# CHAINS in depth.

## why use chains:

An LLM-based application is built from **multiple smaller steps**, like formatting a prompt, calling the model, and processing the response.

**Chains** help you organize these steps into a smooth, connected **pipeline** where each step flows into the next.

Chains make this process easier by **automatically passing the output of one step as the input to the next**, allowing us to build complex workflows in a clean and structured way.

# Types of chains:

- 1. Simple chains
- 2. Parallel chain
- 3. Sequential chain
- 4. Conditional chain

## simple 3 step chain:

- 1. input from user → prompt
- 2. send prompt to llm
- 3. display llm response in proper format.

#### code:

```
from langchain_core.prompts import PromptTemplate
from langchain core.output parsers import StrOutputParser
load dotenv()
#1.create a dynamic prompt template.
prompt = PromptTemplate(
    template='Generate 5 interesting facts about {topic}',
    input_variables=['topic']
11m = HuggingFaceEndpoint(
   repo_id="Qwen/Qwen3-Coder-480B-A35B-Instruct",
  task="text-generation"
#2.Create chat model
model = ChatHuggingFace(llm=llm)
#3.output parse to give us output in string format.
parser = StrOutputParser()
#create chain.
chain = prompt | model | parser
#invoke response for query.
result = chain.invoke({'topic':'cricket'})
print(result)
#pip install grandalf
chain.get graph().print_ascii()
```

### Here are 5 fascinating facts about cricket:

- 1. \*\*Cricket was once considered a form of gambling\*\* In the 18th century, betting on cricket matches was so prevalent that the sport was often associated with gambling dens and wagering culture, leading to various attempts to regulate and clean up the game.
- 2. \*\*The longest cricket match lasted 12 days\*\* The timeless Test match between Eng land and South Africa in 1939 at Durban is famous for ending in a draw after 12 days of play, with England needing just 7 runs to win but time running out due to a packed shipping schedule.
- 3. \*\*Cricket is played in zero gravity\*\* In 1992, British astronaut Michael Foale b ecame the first person to play cricket in space aboard the Space Shuttle Discovery, h itting a ball (attached to a string) while floating in microgravity.
- 4. \*\*The word "wicket" comes from "wicki-up"\*\* The term originates from old English meaning "dwelling" or "tent," referring to the small huts or shelters that early cricketers would build behind the stumps for protection.
- 5. \*\*Australia once fielded an entire team of convicts\*\* In 1829, an Australian team playing against a visiting English side was composed entirely of emancipated convicts, yet they still managed to compete credibly against their more formally trained opponents.

To visualize our chain use: chain.get\_graph().print\_ascii()

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PromptInput |
 PromptTemplate |
ChatHuggingFace
  PromptInput |
 PromptTemplate |
ChatHuggingFace |
ChatHuggingFace |
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## 2. Sequential Chain:

A **SequentialChain** in LangChain runs a **series of steps one after the other**, where **each step's output becomes the next step's input**. Think of it like a relay race each runner (step) passes the baton (output) to the next, creating a smooth, automatic flow of logic.

## example:

You want your AI to help a student study a topic in this flow:

- 1. **Take a topic** (e.g., *Photosynthesis*)
- 2. Generate a summary of the topic
- 3. Generate 3 quiz questions from that summary

Why This is Useful

- o **Multi-step tasks** like research → summary → quiz/test prep
- o Reuse intermediate outputs (summary) in later tasks
- Everything stays structured and connected

# code example:

```
prompt1 = PromptTemplate(
    template='Generate a summary on {topic}',
    input_variables=['topic']
)

prompt2 = PromptTemplate(
    template='Generate a 3 quiz questions from the following text \n {text}',
    input_variables=['text']
)

llm = HuggingFaceEndpoint(
    repo_id="Qwen/Qwen3-Coder-480B-A35B-Instruct",
    task="text-generation"
)

# Create chat model
model = ChatHuggingFace(llm=llm)

parser = StrOutputParser()

chain = prompt1 | model | parser | prompt2 | model | parser

result = chain.invoke({'topic': 'Phototsynthesis'})

print(result)
```

prompt1 :takes the initial input and turns it into a structured prompt. model uses that prompt to generate a response. parser: cleans or extracts useful information from the model's output. prompt2: takes that parsed info and creates a second prompt. model then generates a second response using that new prompt. parser: processes the final output to extract the final result.

**OUTPUT:** 

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Here are 3 quiz questions based on the photosynthesis text:
**Question 1:** What are the two main stages of photosynthesis, and where does each s
tage occur within the chloroplast?
**Question 2:** In the basic photosynthesis equation, what are the three reactants ne
eded to produce glucose and oxygen?
**Question 3:** Why is photosynthesis considered fundamental to life on Earth? List a
t least three important reasons mentioned in the text.
**Answer Key:**
**Question 1:**

    Light-dependent reactions (occur in thylakoid membranes)

    Light-independent reactions/Calvin Cycle (occur in the stroma)

**Ouestion 2:**
Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), water (H<sub>2</sub>O), and light energy
**Ouestion 3:**
Produces oxygen essential for most life, forms the base of most food chains, removes
CO₂ from atmosphere, and converts solar energy into usable chemical energy
(venv) PS C:\Users\shree\Desktop\Shreesha\Langchain_code\5.chains>
```

#### 3. Parallel chains:

**Parallel Chains** in LangChain are used when you want to run multiple chains at the same time (in parallel) using the same or different inputs. Each chain does its own task separately, and their outputs are combined at the end.

Think of it like asking 3 friends different questions at the same time you wait and gather all their answers together.

#### Example:

You're studying for an exam and ask two friends for help at the same time:

- o Friend 1 reads your textbook chapter and writes short, simple notes.
- o **Friend 2** reads the same chapter and creates 5 quick quiz questions.

Both friends do their tasks independently and hand you their results.

You then take both the notes and quiz and ask **Friend 1** to merge them into one clean study sheet.

This is exactly what a **parallel chain followed by a merge chain** does in LangChain: It runs multiple tasks at once (in parallel), then combines the results into one (merge).

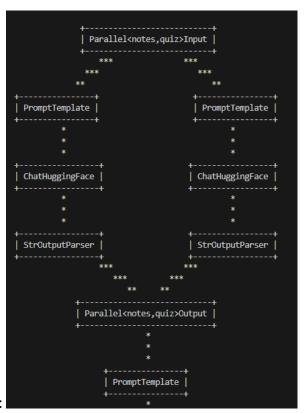
FRIEND== MODEL.

#### code:

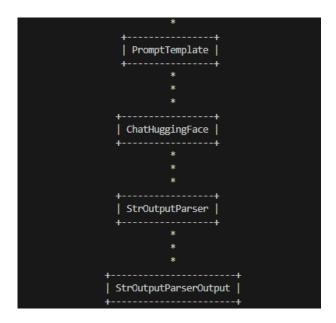
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model2 - ChatHuggingFace(lls-lls2)
prompt1 - PromptTemplate(
  template-'Generals short and simple notes from the following text \n (text)',
  input variables=['text']
prompt2 - PromptTemplate(
  template='Generate 5 short question answers from the following text in (text)', input_variables=['text']
prompt3 - PromptTemplate(
parser = StrOutputParser()
# Step 3: Create Chains
# Run notes and quiz generation in parallel
parallel_chain = RunnableParallel({
     'notes': prompt1 | model1 | parser,
     'quiz': prompt2 | model2 | parser
})
# Merge the results of notes and quiz into a final output
merge chain = prompt3 | model1 | parser
# Full pipeline: parallel → merge
chain = parallel chain | merge chain
# Step 4: Input Text
text = """
Support vector machines (SVMs) are a set of supervised learning
The advantages of support vector machines are:
Effective in high dimensional spaces.
Still effective in cases where number of dimensions is greater
Uses a subset of training points in the decision function (call
Versatile: different Kernel functions can be specified for the
The disadvantages of support vector machines include:
If the number of features is much greater than the number of sa
SVMs do not directly provide probability estimates, these are
The support vector machines in scikit-learn support both dense
#step 5: Invoke the chain with input
result = chain.invoke({'text':text})
print(result)
```

#### output:

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chain visualization:



RunnableParallel takes a dictionary of keys  $\rightarrow$  chains. It runs all the chains **in parallel** and returns a result where the keys match your original dictionary.

#### So it's like:

pythonCopy codenotes\_output = notes\_chain.invoke(input) quiz\_output =
quiz\_chain.invoke(input) return {'notes': notes\_output, 'quiz': quiz\_output}

but done more efficiently, and automatically.

#### Conditional chains:

Conditional chains in LangChain let you choose what to do next based on a condition. Instead of always running steps in order, you check a value and pick a path. This is helpful when your response depends on input—like positive or negative feedback.

RunnableBranch is used to handle these choices, just like an if-else ladder. It makes your logic more flexible and easier to manage.

## **Example Scenario: Handling Positive and Negative Feedback**

Let's say you are building a customer feedback responder. You want the system to:

- Detect if feedback is positive or negative
- Send a tailored response based on that sentiment

To implement this in LangChain:

- 1. You first **classify the sentiment** using a model and a PydanticOutputParser
- 2. Based on whether the sentiment is **positive or negative**, the response chain changes dynamically
- 3. A RunnableBranch routes the input to the appropriate response prompt

code:

```
del = ChatHuggingFace(llm=llm)
parser - StrOutputParser()
Define structured output schema for sentiment classification class Feedback(BaseModel):
    sentiment: Literal['positive', 'negative'] = Field(description='Give the sentiment of the feedback')
# Structured parson using the Feedback schema
parser2 = PydanticOutputParser(pydantic object=Feedback)
prompt1 = PromptTemplate(
    template- Classify the sentiment of the following feedback text into postive or negative \n [feedback] \n [format_instruction]",
    input_variables=['feedback'],
    partial_variables=['format_instruction': parser2.get_format_instructions())
classifier_chain - prompt1 | model | parser2
prompt2 - PromptTemplate(
    template "Write an appropriate response to this positive feedback \n (feedback)', input variables=['feedback']
 # Create a classification chain: prompt → model → structured parser
 classifier_chain = prompt1 | model | parser2
 prompt2 = PromptTemplate(
      template='Write an appropriate response to this positive feedback \n {feedback}',
      input_variables=['feedback']
 # Prompt to generate response to negative feedback
 prompt3 = PromptTemplate(
      template='Write an appropriate response to this negative feedback \n {feedback}',
      input_variables=['feedback']
 branch_chain = RunnableBranch(
     (lambda x: x.sentiment == 'positive', prompt2 | model | parser), # If positive, use positive prompt (lambda x: x.sentiment == 'negative', prompt3 | model | parser), # If negative, use negative prompt RunnableLambda(lambda x: "could not find sentiment") # Fallback if no match
 chain = classifier_chain | branch_chain
 print(chain.invoke({'feedback': 'This is a beautiful phone'}))
```

#### output:

(venv) PS C:\Users\shree\Desktop\Shreesha\Langchain\_code\5.chains> python 4.conditional.py
Thanks a bunch for the kind words! I'm here to help you with your questions, so don't hesitate to ask.