

# Basic Plotting

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## Overview

**`plot(xvalues,yvalues,'style-options')`**

examples

<code>plot(x,y)</code>	plots y vs x with a solid line
<code>plot(x,y,'--')</code>	plots y vs x with a dashed line
<code>plot(x)</code>	plots the elements of x against the rows

## Style Options

### Color Style options

y = yellow  
m = magenta  
c = cyan  
r = red  
g = green  
b = blue  
w = white  
k = black

### Line Style options

- = solid  
-- = dashed  
: = dotted  
-. = dashed-dot  
none = no line

### Marker Style options

+ = plus sign  
 o = circle  
 \* = asterick  
 x = x-mark  
 . = point  
 ^ = up triangle  
 s = square  
 d = diamond

## Lable and Title

<code>xlabel('Pipe Length')</code>	labels x-axis with Pipe Length
<code>ylabel('Fluid Pressure')</code>	labels y-axis with Fluid Pressure
<code>title('Pressure Variation')</code>	titles the plot with Pressure Variation
<code>legend(string1,string2,...)</code>	produces legend using the text in string1 string2 etc as labels
<code>legend(LineStyle1,sting1,...)</code>	specifies the line style of each label writes the legend outside the plot frame
<code>legend(...,pos)</code>	if pos = -1 and inside if pos = 0,
there are other options for pos too, and	
<code>legned off</code>	deletes the legend from the plot

## Axis Control

**axis([xmin xmax ymin ymax])**

Examples

```

axis([-5 10 2 22]);           %set the x-axis from 05 to 10 and y axis from 2 to
axy = [-5 10 2 22]; axis(axy) %same as above,and
ax = [-5 10]; ay = [2 22]; axis([ax ay]); %same as above
  
```

<b><code>axis ( ' equal' )</code></b>	<b>sets equal scale on both axes,</b>
<b><code>axis ( ' square' )</code></b>	<b>sets the default rectangular frame to a square,</b>
<b><code>axis ( 'normal' )</code></b>	<b>resets the axis to default values,</b>
<b><code>axis ('axis' )</code></b>	<b>freezes the current axes limits, and</b>
<b><code>axis ( ' off' )</code></b>	<b>removes the surrounding frame and the tick marks.</b>

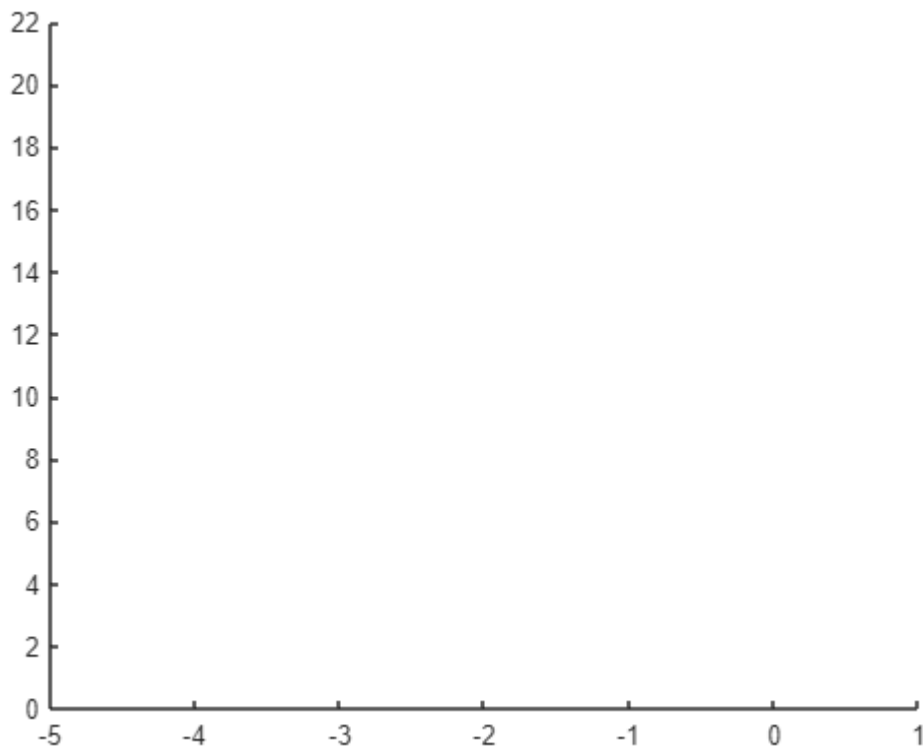
## Semi Axis Control

```

axis ( [-5 10 -inf inf] )      %sets the x-axis limits at -5 and 10 and lets
  
```

```
axis ( [-5 inf -inf 22])
```

%the y-axis limits be set automatically, and  
%sets the lower limit of the x-axis and the



% upper limit of the y-axis, and leaves the  
% other two limits to be set automatically.

# Overlay Plot

## Method - 1 Using the plot command to generate overlay plots

```
plot(x1,y1,x2,y2,':',x3,y3,'o')
```

## Method - 2 Using the hold command to generate overlay plots

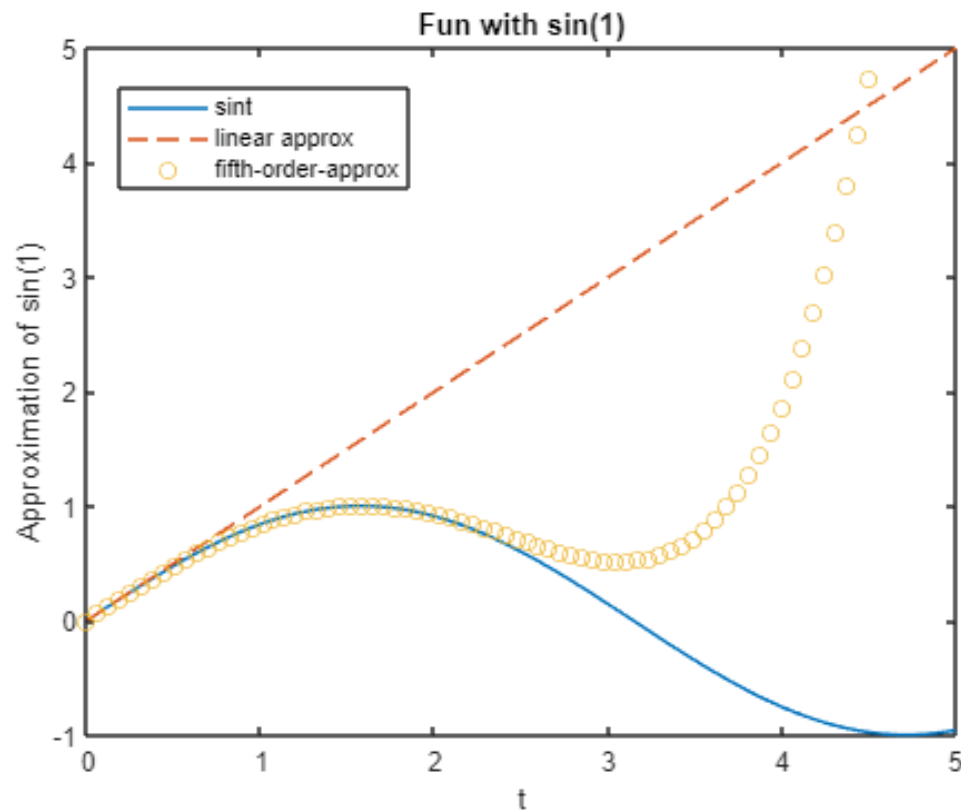
```
x = linspace(0,2*pi,100)
```

```
x = 1×100  
    0    0.0635    0.1269    0.1904    0.2539    0.3173    0.3808    0.4443 ...
```

```
y1 = sin(x)
```

```
y1 = 1×100  
    0    0.0634    0.1266    0.1893    0.2511    0.3120    0.3717    0.4298 ...
```

```
plot(x,y1)  
hold on  
y2 = x;  
plot(x,y2,'--')  
y3 = x - (x.^3)/6 + (x.^5)/120;  
plot(x,y3,'o')  
axis([0 5 -1 5])  
xlabel('t')  
ylabel('Approximation of sin(1)')  
title('Fun with sin(1)')  
legend('sint', 'linear approx', 'fifth-order-approx')  
hold off  
  
legend("Position",[0.16091,0.76058,0.25714,0.11905])
```



Method - 3 Using the line command to generate overlay plots

## Specailized 2D plot

area - creates a filled area plot  
 bar - creates a bar graph  
 barh - creates horizontal bar graph  
 comet - makes animated 2D plot  
 compass - creates arrow graph for complex numbers  
 contour - makes contour plots  
 contourf - makes filled contour plots  
 errorbar - plots a graph and puts error bars  
 feather - makes feather plot  
 fill - draws a filled ploygon  
 fplot - plots a function of a single variable  
 hist - makes histograms,  
 loglog - creates plot with log scale on both the r-axis and the y-axis,  
 pareto - makes pareto plots,  
 pcolor - makes pseudocolor plot of a matrix,  
 pie - creates a pie chart,  
 plotyy - makes a double y-axis plot,  
 plotmatrix - makes a scatter plot of a matrix,  
 polar - plots curves in polar coordinates,  
 quiver - plots vector fields,  
 rose - makes angled histograms,

scatter - creates a scatter plot,  
semilogx - makes semilog plot with log scale on the x-axis,  
semilogy - makes semilog plot with log scale on the y-axis,  
stairs - plots a stair graph, and  
stem - plots a stem graph.

**Let's say that you want to plot these two equations in the same window:**

$$y_1 = \cos(x)$$

$$y_2 = x^2 - 1$$

## Steps for 2D Plots

1. Define your interval of interest, think of highest and lowest values, and a step.
2. Define your function  $y = f(x)$ . Take into account that you're working with arrays, not with scalars, use dot operators.
3. Use appropriate 2D built-in functions

### 1. Define your Interval

Think:

- What values for x do I want to take into account?
- What steps in the array should I consider?

### 2. Define your Function(s)

Think of lower and upper values, and steps

```
x = -1 : 0.1 : 1.5;  
y1 = cos(x);  
y2 = x.^2 - 1;
```

Now, x, y1 and y2 are vectors with appropriate values.

### 3. Use 2D built-in Functions

You can use functions such as:

plot

stem

polar, compass, rose

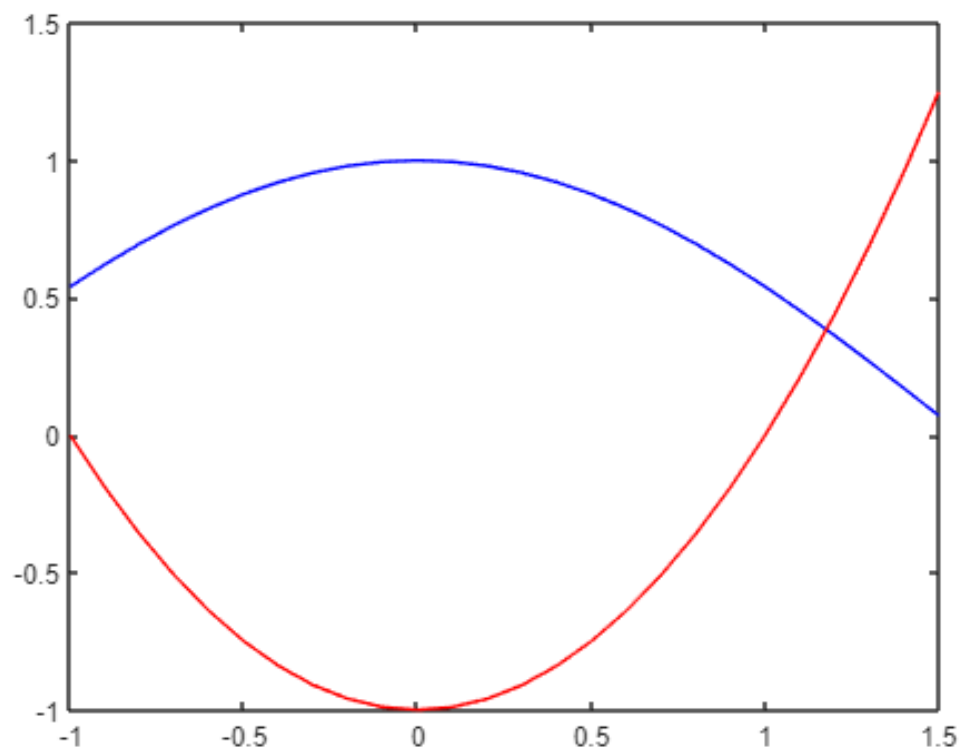
loglog, semilogx, semilogy

area, fill

pie

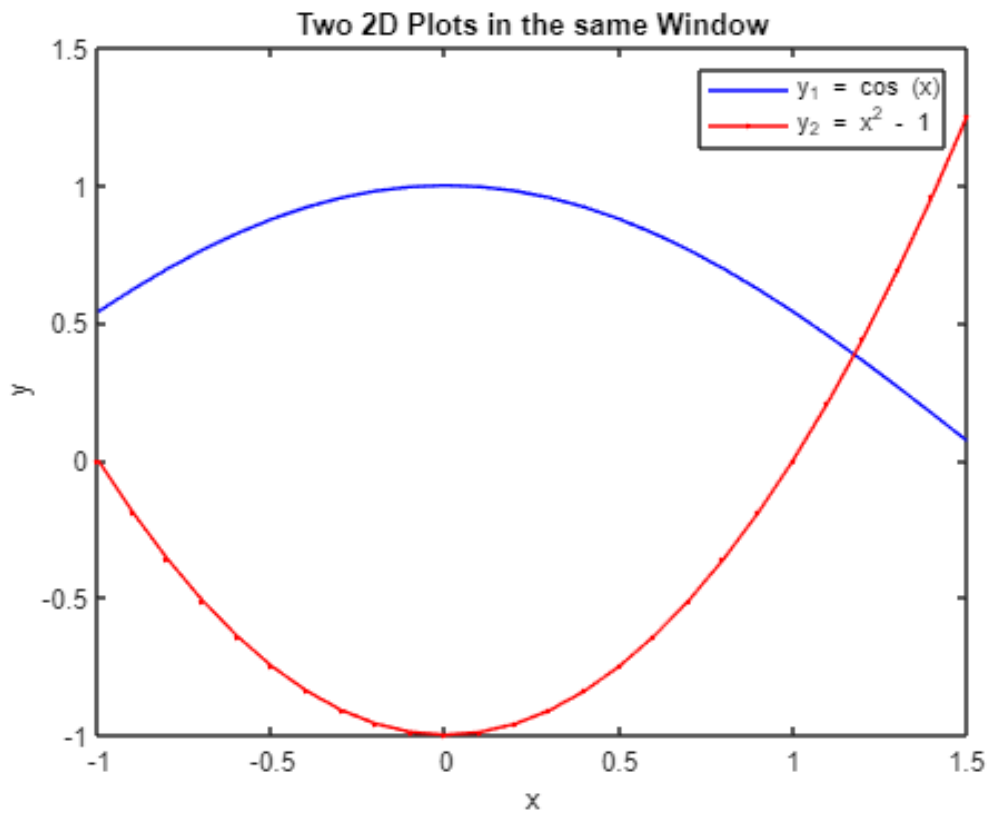
hist, stairs

```
plot(x,y1,'b',x,y2,'r')
```

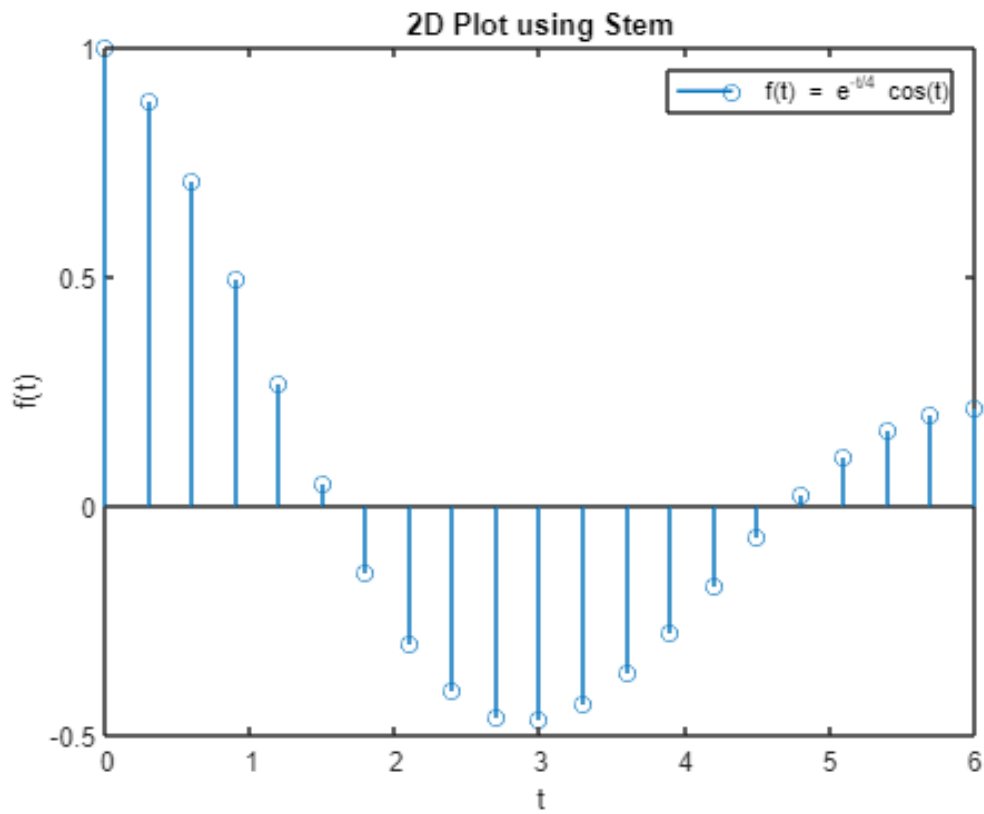


```
plot(x, y1, 'b' , x, y2, 'r.-' )  
title('Two 2D Plots in the same Window' )  
legend('y_1 = cos (x)', 'y_2 = x^2 - 1')  
xlabel('x')  
ylabel('y')
```





```
t = 0 : .3 : 2*pi;  
f = exp(-t/4) .* cos(t);  
stem(t,f)  
title('2D Plot using Stem' )  
legend( 'f(t) = e^{-t/4} cos(t) ' )  
xlabel('t' )  
ylabel('f(t)')
```



```
rows = randi(1,5)
```

```
rows = 5x5
```

```
1    1    1    1    1
1    1    1    1    1
1    1    1    1    1
1    1    1    1    1
1    1    1    1    1
```

```
col = randi(1,5)
```

```
col = 5x5
```

```
1    1    1    1    1
1    1    1    1    1
1    1    1    1    1
1    1    1    1    1
1    1    1    1    1
```

```
x = length(rows)
```

```
x = 5
```

```
y = length(col)
```

```
y = 5
```

```
mat = zeros(x,y)
```

```
mat = 5x5
```

```
0    0    0    0    0
```

0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0

## fplot

- `fplot(@fun,lims)` - plots the function `fun` between the x-axis limits
- `lims = [xmin xmax ymin ymax]` - axis limits
- The function `fun(x)` must return a row vector for each element of vector `x`.

## AXIS Control

- axis scaling and appearance
- `axis([xmin xmax ymin ymax])`
- Sets scaling for the x- and y-axes on the current plot
- **axis auto** - returns the axis scaling to its default, automatic mode.
- **axis off** - turns off all axis labelling, tick marks and background.
- **axis on** - turns axis labeling, tick marks and background.
- **axis equal** - makes both axes equal.

## 3D Plot

the general syntax for `plot3` command is

`plot3(x,y,z,'style-option')`

`plot3` - plots curves in space,

`stem3` - creates discrete data plot with stems in 3-D,

`bar3` - plots 3-D bar graph,

`bar3h` - plots 3-D horizontal bar graph,

`pie3` - makes 3-D pie chart,

`comet3` - makes animated 3-D line plot,

`fill3` - draws filled 3-D polygons,

`contour3` - makes 3-D contour plots,

`quivers` - draws vector fields in 3-D,

`scatter3` - makes scatter plots in 3-D,

`mesh` - draws 3-D mesh surfaces (wire-frame),

`meshc` - draws 3-D mesh surfaces along with contours,

`meshz` - draws 3-D mesh surfaces with reference plane curtains,

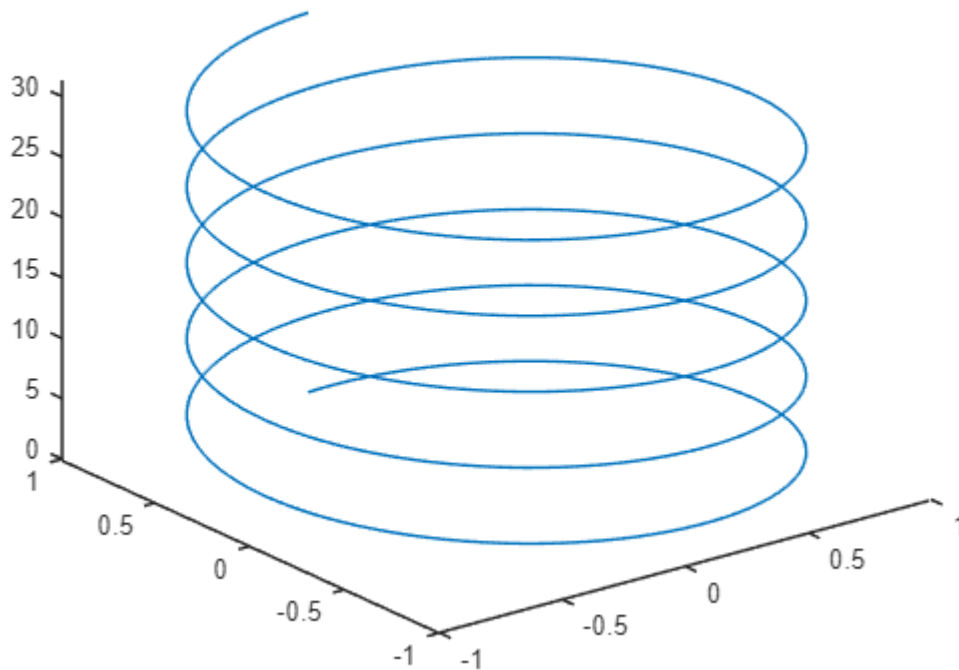
`surf` - creates 3-D surface plots,

`surfc` - creates 3-D surface plots along with contours,

surf1 - creates 3-D surface plots with specified light source,  
trimesh - mesh plot with triangles,  
trisurf - surface plot with triangles,  
slice - draws a volumetric surface with slices,  
waterfall - creates a waterfall plot of 3-D data,  
cylinder - generates a cylinder,  
ellipsoid - generates an ellipsoid, and  
sphere - generates a sphere.

### 3D Plot: Question 1

```
t = 0:pi/50:10*pi;  
plot3(sin(t),cos(t),t)
```



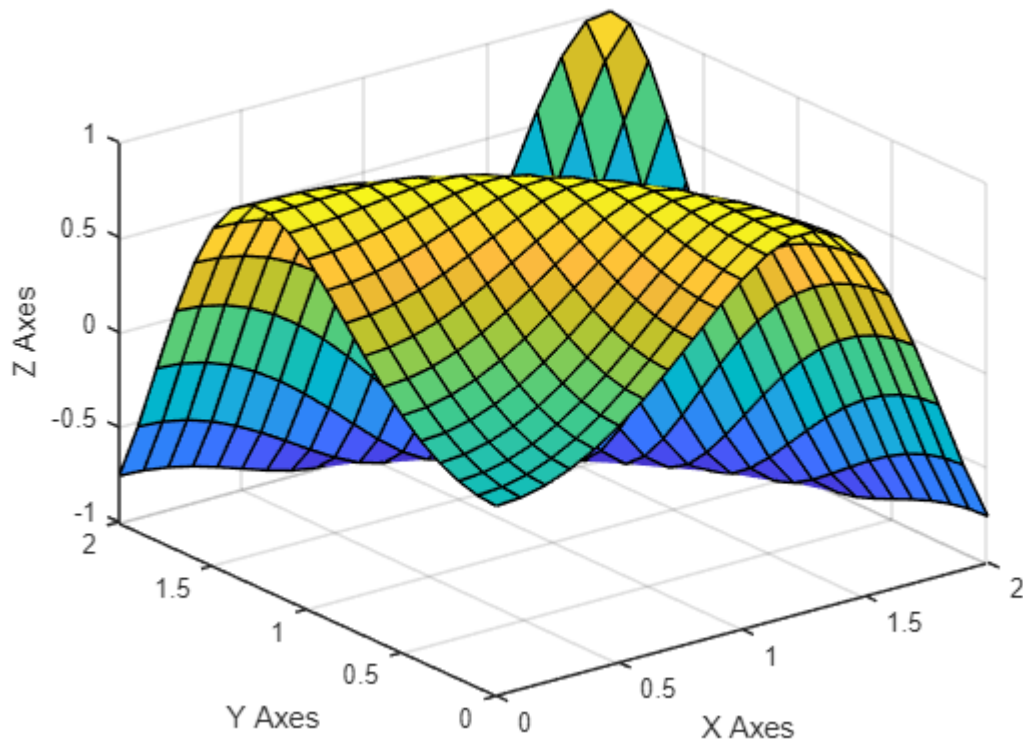
### Surface Plot: Question 2

```
x = 0:0.1:2;  
y = 0:0.1:2;  
[xx,yy] = meshgrid(x,y);  
zz = sin(xx.^2+yy.^2);  
surf(xx,yy,zz)
```

```

xlabel('X Axes')
ylabel('Y Axes')
zlabel('Z Axes')

```



### Question 3

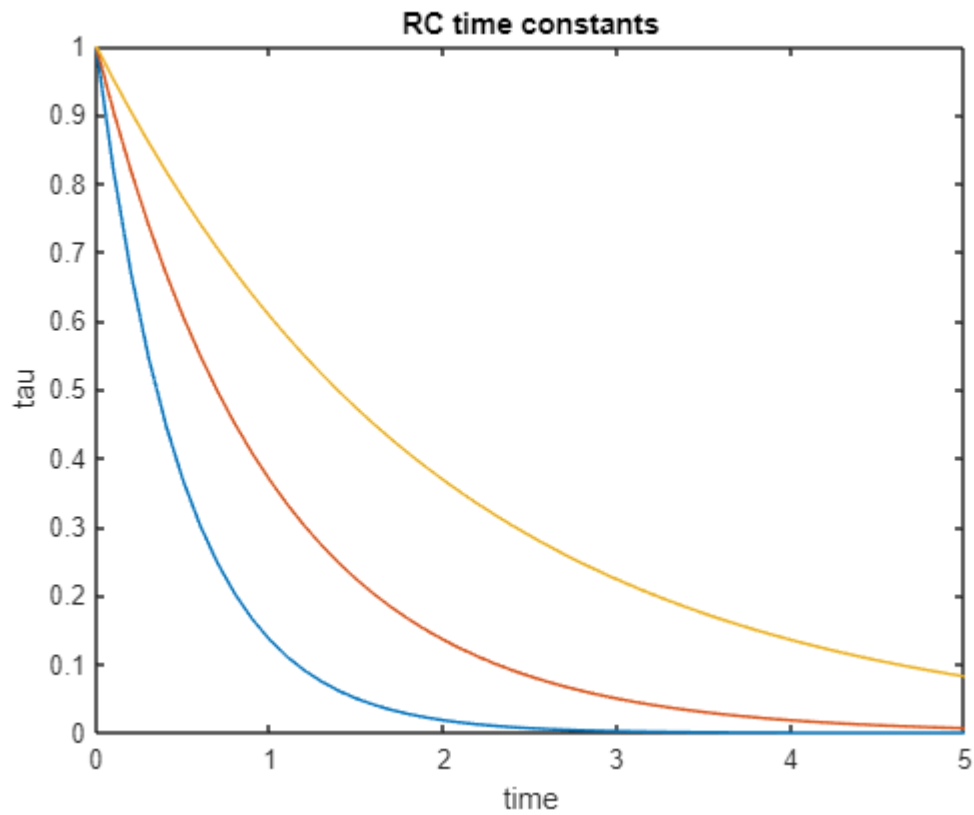
Plot voltage vs time for various RC time constants

$$\frac{v}{V} = e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}$$

```

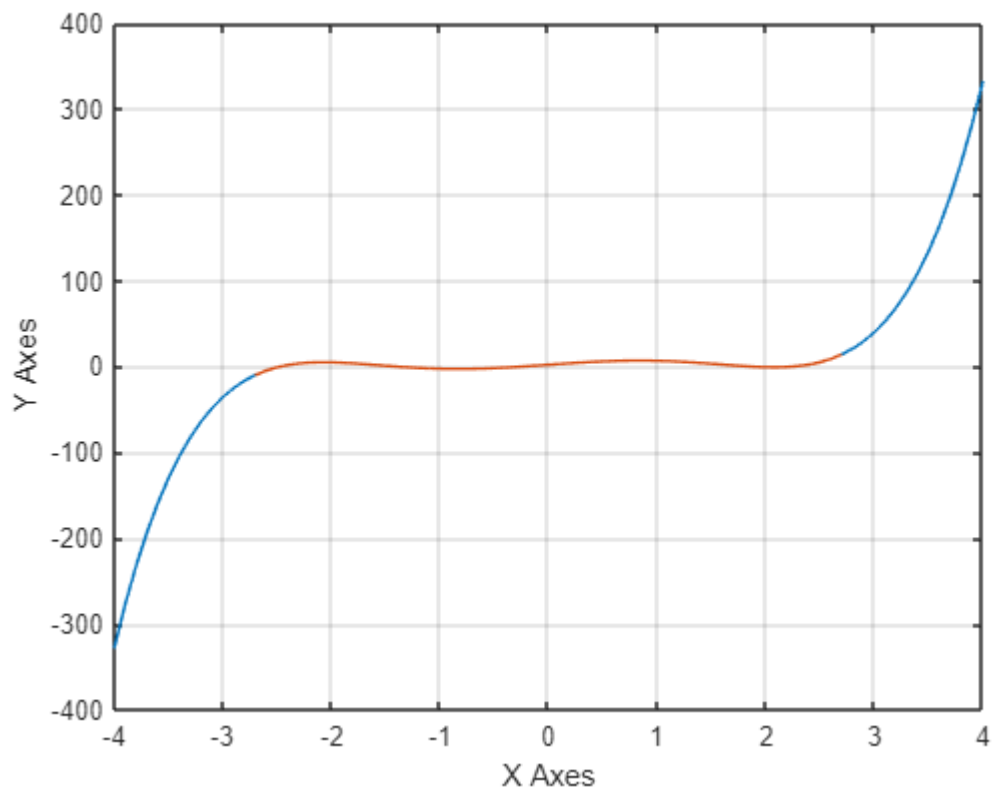
time = 0:0.1:5;
tau = [0.5 1.0 2.0];
[TIME TAU] = meshgrid(time,tau);
V = exp(-TIME./TAU);
plot(time,V)
xlabel('time')
ylabel('tau')
title('RC time constants')

```



## Question 4

```
x1 = -4:0.1:4;
x2 = -2.7:0.1:2.7;
f1 = 0.6*x1.^5 - 5*x1.^3+9*x1+2;
f2 = 0.6*x2.^5 - 5*x2.^3+9*x2+2;
plot(x1,f1,x2,f2)
grid on
xlabel('X Axes')
ylabel('Y Axes')
```



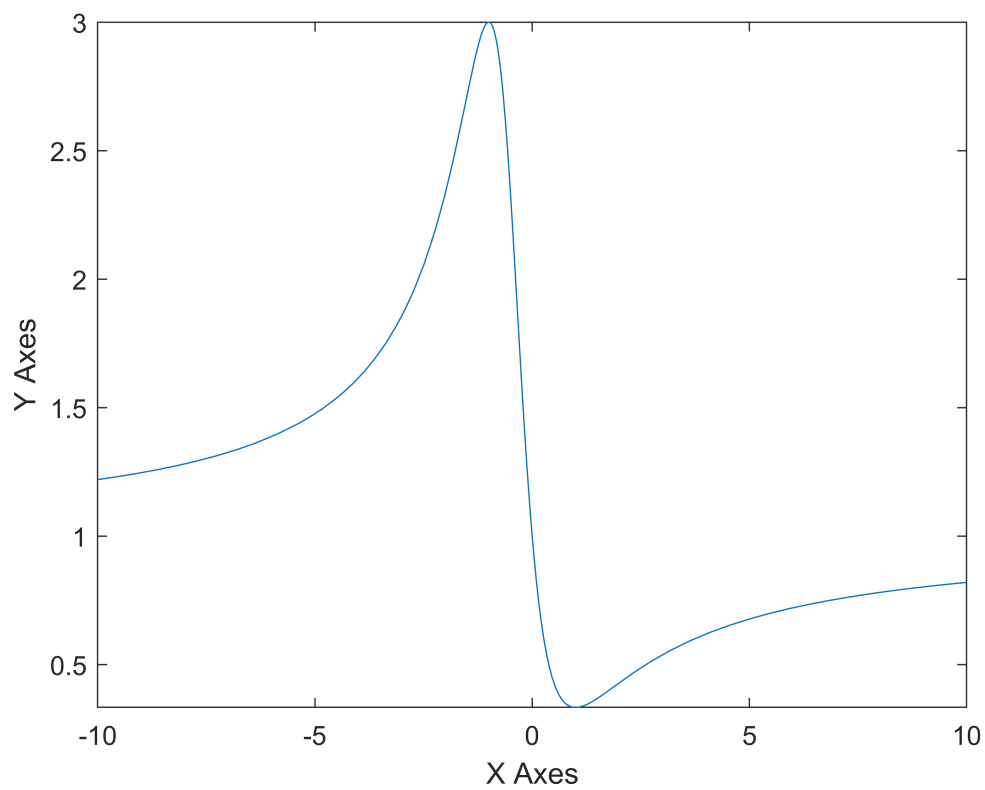
## Question 5

```
f = @(x)(x^2 - x + 1)/(x^2 + x + 1);  
l = [-10,10];  
fplot(f,l)
```

Warning: Function behaves unexpectedly on array inputs. To improve performance, properly vectorize your function to return an output with the same size and shape as the input arguments.

```
xlabel('X Axes')  
ylabel('Y Axes')
```





## Question 6

```
RL = 1:0.01:10;  
Vs = 12;  
Rs = 2.5;  
P = (Vs^2*RL)./(RL+Rs).^2;  
plot(RL,P)  
xlabel('Load Ressistance')  
ylabel('Power Dissipated')
```

