



Introduction to GNU Octave

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What is GNU Octave?





- Octave is a high-level language, primarily intended for numerical computations.
- It provides a convenient command line interface for solving linear and nonlinear problems numerically, and for performing other numerical experiments.
- It may also be used as a batch-oriented language.
- Octave is often viewed as a system for numerical computations with a language that is
 mostly compatible with Matlab, but that is available as free software under the GNU
 GPL, and that can replace it in many circumstances.

Tutorial Goals

- The goal of this tutorial is to provide a brief introduction to a few of the capabilities of GNU Octave.
- Most of the functionality of Matlab already exists in GNU Octave and octave can run most Matlab scripts.
- Matlab users should review differences between Matlab and GNU Octave before porting matlab scripts to octave. http://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/MATLAB_ Programming/Differences_between_Octave_and_MATLAB











- Users can install GNU Octave on their laptops and desktops.
- Mac OS X: http://www.octave.org/wiki/index.php?title= Installing_MacOS_X_Bundle
- Windows: http: //www.octave.org/wiki/index.php?title=Octave_for_Windows
- Linux: Check repositories for your distribution
 - openSuSE: zypper in octave
 - Ubuntu: apt-get install octave
 - Fedora: yum install octave
- LSU HPC & LONI: Add soft key +octave-3.0.3-intel-11.1 to your .soft file and resoft











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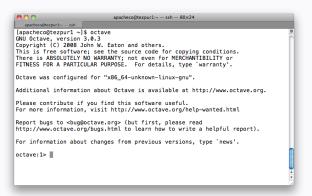








• Type octave in a terminal window (Linux, LSU HPC & LONI only)



- The last line is the octave prompt
- You can also start octave with the -q option, octave information will not be printed







Entering Commands I



- Commands can be typed at the prompt or read from a script.
- Scripts are plain text files with file suffix .m.
- To run a script, type the script name without the suffix.
- "," separates commands in a line and displays the output on the screen.
- To suppress output, use ";".
- Comments are preceded by %.
- Octave is case-sensitive.
- Getting Help:
 - help lists all built-in functions and internal variables.
 - \bullet help name explains the variable or function "name"











- Octave as a calculator:
 - Just type mathematical commands at the prompt.
 - Octave also has mathematical built-in functions.

Simple Arithmetic functions

Addition: +

Subtraction: -

Multiplication: *

Division: /

Exponentiation: **

Mathematical Functions

Trignometic Functions: sin, cos, tan

Inverse Trignometric Functions: asin, acos, atan

Logarithmic Functions: log, log10

Exponentiation: exp

Absolute value: abs

- trignometric functions work in radians
- **pi**, **e**, **i** and **j** are predefined variables.
- ans variable is used to hold the result of the last operation.
- No need to declare variable or its type, variables are either floating point numbers or strings.
- To see the value of a variable, just type its name and hit return.









```
apacheco@tezpur1:~ - ssh - 80×24
   apacheco@tezpur1:~ -- ssh
[apacheco@tezpur1 ~]$ octave -q
octave:1> 2+3
ans = 5
octave:2> log10(100)/log(10)
ans = 0.86859
octave:3> sin(4*pi)
ans = -4.8986e-16
octave:4> acos(1)/pi
octave:5> e^(i*pi)
ans = -1.0000e+00 + 1.2246e-16i
octave:6>
```

- Note that by default, octave prints variables with only 5 digits.
- At octave prompt, type format long to obtain variables with greater precision.











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• Defining a Row Vector: vr = (123)

• Defining a Column Vector: $vc = (vr)^T$

Autogeneration of Vector with constant increment: Start:[increment]:End

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Matrices I



• A matrix $B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ is constructed as follows

Matrices can be assembled from submatrices







- Creating special matrices of size $m \times n$
 - \bigcirc eye(m,n): Create a matrix with ones on the diagonal and zeros elsewhere. Identity matrix if m=n
 - zeros(m,n): Create a null matrix
 - ones(m,n): Create a matrix where all elements are 1
 - rand(m,n): generates a random matrix whose entries are uniformly distributed in the interval (0,1).

```
octave: 7> eve (3, 2)
                                            octave:10> ones(3,4)
                                            ans =
ans =
octave:8> eve(3,3)
                                            octave:11> rand(5,2)
ans =
                                            ans =
                                               1.7700e-01 1.4495e-01
                                               7.5533e-01 7.9854e-01
   0 1 0
                                               3.4831e-04 7.6881e-01
                                               5.6224e-01 1.0213e-01
octave:9> zeros(3,2)
                                               5.3236e-01 9.2427e-01
ans =
      0
      Ω
```

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Ω







Basis Arithmetic:

- +, and * denote matrix addition, subtraction and multiplication respectively.
- A': transpose and conjugates A
- A.': transposes A

2 + 2i 4 - 2i







 \bullet Element wise operations: Use . {operator} for element wise operation

octave:1> A =
$$[1 2; 3 4]$$

A =

Matrices V





- Indexing and Slicing
 - v(k): k^{th} element of vector v
 - A(k, l): matrix element A_{kl}
 - v(m:n): slice of vector v from element m through n
 - A(k,:): k^{th} row of matrix A
 - A(:,l): l^{th} column of matrix A
- \bullet length (v): returns the number of elements of vector v
- size (A): returns the number of rows and columns of matrix A







Linear Algebra I



- GNU Octave is capable of solving Linear Algebra problems
 - O Solving Ax = bSolve the equations x + y = 3 and 2x - 3y = 5

- Calculate determinant of a matrix: det (A)
- Calculate inverse of a matrix: inv (A)

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Linear Algebra II



Calculate eigenvectors and eigenvalues of a matrix

```
octave:1> A = [1 2 3; 4 5 6; 7 8 9]
                                          octave: 3 > [V,D] = eig(A)
A =
                                          V =
                                            -0.231971 -0.785830 0.408248
     5
                                            -0.525322 -0.086751 -0.816497
                                            -0.818673 0.612328 0.408248
octave:2> eig(A)
                                          D =
ans =
                                          Diagonal Matrix
  1.6117e+01
 -1.1168e+00
                                             1.6117e+01
 -1.3037e-15
                                                     0 -1.1168e+00
                                                             0 -1.3037e-15
```

- To calculate eigenvectors, you need to provide two variables for the answer.
- Check if we can obtain A by evaluating $A = VDV^{-1}$











- For non square matrix, Octave can also carry out Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)
- SVD takes a $m \times n$ matrix A and factors it into $A = USV^T$ where
 - U is a $m \times m$ orthogonal matrix whose columns are eigenvectors of AA^T
 - V is a $n \times n$ orthogonal matrix whose columns are eigenvectors of $A^T A$
 - S is a $m \times n$ diagonal matrix whose elements are the square roots of the eigenvalues of AA^T and A^TA

```
octave:1> A = [ 1 3 -2 3; 3 5 1 5; -2 1 4 2] octave:3> [U,S,V] = svd(A,0)
A =
                                             II =
                                               -4.6734e-01 3.8640e-01 7.9516e-01
                                               -8.6205e-01 3.3920e-04 -5.0682e-01
                                               -1.9611e-01 -9.2233e-01
                                                                         3.3294e-01
octave:2> svd(A)
                                             S =
ans =
                                                8.93102
                                                         0.00000
                                                                   0.00000
  8.9310
                                                0.00000
                                                         5.04125
                                                                   0.00000
  5.0412
                                                0.00000
                                                         0.00000
                                                                   1.68010
  1.6801
                                             V =
octave:4> U*S*V'
                                               -0.297983
                                                         0.442764 -0.828029
ans =
                                               -0.661559 0.047326
                                                                    0.109729
  1.0000
           3.0000 -2.0000
                            3.0000
                                                         -0.885056
                                                                    -0.455551
                                               -0.079700
  3.0000
           5.0000
                  1.0000
                            5.0000
                                               -0.683516
                                                         -0.135631
                                                                     0.307898
  -2.0000
           1.0000
                  4.0000
                             2.0000
```



Other Linear Algebra Functions I



- A/B computes X such that XB = A.
- A\B computes X such that AX = B.
- norm (A, p) computes p-norm of the matrix (or vector) A, default is p = 2.
- rank (A) computes the numerical rank of matrix A.
- lacktriangle trace (A) computes the trace of a matrix A.
- logm (A) computes the matrix logarithm of a square matrix.
- expm (A) computes the matrix exponential of a square matrix.
- sqrtm(A) computes the matrix square root of a square matrix.
- R = chol (A) computes the Cholesky factorization of the symmetric definite matrix A such that $R^TR = A$
- [L, U] = lu (A) computes the LU decomposition of A, A = LU
- [Q,R] = qr(A) computes the QR decomposition of A, A = QR







Other Mathematical Function in Octave



- Numerical Integration
- Differential Equations
- Polynomial Manipulations
- Statistical Analysis
- Interpolation
- Signal and Image Processing
- Object Oriented Programming











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Plotting Graphs via GNUPLOT I



- Octave can plot graphs via the open-source program GNUPLOT
- If given just one pair of numbers, it plots a point.
- If given a pair of vectors, it plots all the points given by the two vectors.
- Usage:
 - plot (x, y[, fmt]): Plots a line through the points (x_i, y_i) . Select line style and color with the fmt string.
 - semilogx (x, y[, fmt]): Plot with a logarithmic scale for the x-axis
 - ullet semilogy (x, y[, fmt]): Plot with a logarithmic scale for the y-axis
 - semilog (x, y[, fmt]): Plot with a logarithmic scale on both axes



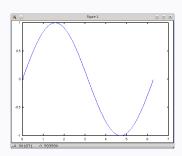




Plotting Graphs via GNUPLOT II



- Procedure for plotting 2D graphics: y = f(x)
 - Generate a vector with the x-coordinates to be plotted.
 octave:1> x = 0:0.01:2*pi;
 - @ Generate a vector containing the corresponding y-values
 octave:2> y=sin(x);
 - Use the plot command to plot sin(x)
 octave: 3> plot(x, y);







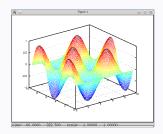


- Procedure for plotting 3D graphics
 - Generate a grid data for a 3D plot: Requires two matrices xx whose rows are copies of x and yy whose columns are copies of y

```
octave:1> x = 0:0.1:3*pi;
octave:2> y = 0:0.1:3*pi;
octave:3> [xx,yy]=meshgrid(x,y);
```

Plot a surface in 3D

```
octave:4> z = \sin(x)' * \cos(y);
octave:5> \operatorname{mesh}(x, y, z);
```







Commands for 2D and 3D graphics I



- title(string) writes string as title for the graphics
- xlabel(string) labels the x-axis with string
- ullet ylabel(string) labels the y-axis with string
- ullet zlabel(string) labels the z-axis with string
- axis(v) set axes limits for the plot. v is a vector of the form v = (xmin, xmax, ymin, ymax[, zmin, zmax]).
- hold [on|off] controls whether the next graphics output should or shouldn't clear the previous graphics.
- clg clears the graphics window.



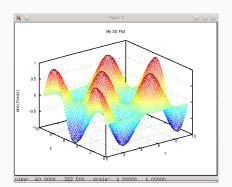








```
octave:6> title('My 3D Plot');
octave:7> xlabel('x');
octave:8> ylabel('y');
octave:9> zlabel('sin(x)*cos(y)');
```



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- Control Statements such as if, do, while and so on control the flow of execution in Octave Programs.
- Each control statement has an end statement that marks the end of the control statement.

The IF Statement

The general form of the IF statement is

The elseif and else blocks are optional





Control Statements II





The SWITCH Statement

The SWITCH statement is similar to the SELECT CASE statement in Fortran 90 and allows one to carry out different operation based on one variable.

```
switch expression
case label
command_list
case label
command_list
otherwise
command_list
endswitch
```

```
a = rem (y,2);
switch a
  case 0
    printf ('`x is even\n'');
  otherwise
    b = rem (y,3);
    switch b
    case 0
        printf ('`x is odd and divisible by 3\n'');
    otherwise
        printf ('`x is odd\n'')
    endswitch
endswitch
```

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The WHILE Statement

The ${\tt WHILE}$ statement is the simplest form of a looping construct. It repeatedly executes a statement as long as a condition is true

```
while (condition)
body
endwhile
```

```
fib = ones(1, 10);
i = 3;
while ( i <= 10 )
  fib(i) = fib(i-1) + fib(i-2);
i++;
endwhile</pre>
```









The DO-UNTIL Statement

The ${\tt DO-UNTIL}$ statement is similar to the WHILE statement except that it repeatedly executes a statement until a condition is true. The test of the condition is at the end of the loop so that the loop executes at least once.

```
do
body
until (condition)
```

```
fib = ones(1, 10);

i = 2;

do

i++;

fib(i) = fib(i-1) + fib(i-2)

until ( i == 10)
```





Control Statements V



The FOR Statement

The FOR statement makes it convenient to count iterations of a loop

```
\label{eq:continuous_sum} \begin{array}{lll} \text{for } \text{I=1:N} & & & \\ \text{body} & & \text{sumft=0;} \\ \text{endfor} & & \text{for J=1:M} \\ & & \text{sumft=sumft+ftmwvels(I,J)^2;} \\ & & \text{endfor} \\ & & \text{fprintf(fid,'' $15.8e $21.14e\n'',(I-1)*dw,sumft);} \\ & & \text{endfor} \end{array}
```



Control Statements VI





The BREAK and CONTINUE Statements

The BREAK statement allows you to jump from the inside of a loop past the end of a loop

The CONTINUE statement allows you to jump from the inside of a loop to the beginning of the loop

The BREAK and CONTINUE can be used inside a for, while or $\operatorname{do}\ldots\operatorname{until}\operatorname{loop}$.

```
total = 0;
while true
   x = input('Value to add (enter 0 to stop): ');
   if x == 0
      break:
   endif
   total = total+x:
   disp(['Total: ', num2str(total)]);
endwhile
N = 5:
A = zeros(N); % Create an N x N matrix filled with Os
for row = 1:N
   for column = 1:N
      if column > row
         continue:
      endif
      A(row, column) = 1;
   endfor
endfor
```

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 save and load commands allow data to be written to and read from disk files in various formats.

```
apacheco-3:~ apacheco> octave -q
octave-3.2.3:1> A = [1 2 3; 4 5 6; 7 8 9];
octave-3.2.3:2> save myfile.mat A
octave-3.2.3:3>
apacheco-3:~ apacheco> cat myfile.mat
# Created by Octave 3.2.3, Fri Apr 13 12:53:36 2012 CDT <apacheco@apacheco-3.1su.edu>
# name: A
# type: matrix
# rows: 3
# columns: 3
1 2 3
4 5 6
7 8 9
apacheco-3:~ apacheco> octave -q
octave-3.2.3:1> load myfile.mat
octave-3.2.3:2> A
A =
  4 5 6
```

 Octave can save and read data in various formats such as ASCII, binary, MATLAB binary format, hdf5.





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C style I/O Functions





- Octave C style input and output functions provides most of the functionality of C programming language's standard I/O library.
- Opening and Closing Files: When reading or writing data to a file, it must be opened first

```
fid = fopen('water-hexamer-cage-bomd.ftmwvels'',''w'');
dw = 1/(N*deltat);
for I=[1:N]
   sumft=0;
   for J=[1:M]
      sumft=sumft+ftmwvels(I,J)^2;
   endfor
   fprintf(fid,'' %15.8e %21.14e\n'',(I-1)*dw,sumft);
endfor
fclose(fid);
```

- Octave can open files in various modes, the above example is for writing.
 - r: Open a file for reading.
 - w: Open a file for writing.
 - a : Open or create a file for writing at the end of the file.
 - r+ : Open an existing file for reading and writing.
 - w+ : Open a file for reading and writing and discard previous contents.
 - a+ : Open or create a file for reading and writing at the end of the file.











 Octave provides function for printed formatted output which are modelled on the C language functions.

printf (template, ...): Print optional arguments under the control of string template. fprintf (fid, template, ...): Same as printf except that output is written to stream fid instead of stdout.

sprintf (template, $\dots)\;$: Same as ${\tt printf}$ except that the output is returned as a string.

Output Conversion Syntax:

General Form: % flags width [.precision] type conversion

%7d: Prints an integer with a width of 7.

%8.3f~ : Prints a floating point number with a width of 8 and precision of 3.

%11s : Prints a string of width 11.

%21.14e : Prints a floating point number in exponential notation with a width of 21 and precision 14.











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Functions I





- Complicated Octave programs can be simplified by defining functions.
- In the simplest form, a function, name, is defined as follows:

```
\begin{array}{c} \mbox{function name (argument-list)} \\ \mbox{body} \\ \mbox{endfunction} \end{array}
```

```
[apacheco@tezpur1 octave]$ cat hello.m function hello (message) printf ('\%\\n'', message) endfunction [apacheco@tezpur1 octave]$ octave -q octave:1> hello ('\Hello World'') Hello World
```

- In some instances, your program may need some information back from the function that you have defined.
- Syntax for writing a function that returns
 - a single value

```
function ret-var = name (argument-list)
  body
endfunction
```

2 multiple values

```
function [ret-list] = name (argument-list)
body
endfunction
```





Functions II





- The symbol ret-var is the name of the variable that will hold the value to be returned by the function.
- The symbol ret-list is a comma separated list of variables that will hold the values returned by the function.
- ret-var and ret-list must be defined before the end of the function body.
- Variables defined in the function including ret-var, ret-list and argument-list are local to the function.

```
v = rand(10,1);
function average = avg (a)
   average = sum(a)/length(a);
endfunction
function [max,id] = vmax(a)
   id = 1;
   max = a(id);
   for i = 2:length(a)
    if ( a(i) > max )
        max = a(i);
    id = i;
   endif
endfor
```

```
b = rand(20,1);
[max,id] = vmax(b);
printf ( 'Naverage of vector v = %f\n'', avg(v))
printf ( 'Maximum value of vector b = %f with \
   id = %d\n'', max,id )

[apacheco@tezpur1 octave] ./func.sh
Average of vector v = 0.512198
Maximum value of vector b = 0.996040 with id = 7
```





endfunction







- Instead of defining functions each time you need them, you can save the function to a Function File and use them whenever needed.
- Function Files end with a .m extension with a prefix that matches the function name.
- Function files should contain only one function, see hello.m two slides back.
- When a function is called, octave searches a list of directory for a file that contains the function declaration.
- If the function file is not in the current directory, you can add the directory to search for the function file using the addpath command
 - addpath (" \sim /Octave: \sim /Octave-Func"): Add \sim /Octave and \sim /Octave-Func to the load path for searching function files.











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Script Files I





- A script file is a file containing any sequence of Octave commands.
- It is read and evaluated as if you have entered the commands interactively at the octave prompt.
- A script file must not begin with a function keyword. If the script file begins with a
 function keyword, Octave will assume that it is a function file and will evaluate only the
 function when it is called.
- Unlike a function file, variables in the script file are global and can be accessed by any line/command in the script.
- Octave normally executes commands from a script file with a .m extension.
- The source command allows Octave to execute commands from any file source (file.exe) to execute commands in the file.exe file.





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```
[apacheco@tezpurl octave] $ cat func.txt
v = rand(10,1);
function average = avg (a)
  average = sum(a)/length(a);
endfunction
function [max,id] = vmax(a)
 id = 1;
 max = a(id):
  for i = 2:length(a)
   if (a(i) > max)
    max = a(i);
    id = i:
   endif
 endfor
endfunction
b = rand(20,1);
[max.id] = vmax(b);
printf ( ''Average of vector v = f(n'), avg(v))
printf ( 'Maximum value of vector b = %f with id = %d\n'', max,id )
[apacheco@tezpurl octave]$ octave -q
octave:1> source('func.txt')
Average of vector v = 0.487381
Maximum value of vector b = 0.878363 with id = 14
```









- Octave also allows you to create an executable script file.
- The first line of the executable script file should refer the interpreter.
- Octave Executable scripts can take command line arguments.
- The built-in function argv returns a cell array containing the command line arguments passed to the executable script.
- The built-in function nargin returns the number of arguments passed.
- On Tezpur, first line should be

#!/usr/local/packages/octave/3.0.3/intel-11.1/bin/octave -qf







Script Files IV



```
[apacheco@tezpurl octave]$ cat func.sh
#!/usr/local/packages/octave/3.0.3/intel-11.1/bin/octave -gf
v = rand(10.1):
function average = avg (a)
  average = sum(a)/length(a);
endfunction
function [max,id] = vmax(a)
 id = 1:
 max = a(id);
 for i = 2:length(a)
    if (a(i) > max)
    max = a(i);
     id = i;
    endif
  endfor
endfunction
b = rand(20.1):
[max,id] = vmax(b);
printf ( ''Average of vector v = f'(n'', avg(v))
printf ( 'Maximum value of vector b = %f with id = %d\n'', max,id )
[apacheco@tezpur1 octave]$ ls -1 func.sh
-rwxr-xr-x 1 apacheco Admins 450 Apr 16 11:39 func.sh
```

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Script Files V



[apacheco@tezpur1 octave]\$./func.sh Average of vector v = 0.599684 Maximum value of vector b = 0.986472 with id = 15





Calculate Spectra from AIMD Simulation I



 Octave script to calculate Fourier Transform of Auto-Correlation Function of Mass Weighted Velocities. /home/apacheco/octave-tutorial/getftmwvels.sh

```
[apacheco@tezpurl octave-tutorial] cat getftmwvels.sh
#!/usr/local/packages/octave/3.0.3/intel-11.1/bin/octave -gf
if(nargin!=4)
  printf ('%s\n'', 'This script needs 4 arguments, [Velocity File (input)], \
        [FT-VAC File (output)], [Number of Atoms], [Time Step in fs]'')
endif
arg list = argv();
printf (''Argument list:'');
for i = 1:nargin
 printf ('' %s'', arg list{i});
endfor
printf (''\n'');
Vels = arg list{1};
VelsFT = arg_list{2};
NAtoms = eval(arg list(3));
deltat = eval(arg list(4));
M = NAtoms*3;
mwvels = load(Vels);
N = rows(mwvels);
ftmwvels = abs(fft(mwvels,N));
fid = fopen(VelsFT, ''w'');
```



Calculate Spectra from AIMD Simulation II



```
dw = 1/(N*deltat);
for I=[1:N]
  sumft=0;
  for J=[1:M]
    sumft=sumft+ftmwvels(I,J)^2;
  endfor
 fprintf(fid,'' %15.8e %21.14e\n'',(I-1)*dw,sumft);
endfor
fclose(fid):
# Below was added for octave tutorial
A=load(VelsFT):
int=A(:,1) *33356; # convert from fs^-1 to cm^-1
spectra_orig=A(:,2)/norm(A(:,2)); # normalized original spectra
# Do interpolation of Spectra for octave demo
intensity=linspace(0,4000,400000);
# Linear Interpolation
spectra_lin=interp1(int, spectra_orig, intensity, 'linear');
# Spline Interpolation
spectra spl=interpl(int.spectra orig.intensity.'spline');
# Cubic Interpolation
spectra cub=interp1(int, spectra orig, intensity, 'cubic');
plot(int, spectra_orig, 'r', intensity, spectra_lin+0.2, 'g', \
  intensity, spectra_spl+0.4,'b', intensity, spectra_cub+0.6,'m');
legend("original", "linear", "spline", "cubic");
axis([0,4000,0,1]);
```



Calculate Spectra from AIMD Simulation III



```
xlabel('Intensity');
ylabel('Normalized Spectra');
print -deps spectra.eps;
```

[apacheco@tezpur1 water-hexamer]\$

Usage:

```
[apacheco@tezpurl water-hexamer]$ ./getftmwvels.sh water-hexamer-cage-admp.mwvels \ > water-hexamer-cage-admp.ftmwvels 18 0.25 Argument list: water-hexamer-cage-admp.mwvels water-hexamer-cage-admp.ftmwvels 18 0.25
```

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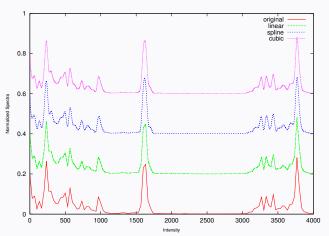
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Calculate Spectra from AIMD Simulation IV







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