
KOALA

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KOALA is a user-friendly Python library to stream-line (photo)mask design. You can find detailed documentation on the classes and methods implemented in it in the pages below.

**CHAPTER
ONE**

INSTALLATION

You can install KOALA with

```
pip install koala
```


ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information and examples are available in our [GitLab](#) repository.

2.1 Basic classes

2.1.1 koala.classes

```
class koala.classes.AbstractPolygon(name: str, polygon_db, centered=True, dx=0, dy=0, rotation=0, magnification=1, mirrorx=False)
```

Bases: object

AbstractPolygon is the parent class of different types of polygons (rectangle, circles). It is an abstract class and never directly instantiated.

Parameters

- **name** (*str*) – Name of the AbstractPolygon
- **polygon_db** (*KLayout polygon*) – The created polygon object
- **centered** (*bool, optional*) – Specifies if the object is drawn from its geometrical center (True) or from the bottom left corner (False)
- **dx** (*int, optional*) – Movement in x direction in um
- **dy** (*int, optional*) – Movement in y direction in um
- **rotation** (*int, optional*) – Rotation in degrees
- **magnification** (*int, optional*) – Magnifying factor
- **mirrorx** (*bool, optional*) – Mirror in x direction

```
transformation(dx, dy, rotation=0, magnification=1, mirrorx=False)
```

Transformation allows to move, rotate, magnify and mirror a polygon or text

Parameters

- **dx** (*float*) – Movement in x direction in um
- **dy** (*float*) – Movement in y direction in um
- **rotation** (*int, optional*) – Rotation in degrees
- **magnification** (*int, optional*) – Magnifying factor
- **mirrorx** (*bool, optional*) – Mirror in x direction

```
class koala.classes.Cell(name: str, gds_path="")
```

Bases: object

A cell is one of the building blocks of the layout. It can contain any type of object (polygon, region, text, etc.).

Parameters

- **name** (*str*) – Name of the cell
- **gds_path** (*str, optional*) – GDS path when importing external .gds file, such as alignment mark.

```
draw_path(path_object, target_layer)
```

Draw a path on the cell in the specified layer.

Parameters

- **path_object** (*TYPE*) – Path object to draw
- **target_layer** (*TYPE*) – Layer to draw the object in

```
draw_polygon(polygon_object, target_layer)
```

Draw a polygon on the cell in the specified layer.

Parameters

- **polygon_object** (*TYPE*) – Polygon object (rectangle, circle) to draw
- **target_layer** (*TYPE*) – Layer to draw the object in

```
draw_region(region, target_layer)
```

Draw a region on the cell in the specified layer.

Parameters

- **region** (*TYPE*) – Region to draw
- **target_layer** (*TYPE*) – Layer to draw the object in

```
draw_text(text_region, target_layer)
```

Draw a text on the cell in the specified layer.

Parameters

- **text_region** (*TYPE*) – Text to draw
- **target_layer** (*TYPE*) – Layer to draw the object in

```
flatten()
```

Flatten the layout squishing every children cell on the current cell.

```
insert_cell(cell_to_insert, origin_x=0, origin_y=0, rotation=0, magnitude=1, mirrorx=False)
```

Insert a cell in the current cell. The inserted cell can be placed, rotated, magnified and mirrored.

Parameters

- **cell_to_insert** (*TYPE*) – Cell to insert in the current cell
- **origin_x** (*int, optional*) – x coordinate in the current cell of the center of the inserted cell in um
- **origin_y** (*int, optional*) – y coordinate in the current cell of the center of the inserted cell in um
- **rotation** (*int, optional*) – Rotation in degree
- **magnitude** (*int, optional*) – Magnification of the cell

- **mirrorx** (*bool, optional*) – Mirror in x direction

insert_cell_array (*cell_to_insert, x_row, y_row, x_column, y_column, n_row: int, n_column: int, origin_x=0, origin_y=0, rotation=0, magnitude=1, mirrorx=False*)

Insert an array of cell in the current cell. The inserted cell can be placed, rotated, magnified and mirrored.

Parameters

- **cell_to_insert** (*TYPE*) – Cell to insert in the current cell
- **x_row** (*TYPE*) – x coordinate of row vector in um
- **y_row** (*TYPE*) – y coordinate of row vector in um
- **x_column** (*TYPE*) – x coordinate of column vector in um
- **y_column** (*TYPE*) – y coordinate of column vector in um
- **n_row** (*int*) – Number of row
- **n_column** (*int*) – Number of column
- **origin_x** (*int, optional*) – x coordinate in the current cell of the center of the inserted cell in um
- **origin_y** (*int, optional*) – y coordinate in the current cell of the center of the inserted cell in um
- **rotation** (*int, optional*) – Rotation in degree
- **magnitude** (*int, optional*) – Magnification of the cell
- **mirrorx** (*bool, optional*) – Mirror in x direction

class koala.classes.Circle (*name: str, radius: float, centered=True, nr_points=64, dx=0, dy=0, rotation=0, magnification=1, mirrorx=False*)

Bases: *koala.classes.AbstractPolygon*

Circle class allows to create a circular polygon object and inherits from AbstractPolygon class.

Parameters

- **name** (*str*) – Name of the circular polygon object
- **radius** (*float*) – Radius of circle
- **centered** (*bool, optional*) – Specifies if the object is drawn from its geometrical center (True), always True for circle
- **nr_points** (*int, optional*) – Number of points used to draw the circular polygon
- **dx** (*int, optional*) – Movement in x direction in um
- **dy** (*int, optional*) – Movement in y direction in um
- **rotation** (*int, optional*) – Rotation in degrees
- **magnification** (*int, optional*) – Magnifying factor
- **mirrorx** (*bool, optional*) – Mirror in x direction

class koala.classes.Path (*points: list, width: float*)

Bases: *object*

Path is a class used to create paths connecting different objects.

Parameters

- **points** (*list*) – List of points that the path should follow and connect

- **width** (*float*) – Width of the path

```
class koala.classes.Rectangle (name: str, x: float, y: float, centered=True, dx=0, dy=0, magnification=1, rotation=0, mirrorx=False)
Bases: koala.classes.AbstractPolygon
```

Rectangle class inherits from AbstractPolygon class and allows to create a rectangular polygon.

Parameters

- **name** (*str*) – Name of the rectangular polygon object
- **x** (*float*) – Width of the rectangle
- **y** (*float*) – Height of the rectangle
- **centered** (*bool, optional*) – Specifies if the object is drawn from its geometrical center (True) or from the bottom left corner (False)
- **dx** (*int, optional*) – Movement in x direction in um
- **dy** (*int, optional*) – Movement in y direction in um
- **rotation** (*int, optional*) – Rotation in degrees
- **magnification** (*int, optional*) – Magnifying factor
- **mirrorx** (*bool, optional*) – Mirror in x direction

```
class koala.classes.Region (polygon_object_list: list)
```

Bases: object

Region class allows to create regions from a list of polygons (such as rectangle or circle). Regions can be used for boolean operations.

Parameters **polygon_object_list** (*list*) – List of Polygon

add (*region_to_add*)

Add a region from another one. The boolean result is stored in the original region.

Parameters **region_to_add** (*TYPE*) – Region to add from the original region

subtract (*region_to_subtract*)

Subtract a region from another one. The boolean result is stored in the original region.

Parameters **region_to_subtract** (*TYPE*) – Region to subtract from the original region

```
class koala.classes.Text (text: str, magnification=1000, dx=0, dy=0, rotation=0, mirrorx=False)
```

Bases: koala.classes.AbstractPolygon

Text class inherits from AbstractPolygon class and allows to generate text for labelling layouts.

Parameters

- **text** (*str*) – Text that needs to be generated
- **magnification** (*int, optional*) – Magnifying factor
- **dx** (*int, optional*) – Movement in x direction in um
- **dy** (*int, optional*) – Movement in y direction in um
- **rotation** (*int, optional*) – Rotation in degrees
- **mirrorx** (*bool, optional*) – Mirror in x direction

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