FLEXIDOT USAGE

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

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

\$ python flexidot.py -i <fasta_file_name> [ARGUMENTS]

GENERAL...

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

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

-a, --auto_fas Imports all fasta files from current directory (*.fasta, *.fa, *.fa, *.fna) (-i is not necessary)

[inactive by default]

-i, --in_file Input fasta file (fasta file name 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 combined in a collage

Y or 1 = ON [default]

N or 0 = OFF

-m, --m_col Number of columns per page (only if --collage_output=y)

[default = 4]

-n, --n_row Number of rows per page (only if --collage_output=y)

[default = 5]

-f, --filetype Output file format

0 = PNG [default]

1 = PDF 2 = SVG

Y or 1 = ON

N or 0 = OFF [default]

CALCULATION PARAMETERS...

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

> 0 = self [default] 1 = paired

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

> Run multiple plotting modes: Recall -p or provide comma-separated numbers

-t, --type_nuc Type of residue is nucleotide

Y or 1 = nucleotide [default]

N or 0 = amino acid

-w, --wobble_conversion Ambiguity handling for relaxed matching

Y or 1 = ON

N or 0 = OFF [default]

-S, --substitution_count Number of substitutions (mismatches) allowed per window for relaxed matching

[default = 0]

-r, --rc_option Find reverse complementary matches (only if type_nuc=y)

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 [default = 10]

-F, --spacing Spacing between all-against-all dotplots (only if --plotting_mode=2)

[default = 0.04]

-P, --plot_size Plotsize [default = 10]

-L, --length_scaling Scale plot size for pairwise comparison (only if --plotting_mode=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

Use last characters of the title name (instead of the first): add an "E" (end), e.g. -T 20E

[default = 20, the first 20 characters]

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)

LCS SHADING (for -p/--plotting_mode=2 only)...

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

Y or 1 = ON

N or 0 = OFF [default]

-X, --lcs shading num Number of shading intervals (hues) for LCS (-x) and user matrix shading (-u)

[default = 5]

-y, --lcs_shading_ref Reference for LCS shading

0 = maximal LCS length [default]

1 = maximally possible length (length of shorter sequence in pairwise comparison) 2 = given interval sizes - DNA [default 50 bp] or proteins [default 10 aa] - see -Y

[default for nucleotides = 50; 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)...

-u, --input_user_matrix_file Shading above diagonal according to values in matrix file specified by the user

(tab-delimited or comma-separated matrix with sequence name in column 1 and numbers in columns 2-n, e.g. identity matrix from sequence multiple alignment - strings are

ignored)

-U, --user_matrix_print Display matrix entries in the fields above diagonal of all-against-all dotplots

Y or 1 = ON

N or 0 = OFF [default]

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