
HKJournalist

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It is a light and useful Python module, helping you generate a small size, pretty report as PDF slides (or any other format documents which human can directly read and hand out) each time after your programs finish. All you need to do is to customize a report template using `Markdown` with variables name which used in your Python program, and maintain a `dict` to store those variables. Then, A few lines of code added before end of programs can automatically fetch and display them in final report file. Also, code deal with frequent structure/arguments changes or data source changes can benefit from the package if the report can play a role of 'snapshot' (with timestamp) of each code version.

1.1 Pre-requirements

Before installing `hkjournalist`, please make sure `pandoc` and `pdflatex` are already properly installed in the environment.

- `pandoc`: pandoc.org/installing.html
- `texlive/mactex`(for MacOS): [www.tug.org/texlive/ <http://www.tug.org/mactex/>](<https://www.tug.org/texlive/> <http://www.tug.org/mactex/>)

1.2 Install

```
pip install hkjournalist
```

1.3 Customize your report template

Write such a `md` file, use a pair of `{ }` to wrap every variable which will be assigned specified value in your code. save it to `template.md`

```
% Hello World
% Xinyi Li
% 2019-12-19

---

### sine plot


```

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```

### sine table

{sin_table}

### sine function

```{.python}
{sin_func}
```

```

1.4 Run a Journalist () in your code to fetch variables

First, you should define a dict to record mapping with variable names and their value

```

from hkjournalist import Journalist

config = {}

```

Then, start your programming, and do not forget to assign value to corresponding variable names in config:

```

def sin_2x_and_cos_2x(x):
    y = np.sin(x) * np.sin(x) + np.cos(x) * np.cos(x)
    return y

x = np.arange(0, 4 * np.pi, 0.1)
y1 = np.sin(x)
y2 = np.cos(x)

df = pd.DataFrame({'x': x, 'sin(x)': y1, 'cos(x)': y2})
df['sin^2(x)+cos^2(x)'] = sin_2x_and_cos_2x(df['x']).values
df = df.set_index('x')

# plot sine curve as sin_plot
ax = df.plot()
plt.tight_layout()
config['sin_plot'] = ax

# random select 5 point (x,y) as sin_table
config['sin_table'] = df.sample(5)

# sin_2x_and_cons_2x as sin_func
config['sin_func'] = sin_2x_and_cos_2x

```

1.5 Invite a journalist to make a big news report

Last but not least, attach 3 lines **critical** code below to have your Journalist make a report and save it to big_news.pdf (you can get all code above in demo and the output file big_news.pdf)

```

# HK journalist runs faster than everyone! hear variable and make a report
reporter = Journalist(template_file='template.md')

```

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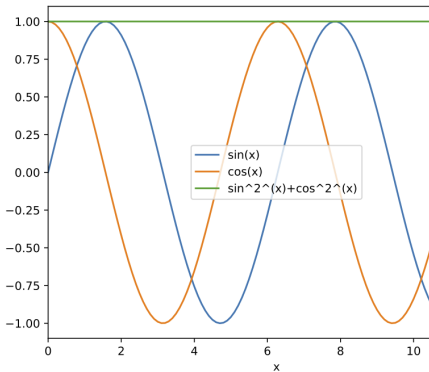
```
reporter.hear(config)
reporter.report(output_file='big_news.pdf', beamer=True, overwrite=True)
```

Hello World

Xinyi Li

2019-12-19

Sine Plot



Sine Table

| x | sin(x) | cos(x) | sin ² (x)+cos ² (x) |
|-----|--------|--------|---|
| 6.6 | 0.31 | 0.95 | 1 |
| 5.6 | -0.63 | 0.78 | 1 |
| 7.3 | 0.85 | 0.53 | 1 |
| 5.9 | -0.37 | 0.93 | 1 |
| 4.7 | -1 | -0.01 | 1 |

Sine Function

```
1 def sin_2x_and_cos_2x(x):
2     y = np.sin(x) * np.sin(x) + np.cos(x) *
      np.cos(x)
3     return y
```

Report slides display as below:

1.6 Final question: What will my variables on slides look like?

All variables pass to Journalist via hear will display as strings just like what their `__str__` method do.
Except for 4 types with special support:

- `pandas.DataFrame`: -> a 3-line table (TeX default style)
- `matplotlib.axes.SubplotBase` (known as base figure object `ax` in `matplotlib`): -> a figure print on report (with high quality and small size as pdf)
- `function`: -> its full definition
- `list(str)`: -> `len(list)` followed by a sentence with all words concatenated.

Auto Generate md Template

2.1 I am too lazy to write a md template

If you have too many variables to report, which make write a template a big project, or simply don't want to write a md template, **No problem!** `hkjournalist` can generate a report template with each variable on one slide page automatically. With slight modification or directly using it as a template, you can get your real report.

2.2 Example

```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
from hkjournalist import Journalist

config = {}

for i in range(1, 4):
    uniform_data = np.random.rand(10, 12)
    plt.figure(figsize=(10, 8))
    ax = sns.heatmap(uniform_data, cmap='Blues', annot=True, linewidth=.5)
    plt.tight_layout()
    config[f'Plot_{i}'] = ax

reporter = Journalist(fig_height='80%')
reporter.hear(config)
reporter.generate_template('auto_generate_template.md')
reporter.report(output_file='auto_report.pdf', beamer=True, overwrite=True)
```

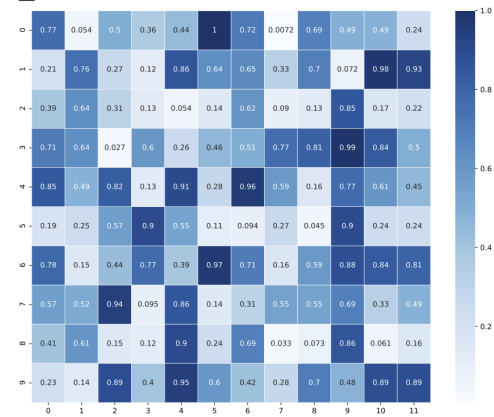
Output (raw file):

Report template

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Plot_1



Plot_2



Plot_3



Tutorial 1: Run a prophet model on time series

- Code and output: `example/1_prophet_model_evalute.py`
- Data and model usage from `fbprophet` tutorials

3.1 Prepare a dict to store variables

```
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
from hkjournalist import Journalist
from fbprophet import Prophet

sns.set(style="darkgrid")

# maintain a dict to record all variables used in reports
config = {}
```

3.2 Load data

```
df = pd.read_csv('./data/example_wp_log_peyton_manning.csv')
df['ds'] = pd.to_datetime(df['ds'])
```

3.3 Plot data

```
ax = df.set_index('ds').plot(figsize=(20, 10))
plt.tight_layout()
config['data_plot'] = ax
```

3.4 Split train and test set

```
train_end_date = '20131231'
config['train_end_date'] = train_end_date
train_df = df[df['ds'] <= train_end_date]
test_df = df[df['ds'] > train_end_date]

test_df['year'] = test_df['ds'].dt.year
test_df['month'] = test_df['ds'].dt.month
```

3.5 Build a model

```
model = Prophet(weekly_seasonality=True, yearly_seasonality=True)
model.add_seasonality('monthly', period=30.5, fourier_order=12, prior_scale=10)
model.add_seasonality('quarter', period=364.5 / 4, fourier_order=10, prior_scale=5)
```

Seasonalities are import hyper-parameters of a Prophet model, which should be recorded every time.

3.6 Fit this model and plot the prediction

The final plot should also be reported.

```
model.fit(train_df)
config['seasonality'] = pd.DataFrame(model.seasonalities)
test_df['y_pred'] = model.predict(test_df[['ds']])['yhat'].values
ax = test_df[['ds', 'y', 'y_pred']].set_index('ds').plot(figsize=(20, 10)) # plot_
    ↳predict result
plt.tight_layout()
config['pred_plot'] = ax
```

3.7 Define a custom metric to evaluate model

And the metric definition should be exposed to others

```
def kpi_mape(df, y_true, y_pred):
    # mape group by yearmonth
    df[y_pred] = df[y_pred].clip(0, None)
    df['diff'] = abs(df[y_true] - df[y_pred])
    mape_df = df.groupby(['year', 'month']).agg({'diff': 'sum', y_true: 'sum'}).reset_
    ↳index()
    mape_df['mape'] = mape_df['diff'] / mape_df[y_true]
    res_df = mape_df.pivot(index='month', columns='year', values='mape')
    return res_df

config['metric_func'] = kpi_mape
```

3.8 Detail data for error analysis

```
kpi_df = kpi_mape(test_df, 'y', 'y_pred')
plt.figure(figsize=(4, 6))
ax = sns.heatmap(kpi_df, annot=True, cmap='YlGn', linewidth=.5, fmt='.2f')
plt.tight_layout()
config['error_plot'] = ax
```

3.9 Add some personal note to describe your model

```
config['note'] = "Prophet with no holidays info"
```

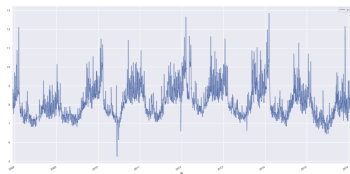
3.10 Finally, here comes the Journalist!

```
report_journalist = Journalist(template_file='./reports/1_prophet_report_template.md')
report_journalist.hear(config)
report_journalist.report(output_file='./reports/1_prophet_report.pdf', beamer=True,
→ overwrite=False)
```

3.11 Output slides

raw file: [examples/reports/1_prophet_report_2019-12-18_22:06:18.pdf](#)

Data Plot



Train set

► train end date 20131231

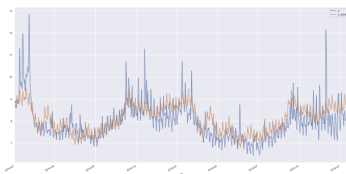
► seasonality

| | monthly | quarter | yearly | weekly |
|----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| condition_name | | | | |
| fourier_order | 12 | 10 | 10 | 3 |
| mode | additive | additive | additive | additive |
| period | 30.5 | 91.125 | 365.25 | 7 |
| prior_scale | 10.0 | 5.0 | 10.0 | 10.0 |

Simple Model Test

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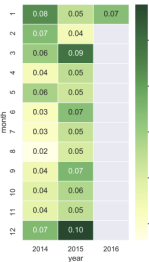
Prediction Result



Error analysis

```
1 def kpi_mape(df, y_true, y_pred):
2     # mape group by yearmonth
3     df[y_pred] = df[y_pred].clip(0, None)
4     df['diff'] = abs(df[y_true] - df[y_pred])
5     mape_df = df.groupby(['year',
6                           'month']).agg({'diff': 'sum', y_true:
7                                           'sum'}).reset_index()
6     mape_df['mape'] = mape_df['diff'] /
7                       mape_df[y_true]
7     res_df = mape_df.pivot(index='month',
8                             columns='year', values='mape')
8     return res_df
```

Error analysis (plot)



Note

Prophet with no holidays info

Tutorial 2: EDA and select feature

- Code and output: `example/2_feature_selection.py`
- Data from [Kaggle Contest](#)

4.1 Load Data and pass basic statistics data to config

```
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
from hkjournalist import Journalist

config = {}

df = pd.read_csv('./data/train.csv')
df = df.iloc[:, 1:]
feature_df = df.loc[:, : 'Horizontal_Distance_To_Fire_Points']

# basic statistics feature
config['Cover_type'] = df.groupby('Cover_Type').size()
config['shape'] = df.shape
config['dtypes'] = feature_df.dtypes
config['skew'] = feature_df.skew()
config['description'] = feature_df.describe()
```

4.2 Plot the correlation matrix

```
data_corr = feature_df.corr()
plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
```

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```
grid = sns.heatmap(data_corr, annot=True, fmt='.2f', cmap='RdBu', center=0,
↳ linewidth=.5)
plt.tight_layout()
config['Corr'] = grid
```

4.3 Filter features with high correlation coefficient

```
def drop_by_cor(feature_df, threshold=0.9):
    corr_matrix = feature_df.corr().abs()
    upper = corr_matrix.where(np.triu(np.ones(corr_matrix.shape), k=1).astype(np.
↳ bool))
    to_drop = [column for column in upper.columns if any(upper[column] > threshold)]
    return to_drop

config['select_method'] = drop_by_cor
threshold = 0.7

valid_features = list(set(feature_df.columns) - set(drop_by_cor(feature_df,
↳ threshold)))
config[f'features_remain_with_thres_as_{int(threshold * 100)}'] = valid_features
```

Too many variables to write a template by hand? don't worry, just call `generate_template` method!

4.4 HKJournalist can use auto-generated template before making a big report!

```
report_journalist = Journalist()
report_journalist.hear(config)
report_journalist.generate_template('./reports/2_feature_select_template.md')
report_journalist.report('./reports/2_feature_select.pdf', overwrite=True,
↳ beamer=True, aspectratio=169)
```

4.5 Output

raw file: `./reports/2_feature_select.pdf`

Report template

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Cover_type

Cover_Type

1 2160

2 2160

3 2160

4 2160

5 2160

6 2160

7 2160

dtype: int64

shape

(15120, 55)

dtypes

Elevation int64

Aspect int64

Slope int64

Horizontal_Distance_To_Hydrology int64

Vertical_Distance_To_Hydrology int64

Horizontal_Distance_To_Roadways int64

Hillshade_9am int64

Hillshade_Noon int64

Hillshade_3pm int64

Horizontal_Distance_To_Fire_Points int64

dtype: object

skew

Elevation 0.075640

Aspect 0.450935

Slope 0.523658

Horizontal_Distance_To_Hydrology 1.488052

Vertical_Distance_To_Hydrology 1.537776

Horizontal_Distance_To_Roadways 1.247811

Hillshade_9am -1.093681

Hillshade_Noon -0.953232

Hillshade_3pm -0.340827

Horizontal_Distance_To_Fire_Points 1.617099

dtype: float64

description

| | Elevation | Aspect | Slope | Horizontal_Distance_To_Hydrology | Vertical_Distance_To_Hydrology | Horizontal_Distance_To_Roadways | Hillshade_9am | Hillshade_Noon | Hillshade_3pm | Horizontal_Distance_To_Fire_Points |
|-------|-----------|--------|-------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|------------------------------------|
| count | 15120 | 15120 | 15120 | 15120 | 15120 | 15120 | 15120 | 15120 | 15120 | 15120 |
| mean | 749.356 | 686.5 | 227.2 | 51.08 | 1714.02 | 212.7 | 218.97 | 135.09 | 1511.15 | |
| std | 417.68 | 110.08 | 45 | 210.08 | 61.24 | 1325.07 | 30.56 | 22.8 | 45.9 | 1099.94 |
| min | 1863 | 0 | 0 | -146 | 0 | 0 | 99 | 0 | 0 | |
| 25% | 2376 | 65 | 10 | 67 | 5 | 764 | 196 | 207 | 106 | 730 |
| 50% | 2752 | 126 | 15 | 180 | 32 | 1316 | 220 | 223 | 138 | 1256 |
| 75% | 3104 | 261 | 22 | 330 | 79 | 2270 | 235 | 235 | 167 | 1988.25 |
| max | 3849 | 360 | 52 | 1343 | 554 | 6890 | 254 | 254 | 248 | 6993 |

Corr

select_method

```
1 def drop_by_cor(feature_df, threshold=0.9):
2     corr_matrix = feature_df.corr().abs()
3     upper =
4         corr_matrix.where(np.triu(np.ones(corr_matrix.shape),
5                                     k=1).astype(np.bool))
6     to_drop = [column for column in upper.columns if
7                 any(upper[column] > threshold)]
8     return to_drop
```

features_remain_with_thres_as_70

9 Hillshade_9am, Aspect, Horizontal_Distance_To_Roadways, Vertical_Distance_To_Hydrology, Horizontal_Distance_To_Hydrology, Hillshade_Noon, Elevation, Slope, Horizontal_Distance_To_Fire_Points

Write templates with Chinese characters

(new feature from 0.0.5)

Now, `HKJournalist` can generate reports from templates that contain Chinese Characters. In other words, we can write reports using `zh_CN`.

5.1 Pre-requirements

First of all, you should check if `XeLaTeX` is installed properly in your environment. It is always integrated in `TeXLive` / `MacTeX`.

Then, make sure you have already installed target Chinese fonts.

5.2 Specify the header in `md` template

In the YAML metadata block, you should specify the CJK font used by the report. To simplify, For slides, we just specify `documentclass` in which the font is already defined: *(it is what exactly `HKJournalist` do when asked to automatically give a chinese report template)*

```
---
documentclass: ctexbeamer
title:
author:
date: \today{}}
---
```

Or you can replace the first line with a font declaration, such as:

```
# for windows
CJKmainfont: KaiTi
# Or for Linux
mainfont: WenQuanYi Micro Hei Mono
```

Note: the line about font or documentclass should be placed at first in the block.

Note: `\today{}` is a command that will be replaced by the actual date in proper format in the final report. To escape `{}`, it should be as `\today{{}}` in a template.

5.3 Write main part of your program

In general, there is nothing noteworthy in this part. Codes used in this example is exactly the same as the one in [Quick Start](#).

```
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from hkjournalist import Journalist

config = {}

def sin_2x_and_cos_2x(x):
    y = np.sin(x) * np.sin(x) + np.cos(x) * np.cos(x)
    return y

x = np.arange(0, 4 * np.pi, 0.1)
y1 = np.sin(x)
y2 = np.cos(x)

df = pd.DataFrame({'x': x, 'sin(x)': y1, 'cos(x)': y2})
df['sin^2(x)+cos^2(x)'] = sin_2x_and_cos_2x(df['x']).values
df = df.set_index('x')

# plot sine curve as sin_plot
ax = df.plot()
plt.tight_layout()
config['sin_plot'] = ax

# random select 5 point (x,y) as sin_table
config['sin_table'] = df.sample(5)

config['sin_func'] = sin_2x_and_cos_2x
```

However, you should always be careful on the encoding of your code/text files, especially when chinese characters probably occur in strings. Please ensure your files are always read and written under UTF-8 encoding.

And the rest part of `md template` is:

```
###



###

{sin_table}

###
```

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```
```{{.python}}  
{sin_func}
```

## 5.4 Turn on zh

When constructing a HKJournalist instance, Turn on its zh-CN support by using `zh=True` argument.

```
reporter = Journalist(template_file='./reports/3_zh_cn_template.md', zh=True)
```

It is not too late to set `reporter.zh=True` by hand before call its `report()` method, of course, if you rely on automatically generated template with `generate_template()`, its `zh` property must be determined more early.

## 5.5 Final report

The following steps are as usual:

```
reporter.hear(config)
reporter.report(output_file='./reports/3_zh_report.pdf', beamer=True, overwrite=True)
```

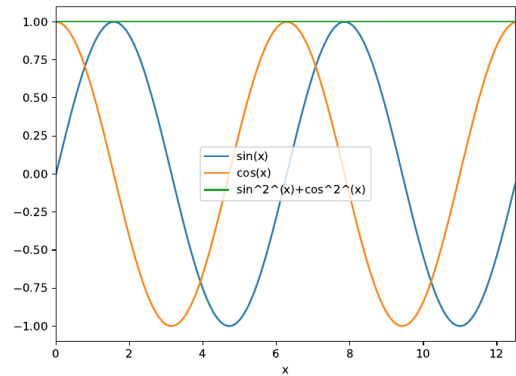
The output file `3_zh_report.pdf` looks like:

中文报告

香港记者

2020 年 5 月 3 日

正弦曲线



正弦取值

x	sin(x)	cos(x)	$\sin^2(x) + \cos^2(x)$
1.3	0.96	0.27	1
5.9	-0.37	0.93	1
3.3	-0.16	-0.99	1
11.8	-0.69	0.72	1
2.4	0.68	-0.74	1

正弦函数

```
1 def sin_2x_and_cos_2x(x):
2 y = np.sin(x) * np.sin(x) + np.cos(x) * np.cos(x)
3 return y
```



## 6.1 Submodules

## 6.2 hkjournalist.journalist module

**class** `hkjournalist.journalist.Journalist` (*template\_file=None*, *fig\_width=None*,  
*fig\_height=None*, *tmp\_path='./temp'*, *zh=False*)

Bases: `object`

Class to record and generate reports

### Parameters

- **template\_file** (*str*) – file path of md template
- **fig\_width** (*None*, *int*) – figure width (percentage of whole page width), prior to *fig\_height* settings
- **fig\_height** (*None*, *int*) – figure height (percentage of whole page width)
- **tmp\_path** (*str*) – temporary directory path to store temporary files (such as figures)
- **zh** (*bool*) – if it supports chinese (zh\_CN) usage

**generate\_template** (*template\_file='./template.md'*, *title='template'*, *author='Author'*, *append=False*)

Generate a *md* template according to mappings which previously passed to.

The output template will be structured as each variable on a single slide with variable name as its title

**Note** it may overwrite the file with the address

### Parameters

- **template\_file** (*str*) – output template file path
- **title** (*str*) – report title
- **author** (*str*) – author name

- **append** (*bool*) – If use append mode to add new contents of report

**Returns** None

**Return type** None

**Returns**

**hear** (*config\_dict: dict*)

Pass your variables mappings to the reporter

**Parameters** **config\_dict** (*dict*) – variable mappings such as {'var\_name':value}

**Returns** None

**Return type** None

**report** (*output\_file='./final\_report.pdf', beamer=True, theme='default', color\_theme='seagull', use\_template\_config=False, overwrite=True, aspectratio=43*)

Generate final pdf (or other format) report using previously heard config dict

**Parameters**

- **output\_file** (*str*) – final output file path
- **beamer** (*bool*) – whether the output pdf will be a beamer slides ?
- **theme** (*str*) – the theme used to create beamer (see <https://hartwork.org/beamer-theme-matrix/>)
- **color\_theme** (*str*) – the color theme used to create beamer (see <https://hartwork.org/beamer-theme-matrix/>)
- **use\_template\_config** (*bool*) – whether use metadata params of format in your custom template, if false, just use params in this function to produce a report. otherwise, please ref to <https://pandoc.org/MANUAL.html> to write a fine md template
- **overwrite** (*bool*) – whether use a timestamp of current time as a postfix for the final output filename. if false, a new file will occur every time the method call without overwriting previously ones.
- **aspectratio** (*int*) – aspect ratio of slide page. only valid when *beamer* is turn on and output format is *pdf*

**Returns** execution return code (0 if succeed)

**Return type** int

## 6.3 Module contents

## CHAPTER 7

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### Indices and tables

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