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# **pheatmap**

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pheatmap is a python implementation for pheatmap of R!

You can use pheatmap with pure python and don't have to write data to file, then plot heatmap by R.



## BASIC USAGES

### 1.1 Introduction

pheatmap is a Python package for plotting heatmap with annotation bars. It just like pheatmap package of R.

### 1.2 Installation

You can install pheatmap by pip:

```
pip install pheatmap
```

Run the above command, pip will install pheatmap and its dependencies, numpy, pandas and matplotlib.

### 1.3 Quick Start

Before create heatmap, we need to import some essential packages.

```
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
from pheatmap import pheatmap
```

#### 1.3.1 Simple Heatmap

First, we can create a DataFrame, each row means a gene, and columns are samples.

```
mat = pd.DataFrame(
    np.random.randint(0, 10, 600).reshape(30, 20),
    index=[f"G{i}" for i in np.arange(30)],
    columns=[f"sample{i}" for i in np.arange(20)]
)
# Show some expression values
mat.iloc[:, :5].head()
```

	sample0	sample1	sample2	sample3	sample4	sample5
G0	4	9	4	6	6	1
G1	1	4	6	3	2	1
G2	8	8	9	1	0	8
G3	2	5	9	3	2	3
G4	4	6	8	3	2	1

Then, we can plot a simple heatmap for these genes' expression on samples:

```
fig = pheatmap(mat, colnames_style={"rotation": 90})
```

## 1.3.2 Annotation Heatmap

### Annotation columns

If we have some information for samples, such as experiment v.s. control or sample source, then we can add this information to the plot by `annotation_col` parameter.

```
# Create DataFrame, store samples' information
anno_col = pd.DataFrame({
    "source": np.repeat(["source1", "source2", "source3", "source4"], 5),
    "group": np.repeat(["experiment", "control"], 10)
})
fig = pheatmap(mat, annotation_col=anno_col, colnames_style={"rotation": 90}, legend_bar_
↳ space=1.5)
```

We can point colors for every annotation bar by `annotation_col_cmaps` parameter. `annotation_col_cmaps` need a dict, the keys of dict are the `anno_col`'s columns, and the values of dict are the colors. If the number of colors are not enough for the categories', pheatmap will cycle the colors to fulfill the number of categories.

```
fig = pheatmap(
    mat, annotation_col=anno_col,
    annotation_col_cmaps={"group": ["#7FC97F", "#FB9A99"]},
    colnames_style={"rotation": 90}, legend_bar_space=1.5
)
```

## Annotation Rows

We can also add annotations for genes. For example, we want to check the degree of DNA methylation for genes. We can put the degree of DNA methylation on the left of heatmap. By the way, we have the information of clusters for genes and want to see it at the same time.

```
anno_row = pd.DataFrame({
    "DNA-methyl": np.linspace(0, 1, 30),
    "gene_clusters": ["CNS"[i % 3] for i in np.random.randint(0, 10, 30)]
})
fig = pheatmap(
    mat,
    annotation_col=anno_col,
    annotation_col_cmaps={"group": ["#7FC97F", "#FB9A99"]},
    annotation_row=anno_row,
    annotation_row_cmaps={"DNA-methyl": "Purples", "gene_clusters": "Set2"},
    colnames_style={"rotation": 90},
    legend_bar_space=1.5,
    wspace=0.15
)
fig.savefig("row_col_anno_heatmap.svg")
```



## ADVANCE USAGE

### 2.1 some\_style

For the arguments ended with 'style', you can give a dict, which can be used to control text's style. For example, `rownames_style` can change the style of row's names.

First, we create a DataFrame represent a gene expression matrix.

```
mat = pd.DataFrame(  
    np.random.randint(0, 30, 20).reshape(5, 4),  
    index=["ERBB2", "ERBB4", "EZH2", "FGFR2", "FGFR3"]  
)
```

The default heatmap of the above DataFrame is as follow:

```
fig = pheatmap(mat=mat, show_colnames=False)
```

Now, we can change fontsize to 10pt(default: 6pt), fontstyle to "italic"(default: normal) and left align.

Note: left align, the rownames will be overlap with heatmap, therefore, need to adjust rownames to left by position

```
fig = pheatmap(  
    mat=mat, show_colnames=False,  
    rownames_style={"fontsize": 10, "fontstyle": "italic", "ha": "left", "position": (-0.  
↪1, 0)}  
)
```

### 2.2 Legend

For legend, you can adjust every legend by point the legend's name as keys to `legend_*`. For example, we can normalize the genes' expression to [0, 1] by max-min normalize.

```
mat = (mat - mat.min()) / mat.max()  
fig = pheatmap(  
    mat=mat, show_colnames=False,  
    rownames_style={"fontsize": 10, "fontstyle": "italic", "ha": "left", "position": (-0.
```

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```
↪1, 0)},
)
```

But the legend's labels are not beautiful, you can modify it by yourself.

```
fig = pheatmap(
  mat=mat, show_colnames=False,
  rownames_style={"fontsize": 10, "fontstyle": "italic", "ha": "left", "position": (-0.
↪1, 0)},
  legend_tick_locs={"heatmap": np.arange(0, 1, 0.2)},
  legend_tick_labels={"heatmap": [f"{i:.3f}" for i in np.arange(0, 1, 0.2)]}
)
```

You can also change label style for legend tick labels, such as: fontsize, rotation, fontstyle, etc.

```
fig = pheatmap(
  mat=mat, show_colnames=False,
  rownames_style={"fontsize": 10, "fontstyle": "italic", "ha": "left", "position": (-0.
↪1, 0)},
  legend_tick_locs={"heatmap": np.arange(0, 1.2, 0.2)},
  legend_tick_labels={"heatmap": [f"{i:.3f}" for i in np.arange(0, 1.2, 0.2)]},
  legend_tick_labels_styles={"fontsize": 8, "color": "gray"}
)
```

## 2.3 Annotation Advance

Annotations can be continuous or discrete for rows or columns. If the annotation is discrete, you can specify the order of the categories. For example, we want to visualize some gene expression dynamic along with the embryo development.

```
mat = pd.DataFrame(
  np.hstack([np.random.randint(0, 15, 20 * 10).reshape(20, 10),
             np.random.randint(5, 20, 20 * 20).reshape(20, 20),
             np.random.randint(10, 25, 20 * 30).reshape(20, 30)]),
  index=[f"G{i}" for i in np.arange(20)]
)
anno_col = pd.DataFrame({
  "embryo-developing": np.hstack([np.repeat(["Morula"], 10), np.repeat(["Blastula"], 10),
↪20), np.repeat(["ESC"], 30)])
})
fig = pheatmap(
  mat, cmap="Reds",
  annotation_col=anno_col,
  annotation_col_cmaps={"embryo-developing": "Set1"},
  show_colnames=False
)
```

The legend's of embryo-developing annotation is not right order of embryo development. You can specify the order by the follow method:

```
anno_col["embryo-developing_right_order"] = anno_col["embryo-developing"].astype(  
    pd.CategoricalDtype(["Morula", "Blastula", "ESC"]))  
fig = pheatmap(  
    mat, cmap="Reds", annotation_col=anno_col,  
    annotation_col_cmaps={"embryo-developing_right_order": "Set2", "embryo-developing":  
↪ "Set1"},  
    show_colnames=False, legend_bar_space=2.5  
)
```

More information to see [pheatmap API](#).



## PHEATMAP API

`pheatmap.pheatmap`(*mat*: *DataFrame*, *cmap*: *Union[str, Colormap, list]* = 'bwr', *vmin*: *Optional[float]* = *None*, *vmax*: *Optional[float]* = *None*, *name*: *Optional[str]* = *None*, *rownames*: *Optional[ndarray]* = *None*, *colnames*: *Optional[ndarray]* = *None*, *rownames\_side*: *str* = 'left', *colnames\_side*: *str* = 'bottom', *show\_rownames*: *bool* = *True*, *show\_colnames*: *bool* = *True*, *rownames\_style*: *dict* = {'rotation': 0, 'size': 6}, *colnames\_style*: *dict* = {'rotation': 0, 'size': 6}, *edgecolor*: *str* = 'none', *edgewidth*: *float* = 1, *annotation\_row*: *Optional[DataFrame]* = *None*, *annotation\_col*: *Optional[DataFrame]* = *None*, *annotation\_row\_cmaps*: *Optional[Dict[str, Union[str, Colormap, list]]]* = *None*, *annotation\_col\_cmaps*: *Optional[Dict[str, Union[str, Colormap, list]]]* = *None*, *annotation\_row\_names\_style*: *Dict* = {'size': 6}, *annotation\_col\_names\_style*: *Dict* = {'size': 6}, *show\_annotation\_row\_names*: *bool* = *True*, *show\_annotation\_col\_names*: *bool* = *True*, *legend\_tick\_locs*: *Optional[Dict[str, Sequence]]* = *None*, *legend\_tick\_labels*: *Optional[Dict[str, Sequence]]* = *None*, *legend\_tick\_labels\_styles*: *Dict* = {'size': 6}, *legend\_titles*: *Optional[Dict[str, bool]]* = *None*, *legend\_title\_styles*: *Dict* = {'size': 6}, *width*: *float* = 8, *height*: *float* = 6, *wspace*: *float* = 0.1, *hspace*: *float* = 0.1, *annotation\_bar\_width*: *float* = 0.03, *legend\_bar\_width*: *float* = 0.045, *annotation\_bar\_space*: *float* = 0.2, *legend\_bar\_space*: *float* = 1) → Figure

Plot heatmap with annotation bars

**mat**

[*DataFrame*] the main heatmap *DataFrame*

**cmap**

[*Union[str, Colormap, list]*, optional] the colormap of heatmap, by default “bwr”

**vmin**

[*float*, optional] the minimum value scaled. by default *None*, use the minimum value of *mat*

**vmax**

[*float*, optional] the maximum value scaled. by default *None*, use the maximum value of *mat*

**name**

[*str*, optional] the name of heatmap, by default *None*, use “heatmap” as the name of heatmap

**rownames**

[*ndarray*, optional] the row names provided, by default *None*, use the row names of main heatmap *DataFrame*

**colnames**

[*ndarray*, optional] the column names provided, by default *None*, use the column names of main heatmap *DataFrame*

**rownames\_side**

[*str*, optional] show row names on which side (“left” or “right”)? by default “left”

**colnames\_side**

[str, optional] show column names on which side(“top” or “bottom”)? by default “bottom”

**show\_rownames**

[bool, optional] whether show row names? by default True

**show\_colnames**

[bool, optional] whether show column names? by default True

**rownames\_style**

[dict, optional] modify row names’ style, such as, fontsize, fontstyle, etc. See more information on `[matplotlib.text.Text](https://matplotlib.org/stable/api/text_api.html#matplotlib.text.Text)`. by default `dict(rotation=0, size=6)`

**colnames\_style**

[dict, optional] see `rownames_style`, by default `dict(rotation=0, size=6)`

**edgecolor**

[str, optional] the color of heatmap’s cell edge, by default “none”, no edge. !Note: If provide *None*, will use the `rcParams[“patch.edgecolor”]`, it default as “black”.

**edgewidth**

[float, optional] the width of heatmap’s cell edge, by default 1

**annotation\_row**

[DataFrame, optional] DataFrame used to create row Annotationbar, by default None

**annotation\_col**

[DataFrame, optional] DataFrame used to create column Annotationbar, by default None

**annotation\_row\_cmaps**

[Dict[str, Union[str, Colormap, list]], optional] Colormaps for each Annotationbar, keys are the DataFrame’s columns, by default None, use “viridis” for continuous and “tab20” for discrete

**annotation\_col\_cmaps**

[Dict[str, Union[str, Colormap, list]], optional] see `annotation_row_cmaps`, by default None

**annotation\_row\_names\_style: Dict[str, Dict], optional**

modify the style of row AnnotationBar’s name. Keys are the DataFrame’s columns, by default None

**annotation\_col\_names\_style: Dict[str, Dict], optional**

modify the style of column AnnotationBar’s name. Keys are the DataFrame’s columns, by default None

**show\_annotation\_row\_names**

[bool, optional] whether show row Annotationbar’s name, by default True

**show\_annotation\_col\_names**

[bool, optional] whether show column Annotationbar’s name, by default True

**legend\_tick\_locs**

[Dict[str, Sequence], optional] modify the tick locations of legend, keys are the name of heatmap or the column names of annotation DataFrame, by default None

**legend\_tick\_labels**

[Dict[str, Sequence], optional] modify the tick labels of legend, keys are the name of heatmap or the column names of annotation DataFrame. The length of each legend tick labels must be matched with its tick locations. by default None

**legend\_tick\_labels\_styles**

[Dict, optional] modify the each legend tick labels’ style. Keys are the name of heatmap or the column names of annotation DataFrame. More informations see `rownames_style`. by default `dict(size=6)`

**legend\_titles**

[Dict[str, bool], optional] modify the each legend title. Others are the same as *legend\_tick\_labels*. by default None

**legend\_title\_styles**

[Dict, optional] modify the each legend title's style. Others are the same as *legend\_tick\_labels\_styles*. by default dict(size=6)

**width**

[float, optional] the whole figure width, by default 8

**height**

[float, optional] the whole figure height, by default 6

**wspace**

[float, optional] the space of whole figure at the width direction, by default 0.1. It's the fraction of the average length of width's axes

**hspace**

[float, optional] see *wspace*, by default 0.1

**annotation\_bar\_width**

[float, optional] the width of Annotationbar, by default 0.03. It's the fraction of the whole figure width

**legend\_bar\_width**

[float, optional] the width of legend bar, by default 1.5\*0.03. It's the fraction of the whole figure width. And it's better, set it as 1.5 \* *annotation\_bar\_width*.

**annotation\_bar\_space**

[float, optional] the space between Annotationbars, by default 0.2. It's the fraction of the real Annotationbar width.

**legend\_bar\_space**

[float, optional] the space between legend bars, by default 1. It's the fraction of the real legend bar width

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