# COMPUTER AIDED ENGINEERING LAB [ME404]



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## PLOTTING AND VISUALIZATION

- Types of Plots in MATLAB:
  - 2D plots
  - Multiple plots
  - Special 2D plots (bar, histogram, pie)
  - 3D plots (mesh, surf, contour)

## 2D PLOTS

Command used – plot()

### • E.g

- Plot a straight line.
- Plot a parabola.
- Plot stress- strain curve.

strain = 
$$0:0.0005:0.003$$

$$E = 210e9$$

$$X = 0 \text{ to } 4*pi$$

$$X = 0$$
 to  $4*pi$  [step size=0.01]

$$Y = \sin(X)$$

## 3D PLOTS

Used to plot in 3 dimensional

Command used in this is – plot3

Eg. Plot a helix in 3D

- t = 0:0.1:10\*pi
- X = cos(t)
- $\cdot$  Y = sin(t)
- $\cdot Z = t;$
- Plot3(x,y,z)

## **SURFACE PLOTTING**

- Used to visualize the surface in 3D
- Command used is surf

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• Eg plot z = x.^2 + y.^2

[x, y] = meshgrid(-5:0.5:5, -5:0.5:5);

surf(x, y, z);
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## **COUNTOUR PLOTTING**

- A contour plot is a 2D representation of a 3D surface where lines connect points of equal value (like height, temperature, or pressure).
- Command used is contour
- Eg [x, y] = meshgrid(-5:0.1:5, -5:0.1:5)
- $\bullet z = x.^2 + y.^2$
- contour(x, y, z)

## **EXERCISE**

 A simply supported steel beam of length L=2L = 2L=2 m is subjected to a point load W=500W = 500W=500 N at the center.

The slope and deflection are given by:

• 
$$\delta(x) = \frac{Wx(3L2-4x2)}{48EI}$$
 &  $\theta(x) = \frac{W(L2-4x2)}{16EI}$ 

• 
$$E = 200 \times 10^9$$
,  $I = 4 \times 10^{-6} m^4$ .

**Safe** if  $\delta < 1$  mm

Warning if 1-3 mm

**Fail** if > 3 mm

Amplitude ration in vibration is given by,  $\frac{A}{X_s} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(1-r^2)^2 + (2\zeta r)^2}}$ . Show the variation

of Amplitude ratio with respect to frequency ratio (r) in the range of 0 to 3 with steps of 0.01 for  $\zeta = [0.1 \ 0.4 \ 0.9 \ 1.2 \ 2]$ .

Plot the polynomial  $y = x^4 + x^2 - 1$  between x = -2 and x = 2 (using fifty points).

Plot three curves as a function of t:  $y1 = \sin(t)$ ,  $y2 = \sin(t - 0.25)$ ;  $y3 = \sin(t - 0.5)$  for t ranging from 0 to  $2\pi$  in increments of  $\pi/100$ . Use different style identifier strings to plot.

Plot the function  $f = t \sin(t)$  using fplot.

Easy version of plot is ezplot. Solve the questions using this