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Learning how to ...

Visualizing in Matlab #1

Debugging
Introduction to visualizing

• we have already got acquainted (marginally) with some of Matlab graphs
  • plot, stem, semilogx, surf, pcolor

• in general, graphical functions in Matlab can be used as
  • higher level
    • access to individual functions, object properties are adjusted by input parameters of the function
    • first approx. 9-10 weeks of the semester
  • lower level
    • calling and working with objects directly
    • knowledge of Matlab handle graphics (OOP) is required
    • opens wide possibilities of visualization customization

• details to be found in help:
  • Matlab → Graphics
Selected graphs #1

MATLAB LINE PLOTS

- plot
- Plot as mult... (Function)
- Plot as mult... (Function)
- plotyy
- semilogx
- semilogy
- loglog
- area
- errorbar
- plot3
- comet

MATLAB STEM AND STAIR PLOTS

- stem
- stairs
- stem3

MATLAB BAR PLOTS

- bar
- barn
- bar3
- bar3h
- bar (stacked)
- barn (stack...)
- histogram
- pareto
- plotmatrix

MATLAB SCATTER PLOTS

- scatter
- scatter3
- spy
- plotmatrix

MATLAB PIE CHARTS

- pie
- pie3

MATLAB HISTOGRAMS

- Histogram
- rose

>> plot(linspace(1,10,10));
>> stem(linspace(1,10,10));
>> % ... and others
Selected graphs #2

MATLAB POLAR PLOTS

- polar
- rose
- compass

MATLAB CONTOUR PLOTS

- contour
- contourf
- contour3

MATLAB IMAGE PlOTS

- image
- imagesc
- pcolor
- imshow

MATLAB 3-D SURFACES

- surf
- surf cl
- surf l
- mesh
- mesh c
- mesh z
- meshc
- mesh3
- stream3
- streamline

MATLAB VOLUMETRICS

- slice

MATLAB VECTOR FIELDS

- feather
- compass
- quiver
- quiver3
- stream3
- streamline

>> [X,Y] = meshgrid(-3:.125:3);
>> Z = sin(X) + cos(Y);
>> mesh(X,Y,Z);
>> axis([-3 3 -3 3 -2 2]);
Selected functions for graph modification

- Graphs can be customized in many ways, the basic ones are:

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<td>turns grid on / off</td>
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<td>xlim, ylim, zlim</td>
<td>set axes' range</td>
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<td>insert text using mouse, add graph point using mouse</td>
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**figure**

- **figure** opens empty figure to plot graphs
- the function returns object of class `Figure`

```matlab
>> x = (0:0.1:2*pi) + pi/2;
>> Dta = -[1 2 3]'*sin(x).^3;
```

```matlab
>> figure;
>> plot(x, Dta);
```

```matlab
>> figure;
>> stem(Dta.');</code>
```

- it is possible to plot matrix data (column-wise)
- don’t forget about x-axis data!
function hold on enables to plot multiple curves in one axis, it is possible to disable this feature by typing hold off

functions plot, plot3, stem and others enable to add optional input parameters (as strings)

```matlab
x = (0:0.1:2*pi) + pi/2;
Dta = -[1 2 3]'*sin(x).^3;
figure;
plot(x, Dta(1,:), 'xr');
hold on;
plot(x, Dta(2,:), 'ob');
plot(x, Dta(3,:), 'dk');
```
**LineSpec – customizing graph curves**

- what do `plot` function parameters mean?
  - see `>> doc LineSpec`
- the most frequently customized parameters of graph's lines
  - color (can be entered also using matrix `[R G B]`, where R, G, B vary between 0 a 1)
  - marker shape (`Markers`)  
  - line style
- big changes since 2014b version!

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<td>red</td>
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<td><code>o</code></td>
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<td>diamond</td>
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<td><code>'w'</code></td>
<td><code>^</code></td>
<td>triangle</td>
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and others `>> doc LineSpec`

```matlab
plot(x, f, 'bo-');
plot(x, f, 'g*-');
figure('color', ... ['0.5 0.1 0.4']);
```

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<td><code>'-'</code></td>
<td>solid</td>
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<tr>
<td><code>'--'</code></td>
<td>dashed</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>':'</code></td>
<td>dot</td>
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<tr>
<td><code>'-.'</code></td>
<td>dash-dot</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>'none'</code></td>
<td>no line</td>
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LineSpec – default setting in 2014b

- colors in given order are used when plotting more lines in one axis
  - this color scheme was changed in 2014b and later versions:
- it is not necessary to set color of each curve separately when using `hold on`
- following default color order is used:

```matlab
close all; clear; clc;
x = 0:0.01:pi;
figure;
hold on;
plot(x, 1*sin(x));
plot(x, 2*sin(x));
plot(x, 3*sin(x));
```

```
>> get(groot, 'DefaultAxesColorOrder')
ans =
     0  0.4470  0.7410
  0.8500  0.3250  0.0980
  0.9290  0.6940  0.1250
  0.4940  0.1840  0.5560
  0.4660  0.6740  0.1880
  0.3010  0.7450  0.9330
  0.6350  0.0780  0.1840
```

![Figure 1](image)
Visualizing – legend, grid

\[
x = \pi/2:0.1:pi/2;
f1 = \sin(x) + \cos(x);
f2 = \sin(x) - \cos(x);
\]

\[
\text{plot}(x, f1);
\text{hold on};
\text{plot}(x, f2, 'r');
\]

\[
\text{grid on;}
\text{legend('f_1(x) = \sin(x)+\cos(x)', 'f_2(x) = \sin(x)-\cos(x)', 'Location', 'southeast');}
\]
the example below shows plotting a spiral and customizing plotting parameters

- functions `xlabel`, `ylabel` and `zlabel` are used to label the axes
- function `title` is used to display the heading
- function `legend` pro characterize the curve

- function `box` sets boundary to the graph

```
figure('color','w');
x = 0:0.05:10*pi;
plot3(sin(x),cos(x),x,'r--','LineWidth',2);
box on;
xlabel('sin(t)');
ylabel('cos(t)');
zlabel('t');
title('Curve parametrization')
legend('f(t)');
```
LineSpec – customizing graph curves

- evaluate following two functions in the interval $x \in (-1,1)$ for 51 values:
  $$f_1(x) = \sinh(x), \quad f_2(x) = \cosh(x)$$

- use the function `plot` to depict both $f_1$ and $f_2$ so that
  - both functions are plotted in the same axis
  - the first function is plotted in blue with □ marker as solid line
  - the other function is plotted in red with ◊ marker and dashed line
  - limit the interval of the y-axis to [-1.5, 1.5]
  - add a legend associated to both functions
  - label the axes (x-axis: $x$, y-axis: $f_1, f_2$)
  - apply grid to the graph
LineSpec – customizing graph curves

\[ f_1(x) = \sinh(x), \quad f_2(x) = \cosh(x) \]

%% script evaluates two hyperbolic functions and plot them

...
Visualizing – Plot tools

- it is possible to keep on editing the graph by other means
  - save, zoom, pan, rotate, marker, legend

- show plot tools (showplottool)

- all these operations can be carried out using Matlab functions
  - we discuss later (e.g. rotate3d activates figure’s rotation tool, view(az,el) adjusts 3D perspective of the graph for given azimuth az and elevation el)
Visualizing – use of NaN values

- NaN values are not depicted in graphs
- it is quite often needed to distinguish zero values from undefined values
- plotting using NaN can be utilized in all functions for visualizing

```matlab
x = 0:0.1:4*pi;
f = sin(x);
figure;
plot(x, f, 'x');
hold on;
fx2 = f;
f = NaN;
f(x < 0) = 0;
plot(x, fx2, 'r--');
```
Exercise - sampling

- plot function $f(x) = x \sin \left( \frac{\pi}{2} (1 + 20x) \right)$ in the interval $x \in (-1;1)$
- with step 0.2, 0.1 and 0.01
- compare the results!

```matlab
close all; clear; clc;
... ...
... ...
... ...
... ...
... ...
```

![Graph showing plots for different step sizes](image)
Exercise - rounding

- plot function $\tan(x)$ for $x \in (-\frac{3}{2}\pi; \frac{3}{2}\pi)$ with step $\pi/100$
- limit depicted values by ±40
- values of the function with absolute value greater than $1 \cdot 10^{10}$ replace by 0
  - use logical indexing
- plot both results and compare them
**Function `gtext`**

- The `gtext` function enables placing text in a graph.
- The placing is done by selecting a location with the mouse.

```matlab
>> plot([-1 1 1 -1], [-1 -1 1 1], ...
       'x', 'MarkerSize', 15, 'LineWidth', 2);
>> xlim(3/2*[-1 1]); ylim(3/2*[-1 1]);

>> gtext('1st click')
>> gtext('2nd click')
>> gtext({'3rd'; 'click'})
>> gtext({'4th', 'click'})
```
**Function ginput**

- function `ginput` enables selecting points in graph using the mouse
- we either insert requested number of points \((P = \text{ginput}(x))\) or terminate by pressing Enter

```matlab
>> P = ginput(4);
>> hold on;
>> plot(P(:,1),P(:,2),'r');
```
Debugging #1

- **bug ⇒ debugging**

- we distinguish:
  - semantic errors ("logical" or "algorithmic" errors)
    - usually difficult to identify
  - syntax errors ("grammatical" errors)
    - pay attention to the contents of error messages - it makes error elimination easier
  - unexpected events (see later)
    - e.g. problem with writing to open file, not enough space on disk etc.
  - rounding errors (everything is calculated as it should but the result is wrong anyway)
    - it is necessary to analyze the algorithm in advance, to determine the dynamics of calculation etc.

- software debugging and testing is an integral part of software development
  - later we will discuss the possibilities of code acceleration using Matlab profile
Debugging #2

- we first focus on semantic and syntax errors in scripts
- we always test the program using test-case where the result is known
- possible techniques:
  - using functions `who`, `whos`, `keyboard`, `disp`
  - using debugging tools in Matlab Editor (illustration)

MATLAB Functions

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<td>dbstep</td>
<td>Execute one or more lines from current breakpoint</td>
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<td>dbstop</td>
<td>Set breakpoints for debugging</td>
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<tr>
<td>dbtype</td>
<td>List text file with line numbers</td>
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<td>dmp</td>
<td>Shift current workspace to workspace of caller, while in debug mode</td>
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<td>checkcode</td>
<td>Check MATLAB code files for possible problems</td>
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<td>keyboard</td>
<td>Input from keyboard</td>
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<td>mlintpr</td>
<td>Run checkcode for file or folder, reporting results in browser</td>
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- using Matlab built-in debugging functions
Debugging

- for the following piece of code:

```matlab
clear; clc;
N   = 5e2;
mat = nan(N,N);
for iRow = 1:N
    for iCol = 1:N
        mat(iRow,iCol) = 1;
    end
end
```

- use Matlab Editor to:
  - set Breakpoint (click on dash next to line number)
  - run the script (F5)
  - check the status of variables (keyboard mode or hover over variable's name with the mouse in Editor)
  - keep on tracing the script
    - what is the difference between Continue a Step (F10)?
Advanced debugging

- **Conditional Breakpoints**
  - serve to suspend the execution of code when a condition is fulfilled
  - sometimes, the set up of the correct condition is not an easy task...
  - easier to find errors in loops
    - code execution can be suspended in a particular loop
  - the condition may be arbitrary evaluable logical expression

```matlab
% code with an error
clear; clc;
N  = 100;
mat = magic(2*N);
selection = zeros(N, N);
for iRow = 1:N+2
    selection(iRow, :) = ...
        mat(iRow, iRow:N+iRow-1);
end
```

MATLAB Editor

File C:\Users\...
Condition for line 7 (for example, x == 1):

```
if Row == 102
```

Note: the condition will be checked before the line is executed.
Selected hints for code readability #1

- use indentation of loop's body, indentation of code inside conditions (TAB)
  - size of indentation can be adjusted in preferences (usually 3 or 4 spaces)
- use "positive" conditions
  - i.e. use isBigger or isSmaller, not isNotBigger (can be confusing)
- complex expressions with logical and relational operators should be evaluated separately → higher readability of code
  - compare:

```matlab
for iRow = 1:N
    mat(iRow,:) = 1;
end % end of ...
```

```matlab
if (val>lowLim) & (val<upLim) & ~ismember(val,valArray)
    % do something
end
```

and

```matlab
isValid = (val > lowLim) & (val < upLim);
isNew = ~ismember(val, valArray);
if isValid & isNew
    % do something
end
```
Selected hints for code readability #2

- code can be separated with a line to improve clarity

- use two lines for separation of blocks of code
  - alternatively use cells or commented lines `%%%-------------------`, etc.

- consider the use of spaces to separate operators (`=` `&` `|`)
  - to improve code readability:
    
    ```
    (val>lowLim)&(val<upLim)&~ismember(val,valArray)
    ```

    vs.
    
    ```
    (val > lowLim) & (val < upLim) & ~ismember(val, valArray)
    ```

- in the case of nesting use comments placed after `end`
## Discussed functions

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<td>heading, axes limits, axes labels</td>
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<td>..., xlabel,</td>
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Exercise #1

- create a script to simulate $L$ roll of the dice
  - what probability distribution do you expect?
  - use histogram to plot the result
  - consider various number of tosses $L$ (from tens to millions)
Exercise #2

- create a script to simulate N series of trials, where in each series a coin is tossed M times (the result is either head or tail)
  - generate a matrix of tosses (of size M×N)

- calculate how many times head was tossed in each of the series (a number between 0 and M)
- calculate how many times more (or less) the head was tossed than the expected average (given by uniform probability distribution)

- what probability distribution do you expect?
- plot resulting deviations of number of heads
  - use function histogram()
Exercise #3

- mean and standard deviation of nOnesOverAverage:

\[ \mu = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i} x_i \approx 0 \]

\[ \sigma = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i} (\mu - x_i)^2}{N}} = \sqrt{1000} \approx 31.62 \]
Exercise #4

- to test whether we get similar distribution for directly generated data:

```matlab
figure(2);
histogram(0 + 31.62*randn(N,1), 60);
```

coin toss:  
directly generated data:
Exercise #5

- use function `histfit` (Statistics Toolbox) to plot probability density function related to a histogram
  - set the parameter `nbins` accordingly to properly display histogram of discrete random variable

```
histfit(nOnesOverAverage, 37);
histfit(nOnesOverAverage, 90);
```
Exercise #6

- use Distribution Fitting Tool (`dfittool`) to approximate probability distributions of random trials

```
dfittool(nOnesOverAverage);
```

![Distribution Fitting Tool](image)
Exercise #7

- use Monte Carlo method to estimate the value of π
  - Monte Carlo is a stochastic method using pseudorandom numbers
- The procedure is as follows:
  1. generate points (uniformly distributed) in a given rectangle
  2. compare how many points there are in the whole rectangle and how many there are inside the circle

\[
\frac{S_o}{S_\pi} = \frac{\pi r^2}{(2r)^2} = \frac{\pi}{4} \approx \frac{\text{hits}}{\text{shots}}
\]

- write the script in the way that the number of points can vary
  - notice the influence of the number of points on accuracy of the solution
Exercise #7- solution

- resulting code (circle radius $r = 1$):

```matlab
clear; close all; clc;
...
...
...
...
...
...
...
...
...
```
Exercise #8

- approximation of Ludolph's number - visualization:

```matlab
figure;
semilogx(N, my_pi, 'x--', 'linewidth', 2);
xlim([N(1) N(end)]);
hold on; grid on;
xlabel('shots', 'FontSize', 15);
ylabel('approximation of \pi', 'FontSize', 15);
line([N(1) N(end)], [pi pi], 'color', 'r', 'linewidth', 2);
```

approximation of Ludolph's number - visualization:
Exercise #9

- visualization of the task:

display = 1000;
Rdisplay = R(1:display,1);
shotsdisplay = shots(1:display,1:2);

figure('color','w','pos',[50 50 700 700], ...
    'Menubar','none');
line([-1 1 1 -1], ... 
    [-1 -1 1 1], 'LineWidth',2,'Color','b');
hold on;
xlim([-1.5 1.5]); ylim([-1.5 1.5]); box on;
plot(cos(0:0.001:2*pi),sin(0:0.001:2*pi,...
    'LineWidth',2,'Color','r');

plot(shotsdisplay(Rdisplay < 1, 1),...
    shotsdisplay(Rdisplay < 1, 2),'x',...
    'MarkerSize',14,'LineWidth',2,'Color','r');
plot(shotsdisplay(Rdisplay >= 1, 1),...
    shotsdisplay(Rdisplay >= 1, 2), 'bd',...
    'MarkerSize',12);
Exercise #10

- Fourier series approximation of a periodic rectangular signal with zero direct component, amplitude $A$ and period $T$ is

$$s(t) = \frac{4A}{\pi} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2k+1} \sin \left( \frac{2\pi t (2k+1)}{T} \right)$$

- plot resulting signal $s(t)$ approximated by one to ten harmonic components in the interval $t \in (-1.1; 1.1)$ s; use $A=1$ V a $T=1$ s
Thank you!

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