

1 Short help on Mesh

The mesh-command generates 3-D animated plots of matrices. The command `mesh(z)` plots the values in matrix `z` over its element coordinates. Figure 1 shows the meshplot of the matrix

$$z = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0.5 & 0 \\ 0.5 & 1 & 0.5 \\ 0 & 0.5 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

As you can see, the X and Y-coordinates range from 1 to 3 since we have a 3 by 3 matrix.

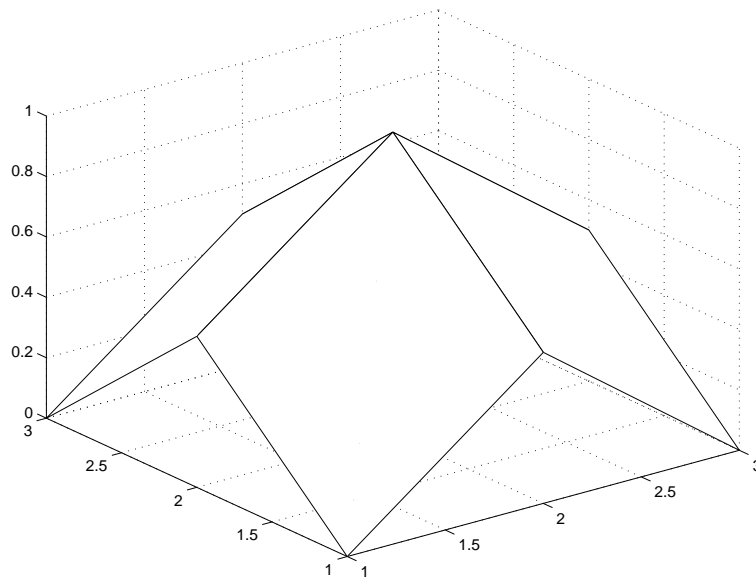


Figure 1: Meshplot `mesh(z)`

The values of `z` are displayed as height over the rectangular `xy`-grid.

If you use `mesh(X,Y,Z)`, you can display the matrix `Z` over the coordinates specified in `X` and `Y`. You can use the `meshgrid` command to generate `X` and `Y`.

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MESH 3-D mesh surface.

`MESH(X,Y,Z,C)` plots the colored parametric mesh defined by four matrix arguments. The view point is specified by `VIEW`.

The axis labels are determined by the range of `X`, `Y` and `Z`, or by the current setting of `AXIS`. The color scaling is determined by the range of `C`, or by the current setting of `CAXIS`. The scaled

color values are used as indices into the current COLORMAP.

MESH(X,Y,Z) uses $C = Z$, so color is proportional to mesh height.

MESH(x,y,Z) and MESH(x,y,Z,C), with two vector arguments replacing the first two matrix arguments, must have $\text{length}(x) = n$ and $\text{length}(y) = m$ where $[m,n] = \text{size}(Z)$. In this case, the vertices of the mesh lines are the triples $(x(j), y(i), Z(i,j))$. Note that x corresponds to the columns of Z and y corresponds to the rows.

MESH(Z) and MESH(Z,C) use $x = 1:n$ and $y = 1:m$. In this case, the height, Z , is a single-valued function, defined over a geometrically rectangular grid.

MESH(...,'PropertyName',PropertyValue,...) sets the value of the specified surface property. Multiple property values can be set with a single statement.

MESH(AX,...) plots into AX instead of GCA.

MESH returns a handle to a surface plot object.

AXIS, CAXIS, COLORMAP, HOLD, SHADING, HIDDEN and VIEW set figure, axes, and surface properties which affect the display of the mesh.

See also surf, meshc, meshz, waterfall.