chariots Documentation

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CHAPTER

ONE

INSTALLATION

1.1 Stable release

To install chariots, run this command in your terminal:

\$ pip install chariots

This is the preferred method to install chariots, as it will always install the most recent stable release. If you don't have pip installed, this Python installation guide can guide you through the process.

1.2 From sources

The sources for chariots can be downloaded from the Github repo.

You can either clone the public repository:

\$ git clone git://github.com/aredier/chariots

Or download the tarball:

\$ curl -OL https://github.com/aredier/chariots/tarball/master

Once you have a copy of the source, you can install it with:

\$ python setup.py install

CHAPTER

TWO

API DOCS

2.1 Chariots Pipelines

2.1.1 chariots.nodes

A node represents a step in a Pipeline. It is linked to one or several inputs and can produce one or several ouptuts:

```
>>> train_logistics = Pipeline([
... Node(IrisFullDataSet(), output_nodes=["x", "y"]),
... Node(PCAOp(MLMode.FIT_PREDICT), input_nodes=["x"], output_nodes="x_transformed",
... Node(LogisticOp(MLMode.FIT), input_nodes=["x_transformed", "y"])
... ], 'train_logistics')
```

you can also link the first and/or the last node of your pipeline to the pipeline input and output:

class chariots.pipelines.nodes.Node	e (<i>op</i> :	chariots.p	oipelines.opsbase_op.B	aseOp,
	input_nodes:	Opti	onal[List[Union[str,	chari-
	ots.pipelines.n	odesbase	_nodes.BaseNode]]]	=
	None, output	t_nodes:	Union[List[Union[str,	char-
	iots.pipelines.r	10desbase	e_nodes.BaseNode]],	str;
chariots.pipelines.nodesbase_nodes.BaseNode			_base_nodes.BaseNode]	=
	None)			

Bases: chariots.pipelines.nodes._base_nodes.BaseNode

Class that handles the interaction between a pipeline and an Op. it handles defining the nodes that are going to be used as the inputs of the op and how the output of the op should be reppresented for the rest of the pipeline.

you can also link the first and/or the last node of your pipeline to the pipeline input and output:

Parameters

- **op** the op this Node represents
- **input_nodes** the input_nodes that are going to be used as inputs of the inner op the node, the inputs will be given to the op in the order they are defined in this argument.
- **output_nodes** a symbolic name for the the output(s) of the op, if the op returns a tuple *output_noes* should be the same length as said tuple

__init__ (op: chariots.pipelines.ops._base_op.BaseOp, input_nodes: Optional[List[Union[str, chariots.pipelines.nodes._base_nodes.BaseNode]]] = None, output_nodes: Union[List[Union[str, chariots.pipelines.nodes._base_nodes.BaseNode]], str, chariots.pipelines.nodes._base_nodes.BaseNode] = None) Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

check_version_compatibility (upstream_node: chariots.pipelines.nodes._base_nodes.BaseNode, store_to_look_in: chariots.op_store._op_store_client.OpStoreClient) checks that this node is compatible with a potentially new version of an upstream node'

Parameters

- **upstream_node** the upstream node to check for version compatibality with
- **store_to_look_in** the op_store_client to look for valid relationships between this node and upstream versions

Raises VersionError - when the two nodes are not compatible

execute (params: List[Any], runner: Optional[chariots.pipelines.runners._base_runner.BaseRunner] = None) \rightarrow Any

executes the underlying op on params

Parameters

• **runner** – runner that can be provided if the node needs one (mostly if node is a pipeline)

• **params** – the inputs of the underlying op

Raises ValueError – if the runner is not provided but needed

Returns the output of the op

property is_loadable

Returns whether or not this node and its inner op can be loaded

 $\label{eq:load_latest_version} (\textit{store_to_look_in: chariots.op_store_op_store_client.OpStoreClient}) \rightarrow Optional[chariots.pipelines.nodes._base_nodes.BaseNode]$

reloads the latest version of the op this node represents by looking for available versions in the store

Parameters store_to_look_in - the store to look for new versions in

Returns the reloaded node if any older versions where found in the store otherwise None

property name

the name of the node. by default this will be the name of the underlying op.

property node_version

the version of this node

```
persist (store: chariots.op_store_op_store_client.OpStoreClient, downstream_nodes: Op-
tional[List[BaseNode]]) \rightarrow Optional[chariots.versioning_version.Version]
```

persists this nodes's data (usually this means saving the serialized bytes of the inner op of this node (for the *Node* class

Parameters

- **store** the store in which to store the node
- downstream_nodes the node(s) that are going to accept the current version of this node as upstream

property requires_runner

whether or not this node requires a runner to be executed (typically if the inner op is a pipelines)

```
class chariots.pipelines.nodes.ReservedNodes
```

Bases: enum.Enum

enum of reserved node names

```
pipeline_input = '__pipeline_input__'
```

```
pipeline_output = '__pipeline_output__'
```

property reference

the output references of the reserved nodes

```
class chariots.pipelines.nodes.BaseNode (input_nodes: Optional[List[Union[str, BaseN-
ode]]] = None, output_nodes: Union[List[str], str]
= None)
```

Bases: abc.ABC

A node represents a step in a Pipeline. It is linked to one or several inputs and can produce one or several ouptuts:

you can also link the first and/or the last node of your pipeline to the pipeline input and output:

Here we are showing the behavior of nodes using the Node subclass (used with ops).

If you want to create your own Node you will need to define the

- node_version property that gives the version of the node
- name property
- execute method that defines the execution behavior of your custom Node
- load_latest_version that defines how to load the latest version of this node

Parameters

- input_nodes the input_nodes on which this node should be executed

__init__ (input_nodes: Optional[List[Union[str; BaseNode]]] = None, output_nodes: Union[List[str], str] = None) Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

check_version_compatibility (*upstream_node: chariots.pipelines.nodes._base_nodes.BaseNode*, *store_to_look_in: chariots.op_store_client.OpStoreClient*) checks that this node is compatible with a potentially new version of an upstream node'

Parameters

- upstream_node the upstream node to check for version compatibality with
- store_to_look_in the op_store_client to look for valid relationships between this node and upstream versions

Raises VersionError - when the two nodes are not compatible

abstract execute (*params) \rightarrow Any

executes the computation represented byt this node (loads/saves dataset for dataset nodes, executes underlyin op for *Node*

Parameters params – the inputs provided by the input_nodes

Returns the output(s) of the node

property is_loadable

whether or not this node can be loaded (this is used by pipelined to know which nodes to load

reloads the latest available version of thid node by looking for all available versions in the OpStore

Parameters store_to_look_in – the store to look for new versions and eventually for bytes of serialized ops

Returns this node once it has been loaded

abstract property name

the name of the node

abstract property node_version the version of this node

property output_references

the different outputs of this nodes

persist (*store:* chariots.op_store_client.OpStoreClient, downstream_nodes: Optional[List[BaseNode]]) \rightarrow chariots.versioning_version.Version

persists this nodes's data (usually this means saving the serialized bytes of the inner op of this node (for the *Node* class

Parameters

- **store** the store in which to store the node
- downstream_nodes the node(s) that are going to accept the current version of this node as upstream

 $\texttt{replace_symbolic_references}(symbolic_to_real_node: Mapping[str, NodeReference]) \rightarrow \texttt{targences}(symbolic_to_real_node: Mapping[str, NodeReference]) \rightarrow \texttt{targences}(symbolic_targences)(symbolic$

chariots.pipelines.nodes._base_nodes.BaseNode replaces all the symbolic references of this node: if an input_node or output_node was defined with a string by the user, it will try to find the node represented by this string.

Parameters symbolic_to_real_node – the mapping of all *NodeReference* found so far in the pipeline

Raises ValueError – if a node with multiple outputs was used directly (object used rather than strings)

Returns this node with all it's inputs and outputs as NodeReferences rather than strings

property require_saver

whether or not this node requires a saver to be executed this is usualy True by data nodes

property requires_runner

whether or not this node requires a runner to be executed (typically if the inner op is a pipelines)

2.1.2 chariots.ops

operations are the atomic computation element of Chariots, you can use them to train models, preprocess your data, extract features and much more.

to create your own operations, you will need to subclass one of the base op classes:

- create a minimalist operation by subclassing the BaseOp.
- create an op that supports loading and saving by subclassing the LoadableOp class
- create a machine learning operation by subclassing on of the machine learning ops (depending on your framework) like an *sklearn op*

class chariots.pipelines.ops.LoadableOp(op_callbacks: Optional[List[chariots.pipelines.callbacks._op_callback.OpCallBack]] = None) Bases: chariots.pipelines.ops._base_op.BaseOp

an operation that supports loading and saving. This means that when a pipeline tries to load a node using this

kind of op, it will try to find the serialized bytes of the last saved version of this op and pass them to the *load* method of the op.

Similarly when the pipeline will try to save a node using this kind of operation, it will get the op's serialized bytes by calling it's *serialize* method (along with the op's version)

to create your own loadable op, you will need to: - define the *load* and *serialize* method - define the *execute* method as for a normal op to define the behavior of your op

execute(*args, **kwargs)

main method to override. it defines the behavior of the op. In the pipeline the argument of the pipeline will be passed from the node with one argument per input (in the order of the input nodes)

load (serialized_object: bytes)

Receives serialize bytes of a newer version of this class and sets the internals of he op accordingly.

Parameters serialized_object – the serialized bytes of this op (as where outputed by the *serialize* method

 $\texttt{serialize()} \rightarrow bytes$

serializes the object into bytes (to be persisted with a Saver) to be reloaded in the future (you must ensure the compatibility with the *load* method

Returns the serialized bytes representing this operation

Bases: object

The ops are the atomic computation units of the Chariots framework. Whereas a *Node* represents a slot in a pipeline and the interactions between that spot and the rest of the pipeline, the op will actually be doing the computation.

To subclass the *BaseOp* class and create a new Op, you need to override the *execute* method:

```
>>> class AddOp(BaseOp):
... number_to_add = 1
...
def execute(self, op_input):
... return op_input + self.number_to_add
```

and then you can execute the op alone:

>>> AddOp().execute(3)
4

or within a pipeline (that can be deployed)

The *BaseOp* class is a versioned class (see the *versioning* module for more info).

so you can use VersionedField with it

```
>>> class AddOp(BaseOp):
... number_to_add = VersionedField(3, VersionType.MAJOR)
...
def execute(self, op_input):
... return op_input + self.number_to_add
>>> AddOp.__version__
<Version, major:36d3c, minor: 94e72, patch: 94e72>
>>> AddOp.number_to_add
3
```

and changing the field will change the version:

```
>>> class AddOp(BaseOp):
... number_to_add = VersionedField(4, VersionType.MAJOR)
...
... def execute(self, op_input):
... return op_input + self.number_to_add
>>> AddOp.__version__
<Version, major:8ad66, minor: 94e72, patch: 94e72>
```

Parameters op_callbacks – *OpCallbacks objects* to change the behavior of the op by executing some action before or after the op'execution

after_execution (*args: List*[*Any*], *output: Any*) \rightarrow Any

method used to create a one-off (compared to using a *callback*) custom behavior that gets executed after the the op itself

Parameters

- **args** the arguments that were passed to the op
- **output** the output of the op

property allow_version_change

whether or not this op accepts to be loaded with the wrong version. this is usually False but is useful when loading an op for retraining

before_execution (args: List[Any])

method used to create a one-off (compared to using a *callback*) custom behavior that gets executed before the the op itself

Parameters args – the arguments that are going to be passed to the operation

execute(*args, **kwargs)

main method to override. it defines the behavior of the op. In the pipeline the argument of the pipeline will be passed from the node with one argument per input (in the order of the input nodes)

execute_with_all_callbacks (args)

executes the op itself alongside all it's callbacks (op callbacks and before/after_execution methods)

Parameters args – the arguments to be passed to the *execute* method of the op

Returns the result of the op

property name

the name of the op. this is mainly use to find previous versions and saved ops of this op in the op_store_client

property op_version

the version the op uses to pass to the pipeline to identify itself. This differs from the <u>version</u> method in that it can add some information besides the class Fields (for instance last training time for ML Ops)

2.1.3 chariots.runners

runners are used to execute Pipelines: they define in what order and how each node of the pipeline should be executed.

For the moment Chariots only provides a basic sequential runner that executes each operation of a pipeline one after the other in a single threat however we have plans to introduce new runners (process and thread based ones as well as some cluster computing one) in future releases.

You can use runners directly if you want to execute your pipeline manually:

```
>>> runner = SequentialRunner()
>>> runner.run(is_odd_pipeline, 5)
True
```

or you can set the default runner of your app and it will be used every time a pipeline execution is called:

class chariots.pipelines.runners.SequentialRunner

Bases: chariots.pipelines.runners._base_runner.BaseRunner

runner that executes every node in a pipeline sequentially in a single thread.

run (pipeline: chariots.pipelines._pipeline.Pipeline, pipeline_input: Optional[Any] = None)
runs a pipeline, provides it with the correct input and extracts the results if any

Parameters

- pipeline the pipeline to run
- **pipeline_input** the input to be given to the pipeline

Returns the output of the graph called on the input if applicable

```
class chariots.pipelines.runners.BaseRunner
```

Bases: abc.ABC

a runner is used to define the execution behavior of a Pipeline. there main entry point is the run method

```
>>> runner.run(is_odd_pipeline, 3)
True
```

To create a new runner (for instance to execute your pipeline on a cluster) you only have to override *run* method and use the *Pipeline*'s class methods (for instance you might want to look at *extract_results, execute_node*)

abstract run (*pipeline: chariots.pipelines.Pipeline, pipeline_input: Optional*[Any] = None) runs a pipeline, provides it with the correct input and extracts the results if any

Parameters

• pipeline – the pipeline to run

• pipeline_input – the input to be given to the pipeline

Returns the output of the graph called on the input if applicable

2.1.4 chariots.callbacks

Callbacks are use to change the default behavior of an op or a pipeline in a reusable way, you can create callbacks to log performance or timing check output distribution or what ever you need around the pipeline or the ops execution.

There are two main types of callbacks:

- · operation callbacks that give ou entry points before and after the execution of this specific op
- pipeline callback that give you entry points before and after the execution of the pipeline and in between each node

the order of execution of the callbacks are as follows:

- pipeline callbacks' before_execution
- pipeline callbacks' *before_node_execution* (for each node)
- op callbacks' before_execution
- op' before_execution method
- op's execute method
- op's after_execution method
- op callbacks' after_execution
- pipeline callbacks' after_node_execution

During the pipeline's execution, the inputs and outputs of the execution are being provided (when applicable), these are provided for information, DO NOT TRY TO MODIFY those (this is undefined behavior)

class chariots.pipelines.callbacks.OpCallBack

```
Bases: object
```

an op callback is used to perform specific instructions at certain points around the operation's execution

to create your own op callback, you need to override either the *before_execution* or the *after_execution* method (or both)

```
>>> class PrintOpName(OpCallBack):
...
def before_execution(self, op: "base.BaseOp", args: List[Any]):
...
print('{} called with {}'.format(op.name, args))
```

after_execution (callback_op: chariots.pipelines.ops._base_op.BaseOp, args: List[Any], output: Any)

called after the operation has been executed (and after it's after_execution's method).

Parameters

- callback_op the operation that was executed
- **args** the arguments that were passed to the op
- **output** the output the op produced. DO NOT MODIFY the output reference as it might cause some undefined behavior
- **before_execution** (*callback_op: chariots.pipelines.ops._base_op.BaseOp, args: List[Any]*) called before the operation is executed (and before the operation's *before_execution*'s method).

Parameters

- **callback_op** the operation that is going to be executed
- **args** the list of arguments that are going to be passed to the operation. DO NOT MODIFY those references as this might cause some undefined behavior

```
class chariots.pipelines.callbacks.PipelineCallback
```

Bases: object

a pipeline callback is used to define instructions that need to be executed at certain points in the pipeline execution:

- before the pipeline is ran
- before each node of the pipeline
- after each node of the pipeline
- after the pipeline is ran

to create your own, you need to overide one or more of the *before_execution*, *after_execution*, *before_node_execution*, *after_node_execution*, *methods*:

```
>>> class MyPipelineLogger(PipelineCallback):
...
... def before_execution(self, pipeline: "chariots.Pipeline", args:_
... print('running {}'.format(pipeline))
...
... def before_node_execution(self, pipeline: "chariots.Pipeline", node:
... BaseNode", args: List[Any]):
... print('running {} for {}'.format(node.name, pipeline.name))
```

```
>>> is_even_pipeline = Pipeline([
... Node(AddOneOp(), input_nodes=['__pipeline_input__'], output_nodes=
    'modified'),
    ... Node(IsOddOp(), input_nodes=['modified'],
    ... output_nodes=['__pipeline_output__'])
    ... ], 'simple_pipeline', pipeline_callbacks=[MyPipelineLogger()])
>>> runner.run(is_even_pipeline, 3)
running <OP simple_pipeline>
running addoneop for simple_pipeline
running isoddop for simple_pipeline
False
```

after_execution (*pipeline: chariots.Pipeline, args: List[Any], output: Any*)

called after all the nodes of the pipeline have been ran with the pipeline being run and the output of the run

Parameters

- **pipeline** the pipeline being run
- args the pipeline input that as given at the beginning of the run
- **output** the output of the pipeline run. DO NOT MODIFY those references as this might cause some undefined behavior

after_node_execution (pipeline: chariots.Pipeline, node: BaseNode, args: List[Any], output:

Any)

called after each node is executed. The pipeline the node is in as well as the node are provided alongside the input/output of the node that ran

Parameters

- **pipeline** the pipeline being run
- **node** the node that is about to run
- args the arguments that was given to the node
- **output** the output the node produced. . DO NOT MODIFY those references as this might cause some undefined behavior

before_execution (pipeline: chariots.Pipeline, args: List[Any])

called before any node in the pipeline is ran. provides the pipeline that is being run and the pipeline input

Parameters

- **pipeline** the pipeline being ran
- **args** the pipeline inputs. DO NOT MODIFY those references as this might cause some undefined behavior

before_node_execution (*pipeline: chariots.Pipeline, node: BaseNode, args: List[Any]*)

called before each node is executed the pipeline the node is in as well as the node are provided alongside the arguments the node is going to be given

Parameters

- **pipeline** the pipeline being run
- **node** the node that is about to run
- **args** the arguments that are going to be given to the node. DO NOT MODIFY those references as this might cause some undefined behavior

module that allows you to create chariots pipelines. Chariots pipelines are constructed from nodes and ops.

a pipeline is a collection of linked nodes that have to be executed one on top of each other. pipelines are the main way to use Chariots.

to build a simple pipeline you can do as such:

here we have just created a very simple pipeline with two nodes, one that adds one to the provided number and one that returns whether or not the resulting number is odd

to use our pipeline, we can either do it manually with a runner:

```
>>> from chariots.pipelines.runners import SequentialRunner
>>> runner = SequentialRunner()
>>> runner.run(pipeline=pipeline, pipeline_input=4)
True
```

you can also as easily deploy your pipeline to a Chariots app (small micro-service to run your pipeline)

Once this is done you can deploy your app as a flask app and get the result of the pipeline using a client:

```
>>> client.call_pipeline(pipeline, 4).value
True
```

Parameters

- **pipeline_nodes** the nodes of the pipeline. each node has to be linked to previous node (or __*pipeline_input__*). nodes can create branches but the only output remaining has to be __*pipeline_output__* (or no ouptut)
- **name** the name of the pipeline. this will be used to create the route at which to query the pipeline in the Chariots app
- **pipeline_callbacks** callbacks to be used with this pipeline (monitoring and logging for instance)
- **use_worker** whether or not to execute this pipeline in a separate worker (rather than in the main server) by default. If set to *False*, the setting can still be overridden on an execution per execution basis using the client.
- __init__ (pipeline_nodes: List[nodes.BaseNode], name: str, pipeline_callbacks: Optional[List[chariots.pipelines.callbacks._pipeline_callback.PipelineCallback]] = None, use_worker: Optional[bool] = None)

execute (runner: base.BaseRunner, pipeline_input=None)

present for inheritance purposes from the Op Class, this will automatically raise

<pre>execute_node(node:</pre>	chariots.pipelines.nodesbase_nodes.BaseNode,			inter-
mediate_results:	Dict[NodeReference,	Any],	runner:	chari-
ots.pipelines.runnersbase_runner.BaseRunner)				

executes a node from the pipeline, this method is called by the runners to make the pipeline execute one of it's node and all necessary callbacks

Parameters

- **node** the node to be executed
- **intermediate_results** the intermediate result to look in in order to fin the node's inputs
- **runner** a runner to be used in case the node needs a runner to be executed (internal pipeline)
- **Raises ValueError** if the output of the node does not correspond to the length of it's output references

Returns the final result of the node after the execution

static extract_results (results: Dict[chariots.pipelines.nodes._base_nodes.NodeReference,

 $Any]) \rightarrow Any$

extracts the output of a pipeline once all the nodes have been computed. This method is used by runners when once all the nodes are computed in order to check and get the final result to return

Parameters results – the outputs left unused once the graph has been ran.

Raises ValueError – if some output was unused once every node is computed and the remaining is not the output of the pipeline

Returns the final result of the pipeline as needs to be returned to the use

get_all_op_links() → List[Tuple[chariots.pipelines.nodes._base_nodes.BaseNode, chariots.pipelines.nodes._base_nodes.BaseNode]] gets all the links present in the pipeline

get_pipeline_versions () → Mapping[chariots.pipelines.nodes._base_nodes.BaseNode, chariots.versioning._version.Version]

returns the versions of every op in the pipeline

Returns the mapping version for node

load (*op_store_client: chariots.op_store_op_store_client.OpStoreClient*)

loads all the latest versions of the nodes in the pipeline if they are compatible from an *OpStore*. if the latest version is not compatible, it will raise a *VersionError*

Parameters op_store_client – the op store to look for existing versions if any and to load the bytes of said version

if possible

Raises *VersionError* – if a node is incompatible with one of it's input. For instance if a node has not been trained on the latest version of it's input in an inference pipeline

Returns this pipeline once it has been fully loaded

property name

the name of the pipeline

property node_for_name

utils mapping that has node names in input and the nodes objects in values

property pipeline_nodes

the nodes of the pipeline

save (*op_store_client: chariots.op_store_op_store_client.OpStoreClient*)

persists all the nodes (that need saving) in an *OpStore*. this is used for instance when a training pipeline has been executed and needs to save it's trained node(s) for the inference pipeline to load them. This method also updates the versions available for the store to serve in the future

Parameters op_store_client - the store to persist the nodes and their versions in

```
class chariots.pipelines.PipelinesServer (app_pipelines: List[chariots.pipelines._pipeline],
```

*args, op_store_client=None, runner: Optional[chariots.pipelines.runners._base_runner.BaseRunner] = None, default_pipeline_callbacks: Optional[List[chariots.pipelines.callbacks._pipeline_callback.PipelineCallback] = None, worker_pool: Optional[chariots.workers._base_worker_pool.BaseWorkerPool] = None, use_workers: Optional[bool] = None, **kwargs)

small *Flask* application used to rapidly deploy pipelines:

```
>>> my_app = PipelinesServer(
... app_pipelines=[is_odd_pipeline],
... op_store_client=op_store_client,
... import_name='my_app'
... )
```

you can then deploy the app as you would with the flask command:

\$ flask

or if you have used the chariots' template, you can use the predefined cli once the project is installed:

\$ my_great_project start

once the app is started you can use it with the client (that handles creating the requests and serializing to the right format) to query your pipelines:

```
>>> client.call_pipeline(is_odd_pipeline, 4).value
False
```

alternatively, you can query the *Chariots* server directly as you would for any normal micro-service. The server has the following routes:

- /pipelines/<pipeline_name>/main
- /pipelines/<pipeline_name>/versions
- /pipelines/<pipeline_name>/load
- /pipelines/<pipeline_name>/save
- /pipelines/<pipeline_name>/health_check

for each pipeline that was registered to the *Chariots* app. It also creates some common routes for all pipelines:

- /health_check
- /available_pipelines

Parameters

- **app_pipelines** the pipelines this app will serve
- **path** the path to mount the app on (whether on local or remote saver). for isntance using a *LocalFileSaver* and '/chariots' will mean all the information persisted by the *Chariots* server (past versions, trained models, datasets) will be persisted there
- saver_cls the saver class to use. if None the FileSaver class will be used as default
- **runner** the runner to use to run the pipelines. If None the *SequentialRunner* will be used as default
- **default_pipeline_callbacks** pipeline callbacks to be added to every pipeline this app will serve.
- **worker_pool** worker pool to be used if some jobs are to be executed asynchronously (using a worker master config)
- **use_workers** whether or not to use workers to execute all pipeline execution requests (if set to false, you can still choose to use workers on pipeline to pipeline basis)
- args additional positional arguments to be passed to the Flask app
- kwargs additional keywords arguments to be added to the Flask app

class chariots.pipelines.**PipelinesClient** (*backend_url: str = 'http://127.0.0.1:5000'*) Client to query/save/load the pipelines served by a (remote) *Chariots* app.

for instance if you have built your app as such and deployed it:

```
>>> train_pca = Pipeline([nodes.Node(IrisXDataSet(), output_nodes=["x"]), nodes.
→Node (PCAOp (mode=MLMode.FIT),
                           input_nodes=["x"])], "train_pca")
. . .
>>> train_logistic = Pipeline([
        nodes.Node(IrisFullDataSet(), output_nodes=["x", "y"]),
. . .
       nodes.Node(PCAOp(MLMode.PREDICT), input_nodes=["x"], output_nodes="x_
. . .
\leftrightarrowtransformed"),
... nodes.Node(LogisticOp(MLMode.FIT), input_nodes=["x_transformed", "y"]),
... ], 'train_logistics')
>>> pred = Pipeline([
. . .
      nodes.Node(PCAOp(MLMode.PREDICT), input_nodes=["___pipeline_input___"],...
→output_nodes="x_transformed"),
       nodes.Node(LogisticOp(MLMode.PREDICT), input_nodes=["x_transformed"],...
. . .
→output_nodes="pred"),
       nodes.Node(FromArray(), input_nodes=['pred'], output_nodes='__pipeline_
. . .
\leftrightarrowoutput_')
....], "pred")
>>> app = PipelinesServer([train_pca, train_logistic, pred], op_store_client=op_
⇔store_client,
                           import_name="iris_app")
. . .
```

you can then train save and load your pipelines remotely from the client

```
>>> response = client.call_pipeline(train_pca)
>>> client.save_pipeline(train_pca)
>>> client.load_pipeline(train_logistic)
>>> client.save_pipeline(train_logistic)
>>> client.save_pipeline(train_logistic)
>>> client.load_pipeline(pred)
>>> response = client.call_pipeline(pred, [[1, 2, 3, 4]])
>>> response.value
[1]
```

but if you execute them in the wrong order the client will propagate the errors that occur on the Chariots server

```
>>> response = client.call_pipeline(train_pca)
>>> client.save_pipeline(train_pca)
>>> client.load_pipeline(pred)
Traceback (most recent call last):
....
chariots.errors.VersionError: the pipeline you requested cannot be loaded because_
inof version incompatibilityHINT: retrain and save/reload in order to have a_
indotable version
```

this example is overkill as you can use *MLMode.FitPredict* flag (not used here to demonstrate the situations where *VersionError* will be raised). this would reduce the amount of saving/loading to get to the prediction.

__init__ (backend_url: str = 'http://127.0.0.1:5000')
Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

call_pipeline (*pipeline*: chariots.pipelines._pipeline.Pipeline, pipeline_input: Optional[Any] = None, use_worker: Optional[bool] = None) \rightarrow chariots.pipelines.pipelines_server.PipelineResponse

sends a request to the Chariots server in order to get this pipeline executed remotely on the server.

```
>>> client.call_pipeline(is_odd_pipeline, 4).value
False
>>> client.call_pipeline(is_odd_pipeline, 5).value
True
```

If you have a long lasting pipeline (training for instance) that you don't want executed n the http request but asynchronously in a separate worker, you can use the *use_worker* argument:

here you can get the user gets the output of the pipeline that got executed in our *Chariots* micro service

Parameters

- pipeline the pipeline that needs to be executed in the remote *Chariots* server
- **use_worker** whether or not to execute this request in a separate worker.

Raises

- ValueError if the pipeline requested is not present in the *Chariots* app.
- ValueError if the execution of the pipeline fails

Returns a PiplineResponse object

fetch_job (*job_id: str, pipeline: chariots.pipelines_pipeline.Pipeline*) \rightarrow chariots.pipelines.pipelines_server.PipelineResponse fectches a Job launched previously

Parameters

- job_id the job id that can be found in *PipelineResponse.job_id*
- **pipeline** the pipeline object to fectch

Returns the updated Pipeline response

is_pipeline_loaded (*pipeline: chariots.pipelines._pipeline.Pipeline*) \rightarrow bool checks whether or not the pipeline has been loaded

Parameters pipeline – the pipeline to check

load_pipeline (pipeline: chariots.pipelines._pipeline.Pipeline)

reloads all the nodes in a pipeline. this is usually used to load the updates of a node/model in the inference pipeline after the training pipeline(s) have been executed. If the latest version of a saved node is incompatible with the rest of the pipeline, this will raise a *VersionError*

Parameters pipeline – the pipeline to reload

Raises *VersionError* – If there is a version incompatibility between one of the nodes in the pipeline and one of it's inputs

pipeline_versions (*pipeline: chariots.pipelines._pipeline.Pipeline*) → Mapping[str, chariots.versioning._version.Version]

gets all the versions of the nodes of the pipeline (different from *pipeline.get_pipeline_versions* as the client will return the version of the loaded/trained version on the (remote) *Chariots* server)

Parameters pipeline – the pipeline to get the versions for

Returns mapping with the node names in keys and the version object in value

save_pipeline (pipeline: chariots.pipelines._pipeline.Pipeline)

persists the state of the pipeline on the remote *Chariots* server (usually used for saving the nodes that were trained in a train pipeline in order to load them inside the inference pipelines).

Parameters pipeline – the pipeline to save on the remote server. Beware: any changes made to the *pipeline* param will not be persisted (Only changes made on the remote version of the pipeline)

2.2 Chariots ML

2.2.1 chariots.serializers

Serializers are utils classes that are used throughout the *Chariots* framework to transform objects into bytes. there are for instance used to serialize the inner models of the machine learning ops:

```
>>> class LinearRegression(SKSupervisedOp):
...
... serializer_cls = MySerializerCls
...
... model_class = PCA
```

class chariots.ml.serializers.BaseSerializer

Bases: abc.ABC

serializers are helper classes for communication and persistence through out the *Chariots* framework. There mostly used by MLOps.

for MLOps if you want to change the default serialization format (for the model to be saved), you will need to change the *serializer_cls* class attribute

abstract deserialize_object (*serialized_object: bytes*) \rightarrow Any returns the deserialized object from serialized bytes (that will be loaded from a saver)

Parameters serialized_object – the serialized bytes

Returns the deserialized objects

abstract serialize_object (*target: Any*) \rightarrow bytes

serializes the object into bytes (for ml ops *target* will be the model itself and not the op, for the data ops the *target* will be the input of the node)

Parameters target – the object that will be serialized

Returns the bytes of the serialized object

class chariots.ml.serializers.DillSerializer

 $Bases: \verb|chariots.ml.serializers._base_serializer.BaseSerializer|| \\$

serializes objects using the dill library (similar to pickle but optimized for numpy arrays.

```
deserialize_object (serialized_object: bytes) \rightarrow Any returns the deserialized object from serialized bytes (that will be loaded from a saver)
```

Parameters serialized_object - the serialized bytes

Returns the deserialized objects

 $\texttt{serialize_object} (\textit{target: Any}) \rightarrow \texttt{bytes}$

serializes the object into bytes (for ml ops *target* will be the model itself and not the op, for the data ops the *target* will be the input of the node)

Parameters target - the object that will be serialized

Returns the bytes of the serialized object

```
class chariots.ml.serializers.JSONSerializer
```

Bases: chariots.ml.serializers._base_serializer.BaseSerializer

serializes objects into JSON format

deserialize_object (*serialized_object: bytes*) \rightarrow Any returns the deserialized object from serialized bytes (that will be loaded from a saver)

Parameters serialized_object – the serialized bytes

Returns the deserialized objects

 $\texttt{serialize_object} (\textit{target: Any}) \rightarrow \texttt{bytes}$

serializes the object into bytes (for ml ops *target* will be the model itself and not the op, for the data ops the *target* will be the input of the node)

Parameters target – the object that will be serialized

Returns the bytes of the serialized object

```
class chariots.ml.serializers.CSVSerializer
```

Bases: chariots.ml.serializers._base_serializer.BaseSerializer

A serializer to save a pandas data frame.

Raises Typeerror – if the node receives something other than a pandas *DataFrame*

deserialize_object (*serialized_object: bytes*) \rightarrow pandas.core.frame.DataFrame returns the deserialized object from serialized bytes (that will be loaded from a saver)

Parameters serialized_object - the serialized bytes

Returns the deserialized objects

serialize_object (*target: pandas.core.frame.DataFrame*) \rightarrow bytes

serializes the object into bytes (for ml ops *target* will be the model itself and not the op, for the data ops the *target* will be the input of the node)

Parameters target – the object that will be serialized

Returns the bytes of the serialized object

2.2.2 chariots.keras

module that offfers support for models based on the keras api

class chariots.ml.keras.KerasOp(mode: chariots.ml._ml_mode.MLMode, verbose: Optional[int]

```
= 1)
Bases: chariots.ml._base_ml_op.BaseMLOp
```

Keras Ops help you create ops for all your Keras based neural networks.

To create your keras op, you will need to:

- define the initialisation behavior of your model by overriding the _init_model method.
- define any additional training parameters using the *fit_params VersionedFieldDict*.

```
>>> from chariots.pipelines import Pipeline
>>> from chariots.pipelines.nodes import Node
>>> from chariots.ml import MLMode
>>> from chariots.versioning import VersionType, VersionedFieldDict
>>> from keras import models, layers
. . .
. . .
>>> class KerasLinear (KerasOp):
        fit_params = VersionedFieldDict(VersionType.MAJOR, {
. . .
             'epochs': 3,
. . .
             'batch_size': 32,
. . .
        })
. . .
. . .
        def __init_model(self, *input_data_sets):
. . .
            model = models.Sequential([layers.Dense(3, activation='softmax', ]
. . .
\rightarrow input_shape=(4,))])
           model.compile(loss='categorical_crossentropy', optimizer='adam')
. . .
            return model
. . .
. . .
. . .
>>> train = Pipeline([
        Node(IrisFullDataSet(), output_nodes=["X", "y"]),
. . .
        Node(Categorize(), input_nodes=['y'], output_nodes='y_cat'),
. . .
        Node(KerasLinear(mode=MLMode.FIT, verbose=0), input_nodes=['X', 'y_cat'])
. . .
... ], 'train')
>>> pred = Pipeline([
        Node (KerasLinear (mode=MLMode.PREDICT), input_nodes=['__pipeline_input__'],
. . .
              output_nodes='__pipeline_output__')
. . .
....], 'pred')
```

than you can call your pipeline as you would with any other:

```
>>> runner.run(train)
...
>>> runner.run(pred, np.array([[1, 2, 3, 4]]))
array([[...]], dtype=float32)
```

or use them in an app:

__init__ (mode: chariots.ml_ml_mode.MLMode, verbose: Optional[int] = 1)

Parameters mode – the mode to use when instantiating the op

fit (input_data_sets: Union[List[numpy.ndarray], numpy.ndarray], output_datasets: Union[List[numpy.ndarray], numpy.ndarray]) fits the inner model of the op on data (in args and kwargs) this method must not return any data (use the FIT_PREDICT mode to predict on the same data the op was trained on)

input_params = <chariots.versioning._versioned_field_dict.VersionedFieldDict object>

predict (*input_datasets*) \rightarrow Any the method used to do predictions/inference once the model has been fitted/loaded

2.2.3 chariots.sklearn

the sklearn module provides support for the scikit-learn framework.

this module provides two main classes (*SKSupervisedOp*, *SKUnsupervisedOp*) that need to be subclassed to be used. to do so you will need to set the *model_class* class attribute and potentially the *model_parameters* class attribute. this should be a *VersionedFieldDict* which defines the parameters your model should be initialized with. As for other machine learning ops, you can override the *training_update_version* class attribute to define which version will be changed when the operation is retrained:

```
>>> class PCAOp(SKUnsupervisedOp):
... training_update_version = VersionType.MAJOR
... model_parameters = VersionedFieldDict(VersionType.MAJOR, {"n_components": 2,})
... model_class = VersionedField(PCA, VersionType.MAJOR)
```

Once your op class is define, you can use it as any MLOp choosing your *MLMode* to define the behavior of your operation (fit and/or predict):

Op base class to create supervised models using the scikit learn framework., If using the *MLMode.FIT* or *MLMode.FIT_PREDICT*, you will need to link this op to a X and a y upstream node:

and if you are using the op with the *MLMode.PREDICT* mode you will only need to link the op to an X upstream node:

To change the behavior of the Op, you can:

• change the *predict_function* class attribute with a new *VersionedField* (to use *predict_proba* for instance)

change the *fit_extra_parameters* class attribute with a new *VersionedFieldDict* (to pass some new parameters during prediction)

```
fit (X, y)
```

method used by the operation to fit the underlying model

DO NOT TRY TO OVERRIDE THIS METHOD.

Parameters

- **X** the input that the underlying supervised model will fit on (type must be compatible with the sklearn lib such as numpy arrays or pandas data frames)
- **y** the output that hte underlying supervised model will fit on (type must be compatible with the sklearn lib such as numpy arrays or pandas data frames)

fit_extra_parameters = <chariots.versioning._versioned_field_dict.VersionedFieldDict of

predict $(X) \rightarrow Any$

method used internally by the op to predict with the underlying model.

DO NOT TRY TO OVERRIDE THIS METHOD.

Parameters \mathbf{x} – the input the model has to predict on. (type must be compatible with the sklearn lib such as numpy arrays or pandas data frames)

predict_function = 'predict'

base class to create unsupervised models using the scikit-learn framework. Whatever the mode you will need to link this op with a single upstream node:

```
>>> train_logistics = Pipeline([
        Node(IrisFullDataSet(), output_nodes=["x", "y"]),
        Node (PCAOp (MLMode.PREDICT), input_nodes=["x"], output_nodes="x_transformed
. . .
\rightarrow "),
        Node(LogisticOp(MLMode.FIT), input_nodes=["x_transformed", "y"])
. . .
... ], 'train_logistics')
>>> pred = Pipeline([
        Node(IrisFullDataSet(), input_nodes=['__pipeline_input__'], output_nodes=[
. . .
⇔"x"]),
        Node (PCAOp (MLMode.PREDICT), input_nodes=["x"], output_nodes="x transformed
. . .
→"),
        Node(LogisticOp(MLMode.PREDICT), input_nodes=["x_transformed"], output_
. . .

→nodes=['___pipeline_output__'])

...], 'pred')
```

fit (X)

method used to fit the underlying unsupervised model.

DO NOT TRY TO OVERRIDE THIS METHOD.

Parameters \mathbf{X} – the dataset (compatible type with the sklearn lib as pandas data-frames or numpy arrays).

fit_extra_parameters = <chariots.versioning._versioned_field_dict.VersionedFieldDict of</pre>

```
predict (X) \rightarrow Any
```

transforms the dataset using the underlying unsupervised model

```
DO NOT TRY TO OVERRIDE THIS METHOD.
```

Parameters \mathbf{X} – the dataset to transform (type must be compatible with the sklearn library such as pandas data frames or numpy arrays).

class chariots.ml.sklearn.BaseSKOp(mode: chariots.ml_mde.MLMode, op_callbacks:

= None

Optional[List[chariots.pipelines.callbacks._op_callback.OpCallBack]]

```
Bases: chariots.ml._base_ml_op.BaseMLOp
```

base Op class for all the supervised and unsupervised scikit-learn ops

```
fit (*args, **kwargs)
```

fits the inner model of the op on data (in args and kwargs) this method must not return any data (use the FIT_PREDICT mode to predict on the same data the op was trained on)

```
model_class = None
```

```
model_parameters = <chariots.versioning._versioned_field_dict.VersionedFieldDict objec</pre>
```

```
predict (*args, **kwargs) \rightarrow Any
```

the method used to do predictions/inference once the model has been fitted/loaded

Module that handles all of the Machine learning integration.

This modeule provides helpers for the most popular ML frameworks (sci-kit learn and keras for now) as well as the *BaseMlOp* class to allow you to create Ops for non supported frameworks (or custom algorithms)

```
class chariots.ml.MLMode
Bases: enum.Enum
```

mode in which to put the op (prediction of training) enum

```
FIT = 'fit'
FIT_PREDICT = 'fit_predict'
PREDICT = 'predict'
```

class chariots.ml.BaseMLOp (mode: chariots.ml_ml_mode.MLMode, op_callbacks: Optional[List[chariots.pipelines.callbacks._op_callback.OpCallBack]] = None)

Bases: chariots.pipelines.ops._loadable_op.LoadableOp

an BaseMLOp are ops designed specifically to be machine learning models (whether for training or inference). You can initialize the op in three distinctive *ml mode*:

- FIT for training the model
- PREDICT to perform inference
- FIT_PREDICT to do both (train and predict on the same dataset

the usual workflow is to a have a training and a prediction pipeline. and to:

- execute the training pipeline:
- save the training pipeline
- reload the prediction pipeline
- use the prediction pipeline

here is an example:

first create your pipelines:

```
>>> train = Pipeline([
       Node(IrisFullDataSet(), output_nodes=["x", "y"]),
. . .
        Node (PCAOp (MLMode.FIT_PREDICT), input_nodes=["x"], output_nodes="x
. . .

→transformed"),
       Node(LogisticOp(MLMode.FIT), input_nodes=["x_transformed", "y"])
. . .
... ], 'train')
>>> pred = Pipeline([
       Node (PCAOp (MLMode.PREDICT), input_nodes=["__pipeline_input_"], output_
. . .

→nodes="x_transformed"),

... Node (LogisticOp (MLMode.PREDICT), input_nodes=["x_transformed"], output_

→nodes=['pred']),

       Node(FromArray(), input_nodes=['pred'], output_nodes='__pipeline_output_
. . .
→ ' )
...], 'pred')
```

and then to train your pipelines and make some predictions:

```
>>> response = client.call_pipeline(train)
>>> client.save_pipeline(train)
>>> client.load_pipeline(pred)
>>> response = client.call_pipeline(pred, [[1, 2, 3, 4]])
>>> response.value
[1]
```

If you want to create a new MLOp class (to accommodate an unsupported framework for instance), you need to define:

- how to fit your op with the *fit* method
- how to perform inference with your op with the predict method
- define how to initialize a new model with the _init_model method

and eventually you can change the serializer_cls class attribute to change the serialization format of your model

Parameters op_callbacks – *OpCallbacks objects* to change the behavior of the op by executing some action before or after the op's execution

__init__ (mode: chariots.ml._ml_mode.MLMode, op_callbacks: Optional[List[chariots.pipelines.callbacks._op_callback.OpCallBack]] = None)

Parameters mode – the mode to use when instantiating the op

property allow_version_change

whether or not this op accepts to be loaded with the wrong version. this is usually False but is useful when loading an op for retraining

```
execute (*args, **kwargs)
```

executes the model action that is required (train, test or both depending in what the op was initialized with

abstract fit(*args, **kwargs)

fits the inner model of the op on data (in args and kwargs) this method must not return any data (use the FIT_PREDICT mode to predict on the same data the op was trained on)

load (serialized_object: bytes)

Receives serialize bytes of a newer version of this class and sets the internals of he op accordingly.

Parameters serialized_object – the serialized bytes of this op (as where outputed by the *serialize* method

property mode

the mode this op was instantiated with

property op_version

the version the op uses to pass to the pipeline to identify itself. This differs from the <u>version</u> method in that it can add some information besides the class Fields (for instance last training time for ML Ops)

```
abstract predict (*args, **kwargs) \rightarrow Any
```

the method used to do predictions/inference once the model has been fitted/loaded

```
serialize() \rightarrow bytes
```

serializes the object into bytes (to be persisted with a Saver) to be reloaded in the future (you must ensure the compatibility with the *load* method

Returns the serialized bytes representing this operation

```
serializer_cls
```

alias of chariots.ml.serializers._dill_serializer.DillSerializer

```
training_update_version = 'patch'
```

2.3 chariots Op Store

2.3.1 chariots.savers

Savers are used to persist and reload ops. A saver can be viewed as the basic abstraction of a file system (interprets path) and always has a root path (that represents the path after which the saver will start persisting data).

To use a specific saver, you need to pass it as a parameter of your *OpStoreServer* so that the op_store_client in terms knows how and where to persist your ops

```
>>> my_saver = FileSaver(app_path)
>>> op_store_client = OpStoreServer(my_saver, db_url)
```

For now chariots only provides a basic *FileSaver* and a *GoogleStorageSaver* but there are plans to add more in future releases (in particular to support more cloud service providers such as aws s3).

savers are used to persist and retrieve information about ops, nodes and pipeline (such as versions, persisted versions, datasets, and so on).

to create your own saver, you can subclass the BaseSaver class

class chariots.op_store.savers.FileSaver(root_path: str)
 Bases: chariots.op_store.savers._base_saver.BaseSaver

a saver that persists to the local file system of the machine the Chariots saver is running on.

```
load (path: str) \rightarrow bytes
loads the bytes serialized at a specific path
```

Parameters path – the path to load the bytes from. You should not include the *root_path* of the saver in this path: loading to */foo/bar.txt* on a saver with */my/root/path* as root path will load */my/root/path/foo/bar.txt*

Returns saved bytes

Raises FileNotFoundError – if the file does not exist

save (*serialized_object: bytes, path: str*) \rightarrow bool saves bytes to a specific path.

Parameters

- serialized_object the bytes to persist
- **path** the path to save the bytes to. You should not include the *root_path* of the saver in this path: saving to */foo/bar.txt* on a saver with */my/root/path* as root path will create/update */my/root/path/foo/bar.txt*

Returns whether or not the object was correctly serialized.

Bases: chariots.op_store.savers._base_saver.BaseSaver

saver to persist data mdoels and more to the google storage service.

Parameters

- **root_path** the root path of where to save the data inside the bucket
- bucket a google.could.storage Bucket object to save the data to

__init__ (root_path: str, bucket_name: str, client_kwargs: Optional[Mapping] = None)

load (*path: str*) \rightarrow bytes

loads the bytes serialized at a specific path

Parameters path – the path to load the bytes from. You should not include the *root_path* of the saver in this path: loading to */foo/bar.txt* on a saver with */my/root/path* as root path will load */my/root/path/foo/bar.txt*

Returns saved bytes

Raises FileNotFoundError - if the file does not exist

save (*serialized_object: bytes, path: str*) \rightarrow bool saves bytes to a specific path.

Parameters

- serialized_object the bytes to persist
- **path** the path to save the bytes to. You should not include the *root_path* of the saver in this path: saving to */foo/bar.txt* on a saver with */my/root/path* as root path will create/update */my/root/path/foo/bar.txt*

Returns whether or not the object was correctly serialized.

```
class chariots.op_store.savers.BaseSaver(root_path: str)
Bases: abc.ABC
```

abstraction of a file system used to persist/load assets and ops this can be used on the actual local file system of the machine the *Chariots* server is running or on a bottomless storage service (not implemented, PR welcome)

To create a new Saver class you only need to define the Save and Load behaviors

Parameters root_path – the root path to use when mounting the saver (for instance the base path to use in the the file system when using the *FileSaver*)

__init__(root_path: str)

Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

load (*path: str*) \rightarrow bytes

loads the bytes serialized at a specific path

Parameters path – the path to load the bytes from. You should not include the *root_path* of the saver in this path: loading to */foo/bar.txt* on a saver with */my/root/path* as root path will load */my/root/path/foo/bar.txt*

Returns saved bytes

Raises FileNotFoundError – if the file does not exist

save (*serialized_object: bytes, path: str*) \rightarrow bool saves bytes to a specific path.

Parameters

- serialized_object the bytes to persist
- **path** the path to save the bytes to. You should not include the *root_path* of the saver in this path: saving to */foo/bar.txt* on a saver with */my/root/path* as root path will create/update */my/root/path/foo/bar.txt*

Returns whether or not the object was correctly serialized.

The OpStore is the Component of Chariots that handles persisting and reloading Operations. It also handles keeping track of the different versions of all the Ops that it registers.

As a Chariots user, you will need to setup the OpStore Server (using the OpStoreServer class) and than interact with the OpStore Client. Alternatively You can pass the OpStore client to your Chariots App and use this instead.

class chariots.op_store.OpStoreServer(saver, db_url='sqlite:///:memory:')

The OpStore Server is the server that handles Saving and loading the different ops as well as keeping track of all the existing versions of each op.

To Create a server, you need to provide it with a saver (to know how to persist the Ops) and db_url (a sqlalchemy compatible url for the server to connect to the url)

```
>>> from chariots.op_store import savers
...
>>> saver = savers.FileSaver(saver_path)
>>> op_store_client = OpStoreServer(saver=saver, db_url=my_url)
```

The OpStore is created around a Flask app that you can access through the .flask attribute:

```
>>> op_store_client.flask
<Flask 'OpStoreServer'>
```

You can also access the .*db* and .*migrate* to control the db and potential migration (if newer versions of Chariots change the schema of the OpStore database for instance

Since this is a server, its public methods should not be accessed directly but instead through http (using the op store client)

The OpStore is mostly used by the Pipelines and the nodes at saving time to:

- persist the ops that they have updated
- · register new versions
- register links between different ops and different versions that are valid (for instance this versions of the PCA is valid for this new version of the RandomForest

and at loading time to:

- · check latest available version of an op
- · check if this version is valid with the rest of the pipeline
- recover the bytes of the latest version if it is valid

the OpStore identifies op's by there name (usually a snake case of the Class of your op) so changing this name (or changing the class name) might make it hard to recover the metadata and serialized bytes of the Ops.

Parameters

- **saver** the saver to use to persist the ops.
- **db_url** the URL of the database (where all the versions and pipeline informations are stored)

```
class chariots.op_store.OpStoreClient(url)
```

Bases: chariots.op_store._op_store_client.BaseOpStoreClient

Client used to query the OpStoreServer.

2.4 chariots.workers

module that handles Workers in your Chariots. those allow you to: * execute pipelines in parallel * execute pipelines asynchronously (not blocking the main server process)

This module also provides a default implementation using RQ

```
class chariots.workers.BaseWorkerPool
Bases: abc.ABC
```

BaseWorkerPool is the class you will need to subclass in order to make your own JobQueue system work with Chariots.

In order to do so you will need to create:

- n_workers: a property that informs Chariots of the total number of workers (available as well as in use)
- spawn_worker: a method that creates a new worker
- execute_pipeline_async: a method that executes a pipeline inside one of this Pool's workers.
- get_pipeline_response_json_for_id: a method that to retreieve the json of the *PipelineResponse* if available

```
abstract execute_pipeline_async(pipeline: chariots.Pipeline, pipeline_input: Any, app:
```

chariots.Chariots) \rightarrow str method to execute a pipeline inside of a worker.

Parameters

- **pipeline** the pipeline that needs to be executed inside a worker
- pipeline_input the input to be fed to the pipeline when it gets executed
- **app** the app that this pipeline belongs to

Returns the id string of the job. This id needs to correspond to the one that will get sent to *BaseWorkerPool.get_pipeline_response_json_for_id*

fetches the results from a pipeline that got executed inside a worker. If the results are not available (not done, execution failed, ...), the *PipelineResponse* returned will have the corresponding job status and a None value

Parameters job_id – the id (as outputted from *execute_pipeline_async* of the job to fetch results for)

Returns a jsonified version of the corresponding *PipelineResponse*

```
abstract property n_workers
```

total number of workers in the pool

```
abstract spawn_worker()
create a new worker in the pool
```

a worker pool based on the RQ queue job queues. You will need a functionning redis to use this. This worker pool will allow you to easily paralellize you Chariots app. You can check *the how to guide on workers* to have more info.

To use an RQWorkerPool with your Chariots app, you can do as such.

```
>>> from redis import Redis
>>> from chariots import workers
>>> from chariots.pipelines import PipelinesServer
. . .
. . .
>>> app = PipelinesServer(
        my_pipelines,
. . .
. . .
        op_store_client=op_store_client,
        worker_pool=workers.RQWorkerPool(redis=Redis()),
. . .
        use_workers=True,
. . .
        import_name='app
. . .
...)
```

Parameters

- redis the redis connection that will be used by RQ. overrides any redis_kwargs arguments if present
- redis_kwargs keyword arguments to be passed to the Redis classed constructor. this
 will only be used if the redis argument is unset
- **queue_kwargs** additional keyword arguments that will get passed to the *rq.Queue* object at init be aware that the *connection* and *name* arguments will be overridden.

execute_pipeline_async (*pipeline: chariots.pipelines_pipeline.Pipeline, pipeline_input: Any, app: chariots.pipelines.pipelines_server.PipelinesServer*) \rightarrow str method to execute a pipeline inside of a worker.

Parameters

- **pipeline** the pipeline that needs to be executed inside a worker
- **pipeline_input** the input to be fed to the pipeline when it gets executed
- **app** the app that this pipeline belongs to

Returns the id string of the job. This id needs to correspond to the one that will get sent to *BaseWorkerPool.get_pipeline_response_json_for_id*

fetches the results from a pipeline that got executed inside a worker. If the results are not available (not done, execution failed, ...), the *PipelineResponse* returned will have the corresponding job status and a None value

Parameters job_id – the id (as outputted from *execute_pipeline_async* of the job to fetch results for)

Returns a jsonified version of the corresponding *PipelineResponse*

```
property n_workers
```

total number of workers in the pool

```
spawn_worker()
```

create a new worker in the pool

```
class chariots.workers.JobStatus
```

Bases: enum.Enum

enum of all the possible states a job can be in.

deferred = 'deferred'

```
done = 'done'
failed = 'failed'
from_rq = <bound method JobStatus.from_rq of <enum 'JobStatus'>>
queued = 'queued'
running = 'running'
```

2.5 chariots.versioning

The versioning module provides all the types the Chariot's versioning logic is built around. If you want to know more about the way semantic versioning is handled in Chariots, you can go check out the *guiding principles*.

This module is built around the *VersionableMeta* metaclass. This is a very simple metaclas that adds the __version__ class attribute whenever a new versionable class is created:

```
>>> class MyVersionedClass(metaclass=VersionableMeta):
... pass
>>> MyVersionedClass.__version___
<Version, major:da39a, minor: da39a, patch: da39a>
```

to control the version of your class, you can use VersionedField descriptors:

..doctest:

```
>>> class MyVersionedClass(metaclass=VersionableMeta):
... foo = VersionedField(3, VersionType.MINOR)
>>> MyVersionedClass.__version__
<Version, major:94e72, minor: 36d3c, patch: 94e72>
>>> MyVersionedClass.foo
3
```

and if in a future version of your code, the class attribute changes, the subsequent version will be changed:

..doctest:

```
>>> class MyVersionedClass(metaclass=VersionableMeta):
... foo = VersionedField(5, VersionType.MINOR)
>>> MyVersionedClass.__version__
<Version, major:94e72, minor: 72101, patch: 94e72>
>>> MyVersionedClass.foo
5
```

but this version change only happen when the class is created and not when you change the value of this class attribute during the lifetime of your class:

```
>>> MyVersionedClass.foo = 7
>>> MyVersionedClass.__version__
<Version, major:94e72, minor: 72101, patch: 94e72>
>>> MyVersionedClass.foo
7
```

This module also provides a helper for creating versioned *dict* (where each value of the *dict* acts as a *VersionedField*) with the *VersionedFieldDict* descriptors:

```
>>> class MyVersionedClass (metaclass=VersionableMeta):
       versioned_dict = VersionedFieldDict(VersionType.PATCH, {
. . .
            'foo': 1,
. . .
            'bar': 2,
. . .
            'blu': VersionedField(3, VersionType.MAJOR)
. . .
        })
. . .
>>> MyVersionedClass.__version_
<Version, major:ddf7a, minor: 1b365, patch: 68722>
>>> MyVersionedClass.versioned_dict['foo']
1
>>> class MyVersionedClass (metaclass=VersionableMeta):
      versioned_dict = VersionedFieldDict(VersionType.PATCH, {
. . .
            'foo': 10,
. . .
            'bar': 2,
. . .
            'blu': VersionedField(3, VersionType.MAJOR)
. . .
        })
. . .
>>> MyVersionedClass.__version_
<Version, major:ddf7a, minor: 1b365, patch: 18615>
>>> MyVersionedClass.versioned_dict['foo']
10
>>> class MyVersionedClass (metaclass=VersionableMeta):
     versioned_dict = VersionedFieldDict(VersionType.PATCH, {
. . .
            'foo': 1,
. . .
            'bar': 2,
. . .
            'blu': VersionedField(10, VersionType.MAJOR)
. . .
        })
. . .
>>> MyVersionedClass.__version__
<Version, major:d5abf, minor: 1b365, patch: 68722>
>>> MyVersionedClass.versioned_dict['blu']
10
```

this is for instance used for the model_parameters attribute of the sci-kit learn ops

class chariots.versioning.Version (major: Union[_hashlib.HASH, str, None] = None, minor: Union[_hashlib.HASH, str, None] = None, patch: Union[_hashlib.HASH, str, None] = None, creation_time: Optional[float] = None)

Bases: object

Type of all the different versions used throughout the Chariots framework.

A Chariots version has three subversions (major, minor, patch) each subversion is the hexadecimal representation of the VersionedFields of this version.

two versions are considered equal if all their subversions are the same. A version is considered greater than the other of the other if one or more of it's subversions is different and it has been created later.

you can use the + operation between two version to create a new version. this new version will NOT be the same as creating the new version from the same VersionedFields as the two versions: *version(foo)* + *version(bar)* != *version(foo, bar)*

__init__ (major: Union[_hashlib.HASH, str, None] = None, minor: Union[_hashlib.HASH, str, None] = None, patch: Union[_hashlib.HASH, str, None] = None, creation_time: Optional[float] =

None) ONLY PROVIDE ARGUMENTS IF YOU ARE PARSING A VALID VERSION

Parameters

- major the starting hash of the major version
- minor the starting hash of the minor version
- patch the starting hash of the patch version
- **creation_time** the starting creation time of the version

property creation_time

the time stamp of the creation time of the version

property major

the hash of the major subversion

property minor

the hash of the minor subversion

classmethod parse (*version_string: str*) \rightarrow chariots.versioning._version.Version parses a string representation of a saved version and returns a valid *Version* object

Parameters version_string – the version string to parse (this must come from *str(my_version)* and not *repr(my_version)*

Returns the version represented by the version string

property patch

the hash of the patch subversion

- **update** (*version_type: chariots.versioning_version_type.VersionType, input_bytes: bytes*) \rightarrow chariots.versioning_version.Version
 - updates the corresponding subversion of this version with some bytes

Parameters

- **version_type** the subversion to update
- **input_bytes** the bytes to update the subversion with

Returns the updated version

update_major (*input_bytes: bytes*) \rightarrow chariots.versioning._version.Version updates the major subversion with some bytes

Parameters input_bytes - bytes to update the major subversion with

Returns the updated version

update_minor (*input_bytes: bytes*) → chariots.versioning._version.Version updates the minor subversion with some bytes

Parameters input_bytes - bytes to update the minor subversion with

Returns the updated version

update_patch (*input_bytes: bytes*) \rightarrow chariots.versioning._version.Version updates the patch subversion with some bytes

Parameters input_bytes – bytes to update the patch subversion with

Returns the updated version

```
class chariots.versioning.VersionType
```

Bases: enum.Enum

am enum to give the three subversion types used in the chariots framework

MAJOR = 'major'

MINOR = 'minor'

PATCH = 'patch'

```
class chariots.versioning.VersionedField(value: Any, affected_version: chari-
ots.versioning._version_type.VersionType)
```

Bases: object

a descriptor to mark that a certain class attribute has to be incorporated in a subversion a versioned field is used as a normal class attribute (when gotten it returns the inner value) but is used to generate the version of the class it is used on when said class is created (at import time)

```
>>> class MyVersionedClass(metaclass=VersionableMeta):
... foo = VersionedField(3, VersionType.MINOR)
>>> MyVersionedClass.foo
3
```

Parameters

- **value** the inner value to be given the field which will be returned when you try to get the class attribute
- affected_version the subversion this class attribute has to affect

__init__ (value: Any, affected_version: chariots.versioning._version_type.VersionType) Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

```
class chariots.versioning.VersionedFieldDict(default_version=<VersionType.MAJOR:</pre>
```

'major'>, *args, **kwargs)

Bases: collections.abc.MutableMapping

a versioned field dict acts as a normal dictionary but the values as interpreted as versioned fields when it is a VersionedClass class attribute

__init__ (default_version=<VersionType.MAJOR: 'major'>, *args, **kwargs)
Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

property version_dict

property to retrieve the name of the fields and the Versions associated to each of them :return: the mapping with the key and the version of the value

```
class chariots.versioning.VersionableMeta (clsname, superclasses, attributedict)
```

Bases: type

__init__ (*clsname*, *superclasses*, *attributedict*) Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

2.6 chariots.config

The config module allows you to define all of your Chariot's app configuration in one place. Once this is done, the ChariotsConfiguration will allow you to

- · create all of the necessary servers, workers and have them all work together
- get the clients you want to interact with.

The easiest way to create your config is to use a yaml file with all of the "static" configuration that don't need to be created programmatically. here is an example:

```
op_store:
  op_store_db_url: 'sqlite:///memory:'
  saver_kwargs:
   root_path: /tmp/op_store_test
  saver_type: file-saver
  server_host: localhost
  server_port: 5000
pipelines:
  import_name: test_chariots_pipelines_server
  runner: sequential-runner
  server_host: localhost
  server_port: 80
pipelines_workers:
  use_for_all: true
  worker_pool_kwargs:
   redis_kwargs:
      host: localhost
      port: 8080
  worker_type: rq
```

Once this is done, you can load the configuration using the ChariotsConfig class:

>>> my_config = ChariotsConfiguration('config.yaml')

Once you have loaded the configuration, you can always modify it programatically:

>>> my_config.pipelines_config.pipelines.append(some_pipeline)

You can than get the clients or servers you want to deploy/use:

```
>>> my_config.get_pipelines_server()
>>> my_config.get_op_store_client()
```

The ChariotsConfig is built around three main components:

- The pipelines config
- The op_store config
- · The workers config

```
class chariots.config.ChariotsConfig (config_file=None, pipelines_config: Op-
tional[chariots.config.PipelinesConfig] =
None, pipelines_worker_config: Op-
tional[chariots.config.WorkersConfig]
= None, op_store_config: Op-
tional[chariots.config.OpStoreConfig] = None)
```

Bases: object

full configuration for Chariots. This configuration encapsulates all the other configurations available in Chariots you can either instanciate your Chariots Config using a yaml file.:

```
>>> my_conf = ChariotsConfig('config.yaml')
```

or you can instantite it in pure python:

..doctest:

```
__init__ (config_file=None, pipelines_config: Optional[chariots.config.PipelinesConfig] =
    None, pipelines_worker_config: Optional[chariots.config.WorkersConfig] = None,
    op_store_config: Optional[chariots.config.OpStoreConfig] = None)
```

Parameters

- config_file a file to load the configuration from. If any other arguments are set during the instantiation, the config in the file that portrays to this part of the configuration will be completely overridden (for instance if both *config_file* and *pipelines_config* are set, the configuration under pipelines of the config file will be ignored)
- pipelines_config the pipelines specific configuration.
- pipelines_worker_config the pipelines workers configuration
- op_store_config the pipelines Op Store configuration
- $get_op_store_client() \rightarrow chariots.op_store_op_store_client.OpStoreClient$ gets the op store client as configured by this configuration
- $get_op_store_server() \rightarrow chariots.op_store.op_store.OpStoreServer gets the Op Store server as configured by this configuration$
- $\label{eq:get_pipelines_client()} \begin{array}{l} \rightarrow \mbox{ chariots.pipelines_client.PipelinesClient} \\ \mbox{ gets the pipelines client as configured by this configuration} \end{array}$
- get_pipelines_server () \rightarrow chariots.pipelines.pipelines_server.PipelinesServer gets the pipelines server as configured by this configuration
- get_pipelines_worker_pool() → chariots.workers._base_worker_pool.BaseWorkerPool gets the pipelines workers as configured by this configuration

Bases: object

configuration for the Op Store server and client

Parameters

- server_host the host of the server (where the client should try to contact)
- server_port the port the server should be run at
- **saver_type** the type of saver to be used by the op store to save the serialized ops (this should be a string describing the saver type such as 'file-saver' or 'google-storage-saver'
- **saver_kwargs** additional keyword arguments to be used when instanciating the saver
- **op_store_db_url** the url (sqlalchemy compatibale) to locate the Op Store database
- get_saver() \rightarrow chariots.op_store.savers._base_saver.BaseSaver returns the op_store saver as configured by this OpStoreConfig
- $\label{eq:get_server} \ensuremath{\mathsf{get}_server}() \to chariots.op_store._op_store.OpStoreServer returns the op_store server as configured by this OpStoreConfig$

class chariots.config.PipelinesConfig(runner: Union[str, chariots.pipelines.runners._base_runner.BaseRunner, None] = None, server_host: Optional[str] = None, server_port: Union[str, int, None] = None, pipelines: Optional[List[chariots.pipelines._pipeline.Pipeline]] = None, pipeline_callbacks: Optional[List[chariots.pipelines.callbacks._pipeline_callback.PipelineCallback]] = None, import_name: Optional[str] = None)

Bases: object

Configuration of the pipelines. This mainly describes what and how your pipelines should be run and served

__init__ (runner: Union[str, chariots.pipelines.runners._base_runner.BaseRunner, None] = None, server_host: Optional[str] = None, server_port: Union[str, int, None] = None, pipelines: Optional[List[chariots.pipelines._pipeline.Pipeline]] = None, pipeline_callbacks: Optional[List[chariots.pipelines.callbacks._pipeline_callback.PipelineCallback]] = None, import_name: Optional[str] = None)

Parameters

- **runner** the runner to use to run the instance (both in the main server and in the workers. This should either be A BaseRunner instance or a string describing the type of runner to use ('sequential-runner' for instance
- **server_host** the host of the server (mainly used to create the proper client)
- server_port the port to run the server at
- **pipelines** the pipelines to be present in the pipelines server (this cannot be filled using the config yaml file format and has to be added after loading the file (or at init)

- **pipeline_callbacks** the callbacks to be used accross all the pipelines of the server. This parameter cannot be filled trough the config file and have to be filed programmatically.
- **import_name** the import name of the resulting PipelinesServer
- $get_client() \rightarrow chariots.pipelines.pipelines_client.PipelinesClient creates a PipelinesClient configured according to this configuration$
- **get_runner** () \rightarrow chariots.pipelines.runners._base_runner.BaseRunner creates a runner according to the configuration

Bases: object

the configuration of Chariots Workerpolls

__init__ (use_for_all: bool = False, worker_type: Optional[str] = None, worker_pool_kwargs: Optional[Dict[str, Any]] = None)

Parameters

- **use_for_all** whether or not all the pipelines should be executed asynchronously using workers
- **worker_type** the type of worker pool to use. This should be a string such as 'rq' for instance
- worker_pool_kwargs additional keyword arguments to be passed down to the init of the WorkerPool

 $\label{eq:get_worker_pool} \texttt{get_worker_pool}() \rightarrow chariots.workers._base_worker_pool.BaseWorkerPool get the WorkerPool corresponding to this configuration$

2.7 chariots.cli

Console script for chariots.

2.8 chariots.errors

module with all the custom errors of Chariots

```
exception chariots.errors.BackendError
Bases: ImportError
```

error to be raised in the client when their is a pipeline execution fail

```
exception chariots.errors.VersionError
Bases: TypeError
```

error when their is a non-validated version trying to be executed

```
static handle()
```

handles the error to return the proper error message through HTTP

THREE

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

3.1 Versioning

One of the key principles of Chariots is versioning. This means that Chariots will enforce what we consider to be good versioning practices during the deployment, retraining and updating phases over the lifetime of your your *Chariots* app.

3.1.1 Why Version Machine Learning Pipelines?

You might ask yourself why we would need to version the different models in our ML pipelines. For Kaggle competition I just train my models in order predict on the test set and submit right? Although this workflow works to a certain extent on small production project it can soon become quite a mess.

For instance if you try to build an NLP micro-service in your architecture, you will probably have a unique well performing word embedding model and several other smaller models (intent classifier, POS, ...) that you retrain more often. In this setup you have two choices when it comes to training:

- you can retrain every model in the right order every time you redeploy your micro-service. This is the extension of the Kaggle approach but means you will end up loosing some time retraining unnecessary models (which will slow down your deployment process and cost you in machine time)
- you can trust yourself to know what models need to be retrained and to do it right each time. If you choose to do this you will eventually end up in a mess where you forgot to retrain a classifiers after retraining your embedding model (and your classifier outputting nonsense ...)

Chariots provides you with a third option by enforcing the versioning logic in your pipelines framework. This means that when you try to load (at start up or after a manual retrain) a pipeline, *Chariots* will check that every model has a valid link (has been trained with) to the version of the preceding model and will not load if said valid link is not found

3.1.2 Semantic Versioning in Chariots

Chariots tries to stick to the Semantic Versioning guidelines. This means that all the versions in *Chariots* are comprised of three subversions (Major, Minor, Patch). This also means that the checks chariots makes on versions (described above) will only apply to the major versions (although we plan to make this user customizable in the future).

One major difference between Chariots and traditional Semantic versioning is the use of incremental number. For practical reasons, chariots uses three hashes instead of thee numbers and the ordering of those versions comes from the time stamp of the version.

3.1.3 Version and Pipeline Interactions

In this section we will try to explain in more details how *chariots* creates and updates links between different versions of your models.

Chariots treats each pipeline as a DAG using part of some shared nodes. if we take back our NLP example:

here a link between to nodes of a pipeline represents a valid version meaning that that here all the nodes accept their parent node in the pipeline. However if we retrain our embeddings, our DAGs will look like this:

here there is no valid link between the embedding and the other models (POS and Intent). We than need to retrain and recreate those links:

Once this is done a new version of our POS and intent models have been created and a valid link has been submitted by the training pipelines. when trying to reload the prediction pipelines, those will see this new link and accept the new versions of their nodes.

3.2 Pipelines, Nodes & Ops

The *Chariots* framework is built around three main types that we use to build a *Chariots* server: Pipelines, Nodes and Ops. In this article we will go over those three main building blocks in general terms. You can of course check the *API documentation* to check how to use them technically.

3.2.1 Ops

Ops are the atomic computational unit in the *Chariots* framework, meaning that they are part of a more complete pipeline that couldn't (or at least it wouldn't make sense to) be divided in smaller chunks of instruction. Ops are actually the only types that are versioned in the framework (also nodes have versions that are derived from ops).

For instance a machine learning model will be an Op versioned according to it's several parameters and it's last training time.

Also ops have requirements (in terms of number and types that they receive as arguments to their *execute* method) they are treated as agnostic from the pipeline they are called in (an op can be used in multiple pipelines for instance)

3.2.2 Nodes

Nodes represent a slot in a pipeline meaning. They define the interactions within the pipelines by connecting to their upstream and downstream node(s). Nodes can be built upon Ops ($Node(my_op)$) but not necessarily, for instance DataNodes are opless nodes, moreover ABTesting nodes (feature of the upcoming 0.3 release) would nodes using multiple ops. Another example wound be to use whole pipelines to execute the slot of a node ($Node(my_pipeline)$)

For instance a node would represent the preprocessing slot in a pipeline that you could use Op1 or Op2 to fill that slot (or both in the case of ABTesting).

3.2.3 Pipelines

Pipelines are callable collections of nodes that are exposed to your users through the *Chariots* server (you can also use them directly but it is not the recommended way of using them). They can also be used inside other pipelines to fill in a specific node's slot.

In these few pages, we will discuss the guiding principles and general logic behind the *Chariots* development. These will be theoretical guides to understand the major rationale behind the technical decisions taken in the framework.

As the framework is still in its early stage and evolving quite rapidly, these principles are not yet fully implemented.

FOUR

HOW TO GUIDES

4.1 How to parallelize your Chariots app using workers

Once you have built your app you might want to deploy it using

```
>>> from chariots.pipelines import PipelinesServer
...
...
>>> app = PipelinesServer(
... my_pipelines,
... op_store_client=op_store_client,
... import_name="my_app"
... )
```

but you will soon discover that by default that all the pipeline's are executed in the main server process. This is desirable by default as a lot of your pipeline executions (prediction, preprocessing, ...) are quick enough. However you will probably have a couple pipelines that you need executed asynchronously (not blocking the server process) and/or a different server/machine.

In order to achieve this, Chariots offers a worker api. You can either use the default RQ workers or subclass the *BaseWorkerPool* class in order to create your own worker queue.

4.1.1 Using RQ Worker

RQ is a worker queue based off Redis. To integrate it with your Chariots app. You only need to link Redis to your app as such:

```
>>> from redis import Redis
>>> from chariots import workers, op_store
>>> from chariots.op_store import savers
>>> from chariots.pipelines import PipelinesServer
. . .
. . .
>>> app = PipelinesServer(
       my_pipelines,
. . .
        op_store_client=op_store_client,
. . .
        import_name="my_app",
. . .
        worker_pool=workers.RQWorkerPool(redis=Redis())
. . .
...)
```

you than have several options:

>>> from chariots.testing import TestOpStoreClient

using workers for all the pipelines in the app:

```
>>> from redis import Redis
>>> from chariots import workers
>>> from chariots.pipelines import PipelinesServer
. . .
. . .
>>> app = PipelinesServer(
      my_pipelines,
. . .
        op_store_client=op_store_client,
. . .
        import_name="my_app",
. . .
        worker_pool=workers.RQWorkerPool(redis=Redis()),
. . .
        use_workers=True
. . .
...)
```

using workers for all the calls to a specific pipeline

```
>>> pipeline = Pipeline(use_worker=True, pipeline_nodes=[
... Node(AddOneOp(), input_nodes=["__pipeline_input__"], output_nodes=["added_
... Node(IsOddOp(), input_nodes=["added_number"], output_nodes=["__pipeline_
... Node(IsOddOp(), input_nodes=["added_number"], output_nodes=["__pipeline_
... ], name="async_pipeline")
```

using workers for a specific call

```
>>> with RQWorkerContext():
      response = client.call_pipeline(is_odd_pipeline, 4, use_worker=True)
. . .
      print(response.job_status)
. . .
      time.sleep(5)
. . .
      response = client.fetch_job(response.job_id, is_odd_pipeline)
. . .
      print(response.job_status)
. . .
       print(response.value)
. . .
JobStatus.queued
JobStatus, done
False
```

4.1.2 Creating your Own worker class

If RQ does not suit your needs, you can use another one. To integrate it with Cahriots you will need to subclass the *BaseWorkerPool* class. you can find more information on BaseWorkerPool in the *api docs*

When Will a pipeline be executed in a worker?

As you can see in the Rq code examples, there are three ways to ask for pipelines to be executed in the worker pool:

- at the app level (for all calls to this app)
- at teh pipeline level (for all calls to this pipeline)
- at the request level (for this specific call)

Then if any of these are set to *True* for a call and the others are not specified (left unfilled). The call will be executed in a worker. But if any of those is explicitly set to *False* the call will **not** be executed in a pipeline (regardless of whether the others are set to true or not)

In this section you will find some guides to setup your Chariots app.

TUTORIALS

We have provided a (more coming ...) basic tutorial to demonstrate the basics of the *Chariots* framework and get you going quickly.

5.1 Iris Tutorial

In this beginners tutorial we will build a small *Chariots* server to serve predictions on the famous iris dataset. If you want to see the final result, you can produce it directly using the *chariots new* command (see the *chariots template* for more info).

before starting, we will create a new project by calling the *new* command in the parent directory of where we want our project to be and leave all the default options

chariots new

5.1.1 Ops

we first need to design the individual ops we will build our pipelines from.

Data Ops

First we will need an op that downloads the dataset, so in iris/ops/data_ops/download_iris.py

```
>>> import pandas as pd
>>> from sklearn import datasets
>>> from chariots.pipelines.ops import BaseOp
. . .
. . .
>>> class DownloadIris (BaseOp):
• • •
        def execute(self):
. . .
             iris = datasets.load_iris()
. . .
             df = pd.DataFrame(data=iris['data'], columns=iris['feature_names'])
. . .
            df["target"] = iris["target"]
. . .
             return df
. . .
```

Machine Learning Ops

we will than need to build our various machine learning ops. For this example we will be using a PCA and than a Random Forest in our pipeline. We will place those ops in the *iris.ops.model_ops* subpackage

```
>>> from sklearn.decomposition import PCA
>>> from chariots.versioning import VersionType, VersionedFieldDict
>>> from chariots.ml.sklearn import SKUnsupervisedOp
. . .
. . .
>>> class IrisPCA (SKUnsupervisedOp):
. . .
        model_class = PCA
. . .
        model_parameters = VersionedFieldDict(
. . .
. . .
            VersionType.MAJOR,
             {
. . .
                  "n_components": 2,
. . .
             }
. . .
        )
. . .
```

```
>>> from chariots.versioning import VersionType, VersionedFieldDict
>>> from chariots.ml.sklearn import SKSupervisedOp
>>> from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
...
>>> class IrisRF(SKSupervisedOp):
...
...
model_class = RandomForestClassifier
...
model_parameters = VersionedFieldDict(VersionType.MINOR, {"n_estimators": 5,
...
*/max_depth": 2})
```

Preprocessing Ops

we will not be using preprocessing ops per say but we will need an op that splits our saved dataset between *X* and *y* as otherwise we will not be able to separate the two.

```
>>> from chariots.pipelines.ops import BaseOp
...
...
>>> class XYSplit(BaseOp):
...
def execute(self, df):
... return df.drop('target', axis=1), df.target
```

5.1.2 Pipelines

We will than need to build our pipelines using the nodes we have just created:

Machine Learning Pipelines

We have our op that downloads the dataset. We than need to feed this dataset into our training node properly. We do this by writing a training pipeline.

```
>>> from chariots.pipelines import Pipeline
>>> from chariots.pipelines.nodes import Node
>>> from chariots.ml import MLMode
>>> from chariots.ml.serializers import CSVSerializer
. . .
. . .
>>> train_iris = Pipeline(
      [
. . .
            Node(DownloadIris(), output_nodes="iris_df"),
. . .
            Node(XYSplit(), input_nodes=["iris_df"], output_nodes=["raw_X", "y"]),
. . .
            Node(IrisPCA(MLMode.FIT_PREDICT), input_nodes=["raw_X"],
. . .
                 output_nodes="pca_X"),
. . .
            Node(IrisRF(MLMode.FIT), input_nodes=["pca_X", "y"])
. . .
        ], "train_iris"
. . .
...)
```

Once the models will be trained, we will need to provide a pipeline for serving our models to our users. To do so, we will create a pipeline that takes some user provided values (raws of the iris format) and retruns a prediction to the user:

```
>>> from chariots.pipelines import Pipeline
>>> from chariots.pipelines.nodes import Node
>>> from chariots.ml import MLMode
. . .
. . .
>>> pred_iris = Pipeline(
     ſ
. . .
            Node(IrisPCA(MLMode.PREDICT), input_nodes=["__pipeline_input__"],
. . .
                output_nodes="x_pca"),
. . .
            Node(IrisRF(MLMode.PREDICT), input_nodes=["x_pca"],
. . .
                 output_nodes="pred"),
. . .
      Node(FromArray(), input_nodes=['pred'], output_nodes='__pipeline_output__')
. . .
        ], "pred_iris"
. . .
...)
```

5.1.3 App & Client

Once our pipelines are all done, we will only need to create *Chariots* server to be able to serve our pipeline:

```
>>> from chariots.pipelines import PipelinesServer
...
...
>>> app = PipelinesServer(
... [train_iris, pred_iris],
... op_store_client=op_store_client,
... import_name="iris_app"
... )
```

Once this is done we only need to start our server as we would with any other *Flask* '*app* (*the* '*Chariots* type inherits from the *Flask* class). For instance using the cli in the folder containing our *app.py*:

flask

our server is now running and we can execute our pipelines using the chariots client:

```
>>> from chariots.pipelines import PipelinesClient
...
...
>>> client = PipelinesClient()
...
```

we will need to execute several steps before getting to a prediction:

- · download the dataset
- train the operations
- save the trained machine learning ops
- reload the prediction pipeline (to use the latest/trained version of the machine learning ops)

```
>>> res = client.call_pipeline(train_iris)
>>> client.save_pipeline(train_iris)
>>> client.load_pipeline(pred_iris)
...
>>> res = client.call_pipeline(pred_iris, [[1, 2, 3, 4]])
>>> res.value
[1]
```

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CHARIOTS TEMPLATE

chariots provides a template to create Chariot templates that take care of the boilerplate involved. This template is inspired by the DataScience audreyr/cookiecutter-pypackage and drivendata/cookiecutter-data-science project templates so you may find some similarities

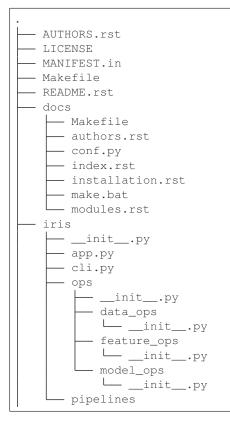
to create a new project, just use

\$ chariots new

you can then follow the prompts to customize your template (if you don't know what to put, follow the defaults). If you want a minimalist example (using the classic iris dataset), you can put *y in the 'use_iris_example* parameter.

6.1 File Structure

the file structure of the project is as follows:



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the *iris* folder (it will take the name of your project) is the main module of the project. It contains three main parts:

- the ops module contains all your Chariot ops. this is where most of the models/preprocessing goes (in their specific subfolders)
- the pipelines module defines the different pipelines of your project
- the app module provides the Chariots app that you can use to deploy your pipeline

the iris_local folder is where the chariots app will be mounted on (to load and save data/models) by default

the notebooks folder is where you can put you exploration and reporting notebooks

6.2 tools

the template provides several tools in order to facilitate development:

a cli interface that include

```
$ my_great_project start
```

to start the server

a makefile to build the doc, clean the project and more and more to come... -

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CONTRIBUTING

Contributions are welcome, and they are greatly appreciated! Every little bit helps, and credit will always be given. You can contribute in many ways:

7.1 Types of Contributions

7.1.1 Report Bugs

Report bugs at https://github.com/aredier/chariots/issues.

If you are reporting a bug, please include:

- Your operating system name and version.
- Any details about your local setup that might be helpful in troubleshooting.
- Detailed steps to reproduce the bug.

7.1.2 Fix Bugs

Look through the GitHub issues for bugs. Anything tagged with "bug" and "help wanted" is open to whoever wants to implement it.

7.1.3 Implement Features

Look through the GitHub issues for features. Anything tagged with "enhancement" and "help wanted" is open to whoever wants to implement it.

7.1.4 Write Documentation

chariots could always use more documentation, whether as part of the official chariots docs, in docstrings, or even on the web in blog posts, articles, and such.

7.1.5 Submit Feedback

The best way to send feedback is to file an issue at https://github.com/aredier/chariots/issues.

If you are proposing a feature:

- Explain in detail how it would work.
- Keep the scope as narrow as possible, to make it easier to implement.
- Remember that this is a volunteer-driven project, and that contributions are welcome :)

7.2 Get Started!

Ready to contribute? Here's how to set up chariots for local development.

- 1. Fork the chariots repo on GitHub.
- 2. Clone your fork locally:

\$ git clone git@github.com:your_name_here/chariots.git

3. Install your local copy into a virtualenv. Assuming you have virtualenvwrapper installed, this is how you set up your fork for local development:

```
$ mkvirtualenv chariots
$ cd chariots/
$ python setup.py develop
```

4. Create a branch for local development:

```
$ git checkout -b name-of-your-bugfix-or-feature
```

Now you can make your changes locally.

5. When you're done making changes, check that your changes pass flake8 and the tests, including testing other Python versions with tox:

```
$ flake8 chariots tests
$ python setup.py test or py.test
$ tox
```

To get flake8 and tox, just pip install them into your virtualenv.

6. Commit your changes and push your branch to GitHub:

```
$ git add .
$ git commit -m "Your detailed description of your changes."
$ git push origin name-of-your-bugfix-or-feature
```

7. Submit a pull request through the GitHub website.

7.3 Pull Request Guidelines

Before you submit a pull request, check that it meets these guidelines:

- 1. The pull request should include tests.
- 2. If the pull request adds functionality, the docs should be updated. Put your new functionality into a function with a docstring, and add the feature to the list in README.rst.
- 3. The pull request should work for Python 2.7, 3.4, 3.5 and 3.6, and for PyPy. Check https://travis-ci.org/aredier/ chariots/pull_requests and make sure that the tests pass for all supported Python versions.

7.4 Tips

To run a subset of tests:

```
$ py.test tests.test_chariots
```

7.5 Deploying

A reminder for the maintainers on how to deploy. Make sure all your changes are committed (including an entry in HISTORY.rst). Then run:

```
$ bumpversion patch # possible: major / minor / patch
$ git push
$ git push --tags
```

Travis will then deploy to PyPI if tests pass.

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8.2 Contributors

None yet. Why not be the first?

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• First release on PyPI.

9.2 0.2.0 (2019-06-15)

- sci-kit learn and keras integration
- multiple outputs per nodes
- project template
- tutorials

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CHARIOTS

chariots aims to be a complete framework to build and deploy versioned machine learning pipelines.

• Documentation: https://chariots.readthedocs.io.

10.1 Getting Started: 30 seconds to Chariots:

You can check the chariots docutemtation for a complete tutorial on getting started with chariots, but here are the essentials:

you can create operations to execute steps in your pipeline:

```
>>> from chariots.sklearn import SKUnsupervisedOp, SKSupervisedOp
>>> from chariots.versioning import VersionType, VersionedFieldDict, VersionedField
>>> from sklearn.decomposition import PCA
>>> from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression
. . .
. . .
>>> class PCAOp (SKUnsupervisedOp):
       training_update_version = VersionType.MAJOR
. . .
        model_parameters = VersionedFieldDict(VersionType.MAJOR, {"n_components": 2})
. . .
        model_class = VersionedField(PCA, VersionType.MAJOR)
. . .
. . .
>>> class LogisticOp (SKSupervisedOp):
       training_update_version = VersionType.PATCH
. . .
        model_class = LogisticRegression
. . .
```

Once your ops are created, you can create your various training and prediction pipelines:

```
>>> from chariots import Pipeline, MLMode
>>> from chariots.nodes import Node
...
...
>>> train = Pipeline([
... Node(IrisFullDataSet(), output_nodes=["x", "y"]),
... Node(PCAOp(MLMode.FIT_PREDICT), input_nodes=["x"], output_nodes="x_transformed
...
...
```

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```
Node(LogisticOp(MLMode.FIT), input_nodes=["x_transformed", "y"])
... ], 'train')
...
>>> pred = Pipeline([
... Node(PCAOp(MLMode.PREDICT), input_nodes=["__pipeline_input__"], output_nodes=
$\implic$"x_transformed"),
... Node(LogisticOp(MLMode.PREDICT), input_nodes=["x_transformed"], output_nodes=[
$\implic$'_pipeline_output__'])
... ], 'pred')
```

Once all your pipelines have been created, deploying them is as easy as creating a *Chariots* object:

```
>>> from chariots import Chariots
...
...
>>> app = Chariots([train, pred], app_path, import_name='iris_app')
```

The Chariots class inherits from the Flask class so you can deploy this the same way you would any flask application

Once this the server is started, you can use the chariots client to query your machine learning micro-service from python:

```
>>> from chariots import Client
...
...
>>> client = Client()
```

with this client we will be

- training the models
- saving them and reloading the prediction pipeline (so that it uses the latest/trained version of our models)
- · query some prediction

```
>>> client.call_pipeline(train)
>>> client.save_pipeline(train)
>>> client.load_pipeline(pred)
>>> client.call_pipeline(pred, [[1, 2, 3, 4]])
[1]
```

10.2 Features

- · versionable individual op
- easy pipeline building
- · easy pipelines deployment
- ML utils (implementation of ops for most popular ML libraries with adequate *Versionedfield*) for sklearn and keras at first
- A CookieCutter template to properly structure your Chariots project

10.3 Comming Soon

Some key features of Chariot are still in development and should be coming soon:

- Cloud integration (integration with cloud services to fetch and load models from)
- Graphql API to store and load information on different ops and pipelines (performance monitoring, ...)
- ABTesting

10.4 Credits

This package was created with Cookiecutter and the audreyr/cookiecutter-pypackage project template. audreyr/cookiecutter-pypackage's project is also the basis of the Chariiots project template

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