fmtplot: Format Code for Plots in pdf and html Output

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Abstract—fmtplot is a format code, which produces interactive plots for html using flot and static plots for pdf using matplotlib. Plots are generated using a marky format code with a class fmtplot which implements plot and code generation for both cases. The plots which are generated using fmtplot can be referenced using pandoc-fignos.

1 Prerequirements

In order to the fmtplot with html output, JavaScript libraries have to be downloaded using.

```
cd data
./get_fmtplotjs
```

The script download the following files:

```
jquery.canvaswrapper.js
jquery.colorhelpers.js
jquery.event.drag.js
jquery.flot.browser.js
jquery.flot.drawSeries.js
jquery.flot.hover.js
jquery.flot.image.js
jquery.flot.js
jquery.flot.legend.js
jquery.flot.navigate.js
jquery.flot.resize.js
jquery.flot.saturated.js
jquery.flot.selection.js
jquery.flot.symbol.js
jquery.flot.touch.js
jquery.flot.touchNavigate.js
jquery.flot.uiConstants.js
jquery.js
jquery.mousewheel.js
```

2 Include

Include fmtplot as follows.

```
<?
___(file="fmtplot.md")
?>
```

3 Plot Generation

Plots are prepared by calling the class fmtplot together with for the classes fmtplot_flot for html and fmtplot_mplt for pdf. The format code has the following arguments.

```
<?
pltdat = fmtplot(
    html=fmtplot_flot(aspect=(16, 9)),
    pdf=fmtplot_mplt(figdir="data", figsize=(16, 9),
        figdpi=200, fontsize="11pt")
)
?>
```

aspect specifies the aspect of a full-width plot for html output. for pdf output figdir specifies the directory for figure output build/<figdir>/, fisize is the size of the figure in cm and figdpi and fontsize specify DPI number and the font size in pt.

In order to init Fig. 1 for output, the format code

```
fmtplot.setup(figid, data, label, style, color)
```

is called with the corresponding arguments.

```
___(pltdat.setup("plot1", data=data, label=label,
    style=style, color=color))
```

Figure Identifier

figid is the identifier of the figure, used for internal referencing and referencing inside the document. For pdf documents the figid also is used for the image filename build/<figdir>/<figid>.png.

Plot Data

Plot data is specified in two sequences containing **x** and **y** values of point coordinates.

```
import numpy as np
x1 = np.array(range(10)) + 0
x2 = np.array(range(10)) + 1
x3 = np.array(range(10)) + 2
x4 = np.array(range(10)) + 3
```

```
x5 = np.array(range(10)) + 5
x6 = np.array(range(10)) + 6
y1 = 40*np.array(range(10)) + 4
y2 = 30*np.array(range(10)) + 5
y3 = 20*np.array(range(10)) + 6
y4 = 10*np.array(range(10)) + 7
y5 = 10*np.array(range(10)) + 8
y6 = 10*np.array(range(10)) + 9
data=[
    (x1, y1),
    (x2, y2),
    (x3, y3),
    (x4, y4),
    (x5, y5),
    (x6, y6)
]
?>
```

Plot Labels

For each data sequence (x, y) the label is specified in a list. A sequence with the label None does not appear in the legend and in the html choices.

```
<?
label=[
    "Label for (x1, y1)",
    "Label for (x2, y2)",
    "Label for (x3, y3)",
    "Label for (x4, y4)",
    "Label for (x5, y5)",
    "Label for (x6, y6)"
]
?>
```

Plot Style

For each data sequence (x, y) the style is specified in a list. The style for one sequence is a tuple where the first element is the styleid identifier string and the other elements are arguments argN for the styleids in the order of the identifiers in the string.

```
("<styleid>", <arg1>)("<styleid><styleid>", <arg1>, <arg2>)
```

```
<?
style=[
    ("^", 11),
    ("o", 11),
    ("s", 11),
    ("DL", 11, 2),
    ("+L", 11, 2),
    ("xB", 11, 0.5)
]
?>
```

The styles can be combined Lo, ^B, DLB in order to annotate lines and bars with points. There are as many arguments as chars in the <styleid> string. The following markers ^osD+x can be used for points in <styleid>. This is a subset of the matplotlib markers. which is supported by flot. lines and bars are specified using B and L. Table 1 summarizes the style specification.

Table 1: List of style identifier strings <styleid> and corresponding arguments. The bar width is specified relative to the minimum distance between neighbouring x points in the data sequence.

<styleid></styleid>	shape (symbol)	argumet
0	points (circle)	point size in pt
s	points (square)	
D	points (diamond)	
^	points (triangle)	
x	points (cross)	
+	points (plus)	
L	lines	line width in pt
В	bars	relative bar width

Plot Color

For each data sequence (x, y) the color for lines and points is specified in a list.

```
<?
color=[
   "#ff0000",
```

```
"#00ff00",
"#0000ff",
"#ff00ff",
"#000000"
]
```

Plot Output in Document

The format code show(figid, caption="...") places Fig. 1 in the document using the settings decribed above. Additionally the argument caption="..." is used for setting the figure caption. The figure Fig. 1 is referenced by appending fig: to the figid using the keyword @fig:plot1.

```
<?
___(pltdat.setup("plot1", data, label=label, style=style, color=color))
___(pltdat.show("plot1", """This figure is generated using the format code
fmtplot.plot(...) with the arguments data, label, style, color
described above. The figure caption is set using the argument caption.
"""))
?>
```

4 Plot Legend

By default fmtplot hides the legend. The legend can be placed outside of the plot in a separate canvas/image or inside the plot. In order to configure the legend the arguments legpos and legcols of the format code constructor are used. legcols specifies the number of columns in the legend and legpos specifies the legend position using the following values.

- None: do not show legend
- "out": show legend in separate image using fmtplot.legend(figid)
- "nw": show legend in upper left corner
- "ne": show legend in upper right corner
- "sw": show legend in lower left corner
- "se": show legend in lower right corner

Legend In Plot

A legend in figures is specified using one of the keywords nw, ne, sw or se

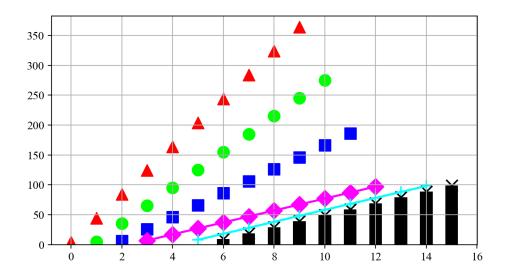


Figure 1: This figure is generated using the format code fmtplot.plot(...) with the arguments data, label, style, color described above. The figure caption is set using the argument caption.

for legpos. In Fig. 2, the legendis placed in the upper right corner using nw.

```
    legin = fmtplot(
        html=fmtplot_flot(legpos="nw", legcols=2),
        pdf=fmtplot_mplt(legpos="nw", legcols=2)
)

___(legin.setup("plot2", data, label=label, style=style, color=color))
___(legin.show("plot2", """This plot is generated with legend inside the plot using legpos as one of nw, ne, sw, se and with 2 columns using legcols=2."""))
?>
```

Separate Legend

A legend in a separate image is specified using the keyword out. Fig. 3 has a separate legend given in Fig. 4.

```
<?
legout = fmtplot(</pre>
```

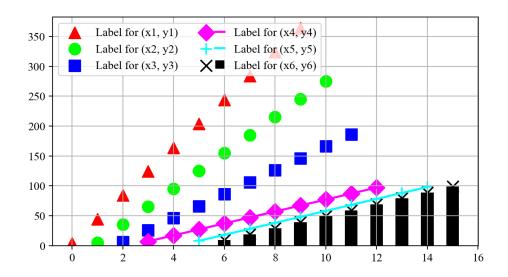


Figure 2: This plot is generated with legend inside the plot using legpos as one of nw, ne, sw, se and with 2 columns using legcols=2.

```
html=fmtplot_flot(legpos="out", legcols=2),
    pdf=fmtplot_mplt(legpos="out", legcols=2)
)
___(legout.setup("plot3", data, label=label, style=style, color=color))
___(legout.show("plot3", """This plot is generated with separate legend
using legpos=out and with 2 columns using legcols=2."""))
?>
```

Placement of Separate Legend

In order to place the separate legend for Fig. 3, the legend(figid, caption="...") format code is called. The figure Fig. 3 is referenced by appending fig: to the figid using the keyword @fig:plot3. The legend in Fig. 4 is referenced by additionally appending -legend using the keyword @fig:plot3-legend.

```
<?
___(legout.legend("plot3", caption="""This is the legend for @fig:plot3.
It was placed using the format code fmtplot.legend(figid, caption)."""))
?>
```

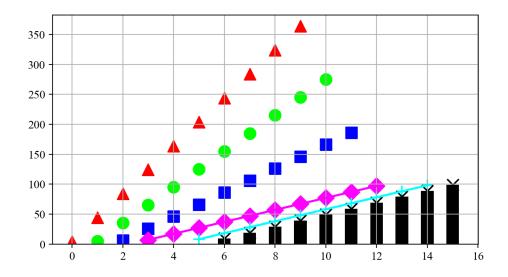


Figure 3: This plot is generated with separate legend using legpos=out and with 2 columns using legcols=2.

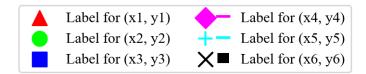


Figure 4: This is the legend for Fig. 3. It was placed using the format code fmtplot.legend(figid, caption).

5 Plot Example

```
<?
ex = fmtplot(
    html=fmtplot_flot(legpos="out", legcols=2),
    pdf=fmtplot_mplt(legpos="out", legcols=2)
___(ex.setup(
    "plotex",
    (x1, y1), (x2, y2),
        (x3, y3), (x4, y4)
    ],
    label=[
        "Label for (x1, y1)",
        "Label for (x2, y2)",
        "Label for (x3, y3)",
        None
    ],
    style=[
        ("o", 11),
        ("L", 2),
        ("LD", 1, 5),
        ("Bo", 0.5, 10)
    ],
    color=[
        "#ff0000",
        "#00ff00",
        "#0000ff",
        "#000000",
    ]
))
?>
___(ex.show("plotex", """This plot is generated."""))
?>
___(ex.legend("plotex", caption="""This is the legend for @fig:plotex."""))
```

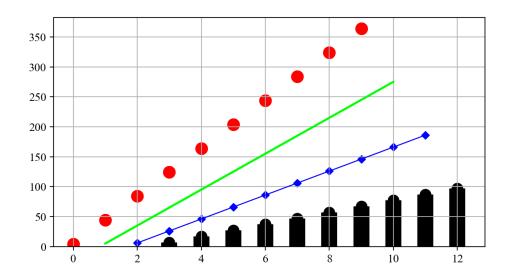


Figure 5: This plot is generated.



Figure 6: This is the legend for Fig. 5.

6 HTML Choice Placement

html output supports interactive plots with zooming and paning and enabling and disabling the plot entities using checkboxes. The is feature is demonstrated in Fig. 7. The checkboxes are located below the figure.

```
<?
choice = fmtplot(
    html=fmtplot_flot(legpos="ne", legcols=2),
    pdf=fmtplot_mplt(legpos="ne", legcols=2)
)
___(choice.setup("plot4", data, label=label, style=style, color=color))
___(choice.show("plot4", """This plot is used together with the format code fmtplot.choice(figid). For html output, a list of checkboxes is generated inside a div-tag. For pdf no output is generated."""))
?>
```

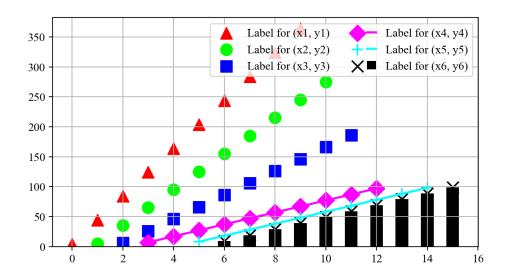


Figure 7: This plot is used together with the format code fmt-plot.choice(figid). For html output, a list of checkboxes is generated inside a div-tag. For pdf no output is generated.

In order to place the choice checkboxes for Fig. 7, the choice(figid) format

code is used. The checkboxes are placed inside a <div> tag. For pdf output there no choice is displayed.

```
<?
___(choice.choice("plot4"))
?>
```

7 Java Script Placement

html requires the placement of JavaScript which contains the plot data and setup code for the plots. The JavaScript is inserted into html documents using the the format code fmtplot.script(). JavaScripts have to be placed at the end of the document. For pdf no output is generated.

```
<?
---(pltdat.script())
---(ex.script())
---(legin.script())
---(choice.script())
?>

Thanks for reading, please try fmtplot.
```