

Issue #7338

Add scrollbars when needed to preserve specified figure size

Feature Descriptions

Currently, if a figure size is explicitly specified, but is larger than the display area (either due to the figure being larger than the display screen, or the containing window being smaller), the bottom and right boundaries of the figure gets cropped out. In order to solve this problem, issue #7338 suggests the addition of vertical and horizontal scroll bars to allow users to pan around the figure when the bottom and right edges would otherwise overflow the window.

Implementation Plans

Code Organization

The following modifications will occur in `backend_qt5.py`:

- In the initialization of `FigureManagerQT`, we will check if the window is large enough to contain the canvas after the initial window resize. If not, we will add scroll bars to the window using `_add_scroll_bar_x()` and `_add_scroll_bar_y()`, depending on whether a horizontal and/or vertical scroll bar is needed.
- In the function `resize`, we will check if after resizing, the window can fully contain the canvas.
 - If it can, the methods `_remove_scroll_bar_x()` and/or `_remove_scroll_bar_y()` will be called to remove the appropriate pre-existing scroll bar(s).
 - If not, we will call `_add_scroll_bar_x()` and/or `_add_scroll_bar_y()`.
- We will add the following (4) custom methods to `MainWindow`:
 - `_add_scroll_bar_x()` and `_add_scroll_bar_y()`
 - These methods will be responsible for adding the horizontal and vertical scroll bars (respectively) from a `MainWindow`.
 - `_remove_scroll_bar_x()` and `_remove_scroll_bar_y()`
 - These methods will remove the horizontal and vertical scroll bars (respectively) from a `MainWindow`.
- Additionally, the methods will give an error if a scroll bar already exists, or there is none to remove, when adding or removing scroll bars respectively.

UML:

