



Chapter 4

MATLAB Data Handling and Visualization

- Exercises -

1. Given GPS data recorder of a UAV in *text format*. Find the range of this flying UAV and *plot* the flight trajectory (latitude, longitude, and altitude).

Steps to do:

- a) Read text file.
- b) Parse or split the data to grab your chosen data.
- c) Calculate the distance between waypoints.
- d) Plot the results in 2D and 3D graphs.

Hints:

- GPS data format, see: <http://www.gpsinformation.org/dale/nmea.htm>
- Use Haversine formula to calculate the distance between waypoints: <http://www.movable-type.co.uk/scripts/latlong.html>

GPS Data:

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grabedit2.m  x  GPS24282.m  x  Xgps24282.TXT  x
1  $LSD1,000600,0739.7157,S,10741.5808,E,1,10,0.7,36.5,M,0.9,M,,*59
2  $LSD1,000601,0739.7158,S,10741.5808,E,1,10,0.7,36.5,M,0.9,M,,*57
3  $LSD1,000602,0739.7158,S,10741.5808,E,1,10,0.7,36.4,M,0.9,M,,*55
4  $LSD1,000603,0739.7783,S,10741.5686,E,9,10,1.4,38.0,M,0.9,M,,*54
5  $LSD1,000605,0739.8220,S,10741.5743,E,0,10,0.7,671.5,M,0.9,*63
6  $LSD1,000606,0739.9135,S,10741.5760,E,0,10,0.7,815.4,M,0.9,M,,*67
7  $LSD1,000607,0739.9910,S,10741.5770,E,0,10,0.7,1244.3,M,,M,,*54
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GPS data format: <http://www.gpsinformation.org/dale/nmea.htm>

For this exercise, we use \$GPGGA as GPS data format

\$GPGGA,000600, 0739.7157,S, 10741.5808,E,1,10,0.7,36.5,M,0.9,M,,*59

where:

- GGA Global Positioning System Fix Data
- 000600 Counter / Time 600
- 0739.7157,S Latitude 07 deg 39.7157' S [format: "degree/minute"]
- 10741.5808,E Longitude 107 deg 41.5808' E [format: "degree/minute"]
- 1 Fix quality: 0 = invalid
1, 2, 3 = GPS fix (SPS), DGPS fix, PPS fix
- 10 Number of satellites being tracked
- 0.7 Horizontal dilution of position
- 36.5,M Altitude, Meters, above mean sea level
- 0.9,M Height of geoid (mean sea level) above WGS84 ellipsoid
- (empty field) Time in seconds since last DGPS update
- (empty field) DGPS station ID number
- *59 The checksum data, always begins with *

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Haversine Formula: <http://www.movable-type.co.uk/scripts/latlong.html>

We use *Haversine Formula* to calculate the distance between two points on the earth

- $$d = 2r \arctan \left(\sqrt{\frac{\sin^2\left(\frac{\phi_2 - \phi_1}{2}\right) + \cos(\phi_1) \cos(\phi_2) \sin^2\left(\frac{\lambda_2 - \lambda_1}{2}\right)}{1 - \sin^2\left(\frac{\phi_2 - \phi_1}{2}\right) + \cos(\phi_1) \cos(\phi_2) \sin^2\left(\frac{\lambda_2 - \lambda_1}{2}\right)}} \right)$$

- with,

- d is the distance between two points on earth
- r is radius of the earth
- ϕ_1, ϕ_2 are latitude of position 1 and position 2
- λ_1, λ_2 are longitude of position 1 and position 2

- **Note:**

1. The latitude and longitude must be in *decimal degree* format
2. The angle in haversine formula should be in *radian*

2. Given aerodynamics data in several files using text format, do the following:
- i. Extract the hinge moment data from each file (this is the only data in the given files).
 - ii. Export all data to a single excel file, such that the data is represented as a table (i.e., the columns holding the data lie next to each other).

Steps to do:

- a) Determine several *.txt files in a folder.
- b) Open and read the data inside each *.txt file.
- c) Import the chosen data into MATLAB workspace.
- d) Export the data to a single excel file as a table.

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3. Create a GUI from Exercise 1, and display the following data:

- i. 3D graphical plot of flight trajectory.
- ii. GPS data.
- iii. Updated distance.

Steps to do:

- a) Create GUI.
- b) Use appropriate component palette to display your data.
- c) Adapt your function in Exercise 1 to this exercise (use callback in MATLAB editor).