Org-mode and julia: an introduction

G. Jay Kerns

February 28, 2013

Contents

1	What you need to get started	2
	1.1 Julia	2
	1.2 Add-on packages	2
	1.3 Org-mode	3
	1.4 ESS - Emacs Speaks Statistics	4
2	Prerequisites	4
	2.1 Org-mode	4
	2.2 ESS	4
	2.3 julia	4
3	Interactive session evaluation	4
4	Evaluation inside the Org buffer	4
	4.1 :results value	4
	4.2 :results output	4
5	Graphics	4
	5.1 Plotting with Winston	5
	5.2 Plotting with Gadfly	6
6	Exporting to other formats	7
	6.1 LATEX	7
	6.2 HTML	7
	6.3 Beamer	7
7	Other things	7

One of the reasons for this document is that I wanted to make it easier to get acquainted with julia.

1 What you need to get started

This document assumes you have at least a passing familiarity with Orgmode and Emacs keybindings.

```
(load "/path/to/ob-julia.el")
(org-babel-julia-initiate-session "*julia*" nil)
```

Note: a lot of the code blocks below have the header argument :eval no-export which means that the code block can be evaluated interactively in this session by C-c C-c with point in the code block but will not be evaluated during export. The reason is that those blocks have settings which conflict with my current setup but would be useful for others going through this document.

1.1 Julia

- First install takes the longest, later updates not so bad.
- all the dependencies

1.2 Add-on packages

Based on The State of Statistics in Julia by John Myles White.

Pkg.add("RDatasets")

1. Winston

The most stable and fully featured of the julia graphics packages at the time of this writing appears to be the Winston package, among alternatives including Gadfly.

```
Pkg.add("Winston")
```

The Winston package has lots of dependencies and many of them must be built from source (on Ubuntu).

2. Gadfly

```
Pkg.add("Gadfly")
```

• packages take a lot longer to load than R

1.3 Org-mode

This document assumes that you have at least a passing familiarity with org-mode such that you likely have something like the following already in your .emacs:

```
(require 'org)
```

Another handy setting to have is

```
(setq org-confirm-babel-evaluate nil)
```

In order to run this org file you will need to load ob-julia.el at some point. One way is to edit the following code block and then C-c C-c with point inside the block:

```
(load "/path/to/ob-julia.el")
(org-babel-julia-initiate-session "*julia*" nil)
```

The first command loads the ob-julia.el file and the second initiates a julia session in a buffer called *julia*. An alternative method is to put the following in your .emacs (these should go below the (require 'org) line):

```
(add-to-list 'load-path "/path/to/ob-julia.el")
(org-babel-do-load-languages
  'org-babel-load-languages
  '((emacs-lisp . t)
      (julia . t)))
```

The following lines (either here or in your .emacs) allow for inline image display in the Emacs buffer.

```
(add-hook 'org-babel-after-execute-hook 'org-display-inline-images)
(add-hook 'org-mode-hook 'org-display-inline-images)
```

If you'd like to do LATEX export then put the following in your emacs.

```
(require 'ox-latex)
(require 'ox-beamer)
```

1.4 ESS - Emacs Speaks Statistics

The place to get the latest version of ESS is here.

```
(add-to-list 'load-path "/path/to/ESS/lisp")
(require 'ess-site)
(setq inferior-julia-program-name "/path/to/julia-release-basic")
```

2 Prerequisites

- 2.1 Org-mode
- 2.2 ESS
- 2.3 julia

3 Interactive session evaluation

This is about ESS.

4 Evaluation inside the Org buffer

- 4.1 :results value
- 4.2 :results output

5 Graphics

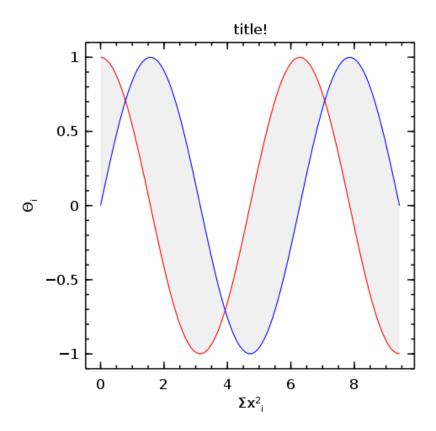
The most stable and fully featured of the julia graphics packages at the time of this writing appears to be the Winston package, among alternatives including Gadfly.

Pkg.add("Winston")

The Winston package has lots of dependencies and many of them must be built from source (on Ubuntu).

5.1 Plotting with Winston

```
using Winston
x = linspace(0, 3pi, 100)
c = cos(x)
s = sin(x)
p = FramedPlot();
setattr(p, "title", "title!")
setattr(p, "xlabel", L"\Sigma x^2_i")
setattr(p, "ylabel", L"\Theta_i")
add(p, FillBetween(x, c, x, s) )
add(p, Curve(x, c, "color", "red") )
add(p, Curve(x, s, "color", "blue") )
file(p, "example1.png")
```



5.2 Plotting with Gadfly

```
using RDatasets
using Gadfly
using Compose
iris = data("datasets", "iris")
p = plot(iris, {:x => "Sepal.Length", :y => "Sepal.Width"}, Geom.point);
SVG("iris_plot.svg", 6inch, 4inch)
```

6 Exporting to other formats

- 6.1 LATEX
- 6.2 HTML
- 6.3 Beamer

7 Other things

- empty lines in output for semicoloned lines
- need to start session first
- when :results value be careful because of readcsy
 - characters
 - 1x1 matrix

8 Fitting (generalized) linear models

```
using RDatasets, DataFrames, Distributions, GLM
trees = data("datasets", "trees");
treeslm = lm(:(Girth ~ Height + Volume), trees);
coef(treeslm)
coeftable(treeslm)
Warning: New definition show(Any,LmMod) is ambiguous with show(IO,ANY) at show.jl:6.
         Make sure show(IO,LmMod) is defined first.
Warning: New definition show(Any,GlmMod) is ambiguous with show(IO,ANY) at show.jl:6.
         Make sure show(IO,GlmMod) is defined first.
WARNING: strcat is deprecated, use string instead.
WARNING: qrd is deprecated, use qrfact instead.
3-element Float64 Array:
 10.8164
 -0.0454835
  0.19518
3x4 DataFrame:
          Estimate Std.Error t value
                                        Pr(>|t|)
[1,]
           10.8164
                      1.9732 5.48165 7.44691e-6
[2,]
        -0.0454835 0.0282621 -1.60935
                                        0.118759
[3,]
           0.19518 0.0109553 17.8161 8.2233e-17
```