

# Homework 0 Selected Solutions

## APPM/MATH 4650 Fall 2020 Numerical Analysis

**Due date:** Friday, August 28, before 5 PM  
**Theme:** Matlab/Python practice

**Instructor:** Prof. Becker

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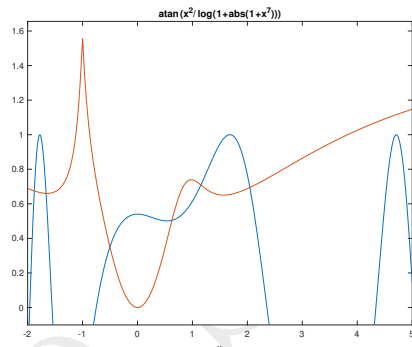
**Comment** This is an **optional** homework, and will not be graded. It's designed to brush up any rusty python/Matlab skills (or if you are a Matlab user, you could use this to try out Python).

**Problem 1:** Graph the functions (in the same figure)

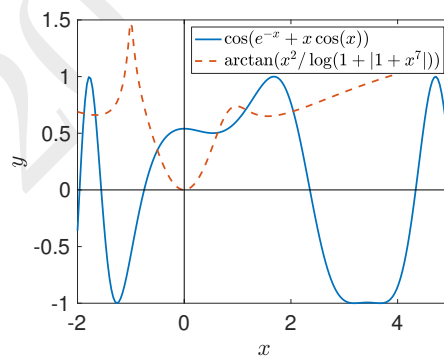
$$f(x) = \cos(e^{-x} + x \cos(x)), \quad g(x) = \arctan\left(\frac{x^2}{\log(1 + |1 + x^7|)}\right),$$

on the domain  $-2 \leq x \leq 5$ .

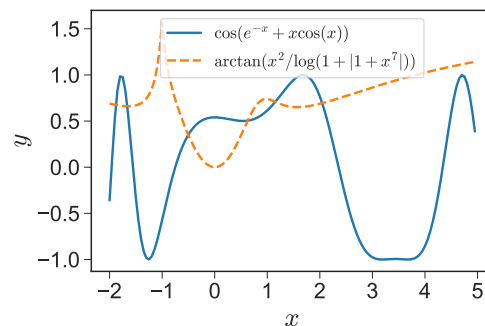
Make your plot nice, i.e., don't just make it like this



but rather make it professional, like



or



(made

in Matlab and Python, respectively).

*Matlab tips* To save your figure as a nice PDF (use PDF rather than PNG/JPEG, because PDF can embed fonts, rather than convert them to bitmapped graphics that look bad if you resize them), use `export_fig`.

*Python tips* Use `numpy` rather than `math` for the trig and exponential functions, since then it is automatically vectorized and will work with `numpy.arange` or `numpy.linspace` nicely. I suggest using `matplotlib`, especially `matplotlib.pyplot` if you're used to Matlab style plotting.

Some good quickstart guides are at [/github.com/matplotlib/cheatsheets](https://github.com/matplotlib/cheatsheets). Very fancy tweaks are described at [seaborn.pydata.org/tutorial/aesthetics.html](https://seaborn.pydata.org/tutorial/aesthetics.html).

If you're using a Jupyter notebook (common for Python, but in fact also possible for Matlab: see the internet for how-to), and want to export the entire Jupyter notebook to a PDF (a nice way to turn in homework), you can do so via "Download > PDF via LaTeX" if you've installed [pandoc](#). This step is probably best done on a local instance of Jupyter (as opposed to JupyterHub on a server, or using google's colab).

Doing it this way, the figures are rasterized, which is ugly; you might have more luck fine-tuning by using [nbconvert](#) directly.

#### Solution:

For [Matlab](#), here's one way

```
1 f = @(x) cos(exp(-x)+x.*cos(x));
2 g = @(x) atan(x.^2./log(1+abs(1+x.^7)));
3
4 %% The default, basic plot
5
6 ezplot( f, [-2,5] );
7 hold on
8 ezplot( g , [-2,5] )
9
10 export_fig 'WarmupPlot_simple' -pdf -transparent
11
12 %% The nicer plot
13
14 x = linspace(-2,5,200);
15
16 h1=plot( x, f(x), 'linewidth',2,'DisplayName', '$\cos(e^{-x}+x\cos(x))$');
17 hold all
18 h2=plot( x, g(x), '-', 'linewidth',2,'DisplayName', '$\arctan(x^2/\log(1+|1+x^7|))$');
19
20 line([-2,5],[0,0], 'Color','k');
21 line([0,0],[-1,1.5], 'Color','k');
22
23 set(gca,'FontSize',24');
24 xlim([-2,5]);
25 xlabel('$x$', 'Interpreter','latex')
26 ylabel('$y$', 'Interpreter','latex')
27
28 h=legend([h1,h2]);
29 h.Interpreter = 'latex';
30 h.FontSize = 20;
31
32 export_fig 'WarmupPlot_nicer' -pdf -transparent
```

For [Python](#), here's one way (see next page for exported Jupyter notebook)

# Warmup

August 24, 2020

## 1 APPM 4650 Homework 0: plotting practice

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Assignment: Plot these functions on the same graph and make them look nice:

$$f(x) = \cos(e^{-x} + x \cos(x)), \quad g(x) = \arctan\left(\frac{x^2}{\log(1 + |1 + x^7|)}\right),$$

```
In [3]: import math
import numpy as np

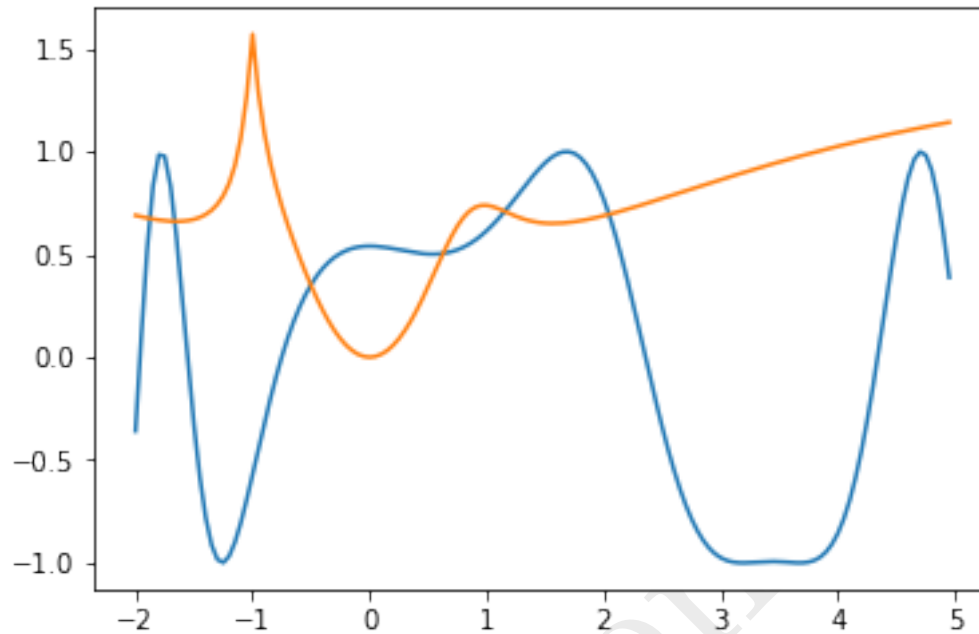
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
##matplotlib notebook # interactive
%matplotlib inline

# You can do math.cos or np.cos
# The advantage of np.cos is that it is "vectorized" and can operate on a numpy array
# If you do math.cos, then you need to use np.vectorize, but this is not efficient

f = lambda x : np.cos( np.exp(-x) + x*np.cos(x) )
g = lambda x : np.arctan( x**2/np.log(1+abs(1+x**7)) )
```

### 1.1 Basic plot

```
In [4]: x = np.arange(-2.0, 5.0, 0.05) # or np.linspace
plt.figure()
plt.plot(x, f(x), x, g(x) );
```



## 1.2 Fancier plot

```
In [33]: import matplotlib as mpl
mpl.rcParams['mathtext.fontset'] = 'cm'

plt.style.use('seaborn-ticks') # default, seaborn, etc. are common
# For very fancy tweaking, see
# https://seaborn.pydata.org/tutorial/aesthetics.html

plt.figure()
#plt.set_cmap('Set1')
fig, ax = plt.subplots()
ax.plot(x, f(x), label=r'$\cos(e^{-x}+x\cos(x))$',
        linewidth=2.0)
ax.plot(x, g(x), '--', label=r'$\arctan(x^2/\log(1+|1+x^7|))$', linewidth=2.0)
plt.xlabel(r'$x$', fontsize=22)
plt.ylabel(r'$y$', fontsize=22)
plt.xticks(fontsize=18)
plt.yticks(fontsize=18)
ax.legend(fontsize=14, frameon=True, loc=9)

# The bbox_inches fixes some cropping issues that chopped off the labels
plt.savefig('WarmupPlot_python.pdf', bbox_inches='tight')
```

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