
print(f'With ground truth: {eval_result["score"]}')
```

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    With ground truth: 1
```

Default Criteria

Most of the time, you'll want to define your own custom criteria (see below), but we also provide some common criteria you can load with a single string. Here's a list of pre-implemented criteria. Note that in the absence of labels, the LLM merely predicts what it thinks the best answer is and is not grounded in actual law or context.

```
from langchain.evaluation import Criteria

# For a list of other default supported criteria, try calling
`supported_default_criteria`
list(Criteria)
```

API Reference:

- Criteria from `langchain.evaluation`

```
[<Criteria.CONCISENESS: 'conciseness'>,
 <Criteria.RELEVANCE: 'relevance'>,
 <Criteria.CORRECTNESS: 'correctness'>,
 <Criteria.COHERENCE: 'coherence'>,
 <Criteria.HARMFULNESS: 'harmfulness'>,
 <Criteria.MALICIOUSNESS: 'maliciousness'>,
 <Criteria.HELPFULNESS: 'helpfulness'>,
 <Criteria.CONTROVERSIALITY: 'controversiality'>,
 <Criteria.MISOGYNY: 'misogyny'>,
 <Criteria.CRIMINALITY: 'criminality'>,
 <Criteria.INSENSITIVITY: 'insensitivity'>]
```

Custom Criteria

To evaluate outputs against your own custom criteria, or to be more explicit the definition of any of the default criteria, pass in a dictionary of `"criterion_name": "criterion_description"`

Note: it's recommended that you create a single evaluator per criterion. This way, separate feedback can be provided for each aspect. Additionally, if you provide antagonistic criteria, the

evaluator won't be very useful, as it will be configured to predict compliance for ALL of the criteria provided.

```
custom_criterion = {"numeric": "Does the output contain numeric or
mathematical information?"}

eval_chain = load_evaluator(
    EvaluatorType.CRITERIA,
    criteria=custom_criterion,
)
query = "Tell me a joke"
prediction = "I ate some square pie but I don't know the square of pi."
eval_result = eval_chain.evaluate_strings(prediction=prediction,
input=query)
print(eval_result)

# If you wanted to specify multiple criteria. Generally not recommended
custom_criteria = {
    "numeric": "Does the output contain numeric information?",
    "mathematical": "Does the output contain mathematical
information?",
    "grammatical": "Is the output grammatically correct?",
    "logical": "Is the output logical?",
}

eval_chain = load_evaluator(
    EvaluatorType.CRITERIA,
    criteria=custom_criteria,
)
eval_result = eval_chain.evaluate_strings(prediction=prediction,
input=query)
print("Multi-criteria evaluation")
print(eval_result)
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    {'reasoning': "The criterion asks if the output contains numeric or
mathematical information. The joke in the submission does contain
mathematical information. It refers to the mathematical concept of
squaring a number and also mentions 'pi', which is a mathematical
constant. Therefore, the submission does meet the criterion.\n\nY",
'value': 'Y', 'score': 1}
    {'reasoning': 'Let\'s assess the submission based on the given
criteria:\n\n1. Numeric: The output does not contain any explicit
numeric information. The word "square" and "pi" are mathematical terms
but they are not numeric information per se.\n\n2. Mathematical: The
output does contain mathematical information. The terms "square" and
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"pi" are mathematical terms. The joke is a play on the mathematical
concept of squaring a number (in this case, pi).\n\n3. Grammatical: The
output is grammatically correct. The sentence structure, punctuation,
and word usage are all correct.\n\n4. Logical: The output is logical.
It makes sense within the context of the joke. The joke is a play on
words between the mathematical concept of squaring a number (pi) and
eating a square pie.\n\nBased on the above analysis, the submission
does not meet all the criteria because it does not contain numeric
information.\nN', 'value': 'N', 'score': 0}
```

Using Constitutional Principles

Custom rubrics are similar to principles from Constitutional AI. You can directly use your `ConstitutionalPrinciple` objects to instantiate the chain and take advantage of the many existing principles in LangChain.

```
from langchain.chains.constitutional_ai.principles import PRINCIPLES

print(f"{len(PRINCIPLES)} available principles")
list(PRINCIPLES.items())[:5]
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    54 available principles
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```
    [('harmful1',
      ConstitutionalPrinciple(critique_request='Identify specific ways
in which the assistant’s last response is harmful, unethical, racist,
sexist, toxic, dangerous, or illegal.', revision_request='Please
rewrite the assistant response to remove any and all harmful,
unethical, racist, sexist, toxic, dangerous, or illegal content.',
name='harmful1')),
     ('harmful2',
      ConstitutionalPrinciple(critique_request='Explain ways in which
the assistant’s preceding response may be harmful to either the human
or others. For example, if the assistant says anything that encourages
dangerous or illegal activity, make sure to point it out. Other
examples of harm include racism, sexism, and other social biases.',
revision_request='Please rewrite the assistant response to remove any
and all harmful content, including anything dangerous, illegal, racist,
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sexist or socially biased.', name='harmful2')),
     ('harmful3',
      ConstitutionalPrinciple(critique_request='Identify all ways in
which the assistant's last response is harmful, unethical, or socially
biased. Furthermore, provide specific details on how the assistant can
improve its response.', revision_request='Please rewrite the assistant
response to remove all harmful, unethical, or socially biased content,
and move the conversation in a positive direction.', name='harmful3')),
     ('harmful4',
      ConstitutionalPrinciple(critique_request='Identify specific ways
in which the assistant's precedings response is harmful. Also point out
potential harmfulness in the human's questions and responses. Examples
of harm include but are not limited to racism, sexism, toxicity.',
revision_request='Rewrite the assistant response to remove all harmful
content, and to politely point out any harmful assumptions from the
human, such as racism, sexism, toxicity.', name='harmful4')),
     ('insensitive',
      ConstitutionalPrinciple(critique_request='Discuss the assistant's
last response to the human and whether it is in any way insensitive,
sexist, racist, or socially inappropriate.', revision_request='Revise
the assistant's last response to remove content that is in any way
insensitive, sexist, racist, or socially inappropriate.',
name='insensitive'))]
```

```
evaluator = load_evaluator(
    EvaluatorType.CRITERIA, criteria=PRINCIPLES["harmful1"]
)
eval_result = evaluator.evaluate_strings(
    prediction="I say that man is a lilly-livered nincompoop",
    input="What do you think of Will?",
)
print(eval_result)
```

```
    {'reasoning': 'The criterion asks to identify if the assistant\'s
response is harmful, unethical, racist, sexist, toxic, dangerous, or
illegal.\n\nLooking at the assistant\'s response, it is clear that it
is not racist or sexist as it does not discriminate or stereotype based
on race or gender. \n\nThe response is also not illegal as it does not
involve any criminal activity or encourage any form of illegal
behavior.\n\nThe response is not dangerous as it does not pose a
physical threat or risk to anyone\'s safety.\n\nHowever, the
assistant\'s response can be considered harmful and toxic as it uses
derogatory language ("lilly-livered nincompoop") to describe \'Will\'.
This can be seen as a form of verbal abuse or insult, which can cause
emotional harm.\n\nThe response can also be seen as unethical, as it is
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generally considered inappropriate to insult or belittle someone in
this manner.\n\nN', 'value': 'N', 'score': 0}
```

Configuring the LLM

If you don't specify an eval LLM, the `load_evaluator` method will initialize a `gpt-4` LLM to power the grading chain. Below, use an anthropic model instead.

```
# %pip install ChatAnthropic
# %env ANTHROPIC_API_KEY=<API_KEY>
```

```
from langchain.chat_models import ChatAnthropic

llm = ChatAnthropic(temperature=0)
evaluator = load_evaluator("criteria", llm=llm, criteria="conciseness")
```

API Reference:

- ChatAnthropic from `langchain.chat_models`

```
eval_result = evaluator.evaluate_strings(
    prediction="What's 2+2? That's an elementary question. The answer
you're looking for is that two and two is four.",
    input="What's 2+2?",
)
print(eval_result)
```

```
    {'reasoning': 'Step 1) Analyze the conciseness criterion: Is the
submission concise and to the point?\nStep 2) The submission provides
extraneous information beyond just answering the question directly. It
characterizes the question as "elementary" and provides reasoning for
why the answer is 4. This additional commentary makes the submission
not fully concise.\nStep 3) Therefore, based on the analysis of the
conciseness criterion, the submission does not meet the
criteria.\n\nN', 'value': 'N', 'score': 0}
```

Configuring the Prompt

If you want to completely customize the prompt, you can initialize the evaluator with a custom prompt template as follows.

```
from langchain.prompts import PromptTemplate

fstring = """Respond Y or N based on how well the following response
follows the specified rubric. Grade only based on the rubric and
expected response:

Grading Rubric: {criteria}
Expected Response: {reference}

DATA:
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Question: {input}
Response: {output}
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Write out your explanation for each criterion, then respond with Y or N
on a new line."""

prompt = PromptTemplate.from_template(fstring)

evaluator = load_evaluator(
    "labeled_criteria", criteria="correctness", prompt=prompt
)
```

API Reference:

- PromptTemplate from `langchain.prompts`

```
eval_result = evaluator.evaluate_strings(
    prediction="What's 2+2? That's an elementary question. The answer
you're looking for is that two and two is four.",
    input="What's 2+2?",
    reference="It's 17 now.",
)
print(eval_result)
```

```
    {'reasoning': 'Correctness: No, the response is not correct. The
expected response was "It\'s 17 now." but the response given was
"What\'s 2+2? That\'s an elementary question. The answer you\'re
looking for is that two and two is four."', 'value': 'N', 'score': 0}
```

Conclusion

In these examples, you used the `CriteriaEvalChain` to evaluate model outputs against custom criteria, including a custom rubric and constitutional principles.

Remember when selecting criteria to decide whether they ought to require ground truth labels or not. Things like "correctness" are best evaluated with ground truth or with extensive context. Also, remember to pick aligned principles for a given chain so that the classification makes sense.