#### **FLEXIDOT USAGE**

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"FlexiDot: Highly customizable, ambiguity-aware dotplots for visual sequence analyses"

General usage: \$ python flexidot.py [ARGUMENTS]

GENERAL...

-h, --help Help screen
-v, --verbose Verbose

### INPUT/OUTPUT OPTIONS... required are [-a] OR [-i]

-a, --auto\_fas Imports all fasta from current directory

Y or 1 = ON

N or 0 = OFF [default]

-i, --in\_file Input fasta file (fasta file or comma-separated file list)

(provide multiple files: Recall -i or provide comma-separated file names)

-o, --output\_file\_prefix File prefix to be added to the generated filenames

[default = NONE]

-c, --collage\_output Multiple dotplots are printed as a collage

Y or 1 = ON [default]

N or 0 = OFF

-m, --m\_col Number of columns per page

[default = 4] (only if --collage\_output is ON)

-n, --n\_row Number of rows per page

[default = 5] (only if --collage\_output is ON)

-f, --filetype Output file format

0 = PNG [default]

1 = PDF 2 = SVG

-t, --type\_nuc Type of residue is nucleotide

Y or 1 = nucleotide [default]

N or 0 = amino acid

# CALCULATION PARAMETERS...

-k, --wordsize Wordsize (kmer length) for dotplot comparison (default = 7)

-p, --plotting\_mode Plotting modes

0 = self [default] 1 = paired

2 = poly (matrix with all-against-all dotplots)

Y or 1 = ON

N or 0 = OFF [default]

-S, --substitution\_count Number of substitutions (mismatch mutations) allowed in fuzzy matching

[default = 0]

-r, --rc\_option Find reverse complementary matches

Y or 1 = ON [default]

N or 0 = OFF

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#### GRAPHIC FORMATTING...

-A, --line\_width Line width [default = 1]

-B, --line\_col\_for Line color [default = black]

-C, --line\_col\_rev Reverse line color [default = green]

-D, --x\_label\_pos Position of the X-label Y or 1 = top [default]

N or 0 = bottom

-E, --label\_size Font size

-F, --spacing Spacing between subdotplots (only if --collage\_output is ON))

-P, --plot\_size Plotsize [default = 10]

-L, --length\_scaling Scale plot size for pairwise comparison (only if --plotting\_modes=1)

Y or 1 = Scaling ON (axes scaled according to sequence length)

N or 0 = Scaling OFF (squared plots) [default]

-T, --title\_length Limit title length for dotplot comparison (only if --plotting modes=0)

[default = infinite]

## ANNOTATION SHADING (for -p/--plotting mode 0 only)...

-g, --input\_gff\_files GFF3 file used for markup in self-dotplots

(provide multiple files: Recall -g or provide comma-separated file names)

-G, --gff\_color\_config\_file Tab-delimited config file for custom gff shading

> column 1: feature type column 2: color column 3: alpha

column 4: zoom factor (for small regions)

## GFF SHADING (for -p/--plotting mode 2 only)...

Shade subdotplot based on the length of the longest common substring (LCS) -x, --lcs shading

Y or 1 = ON

N or 0 = OFF [default]

-X, --lcs\_shading\_num Number of shading intervals (number of grey shades besides standard white background)

[default = 5]

-y, --lcs\_shading\_ref Choose reference for LCS shading

0 = maximal LCS length [default]

1 = maximally possible length (length of shorter sequence in pairwise comparison)

2 = given interval sizes (length in bp)

-Y, --lcs shading interval len Length of intervals for LCS shading (only if --lcs shading ref=2)

[default for nucleotides = 100; default for amino acids = 10]

-z, --lcs shading ori Shade subdotplots according to LCS on

0 = forward [default],

1 = reverse, or

2 = both strands (forward shading above diagonal, reverse shading on diagonal and below; if --input\_user\_matrix\_file used, best LCS is used below diagonal)

#### USER MATRIX SHADING (for -p/--plotting mode 2 only)...

Shade top right triangle according to values in matrix file -u, --input\_user\_matrix\_file

(tab-delimited or comma-separated matrix with sequence name in column 1 and numbers

in columns 2-n, e.g. identity matrix from MEGA - strings are ignored)

Print matrix entries in the upper right section of all-against-all dotplots -U, --user matrix print

Y or 1 = ON

N or 0 = OFF [default]