

PGFPLOTS Cheat Sheet for Calculus-type graphs

Addplot

```
\addplot coordinates {<coordinate list>};
\addplot table [<column selection>]{<table>};
\addplot <math expression>;
\addplot[variable = t] ( <math>, <math> ) ;
```

Coordinate list example:

```
{(1,2) (10,12) (25,30)}
```

Inline table example

```
{
1 1
2 4
3 9
}; % must be by itself on last line
```

Math expression example

```
\addplot{e^{-x^2}};
```

Coordinates

Cartesian coordinates

```
(length1,length2)
```

Polar coordinates

```
(angle:length)
```

Coordinate math expression examples:

```
(pi/2, {sin(pi/2)}) or (1e6, 2e7)
```

Options for axis

Box, x-axis, y-axis, etc

```
axis lines=box|left|middle|center|right|none
axis x line=box|top|middle|center|bottom|none
axis y line=box|left|middle|center|right|none
```

Labels

```
xlabel = <text>, ylabel = <text>
```

Title

```
title = <text>
```

Ticks

```
ticks = minor|major|both|none
xtick = \emptyset|<number list>
ytick = \emptyset|<number list>
xtick distance = <dim> % dist between ticks
ytick distance = <dim>
minor tick num = <num> % ticks between ticks
xticklabels=<text list>
yticklabels=<text list>
```

(WARNING: `xticklabel` is an unrelated command)

Grids

```
grid=minor|major|both|none
```

Ticklabel scale format

```
tick scale binop=<binary operator>
```

Axis external sizing options

Size styles

normalsize :	8.4 cm × 7.3 cm = 3.3 in × 2.9 in
small :	6.50 cm × 5.60 cm = 2.52 in × 2.20 in
footnotesize :	5 cm × 4.31 cm = 1.97 in × 1.70 in
tiny :	4 cm × 3.45 cm = 1.57 in × 1.36 in

Setting width and height

```
\begin{axis}[width=<dim>, height = <dim>]
```

Scaling whole image

```
\begin{tikzpicture}[scale=1.25] % visual mag
\begin{axis}[scale=1.25] % logical mag
```

Changing external aspect ratio

```
\begin{axis}[y post scale=2] % change height
\begin{axis}[height=9cm] % change height
```

Clipping

```
clip = true|false
clip mode = global|individual
restrict y to domain = <min>:<max>
```

Axis internal sizing options

Setting internal limits

```
xmin = <number>, xmax = <number>,
ymin = <number>, ymax = <number>
```

Changing internal aspect ratio

```
\begin{axis}[axis equal]
\begin{axis}[unit vector ratio = <num> <num>]
```

Options for Addplot (mostly from Tikz)

Line thickness:

```
ultra thin|very thin|thin|semithick|thick
|very thick|ultra thick|linewidth=<dim>
```

Line style:

```
solid|dashed|dotted|dash dot|dash dot dot
|densely dashed|loosely dashed|etc
```

Color Example:

```
red!50!black, ultra thick
```

Line doubling example

```
double=white, thick
```

Line shape

```
sharp|smooth
```

Where functions are evaluated

```
domain = <min>:<max>
samples = <whole number> % num of values used
samples at = <numbers> % manual override
```

Marks

```
only marks % don't connect points
marks = none
mark = *|+|x|o|star|square|oplus|diamond|(etc)
mark size = <dim>
mark indices = <index list> % which points
mark options = <style declarations>
```

Style declarations example

```
mark options = {scale=2,thick,fill=white}
```

Math options

Setting trig functions in plot commands to use radians

```
trig format plots = rad
```

Defining constant and function example:

```
declare function = { a = 5; % <- semicolon!
f(\x) = (\x-a)^2; % <- semicolon!
}
```

Defining styles

Storing a style in a name

```
\pgfplotsset{duckplot/.style={thick,blue,smooth}}
\addplot[duckplot]{x^2};
```

Setting a style for whole document

```
\pgfplotsset{
every axis/.style = {axis lines = middle},
cycle list name = color list,
every axis plot/.style = {thick,smooth}
}
```

Externalize

```
\usetikzlibrary{external}
\tikzexternalize
\tikzsetexternalprefix{tikzfigs/}
\tikzsetnextfilename{3p5_example_1}
```

Command line

```
pdflatex -shell-escape mainfile
```

(Note: `mainfile` CANNOT have spaces in name)