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# **MALT**

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## HOW TO INSTALL MALT

First clone the git repo and install virtualenv:

```
git clone https://github.com/kimeels/MALT.git  
python3 -m pip install --user virtualenv
```

Change directories into MALT and create a virtual environment:

```
cd MALT  
python3 -m venv malt_env
```

Start the virtual env and install the necessary packages using the requirements file:

```
source malt_env/bin/activate  
pip3 install -r requirements.txt
```



## THE MALT API REFERENCE

### 2.1 The Lightcurve class

```
class malt.Lightcurve(filepath, interpolate=False, interp_func=<function get_gp>,
                      ini_t='rand', obs_time=0.3333333333333333, sample_size=100,
                      obj_type=None)

extract_features (feat_ex_method=<function get_wavelet_feature>)
    Extracts features from the given lightcurve with assigned feature extraction method.

self [Lightcurve object] An instance of the Lightcurve class.

feat_ex_method: python function Function to use for the feature extraction.

interpolate (interp_func=<function get_gp>, ini_t='rand', obs_time=0.3333333333333333,
              sample_size=100, aug_num=1)
    Interpolates the given lightcurve with assigned interpolation function

self: Lightcurve object An instance of the Lightcurve class.

interp_func: python function A python function that takes in a lightcurve and interpolates it.

ini_t: str or float Initial time to start sampling.

obs_time: float The total length of the interpolated lightcurve.

sample_size: int Number of data points in interpolated lightcurve.

aug_num: int Number of lightcurves to augment to.

loadfile (filename)
    Loads file to extract time, flux, flux_err ra_dec and class
    filename: path to dataset
```

### 2.2 The Dataset class

```
class malt.Dataset (configFile="", feat_ex_method=<function get_wavelet_feature>, in-
                    interpolate=True, interp_func=<function get_gp>, ini_t='rand',
                    obs_time=0.3333333333333333, sample_size=100, aug_num=1,
                    ml_method=<class 'malt.machine_learning.RFclassifier'>, hyper-
                    params={'criterion': ['gini', 'entropy'], 'n_estimators': array([70, 71,
                    72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89])},
                    n_jobs=-1, pca=True, n_components=20)

add (new_lightcurve)
    Adds new lightcurve to the Dataset then retrains Dataset.

self: Dataset object An instance of the Dataset class containing instances of the Lightcurve class.
```

**lightcurve** [Lightcurve object] Lightcurve object to add to dataset.

**extract\_features** ()

Extracts features from all the lightcurves in the given dataset with assigned feature extraction method.

**self** [Dataset object] An instance of the Dataset class containing instances of the Lightcurve class.

**get\_pca** ()

Performs PCA decomposition of a feature array X.

**self: Dataset object** An instance of the Dataset class containing instances of the Lightcurve class.

**interpolate** ()

Interpolates all the lightcurves in the given dataset with assigned interpolation function.

**self** [Dataset object] An instance of the Dataset class containing instances of the Lightcurve class.

**classmethod load\_from\_save** (filename)

Returns a saved Dataset instance using pickle

**self: Dataset object** An instance of the Dataset class containing instances of the Lightcurve class.

**filename: str** filename under which the Dataset instance was saved.

**populate** (filepaths)

Initialises an instance of the Dataset class.

**self** [Database object] An instance of the Database class.

**filepaths: list** List containing the paths to the data files.

**predict** (lightcurve, show\_prob=False)

Predicts the type of given lightcurve object using classifier trained on Dataset.

**self** [Dataset object] An instance of the Dataset class containing instances of the Lightcurve class.

**lightcurve** [Lightcurve object] Lightcurve object for which to predict

**show\_prob** [boolean.] If True will print full output from predict\_proba()

**project\_pca** (lightcurve=None)

Projects self.features onto calculated PCA axis from self.pca

**self: Dataset object** An instance of the Dataset class containing instances of the Lightcurve class.

**run\_diagnostic** ()

Runs the Diagnostic test which trains n classifiers on different subsets of the Dataset to test how well it can classify objects.

**self: Dataset object** An instance of the Dataset class containing instances of the Lightcurve class.

**save** (filename='saved\_dataset')

Saves a Dataset instance using a pickle dump

**self: Dataset object** An instance of the Dataset class containing instances of the Lightcurve class.

**filename: str** filename under which to store the Dataset instance

**train** (verbose=1)

Trains a ML algorithm on the Dataset with the parameters specified on initialisation.

**self** [Dataset object] An instance of the Dataset class containing instances of the Lightcurve class.

**verbose** : How much information to print out.



**types** (*show\_aug\_num=False*)

Prints out the counts of each object type stored in the dataset.

**self: Dataset object** An instance of the Dataset class containing instances of the Lightcurve class.

**show\_aug\_num: boolean** Use augmented lightcurve when counting type numbers.

## 2.3 MALT interpolator

`malt.interpolator.get_gp` (*lightcurve, t0, obs\_time, sample\_size, aug\_num*)

Returns a Gaussian Process (george) object marginalised on the data in file.

**lightcurve: Lightcurve object** An instance of the Lightcurve class.

**t0: float** Initial time to start sampling.

**obs\_time: float** The total length of the interpolated lightcurve.

**sample\_size: int** Number of data points in interpolated lightcurve.

## 2.4 MALT feature extraction

`malt.feature_extraction.get_wavelet_feature` (*lightcurve*)

Returns wavelet coefficients for a given lightcurve object.

**lightcurve** [Lightcurve object] An instance of the Lightcurve class

## 2.5 MALT machine learning

**class** `malt.machine_learning.RFclassifier` (*n\_estimators='warn', criterion='gini'*)



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