

# Public Methods of “plottingtools”, grouped by Topic

## Changing the colour theme

**plottingtools.lightmode([foreground = “0”, background = “1.0”])**

- Description
  - Switch to light theme.
- Required parameters
  - None.
- Optional parameters
  - *foreground* String specifying the foreground colour. Default: “0”, i.e. pure black.
  - *background* String specifying the background colour. Default: “1.0”, i.e. pure white.
- Return
  - None

**plottingtools.darkmode([foreground = “0.85”, background = “0.15”])**

- Description
  - Switch to dark theme.
- Required parameters
  - None.
- Optional parameters
  - *foreground* String specifying the foreground colour. Default: “0.85”, i.e. light grey.
  - *background* String specifying the background colour. Default: “0.15”, i.e. dark grey.
- Return
  - None

## Making a new Figure

### **plottingtools.singleplot([size = (10, 7)])**

- Description
  - Generate a new plot with one figure.
- Required parameters
  - None.
- Optional parameters
  - *size* 2-Tuple of numbers, containing the figure's width and height. Default: (10, 7)
- Return
  - 2-tuple (matplotlib.figure.Figure, matplotlib.pyplot.Axes)

### **plottingtools.multiplot(nrows, ncols, size)**

- Description
  - Returns a figure with nrows by ncols subplots
- Required parameters
  - *nrows* integer, the number of rows of plots
  - *ncols* integer, the number of columns of plots
  - *size\_xy* 2-tuple of numbers, containing the figure's width and height
- Optional parameters
  - None.
- Return
  - Tuple (matplotlib.figure.Figure, matplotlib.pyplot.Axes)

## Kinds of Plots unique to plottingtools

### **plottingtools.similarity\_heatmap(ax, list\_of\_lists, method)**

- Description
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- Required parameters
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- Optional parameters
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- Return
  - None.

### **plottingtools.correlations\_heatmap(ax, list\_of\_lists, method)**

- Description
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- Required parameters
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- Optional parameters
  - \*\*
- Return
  - None.

### **plottingtools.masked\_heatmap(ax, data, mask, \*\*kwargs)**

- Description
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- Required parameters
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- Optional parameters

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- Return

- None.

## **Adding elements to an existing plot**

**plottingtools.title(ax, title, [fontsize = 40, pad = 20])**

- Description
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- Required parameters
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- Optional parameters
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- Return
  - None.

**plottingtools.labels(ax, xlabel, ylabel, [fontsize = 30, pad = 15])**

- Description
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- Required parameters
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- Optional parameters
  - \*\*
- Return
  - None.

**plottingtools.diagonal(ax, [colour = “black”, alpha = 0.3, linestyle = “-”, linewidth = 2])**

- Description
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- Required parameters
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- Optional parameters

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- Return

- None.

**plottingtools.rectangle(ax, x1, y1, x2, y2, [colour = “red”, linewidth = 3, linestyle = “-”, fill = False])**

- Description

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- Required parameters

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- Optional parameters

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- Return

- None.

**plottingtools.star(ax, x, y, [colour = “red”, fontsize = 50])**

- Description

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- Required parameters

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- Optional parameters

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- Return

- None.

**plottingtools.lines(ax, which, pos, [colour = “black”, alpha = 0.3, linestyle = “-”, linewidth = 2, zorder = -100])**

- Description

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- Required parameters
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- Optional parameters
  - \*\*
- Return
  - None.

## Changing elements of a plot

### **plottingtools.despine(ax, [which = ['top', 'right']])**

- Description
  - Remove spines of a matplotlib.pyplot.Axes plot.
- Required parameters
  - *ax* The matplotlib.pyplot.Axes object to remove spines from.
- Optional parameters
  - *which* Array of strings specifying which spines to remove. Possible choices are “top”, “right”, “left”, “bottom”. Defaults to [“top”, “right”].
- Return
  - None.

### **plottingtools.ticklabelsize(ax, [which = “both”, size = 20])**

- Description
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- Required parameters
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- Optional parameters
  - **\*\***
- Return
  - None.

### **plottingtools.limits(ax, xlims, ylims)**

- Description
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- Required parameters
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- Optional parameters
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- Return
  - None.

#### **plottingtools.ticks\_and\_labels(ax, which, ticks, label)**

- Description
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- Required parameters
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- Optional parameters
  - \*\*
- Return
  - None.

#### **plottingtools.rotate\_ticklabels(ax, which, rotation)**

- Description
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- Required parameters
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- Optional parameters
  - \*\*
- Return
  - None.

#### **plottingtools.align\_ticklabels(ax, which, horizontal, vertical)**

- Description
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- Required parameters
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- Optional parameters
  - \*\*
- Return
  - None.

## Saving the current figure to a file

### **plottingtools.save\_png(filename, [dpi = 300])**

- Description
  - Save the current plot as PNG file.
- Required parameters
  - *filename* string with the file name to export to.
- Optional parameters
  - *dpi* The resolution, in dpi. Default: 300
- Return
  - None.

### **plottingtools.save\_svg(filename)**

- Description
  - Save the current plot as SVG file.
- Required parameters
  - *filename* string with the file name to export to.
- Optional parameters
  - None
- Return
  - None.

### **plottingtools.save\_pdf(filename)**

- Description
  - Save the current plot as PDF file.
- Required parameters
  - *filename* string with the file name to export to.

- Optional parameters

- None.

- Return

- None.

## **Collections of default parameters for matplotlib plots**

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