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`Qlib` is an AI-oriented quantitative investment platform, which aims to realize the potential, empower the research, and create the value of AI technologies in quantitative investment.

1.1 Qlib: Quantitative Platform

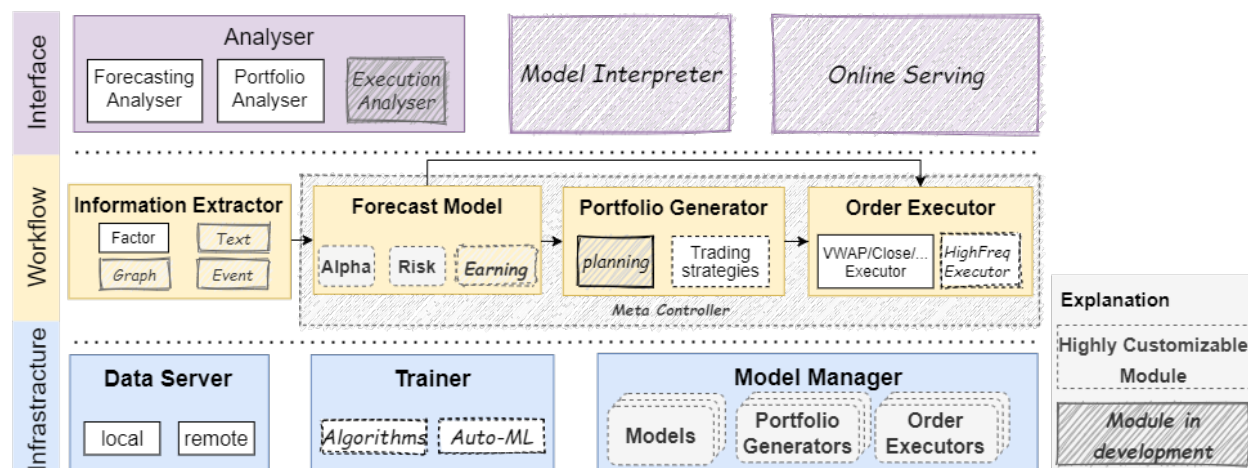
1.1.1 Introduction



Qlib is an AI-oriented quantitative investment platform, which aims to realize the potential, empower the research, and create the value of AI technologies in quantitative investment.

With Qlib, users can easily try their ideas to create better Quant investment strategies.

1.1.2 Framework



At the module level, Qlib is a platform that consists of above components. The components are designed as loose-coupled modules and each component could be used stand-alone.

Name	Description
<i>Infrastructure layer</i>	<i>Infrastructure</i> layer provides underlying support for Quant research. <i>DataService</i> provides high-performance infrastructure for users to manage and retrieve raw data. <i>Trainer</i> provides flexible interface to control the training process of models which enable algorithms controlling the training process.
<i>Workflow layer</i>	<i>Workflow</i> layer covers the whole workflow of quantitative investment. <i>Information Extractor</i> extracts data for models. <i>Forecast Model</i> focuses on producing all kinds of forecast signals (e.g. <code>_alpha_</code> , risk) for other modules. With these signals <i>Portfolio Generator</i> will generate the target portfolio and produce orders to be executed by <i>Order Executor</i> .
<i>Interface layer</i>	<i>Interface</i> layer tries to present a user-friendly interface for the underlying system. <i>Analyser</i> module will provide users detailed analysis reports of forecasting signals, portfolios and execution results

- The modules with hand-drawn style are under development and will be released in the future.
- The modules with dashed borders are highly user-customizable and extendible.

1.2 Quick Start

1.2.1 Introduction

This `Quick Start` guide tries to demonstrate

- It's very easy to **build a complete Quant research workflow** and try users' ideas with Qlib.
- Though with public data and simple models, machine learning technologies work very well in practical Quant investment.

1.2.2 Installation

Users can easily install Qlib according to the following steps:

- Before installing `Qlib` from source, users need to install some dependencies:
- Clone the repository and install `Qlib`

To know more about *installation*, please refer to [Qlib Installation](#).

1.2.3 Prepare Data

Load and prepare data by running the following code:

This dataset is created by public data collected by crawler scripts in `scripts/data_collector/`, which have been released in the same repository. Users could create the same dataset with it.

To know more about *prepare data*, please refer to [Data Preparation](#).

1.2.4 Auto Quant Research Workflow

`Qlib` provides a tool named `qrun` to run the whole workflow automatically (including building dataset, training models, backtest and evaluation). Users can start an auto quant research workflow and have a graphical reports analysis according to the following steps:

- **Quant Research Workflow:**
 - Run `qrun` with a config file of the LightGBM model `workflow_config_lightgbm.yaml` as following.
 - **Workflow result** The result of `qrun` is as follows, which is also the typical result of Forecast model (alpha). Please refer to [Intraday Trading](#), for more details about the result.

		risk
excess_return_without_cost	mean	0.000605
	std	0.005481
	annualized_return	0.152373
	information_ratio	1.751319
	max_drawdown	-0.059055
excess_return_with_cost	mean	0.000410
	std	0.005478
	annualized_return	0.103265
	information_ratio	1.187411
	max_drawdown	-0.075024

To know more about *workflow* and *qrun*, please refer to [Workflow: Workflow Management](#).

- **Graphical Reports Analysis:**
 - **Run `examples/workflow_by_code.ipynb` with jupyter notebook** Users can have portfolio analysis or prediction score (model prediction) analysis by run `examples/workflow_by_code.ipynb`.
 - **Graphical Reports** Users can get graphical reports about the analysis, please refer to [Analysis: Evaluation & Results Analysis](#) for more details.

1.2.5 Custom Model Integration

Qlib provides a batch of models (such as `lightGBM` and `MLP` models) as examples of `Forecast Model`. In addition to the default model, users can integrate their own custom models into Qlib. If users are interested in the custom model, please refer to [Custom Model Integration](#).

1.3 Installation

1.3.1 Qlib Installation

Note: Qlib supports both *Windows* and *Linux*. It's recommended to use Qlib in *Linux*. Qlib supports Python3, which is up to Python3.8.

Users can easily install Qlib by pip according to the following command:

```
pip install pyqlib
```

Also, Users can install Qlib by the source code according to the following steps:

- Enter the root directory of Qlib, in which the file `setup.py` exists.
- Then, please execute the following command to install the environment dependencies and install Qlib:

```
$ pip install numpy
$ pip install --upgrade cython
$ git clone https://github.com/microsoft/qlib.git && cd qlib
$ python setup.py install
```

Note: It's recommended to use *anaconda/miniconda* to setup the environment. Qlib needs *lightgbm* and *pytorch* packages, use *pip* to install them.

Use the following code to make sure the installation successful:

```
>>> import qlib
>>> qlib.__version__
<LATEST VERSION>
```

1.4 Qlib Initialization

1.4.1 Initialization

Please follow the steps below to initialize Qlib.

Download and prepare the Data: execute the following command to download stock data. Please pay *attention* that the data is collected from [Yahoo Finance](#) and the data might not be perfect. We recommend users to prepare their own data if they have high-quality datasets. Please refer to [Data](#) for more information about customized dataset.

```
python scripts/get_data.py qlib_data --target_dir ~/.qlib/qlib_data/cn_data -
↪-region cn
```

Please refer to [Data Preparation](#) for more information about `get_data.py`,

Initialize Qlib before calling other APIs: run following code in python.

```
import qlib
# region in [REG_CN, REG_US]
from qlib.config import REG_CN
provider_uri = "~/.qlib/qlib_data/cn_data" # target_dir
qlib.init(provider_uri=provider_uri, region=REG_CN)
```

Note: Do not import qlib package in the repository directory of Qlib, otherwise, errors may occur.

Parameters

Besides `provider_uri` and `region`, `qlib.init` has other parameters. The following are several important parameters of `qlib.init`:

- **`provider_uri`** Type: str. The URI of the Qlib data. For example, it could be the location where the data loaded by `get_data.py` are stored.
- **`region`**

Type: str, optional parameter(default: `qlib.config.REG_CN`). Currently: `qlib.config.REG_US` ('us') and `qlib.config.REG_CN` ('cn') is supported. Different value of `region` will result in different stock market mode. - `qlib.config.REG_US`: US stock market. - `qlib.config.REG_CN`: China stock market.

Different modes will result in different trading limitations and costs.

- **`redis_host`**
Type: str, optional parameter(default: "127.0.0.1"), host of redis The lock and cache mechanism relies on redis.
- **`redis_port`** Type: int, optional parameter(default: 6379), port of `redis`

Note: The value of `region` should be aligned with the data stored in `provider_uri`. Currently, `scripts/get_data.py` only provides China stock market data. If users want to use the US stock market data, they should prepare their own US-stock data in `provider_uri` and switch to US-stock mode.

Note: If Qlib fails to connect redis via `redis_host` and `redis_port`, cache mechanism will not be used! Please refer to [Cache](#) for details.

- **`exp_manager`** Type: dict, optional parameter, the setting of `experiment manager` to be used in qlib. Users can specify an experiment manager class, as well as the tracking URI for all the experiments. However, please be aware that we only support input of a dictionary in the following style for `exp_manager`. For more information about `exp_manager`, users can refer to [Recorder: Experiment Management](#).

```
# For example, if you want to set your tracking_uri to a <specific folder>, ↵
↵you can initialize qlib below
qlib.init(provider_uri=provider_uri, region=REG_CN, exp_manager= {
    "class": "MLflowExpManager",
    "module_path": "qlib.workflow.expm",
    "kwargs": {
        "uri": "python_execution_path/mlruns",
        "default_exp_name": "Experiment",
    }
})
```

1.5 Data Retrieval

1.5.1 Introduction

Users can get stock data with QLib. The following examples demonstrate the basic user interface.

1.5.2 Examples

QLib Initialization:

Note: In order to get the data, users need to initialize QLib with *qlib.init* first. Please refer to [initialization](#).

If users followed steps in [initialization and downloaded the data](#), they should use the following code to initialize qlib

```
>> import qlib
>> qlib.init(provider_uri='~/qlib/qlib_data/cn_data')
```

Load trading calendar with given time range and frequency:

```
>> from qlib.data import D
>> D.calendar(start_time='2010-01-01', end_time='2017-12-31', freq='day')[:2]
[Timestamp('2010-01-04 00:00:00'), Timestamp('2010-01-05 00:00:00')]
```

Parse a given market name into a stock pool config:

```
>> from qlib.data import D
>> D.instruments(market='all')
{'market': 'all', 'filter_pipe': []}
```

Load instruments of certain stock pool in the given time range:

```
>> from qlib.data import D
>> instruments = D.instruments(market='csi300')
>> D.list_instruments(instruments=instruments, start_time='2010-01-01', end_time=
↵'2017-12-31', as_list=True)[:6]
['SH600036', 'SH600110', 'SH600087', 'SH600900', 'SH600089', 'SZ000912']
```

Load dynamic instruments from a base market according to a name filter

```
>> from qlib.data import D
>> from qlib.data.filter import NameDFilter
>> nameDFilter = NameDFilter(name_rule_re='SH[0-9]{4}55')
>> instruments = D.instruments(market='csi300', filter_pipe=[nameDFilter])
>> D.list_instruments(instruments=instruments, start_time='2015-01-01', end_time=
↳ '2016-02-15', as_list=True)
['SH600655', 'SH601555']
```

Load dynamic instruments from a base market according to an expression filter

```
>> from qlib.data import D
>> from qlib.data.filter import ExpressionDFilter
>> expressionDFilter = ExpressionDFilter(rule_expression='$close>2000')
>> instruments = D.instruments(market='csi300', filter_pipe=[expressionDFilter])
>> D.list_instruments(instruments=instruments, start_time='2015-01-01', end_time=
↳ '2016-02-15', as_list=True)
['SZ0000651', 'SZ000002', 'SH600655', 'SH600570']
```

For more details about filter, please refer [Filter API](#).

Load features of certain instruments in a given time range:

```
>> from qlib.data import D
>> instruments = ['SH600000']
>> fields = ['$close', '$volume', 'Ref($close, 1)', 'Mean($close, 3)', '$high-$low']
>> D.features(instruments, fields, start_time='2010-01-01', end_time='2017-12-31',
↳ freq='day').head()
```

			\$close	\$volume	Ref(\$close, 1)	Mean(\$close, 3)	\$high-
↳ \$low							
instrument	datetime						
SH600000	2010-01-04	86.778313	16162960.0	88.825928	88.061483	↳	
↳ 2.907631							
	2010-01-05	87.433578	28117442.0	86.778313	87.679273	↳	
↳ 3.235252							
	2010-01-06	85.713585	23632884.0	87.433578	86.641825	↳	
↳ 1.720009							
	2010-01-07	83.788803	20813402.0	85.713585	85.645322	↳	
↳ 3.030487							
	2010-01-08	84.730675	16044853.0	83.788803	84.744354	↳	
↳ 2.047623							

Load features of certain stock pool in a given time range:

Note: With cache enabled, the qlib data server will cache data all the time for the requested stock pool and fields, it may take longer to process the request for the first time than that without cache. But after the first time, requests with the same stock pool and fields will hit the cache and be processed faster even the requested time period changes.

```
>> from qlib.data import D
>> from qlib.data.filter import NameDFilter, ExpressionDFilter
>> nameDFilter = NameDFilter(name_rule_re='SH[0-9]{4}55')
>> expressionDFilter = ExpressionDFilter(rule_expression='$close>Ref($close,1)')
>> instruments = D.instruments(market='csi300', filter_pipe=[nameDFilter,
↳ expressionDFilter])
>> fields = ['$close', '$volume', 'Ref($close, 1)', 'Mean($close, 3)', '$high-$low']
>> D.features(instruments, fields, start_time='2010-01-01', end_time='2017-12-31',
↳ freq='day').head()
```

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			\$close	\$volume	Ref(\$close, 1)	Mean(\$close, 3)
↪\$high-\$low	instrument	datetime				
	SH600655	2010-01-04	2699.567383	158193.328125	2619.070312	2626.
↪097738	124.580566	2010-01-08	2612.359619	77501.406250	2584.567627	2623.
↪220133	83.373047	2010-01-11	2712.982422	160852.390625	2612.359619	2636.
↪636556	146.621582	2010-01-12	2788.688232	164587.937500	2712.982422	2704.
↪676758	128.413818	2010-01-13	2790.604004	145460.453125	2788.688232	2764.
↪091553	128.413818					

For more details about features, please refer [Feature API](#).

Note: When calling *D.features()* at the client, use parameter *disk_cache=0* to skip dataset cache, use *disk_cache=1* to generate and use dataset cache. In addition, when calling at the server, users can use *disk_cache=2* to update the dataset cache.

1.5.3 API

To know more about how to use the Data, go to API Reference: [Data API](#)

1.6 Custom Model Integration

1.6.1 Introduction

Qlib's *Model Zoo* includes models such as LightGBM, MLP, LSTM, etc.. These models are examples of Forecast Model. In addition to the default models Qlib provide, users can integrate their own custom models into Qlib.

Users can integrate their own custom models according to the following steps.

- Define a custom model class, which should be a subclass of the `qlib.model.base.Model`.
- Write a configuration file that describes the path and parameters of the custom model.
- Test the custom model.

1.6.2 Custom Model Class

The Custom models need to inherit `qlib.model.base.Model` and override the methods in it.

- **Override the `__init__` method**
 - Qlib passes the initialized parameters to the `__init__` method.
 - The hyperparameters of model in the configuration must be consistent with those defined in the `__init__` method.
 - Code Example: In the following example, the hyperparameters of model in the configuration file should contain parameters such as `loss:mse`.

```
def __init__(self, loss='mse', **kwargs):
    if loss not in {'mse', 'binary'}:
        raise NotImplementedError
    self._scorer = mean_squared_error if loss == 'mse' else roc_auc_score
    self._params.update(objective=loss, **kwargs)
    self._model = None
```

- **Override the *fit* method**

- QLib calls the fit method to train the model.
- The parameters must include training feature *dataset*, which is designed in the interface.
- The parameters could include some *optional* parameters with default values, such as `num_boost_round = 1000` for *GBDT*.
- Code Example: In the following example, `num_boost_round = 1000` is an optional parameter.

```
def fit(self, dataset: DatasetH, num_boost_round = 1000, **kwargs):

    # prepare dataset for lgb training and evaluation
    df_train, df_valid = dataset.prepare(
        ["train", "valid"], col_set=["feature", "label"], data_
        ↪key=DataHandlerLP.DK_L
    )
    x_train, y_train = df_train["feature"], df_train["label"]
    x_valid, y_valid = df_valid["feature"], df_valid["label"]

    # Lightgbm need 1D array as its label
    if y_train.values.ndim == 2 and y_train.values.shape[1] == 1:
        y_train, y_valid = np.squeeze(y_train.values), np.squeeze(y_valid.
        ↪values)
    else:
        raise ValueError("LightGBM doesn't support multi-label training")

    dtrain = lgb.Dataset(x_train.values, label=y_train)
    dvalid = lgb.Dataset(x_valid.values, label=y_valid)

    # fit the model
    self.model = lgb.train(
        self.params,
        dtrain,
        num_boost_round=num_boost_round,
        valid_sets=[dtrain, dvalid],
        valid_names=["train", "valid"],
        early_stopping_rounds=early_stopping_rounds,
        verbose_eval=verbose_eval,
        evals_result=evals_result,
        **kwargs
    )
```

- **Override the *predict* method**

- The parameters must include the parameter *dataset*, which will be used to get the test dataset.
- Return the *prediction score*.
- Please refer to [Model API](#) for the parameter types of the fit method.
- Code Example: In the following example, users need to use *LightGBM* to predict the label(such as *preds*) of test data *x_test* and return it.

```
def predict(self, dataset: DatasetH, **kwargs) -> pandas.Series:
    if self.model is None:
        raise ValueError("model is not fitted yet!")
    x_test = dataset.prepare("test", col_set="feature", data_
↪key=DataHandlerLP.DK_I)
    return pd.Series(self.model.predict(x_test.values), index=x_test.index)
```

- **Override the *finetune* method (Optional)**

- This method is optional to the users, and when users one to use this method on their own models, they should inherit the `ModelFT` base class, which includes the interface of *finetune*.
- The parameters must include the parameter *dataset*.
- Code Example: In the following example, users will use *LightGBM* as the model and finetune it.

```
def finetune(self, dataset: DatasetH, num_boost_round=10, verbose_eval=20):
    # Based on existing model and finetune by train more rounds
    dtrain, _ = self._prepare_data(dataset)
    self.model = lgb.train(
        self.params,
        dtrain,
        num_boost_round=num_boost_round,
        init_model=self.model,
        valid_sets=[dtrain],
        valid_names=["train"],
        verbose_eval=verbose_eval,
    )
```

1.6.3 Configuration File

The configuration file is described in detail in the [Workflow](#) document. In order to integrate the custom model into QLib, users need to modify the “model” field in the configuration file. The configuration describes which models to use and how we can initialize it.

- Example: The following example describes the *model* field of configuration file about the custom lightgbm model mentioned above, where *module_path* is the module path, *class* is the class name, and *args* is the hyper-parameter passed into the `__init__` method. All parameters in the field is passed to *self.params* by ***kwargs* in `__init__` except *loss = mse*.

```
model:
    class: LGBModel
    module_path: qlib.contrib.model.gbd
    args:
        loss: mse
        colsample_bytree: 0.8879
        learning_rate: 0.0421
        subsample: 0.8789
        lambda_l1: 205.6999
        lambda_l2: 580.9768
        max_depth: 8
        num_leaves: 210
        num_threads: 20
```

Users could find configuration file of the baselines of the Model in `examples/benchmarks`. All the configurations of different models are listed under the corresponding model folder.

1.6.4 Model Testing

Assuming that the configuration file is `examples/benchmarks/LightGBM/workflow_config_lightgbm.yaml`, users can run the following command to test the custom model:

```
cd examples # Avoid running program under the directory contains `qlib`
qrun benchmarks/LightGBM/workflow_config_lightgbm.yaml
```

Note: `qrun` is a built-in command of `Qlib`.

Also, `Model` can also be tested as a single module. An example has been given in `examples/workflow_by_code.ipynb`.

1.6.5 Reference

To know more about `Forecast Model`, please refer to [Forecast Model: Model Training & Prediction](#) and [Model API](#).

1.7 Workflow: Workflow Management

1.7.1 Introduction

The components in `Qlib Framework` are designed in a loosely-coupled way. Users could build their own Quant research workflow with these components like [Example](#).

Besides, `Qlib` provides more user-friendly interfaces named `qrun` to automatically run the whole workflow defined by configuration. Running the whole workflow is called an *execution*. With `qrun`, user can easily start an *execution*, which includes the following steps:

- **Data**
 - Loading
 - Processing
 - Slicing
- **Model**
 - Training and inference
 - Saving & loading
- **Evaluation**
 - Forecast signal analysis
 - Backtest

For each *execution*, `Qlib` has a complete system to tracking all the information as well as artifacts generated during training, inference and evaluation phase. For more information about how `Qlib` handles this, please refer to the related document: [Recorder: Experiment Management](#).

1.7.2 Complete Example

Before getting into details, here is a complete example of `qrun`, which defines the workflow in typical Quant research. Below is a typical config file of `qrun`.

```
qlib_init:
  provider_uri: "~/qlib/qlib_data/cn_data"
  region: cn
market: &market csi300
benchmark: &benchmark SH000300
data_handler_config: &data_handler_config
  start_time: 2008-01-01
  end_time: 2020-08-01
  fit_start_time: 2008-01-01
  fit_end_time: 2014-12-31
  instruments: *market
port_analysis_config: &port_analysis_config
  strategy:
    class: TopkDropoutStrategy
    module_path: qlib.contrib.strategy.strategy
    kwargs:
      topk: 50
      n_drop: 5
  backtest:
    verbose: False
    limit_threshold: 0.095
    account: 100000000
    benchmark: *benchmark
    deal_price: close
    open_cost: 0.0005
    close_cost: 0.0015
    min_cost: 5
task:
  model:
    class: LGBModel
    module_path: qlib.contrib.model.gbdt
    kwargs:
      loss: mse
      colsample_bytree: 0.8879
      learning_rate: 0.0421
      subsample: 0.8789
      lambda_l1: 205.6999
      lambda_l2: 580.9768
      max_depth: 8
      num_leaves: 210
      num_threads: 20
  dataset:
    class: DatasetH
    module_path: qlib.data.dataset
    kwargs:
      handler:
        class: Alpha158
        module_path: qlib.contrib.data.handler
        kwargs: *data_handler_config
      segments:
        train: [2008-01-01, 2014-12-31]
        valid: [2015-01-01, 2016-12-31]
        test: [2017-01-01, 2020-08-01]
```

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record:
  - class: SignalRecord
    module_path: qlib.workflow.record_temp
    kwargs: {}
  - class: PortAnaRecord
    module_path: qlib.workflow.record_temp
    kwargs:
      config: *port_analysis_config

```

After saving the config into *configuration.yaml*, users could start the workflow and test their ideas with a single command below.

```
qrun configuration.yaml
```

If users want to use *qrun* under debug mode, please use the following command:

```
python -m pdb qlib/workflow/cli.py examples/benchmarks/LightGBM/workflow_config_
↪lightgbm_Alpha158.yaml
```

Note: *qrun* will be placed in your \$PATH directory when installing Qlib.

Note: The symbol & in *yaml* file stands for an anchor of a field, which is useful when another fields include this parameter as part of the value. Taking the configuration file above as an example, users can directly change the value of *market* and *benchmark* without traversing the entire configuration file.

1.7.3 Configuration File

Let's get into details of *qrun* in this section.

Before using *qrun*, users need to prepare a configuration file. The following content shows how to prepare each part of the configuration file.

Qlib Init Section

At first, the configuration file needs to contain several basic parameters which will be used for qlib initialization.

```

provider_uri: "~/qlib/qlib_data/cn_data"
region: cn

```

The meaning of each field is as follows:

- **provider_uri** Type: str. The URI of the Qlib data. For example, it could be the location where the data loaded by *get_data.py* are stored.
- **region**
 - If *region* == "us", Qlib will be initialized in US-stock mode.
 - If *region* == "cn", Qlib will be initialized in china-stock mode.

Note: The value of *region* should be aligned with the data stored in *provider_uri*.

Task Section

The *task* field in the configuration corresponds to a *task*, which contains the parameters of three different subsections: *Model*, *Dataset* and *Record*.

Model Section

In the *task* field, the *model* section describes the parameters of the model to be used for training and inference. For more information about the base `Model` class, please refer to [Qlib Model](#).

```
model:
  class: LGBModel
  module_path: qlib.contrib.model.gbd
  kwargs:
    loss: mse
    colsample_bytree: 0.8879
    learning_rate: 0.0421
    subsample: 0.8789
    lambda_l1: 205.6999
    lambda_l2: 580.9768
    max_depth: 8
    num_leaves: 210
    num_threads: 20
```

The meaning of each field is as follows:

- *class* Type: str. The name for the model class.
- *module_path* Type: str. The path for the model in qlib.
- *kwargs* The keywords arguments for the model. Please refer to the specific model implementation for more information: [models](#).

Note: Qlib provides a util named: `init_instance_by_config` to initialize any class inside Qlib with the configuration includes the fields: *class*, *module_path* and *kwargs*.

Dataset Section

The *dataset* field describes the parameters for the `Dataset` module in Qlib as well those for the module `DataHandler`. For more information about the `Dataset` module, please refer to [Qlib Model](#).

The keywords arguments configuration of the `DataHandler` is as follows:

```
data_handler_config: &data_handler_config
  start_time: 2008-01-01
  end_time: 2020-08-01
  fit_start_time: 2008-01-01
  fit_end_time: 2014-12-31
  instruments: *market
```

Users can refer to the document of [DataHandler](#) for more information about the meaning of each field in the configuration.

Here is the configuration for the `Dataset` module which will take care of data preprocessing and slicing during the training and testing phase.

```
dataset:
  class: DatasetH
  module_path: qlib.data.dataset
  kwargs:
    handler:
      class: Alpha158
      module_path: qlib.contrib.data.handler
      kwargs: *data_handler_config
    segments:
      train: [2008-01-01, 2014-12-31]
      valid: [2015-01-01, 2016-12-31]
      test: [2017-01-01, 2020-08-01]
```

Record Section

The *record* field is about the parameters the Record module in Qlib. Record is responsible for tracking training process and results such as *information Coefficient (IC)* and *backtest* in a standard format.

The following script is the configuration of *backtest* and the *strategy* used in *backtest*:

```
port_analysis_config: &port_analysis_config
  strategy:
    class: TopkDropoutStrategy
    module_path: qlib.contrib.strategy.strategy
    kwargs:
      topk: 50
      n_drop: 5
  backtest:
    verbose: False
    limit_threshold: 0.095
    account: 100000000
    benchmark: *benchmark
    deal_price: close
    open_cost: 0.0005
    close_cost: 0.0015
    min_cost: 5
```

For more information about the meaning of each field in configuration of *strategy* and *backtest*, users can look up the documents: [Strategy](#) and [Backtest](#).

Here is the configuration details of different *Record Template* such as *SignalRecord* and *PortAnaRecord*:

```
record:
  - class: SignalRecord
    module_path: qlib.workflow.record_temp
    kwargs: {}
  - class: PortAnaRecord
    module_path: qlib.workflow.record_temp
    kwargs:
      config: *port_analysis_config
```

For more information about the Record module in Qlib, user can refer to the related document: [Record](#).

1.8 Data Layer: Data Framework & Usage

1.8.1 Introduction

`Data Layer` provides user-friendly APIs to manage and retrieve data. It provides high-performance data infrastructure.

It is designed for quantitative investment. For example, users could build formulaic alphas with `Data Layer` easily. Please refer to [Building Formulaic Alphas](#) for more details.

The introduction of `Data Layer` includes the following parts.

- Data Preparation
- Data API
- Data Loader
- Data Handler
- Dataset
- Cache
- Data and Cache File Structure

1.8.2 Data Preparation

Qlib Format Data

We've specially designed a data structure to manage financial data, please refer to the [File storage design section in Qlib paper](#) for detailed information. Such data will be stored with filename suffix `.bin` (We'll call them `.bin` file, `.bin` format, or `qlib` format). `.bin` file is designed for scientific computing on finance data.

`Qlib` provides two different off-the-shelf dataset, which can be accessed through this [link](#):

Dataset	US Market	China Market
Alpha360		
Alpha158		

Qlib Format Dataset

`Qlib` has provided an off-the-shelf dataset in `.bin` format, users could use the script `scripts/get_data.py` to download the China-Stock dataset as follows.

```
python scripts/get_data.py qlib_data --target_dir ~/.qlib/qlib_data/cn_data --region_↵
↵cn
```

In addition to China-Stock data, `Qlib` also includes a US-Stock dataset, which can be downloaded with the following command:

```
python scripts/get_data.py qlib_data --target_dir ~/.qlib/qlib_data/us_data --region_↵
↵us
```

After running the above command, users can find china-stock and us-stock data in Qlib format in the `~/.qlib/csv_data/cn_data` directory and `~/.qlib/csv_data/us_data` directory respectively.

Qlib also provides the scripts in `scripts/data_collector` to help users crawl the latest data on the Internet and convert it to qlib format.

When Qlib is initialized with this dataset, users could build and evaluate their own models with it. Please refer to [Initialization](#) for more details.

Converting CSV Format into Qlib Format

Qlib has provided the script `scripts/dump_bin.py` to convert **any** data in CSV format into `.bin` files (Qlib format) as long as they are in the correct format.

Users can download the demo china-stock data in CSV format as follows for reference to the CSV format.

```
python scripts/get_data.py csv_data_cn --target_dir ~/.qlib/csv_data/cn_data
```

Users can also provide their own data in CSV format. However, the CSV data **must** satisfies following criterions:

- CSV file is named after a specific stock *or* the CSV file includes a column of the stock name
 - Name the CSV file after a stock: `SH600000.csv`, `AAPL.csv` (not case sensitive).
 - CSV file includes a column of the stock name. User **must** specify the column name when dumping the data. Here is an example:

```
python scripts/dump_bin.py dump_all ... --symbol_field_name symbol
```

where the data are in the following format:

- CSV file **must** includes a column for the date, and when dumping the data, user must specify the date column name. Here is an example:

```
python scripts/dump_bin.py dump_all ... --date_field_name date
```

where the data are in the following format:

Supposed that users prepare their CSV format data in the directory `~/.qlib/csv_data/my_data`, they can run the following command to start the conversion.

```
python scripts/dump_bin.py dump_all --csv_path ~/.qlib/csv_data/my_data --qlib_dir ~/.qlib/qlib_data/my_data --include_fields open,close,high,low,volume,factor
```

For other supported parameters when dumping the data into `.bin` file, users can refer to the information by running the following commands:

```
python dump_bin.py dump_all --help
```

After conversion, users can find their Qlib format data in the directory `~/.qlib/qlib_data/my_data`.

Note: The arguments of `--include_fields` should correspond with the column names of CSV files. The columns names of dataset provided by Qlib should include open, close, high, low, volume and factor at least.

- **open** The adjusted opening price
- **close** The adjusted closing price
- **high** The adjusted highest price

- *low* The adjusted lowest price
- *volume* The adjusted trading volume
- *factor* The Restoration factor. Normally, $\text{factor} = \text{adjusted_price} / \text{original_price}$, *adjusted price* reference: [split adjusted](#)

In the convention of *Qlib* data processing, *open*, *close*, *high*, *low*, *volume*, *money* and *factor* will be set to NaN if the stock is suspended.

Multiple Stock Modes

Qlib now provides two different stock modes for users: **China-Stock Mode & US-Stock Mode**. Here are some different settings of these two modes:

Region	Trade Unit	Limit Threshold
China	100	0.099
US	1	None

The *trade unit* defines the unit number of stocks can be used in a trade, and the *limit threshold* defines the bound set to the percentage of ups and downs of a stock.

- If users use *Qlib* in china-stock mode, china-stock data is required. Users can use *Qlib* in china-stock mode according to

- Download china-stock in qlib format, please refer to section [Qlib Format Dataset](#).
- **Initialize *Qlib* in china-stock mode** Supposed that users download their *Qlib* format data in the directory `~/.qlib/csv_data/cn_data`. Users only need to initialize *Qlib* as follows.

```
from qlib.config import REG_CN
qlib.init(provider_uri='~/.qlib/qlib_data/cn_data', region=REG_CN)
```

- If users use *Qlib* in US-stock mode, US-stock data is required. *Qlib* also provides a script to download US-stock data. U

- Download china-stock in qlib format, please refer to section [Qlib Format Dataset](#).
- **Initialize *Qlib* in US-stock mode** Supposed that users prepare their *Qlib* format data in the directory `~/.qlib/csv_data/us_data`. Users only need to initialize *Qlib* as follows.

```
from qlib.config import REG_US
qlib.init(provider_uri='~/.qlib/qlib_data/us_data', region=REG_US)
```

1.8.3 Data API

Data Retrieval

Users can use APIs in `qlib.data` to retrieve data, please refer to [Data Retrieval](#).

Feature

Qlib provides *Feature* and *ExpressionOps* to fetch the features according to users' needs.

- **Feature** **Load data from the data provider.** User can get the features like *\$high*, *\$low*, *\$open*, *\$close*, etc, which should correspond with the arguments of *–include_fields*, please refer to section *Converting CSV Format into Qlib Format*.
- **ExpressionOps** *ExpressionOps* will use operator for feature construction. To know more about Operator, please refer to *Operator API*. Also, Qlib supports users to define their own custom Operator, an example has been given in `tests/test_register_ops.py`.

To know more about *Feature*, please refer to *Feature API*.

Filter

Qlib provides *NameDFilter* and *ExpressionDFilter* to filter the instruments according to users' needs.

- **NameDFilter** Name dynamic instrument filter. Filter the instruments based on a regulated name format. A name rule regular expression is required.
- **ExpressionDFilter** Expression dynamic instrument filter. Filter the instruments based on a certain expression. An expression rule indicating a certain feature field is required.
 - *basic features filter*: `rule_expression = '$close/$open>5'`
 - *cross-sectional features filter* : `rule_expression = '$rank($close)<10'`
 - *time-sequence features filter*: `rule_expression = '$Ref($close, 3)>100'`

To know more about *Filter*, please refer to *Filter API*.

Reference

To know more about *Data* API, please refer to *Data API*.

1.8.4 Data Loader

Data Loader in Qlib is designed to load raw data from the original data source. It will be loaded and used in the *Data Handler* module.

QlibDataLoader

The *QlibDataLoader* class in Qlib is such an interface that allows users to load raw data from the Qlib data source.

StaticDataLoader

The *StaticDataLoader* class in Qlib is such an interface that allows users to load raw data from file or as provided.

Interface

Here are some interfaces of the *QlibDataLoader* class:

class `qlib.data.dataset.loader.DataLoader`

DataLoader is designed for loading raw data from original data source.

load (*instruments*, *start_time=None*, *end_time=None*) → `pandas.core.frame.DataFrame`
load the data as `pd.DataFrame`.

Example of the data (The multi-index of the columns is optional.):

		feature			
		label	\$close	\$volume	Ref(\$close, 1)
		\$high-\$low	LABEL0		Mean (
\$close, 3)	\$high-\$low	LABEL0			
datetime	instrument				
2010-01-04	SH600000	81.807068	17145150.0	83.737389	
↪83.016739	2.741058	0.0032			
	SH600004	13.313329	11800983.0	13.313329	
↪13.317701	0.183632	0.0042			
	SH600005	37.796539	12231662.0	38.258602	
↪37.919757	0.970325	0.0289			

Parameters

- **instruments** (*str* or *dict*) – it can either be the market name or the config file of instruments generated by `InstrumentProvider`.
- **start_time** (*str*) – start of the time range.
- **end_time** (*str*) – end of the time range.

Returns data load from the under layer source

Return type `pd.DataFrame`

API

To know more about `Data Loader`, please refer to [Data Loader API](#).

1.8.5 Data Handler

The `Data Handler` module in `Qlib` is designed to handler those common data processing methods which will be used by most of the models.

Users can use `Data Handler` in an automatic workflow by `qrun`, refer to [Workflow: Workflow Management](#) for more details.

DataHandlerLP

In addition to use `Data Handler` in an automatic workflow with `qrun`, `Data Handler` can be used as an independent module, by which users can easily preprocess data (standardization, remove NaN, etc.) and build datasets.

In order to achieve so, `Qlib` provides a base class `qlib.data.dataset.DataHandlerLP`. The core idea of this class is that: we will have some `leanable Processors` which can learn the parameters of data processing (e.g., parameters for zscore normalization). When new data comes in, these *trained* `Processors` can then process the new data and thus processing real-time data in an efficient way becomes possible. More information about `Processors` will be listed in the next subsection.

Interface

Here are some important interfaces that DataHandlerLP provides:

```
class qlib.data.dataset.handler.DataHandlerLP (instruments=None, start_time=None,
                                              end_time=None, data_loader: Tuple[dict,
                                              str, qlib.data.dataset.loader.DataLoader]
                                              = None, infer_processors=[],
                                              learn_processors=[], process_type='append',
                                              drop_raw=False, **kwargs)
```

DataHandler with (L)earnable (P)rocessor

```
__init__ (instruments=None, start_time=None, end_time=None, data_loader: Tuple[dict, str,
qlib.data.dataset.loader.DataLoader] = None, infer_processors=[], learn_processors=[],
process_type='append', drop_raw=False, **kwargs)
```

Parameters

- **infer_processors** (*list*) –
 - list of <description info> of processors to generate data for inference
 - example of <description info>:
- **learn_processors** (*list*) – similar to infer_processors, but for generating data for learning models
- **process_type** (*str*) – PTTYPE_I = 'independent'
 - self._infer will be processed by infer_processors
 - self._learn will be processed by learn_processors
 PTTYPE_A = 'append'
 - self._infer will be processed by infer_processors
 - self._learn will be processed by infer_processors + learn_processors
 - * (e.g. self._infer processed by learn_processors)
- **drop_raw** (*bool*) – Whether to drop the raw data

fit_process_data ()

fit and process data

The input of the *fit* will be the output of the previous processor

process_data (*with_fit: bool = False*)

process_data data. Fun *processor.fit* if necessary

Parameters with_fit (*bool*) – The input of the *fit* will be the output of the previous processor

init (*init_type: str = 'fit_seq', enable_cache: bool = False*)

Initialize the data of Qlib

Parameters

- **init_type** (*str*) – The type *IT_** listed above.
- **enable_cache** (*bool*) – default value is false:
 - if *enable_cache* == True:

the processed data will be saved on disk, and handler will load the cached data from the disk directly when we call *init* next time

fetch (*selector*: Union[pandas._libs.tslibs.timestamps.Timestamp, slice, str] = slice(None, None, None), *level*: Union[str, int] = 'datetime', *col_set*= '__all', *data_key*: str = 'infer') → pandas.core.frame.DataFrame
fetch data from underlying data source

Parameters

- **selector** (Union[pd.Timestamp, slice, str]) – describe how to select data by index.
- **level** (Union[str, int]) – which index level to select the data.
- **col_set** (str) – select a set of meaningful columns.(e.g. features, columns).
- **data_key** (str) – the data to fetch: DK_*.

Returns

Return type pd.DataFrame

get_cols (*col_set*= '__all', *data_key*: str = 'infer') → list
get the column names

Parameters

- **col_set** (str) – select a set of meaningful columns.(e.g. features, columns).
- **data_key** (str) – the data to fetch: DK_*.

Returns list of column names

Return type list

If users want to load features and labels by config, users can inherit `qlib.data.dataset.handler.ConfigDataHandler`, QLib also provides some preprocess method in this subclass.

If users want to use qlib data, *QLibDataHandler* is recommended. Users can inherit their custom class from *QLibDataHandler*, which is also a subclass of *ConfigDataHandler*.

Processor

The Processor module in QLib is designed to be learnable and it is responsible for handling data processing such as *normalization* and *drop none/nan features/labels*.

QLib provides the following Processors:

- **DropnaProcessor**: *processor* that drops N/A features.
- **DropnaLabel**: *processor* that drops N/A labels.
- **TanhProcess**: *processor* that uses *tanh* to process noise data.
- **ProcessInf**: *processor* that handles infinity values, it will be replaces by the mean of the column.
- **Fillna**: *processor* that handles N/A values, which will fill the N/A value by 0 or other given number.
- **MinMaxNorm**: *processor* that applies min-max normalization.
- **ZscoreNorm**: *processor* that applies z-score normalization.
- **RobustZScoreNorm**: *processor* that applies robust z-score normalization.
- **CSZScoreNorm**: *processor* that applies cross sectional z-score normalization.

- CSRankNorm: *processor* that applies cross sectional rank normalization.
- CSZFillna: *processor* that fills N/A values in a cross sectional way by the mean of the column.

Users can also create their own *processor* by inheriting the base class of `Processor`. Please refer to the implementation of all the processors for more information ([Processor Link](#)).

To know more about `Processor`, please refer to [Processor API](#).

Example

`Data Handler` can be run with `qrun` by modifying the configuration file, and can also be used as a single module.

Know more about how to run `Data Handler` with `qrun`, please refer to [Workflow: Workflow Management](#)

QLib provides implemented data handler *Alpha158*. The following example shows how to run *Alpha158* as a single module.

Note: Users need to initialize QLib with *qlib.init* first, please refer to [initialization](#).

```
import qlib
from qlib.contrib.data.handler import Alpha158

data_handler_config = {
    "start_time": "2008-01-01",
    "end_time": "2020-08-01",
    "fit_start_time": "2008-01-01",
    "fit_end_time": "2014-12-31",
    "instruments": "csi300",
}

if __name__ == "__main__":
    qlib.init()
    h = Alpha158(**data_handler_config)

    # get all the columns of the data
    print(h.get_cols())

    # fetch all the labels
    print(h.fetch(col_set="label"))

    # fetch all the features
    print(h.fetch(col_set="feature"))
```

API

To know more about `Data Handler`, please refer to [Data Handler API](#).

1.8.6 Dataset

The `Dataset` module in QLib aims to prepare data for model training and inferencing.

The motivation of this module is that we want to maximize the flexibility of different models to handle data that are suitable for themselves. This module gives the model the flexibility to process their data in a unique way. For

instance, models such as GBDT may work well on data that contains *nan* or *None* value, while neural networks such as MLP will break down on such data.

If user's model need process its data in a different way, user could implement his own `Dataset` class. If the model's data processing is not special, `DatasetH` can be used directly.

The `DatasetH` class is the *dataset* with *Data Handler*. Here is the most important interface of the class:

```
class qlib.data.dataset.__init__.DatasetH(handler: Union[dict,
                                                    qlib.data.dataset.handler.DataHandler], segments: dict)
```

Dataset with Data(H)andler

User should try to put the data preprocessing functions into handler. Only following data processing functions should be placed in Dataset:

- The processing is related to specific model.
- The processing is related to data split.

```
__init__(handler: Union[dict, qlib.data.dataset.handler.DataHandler], segments: dict)
```

Parameters

- **handler** (*Union[dict, DataHandler]*) – handler will be passed into `setup_data`.
- **segments** (*dict*) – handler will be passed into `setup_data`.

```
init (**kwargs)
```

Initialize the DatasetH, Only parameters belonging to handler.init will be passed in

```
setup_data(handler: Union[dict, qlib.data.dataset.handler.DataHandler], segments: dict)
```

Setup the underlying data.

Parameters

- **handler** (*Union[dict, DataHandler]*) – handler could be:
 - instance of *DataHandler*
 - config of *DataHandler*. Please refer to *DataHandler*
- **segments** (*dict*) – Describe the options to segment the data. Here are some examples:

```
prepare(segments: Union[List[str], Tuple[str], str, slice], col_set='__all__', data_key='infer',
        **kwargs) → Union[List[pandas.core.frame.DataFrame], pandas.core.frame.DataFrame]
```

Prepare the data for learning and inference.

Parameters

- **segments** (*Union[List[str], Tuple[str], str, slice]*) – Describe the scope of the data to be prepared Here are some examples:
 - 'train'
 - ['train', 'valid']
- **col_set** (*str*) – The col_set will be passed to self.handler when fetching data.
- **data_key** (*str*) – The data to fetch: `DK_*` Default is `DK_I`, which indicate fetching data for **inference**.

Returns

Return type `Union[List[pd.DataFrame], pd.DataFrame]`

Raises NotImplementedError:

API

To know more about Dataset, please refer to **'Dataset API <../reference/api.html#module-qlib.data.dataset.__init__>'**.

1.8.7 Cache

Cache is an optional module that helps accelerate providing data by saving some frequently-used data as cache file. QLib provides a *Memcache* class to cache the most-frequently-used data in memory, an inheritable *ExpressionCache* class, and an inheritable *DatasetCache* class.

Global Memory Cache

Memcache is a global memory cache mechanism that composes of three *MemCacheUnit* instances to cache **Calendar**, **Instruments**, and **Features**. The *MemCache* is defined globally in *cache.py* as *H*. Users can use *H['c']*, *H['i']*, *H['f']* to get/set *memcache*.

```
class qlib.data.cache.MemCacheUnit (*args, **kwargs)
    Memory Cache Unit.

    __init__ (*args, **kwargs)
        Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

    limited
        whether memory cache is limited

class qlib.data.cache.MemCache (mem_cache_size_limit=None, limit_type='length')
    Memory cache.

    __init__ (mem_cache_size_limit=None, limit_type='length')
```

Parameters

- **mem_cache_size_limit** (cache max size.) –
- **limit_type** (length or sizeof; length(call fun: len), size(call fun: sys.getsizeof)) –

ExpressionCache

ExpressionCache is a cache mechanism that saves expressions such as **Mean(\$close, 5)**. Users can inherit this base class to define their own cache mechanism that saves expressions according to the following steps.

- Override *self._uri* method to define how the cache file path is generated
- Override *self._expression* method to define what data will be cached and how to cache it.

The following shows the details about the interfaces:

```
class qlib.data.cache.ExpressionCache (provider)
    Expression cache mechanism base class.
```

This class is used to wrap expression provider with self-defined expression cache mechanism.

Note: Override the `_uri` and `_expression` method to create your own expression cache mechanism.

expression (*instrument, field, start_time, end_time, freq*)
Get expression data.

Note: Same interface as *expression* method in expression provider

update (*cache_uri*)
Update expression cache to latest calendar.

Override this method to define how to update expression cache corresponding to users' own cache mechanism.

Parameters `cache_uri` (*str*) – the complete uri of expression cache file (include dir path).

Returns 0(successful update)/ 1(no need to update)/ 2(update failure).

Return type int

Qlib has currently provided implemented disk cache *DiskExpressionCache* which inherits from *ExpressionCache* . The expressions data will be stored in the disk.

DatasetCache

DatasetCache is a cache mechanism that saves datasets. A certain dataset is regulated by a stock pool configuration (or a series of instruments, though not recommended), a list of expressions or static feature fields, the start time, and end time for the collected features and the frequency. Users can inherit this base class to define their own cache mechanism that saves datasets according to the following steps.

- Override `self._uri` method to define how their cache file path is generated
- Override `self._expression` method to define what data will be cached and how to cache it.

The following shows the details about the interfaces:

class `qlib.data.cache.DatasetCache` (*provider*)
Dataset cache mechanism base class.

This class is used to wrap dataset provider with self-defined dataset cache mechanism.

Note: Override the `_uri` and `_dataset` method to create your own dataset cache mechanism.

dataset (*instruments, fields, start_time=None, end_time=None, freq='day', disk_cache=1*)
Get feature dataset.

Note: Same interface as *dataset* method in dataset provider

Note: The server use `redis_lock` to make sure read-write conflicts will not be triggered but client readers are not considered.

update (*cache_uri*)

Update dataset cache to latest calendar.

Override this method to define how to update dataset cache corresponding to users' own cache mechanism.

Parameters *cache_uri* (*str*) – the complete uri of dataset cache file (include dir path).

Returns 0(successful update)/ 1(no need to update)/ 2(update failure)

Return type int

static cache_to_origin_data (*data*, *fields*)

cache data to origin data

Parameters

- **data** – pd.DataFrame, cache data.
- **fields** – feature fields.

Returns pd.DataFrame.

static normalize_uri_args (*instruments*, *fields*, *freq*)

normalize uri args

QLib has currently provided implemented disk cache *DiskDatasetCache* which inherits from *DatasetCache* . The datasets' data will be stored in the disk.

1.8.8 Data and Cache File Structure

We've specially designed a file structure to manage data and cache, please refer to the [File storage design section in QLib paper](#) for detailed information. The file structure of data and cache is listed as follows.

```
- data/
  [raw data] updated by data providers
  - calendars/
    - day.txt
  - instruments/
    - all.txt
    - csi500.txt
    - ...
  - features/
    - sh600000/
      - open.day.bin
      - close.day.bin
      - ...
    - ...
  [cached data] updated when raw data is updated
  - calculated features/
    - sh600000/
      - [hash(instrtument, field_expression, freq)]
        - all-time expression -cache data file
        - .meta : an assorted meta file recording the instrument name, field_
↪name, freq, and visit times
      - ...
  - cache/
    - [hash(stockpool_config, field_expression_list, freq)]
      - all-time Dataset-cache data file
      - .meta : an assorted meta file recording the stockpool config, field_
↪names and visit times
```

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```

- .index : an assorted index file recording the line index of all_
↪calendars
- ...

```

1.9 Forecast Model: Model Training & Prediction

1.9.1 Introduction

Forecast Model is designed to make the *prediction score* about stocks. Users can use the Forecast Model in an automatic workflow by `qrun`, please refer to [Workflow: Workflow Management](#).

Because the components in Qlib are designed in a loosely-coupled way, Forecast Model can be used as an independent module also.

1.9.2 Base Class & Interface

Qlib provides a base class `qlib.model.base.Model` from which all models should inherit.

The base class provides the following interfaces:

```

class qlib.model.base.Model
    Learnable Models

    fit (dataset: qlib.data.dataset.Dataset)
        Learn model from the base model

```

Note: The attribute names of learned model should *not* start with ‘_’. So that the model could be dumped to disk.

The following code example shows how to retrieve `x_train`, `y_train` and `w_train` from the `dataset`:

```

# get features and labels
df_train, df_valid = dataset.prepare(
    ["train", "valid"], col_set=["feature", "label"], data_
↪key=DataHandlerLP.DK_L
)
x_train, y_train = df_train["feature"], df_train["label"]
x_valid, y_valid = df_valid["feature"], df_valid["label"]

# get weights
try:
    wdf_train, wdf_valid = dataset.prepare(["train", "valid"], col_
↪set=["weight"], data_key=DataHandlerLP.DK_L)
    w_train, w_valid = wdf_train["weight"], wdf_valid["weight"]
except KeyError as e:
    w_train = pd.DataFrame(np.ones_like(y_train.values), index=y_
↪train.index)
    w_valid = pd.DataFrame(np.ones_like(y_valid.values), index=y_
↪valid.index)

```

Parameters dataset (`Dataset`) – dataset will generate the processed data from model training.

predict (*dataset: qlib.data.dataset.Dataset*) → object
give prediction given Dataset

Parameters **dataset** (*Dataset*) – dataset will generate the processed dataset from model training.

Returns

Return type Prediction results with certain type such as *pandas.Series*.

QLib also provides a base class `qlib.model.base.ModelFT`, which includes the method for finetuning the model.

For other interfaces such as *finetune*, please refer to [Model API](#).

1.9.3 Example

QLib's *Model Zoo* includes models such as LightGBM, MLP, LSTM, etc.. These models are treated as the baselines of Forecast Model. The following steps show how to run "LightGBM" as an independent module.

- Initialize Qlib with *qlib.init* first, please refer to [Initialization](#).
- Run the following code to get the *prediction score pred_score*

```
from qlib.contrib.model.gbdt import LGBModel
from qlib.contrib.data.handler import Alpha158
from qlib.utils import init_instance_by_config, flatten_dict
from qlib.workflow import R
from qlib.workflow.record_temp import SignalRecord, PortAnaRecord

market = "csi300"
benchmark = "SH000300"

data_handler_config = {
    "start_time": "2008-01-01",
    "end_time": "2020-08-01",
    "fit_start_time": "2008-01-01",
    "fit_end_time": "2014-12-31",
    "instruments": market,
}

task = {
    "model": {
        "class": "LGBModel",
        "module_path": "qlib.contrib.model.gbdt",
        "kwargs": {
            "loss": "mse",
            "colsample_bytree": 0.8879,
            "learning_rate": 0.0421,
            "subsample": 0.8789,
            "lambda_l1": 205.6999,
            "lambda_l2": 580.9768,
            "max_depth": 8,
            "num_leaves": 210,
            "num_threads": 20,
        },
    },
    "dataset": {
        "class": "DatasetH",
        "module_path": "qlib.data.dataset",
```

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```
        "kwargs": {
            "handler": {
                "class": "Alpha158",
                "module_path": "qlib.contrib.data.handler",
                "kwargs": data_handler_config,
            },
            "segments": {
                "train": ("2008-01-01", "2014-12-31"),
                "valid": ("2015-01-01", "2016-12-31"),
                "test": ("2017-01-01", "2020-08-01"),
            },
        },
    },
}

# model initiaiton
model = init_instance_by_config(task["model"])
dataset = init_instance_by_config(task["dataset"])

# start exp
with R.start(experiment_name="workflow"):
    # train
    R.log_params(**flatten_dict(task))
    model.fit(dataset)

    # prediction
    recorder = R.get_recorder()
    sr = SignalRecord(model, dataset, recorder)
    sr.generate()
```

Note: *Alpha158* is the data handler provided by Qlib, please refer to [Data Handler](#). *SignalRecord* is the *Record Template* in Qlib, please refer to [Workflow](#).

Also, the above example has been given in `examples/train_backtest_analyze.ipynb`.

1.9.4 Custom Model

Qlib supports custom models. If users are interested in customizing their own models and integrating the models into Qlib, please refer to [Custom Model Integration](#).

1.9.5 API

Please refer to [Model API](#).

1.10 Portfolio Strategy: Portfolio Management

1.10.1 Introduction

`Portfolio Strategy` is designed to adopt different portfolio strategies, which means that users can adopt different algorithms to generate investment portfolios based on the prediction scores of the `Forecast Model`. Users

can use the `Portfolio Strategy` in an automatic workflow by `Workflow` module, please refer to [Workflow: Workflow Management](#).

Because the components in `Qlib` are designed in a loosely-coupled way, `Portfolio Strategy` can be used as an independent module also.

`Qlib` provides several implemented portfolio strategies. Also, `Qlib` supports custom strategy, users can customize strategies according to their own needs.

1.10.2 Base Class & Interface

BaseStrategy

`Qlib` provides a base class `qlib.contrib.strategy.BaseStrategy`. All strategy classes need to inherit the base class and implement its interface.

- **`get_risk_degree`** Return the proportion of your total value you will use in investment. Dynamically `risk_degree` will result in Market timing.
- **`generate_order_list`** Return the order list.

Users can inherit `BaseStrategy` to customize their strategy class.

WeightStrategyBase

`Qlib` also provides a class `qlib.contrib.strategy.WeightStrategyBase` that is a subclass of `BaseStrategy`.

`WeightStrategyBase` only focuses on the target positions, and automatically generates an order list based on positions. It provides the `generate_target_weight_position` interface.

- **`generate_target_weight_position`**
 - According to the current position and trading date to generate the target position. The cash is not considered in the output weight distribution.
 - Return the target position.

Note: Here the *target position* means the target percentage of total assets.

`WeightStrategyBase` implements the interface `generate_order_list`, whose processions is as follows.

- Call `generate_target_weight_position` method to generate the target position.
- Generate the target amount of stocks from the target position.
- Generate the order list from the target amount

Users can inherit `WeightStrategyBase` and implement the interface `generate_target_weight_position` to customize their strategy class, which only focuses on the target positions.

1.10.3 Implemented Strategy

`Qlib` provides a implemented strategy classes named `TopkDropoutStrategy`.

TopkDropoutStrategy

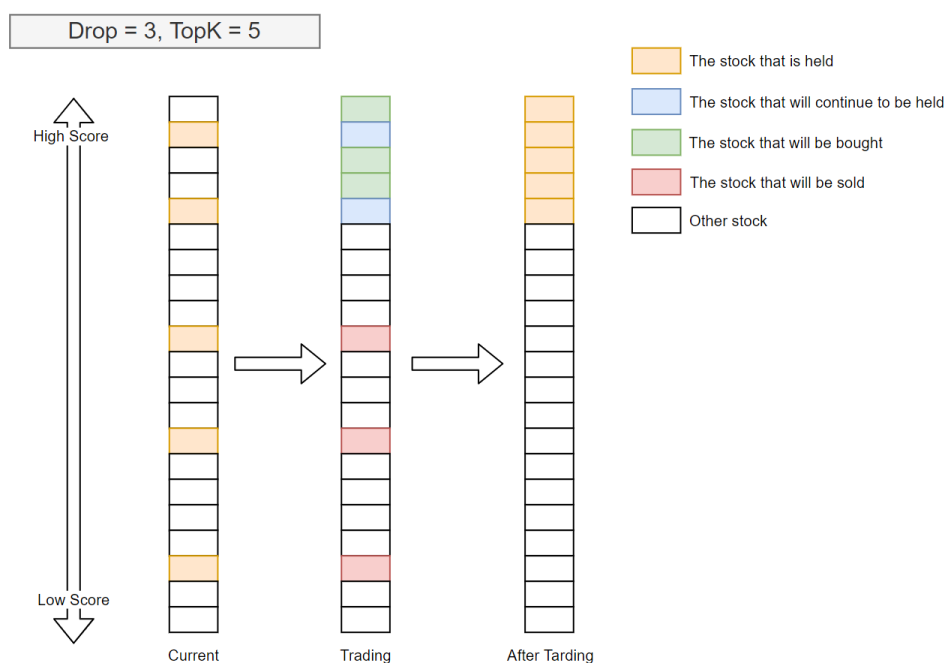
TopkDropoutStrategy is a subclass of *BaseStrategy* and implement the interface *generate_order_list* whose process is as follows.

- Adopt the Topk-Drop algorithm to calculate the target amount of each stock

Note: Topk-Drop algorithm

- *Topk*: The number of stocks held
- *Drop*: The number of stocks sold on each trading day

Currently, the number of held stocks is *Topk*. On each trading day, the *Drop* number of held stocks with the worst *prediction score* will be sold, and the same number of unheld stocks with the best *prediction score* will be bought.



TopkDrop algorithm sells *Drop* stocks every trading day, which guarantees a fixed turnover rate.

- Generate the order list from the target amount

1.10.4 Usage & Example

Portfolio Strategy can be specified in the Intraday Trading (Backtest), the example is as follows.

```
from qlib.contrib.strategy.strategy import TopkDropoutStrategy
from qlib.contrib.evaluate import backtest
STRATEGY_CONFIG = {
    "topk": 50,
    "n_drop": 5,
}
```

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```

BACKTEST_CONFIG = {
    "verbose": False,
    "limit_threshold": 0.095,
    "account": 100000000,
    "benchmark": BENCHMARK,
    "deal_price": "close",
    "open_cost": 0.0005,
    "close_cost": 0.0015,
    "min_cost": 5,
}

# use default strategy
strategy = TopkDropoutStrategy(**STRATEGY_CONFIG)

# pred_score is the `prediction score` output by Model
report_normal, positions_normal = backtest(
    pred_score, strategy=strategy, **BACKTEST_CONFIG
)

```

Also, the above example has been given in `examples/train_backtest_analyze.ipynb`.

To know more about the *prediction score* `pred_score` output by Forecast Model, please refer to [Forecast Model: Model Training & Prediction](#).

To know more about Intraday Trading, please refer to [Intraday Trading: Model&Strategy Testing](#).

1.10.5 Reference

To know more about Portfolio Strategy, please refer to [Strategy API](#).

1.11 Intraday Trading: Model&Strategy Testing

1.11.1 Introduction

Intraday Trading is designed to test models and strategies, which help users to check the performance of a custom model/strategy.

Note: Intraday Trading uses Order Executor to trade and execute orders output by Portfolio Strategy. Order Executor is a component in [Qlib Framework](#), which can execute orders. VWAP Executor and Close Executor is supported by Qlib now. In the future, Qlib will support HighFreq Executor also.

1.11.2 Example

Users need to generate a *prediction score* (a pandas DataFrame) with MultiIndex<instrument, datetime> and a 'score' column. And users need to assign a strategy used in backtest, if strategy is not assigned, a *TopkDropoutStrategy* strategy with (*topk=50, n_drop=5, risk_degree=0.95, limit_threshold=0.0095*) will be used. If Strategy module is not users' interested part, *TopkDropoutStrategy* is enough.

The simple example of the default strategy is as follows.

```
from qlib.contrib.evaluate import backtest
# pred_score is the prediction score
report, positions = backtest(pred_score, topk=50, n_drop=0.5, verbose=False, limit_
→threshold=0.0095)
```

To know more about backtesting with a specific Strategy, please refer to [Portfolio Strategy](#).

To know more about the prediction score `pred_score` output by Forecast Model, please refer to [Forecast Model: Model Training & Prediction](#).

Prediction Score

The *prediction score* is a pandas DataFrame. Its index is `<datetime(pd.Timestamp), instrument(str)>` and it must contains a *score* column.

A prediction sample is shown as follows.

```
datetime instrument      score
2019-01-04  SH600000 -0.505488
2019-01-04  SZ002531 -0.320391
2019-01-04  SZ000999  0.583808
2019-01-04  SZ300569  0.819628
2019-01-04  SZ001696 -0.137140
...
2019-04-30  SZ000996 -1.027618
2019-04-30  SH603127  0.225677
2019-04-30  SH603126  0.462443
2019-04-30  SH603133 -0.302460
2019-04-30  SZ300760 -0.126383
```

Forecast Model module can make predictions, please refer to [Forecast Model: Model Training & Prediction](#).

Backtest Result

The backtest results are in the following form:

```
excess_return_without_cost mean      risk
                             std      0.000605
                             annualized_return 0.152373
                             information_ratio 1.751319
                             max_drawdown -0.059055
excess_return_with_cost   mean      0.000410
                             std      0.005478
                             annualized_return 0.103265
                             information_ratio 1.187411
                             max_drawdown -0.075024
```

- ***excess_return_without_cost***

- ***mean*** Mean value of the *CAR* (cumulative abnormal return) without cost
- ***std*** The *Standard Deviation* of *CAR* (cumulative abnormal return) without cost.
- ***annualized_return*** The *Annualized Rate* of *CAR* (cumulative abnormal return) without cost.
- ***information_ratio*** The *Information Ratio* without cost. please refer to [Information Ratio – IR](#).

- **max_drawdown** The *Maximum Drawdown* of CAR (cumulative abnormal return) without cost, please refer to [Maximum Drawdown \(MDD\)](#).
- **excess_return_with_cost**
 - **mean** Mean value of the CAR (cumulative abnormal return) series with cost
 - **std** The *Standard Deviation* of CAR (cumulative abnormal return) series with cost.
 - **annualized_return** The *Annualized Rate* of CAR (cumulative abnormal return) with cost.
 - **information_ratio** The *Information Ratio* with cost. please refer to [Information Ratio – IR](#).
 - **max_drawdown** The *Maximum Drawdown* of CAR (cumulative abnormal return) with cost, please refer to [Maximum Drawdown \(MDD\)](#).

1.11.3 Reference

To know more about Intraday Trading, please refer to [Intraday Trading](#).

1.12 Qlib Recorder: Experiment Management

1.12.1 Introduction

Qlib contains an experiment management system named `QlibRecorder`, which is designed to help users handle experiment and analyse results in an efficient way.

There are three components of the system:

- **ExperimentManager** a class that manages experiments.
- **Experiment** a class of experiment, and each instance of it is responsible for a single experiment.
- **Recorder** a class of recorder, and each instance of it is responsible for a single run.

Here is a general view of the structure of the system:

This experiment management system defines a set of interface and provided a concrete implementation `MLflowExpManager`, which is based on the machine learning platform: `MLFlow` ([link](#)).

If users set the implementation of `ExpManager` to be `MLflowExpManager`, they can use the command `mlflow ui` to visualize and check the experiment results. For more information, please refer to the related documents [here](#).

1.12.2 Qlib Recorder

`QlibRecorder` provides a high level API for users to use the experiment management system. The interfaces are wrapped in the variable `R` in `Qlib`, and users can directly use `R` to interact with the system. The following command shows how to import `R` in Python:

```
from qlib.workflow import R
```

`QlibRecorder` includes several common API for managing *experiments* and *recorders* within a workflow. For more available APIs, please refer to the following section about *Experiment Manager*, *Experiment* and *Recorder*.

Here are the available interfaces of `QlibRecorder`:

```
class qlib.workflow.__init__.QlibRecorder(exp_manager)
    A global system that helps to manage the experiments.
```

__init__ (*exp_manager*)

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

start (*experiment_name=None, recorder_name=None*)

Method to start an experiment. This method can only be called within a Python's *with* statement. Here is the example code:

```
with R.start('test', 'recorder_1'):
    model.fit(dataset)
    R.log...
    ... # further operations
```

Parameters

- **experiment_name** (*str*) – name of the experiment one wants to start.
- **recorder_name** (*str*) – name of the recorder under the experiment one wants to start.

start_exp (*experiment_name=None, recorder_name=None, uri=None*)

Lower level method for starting an experiment. When use this method, one should end the experiment manually and the status of the recorder may not be handled properly. Here is the example code:

```
R.start_exp(experiment_name='test', recorder_name='recorder_1')
... # further operations
R.end_exp('FINISHED') or R.end_exp(Recorder.STATUS_S)
```

Parameters

- **experiment_name** (*str*) – the name of the experiment to be started
- **recorder_name** (*str*) – name of the recorder under the experiment one wants to start.
- **uri** (*str*) – the tracking uri of the experiment, where all the artifacts/metrics etc. will be stored. The default uri are set in the qlib.config.

Returns

Return type An experiment instance being started.

end_exp (*recorder_status='FINISHED'*)

Method for ending an experiment manually. It will end the current active experiment, as well as its active recorder with the specified *status* type. Here is the example code of the method:

```
R.start_exp(experiment_name='test')
... # further operations
R.end_exp('FINISHED') or R.end_exp(Recorder.STATUS_S)
```

Parameters status (*str*) – The status of a recorder, which can be SCHEDULED, RUNNING, FINISHED, FAILED.

search_records (*experiment_ids, **kwargs*)

Get a pandas DataFrame of records that fit the search criteria.

The arguments of this function are not set to be rigid, and they will be different with different implementation of ExpManager in Qlib. Qlib now provides an implementation of ExpManager with mlflow, and here is the example code of the this method with the MLflowExpManager:

```
R.log_metrics(m=2.50, step=0)
records = R.search_runs([experiment_id], order_by=["metrics.m DESC"])
```

Parameters

- **experiment_ids** (*list*) – list of experiment IDs.
- **filter_string** (*str*) – filter query string, defaults to searching all runs.
- **run_view_type** (*int*) – one of enum values ACTIVE_ONLY, DELETED_ONLY, or ALL (e.g. in mlflow.entities.ViewType).
- **max_results** (*int*) – the maximum number of runs to put in the dataframe.
- **order_by** (*list*) – list of columns to order by (e.g., “metrics.rmse”).

Returns

- A *pandas.DataFrame* of records, where each metric, parameter, and tag
- are expanded into their own columns named *metrics.*, *params.**, and *tags.***
- respectively. For records that don’t have a particular metric, parameter, or tag, their
- value will be (NumPy) *Nan*, *None*, or *None* respectively.

list_experiments()

Method for listing all the existing experiments (except for those being deleted.)

```
exps = R.list_experiments()
```

Returns

Return type A dictionary (name -> experiment) of experiments information that being stored.

list_recorders(experiment_id=None, experiment_name=None)

Method for listing all the recorders of experiment with given id or name.

If user doesn’t provide the id or name of the experiment, this method will try to retrieve the default experiment and list all the recorders of the default experiment. If the default experiment doesn’t exist, the method will first create the default experiment, and then create a new recorder under it. (More information about the default experiment can be found [here](#)).

Here is the example code:

```
recorders = R.list_recorders(experiment_name='test')
```

Parameters

- **experiment_id** (*str*) – id of the experiment.
- **experiment_name** (*str*) – name of the experiment.

Returns

Return type A dictionary (id -> recorder) of recorder information that being stored.

get_exp (*experiment_id=None, experiment_name=None, create: bool = True*) → *qlib.workflow.exp.Experiment*

Method for retrieving an experiment with given id or name. Once the *create* argument is set to True, if no

valid experiment is found, this method will create one for you. Otherwise, it will only retrieve a specific experiment or raise an Error.

- If `'create'` is True:
 - If *active experiment* exists:
 - * no id or name specified, return the active experiment.
 - * if id or name is specified, return the specified experiment. If no such exp found, create a new experiment with given id or name, and the experiment is set to be active.
 - If *active experiment* not exists:
 - * no id or name specified, create a default experiment, and the experiment is set to be active.
 - * if id or name is specified, return the specified experiment. If no such exp found, create a new experiment with given name or the default experiment, and the experiment is set to be active.
- Else If `'create'` is False:
 - If `'active experiment'` exists:
 - * no id or name specified, return the active experiment.
 - * if id or name is specified, return the specified experiment. If no such exp found, raise Error.
 - If *active experiment* not exists:
 - * no id or name specified. If the default experiment exists, return it, otherwise, raise Error.
 - * if id or name is specified, return the specified experiment. If no such exp found, raise Error.

Here are some use cases:

```
# Case 1
with R.start('test'):
    exp = R.get_exp()
    recorders = exp.list_recorders()

# Case 2
with R.start('test'):
    exp = R.get_exp('test1')

# Case 3
exp = R.get_exp() -> a default experiment.

# Case 4
exp = R.get_exp(experiment_name='test')

# Case 5
exp = R.get_exp(create=False) -> the default experiment if exists.
```

Parameters

- **experiment_id** (*str*) – id of the experiment.
- **experiment_name** (*str*) – name of the experiment.
- **create** (*boolean*) – an argument determines whether the method will automatically create a new experiment according to user's specification if the experiment hasn't been created before.

Returns

Return type An experiment instance with given id or name.

delete_exp (*experiment_id=None, experiment_name=None*)

Method for deleting the experiment with given id or name. At least one of id or name must be given, otherwise, error will occur.

Here is the example code:

```
R.delete_exp(experiment_name='test')
```

Parameters

- **experiment_id** (*str*) – id of the experiment.
- **experiment_name** (*str*) – name of the experiment.

get_uri ()

Method for retrieving the uri of current experiment manager.

Here is the example code:

```
uri = R.get_uri()
```

Returns

Return type The uri of current experiment manager.

get_recorder (*recorder_id=None, recorder_name=None, experiment_name=None*)

Method for retrieving a recorder.

- If *active recorder* exists:
 - no id or name specified, return the active recorder.
 - if id or name is specified, return the specified recorder.
- If *active recorder* not exists:
 - no id or name specified, raise Error.
 - if id or name is specified, and the corresponding *experiment_name* must be given, return the specified recorder. Otherwise, raise Error.

The recorder can be used for further process such as *save_object*, *load_object*, *log_params*, *log_metrics*, etc.

Here are some use cases:

```
# Case 1
with R.start('test'):
    recorder = R.get_recorder()

# Case 2
with R.start('test'):
    recorder = R.get_recorder(recorder_id='2e7a4efd66574fa49039e00ffaefa99d')

# Case 3
recorder = R.get_recorder() -> Error

# Case 4
```

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```
recorder = R.get_recorder(recorder_id='2e7a4efd66574fa49039e00ffaefa99d') ->
↳Error

# Case 5
recorder = R.get_recorder(recorder_id='2e7a4efd66574fa49039e00ffaefa99d',
↳experiment_name='test')
```

Parameters

- **recorder_id** (*str*) – id of the recorder.
- **recorder_name** (*str*) – name of the recorder.
- **experiment_name** (*str*) – name of the experiment.

Returns

Return type A recorder instance.

delete_recorder (*recorder_id=None, recorder_name=None*)

Method for deleting the recorders with given id or name. At least one of id or name must be given, otherwise, error will occur.

Here is the example code:

```
R.delete_recorder(recorder_id='2e7a4efd66574fa49039e00ffaefa99d')
```

Parameters

- **recorder_id** (*str*) – id of the experiment.
- **recorder_name** (*str*) – name of the experiment.

save_objects (*local_path=None, artifact_path=None, **kwargs*)

Method for saving objects as artifacts in the experiment to the uri. It supports either saving from a local file/directory, or directly saving objects. User can use valid python's keywords arguments to specify the object to be saved as well as its name (name: value).

- If *active recorder* exists: it will save the objects through the active recorder.
- If *active recorder* not exists: the system will create a default experiment, and a new recorder and save objects under it.

Note: If one wants to save objects with a specific recorder. It is recommended to first get the specific recorder through *get_recorder* API and use the recorder the save objects. The supported arguments are the same as this method.

Here are some use cases:

```
# Case 1
with R.start('test'):
    pred = model.predict(dataset)
    R.save_objects(**{"pred.pkl": pred}, artifact_path='prediction')

# Case 2
with R.start('test'):
    R.save_objects(local_path='results/pred.pkl')
```

Parameters

- **local_path** (*str*) – if provided, then save the file or directory to the artifact URI.
- **artifact_path** (*str*) – the relative path for the artifact to be stored in the URI.

log_params (***kwargs*)

Method for logging parameters during an experiment. In addition to using `R`, one can also log to a specific recorder after getting it with `get_recorder` API.

- If *active recorder* exists: it will log parameters through the active recorder.
- If *active recorder* not exists: the system will create a default experiment as well as a new recorder, and log parameters under it.

Here are some use cases:

```
# Case 1
with R.start('test'):
    R.log_params(learning_rate=0.01)

# Case 2
R.log_params(learning_rate=0.01)
```

Parameters argument (*keyword*) – name1=value1, name2=value2, ...

log_metrics (*step=None, **kwargs*)

Method for logging metrics during an experiment. In addition to using `R`, one can also log to a specific recorder after getting it with `get_recorder` API.

- If *active recorder* exists: it will log metrics through the active recorder.
- If *active recorder* not exists: the system will create a default experiment as well as a new recorder, and log metrics under it.

Here are some use cases:

```
# Case 1
with R.start('test'):
    R.log_metrics(train_loss=0.33, step=1)

# Case 2
R.log_metrics(train_loss=0.33, step=1)
```

Parameters argument (*keyword*) – name1=value1, name2=value2, ...

set_tags (***kwargs*)

Method for setting tags for a recorder. In addition to using `R`, one can also set the tag to a specific recorder after getting it with `get_recorder` API.

- If *active recorder* exists: it will set tags through the active recorder.
- If *active recorder* not exists: the system will create a default experiment as well as a new recorder, and set the tags under it.

Here are some use cases:

```
# Case 1
with R.start('test'):
    R.set_tags(release_version="2.2.0")

# Case 2
R.set_tags(release_version="2.2.0")
```

Parameters **argument** (*keyword*) – name1=value1, name2=value2, ...

1.12.3 Experiment Manager

The `ExpManager` module in `Qlib` is responsible for managing different experiments. Most of the APIs of `ExpManager` are similar to `QlibRecorder`, and the most important API will be the `get_exp` method. User can directly refer to the documents above for some detailed information about how to use the `get_exp` method.

class `qlib.workflow.expm.ExpManager(uri, default_exp_name)`

This is the `ExpManager` class for managing experiments. The API is designed similar to `mlflow`. (The link: https://mlflow.org/docs/latest/python_api/mlflow.html)

__init__ (*uri, default_exp_name*)

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

start_exp (*experiment_name=None, recorder_name=None, uri=None, **kwargs*)

Start an experiment. This method includes first `get_or_create` an experiment, and then set it to be active.

Parameters

- **experiment_name** (*str*) – name of the active experiment.
- **recorder_name** (*str*) – name of the recorder to be started.
- **uri** (*str*) – the current tracking URI.

Returns

Return type An active experiment.

end_exp (*recorder_status: str = 'SCHEDULED', **kwargs*)

End an active experiment.

Parameters

- **experiment_name** (*str*) – name of the active experiment.
- **recorder_status** (*str*) – the status of the active recorder of the experiment.

create_exp (*experiment_name=None*)

Create an experiment.

Parameters **experiment_name** (*str*) – the experiment name, which must be unique.

Returns

Return type An experiment object.

search_records (*experiment_ids=None, **kwargs*)

Get a pandas `DataFrame` of records that fit the search criteria of the experiment. Inputs are the search criteria user want to apply.

Returns

- A `pandas.DataFrame` of records, where each metric, parameter, and tag

- *are expanded into their own columns named metrics., params.*, and tags.***
- *respectively. For records that don't have a particular metric, parameter, or tag, their*
- *value will be (NumPy) Nan, None, or None respectively.*

get_exp (*experiment_id=None, experiment_name=None, create: bool = True*)

Retrieve an experiment. This method includes getting an active experiment, and get_or_create a specific experiment. The returned experiment will be active.

When user specify experiment id and name, the method will try to return the specific experiment. When user does not provide recorder id or name, the method will try to return the current active experiment. The *create* argument determines whether the method will automatically create a new experiment according to user's specification if the experiment hasn't been created before.

- If *create* is True:
 - If *active experiment* exists:
 - * no id or name specified, return the active experiment.
 - * if id or name is specified, return the specified experiment. If no such exp found, create a new experiment with given id or name, and the experiment is set to be active.
 - If *active experiment* not exists:
 - * no id or name specified, create a default experiment.
 - * if id or name is specified, return the specified experiment. If no such exp found, create a new experiment with given id or name, and the experiment is set to be active.
- Else If *create* is False:
 - If *active experiment* exists:
 - * no id or name specified, return the active experiment.
 - * if id or name is specified, return the specified experiment. If no such exp found, raise Error.
 - If *active experiment* not exists:
 - * no id or name specified. If the default experiment exists, return it, otherwise, raise Error.
 - * if id or name is specified, return the specified experiment. If no such exp found, raise Error.

Parameters

- **experiment_id** (*str*) – id of the experiment to return.
- **experiment_name** (*str*) – name of the experiment to return.
- **create** (*boolean*) – create the experiment if it hasn't been created before.

Returns

Return type An experiment object.

delete_exp (*experiment_id=None, experiment_name=None*)

Delete an experiment.

Parameters

- **experiment_id** (*str*) – the experiment id.
- **experiment_name** (*str*) – the experiment name.

get_uri()

Get the default tracking URI or current URI.

Returns

Return type The tracking URI string.

list_experiments()

List all the existing experiments.

Returns

Return type A dictionary (name -> experiment) of experiments information that being stored.

For other interfaces such as *create_exp*, *delete_exp*, please refer to [Experiment Manager API](#).

1.12.4 Experiment

The `Experiment` class is solely responsible for a single experiment, and it will handle any operations that are related to an experiment. Basic methods such as *start*, *end* an experiment are included. Besides, methods related to *recorders* are also available: such methods include *get_recorder* and *list_recorders*.

class `qlib.workflow.exp.Experiment(id, name)`

This is the *Experiment* class for each experiment being run. The API is designed similar to mlflow. (The link: https://mlflow.org/docs/latest/python_api/mlflow.html)

__init__(id, name)

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

start(recorder_name=None)

Start the experiment and set it to be active. This method will also start a new recorder.

Parameters **recorder_name** (*str*) – the name of the recorder to be created.

Returns

Return type An active recorder.

end(recorder_status='SCHEDULED')

End the experiment.

Parameters **recorder_status** (*str*) – the status the recorder to be set with when ending (SCHEDULED, RUNNING, FINISHED, FAILED).

create_recorder(recorder_name=None)

Create a recorder for each experiment.

Parameters **recorder_name** (*str*) – the name of the recorder to be created.

Returns

Return type A recorder object.

search_records(kwargs)**

Get a pandas DataFrame of records that fit the search criteria of the experiment. Inputs are the search criteria user want to apply.

Returns

- A *pandas.DataFrame* of records, where each metric, parameter, and tag
- are expanded into their own columns named *metrics.*, *params.**, and *tags.**
- respectively. For records that don't have a particular metric, parameter, or tag, their

- *value will be (NumPy) Nan, None, or None respectively.*

delete_recorder (*recorder_id*)

Create a recorder for each experiment.

Parameters **recorder_id** (*str*) – the id of the recorder to be deleted.

get_recorder (*recorder_id=None, recorder_name=None, create: bool = True*)

Retrieve a Recorder for user. When user specify recorder id and name, the method will try to return the specific recorder. When user does not provide recorder id or name, the method will try to return the current active recorder. The *create* argument determines whether the method will automatically create a new recorder according to user's specification if the recorder hasn't been created before

- If *create* is True:
 - If *active recorder* exists:
 - * no id or name specified, return the active recorder.
 - * if id or name is specified, return the specified recorder. If no such exp found, create a new recorder with given id or name, and the recorder should be active.
 - If *active recorder* not exists:
 - * no id or name specified, create a new recorder.
 - * if id or name is specified, return the specified experiment. If no such exp found, create a new recorder with given id or name, and the recorder should be active.
- Else If *create* is False:
 - If *active recorder* exists:
 - * no id or name specified, return the active recorder.
 - * if id or name is specified, return the specified recorder. If no such exp found, raise Error.
 - If *active recorder* not exists:
 - * no id or name specified, raise Error.
 - * if id or name is specified, return the specified recorder. If no such exp found, raise Error.

Parameters

- **recorder_id** (*str*) – the id of the recorder to be deleted.
- **recorder_name** (*str*) – the name of the recorder to be deleted.
- **create** (*boolean*) – create the recorder if it hasn't been created before.

Returns

Return type A recorder object.

list_recorders ()

List all the existing recorders of this experiment. Please first get the experiment instance before calling this method. If user want to use the method *R.list_recorders()*, please refer to the related API document in *QLibRecorder*.

Returns

Return type A dictionary (id -> recorder) of recorder information that being stored.

For other interfaces such as `search_records`, `delete_recorder`, please refer to [Experiment API](#).

Qlib also provides a default `Experiment`, which will be created and used under certain situations when users use the APIs such as `log_metrics` or `get_exp`. If the default `Experiment` is used, there will be related logged information when running Qlib. Users are able to change the name of the default `Experiment` in the config file of Qlib or during Qlib's [initialization](#), which is set to be `'Experiment'`.

1.12.5 Recorder

The `Recorder` class is responsible for a single recorder. It will handle some detailed operations such as `log_metrics`, `log_params` of a single run. It is designed to help user to easily track results and things being generated during a run.

Here are some important APIs that are not included in the `QlibRecorder`:

class `qlib.workflow.recorder.Recorder` (*experiment_id*, *name*)

This is the `Recorder` class for logging the experiments. The API is designed similar to `mlflow`. (The link: https://mlflow.org/docs/latest/python_api/mlflow.html)

The status of the recorder can be `SCHEDULED`, `RUNNING`, `FINISHED`, `FAILED`.

__init__ (*experiment_id*, *name*)

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

save_objects (*local_path=None*, *artifact_path=None*, ***kwargs*)

Save objects such as prediction file or model checkpoints to the artifact URI. User can save object through keywords arguments (name:value).

Parameters

- **local_path** (*str*) – if provided, then save the file or directory to the artifact URI.
- **artifact_path=None** (*str*) – the relative path for the artifact to be stored in the URI.

load_object (*name*)

Load objects such as prediction file or model checkpoints.

Parameters **name** (*str*) – name of the file to be loaded.

Returns

Return type The saved object.

start_run ()

Start running or resuming the Recorder. The return value can be used as a context manager within a *with* block; otherwise, you must call `end_run()` to terminate the current run. (See `ActiveRun` class in `mlflow`)

Returns

Return type An active running object (e.g. `mlflow.ActiveRun` object)

end_run ()

End an active Recorder.

log_params (***kwargs*)

Log a batch of params for the current run.

Parameters **arguments** (*keyword*) – key, value pair to be logged as parameters.

log_metrics (*step=None*, ***kwargs*)

Log multiple metrics for the current run.

Parameters **arguments** (*keyword*) – key, value pair to be logged as metrics.

set_tags (***kwargs*)

Log a batch of tags for the current run.

Parameters arguments (*keyword*) – key, value pair to be logged as tags.

delete_tags (**keys*)

Delete some tags from a run.

Parameters keys (*series of strs of the keys*) – all the name of the tag to be deleted.

list_artifacts (*artifact_path: str = None*)

List all the artifacts of a recorder.

Parameters artifact_path (*str*) – the relative path for the artifact to be stored in the URI.

Returns

Return type A list of artifacts information (name, path, etc.) that being stored.

list_metrics ()

List all the metrics of a recorder.

Returns

Return type A dictionary of metrics that being stored.

list_params ()

List all the params of a recorder.

Returns

Return type A dictionary of params that being stored.

list_tags ()

List all the tags of a recorder.

Returns

Return type A dictionary of tags that being stored.

For other interfaces such as *save_objects*, *load_object*, please refer to [Recorder API](#).

1.12.6 Record Template

The `RecordTemp` class is a class that enables generate experiment results such as IC and backtest in a certain format. We have provided three different *Record Template* class:

- `SignalRecord`: This class generates the *prediction* results of the model.
- `SigAnaRecord`: This class generates the *IC*, *ICIR*, *Rank IC* and *Rank ICIR* of the model.
- `PortAnaRecord`: This class generates the results of *backtest*. The detailed information about *backtest* as well as the available *strategy*, users can refer to [Strategy](#) and [Backtest](#).

For more information about the APIs, please refer to [Record Template API](#).

1.13 Analysis: Evaluation & Results Analysis

1.13.1 Introduction

Analysis is designed to show the graphical reports of Intraday Trading , which helps users to evaluate and analyse investment portfolios visually. The following are some graphics to view:

- **analysis_position**
 - report_graph
 - score_ic_graph
 - cumulative_return_graph
 - risk_analysis_graph
 - rank_label_graph
- **analysis_model**
 - model_performance_graph

1.13.2 Graphical Reports

Users can run the following code to get all supported reports.

```
>> import qlib.contrib.report as qcr
>> print(qcr.GRAPH_NAME_LIST)
['analysis_position.report_graph', 'analysis_position.score_ic_graph', 'analysis_
↪ position.cumulative_return_graph', 'analysis_position.risk_analysis_graph',
↪ 'analysis_position.rank_label_graph', 'analysis_model.model_performance_graph']
```

Note: For more details, please refer to the function document: similar to `help(qcr.analysis_position.report_graph)`

1.13.3 Usage & Example

Usage of *analysis_position.report*

API

```
qlib.contrib.report.analysis_position.report.report_graph(report_df: pandas.core.frame.DataFrame,
                                                            show_notebook: bool =
True) → [<class 'list'>,
<class 'tuple'>]
```

display backtest report

Example:

```

from qlib.contrib.evaluate import backtest
from qlib.contrib.strategy import TopkDropoutStrategy

# backtest parameters
bparas = {}
bparas['limit_threshold'] = 0.095
bparas['account'] = 1000000000

sparas = {}
sparas['topk'] = 50
sparas['n_drop'] = 230
strategy = TopkDropoutStrategy(**sparas)

report_normal_df, _ = backtest(pred_df, strategy, **bparas)

qcr.report_graph(report_normal_df)

```

Parameters

- **report_df** – **df.index.name** must be **date**, **df.columns** must contain **return**, **turnover**, **cost**, **bench**.

	return	cost	bench	turnover
date				
2017-01-04	0.003421	0.000864	0.011693	0.576325
2017-01-05	0.000508	0.000447	0.000721	0.227882
2017-01-06	-0.003321	0.000212	-0.004322	0.102765
2017-01-09	0.006753	0.000212	0.006874	0.105864
2017-01-10	-0.000416	0.000440	-0.003350	0.208396

- **show_notebook** – whether to display graphics in notebook, the default is **True**.

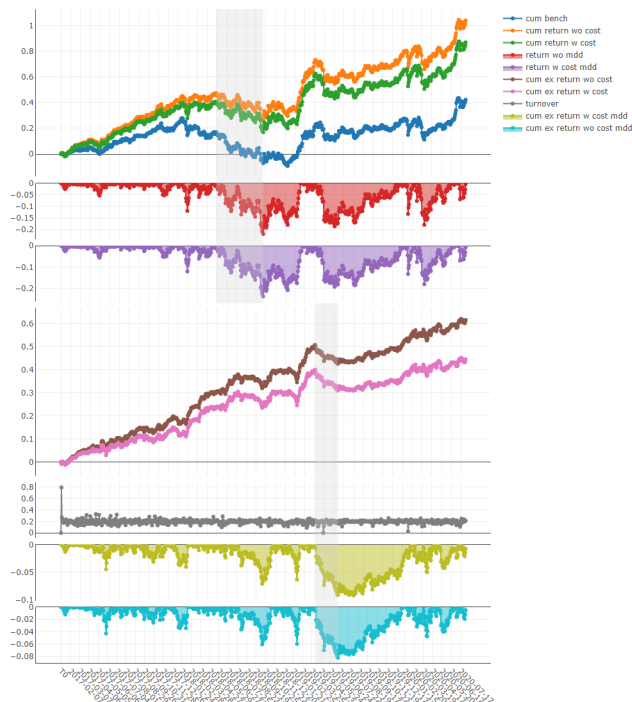
Returns if **show_notebook** is **True**, display in notebook; else return **plotly.graph_objs.Figure** list.

Graphical Result

Note:

- Axis X: Trading day
- Axis Y:
 - **cum bench** Cumulative returns series of benchmark
 - **cum return wo cost** Cumulative returns series of portfolio without cost
 - **cum return w cost** Cumulative returns series of portfolio with cost
 - **return wo mdd** Maximum drawdown series of cumulative return without cost
 - **return w cost mdd:** Maximum drawdown series of cumulative return with cost
 - **cum ex return wo cost** The *CAR* (cumulative abnormal return) series of the portfolio compared to the benchmark without cost.
 - **cum ex return w cost** The *CAR* (cumulative abnormal return) series of the portfolio compared to the benchmark with cost.
 - **turnover** Turnover rate series

- *cum ex return wo cost mdd* Drawdown series of CAR (cumulative abnormal return) without cost
 - *cum ex return w cost mdd* Drawdown series of CAR (cumulative abnormal return) with cost
- The shaded part above: Maximum drawdown corresponding to *cum return wo cost*
 - The shaded part below: Maximum drawdown corresponding to *cum ex return wo cost*



Usage of `analysis_position.score_ic`

API

```
qlib.contrib.report.analysis_position.score_ic.score_ic_graph(pred_label: pandas.core.frame.DataFrame,
                                                             show_notebook:
                                                             bool = True) →
                                                             [<class 'list'>,
                                                             <class 'tuple'>]
```

score IC

Example:

```
from qlib.data import D
from qlib.contrib.report import analysis_position
pred_df_dates = pred_df.index.get_level_values(level='datetime')
features_df = D.features(D.instruments('csi500'), ['Ref($close, ↵
↵-2)/Ref($close, -1)-1'], pred_df_dates.min(), pred_df_dates.
↵max())
features_df.columns = ['label']
```

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```

pred_label = pd.concat([features_df, pred], axis=1, sort=True).
    ↪reindex(features_df.index)
analysis_position.score_ic_graph(pred_label)

```

Parameters

- **pred_label** – index is **pd.MultiIndex**, index name is **[instrument, datetime]**; columns names is **[score, label]**.

instrument	datetime	score	label
SH600004	2017-12-11	-0.013502	-0.013502
	2017-12-12	-0.072367	-0.072367
	2017-12-13	-0.068605	-0.068605
	2017-12-14	0.012440	0.012440
	2017-12-15	-0.102778	-0.102778

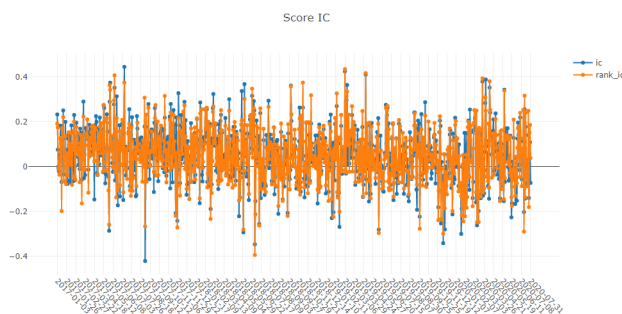
- **show_notebook** – whether to display graphics in notebook, the default is **True**.

Returns if show_notebook is True, display in notebook; else return **plotly.graph_objs.Figure** list.

Graphical Result

Note:

- **Axis X:** Trading day
- **Axis Y:**
 - **ic** The *Pearson correlation coefficient* series between *label* and *prediction score*. In the above example, the *label* is formulated as *Ref(\$close, -1)/\$close - 1*. Please refer to [Data Feattrue](#) for more details.
 - **rank_ic** The *Spearman's rank correlation coefficient* series between *label* and *prediction score*.



Usage of `analysis_position.risk_analysis`

API

```
qlib.contrib.report.analysis_position.risk_analysis.risk_analysis_graph(analysis_df:
    pandas.core.frame.DataFrame
    =
    None,
    report_normal_df:
    pandas.core.frame.DataFrame
    =
    None,
    report_long_short_df:
    pandas.core.frame.DataFrame
    =
    None,
    show_notebook:
    bool
    =
    True)
    →
    Inter-
    able[plotly.graph_objs._fig
```

Generate analysis graph and monthly analysis

Example:

```
from qlib.contrib.evaluate import risk_analysis, backtest, long_
    ↪ short_backtest
from qlib.contrib.strategy import TopkDropoutStrategy
from qlib.contrib.report import analysis_position

# backtest parameters
bparas = {}
bparas['limit_threshold'] = 0.095
bparas['account'] = 1000000000

sparas = {}
sparas['topk'] = 50
sparas['n_drop'] = 230
strategy = TopkDropoutStrategy(**sparas)

report_normal_df, positions = backtest(pred_df, strategy,
    ↪ **bparas)
# long_short_map = long_short_backtest(pred_df)
# report_long_short_df = pd.DataFrame(long_short_map)

analysis = dict()
# analysis['pred_long'] = risk_analysis(report_long_short_df[
    ↪ 'long'])
# analysis['pred_short'] = risk_analysis(report_long_short_df[
    ↪ 'short'])
```

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```
# analysis['pred_long_short'] = risk_analysis(report_long_short_
↳df['long_short'])
analysis['excess_return_without_cost'] = risk_analysis(report_
↳normal_df['return'] - report_normal_df['bench'])
analysis['excess_return_with_cost'] = risk_analysis(report_
↳normal_df['return'] - report_normal_df['bench'] - report_
↳normal_df['cost'])
analysis_df = pd.concat(analysis)

analysis_position.risk_analysis_graph(analysis_df, report_
↳normal_df)
```

Parameters

- **analysis_df** – analysis data, index is **pd.MultiIndex**; columns names is **[risk]**.

		risk
excess_return_without_cost	mean	0.000692
	std	0.005374
	annualized_return	0.174495
	information_ratio	2.045576
	max_drawdown	-0.079103
excess_return_with_cost	mean	0.000499
	std	0.005372
	annualized_return	0.125625
	information_ratio	1.473152
	max_drawdown	-0.088263

- **report_normal_df** – **df.index.name** must be **date**, **df.columns** must contain **return**, **turnover**, **cost**, **bench**.

	return	cost	bench	turnover
date				
2017-01-04	0.003421	0.000864	0.011693	0.576325
2017-01-05	0.000508	0.000447	0.000721	0.227882
2017-01-06	-0.003321	0.000212	-0.004322	0.102765
2017-01-09	0.006753	0.000212	0.006874	0.105864
2017-01-10	-0.000416	0.000440	-0.003350	0.208396

- **report_long_short_df** – **df.index.name** must be **date**, **df.columns** contain **long**, **short**, **long_short**.

	long	short	long_short
date			
2017-01-04	-0.001360	0.001394	0.000034
2017-01-05	0.002456	0.000058	0.002514
2017-01-06	0.000120	0.002739	0.002859
2017-01-09	0.001436	0.001838	0.003273
2017-01-10	0.000824	-0.001944	-0.001120

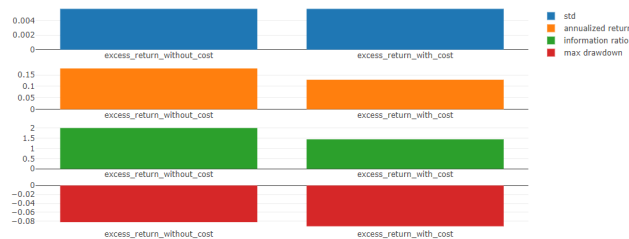
- **show_notebook** – Whether to display graphics in a notebook, default **True**. If **True**, show graph in notebook If **False**, return graph figure

Returns

Graphical Result

Note:

- general graphics
 - *std*
 - * *excess_return_without_cost* The *Standard Deviation* of *CAR* (cumulative abnormal return) without cost.
 - * *excess_return_with_cost* The *Standard Deviation* of *CAR* (cumulative abnormal return) with cost.
 - *annualized_return*
 - * *excess_return_without_cost* The *Annualized Rate* of *CAR* (cumulative abnormal return) without cost.
 - * *excess_return_with_cost* The *Annualized Rate* of *CAR* (cumulative abnormal return) with cost.
 - *information_ratio*
 - * *excess_return_without_cost* The *Information Ratio* without cost.
 - * *excess_return_with_cost* The *Information Ratio* with cost.
- To know more about *Information Ratio*, please refer to [Information Ratio – IR](#).
- *max_drawdown*
 - * *excess_return_without_cost* The *Maximum Drawdown* of *CAR* (cumulative abnormal return) without cost.
 - * *excess_return_with_cost* The *Maximum Drawdown* of *CAR* (cumulative abnormal return) with cost.



Note:

- annualized_return/max_drawdown/information_ratio/std graphics
 - Axis X: Trading days grouped by month
 - Axis Y:
 - * *annualized_return* graphics
 - *excess_return_without_cost_annualized_return* The *Annualized Rate* series of monthly *CAR* (cumulative abnormal return) without cost.
 - *excess_return_with_cost_annualized_return* The *Annualized Rate* series of monthly *CAR* (cumulative abnormal return) with cost.

* **max_drawdown** graphics

- ***excess_return_without_cost_max_drawdown*** The *Maximum Drawdown* series of monthly CAR (cumulative abnormal return) without cost.
- ***excess_return_with_cost_max_drawdown*** The *Maximum Drawdown* series of monthly CAR (cumulative abnormal return) with cost.

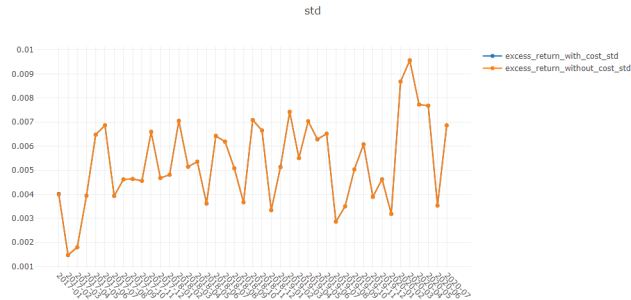
* **information_ratio** graphics

- ***excess_return_without_cost_information_ratio*** The *Information Ratio* series of monthly CAR (cumulative abnormal return) without cost.
- ***excess_return_with_cost_information_ratio*** The *Information Ratio* series of monthly CAR (cumulative abnormal return) with cost.

* **std** graphics

- ***excess_return_without_cost_max_drawdown*** The *Standard Deviation* series of monthly CAR (cumulative abnormal return) without cost.
- ***excess_return_with_cost_max_drawdown*** The *Standard Deviation* series of monthly CAR (cumulative abnormal return) with cost.





Usage of `analysis_model.analysis_model_performance`

API

```
qlib.contrib.report.analysis_model.analysis_model_performance.ic_figure(ic_df:
    pandas.core.frame.DataFrame,
    show_nature_day=True,
    **kwargs)
    →
    plotly.graph_objs._figure.Figure
```

IC figure

Parameters

- **ic_df** – ic DataFrame
- **show_nature_day** – whether to display the abscissa of non-trading day

Returns plotly.graph_objs.Figure

```

glib.contrib.report.analysis_model.analysis_model_performance.model_performance_graph(pred_label,
pan-
das.co
lag:
int
=
1,
N:
int
=
5,
re-
verse=
rank=
graph_
list
=
['grou
'pred_
'pred_
show_
bool
=
True,
show_
→
[<class
'list'>,
<class
'tu-
ple'>]

```

Model performance

Parameters `pred_label` – index is `pd.MultiIndex`, index name is `[instrument, datetime]`; columns names is `**[score, label]**`. It is usually same as the label of model training(e.g. “`Ref($close, -2)/Ref($close, -1) - 1`”).

instrument	datetime	score	label
SH600004	2017-12-11	-0.013502	-0.013502
	2017-12-12	-0.072367	-0.072367
	2017-12-13	-0.068605	-0.068605
	2017-12-14	0.012440	0.012440
	2017-12-15	-0.102778	-0.102778

Parameters

- **lag** – `pred.groupby(level='instrument')['score'].shift(lag)`. It will be only used in the auto-correlation computing.
- **N** – group number, default 5.
- **reverse** – if `True`, `pred['score'] *= -1`.
- **rank** – if `True`, calculate rank ic.
- **graph_names** – graph names; default `['cumulative_return', 'pred_ic', 'pred_autocorr', 'pred_turnover']`.
- **show_notebook** – whether to display graphics in notebook, the default is `True`.

- **show_nature_day** – whether to display the abscissa of non-trading day.

Returns if show_notebook is True, display in notebook; else return `plotly.graph_objs.Figure` list.

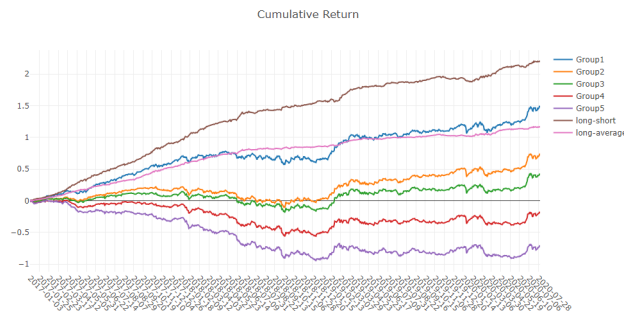
Graphical Results

Note:

- **cumulative return graphics**
 - **Group1:** The *Cumulative Return* series of stocks group with (*ranking ratio* of label $\leq 20\%$)
 - **Group2:** The *Cumulative Return* series of stocks group with ($20\% < \text{ranking ratio}$ of label $\leq 40\%$)
 - **Group3:** The *Cumulative Return* series of stocks group with ($40\% < \text{ranking ratio}$ of label $\leq 60\%$)
 - **Group4:** The *Cumulative Return* series of stocks group with ($60\% < \text{ranking ratio}$ of label $\leq 80\%$)
 - **Group5:** The *Cumulative Return* series of stocks group with ($80\% < \text{ranking ratio}$ of label)
 - **long-short:** The Difference series between *Cumulative Return* of *Group1* and of *Group5*
 - **long-average** The Difference series between *Cumulative Return* of *Group1* and average *Cumulative Return* for all stocks.

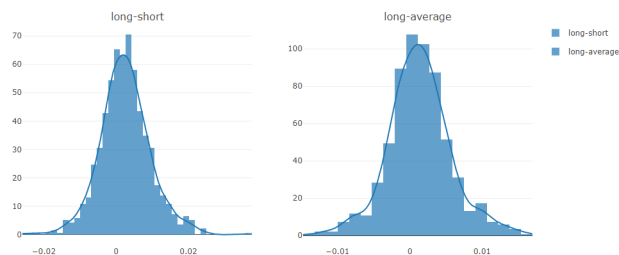
The *ranking ratio* can be formulated as follows.

$$\text{ranking ratio} = \frac{\text{Ascending Ranking of label}}{\text{Number of Stocks in the Portfolio}}$$



Note:

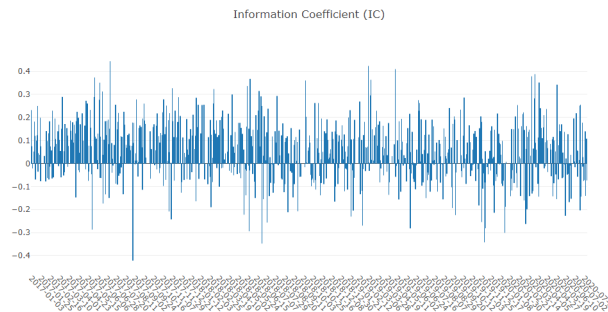
- **long-short/long-average** The distribution of long-short/long-average returns on each trading day



Note:

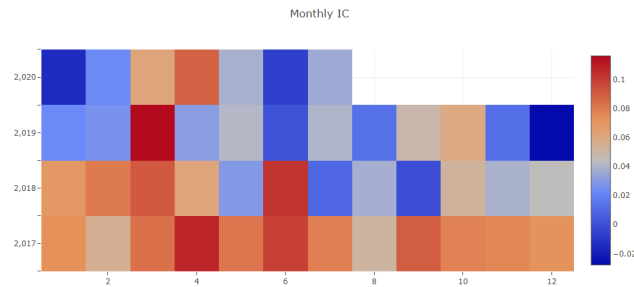
- **Information Coefficient**

- The *Pearson correlation coefficient* series between *labels* and *prediction scores* of stocks in portfolio.
- The graphics reports can be used to evaluate the *prediction scores*.



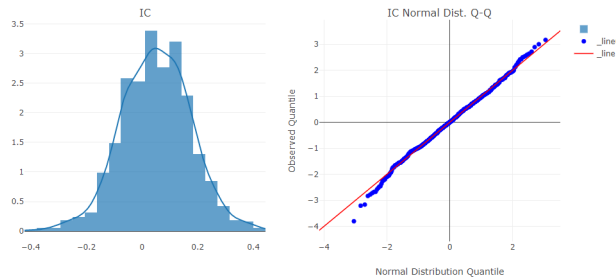
Note:

- **Monthly IC** Monthly average of the *Information Coefficient*



Note:

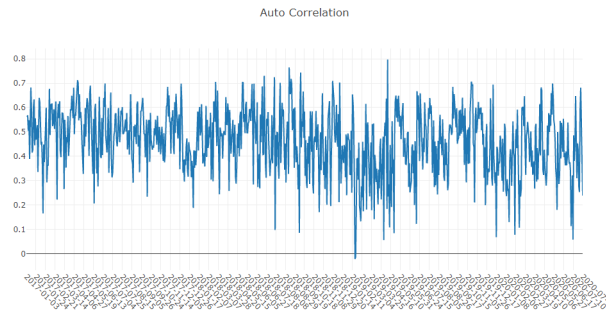
- **IC** The distribution of the *Information Coefficient* on each trading day.
- **IC Normal Dist. Q-Q** The *Quantile-Quantile Plot* is used for the normal distribution of *Information Coefficient* on each trading day.



Note:

- **Auto Correlation**

- The *Pearson correlation coefficient* series between the latest *prediction scores* and the *prediction scores lag days* ago of stocks in portfolio on each trading day.
 - The graphics reports can be used to estimate the turnover rate.
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1.14 Building Formulaic Alphas

1.14.1 Introduction

In quantitative trading practice, designing novel factors that can explain and predict future asset returns are of vital importance to the profitability of a strategy. Such factors are usually called alpha factors, or alphas in short.

A formulaic alpha, as the name suggests, is a kind of alpha that can be presented as a formula or a mathematical expression.

1.14.2 Building Formulaic Alphas in qlib

In `qlib`, users can easily build formulaic alphas.

Example

MACD, short for moving average convergence/divergence, is a formulaic alpha used in technical analysis of stock prices. It is designed to reveal changes in the strength, direction, momentum, and duration of a trend in a stock's price.

MACD can be presented as the following formula:

$$MACD = 2 \times (DIF - DEA)$$

Note: *DIF* means Differential value, which is 12-period EMA minus 26-period EMA.

$$DIF = \frac{EMA(CLOSE, 12) - EMA(CLOSE, 26)}{CLOSE}$$

**DEA* means a 9-period EMA of the *DIF*.

$$DEA = \frac{EMA(DIF, 9)}{CLOSE}$$

Users can use `Data Handler` to build formulaic alphas *MACD* in `qlib`:

Note: Users need to initialize Qlib with *qlib.init* first. Please refer to [initialization](#).

```
>> from qlib.data.dataset.loader import QlibDataLoader
>> MACD_EXP = '(EMA($close, 12) - EMA($close, 26))/ $close - EMA((EMA($close, 12) -
↳ EMA($close, 26))/ $close, 9)/ $close'
>> fields = [MACD_EXP] # MACD
>> names = ['MACD']
>> labels = ['Ref($close, -2)/Ref($close, -1) - 1'] # label
>> label_names = ['LABEL']
>> data_loader_config = {
..     "feature": (fields, names),
..     "label": (labels, label_names)
.. }
>> data_loader = QlibDataLoader(config=data_loader_config)
>> df = data_loader.load(instruments='csi300', start_time='2010-01-01', end_time=
↳ '2017-12-31')
>> print(df)
```

		feature MACD	label LABEL
datetime	instrument		
2010-01-04	SH600000	-0.011547	-0.019672
	SH600004	0.002745	-0.014721
	SH600006	0.010133	0.002911
	SH600008	-0.001113	0.009818
	SH600009	0.025878	-0.017758
...	
2017-12-29	SZ300124	0.007306	-0.005074
	SZ300136	-0.013492	0.056352
	SZ300144	-0.000966	0.011853
	SZ300251	0.004383	0.021739
	SZ300315	-0.030557	0.012455

1.14.3 Reference

To learn more about Data Loader, please refer to [Data Loader](#)

To learn more about Data API, please refer to [Data API](#)

1.15 Online & Offline mode

1.15.1 Introduction

Qlib supports Online mode and Offline mode. Only the Offline mode is introduced in this document.

The Online mode is designed to solve the following problems:

- Manage the data in a centralized way. Users don't have to manage data of different versions.
- Reduce the amount of cache to be generated.
- Make the data can be accessed in a remote way.

1.15.2 Qlib-Server

Qlib-Server is the assorted server system for Qlib, which utilizes Qlib for basic calculations and provides extensive server system and cache mechanism. With QlibServer, the data provided for Qlib can be managed in a centralized manner. With Qlib-Server, users can use Qlib in Online mode.

1.15.3 Reference

If users are interested in Qlib-Server and Online mode, please refer to [Qlib-Server Project](#) and [Qlib-Server Document](#).

1.16 API Reference

Here you can find all Qlib interfaces.

1.16.1 Data

Provider

class `qlib.data.data.CalendarProvider`

Calendar provider base class

Provide calendar data.

calendar (*start_time=None, end_time=None, freq='day', future=False*)

Get calendar of certain market in given time range.

Parameters

- **start_time** (*str*) – start of the time range.
- **end_time** (*str*) – end of the time range.
- **freq** (*str*) – time frequency, available: year/quarter/month/week/day.
- **future** (*bool*) – whether including future trading day.

Returns calendar list

Return type list

locate_index (*start_time, end_time, freq, future*)

Locate the start time index and end time index in a calendar under certain frequency.

Parameters

- **start_time** (*str*) – start of the time range.
- **end_time** (*str*) – end of the time range.
- **freq** (*str*) – time frequency, available: year/quarter/month/week/day.
- **future** (*bool*) – whether including future trading day.

Returns

- *pd.Timestamp* – the real start time.
- *pd.Timestamp* – the real end time.

- *int* – the index of start time.
- *int* – the index of end time.

class qlib.data.data.InstrumentProvider

Instrument provider base class

Provide instrument data.

static instruments (*market='all', filter_pipe=None*)

Get the general config dictionary for a base market adding several dynamic filters.

Parameters

- **market** (*str*) – market/industry/index shortname, e.g. all/sse/szse/sse50/csi300/csi500.
- **filter_pipe** (*list*) – the list of dynamic filters.

Returns

dict of stockpool config. {'market'=>base market name, 'filter_pipe'=>list of filters}

example :

Return type dict

list_instruments (*instruments, start_time=None, end_time=None, freq='day', as_list=False*)

List the instruments based on a certain stockpool config.

Parameters

- **instruments** (*dict*) – stockpool config.
- **start_time** (*str*) – start of the time range.
- **end_time** (*str*) – end of the time range.
- **as_list** (*bool*) – return instruments as list or dict.

Returns instruments list or dictionary with time spans

Return type dict or list

class qlib.data.data.FeatureProvider

Feature provider class

Provide feature data.

feature (*instrument, field, start_time, end_time, freq*)

Get feature data.

Parameters

- **instrument** (*str*) – a certain instrument.
- **field** (*str*) – a certain field of feature.
- **start_time** (*str*) – start of the time range.
- **end_time** (*str*) – end of the time range.
- **freq** (*str*) – time frequency, available: year/quarter/month/week/day.

Returns data of a certain feature

Return type pd.Series

class qlib.data.data.ExpressionProvider

Expression provider class

Provide Expression data.

__init__ ()

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

expression (instrument, field, start_time=None, end_time=None, freq='day')

Get Expression data.

Parameters

- **instrument** (*str*) – a certain instrument.
- **field** (*str*) – a certain field of feature.
- **start_time** (*str*) – start of the time range.
- **end_time** (*str*) – end of the time range.
- **freq** (*str*) – time frequency, available: year/quarter/month/week/day.

Returns data of a certain expression

Return type pd.Series

class qlib.data.data.DatasetProvider

Dataset provider class

Provide Dataset data.

dataset (instruments, fields, start_time=None, end_time=None, freq='day')

Get dataset data.

Parameters

- **instruments** (*list or dict*) – list/dict of instruments or dict of stockpool config.
- **fields** (*list*) – list of feature instances.
- **start_time** (*str*) – start of the time range.
- **end_time** (*str*) – end of the time range.
- **freq** (*str*) – time frequency.

Returns a pandas dataframe with <instrument, datetime> index.

Return type pd.DataFrame

static **get_instruments_d** (instruments, freq)

Parse different types of input instruments to output instruments_d Wrong format of input instruments will lead to exception.

static **get_column_names** (fields)

Get column names from input fields

static **dataset_processor** (instruments_d, column_names, start_time, end_time, freq)

Load and process the data, return the data set. - default using multi-kernel method.

static **expression_calculator** (inst, start_time, end_time, freq, column_names, spans=None, g_config=None)

Calculate the expressions for one instrument, return a df result. If the expression has been calculated before, load from cache.

return value: A data frame with index 'datetime' and other data columns.

```

class qlib.data.data.LocalCalendarProvider (**kwargs)
    Local calendar data provider class

    Provide calendar data from local data source.

    __init__ (**kwargs)
        Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

    load_calendar (freq, future)
        Load original calendar timestamp from file.

        Parameters freq (str) – frequency of read calendar file.

        Returns list of timestamps

        Return type list

    calendar (start_time=None, end_time=None, freq='day', future=False)
        Get calendar of certain market in given time range.

        Parameters

        • start_time (str) – start of the time range.

        • end_time (str) – end of the time range.

        • freq (str) – time frequency, available: year/quarter/month/week/day.

        • future (bool) – whether including future trading day.

        Returns calendar list

        Return type list

class qlib.data.data.LocalInstrumentProvider
    Local instrument data provider class

    Provide instrument data from local data source.

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

    list_instruments (instruments, start_time=None, end_time=None, freq='day', as_list=False)
        List the instruments based on a certain stockpool config.

        Parameters

        • instruments (dict) – stockpool config.

        • start_time (str) – start of the time range.

        • end_time (str) – end of the time range.

        • as_list (bool) – return instruments as list or dict.

        Returns instruments list or dictionary with time spans

        Return type dict or list

class qlib.data.data.LocalFeatureProvider (**kwargs)
    Local feature data provider class

    Provide feature data from local data source.

    __init__ (**kwargs)
        Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

```

feature (*instrument, field, start_index, end_index, freq*)

Get feature data.

Parameters

- **instrument** (*str*) – a certain instrument.
- **field** (*str*) – a certain field of feature.
- **start_time** (*str*) – start of the time range.
- **end_time** (*str*) – end of the time range.
- **freq** (*str*) – time frequency, available: year/quarter/month/week/day.

Returns data of a certain feature

Return type `pd.Series`

class `qlib.data.data.LocalExpressionProvider`

Local expression data provider class

Provide expression data from local data source.

__init__ ()

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

expression (*instrument, field, start_time=None, end_time=None, freq='day'*)

Get Expression data.

Parameters

- **instrument** (*str*) – a certain instrument.
- **field** (*str*) – a certain field of feature.
- **start_time** (*str*) – start of the time range.
- **end_time** (*str*) – end of the time range.
- **freq** (*str*) – time frequency, available: year/quarter/month/week/day.

Returns data of a certain expression

Return type `pd.Series`

class `qlib.data.data.LocalDatasetProvider`

Local dataset data provider class

Provide dataset data from local data source.

__init__ ()

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

dataset (*instruments, fields, start_time=None, end_time=None, freq='day'*)

Get dataset data.

Parameters

- **instruments** (*list or dict*) – list/dict of instruments or dict of stockpool config.
- **fields** (*list*) – list of feature instances.
- **start_time** (*str*) – start of the time range.
- **end_time** (*str*) – end of the time range.
- **freq** (*str*) – time frequency.

Returns a pandas dataframe with <instrument, datetime> index.

Return type `pd.DataFrame`

static multi_cache_walker (*instruments, fields, start_time=None, end_time=None, freq='day'*)

This method is used to prepare the expression cache for the client. Then the client will load the data from expression cache by itself.

static cache_walker (*inst, start_time, end_time, freq, column_names*)

If the expressions of one instrument haven't been calculated before, calculate it and write it into expression cache.

class `qlib.data.data.ClientCalendarProvider`

Client calendar data provider class

Provide calendar data by requesting data from server as a client.

__init__ ()

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

calendar (*start_time=None, end_time=None, freq='day', future=False*)

Get calendar of certain market in given time range.

Parameters

- **start_time** (*str*) – start of the time range.
- **end_time** (*str*) – end of the time range.
- **freq** (*str*) – time frequency, available: year/quarter/month/week/day.
- **future** (*bool*) – whether including future trading day.

Returns calendar list

Return type `list`

class `qlib.data.data.ClientInstrumentProvider`

Client instrument data provider class

Provide instrument data by requesting data from server as a client.

__init__ ()

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

list_instruments (*instruments, start_time=None, end_time=None, freq='day', as_list=False*)

List the instruments based on a certain stockpool config.

Parameters

- **instruments** (*dict*) – stockpool config.
- **start_time** (*str*) – start of the time range.
- **end_time** (*str*) – end of the time range.
- **as_list** (*bool*) – return instruments as list or dict.

Returns instruments list or dictionary with time spans

Return type `dict` or `list`

class `qlib.data.data.ClientDatasetProvider`

Client dataset data provider class

Provide dataset data by requesting data from server as a client.

__init__ ()

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

dataset (*instruments*, *fields*, *start_time=None*, *end_time=None*, *freq='day'*, *disk_cache=0*, *return_uri=False*)

Get dataset data.

Parameters

- **instruments** (*list or dict*) – list/dict of instruments or dict of stockpool config.
- **fields** (*list*) – list of feature instances.
- **start_time** (*str*) – start of the time range.
- **end_time** (*str*) – end of the time range.
- **freq** (*str*) – time frequency.

Returns a pandas dataframe with <instrument, datetime> index.

Return type pd.DataFrame

class qlib.data.data.BaseProvider

Local provider class

To keep compatible with old qlib provider.

features (*instruments*, *fields*, *start_time=None*, *end_time=None*, *freq='day'*, *disk_cache=None*)

disk_cache [int] whether to skip(0)/use(1)/replace(2) disk_cache

This function will try to use cache method which has a keyword *disk_cache*, and will use provider method if a type error is raised because the DatasetD instance is a provider class.

class qlib.data.data.LocalProvider

features_uri (*instruments*, *fields*, *start_time*, *end_time*, *freq*, *disk_cache=1*)

Return the uri of the generated cache of features/dataset

Parameters

- **disk_cache** –
- **instruments** –
- **fields** –
- **start_time** –
- **end_time** –
- **freq** –

class qlib.data.data.ClientProvider

Client Provider

Requesting data from server as a client. Can propose requests:

- Calendar : Directly respond a list of calendars
- Instruments (without filter): Directly respond a list/dict of instruments
- Instruments (with filters): Respond a list/dict of instruments
- Features : Respond a cache uri

The general workflow is described as follows: When the user use client provider to propose a request, the client provider will connect the server and send the request. The client will start to wait for the response. The response will be made instantly indicating whether the cache is available. The waiting procedure will terminate only when the client get the reponse saying *feature_available* is true. *BUG* : Everytime we make request for certain data we need to connect to the server, wait for the response and disconnect from it. We can't make a sequence of requests within one connection. You can refer to <https://python-socketio.readthedocs.io/en/latest/client.html> for documentation of python-socketIO client.

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

`qlib.data.data.CalendarProviderWrapper`
alias of `qlib.data.data.CalendarProvider`

`qlib.data.data.InstrumentProviderWrapper`
alias of `qlib.data.data.InstrumentProvider`

`qlib.data.data.FeatureProviderWrapper`
alias of `qlib.data.data.FeatureProvider`

`qlib.data.data.ExpressionProviderWrapper`
alias of `qlib.data.data.ExpressionProvider`

`qlib.data.data.DatasetProviderWrapper`
alias of `qlib.data.data.DatasetProvider`

`qlib.data.data.BaseProviderWrapper`
alias of `qlib.data.data.BaseProvider`

`qlib.data.data.register_all_wrappers(C)`

Filter

class `qlib.data.filter.BaseDFilter`

Dynamic Instruments Filter Abstract class

Users can override this class to construct their own filter

Override `__init__` to input filter regulations

Override `filter_main` to use the regulations to filter instruments

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

static from_config(*config*)
Construct an instance from config dict.

Parameters *config* (*dict*) – dict of config parameters.

to_config()
Construct an instance from config dict.

Returns return the dict of config parameters.

Return type dict

class `qlib.data.filter.SeriesDFilter` (*fstart_time=None, fend_time=None*)

Dynamic Instruments Filter Abstract class to filter a series of certain features

Filters should provide parameters:

- filter start time
- filter end time

- filter rule

Override `__init__` to assign a certain rule to filter the series.

Override `_getFilterSeries` to use the rule to filter the series and get a dict of {inst => series}, or override `filter_main` for more advanced series filter rule

`__init__` (*fstart_time=None, fend_time=None*)

Init function for filter base class. Filter a set of instruments based on a certain rule within a certain period assigned by `fstart_time` and `fend_time`.

Parameters

- **fstart_time** (*str*) – the time for the filter rule to start filter the instruments.
- **fend_time** (*str*) – the time for the filter rule to stop filter the instruments.

filter_main (*instruments, start_time=None, end_time=None*)

Implement this method to filter the instruments.

Parameters

- **instruments** (*dict*) – input instruments to be filtered.
- **start_time** (*str*) – start of the time range.
- **end_time** (*str*) – end of the time range.

Returns filtered instruments, same structure as input instruments.

Return type dict

class `qlib.data.filter.NameDFilter` (*name_rule_re, fstart_time=None, fend_time=None*)
Name dynamic instrument filter

Filter the instruments based on a regulated name format.

A name rule regular expression is required.

`__init__` (*name_rule_re, fstart_time=None, fend_time=None*)
Init function for name filter class

name_rule_re: str regular expression for the name rule.

static from_config (*config*)
Construct an instance from config dict.

Parameters **config** (*dict*) – dict of config parameters.

to_config ()
Construct an instance from config dict.

Returns return the dict of config parameters.

Return type dict

class `qlib.data.filter.ExpressionDFilter` (*rule_expression, fstart_time=None, fend_time=None, keep=False*)

Expression dynamic instrument filter

Filter the instruments based on a certain expression.

An expression rule indicating a certain feature field is required.

Examples

- *basic features filter* : `rule_expression = '$close/$open>5'`
- *cross-sectional features filter* : `rule_expression = '$rank($close)<10'`
- *time-sequence features filter* : `rule_expression = '$Ref($close, 3)>100'`

`__init__` (*rule_expression*, *fstart_time=None*, *fend_time=None*, *keep=False*)

Init function for expression filter class

fstart_time: `str` filter the feature starting from this time.

fend_time: `str` filter the feature ending by this time.

rule_expression: `str` an input expression for the rule.

keep: `bool` whether to keep the instruments of which features don't exist in the filter time span.

`from_config` ()

Construct an instance from config dict.

Parameters `config` (*dict*) – dict of config parameters.

`to_config` ()

Construct an instance from config dict.

Returns return the dict of config parameters.

Return type `dict`

Class

`class` `qlib.data.base.Expression`

Expression base class

`load` (*instrument*, *start_index*, *end_index*, *freq*)

load feature

Parameters

- **instrument** (*str*) – instrument code.
- **start_index** (*str*) – feature start index [in calendar].
- **end_index** (*str*) – feature end index [in calendar].
- **freq** (*str*) – feature frequency.

Returns feature series: The index of the series is the calendar index

Return type `pd.Series`

`get_longest_back_rolling` ()

Get the longest length of historical data the feature has accessed

This is designed for getting the needed range of the data to calculate the features in specific range at first. However, situations like `Ref(Ref($close, -1), 1)` can not be handled rightly.

So this will only used for detecting the length of historical data needed.

`get_extended_window_size` ()

get_extend_window_size

For to calculate this Operator in `range[start_index, end_index]` We have to get the *leaf feature* in `range[start_index - lft_etd, end_index + right_etd]`.

Returns lft_etd, right_etd

Return type (int, int)

class qlib.data.base.**Feature** (*name=None*)

Static Expression

This kind of feature will load data from provider

__init__ (*name=None*)

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

get_longest_back_rolling ()

Get the longest length of historical data the feature has accessed

This is designed for getting the needed range of the data to calculate the features in specific range at first. However, situations like Ref(Ref(\$close, -1), 1) can not be handled rightly.

So this will only used for detecting the length of historical data needed.

get_extended_window_size ()

get_extend_window_size

For to calculate this Operator in range[start_index, end_index] We have to get the *leaf feature* in range[start_index - lft_etd, end_index + right_etd].

Returns lft_etd, right_etd

Return type (int, int)

class qlib.data.base.**ExpressionOps**

Operator Expression

This kind of feature will use operator for feature construction on the fly.

Operator

class qlib.data.ops.**ElemOperator** (*feature*)

Element-wise Operator

Parameters **feature** (*Expression*) – feature instance

Returns feature operation output

Return type *Expression*

__init__ (*feature*)

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

get_longest_back_rolling ()

Get the longest length of historical data the feature has accessed

This is designed for getting the needed range of the data to calculate the features in specific range at first. However, situations like Ref(Ref(\$close, -1), 1) can not be handled rightly.

So this will only used for detecting the length of historical data needed.

get_extended_window_size ()

get_extend_window_size

For to calculate this Operator in range[start_index, end_index] We have to get the *leaf feature* in range[start_index - lft_etd, end_index + right_etd].

Returns lft_etd, right_etd

Return type (int, int)

```

class qlib.data.ops.NpElemOperator (feature, func)
    Numpy Element-wise Operator
    Parameters
        • feature (Expression) – feature instance
        • func (str) – numpy feature operation method
    Returns feature operation output
    Return type Expression
    __init__ (feature, func)
        Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

class qlib.data.ops.Abs (feature)
    Feature Absolute Value
    Parameters feature (Expression) – feature instance
    Returns a feature instance with absolute output
    Return type Expression
    __init__ (feature)
        Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

class qlib.data.ops.Sign (feature)
    Feature Sign
    Parameters feature (Expression) – feature instance
    Returns a feature instance with sign
    Return type Expression
    __init__ (feature)
        Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

class qlib.data.ops.Log (feature)
    Feature Log
    Parameters feature (Expression) – feature instance
    Returns a feature instance with log
    Return type Expression
    __init__ (feature)
        Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

class qlib.data.ops.Power (feature, exponent)
    Feature Power
    Parameters feature (Expression) – feature instance
    Returns a feature instance with power
    Return type Expression
    __init__ (feature, exponent)
        Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

class qlib.data.ops.Mask (feature, instrument)
    Feature Mask
    Parameters
        • feature (Expression) – feature instance
        • instrument (str) – instrument mask
    Returns a feature instance with masked instrument

```

Return type *Expression*

__init__ (*feature, instrument*)

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

class qlib.data.ops.**Not** (*feature*)

Not Operator

Parameters

- **feature_left** (*Expression*) – feature instance
- **feature_right** (*Expression*) – feature instance

Returns feature elementwise not output

Return type *Feature*

__init__ (*feature*)

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

class qlib.data.ops.**PairOperator** (*feature_left, feature_right*)

Pair-wise operator

Parameters

- **feature_left** (*Expression*) – feature instance or numeric value
- **feature_right** (*Expression*) – feature instance or numeric value
- **func** (*str*) – operator function

Returns two features' operation output

Return type *Feature*

__init__ (*feature_left, feature_right*)

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

get_longest_back_rolling ()

Get the longest length of historical data the feature has accessed

This is designed for getting the needed range of the data to calculate the features in specific range at first. However, situations like Ref(Ref(\$close, -1), 1) can not be handled rightly.

So this will only used for detecting the length of historical data needed.

get_extended_window_size ()

get_extend_window_size

For to calculate this Operator in range[start_index, end_index] We have to get the *leaf feature* in range[start_index - lft_etd, end_index + right_etd].

Returns lft_etd, right_etd

Return type (int, int)

class qlib.data.ops.**NpPairOperator** (*feature_left, feature_right, func*)

Numpy Pair-wise operator

Parameters

- **feature_left** (*Expression*) – feature instance or numeric value
- **feature_right** (*Expression*) – feature instance or numeric value
- **func** (*str*) – operator function

Returns two features' operation output

Return type *Feature*

`__init__(feature_left, feature_right, func)`
 Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

class `qlib.data.ops.Add(feature_left, feature_right)`

Add Operator

Parameters

- **feature_left** (`Expression`) – feature instance
- **feature_right** (`Expression`) – feature instance

Returns two features' sum

Return type `Feature`

`__init__(feature_left, feature_right)`
 Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

class `qlib.data.ops.Sub(feature_left, feature_right)`

Subtract Operator

Parameters

- **feature_left** (`Expression`) – feature instance
- **feature_right** (`Expression`) – feature instance

Returns two features' subtraction

Return type `Feature`

`__init__(feature_left, feature_right)`
 Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

class `qlib.data.ops.Mul(feature_left, feature_right)`

Multiply Operator

Parameters

- **feature_left** (`Expression`) – feature instance
- **feature_right** (`Expression`) – feature instance

Returns two features' product

Return type `Feature`

`__init__(feature_left, feature_right)`
 Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

class `qlib.data.ops.Div(feature_left, feature_right)`

Division Operator

Parameters

- **feature_left** (`Expression`) – feature instance
- **feature_right** (`Expression`) – feature instance

Returns two features' division

Return type `Feature`

`__init__(feature_left, feature_right)`
 Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

class `qlib.data.ops.Greater(feature_left, feature_right)`

Greater Operator

Parameters

- **feature_left** (`Expression`) – feature instance

- **feature_right** (*Expression*) – feature instance

Returns greater elements taken from the input two features

Return type *Feature*

__init__ (*feature_left*, *feature_right*)

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

class qlib.data.ops.**Less** (*feature_left*, *feature_right*)

Less Operator

Parameters

- **feature_left** (*Expression*) – feature instance
- **feature_right** (*Expression*) – feature instance

Returns smaller elements taken from the input two features

Return type *Feature*

__init__ (*feature_left*, *feature_right*)

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

class qlib.data.ops.**Gt** (*feature_left*, *feature_right*)

Greater Than Operator

Parameters

- **feature_left** (*Expression*) – feature instance
- **feature_right** (*Expression*) – feature instance

Returns bool series indicate *left > right*

Return type *Feature*

__init__ (*feature_left*, *feature_right*)

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

class qlib.data.ops.**Ge** (*feature_left*, *feature_right*)

Greater Equal Than Operator

Parameters

- **feature_left** (*Expression*) – feature instance
- **feature_right** (*Expression*) – feature instance

Returns bool series indicate *left >= right*

Return type *Feature*

__init__ (*feature_left*, *feature_right*)

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

class qlib.data.ops.**Lt** (*feature_left*, *feature_right*)

Less Than Operator

Parameters

- **feature_left** (*Expression*) – feature instance
- **feature_right** (*Expression*) – feature instance

Returns bool series indicate *left < right*

Return type *Feature*

__init__ (*feature_left*, *feature_right*)

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

```

class qlib.data.ops.Le (feature_left, feature_right)
    Less Equal Than Operator
    Parameters
        • feature_left (Expression) – feature instance
        • feature_right (Expression) – feature instance
    Returns bool series indicate left <= right
    Return type Feature
    __init__ (feature_left, feature_right)
        Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

class qlib.data.ops.Eq (feature_left, feature_right)
    Equal Operator
    Parameters
        • feature_left (Expression) – feature instance
        • feature_right (Expression) – feature instance
    Returns bool series indicate left == right
    Return type Feature
    __init__ (feature_left, feature_right)
        Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

class qlib.data.ops.Ne (feature_left, feature_right)
    Not Equal Operator
    Parameters
        • feature_left (Expression) – feature instance
        • feature_right (Expression) – feature instance
    Returns bool series indicate left != right
    Return type Feature
    __init__ (feature_left, feature_right)
        Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

class qlib.data.ops.And (feature_left, feature_right)
    And Operator
    Parameters
        • feature_left (Expression) – feature instance
        • feature_right (Expression) – feature instance
    Returns two features' row by row & output
    Return type Feature
    __init__ (feature_left, feature_right)
        Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

class qlib.data.ops.Or (feature_left, feature_right)
    Or Operator
    Parameters
        • feature_left (Expression) – feature instance
        • feature_right (Expression) – feature instance
    Returns two features' row by row | outputs

```

Return type *Feature*

__init__ (*feature_left, feature_right*)

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

class qlib.data.ops.If (*condition, feature_left, feature_right*)

If Operator

Parameters

- **condition** (*Expression*) – feature instance with bool values as condition
- **feature_left** (*Expression*) – feature instance
- **feature_right** (*Expression*) – feature instance

__init__ (*condition, feature_left, feature_right*)

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

get_longest_back_rolling ()

Get the longest length of historical data the feature has accessed

This is designed for getting the needed range of the data to calculate the features in specific range at first. However, situations like Ref(Ref(\$close, -1), 1) can not be handled rightly.

So this will only used for detecting the length of historical data needed.

get_extended_window_size ()

get_extend_window_size

For to calculate this Operator in range[start_index, end_index] We have to get the *leaf feature* in range[start_index - lft_etd, end_index + right_etd].

Returns lft_etd, right_etd

Return type (int, int)

class qlib.data.ops.Rolling (*feature, N, func*)

Rolling Operator

Parameters

- **feature** (*Expression*) – feature instance
- **N** (*int*) – rolling window size
- **func** (*str*) – rolling method

Returns rolling outputs

Return type *Expression*

__init__ (*feature, N, func*)

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

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Returns lft_etd, right_etd

Return type (int, int)

class qlib.data.ops.**Ref** (*feature*, *N*)

Feature Reference

Parameters

- **feature** (*Expression*) – feature instance
- **N** (*int*) – $N = 0$, retrieve the first data; $N > 0$, retrieve data of N periods ago; $N < 0$, future data

Returns a feature instance with target reference

Return type *Expression*

__init__ (*feature*, *N*)

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

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Returns lft_etd, right_etd

Return type (int, int)

class qlib.data.ops.**Mean** (*feature*, *N*)

Rolling Mean (MA)

Parameters

- **feature** (*Expression*) – feature instance
- **N** (*int*) – rolling window size

Returns a feature instance with rolling average

Return type *Expression*

__init__ (*feature*, *N*)

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

class qlib.data.ops.**Sum** (*feature*, *N*)

Rolling Sum

Parameters

- **feature** (*Expression*) – feature instance
- **N** (*int*) – rolling window size

Returns a feature instance with rolling sum

Return type *Expression*

__init__ (*feature*, *N*)

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

class qlib.data.ops.**Std** (*feature*, *N*)

Rolling Std

Parameters

- **feature** (*Expression*) – feature instance
- **N** (*int*) – rolling window size

Returns a feature instance with rolling std

Return type *Expression*

`__init__` (*feature*, *N*)

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

class qlib.data.ops.**Var** (*feature*, *N*)

Rolling Variance

Parameters

- **feature** (*Expression*) – feature instance
- **N** (*int*) – rolling window size

Returns a feature instance with rolling variance

Return type *Expression*

`__init__` (*feature*, *N*)

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

class qlib.data.ops.**Skew** (*feature*, *N*)

Rolling Skewness

Parameters

- **feature** (*Expression*) – feature instance
- **N** (*int*) – rolling window size

Returns a feature instance with rolling skewness

Return type *Expression*

`__init__` (*feature*, *N*)

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

class qlib.data.ops.**Kurt** (*feature*, *N*)

Rolling Kurtosis

Parameters

- **feature** (*Expression*) – feature instance
- **N** (*int*) – rolling window size

Returns a feature instance with rolling kurtosis

Return type *Expression*

`__init__` (*feature*, *N*)

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

class qlib.data.ops.**Max** (*feature*, *N*)

Rolling Max

Parameters

- **feature** (*Expression*) – feature instance
- **N** (*int*) – rolling window size

Returns a feature instance with rolling max

Return type *Expression*

`__init__(feature, N)`
Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

class `qlib.data.ops.IdxMax` (*feature, N*)

Rolling Max Index

Parameters

- **feature** (*Expression*) – feature instance
- **N** (*int*) – rolling window size

Returns a feature instance with rolling max index

Return type *Expression*

`__init__(feature, N)`
Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

class `qlib.data.ops.Min` (*feature, N*)

Rolling Min

Parameters

- **feature** (*Expression*) – feature instance
- **N** (*int*) – rolling window size

Returns a feature instance with rolling min

Return type *Expression*

`__init__(feature, N)`
Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

class `qlib.data.ops.IdxMin` (*feature, N*)

Rolling Min Index

Parameters

- **feature** (*Expression*) – feature instance
- **N** (*int*) – rolling window size

Returns a feature instance with rolling min index

Return type *Expression*

`__init__(feature, N)`
Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

class `qlib.data.ops.Quantile` (*feature, N, qscore*)

Rolling Quantile

Parameters

- **feature** (*Expression*) – feature instance
- **N** (*int*) – rolling window size

Returns a feature instance with rolling quantile

Return type *Expression*

`__init__(feature, N, qscore)`
Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

class `qlib.data.ops.Med` (*feature, N*)

Rolling Median

Parameters

- **feature** (*Expression*) – feature instance

- **N** (*int*) – rolling window size

Returns a feature instance with rolling median

Return type *Expression*

`__init__` (*feature*, *N*)

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

class `qlib.data.ops.Mad` (*feature*, *N*)

Rolling Mean Absolute Deviation

Parameters

- **feature** (*Expression*) – feature instance
- **N** (*int*) – rolling window size

Returns a feature instance with rolling mean absolute deviation

Return type *Expression*

`__init__` (*feature*, *N*)

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

class `qlib.data.ops.Rank` (*feature*, *N*)

Rolling Rank (Percentile)

Parameters

- **feature** (*Expression*) – feature instance
- **N** (*int*) – rolling window size

Returns a feature instance with rolling rank

Return type *Expression*

`__init__` (*feature*, *N*)

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

class `qlib.data.ops.Count` (*feature*, *N*)

Rolling Count

Parameters

- **feature** (*Expression*) – feature instance
- **N** (*int*) – rolling window size

Returns a feature instance with rolling count of number of non-NaN elements

Return type *Expression*

`__init__` (*feature*, *N*)

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

class `qlib.data.ops.Delta` (*feature*, *N*)

Rolling Delta

Parameters

- **feature** (*Expression*) – feature instance
- **N** (*int*) – rolling window size

Returns a feature instance with end minus start in rolling window

Return type *Expression*

`__init__` (*feature*, *N*)

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

```

class qlib.data.ops.Slope(feature, N)
    Rolling Slope
    Parameters
        • feature (Expression) – feature instance
        • N (int) – rolling window size
    Returns a feature instance with regression slope of given window
    Return type Expression
    __init__(feature, N)
        Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

class qlib.data.ops.Rsquare(feature, N)
    Rolling R-value Square
    Parameters
        • feature (Expression) – feature instance
        • N (int) – rolling window size
    Returns a feature instance with regression r-value square of given window
    Return type Expression
    __init__(feature, N)
        Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

class qlib.data.ops.Resi(feature, N)
    Rolling Regression Residuals
    Parameters
        • feature (Expression) – feature instance
        • N (int) – rolling window size
    Returns a feature instance with regression residuals of given window
    Return type Expression
    __init__(feature, N)
        Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

class qlib.data.ops.WMA(feature, N)
    Rolling WMA
    Parameters
        • feature (Expression) – feature instance
        • N (int) – rolling window size
    Returns a feature instance with weighted moving average output
    Return type Expression
    __init__(feature, N)
        Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

class qlib.data.ops.EMA(feature, N)
    Rolling Exponential Mean (EMA)
    Parameters
        • feature (Expression) – feature instance
        • N (int, float) – rolling window size
    Returns a feature instance with regression r-value square of given window

```

Return type *Expression*

`__init__(feature, N)`

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

class `qlib.data.ops.PairRolling` (*feature_left, feature_right, N, func*)

Pair Rolling Operator

Parameters

- **feature_left** (*Expression*) – feature instance
- **feature_right** (*Expression*) – feature instance
- **N** (*int*) – rolling window size

Returns a feature instance with rolling output of two input features

Return type *Expression*

`__init__(feature_left, feature_right, N, func)`

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

get_longest_back_rolling ()

Get the longest length of historical data the feature has accessed

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get_extended_window_size ()

`get_extend_window_size`

For to calculate this Operator in `range[start_index, end_index]` We have to get the *leaf feature* in `range[start_index - lft_etd, end_index + rght_etd]`.

Returns `lft_etd, rght_etd`

Return type (*int, int*)

class `qlib.data.ops.Corr` (*feature_left, feature_right, N*)

Rolling Correlation

Parameters

- **feature_left** (*Expression*) – feature instance
- **feature_right** (*Expression*) – feature instance
- **N** (*int*) – rolling window size

Returns a feature instance with rolling correlation of two input features

Return type *Expression*

`__init__(feature_left, feature_right, N)`

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

class `qlib.data.ops.Cov` (*feature_left, feature_right, N*)

Rolling Covariance

Parameters

- **feature_left** (*Expression*) – feature instance
- **feature_right** (*Expression*) – feature instance
- **N** (*int*) – rolling window size

Returns a feature instance with rolling max of two input features

Return type *Expression*

`__init__(feature_left, feature_right, N)`

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

class `qlib.data.ops.OpsWrapper`

Ops Wrapper

`__init__()`

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

`qlib.data.ops.register_all_ops(C)`

register all operator

Cache

class `qlib.data.cache.MemCacheUnit(*args, **kwargs)`

Memory Cache Unit.

`__init__(*args, **kwargs)`

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

limited

whether memory cache is limited

class `qlib.data.cache.MemCache(mem_cache_size_limit=None, limit_type='length')`

Memory cache.

`__init__(mem_cache_size_limit=None, limit_type='length')`

Parameters

- **mem_cache_size_limit** (*cache max size.*) –
- **limit_type** (*length or sizeof; length(call fun: len), size(call fun: sys.getsizeof))* –

class `qlib.data.cache.ExpressionCache(provider)`

Expression cache mechanism base class.

This class is used to wrap expression provider with self-defined expression cache mechanism.

Note: Override the `_uri` and `_expression` method to create your own expression cache mechanism.

expression (*instrument, field, start_time, end_time, freq*)

Get expression data.

Note: Same interface as *expression* method in expression provider

update (*cache_uri*)

Update expression cache to latest calendar.

Override this method to define how to update expression cache corresponding to users' own cache mechanism.

Parameters **cache_uri** (*str*) – the complete uri of expression cache file (include dir path).

Returns 0(successful update)/ 1(no need to update)/ 2(update failure).

Return type int

class qlib.data.cache.DatasetCache(provider)

Dataset cache mechanism base class.

This class is used to wrap dataset provider with self-defined dataset cache mechanism.

Note: Override the `_uri` and `_dataset` method to create your own dataset cache mechanism.

dataset (instruments, fields, start_time=None, end_time=None, freq='day', disk_cache=1)

Get feature dataset.

Note: Same interface as `dataset` method in dataset provider

Note: The server use `redis_lock` to make sure read-write conflicts will not be triggered but client readers are not considered.

update (cache_uri)

Update dataset cache to latest calendar.

Override this method to define how to update dataset cache corresponding to users' own cache mechanism.

Parameters `cache_uri` (*str*) – the complete uri of dataset cache file (include dir path).

Returns 0(successful update)/ 1(no need to update)/ 2(update failure)

Return type int

static `cache_to_origin_data` (data, fields)

cache data to origin data

Parameters

- **data** – pd.DataFrame, cache data.
- **fields** – feature fields.

Returns pd.DataFrame.

static `normalize_uri_args` (instruments, fields, freq)

normalize uri args

class qlib.data.cache.DiskExpressionCache(provider, **kwargs)

Prepared cache mechanism for server.

__init__ (provider, **kwargs)

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

gen_expression_cache (expression_data, cache_path, instrument, field, freq, last_update)

use bin file to save like feature-data.

update (sid, cache_uri)

Update expression cache to latest calendar.

Override this method to define how to update expression cache corresponding to users' own cache mechanism.

Parameters `cache_uri` (*str*) – the complete uri of expression cache file (include dir path).

Returns 0(successful update)/ 1(no need to update)/ 2(update failure).

Return type int

class `qlib.data.cache.DiskDatasetCache(provider, **kwargs)`

Prepared cache mechanism for server.

`__init__(provider, **kwargs)`

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

classmethod `read_data_from_cache(cache_path, start_time, end_time, fields)`

`read_cache_from`

This function can read data from the disk cache dataset

Parameters

- **cache_path** –
- **start_time** –
- **end_time** –
- **fields** – The fields order of the dataset cache is sorted. So rearrange the columns to make it consistent.

Returns

class `IndexManager(cache_path)`

The lock is not considered in the class. Please consider the lock outside the code. This class is the proxy of the disk data.

`__init__(cache_path)`

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

gen_dataset_cache `(cache_path, instruments, fields, freq)`

Note: This function does not consider the cache read write lock. Please

Aquire the lock outside this function

The format the cache contains 3 parts(followed by typical filename).

- index : `cache/d41366901e25de3ec47297f12e2ba11d.index`
 - The content of the file may be in following format(`pandas.Series`)

	start	end
1999-11-10 00:00:00	0	1
1999-11-11 00:00:00	1	2
1999-11-12 00:00:00	2	3
...		

Note: The start is closed. The end is open!!!!

- Each line contains two element `<start_index, end_index>` with a timestamp as its index.
- It indicates the *start_index*('included') and *end_index*('excluded') of the data for *timestamp*

- meta data: cache/d41366901e25de3ec47297f12e2ba11d.meta
- data : cache/d41366901e25de3ec47297f12e2ba11d
 - This is a hdf file sorted by datetime

Parameters

- **cache_path** – The path to store the cache.
- **instruments** – The instruments to store the cache.
- **fields** – The fields to store the cache.
- **freq** – The freq to store the cache.

:return type `pd.DataFrame`; The fields of the returned `DataFrame` are consistent with the parameters of the function.

update (*cache_uri*)

Update dataset cache to latest calendar.

Override this method to define how to update dataset cache corresponding to users' own cache mechanism.

Parameters **cache_uri** (*str*) – the complete uri of dataset cache file (include dir path).

Returns 0(successful update)/ 1(no need to update)/ 2(update failure)

Return type `int`

Dataset

Dataset Class

class `qlib.data.dataset.__init__.Dataset` (**args, **kwargs*)

Preparing data for model training and inferencing.

__init__ (**args, **kwargs*)

init is designed to finish following steps:

- **setup data**
 - The data related attributes' names should start with '_' so that it will not be saved on disk when serializing.
- **initialize the state of the dataset(info to prepare the data)**
 - The name of essential state for preparing data should not start with '_' so that it could be serialized on disk when serializing.

The data could specify the info to caculate the essential data for preparation

setup_data (**args, **kwargs*)

Setup the data.

We split the `setup_data` function for following situation:

- User have a `Dataset` object with learned status on disk.
- User load the `Dataset` object from the disk(Note the `init` function is skipped).
- User call `setup_data` to load new data.
- User prepare data for model based on previous status.

prepare (*args, **kwargs) → object

The type of dataset depends on the model. (It could be pd.DataFrame, pytorch.DataLoader, etc.) The parameters should specify the scope for the prepared data The method should: - process the data

- return the processed data

Returns return the object

Return type object

```
class qlib.data.dataset.__init__.DatasetH(handler: Union[dict,
qlib.data.dataset.handler.DataHandler], segments: dict)
```

Dataset with Data(H)andler

User should try to put the data preprocessing functions into handler. Only following data processing functions should be placed in Dataset:

- The processing is related to specific model.
- The processing is related to data split.

```
__init__(handler: Union[dict, qlib.data.dataset.handler.DataHandler], segments: dict)
```

Parameters

- **handler** (Union[dict, DataHandler]) – handler will be passed into setup_data.
- **segments** (dict) – handler will be passed into setup_data.

```
init (**kwargs)
```

Initialize the DatasetH, Only parameters belonging to handler.init will be passed in

```
setup_data(handler: Union[dict, qlib.data.dataset.handler.DataHandler], segments: dict)
```

Setup the underlying data.

Parameters

- **handler** (Union[dict, DataHandler]) – handler could be:
 - insntance of DataHandler
 - config of DataHandler. Please refer to DataHandler
- **segments** (dict) – Describe the options to segment the data. Here are some examples:

```
prepare(segments: Union[List[str], Tuple[str], str, slice], col_set='__all__', data_key='infer',
**kwargs) → Union[List[pandas.core.frame.DataFrame], pandas.core.frame.DataFrame]
```

Prepare the data for learning and inference.

Parameters

- **segments** (Union[List[str], Tuple[str], str, slice]) – Describe the scope of the data to be prepared Here are some examples:
 - 'train'
 - ['train', 'valid']
- **col_set** (str) – The col_set will be passed to self.handler when fetching data.
- **data_key** (str) – The data to fetch: DK_* Default is DK_I, which indicate fetching data for **inference**.

Returns

Return type Union[List[pd.DataFrame], pd.DataFrame]

Raises NotImplementedError:

```
class qlib.data.dataset.__init__.TSDataSampler (data: pandas.core.frame.DataFrame,
                                              start, end, step_len: int, fillna_type: str
                                              = 'none')
```

(T)ime-(S)eries DataSampler This is the result of TSDatasetH

It works like *torch.data.utils.Dataset*, it provides a very convient interface for constructing time-series dataset based on tabular data.

If user have further requirements for processing data, user could process them based on *TSDataSampler* or create more powerful subclasses.

Known Issues: - For performance issues, this Sampler will convert dataframe into arrays for better performance. This could result

in a different data type

```
__init__ (data: pandas.core.frame.DataFrame, start, end, step_len: int, fillna_type: str = 'none')
```

Build a dataset which looks like *torch.data.utils.Dataset*.

Parameters

- **data** (*pd.DataFrame*) – The raw tabular data
- **start** – The indexable start time
- **end** – The indexable end time
- **step_len** (*int*) – The length of the time-series step
- **fillna_type** (*int*) – How will qlib handle the sample if there is on sample in a specific date. none:
fill with np.nan
- ffill**: ffill with previous sample
- ffill+bfill**: ffill with previous samples first and fill with later samples second

```
get_index()
```

Get the pandas index of the data, it will be useful in following scenarios - Special sampler will be used (e.g. user want to sample day by day)

```
static build_index (data: pandas.core.frame.DataFrame) → dict
```

The relation of the data

Parameters **data** (*pd.DataFrame*) – The dataframe with <datetime, DataFrame>

Returns {<index>: <prev_index or None>} # get the previous index of a line given index

Return type dict

```
class qlib.data.dataset.__init__.TSDatasetH (step_len=30, *args, **kwargs)
```

(T)ime-(S)eries Dataset (H)andler

Covnert the tabular data to Time-Series data

Requirements analysis

The typical workflow of a user to get time-series data for an sample - process features - slice proper data from data handler: dimension of sample <feature, > - Build relation of samples by <time, instrument> index

- Be able to sample times series of data <imestep, feature>
- It will be better if the interface is like “*torch.utils.data.Dataset*”

- User could build customized batch based on the data

– The dimension of a batch of data <batch_idx, feature, timestep>

`__init__(step_len=30, *args, **kwargs)`

Parameters

- **handler** (`Union[dict, DataHandler]`) – handler will be passed into `setup_data`.
- **segments** (`dict`) – handler will be passed into `setup_data`.

`setup_data(*args, **kwargs)`

Setup the underlying data.

Parameters

- **handler** (`Union[dict, DataHandler]`) – handler could be:
 - insntance of `DataHandler`
 - config of `DataHandler`. Please refer to `DataHandler`
- **segments** (`dict`) – Describe the options to segment the data. Here are some examples:

Data Loader

`class qlib.data.dataset.loader.DataLoader`

`DataLoader` is designed for loading raw data from original data source.

`load(instruments, start_time=None, end_time=None) → pandas.core.frame.DataFrame`
load the data as `pd.DataFrame`.

Example of the data (The multi-index of the columns is optional.):

		feature			
		label			
		\$close	\$volume	Ref(\$close, 1)	Mean(
→	\$close, 3)	\$high-\$low	LABEL0		
datetime	instrument				
2010-01-04	SH600000	81.807068	17145150.0	83.737389	
→	83.016739	2.741058	0.0032		
	SH600004	13.313329	11800983.0	13.313329	
→	13.317701	0.183632	0.0042		
	SH600005	37.796539	12231662.0	38.258602	
→	37.919757	0.970325	0.0289		

Parameters

- **instruments** (`str` or `dict`) – it can either be the market name or the config file of instruments generated by `InstrumentProvider`.
- **start_time** (`str`) – start of the time range.
- **end_time** (`str`) – end of the time range.

Returns data load from the under layer source

Return type `pd.DataFrame`

class `qlib.data.dataset.loader.DLWParser` (*config: Tuple[list, tuple, dict]*)
 (D)ata(L)oader (W)ith (P)arser for features and names

Extracting this class so that QlibDataLoader and other dataloaders(such as QdbDataLoader) can share the fields.

__init__ (*config: Tuple[list, tuple, dict]*)

Parameters *config* (*Tuple[list, tuple, dict]*) – Config will be used to describe the fields and column names

load_group_df (*instruments, exprs: list, names: list, start_time=None, end_time=None*) → `pandas.core.frame.DataFrame`
 load the dataframe for specific group

Parameters

- **instruments** – the instruments.
- **exprs** (*list*) – the expressions to describe the content of the data.
- **names** (*list*) – the name of the data.

Returns the queried dataframe.

Return type `pd.DataFrame`

load (*instruments=None, start_time=None, end_time=None*) → `pandas.core.frame.DataFrame`
 load the data as `pd.DataFrame`.

Example of the data (The multi-index of the columns is optional.):

		feature			
		label	\$close	\$volume	Ref(\$close, 1)
		\$high-\$low	LABEL0		Mean(
datetime	instrument				
2010-01-04	SH600000	81.807068	17145150.0	83.737389	
		83.016739	2.741058	0.0032	
	SH600004	13.313329	11800983.0	13.313329	
		13.317701	0.183632	0.0042	
	SH600005	37.796539	12231662.0	38.258602	
		37.919757	0.970325	0.0289	

Parameters

- **instruments** (*str or dict*) – it can either be the market name or the config file of instruments generated by InstrumentProvider.
- **start_time** (*str*) – start of the time range.
- **end_time** (*str*) – end of the time range.

Returns data load from the under layer source

Return type `pd.DataFrame`

class `qlib.data.dataset.loader.QlibDataLoader` (*config: Tuple[list, tuple, dict], filter_pipe=None, swap_level=True, freq='day'*)

Same as QlibDataLoader. The fields can be define by config

__init__ (*config: Tuple[list, tuple, dict], filter_pipe=None, swap_level=True, freq='day'*)

Parameters

- **config** (*Tuple[list, tuple, dict]*) – Please refer to the doc of DLW-Parser
- **filter_pipe** – Filter pipe for the instruments
- **swap_level** – Whether to swap level of MultiIndex

load_group_df (*instruments, exprs: list, names: list, start_time=None, end_time=None*) → *pandas.core.frame.DataFrame*
load the dataframe for specific group

Parameters

- **instruments** – the instruments.
- **exprs** (*list*) – the expressions to describe the content of the data.
- **names** (*list*) – the name of the data.

Returns the queried dataframe.

Return type *pd.DataFrame*

class *qlib.data.dataset.loader.StaticDataLoader* (*config: dict, join='outer'*)
DataLoader that supports loading data from file or as provided.

__init__ (*config: dict, join='outer'*)

Parameters

- **config** (*dict*) – {fields_group: <path or object>}
- **join** (*str*) – How to align different dataframes

load (*instruments=None, start_time=None, end_time=None*) → *pandas.core.frame.DataFrame*
load the data as *pd.DataFrame*.

Example of the data (The multi-index of the columns is optional.):

		feature			
		label			
		\$close	\$volume	Ref(\$close, 1)	Mean (
		\$high-\$low)
datetime	instrument				
2010-01-04	SH600000	81.807068	17145150.0	83.737389	
		83.016739	2.741058	0.0032	
	SH600004	13.313329	11800983.0	13.313329	
		13.317701	0.183632	0.0042	
	SH600005	37.796539	12231662.0	38.258602	
		37.919757	0.970325	0.0289	

Parameters

- **instruments** (*str or dict*) – it can either be the market name or the config file of instruments generated by InstrumentProvider.
- **start_time** (*str*) – start of the time range.
- **end_time** (*str*) – end of the time range.

Returns data load from the under layer source

Return type *pd.DataFrame*

Data Handler

```
class qlib.data.dataset.handler.DataHandler (instruments=None, start_time=None,
                                             end_time=None, data_loader: Tuple[dict,
                                             str, qlib.data.dataset.loader.DataLoader] =
                                             None, init_data=True, fetch_orig=True)
```

The steps to using a handler 1. initialized data handler (call by *init*). 2. use the data.

The data handler try to maintain a handler with 2 level. *datetime* & *instruments*.

Any order of the index level can be supported(The order will implied in the data). The order *<datetime, instruments>* will be used when the dataframe index name is missed.

Example of the data: The multi-index of the columns is optional.

		feature				
↪ label		\$close	\$volume	Ref(\$close, 1)	Mean(\$close, 3)	
↪ \$high-\$low	LABEL0					
datetime	instrument					
2010-01-04	SH600000	81.807068	17145150.0	83.737389	83.016739	
↪ 2.741058	0.0032					
	SH600004	13.313329	11800983.0	13.313329	13.317701	0.
↪ 183632	0.0042					
	SH600005	37.796539	12231662.0	38.258602	37.919757	0.
↪ 970325	0.0289					

```
__init__(instruments=None, start_time=None, end_time=None, data_loader: Tuple[dict, str,
qlib.data.dataset.loader.DataLoader] = None, init_data=True, fetch_orig=True)
```

Parameters

- **instruments** – The stock list to retrieve.
- **start_time** – start_time of the original data.
- **end_time** – end_time of the original data.
- **data_loader** (*Tuple[dict, str, DataLoader]*) – data loader to load the data.
- **init_data** – initialize the original data in the constructor.
- **fetch_orig** (*bool*) – Return the original data instead of copy if possible.

```
conf_data (**kwargs)
```

configuration of data. # what data to be loaded from data source

This method will be used when loading pickled handler from dataset. The data will be initialized with different time range.

```
init (enable_cache: bool = False)
```

initialize the data. In case of running initialization for multiple time, it will do nothing for the second time.

It is responsible for maintaining following variable 1) self._data

Parameters **enable_cache** (*bool*) – default value is false:

- if *enable_cache* == True:
the processed data will be saved on disk, and handler will load the cached data from the disk directly when we call *init* next time

fetch (*selector*: Union[pandas._libs.tslibs.timestamps.Timestamp, slice, str] = slice(None, None, None), *level*: Union[str, int] = 'datetime', *col_set*: Union[str, List[str]] = '__all__', *squeeze*: bool = False) → pandas.core.frame.DataFrame
 fetch data from underlying data source

Parameters

- **selector** (Union[pd.Timestamp, slice, str]) – describe how to select data by index
- **level** (Union[str, int]) – which index level to select the data
- **col_set** (Union[str, List[str]]) –
 - if isinstance(col_set, str):
 - select a set of meaningful columns.(e.g. features, columns)
 - if col_set == CS_RAW:** the raw dataset will be returned.
 - if isinstance(col_set, List[str]):
 - select several sets of meaningful columns, the returned data has multiple levels
- **squeeze** (bool) – whether squeeze columns and index

Returns

Return type pd.DataFrame.

get_cols (*col_set*= '__all__') → list
 get the column names

Parameters **col_set** (str) – select a set of meaningful columns.(e.g. features, columns)

Returns list of column names

Return type list

get_range_selector (*cur_date*: Union[pandas._libs.tslibs.timestamps.Timestamp, str], *periods*: int) → slice
 get range selector by number of periods

Parameters

- **cur_date** (pd.Timestamp or str) – current date
- **periods** (int) – number of periods

get_range_iterator (*periods*: int, *min_periods*: Optional[int] = None, ****kwargs**) → Iterator[Tuple[pandas._libs.tslibs.timestamps.Timestamp, pandas.core.frame.DataFrame]]
 get a iterator of sliced data with given periods

Parameters

- **periods** (int) – number of periods.
- **min_periods** (int) – minimum periods for sliced dataframe.
- **kwargs** (dict) – will be passed to *self.fetch*.

```
class qlib.data.dataset.handler.DataHandlerLP (instruments=None,      start_time=None,
                                              end_time=None, data_loader: Tuple[dict,
                                              str, qlib.data.dataset.loader.DataLoader]
                                              =      None,      infer_processors=[],
                                              learn_processors=[],      pro-
                                              cess_type='append',      drop_raw=False,
                                              **kwargs)
```

DataHandler with (L)earnable (P)rocessor

```
__init__ (instruments=None, start_time=None, end_time=None, data_loader: Tuple[dict, str,
qlib.data.dataset.loader.DataLoader] = None, infer_processors=[], learn_processors=[],
process_type='append', drop_raw=False, **kwargs)
```

Parameters

- **infer_processors** (*list*) –
 - list of <description info> of processors to generate data for inference
 - example of <description info>:
- **learn_processors** (*list*) – similar to infer_processors, but for generating data for learning models
- **process_type** (*str*) – PTYPE_I = 'independent'
 - self._infer will be processed by infer_processors
 - self._learn will be processed by learn_processorsPTYPE_A = 'append'
 - self._infer will be processed by infer_processors
 - self._learn will be processed by infer_processors + learn_processors* (e.g. self._infer processed by learn_processors)
- **drop_raw** (*bool*) – Whether to drop the raw data

fit_process_data ()

fit and process data

The input of the *fit* will be the output of the previous processor

process_data (*with_fit: bool = False*)

process_data data. Fun *processor.fit* if necessary

Parameters with_fit (*bool*) – The input of the *fit* will be the output of the previous processor

init (*init_type: str = 'fit_seq', enable_cache: bool = False*)

Initialize the data of Qlib

Parameters

- **init_type** (*str*) – The type *IT_** listed above.
- **enable_cache** (*bool*) – default value is false:
 - if *enable_cache* == True:
the processed data will be saved on disk, and handler will load the cached data from the disk directly when we call *init* next time

fetch (*selector*: Union[pandas._libs.tslibs.timestamps.Timestamp, slice, str] = slice(None, None, None), *level*: Union[str, int] = 'datetime', *col_set*= '__all', *data_key*: str = 'infer') → pandas.core.frame.DataFrame
 fetch data from underlying data source

Parameters

- **selector** (Union[pd.Timestamp, slice, str]) – describe how to select data by index.
- **level** (Union[str, int]) – which index level to select the data.
- **col_set** (str) – select a set of meaningful columns.(e.g. features, columns).
- **data_key** (str) – the data to fetch: DK_*.

Returns

Return type pd.DataFrame

get_cols (*col_set*= '__all', *data_key*: str = 'infer') → list
 get the column names

Parameters

- **col_set** (str) – select a set of meaningful columns.(e.g. features, columns).
- **data_key** (str) – the data to fetch: DK_*.

Returns list of column names

Return type list

Processor

qlib.data.dataset.processor.**get_group_columns** (*df*: pandas.core.frame.DataFrame, *group*: str)
 get a group of columns from multi-index columns DataFrame

Parameters

- **df** (pd.DataFrame) – with multi of columns.
- **group** (str) – the name of the feature group, i.e. the first level value of the group index.

class qlib.data.dataset.processor.**Processor**

fit (*df*: pandas.core.frame.DataFrame = None)
 learn data processing parameters

Parameters **df** (pd.DataFrame) – When we fit and process data with processor one by one. The fit function relies on the output of previous processor, i.e. *df*.

is_for_infer () → bool

Is this processor usable for inference Some processors are not usable for inference.

Returns if it is usable for inference.

Return type bool

class qlib.data.dataset.processor.**DropnaProcessor** (*fields_group*=None)

`__init__ (fields_group=None)`
 Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

class qlib.data.dataset.processor.**DropnaLabel** (*fields_group='label'*)

`__init__ (fields_group='label')`
 Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

is_for_infer () → bool
 The samples are dropped according to label. So it is not usable for inference

class qlib.data.dataset.processor.**DropCol** (*col_list=[]*)

`__init__ (col_list=[])`
 Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

class qlib.data.dataset.processor.**FilterCol** (*fields_group='feature', col_list=[]*)

`__init__ (fields_group='feature', col_list=[])`
 Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

class qlib.data.dataset.processor.**TanhProcess**
 Use tanh to process noise data

class qlib.data.dataset.processor.**ProcessInf**
 Process infinity

class qlib.data.dataset.processor.**Fillna** (*fields_group=None, fill_value=0*)
 Process NaN

`__init__ (fields_group=None, fill_value=0)`
 Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

class qlib.data.dataset.processor.**MinMaxNorm** (*fit_start_time, fit_end_time, fields_group=None*)

`__init__ (fit_start_time, fit_end_time, fields_group=None)`
 Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

fit (*df*)
 learn data processing parameters

Parameters **df** (*pd.DataFrame*) – When we fit and process data with processor one by one. The fit function relies on the output of previous processor, i.e. *df*.

class qlib.data.dataset.processor.**ZScoreNorm** (*fit_start_time, fit_end_time, fields_group=None*)

ZScore Normalization

`__init__ (fit_start_time, fit_end_time, fields_group=None)`
 Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

fit (*df*)
 learn data processing parameters

Parameters **df** (*pd.DataFrame*) – When we fit and process data with processor one by one. The fit function relies on the output of previous processor, i.e. *df*.

```
class qlib.data.dataset.processor.RobustZScoreNorm (fit_start_time, fit_end_time,
                                                    fields_group=None,
                                                    clip_outlier=True)
    Robust ZScore Normalization
    Use robust statistics for Z-Score normalization:  $\text{mean}(x) = \text{median}(x)$   $\text{std}(x) = \text{MAD}(x) * 1.4826$ 
    Reference: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Median\_absolute\_deviation.
    __init__ (fit_start_time, fit_end_time, fields_group=None, clip_outlier=True)
        Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

    fit (df)
        learn data processing parameters

        Parameters df (pd.DataFrame) – When we fit and process data with processor one by
        one. The fit function relies on the output of previous processor, i.e. df.

class qlib.data.dataset.processor.CSZScoreNorm (fields_group=None)
    Cross Sectional ZScore Normalization

    __init__ (fields_group=None)
        Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

class qlib.data.dataset.processor.CSRankNorm (fields_group=None)
    Cross Sectional Rank Normalization

    __init__ (fields_group=None)
        Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

class qlib.data.dataset.processor.CSZFillna (fields_group=None)
    Cross Sectional Fill Nan

    __init__ (fields_group=None)
        Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.
```

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Model

```
class qlib.model.base.BaseModel
    Modeling things

    predict (*args, **kwargs) → object
        Make predictions after modeling things

class qlib.model.base.Model
    Learnable Models

    fit (dataset: qlib.data.dataset.Dataset)
        Learn model from the base model
```

Note: The attribute names of learned model should *not* start with ‘_’. So that the model could be dumped to disk.

The following code example shows how to retrieve *x_train*, *y_train* and *w_train* from the *dataset*:

```
# get features and labels
df_train, df_valid = dataset.prepare(
    ["train", "valid"], col_set=["feature", "label"], data_
    ↪key=DataHandlerLP.DK_L
```

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```

)
x_train, y_train = df_train["feature"], df_train["label"]
x_valid, y_valid = df_valid["feature"], df_valid["label"]

# get weights
try:
    wdf_train, wdf_valid = dataset.prepare(["train", "valid"], col_
    ↪set=["weight"], data_key=DataHandlerLP.DK_L)
    w_train, w_valid = wdf_train["weight"], wdf_valid["weight"]
except KeyError as e:
    w_train = pd.DataFrame(np.ones_like(y_train.values), index=y_
    ↪train.index)
    w_valid = pd.DataFrame(np.ones_like(y_valid.values), index=y_
    ↪valid.index)

```

Parameters dataset (*Dataset*) – dataset will generate the processed data from model training.

predict (*dataset: qlib.data.dataset.Dataset*) → object
give prediction given Dataset

Parameters dataset (*Dataset*) – dataset will generate the processed dataset from model training.

Returns

Return type Prediction results with certain type such as *pandas.Series*.

class qlib.model.base.**ModelFT**
Model (F)ine(t)unable

finetune (*dataset: qlib.data.dataset.Dataset*)
finetune model based given dataset

A typical use case of finetuning model with qlib.workflow.R

```

# start exp to train init model
with R.start(experiment_name="init models"):
    model.fit(dataset)
    R.save_objects(init_model=model)
    rid = R.get_recorder().id

# Finetune model based on previous trained model
with R.start(experiment_name="finetune model"):
    recorder = R.get_recorder(rid, experiment_name="init models")
    model = recorder.load_object("init_model")
    model.finetune(dataset, num_boost_round=10)

```

Parameters dataset (*Dataset*) – dataset will generate the processed dataset from model training.

Strategy

class qlib.contrib.strategy.strategy.**StrategyWrapper** (*inner_strategy*)
StrategyWrapper is a wrapper of another strategy. By overriding some methods to make some changes on the basic strategy Cost control and risk control will base on this class.

```
__init__(inner_strategy)
```

Parameters `inner_strategy` – set the inner strategy.

```
class qlib.contrib.strategy.strategy.AdjustTimer
```

Responsible for timing of position adjusting

This is designed as multiple inheritance mechanism due to: - the `is_adjust` may need access to the internal state of a strategy.

- it can be regard as a enhancement to the existing strategy.

```
is_adjust(trade_date)
```

Return if the strategy can adjust positions on `trade_date` Will normally be used in strategy do trading with trade frequency

```
class qlib.contrib.strategy.strategy.ListAdjustTimer (adjust_dates=None)
```

```
__init__(adjust_dates=None)
```

Parameters `adjust_dates` – an iterable object, it will return a timelist for trading dates

```
is_adjust(trade_date)
```

Return if the strategy can adjust positions on `trade_date` Will normally be used in strategy do trading with trade frequency

```
class qlib.contrib.strategy.strategy.WeightStrategyBase (order_generator_cls_or_obj=<class
                                                         'qlib.contrib.strategy.order_generator.OrderGenWI
                                                         *args, **kwargs>)
```

```
__init__(order_generator_cls_or_obj=<class 'qlib.contrib.strategy.order_generator.OrderGenWInteract'>,
          *args, **kwargs)
```

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

```
generate_target_weight_position(score, current, trade_date)
```

Generate target position from score for this date and the current position. The cash is not considered in the position

Parameters

- **score** (`pd.Series`) – pred score for this trade date, index is stock_id, contain 'score' column.
- **current** (`Position()`) – current position.
- **trade_exchange** (`Exchange()`) –
- **trade_date** (`pd.Timestamp`) – trade date.

```
generate_order_list(score_series, current, trade_exchange, pred_date, trade_date)
```

Parameters

- **score_series** (`pd.Seires`) – stock_id , score.
- **current** (`Position()`) – current of account.
- **trade_exchange** (`Exchange()`) – exchange.
- **trade_date** (`pd.Timestamp`) – date.

```
class qlib.contrib.strategy.strategy.TopkDropoutStrategy (topk, n_drop,
                                                         method_sell='bottom',
                                                         method_buy='top',
                                                         risk_degree=0.95,
                                                         thresh=1, hold_thresh=1,
                                                         only_tradable=False,
                                                         **kwargs)
```

```
__init__(topk, n_drop, method_sell='bottom', method_buy='top', risk_degree=0.95, thresh=1,
         hold_thresh=1, only_tradable=False, **kwargs)
```

Parameters

- **topk** (*int*) – the number of stocks in the portfolio.
- **n_drop** (*int*) – number of stocks to be replaced in each trading date.
- **method_sell** (*str*) – dropout method_sell, random/bottom.
- **method_buy** (*str*) – dropout method_buy, random/top.
- **risk_degree** (*float*) – position percentage of total value.
- **thresh** (*int*) – minimum holding days since last buy signal of the stock.
- **hold_thresh** (*int*) – minimum holding days before sell stock, will check `current.get_stock_count(order.stock_id) >= self.thresh`.
- **only_tradable** (*bool*) – will the strategy only consider the tradable stock when buying and selling. if `only_tradable`:

 strategy will make buy sell decision without checking the tradable state of the stock.

 else: strategy will make decision with the tradable state of the stock info and avoid buy and sell them.

get_risk_degree (*date*)

Return the proportion of your total value you will used in investment. Dynamically risk_degree will result in Market timing.

generate_order_list (*score_series, current, trade_exchange, pred_date, trade_date*)

Generate order list according to score_series at trade_date, will not change current.

Parameters

- **score_series** (*pd.Series*) – stock_id, score.
- **current** (*Position()*) – current of account.
- **trade_exchange** (*Exchange()*) – exchange.
- **pred_date** (*pd.Timestamp*) – predict date.
- **trade_date** (*pd.Timestamp*) – trade date.

Evaluate

`qlib.contrib.evaluate.risk_analysis` (*r, N=252*)

Risk Analysis

Parameters

- **r** (*pandas.Series*) – daily return series.

- **N** (*int*) – scaler for annualizing information_ratio (day: 250, week: 50, month: 12).

`qlib.contrib.evaluate.backtest` (*pred*, *account=1000000000.0*, *shift=1*, *benchmark='SH000905'*, *verbose=True*, ***kwargs*)

This function will help you set a reasonable Exchange and provide default value for strategy :param - **backtest workflow related or common arguments**: :param *pred*: predict should has <datetime, instrument> index and one *score* column. :type *pred*: pandas.DataFrame :param *account*: init account value. :type *account*: float :param *shift*: whether to shift prediction by one day. :type *shift*: int :param *benchmark*: benchmark code, default is SH000905 CSI 500. :type *benchmark*: str :param *verbose*: whether to print log. :type *verbose*: bool :param - **strategy related arguments**: :param *strategy*: strategy used in backtest. :type *strategy*: Strategy() :param *topk*: top-N stocks to buy. :type *topk*: int (Default value: 50) :param *margin*:

- if isinstance(*margin*, int):

sell_limit = *margin*

- else:

sell_limit = *pred_in_a_day*.count() * *margin*

buffer *margin*, in single *score_mode*, continue holding stock if it is in *nlargest*(*sell_limit*). *sell_limit* should be no less than *topk*.

Parameters

- **n_drop** (*int*) – number of stocks to be replaced in each trading date.
- **risk_degree** (*float*) – 0-1, 0.95 for example, use 95% money to trade.
- **str_type** ('amount', 'weight' or 'dropout') – strategy type: TopkAmountStrategy, TopkWeightStrategy or TopkDropoutStrategy.
- **exchange related arguments** (–) –
- **exchange** (*Exchange* ()) – pass the exchange for speeding up.
- **subscribe_fields** (*list*) – subscribe fields.
- **open_cost** (*float*) – open transaction cost. The default value is 0.002(0.2%).
- **close_cost** (*float*) – close transaction cost. The default value is 0.002(0.2%).
- **min_cost** (*float*) – min transaction cost.
- **trade_unit** (*int*) – 100 for China A.
- **deal_price** (*str*) – dealing price type: 'close', 'open', 'vwap'.
- **limit_threshold** (*float*) – limit move 0.1 (10%) for example, long and short with same limit.
- **extract_codes** (*bool*) – will we pass the codes extracted from the *pred* to the exchange.

Note: This will be faster with offline qlib.

- **executor related arguments** (–) –
- **executor** (*BaseExecutor* ()) – executor used in backtest.
- **verbose** (*bool*) – whether to print log.

```
qlib.contrib.evaluate.long_short_backtest(pred, topk=50, deal_price=None, shift=1,
                                          open_cost=0, close_cost=0, trade_unit=None,
                                          limit_threshold=None, min_cost=5, subscribe_fields=[], extract_codes=False)
```

A backtest for long-short strategy

Parameters

- **pred** – The trading signal produced on day T .
- **topk** – The short topk securities and long topk securities.
- **deal_price** – The price to deal the trading.
- **shift** – Whether to shift prediction by one day. The trading day will be $T+1$ if $\text{shift}=1$.
- **open_cost** – open transaction cost.
- **close_cost** – close transaction cost.
- **trade_unit** – 100 for China A.
- **limit_threshold** – limit move 0.1 (10%) for example, long and short with same limit.
- **min_cost** – min transaction cost.
- **subscribe_fields** – subscribe fields.
- **extract_codes** – bool. will we pass the codes extracted from the pred to the exchange. NOTE: This will be faster with offline qlib.

Returns

The result of backtest, it is represented by a dict. { “long”: long_returns(excess),
 ”short”: short_returns(excess), “long_short”: long_short_returns }

Report

```
qlib.contrib.report.analysis_position.report.report_graph(report_df: pandas.core.frame.DataFrame,
                                                         show_notebook: bool =
                                                         True) → [<class 'list'>,
                                                         <class 'tuple'>]
```

display backtest report

Example:

```
from qlib.contrib.evaluate import backtest
from qlib.contrib.strategy import TopkDropoutStrategy

# backtest parameters
bparas = {}
bparas['limit_threshold'] = 0.095
bparas['account'] = 1000000000

sparas = {}
sparas['topk'] = 50
sparas['n_drop'] = 230
strategy = TopkDropoutStrategy(**sparas)
```

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```
report_normal_df, _ = backtest(pred_df, strategy, **bparas)
qcr.report_graph(report_normal_df)
```

Parameters

- **report_df** – **df.index.name** must be **date**, **df.columns** must contain **return**, **turnover**, **cost**, **bench**.

	return	cost	bench	turnover
date				
2017-01-04	0.003421	0.000864	0.011693	0.576325
2017-01-05	0.000508	0.000447	0.000721	0.227882
2017-01-06	-0.003321	0.000212	-0.004322	0.102765
2017-01-09	0.006753	0.000212	0.006874	0.105864
2017-01-10	-0.000416	0.000440	-0.003350	0.208396

- **show_notebook** – whether to display graphics in notebook, the default is **True**.

Returns if **show_notebook** is **True**, display in notebook; else return **plotly.graph_objs.Figure** list.

```
qlib.contrib.report.analysis_position.score_ic.score_ic_graph(pred_label: pandas.core.frame.DataFrame,
                                                             show_notebook:
                                                             bool = True) →
                                                             [<class 'list'>,
                                                             <class 'tuple'>]
```

score IC

Example:

```
from qlib.data import D
from qlib.contrib.report import analysis_position
pred_df_dates = pred_df.index.get_level_values(level='datetime')
features_df = D.features(D.instruments('csi500'), ['Ref($close,
↪ -2)/Ref($close, -1)-1'], pred_df_dates.min(), pred_df_dates.
↪ max())
features_df.columns = ['label']
pred_label = pd.concat([features_df, pred], axis=1, sort=True).
↪ reindex(features_df.index)
analysis_position.score_ic_graph(pred_label)
```

Parameters

- **pred_label** – index is **pd.MultiIndex**, index name is **[instrument, datetime]**; columns names is **[score, label]**.

instrument	datetime	score	label
SH600004	2017-12-11	-0.013502	-0.013502
	2017-12-12	-0.072367	-0.072367
	2017-12-13	-0.068605	-0.068605
	2017-12-14	0.012440	0.012440
	2017-12-15	-0.102778	-0.102778

- **show_notebook** – whether to display graphics in notebook, the default is **True**.

Returns if **show_notebook** is **True**, display in notebook; else return **plotly.graph_objs.Figure** list.

```
qlib.contrib.report.analysis_position.cumulative_return.cumulative_return_graph(position:
dict,
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das.core.frame.
show_notebook
start_date=None
end_date=None
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```

Backtest buy, sell, and holding cumulative return graph

Example:

```
from qlib.data import D
from qlib.contrib.evaluate import risk_analysis, backtest, _
→long_short_backtest
from qlib.contrib.strategy import TopkDropoutStrategy

# backtest parameters
bparas = {}
bparas['limit_threshold'] = 0.095
bparas['account'] = 1000000000

sparas = {}
sparas['topk'] = 50
sparas['n_drop'] = 5
strategy = TopkDropoutStrategy(**sparas)

report_normal_df, positions = backtest(pred_df, strategy, _
→**bparas)

pred_df_dates = pred_df.index.get_level_values(level='datetime
→')
features_df = D.features(D.instruments('csi500'), ['Ref($close,
→ -1)/$close - 1'], pred_df_dates.min(), pred_df_dates.max())
features_df.columns = ['label']

qcr.cumulative_return_graph(positions, report_normal_df, _
→features_df)
```

Graph desc:

- Axis X: Trading day.
- Axis Y:
- Above axis Y: $((Ref(\$close, -1)/\$close - 1) * weight).sum() / weight.sum()).cumsum()$.
- Below axis Y: Daily weight sum.
- In the **sell** graph, $y < 0$ stands for profit; in other cases, $y > 0$ stands for profit.

- In the **buy_minus_sell** graph, the **y** value of the **weight** graph at the bottom is $buy_weight + sell_weight$.
- In each graph, the **red line** in the histogram on the right represents the average.

Parameters

- **position** – position data
- **report_normal** –

	return	cost	bench	turnover
date				
2017-01-04	0.003421	0.000864	0.011693	0.576325
2017-01-05	0.000508	0.000447	0.000721	0.227882
2017-01-06	-0.003321	0.000212	-0.004322	0.102765
2017-01-09	0.006753	0.000212	0.006874	0.105864
2017-01-10	-0.000416	0.000440	-0.003350	0.208396

- **label_data** – *D.features* result; index is *pd.MultiIndex*, index name is [*instrument*, *datetime*]; columns names is [*label*].

The **label T** is the change from **T** to **T+1**, it is recommended to use `close`, example:
`D.features(D.instruments('csi500'), ['Ref($close, -1)/$close-1'])`

		label
instrument	datetime	
SH600004	2017-12-11	-0.013502
	2017-12-12	-0.072367
	2017-12-13	-0.068605
	2017-12-14	0.012440
	2017-12-15	-0.102778

Parameters

- **show_notebook** – True or False. If True, show graph in notebook, else return figures
- **start_date** – start date
- **end_date** – end date

Returns

```

qlib.contrib.report.analysis_position.risk_analysis.risk_analysis_graph(analysis_df:
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    port_normal_df:
    pandas.core.frame.DataFrame
    =
    None,
    re-
    port_long_short_df:
    pandas.core.frame.DataFrame
    =
    None,
    show_notebook:
    bool
    =
    True)
→
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```

Generate analysis graph and monthly analysis

Example:

```

from qlib.contrib.evaluate import risk_analysis, backtest, ↵
↵long_short_backtest
from qlib.contrib.strategy import TopkDropoutStrategy
from qlib.contrib.report import analysis_position

# backtest parameters
bparas = {}
bparas['limit_threshold'] = 0.095
bparas['account'] = 1000000000

sparas = {}
sparas['topk'] = 50
sparas['n_drop'] = 230
strategy = TopkDropoutStrategy(**sparas)

report_normal_df, positions = backtest(pred_df, strategy, ↵
↵**bparas)
# long_short_map = long_short_backtest(pred_df)
# report_long_short_df = pd.DataFrame(long_short_map)

analysis = dict()
# analysis['pred_long'] = risk_analysis(report_long_short_df[
↵'long'])
# analysis['pred_short'] = risk_analysis(report_long_short_df[
↵'short'])
# analysis['pred_long_short'] = risk_analysis(report_long_
↵short_df['long_short'])
analysis['excess_return_without_cost'] = risk_analysis(report_
↵normal_df['return'] - report_normal_df['bench']) (continues on next page)

```

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```

analysis['excess_return_with_cost'] = risk_analysis(report_
↪normal_df['return'] - report_normal_df['bench'] - report_
↪normal_df['cost'])
analysis_df = pd.concat(analysis)

analysis_position.risk_analysis_graph(analysis_df, report_
↪normal_df)

```

Parameters

- **analysis_df** – analysis data, index is **pd.MultiIndex**; columns names is [**risk**].

		risk
excess_return_without_cost	mean	0.000692
	std	0.005374
	annualized_return	0.174495
	information_ratio	2.045576
	max_drawdown	-0.079103
excess_return_with_cost	mean	0.000499
	std	0.005372
	annualized_return	0.125625
	information_ratio	1.473152
	max_drawdown	-0.088263

- **report_normal_df** – **df.index.name** must be **date**, **df.columns** must contain **return**, **turnover**, **cost**, **bench**.

	return	cost	bench	turnover
date				
2017-01-04	0.003421	0.000864	0.011693	0.576325
2017-01-05	0.000508	0.000447	0.000721	0.227882
2017-01-06	-0.003321	0.000212	-0.004322	0.102765
2017-01-09	0.006753	0.000212	0.006874	0.105864
2017-01-10	-0.000416	0.000440	-0.003350	0.208396

- **report_long_short_df** – **df.index.name** must be **date**, **df.columns** contain **long**, **short**, **long_short**.

	long	short	long_short
date			
2017-01-04	-0.001360	0.001394	0.000034
2017-01-05	0.002456	0.000058	0.002514
2017-01-06	0.000120	0.002739	0.002859
2017-01-09	0.001436	0.001838	0.003273
2017-01-10	0.000824	-0.001944	-0.001120

- **show_notebook** – Whether to display graphics in a notebook, default **True**. If **True**, show graph in notebook If **False**, return graph figure

Returns

`qlib.contrib.report.analysis_position.rank_label.rank_label_graph` (*position:*
dict, label_data:
panel_data: pandas.core.frame.DataFrame,
start_date=None,
end_date=None,
show_notebook=True)
→ *Iterable[plotly.graph_objs._figure.Figure]*

Ranking percentage of stocks buy, sell, and holding on the trading day. Average rank-ratio (similar to `sell_df['label'].rank(ascending=False) / len(sell_df)`) of daily trading

Example:

```
from qlib.data import D
from qlib.contrib.evaluate import backtest
from qlib.contrib.strategy import TopkDropoutStrategy

# backtest parameters
bparas = {}
bparas['limit_threshold'] = 0.095
bparas['account'] = 1000000000

sparas = {}
sparas['topk'] = 50
sparas['n_drop'] = 230
strategy = TopkDropoutStrategy(**sparas)

_, positions = backtest(pred_df, strategy, **bparas)

pred_df_dates = pred_df.index.get_level_values(level='datetime')
features_df = D.features(D.instruments('csi500'), ['Ref($close, -1)/$close-1'], pred_df_dates.min(), pred_df_dates.max())
features_df.columns = ['label']

qcr.rank_label_graph(positions, features_df, pred_df_dates.min(), pred_df_dates.max())
```

Parameters

- **position** – position data; `qlib.contrib.backtest.backtest.backtest` result.
- **label_data** – `D.features` result; index is `pd.MultiIndex`, index name is `[instrument, datetime]`; columns names is `[label]`.

The label `T` is the change from `T` to `T+1`, it is recommended to use `close`, example:
`D.features(D.instruments('csi500'), ['Ref($close, -1)/$close-1'])`.

instrument	datetime	label
SH600004	2017-12-11	-0.013502
	2017-12-12	-0.072367
	2017-12-13	-0.068605
	2017-12-14	0.012440
	2017-12-15	-0.102778

Parameters

- **start_date** – start date
- **end_date** – end_date
- **show_notebook** – **True** or **False**. If True, show graph in notebook, else return figures.

Returns

`qlib.contrib.report.analysis_model.analysis_model_performance.ic_figure(ic_df:`

`pandas.core.frame.DataFrame,
 show_nature_day=True,
 **kwargs)
→
 plotly.graph_objs._figure.Fi`

IC figure

Parameters

- **ic_df** – ic DataFrame
- **show_nature_day** – whether to display the abscissa of non-trading day

Returns `plotly.graph_objs.Figure`

`qlib.contrib.report.analysis_model.analysis_model_performance.model_performance_graph(pred_l`

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Model performance

Parameters **pred_label** – index is **pd.MultiIndex**, index name is **[instrument, datetime]**; columns names is ****[score, label]****. It is usually same as the label of model training(e.g. “Ref(\$close, -2)/Ref(\$close, -1) - 1”).

instrument	datetime	score	label
SH600004	2017-12-11	-0.013502	-0.013502
	2017-12-12	-0.072367	-0.072367
	2017-12-13	-0.068605	-0.068605
	2017-12-14	0.012440	0.012440
	2017-12-15	-0.102778	-0.102778

Parameters

- **lag** – *pred.groupby(level='instrument')['score'].shift(lag)*. It will be only used in the auto-correlation computing.
- **N** – group number, default 5.
- **reverse** – if *True*, *pred['score'] *= -1*.
- **rank** – if *True*, calculate rank ic.
- **graph_names** – graph names; default *['cumulative_return', 'pred_ic', 'pred_autocorr', 'pred_turnover']*.
- **show_notebook** – whether to display graphics in notebook, the default is *True*.
- **show_nature_day** – whether to display the abscissa of non-trading day.

Returns if *show_notebook* is *True*, display in notebook; else return *plotly.graph_objs.Figure* list.

1.16.3 Workflow

Experiment Manager

class *qlib.workflow.expm.ExpManager* (*uri, default_exp_name*)

This is the *ExpManager* class for managing experiments. The API is designed similar to mlflow. (The link: https://mlflow.org/docs/latest/python_api/mlflow.html)

__init__ (*uri, default_exp_name*)

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

start_exp (*experiment_name=None, recorder_name=None, uri=None, **kwargs*)

Start an experiment. This method includes first *get_or_create* an experiment, and then set it to be active.

Parameters

- **experiment_name** (*str*) – name of the active experiment.
- **recorder_name** (*str*) – name of the recorder to be started.
- **uri** (*str*) – the current tracking URI.

Returns

Return type An active experiment.

end_exp (*recorder_status: str = 'SCHEDULED', **kwargs*)

End an active experiment.

Parameters

- **experiment_name** (*str*) – name of the active experiment.

- **recorder_status** (*str*) – the status of the active recorder of the experiment.

create_exp (*experiment_name=None*)

Create an experiment.

Parameters **experiment_name** (*str*) – the experiment name, which must be unique.

Returns

Return type An experiment object.

search_records (*experiment_ids=None, **kwargs*)

Get a pandas DataFrame of records that fit the search criteria of the experiment. Inputs are the search criteria user want to apply.

Returns

- A *pandas.DataFrame* of records, where each metric, parameter, and tag
- are expanded into their own columns named *metrics.*, *params.**, and *tags.**
- respectively. For records that don't have a particular metric, parameter, or tag, their
- value will be (NumPy) Nan, None, or None respectively.

get_exp (*experiment_id=None, experiment_name=None, create: bool = True*)

Retrieve an experiment. This method includes getting an active experiment, and *get_or_create* a specific experiment. The returned experiment will be active.

When user specify experiment id and name, the method will try to return the specific experiment. When user does not provide recorder id or name, the method will try to return the current active experiment. The *create* argument determines whether the method will automatically create a new experiment according to user's specification if the experiment hasn't been created before.

- If *create* is True:
 - If *active experiment* exists:
 - * no id or name specified, return the active experiment.
 - * if id or name is specified, return the specified experiment. If no such exp found, create a new experiment with given id or name, and the experiment is set to be active.
 - If *active experiment* not exists:
 - * no id or name specified, create a default experiment.
 - * if id or name is specified, return the specified experiment. If no such exp found, create a new experiment with given id or name, and the experiment is set to be active.
- Else If *create* is False:
 - If *active experiment* exists:
 - * no id or name specified, return the active experiment.
 - * if id or name is specified, return the specified experiment. If no such exp found, raise Error.
 - If *active experiment* not exists:
 - * no id or name specified. If the default experiment exists, return it, otherwise, raise Error.
 - * if id or name is specified, return the specified experiment. If no such exp found, raise Error.

Parameters

- **experiment_id** (*str*) – id of the experiment to return.
- **experiment_name** (*str*) – name of the experiment to return.
- **create** (*boolean*) – create the experiment if it hasn't been created before.

Returns

Return type An experiment object.

delete_exp (*experiment_id=None, experiment_name=None*)

Delete an experiment.

Parameters

- **experiment_id** (*str*) – the experiment id.
- **experiment_name** (*str*) – the experiment name.

get_uri ()

Get the default tracking URI or current URI.

Returns

Return type The tracking URI string.

list_experiments ()

List all the existing experiments.

Returns

Return type A dictionary (name -> experiment) of experiments information that being stored.

Experiment

class qlib.workflow.exp.**Experiment** (*id, name*)

This is the *Experiment* class for each experiment being run. The API is designed similar to mlflow. (The link: https://mlflow.org/docs/latest/python_api/mlflow.html)

__init__ (*id, name*)

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

start (*recorder_name=None*)

Start the experiment and set it to be active. This method will also start a new recorder.

Parameters **recorder_name** (*str*) – the name of the recorder to be created.

Returns

Return type An active recorder.

end (*recorder_status='SCHEDULED'*)

End the experiment.

Parameters **recorder_status** (*str*) – the status the recorder to be set with when ending (SCHEDULED, RUNNING, FINISHED, FAILED).

create_recorder (*recorder_name=None*)

Create a recorder for each experiment.

Parameters **recorder_name** (*str*) – the name of the recorder to be created.

Returns**Return type** A recorder object.**search_records** (***kwargs*)

Get a pandas DataFrame of records that fit the search criteria of the experiment. Inputs are the search criteria user want to apply.

Returns

- A *pandas.DataFrame* of records, where each metric, parameter, and tag
- are expanded into their own columns named *metrics.*, *params.**, and *tags.**
- respectively. For records that don't have a particular metric, parameter, or tag, their
- value will be (NumPy) *Nan*, *None*, or *None* respectively.

delete_recorder (*recorder_id*)

Create a recorder for each experiment.

Parameters **recorder_id** (*str*) – the id of the recorder to be deleted.**get_recorder** (*recorder_id=None, recorder_name=None, create: bool = True*)

Retrieve a Recorder for user. When user specify recorder id and name, the method will try to return the specific recorder. When user does not provide recorder id or name, the method will try to return the current active recorder. The *create* argument determines whether the method will automatically create a new recorder according to user's specification if the recorder hasn't been created before

- If *create* is True:
 - If *active recorder* exists:
 - * no id or name specified, return the active recorder.
 - * if id or name is specified, return the specified recorder. If no such exp found, create a new recorder with given id or name, and the recorder should be active.
 - If *active recorder* not exists:
 - * no id or name specified, create a new recorder.
 - * if id or name is specified, return the specified experiment. If no such exp found, create a new recorder with given id or name, and the recorder should be active.
- Else If *create* is False:
 - If *active recorder* exists:
 - * no id or name specified, return the active recorder.
 - * if id or name is specified, return the specified recorder. If no such exp found, raise Error.
 - If *active recorder* not exists:
 - * no id or name specified, raise Error.
 - * if id or name is specified, return the specified recorder. If no such exp found, raise Error.

Parameters

- **recorder_id** (*str*) – the id of the recorder to be deleted.
- **recorder_name** (*str*) – the name of the recorder to be deleted.
- **create** (*boolean*) – create the recorder if it hasn't been created before.

Returns

Return type A recorder object.

list_recorders()

List all the existing recorders of this experiment. Please first get the experiment instance before calling this method. If user want to use the method *R.list_recorders()*, please refer to the related API document in *QlibRecorder*.

Returns

Return type A dictionary (id -> recorder) of recorder information that being stored.

Recorder

class `qlib.workflow.recorder.Recorder` (*experiment_id, name*)

This is the *Recorder* class for logging the experiments. The API is designed similar to mlflow. (The link: https://mlflow.org/docs/latest/python_api/mlflow.html)

The status of the recorder can be SCHEDULED, RUNNING, FINISHED, FAILED.

__init__ (*experiment_id, name*)

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

save_objects (*local_path=None, artifact_path=None, **kwargs*)

Save objects such as prediction file or model checkpoints to the artifact URI. User can save object through keywords arguments (name:value).

Parameters

- **local_path** (*str*) – if provided, them save the file or directory to the artifact URI.
- **artifact_path=None** (*str*) – the relative path for the artifact to be stored in the URI.

load_object (*name*)

Load objects such as prediction file or model checkpoints.

Parameters **name** (*str*) – name of the file to be loaded.

Returns

Return type The saved object.

start_run ()

Start running or resuming the Recorder. The return value can be used as a context manager within a *with* block; otherwise, you must call *end_run()* to terminate the current run. (See *ActiveRun* class in mlflow)

Returns

Return type An active running object (e.g. mlflow.ActiveRun object)

end_run ()

End an active Recorder.

log_params (***kwargs*)

Log a batch of params for the current run.

Parameters **arguments** (*keyword*) – key, value pair to be logged as parameters.

log_metrics (*step=None, **kwargs*)

Log multiple metrics for the current run.

Parameters arguments (*keyword*) – key, value pair to be logged as metrics.

set_tags (***kwargs*)

Log a batch of tags for the current run.

Parameters arguments (*keyword*) – key, value pair to be logged as tags.

delete_tags (**keys*)

Delete some tags from a run.

Parameters keys (*series of strs of the keys*) – all the name of the tag to be deleted.

list_artifacts (*artifact_path: str = None*)

List all the artifacts of a recorder.

Parameters artifact_path (*str*) – the relative path for the artifact to be stored in the URI.

Returns

Return type A list of artifacts information (name, path, etc.) that being stored.

list_metrics ()

List all the metrics of a recorder.

Returns

Return type A dictionary of metrics that being stored.

list_params ()

List all the params of a recorder.

Returns

Return type A dictionary of params that being stored.

list_tags ()

List all the tags of a recorder.

Returns

Return type A dictionary of tags that being stored.

Record Template

class qlib.workflow.record_temp.**RecordTemp** (*recorder*)

This is the Records Template class that enables user to generate experiment results such as IC and backtest in a certain format.

__init__ (*recorder*)

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

generate (***kwargs*)

Generate certain records such as IC, backtest etc., and save them.

Parameters kwargs –

load (*name*)

Load the stored records. Due to the fact that some problems occurred when we tried to balancing a clean API with the Python's inheritance. This method has to be used in a rather ugly way, and we will try to fix them in the future:

```
sar = SigAnaRecord(recorder)
ic = sar.load(sar.get_path("ic.pkl"))
```

Parameters **name** (*str*) – the name for the file to be load.

Returns

Return type The stored records.

list ()

List the stored records.

Returns

Return type A list of all the stored records.

check (*parent=False*)

Check if the records is properly generated and saved.

FileExistsError: whether the records are stored properly.

class qlib.workflow.record_temp.**SignalRecord** (*model=None, dataset=None, recorder=None, **kwargs*)

This is the Signal Record class that generates the signal prediction. This class inherits the RecordTemp class.

__init__ (*model=None, dataset=None, recorder=None, **kwargs*)

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

generate (***kwargs*)

Generate certain records such as IC, backtest etc., and save them.

Parameters **kwargs** –

list ()

List the stored records.

Returns

Return type A list of all the stored records.

load (*name='pred.pkl'*)

Load the stored records. Due to the fact that some problems occurred when we tried to balancing a clean API with the Python's inheritance. This method has to be used in a rather ugly way, and we will try to fix them in the future:

```
sar = SigAnaRecord(recorder)
ic = sar.load(sar.get_path("ic.pkl"))
```

Parameters **name** (*str*) – the name for the file to be load.

Returns

Return type The stored records.

class qlib.workflow.record_temp.**SigAnaRecord** (*recorder, ana_long_short=False, ann_scaler=252, **kwargs*)

This is the Signal Analysis Record class that generates the analysis results such as IC and IR. This class inherits the RecordTemp class.

__init__ (*recorder, ana_long_short=False, ann_scaler=252, **kwargs*)

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

generate()

Generate certain records such as IC, backtest etc., and save them.

Parameters *kwargs* –

list()

List the stored records.

Returns

Return type A list of all the stored records.

class `qlib.workflow.record_temp.PortAnaRecord`(*recorder, config, **kwargs*)

This is the Portfolio Analysis Record class that generates the analysis results such as those of backtest. This class inherits the RecordTemp class.

The following files will be stored in recorder - report_normal.pkl & positions_normal.pkl:

- The return report and detailed positions of the backtest, returned by `qlib/contrib/evaluate.py:backtest`
- port_analysis.pkl : The risk analysis of your portfolio, returned by `qlib/contrib/evaluate.py:risk_analysis`

__init__(*recorder, config, **kwargs*)

config["strategy"] [dict] define the strategy class as well as the kwargs.

config["backtest"] [dict] define the backtest kwargs.

generate(***kwargs*)

Generate certain records such as IC, backtest etc., and save them.

Parameters *kwargs* –

list()

List the stored records.

Returns

Return type A list of all the stored records.

1.17 Qlib FAQ

1.17.1 Qlib Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. *RuntimeError: An attempt has been made to start a new process before the current process has finished its bootstrapping phase...*
- 2. *qlib.data.cache.QlibCacheException: It sees the key(...) of the redis lock has existed in your redis db now.*

1. RuntimeError: An attempt has been made to start a new process before the current process has finished its bootstrapping phase...

```
RuntimeError:
    An attempt has been made to start a new process before the
    current process has finished its bootstrapping phase.

    This probably means that you are not using fork to start your
    child processes and you have forgotten to use the proper idiom
    in the main module:

        if __name__ == '__main__':
            freeze_support()
            ...

    The "freeze_support()" line can be omitted if the program
    is not going to be frozen to produce an executable.
```

This is caused by the limitation of multiprocessing under windows OS. Please refer to [here](#) for more info.

Solution: To select a start method you use the `D.features` in the `if __name__ == '__main__':` clause of the main module. For example:

```
import qlib
from qlib.data import D

if __name__ == "__main__":
    qlib.init()
    instruments = ["SH600000"]
    fields = ["$close", "$change"]
    df = D.features(instruments, fields, start_time='2010-01-01', end_time='2012-12-31
→')
    print(df.head())
```

2. `qlib.data.cache.QlibCacheException`: It sees the key(...) of the redis lock has existed in your redis db now.

It sees the key of the redis lock has existed in your redis db now. You can use the following command to clear your redis keys and rerun your commands

```
$ redis-cli
> select 1
> flushdb
```

If the issue is not resolved, use `keys *` to find if multiple keys exist. If so, try using `flushall` to clear all the keys.

Note: `qlib.config.redis_task_db` defaults is 1, users can use `qlib.init(redis_task_db=<other_db>)` settings.

Also, feel free to post a new issue in our GitHub repository. We always check each issue carefully and try our best to solve them.

1.18 Changelog

Here you can see the full list of changes between each QLib release.

1.18.1 Version 0.1.0

This is the initial release of QLib library.

1.18.2 Version 0.1.1

Performance optimize. Add more features and operators.

1.18.3 Version 0.1.2

- Support operator syntax. Now `High() - Low()` is equivalent to `Sub(High(), Low())`.
- Add more technical indicators.

1.18.4 Version 0.1.3

Bug fix and add instruments filtering mechanism.

1.18.5 Version 0.2.0

- Redesign `LocalProvider` database format for performance improvement.
- Support load features as string fields.
- Add scripts for database construction.
- More operators and technical indicators.

1.18.6 Version 0.2.1

- Support registering user-defined `Provider`.
- Support use operators in string format, e.g. `['Ref($close, 1)']` is valid field format.
- Support dynamic fields in `$some_field` format. And existing fields like `Close()` may be deprecated in the future.

1.18.7 Version 0.2.2

- Add `disk_cache` for reusing features (enabled by default).
- Add `qlib.contrib` for experimental model construction and evaluation.

1.18.8 Version 0.2.3

- Add `backtest` module
- Decoupling the `Strategy`, `Account`, `Position`, `Exchange` from the `backtest` module

1.18.9 Version 0.2.4

- Add `profit_attribution` module
- Add `rick_control` and `cost_control` strategies

1.18.10 Version 0.3.0

- Add `estimator` module

1.18.11 Version 0.3.1

- Add `filter` module

1.18.12 Version 0.3.2

- Add real price trading, if the `factor` field in the data set is incomplete, use `adj_price` trading
- Refactor `handler_launcher_trainer` code
- Support `backtest` configuration parameters in the configuration file
- Fix bug in position amount is 0
- Fix bug of `filter` module

1.18.13 Version 0.3.3

- Fix bug of `filter` module

1.18.14 Version 0.3.4

- Support for `finetune` model
- Refactor `fetcher` code

1.18.15 Version 0.3.5

- Support multi-label training, you can provide multiple label in `handler`. (But LightGBM doesn't support due to the algorithm itself)
- Refactor `handler` code, `dataset.py` is no longer used, and you can deploy your own labels and features in `feature_label_config`
- `Handler` only offer `DataFrame`. Also, `trainer` and `model.py` only receive `DataFrame`
- Change `split_rolling_data`, we roll the data on market calendar now, not on normal date
- Move some date config from `handler` to `trainer`

1.18.16 Version 0.4.0

- Add `data` package that holds all data-related codes
- Reform the data provider structure
- Create a server for data centralized management ‘[qlib-server<https://amc-msra.visualstudio.com/trading-algo/_git/qlib-server>](https://amc-msra.visualstudio.com/trading-algo/_git/qlib-server)’_
- Add a *ClientProvider* to work with server
- Add a pluggable cache mechanism
- Add a recursive backtracking algorithm to inspect the furthest reference date for an expression

Note: The `D.instruments` function does not support `start_time`, `end_time`, and `as_list` parameters, if you want to get the results of previous versions of `D.instruments`, you can do this:

```
>>> from qlib.data import D
>>> instruments = D.instruments(market='csi500')
>>> D.list_instruments(instruments=instruments, start_time='2015-01-01', end_time=
↳ '2016-02-15', as_list=True)
```

1.18.17 Version 0.4.1

- Add support Windows
- Fix `instruments` type bug
- Fix `features` is empty bug(It will cause failure in updating)
- Fix cache lock and update bug
- Fix use the same cache for the same field (the original space will add a new cache)
- Change “logger handler” from config
- Change model load support 0.4.0 later
- The default value of the `method` parameter of `risk_analysis` function is changed from `ci` to `si`

1.18.18 Version 0.4.2

- Refactor `DataHandler`
- Add `Alpha360 DataHandler`

1.18.19 Version 0.4.3

- Implementing Online Inference and Trading Framework
- Refactoring The interfaces of backtest and strategy module.

1.18.20 Version 0.4.4

- Optimize cache generation performance
- Add report module
- Fix bug when using `ServerDatasetCache` offline.
- In the previous version of `long_short_backtest`, there is a case of `np.nan` in `long_short`. The current version 0.4.4 has been fixed, so `long_short_backtest` will be different from the previous version.
- In the 0.4.2 version of `risk_analysis` function, `N` is 250, and `N` is 252 from 0.4.3, so 0.4.2 is 0.002122 smaller than the 0.4.3 the backtest result is slightly different between 0.4.2 and 0.4.3.
- **refactor the argument of backtest function.**
 - **NOTE:** - The default arguments of `topk` margin strategy is changed. Please pass the arguments explicitly if you want to get the same backtest result as previous version. - The `TopkWeightStrategy` is changed slightly. It will try to sell the stocks more than `topk`. (The backtest result of `TopkAmountStrategy` remains the same)
- The margin ratio mechanism is supported in the `Topk` Margin strategies.

1.18.21 Version 0.4.5

- **Add multi-kernel implementation for both client and server.**
 - Support a new way to load data from client which skips dataset cache.
 - Change the default dataset method from single kernel implementation to multi kernel implementation.
- Accelerate the high frequency data reading by optimizing the relative modules.
- Support a new method to write config file by using dict.

1.18.22 Version 0.4.6

- **Some bugs are fixed**
 - The default config in *Version 0.4.5* is not friendly to daily frequency data.
 - Backtest error in `TopkWeightStrategy` when `WithInteract=True`.

1.18.23 Version 0.5.0

- **First opensource version**
 - Refine the docs, code
 - Add baselines
 - public data crawler

1.18.24 Version greater than Version 0.5.0

Please refer to [Github release Notes](#)

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