



A SHORT INTRODUCTION TO MATLAB

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Overview

Matlab='Matrix Laboratory'

MATLAB - tool for Engineers/Mathematicians

- MAT = Matrix (= a rectangular array of numbers); LAB = Laboratory
- High level language with highly optimized built-in functions.
- Not symbolic like MAPLE but ...
- Matlab toolbox: built-in M-files.
- Works in Windows, Macintosh, UNIX environments.
- A standard in universities and the industry.

MATLAB - Typical uses

- ✓ Math and computation.
- ✓ Algorithm development, Modeling, Simulation, and Prototyping.
- ✓ Data acquisition, Data analysis, Exploration, and Visualization.
- ✓ Scientific and Engineering Graphics.
- ✓ Application Development, including GUI building.

Getting started with Matlab

- Editor, command window, work space.
- Matlab is array based [A(row, column), indices starting at 1].
- Matrix operations are 'very' natural.
- We can write scripts and M-files.
- Loading data, doing maths, plot, etc ...
- Matlab help.

The Matlab System

Desktop Tools and
Development
Environment

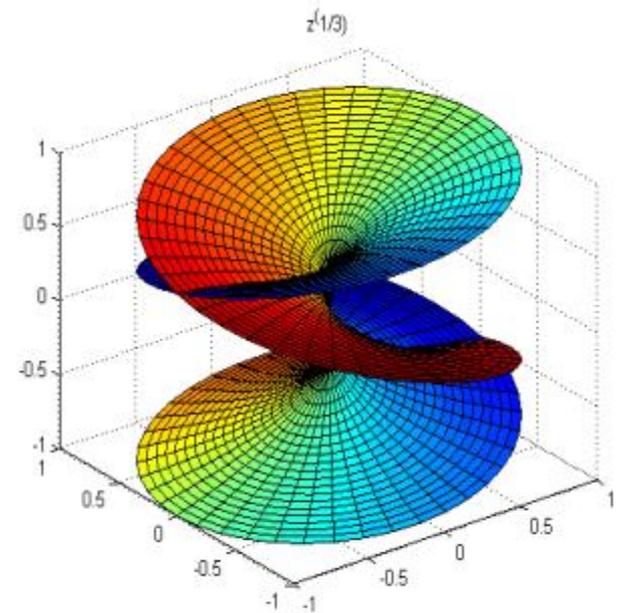
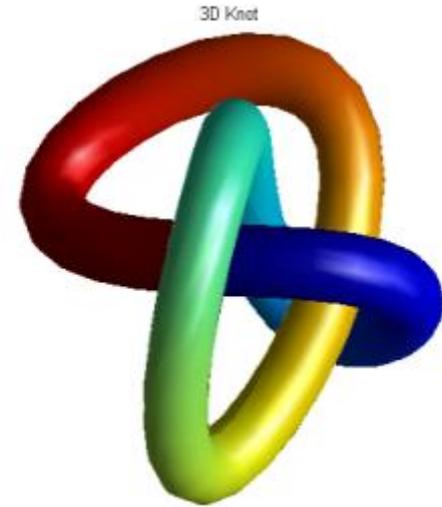
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Interfaces

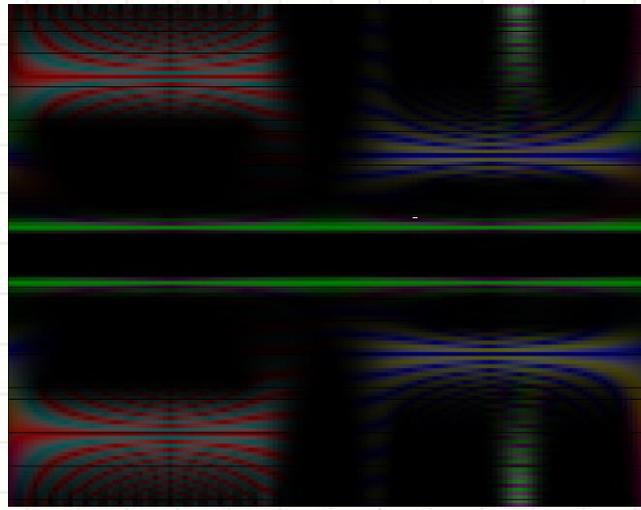
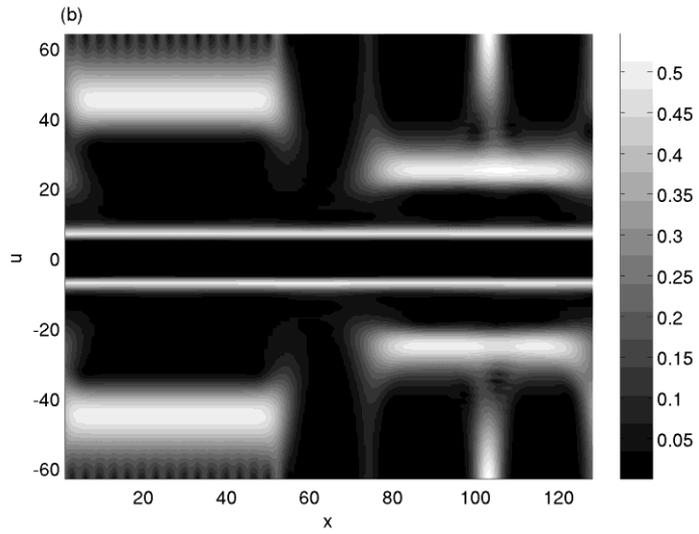
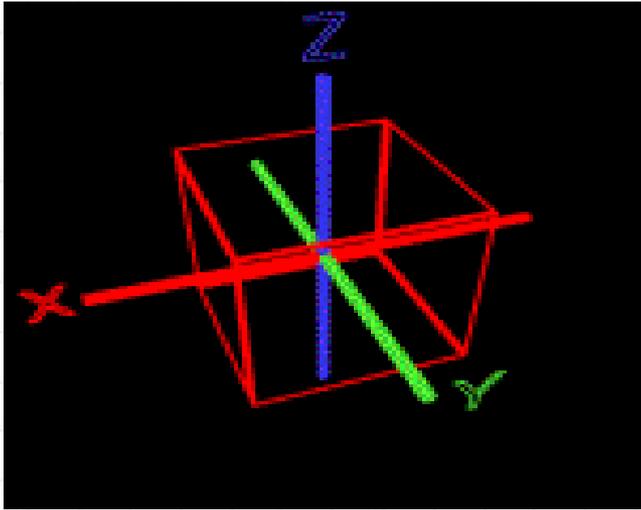
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The Language

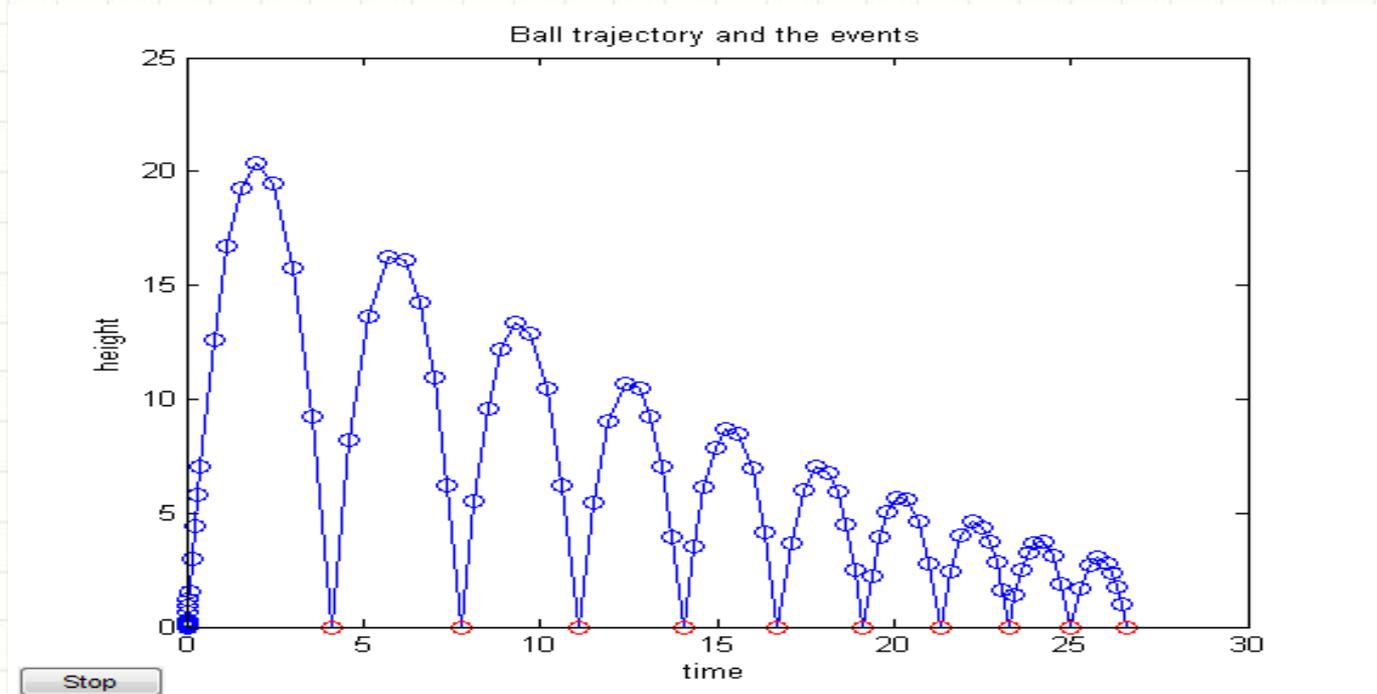
Matlab Graphics



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- 2D and 3D data visualization, image processing, animation, and build complete graphical user interfaces.
 - Plotting, editing, annotating, printing, exporting, saving, etc ...



Doing Mathematics in Matlab



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- Matrices and array manipulation (e.g. resize, reshape, multiD arrays, ...)
 - Linear algebra (e.g. system of linear equations, determinants, singular values, ...)
 - Random numbers.
 - Polynomials.
 - Differential equations.
 - Fourier transforms.
 - Computational geometry.
 - Operation research (e.g. optimization).
 - A lot more ...

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MATLAB TOOLBOXES

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- Special purpose and highly optimized built-in M-files.
 - Bioinformatics, Curve Fitting, Financial Derivatives, Signal and Image Processing, GA and Neural Networks, Optimization, PDEs, Parallel Computing, and many more ...

Quick exercises

- Create a 4x4 square matrix A and do the following operations:
 - ✓ Compute sum of the rows & columns, total sum, min, max, std.
 - ✓ Compute the sum of its main and anti diagonals of A.
 - ✓ Copy the contents of A to another matrix C; delete the second row of C and then fill the last column of the resulting matrix with zeros.
 - ✓ Use the find command to extract non-zero values in C. Find the number of unique values of C. Clear the matrix C.
 - ✓ Compute transpose, determinant, and the eigen values of A.

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- ✓ Do SVD on A.
 - ✓ Multiply A with random number matrix of same size and apply the FFT; apply the IFFT to get back the original matrix.
 - ✓ Repeat the above step and perform wavelet transform.
 - ✓ Create a column vector B of length 4 and solve the system $Ax = B$ using the `\` operator as well as `linsolve`.
 - ✓ Find the LU factorization (and the permutation matrix) of A.

- Create a 3x5 matrix from the command prompt and perform the followings:
 - ✓ Save the values on your desktop.
 - ✓ Load the original matrix with the load command.
 - ✓ Plot the last row.

- Create a table of values with sin, cos, sin x cos, of numbers between 0 and 10 separated in space of 0.1 and do the followings.
 - ✓ What is the size of the resulting matrix. Sort the first column.
 - ✓ Plot the sin x cos values, do some annotations and save the above figure on the desk top.
 - ✓ Export the above figure to the desk top as a tiff file.

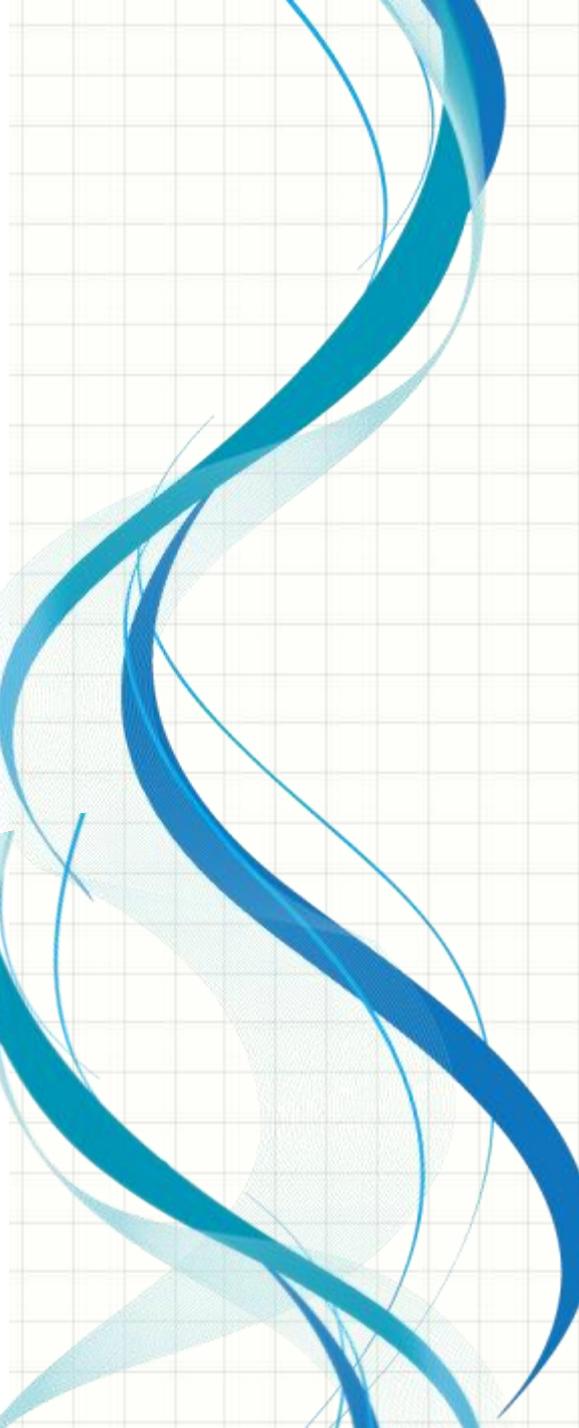
- Create a vector t with values between 0 and 2π separated by space of $\pi/100$ and do the followings:
 - ✓ For each discrete point compute \sin , shifted \sin (by $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$) values and plot all three against t in one plot. Use different line colors and marker types for each and put the necessary legend.
 - ✓ Go to figure pallet and delete the \sin curve.

- Create the inline function $f(x,y) = \sinh(x - y)/(e - \cosh(x + y))$ and compute $f(\pi,\pi/4)$, $f(0,0)$.

- 3D plot: Evaluate the function $z = \sin(R)/R$, where $R = \sqrt{x.^2+y.^2}+\text{eps}$, over a mesh grid of values $-10 < x, y < 10$ (say in steps of 0.5) and do the followings.
 - ✓ Generate a mesh plot of x, y , and z . Insert a color bar. Change different color maps.
 - ✓ See how the surface plot looks like.

- Use `pcolor` for the last 3D plot in the above example. Save the resulting figure as a tiff file on your desktop. Close the figure and load it back from your desktop and display it.

- Multiple plots: use the `subplot` command to generate surface plots for $\sin(x) \sin(y)$, $\sin(x) \cos(y)$, $\cos(x) \sin(y)$, and $\cos(x) \cos(y)$ in one figure window ($0 < x, y < 2\pi$, in steps of $\pi/10$).



Writing a Matlab Code

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- Flow control (conditional statements, Loops, etc ...).
 - Data structures (multi-dimensional data, cell arrays, strings, structures, etc).
 - Input/output.
 - Scripts and functions.
 - Matlab can interact with C and Fortran programs through external interfaces (such as MEX).

Quick exercises

- Create a 20000x20000 matrix A and compute the total matrix sum using for loops as well as using the function 'sum'. Compare the speeds.
- Use the for loop to display the magic squares up to fifth order.
- Create and plot the sinc(x) function, for $-10 < x < 10$, without using the built in 'sinc'.
- Create the Fibonacci sequence.

Quick exercises

- Write a Matlab script that does the followings:
 - ✓ Clear all variables from your memory and also clear the command window.
 - ✓ Generate the magic square A of order 20, compute its rank, inverse and determinant. Find the number of unique elements of A . Save the matrix as a text file on your desktop. Clear the matrix from memory and load it back. Generate a column vector B of length 20 and solve the linear system $Ax = B$. Generate a 1D as well as a surface plot of A . Take the first two columns of A , sort them and do matrix multiplication (in any order) and dot product. Pick a, b, c and d four distinct elements of A . Compute $a/b + c/d$ using only one division operator.
 - ✓ Generate two uniformly distributed random matrices and two normally distributed random matrices of size 100×100 each and plot each data in the same figure window (as subplots).
 - ✓ Create the function $f(x) = \text{sinc}(x)$ and evaluate f at normally distributed random vectors of length 10, 100, 1000 and 10000. Plot the values separately (use the for loop).

- ✓ Create a time series of length 64 composed of sum of two sin waves with frequency of 2 and 10 hertz respectively. Apply the FFT and plot the amplitude and phase. Apply a uniformly distributed noise to the sine wave and redo the FFT.
- ✓ For what value of n is 'e' best approximated by the function $f(n) = (1 + 1/n)^n$. (Hint: generate 10 values of n in logspace between 1 and 20 and evaluate f at each point). Using struct to generate a table of values for n , $f(n)$ and $\text{abs}(f(n) - e)$.
- ✓ Create a tri-diagonal matrix T using a vector P (main diagonal) of length n , and vectors Q and R (off diagonal) of length $n-1$.

Quick exercises

- Write a Matlab function that computes the magic square of any order (if the order is 2, print a warning).
- Write a program that does the followings: filter (in the frequency domain) a noisy sinusoidal function using box car filter of a given width. (Hint: first create a function handle to the noisy sinusoidal function). Plot the box car functions in the frequency domain (what is the fourier transform of a box car function???). Plot the filtered function together with the original noisy function.

Some Maths Examples

- Solve the ODE

$$y'' = -y + \mu(1 - y^2)y', \quad y(0) = y'(0) = 1$$

(Hint: create a system of ODEs and use Matlab ODE solvers).

- Assume $f(\alpha, r) = (2\mu - 2)\Delta h R e^{-D\alpha} J(1, \alpha R) J(0, \alpha r)$ is the solution of a certain system where, J is the Bessel function of the first kind, $D = 25$, $R = 400$, $h = 23$, $E = 40 \cdot 10^6$, $dp = 1.1 \cdot 10^4$, $\Delta h = -h \cdot dp / E$, $\mu = 0.3$. Compute (and plot) the integrals of f wrt α ($0 \leq \alpha \leq 0.00005$) for different values of r , $1 \leq r \leq 10$.

Quick exercises

- Write a Matlab function that prints “Hello World” as many times based on a user input.
- Redo ‘e’ approximation using $f(n) = (1+1/n)^n$ and generate a text file containing n , $f(n)$ and the absolute error values (Hint: use fprintf).



Graphical user Interfaces; Using the toolboxes; Simulink