

Data processing in MATLAB

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About this workshop

This workshop follows “Introduction to MATLAB“, where we discussed:

- Using the Command Window
- Scripts & storing data
- Processing arrays
- Saving and loading

Data processing in MATLAB: Outline

- 1 Advanced array operations
- 2 Customizing your plots
- 3 Data interpolation and regression
- 4 Cell arrays and structures

Advanced array operations

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- Grades of student 119 on all attempts `grades(119,:)`
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- Grades of students 1,3,8 on attempts 1, 3 `grades([1, 3, 8],[1,3])`
- Grades the first 10 students listed `grades(1:10,:)`
- Grades of the last 10 students listed `grades(end-9:end,:)`
- Grades of even students on attempts 4, 5 `grades(2:2:end,[4, 5])`

Array addressing and indexing (summary)

The colon symbol (`:`) indicates a sequence of indexes

The notation `[1:2:10]` denotes an array of indexes that starts at 1, with increments of 2 and ends at 10

Examples

- All indexes `:`
- Indexes from a to b `a:b`
- Indexes from a to b spaced by c `a:c:b`
- Indexes from a to the end of the array spaced by c `a:c:end`

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```
a=[1:10]
```

```
a=[-1:.1:1]
```

```
a=linspace(0,pi,11)
```

```
b=[-8:-4], c=[-1:5],  
a=[b c]
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Array construction techniques

Array Construction Technique	Description
<code>x=[2 2*pi sqrt(2) 2-3j]</code>	Creates row vector <code>x</code> containing arbitrary elements
<code>x=first:last</code>	Creates row vector <code>x</code> starting with <code>first</code> , counting by 1, and ending at or before <code>last</code> (Note that <code>x=[first:last]</code> produces the same result, but takes longer, since MATLAB considers both bracket and colon array-creation forms.)
<code>x=first:increment:last</code>	Creates row vector <code>x</code> starting with <code>first</code> , counting by <code>increment</code> , and ending at or before <code>last</code>
<code>x=linspace(first,last,n)</code>	Creates linearly spaced row vector <code>x</code> starting with <code>first</code> , ending at <code>last</code> , having <code>n</code> elements
<code>x=logspace(first,last,n)</code>	Creates logarithmically spaced row vector <code>x</code> starting with 10^{first} , ending at 10^{last} , and having <code>n</code> elements

Other useful array construction functions

- `ones()`
- `zeros()`
- `eye()`
- `rand()`
- `randn()`
- `diag()`

Column array construction

Array orientation

In the preceding examples arrays contained one row and multiple columns (called row vectors). Column vectors can be created by (i) using semicolons, (ii) using the transpose operator (`'`).

Array assignment and mathematics

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```
grades=grades-2
```

```
grades=grades*1.1
```

```
grades(1,5)=71
```

```
grades(2,:)=  
    grades(2,:)*0.8
```

```
c=a+b
```

```
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```

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Customizing your plots

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```
1 load examgrades.mat
2
3 plot(1:120,grades(:,4))      % plot attempt 4
4 hold on
5 plot(1:120,grades(:,5))      % compare with attempt 5
6 title('Attempt 4 vs attempt 5')
7
8 figure
9 plot(1:5,grades(1,:))        % Plot student 1
10 hold on
11 plot(1:5,grades(2,:))        % Compare with student 2
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Note on plot function

When the `plot` function is called with only one argument (e.g. `plot(grades)`), the command is interpreted as `plot(1:length(grades), grades)`; that is, `grades` is plotted versus an index of its values. When `grades` is a matrix, this interpretation is applied to each column of `grades`.

Linestyle, markers, and colors

We can specify our own colors, markers, and linestyles by giving `plot` a third argument

Symbol	Color	Symbol	Marker	Symbol	Linestyle
b	Blue	.	Point	-	Solid line
g	Green	o	Circle	:	Dotted line
r	Red	x	Cross	-.	Dash-dot line
c	Cyan	+	Plus sign	--	Dashed line
m	Magenta	*	Asterisk		
y	Yellow	s	Square		
k	Black	d	Diamond		
w	White	v	Triangle (down)		
		^	Triangle (up)		
		<	Triangle (left)		
		>	Triangle (right)		
		p	Pentagram		
		h	Hexagram		

```
plot(x,y,'b:p'), plot(x,y,'c-'), plot(x,y,'m+')
```

Customizing your plot (GUI)

Most of figure properties can be edited from a user-friendly window accessible at

Edit → Figure Properties

From there it is possible to

- (Line properties) select plot type, Line, Marker, ...
- (Axis properties) edit axis limits, fonts, title color, ..
- (Figure properties) choose background, colormap, ..

Customizing your plot (command)

However, if we are running several simulations, we may desire to systematically repeat these operations for each figure.

- We have seen how properties of lines can be customized through optional parameters in the command `plot`
- ? Axis properties
- ? Figure properties

Customizing axes

Common commands for axis customization:

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Multiple figures

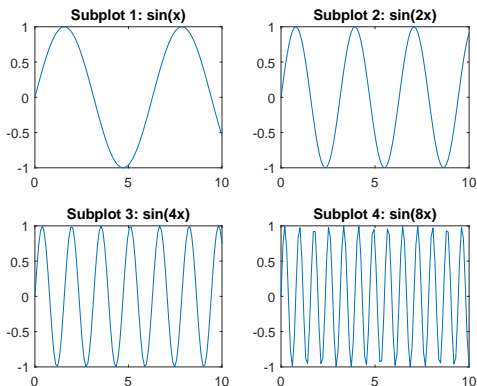
It is possible to create multiple *Figure* windows and plot different data in each one.

- Use the `Figure` command to create a new window
- Every time a new figure window is created, a number identifying it (handle) is returned
- To reuse a figure window for a new plot, it has to be made active by:
(i) clicking on the figure with your mouse, or (ii) the command `figure(h)`, where `h` is the handle

Useful commands for figure windows

- `hold on`, `hold off`, `close`, `close all`

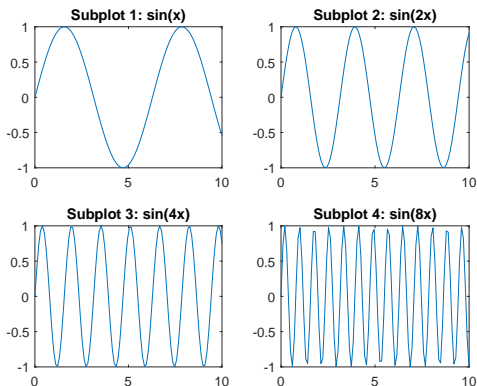
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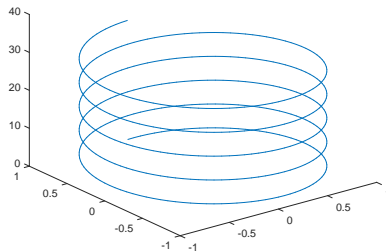
Subplots example

```
1 x = linspace(0,10);           % x data
2
3 subplot(2,2,1)                 % Plot data on area 1
4 y1 = sin(x);
5 plot(x,y1)
6 title('Subplot 1: sin(x)')
7
8 subplot(2,2,2)                 % Plot data on area 2
9 y2 = sin(2*x);
10 plot(x,y2)
11 title('Subplot 2: sin(2x)')
12
13 subplot(2,2,3)                 % Plot data on area 3
14 y3 = sin(4*x);
15 plot(x,y3)
16 title('Subplot 3: sin(4x)')
17
18 subplot(2,2,4)                 % Plot data on area 4
19 y4 = sin(8*x);
20 plot(x,y4)
21 title('Subplot 4: sin(8x)')
```

3D Graphics: Line plots

Curves (3D-valued functions of 1 variable) can be plotted through

`plot3(x1,y1,z1,...)`

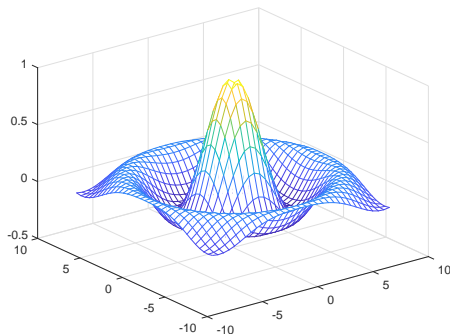


```
1 t = 0:pi/50:10*pi; % z data
2 st = sin(t); % x data
3 ct = cos(t); % y data
4
5 plot3(st,ct,t) % Plot the curve
```

3D Graphics: Scalar functions of 2 variables

Scalar functions of two variables help visualize how a certain quantity (z-axis) varies as a function of two other quantities (x-axis and y-axis)

$$z = f(x, y)$$



Note how the line colors are related to the height of the mesh

3D Graphics: mesh

- First of all we need to define a *grid* for the x and y axis
 $[X, Y] = \text{meshgrid}(-8:.1:8, -8:.1:8)$
- Then, we need to compute the value of z , $z = f(x, y)$
 $Z = (X+Y) .^2$ (vector entry-wise operations)
- Finally we can plot the mesh surface
`mesh(X, Y, Z)`

The result looks like a fishing net with knots at the data points.

3D Graphics: mesh example

We would like to plot the function $z = f(x, y) = (x + y)^2$

```
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2 y = -8:.5:8;           % Define grid points (y)
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5
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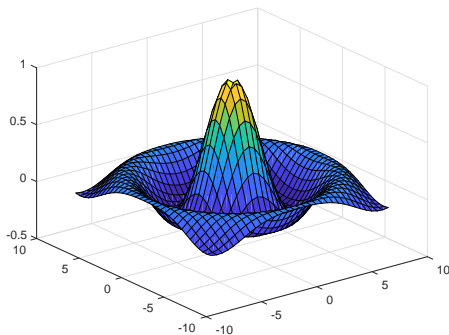
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3D Graphics: SURFace plot

A surface plot looks like a mesh plot, except that the spaces between the lines, called patches, are filled in.

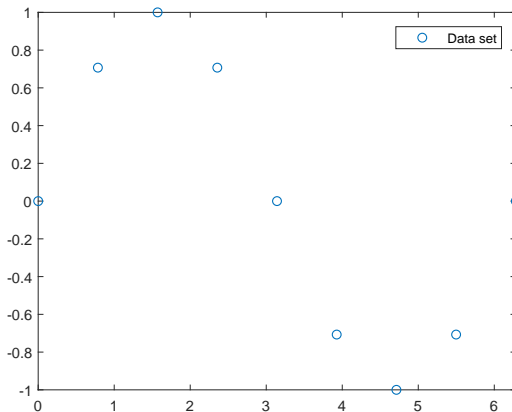
`surf(X,Y,Z)`



Data interpolation and regression

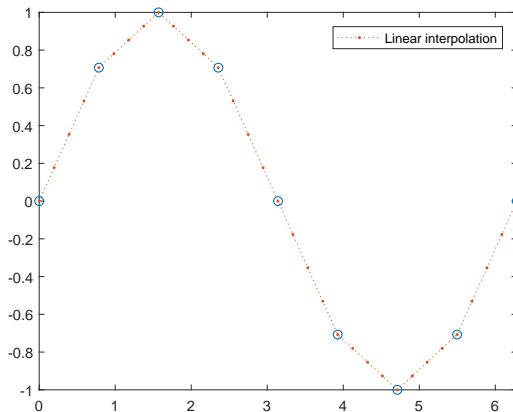
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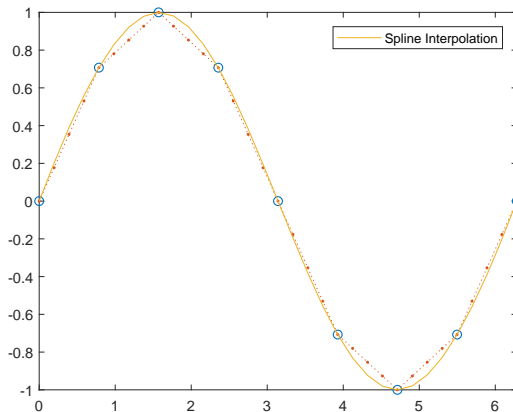
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```
1 x = 0: pi/4 :2*pi;           % length(x)-> 9
2 v = sin(x);                   % We know the function only at x
3
4 xq = 0: pi/16 :2*pi;          % Can we obtain the function inbetween
5                                % the points of x?   (length(xq)-> 16)
6
7 vq1 = interp1(x,v,xq,'linear'); % Linear interpolation
8
9 plot(x,v,'o')                  % Plot original data points (9 points)
10 hold on
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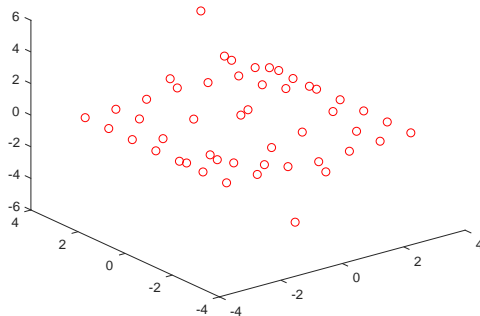
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0 hold on
1 b = plot(xq, vq1, ':.'); % Plot interpolated data (16 points)
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Based on the same underlying ideas as 1D interpolation,

$V_q = \text{interp2}(X, Y, V, X_q, Y_q, \text{method})$ returns interpolated values V_q of a function of two variables $V=F(X, Y)$ at query points (X_q, Y_q) using the specified interpolation method

Original Sampling

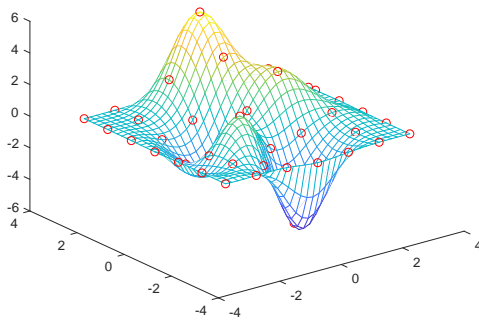


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Spline Interpolation Using Finer Grid



Two dimensional interpolation: example

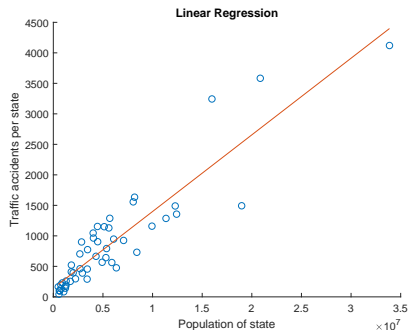
```
1 [X,Y] = meshgrid(-3:3);           % Original data has 49 points
2 V = peaks(X,Y);
3
4
5 figure
6 plot3(X,Y,V,'ro');               % Plot original data set
7
8 [Xq,Yq] = meshgrid(-3:0.1:3);     % We would like to find
9 Vq = interp2(X,Y,V,Xq,Yq,'spline'); % z-data at 3721 points
10
11 hold on
12 mesh(Xq,Yq,Vq);                  % Plot mesh surface
13 title('2D interpolation');
```

Regression

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- $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is a set of observation of the predictor variable
- $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is a set of observation of the response variable
- $\epsilon \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is the (observation) error term
- Linear in the coefficients (may be nonlinear in x)

How do we “learn“ the model, that is, parameters β_0 and β_1 ?

Regression: basics (2)

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- Start with a set of observed values $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$
- Represent these equations in matrix form as

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix}}_y = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1 \\ 1 & x_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_n \end{bmatrix}}_X \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \beta_0 \\ \beta_1 \end{bmatrix}}_b$$

`b = regress(y,X)` returns the vector `b` of regression coefficients in the linear model $y = X*b$

Regression: example

We are interested in modeling the (linear) relation between the number of traffic accidents and the population in available data from several states

```
1 load accidents
2 x = hwydata(:,14); %Population of states
3 y = hwydata(:,4); %Accidents per state
4
5 X = [ones(length(x),1) x]; % y = b0 + b1*x
6 b = regress(y, X) % Regression
7
8 scatter(x,y) % Plot initial data set
9 hold on
10 yCalc1 = X*b; % Generate and plot samples from the model
11 plot(x,yCalc1)
12 xlabel('Population of state')
13 ylabel('Traffic accidents per state')
14 title('Linear Regression')
```

Regression: exercise

The sample data set `carsmall` contains data representing vehicles weight, horsepower, and MPG. It is reasonable to model the MPG in relation to weight and horse power according to:

$$\text{MPG} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 * \text{weight} + \beta_2 * \text{horsepower} + \beta_3 * (\text{weight} * \text{horsepower})$$

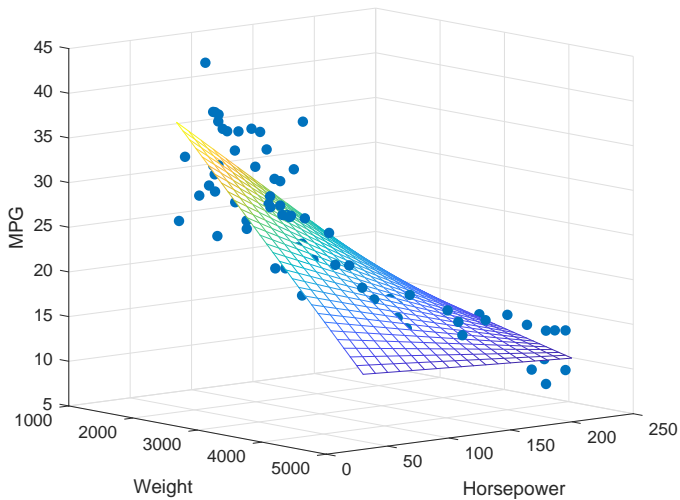
Find β_1 , β_2 , and β_3

```
1 load carsmall
2 x1 = Weight;
3 x2 = Horsepower;
4 y = MPG;           % y = b0 + b1*x1 + b2*x2 + b3*(x1*x2)
```

Regression: exercise (2)

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3 x2 = Horsepower;
4 y = MPG;           % y = b0 + b1*x1 + b2*x2 + b3*(x1*x2)
5
6 X = [ones(size(x1)) x1 x2 x1.*x2]; % Define matrix X
7 b = regress(y,X)    % Regression
8
9
0
1 scatter3(x1,x2,y,'filled') % Plot sample data
2 hold on
3 % Generate and plot samples from the model
4 x1fit = min(x1):100:max(x1);
5 x2fit = min(x2):10:max(x2);
6 [X1FIT,X2FIT] = meshgrid(x1fit,x2fit);
7 YFIT = b(1) + b(2)*X1FIT + b(3)*X2FIT + b(4)*X1FIT.*X2FIT;
8 mesh(X1FIT,X2FIT,YFIT)
```

Regression: exercise (3)



Cell arrays and structures

Cell arrays are MATLAB arrays whose elements are cells. Each cell can contain any MATLAB data type

- Cell arrays can be useful when we have a series of heterogeneous data types in for (while) loops (e.g. sequence of strings)
- Cell arrays are created through assignment statements:
$$C(i,j) = \{\text{data}\}$$

Cell arrays: creation

```
1 A(1,1) = {[1 2 3; 4 5 6; 7 8 9]}
2 A(1,2) = {'This is a string'}
3 A(2,1) = {2}
4 A(2,2) = {-12:2:0}
```

```
>> A

A =

    2×2 cell array

    {3×3 double}    {'This is a string'}
    {[          2]}    {1×7 double}
```

Structures

Structures are similar to cell arrays, but instead of addressing elements by number, their elements are addressed by field

```
1 circle.radius = 2.5;  
2 circle.center = [0 1];  
3 circle.linestyle = '--';  
4 circle.color = 'red';
```

```
>> circle
```

```
circle =
```

```
struct with fields:
```

```
    radius: 2.5000000000000000  
    center: [0 1]  
  linestyle: '--'  
        color: 'red'
```

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MATLAB resources:

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