

# Introduction to Computer and Programming

## Chapter 5: Advanced MATLAB

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# Outline

- 1 Plotting
- 2 Data types
- 3 Structures

# General plotting process

Simple workflow:

- ① Use plotting tools or functions to create a graph
- ② Extract data info/perform data fitting
- ③ Edit components (axes, labels...)
- ④ Add labels, arrow
- ⑤ Export, save, print...

## 2D plotting

Basic plotting functions:

- Plot the columns of  $x$ , versus their index: `plot(x)`
- Plot the vector  $x$ , versus the vector  $y$ : `plot(x,y)`
- Plot function between limits: `fplot(f,lim)`
- More than one graph on the figure: `hold`

Plotting properties:

- Axis properties: `axis`
- Line properties: `linespec`
- Marker properties

## Example

Explain the result of the following commands:

```
1  y=exp(0:0.1:20);plot(y);
2  x=[0:0.1:20];y=exp(x);plot(x,y);
3  x=[-4:0.1:4];y=exp(-x.^2);plot(x,y,'-or');
4  hold on;
5  %fplot('2*exp(-x^2)',[-4 4]);
6  fplot(@(x)2.*exp(-x.^2))
7  hold off;
8  f=@(x) sin(1./x)
9  fplot(f,[0 .5])
10 hold;
11 fplot(f,[0 0.5],10000,'--r')
```

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For  $t \in [0, 2\pi]$  display the curve parametrised by

$$\begin{cases} x(t) = \sin(2t) + 1 \\ y(t) = \cos(t^2) \end{cases}$$

```
1 t=0:.01:2*pi;  
2 x=sin(2.*t)+1;  
3 y=cos(t.^2);  
4 plot3(x,y,t);
```

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Explain the result of the following commands:

```
1 [x,y]=meshgrid(-4:0.1:4);  
2 z=(x.^2-y.^2).*exp(-(x.^2+y.^2));  
3 pcolor(x,y,z);  
4 contour(x,y,z);  
5 surf(x,y,z);  
6 shading interp;  
7 colormap gray;
```

## More plotting

### 2D plotting:

- Bar graph: `bar(x,y)`
- Horizontal bar graph: `barh(x,y)`
- Pie chart: `pie(x)`

### 3D plotting:

- 3D bar graph: `bar3(x,y)`
- 3D horizontal bar graph: `bar3h(x,y)`
- 3D pie chart: `pie3(x)`

### Other useful functions:

- Polar graph: `polar(t,r)`
- More than one plot: `subplot(mnp)`

# Curve fitting process

Many problems and experiments feature several variables:

- How do they relate to each other?
- Can a variable be described by some other variables?

Performing curve fitting:

- ① Collect data, e.g. US population from 1790 to 1990
- ① Import data into MATLAB, e.g. `load census`
- ② Open curve fitting tool: `cftool`
- ③ Determine the best fit: test various types of fits
- ④ Monitor the error: display the residual plot, check the SSE
- ⑤ Extrapolate the data, e.g. check the curve's behavior in 2010

# Interpolation

Goal of interpolation:

- Draw a smooth curve through known data points
- Use this curve to approximate unknown values in other points

Interpolation in MATLAB:

- 2D: `interp1(X,Y,xi,m)`
- 3D: `interp2(X,Y,Z,xi,yi,m)`

Example.

```
1 X=[0:3:20]; Y=[12 15 14 16 19 23 24];  
2 interp1(X,Y,4.1)  
3 plot(X,Y,'*')  
4 hold;  
5 xi=[4.1 5.3 8.2 12.6];  
6 yi=interp1(X,Y,xi);  
7 plot(xi,yi,'or');
```

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# Main problematic

So far in MATLAB we:

- Focused on high level problems
- Did not address the internal mechanisms of the program

Not all the data is the same:

- How information is represented in the computer
- Determine the amount of storage allocated to a type of data
- Methods to encode the data
- Available operations on that data

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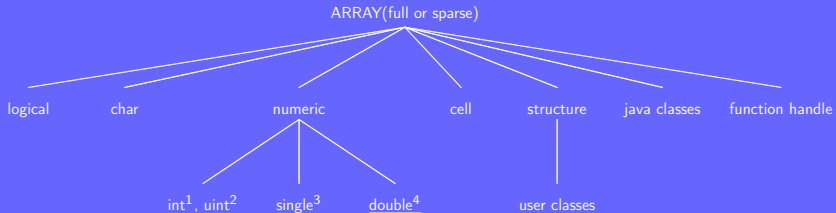
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Representing signed integers over 8 bits:

- ① Signed magnitude: 7 bits for the numbers, 1 bit for the sign
- ② Two's complement: invert all the bits of  $a$ , add 1, and get  $-a$   
e.g.  $00101010 \rightarrow 11010101 + 1 = 11010110$   
 $00101010 = -0 \cdot 2^7 + 2^5 + 2^3 + 2 = 42$   
 $11010110 = -1 \cdot 2^7 + 2^6 + 2^4 + 2^2 + 2 = 86 - 128 = -42$



# Data types in MATLAB



1. int: int8, int16, int32 and int64
2. uint: uint8, uint16, uint32 and uint64
3. 32bits; `realmax('single')`, `realmin('single')`
4. 64 bits; `realmax`, `realmin`

# Type related functions

Type of a variable:

- `whos`
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MATLAB string: array of characters, defined using single quotes

Useful string functions:

- `isletter`
- `isspace`
- `strcmp(s1,s2)`
- `strcmpi(s1,s2)`
- `strncmp(s1,s2,n)`
- `strncmpi(s1,s2,n)`
- `strcmp(s1,s2,s3)`
- `strfind(s1,s2)`
- `findstr(s1,s2)`
- `num2str(a,'format')`
- `str2num(s)`

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```
1 clear all, clc;  
2 numbers=input('Input two numbers: ', 's');  
3 space=strfind(numbers, ' ');  
4 number1=str2num(numbers(1:space-1));  
5 number2=str2num(numbers(space+1:end));  
6 number1+number2
```

Questions.

- What is this code doing?
- How are strfind, and str2num used?
- What is space containing, and how is it used?

# Binary file functions

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```
1 A=3:10;
2 fd=fopen('test','w'); fwrite(fd,A,'int32');
3 fclose(fd);
4 fd=fopen('test','r'); fseek(fd,4*4,'bof');
5 fread(fd,4,'int32'), ftell(fd)
6 fseek(fd,-8,'cof');fread(fd,4,'int32')
7 fclose(fd);
```

# Questions

Alter the previous sample code and explain its behaviour:

- Define a different A
- Display the type of A
- Read the numbers as `int64`
- Write the numbers as `double` and read them as `int8`
- Consecutively display the first and fourth elements



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Example.

A student is defined by a name, a gender, and some grades. We can represent a student in the form of a “tree” or organise many students in an array.

Student

```
|
|_ Name _____ John Doe
|_ Gender _____ Male
|_ Marks _____ 60, 92, 71
```

Name	Gender	Marks
Iris Num	F	30 65 42
Jessica Wen	F	98 87 73
Paul Wallace	M	65 73 68

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## ① Initializing the structure

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## 3 To go further: who got the best mark?

```
1 [m,i]=max([student(1:3).marks]);  
2 student(ceil(i/3)).name
```

## Key points

- Using `plot` draw simple geometrical shapes
- How to keep or erase previous graphs?
- How to measure the quality of a fit?
- Cite the most common data types and their size in bytes
- What is a data structure?

Thank you!