
uttrs

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uttrs seeks to interoperate Classes defined using attrs and *astropy units* in a simple manner.



uttrs is mainly two functions:

- `uttr.ib` which generates attributes sensitive to units.
- `uttr.array_accessor` which allows access to attributes linked to units, and transform them into numpy arrays.

CODE AND ISSUES

The entire source code of is hosted in GitHub <https://github.com/quatrope/uttrs/>

LICENSE

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INSTALLATION

This is the recommended way to install uttrs.

3.1 Installing with pip

Make sure that the Python interpreter can load uttrs code. The most convenient way to do this is to use virtualenv, virtualenvwrapper, and pip.

After setting up and activating the virtualenv, run the following command:

```
$ pip install uttrs
...
```

That should be it all.

3.2 Installing the development version

If you'd like to be able to update your uttrs code occasionally with the latest bug fixes and improvements, follow these instructions:

Make sure that you have Git installed and that you can run its commands from a shell. (Enter *git help* at a shell prompt to test this.)

Check out uttrs main development branch like so:

```
$ git clone https://github.com/quatrope/uttrs
...
```

This will create a directory *uttrs* in your current directory.

Then you can proceed to install with the commands

```
$ cd uttrs
$ pip install -e .
...
```


DOCUMENTATION

The full documentation of the project are available in <https://uttrs.readthedocs.io/>

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QUICK START

The following piece of code is an example prototype of a Class representing a Galaxy. The Galaxy contains:

- three arrays (x, y, z) with particle positions, measured in *kiloparsecs* (`u.kpc`).
- three arrays (vx, vy, vz) for the particle velocities, measured in *Km/s* (`u.kms/u.s`).
- an array (m) of particle masses, expressed in *solar masses* (`u.M_sun`).
- a free text for note taking in `notes`.

In every case we would like to access to position, velocity and mass of the particles, with and without units (as `np.ndarray`). Suggested units in the information of the attributes behave like this:

- If the user makes the class instance without unit specification then default assumed unit is used.
- If, otherwise, another unit is used as input, it is validated the feasibility of the conversion to default unit.

```
import attr
import uttr

import astropy.units as u

@attr.s
class Galaxy:
    x = uttr.ib(unit=u.kpc)
    y = uttr.ib(unit=u.kpc)
    z = uttr.ib(unit=u.kpc)

    vx = uttr.ib(unit=u.km/u.s)
    vy = uttr.ib(unit=u.km/u.s)
    vz = uttr.ib(unit=u.km/u.s)

    m = uttr.ib(unit=u.M_sun)

    notes = attr.ib(validator=attr.validators.instance_of(str))

    arr_ = uttr.array_accessor()
```


CREATING A GALAXY

```
>>> import numpy as np
>>> import astropy.units as u

# Creating the particle arrays
>>> x = np.random.randint(1000, 10_000, size=5) + np.random.rand(5)
>>> y = np.random.randint(1000, 10_000, size=5) + np.random.rand(5)
>>> z = np.random.randint(1000, 10_000, size=5) + np.random.rand(5)
>>> vx = np.random.randint(1000, 10_000, size=5) + np.random.rand(5)
>>> vy = np.random.randint(1000, 10_000, size=5) + np.random.rand(5)
>>> vz = np.random.randint(1000, 10_000, size=5) + np.random.rand(5)
>>> m = np.random.randint(1000, 10_000, size=5) + np.random.rand(5)

>>> gal = Galaxy(
...     x = x * u.kpc, # kpc is the suggested unit
...     y = y * u.mpc, # milliparsec is equivalent to kpc
...     z = z, # we assume is the suggested kpc unit
...     vx = vx * (u.km/u.s), # the suggested unit
...     vy = vy * (u.km/u.s), # the suggested unit
...     vz = vz, # the suggested unit
...     m = m * u.M_sun, # the suggested unit
...     notes="a random galaxy made with random numbers")

>>> gal
Galaxy(
  x=<Quantity [5632.35740606, 1363.36235923, 3037.46794044, 2785.45299727, 2515.
↪35793673] kpc>,
  y=<Quantity [4457.3573917 , 2873.54575512, 7979.68745148, 5930.55394614, 5903.
↪63598164] mpc>,
  z=<Quantity [6122.35929872, 3740.22821927, 6859.42245056, 7119.8256744 , 3632.
↪74980958] kpc>,
  vx=<Quantity [7141.40469733, 5713.29552487, 5000.535142 , 9366.36402447, 2967.
↪2546077 ] km / s>,
  vy=<Quantity [8514.83018331, 1362.13309457, 1136.30959053, 1985.49551226, 3286.
↪69029298] km / s>,
  vz=<Quantity [6218.56279077, 2015.04638043, 9919.99579782, 1278.94359767, 7228.
↪21626876] km / s>,
  m=<Quantity [5640.62516958, 4070.66620947, 6106.583697 , 4063.39917315, 3028.
↪85393523] solMass>,
  notes='a random galaxy made with random numbers')

# we can access al the attributes in the traditional python way
>>> gal.x
<Quantity [5632.35740606, 1363.36235923, 3037.46794044, 2785.45299727, 2515.35793673]_
↪kpc>
```

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```
>>> gal.vz # z is now a km/s
<Quantity [6218.56279077, 2015.04638043, 9919.99579782, 1278.94359767, 7228.21626876]_
↳km / s>

# We stored y as mpc (milliparsec)
>>> gal.y
<Quantity [8093.44916403, 2198.55398718, 5464.79397835, 1860.72260272, 3636.64010118]_
↳mpc>
```

SIMPLE INTERACTION WITH `NUMPY.NDARRAY`

We can access all the same attributes declared with `uttr.ib` but coerced to the default unit as numpy array.

```
>>> gal.arr_.y
array([0.00809345, 0.00219855, 0.00546479, 0.00186072, 0.00363664])
```

The above code is equivalent to

```
>>> gal.y.to_value(u.kpc)
array([0.00809345, 0.00219855, 0.00546479, 0.00186072, 0.00363664])
```


EQUIVALENT UNITS ERRORS

If we change the unit to something not equivalent to the default unit declares in `uttr.ib` an exception is raised.

Lets fot example define `x` as a kilogram (`u.kg`)

```
>>> gal = Galaxy(  
...     x = x * u.kg,  # kg is not equivalent to kpc  
...     y = y,  
...     z = z,  
...     vx = vx,  
...     vy = vy,  
...     vz = vz,  
...     m = m,  
...     notes="a random galaxy made with random numbers")
```

```
ValueError: Unit of attribute 'x' must be equivalent to 'kpc'.Found 'kg'.
```


REFERENCES

10.1 Astropy

Price-Whelan, Adrian M., et al. “The Astropy project: Building an open-science project and status of the v2. 0 core package.” *The Astronomical Journal* 156.3 (2018): 123.

CONTENTS:

11.1 Tutorial

Este tutorial busca servir de una guía para la creación de clases utilizando *uttrs*.

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11.1.1 Versión interactiva

Puede ejecutarse este mismo tutorial de manera interactiva en Binder.

11.1.2 Imports

En primer lugar es necesario importar todas las librerías que vamos a utilizar. En general, son solo tres:

- `attr` (*attrs*) que es la librería en la cual se basa *uttrs* para crear clases con menos boiler plate.
- `astropy.units` La cual contiene todo el marco de utilidades para tratar con unidades físicas/astronómicas.
- `uttr` (*uttrs*) La librería que corresponde este tutorial.

Nota: Este tutorial asume un conocimiento sobre estas librerías, una serie de enlaces de referencias pueden encontrarse al final de la página.

```
[1]: import attr
import uttr

import astropy.units as u
```

The galaxy class

La clase que vamos a crear, consiste en una simplificación de la clase *Galaxia* del proyecto *Galaxy-Chop*.

Solo tiene 8 atributos y solo los primeros 7 tienen unidades y por lo tanto serán implementadas con la función `uttr.ib` de la librería. Estos son `x`, `y`, `z` son las posiciones de las partículas/estrellas en KiloParsecs (`kpc`); `vx`, `vy`, `vz` las velocidades correspondientes a las partículas (`Km/s`); `m` su masa en masas solares (M_{\odot}). Todos

Finalmente `notes` texto libre sobre las galaxias y pueden ser implementadas con la librería *attrs* estándar

```
[2]: @attr.s
    class Galaxy:
        x = uttr.ib(unit=u.kpc)
        y = uttr.ib(unit=u.kpc)
        z = uttr.ib(unit=u.kpc)

        vx = uttr.ib(unit=u.km / u.s)
        vy = uttr.ib(unit=u.km / u.s)
        vz = uttr.ib(unit=u.km / u.s)

        m = uttr.ib(unit=u.M_sun)

        notes = attr.ib(validator=attr.validators.instance_of(str))
```

Galaxy with default units

Finalmente con la clase ya disponible podemos proceder a crear un objeto del tipo *Galaxy*,

Por cuestiones de simplicidad, vamos a asumir solo 4 particulas con numeros totalmente arbitrarios en cada atributo.

Parte de la utilidad de usar uttrs, es la capacidad que tiene la libreria para agregar unidades por defecto automáticamente, o validar que la unidad ingresada sea equivalente.

Empecemos con un objeto en el cual todas las unidades se asignan autoaticamente

```
[3]: gal = Galaxy(
    x=[1, 1, 3, 4],
    y=[10, 2, 3, 100],
    z=[1, 1, 1, 1],
    vx=[1000, 1023, 2346, 1334],
    vy=[9956, 833, 954, 1024],
    vz=[1253, 956, 1054, 3568],
    m=[200, 100, 20, 5],
    notes="a random galaxy made with random numbers",
)
```

Si nos fijamos en cualquier atributo de la clase, vamos a ver que todas las unidades se agregaron de manera correcta

```
[4]: gal.x
```

```
[4]: [1, 1, 3, 4] kpc
```

```
[5]: gal.y
```

```
[5]: [10, 2, 3, 100] kpc
```

```
[6]: gal.vx
```

```
[6]: [1000, 1023, 2346, 1334]  $\frac{\text{km}}{\text{s}}$ 
```

```
[7]: gal.m
```

```
[7]: [200, 100, 20, 5]  $M_{\odot}$ 
```

```
[8]: gal.notes
```

```
[8]: 'a random galaxy made with random numbers'
```

Galaxy with explicit units

Otra alternativa consiste en proveer unidades compatibles con las establecidas, hay que tener en cuenta que estas unidades tienen que ser equivalentes a las propuestas en la creación de la clase.

Por ejemplo podemos sugerir que la dimensión z este dada en parsecs, v_y en Km/h y las masas en Kg

```
[9]: gal = Galaxy(
      x=[1, 1, 3, 4],
      y=[10, 2, 3, 100],
      z=[1000, 1000, 1000, 1000] * u.parsec,
      vx=[1000, 1023, 2346, 1334],
      vy=[9956, 833, 954, 1024] * (u.km / u.h),
      vz=[1253, 956, 1054, 3568],
      m=[200, 100, 20, 5] * u.kg,
      notes="a random galaxy made with random numbers",
    )
```

Como se nota en el ejemplo, esto funciona perfectamente, y ningún error aparece. Es más podemos acceder a cualquiera de los atributos presentes y todos mantienen las unidades sugeridas o explícitas

```
[10]: gal.z # parsecs
```

```
[10]: [1000, 1000, 1000, 1000] pc
```

```
[11]: gal.m # kg
```

```
[11]: [200, 100, 20, 5] kg
```

```
[12]: gal.vx # default km/s
```

```
[12]: [1000, 1023, 2346, 1334]  $\frac{km}{s}$ 
```

```
[13]: gal.vy # km/h
```

```
[13]: [9956, 833, 954, 1024]  $\frac{km}{h}$ 
```

Por otro lado si por error cargamos un valor que tiene una unidad que no es equivalente a la sugerida, se lanza un error de valor (ValueError)

Para demostrar esto vamos a extender el ejemplo, tratando de asignar a x un valor expresado en gramos (g)

```
[14]: gal = Galaxy(
      x=[1, 1, 3, 4] * u.g,
      y=[10, 2, 3, 100],
      z=[1000, 1000, 1000, 1000] * u.parsec,
      vx=[1000, 1023, 2346, 1334],
      vy=[9956, 833, 954, 1024] * (u.km / u.h),
      vz=[1253, 956, 1054, 3568],
      m=[200, 100, 20, 5] * u.kg,
      notes="a random galaxy made with random numbers",
    )
```

```
-----
UnitConversionError                                Traceback (most recent call last)
~/proyectos/uttrs/src/uttr.py in validate_is_equivalent_unit(self, instance, u
    ↪ attribute, value)
    135         try:
--> 136             unity.to(self.unit)
```

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```

137         except u.UnitConversionError:

~/proyectos/uttrs/lib/python3.8/site-packages/astropy/units/quantity.py in to(self,
↳ unit, equivalencies)
    688         unit = Unit(unit)
--> 689         return self._new_view(self._to_value(unit, equivalencies), unit)
    690

~/proyectos/uttrs/lib/python3.8/site-packages/astropy/units/quantity.py in _to_
↳ value(self, unit, equivalencies)
    659         equivalencies = self._equivalencies
--> 660         return self.unit.to(unit, self.view(np.ndarray),
    661                             equivalencies=equivalencies)

~/proyectos/uttrs/lib/python3.8/site-packages/astropy/units/core.py in to(self, other,
↳ value, equivalencies)
    986         else:
--> 987         return self._get_converter(other,
↳ equivalencies=equivalencies)(value)
    988

~/proyectos/uttrs/lib/python3.8/site-packages/astropy/units/core.py in _get_
↳ converter(self, other, equivalencies)
    917
--> 918         raise exc
    919

~/proyectos/uttrs/lib/python3.8/site-packages/astropy/units/core.py in _get_
↳ converter(self, other, equivalencies)
    902         try:
--> 903         return self._apply_equivalencies(
    904             self, other, self._normalize_equivalencies(equivalencies))

~/proyectos/uttrs/lib/python3.8/site-packages/astropy/units/core.py in _apply_
↳ equivalencies(self, unit, other, equivalencies)
    885
--> 886         raise UnitConversionError(
    887             "{} and {} are not convertible".format(

```

UnitConversionError: 'g' (mass) and 'kpc' (length) are not convertible

During handling of the above exception, another exception occurred:

```

ValueError                                Traceback (most recent call last)
<ipython-input-14-0d84924447d4> in <module>
----> 1 gal = Galaxy(
      2     x=[1, 1, 3, 4] * u.g,
      3     y=[10, 2, 3, 100],
      4     z=[1000, 1000, 1000, 1000] * u.parsec,
      5     vx=[1000, 1023, 2346, 1334],

<attrs generated init __main__.Galaxy> in __init__(self, x, y, z, vx, vy, vz, m,
↳ notes)
      9     self.notes = notes
     10     if _config._run_validators is True:
--> 11         __attr_validator_x(self, __attr_x, self.x)
     12         __attr_validator_y(self, __attr_y, self.y)

```

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```

13         __attr_validator_z(self, __attr_z, self.z)

~/proyectos/uttrs/lib/python3.8/site-packages/attr/_make.py in __call__(self, inst,
↳attr, value)
    2721     def __call__(self, inst, attr, value):
    2722         for v in self._validators:
-> 2723             v(inst, attr, value)
    2724
    2725

~/proyectos/uttrs/src/uttr.py in validate_is_equivalent_unit(self, instance,
↳attribute, value)
    137     except u.UnitConversionError:
    138         unit, aname, ufound = self.unit, attribute.name, value.unit
--> 139         raise ValueError(
    140             f"Unit of attribute '{aname}' must be equivalent to '{unit}'."
    141             f" Found '{ufound}'."

ValueError: Unit of attribute 'x' must be equivalent to 'kpc'. Found 'g'.

```

11.1.3 Automatic cohercion of units: Array Accessor

El mayor poder de *uttrs* es la capacidad de transformar de manera sencilla todas las unidades a `numpy.ndarray` planos, utilizando las unidades por defecto.

Para esto se provee de una funcion `uttr.array_accessor()` la cual permite acceder a los atributos definidos por *uttrs* de manera uniforme en una estructura de datos mas veloz que las que posseen unidad.

Para agregar esta característica, se debe agregar un atributo extra a la clase que se iguale a `uttr.array_accessor()`. Se propone utilizar el nombre `arr_`

Extendiendo el ejemplo anterior

```

[15]: @attr.s
class Galaxy:
    x = uttr.ib(unit=u.kpc)
    y = uttr.ib(unit=u.kpc)
    z = uttr.ib(unit=u.kpc)

    vx = uttr.ib(unit=u.km / u.s)
    vy = uttr.ib(unit=u.km / u.s)
    vz = uttr.ib(unit=u.km / u.s)

    m = uttr.ib(unit=u.M_sun)

    notes = attr.ib(validator=attr.validators.instance_of(str))

    arr_ = uttr.array_accessor() # el accessor

```

Ahora volvemos a instanciar la clase con algunos parámetros con unidades custom

```

[16]: gal = Galaxy(
    x=[1, 1, 3, 4],
    y=[10, 2, 3, 100],
    z=[1000, 1000, 1000, 1000] * u.parsec,
    vx=[1000, 1023, 2346, 1334],

```

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```

vy=[9956, 833, 954, 1024] * (u.km / u.h),
vz=[1253, 956, 1054, 3568],
m=[200, 100, 20, 5] * u.kg,
notes="a random galaxy made with random numbers",
)

```

ahora si accedemos a `z` a travez de `arr_`, `uttrs` se encargara de convertir los parsecs en kiloparsecs y luego convertirlo en un numpy array

```

[17]: gal.arr_.z
[17]: array([1., 1., 1., 1.])

```

Mientras que `z` mantiene sus unidades originales

```

[18]: gal.arr_.z
[18]: array([1., 1., 1., 1.])

```

Lo mismo si accedemos a `vy` y `m`

```

[19]: gal.arr_.m
[19]: array([1.00582884e-28, 5.02914422e-29, 1.00582884e-29, 2.51457211e-30])

[20]: gal.arr_.vy
[20]: array([2.76555556, 0.23138889, 0.265      , 0.28444444])

```

Tratar de acceder a un atributo privado o que no sea un `uttr.ib`, lanza un error del tipo `AttributeError`

```

[21]: gal.arr_.notes

-----
AttributeError                                Traceback (most recent call last)
<ipython-input-21-92911293967b> in <module>
----> 1 gal.arr_.notes

~/proyectos/uttrs/src/uttr.py in __getattr__(self, a)
    278         return arr
    279
--> 280         raise AttributeError(f"No uttr.Attribute '{a}'")
    281
    282

AttributeError: No uttr.Attribute 'notes'

```

11.1.4 El uso de `array_accessor`

Es conocido que las unidades de Astropy son lentas cuando los calculos son complejos.

Para evitar esto, los desarrolladores optan por unificar las unidades y luego convertir los valores a arrays de numpy para operarlos mas rapidamente; y al final se vuelve a asignas las unidades.

Para evitar esto, `array_accessor` realiza toda esta transformacion transparentemente para el usuario, evitando la necesidad de replicar informacion sobre las unidades.

Por ejemplo, si quisieramos programar un codigo que genere un nuevo objeto galaxia con una sola particula, promedio de las demas, el código seria el siguiente:


```
[22]: @attr.s
class Galaxy:
    x = uttr.ib(unit=u.kpc)
    y = uttr.ib(unit=u.kpc)
    z = uttr.ib(unit=u.kpc)

    vx = uttr.ib(unit=u.km / u.s)
    vy = uttr.ib(unit=u.km / u.s)
    vz = uttr.ib(unit=u.km / u.s)

    m = uttr.ib(unit=u.M_sun)

    notes = attr.ib(validator=attr.validators.instance_of(str))

    arr_ = uttr.array_accessor() # el accessor

    def mean(self):
        x = np.mean(self.arr_.x)
        y = np.mean(self.arr_.y)
        z = np.mean(self.arr_.z)

        vx = np.mean(self.arr_.vx)
        vy = np.mean(self.arr_.vy)
        vz = np.mean(self.arr_.vz)

        m = np.mean(self.arr_.m)

        return Galaxy(
            x=x, y=y, z=z, vx=vx, vy=vy, vz=vz, m=m, notes=self.notes
        )
```

Ahora podemos crear una galaxia de 1 millon de elementos aleatorios y calcular la galaxia “media”

```
[23]: import numpy as np

# fijamos la semilla random
random = np.random.default_rng(seed=42)

size = 1_000_000

gal = Galaxy(
    x=random.random(size=size),
    y=random.random(size=size),
    z=random.random(size=size) * u.parsec,
    vx=random.random(size=size),
    vy=random.random(size=size),
    vz=random.random(size=size) * (u.km / u.h),
    m=random.random(size=size) * u.kg,
    notes="a random galaxy made with random numbers",
)
```

```
[24]: gal.mean()
```

```
[24]: Galaxy(x=<Quantity 0.50002648 kpc>, y=<Quantity 0.49981983 kpc>, z=<Quantity 0.
↳ 00049982 kpc>, vx=<Quantity 0.49976787 km / s>, vy=<Quantity 0.50029902 km / s>, vz=
↳ <Quantity 0.00013897 km / s>, m=<Quantity 2.5120227e-31 solMass>, notes='a random_
↳ galaxy made with random numbers')
```

Por completitud se ejemplifica a continuacion como seria el mismo codigo de `mean` pero sin usar `array_accessor`

```
[25]: @attr.s
class Galaxy:
    x = uttr.ib(unit=u.kpc)
    y = uttr.ib(unit=u.kpc)
    z = uttr.ib(unit=u.kpc)

    vx = uttr.ib(unit=u.km / u.s)
    vy = uttr.ib(unit=u.km / u.s)
    vz = uttr.ib(unit=u.km / u.s)

    m = uttr.ib(unit=u.M_sun)

    notes = attr.ib(validator=attr.validators.instance_of(str))

    arr_ = uttr.array_accessor() # el accessor

    def mean(self):
        x = np.mean(self.x.to_value(u.kpc))
        y = np.mean(self.y.to_value(u.kpc))
        z = np.mean(self.z.to_value(u.kpc))

        vx = np.mean(self.vx.to_value(u.km / u.s))
        vy = np.mean(self.vy.to_value(u.km / u.s))
        vz = np.mean(self.vz.to_value(u.km / u.s))

        m = np.mean(self.m.to_value(u.M_sun))

        return Galaxy(
            x=x, y=y, z=z, vx=vx, vy=vy, vz=vz, m=m, notes=self.notes
        )
```

```
[26]: import datetime as dt
dt.datetime.now()
```

```
[26]: datetime.datetime(2020, 11, 21, 20, 52, 24, 347474)
```

```
[ ]:
```

11.2 uttrs API

uttrs bridge between attrrs and Astropy units¹.

uttrs seeks to interoperate Classes defined using attrrs and Astropy units in a simple manner with two main functionalities:

- `uttr.ib` which generates attributes sensitive to units.
- `uttr.array_accessor` which allows access to attributes linked to units, and transform them into numpy arrays.

¹ Price-Whelan, Adrian M., et al. "The Astropy project: Building an open-science project and status of the v2.0 core package." The Astronomical Journal 156.3 (2018): 123.

References

class `uttr.ArrayAccessor` (*instance*)

Bases: `object`

Automatic converter of the `uttrs` attributes in `numpy.ndarray`.

Instances of `ArrayAccessor` (`arr_`) access to the attributes (defined with `uttrs`) of the provided instance, and if they are of `astropy.units.Quantity` type it converts them into `numpy.ndarray`.

If you try to access a attribute no defined by `uttrs`, an `AttributeError` is raised.

Examples

```
>>> @attr.s()
... class Foo:
...     quantity = uttr.ib(unit=u.km)
...     array = attr.ib()
```

```
>>> foo = Foo(
...     quantity=u.Quantity([1, 2]),
...     array=np.array([1, 2]),
... )
```

```
>>> arr_ = ArrayAccessor(foo)
```

```
>>> arr_
ArrayAccessor(
  Foo(quantity=<Quantity [1., 2.]>, array=array([1, 2]))
```

```
>>> arr_.quantity
array([1., 2., 3.])
```

```
>>> arr_.array
AttributeError("No uttr.Attribute 'array'")
```

class `uttr.UnitConverterAndValidator` (*unit: astropy.units.core.UnitBase*)

Bases: `object`

Converter and validator of `astropy.units` for `uttrs`.

Parameters `unit` (*astropy.units.UnitBase*) – The base units for attribute default unit assignation and validation of inputs.

convert_if_dimensionless (*value*)

Assign a unit to a dimensionless object.

If the object already has a dimension it returns it without change

Examples

```
>>> uc = UnitConverter(u.km)
```

```
>>> uc.convert_if_dimensionless(1)  # dimensionless then convert
'<Quantity 1. km>'
```

```
>>> # the same object is returned
>>> uc.convert_if_dimensionless(1 * u.kpc)
'<Quantity 1. kpc>'
```

is_dimensionless (*v*)

Return true if *v* is dimensionless.

to_array (*v*)

Convert the quantity to an array of the given unit.

unit: `astropy.units.core.UnitBase`

validate_is_equivalent_unit (*instance, attribute, value*)

Validate that the unit equivalence with. the configured unit.

This method follows the suggested signature by attr validators.

- the instance that's being validated (aka self),
- the attribute that it's validating, and finally
- the value that is passed for it.

:raises `ValueError`:: If the value has a non-equivalent dimension to unit.

`uttr.array_accessor` ()

Provide an `ArrayAccessor` attribute to an attr based class.

This new attribute allows access to any other uttrs defined attribute or of the class. It converts it to the default unit of the attribute and afterward to a `numpy.ndarray`.

If you try to access an attribute not defined by uttrs, an `AttributeError` is raised.

Example

```
>>> @attr.s()
... class Foo:
...     q = uttr.ib(unit=u.kg)
...     a = attr.ib()
...     arr_ = array_accessor()
```

```
>>> foo = Foo(q=[1, 2, 3] * u.kg, a=np.array([1, 2, 3]))
>>> foo
Foo(q=<Quantity [1., 2., 3.] kg>, a=array([1, 2, 3]))
```

```
>>> foo.q
<Quantity [1., 2., 3.] kg>
```

```
>>> foo.arr_.q
array([1., 2., 3.])
```

```
>>> foo.a
array([1, 2, 3])
```

```
>>> foo.arr_.a
array([1, 2, 3])
```

`uttr.attribute` (*unit: astropy.units.core.UnitBase, **kwargs*)

Create a new attribute with converters and validators for a given unit.

Parameters

- **unit** (*u.UnitBase*) – The unit to use in the converters and the attribute validator
- **kwargs** – Extra parameter of `attr.ib()`

Example

```
>>> @attr.s()
... class Foo:
...     p = unit_attribute(unit=(u.km / u.s))
>>>> Foo(p=[1, 2, 3])
Foo(p=<Quantity [1., 2., 3.] km / s>)
```

```
@attr.s() >>> class Foo: ... p = unit_attribute(unit=(u.km / u.h))
```

```
>>> Foo(p=[1, 2, 3])
Foo(p=<Quantity [1., 2., 3.] km / h>)
```

```
>>> @attr.s()
... class Foo:
...     p = unit_attribute(unit=(u.km / u.s))
```

```
>>> Foo(p=[1, 2, 3] * u.km / u.h)
Foo(p=<Quantity [1., 2., 3.] km / h>)
```

```
>>> Foo(p=[1, 2, 3] * u.kpc)
ValueError: Unit of attribute 'p' must be equivalent to 'km / s'.
Found 'kpc'.
```

`uttr.ib` (*unit: astropy.units.core.UnitBase, **kwargs*)

Equivalent to `uttr.attribute` to use like `attr.ib`.

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