

MATLAB Input and Output

Loading your data and plotting it

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Plotting your data with MATLAB

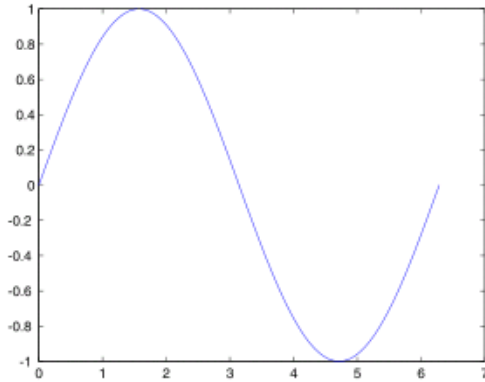
Graphics

Function `plot` can be used to produce a graph from two vectors x and y . The code:

```
x = 0:pi/100:2*pi;
y = sin(x);
plot(x,y)
```

Just 3 statements to
produce a graph of a sine
wave

produces the following figure of the [sine function](#):

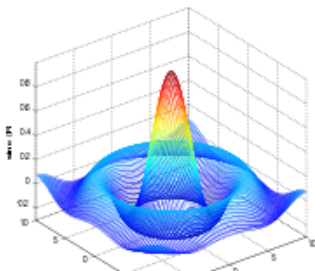


Three-dimensional graphics can be produced using the functions `surf`, `plot3` or `mesh`.

```
[X,Y] = meshgrid(-10:0.25:10,-10:0.25:10);
f = sinc(sqrt((X/pi).^2+(Y/pi).^2));
mesh(X,Y,f);
axis([-10 10 -10 10 -0.3 1])
xlabel('\bfx')
ylabel('\bfy')
zlabel('\bfsinc' ('{\bFR}'))
hidden off
```

```
[X,Y] = meshgrid(-10:0.25:10,-10:0.25:10);
f = sinc(sqrt((X/pi).^2+(Y/pi).^2));
surf(X,Y,f);
axis([-10 10 -10 10 -0.3 1])
xlabel('\bfx')
ylabel('\bfy')
zlabel('\bfsinc' ('{\bFR}'))
```

This code produces a **wireframe** 3D plot of the two-dimensional unnormalized [sinc function](#):



This code produces a **surface** 3D plot of the two-dimensional unnormalized [sinc function](#):

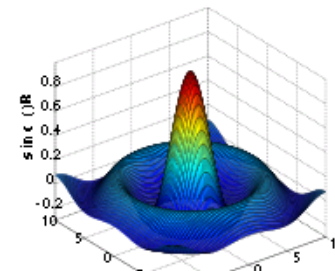
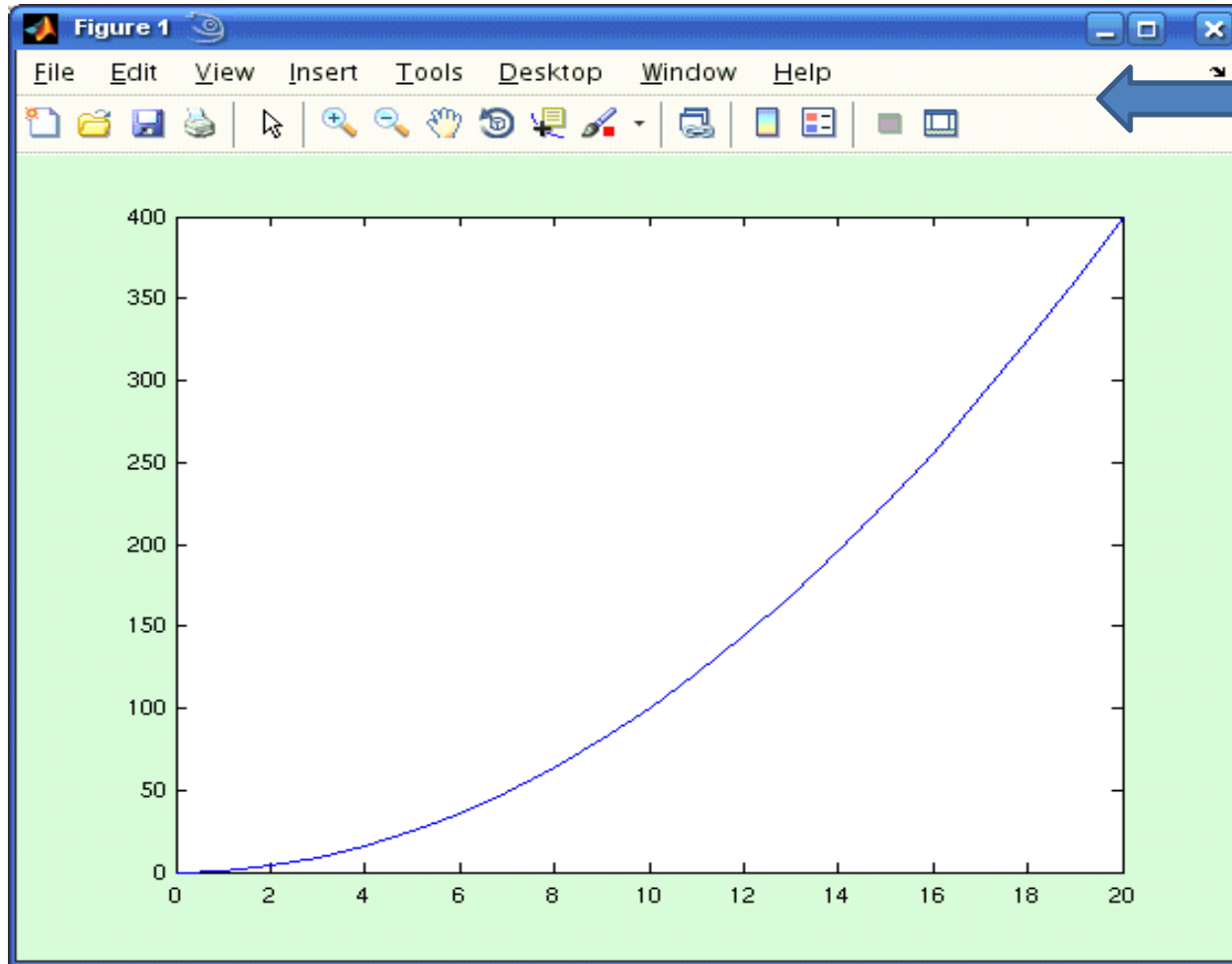


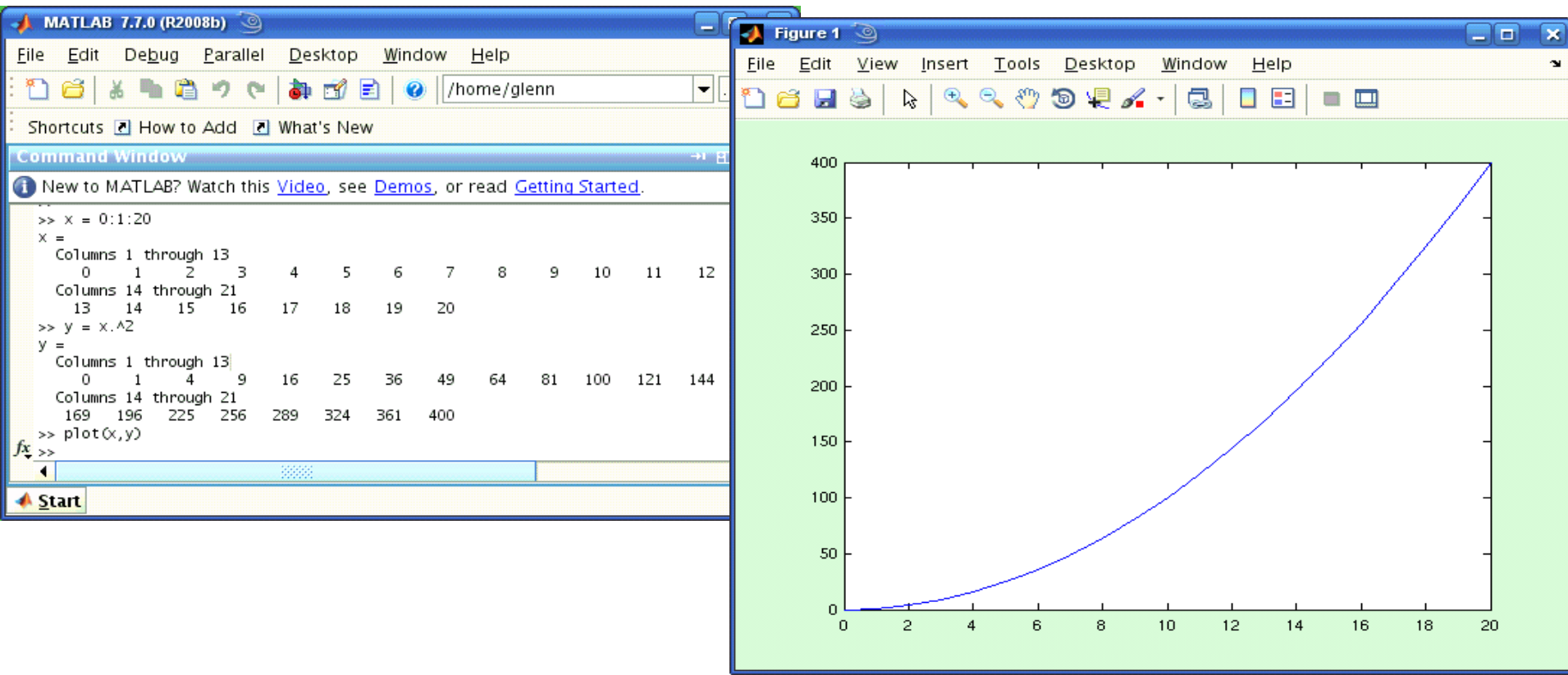
Figure window GUI controls



I ignore this stuff, because I want to generate figures in a way that is scriptable and repeatable

plot(x, y)

1. Define the x-vector (can be a matrix)
2. Define the y-vector (can be a matrix)
3. **plot(x,y)** then generates a figure window, a set of axes, and then plots y versus x



plot(x, y, s)

Let's call s the 'linestyle':

By default, plot uses a blue line to connect data points. But if you do:

>> help plot

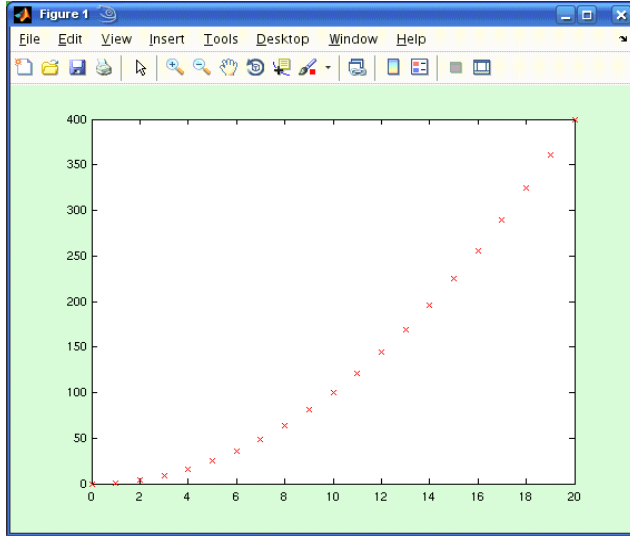
You'll see it says:

Various line types, plot symbols and colors may be obtained with
PLOT(X,Y,S) where S is a character string made from one element
from any or all the following 3 columns:

b	blue	.	point	-	solid
g	green	o	circle	:	dotted
r	red	x	x-mark	-.	dashdot
c	cyan	+	plus	--	dashed
m	magenta	*	star	(none)	no line
y	yellow	s	square		
k	black	d	diamond		
w	white	v	triangle (down)		
		^	triangle (up)		
		<	triangle (left)		
		>	triangle (right)		
		p	pentagram		
		h	hexagram		

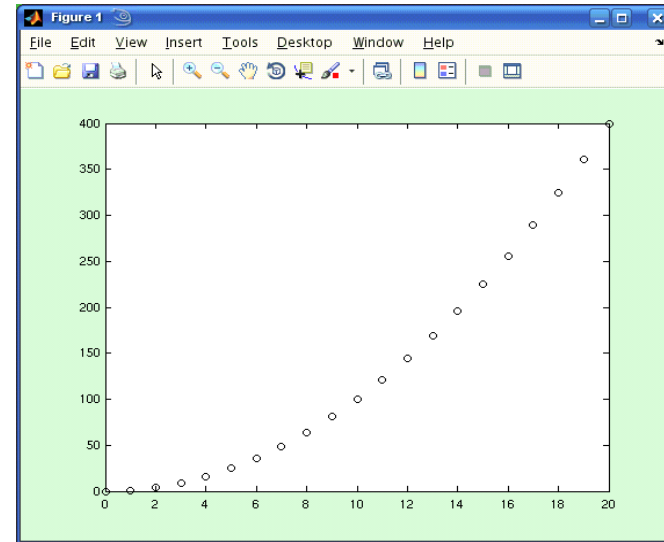
plot(x, y) is the same as **plot(x, y, 'b-')**

`plot(x,y,'rx')`



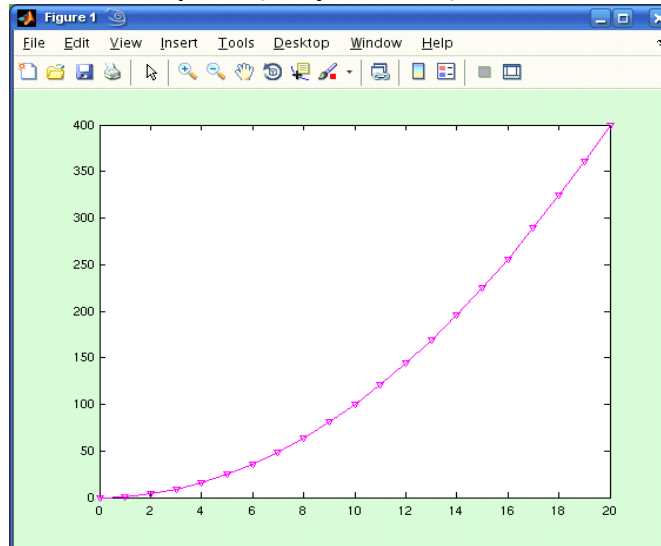
plot y against x using red crosses

`plot(x,y,'bo')`



plot y against x using black circles

`plot(x, y, 'mv-')`



plot y against x using magenta triangles and connect with a line

Annotating your plots

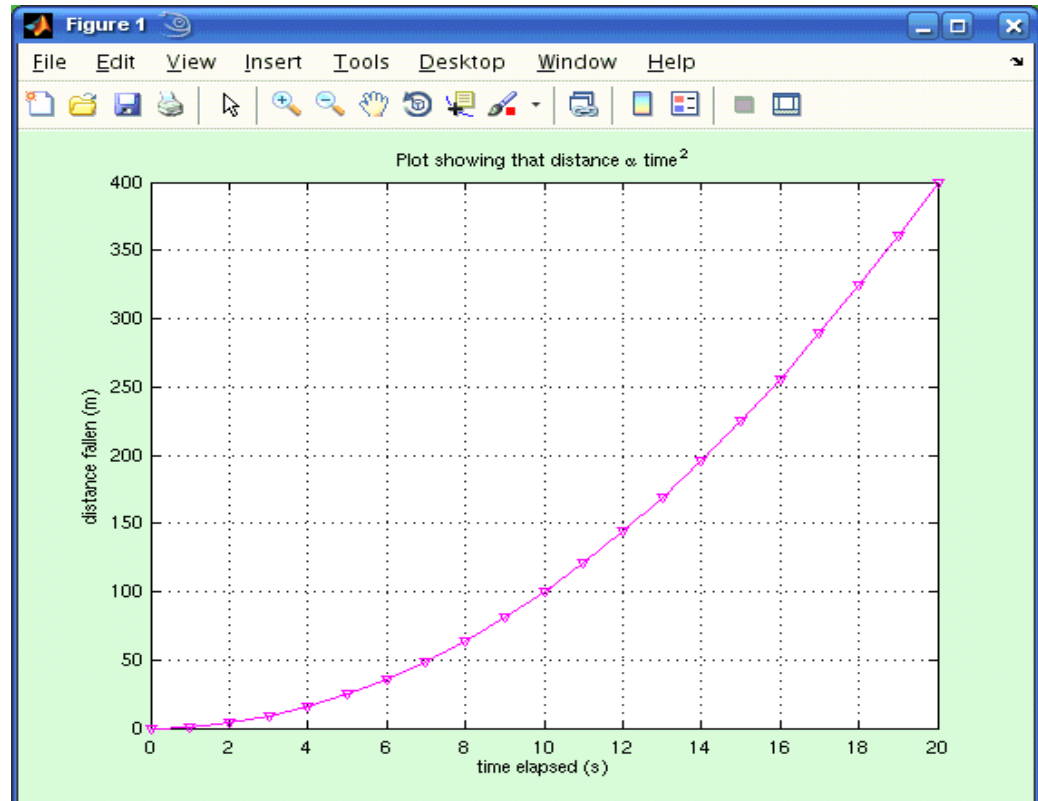
```
New to MATLAB? Watch this Video, see Demos, or read Getting Started.  
>> xlabel('time elapsed (s)');  
>> ylabel('distance fallen (m)');  
>> title('Plot showing that distance \alpha time^2');  
>> grid on  
fx  
>>
```

xlabel
ylabel
title
grid on

Superscripts: 'time^2' => time²

Subscripts: 'SO_2' => SO₂

Greek characters: \alpha => α



Logarithmic axes?

plot(x, y)

x linear,

y linear

semilogx(x, y)

x logarithmic,

y linear

semilogy(x, y)

x linear,

y logarithmic

loglog(x, y)

x logarithmic,

y logarithmic

Otherwise they work exactly the same.

MATLAB Graphics Object Hierarchy

Screen

Figure1

 Axes1 (xlabel, ylabel, title, tick marks, tick labels)

 Graph1 (linestyle, legendlabel)

 Graph2

 ...

 Axes2

 Graph1

 ...

Figure2

 Axes1

 Graph1

 Graph2

 Axes2

 Graph1

...

figure

To create a new figure with no axes:

```
>> figure;
```

To highlight a figure that is already displayed (if it doesn't already exist, it will be created):

```
>> figure(2)
```

To get all the properties associated with a figure:

```
>> get(figure(2))
```

To get a particular property associated with a figure:

```
>> get(figure(1), 'Position')
```

```
[420 528 560 420]
```

To modify a particular property associated with a figure:

```
>> set(figure(1), 'Position', [100 100 560 420])
```

This particular example will just move where figure(1) is plotted on the screen.

To get a 'handle' for the current active figure window use **gcf**.

```
>> get(gcf, 'Position')
```

Will return the screen position of the current active figure window.

axes

New figures are created without a set of axes.

To get a 'handle' for the current active set of axes use **gca** (get current axes).

Example: get a list of all properties associated with current axes

```
>> get(gca)
```

```
>> get(gca, 'position')
```

This will return the screen position of the current active figure window, which by default is:
[0.13 0.11 0.775 0.815]

Format here is [xorigin yorigin xwidth yheight] in fractions of the figure window width.

To modify the position of the current axes within a figure:

```
>> set(gca, 'position', [0.2 0.3 0.6 0.4])
```

The axes would start 20% of the way across the screen, 30% of the way up, and be 60% the screen width, and 40% the screen height.

An alternative syntax is just to call the axes command:

```
>> axes('position', [0.2 0.3 0.6 0.4]);
```

Either will create a figure if none already exists. Or modify the current set of axes on the current figure.

plot

plot will create a figure and a set of axes at the default position, if there is currently no figure.

Otherwise it will modify the current figure / current axes (this can be changed with '**hold on**').
So be careful not to overwrite other graphs!

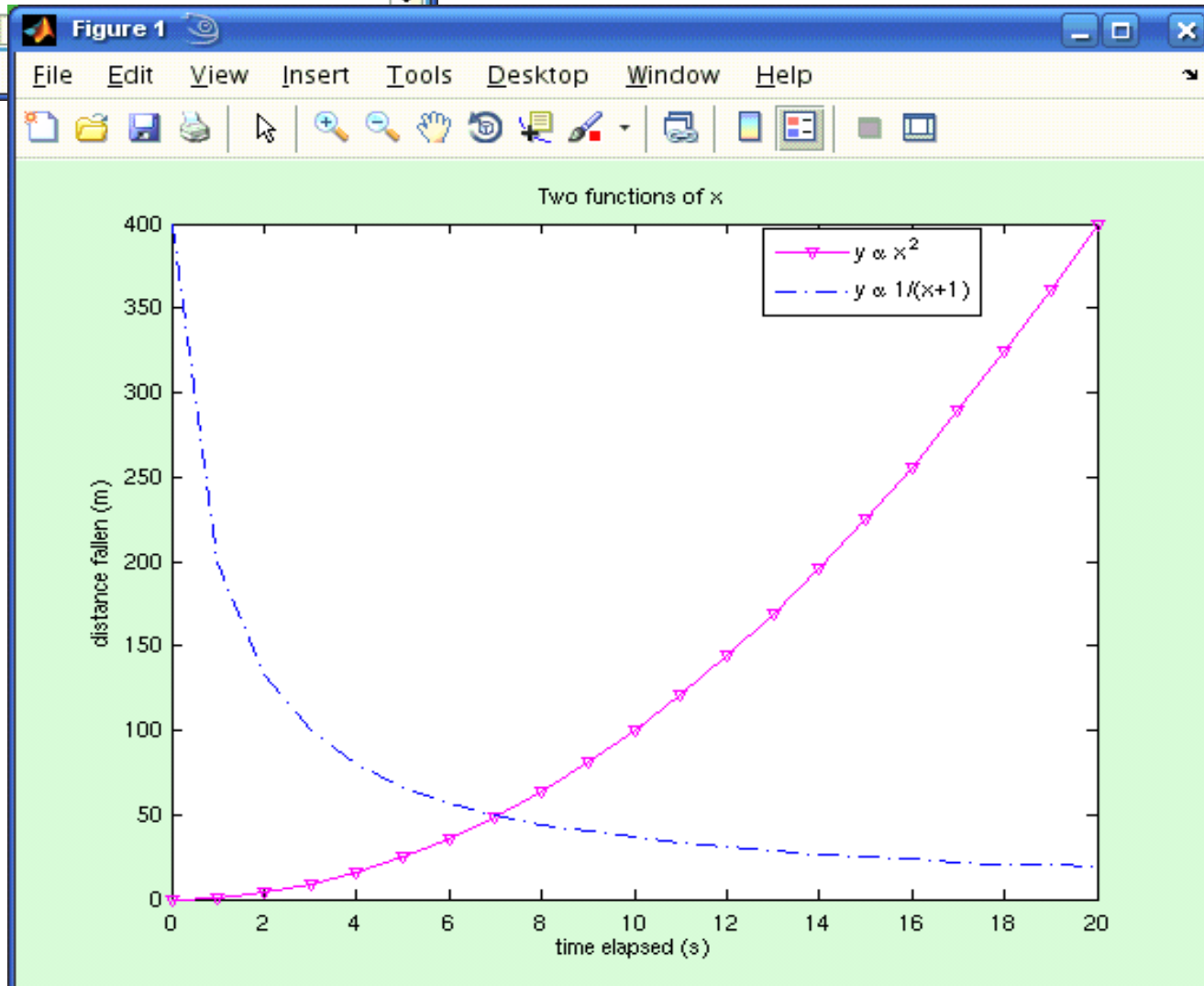
Multiple plots on a figure: hold on

```
>> grid off
>> y2 = 400./(x+1);
>> hold on
>> plot(x,y2,'b-.')
>> title('Two functions of x')
>> legend('y \alpha x^2', 'y \alpha 1/(x+1)')
fx >>
```

hold on “holds on” to graphs already in the current axes.
Normally they would be erased

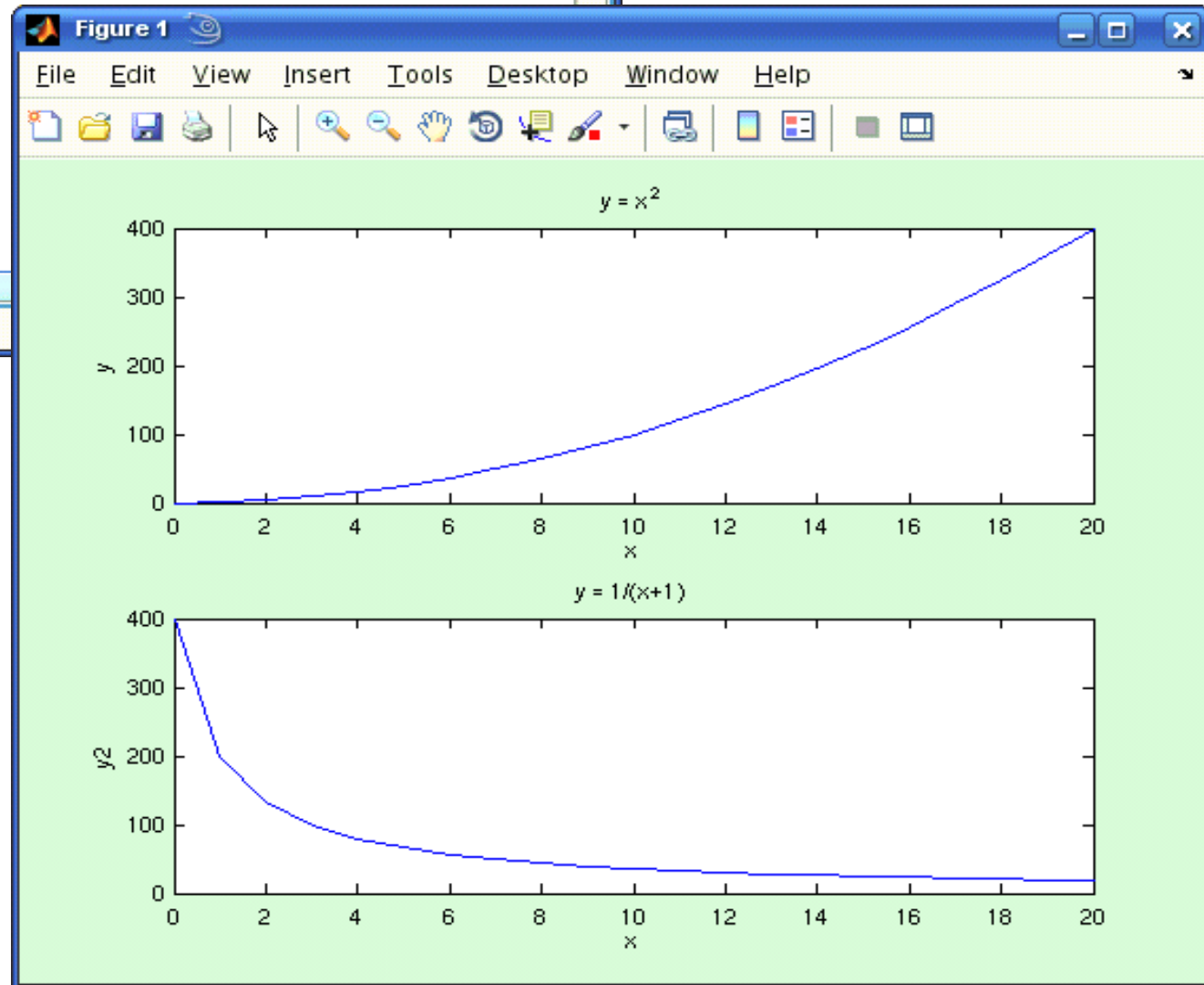
hold on
plot(x,y,'-')
title
legend
hold off

If your graphs have very different scales, and you have just two, try **plotyy**



Multiple plots on a figure: subplot()

```
Command Window
New to MATLAB? Watch this Video, see Demos, or read Getting Started.
>> close all
>> figure
>> subplot(2,1,1), plot(x,y)
>> title('y = x^2')
>> xlabel('x')
>> ylabel('y')
>> subplot(2,1,2), plot(x,y2)
>> title('y = 1/(x+1)')
>> xlabel('x')
>> ylabel('y2')
>>
fx >> |
Start
```



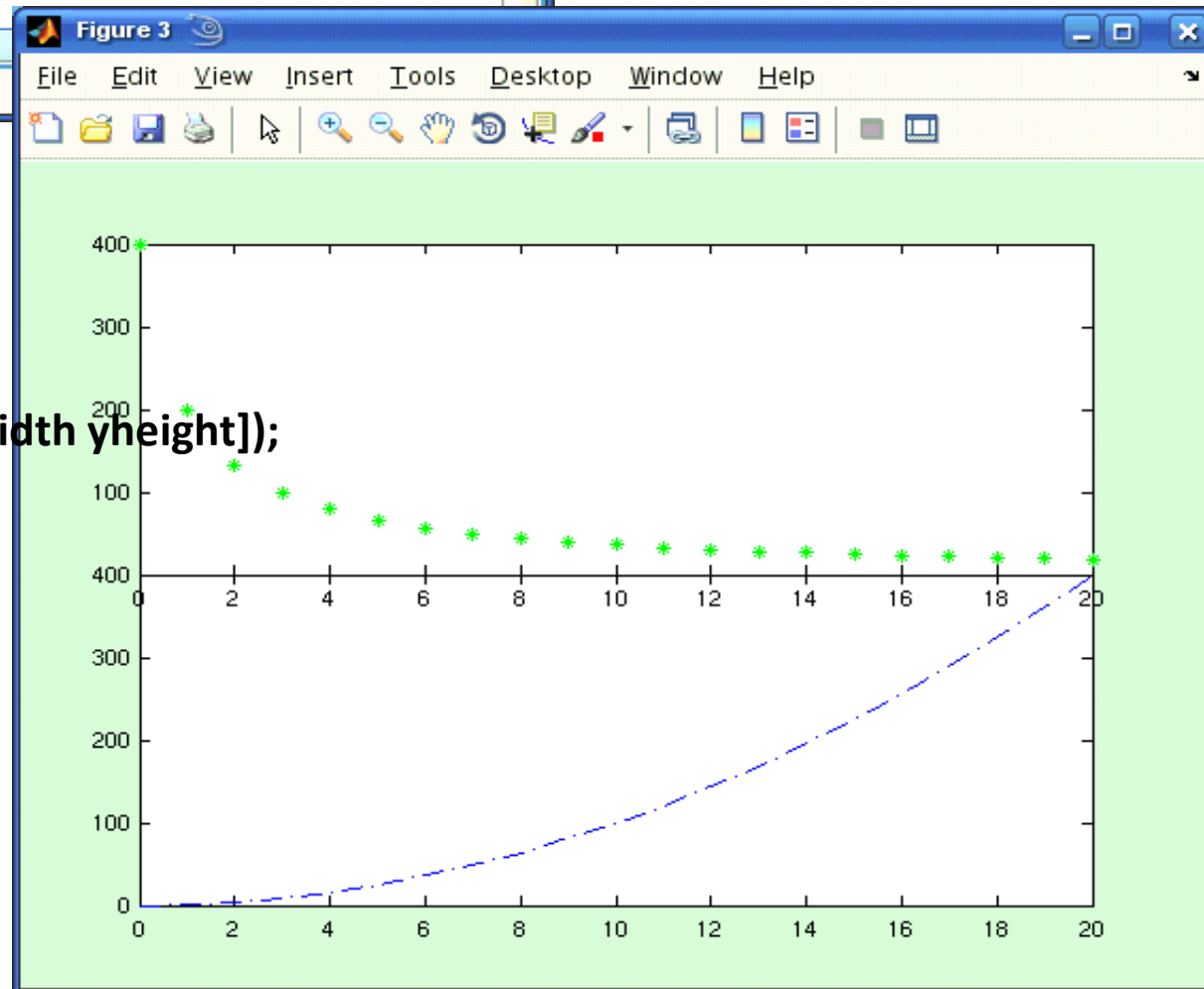
close all
figure

subplot(M, N, plotnum)

- an M x N array of plot axes

Multiple plots on a figure: axes()

```
Shortcuts How to Add What's New  
Command Window  
New to MATLAB? Watch this Video, see Demos, or read Getting Started.  
>> figure  
>> axes('position', [0.1 0.1 0.8 0.4])  
>> plot(x,y,'b-.')  
>> axes('position', [0.1 0.5 0.8 0.4])  
>> plot(x,y2,'g*')  
>>
```



axes('position', [xorigin yorigin xwidth yheight]);
– for finer control than subplot

set(gca, 'XTickLabel', {})
- remove x tick labels

Other ways to call plot()

plot(y) - assumes $x = [1:\text{length}(y)]$;

plot(x1, y1, x2, y2, ..., xn, yn) - a way of plotting multiple graphs without using **hold on**

plot(x1, y1, s1, x2, y2, s2, ..., xn, yn, sn) – as above, but override the default line styles.

Data range

By default, the plot range to show all the data. To override the range of values on the x and y axes use:

```
>> set(gca, 'XLim', [xmin xmax]); % x-axis only  
>> set(gca, 'YLim', [ymin ymax]); % y-axis only  
>> set(gca, 'XLim', [xmin xmax], 'YLim', [ymin ymax]); % both axes
```

Adding text

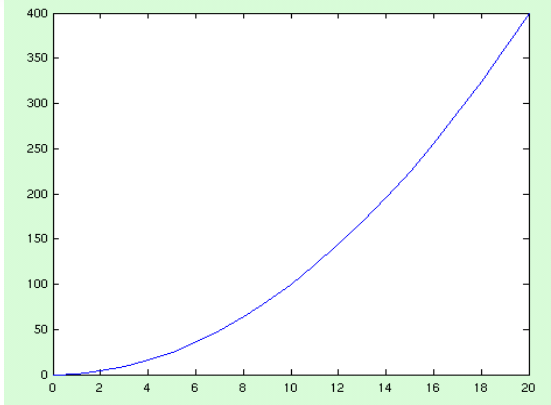
To add text at the position xpos, ypos to the current axes use:

```
>> text(xpos, ypos, 'some_string');
```

Remember you can use the sprintf variable.

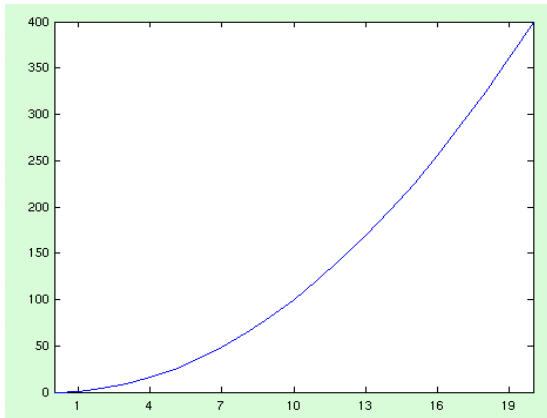
```
>> text(2.3, 5.1, sprintf('station %s',station{stationNum}));
```

Changing tick marks and tick labels

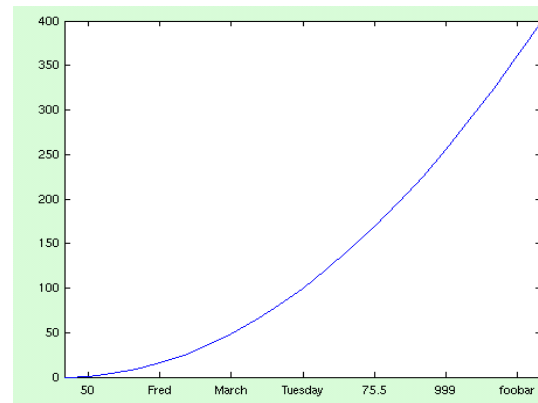


```
>> get(gca, 'XTick')
ans =
     0     2     4     6     8    10    12    14    16    18    20
```

`set(gca, 'XTick', 1:3:22)`



`set(gca, 'XTickLabel', {50, 'Fred', 'March', 'Tuesday', 75.5, 999, 'foobar'})`



datetick: plotting timeseries data

datetick('x', dateform)

If your x-vector is a list of dates/times, and it's in MATLAB's datenum format, you can use the `datetick()` function to label your x-axis conveniently.

It just uses the techniques we've seen to change tick marks and tick labels.

`dateform` can be a number from 0 to 31, or it can be a string like 'yyyy-mm-dd HH:MM'.

`datetick('x')` will just try to use what it thinks is the best `dateform` for your data range.

datenum() returns the number of days since 1st January in the year 0 AD. (Excel dates and times are similar except Excel uses a different origin. Unix on the other hand uses seconds since 1970 rather than days since a particular date: nevertheless, conversion is trivial).

datestr() is used to generate a human-readable string from an array of dates/times in `datenum` format.

dateform codes

DATEFORM number	DATEFORM string	Example
0	'dd-mmm-yyyy HH:MM:SS'	01-Mar-2000 15:45:17
1	'dd-mmm-yyyy'	01-Mar-2000
2	'mm/dd/yy'	03/01/00
3	'mmm'	Mar
4	'm'	M
5	'mm'	03
6	'mm/dd'	03/01
7	'dd'	01
8	'ddd'	Wed
9	'd'	W
10	'yyyy'	2000
11	'yy'	00
12	'mmyy'	Mar00
13	'HH:MM:SS'	15:45:17
14	'HH:MM:SS PM'	3:45:17 PM
15	'HH:MM'	15:45
16	'HH:MM PM'	3:45 PM
17	'QQ-YY'	Q1-96
18	'QQ'	Q1
19	'dd/mm'	01/03
20	'dd/mm/yy'	01/03/00
21	'mmm.dd,yyyy HH:MM:SS'	Mar.01,2000 15:45:17
22	'mmm.dd,yyyy'	Mar.01,2000
23	'mm/dd/yyyy'	03/01/2000
24	'dd/mm/yyyy'	01/03/2000
25	'yy/mm/dd'	00/03/01
26	'yyyy/mm/dd'	2000/03/01
27	'QQ-YYYY'	Q1-1996
28	'mmyyyy'	Mar2000
29 (ISO 8601)	'yyyy-mm-dd'	2000-03-01
30 (ISO 8601)	'yyyymmddTHHMMSS'	20000301T154517
31	'yyyy-mm-dd HH:MM:SS'	2000-03-01 15:45:17

datenum(): MATLAB's way to store dates and times

datenum() returns the day number (and fractional day number) in the calendar starting 1st January in the year 0 AD.

Excel dates and times are similar except Excel uses the origin 1st January 1900. But you normally ask Excel to format those cells with a particular date/time format, so you don't see the raw numbers. In MATLAB, `datenum` gives those raw numbers.

To convert from Excel day-numbers to MATLAB `datenum` format:

```
mtime = etime + datenum(1900, 1, 1);
```

Call it like:

```
datenum(YYYY, MM, DD)
```

```
datenum(YYYY, MM, DD, hh, mi, ss)
```

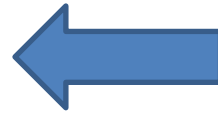
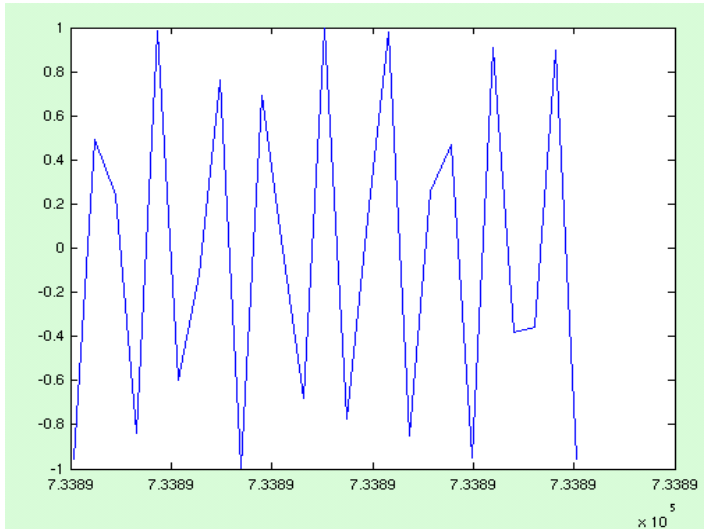
```
datenum('2009/04/29 18:27:00')
```

Remember to use vectorisation:

```
redoubtEventTimes = {'2009/03/22 22:38'; '2009/03/23 04:11'; '2009/03/23 06:23'}
```

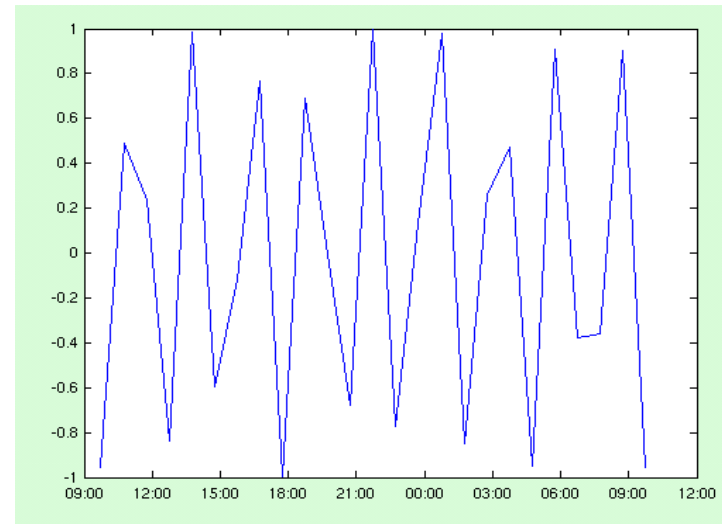
```
dnum = datenum(redoubtEventTimes);
```

% result is a 3 x 1 vector of datenums.



Not very useful to plot against datenum – just a number like 733000

```
datetick('x', 15); % HH:MM
```



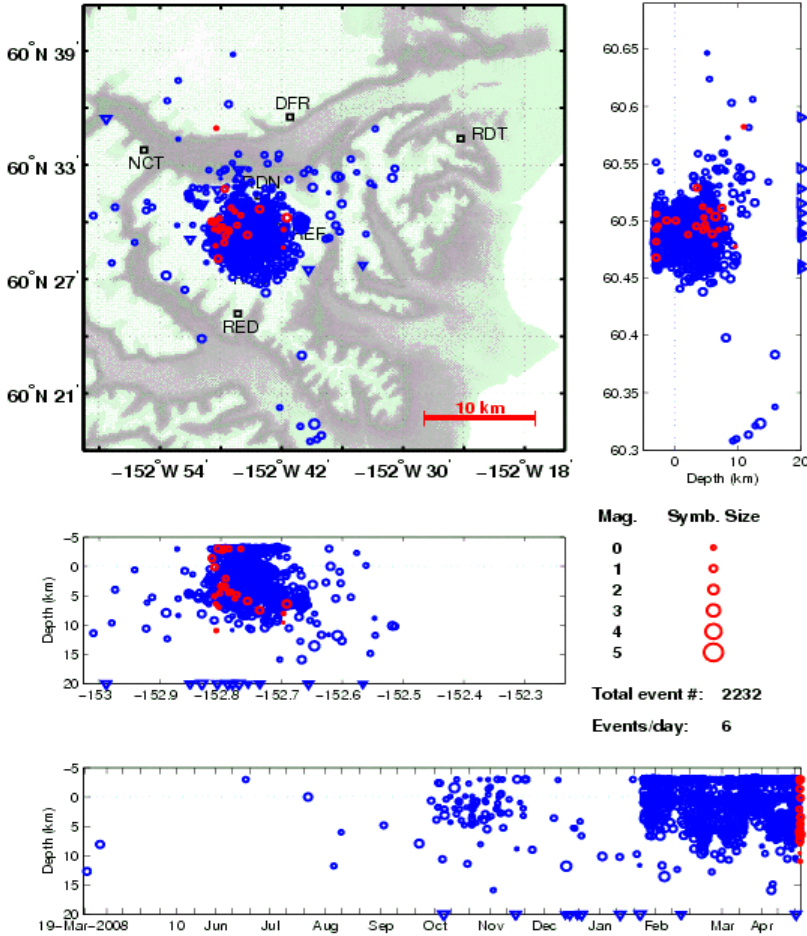
datestr()

datestr(array, dateform) is used to generate a human-readable string from an array of dates/times in datenum format.

```
>> lectureTime = datenum(2009, 4, 29, 12, 30, 0)
733890.5208
>> datestr(lectureTime, 30)
20090427T123000
>> datestr(lectureTime, 31)
2009-04-29 12:30:00
>> datestr(lectureTime, 'mm/dd/yyyy')
04/29/2009
```

- Menu Login 0 items 2009-04-22 2246
- Short-term Seismicity
 Long-term Seismicity
- Wrangell (more)
 - Cook Inlet
 - Strandline
 - Spurr (more)
 - Redoubt (more)
 - Iliamna (more)
 - Augustine (more)
 - Fourpeaked
 - Katmai Volcanic Cluster
 - Snowy
 - Griggs
 - Katmai
 - Novarupta/Trident
 - Martin/Mageik
 - Alaska Peninsula
 - Peulik
 - Aniakchak (more)
 - Veniaminof (more)
 - Cold Bay
 - Pavlof (more)
 - Dutton (more)
 - Unimak Island
 - Shishaldin (more)
 - Westdahl (more)
 - Western Fox Islands
 - Akutan (more)
 - Makushin (more)
 - Okmok (more)
 - Umnak Is.
 - Eastern Andreanof Islands
 - Cleveland
 - Korovin (more)
 - Middle Andreanof Islands
 - Great Sitkin (more)
 - Kanaga (more)
 - Western Andreanof Islands
 - Tanaga (more)
 - Caradoc (more)

Redoubt Volcano Seismicity 19-Mar-2008 - 23-Apr-2009



- 5 axes
- text(lon, lat, 'NCT')
- set(gca, 'XTick', [-152.9 -152.8]);
- set(gca, 'XTickLabel', {'-152^oW 54', ...});
- datetick('x');

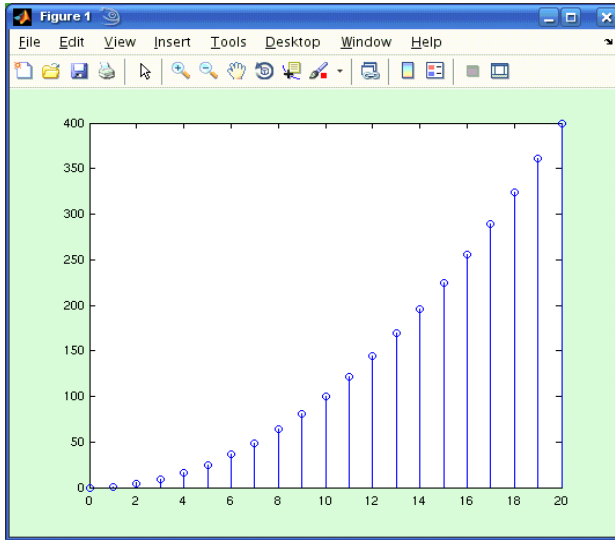
```
% change symbol is depth > 20km
symbol='o';
if (depth>20)
    symbol='v';
    depth=20;
end
```

```
% change symbol size
% according to magnitude
```

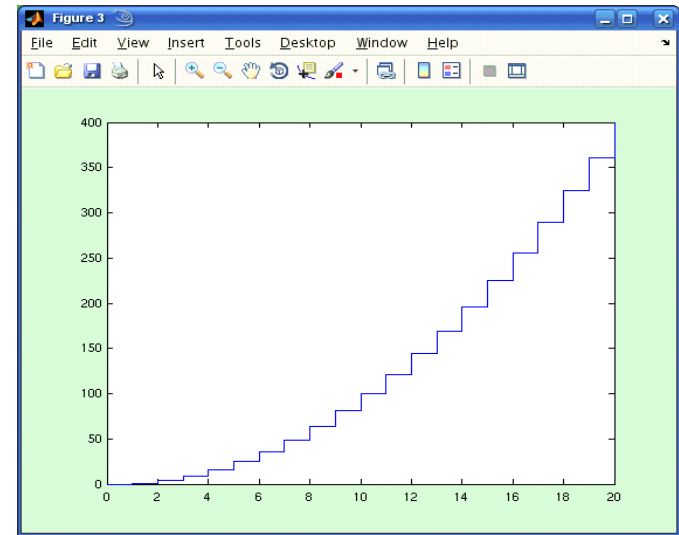
```
line(x, y);
axis square
```

Other simple 2D plot types

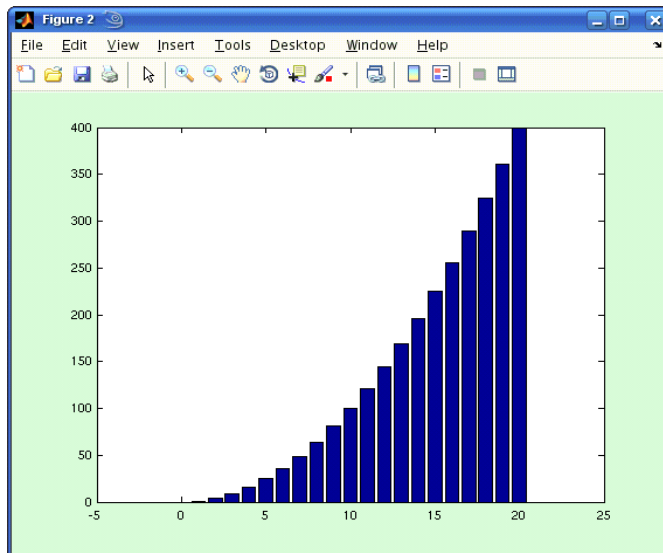
stem(x, y)



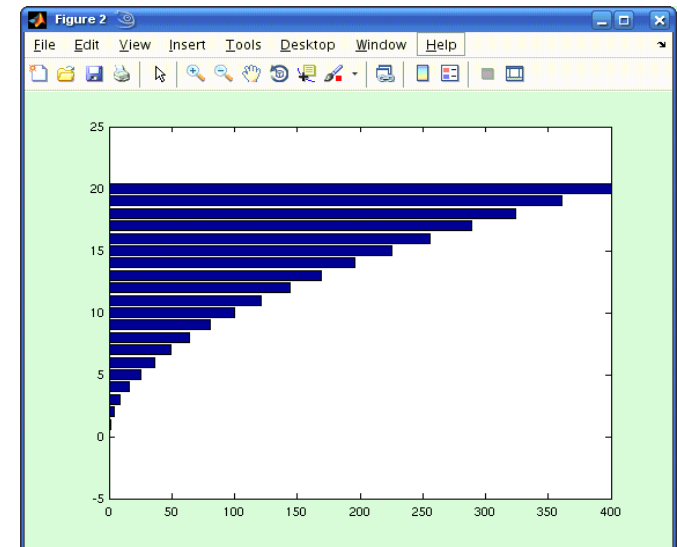
stairs(x,y)



bar(x,y)



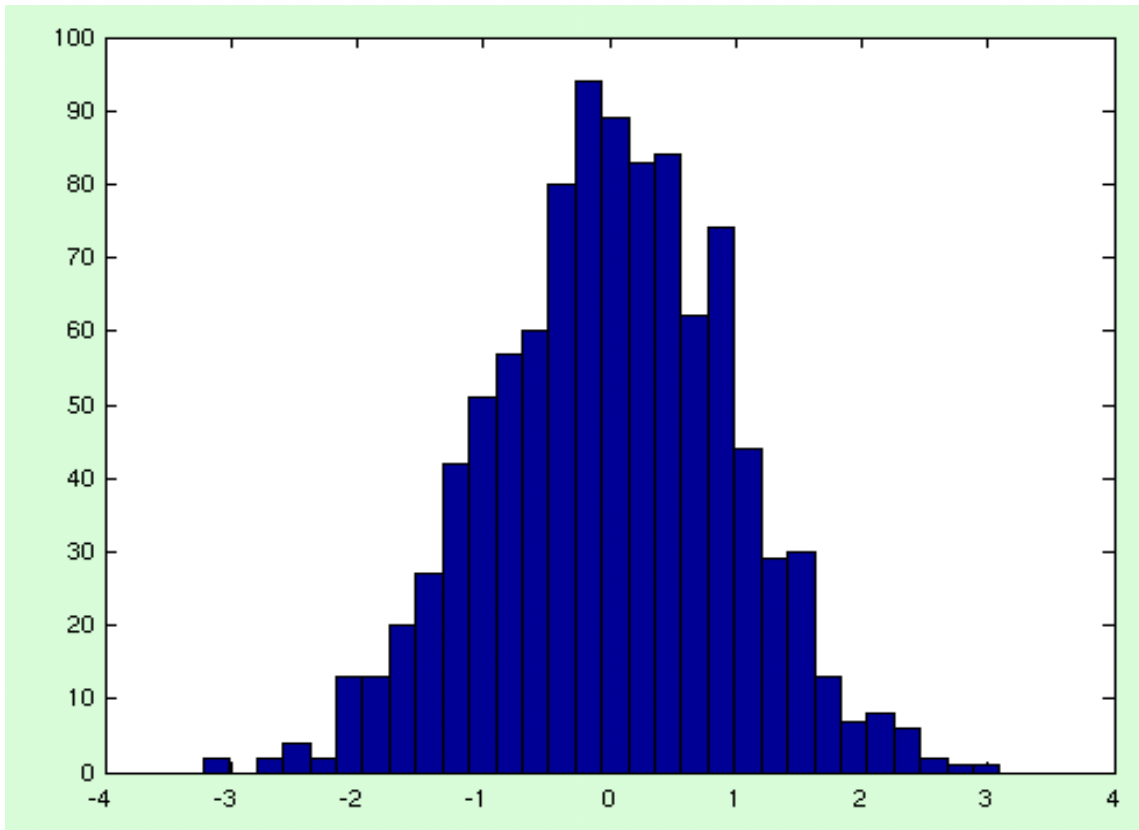
barh(x,y)



hist – for plotting histograms

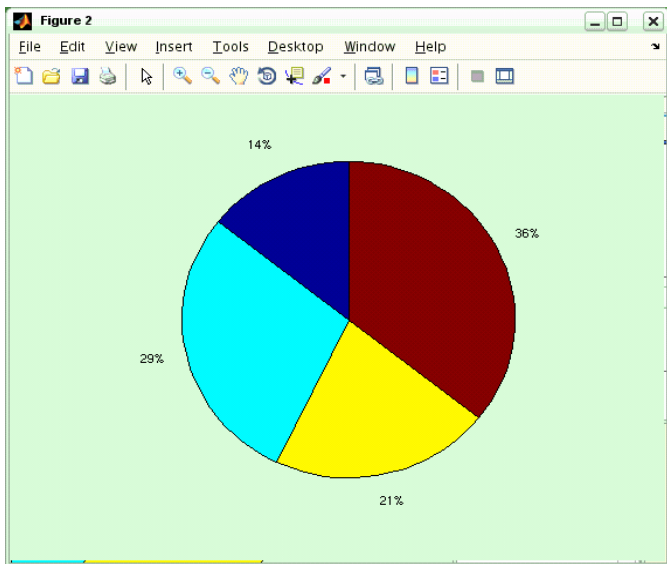
create a histogram of 1000 random data points from a normal distribution

```
>> r=randn(1000, 1);  
>> hist(r, 30)  
|
```

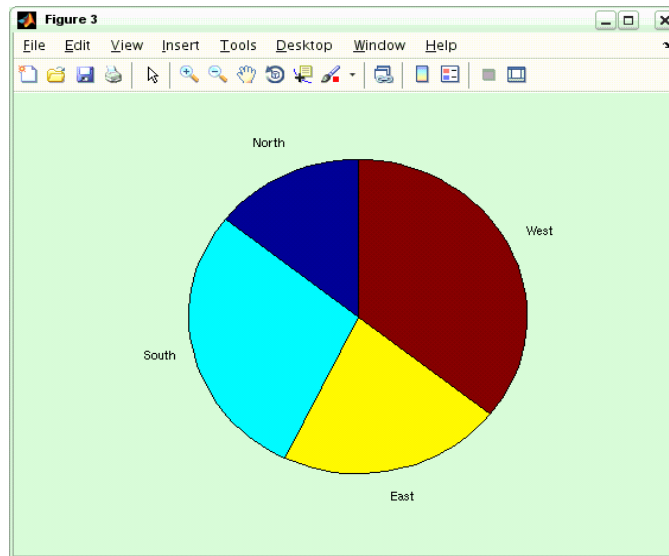


Pie Charts: pie()

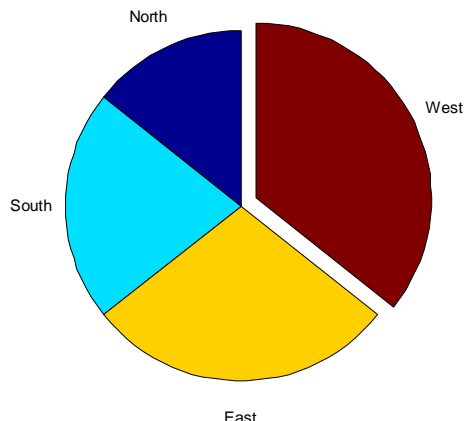
```
x = [2 3 4 5]; pie(x)
```



```
labels = {'North', 'South', 'East', 'West'};  
pie(x, labels)
```

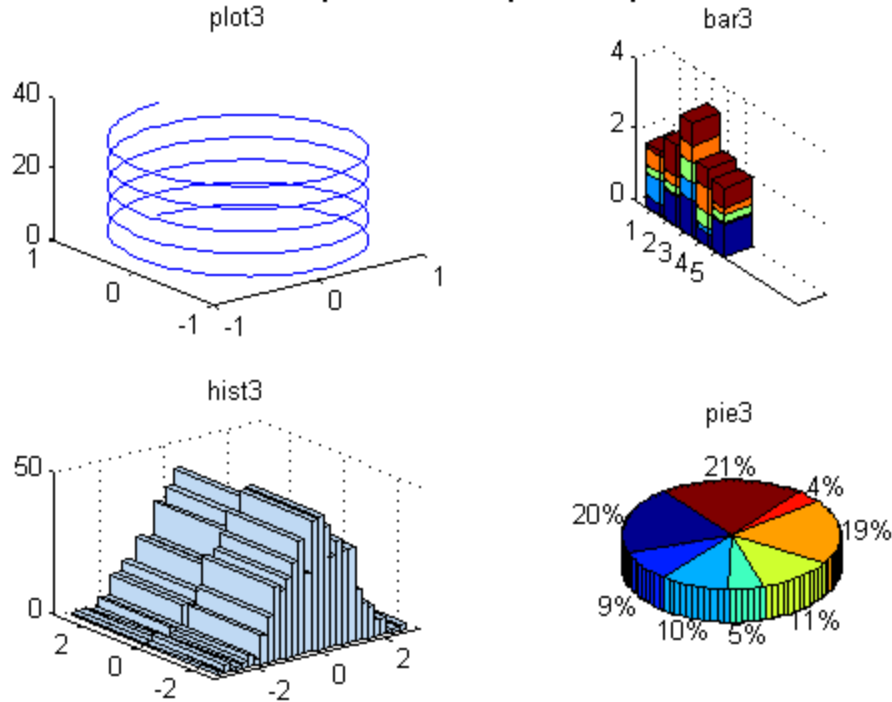


PIE(X,EXPLODE) is used to specify slices that should be pulled out from the pie. The vector EXPLODE must be the same size as X. The slices where EXPLODE is non-zero will be pulled out.



```
ex = [0 0 0 1];  
pie(x, ex, labels);
```

Examples of simple 3D plots



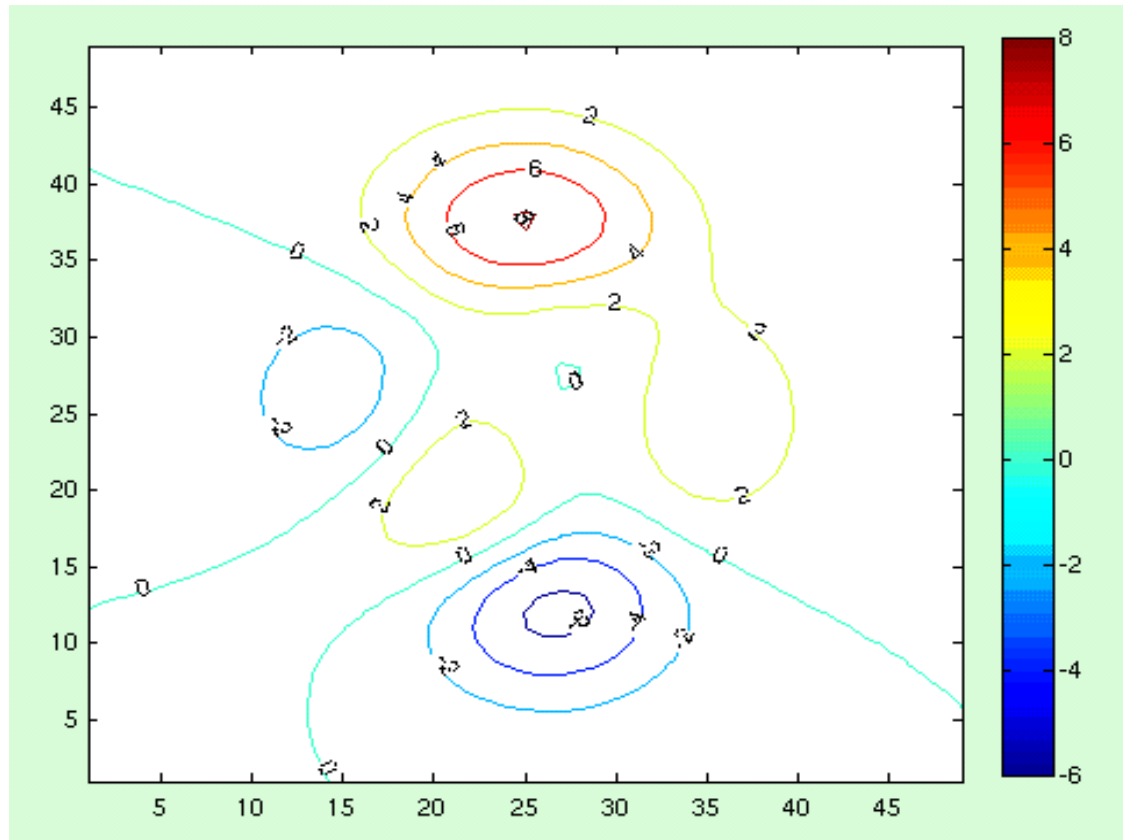
```
>> subplot(2,2,1), plot3(sin(t),cos(t),t); title('plot3')  
>> subplot(2,2,2),bar3(rand(5),'stacked'), title('bar3')  
>> subplot(2,2,3),hist3(randn(1000,2), [30 2]), title('hist3')  
>> subplot(2,2,4),pie3(rand(8,1)), title('pie3')  
>> suptitle('Examples of simple 3D plots')
```

Here we have a 2 x 2 array of subplots. We give a 'super title' to them all with the `suptitle()` function.

We used the 3D forms of the `plot`, `bar`, `hist` and `pie` commands.

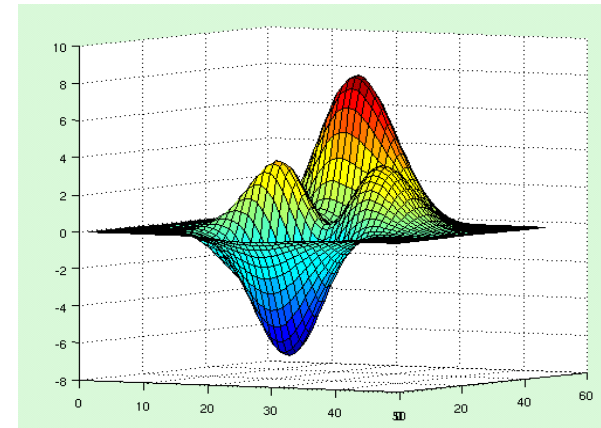
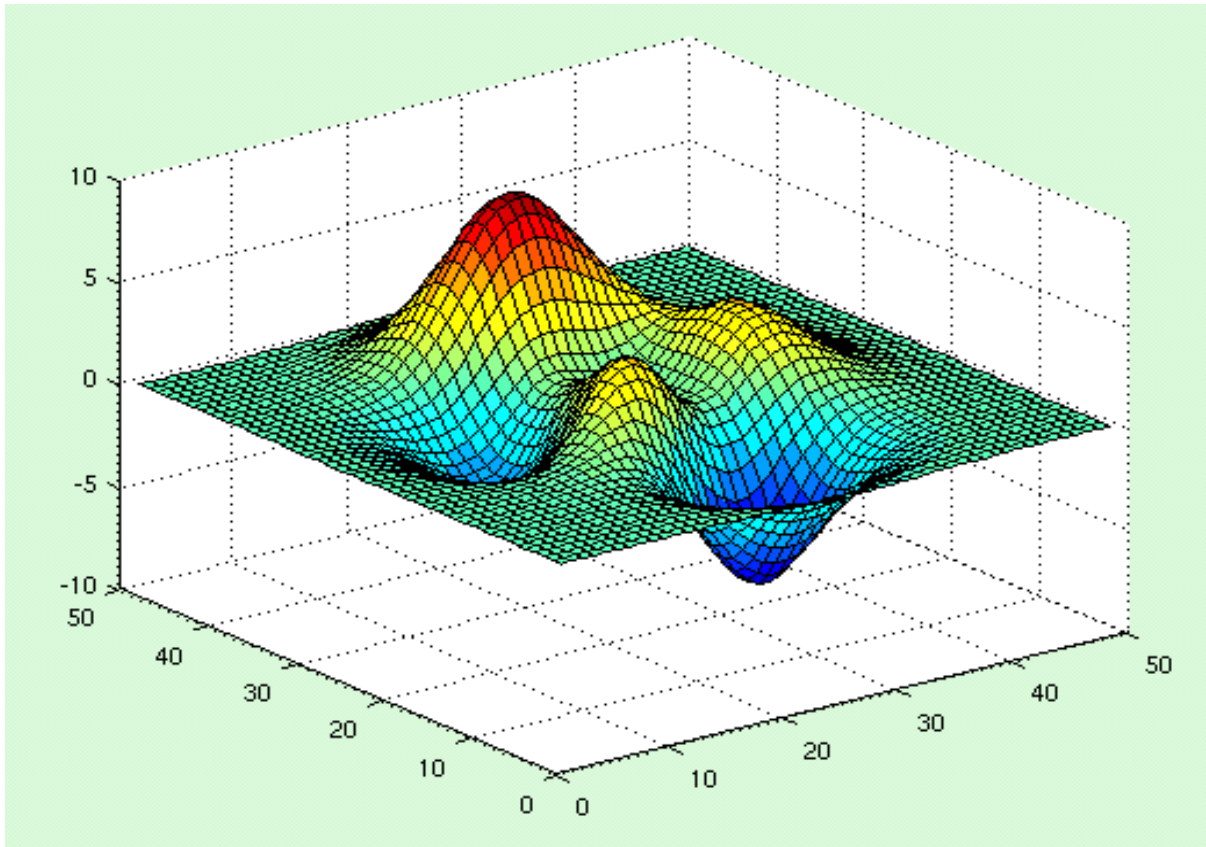
Contour plots: contour()

`[c,h] = contour(peaks); clabel(c,h), colorbar`



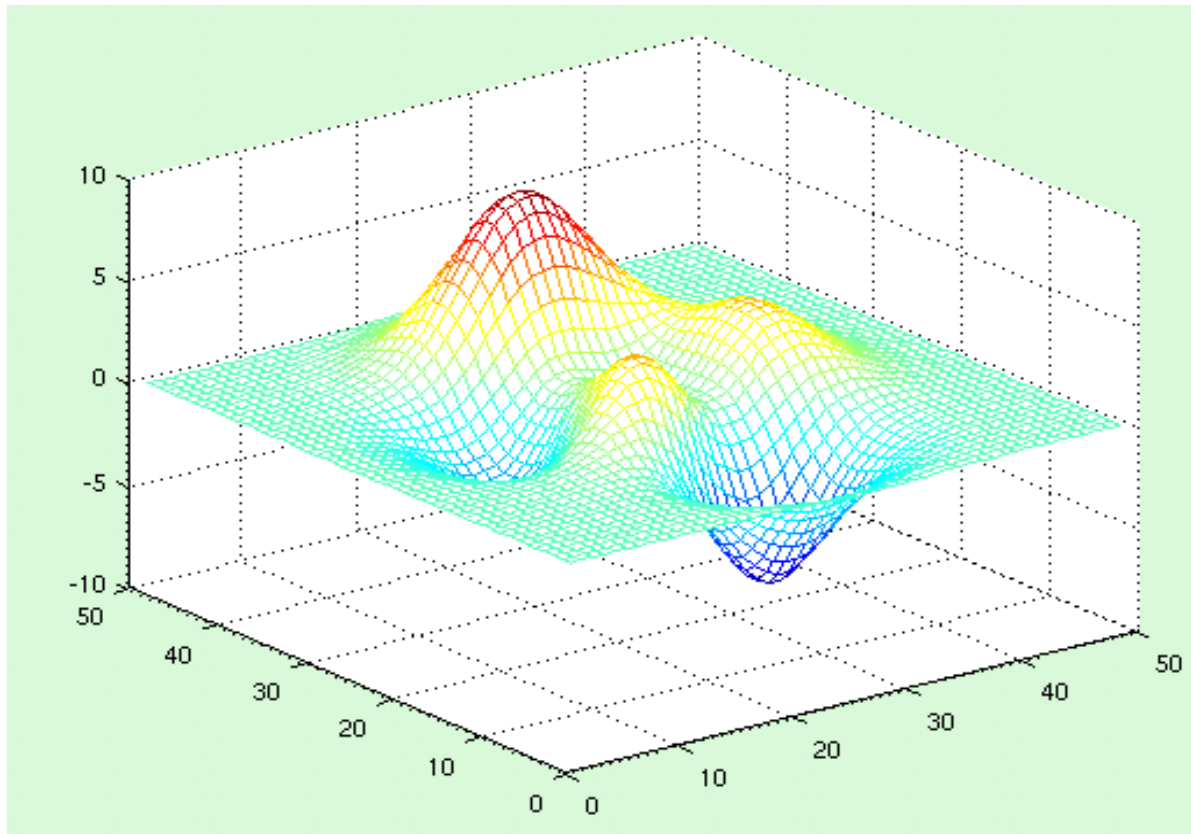
surf

surf(peaks)



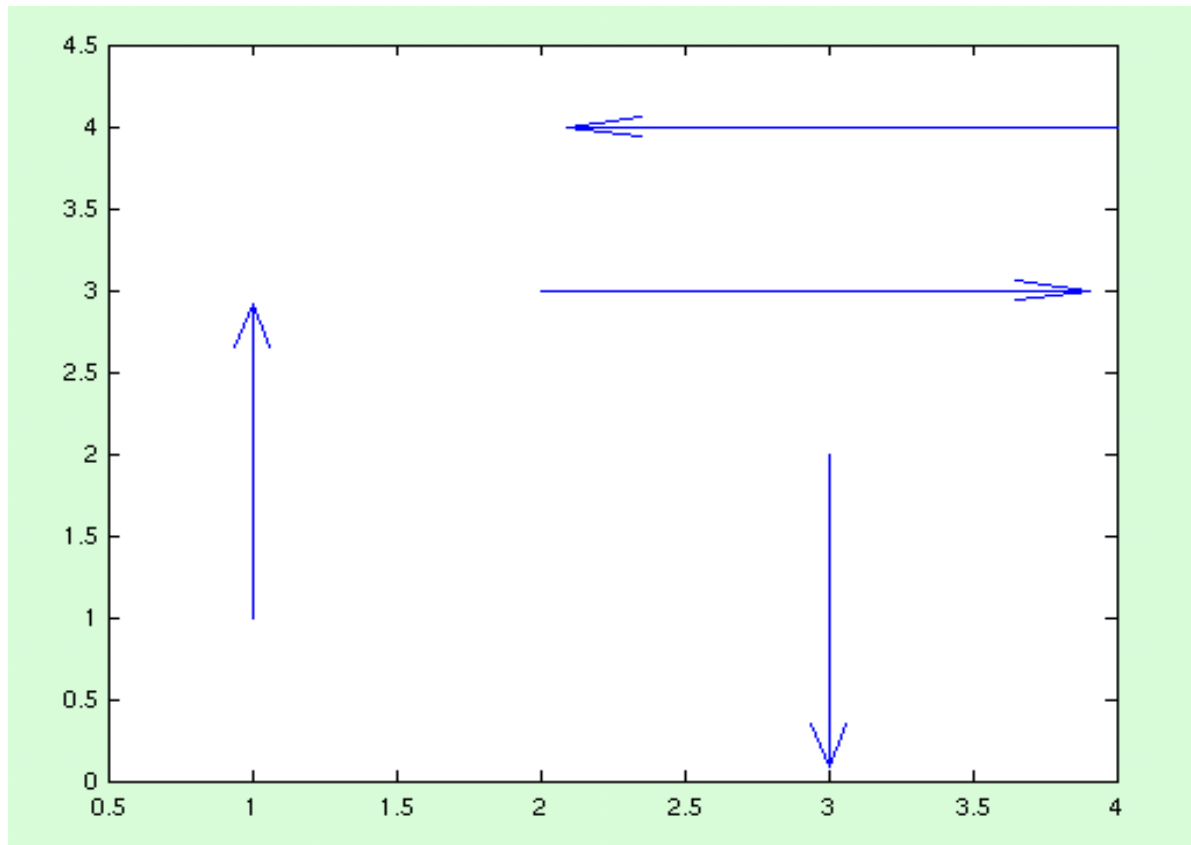
mesh

`mesh(peaks)` – creates a wireframe



quiver – for plotting vectors

```
>> x = [1 2 3 4];  
>> y = [1 3 2 4];  
>> u = [0 0.5 0 -0.5];  
>> v = [0.5 0 -0.5 0];  
>> quiver(x,y,u,v)
```

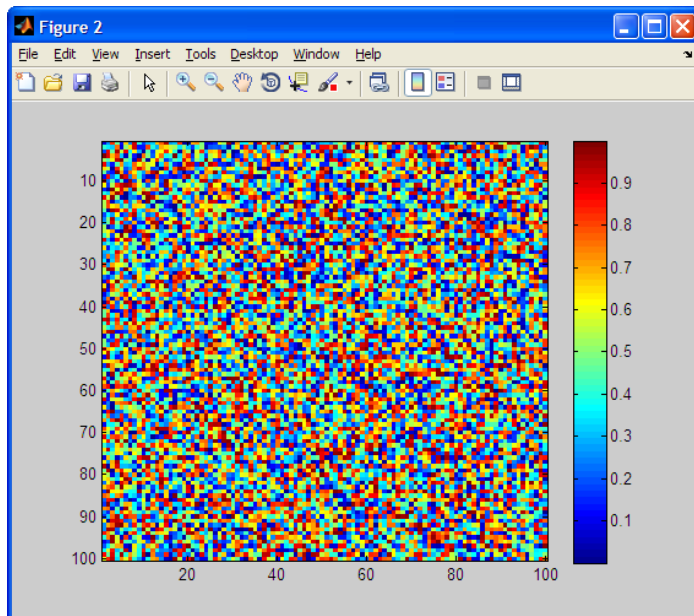


Graphical representation of an array: image(), imagesc(), colorbar

An array can be plotted, using different colours to represent different values.

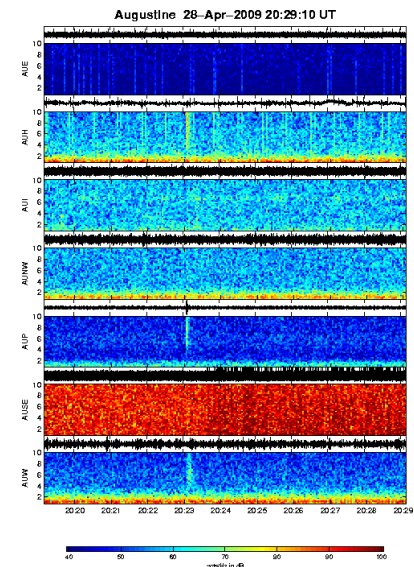
Example:

```
>> a = rand(100, 100); % 100 x 100 array of random numbers from 0 to 1
>> imagesc(a);
>> colorbar;
```



Spectrograms, on the AVO internal webpage, are created in this way, except the array is generated using the **specgram()** command.

There are 15 different axes on this plot.

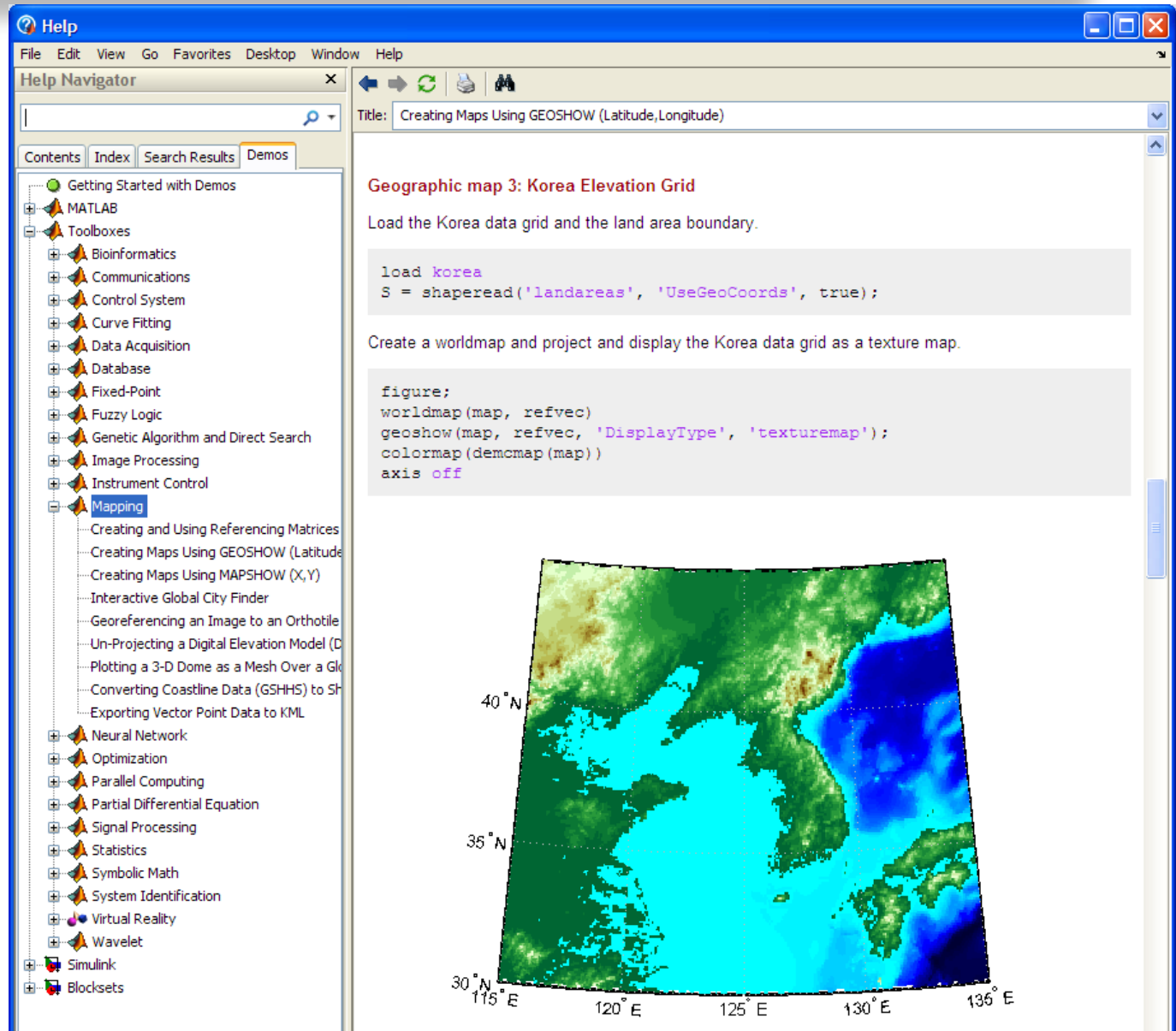


MATLAB does maps too! The mapping toolbox

>> help map
>> mapdemos

Can write KML:
>> help kmlwrite

Alternative to
Using GMT



The screenshot shows the MATLAB Help Navigator window. The left pane displays a tree view of the Mapping toolbox, with the following items listed:

- Getting Started with Demos
- MATLAB
- Toolboxes
 - Bioinformatics
 - Communications
 - Control System
 - Curve Fitting
 - Data Acquisition
 - Database
 - Fixed-Point
 - Fuzzy Logic
 - Genetic Algorithm and Direct Search
 - Image Processing
 - Instrument Control
 - Mapping
 - Creating and Using Referencing Matrices
 - Creating Maps Using GEOSHOW (Latitude, Longitude)
 - Creating Maps Using MAPSHOW (X,Y)
 - Interactive Global City Finder
 - Georeferencing an Image to an Orthotile
 - Un-Projecting a Digital Elevation Model (DEM)
 - Plotting a 3-D Dome as a Mesh Over a Globe
 - Converting Coastline Data (GSHHS) to Shapefiles
 - Exporting Vector Point Data to KML
 - Neural Network
 - Optimization
 - Parallel Computing
 - Partial Differential Equation
 - Signal Processing
 - Statistics
 - Symbolic Math
 - System Identification
 - Virtual Reality
 - Wavelet
- Simulink
- Blocksets

The right pane displays the help page for "Creating Maps Using GEOSHOW (Latitude, Longitude)". The page title is "Geographic map 3: Korea Elevation Grid". The text describes the process: "Load the Korea data grid and the land area boundary." and "Create a worldmap and project and display the Korea data grid as a texture map." The code snippet is as follows:

```
load korea
S = shaperead('landareas', 'UseGeoCoords', true);

figure;
worldmap(map, refvec)
geoshow(map, refvec, 'DisplayType', 'texturemap');
colormap(demcmap(map))
axis off
```

The figure shows a geographic map of Korea with an elevation grid overlay. The map is displayed in a worldmap projection. The axes are labeled with latitude (30°N, 35°N, 40°N) and longitude (115°E, 120°E, 125°E, 130°E, 135°E).

Graphics files I/O

Writing your plots to image files

Loading in image files

Loading a graphics file into MATLAB

Load a raster graphics file into a numerical array with:

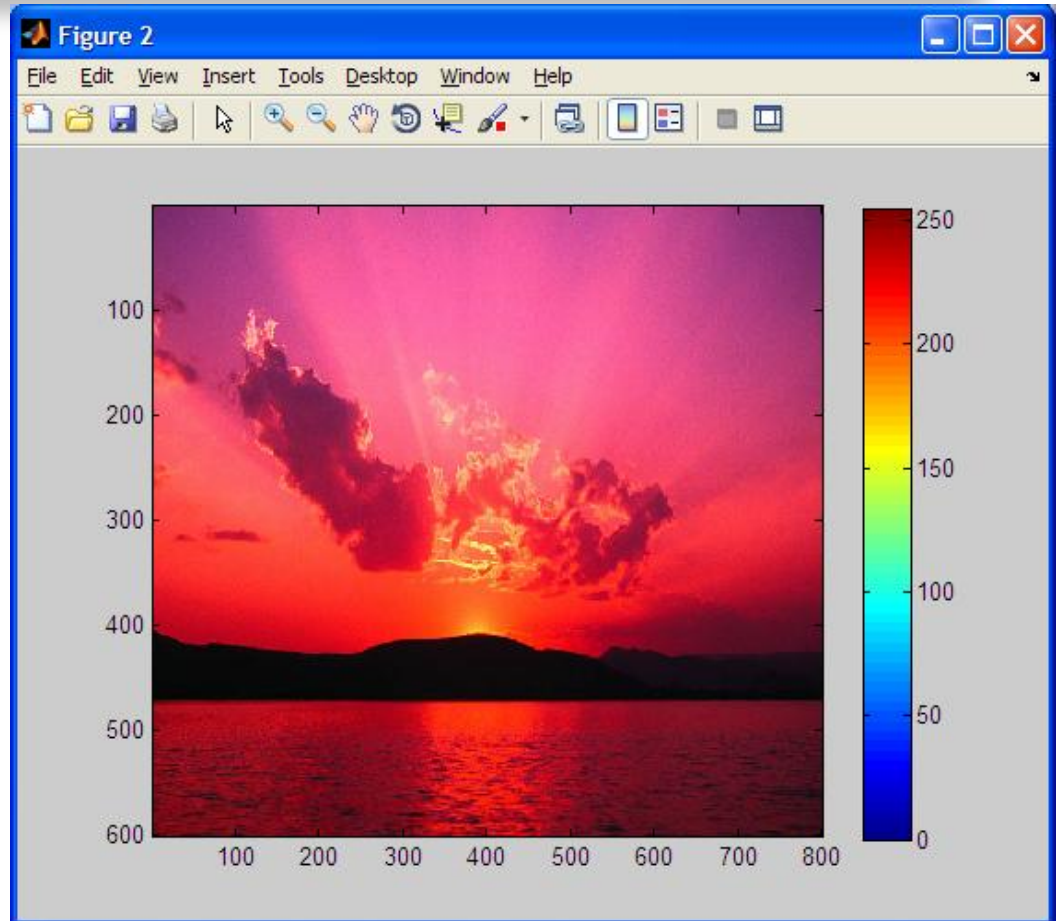
```
A = imread('filename', 'format')
```

Plot it in the current axes with:
`image(A);`

Add a colorbar with:
`colorbar;`

Example:

```
>> A = imread('Sunset.jpg');  
>> size(A)  
    600 800 3  
>> image(A);  
>> colorbar
```



Alter it however you want (add labels, title, text, change position, tick marks).

MATLAB file I/O

Getting your data into MATLAB and getting it out again

Text and Binary files

Text files:

- Files you can read with a text editor, or with the cat, more or less commands at a Unix prompt.
- Might not be able to understand the data they encode.
- Advantage: Human readable.
- We will assume all text files are in ASCII format, which represents English alphabet, the digits 0 – 9 and other symbols you see on your keyboard. ASCII(65) = 'A'; ASCII(66) = 'B'; ASCII(97) = 'a';

Binary files:

- Garbage if you try to open them with a text editor, or with the cat, more or less commands.
- Advantage: Compression.

Example:

Take the number 65535. It is equal to $2^{16} - 1$.

This can be stored in 2 bytes in a binary file. In a text file it needs at least 5 bytes.

Some binary files contain a mixture of text and binary data, e.g. the SEISAN data format. It contains metadata in plain text, but waveform data in binary format.

MATLAB binary files:

load

save

MAT files (MATLAB binary files)

MAT files are MATLAB binary files. Only MATLAB can read/write them. They are useful for storing (workspace) variables, so you can reload them later. Use **save** and **load**.

Examples:

```
>> save foobar.mat
```

```
% saves all workspace variables to the file foobar.mat (.mat extension is optional)
```

```
>> save foobar.mat x y
```

```
% saves only the workspace variables x and y to the file foobar2.mat
```

```
>> save foobar.mat sta*
```

```
% saves all workspace variables that begin with the letters 'sta' (* is a wildcard)
```

```
>> load foobar.mat
```

```
% loads the file foobar.mat
```

```
>> load foobar x
```

```
% loads only the variable x from foobar.mat
```

save & load fully support numeric arrays, strings, cell arrays and structs for MAT files.

Text file I/O:

load

dlmread/csvread

importdata

fopen/textscan/fclose

fopen/fgetl/fclose

fopen/fscanf/fclose

save

dlmwrite/csvwrite

fopen/fprintf/fclose

```
Editor - C:\Users\glenn\Documents\MATLAB\numeric_array.txt
File Edit Text Go Tools Debug Desktop Window Help
7.9933710e-002 8.9788843e-001 -1.0149436e+000
-9.4848098e-001 -1.3193787e-001 -4.7106991e-001
4.1149062e-001 -1.4720146e-001 1.3702487e-001
6.7697781e-001 1.0077734e+000 -2.9186338e-001
8.5773255e-001 -2.1236555e+000 3.0181856e-001
-6.9115913e-001 -5.0458641e-001 3.9993094e-001
4.4937762e-001 -1.2705944e+000 -9.2996156e-001
1.0063335e-001 -3.8258480e-001 -1.7683027e-001
8.2607000e-001 6.4867926e-001 -2.1320946e+000
5.3615708e-001 8.2572715e-001 1.1453617e+000
11
```

```
>> a=load('numeric_array.txt')
```

```
a =
```

```
0.0799 0.8979 -1.0149
-0.9485 -0.1319 -0.4711
0.4115 -0.1472 0.1370
0.6770 1.0078 -0.2919
0.8577 -2.1237 0.3018
-0.6912 -0.5046 0.3999
0.4494 -1.2706 -0.9300
0.1006 -0.3826 -0.1768
0.8261 0.6487 -2.1321
0.5362 0.8257 1.1454
```

```
>> a2=load('numeric_array2.txt')
```

```
a2 =
```

```
0.0799 0.8979 -1.0149
-0.9485 -0.1319 -0.4711
0.4115 -0.1472 0.1370
0.6770 1.0078 -0.2919
0.8577 -2.1237 0.3018
-0.6912 -0.5046 0.3999
0.4494 -1.2706 -0.9300
0.1006 -0.3826 -0.1768
0.8261 0.6487 -2.1321
0.5362 0.8257 1.1454
```

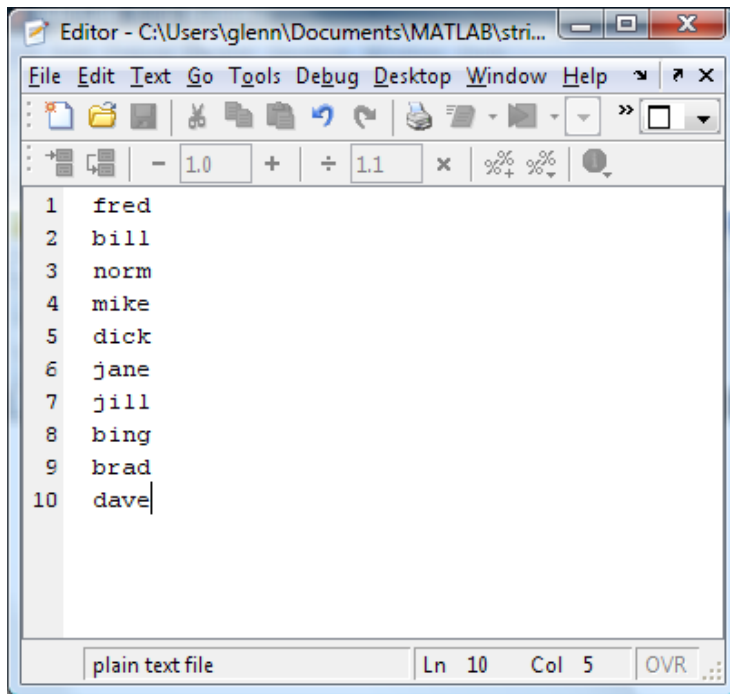
```
Editor - C:\Users\glenn\Documents\MATLAB\numeric_array2.txt
File Edit Text Go Tools Debug Desktop Window Help
7.9933710e-002 8.9788843e-001 -1.0149436e+000
-9.4848098e-001 -1.3193787e-001 -4.7106991e-001
4.1149062e-001 -1.4720146e-001 1.3702487e-001
6.7697781e-001 1.0077734e+000 -2.9186338e-001
8.5773255e-001 -2.1236555e+000 3.0181856e-001
-6.9115913e-001 -5.0458641e-001 3.9993094e-001
4.4937762e-001 -1.2705944e+000 -9.2996156e-001
1.0063335e-001 -3.8258480e-001 -1.7683027e-001
8.2607000e-001 6.4867926e-001 -2.1320946e+000
5.3615708e-001 8.2572715e-001 1.1453617e+000
11
```

```
Editor - C:\Users\glenn\Documents\MATLAB\numeric_array3.txt
File Edit Text Go Tools Debug Desktop Window Help
1 1 2 3 4
2 5 6 7
3 8 9 10 11
4 |
plain text file Ln 4 Col 1 OVR
```

But as soon as it no longer has the same number of numbers on each row, it is no longer a valid array, and it won't load.

```
>> a2=load('numeric_array3.txt')
??? Error using ==> load
Number of columns on line 1 of ASCII file numeric_array3.txt
must be the same as previous lines.
```

load() wont work at all with alphabetic characters



```
s=load('string_array.txt')
```

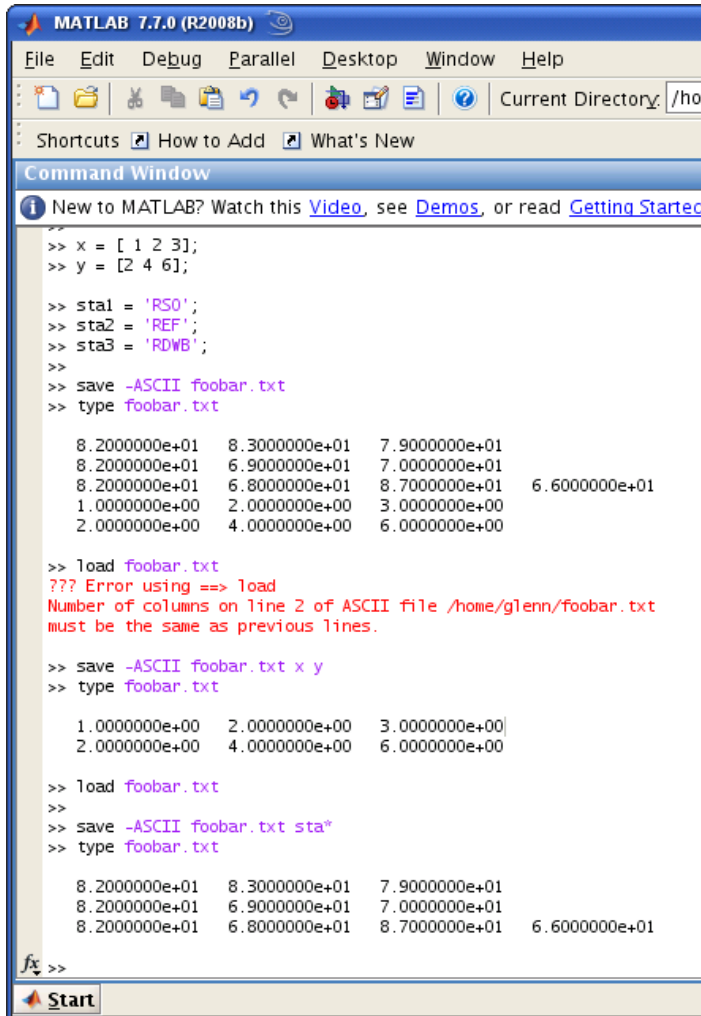
??? Error using ==> load

Unknown text on line number 1 of ASCII file string_array.txt

"free".

save/load: numeric ASCII (text) files

Suggested file extension is .dat or .txt.



```
MATLAB 7.7.0 (R2008b)
File Edit Debug Parallel Desktop Window Help
Current Directory: /ho
Shortcuts How to Add What's New
Command Window
New to MATLAB? Watch this Video, see Demos, or read Getting Started
>> x = [ 1 2 3];
>> y = [2 4 6];

>> sta1 = 'RS0';
>> sta2 = 'REF';
>> sta3 = 'RDWB';
>>
>> save -ASCII foobar.txt
>> type foobar.txt

8.2000000e+01 8.3000000e+01 7.9000000e+01
8.2000000e+01 6.9000000e+01 7.0000000e+01
8.2000000e+01 6.8000000e+01 8.7000000e+01 6.6000000e+01
1.0000000e+00 2.0000000e+00 3.0000000e+00
2.0000000e+00 4.0000000e+00 6.0000000e+00

>> load foobar.txt
??? Error using ==> load
Number of columns on line 2 of ASCII file /home/glenn/foobar.txt
must be the same as previous lines.

>> save -ASCII foobar.txt x y
>> type foobar.txt

1.0000000e+00 2.0000000e+00 3.0000000e+00
2.0000000e+00 4.0000000e+00 6.0000000e+00

>> load foobar.txt
>>
>> save -ASCII foobar.txt sta'
>> type foobar.txt

8.2000000e+01 8.3000000e+01 7.9000000e+01
8.2000000e+01 6.9000000e+01 7.0000000e+01
8.2000000e+01 6.8000000e+01 8.7000000e+01 6.6000000e+01
fx >>
```

save -ASCII filename [list of variables]

For numeric variables only

Will turn your strings into ASCII sequences.

load will only work for numerical arrays stored in a file.

Expects same number of columns on each row of an input file.

Neither of them will work with cell arrays or structs.

Example:

clear all; x = ones(10, 1); y = randn(10, 1);

save foobar.txt -ASCII x y

clear all;

a=load('foobar.txt');

% a will be an array containing x and y

dlmread()

dlmread() is for reading a delimited numeric ASCII text file.

```
A = dlmread('filename.txt', 'delimiter')
```

For comma-separated-variables (CSV text files) there is a special command:

```
A = csvread('filename.txt')
```

But it just calls:

```
A = dlmread('filename.txt', ',');
```

So we'll ignore it.

dlmread() can be used to load `numeric_array3.txt`, padding each row with zeros as necessary:

```
>> a3=dlmread('numeric_array3.txt')
```

```
a3 =
```

```
1  2  3  4
5  6  7  0
8  9 10 11
```

Although **dlmread()** gets us around the restriction of having the same number of numbers of each row, it won't help us to load any non-numeric data. Nor will it work if you have different delimiters within the same input file.

importdata()

Our luck improves considerably with `importdata()`

```
A = importdata('filename.txt', 'delimiter')
```

It works without any difficulty for any of the text files we've seen so far:

```
>> a=importdata('numeric_array2.txt')
```

```
a =
```

```
0.0799  0.8979 -1.0149
-0.9485 -0.1319 -0.4711
0.4115  -0.1472  0.1370
0.6770  1.0078 -0.2919
0.8577  -2.1237  0.3018
-0.6912 -0.5046  0.3999
0.4494  -1.2706 -0.9300
0.1006  -0.3826 -0.1768
0.8261  0.6487 -2.1321
0.5362  0.8257  1.1454
```

It even loads `string_array.txt`
into a cell array!



```
>> a=importdata('numeric_array3.txt')
```

```
a =
```

```
1  2  3  4
5  6  7 NaN
8  9 10 11
```

```
>> s=importdata('string_array.txt')
```

```
s =
```

```
'fred'
'bill'
'norm'
'mike'
'dick'
'jane'
'jill'
'bing'
'brad'
'dave'
```

```
>>
```

Now try something more ambitious – each row is a string followed of length 1 to 11 followed by 0 to 4 numbers (reals and integers).

The image shows the MATLAB 7.7.0 (R2008b) environment. On the left, the Editor window displays a text file named 'mixed_array.txt' with the following content:

```
1 frederick 1 2 3 4
2 bob 5 6 7
3 M 8 9
4 michael 10 11 12
5 dick 13.1 14.2 15
6 jane 16 17.5 18
7 jill 19 20
8 bing 21
9 brad
10 christopher 22 23
```

On the right, the Command Window shows the execution of the following MATLAB code:

```
>> s2 = importdata('mixed_array.txt')

s2 =

    data: [10x4 double]
  txtdata: {10x1 cell}
rowheaders: {10x1 cell}

>> s2.data

ans =

    1.0000    2.0000    3.0000    4.0000
    5.0000    6.0000    7.0000    NaN
    8.0000    9.0000    NaN      NaN
   10.0000   11.0000   12.0000   NaN
   13.1000   14.2000   15.0000   NaN
   16.0000   17.5000   18.0000   NaN
   19.0000   20.0000    NaN      NaN
   21.0000    NaN      NaN      NaN
    NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN
   22.0000   23.0000    NaN      NaN

>> s2.txtdata

ans =

'frederick'
'bob'
'M'
'michael'
'dick'
'jane'
'jill'
'bing'
'brad'
'christopher'
```

A blue arrow points from the text 'Non-existent values replaced with NaN in numeric array' to the Command Window output, specifically to the NaN values in the 's2.data' matrix.

It has created a struct,
s2.data holds the
numeric array,
s2.txtdata holds the
string data in a cell array

Non-existent values
replaced with NaN in
numeric array

```
1 name birthday telephone
2 frederick 1971-10-18 373-3212
3 bob 1974-11-15 373-3205
4 michael 1968-03-02 373-3296
5 dick 1961-05-26 373-3265
6 jane 1967-08-13 373-3218
7 jill 1958-01-03 373-3256
8 bing 1980-09-19 373-3209
```

But `importdata` finally fails to work as desired when we are reading in a simple file made of 3 strings per row.

It loads each row into a single element of a cell array.

```
>> s=importdata('mixed_array3.txt','\t')

s =

    'name birthday telephone '
    'frederick 1971-10-18 373-3212'
    'bob 1974-11-15 373-3205 '
    'michael 1968-03-02 373-3296'
    'dick 1961-05-26 373-3265'
    'jane 1967-08-13 373-3218'
    'jill 1958-01-03 373-3256'
    'bing 1980-09-19 373-3209'
```

textscan()

MATLAB 7.7.0
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Home Directory

MATLAB

name	Date Modified
array1.txt	4/27/09 8:42 PM
array2.txt	4/27/09 8:37 PM
array3.txt	4/27/09 10:54 PM
array4.txt	4/27/09 10:36 PM
array5.txt	4/27/09 10:04 PM
array6.txt	4/27/09 10:56 PM
array7.txt	4/27/09 11:00 PM
array8.txt	4/27/09 8:51 PM
array9.txt	4/27/09 9:17 PM
array10.txt	4/27/09 9:19 PM
array11.txt	4/27/09 8:58 PM

New to MATLAB? Watch this [video](#), see [Demos](#), or read [Getting Started](#).

```
>>
>>
>> fid = fopen('mixed_array3.txt');
>> s = textscan(fid, '%s %s %s')

s =

    (8x1 cell)    (8x1 cell)    (8x1 cell)

>> s(1:3)

ans =

    'name'
    'Frederick'
    'bob'
    'michael'
    'dick'
    'jane'
    'jill'
    'bing'

ans =

    'birthday'
    '1971-10-18'
    '1974-11-15'
    '1968-03-02'
    '1961-05-26'
    '1967-08-13'
    '1958-01-03'
    '1980-09-19'

ans =

    'telephone'
    '373-3212'
    '373-3205'
    '373-3296'
    '373-3265'
    '373-3218'
    '373-3256'
    '373-3208'

>> fclose(fid);
>>
```

cols = textscan(fid, format) works. Each column goes into a separate element of a cell array.

You are responsible for opening and closing the file though.

fid = fopen(filename, mode)

Is used to open a file.

Mode is:

- 'r' read (default)
- 'w' write (overwrite if file already exists)
- 'a' append (append to existing file if it already exists)

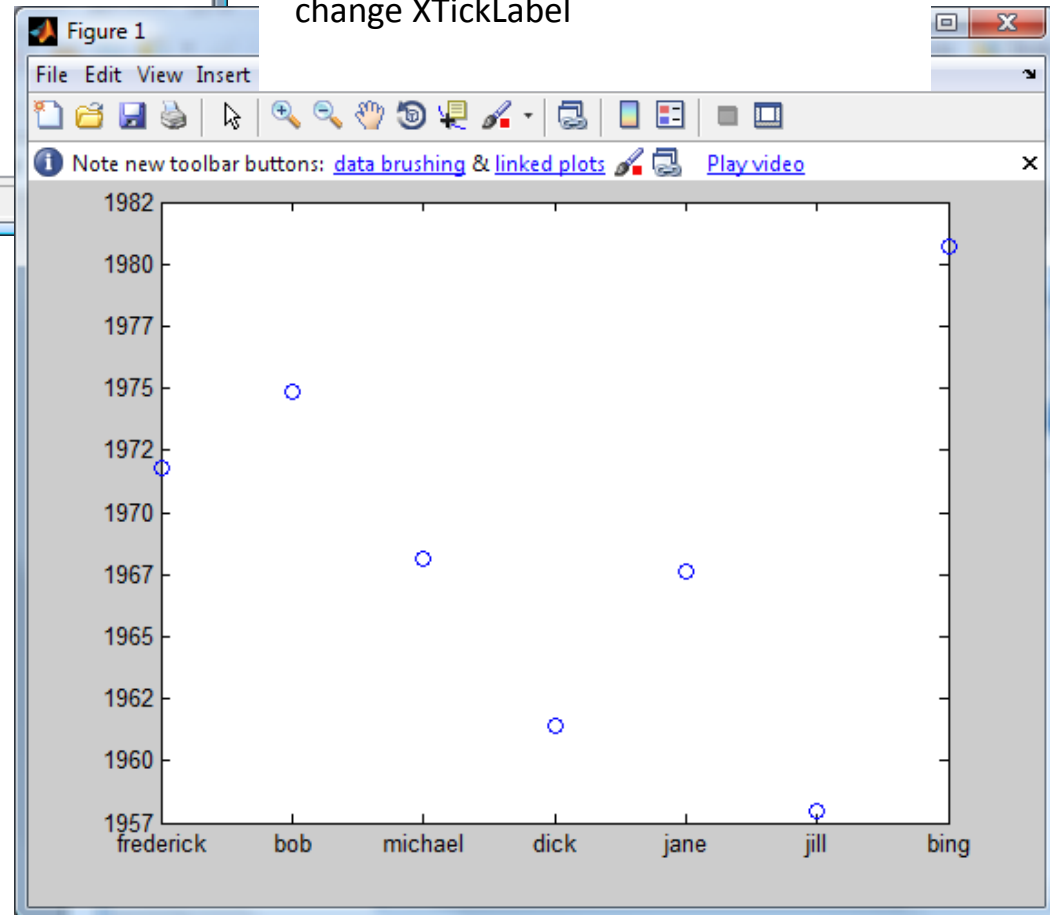
The latter are only used for writing data out to file.

fclose(fid) is used to close the file, after you've read (or written) it.

_array3.txt (TXT File)
No details available

```
Editor - C:\Users\glenn\Documents\MATLAB\mixed_array3.txt
File Edit Text Go Tools Debug Desktop Window Help
1 frederick 37 1971-10-18 373-3212
2 bob 34 1974-11-15 373-3205
3 michael 40 1968-03-02 373-3296
4 dick 47 1961-05-26 373-3265
5 jane 41 1967-08-13 373-3218
6 jill 50 1958-01-03 373-3256
7 bing 28 1980-09-19 373-3209
```

Example to plot birthdays
against name using:
fopen/textscan/fclose
struct
datenum
plot(y)
datetick
change XTickLabel



Script:

```
% read the file
fid = fopen('mixed_array3.txt');
A = textscan(fid, '%s %d %s %s');
fclose(fid);

% convert data into a struct
person.name = A{1};
person.age = A{2};
person.bday = datenum(A{3}); % convert to a datenum
person.phoneNum = A{4};

% plot the data
figure;
plot(person.bday);
datetick('y'); % let Matlab figure out how to label the y-axis
set(gca, 'XTickLabel', person.name); % change the XtickLabels from 1:7 to names
```

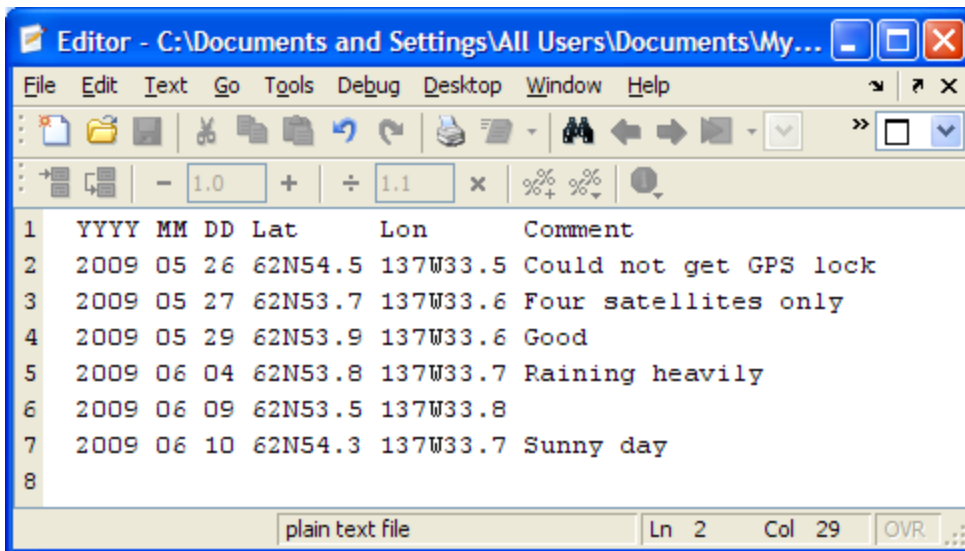
Reading a line at a time: fgetl()

Line can be any length, any format.

Example

```
fid=fopen('fgetl.m');  
while 1  
    tline = fgetl(fid);  
    if ~ischar(tline), break, end  
    disp(tline)  
end  
fclose(fid);
```

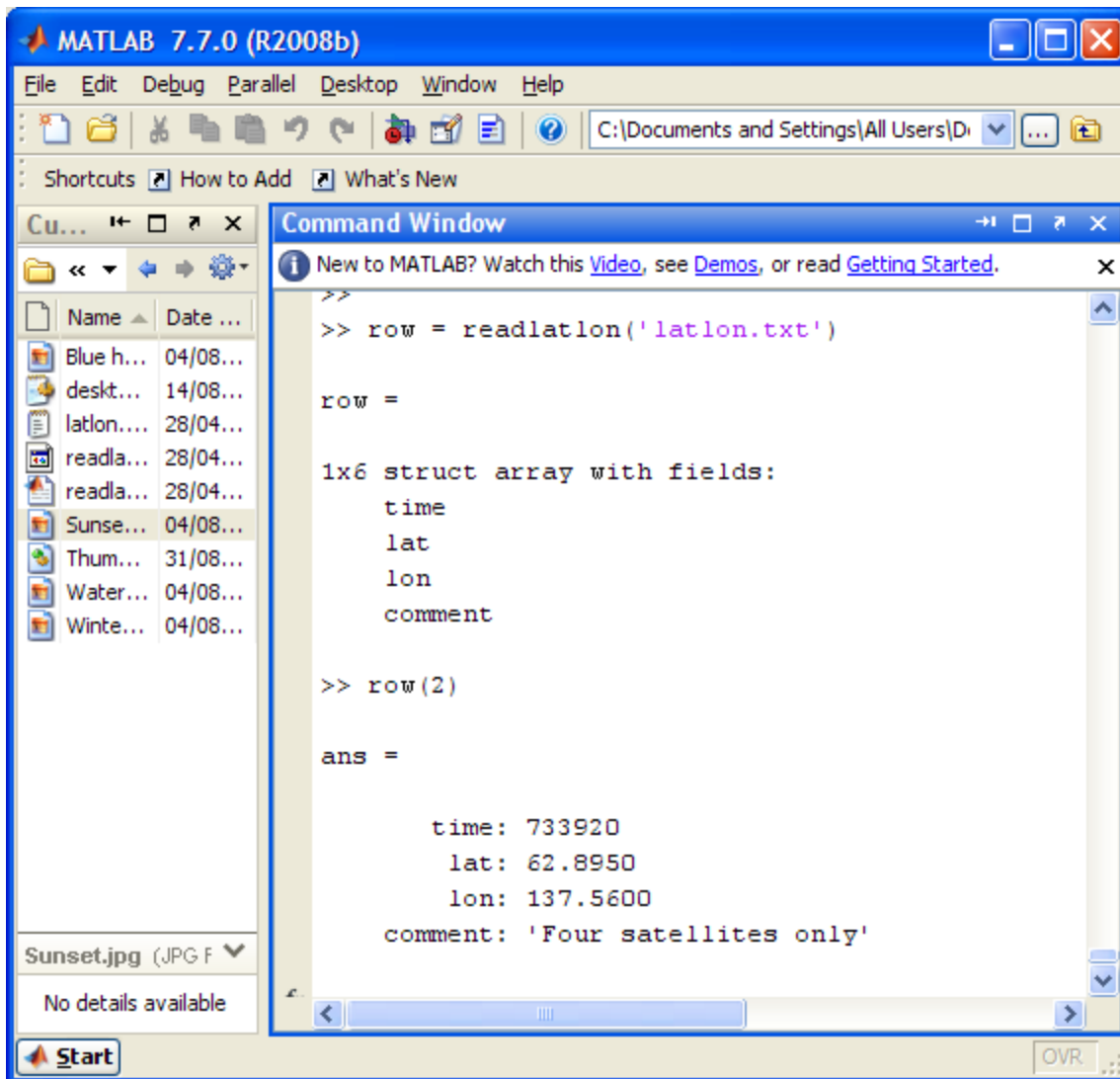
I often use it when each line has fields which appear in fixed positions.



```
1  YYYY MM DD Lat    Lon    Comment  
2  2009 05 26 62N54.5 137W33.5 Could not get GPS lock  
3  2009 05 27 62N53.7 137W33.6 Four satellites only  
4  2009 05 29 62N53.9 137W33.6 Good  
5  2009 06 04 62N53.8 137W33.7 Raining heavily  
6  2009 06 09 62N53.5 137W33.8  
7  2009 06 10 62N54.3 137W33.7 Sunny day  
8
```



```
1 function row = readlatlon(filename)
2     %READLATLON read a latlon file
3
4     % initialise variables
5     linenum = 0;
6
7     if(exist(filename, 'file'))    % check if the file exists before trying to open it
8         fid = fopen(filename);    % try to open the file, creating a pointer to it called fid
9         while 1, % loop over all rows in the file
10            myline = fgetl(fid);    % read the next line
11            if ~ischar(myline), break, end % end loop when hit a blank line (end of file)
12
13            % break up the line into components
14
15            if strcmp(myline(1:2), '20') % if line starts with 20, it's probably a data row
16                linenum = linenum + 1;
17
18                % time
19                yyyy = str2num(myline(1:4));
20                mm = str2num(myline(6:7));
21                dd = str2num(myline(9:10));
22                row(linenum).time = datenum(yyyy, mm, dd);
23
24                % lat
25                row(linenum).lat = str2num(myline(12:13)) + str2num(myline(15:18))/60;
26
27                % lon
28                row(linenum).lon = str2num(myline(20:22)) + str2num(myline(24:27))/60;
29
30                % comment
31                if length(myline)>28
32                    row(linenum).comment = myline(29:end);
33                end
34
```

Reading one data type at a time: fscanf()

Examples:

`S = fscanf(fid, '%s')` reads (and returns) a character string.

`A = fscanf(fid, '%5d')` reads 5-digit decimal integers.

writing text files: fprintf()

print formatted string to a file

```
fout = fopen(filename, 'w') % write to new file filename (replacing file if already exists)
```

```
for (r=1:numRows )          % loop over all rows
```

```
    fprintf(fout, '%s\t%12.7f\n', datestr(dnum(r),31), data(r));
```

```
end
```

```
fclose(fout)
```

```
\t          =      <tab>
```

```
\n          =      <return>
```

```
datestr(dnum(r), 31) =      print dnum(r) as a datestr using dateform 31
```

```
%12.7f=      print this real variable as 12 characters with 7 after the decimal point
```

Output file might be like:

```
20090423T180000      1234.1234567
20090423T180100      1357.1357911
20090423T180200      1470.1470369
```

Related functions:

dlmwrite – for delimited fields

(csvwrite for comma delimited fields)

Reading and Writing Excel files:

`xlsread`
`xlswrite`

Reading Excel files

`[numeric, txt, raw] = xlsread('myfile.xls');` % will attempt to read all sheets

`[numeric, txt, raw] = xlsread('myfile.xls', 'sheet1');` % read sheet1 only

numeric – a matrix that contains all the numeric columns

txt – a cell array contain all text columns

raw – a cell array contain any columns xlsread could not interpret

Writing Excel files

Related functions are **csvread** and **dlmread**

`xlswrite('myfile.xls', myarray, 'sheet2');`

myarray - a numeric array or a cell array

Related functions are **csvwrite**, **dlmwrite**

Writing Excel files

xlswrite('myfile.xls', myarray, 'sheet2');

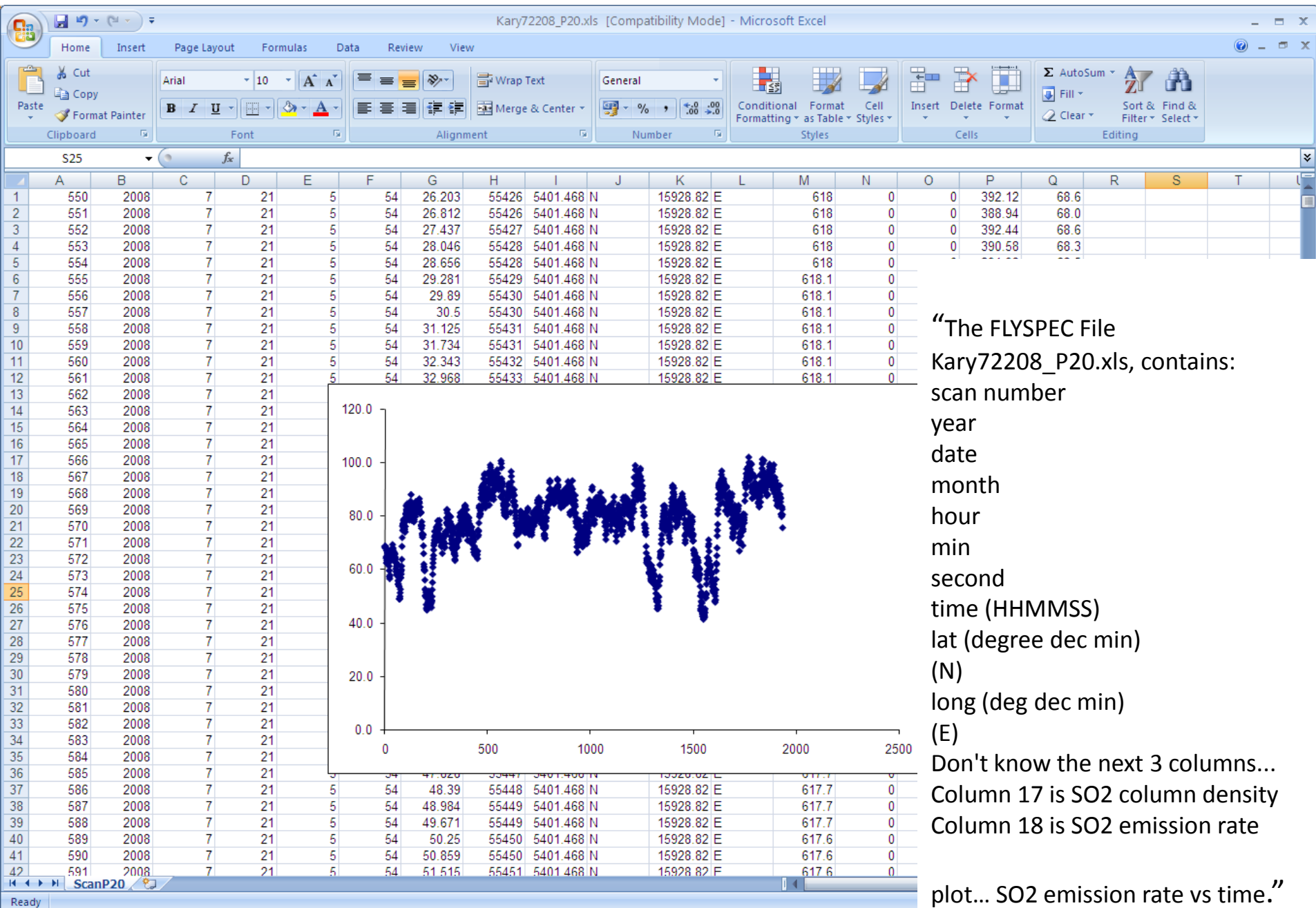
myarray - a numeric array or a cell array

Related functions are **csvwrite**, **dlmwrite**

EXCEL EXAMPLES

Two real examples:

- (1) Grasshopper diet data from Ellen Trainor
- (2) Gas data from Taryn Lopez



“The FLYSPEC File
 Kary72208_P20.xls, contains:
 scan number
 year
 date
 month
 hour
 min
 second
 time (HHMMSS)
 lat (degree dec min)
 (N)
 long (deg dec min)
 (E)
 Don't know the next 3 columns...
 Column 17 is SO2 column density
 Column 18 is SO2 emission rate
 plot... SO2 emission rate vs time.”

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
1	RESPIRATIONS 26 treatments (ml/hr)												
2	Started 14 November 2008												
3	Day	1	3	5	7	10	15	19	21	24	26	28	
4	Mebo Diet 1 Frass	0.029941	0.036760	0.021387	0.019372	0.028300	0.021002	0.026037	0.030734	0.028647	0.023603	0.015337	
5	Mebo Diet 1 Frass	0.039347	0.029427	0.024627	0.025411	0.040357	0.021274	0.025504	0.025297	0.026141	0.026750	0.000358	
6	Mebo Diet 1 Frass	0.045361	0.027650	0.020553	0.025200	0.041636	0.019422	0.026459	0.028628	0.027973	0.017469	0.018583	
7	Mebo Diet 1 Frass	0.038216	0.031279	0.022189	0.023328	0.036764	0.020566	0.026000	0.028220	0.027587	0.022607	0.011426	
8	Mebo Diet 2 Frass	0.046629	0.027252	0.026722	0.028802	0.051745	0.028179	0.017258	0.023576	0.012284	0.002670	0.000438	
9	Mebo Diet 2 Frass	0.052348	0.044640	0.028961	0.028229	0.046364	0.000717	0.033413	0.026310	0.014336	0.005969	0.001064	
10	Mebo Diet 2 Frass	0.065282	0.049284	0.036490	0.042543	0.050284	0.026643	0.032548	0.026985	0.024932	0.021134	0.000823	
11	Mebo Diet 2 Frass	0.054753	0.040392	0.030724	0.033191	0.049464	0.018513	0.027740	0.025623	0.017184	0.009924	0.000775	
12	Mebo Diet 3 Frass	0.028408	0.084356	0.035052	0.038212	0.044131	0.044650	0.036323	0.031559	0.034029	0.017198	0.020243	
13	Mebo Diet 3 Frass	0.045540	0.073274	0.039020	0.030590	0.046562	0.034594	0.022943	0.018259	0.013884	0.006151	0.012501	
14	Mebo Diet 3 Frass	0.044400	0.100208	0.045564	0.039532	0.051762	0.035126	0.028559	0.023222	0.016908	0.009144	0.018806	
15	Mebo Diet 3 Frass	0.039449	0.085946	0.039879	0.036111	0.047485	0.038123	0.029275	0.024347	0.021607	0.010831	0.017183	
16	Mebo Diet 5 Frass	0.032053	0.034795	0.023463	0.020572	0.034882	0.020807	0.029548	0.030751	0.034542	0.020581	0.028493	
17	Mebo Diet 5 Frass	0.038439	0.036586	0.029273	0.029888	0.032920	0.011903	0.027028	0.025383	0.018278	0.016180	0.019512	
18	Mebo Diet 5 Frass	0.038591	0.037185	0.026900	0.031409	0.039472	0.025069	0.018573	0.014363	0.013441	0.009275	0.020603	
19	Mebo Diet 5 Frass	0.036361	0.036189	0.026545	0.027290	0.035758	0.019260	0.025050	0.023499	0.022087	0.015346	0.022869	
20	Mebo Diet 6 Frass	0.056179	0.062881	0.046108	0.027046	0.036725	0.029483	0.032193	0.016735	0.012754	0.009385	0.013267	
21	Mebo Diet 6 Frass	0.060971	0.065381	0.039273	0.022965	0.037150	0.025007	0.021698	0.014975	0.015897	0.008545	0.022554	
22	Mebo Diet 6 Frass	0.066800	0.109385	0.053944	0.028759	0.038487	0.027658	0.017694	0.022291	0.009256	0.013926	0.007995	
23	Mebo Diet 6 Frass	0.061317	0.079216	0.046442	0.026257	0.037454	0.027383	0.023862	0.018000	0.012636	0.010619	0.014605	
24	Mebo frass Crepis 6/21-6/24	0.025109	0.099019	0.050810	0.034375	0.025598	0.015682	0.011532	0.007736	0.007352	0.011333	0.018858	
25	Mebo frass Crepis 6/21-6/24	0.044300	0.107612	0.055580	0.034786	0.026763	0.015381	0.014651	0.005530	0.013135	0.011605	0.010397	
26	Mebo frass Crepis 6/21-6/24	0.031514	0.105090	0.081898	0.043379	0.027444	0.007587	0.013728	0.010326	0.014696	0.008791	0.019155	
27	Mebo frass Crepis 6/21-6/24	0.033641	0.103907	0.062763	0.037514	0.026601	0.012884	0.013304	0.007864	0.011727	0.010577	0.016137	
28	Mebo frass Dandelion 6/21-6/24	0.026125	0.237728	0.125275	0.072588	0.081534	0.017118	0.050571	0.052207	0.038441	0.026424	0.024487	
29	Mebo frass Dandelion 6/21-6/24	0.020139	0.244282	0.091423	0.055880	0.052801	0.022627	0.025395	0.027898	0.017817	0.022933	0.027727	
30	Mebo frass Dandelion 6/21-6/24	0.039729	0.207743	0.103861	0.072641	0.052413	0.018400	0.030701	0.023240	0.033527	0.016489	0.024253	
31	Mebo frass Dandelion 6/21-6/24	0.028665	0.229918	0.106853	0.067036	0.062250	0.019381	0.035556	0.034448	0.029928	0.021949	0.025489	
32	Mebo frass Willow 6/21-6/26	0.054596	0.207699	0.079345	0.054584	0.036836	0.015952	0.006870	0.019560	0.014539	0.005134	0.001029	
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35	Mebo frass Willow 6/21-6/26	0.052713	0.193531	0.115380	0.055955	0.036465	0.014634	0.020138	0.014192	0.004836	0.008974	0.005731	
36	Mebo frass Run 2 Brome 7/18-	0.017822	0.082620	0.112102	0.071902	0.039908	0.024361	0.029167	0.020221	0.013834	0.016027	0.020209	
37	Mebo frass Run 2 Brome 7/18-	0.027884	0.095826	0.086322	0.044031	0.050002	0.011080	0.029279	0.024912	0.012556	0.014611	0.020409	
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39	Mebo frass Run 2 Brome 7/18-	0.027052	0.101191	0.096946	0.054428	0.044379	0.016122	0.023624	0.022272	0.014200	0.015473	0.019832	
40	Mebo frass Run 2 Crepis 7/18-	0.032164	0.156388	0.070297	0.048499	0.039589	0.009032	0.028215	0.016555	0.014747	0.015247	0.011965	
41	Mebo frass Run 2 Crepis 7/18-	0.022936	0.153139	0.078992	0.046844	0.050070	0.028356	0.012309	0.013969	0.020737	0.008359	0.017808	
42	Mebo frass Run 2 Crepis 7/18-	0.031340	0.161858	0.091402	0.058211	0.054596	0.022125	0.032035	0.029144	0.025080	0.014763	0.013522	
43	Mebo frass Run 2 Crepis 7/18-	0.028813	0.157128	0.080230	0.051185	0.048085	0.019838	0.024187	0.019889	0.020188	0.012790	0.014432	
44	Mebo frass Run 2 Dandelion 7/18-	0.017573	0.061471	0.142079	0.111889	0.054791	0.035716	0.028574	0.023220	0.020182	0.024994	0.020507	
45	Mebo frass Run 2 Dandelion 7/18-	0.020690	0.159492	0.090359	0.070210	0.041087	0.027204	0.027992	0.025242	0.015393	0.013904	0.020917	
46	Mebo frass Run 2 Dandelion 7/18-	0.01913	0.11048	0.11622	0.09105	0.04794	0.03146	0.02828	0.02423	0.01779	0.01945	0.02071	
47	Chcu frass Brome 7/12-7/18	0.043432	0.144770	0.092225	0.063379	0.039110	0.016253	0.013069	0.013545	0.007397	0.014354	0.014255	
48	Chcu frass Brome 7/12-7/18	0.041389	0.136011	0.088028	0.060811	0.046290	0.025027	0.026615	0.018358	0.015390	0.009988	0.012148	
49	Chcu frass Brome 7/12-7/18	0.040902	0.177715	0.086546	0.068967	0.057643	0.034951	0.037111	0.026899	0.017203	0.012909	0.014148	

apply a conversion factor to all measurements

plot the first six rows in bold as 6 lines on a plot

compute the area under each line

do the same for the next 6 bold rows

then the next 5

then the next 5

then the next 7

then the next 4

1) Define the outline

```
function grasshopperDiets()
% define conversion factors

% load the data
[a, t] = xlsread('grasshopperDiets.xls');
day = a(3, :); % day is in row 3

% define a vector which has the row numbers for the first plot
i = 7:4:23;

% plot these rows & compute area under graph
[area{1}, legendStr] = areas(day, a, i, color, t);

% plot a bar graph of the area
plotarea(area{1}, color, legendStr)

...

% define a vector which has the row numbers for the fifth plot
i = 82:4:102;

% plot these rows & compute area under graph
[area{5}, legendStr] = areas(day, a, i, color, t);

% plot a bar graph of the area
plotarea(area{5}, color, legendStr)
```

2) Write the functions

```
function [area,leg]=areas(day, a, i, color, t)
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...
```

```
function plotarea(area, color,leg);
```

```
...
```

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3) Simplify outline further, and fill in details

```
function grasshopperDiets()

% define conversion factor
conversionFactor = 1.98 * 12 / (12 + 2 * 16);

% load the data
[a, t] = xlsread('grasshopperDiets.xls');
day = a(3, :); % day is in row 3

% apply conversion factor
a[4:109, :] = a[4:109, :] * conversionFactor;

% set colours to match Excel
color = 'bmycrgk';

% define a vectors in a cell array which have row numbers for each plot
i{1} = 7:4:23;
...
i{5} = 82:4:102;

% loop over each set of rows
for count = 1:length(i)

% plot these rows & compute area under graph
[area{count}, legendStr] = areas(day, a, i{count}, color, t);

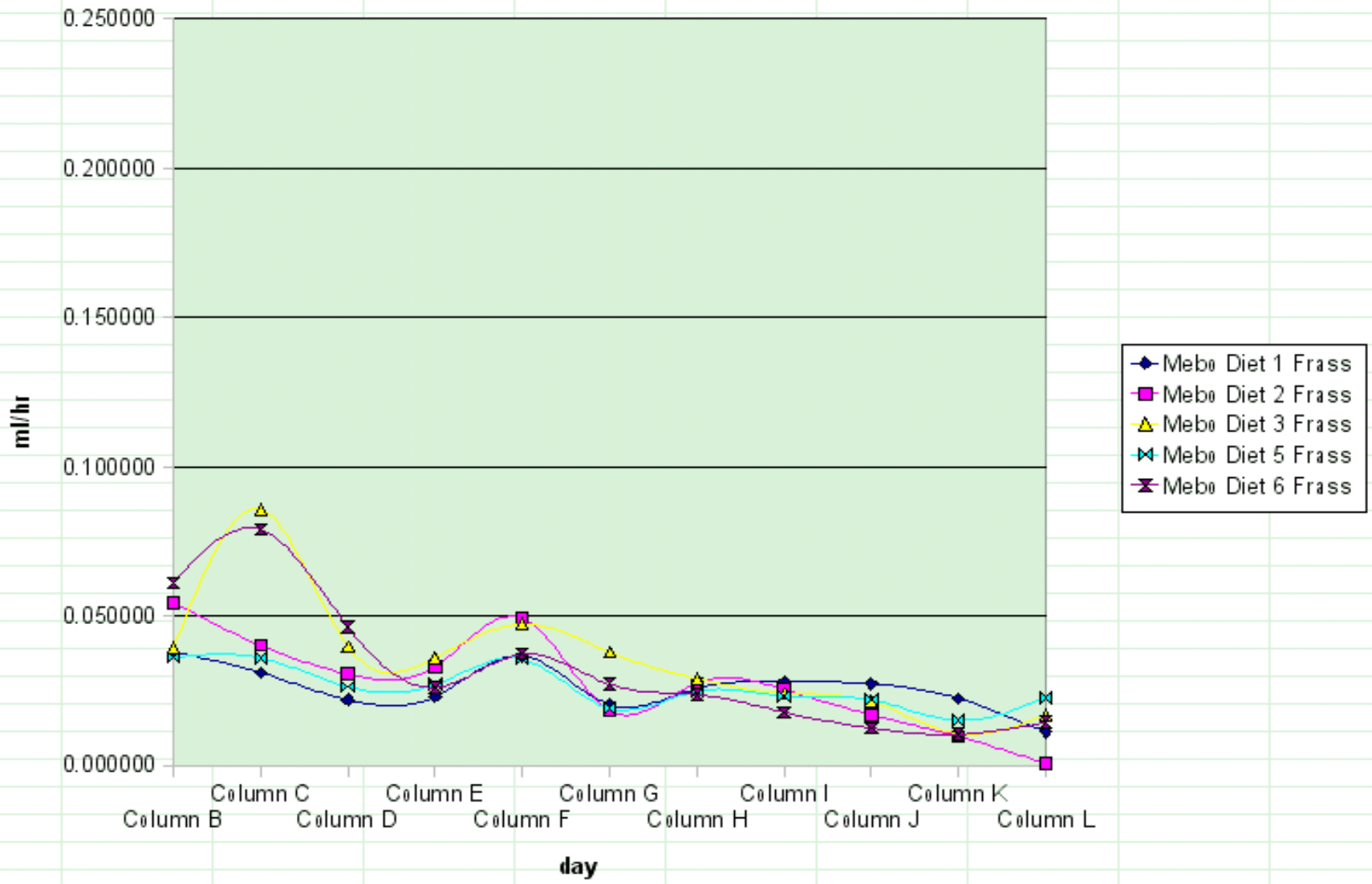
% plot a bar graph of the area
plotarea(area{count}, color, legendStr)

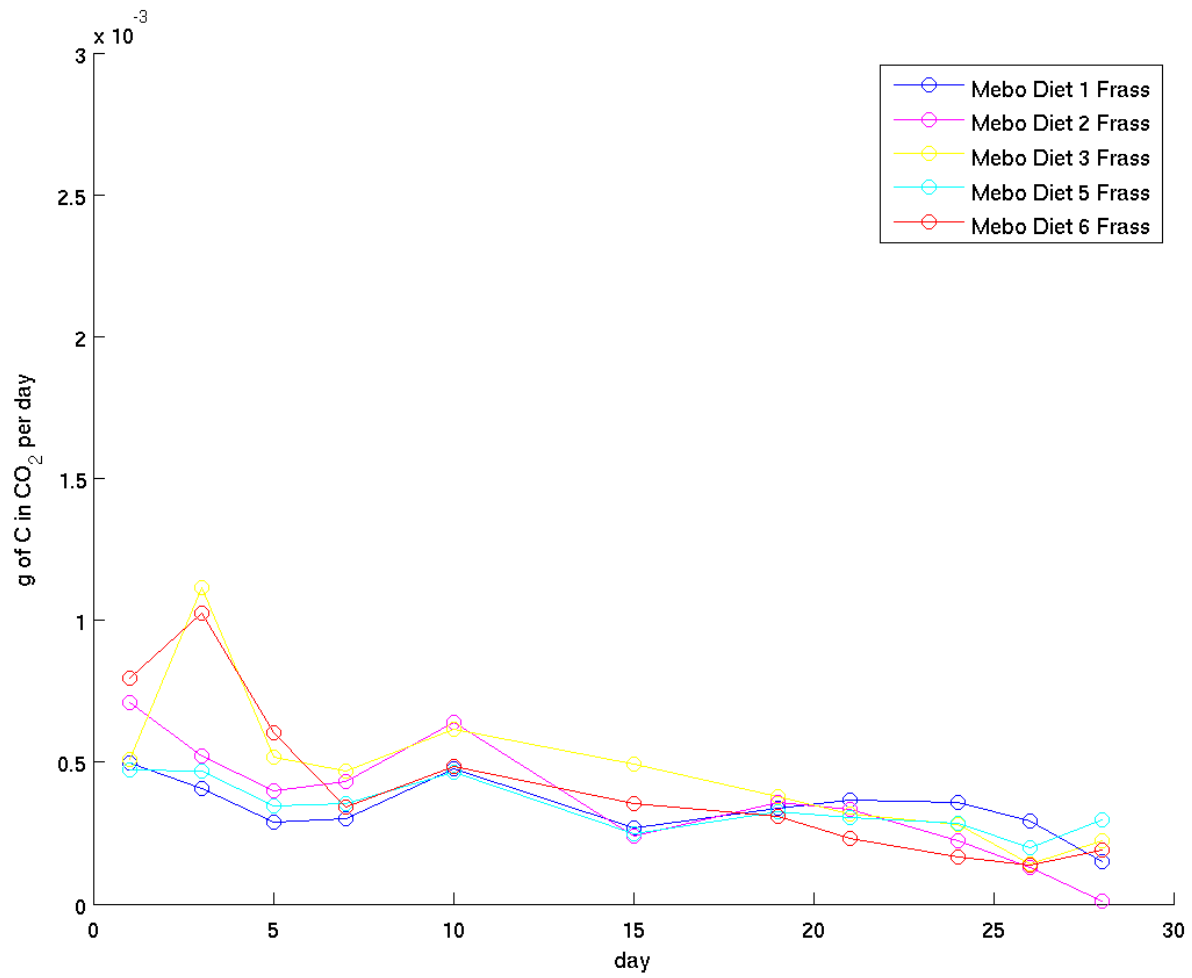
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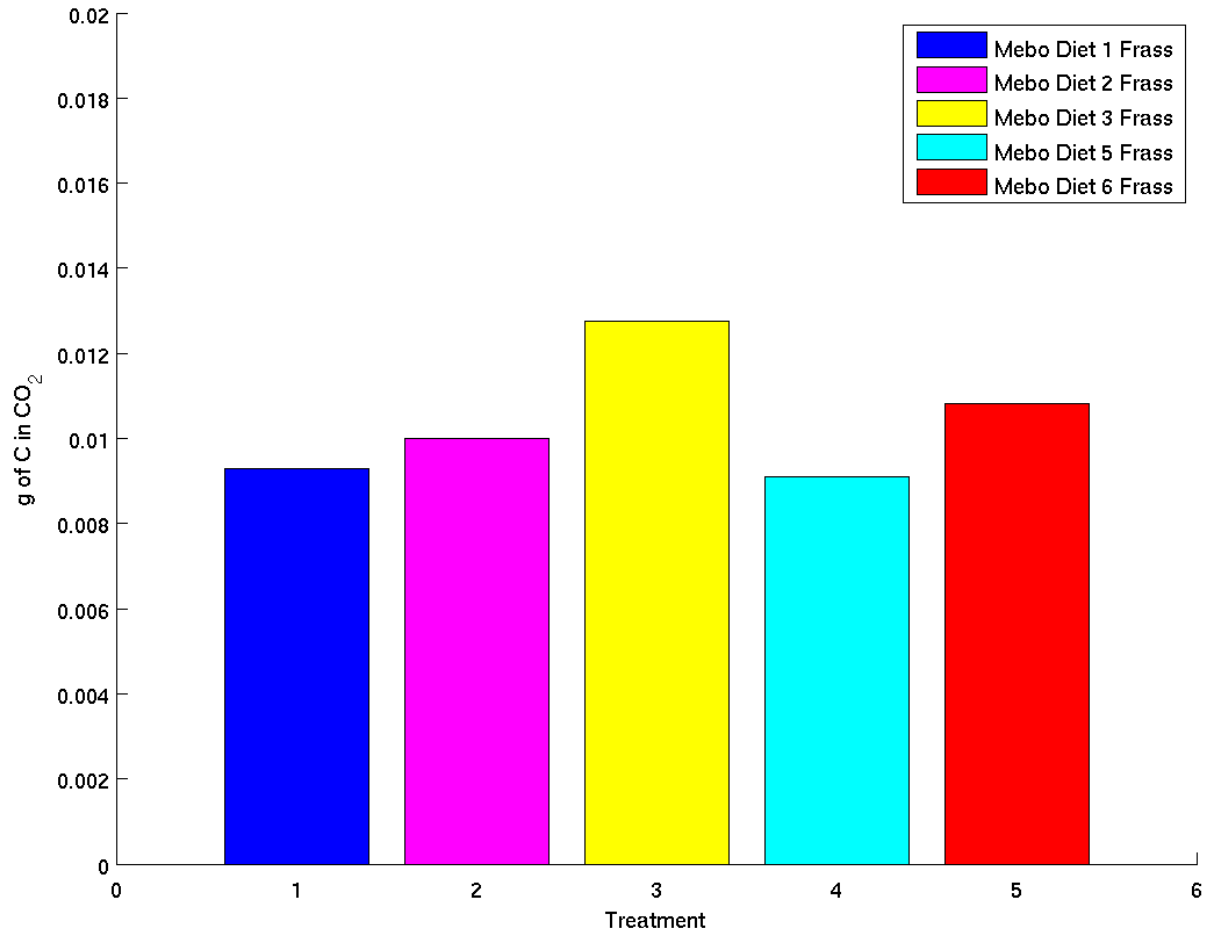
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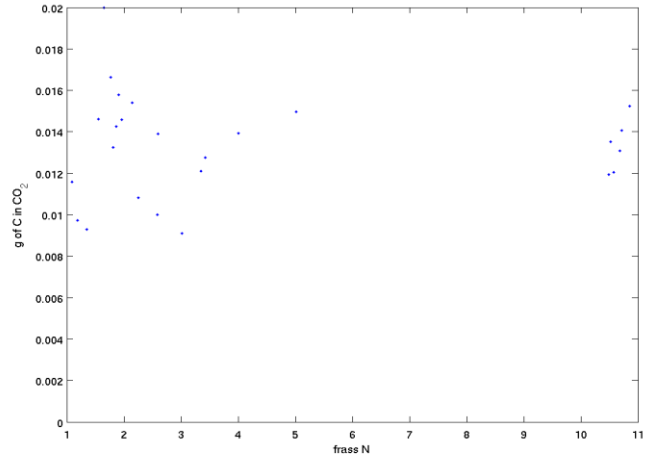
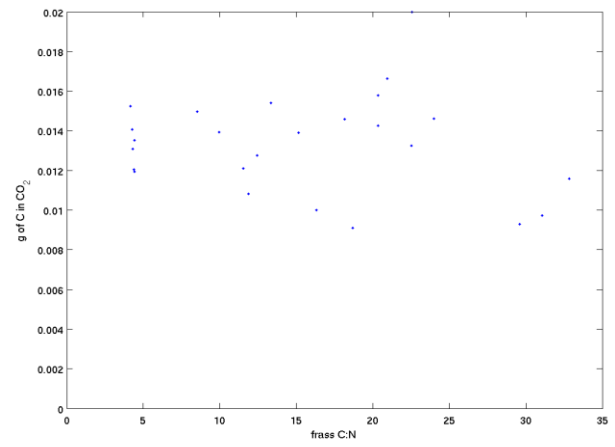
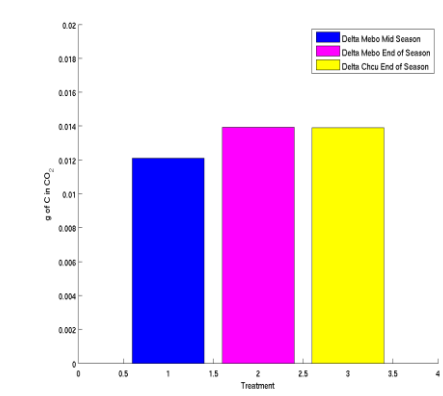
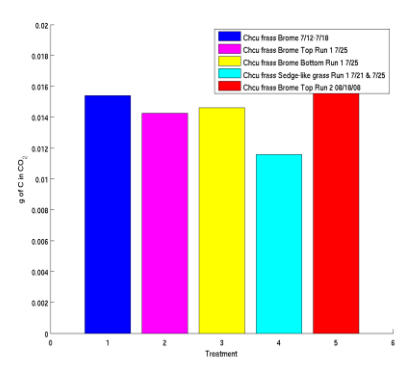
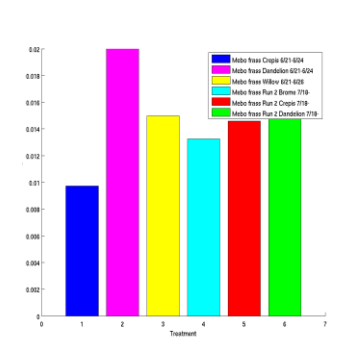
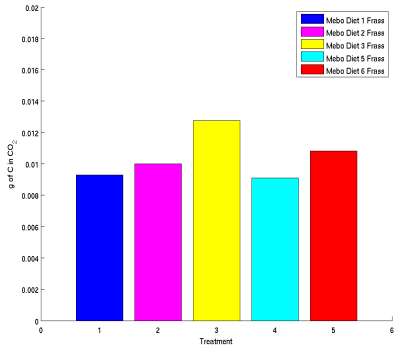
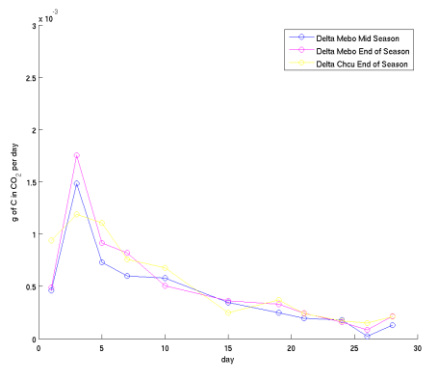
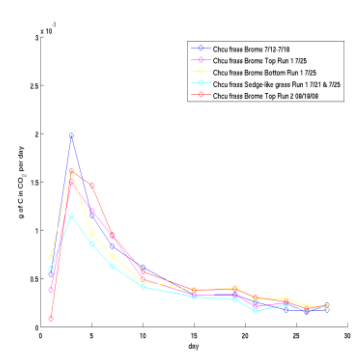
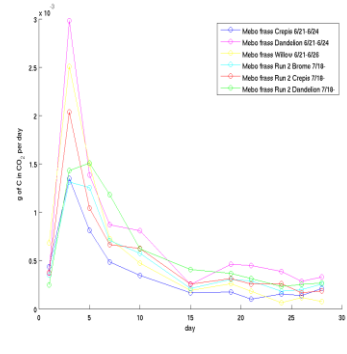
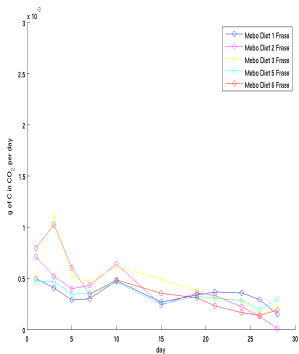
if spreadsheet grows, applying this to more rows is as simple as adding a new element to i{ } !!

Meridic Diet Frass









summary

Plotting commands:

- plot, semilogx, semilogy, loglog, bar, barh, stem, stairs, hist, pie
- plot3, bar3, pie3, hist3, contour, surf, mesh, quiver, (mapping toolbox)
- image, imagesc
- datetick (datenum, datestr), subplot, hold on, axes

Graphical files:

- imread, print

MAT(LAB binary) files:

- load, save

Numerical ASCII files:

- load, dlmread, importdata, save, dlmwrite

Text files:

- importdata, textscan, fgetl, fscanf, fprintf (fopen/fclose)

Excel files:

- xlsread, xlswrite

Not covered: reading and writing generic binary files with:
fopen, fread, fwrite, fseek, fclose

fin

Next up: Matt Gardine will talk about using the Matlab-Antelope interface