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AB 9 adult male hooded rats emitted 2-component chains which were subjected to random or fixed ratio schedules of reinforcement. Both components of the chains were sensitive to the reinforcement contingencies. Latency measures of each component decreased as reinforcement approached under fixed ratio schedules and remained relatively constant under random ratio schedules. Results are discussed in relation to the assumed unity of response chains, the differential sensitivity of chain components to experimental manipulations, and the characteristics of performance under fixed ratio schedules.