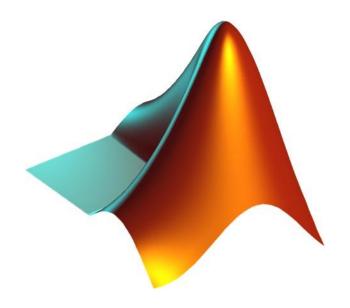
# Practical Course Matlab/Simulink Data Handling and Visualization



# Objectives & Preparation "Data Handling and Visualization"

- Which MathWorks products are covered?
- What skills are learnt?
  - ⇒ Data types, import and export
  - ⇒ Memory management
  - ⇒ Visualization, graphics tools
- How to prepare for the session?
  - ⇒ MathWorks Tutorials:
    - https://matlabacademy.mathworks.com/R2017b/portal.html?course=mlvi

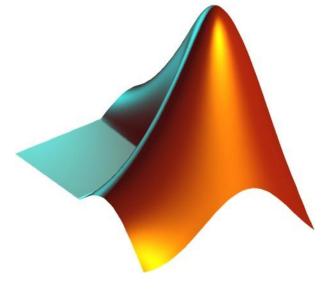


https://www.mathworks.com/examples/matlab/category/graphics

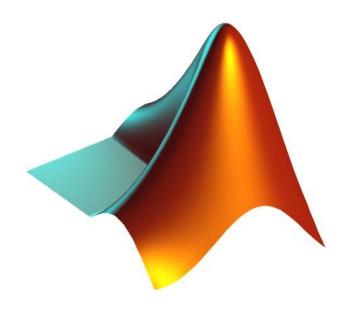


# Outline

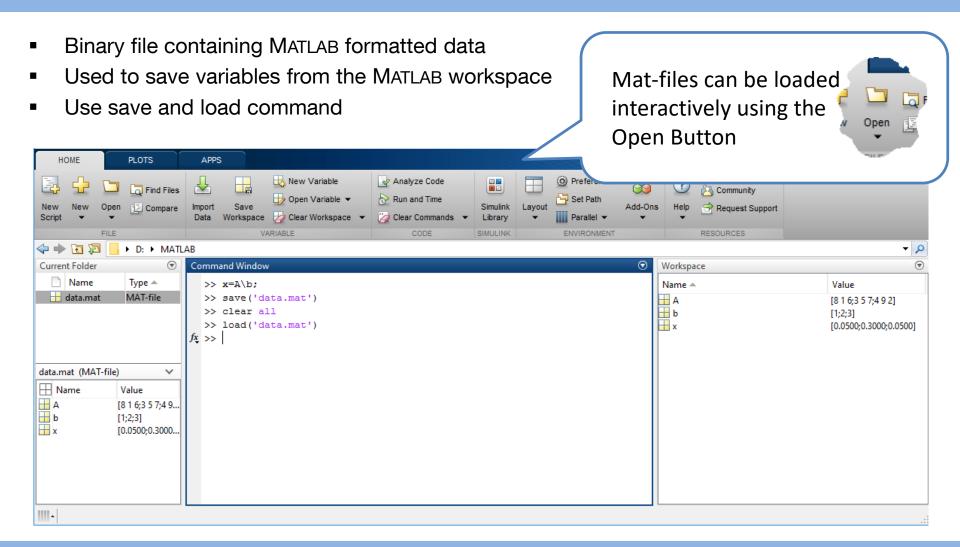
- 1. Import and Export Data
- 2. Memory Management
- 3. Graphics
- 4. Plot Tools
- 5. List of Useful Commands



# 1. Import and Export Data



# Import and Export Data - Loading MAT-Files

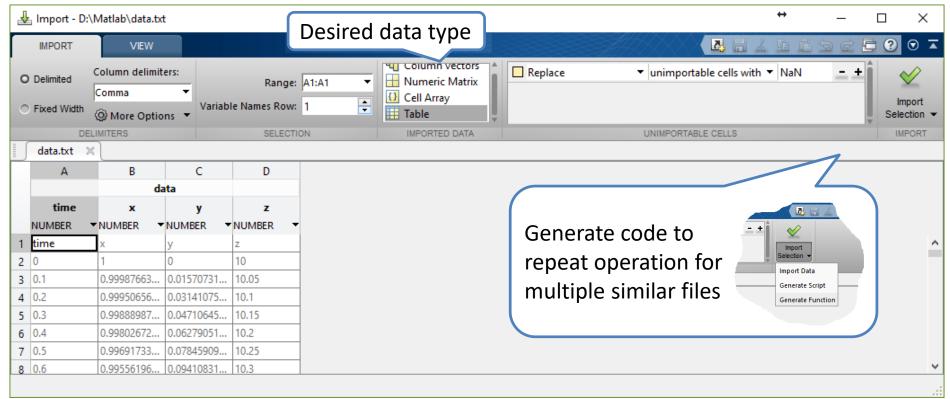


# Import and Export Data - Importing Text Files Interactively

 Text files (including .txt, .dat, .csv, .asc, .tab, and .dlm) can be imported using MATLAB's Import Tool



Desired data type is saved to MATLAB workspace



# Import and Export Data - Importing Text Files Programmatically

- Text files (including .txt, .dat, .csv, .asc, .tab, and .dlm) can also be imported programmatically
- As the first output, a matrix, multidimensional array or a scalar structure array is returned depending on the characteristics of the file

# Import and Export Data - Ways to Import Text Files

Import Option	Description
readtable	Import column-oriented data into a table.
csvread	Import a file or range of comma-separated numeric data to a matrix.
dlmread	Import a file or a range of numeric data separated by any single delimiter to a matrix.
TabularTextDatastore	Import one or more column-oriented text files. Each file can be very large and does not need to fit in memory.
textscan	Import a nonrectangular or arbitrarily formatted text file to a cell array.

# Import and Export Data - Ways to Import Text Files - Examples

#### readtable

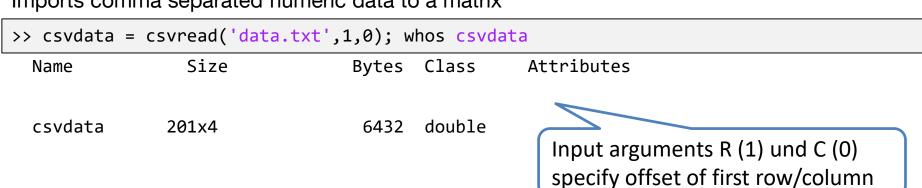
Creates table from data

```
>> tabledata = readtable('data.csv', 'delimiter', ';');
>> whos tabledata
 Name
                   Size
                                    Bytes Class
                                                     Attributes
```

tabledata 201x4 8596 table

#### csvread

Imports comma separated numeric data to a matrix



Value

201x4 double

201x4 table

Workspace Name A

csvdata

tabledata 🗮

# Import and Export Data - Ways to Import Text Files - Examples

#### textscan

Read formatted data from text file or string

First row contains the data header

```
>> fid = fopen('data.txt');
>> Header = textscan(fid, '%s',4,'Delimiter',','); disp(Header{:}')

'time' 'x' 'y' 'z'
```

From this cursor position data can be read using a different format specification

```
>> [num, position] = textscan(fid, '%f,%f,%f,%f'); whos num

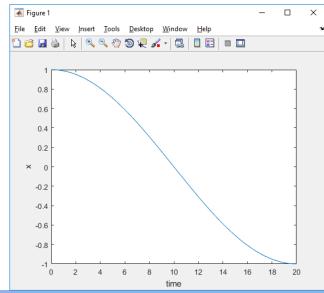
Name Size Bytes Class Attributes

num 1x4 6880 cell
```

Position contains the file or string position at the end of the scan

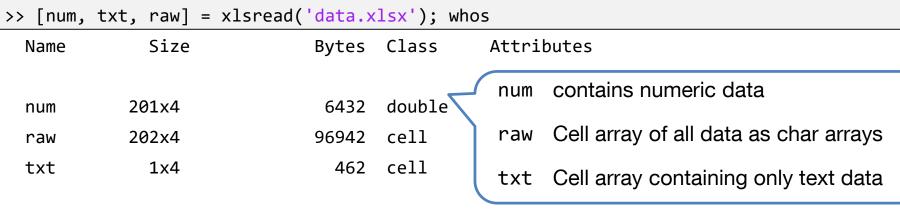
The cell array num contains a cell for each data column

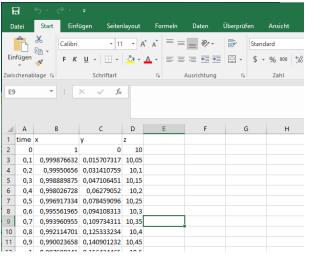
```
>> plot(num{1},num{2})
```

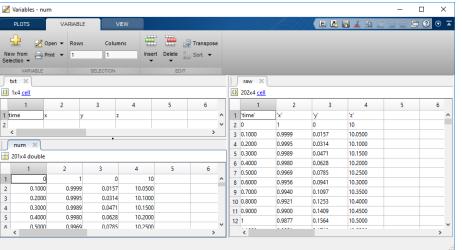


# Import and Export Data - Importing Spreadsheets

#### MATLAB offers the xlsread command to read Microsoft Excel spreadsheet files







# Import and Export Data - Importing Images

 Import images files in many standard file formats including TIFF, GIF, JPEG, PNG...

```
>> A = imread('ngc6543a.jpg');
>> image(A)
```

 Information about the image file can be retrieved using the imfinfo command

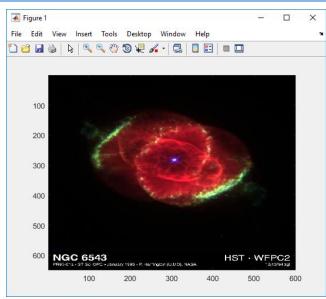
```
>> ImgFileInfo = imfinfo('ngc6543a.jpg');
>> ImgFileInfo.Height
ans =
650
```

```
>> ImgFileInfo.Format
```

```
ans =
jpg
```

```
>> ImgFileInfo.BitDepth
ans =
```

```
24
```



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# Import and Export Data - Importing Audio and Video Files

#### **Audio**

Import audio files can be imported using the audioread command

```
>> [y,Fs] = audioread('handel.wav');
>> sound(y,Fs)
```

Information about the audio file can be retrieved using the audioinfo command

```
>> AudioFileInfo = audioinfo('handel.wav');
>> AudioFileInfo.Artist
ans =
Georg Friedrich Haendel
>> AudioFileInfo.Duration
ans =
8.9249
```

#### **Videos**

Videos can be imported using the Video Reader Class

```
>> vidObj = VideoReader('xylophone.mp4');
```

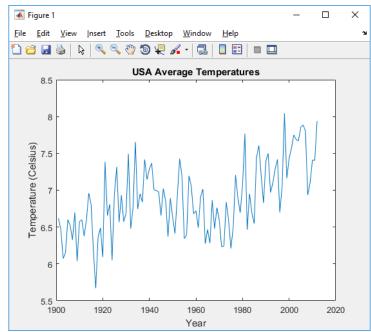
## Import and Export Data - Read Web Data

#### webread

Using the webread command, data can be read from a web service specified by an url.

```
climateData =
112x1 struct array with fields:
    year
    data
```

The World Bank Climate Data API returns a JSON object, which is converted to structure array.



API and data courtesy of the World Bank: Climate Data API.

## Import and Export Data - Read XML Data

#### **xmlread**

XML documents can be read into MATLAB using the xmlread command, which returns a Document Object Model (DOM).

```
>> xDoc = xmlread('attendant.xml');
>> FirstNames = xDoc.getElementsByTagName('firstname');
>> FirstNames.item(0).getFirstChild.getData
```

ans = Markus

> Every item of the xml file corresponds to a node in the DOM, which can be accessed according to standards set by the World Wide Web consortium.

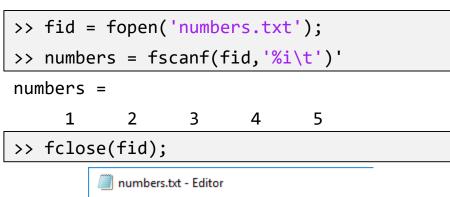
```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"</pre>
standalone="yes"?>
<party>
   <attendant>
       <firstname>Markus</firstname>
       <lastname>Müller
       <age>53</age>
       <attendance>true</attendance>
       <company>
           <name>Marta Müller
           <name>Michael Müller
           <name>Martina Müller
       </company>
    </attendant>
   <attendant>
       <firstname>Peter</firstname>
```

## Import and Export Data - Data Import with Low-Level I/O

- Low-level file I/O function allow most control over reading or writing data to a file
- Require detailed information about the file

fscanf	Reads formatted data in a text of ASCII file (human readable)
fgetl/fgets	Reads one line at a time, where a newline character separates each line
fread	Reads stream of data at a byte of bit level

#### fscanf



Datei Bearbeiten Format Ansicht ?

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#### fread

```
>> fid = fopen('numbers.bin');
>> numbers = fread(fid)'
numbers =
    1    2    3    4    5
>> fclose('all');
```

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# Import and Export Data - Large Files and Big Data

A number of tools are provided by MATLAB for handling large data sets that do not fit into available memory or take long to process:

#### Parallel Pools

If several independent operations have to be performed a parallel pool can be created containing several MATLAB workers.

Example: Using five workers to perform three large eigenvalue computations

Elapsed time is 2.124193 seconds.

Elapsed time is 3.198071 seconds.

- Iterations are executed individually on their own thread
- Running dependent iterations in parallel can lead to errors

# Import and Export Data - Large Files and Big Data

A number of tools are provided by MATLAB for handling large data sets that do not fit into available memory or take long to process:

#### datastore

A datastore object is a repository for data that has the same structure and formatting. A datastore is useful when

- each file in the collection is to large to fit into memory
- files in the store have arbitrary names
- <u>Example</u>: Chunk through a big file to find maximum delay (manually)

```
>> ds = datastore('airlinesmall.csv');
>> ds.SelectedVariableNames = {'DepDelay'}; ds.TreatAsMissing = 'NA';
>> ds.ReadSize = 5000;
>> maxDelay = 0; reset(ds);
>> while hasdata(ds)
    T = read(ds);
    maxDelay = max(maxDelay, max(T.DepDelay));
end
>> fprintf('Maximum Delay: %0.3f\n', maxDelay)

Maximum Delay: 1438.000
Only 5000 values are read into memory every iteration
```

# Import and Export Data - Large Files and Big Data

A number of tools are provided by MATLAB for handling large data sets that do not fit into available memory or take long to process:

#### mapreduce

is a programming technique for analyzing large data (using a datastore) in two steps

- the map function receives chunks of data and creates intermediate results
- The reducer reads the intermediate results and produces a final result
- <u>Example</u>: Chunk through a big file to find mean delay (using mapreduce)

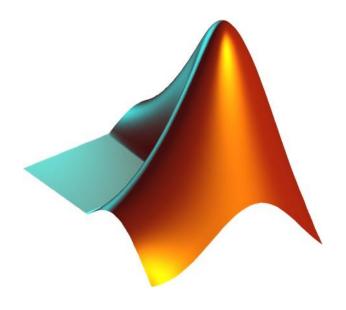
```
>> ds = datastore('airlinesmall.csv');
>> ds.ReadSize = 5000;
>> ds.TreatAsMissing = 'NA';
>> ds.SelectedVariableNames = 'ArrDelay';
>> meanDelay = mapreduce(ds,...
    @meanArrDelayMapper,...
    @meanArrDelayReducer);
>> T = readall(meanDelay);
>> fprintf('The mean arrival delay is
%0.3f\n',T.Value{:})
```

meanArrDelayMapper returns the count and sum of arrival delay data in each chunk

meanArrDelayReducer processes the results by summing counts and sums

The mean arrival delay is 7.120

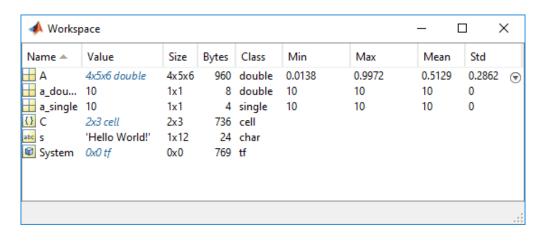
# 2. Memory Management



## Memory Management - Workspaces

#### **MATLAB Workspace**

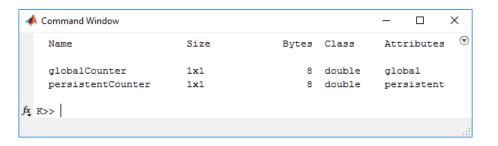
- Consists of the variable created and stored to memory during a MATLAB session
- Variables can be added
  - using functions
  - running Matlab code
  - loading saved workspaces
- Variables in the workspace are displayed by the Workspace Browser along with relevant information
  - Name
  - Value
  - Dimensions (Size)
  - Memory (Bytes)
  - Class
  - Statistical data (Min, Max, Mean...)
  - ..



## Memory Management - Workspaces

#### **Base Workspace**

- Contains variables created
  - at the command line
  - in scripts that are run from the command line or editor
- Variables exist until
  - they are cleared
  - the MATLAB session is ended (Matlab is closed)



#### **Function Workspace**

- Contains variables created in its function
- each function has its own individual function workspace to ensure data integrity
- Variables typically exist until function is terminated Exceptions:
  - Persistent variables
  - Global variables
- Recall:
  - Local functions have their own workspace
  - Nested function can access and modify variables in the function workspace of the parent function

## Memory Management – Global and Persistent

#### **Persistent Variables**

- local to the function in which they are declared
- Value is retained between function calls

#### **Global Variables**

All functions that declare a variable global

share a single copy

>>	[g,p] = Count;
<b>&gt;&gt;</b>	[g,p] = Count;
<b>&gt;&gt;</b>	clear Count
<b>&gt;&gt;</b>	[g,p] = Count;
<b>&gt;&gt;</b>	<pre>global globalCounter</pre>
<b>&gt;&gt;</b>	<pre>globalCounter = 6;</pre>
>>	[g,p] = Count;[g,p]
ans	; =

global Counter	persistent Counter
0	0
1	1
1	[]
2	0
2	0
6	0
7	1

```
Both persistent and global variables are initialized empty
```

```
function [nextInc global, nextInc persistent] = Count()
% declare global and persistent variables
global globalCounter
persistent persistentCounter
% check if persistent variable has been initialized
if isempty(persistentCounter)
    persistentCounter = 0;
else
    persistentCounter = persistentCounter + 1;
end
% call global counter function
incGlobalCounter:
% return results
nextInc global
                    = globalCounter;
nextInc persistent = persistentCounter;
end
function incGlobalCounter()
% declare global variable
global globalCounter
% check if global variable has been initialized
if isempty(globalCounter)
    qlobalCounter = 0;
else
    globalCounter = globalCounter + 1;
end
end
```

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# Memory Management – Allocating Memory

- For most cases, Matlab's internal operations automatically allocate memory in an efficient way
- Example: "assignment of numeric array" MATLAB allocates two memory blocks:
  - Contiguous virtual block containing array data
  - Separate small block called header containing information about the array data such as
    - Class
    - Dimensions
    - ...
- If a new element is added to the array, MATLAB expands the existing array in memory keeping storage contiguous
  - → usually requires finding a new block of memory
  - → Preallocation:

tic;
x = 0;
for k = 2:1000000
 x(k) = x(k-1) + 2;
end
toc

Elapsed time is 0.070668 seconds.

Storage has to be allocated only once

```
tic;
x = zeros(1,1000000);
for k = 2:1000000
    x(k) = x(k-1) + 2;
end
toc
```

Elapsed time is 0.017849 seconds.

# Memory Management - Copying Memory

MATLAB only copies memory when it is needed (lazy copy implementation)

 When a variable is copied to another variable, MATLAB makes a copy of the array reference, not of the array itself

Memory used

		(Gigabyte)
>> clearvars	There is no need to	1.0575
>> A = magic(20000);	copy data for an exact	4.2516
>> B=A;	copy of variables	4.2516

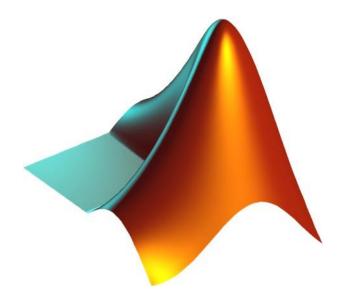
 When reducing B's size by half, MATLAB has to allocate new memory to store the changed data

```
>> B(10001:20000,:) = []; 5.8516
```

structure members are treated as a separate arrays in MATLAB

 Similarly, function arguments are passed as a reference unless they are changed within the function

# 3. Graphics



# Graphics – Plotting Basics

MATLAB offers a large variety of visualizations of data. The simplest way to visualize data is

by using the plot command

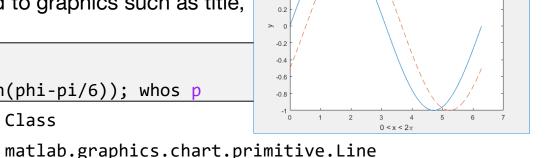
```
>> plot(climateData.year, climateData.data)
```

The plot command automatically creates a figure object. The figure command can be used to create a new figure.

- Multiple graphs can be plotted into the same figure by passing multiple x,y pairs to the plot function
- Several annotations can be added to graphics such as title, axis labels and legends

```
>> phi = 0:0.01:2*pi;
>> p = plot(phi, sin(phi), phi, sin(phi-pi/6)); whos p
Name Size Bytes Class
```

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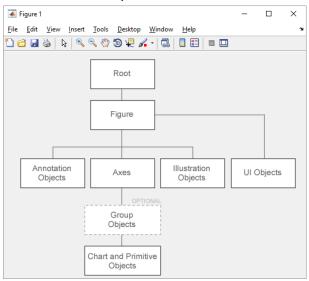
p

2x1

# Graphics – Graphics Objects

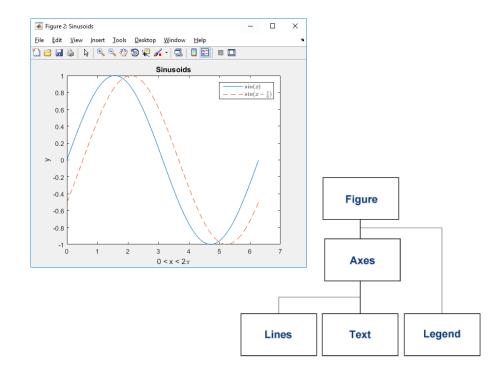
- Graphics objects are visual components to display data
- MATLAB automatically creates all objects necessary and sets appropriate values to all properties

(recall: if no figures exist, a new one is automatically created when using the plot command)



#### Example:

Observe the hierarchy for the figure created on the last slide:

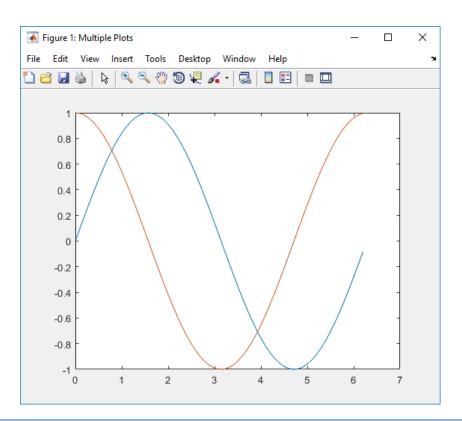


## Graphics - Multiple Plots

#### hold

- when calling the plot function twice for the same axes, the first plot is replaced
- using the hold command, plots can be retained

```
phi = 0:0.1:2*pi;
h = figure('Name', 'Multiple Plots');
ax = axes('Parent',h);
% retain existing plots
hold(ax, 'on');
p = gobjects(2);
p(1) = plot(ax, phi, sin(phi));
p(2) = plot(ax, phi, cos(phi));
```

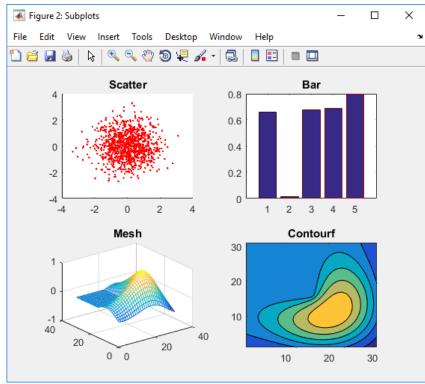


## Graphics - Multiple Plots

#### subplot

- the subplot command can be used to create multiple plots within one figure object
- subplot(m,n,p) divides the figure into an m-by-n grid and creates an axes at position p
  (subplots are numbered by row)

```
h = figure('Name', 'Subplots');
p = gobjects(2);
for piter = 1:numel(p)
    p(piter) = subplot(2,2,piter);
end
% scatter plot
scatter(p(1),randn(1000,1), randn(1000,1),'r.');
title(p(1), 'Scatter');
% bar plot
bar(p(2), 1:5,rand(1,5)); title(p(2), 'Bar');
% mesh plot
mesh(p(3),membrane); title(p(3),'Mesh');
% filled contour plot
contourf(p(4), membrane); title(p(4), 'Contourf');
```



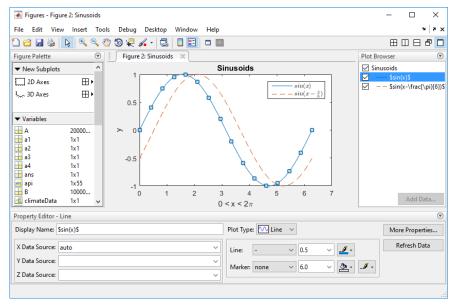
# Graphics – Graphics Object Properties

Behavior and appearance of a graphics object can be controlled by setting its properties.

#### Interactively

Using plot tools a graph can be customized

- change graphics objects' properties
- Add new plots and annotations
- ...



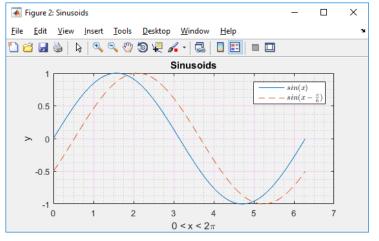
#### **Programmatically**

current axes (see also: gcf – current figure)

>> ax = gca;

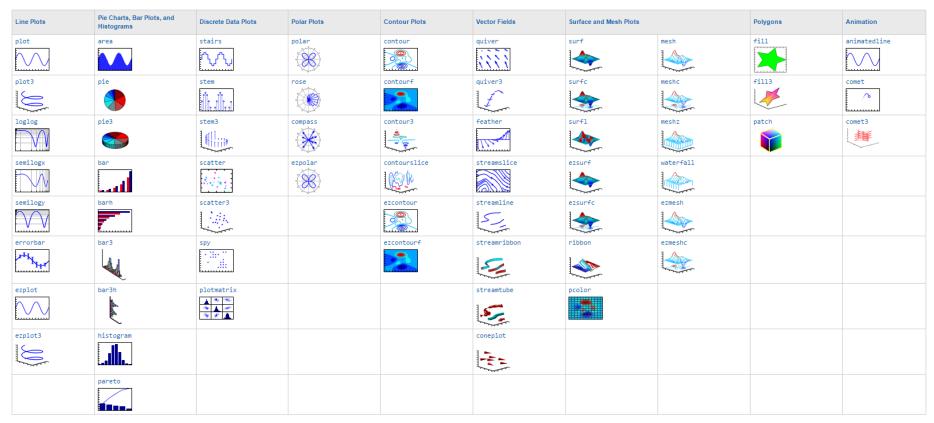
 Access and modify properties using the dot notation (starting in R2014b)

```
>> ax.Color = 0.95*[1,1,1]
>> grid(ax,'on'); grid(ax,'minor');
>> ax.GridColor = 'magenta';
```



## Graphics – Plot Types

- Besides the 2D line plot, various functions exist to plot data in a suitable way.
- Plots can be selected interactively from the PLOTS ribbon or by typing the respective command

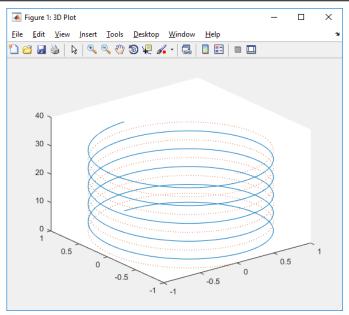


# Graphics – Plot Type Examples

#### plot3

Creates a line plot in three dimensions similarly to the plot function.

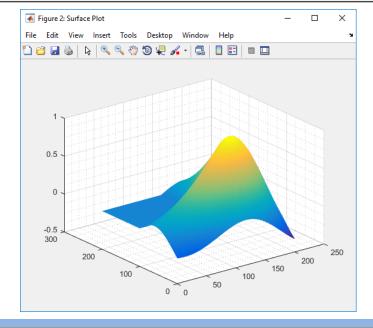
```
>> t = 0:pi/50:10*pi;
>> st = sin(t);
>> ct = cos(t);
>> h = figure
>> p = plot3(st, ct, t,-st,-ct, t,':')
```



#### surf

Creates a 3-D shaded surface plot from data consisting of (x,y,z) triplets.

```
>> h = figure;
>> h.Name = 'Surface Plot';
>> p = surf(membrane(1,100));
>> grid('minor')
>> p.EdgeColor = 'none';
```

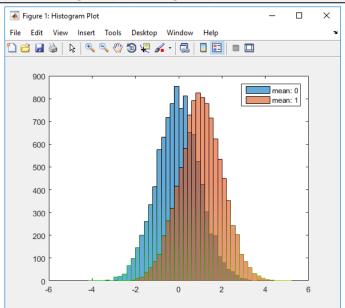


## Graphics – Plot Type Examples

#### histogram

Histograms are a type of bar plot for numeric data that group the data into bins.

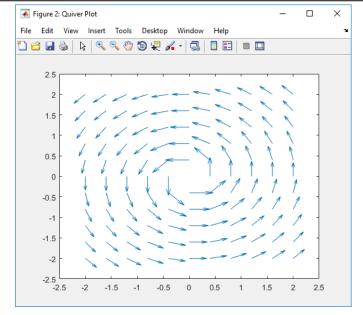
```
>> x1 = randn(10000,1); x2 = randn(10000,1) + 1;
>> h = figure('Name','Histogram Plot');
>> p = gobjects(2,1);
>> p(1) = histogram(x1); hold on;
>> p(2) = histogram(x2); legend('mean: 0','mean: 1');
```



#### quiver

Quiver (or velocity plot) displays a vector field as arrows with components u and v.

```
>> [x,y] = meshgrid(-2:.4:2,-2:.4:2);
>> V = 1./(x.^2 + y.^2).^.1; phi = atan2(y,x);
>> V(isinf(V)) = 0;
>> u = -V .* sin(phi); v = V .* cos(phi);
>> figure('Name','Quiver Plot'); quiver(x,y,u,v);
```

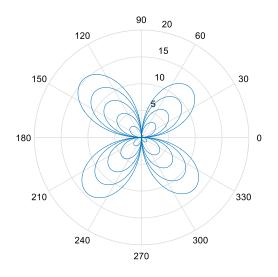


# Graphics – Plot Type Examples

#### polar

Accepts data in polar coordinates and plots them in the Cartesian plane.

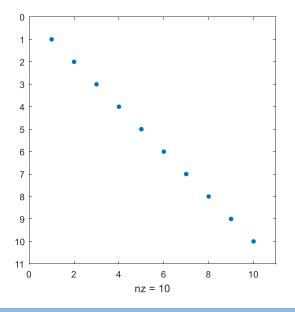
```
>> h = figure('Name','Polar Plot');
>> phi = 0:0.01:10*pi;
>> r = phi.*sin(phi).*cos(phi);
>> p = polar(phi, r);
```



#### spy

Visualizes the sparsity pattern of a sparse matrix.

```
>> A = eye(10);
>> p = spy(A,'.');
```



# Graphics – Formatting and Annotations

#### Title, Labels and Legends

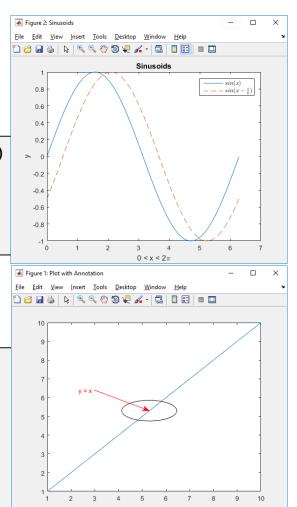
- To create meaningful graphics title, labels and legends can be added to a plot
- Text can be interpreted using TeX or LaTeX

```
>> phi = 0:0.01:2*pi; plot(phi, sin(phi), phi, sin(phi-pi/6))
>> xlabel('0 < x < 2\pi'); ylabel('y'); title('Sinusoids');
>> l = legend('$sin(x)$','$sin(x-\frac{\pi}{6})$');
>> l.Interpreter = 'latex';
```

#### **Annotations**

Annotations such as text and shapes can be added to emphasize important details.

```
>> h = figure('Name','Plot with Annotation');
>> plot(1:10)
>> x = [0.3 0.5];
>> y = [0.6 0.5];
>> a(1) = annotation('ellipse',[0.4 .45 .2 .1]);
>> a(2) = annotation('textarrow',x,y,'String','y = x ');
>> a(2).Color = 'red';
```

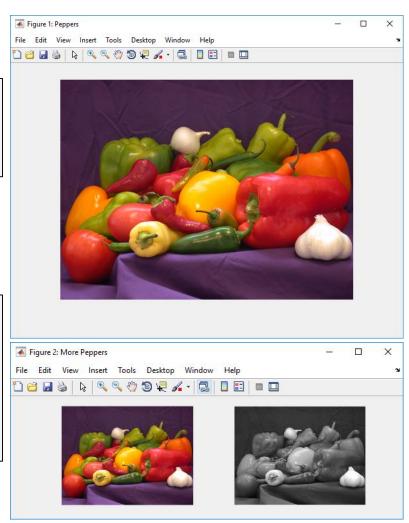


# Graphics - Images

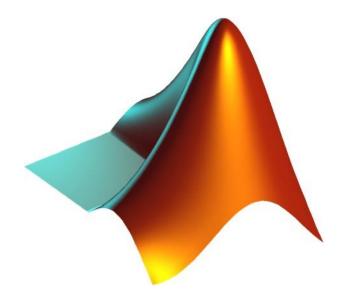
Images can be plotted using the imshow command

```
>> RGB = imread('peppers.png');
>> h = figure('Name','Peppers');
>> image = imshow(RGB);
```

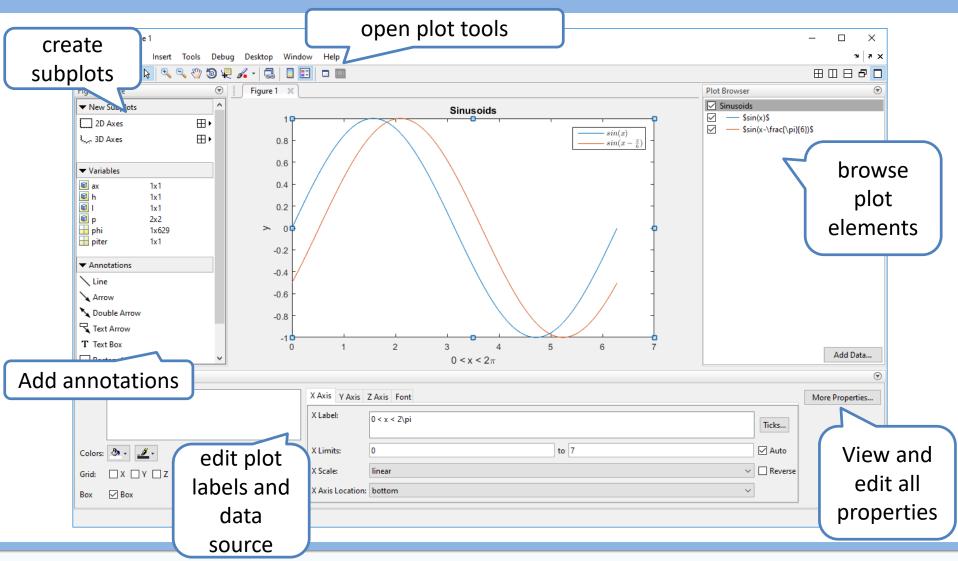
 The subimage command can be used to plot multiple images into a single figure object



# 4. Plot Tools



#### **Plot Tools**

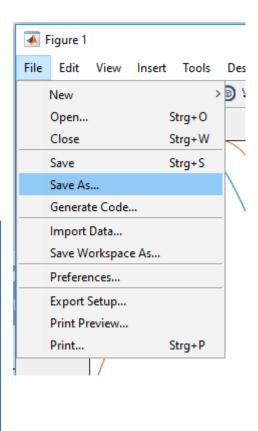


## Plot Tools – Save Figure / Generate Code

There are two options to save a figure that can be reopened in MATLAB later:

- Save figure to a .fig-file
  - Use savefig command to save figure programmatically
  - Select File > Save to save figure interactively
- Generate code to recreate figure
  - Select File > Generate Code... to generate a function that creates the figure
  - The function takes the data as input parameter

```
Editor - Untitled*
     function createfigure (X1, YMatrix1)
     % X1: vector of x data
       -% YMATRIX1: matrix of y data
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       % Auto-generated by MATLAB on 14-Apr-2016 21:09:37
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       % Create figure
       figure1 = figure;
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11
       % Create axes
12
       axes1 = axes('Parent', figure1);
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       hold(axes1, 'on');
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15
       % Create multiple lines using matrix input to plot
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       plot1 = plot(X1, YMatrix1);
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       set(plot1(1), 'DisplayName', '$sin(x)$');
```



# Plot Tools - Export Figure to Presentation / Document

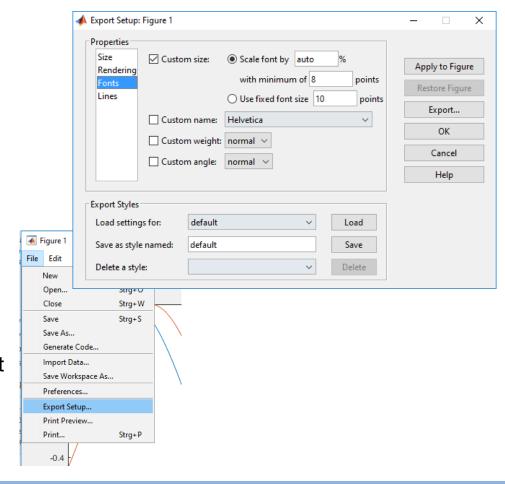
Figures to be used outside MATLAB can be saved to file in two types of

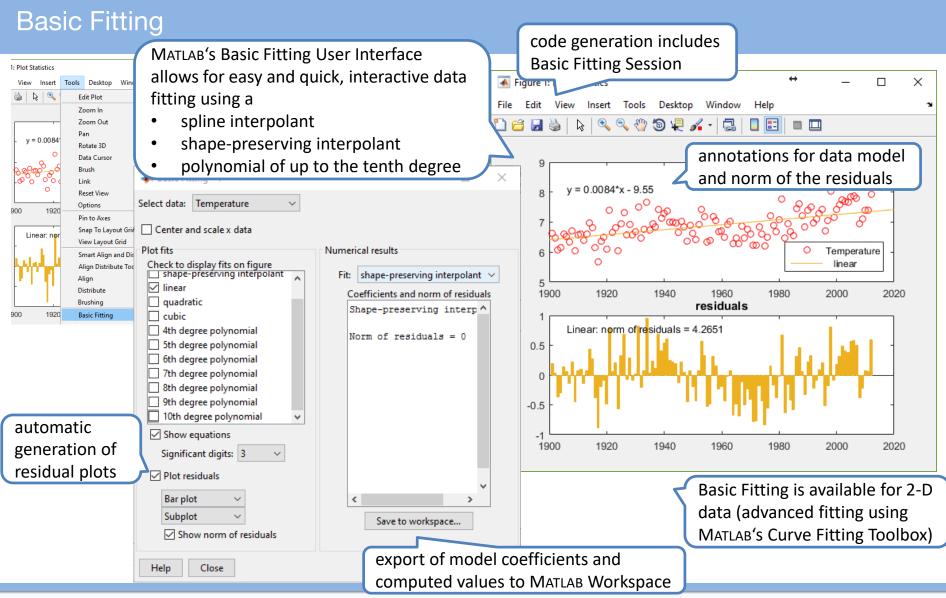
formats

- Bitmap image (PNG, JPEG,...)
  - Pixel-based representation
  - Widely used in web applications
  - Badly scalable
- Vector graphics (PDF, EPS, SVG,...)
  - Store commands to redraw figure
  - Well scalable
  - May result in large file

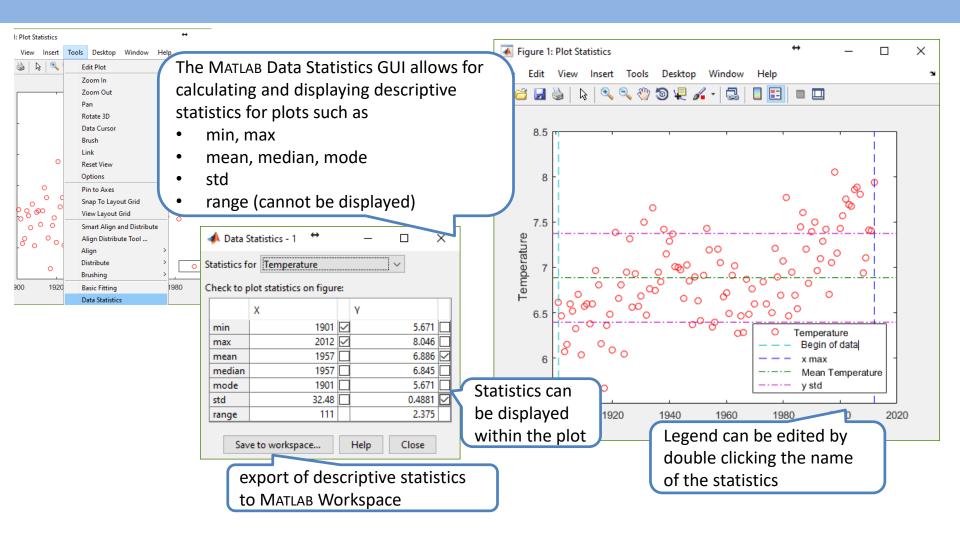
Figures can be customized interactively using the Export Setup

- Select File > Export Setup...
- manually customize figure or load preset export Styles
- Apply customization to figure, export to file or restore figure

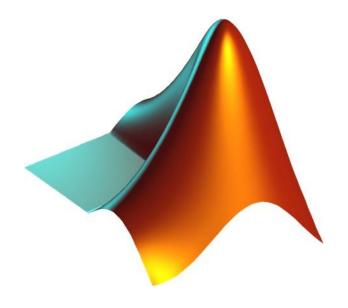




#### **Data Statistics**



# 5. List of Useful Commands



# List of Commands

Command	Explanation	Slide #
save	Save workspace variables to file	4
load	Load variables from file into workspace	4
importdata	Load data from file	5
readtable	Create table from file	7
csvread	Read comma-separated value (CSV) file	7
dlmread	Read ASCII-delimited file of numeric data into matrix	7
TabularTextDatast ore	Datastore for tabular text files	7
textscan	Read formatted data from text file or string	7
fopen	Open file, or obtain information about open files	9
xlsread	Read Microsoft Excel spreadsheet file	10
imread	Read image from graphics file	11
imfinfo	Information about graphics file	11
audioread	Read audio file	12
audioinfo	Information about audio file	12

Command	Explanation	Slide #
VideoReader	File formats that VideoReader supports	12
webread	Read content from RESTful web service	13
xmlread	Read XML document and return Document Object Model node	14
fscanf	Read data from text file	15
fgetl/fgets	Read line from file, removing/keeping newline characters	15
fread	Read data from binary file	15
parfor	Parallel for loop	16
datastore	Create datastore to access collection of data	17
hasdata	Determine if data is available to read	17
mapreduce	Programming technique for analyzing data sets that do not fit in memory	18
readall	Read all data in datastore	18
global	Declare variables as global	22
persistent	Define persistent variable	22

# List of Commands

Command	Explanation	Slide #
plot	2-D line plot	26
figure	Create figure window	26
hold	Retain current plot when adding new plots	28
subplot	Create axes in tiled positions	29
gca	Current axes handle	30
grid	Display or hide axes grid lines	30
plot3	3-D line plot	32
surf	3-D shaded surface plot	32
histogram	Histogram plot	33
quiver	Quiver or velocity plot	33
polar	Polar coordinate plot	34
spy	Visualize sparsity pattern	34
xlabel/ylabel	Label x-axis/y-axis	35
title	Add title to current axes	35
legend	Add legend to graph	35

Command	Explanation	Slide #
annotation	Create annotations	35
imshow	Display image	36
subimage	Display multiple images in single figure	36
gobjects	Initialize array for graphics objects	36
rgb2gray	Convert RGB image or colormap to grayscale	36
axis	Set axis limits and appearance	36
min/max	Smallest/largest elements in array	42
mean	Average or mean value of array	42
median	Median value of array	42
mode	Most frequent values in array	42
std	Standard deviation	42
range	Range of values	42
annotation	Create annotations	35