

Image Processing and Data  
Visualization with MATLAB

## MATLAB Graphics

(based on MATLAB Help)

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## Overview of Plotting

- Wide variety of techniques to display data graphically
- Graphs can be
  - Created
  - Annotated
  - Printed
  - Exported to standard graphics format

## The Plotting Process

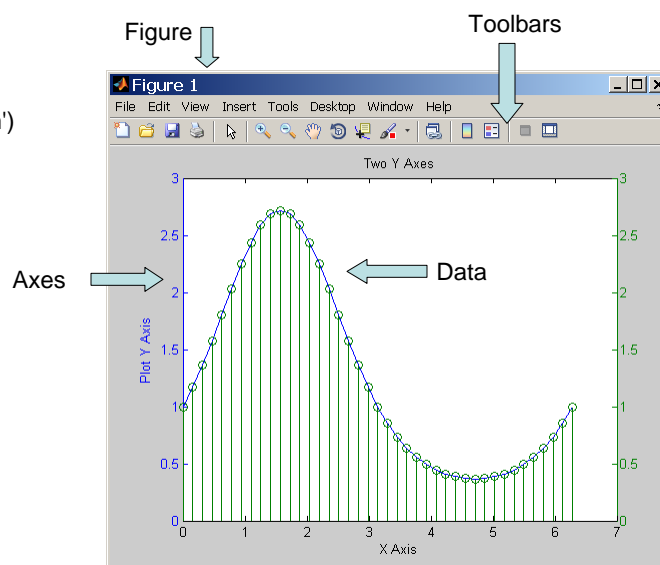
- Creating a graph
  - By interactive tools
  - By command interface
  - By plotting programs
- Exploring data
- Editing graph components
- Annotating graphs
- Printing and exporting graphs
- Adding and removing figure content
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# Graph Components

- MATLAB graphs are displayed in a special window, called a **figure**, containing menus and toolbars
- Within a figure you have **axes**, the coordinate system of the graph
- The **data** are visualized within the coordinate system, defined by the axes, with graphics objects like lines and surfaces
- The actual data is stored as properties of the graphics objects

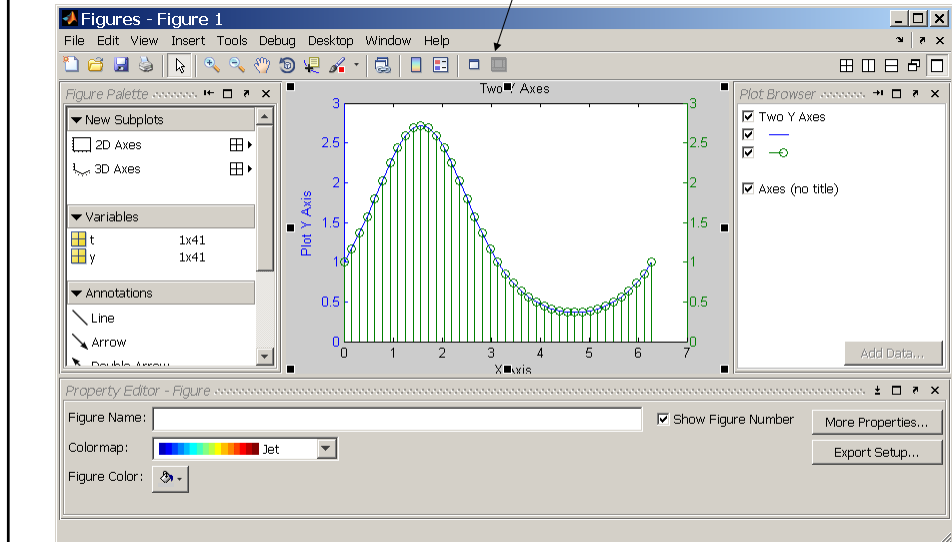
## Example: Creating a graph with commands

```
>> t = 0:pi/20:2*pi;  
y = exp(sin(t));  
plotyy(t,y,t,y,'plot','stem')  
xlabel('X Axis')  
ylabel('Plot Y Axis')  
title('Two Y Axes')
```



## Plotting Tools

- You can enable the plotting tools for any graph, even one created using MATLAB commands
- See MATLAB help



## Types of MATLAB Plots

- There exist many 2D and 3D types of plots supported by MATLAB
- Most 2D plots have 3D analogs
- In MATLAB, plot types beginning with ez are functions that plot functions passed as arguments (of ez...)

### • 2D

- Line graphs
- Bar graphs
- Area graphs
- Direction graphs
- Radial graphs
- Scatter graphs

### • 3D

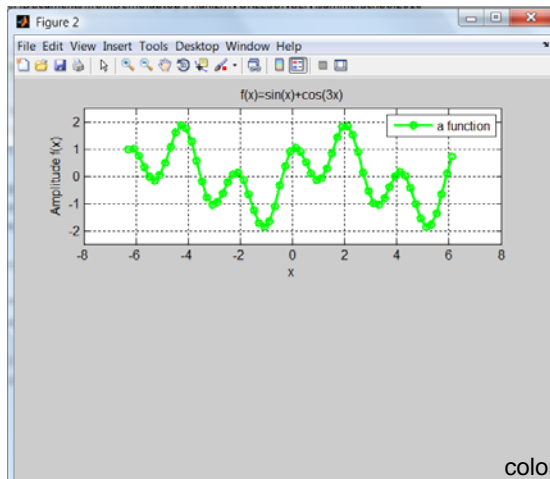
- Line graphs
- Mesh and bar graphs
- Area graphs and constructive objects
- Surface graphs
- Direction graphs
- Volumetric graphs

# Programmatic Plotting

- Prepare data
- Select a window and position a plot region within the window
- Plot
- Set line and marker characteristics
- Set axis limits, tick marks, and grid lines
- Annotate the graph with axis labels, legend, and text
- Export graph

```
x=-2*pi:0.2:2*pi;  
y = sin(x)+cos(3*x);  
  
figure, subplot(2,1,1);  
  
h=plot(x,y);  
  
set(h,'LineWidth',2);  
set(h,'Marker','o');  
set(h,'Color','g');  
  
axis([-8 8 -2.5 2.5])  
grid on;  
  
xlabel('x');  
ylabel('Amplitude f(x)');  
legend(h,'a function');  
title('f(x)=sin(x)+cos(3x)');
```

# Programmatic Plotting



Example of export

```
print -depsc -tiff -r200 myplot
```

color eps format

tiff preview

print resolution of 200 dpi

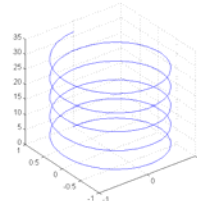
File name

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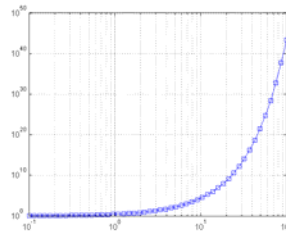
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## Line Plots

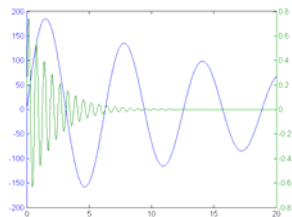
- plot
- plot3
- loglog
- semilogx
- semilogy
- plotyy



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



```
x = logspace(-1,2);  
loglog(x,exp(x),'-s')  
grid on
```



```
x = 0:0.01:20;  
y1 = 200*exp(-0.05*x).*sin(x);  
y2 = 0.8*exp(-0.5*x).*sin(10*x);  
plotyy(x,y1,x,y2,'plot');
```

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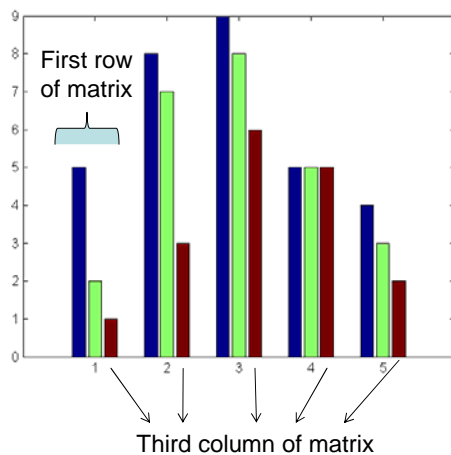
## Bar Graphs

- Display vector or matrix data
- Useful for
  - Viewing results over a period of time
  - Comparing results from different data sets
  - Showing how individual elements contribute to an aggregate amount
  - Displaying discrete data

# Grouped 2D Bar Graph

```
Y = [5 2 1
      8 7 3
      9 8 6
      5 5 5
      4 3 2];
bar(Y)
```

Each matrix element corresponds to a bar

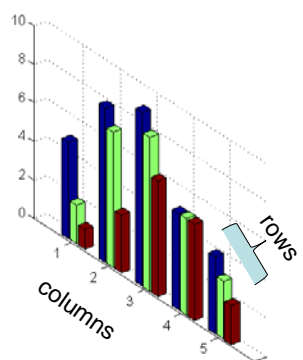
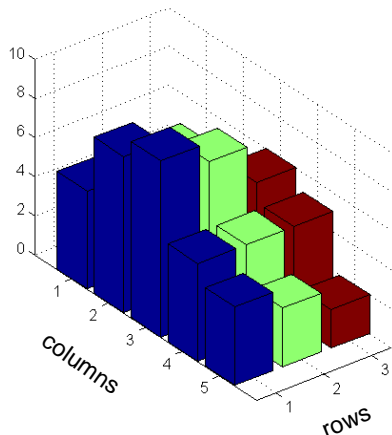


# Detached and Grouped 3D Bar Graphs

```
bar3(Y)
```

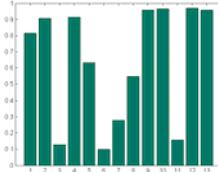
```
Y = [5 2 1
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      9 8 6
      5 5 5
      4 3 2];
bar3(Y)
```

```
bar3(Y,'grouped')
```

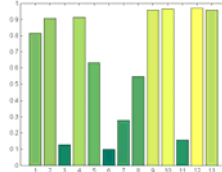




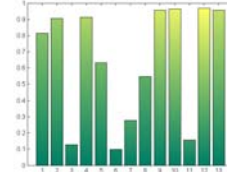
## Coloring Bars According to Height



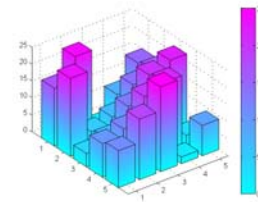
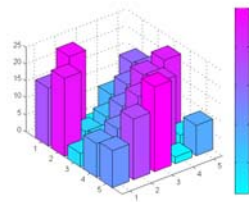
Same color



Color for each bar according to height



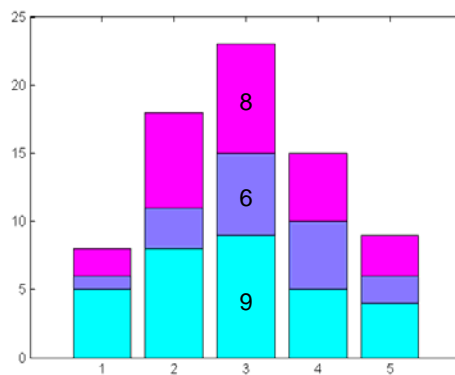
Interpolated shading according to height



## Stacked Bar Graphs

- Show contributing amounts

```
Y = [5 1 2
      8 3 7
      9 6 8
      5 5 5
      4 2 3];
bar(Y,'stack')
colormap cool
```

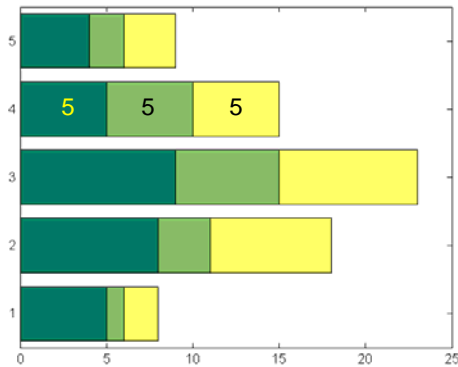


Rows contain contributing amounts of sum

## Horizontal Bar Graphs

```
Y = [5 1 2
      8 3 7
      9 6 8
      5 5 5
      4 2 3];

barh(Y,'stack')
colormap summer
```



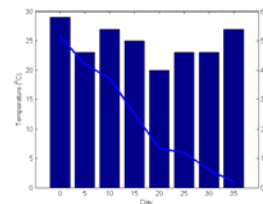
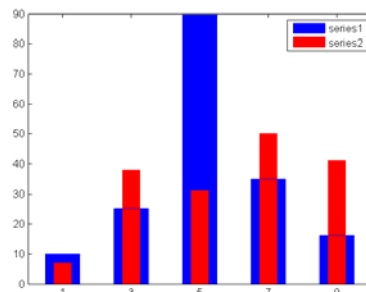
## Overlaying Bar Graphs

```
x=[1 3 5 7 9];
y1=[10 25 90 35 16];
K=0.5;

bar1=bar(x, y1, 'FaceColor', 'b', 'EdgeColor', 'b');
set(bar1,'BarWidth',K);
hold on;

y2=[7 38 31 50 41];
bar2=bar(x, y2, 'FaceColor', 'r', 'EdgeColor', 'r');
set(bar2,'BarWidth',K/2);
hold off;

legend('series1','series2')
```



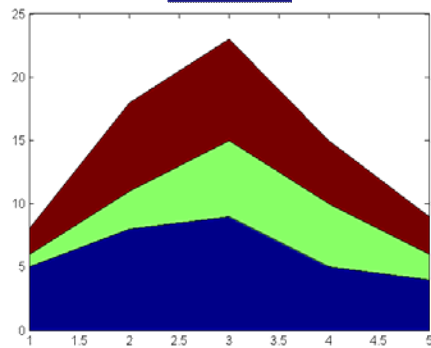
Overlaying a line →

## Area Graphs Showing Contributing Amounts

Area plots the values in each column of a matrix as a separate curve and fills the area between the curve and the x-axis

Area graphs are useful for showing how elements in a vector or matrix contribute to the sum of all elements at a particular x location

```
Y = [5 1 2  
8 3 7  
9 6 8  
5 5 5  
4 2 3];  
area(Y);
```



## Comparing Data Sets with Area Graphs

- Create a vector containing the income from sales
- Create a vector containing the years in which the sales took place
- Create a vector of profits for the same five-year period

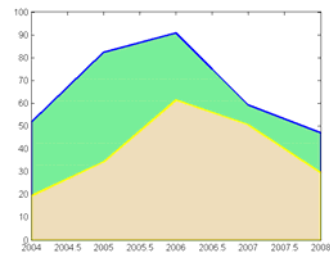
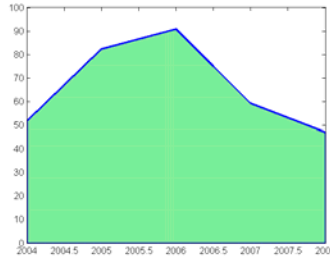
```
sales = [51.6 82.4 90.8 59.1 47.0];  
x = 2004:2008;  
profits = [19.3 34.2 61.4 50.5 29.4];
```

## Comparing Data Sets with Area Graphs

- Use area to display profits and sales as two separate area graphs within the same axes

```
area(x,sales,'FaceColor',[.5 .9 .6], ...
'EdgeColor','b', 'LineWidth',2)
```

```
hold on
area(x,profits,'FaceColor',[.9 .85 .7], ...
'EdgeColor','y', 'LineWidth',2)
```



## Comparing Data Sets with Area Graphs

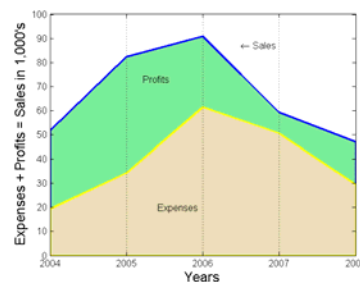
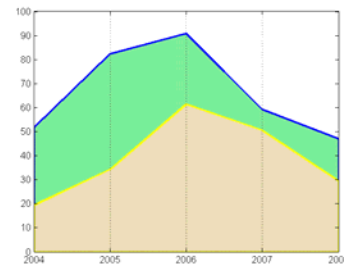
- Improve the graph

```
set(gca,'XTick',x)
set(gca,'XGrid','on')
set(gca,'Layer','top')
```

- Annotate interactively

```
gtext('\leftarrow Sales')
gtext('Profits')
gtext('Expenses')

xlabel('Years','FontSize',14)
ylabel('Expenses + Profits = Sales in 1,000's',...
'FontSize',14)
```



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## Pie Charts

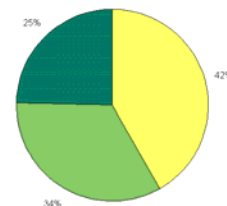
- Pie charts are a useful way to communicate the percentage that each element in a vector or matrix contributes to the sum of all elements
- Example:
  - visualize the contribution that three products make to total sales
  - Given a matrix X where each column of X contains yearly sales figures for a specific product over a five-year period

```
X = [19.3 22.1 51.6;  
     34.2 70.3 82.4;  
     61.4 82.9 90.8;  
     50.5 54.9 59.1;  
     29.4 36.3 47.0];
```

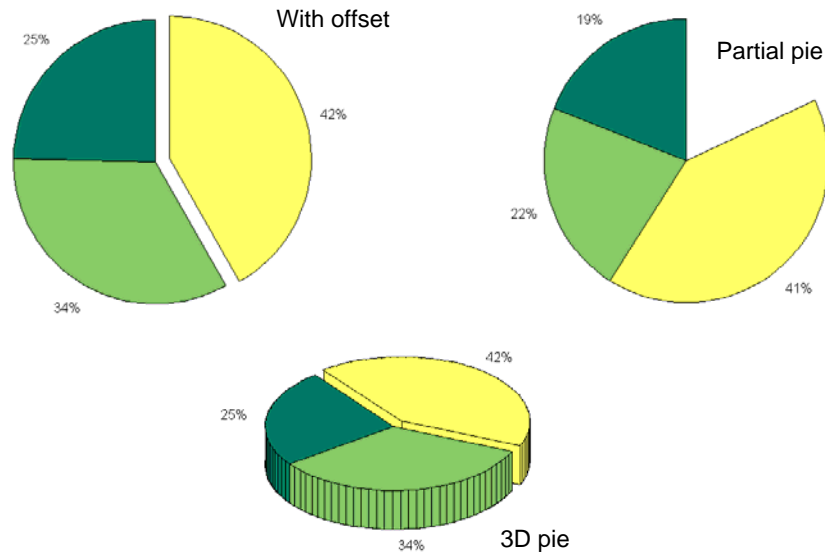
```
x = sum(X)
```

```
x =  
194.8000 266.5000 330.9000
```

```
pie(x)  
colormap summer
```



## Pie Chart Variants



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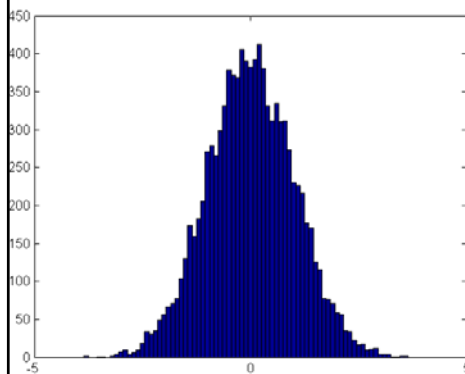
# Histograms

- Show the distribution of data values across a data range.
  - The data range is divided into a certain number of intervals ("binning" the data)
  - the number of values that fall into each interval (or "bin") are tabulated
  - the values in the bins using bars or wedges of varying height are plotted
- Functions for creating histograms are
  - hist: Data in Cartesian coordinate system
  - rose: Data in polar coordinate

## Cartesian Histograms

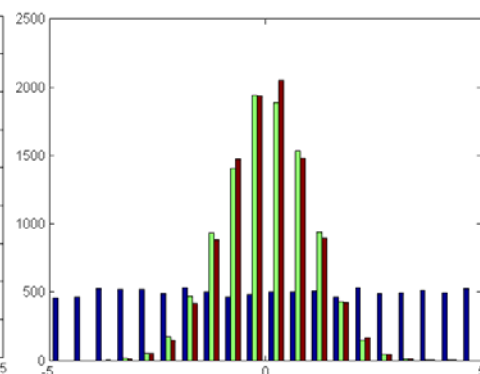
```
x = -4:0.1:4;  
y = randn(10000,1);  
hist(y,x)
```

Number and centers of bins  
Specified by x



```
Y=randn(10000,3);  
YY = rand(10000,1)*10^-5;  
Y(:,1) = YY;  
hist(Y,20)
```

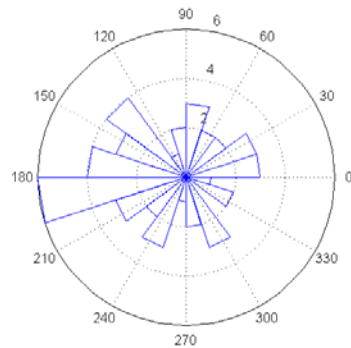
20 bins



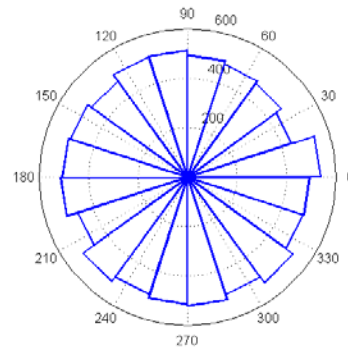
# Polar Histograms

Data values given in radians

```
theta = 2*pi*rand(1,50);  
rose(theta)
```



```
theta2 = 2*pi*rand(1, 10000);  
figure, rose(theta2)  
hline = findobj(gca,'Type','line');  
set(hline,'LineWidth',1.5)
```



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# Discrete Data Graphs

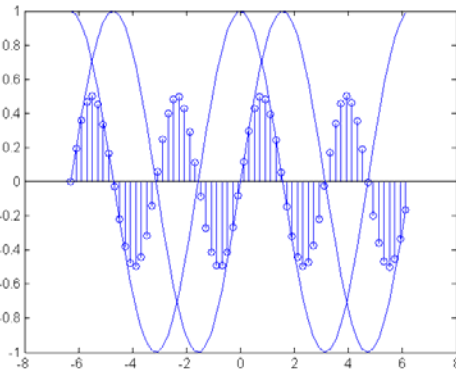
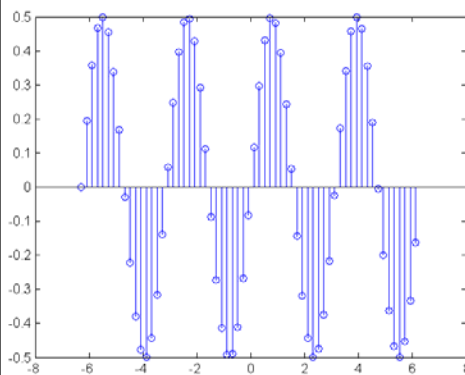
- Used for displaying discrete data such as
  - Number of accidents per month
  - Digital sampled values
  - ...
- Stem and stair graphs:
  - stem: discrete sequence of  $y$ -data as stems from  $x$ -axis
  - stem3: discrete sequence of  $z$ -data as stems from  $xy$ -plane
  - stairs: discrete sequence of  $y$ -data as steps from  $x$ -axis

## Stem plot

```
t = -2*pi: 0.2: 2*pi;  
y = sin(t) .* cos(t);  
stem(t,y)
```

Combined with line plot

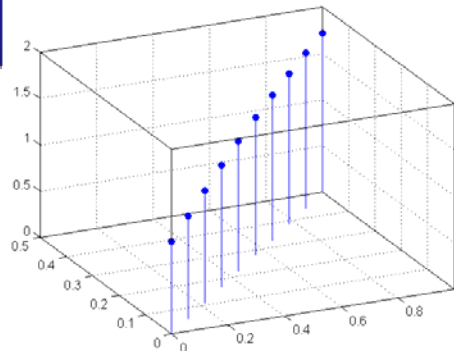
```
hold on  
plot(t,sin(t))  
plot(t,cos(t))
```



## 3D Stem Plot

Visualize discrete values of a function of 2 variables

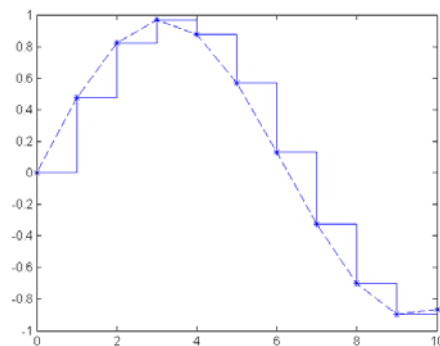
```
X = linspace(0,1,10);  
% 10 equidistant values between 0 and 1  
Y = X./2;  
Z = sin(X) + cos(Y);  
  
stem3(X,Y,Z,'fill')  
view(-25,30)  
% specify azimuth and elevation of view
```



## Stair Step Plot

- Plot holds the data at a constant  $y$  value for all values between  $x(i)$  and  $x(i+1)$ , where  $i$  is the index into the  $x$  data
- Plot is useful for drawing time-history plots of digitally sampled data systems

```
>> alpha = 0.01;  
beta = 0.5;  
t = 0:10;  
f = exp(-alpha*t).*sin(beta*t);  
  
stairs(t,f)  
hold on  
plot(t,f,'--*')  
hold off
```



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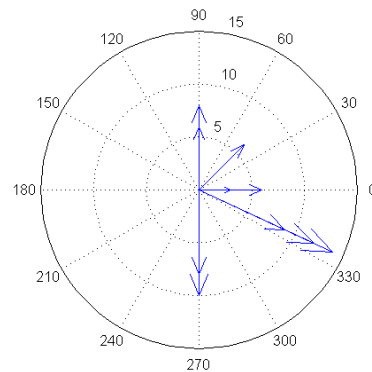
## Direction and Velocity Vector Graphs

- Functions for displaying vectors
  - compass: vectors emanating from the origin of a polar plot
  - feather: vectors extending from equally spaced points along a horizontal line
  - quiver: 2-D vectors specified by  $(u,v)$  components
  - quiver3: 3-D vectors specified by  $(u,v,w)$  components

## Compass Plots

```
wdir = [45 90 90 45 360 335 360 270 335 270 335 335];  
knots = [6 6 8 6 3 9 6 8 9 10 14 12];  
  
rdir = wdir * pi/180;  
[x,y] = pol2cart(rdir,knots);  
compass(x,y)
```

- Shows vectors emanating from the origin of a graph.
- The function takes Cartesian coordinates and plots them on a circular grid
- Example: Wind directions and strength

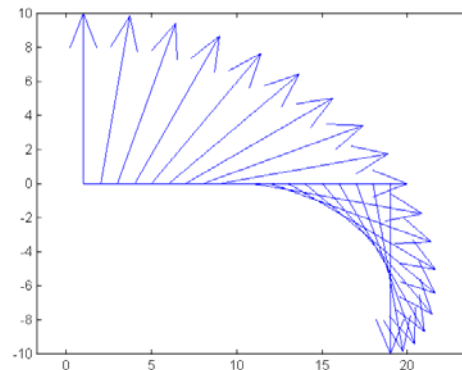


## Feather Plots

- Displays vectors emanating from equally spaced points along a horizontal axis

Example:  
Display vectors of length 10 and  
of angles from 90 to -90 degrees

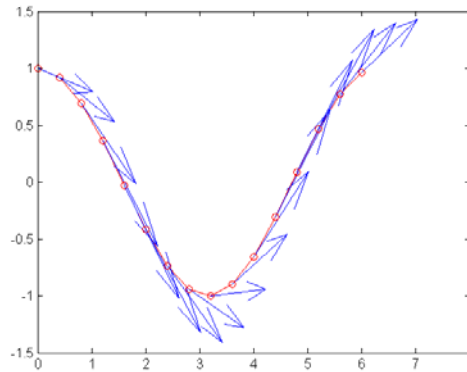
```
theta = 90:-10:-90;  
r = ones(size(theta));  
[u,v] = pol2cart(theta*pi/180,r*10);  
feather(u,v)  
axis equal
```



# Quiver Plots

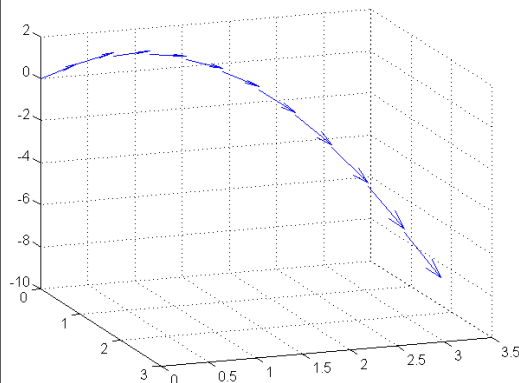
- A quiver plot displays velocity vectors as arrows with components (u,v) at the points (x,y)

```
x=0:0.4:2*pi;  
y=cos(x);  
  
u=gradient(x);  
v=gradient(y);  
  
quiver(x,y,u,v);  
  
hold on;  
plot(x,y,'or')
```



# 3D Quiver Plot

- Display path and velocity of a projectile



```
% initial velocity of projectile  
vx = 2; % velocity in x  
vy = 3; % velocity in y  
vz = 10; % velocity in z  
a = -32; % gravity acceleration
```

```
% time  
t = 0:0.1:1 % time
```

```
% position of projectile  
x = vx * t;  
y = vy * t;  
z = vz * t + 0.5*a*t.^2;
```

```
% velocity of projectile  
u=gradient(x);  
v=gradient(y);  
w=gradient(z);
```

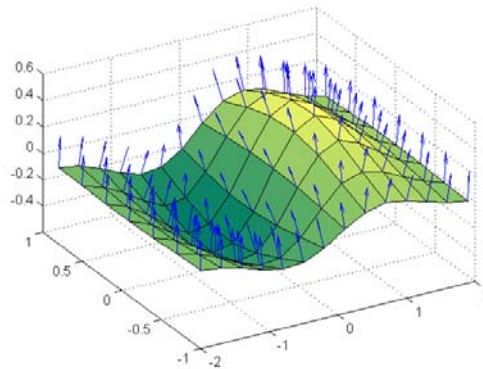
```
quiver3(x,y,z,u,v,w,0)  
view([70 18])
```

## Display of Surface Normals

```
% 3D surface function
[X,Y] = meshgrid(-2:0.3:2,-1:0.3:1);
Z = X.* exp(-X.^2 - Y.^2);

% computation of normals
[U,V,W] = surfnorm(X,Y,Z);

% display of normals
quiver3(X,Y,Z,U,V,W,0.6);
hold on
surf(X,Y,Z);
colormap summer
view(-30,40)
axis([-2 2 -1 1 -0.6 .6])
hold off
```

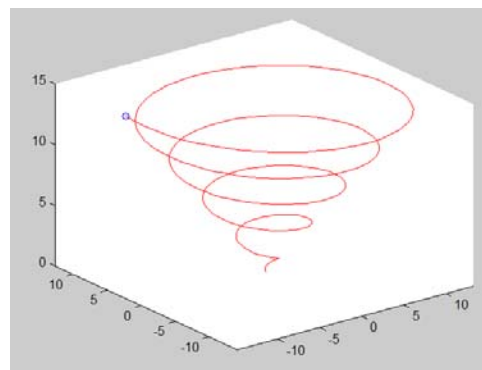


## Comet Plots

- A comet plot is an animated graph (2D or 3D) in which a circle (the comet *head*) traces the data points on the screen
- The comet *body* is a trailing segment that follows the head. The *tail* is a solid line that traces the entire function

```
% 3D parametric curve
t = 0:0.1:30;
x = t.*sin(t)/2;
y = t.*cos(t)/2;
z = t/2;

% comet plot
comet3(x,y,z);
```



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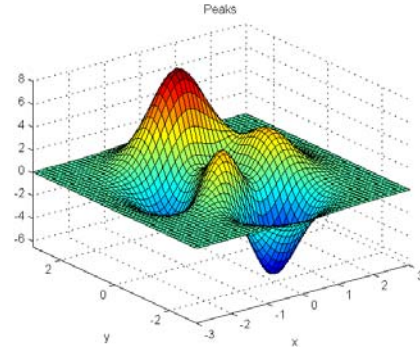
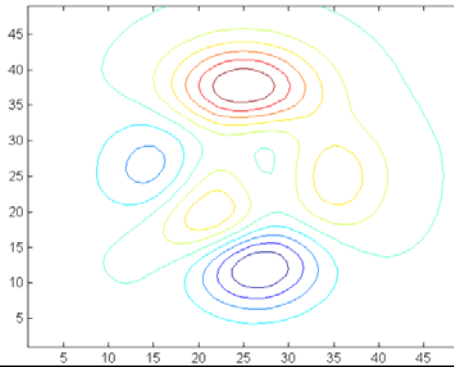
## Contour Plots

- Contour plots compute, plot, and label isolines (contour lines) for one or more matrices
  - contour: 2-D isolines generated from values given by a matrix  $Z$
  - contour3: 3-D isolines generated from values given by a matrix  $Z$ .
  - Contourf: 2-D contour plot and fills the area between the isolines with a solid color.
  - clabel: labels the isolines

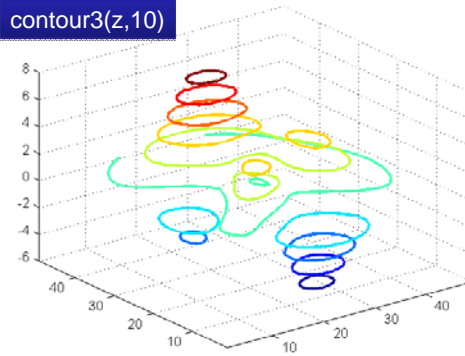
## Example: Test function peaks

peaks  
 $z = 3*(1-x).^2.*\exp(-(x.^2) - (y+1).^2) \dots$   
 $- 10*(x/5 - x.^3 - y.^5).*\exp(-x.^2-y.^2) \dots$   
 $- 1/3*\exp(-(x+1).^2 - y.^2)$

```
z=peaks(49);
contour(z,10); % 10 contour levels
```

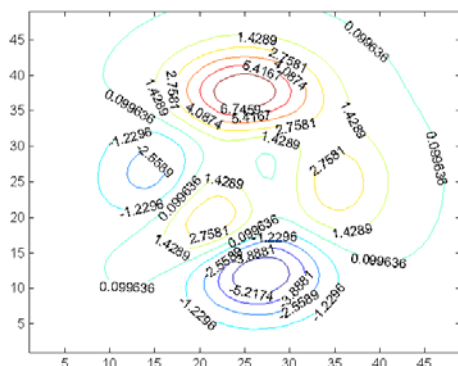


```
contour3(z,10)
```

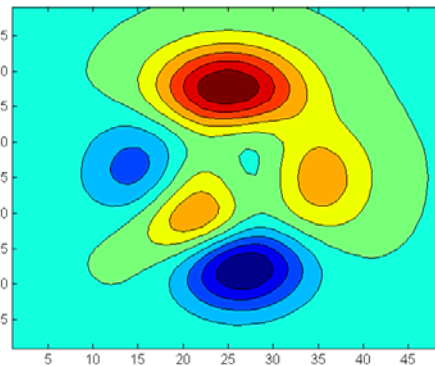


## Labeled and Filled Contours

```
Z = peaks;
[C,h] = contour(Z,10);
clabel(C,h)
```



```
contourf(Z,10);
```





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# Scatter Plots

- `scatter(X,Y,S,C)`
  - Displays colored (C) markers with area S at (X, Y)
- `scatter(X,Y,S)` draws the markers at the specified sizes (S) with a single color.
  - This type of graph is known as a bubble plot
- `scatter3(X,Y,Z,S,C)`
  - Displays colored (C) markers with area S at (X, Y,Z)
- `plotmatrix(X,Y)` scatter plots the columns of X against the columns of Y
- `plotmatrix(X)` is the same as `plotmatrix(X,X)`, except that the diagonal is replaced by `hist(X(:,i))`

# Scatter / Bubble Plot

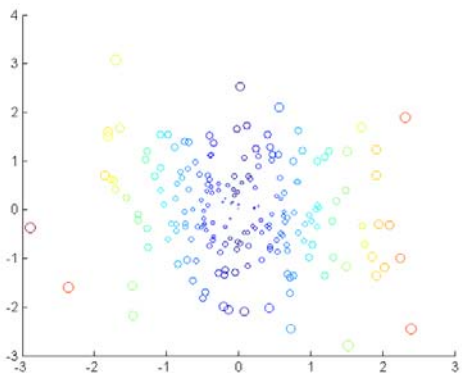
```

% normally distributed values X and Y
X=randn(200,1);
Y=randn(200,1);

% marker size depends on distance
% from (0,0)
S=20*sqrt(X.^2 +Y.^2);

% color depends on X value
C=abs(X*100);

% scatter plot (or bubble plot)
scatter(X,Y,S,C);
colormap jet;
    
```

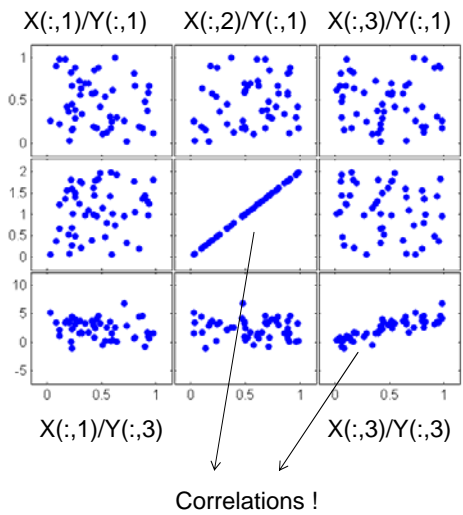


# Plotmatrix

Random data in X  
but with some correlations in Y

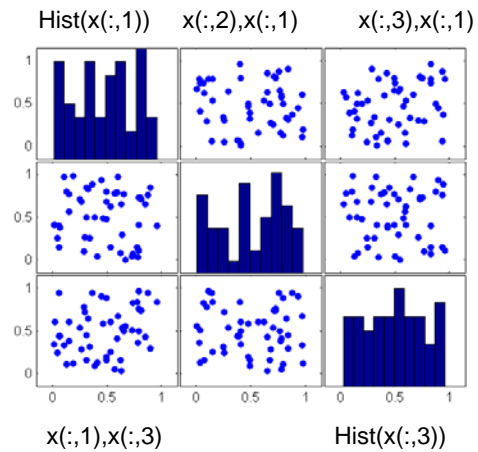
```

X=rand(50,3);
Y(:,1) = rand(50,1);
Y(:,2) = 2*X(:,2);
Y(:,3) = 5*X(:,3)+randn(50,1);
plotmatrix(X,Y);
    
```



# Plotmatrix

```
% random uniform data matrix  
x=rand(50,3);  
  
% scatter plots with histograms  
plotmatrix(x)
```

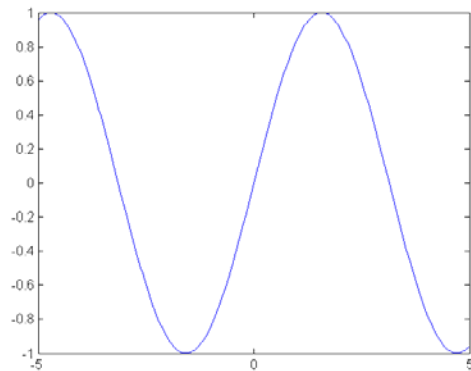


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## Function Plots (ez...)

- Plot functions with functions as arguments
  - fplot
  - ezcontour
  - ezmesh
  - ...



```
fplot(@sin,[-5 5]);
```