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# Software Tools - $\text{L}^{\text{A}}\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$ Assignment Matlab - Plots

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# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Definition

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1. To plot the graph of a function, you need to take the following steps –

- (a) Define the function,  $y = f(x)$
- (b) Call the **plot** command, as **plot(x,y)**

2. **Example:** Plot the function

$$y = x^2 - 10x + 15$$

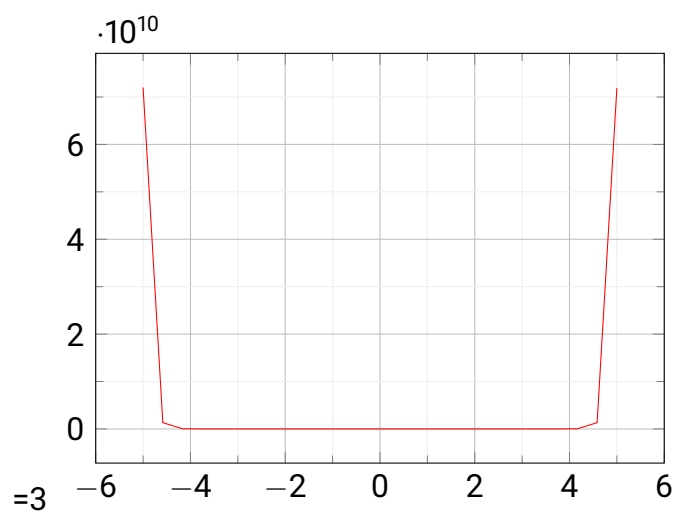
for the values of x between 0 and 10.

x = 0:1:10 or linspace(0,10,11)

## 1.2 Example

Code:

```
x = 0:1:10;  
y = x.^2 - 10 * x + 5  
plot(x,y)  
grid on
```



## 2 Matlab Plots

### 2.1 Terms

Terms generally used in Matlab plotting are...

1. **CLF:** clf deletes all children of the current figure that have visible handles.
2. **clf(fig):** It deletes all children of the specified figure that have visible handles.
3. **figure:** It creates a new figure window using default property values. The resulting figure is the current figure.
4. **figure(n):** It finds a figure in which the Number property is equal to n, and makes it the current figure. If no figure exists with that property value, MATLAB® creates a new figure and sets its Number property to n.
5. **figure(Name, Value):** It modifies properties of the figure using one or more name-value pair arguments. For example, figure('Color','white') sets the background color to white.
6. **hold on:** It retains plots in the current axes so that new plots added to the axes do not delete existing plots.
7. **hold off:** It sets the hold state to off so that new plots added to the axes clear existing plots and reset all axes properties.
8. **grid on:** This command allows us to put the grid lines on the graph.
9. **grid off:** This command allows us to remove the grid lines on the graph.
10. **title:** This command allows us to put a title on the graph.
11. **xlabel** and **ylabel:** These commands generate labels along x-axis and y-axis.
12. **axis equal:** This command allows generating the plot with the same scale factors and the spaces on both axes.
13. **axis square:** This command generates a square plot.
14. **legend:** Legend function is used to add descriptive labels to our plots.

15. **plot**: It plots the curve defined by the function  $y = f(x)$  over the default interval  $[-5 \ 5]$  for  $x$ .
16. **bar**: It creates a bar graph with one bar for each element in  $y$ . If  $y$  is an  $m$ -by- $n$  matrix, then  $\text{bar}$  creates  $m$  groups of  $n$  bars.
17. **scatter**: It creates a scatter plot with circular markers at the locations specified by the vectors  $x$  and  $y$ .

## 2.2 Plot Types

There are many types of plots<sup>1</sup> in Matlab. Some of them are....


Line Plots	Scatter and Bubble Charts	Data Distribution Plots	Discrete Data Plots	Geographic Plots	Polar Plots	Contour Plots	Vector Fields	Surface and Mesh Plots	Volume Visualization	Animation	Images
											
											
											
											
											
											
											
											

Figure 1: Plot Types in Matlab

<sup>1</sup>Reference of plot types are taken from [https://in.mathworks.com/help/matlab/creating\\_plots/types-of-matlab-plots.html](https://in.mathworks.com/help/matlab/creating_plots/types-of-matlab-plots.html) Mathworks.

The main types of plot which we generally talk about are:

1. Line Plots
2. Bar Graph
3. Histogram
4. 2D Scatter
5. Pie Chart
6. Area
7. Sinusoidal
8. Log, Exponential
9. Geo-plot
10. Geo-scatter

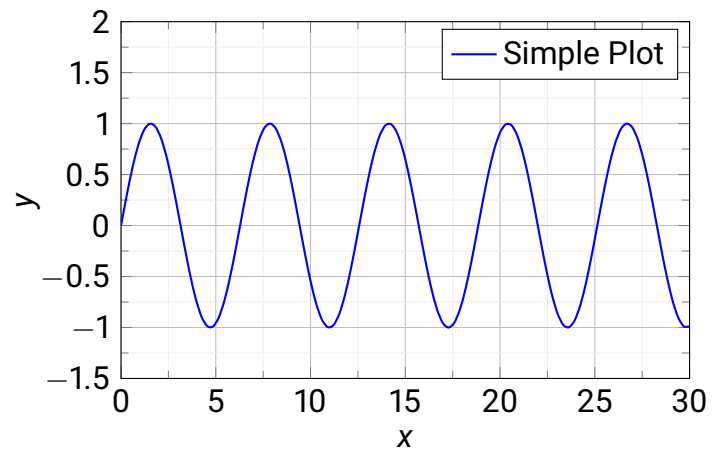
## 3 Plot Types Example

### 3.1 Single Plot

#### 3.1.1 Sinudoidal

Code:

```
x = 0 : pi/100 : 2 * pi
y = sin(x)
plot(x,y)
grid on
legend('simple plot')
```

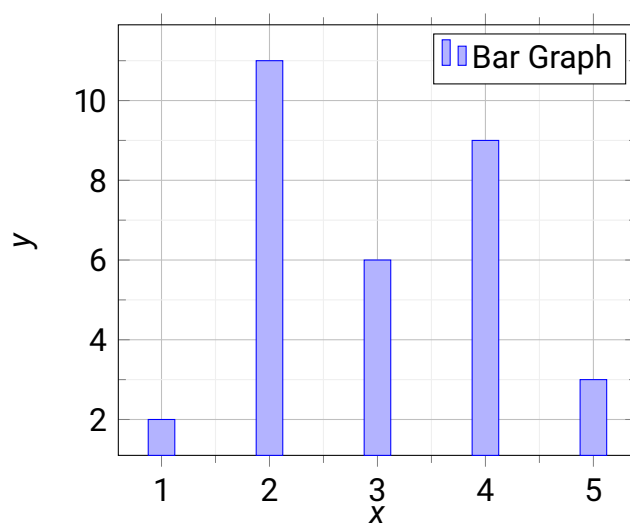


**Graph: Simple plot**

### 3.1.2 Bar Graph

Code:

```
clf
x = 1:5
y = [2 11 6 9 3]
figure(1)
bar(x,y)
grid on
legend('bar graph')
```



**Graph: Bar Graph**

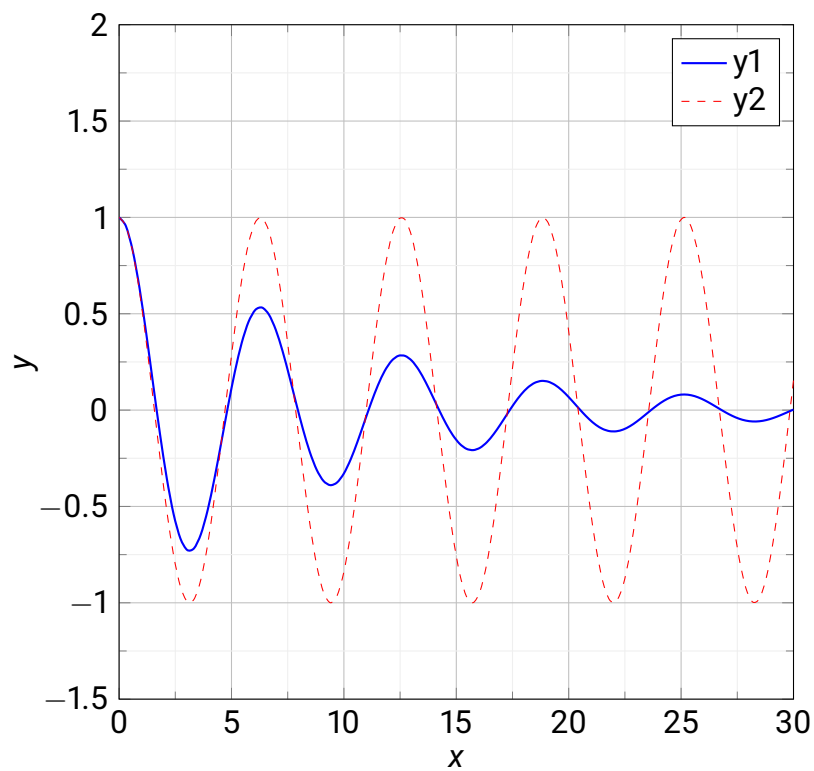
## 3.2 Multiple Plot

Code:

```
clf
x = linspace(-2 * pi, 2 * pi)
y1 = (-x/10) * cos(x) + sin(x)/10
y2 = cos(x)
```

```
figure(2)
plot(x,y1,'-')

hold on
plot(x,y2,'-')
grid on
legend('y1','y2')
```



**Graph:** Multiple plot Graph



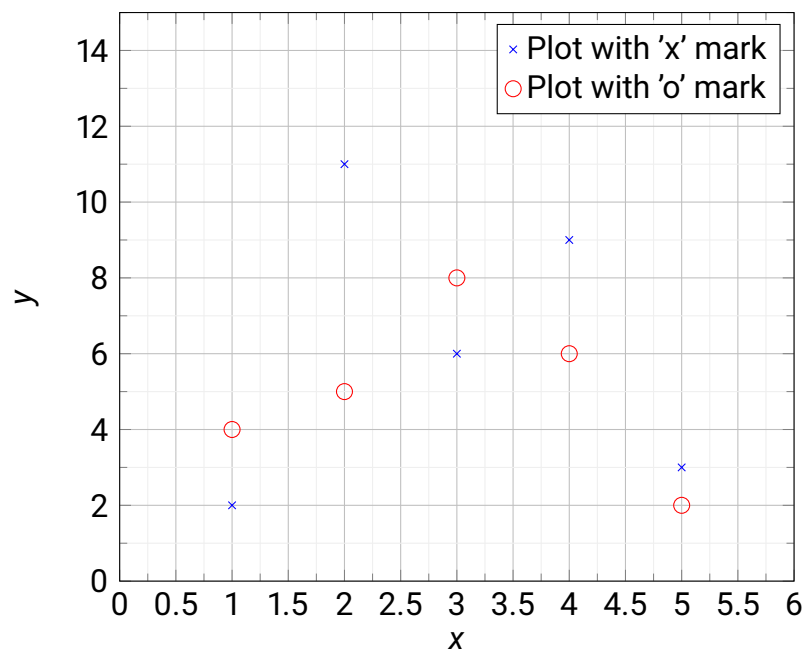
### 3.3 Scatter Plot

Code:

```
clf
x = 1:5
y1 = [2 11 6 9 3]
y2 = [4 5 8 6 2]

figure(2)
plot(x,y1,'x')

hold on
plot(x,y2,'o')
grid on
legend('y1','y2')
```



**Graph: Scatter plot Graph**

## 4 References

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