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matlab (Windows)	Start MATLAB program (Windows® platforms)
matlabrc	Startup M-file for MATLAB program
prefdir	Folder containing preferences, history, and layout files
preferences	Open Preferences dialog box

quit	Terminate MATLAB program
startup	Startup file for user-defined options
userpath	View or change user portion of search path

Command Window and History

clc	Clear Command Window
commandhistory	Open Command History window, or select it if already open
commandwindow	Open Command Window, or select it if already open
diary	Save session to file
dos	Execute DOS command and return result
format	Set display format for output
home	Send the cursor home
matlabcolon (matlab:)	Run specified function via hyperlink
more	Control paged output for Command Window
perl	Call Perl script using appropriate operating system executable
system	Execute operating system command and return result
unix	Execute UNIX command and return result

Help for Using MATLAB

builddocsearchdb	Build searchable documentation database
demo	Access product demos via Help browser
doc	Reference page in Help browser
docsearch	Help browser search
echodemo	Run scripted demo step-by-step in Command Window
help	Help for functions in Command Window
helpbrowser	Open Help browser to access online documentation and demos
helpwin	Provide access to help comments for all functions
info	Information about contacting The MathWorks
lookfor	Search for keyword in all help entries
playshow	Run M-file demo (deprecated; use `echodemo` instead)
support	Open MathWorks Technical Support Web page
web	Open Web site or file in Web or Help browser
whatsnew	Release Notes for MathWorks™ products

Workspace

clear	Remove items from workspace, freeing up system memory
delete	Remove files or graphics objects
openvar	Open workspace variable in Variable Editor or other graphical editing tool
pack	Consolidate workspace memory
which	Locate functions and files
who, whos	List variables in workspace
workspace	Open Workspace browser to manage workspace

Managing Files

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Search Path

addpath	Add folders to search path
genpath	Generate path string
path	View or change search path
path2rc	Save current search path to `pathdef.m` file
pathsep	Search path separator for current platform
pathtool	Open Set Path dialog box to view and change search path
restoredefaultpath	Restore default search path

rmpath	Remove folders from search path
savepath	Save current search path
userpath	View or change user portion of search path
which	Locate functions and files

File Operations

See also “Data Import and Export” on page 1-12 functions.

cd	Change current folder
copyfile	Copy file or folder
delete	Remove files or graphics objects
dir	Folder listing
fileattrib	Set or get attributes of file or folder
filebrowser	Open Current Folder browser, or select it if already open
isdir	Determine whether input is folder
lookfor	Search for keyword in all help entries
ls	Folder contents
matlabroot	Root folder
mkdir	Make new folder
movefile	Move file or folder
pwd	Identify current folder
recycle	Set option to move deleted files to recycle folder
rmdir	Remove folder
tempdir	Name of system’s temporary folder
toolboxdir	Root folder for specified toolbox

type	Display contents of file
visdiff	Compare two text files, MAT-Files, binary files, or folders

Programming Tools

Editing Files

edit	Edit or create file

Debugging Programs

dbclear	Clear breakpoints
dbcont	Resume execution
dbdown	Reverse workspace shift performed by `dbup`, while in debug mode
dbquit	Quit debug mode
dbstack	Function call stack
dbstatus	List all breakpoints
dbstep	Execute one or more lines from current breakpoint
dbstop	Set breakpoints

dbtype	List text file with line numbers
dbup	Shift current workspace to workspace of caller, while in debug mode

MATLAB Program Performance

rehash	Refresh function and file system path caches

Source Control

checkin	Check files into source control system (UNIX platforms)
checkout	Check files out of source control system (UNIX platforms)
cmopts	Name of source control system
customverctrl	Allow custom source control system (UNIX platforms)
undocheckout	Undo previous checkout from source control system (UNIX platforms)
verctrl	Source control actions (Windows platforms)

Publishing

grabcode	MATLAB code from files published to HTML
notebook	Open M-book in Microsoft® Word software (on Microsoft Windows platforms)

publish	Publish MATLAB file with code cells, saving output to specified file type
snapnow	Force snapshot of image for inclusion in published document

System

Operating System Interface

clipboard	Copy and paste strings to and from system clipboard
computer	Information about computer on which MATLAB software is running
dos	Execute DOS command and return result
getenv	Environment variable
hostid	Server host identification number
perl	Call Perl script using appropriate operating system executable
setenv	Set environment variable
system	Execute operating system command and return result
unix	Execute UNIX command and return result
winqueryreg	Item from Windows registry

MATLAB Version and License

ismac	Determine if version is for Mac OS® X platform
ispc	Determine if version is for Windows (PC) platform
isstudent	Determine if version is Student Version
isunix	Determine if version is for UNIX platform
javachk	Generate error message based on Sun™ Java™ feature support
license	Return license number or perform licensing task
prefdir	Folder containing preferences, history, and layout files
usejava	Determine whether Sun Java feature is supported in MATLAB software
ver	Version information for MathWorks products
verLessThan	Compare toolbox version to specified version string
version	Version number for MATLAB and libraries

Data Import and Export

To see a listing of file formats that are readable from MATLAB, go to file formats.

File Name Construction

filemarker	Character to separate file name and internal function name
fileparts	Parts of file name and path
filesep	File separator for current platform
fullfile	Build full file name from parts

tempdir	Name of system's temporary folder
tempname	Unique name for temporary file

File Opening, Loading, and Saving

daqread	Read Data Acquisition Toolbox™ (`.daq`) file
importdata	Load data from file
load	Load data from MAT-file into workspace
open	Open file in appropriate application
save	Save workspace variables to file
uigetdir	Open standard dialog box for selecting directory
uigetfile	Open standard dialog box for retrieving files
uiimport	Open Import Wizard to import data
uiputfile	Open standard dialog box for saving files
uisave	Open standard dialog box for saving workspace variables
winopen	Open file in appropriate application (Windows)

Memory Mapping

disp (memmapfile)	Information about memmapfile object
get (memmapfile)	Memmapfile object properties
memmapfile	Construct memmapfile object

Low-Level File I/O

fclose	Close one or all open files
feof	Test for end-of-file
ferror	Information about file I/O errors
fgetl	Read line from file, removing newline characters
fgets	Read line from file, keeping newline characters
fopen	Open file, or obtain information about open files
fprintf	Write data to text file
fread	Read data from binary file
frewind	Move file position indicator to beginning of open file
fscanf	Read data from a text file
fseek	Move to specified position in file
ftell	Position in open file
fwrite	Write data to binary file

Text Files

csvread	Read comma-separated value file
csvwrite	Write comma-separated value file
dlmread	Read ASCII-delimited file of numeric data into matrix
dlmwrite	Write matrix to ASCII-delimited file
fileread	Read contents of file into string
textread	Read data from text file; write to multiple outputs

textscan	Read formatted data from text file or string
type	Display contents of file

XML Documents

xmlread	Parse XML document and return Document Object Model node
xmlwrite	Serialize XML Document Object Model node
xslt	Transform XML document using XSLT engine

Spreadsheets

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Microsoft Excel

xlsfinfo	Determine whether file contains a Microsoft® Excel® spreadsheet
xlsread	Read Microsoft Excel spreadsheet file
xlswrite	Write Microsoft Excel spreadsheet file

Lotus 1-2-3

wk1finfo	Determine whether file contains 1-2-3 WK1 worksheet
wk1read	Read Lotus 1-2-3 WK1 spreadsheet file into matrix
wk1write	Write matrix to Lotus 1-2-3 WK1 spreadsheet file

Scientific Data

Common Data Format

High-level I/O Functions

cdfepoch	Convert MATLAB formatted dates to CDF formatted dates
cdfinfo	Information about Common Data Format (CDF) file
cdfread	Read data from Common Data Format (CDF) file
cdfwrite	Write data to Common Data Format (CDF) file
todatenum	Convert CDF epoch object to MATLAB datenum

Library Information

cdflib	Summary of Common Data Format (CDF) capabilities
cdflib.getConstantNames	Names of Common Data Format (CDF) library constants
cdflib.getConstantValue	Numeric value corresponding to Common Data Format (CDF) library constant
cdflib.getLibraryCopyright	Copyright notice of Common Data Format (CDF) library
cdflib.getLibraryVersion	Library version and release information
cdflib.getValidate	Library validation mode
cdflib.setValidate	Specify library validation mode

File Operations

cdflib.close	Close Common Data Format (CDF) file
cdflib.create	Create Common Data Format (CDF) file
cdflib.delete	Delete existing Common Data Format (CDF) file
cdflib.getCacheSize	Number of cache buffers used
cdflib.getChecksum	Checksum mode
cdflib.getCompression	Compression settings
cdflib.getCompressionCacheSize	Number of compression cache buffers
cdflib.getCopyright	Copyright notice in Common Data Format (CDF) file
cdflib.getFormat	Format of Common Data Format (CDF) file

cdflib.getMajority	Majority of variables
cdflib.getName	Name of Common Data Format (CDF) file
cdflib.getReadOnlyMode	Read-only mode
cdflib.getStageCacheSize	Number of cache buffers for staging
cdflib.getVersion	Common Data Format (CDF) library version and release information
cdflib.inquire	Basic characteristics of Common Data Format (CDF) file
cdflib.open	Open existing Common Data Format (CDF) file
cdflib.setCacheSize	Specify number of dotCDF cache buffers
cdflib.setChecksum	Specify checksum mode
cdflib.setCompression	Specify compression settings
cdflib.setCompressionCacheSize	Specify number of compression cache buffers
cdflib.setFormat	Specify format of Common Data Format (CDF) file
cdflib.setMajority	Specify majority of variables
cdflib.setReadOnlyMode	Specify read-only mode
cdflib.setStageCacheSize	Specify number of staging cache buffers for Common Data Format (CDF) file

Variables

cdflib.closeVar	Close specified variable from multifile format Common Data Format (CDF) file
cdflib.createVar	Create new variable
cdflib.deleteVar	Delete variable

cdflib.deleteVarRecords	Delete range of records from variable
cdflib.getVarAllocRecords	Number of records allocated for variable
cdflib.getVarBlockingFactor	Blocking factor for variable
cdflib.getVarCacheSize	Number of multifile cache buffers
cdflib.getVarCompression	Information about compression used by variable
cdflib.getVarData	Single value from record in variable
cdflib.getVarMaxAllocRecNum	Maximum allocated record number for variable
cdflib.getVarMaxWrittenRecNum	Maximum written record number for variable
cdflib.getVarName	Variable name, given variable number
cdflib.getVarNum	Variable number, given variable name
cdflib.getVarNumRecsWritten	Number of records written to variable
cdflib.getVarPadValue	Pad value for variable
cdflib.getVarRecordData	Entire record for variable
cdflib.getVarReservePercent	Compression reserve percentage for variable
cdflib.getVarSparseRecords	Information about how variable handles sparse records
cdflib.hyperGetVarData	Read hyperslab of data from variable
cdflib.hyperPutVarData	Write hyperslab of data to variable
cdflib.inquireVar	Information about variable
cdflib.putVarData	Write single value to variable
cdflib.putVarRecordData	Write entire record to variable
cdflib.renameVar	Rename existing variable

cdflib.setVarAllocBlockRecords	Specify range of records to be allocated for variable
cdflib.setVarBlockingFactor	Specify blocking factor for variable
cdflib.setVarCacheSize	Specify number of multi-file cache buffers for variable
cdflib.setVarCompression	Specify compression settings used with variable
cdflib.setVarInitialRecs	Specify initial number of records written to variable
cdflib.setVarPadValue	Specify pad value used with variable
cdflib.SetVarReservePercent	Specify reserve percentage for variable
cdflib.setVarsCacheSize	Specify number of cache buffers used for all variables
cdflib.setVarSparseRecords	Specify how variable handles sparse records

Attributes and Entries

cdflib.createAttr	Create attribute
cdflib.deleteAttr	Delete attribute
cdflib.deleteAttrEntry	Delete attribute entry
cdflib.deleteAttrgEntry	Delete entry in global attribute
cdflib.getAttrEntry	Value of entry in attribute with variable scope
cdflib.getAttrgEntry	Value of entry in global attribute
cdflib.getAttrMaxEntry	Number of last entry for variable attribute
cdflib.getAttrMaxgEntry	Number of last entry for global attribute
cdflib.getAttrName	Name of attribute, given attribute number

cdflib.getAttrNum	Attribute number, given attribute name
cdflib.getAttrScope	Scope of attribute
cdflib.getNumAttrEntries	Number of entries for attribute with variable scope
cdflib.getNumAttrgEntries	Number of entries for attribute with global scope
cdflib.getNumAttributes	Number of attributes with variable scope
cdflib.getNumgAttributes	Number of attributes with global scope
cdflib.inquireAttr	Information about attribute
cdflib.inquireAttrEntry	Information about entry in attribute with variable scope
cdflib.inquireAttrgEntry	Information about entry in attribute with global scope
cdflib.putAttrEntry	Write value to entry in attribute with variable scope
cdflib.putAttrgEntry	Write value to entry in attribute with global scope
cdflib.renameAttr	Rename existing attribute

Utilities

cdflib.computeEpoch	Convert time value to `CDF_EPOCH` value
cdflib.computeEpoch16	Convert time value to `CDF_EPOCH16` value
cdflib.epoch16Breakdown	Convert `CDF_EPOCH16` value to time value
cdflib.epochBreakdown	Convert `CDF_EPOCH` value into time value

Network Common Data Form

File Operations

netcdf	Summary of MATLAB Network Common Data Form (netCDF) capabilities
netcdf.abort	Revert recent netCDF file definitions
netcdf.close	Close netCDF file
netcdf.create	Create new netCDF dataset
netcdf.endDef	End netCDF file define mode
netcdf.getConstant	Return numeric value of named constant
netcdf.getConstantNames	Return list of constants known to netCDF library
netcdf.inq	Return information about netCDF file
netcdf.inqLibVers	Return netCDF library version information
netcdf.open	Open netCDF file
netcdf.reDef	Put open netCDF file into define mode
netcdf.setDefaultFormat	Change default netCDF file format
netcdf.setFill	Set netCDF fill mode
netcdf.sync	Synchronize netCDF file to disk

Dimensions

netcdf.defDim	Create netCDF dimension
netcdf.inqDim	Return netCDF dimension name and length
netcdf.inqDimID	Return dimension ID
netcdf.renameDim	Change name of netCDF dimension

Variables

netcdf.defVar	Create netCDF variable
netcdf.getVar	Return data from netCDF variable
netcdf.inqVar	Return information about variable
netcdf.inqVarID	Return ID associated with variable name
netcdf.putVar	Write data to netCDF variable
netcdf.renameVar	Change name of netCDF variable

Attributes

netcdf.copyAtt	Copy attribute to new location
netcdf.delAtt	Delete netCDF attribute
netcdf.getAtt	Return netCDF attribute
netcdf.inqAtt	Return information about netCDF attribute
netcdf.inqAttID	Return ID of netCDF attribute
netcdf.inqAttName	Return name of netCDF attribute
netcdf.putAtt	Write netCDF attribute
netcdf.renameAtt	Change name of attribute

Flexible Image Transport System

fitsinfo	Information about FITS file
fitsread	Read data from FITS file

Hierarchical Data Format

hdf	Summary of MATLAB HDF4 capabilities
hdf5	Summary of MATLAB HDF5 capabilities
hdf5info	Information about HDF5 file
hdf5read	Read HDF5 file
hdf5write	Write data to file in HDF5 format
hdfinfo	Information about HDF4 or HDF-EOS file
hdfread	Read data from HDF4 or HDF-EOS file
hdftool	Browse and import data from HDF4 or HDF-EOS files

Band-Interleaved Data

multibandread	Read band-interleaved data from binary file
multibandwrite	Write band-interleaved data to file

Audio and Video

Reading and Writing Files (p. 1-25)	Input/output data to audio and video file formats
Recording and Playback (p. 1-25)	Record and listen to audio
Utilities (p. 1-26)	Convert audio signal

Reading and Writing Files

aufinfo	Information about NeXT/SUN (`.au`) sound file
auread	Read NeXT/SUN (`.au`) sound file
auwrite	Write NeXT/SUN (`.au`) sound file
avifile	Create new Audio/Video Interleaved (AVI) file
aviinfo	Information about Audio/Video Interleaved (AVI) file
aviread	Read Audio/Video Interleaved (AVI) file
mmfileinfo	Information about multimedia file
mmreader	Create multimedia reader object for reading video files
movie2avi	Create Audio/Video Interleaved (AVI) file from MATLAB movie
wavfinfo	Information about WAVE (`.wav`) sound file
wavread	Read WAVE (`.wav`) sound file
wavwrite	Write WAVE (`.wav`) sound file

Recording and Playback

audiodevinfo	Information about audio device
audioplayer	Create object for playing audio
audiorecorder	Create object for recording audio
sound	Convert matrix of signal data to sound
soundsc	Scale data and play as sound

wavplay	Play recorded sound on PC-based audio output device
wavrecord	Record sound using PC-based audio input device

Utilities

beep	Produce beep sound
lin2mu	Convert linear audio signal to mu-law
mu2lin	Convert mu-law audio signal to linear

Images

exifread	Read EXIF information from JPEG and TIFF image files
im2java	Convert image to Java image
imfinfo	Information about graphics file
imread	Read image from graphics file
imwrite	Write image to graphics file
Tiff	MATLAB Gateway to LibTIFF library routines

Internet Exchange

URL, Zip, Tar, E-Mail (p. 1-27)	Send e-mail, read from given URL, extract from tar or zip file, compress and decompress files
FTP (p. 1-27)	Connect to FTP server, download from server, manage FTP files, close server connection

URL, Zip, Tar, E-Mail

gunzip	Uncompress GNU zip files
gzip	Compress files into GNU zip files
sendmail	Send e-mail message to address list
tar	Compress files into tar file
untar	Extract contents of tar file
unzip	Extract contents of zip file
urlread	Download content at URL into MATLAB string
urlwrite	Download content at URL and save to file
zip	Compress files into zip file

FTP

ascii	Set FTP transfer type to ASCII
binary	Set FTP transfer type to binary
cd (ftp)	Change current directory on FTP server
close (ftp)	Close connection to FTP server
delete (ftp)	Remove file on FTP server
dir (ftp)	Directory contents on FTP server
ftp	Connect to FTP server, creating FTP object
mget	Download file from FTP server
mkdir (ftp)	Create new directory on FTP server
mput	Upload file or directory to FTP server
rename	Rename file on FTP server
rmdir (ftp)	Remove directory on FTP server

Mathematics

Arrays and Matrices

Basic Information

disp	Display text or array
display	Display text or array (overloaded method)
isempty	Determine whether array is empty
isequal	Test arrays for equality
isequalwithequalnans	Test arrays for equality, treating NaNs as equal
isfinite	Array elements that are finite
isfloat	Determine whether input is floating-point array
isinf	Array elements that are infinite
isinteger	Determine whether input is integer array

islogical	Determine whether input is logical array
isnan	Array elements that are NaN
isnumeric	Determine whether input is numeric array
isscalar	Determine whether input is scalar
issparse	Determine whether input is sparse
isvector	Determine whether input is vector
length	Length of vector or largest array dimension
max	Largest elements in array
min	Smallest elements in array
ndims	Number of array dimensions
numel	Number of elements in array or subscripted array expression
size	Array dimensions

Operators

+	Addition
+	Unary plus
-	Subtraction
-	Unary minus
*	Matrix multiplication
^	Matrix power
\	Backslash or left matrix divide
/	Slash or right matrix divide
'	Transpose
.'	Nonconjugated transpose

.*	Array multiplication (element-wise)
.^	Array power (element-wise)
.\	Left array divide (element-wise)
./	Right array divide (element-wise)

Elementary Matrices and Arrays

blkdiag	Construct block diagonal matrix from input arguments
diag	Diagonal matrices and diagonals of matrix
eye	Identity matrix
freqspace	Frequency spacing for frequency response
ind2sub	Subscripts from linear index
linspace	Generate linearly spaced vectors
logspace	Generate logarithmically spaced vectors
meshgrid	Generate X and Y arrays for 3-D plots
ndgrid	Generate arrays for N-D functions and interpolation
ones	Create array of all ones
rand	Uniformly distributed pseudorandom numbers
randi	Uniformly distributed pseudorandom integers
randn	Normally distributed pseudorandom numbers
RandStream	Random number stream

sub2ind	Convert subscripts to linear indices
zeros	Create array of all zeros

Array Operations

See "Linear Algebra" on page 1-34 and "Elementary Math" on page 1-38 for other array operations.

accumarray	Construct array with accumulation
arrayfun	Apply function to each element of array
bsxfun	Apply element-by-element binary operation to two arrays with singleton expansion enabled
cast	Cast variable to different data type
cross	Vector cross product
cumprod	Cumulative product
cumsum	Cumulative sum
dot	Vector dot product
idivide	Integer division with rounding option
kron	Kronecker tensor product
prod	Product of array elements
sum	Sum of array elements
tril	Lower triangular part of matrix
triu	Upper triangular part of matrix

Array Manipulation

blkdiag	Construct block diagonal matrix from input arguments
cat	Concatenate arrays along specified dimension
circshift	Shift array circularly
diag	Diagonal matrices and diagonals of matrix
end	Terminate block of code, or indicate last array index
flipdim	Flip array along specified dimension
fliplr	Flip matrix left to right
flipud	Flip matrix up to down
horzcat	Concatenate arrays horizontally
inline	Construct inline object
ipermute	Inverse permute dimensions of N-D array
permute	Rearrange dimensions of N-D array
repmat	Replicate and tile array
reshape	Reshape array
rot90	Rotate matrix 90 degrees
shiftdim	Shift dimensions
sort	Sort array elements in ascending or descending order
sortrows	Sort rows in ascending order
squeeze	Remove singleton dimensions
vectorize	Vectorize expression
vertcat	Concatenate arrays vertically

Specialized Matrices

compan	Companion matrix
gallery	Test matrices
hadamard	Hadamard matrix
hankel	Hankel matrix
hilb	Hilbert matrix
invhilb	Inverse of Hilbert matrix
magic	Magic square
pascal	Pascal matrix
rosser	Classic symmetric eigenvalue test problem
toeplitz	Toeplitz matrix
vander	Vandermonde matrix
wilkinson	Wilkinson's eigenvalue test matrix

Linear Algebra

Matrix Analysis

cond	Condition number with respect to inversion
condeig	Condition number with respect to eigenvalues
det	Matrix determinant
norm	Vector and matrix norms
normest	2-norm estimate
null	Null space
orth	Range space of matrix
rank	Rank of matrix
rcond	Matrix reciprocal condition number estimate
rref	Reduced row echelon form
subspace	Angle between two subspaces
trace	Sum of diagonal elements

Linear Equations

chol	Cholesky factorization
cholinc	Sparse incomplete Cholesky and Cholesky-Infinity factorizations
cond	Condition number with respect to inversion
condest	1-norm condition number estimate
funm	Evaluate general matrix function
ilu	Sparse incomplete LU factorization
inv	Matrix inverse

ldl	Block LDL' factorization for Hermitian indefinite matrices
linsolve	Solve linear system of equations
lscov	Least-squares solution in presence of known covariance
lsqnonneg	Solve nonnegative least-squares constraints problem
lu	LU matrix factorization
luinc	Sparse incomplete LU factorization
pinv	Moore-Penrose pseudoinverse of matrix
qr	Orthogonal-triangular decomposition
rcond	Matrix reciprocal condition number estimate

Eigenvalues and Singular Values

balance	Diagonal scaling to improve eigenvalue accuracy
cdf2rdf	Convert complex diagonal form to real block diagonal form
condeig	Condition number with respect to eigenvalues
eig	Eigenvalues and eigenvectors
eigs	Largest eigenvalues and eigenvectors of matrix
gsvd	Generalized singular value decomposition
hess	Hessenberg form of matrix
ordeig	Eigenvalues of quasitriangular matrices

ordqz	Reorder eigenvalues in QZ factorization
ordschur	Reorder eigenvalues in Schur factorization
poly	Polynomial with specified roots
polyeig	Polynomial eigenvalue problem
rsf2csf	Convert real Schur form to complex Schur form
schur	Schur decomposition
sqrtm	Matrix square root
ss2tf	Convert state-space filter parameters to transfer function form
svd	Singular value decomposition
svds	Find singular values and vectors

Matrix Logarithms and Exponentials

expm	Matrix exponential
logm	Matrix logarithm
sqrtm	Matrix square root

Factorization

balance	Diagonal scaling to improve eigenvalue accuracy
cdf2rdf	Convert complex diagonal form to real block diagonal form
chol	Cholesky factorization
cholinc	Sparse incomplete Cholesky and Cholesky-Infinity factorizations

cholupdate	Rank 1 update to Cholesky factorization
gsvd	Generalized singular value decomposition
ilu	Sparse incomplete LU factorization
ldl	Block LDL' factorization for Hermitian indefinite matrices
lu	LU matrix factorization
luinc	Sparse incomplete LU factorization
planerot	Givens plane rotation
qr	Orthogonal-triangular decomposition
qrdelete	Remove column or row from QR factorization
qrinsert	Insert column or row into QR factorization
qrupdate	
qz	QZ factorization for generalized eigenvalues
rsf2csf	Convert real Schur form to complex Schur form
svd	Singular value decomposition

Elementary Math

Rounding and Remainder (p. 1-42)	Rounding, modulus, and remainder
Discrete Math (p. 1-42)	Prime factors, factorials, permutations, rational fractions, least common multiple, greatest common divisor

Trigonometric

acos	Inverse cosine; result in radians
acosd	Inverse cosine; result in degrees
acosh	Inverse hyperbolic cosine
acot	Inverse cotangent; result in radians
acotd	Inverse cotangent; result in degrees
acoth	Inverse hyperbolic cotangent
acsc	Inverse cosecant; result in radians
acscd	Inverse cosecant; result in degrees
acsch	Inverse hyperbolic cosecant
asec	Inverse secant; result in radians
asecd	Inverse secant; result in degrees
asech	Inverse hyperbolic secant
asin	Inverse sine; result in radians
asind	Inverse sine; result in degrees
asinh	Inverse hyperbolic sine
atan	Inverse tangent; result in radians
atan2	Four-quadrant inverse tangent
atand	Inverse tangent; result in degrees
atanh	Inverse hyperbolic tangent
cos	Cosine of argument in radians
cosd	Cosine of argument in degrees

cosh	Hyperbolic cosine
cot	Cotangent of argument in radians
cotd	Cotangent of argument in degrees
coth	Hyperbolic cotangent
csc	Cosecant of argument in radians
cscd	Cosecant of argument in degrees
csch	Hyperbolic cosecant
hypot	Square root of sum of squares
sec	Secant of argument in radians
secd	Secant of argument in degrees
sech	Hyperbolic secant
sin	Sine of argument in radians
sind	Sine of argument in degrees
sinh	Hyperbolic sine of argument in radians
tan	Tangent of argument in radians
tand	Tangent of argument in degrees
tanh	Hyperbolic tangent

Exponential

exp	Exponential
expm1	Compute `exp(x)-1` accurately for small values of `x`
log	Natural logarithm
log10	Common (base 10) logarithm
log1p	Compute `log(1+x)` accurately for small values of `x`

log2	Base 2 logarithm and dissect floating-point numbers into exponent and mantissa
nextpow2	Next higher power of 2
nthroot	Real nth root of real numbers
pow2	Base 2 power and scale floating-point numbers
reallog	Natural logarithm for nonnegative real arrays
realpow	Array power for real-only output
realsqrt	Square root for nonnegative real arrays
sqrt	Square root

Complex

abs	Absolute value and complex magnitude
angle	Phase angle
complex	Construct complex data from real and imaginary components
conj	Complex conjugate
cplxpair	Sort complex numbers into complex conjugate pairs
i	Imaginary unit
imag	Imaginary part of complex number
isreal	Check if input is real array
j	Imaginary unit
real	Real part of complex number

sign	Signum function
unwrap	Correct phase angles to produce smoother phase plots

Rounding and Remainder

ceil	Round toward positive infinity
fix	Round toward zero
floor	Round toward negative infinity
idivide	Integer division with rounding option
mod	Modulus after division
rem	Remainder after division
round	Round to nearest integer

Discrete Math

factor	Prime factors
factorial	Factorial function
gcd	Greatest common divisor
isprime	Array elements that are prime numbers
lcm	Least common multiple
nchoosek	Binomial coefficient or all combinations
perms	All possible permutations
primes	Generate list of prime numbers
rat, rats	Rational fraction approximation

Polynomials

conv	Convolution and polynomial multiplication
deconv	Deconvolution and polynomial division
poly	Polynomial with specified roots
polyder	Polynomial derivative
polyeig	Polynomial eigenvalue problem
polyfit	Polynomial curve fitting
polyint	Integrate polynomial analytically
polyval	Polynomial evaluation
polyvalm	Matrix polynomial evaluation
residue	Convert between partial fraction expansion and polynomial coefficients
roots	Polynomial roots

Interpolation and Computational Geometry

Interpolation

dsearch	Search Delaunay triangulation for nearest point
dsearchn	N-D nearest point search
griddata	Data gridding
griddata3	Data gridding and hypersurface fitting for 3-D data
griddatan	Data gridding and hypersurface fitting (dimension >= 2)
interp1	1-D data interpolation (table lookup)
interp1q	Quick 1-D linear interpolation
interp2	2-D data interpolation (table lookup)
interp3	3-D data interpolation (table lookup)
interpft	1-D interpolation using FFT method
interpn	N-D data interpolation (table lookup)
meshgrid	Generate X and Y arrays for 3-D plots
mkpp	Make piecewise polynomial
ndgrid	Generate arrays for N-D functions and interpolation
padecoef	Padé approximation of time delays
pchip	Piecewise Cubic Hermite Interpolating Polynomial (PCHIP)
ppval	Evaluate piecewise polynomial
spline	Cubic spline data interpolation
TriScatteredInterp	Interpolate scattered data
TriScatteredInterp	Interpolate scattered data
tsearch	Search for enclosing Delaunay triangle

tsearchn	N-D closest simplex search
unmkpp	Piecewise polynomial details

Delaunay Triangulation and Tessellation

baryToCart (TriRep)	Converts point coordinates from barycentric to Cartesian
cartToBary (TriRep)	Convert point coordinates from cartesian to barycentric
circumcenters (TriRep)	Circumcenters of specified simplices
delaunay	Delaunay triangulation
delaunay3	3-D Delaunay tessellation
delaunayn	N-D Delaunay tessellation
DelaunayTri	Contruct Delaunay triangulation
DelaunayTri	Delaunay triangulation in 2-D and 3-D
edgeAttachments (TriRep)	Simplices attached to specified edges
edges (TriRep)	Triangulation edges
faceNormals (TriRep)	Unit normals to specified triangles
featureEdges (TriRep)	Sharp edges of surface triangulation
freeBoundary (TriRep)	Facets referenced by only one simplex
incenters (TriRep)	Incenters of specified simplices
inOutStatus (DelaunayTri)	Status of triangles in 2-D constrained Delaunay triangulation
isEdge (TriRep)	Test if vertices are joined by edge
nearestNeighbor (DelaunayTri)	Point closest to specified location
neighbors (TriRep)	Simplex neighbor information
pointLocation (DelaunayTri)	Simplex containing specified location

size (TriRep)	Size of triangulation matrix
tetramesh	Tetrahedron mesh plot
trimesh	Triangular mesh plot
triplot	2-D triangular plot
TriRep	Triangulation representation
TriRep	Triangulation representation
trisurf	Triangular surface plot
vertexAttachments (TriRep)	Return simplices attached to specified vertices

Convex Hull

convexHull (DelaunayTri)	Convex hull
convhull	Convex hull
convhulln	N-D convex hull
patch	Create one or more filled polygons
trisurf	Triangular surface plot

Voronoi Diagrams

patch	Create one or more filled polygons
voronoi	Voronoi diagram
voronoiDiagram (DelaunayTri)	Voronoi diagram
voronoin	N-D Voronoi diagram

Domain Generation

meshgrid	Generate X and Y arrays for 3-D plots
ndgrid	Generate arrays for N-D functions and interpolation

Cartesian Coordinate System Conversion

cart2pol	Transform Cartesian coordinates to polar or cylindrical
cart2sph	Transform Cartesian coordinates to spherical
pol2cart	Transform polar or cylindrical coordinates to Cartesian
sph2cart	Transform spherical coordinates to Cartesian

Nonlinear Numerical Methods

Ordinary Differential Equations (p. 1-48)	Solve stiff and nonstiff differential equations, define the problem, set solver options, evaluate solution
Delay Differential Equations (p. 1-49)	Solve delay differential equations with constant and general delays, set solver options, evaluate solution
Boundary Value Problems (p. 1-49)	Solve boundary value problems for ordinary differential equations, set solver options, evaluate solution
Partial Differential Equations (p. 1-50)	Solve initial-boundary value problems for parabolic-elliptic PDEs, evaluate solution

Optimization (p. 1-50)	Find minimum of single and multivariable functions, solve nonnegative least-squares constraint problem
Numerical Integration (Quadrature) (p. 1-50)	Evaluate Simpson, Lobatto, and vectorized quadratures, evaluate double and triple integrals

Ordinary Differential Equations

decic	Compute consistent initial conditions for `ode15i`
deval	Evaluate solution of differential equation problem
ode15i	Solve fully implicit differential equations, variable order method
ode23, ode45, ode113, ode15s, ode23s, ode23t, ode23tb	Solve initial value problems for ordinary differential equations
odefile	Define differential equation problem for ordinary differential equation solvers
odeget	Ordinary differential equation options parameters
odeset	Create or alter options structure for ordinary differential equation solvers
odextend	Extend solution of initial value problem for ordinary differential equation

Delay Differential Equations

dde23	Solve delay differential equations (DDEs) with constant delays
ddeget	Extract properties from delay differential equations options structure
ddesd	Solve delay differential equations (DDEs) with general delays
ddeset	Create or alter delay differential equations options structure
deval	Evaluate solution of differential equation problem

Boundary Value Problems

bvp4c	Solve boundary value problems for ordinary differential equations
bvp5c	Solve boundary value problems for ordinary differential equations
bvpget	Extract properties from options structure created with `bvpset`
bvpinit	Form initial guess for `bvp4c`
bvpset	Create or alter options structure of boundary value problem
bvpxtend	Form guess structure for extending boundary value solutions
deval	Evaluate solution of differential equation problem

Partial Differential Equations

pdepe	Solve initial-boundary value problems for parabolic-elliptic PDEs in 1-D
pdeval	Evaluate numerical solution of PDE using output of `pdepe`

Optimization

fminbnd	Find minimum of single-variable function on fixed interval
fminsearch	Find minimum of unconstrained multivariable function using derivative-free method
fzero	Find root of continuous function of one variable
lsqnonneg	Solve nonnegative least-squares constraints problem
optimget	Optimization options values
optimset	Create or edit optimization options structure

Numerical Integration (Quadrature)

dblquad	Numerically evaluate double integral over rectangle
quad	Numerically evaluate integral, adaptive Simpson quadrature
quad2d	Numerically evaluate double integral over planar region
quadgk	Numerically evaluate integral, adaptive Gauss-Kronrod quadrature

quadl	Numerically evaluate integral, adaptive Lobatto quadrature
quadv	Vectorized quadrature
triplequad	Numerically evaluate triple integral

Specialized Math

airy	Airy functions
besselh	Bessel function of third kind (Hankel function)
besseli	Modified Bessel function of first kind
besselj	Bessel function of first kind
besselk	Modified Bessel function of second kind
bessely	Bessel function of second kind
beta	Beta function
betainc	Incomplete beta function
betaincinv	Beta inverse cumulative distribution function
betaln	Logarithm of beta function
ellipj	Jacobi elliptic functions
ellipke	Complete elliptic integrals of first and second kind
erf, erfc, erfcx, erfinv, erfcinv	Error functions
expint	Exponential integral
gamma, gammainc, gammaln	Gamma functions
gammaincinv	Inverse incomplete gamma function
legendre	Associated Legendre functions
psi	Psi (polygamma) function

Sparse Matrices

Elementary Sparse Matrices

spdiags	Extract and create sparse band and diagonal matrices
speye	Sparse identity matrix
sprand	Sparse uniformly distributed random matrix
sprandn	Sparse normally distributed random matrix
sprandsym	Sparse symmetric random matrix

Full to Sparse Conversion

find	Find indices and values of nonzero elements
full	Convert sparse matrix to full matrix
sparse	Create sparse matrix
spconvert	Import matrix from sparse matrix external format

Sparse Matrix Manipulation

issparse	Determine whether input is sparse
nnz	Number of nonzero matrix elements
nonzeros	Nonzero matrix elements
nzmax	Amount of storage allocated for nonzero matrix elements
spalloc	Allocate space for sparse matrix
spfun	Apply function to nonzero sparse matrix elements
spones	Replace nonzero sparse matrix elements with ones
spparms	Set parameters for sparse matrix routines
spy	Visualize sparsity pattern

Reordering Algorithms

amd	Approximate minimum degree permutation
colamd	Column approximate minimum degree permutation

colperm	Sparse column permutation based on nonzero count
dmperm	Dulmage-Mendelsohn decomposition
ldl	Block LDL' factorization for Hermitian indefinite matrices
randperm	Random permutation
symamd	Symmetric approximate minimum degree permutation
symrcm	Sparse reverse Cuthill-McKee ordering

Linear Algebra

cholinc	Sparse incomplete Cholesky and Cholesky-Infinity factorizations
condest	1-norm condition number estimate
eigs	Largest eigenvalues and eigenvectors of matrix
ilu	Sparse incomplete LU factorization
luinc	Sparse incomplete LU factorization
normest	2-norm estimate
spaugment	Form least squares augmented system
sprank	Structural rank
svds	Find singular values and vectors

Linear Equations (Iterative Methods)

bicg	Biconjugate gradients method
bicgstab	Biconjugate gradients stabilized method

bicgstabl	Biconjugate gradients stabilized (l) method
cgs	Conjugate gradients squared method
gmres	Generalized minimum residual method (with restarts)
lsqr	LSQR method
minres	Minimum residual method
pcg	Preconditioned conjugate gradients method
qmr	Quasi-minimal residual method
symmlq	Symmetric LQ method
tfqmr	Transpose-free quasi-minimal residual method

Tree Operations

etree	Elimination tree
etreeplot	Plot elimination tree
gplot	Plot nodes and links representing adjacency matrix
symbfact	Symbolic factorization analysis
treelayout	Lay out tree or forest
treeplot	Plot picture of tree
unmesh	Convert edge matrix to coordinate and Laplacian matrices

Math Constants

eps	Floating-point relative accuracy
i	Imaginary unit

Inf	Infinity
intmax	Largest value of specified integer type
intmin	Smallest value of specified integer type
j	Imaginary unit
NaN	Not-a-Number
pi	Ratio of circle's circumference to its diameter
realmax	Largest positive floating-point number
realmin	Smallest positive normalized floating-point number

Data Analysis

Basic Operations

brush	Interactively mark, delete, modify, and save observations in graphs
cumprod	Cumulative product
cumsum	Cumulative sum
linkdata	Automatically update graphs when variables change
prod	Product of array elements
sort	Sort array elements in ascending or descending order
sortrows	Sort rows in ascending order
sum	Sum of array elements

Descriptive Statistics

corrcoef	Correlation coefficients
cov	Covariance matrix

max	Largest elements in array
mean	Average or mean value of array
median	Median value of array
min	Smallest elements in array
mode	Most frequent values in array
std	Standard deviation
var	Variance

Filtering and Convolution

conv	Convolution and polynomial multiplication
conv2	2-D convolution
convn	N-D convolution
deconv	Deconvolution and polynomial division
detrend	Remove linear trends
filter	1-D digital filter
filter2	2-D digital filter

Interpolation and Regression

interp1	1-D data interpolation (table lookup)
interp2	2-D data interpolation (table lookup)
interp3	3-D data interpolation (table lookup)
interpn	N-D data interpolation (table lookup)
mldivide \, mrdivide /	Left or right matrix division
polyfit	Polynomial curve fitting
polyval	Polynomial evaluation

Fourier Transforms

abs	Absolute value and complex magnitude
angle	Phase angle
cplxpair	Sort complex numbers into complex conjugate pairs
fft	Discrete Fourier transform
fft2	2-D discrete Fourier transform
fftn	N-D discrete Fourier transform
fftshift	Shift zero-frequency component to center of spectrum
fftw	Interface to FFTW library run-time algorithm tuning control
ifft	Inverse discrete Fourier transform
ifft2	2-D inverse discrete Fourier transform
ifftn	N-D inverse discrete Fourier transform
ifftshift	Inverse FFT shift
nextpow2	Next higher power of 2
unwrap	Correct phase angles to produce smoother phase plots

Derivatives and Integrals

cumtrapz	Cumulative trapezoidal numerical integration
del2	Discrete Laplacian
diff	Differences and approximate derivatives

gradient	Numerical gradient
polyder	Polynomial derivative
polyint	Integrate polynomial analytically
trapz	Trapezoidal numerical integration

Time Series Objects

Utilities (p. 1-60)	Combine `timeseries` objects, query and set `timeseries` object properties, plot `timeseries` objects
Data Manipulation (p. 1-61)	Add or delete data, manipulate `timeseries` objects
Event Data (p. 1-62)	Add or delete events, create new `timeseries` objects based on event data
Descriptive Statistics (p. 1-62)	Descriptive statistics for `timeseries` objects

Utilities

get (timeseries)	Query `timeseries` object property values
getdatasamplesize	Size of data sample in `timeseries` object
getqualitydesc	Data quality descriptions
isempty (timeseries)	Determine whether `timeseries` object is empty
length (timeseries)	Length of time vector
plot (timeseries)	Plot time series
set (timeseries)	Set properties of `timeseries` object
size (timeseries)	Size of `timeseries` object

timeseries	Create `timeseries` object
tsdata.event	Construct event object for `timeseries` object
tsprops	Help on `timeseries` object properties
tstool	Open Time Series Tools GUI

Data Manipulation

addsample	Add data sample to `timeseries` object
ctranspose (timeseries)	Transpose `timeseries` object
delsample	Remove sample from `timeseries` object
detrend (timeseries)	Subtract mean or best-fit line and all `NaN`s from time series
filter (timeseries)	Shape frequency content of time series
getabstime (timeseries)	Extract date-string time vector into cell array
getinterpmethod	Interpolation method for `timeseries` object
getsampleusingtime (timeseries)	Extract data samples into new `timeseries` object
idealfilter (timeseries)	Apply ideal (noncausal) filter to `timeseries` object
resample (timeseries)	Select or interpolate `timeseries` data using new time vector
setabstime (timeseries)	Set times of `timeseries` object as date strings
setinterpmethod	Set default interpolation method for `timeseries` object

synchronize	Synchronize and resample two `timeseries` objects using common time vector
transpose (timeseries)	Transpose `timeseries` object
vertcat (timeseries)	Vertical concatenation of `timeseries` objects

Event Data

addevent	Add event to `timeseries` object
delevent	Remove `tsdata.event` objects from `timeseries` object
gettsafteratevent	New `timeseries` object with samples occurring at or after event
gettsafterevent	New `timeseries` object with samples occurring after event
gettsatevent	New `timeseries` object with samples occurring at event
gettsbeforeatevent	New `timeseries` object with samples occurring before or at event
gettsbeforeevent	New `timeseries` object with samples occurring before event
gettsbetweenevents	New `timeseries` object with samples occurring between events

Descriptive Statistics

iqr (timeseries)	Interquartile range of `timeseries` data
max (timeseries)	Maximum value of `timeseries` data
mean (timeseries)	Mean value of `timeseries` data
median (timeseries)	Median value of `timeseries` data

min (timeseries)	Minimum value of `timeseries` data
std (timeseries)	Standard deviation of `timeseries` data
sum (timeseries)	Sum of `timeseries` data
var (timeseries)	Variance of `timeseries` data

Time Series Collections

Utilities

get (tscollection)	Query `tscollection` object property values
isempty (tscollection)	Determine whether `tscollection` object is empty
length (tscollection)	Length of time vector
plot (timeseries)	Plot time series
set (tscollection)	Set properties of `tscollection` object
size (tscollection)	Size of `tscollection` object
tscollection	Create `tscollection` object
tstool	Open Time Series Tools GUI

Data Manipulation

addsampletocollection	Add sample to `tscollection` object
addts	Add `timeseries` object to `tscollection` object
delsamplefromcollection	Remove sample from `tscollection` object
getabstime (tscollection)	Extract date-string time vector into cell array
getsampleusingtime (tscollection)	Extract data samples into new `tscollection` object
gettimeseriesnames	Cell array of names of `timeseries` objects in `tscollection` object
horzcat (tscollection)	Horizontal concatenation for `tscollection` objects
removets	Remove `timeseries` objects from `tscollection` object
resample (tscollection)	Select or interpolate data in `tscollection` using new time vector
setabstime (tscollection)	Set times of `tscollection` object as date strings
settimeseriesnames	Change name of `timeseries` object in `tscollection`
vertcat (tscollection)	Vertical concatenation for `tscollection` objects

Programming and Data Types

Data Types

Numeric Types

arrayfun	Apply function to each element of array
cast	Cast variable to different data type
cat	Concatenate arrays along specified dimension
class	Determine class name of object
find	Find indices and values of nonzero elements
intmax	Largest value of specified integer type
intmin	Smallest value of specified integer type
intwarning	Control state of integer warnings
ipermute	Inverse permute dimensions of N-D array
isa	Determine whether input is object of given class
isequal	Test arrays for equality

isequalwithequalnans	Test arrays for equality, treating NaNs as equal
isfinite	Array elements that are finite
isinf	Array elements that are infinite
isnan	Array elements that are NaN
isnumeric	Determine whether input is numeric array
isreal	Check if input is real array
isscalar	Determine whether input is scalar
isvector	Determine whether input is vector
permute	Rearrange dimensions of N-D array
realmax	Largest positive floating-point number
realmin	Smallest positive normalized floating-point number
reshape	Reshape array
squeeze	Remove singleton dimensions
zeros	Create array of all zeros

Characters and Strings

See “Strings” on page 1-78 for all string-related functions.

cellstr	Create cell array of strings from character array
char	Convert to character array (string)
eval	Execute string containing MATLAB expression
findstr	Find string within another, longer string

isstr	Determine whether input is character array
regexp, regexpi	Match regular expression
sprintf	Format data into string
sscanf	Read formatted data from string
strcat	Concatenate strings horizontally
strcmp, strcmpi	Compare strings
strfind	Find one string within another
strings	String handling
strjust	Justify character array
strmatch	Find possible matches for string
strread	Read formatted data from string
strrep	Find and replace substring
strtrim	Remove leading and trailing white space from string
strvcat	Concatenate strings vertically

Structures

arrayfun	Apply function to each element of array
cell2struct	Convert cell array to structure array
class	Determine class name of object
deal	Distribute inputs to outputs
fieldnames	Field names of structure, or public fields of object
getfield	Field of structure array
isa	Determine whether input is object of given class

isequal	Test arrays for equality
isfield	Determine whether input is structure array field
isscalar	Determine whether input is scalar
isstruct	Determine whether input is structure array
isvector	Determine whether input is vector
orderfields	Order fields of structure array
rmfield	Remove fields from structure
setfield	Assign values to structure array field
struct	Create structure array
struct2cell	Convert structure to cell array
structfun	Apply function to each field of scalar structure

Cell Arrays

cell	Construct cell array
cell2mat	Convert cell array of matrices to single matrix
cell2struct	Convert cell array to structure array
celldisp	Cell array contents
cellfun	Apply function to each cell in cell array
cellplot	Graphically display structure of cell array
cellstr	Create cell array of strings from character array
class	Determine class name of object
deal	Distribute inputs to outputs

isa	Determine whether input is object of given class
iscell	Determine whether input is cell array
iscellstr	Determine whether input is cell array of strings
isequal	Test arrays for equality
isscalar	Determine whether input is scalar
isvector	Determine whether input is vector
mat2cell	Divide matrix into cell array of matrices
num2cell	Convert numeric array to cell array
struct2cell	Convert structure to cell array

Map Container Objects

containers.Map	Construct `containers.Map` object
isKey (Map)	Check if `containers.Map` contains key
keys (Map)	Return all keys of `containers.Map` object
length (Map)	Length of `containers.Map` object
remove (Map)	Remove key-value pairs from `containers.Map`
size (Map)	size of `containers.Map` object
values (Map)	Return values of `containers.Map` object

Function Handles

class	Determine class name of object
feval	Evaluate function
func2str	Construct function name string from function handle
functions	Information about function handle
function_handle (@)	Handle used in calling functions indirectly
isa	Determine whether input is object of given class
isequal	Test arrays for equality
str2func	Construct function handle from function name string

Java Classes and Objects

cell	Construct cell array
class	Determine class name of object
clear	Remove items from workspace, freeing up system memory
depfun	List dependencies of function or P-file
exist	Check existence of variable, function, folder, or class
fieldnames	Field names of structure, or public fields of object
im2java	Convert image to Java image
import	Add package or class to current import list
inmem	Names of functions, MEX-files, Sun Java classes in memory

isa	Determine whether input is object of given class
isjava	Determine whether input is Sun Java object
javaaddpath	Add entries to dynamic Sun Java class path
javaArray	Construct Sun Java array
javachk	Generate error message based on Sun Java feature support
javaclasspath	Get and set Sun Java class path
javaMethod	Invoke Sun Java method
javaMethodEDT	Invoke Sun Java method from Event Dispatch Thread (EDT)
javaObject	Invoke Sun Java constructor, letting MATLAB choose the thread
javaObjectEDT	Invoke Sun Java object constructor on Event Dispatch Thread (EDT)
javarmpath	Remove entries from dynamic Sun Java class path
methods	Class method names
methodsview	View class methods
usejava	Determine whether Sun Java feature is supported in MATLAB software
which	Locate functions and files

Data Type Identification

is*	Detect state
isa	Determine whether input is object of given class

iscell	Determine whether input is cell array
iscellstr	Determine whether input is cell array of strings
ischar	Determine whether item is character array
isfield	Determine whether input is structure array field
isfloat	Determine whether input is floating-point array
ishghandle	True for Handle Graphics® object handles
isinteger	Determine whether input is integer array
isjava	Determine whether input is Sun Java object
islogical	Determine whether input is logical array
isnumeric	Determine whether input is numeric array
isobject	Is input MATLAB object
isreal	Check if input is real array
isstr	Determine whether input is character array
isstruct	Determine whether input is structure array
validateattributes	Check validity of array
who, whos	List variables in workspace

Data Type Conversion

Numeric

cast	Cast variable to different data type
double	Convert to double precision
int8, int16, int32, int64	Convert to signed integer
single	Convert to single precision
typecast	Convert data types without changing underlying data
uint8, uint16, uint32, uint64	Convert to unsigned integer

String to Numeric

base2dec	Convert base N number string to decimal number
bin2dec	Convert binary number string to decimal number
cast	Cast variable to different data type
hex2dec	Convert hexadecimal number string to decimal number
hex2num	Convert hexadecimal number string to double-precision number

str2double	Convert string to double-precision value
str2num	Convert string to number
unicode2native	Convert Unicode® characters to numeric bytes

Numeric to String

cast	Cast variable to different data type
char	Convert to character array (string)
dec2base	Convert decimal to base N number in string
dec2bin	Convert decimal to binary number in string
dec2hex	Convert decimal to hexadecimal number in string
int2str	Convert integer to string
mat2str	Convert matrix to string
native2unicode	Convert numeric bytes to Unicode characters
num2str	Convert number to string

Other Conversions

cell2mat	Convert cell array of matrices to single matrix
cell2struct	Convert cell array to structure array
datestr	Convert date and time to string format
func2str	Construct function name string from function handle

logical	Convert numeric values to logical
mat2cell	Divide matrix into cell array of matrices
num2cell	Convert numeric array to cell array
num2hex	Convert singles and doubles to IEEE® hexadecimal strings
str2func	Construct function handle from function name string
str2mat	Form blank-padded character matrix from strings
struct2cell	Convert structure to cell array

Operators and Special Characters

Arithmetic Operators (p. 1-76)	Plus, minus, power, left and right divide, transpose, etc.
Relational Operators (p. 1-77)	Equal to, greater than, less than or equal to, etc.
Logical Operators (p. 1-77)	Element-wise and short circuit and, or, not
Special Characters (p. 1-78)	Array constructors, line continuation, comments, etc.

Arithmetic Operators

+	Plus
-	Minus
.	Decimal point
=	Assignment
*	Matrix multiplication
/	Matrix right division

\ Matrix left division

^ Matrix power

' Matrix transpose

.* Array multiplication (element-wise)

./ Array right division (element-wise)

.\ Array left division (element-wise)

.^ Array power (element-wise)

.' Array transpose

Relational Operators

< Less than

<= Less than or equal to

> Greater than

>= Greater than or equal to

== Equal to

~= Not equal to

Logical Operators

See also "Logical Operations" on page 1-82 for functions like `xor`, `all`, `any`, etc.

&& Logical AND

|| Logical OR

& Logical AND for arrays

| Logical OR for arrays

~ Logical NOT

Special Characters

:	Create vectors, subscript arrays, specify for-loop iterations
( )	Pass function arguments, prioritize operators
[ ]	Construct array, concatenate elements, specify multiple outputs from function
{ }	Construct cell array, index into cell array
.	Insert decimal point, define structure field, reference methods of object
.( )	Reference dynamic field of structure
..	Reference parent directory
...	Continue statement to next line
,	Separate rows of array, separate function input/output arguments, separate commands
;	Separate columns of array, suppress output from current command
%	Insert comment line into code
%{ %}	Insert block of comments into code
!	Issue command to operating system
' '	Construct character array
@	Construct function handle, reference class directory

Strings

String Manipulation (p. 1-80)	Convert case, strip blanks, replace characters
String Parsing (p. 1-80)	Formatted read, regular expressions, locate substrings
String Evaluation (p. 1-81)	Evaluate stated expression in string
String Comparison (p. 1-81)	Compare contents of strings

Description of Strings in MATLAB

strings	String handling

String Creation

blanks	Create string of blank characters
cellstr	Create cell array of strings from character array
char	Convert to character array (string)
sprintf	Format data into string
strcat	Concatenate strings horizontally
strvcat	Concatenate strings vertically

String Identification

isa	Determine whether input is object of given class
iscellstr	Determine whether input is cell array of strings
ischar	Determine whether item is character array
isletter	Array elements that are alphabetic letters

isscalar	Determine whether input is scalar
isspace	Array elements that are space characters
isstrprop	Determine whether string is of specified category
isvector	Determine whether input is vector
validatestring	Check validity of text string

String Manipulation

deblank	Strip trailing blanks from end of string
lower	Convert string to lowercase
strjust	Justify character array
strrep	Find and replace substring
strtrim	Remove leading and trailing white space from string
upper	Convert string to uppercase

String Parsing

findstr	Find string within another, longer string
regexp, regexpi	Match regular expression
regexprep	Replace string using regular expression
regexptranslate	Translate string into regular expression
sscanf	Read formatted data from string
strfind	Find one string within another

strread	Read formatted data from string
strtok	Selected parts of string

String Evaluation

eval	Execute string containing MATLAB expression
evalc	Evaluate MATLAB expression with capture
evalin	Execute MATLAB expression in specified workspace

String Comparison

strcmp, strcmpi	Compare strings
strmatch	Find possible matches for string
strncmp, strncmpi	Compare first n characters of strings

Bit-Wise Operations

bitand	Bitwise AND
bitcmp	Bitwise complement
bitget	Bit at specified position
bitmax	Maximum double-precision floating-point integer
bitor	Bitwise OR
bitset	Set bit at specified position
bitshift	Shift bits specified number of places
bitxor	Bitwise XOR
swapbytes	Swap byte ordering

Logical Operations

all	Determine whether all array elements are nonzero or `true`
and	Find logical AND of array or scalar inputs
any	Determine whether any array elements are nonzero
false	Logical 0 (false)
find	Find indices and values of nonzero elements
isa	Determine whether input is object of given class
iskeyword	Determine whether input is MATLAB keyword
isvarname	Determine whether input is valid variable name
logical	Convert numeric values to logical
not	Find logical NOT of array or scalar input
or	Find logical OR of array or scalar inputs
true	Logical 1 (true)
xor	Logical exclusive-OR

See "Operators and Special Characters" on page 1-76 for logical operators.

Relational Operations

eq	Test for equality
ge	Test for greater than or equal to

gt	Test for greater than
le	Test for less than or equal to
lt	Test for less than
ne	Test for inequality

See "Operators and Special Characters" on page 1-76 for relational operators.

Set Operations

intersect	Find set intersection of two vectors
ismember	Array elements that are members of set
issorted	Determine whether set elements are in sorted order
setdiff	Find set difference of two vectors
setxor	Find set exclusive OR of two vectors
union	Find set union of two vectors
unique	Find unique elements of vector

Date and Time Operations

addtodate	Modify date number by field
calendar	Calendar for specified month
clock	Current time as date vector
cputime	Elapsed CPU time
date	Current date string
datenum	Convert date and time to serial date number
datestr	Convert date and time to string format

datevec	Convert date and time to vector of components
eomday	Last day of month
etime	Time elapsed between date vectors
now	Current date and time
weekday	Day of week

Programming in MATLAB

Functions and Scripts (p. 1-85)	Write and execute program code, interact with caller, check input and output values, dependencies
Evaluation (p. 1-86)	Evaluate expression in string, apply function to array, run script file, etc.
Timer (p. 1-87)	Schedule execution of MATLAB commands
Variables and Functions in Memory (p. 1-88)	List, lock, or clear functions in memory, construct variable names, consolidate workspaces, refresh caches
Control Flow (p. 1-89)	Conditional control, loop control, error control, program termination
Error Handling (p. 1-90)	Generate warnings and errors, test for and catch errors, capture data on cause of error, warning control
MEX Programming (p. 1-91)	Compile MEX function from C or Fortran code, list MEX-files in memory, debug MEX-files

Functions and Scripts

addOptional (inputParser)	Add optional argument to Input Parser scheme
addParamValue (inputParser)	Add parameter name/value argument to Input Parser scheme
addRequired (inputParser)	Add required argument to Input Parser scheme
createCopy (inputParser)	Create copy of `inputParser` object
depdir	List dependent folders for function or P-file
depfun	List dependencies of function or P-file
echo	Display statements during function execution
end	Terminate block of code, or indicate last array index
function	Declare function
input	Request user input
inputname	Variable name of function input
inputParser	Construct input parser object
mfilename	File name of currently running function
namelengthmax	Maximum identifier length
nargchk	Validate number of input arguments
nargin, nargout	Number of function arguments
nargoutchk	Validate number of output arguments
parse (inputParser)	Parse and validate named inputs
pcode	Create protected function file

script	Sequence of MATLAB statements in file
syntax	Two ways to call MATLAB functions
varargin	Variable length input argument list
varargout	Variable length output argument list

Evaluation

ans	Most recent answer
arrayfun	Apply function to each element of array
assert	Generate error when condition is violated
builtin	Execute built-in function from overloaded method
cellfun	Apply function to each cell in cell array
echo	Display statements during function execution
eval	Execute string containing MATLAB expression
evalc	Evaluate MATLAB expression with capture
evalin	Execute MATLAB expression in specified workspace
feval	Evaluate function
iskeyword	Determine whether input is MATLAB keyword
isvarname	Determine whether input is valid variable name
pause	Halt execution temporarily

run	Run script that is not on current path
script	Sequence of MATLAB statements in file
structfun	Apply function to each field of scalar structure
symvar	Determine symbolic variables in expression
tic, toc	Measure performance using stopwatch timer

Timer

delete (timer)	Remove timer object from memory
disp (timer)	Information about timer object
get (timer)	Timer object properties
isvalid (timer)	Determine whether timer object is valid
set (timer)	Configure or display timer object properties
start	Start timer(s) running
startat	Start timer(s) running at specified time
stop	Stop timer(s)
timer	Construct timer object
timerfind	Find timer objects
timerfindall	Find timer objects, including invisible objects
wait	Wait until timer stops running

Variables and Functions in Memory

ans	Most recent answer
assignin	Assign value to variable in specified workspace
datatipinfo	Produce short description of input variable
genvarname	Construct valid variable name from string
global	Declare global variables
inmem	Names of functions, MEX-files, Sun Java classes in memory
isglobal	Determine whether input is global variable
memory	Display memory information
mislocked	Determine if function is locked in memory
mlock	Prevent clearing function from memory
munlock	Allow clearing functions from memory
namelengthmax	Maximum identifier length
pack	Consolidate workspace memory
persistent	Define persistent variable
rehash	Refresh function and file system path caches

Control Flow

break	Terminate execution of `for` or `while` loop
case	Execute block of code if condition is `true`
catch	Handle error detected in try-catch statement
continue	Pass control to next iteration of `for` or `while` loop
else	Execute statements if condition is false
elseif	Execute statements if additional condition is true
end	Terminate block of code, or indicate last array index
error	Display message and abort function
for	Execute statements specified number of times
if	Execute statements if condition is true
otherwise	Default part of switch statement
parfor	Parallel `for`-loop
return	Return to invoking function
switch	Switch among several cases, based on expression
try	Execute statements and catch resulting errors
while	Repeatedly execute statements while condition is true

Error Handling

addCause (MException)	Record additional causes of exception
assert	Generate error when condition is violated
catch	Handle error detected in try-catch statement
disp (MException)	Display `MException` object
eq (MException)	Compare `MException` objects for equality
error	Display message and abort function
ferror	Information about file I/O errors
getReport (MException)	Get error message for exception
intwarning	Control state of integer warnings
isequal (MException)	Compare `MException` objects for equality
last (MException)	Last uncaught exception
lastwarn	Last warning message
MException	Capture error information
ne (MException)	Compare `MException` objects for inequality
rethrow (MException)	Reissue existing exception
throw (MException)	Issue exception and terminate function
try	Execute statements and catch resulting errors
warning	Warning message

MEX Programming

dbmex	Enable MEX-file debugging (on UNIX platforms)
inmem	Names of functions, MEX-files, Sun Java classes in memory
mex	Compile MEX-function from C/C++ or Fortran source code
mex.getCompilerConfigurations	Get compiler configuration information for building MEX-files
mexext	Binary MEX-file name extension

Object-Oriented Programming

Classes and Objects

class	Determine class name of object
classdef	Class definition keywords
exist	Check existence of variable, function, folder, or class
inferiorto	Specify inferior class relationship
isobject	Is input MATLAB object
loadobj	Modify load process for object
methods	Class method names
methodsview	View class methods
properties	Class property names
subsasgn	Subscripted assignment
subsindex	Subscript indexing with object
subsref	Redefine subscripted reference for objects
superiorto	Establish superior class relationship

Handle Classes

addlistener (handle)	Create event listener
addprop (dynamicprops)	Add dynamic property
delete (handle)	Handle object destructor function
dynamicprops	Abstract class used to derive handle class with dynamic properties
findobj (handle)	Find handle objects matching specified conditions
findprop (handle)	Find `meta.property` object associated with property name
get (hgsetget)	Query property values of handle objects derived from `hgsetget` class
getdisp (hgsetget)	Override to change command window display
handle	Abstract class for deriving handle classes
hgsetget	Abstract class used to derive handle class with set and get methods
isvalid (handle)	Is object valid handle class object
notify (handle)	Notify listeners that event is occurring
relationaloperators (handle)	Equality and sorting of handle objects
set (hgsetget)	Assign property values to handle objects derived from `hgsetget` class
setdisp (hgsetget)	Override to change command window display

Events and Listeners

addlistener (handle)	Create event listener
event.EventData	Base class for all data objects passed to event listeners
event.listener	Class defining listener objects
event.PropertyEvent	Listener for property events
event.proplistener	Define listener object for property events
events	Event names
notify (handle)	Notify listeners that event is occurring

Meta-Classes

meta.class	`meta.class` class describes MATLAB classes
meta.class.fromName	Return `meta.class` object associated with named class
meta.DynamicProperty	`meta.DynamicProperty` class describes dynamic property of MATLAB object
meta.event	`meta.event` class describes MATLAB class events
meta.method	`meta.method` class describes MATLAB class methods
meta.package	`meta.package` class describes MATLAB packages
meta.package.fromName	Return `meta.package` object for specified package
meta.package.getAllPackages	Get all top-level packages

meta.property	`meta.property` class describes MATLAB class properties
metaclass	Obtain `meta.class` object

Graphics

Basic Plots and Graphs

box	Axes border
errorbar	Plot error bars along curve
hold	Retain current graph in figure
line	Create line object
LineSpec (Line Specification)	Line specification string syntax
loglog	Log-log scale plot
plot	2-D line plot
plot3	3-D line plot
plotyy	2-D line plots with y-axes on both left and right side
polar	Polar coordinate plot

semilogx, semilogy	Semilogarithmic plots
subplot	Create axes in tiled positions

Plotting Tools

figurepalette	Show or hide figure palette
pan	Pan view of graph interactively
plotbrowser	Show or hide figure plot browser
plotedit	Interactively edit and annotate plots
plottools	Show or hide plot tools
propertyeditor	Show or hide property editor
rotate3d	Rotate 3-D view using mouse
showplottool	Show or hide figure plot tool
zoom	Turn zooming on or off or magnify by factor

Annotating Plots

annotation	Create annotation objects
clabel	Contour plot elevation labels
datacursormode	Enable, disable, and manage interactive data cursor mode
datetick	Date formatted tick labels
gtext	Mouse placement of text in 2-D view
legend	Graph legend for lines and patches
rectangle	Create 2-D rectangle object
texlabel	Produce TeX format from character string

title	Add title to current axes
xlabel, ylabel, zlabel	Label *x*-, *y*-, and *z*-axis

Specialized Plotting

Area, Bar, and Pie Plots

area	Filled area 2-D plot
bar, barh	Plot bar graph (vertical and horizontal)
bar3, bar3h	Plot 3-D bar chart
pareto	Pareto chart
pie	Pie chart
pie3	3-D pie chart

Contour Plots

contour	Contour plot of matrix
contour3	3-D contour plot
contourc	Low-level contour plot computation
contourf	Filled 2-D contour plot
ezcontour	Easy-to-use contour plotter
ezcontourf	Easy-to-use filled contour plotter

Direction and Velocity Plots

comet	2-D comet plot
comet3	3-D comet plot
compass	Plot arrows emanating from origin
feather	Plot velocity vectors
quiver	Quiver or velocity plot
quiver3	3-D quiver or velocity plot

Discrete Data Plots

stairs	Stairstep graph
stem	Plot discrete sequence data
stem3	Plot 3-D discrete sequence data

Function Plots

ezcontour	Easy-to-use contour plotter
ezcontourf	Easy-to-use filled contour plotter
ezmesh	Easy-to-use 3-D mesh plotter

ezmeshc	Easy-to-use combination mesh/contour plotter
ezplot	Easy-to-use function plotter
ezplot3	Easy-to-use 3-D parametric curve plotter
ezpolar	Easy-to-use polar coordinate plotter
ezsurf	Easy-to-use 3-D colored surface plotter
ezsurfc	Easy-to-use combination surface/contour plotter
fplot	Plot function between specified limits

Histograms

hist	Histogram plot
histc	Histogram count
rose	Angle histogram plot

Polygons and Surfaces

cylinder	Generate cylinder
delaunay	Delaunay triangulation
delaunay3	3-D Delaunay tessellation
delaunayn	N-D Delaunay tessellation
dsearch	Search Delaunay triangulation for nearest point
ellipsoid	Generate ellipsoid
fill	Filled 2-D polygons
fill3	Filled 3-D polygons

inpolygon	Points inside polygonal region
pcolor	Pseudocolor (checkerboard) plot
polyarea	Area of polygon
rectint	Rectangle intersection area
ribbon	Ribbon plot
slice	Volumetric slice plot
sphere	Generate sphere
waterfall	Waterfall plot

Scatter/Bubble Plots

plotmatrix	Scatter plot matrix
scatter	Scatter plot
scatter3	3-D scatter plot

Animation

frame2im	Return image data associated with movie frame
getframe	Capture movie frame
im2frame	Convert image to movie frame
movie	Play recorded movie frames
noanimate	Change `EraseMode` of all objects to `normal`

Bit-Mapped Images

frame2im	Return image data associated with movie frame
im2frame	Convert image to movie frame

im2java	Convert image to Java image
image	Display image object
imagesc	Scale data and display image object
imfinfo	Information about graphics file
imformats	Manage image file format registry
imread	Read image from graphics file
imwrite	Write image to graphics file
ind2rgb	Convert indexed image to RGB image

Printing

hgexport	Export figure
orient	Hardcopy paper orientation
print, printopt	Print figure or save to file and configure printer defaults
printdlg	Print dialog box
printpreview	Preview figure to print
saveas	Save figure or Simulink block diagram using specified format

Handle Graphics

Graphics Object Identification

allchild	Find all children of specified objects
ancestor	Ancestor of graphics object
copyobj	Copy graphics objects and their descendants
delete	Remove files or graphics objects
findall	Find all graphics objects
findfigs	Find visible offscreen figures
findobj	Locate graphics objects with specific properties
gca	Current axes handle
gcbf	Handle of figure containing object whose callback is executing
gcbo	Handle of object whose callback is executing
gco	Handle of current object
get	Query Handle Graphics object properties
ishandle	Determine whether input is valid Handle Graphics handle
propedit	Open Property Editor
set	Set Handle Graphics object properties

Object Creation

axes	Create axes graphics object
figure	Create figure graphics object
hggroup	Create hggroup object
hgtransform	Create hgtransform graphics object
image	Display image object
light	Create light object
line	Create line object
patch	Create one or more filled polygons
rectangle	Create 2-D rectangle object
root object	Root
surface	Create surface object
text	Create text object in current axes
uicontextmenu	Create context menu

Annotation Objects

Annotation Arrow Properties	Define annotation arrow properties
Annotation Doublearrow Properties	Define annotation doublearrow properties
Annotation Ellipse Properties	Define annotation ellipse properties
Annotation Line Properties	Define annotation line properties
Annotation Rectangle Properties	Define annotation rectangle properties
Annotation Textarrow Properties	Define annotation textarrow properties
Annotation Textbox Properties	Define annotation textbox properties

Plot Objects

Areaseries Properties	Define areaseries properties
Barseries Properties	Define barseries properties
Contourgroup Properties	Define contourgroup properties
Errorbarseries Properties	Define errorbarseries properties
Image Properties	Define image properties
Lineseries Properties	Define lineseries properties
Quivergroup Properties	Define quivergroup properties
Scattergroup Properties	Define scattergroup properties
Stairseries Properties	Define stairseries properties
Stemseries Properties	Define stemseries properties
Surfaceplot Properties	Define surfaceplot properties

Figure Windows

clf	Clear current figure window
close	Remove specified figure
closereq	Default figure close request function
drawnow	Flush event queue and update figure window
gcf	Current figure handle
hgload	Load Handle Graphics object hierarchy from file
hgsave	Save Handle Graphics object hierarchy to file
newplot	Determine where to draw graphics objects
opengl	Control OpenGL® rendering

refresh	Redraw current figure
saveas	Save figure or Simulink block diagram using specified format

Axes Operations

axis	Axis scaling and appearance
box	Axes border
cla	Clear current axes
gca	Current axes handle
grid	Grid lines for 2-D and 3-D plots
ishold	Current hold state
makehgtform	Create 4-by-4 transform matrix

Object Property Operations

get	Query Handle Graphics object properties
linkaxes	Synchronize limits of specified 2-D axes
linkprop	Keep same value for corresponding properties
refreshdata	Refresh data in graph when data source is specified
set	Set Handle Graphics object properties

3-D Visualization

Surface and Mesh Plots

Surface and Mesh Creation

hidden	Remove hidden lines from mesh plot
mesh, meshc, meshz	Mesh plots
peaks	Example function of two variables
surf, surfc	3-D shaded surface plot
surface	Create surface object
surfl	Surface plot with colormap-based lighting
tetramesh	Tetrahedron mesh plot

trimesh	Triangular mesh plot
triplot	2-D triangular plot
trisurf	Triangular surface plot

Domain Generation

meshgrid	Generate X and Y arrays for 3-D plots

Color Operations

brighten	Brighten or darken colormap
caxis	Color axis scaling
colorbar	Colorbar showing color scale
colordef	Set default property values to display different color schemes
colormap	Set and get current colormap
colormapeditor	Start colormap editor
ColorSpec (Color Specification)	Color specification
contrast	Grayscale colormap for contrast enhancement
graymon	Set default figure properties for grayscale monitors
hsv2rgb	Convert HSV colormap to RGB colormap
rgb2hsv	Convert RGB colormap to HSV colormap
rgbplot	Plot colormap
shading	Set color shading properties
spinmap	Spin colormap

surfnorm	Compute and display 3-D surface normals
whitebg	Change axes background color

View Control

Camera Viewpoint (p. 1-109)	Orbiting, dollying, pointing, rotating camera positions and setting fields of view
Aspect Ratio and Axis Limits (p. 1-110)	Specifying what portions of axes to view and how to scale them
Object Manipulation (p. 1-110)	Panning, rotating, and zooming views
Region of Interest (p. 1-110)	Interactively identifying rectangular regions

Camera Viewpoint

camdolly	Move camera position and target
cameratoolbar	Control camera toolbar programmatically
camlookat	Position camera to view object or group of objects
camorbit	Rotate camera position around camera target
campan	Rotate camera target around camera position
campos	Set or query camera position
camproj	Set or query projection type
camroll	Rotate camera about view axis
camtarget	Set or query location of camera target

camup	Set or query camera up vector
camva	Set or query camera view angle
camzoom	Zoom in and out on scene
makehgtform	Create 4-by-4 transform matrix
view	Viewpoint specification
viewmtx	View transformation matrices

Aspect Ratio and Axis Limits

daspect	Set or query axes data aspect ratio
pbaspect	Set or query plot box aspect ratio
xlim, ylim, zlim	Set or query axis limits

Object Manipulation

pan	Pan view of graph interactively
reset	Reset graphics object properties to their defaults
rotate	Rotate object in specified direction
rotate3d	Rotate 3-D view using mouse
selectmoveresize	Select, move, resize, or copy axes and uicontrol graphics objects
zoom	Turn zooming on or off or magnify by factor

Region of Interest

dragrect	Drag rectangles with mouse
rbbox	Create rubberband box for area selection

Lighting

camlight	Create or move light object in camera coordinates
diffuse	Calculate diffuse reflectance
light	Create light object
lightangle	Create or position `light` object in spherical coordinates
lighting	Specify lighting algorithm
material	Control reflectance properties of surfaces and patches
specular	Calculate specular reflectance

Transparency

alim	Set or query axes alpha limits
alpha	Set transparency properties for objects in current axes
alphamap	Specify figure alphamap (transparency)

Volume Visualization

coneplot	Plot velocity vectors as cones in 3-D vector field
contourslice	Draw contours in volume slice planes
curl	Compute curl and angular velocity of vector field
divergence	Compute divergence of vector field
flow	Simple function of three variables

interpstreamspeed	Interpolate stream-line vertices from flow speed
isocaps	Compute isosurface end-cap geometry
isocolors	Calculate isosurface and patch colors
isonormals	Compute normals of isosurface vertices
isosurface	Extract isosurface data from volume data
reducepatch	Reduce number of patch faces
reducevolume	Reduce number of elements in volume data set
shrinkfaces	Reduce size of patch faces
slice	Volumetric slice plot
smooth3	Smooth 3-D data
stream2	Compute 2-D streamline data
stream3	Compute 3-D streamline data
streamline	Plot streamlines from 2-D or 3-D vector data
streamparticles	Plot stream particles
streamribbon	3-D stream ribbon plot from vector volume data
streamslice	Plot streamlines in slice planes
streamtube	Create 3-D stream tube plot
subvolume	Extract subset of volume data set
surf2patch	Convert surface data to patch data
volumebounds	Coordinate and color limits for volume data

GUI Development

Predefined Dialog Boxes

dialog	Create and display empty dialog box
errordlg	Create and open error dialog box
export2wsdlg	Export variables to workspace
helpdlg	Create and open help dialog box
inputdlg	Create and open input dialog box
listdlg	Create and open list-selection dialog box
msgbox	Create and open message box
printdlg	Print dialog box
printpreview	Preview figure to print
questdlg	Create and open question dialog box
uigetdir	Open standard dialog box for selecting directory

uigetfile	Open standard dialog box for retrieving files
uigetpref	Open dialog box for retrieving preferences
uiopen	Open file selection dialog box with appropriate file filters
uiputfile	Open standard dialog box for saving files
uisave	Open standard dialog box for saving workspace variables
uisetcolor	Open standard dialog box for setting object's `ColorSpec`
uisetfont	Open standard dialog box for setting object's font characteristics
waitbar	Open or update a wait bar dialog box
warndlg	Open warning dialog box

User Interface Deployment

guidata	Store or retrieve GUI data
guihandles	Create structure of handles
movegui	Move GUI figure to specified location on screen
openfig	Open new copy or raise existing copy of saved figure

User Interface Development

addpref	Add preference
getappdata	Value of application-defined data
getpref	Preference

ginput	Graphical input from mouse or cursor
guidata	Store or retrieve GUI data
guide	Open GUI Layout Editor
inspect	Open Property Inspector
isappdata	True if application-defined data exists
ispref	Test for existence of preference
rmappdata	Remove application-defined data
rmpref	Remove preference
setappdata	Specify application-defined data
setpref	Set preference
uigetpref	Open dialog box for retrieving preferences
uisetpref	Manage preferences used in `uigetpref`
waitfor	Wait for condition before resuming execution
waitforbuttonpress	Wait for key press or mouse-button click

User Interface Objects

menu	Generate menu of choices for user input
uibuttongroup	Create container object to exclusively manage radio buttons and toggle buttons
uicontextmenu	Create context menu
uicontrol	Create user interface control object

uimenu	Create menus on figure windows
uipanel	Create panel container object
uipushtool	Create push button on toolbar
uitable	Create 2-D graphic table GUI component
uitoggletool	Create toggle button on toolbar
uitoolbar	Create toolbar on figure

Objects from Callbacks

findall	Find all graphics objects
findfigs	Find visible offscreen figures
findobj	Locate graphics objects with specific properties
gcbf	Handle of figure containing object whose callback is executing
gcbo	Handle of object whose callback is executing

GUI Utilities

align	Align user interface controls (`uicontrols`) and axes
getpixelposition	Get component position in pixels
listfonts	List available system fonts
selectmoveresize	Select, move, resize, or copy axes and uicontrol graphics objects
setpixelposition	Set component position in pixels

textwrap	Wrapped string matrix for given uicontrol
uistack	Reorder visual stacking order of objects

Program Execution

uiresume	Resume execution of blocked M-file
uiwait	Block execution and wait for resume

External Interfaces

See also *MATLAB C/C++ and Fortran API Reference* for functions you can use in external routines that interact with MATLAB programs and the data in MATLAB workspaces.

Shared Libraries

calllib	Call function in shared library
libfunctions	Return information on functions in shared library
libfunctionsview	View functions in shared library
libisloaded	Determine if shared library is loaded
libpointer	Create pointer object for use with shared libraries
libstruct	Create structure pointer for use with shared libraries

loadlibrary	Load shared library into MATLAB software
unloadlibrary	Unload shared library from memory

Java

class	Determine class name of object
fieldnames	Field names of structure, or public fields of object
import	Add package or class to current import list
inspect	Open Property Inspector
isa	Determine whether input is object of given class
isjava	Determine whether input is Sun Java object
javaaddpath	Add entries to dynamic Sun Java class path
javaArray	Construct Sun Java array
javachk	Generate error message based on Sun Java feature support
javaclasspath	Get and set Sun Java class path
javaMethod	Invoke Sun Java method
javaMethodEDT	Invoke Sun Java method from Event Dispatch Thread (EDT)
javaObject	Invoke Sun Java constructor, letting MATLAB choose the thread
javaObjectEDT	Invoke Sun Java object constructor on Event Dispatch Thread (EDT)
javarmpath	Remove entries from dynamic Sun Java class path

methods	Class method names
methodsview	View class methods
usejava	Determine whether Sun Java feature is supported in MATLAB software

.NET

enableNETfromNetworkDrive	Enable access to .NET commands from network drive
NET.addAssembly	Make .NET assembly visible to MATLAB
NET.Assembly	Members of .NET assembly
NET.convertArray	Convert numeric MATLAB array to .NET array
NET.createArray	Create single or multidimensional .NET array
NET.createGeneric	Create instance of specialized .NET generic type
NET.GenericClass	Represent parameterized generic type definitions
NET.GenericClass	Constructor for NET.GenericClass class
NET.invokeGenericMethod	Invoke generic method of object
NET.NetException	.NET exception
NET.setStaticProperty	Static property or field name

Component Object Model and ActiveX

actxcontrol	Create Microsoft® ActiveX® control in figure window
actxcontrollist	List currently installed Microsoft ActiveX controls
actxcontrolselect	Create Microsoft ActiveX control from GUI
actxGetRunningServer	Handle to running instance of Automation server
actxserver	Create COM server
addproperty	Add custom property to COM object
delete (COM)	Remove COM control or server
deleteproperty	Remove custom property from COM object
enableservice	Enable, disable, or report status of MATLAB Automation server
eventlisteners	List event handler functions associated with COM object events
events (COM)	List of events COM object can trigger
Execute	Execute MATLAB command in Automation server
Feval (COM)	Evaluate MATLAB function in Automation server
fieldnames	Field names of structure, or public fields of object
get (COM)	Get property value from interface, or display properties
GetCharArray	Character array from Automation server
GetFullMatrix	Matrix from Automation server workspace

GetVariable	Data from variable in Automation server workspace
GetWorkspaceData	Data from Automation server workspace
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interfaces	List custom interfaces exposed by COM server object
invoke	Invoke method on COM object or interface, or display methods
isa	Determine whether input is object of given class
iscom	Determine whether input is COM or ActiveX object
isevent	Determine whether input is COM object event
isinterface	Determine whether input is COM interface
ismethod	Determine whether input is COM object method
isprop	Determine whether input is COM object property
load (COM)	Initialize control object from file
MaximizeCommandWindow	Open Automation server window
methods	Class method names
methodsview	View class methods
MinimizeCommandWindow	Minimize size of Automation server window
move	Move or resize control in parent window
propedit (COM)	Open built-in property page for control

PutCharArray	Store character array in Automation server
PutFullMatrix	Matrix in Automation server workspace
PutWorkspaceData	Data in Automation server workspace
Quit (COM)	Terminate MATLAB Automation server
registerevent	Associate event handler for COM object event at run time
release	Release COM interface
save (COM)	Serialize control object to file
set (COM)	Set object or interface property to specified value
unregisterallevents	Unregister all event handlers associated with COM object events at run time
unregisterevent	Unregister event handler associated with COM object event at run time

Web Services

callSoapService	Send SOAP message to endpoint
createClassFromWsdl	Create MATLAB class based on WSDL document
createSoapMessage	Create SOAP message to send to server
parseSoapResponse	Convert response string from SOAP server into MATLAB types

Serial Port Devices

clear (serial)	Remove serial port object from MATLAB workspace
delete (serial)	Remove serial port object from memory
fgetl (serial)	Read line of text from device and discard terminator
fgets (serial)	Read line of text from device and include terminator
fopen (serial)	Connect serial port object to device
fprintf (serial)	Write text to device
fread (serial)	Read binary data from device
fscanf (serial)	Read data from device, and format as text
fwrite (serial)	Write binary data to device
get (serial)	Serial port object properties
instrcallback	Event information when event occurs
instrfind	Read serial port objects from memory to MATLAB workspace
instrfindall	Find visible and hidden serial port objects
isvalid (serial)	Determine whether serial port objects are valid
length (serial)	Length of serial port object array
load (serial)	Load serial port objects and variables into MATLAB workspace
readasync	Read data asynchronously from device
record	Record data and event information to file

save (serial)	Save serial port objects and variables to file
serial	Create serial port object
serialbreak	Send break to device connected to serial port
set (serial)	Configure or display serial port object properties
size (serial)	Size of serial port object array
stopasync	Stop asynchronous read and write operations

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Arithmetic Operators + - * / \ ^ ′

Purpose

Matrix and array arithmetic

Syntax

```
A+B
A-B
A*B
A.*B
A/B
A./B
A\B
A.\B
A^B
A.^B
A'
A.'
```

Description

MATLAB software has two different types of arithmetic operations. Matrix arithmetic operations are defined by the rules of linear algebra. Array arithmetic operations are carried out element by element, and can be used with multidimensional arrays. The period character (`.`) distinguishes the array operations from the matrix operations. However, since the matrix and array operations are the same for addition and subtraction, the character pairs `.+` and `.-` are not used.

`+`	Addition or unary plus. `A+B` adds `A` and `B`. `A` and `B` must have the same size, unless one is a scalar. A scalar can be added to a matrix of any size.
`-`	Subtraction or unary minus. `A-B` subtracts `B` from `A`. `A` and `B` must have the same size, unless one is a scalar. A scalar can be subtracted from a matrix of any size.

`*`	Matrix multiplication. `C = A*B` is the linear algebraic product of the matrices `A` and `B`. More precisely, $$C(i,j) = \sum_{k=1}^{n} A(i,k)B(k,j)$$ For nonscalar `A` and `B`, the number of columns of `A` must equal the number of rows of `B`. A scalar can multiply a matrix of any size.
`.*`	Array multiplication. `A.*B` is the element-by-element product of the arrays `A` and `B`. `A` and `B` must have the same size, unless one of them is a scalar.
`/`	Slash or matrix right division. `B/A` is roughly the same as `B*inv(A)`. More precisely, `B/A = (A'\B')'`. See the reference page for `mrdivide` for more information.
`./`	Array right division. `A./B` is the matrix with elements `A(i,j)/B(i,j)`. `A` and `B` must have the same size, unless one of them is a scalar.
`\`	Backslash or matrix left division. If `A` is a square matrix, `A\B` is roughly the same as `inv(A)*B`, except it is computed in a different way. If `A` is an `n`-by-`n` matrix and `B` is a column vector with `n` components, or a matrix with several such columns, then `X = A\B` is the solution to the equation $AX = B$. A warning message is displayed if `A` is badly scaled or nearly singular. See the reference page for `mldivide` for more information.

If A is an m-by-n matrix with m ~= n and B is a column vector with m components, or a matrix with several such columns, then X = A\B is the solution in the least squares sense to the under- or overdetermined system of equations $AX = B$. The effective rank, k, of A is determined from the QR decomposition with pivoting (see “Algorithm” on page 2-2598 for details). A solution X is computed that has at most k nonzero components per column. If k < n, this is usually not the same solution as pinv(A)*B, which is the least squares solution with the smallest norm $\|X\|$.

.\ Array left division. A.\B is the matrix with elements B(i,j)/A(i,j). A and B must have the same size, unless one of them is a scalar.

^ Matrix power. X^p is X to the power p, if p is a scalar. If p is an integer, the power is computed by repeated squaring. If the integer is negative, X is inverted first. For other values of p, the calculation involves eigenvalues and eigenvectors, such that if [V,D] = eig(X), then X^p = V*D.^p/V.

If x is a scalar and P is a matrix, x^P is x raised to the matrix power P using eigenvalues and eigenvectors. X^P, where X and P are both matrices, is an error.

.^ Array power. A.^B is the matrix with elements A(i,j) to the B(i,j) power. A and B must have the same size, unless one of them is a scalar.

' Matrix transpose. A' is the linear algebraic transpose of A. For complex matrices, this is the complex conjugate transpose.

.' Array transpose. A.' is the array transpose of A. For complex matrices, this does not involve conjugation.

Nondouble Data Type Support

This section describes the arithmetic operators' support for data types other than `double`.

Data Type single

You can apply any of the arithmetic operators to arrays of type `single` and MATLAB software returns an answer of type `single`. You can also combine an array of type `double` with an array of type `single`, and the result has type `single`.

Integer Data Types

You can apply most of the arithmetic operators to real arrays of the following integer data types:

- `int8` and `uint8`
- `int16` and `uint16`
- `int32` and `uint32`

All operands must have the same integer data type and MATLAB returns an answer of that type.

Note The arithmetic operators do not support operations on the data types `int64` or `uint64`. Except for the unary operators `+A` and `A.'`, the arithmetic operators do not support operations on complex arrays of any integer data type.

For example,

```
x = int8(3) + int8(4);
class(x)

ans =

int8
```

Arithmetic Operators + - * / \ ^ ′

The following table lists the binary arithmetic operators that you can apply to arrays of the same integer data type. In the table, A and B are arrays of the same integer data type and c is a scalar of type double or the same type as A and B.

Operation	Support when A and B Have Same Integer Type
+A, -A	Yes
A+B, A+c, c+B	Yes
A-B, A-c, c-B	Yes
A.*B	Yes
A*c, c*B	Yes
A*B	No
A/c, c/B	Yes
A.\B, A./B	Yes
A\B, A/B	No
A.^B	Yes, if B has nonnegative integer values.
c^k	Yes, for a scalar c and a nonnegative scalar integer k, which have the same integer data type or one of which has type double
A.', A'	Yes

Combining Integer Data Types with Type Double

For the operations that support integer data types, you can combine a scalar or array of an integer data type with a scalar, but not an array, of type double and the result has the same integer data type as the input of integer type. For example,

```
y = 5 + int32(7);
class(y)
```

```
ans =

int32
```

However, you cannot combine an array of an integer data type with either of the following:

- A scalar or array of a different integer data type
- A scalar or array of type `single`

The section "Numeric Classes", under "Classes (Data Types)" in the MATLAB Programming Fundamentals documentation, provides more information about operations on nondouble data types.

Remarks

The arithmetic operators have function equivalents, as shown here:

Binary addition	`A+B`	`plus(A,B)`
Unary plus	`+A`	`uplus(A)`
Binary subtraction	`A-B`	`minus(A,B)`
Unary minus	`-A`	`uminus(A)`
Matrix multiplication	`A*B`	`mtimes(A,B)`
Arraywise multiplication	`A.*B`	`times(A,B)`
Matrix right division	`A/B`	`mrdivide(A,B)`
Arraywise right division	`A./B`	`rdivide(A,B)`
Matrix left division	`A\B`	`mldivide(A,B)`
Arraywise left division	`A.\B`	`ldivide(A,B)`

Matrix power	`A^B`	`mpower(A,B)`
Arraywise power	`A.^B`	`power(A,B)`
Complex transpose	`A'`	`ctranspose(A)`
Matrix transpose	`A.'`	`transpose(A)`

Note For some toolboxes, the arithmetic operators are overloaded, that is, they perform differently in the context of that toolbox. To see the toolboxes that overload a given operator, type `help` followed by the operator name. For example, type `help plus`. The toolboxes that overload `plus` (+) are listed. For information about using the operator in that toolbox, see the documentation for the toolbox.

Examples

Here are two vectors, and the results of various matrix and array operations on them, printed with `format rat`.

Matrix Operations		Array Operations	
x	1 2 3	y	4 5 6
x'	1 2 3	y'	4 5 6
x+y	5 7 9	x-y	-3 -3 -3
x + 2	3 4 5	x-2	-1 0 1

Matrix Operations		Array Operations	
`x * y`	Error	`x.*y`	4 10 18
`x'*y`	32	`x'.*y`	Error
`x*y'`	4 5 6 8 10 12 12 15 18	`x.*y'`	Error
`x*2`	2 4 6	`x.*2`	2 4 6
`x\y`	16/7	`x.\y`	4 5/2 2
`2\x`	1/2 1 3/2	`2./x`	2 1 2/3
`x/y`	0 0 1/6 0 0 1/3 0 0 1/2	`x./y`	1/4 2/5 1/2
`x/2`	1/2 1 3/2	`x./2`	1/2 1 3/2

Matrix Operations		Array Operations	
x^y	Error	x.^y	1 32 729
x^2	Error	x.^2	1 4 9
2^x	Error	2.^x	2 4 8
(x+i*y)'	1 - 4i 2 - 5i 3 - 6i		
(x+i*y).'	1 + 4i 2 + 5i 3 + 6i		

Diagnostics

- From matrix division, if a square A is singular,

```
Warning: Matrix is singular to working precision.
```

- From elementwise division, if the divisor has zero elements,

```
Warning: Divide by zero.
```

  Matrix division and elementwise division can produce NaNs or Infs where appropriate.

- If the inverse was found, but is not reliable,

```
Warning: Matrix is close to singular or badly scaled.
    Results may be inaccurate.  RCOND = xxx
```

- From matrix division, if a nonsquare A is rank deficient,

```
Warning: Rank deficient, rank = xxx tol = xxx
```

See Also

`mldivide`, `mrdivide`, `chol`, `det`, `inv`, `lu`, `orth`, `permute`, `ipermute`, `qr`, `rref`

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Relational Operators < > <= >= == ~=

Purpose

Relational operations

Syntax

```
A < B
A > B
A <= B
A >= B
A == B
A ~= B
```

Description

The relational operators are <, >, <=, >=, ==, and ~=. Relational operators perform element-by-element comparisons between two arrays. They return a `logical` array of the same size, with elements set to logical `1` (`true`) where the relation is true, and elements set to logical `0` (`false`) where it is not.

The operators <, >, <=, and >= use only the real part of their operands for the comparison. The operators == and ~= test real and imaginary parts.

To test if two strings are equivalent, use `strcmp`, which allows vectors of dissimilar length to be compared.

Note For some toolboxes, the relational operators are overloaded, that is, they perform differently in the context of that toolbox. To see the toolboxes that overload a given operator, type `help` followed by the operator name. For example, type `help lt`. The toolboxes that overload `lt (<)` are listed. For information about using the operator in that toolbox, see the documentation for the toolbox.

Examples

If one of the operands is a scalar and the other a matrix, the scalar expands to the size of the matrix. For example, the two pairs of statements

```
X = 5; X >= [1 2 3; 4 5 6; 7 8 10]
X = 5*ones(3,3); X >= [1 2 3; 4 5 6; 7 8 10]
```

produce the same result:

```
ans =

     1     1     1
     1     1     0
     0     0     0
```

See Also

`all`, `any`, `find`, `strcmp`

`Logical Operators:  Elementwise & | ~`, `Logical Operators: Short-circuit && ||`

Logical Operators: Elementwise & | ~

Purpose Elementwise logical operations on arrays

Syntax

```
expr1 & expr2
expr1 | expr2
~expr
```

Description The symbols `&`, `|`, and `~` are the logical array operators `AND`, `OR`, and `NOT`. These operators are commonly used in conditional statements, such as `if` and `while`, to determine whether or not to execute a particular block of code. Logical operations return a `logical` array with elements set to `1` (`true`) or `0` (`false`), as appropriate.

`expr1 & expr2` represents a logical `AND` operation between values, arrays, or expressions `expr1` and `expr2`. In an AND operation, if `expr1` is `true` *and* `expr2` is `true`, then the AND of those inputs is `true`. If either expression is `false`, the result is `false`. Here is a pseudocode example of AND:

```
IF (expr1: all required inputs were passed) AND ...
   (expr2: all inputs are valid)
THEN (result: execute the function)
```

`expr1 | expr2` represents a logical `OR` operation between values, arrays, or expressions `expr1` and `expr2`. In an OR operation, if `expr1` is `true` *or* `expr2` is true, then the OR of those inputs is `true`. If both expressions are `false`, the result is `false`. Here is a pseudocode example of OR:

```
IF (expr1: S is a string) OR ...
   (expr2: S is a cell array of strings)
THEN (result: parse string S)
```

`~expr` represents a logical `NOT` operation applied to expression `expr`. In a NOT operation, if `expr` is `false`, then the result of the operation is `true`. If `expr` is `true`, the result is `false`. Here is a pseudocode example of NOT:

```
IF (expr: function returned a Success status) is NOT true
```

```
THEN (result: throw an error)
```

The function `xor(A,B)` implements the exclusive `OR` operation.

Logical Operations on Arrays

The expression operands for AND, OR, and NOT are often arrays of nonsingleton dimensions. When this is the case, The MATLAB software performs the logical operation on each element of the arrays. The output is an array that is the same size as the input array or arrays.

If just one operand is an array and the other a scalar, then the scalar is matched against each element of the array. When the operands include two or more nonscalar arrays, the sizes of those arrays must be equal.

This table shows the output of AND, OR, and NOT statements that use scalar and/or array inputs. In the table, `S` is a scalar array, `A` is a nonscalar array, and `R` is the resulting array:

<table>
<tr><th>Operation</th><th>Result</th></tr>
<tr><td>S1 & S2</td><td>R = S1 & S2</td></tr>
<tr><td>S & A</td><td>R(1) = S & A(1); ...
R(2) = S & A(2); ...</td></tr>
<tr><td>A1 & A2</td><td>R(1) = A1(1) & A2(1);
R(2) = A1(2) & A2(2); ...</td></tr>
<tr><td>S1 | S2</td><td>R = S1 | S2</td></tr>
<tr><td>S | A</td><td>R(1) = S | A(1);
R(2) = S | A(2); ...</td></tr>
<tr><td>A1 | A2</td><td>R(1) = A1(1) | A2(1);
R(2) = A1(2) | A2(2); ...</td></tr>
<tr><td>~S</td><td>R = ~S</td></tr>
<tr><td>~A</td><td>R(1) = ~A(1);
R(2) = ~A(2), ...</td></tr>
</table>

Compound Logical Statements

The number of expressions that you can evaluate with AND or OR is not limited to two (e.g., `A & B`). Statements such as the following are also valid:

```
expr1 & expr2 & expr3 | expr4 & expr5
```

Use parentheses to establish the order in which MATLAB evaluates a compound operation. Note the difference in the following two statements:

```
(expr1 & expr2) | (expr3 & expr4)   % 2-component OR
 expr1 & (expr2 | expr3) & expr4    % 3-component AND
```

Operator Precedence

The precedence for the logical operators with respect to each other is shown in the table below. MATLAB always gives the `&` operator precedence over the `|` operator. Although MATLAB typically evaluates expressions from left to right, the expression `a|b&c` is evaluated as `a|(b&c)`. It is a good idea to use parentheses to explicitly specify the intended precedence of statements containing combinations of `&` and `|`.

Operator	Operation	Priority
`~`	`NOT`	Highest
`&`	Elementwise `AND`	
`|`	Elementwise `OR`	
`&&`	Short-circuit `AND`	
`||`	Short-circuit `OR`	Lowest

Short-Circuiting in Elementwise Operators

The `&`, and `|`operators do not short-circuit. See the documentation on the `&&` and `||` operators if you need short-circuiting capability.

When used in the context of an `if` or `while` expression, and only in this context, the elementwise `&` **and** `|` operators use short-circuiting in evaluating their expressions. That is, A&B and A|B ignore the second operand, B, if the first operand, A, is sufficient to determine the result.

So, although the statement 1|[] evaluates to false, the same statement evaluates to true when used in either an if or while expression:

```
A = 1;   B = [];
if(A|B) disp 'The statement is true',  end;
   The statement is true
```

while the reverse logical expression, which does not short-circuit, evaluates to false:

```
if(B|A) disp 'The statement is true',  end;
```

Another example of short-circuiting with elementwise operators shows that a logical expression such as the one shown below, which under most circumstances is invalid due to a size mismatch between A and B, works within the context of an if or while expression:

The A|B statement generates an error:

```
A = [1 1];   B = [2 0 1];
A|B
??? Error using ==> or
Matrix dimensions must agree.
```

But the same statement used to test an if condition does not error:

```
if (A|B) disp 'The statement is true',  end;
   The statement is true
```

Operator Truth Table

The following is a truth table for the operators and functions in the previous example.

Inputs		and	or	not	xor
A	B	A & B	A | B	~A	xor(A,B)
0	0	0	0	1	0
0	1	0	1	1	1
1	0	0	1	0	1
1	1	1	1	0	0

Equivalent Functions

These logical operators have function equivalents, as shown here.

Logical Operation	Equivalent Function
A & B	and(A,B)
A | B	or(A,B)
~A	not(A)

Examples

Example 1 — Conditional Statement with OR

Using OR in a conditional statement, call function `parseString` on `S`, but only if `S` is a character array or a cell array of strings:

```
if ischar(S) | iscellstr(S)
    parseString(S)
end
```

Example 2 — Array AND Array

Find those elements of array `R` that are both greater than 0.3 AND less then 0.9:

```
rand('state', 0);
R=rand(5,7)
R =
  0.9501   0.7621   0.6154   0.4057   0.0579   0.2028   0.0153
```

```
  0.2311   0.4565   0.7919   0.9355   0.3529   0.1987   0.7468
  0.6068   0.0185   0.9218   0.9169   0.8132   0.6038   0.4451
  0.4860   0.8214   0.7382   0.4103   0.0099   0.2722   0.9318
  0.8913   0.4447   0.1763   0.8936   0.1389   0.1988   0.4660

(R > 0.3) & (R < 0.9)
ans =
     0     1     1     1     0     0     0
     0     1     1     0     1     0     1
     1     0     0     0     1     1     1
     1     1     1     1     0     0     0
     1     1     0     1     0     0     1
```

Example 3 — Array AND Scalar

Find those elements of array R that are greater than the scalar value of 40:

```
rand('state', 0);
R = rand(3,5) * 50
R =
   47.5065   24.2991   22.8234   22.2352   46.0906
   11.5569   44.5649    0.9252   30.7716   36.9104
   30.3421   38.1048   41.0704   39.5969    8.8133

R > 40
ans =
     1     0     0     0     1
     0     1     0     0     0
     0     0     1     0     0
```

Example 4 — Check Status with NOT

Throw an error if the return status of a function does NOT indicate success:

```
[Z, status] = myfun(X, Y);
if ~(status == SUCCESS);
```

```
    error('Error in function myfun')
end
```

Example 5 — OR of Binary Arrays

This example shows the logical `OR` of the elements in the vector `u` with the corresponding elements in the vector `v`:

```
u = [0 0 1 1 0 1];
v = [0 1 1 0 0 1];
u | v

ans =
   0   1   1   1   0   1
```

See Also

`all`, `any`, `find`, `logical`, `xor`, `true`, `false`

`Logical Operators:  Short-circuit && ||`

`Relational Operators < > <= >= == ~=`

Purpose Logical operations, with short-circuiting capability

Syntax

```
expr1 && expr2
expr1 || expr2
```

Description `expr1 && expr2` represents a logical `AND` operation that employs short-circuiting behavior. With short-circuiting, the second operand `expr2` is evaluated only when the result is not fully determined by the first operand `expr1`. For example, if `A` = 0, then the following statement evaluates to `false`, regardless of the value of `B`, so the MATLAB software does not evaluate `B`:

```
A && B
```

These two expressions must each be a valid MATLAB statement that evaluates to a scalar logical result.

`expr1 || expr2` represents a logical `OR` operation that employs short-circuiting behavior.

Note Always use the `&&` and `||` operators when short-circuiting is required. Using the elementwise operators (`&` and `|`) for short-circuiting can yield unexpected results.

Examples In the following statement, it doesn't make sense to evaluate the relation on the right if the divisor, `b`, is zero. The test on the left is put in to avoid generating a warning under these circumstances:

```
x = (b ~= 0) && (a/b > 18.5)
```

By definition, if any operands of an `AND` expression are `false`, the entire expression must be `false`. So, if `(b ~= 0)` evaluates to `false`, MATLAB assumes the entire expression to be `false` and terminates its evaluation of the expression early. This avoids the warning that would be generated if MATLAB were to evaluate the operand on the right.

See Also

`all`, `any`, `find`, `logical`, `xor`, `true`, `false`

`Logical Operators:  Elementwise & | ~`

`Relational Operators < > <= >= == ~=`

Special Characters [ ] ( ) {} = ′ . ... , ; : % ! @

Purpose

Special characters

Syntax

```
[ ]
{ }
( )
=
'
.
.
.( )
..
...
,
;
:
%
%{ %}
!
@
```

Description

`[ ]` Brackets are used to form vectors and matrices. `[6.9 9.64 sqrt(-1)]` is a vector with three elements separated by blanks. `[6.9, 9.64, i]` is the same thing. `[1+j 2-j 3]` and `[1 +j 2 -j 3]` are not the same. The first has three elements, the second has five.

`[11 12 13; 21 22 23]` is a 2-by-3 matrix. The semicolon ends the first row.

Vectors and matrices can be used inside `[ ]` brackets. `[A B;C]` is allowed if the number of rows of `A` equals the number of rows of `B` and the number of columns of `A` plus the number of columns of `B` equals the number of columns of `C`. This rule generalizes in a hopefully obvious way to allow fairly complicated constructions.

Special Characters [ ] ( ) {} = ' . ... , ; : % ! @

`A = [ ]` stores an empty matrix in `A`. `A(m,:) = [ ]` deletes row `m` of `A`. `A(:,n) = [ ]` deletes column `n` of `A`. `A(n) = [ ]` reshapes `A` into a column vector and deletes the `n`th element.

`[A1,A2,A3...] = function` assigns function output to multiple variables.

For the use of `[` and `]` on the left of an "=" in multiple assignment statements, see `lu`, `eig`, `svd`, and so on.

`{ }` Curly braces are used in cell array assignment statements. For example, `A(2,1) = {[1 2 3; 4 5 6]}`, or `A{2,2} = ('str')`. See `help paren` for more information about `{ }`.

`( )` Parentheses are used to indicate precedence in arithmetic expressions in the usual way. They are used to enclose arguments of functions in the usual way. They are also used to enclose subscripts of vectors and matrices in a manner somewhat more general than usual. If `X` and `V` are vectors, then `X(V)` is `[X(V(1)), X(V(2)), ..., X(V(n))]`. The components of `V` must be integers to be used as subscripts. An error occurs if any such subscript is less than 1 or greater than the size of `X`. Some examples are

- `X(3)` is the third element of `X`.
- `X([1 2 3])` is the first three elements of `X`.

  See `help paren` for more information about `( )`.

If `X` has `n` components, `X(n: 1:1)` reverses them. The same indirect subscripting works in matrices. If `V` has `m` components and `W` has `n` components, then `A(V,W)` is the `m`-by-`n` matrix formed from the elements of `A` whose subscripts are the elements of `V` and `W`. For example, `A([1,5],:) = A([5,1],:)` interchanges rows 1 and 5 of `A`.

`=` Used in assignment statements. `B = A` stores the elements of `A` in `B`. == is the relational equals operator. See the `Relational Operators < > <= >= == ~=` page.

'	Matrix transpose. `X'` is the complex conjugate transpose of `X`. `X.'` is the nonconjugate transpose.
	Quotation mark. `'any text'` is a vector whose components are the ASCII codes for the characters. A quotation mark within the text is indicated by two quotation marks.
.	Decimal point. `314/100`, `3.14`, and `.314e1` are all the same.
	Element-by-element operations. These are obtained using `.*` , `.^`, `./`, or `.\`. See the Arithmetic Operators page.
.	Field access. `S(m).f` when `S` is a structure, accesses the contents of field `f` of that structure.
.( )	Dynamic Field access. `S.(df)` when `S` is a structure, accesses the contents of dynamic field `df` of that structure. Dynamic field names are defined at runtime.
..	Parent folder. See `cd`.
...	Continuation. Three or more periods at the end of a line continue the current function on the next line. Three or more periods before the end of a line cause the MATLAB software to ignore the remaining text on the current line and continue the function on the next line. This effectively makes a comment out of anything on the current line that follows the three periods. See “Entering Multiple-Line (Long) Statements Using Line Continuation” for more information.
,	Comma. Used to separate matrix subscripts and function arguments. Used to separate statements in multistatement lines. For multistatement lines, the comma can be replaced by a semicolon to suppress printing.
;	Semicolon. Used inside brackets to end rows. Used after an expression or statement to suppress printing or to separate statements.
:	Colon. Create vectors, array subscripting, and `for` loop iterations. See `colon (:)` for details.

`%`	Percent. The percent symbol denotes a comment; it indicates a logical end of line. Any following text is ignored. MATLAB displays the first contiguous comment lines in a function or script file in response to a `help` command.
`%{` `%}`	Percent-brace. The text enclosed within the `%{` and `%}` symbols is a comment block. Use these symbols to insert comments that take up more than a single line in your script of function code. Any text between these two symbols is ignored by MATLAB. With the exception of whitespace characters, the %{ and %} operators must appear alone on the lines that immediately precede and follow the block of help text. Do not include any other text on these lines.
`!`	Exclamation point. Indicates that the rest of the input line is issued as a command to the operating system. See "Running External Programs" for more information.
`@`	Function handle. MATLAB data type that is a handle to a function. See `function_handle (@)` for details.

Remarks

Some uses of special characters have function equivalents, as shown:

Horizontal concatenation	`[A,B,C...]`	`horzcat(A,B,C...)`
Vertical concatenation	`[A;B;C...]`	`vertcat(A,B,C...)`
Subscript reference	`A(i,j,k...)`	`subsref(A,S)`. See help `subsref`.
Subscript assignment	`A(i,j,k...)= B`	`subsasgn(A,S,B)`. See help `subsasgn`.

Note For some toolboxes, the special characters are overloaded, that is, they perform differently in the context of that toolbox. To see the toolboxes that overload a given character, type `help` followed by the character name. For example, type `help transpose`. The toolboxes that overload `transpose` (`.'`) are listed. For information about using the character in that toolbox, see the documentation for the toolbox.

See Also

`Arithmetic Operators + - * / \ ^ '`

`Relational Operators < > <= >= == ~=`

`Logical Operators:  Elementwise & | ~,`

colon (:)

Purpose

Create vectors, array subscripting, and `for`-loop iterators

Description

The colon is one of the most useful operators in MATLAB. It can create vectors, subscript arrays, and specify `for` iterations.

The colon operator uses the following rules to create regularly spaced vectors for scalar values `i`, `j`, and `k`:

`j:k`	is the same as `[j,j+1,...,k]`, or empty when `j > k`.
`j:i:k`	is the same as `[j,j+i,j+2i, ...,j+m*i]`, where `m = fix((k-j)/i)`, for integer values. For information on the definition of `j:i:k` with floating-point values, see Technical Solution 1-4FLI96. This syntax returns an empty matrix when `i == 0`, `i > 0` and `j > k`, or `i < 0` and `j < k`.

If you specify nonscalar arrays, MATLAB interprets `j:i:k` as `j(1):i(1):k(1)`.

You can use the colon to create a vector of indices to select rows, columns, or elements of arrays, where:

`A(:,j)`	is the `j`th column of `A`.
`A(i,:)`	is the `i`th row of `A`.
`A(:,:)`	is the equivalent two-dimensional array. For matrices this is the same as `A`.
`A(j:k)`	is `A(j), A(j+1),...,A(k)`.
`A(:,j:k)`	is `A(:,j), A(:,j+1),...,A(:,k)`.
`A(:,:,k)`	is the `k`th page of three-dimensional array `A`.

`A(i,j,k,:)` is a vector in four-dimensional array `A`. The vector includes `A(i,j,k,1)`, `A(i,j,k,2)`, `A(i,j,k,3)`, and so on.

`A(:)` is all the elements of `A`, regarded as a single column. On the left side of an assignment statement, `A(:)` fills `A`, preserving its shape from before. In this case, the right side must contain the same number of elements as `A`.

When you create a vector to index into a cell array or structure array (such as *`cellName`*`{:}` or *`structName`*`(:).`*`fieldName`*), MATLAB returns multiple outputs in a comma-separated list. For more information, see "How to Use the Comma-Separated Lists" in the MATLAB Programming Fundamentals documentation.

Examples

Using the colon with integers,

```
D = 1:4
```

results in

```
D =
     1     2     3     4
```

Using two colons to create a vector with arbitrary real increments between the elements,

```
E = 0:.1:.5
```

results in

```
E =
     0     0.1000     0.2000     0.3000     0.4000     0.5000
```

The command

```
A(:,:,2) = pascal(3)
```

generates a three-dimensional array whose first page is all zeros.

```
A(:,:,1) =
     0     0     0
     0     0     0
     0     0     0

A(:,:,2) =
     1     1     1
     1     2     3
     1     3     6
```

Using a colon with characters to iterate a for-loop,

```
for x='a':'d',x,end
```

results in

```
x =
    a
x =
    b
x =
    c
x =
    d
```

See Also `for`, `linspace`, `logspace`, `reshape`, `varargin`

Purpose

Absolute value and complex magnitude

Syntax

```
abs(X)
```

Description

`abs(X)` returns an array `Y` such that each element of `Y` is the absolute value of the corresponding element of `X`.

If `X` is complex, `abs(X)` returns the complex modulus (magnitude), which is the same as

```
sqrt(real(X).^2 + imag(X).^2)
```

Examples

```
abs(-5)
ans =
     5

abs(3+4i)
ans =
     5
```

See Also

`angle`, `sign`, `unwrap`

Purpose

Construct array with accumulation

Syntax

```
A = accumarray(subs,val)
A = accumarray(subs,val,sz)
A = accumarray(subs,val,sz,fun)
A = accumarray(subs,val,sz,fun,fillval)
A = accumarray(subs,val,sz,fun,fillval,issparse)
A = accumarray({subs1, subs2, ...}, val, ...)
```

Description

`accumarray` groups elements from a data set and applies a function to each group. `A = accumarray(subs,val)` creates an array `A` by accumulating elements of the vector `val` using the elements of `subs` as indices. The position of an element in `subs` determines which value of `vals` it selects for the accumulated vector; the value of an element in `subs` determines the position of the accumulated vector in the output.

`A = accumarray(subs,val,sz)` creates an array `A` with size `sz`, where `sz` is a vector of positive integers. If `subs` is nonempty with N>1 columns, then `sz` must have N elements, where `all(sz >= max(subs,[],1))`. If `subs` is a nonempty column vector, then `sz` must be `[M 1]`, where `M >= MAX(subs)`. Specify `sz` as `[]` for the default behavior.

`A = accumarray(subs,val,sz,fun)` applies function `fun` to each subset of elements of `val`. The default accumulating function is `sum`. To specify another function `fun`, use the `@` symbol (e.g., `@max`). The function `fun` must accept a column vector and return a numeric, logical, or character scalar, or a scalar cell. Return value `A` has the same class as the values returned by `fun`. Specify `fun` as `[]` for the default behavior.

`A = accumarray(subs,val,sz,fun,fillval)` puts the scalar value `fillval` in elements of `A` that are not referred to by any row of `subs`. For example, if `subs` is empty, then `A` is `repmat(fillval,sz)`. `fillval` and the values returned by `fun` must belong to the same class. The default value of `fillval` is 0.

`A = accumarray(subs,val,sz,fun,fillval,issparse)` creates an array `A` that is sparse if the scalar input `issparse` is equal to logical 1 (i.e., `true`), or full if `issparse` is equal to logical 0 (`false`). `A` is full by default. If `issparse` is `true`, then `fillval` must be zero or `[]`, and `val` and the output of `fun` must be double.

`A = accumarray({subs1, subs2, ...}, val, ...)` passes multiple `subs` vectors in a cell array. You can use any of the four optional inputs (`sz`, `fun`, `fillval`, or `issparse`) with this syntax.

Note If the subscripts in `subs` are not sorted, `fun` should not depend on the order of the values in its input data.

The function processes the input as follows:

1. Find out how many unique indices there are in subs. Each unique index defines a bin in the output array. The maximum index value in `subs` determines the size of the output array.

2. Find out how many times each index is repeated.

   This determines how many elements of `vals` are going to be accumulated at each bin in the output array.

3. Create an output array. The output array is of size `max(subs)` or of size `sz`.

4. Accumulate the entries in `vals` into bins using the values of the indices in `subs` and apply `fun` to the entries in each bin.

5. Fill the values in the output for positions not referred to by `subs`. Default fill value is zero; use `fillval` to set a different value.

Note `subs` should contain positive integers. `subs` can also be a cell vector with one or more elements, each element a vector of positive integers. All the vectors must have the same length. In this case, `subs` is treated as if the vectors formed columns of an index matrix.`val` must be a numeric, logical, or character vector with the same length as the number of rows in `subs`. `val` can also be a scalar whose value is repeated for all the rows of `subs`.

Examples

Example 1

Create a 5-by-1 vector and sum values for repeated 1-D subscripts:

```
val = 101:105;
subs = [1; 2; 4; 2; 4]
subs =
     1
     2
     4
     2
     4

A = accumarray(subs, val)
A =
   101      % A(1) = val(1) = 101
   206      % A(2) = val(2)+val(4) = 102+104 = 206
     0      % A(3) = 0
   208      % A(4) = val(3)+val(5) = 103+105 = 208
```

Example 2

Create a 4-by-4 matrix and subtract values for repeated 2-D subscripts:

```
val = 101:106;
subs=[1 2; 1 2; 3 1; 4 1; 4 4; 4 1];
B = accumarray(subs,val,[],@(x)sum(diff(x)))

B =
```

```
     0    -1     0     0
     0     0     0     0
     0     0     0     0
     2     0     0     0
```

The order of the subscripts matters:

```
val = 101:106;
subs=[1 2; 3 1; 1 2; 4 4; 4 1; 4 1];
B1 = accumarray(subs,val,[],@(x)sum(diff(x)))

B1 =

     0    -2     0     0
     0     0     0     0
     0     0     0     0
    -1     0     0     0
```

Example 3

Create a 2-by-3-by-2 array and sum values for repeated 3-D subscripts:

```
val = 101:105;
subs = [1 1 1; 2 1 2; 2 3 2; 2 1 2; 2 3 2];

A = accumarray(subs, val)
A(:,:,1) =
   101     0     0
     0     0     0
A(:,:,2) =
     0     0     0
   206     0   208
```

Example 4

Create a 2-by-3-by-2 array, and sum values natively:

```
val = 101:105;
subs = [1 1 1; 2 1 2; 2 3 2; 2 1 2; 2 3 2];
```

```
A = accumarray(subs, int8(val), [], @(x) sum(x,'native'))
A(:,:,1) =
  101    0    0
    0    0    0
A(:,:,2) =
    0    0    0
  127    0  127

class(A)
ans =
    int8
```

Example 5

Pass multiple subscript arguments in a cell array.

1 Create a 12-element vector V:

```
V = 101:112;
```

2 Create three 12-element vectors, one for each dimension of the resulting array A. Note how the indices of these vectors determine which elements of V are accumulated in A:

```
%        index 1   index 6 => V(1)+V(6) => A(1,3,1)
%           |         |
rowsubs = [1 3 3 2 3 1 2 2 3 3 1 2];
colsubs = [3 4 2 1 4 3 4 2 2 4 3 4];
pagsubs = [1 1 2 2 1 1 2 1 1 1 2 2];
%                 |
%              index 4 => V(4) => A(2,1,2)
%
% A(1,3,1) = V(1) + V(6) = 101 + 106 = 207
% A(2,1,2) = V(4) = 104
```

3 Call accumarray, passing the subscript vectors in a cell array:

```
A = accumarray({rowsubs colsubs pagsubs}, V)
```

```
A(:,:,1) =
       0     0   207     0         % A(1,3,1) is 207
       0   108     0     0
       0   109     0   317
A(:,:,2) =
       0     0   111     0
     104     0     0   219         % A(2,1,2) is 104
       0   103     0     0
```

Example 6

Create an array with the `max` function, and fill all empty elements of that array with `NaN`:

```
val = 101:105;
subs = [1 1; 2 1; 2 3; 2 1; 2 3];

A = accumarray(subs, val, [2 4], @max, NaN)
A =
   101   NaN   NaN   NaN
   104   NaN   105   NaN
```

Example 7

Create a sparse matrix using the `prod` function:

```
val = 101:105;
subs = [1 1; 2 1; 2 3; 2 1; 2 3];

A = accumarray(subs, val, [2 4], @prod, 0, true)
A =
   (1,1)           101
   (2,1)         10608
   (2,3)         10815
```

Example 8

Count the number of entries accumulated in each bin:

```
val = 1;
```

```
subs = [1 1; 2 1; 2 3; 2 1; 2 3];

A = accumarray(subs, val, [2 4])
A =
     1     0     0     0
     2     0     2     0
```

Example 9

Create a logical array that shows which bins will accumulate two or more values:

```
val = 101:105;
subs = [1 1; 2 1; 2 3; 2 1; 2 3];

A = accumarray(subs, val, [2 4], @(x) length(x) > 1)
A =
     0     0     0     0
     1     0     1     0
```

Example 10

Group values in a cell array:

```
val = 101:105;
subs = [1 1; 2 1; 2 3; 2 1; 2 3];

A = accumarray(subs, val, [2 4], @(x) {x})
A =
    [       101]     []               []     []
    [2x1 double]     []     [2x1 double]     []

A{2}
ans =
   104
   102
```

See Also

full, sparse, sum

Purpose Inverse cosine; result in radians

Syntax

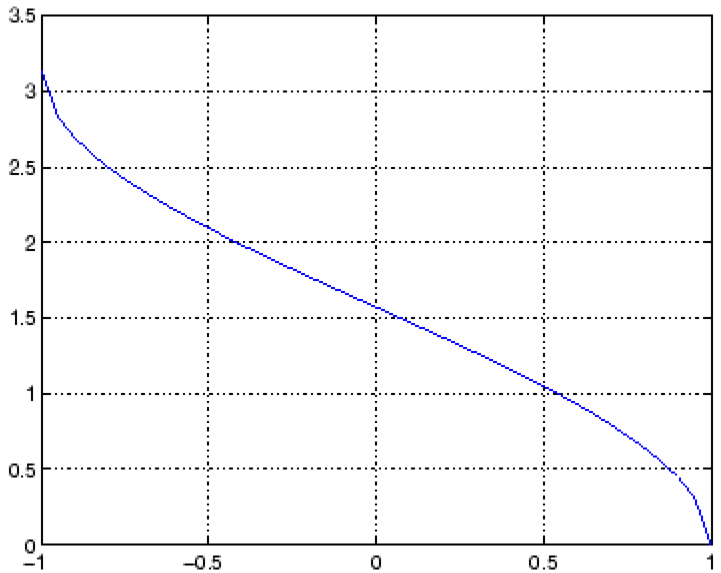
```
Y = acos(X)
```

Description `Y = acos(X)` returns the inverse cosine (arccosine) for each element of `X`. For real elements of `X` in the domain [–1, 1], `acos(X)` is real and in the range [0, π]. For real elements of `X` outside the domain [–1, 1], `acos(X)` is complex.

The `acos` function operates element-wise on arrays. The function's domains and ranges include complex values. All angles are in radians.

Examples Graph the inverse cosine function over the domain $-1 \le x \le 1$.

```
x = -1:.05:1;
plot(x,acos(x)), grid on
```



Definition

The inverse cosine can be defined as

$$\cos^{-1}(z) = -i\log\left[z + i\left(1 - z^2\right)^{1/2}\right].$$

Algorithm

`acos` uses FDLIBM, which was developed at SunSoft, a Sun Microsystems™ business, by Kwok C. Ng, and others. For information about FDLIBM, see `http://www.netlib.org`.

See Also

`acosd`, `acosh`, `cos`

Purpose

Inverse cosine; result in degrees

Syntax

```
Y = acosd(X)
```

Description

`Y = acosd(X)` is the inverse cosine, expressed in degrees, of the elements of `X`.

See Also

`cosd`, `acos`

Purpose Inverse hyperbolic cosine

Syntax

```
Y = acosh(X)
```

Description

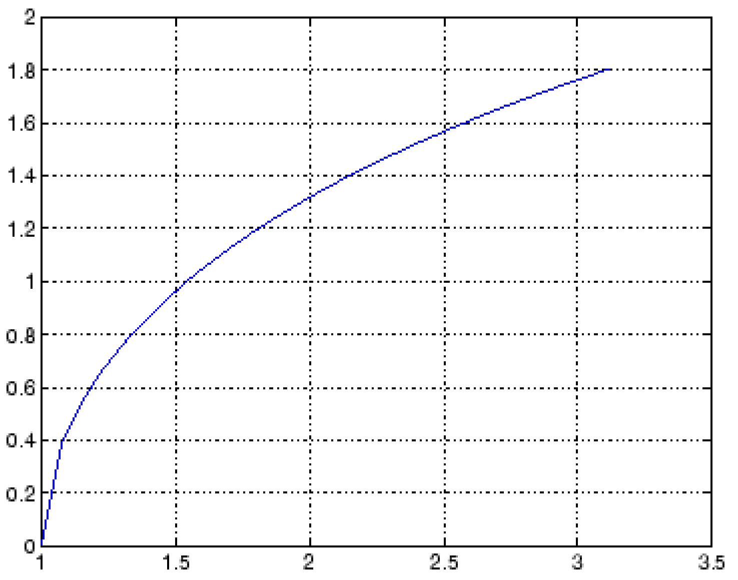
`Y = acosh(X)` returns the inverse hyperbolic cosine for each element of `X`.

The `acosh` function operates element-wise on arrays. The function's domains and ranges include complex values. All angles are in radians.

Examples

Graph the inverse hyperbolic cosine function over the domain $-1 \le x \le \pi$.

```
x = 1:pi/40:pi;
plot(x,acosh(x)), grid on
```



Definition

The hyperbolic inverse cosine can be defined as

Algorithm

`acosh` uses FDLIBM, which was developed at SunSoft, a Sun Microsystems business, by Kwok C. Ng, and others. For information about FDLIBM, see `http://www.netlib.org`.

See Also

`acos`, `cosh`

Purpose Inverse cotangent; result in radians

Syntax

```
Y = acot(X)
```

Description

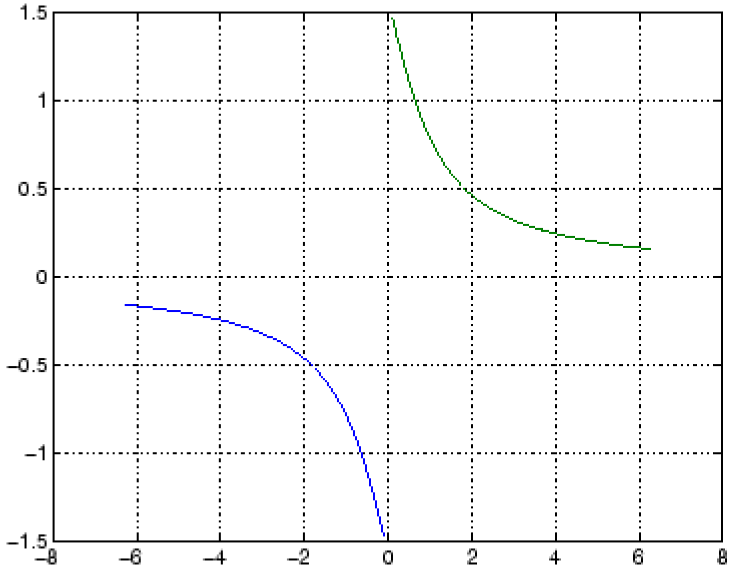
`Y = acot(X)` returns the inverse cotangent (arccotangent) for each element of `X`.

The `acot` function operates element-wise on arrays. The function's domains and ranges include complex values. All angles are in radians.

Examples

Graph the inverse cotangent over the domains $-2\pi \le x < 0$ and $0 < x \le 2\pi$.

```
x1 = -2*pi:pi/30:-0.1;
x2 = 0.1:pi/30:2*pi;
plot(x1,acot(x1),x2,acot(x2)), grid on
```



Definition

The inverse cotangent can be defined as

Algorithm

`acot` uses FDLIBM, which was developed at SunSoft, a Sun Microsystems business, by Kwok C. Ng, and others. For information about FDLIBM, see `http://www.netlib.org`.

See Also

`cot`, `acotd`, `acoth`

acotd

Purpose Inverse cotangent; result in degrees

Syntax

```
Y = acosd(X)
```

Description `Y = acosd(X)` is the inverse cotangent, expressed in degrees, of the elements of `X`.

See Also `cotd`, `acot`

Purpose

Inverse hyperbolic cotangent

Syntax

```
Y = acoth(X)
```

Description

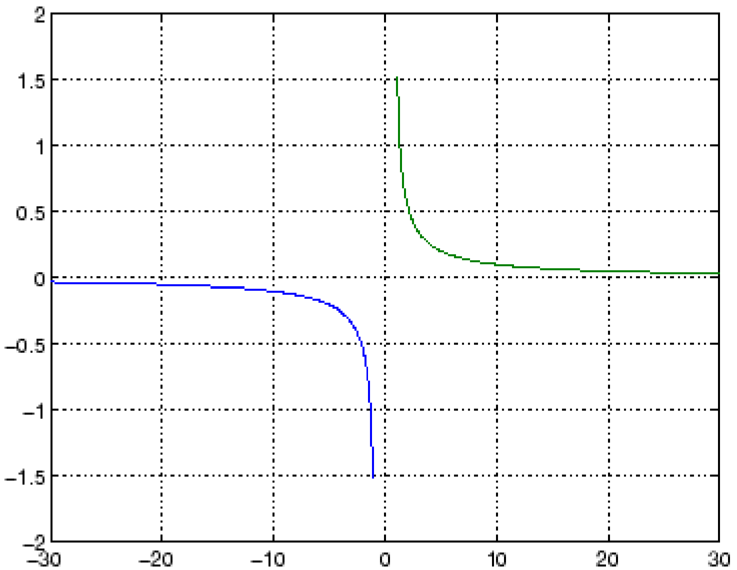
`Y = acoth(X)` returns the inverse hyperbolic cotangent for each element of `X`.

The `acoth` function operates element-wise on arrays. The function's domains and ranges include complex values. All angles are in radians.

Examples

Graph the inverse hyperbolic cotangent over the domains $-30 \le x < -1$ and $1 < x \le 30$.

```
x1 = -30:0.1:-1.1;
x2 = 1.1:0.1:30;
plot(x1,acoth(x1),x2,acoth(x2)), grid on
```



Definition

The hyperbolic inverse cotangent can be defined as

Algorithm

`acoth` uses FDLIBM, which was developed at SunSoft, a Sun Microsystems business, by Kwok C. Ng, and others. For information about FDLIBM, see `http://www.netlib.org`.

See Also

`acot`, `coth`

Purpose

Inverse cosecant; result in radians

Syntax

```
Y = acsc(X)
```

Description

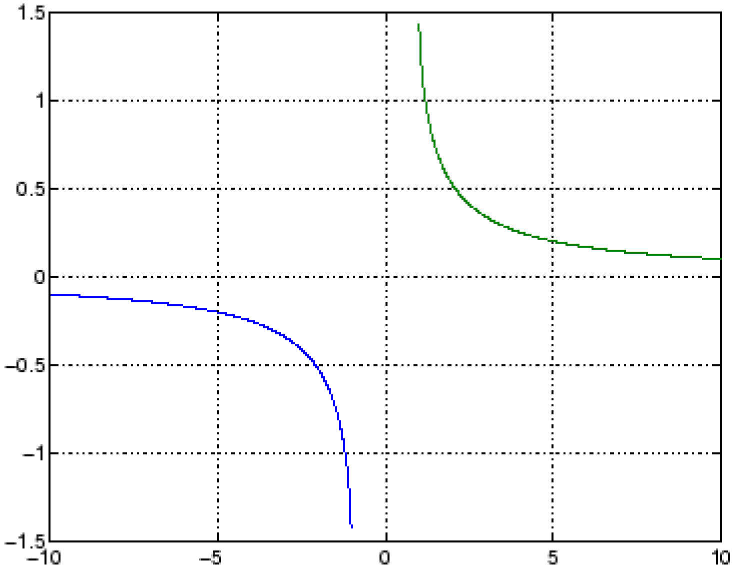
`Y = acsc(X)` returns the inverse cosecant (arccosecant) for each element of `X`.

The `acsc` function operates element-wise on arrays. The function's domains and ranges include complex values. All angles are in radians.

Examples

Graph the inverse cosecant over the domains $-10 \le x < -1$ and $1 < x \le 10$.

```
x1 = -10:0.01:-1.01;
x2 = 1.01:0.01:10;
plot(x1,acsc(x1),x2,acsc(x2)), grid on
```



Definition The inverse cosecant can be defined as

Algorithm `acsc` uses FDLIBM, which was developed at SunSoft, a Sun Microsystems business, by Kwok C. Ng, and others. For information about FDLIBM, see `http://www.netlib.org`.

See Also `csc`, `acscd`, `acsch`

Purpose Inverse cosecant; result in degrees

Syntax

```
Y = acscd(X)
```

Description `Y = acscd(X)` is the inverse cotangent, expressed in degrees, of the elements of `X`.

See Also `cscd`, `acsc`

acsch

Purpose

Inverse hyperbolic cosecant

Syntax

```
Y = acsch(X)
```

Description

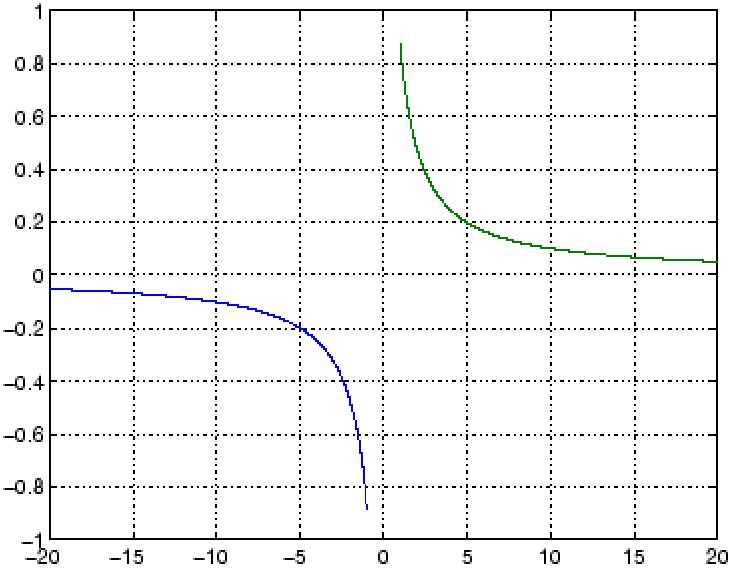
`Y = acsch(X)` returns the inverse hyperbolic cosecant for each element of `X`.

The `acsch` function operates element-wise on arrays. The function's domains and ranges include complex values. All angles are in radians.

Examples

Graph the inverse hyperbolic cosecant over the domains $-20 \le x \le -1$ and $1 \le x \le 20$.

```
x1 = -20:0.01:-1;
x2 = 1:0.01:20;
plot(x1,acsch(x1),x2,acsch(x2)), grid on
```



Definition

The hyperbolic inverse cosecant can be defined as

Algorithm

acsc uses FDLIBM, which was developed at SunSoft, a Sun Microsystems business, by Kwok C. Ng, and others. For information about FDLIBM, see http://www.netlib.org.

See Also

acsc, csch

actxcontrol

Purpose

Create Microsoft ActiveX control in figure window

Syntax

```
h = actxcontrol('progid')
h = actxcontrol('progid','param1',value1,...)
h = actxcontrol('progid', position)
h = actxcontrol('progid', position, fig_handle)
h = actxcontrol('progid',position,fig_handle,event_handler)
h = actxcontrol('progid',position,fig_handle,event_handler,
    'filename')
```

Description

`h = actxcontrol('progid')` creates an ActiveX® control in a figure window. The programmatic identifier (`progid`) for the control determines the type of control created. (See the documentation provided by the control vendor to get this string.) The returned object, `h`, represents the default interface for the control.

You cannot use an ActiveX server for the `progid` because MATLAB software cannot insert ActiveX servers in a figure. See `actxserver` for use with ActiveX servers.

`h = actxcontrol('progid','param1',value1,...)` creates an ActiveX control using the optional parameter name/value pairs. Parameter names include:

- `position` — MATLAB position vector specifying the control's position. The format is [left, bottom, width, height] using pixel units.
- `parent` — Handle to parent figure, model, or command window.
- `callback` — Name of event handler. Specify a single name to use the same handler for all events. Specify a cell array of event name/event handler pairs to handle specific events.
- `filename` — Sets the control's initial conditions to those in the previously saved control.
- `licensekey` — License key to create licensed ActiveX controls that require design-time licenses. See "Deploying ActiveX Controls Requiring Run-Time Licenses" for information on how to use controls that require run-time licenses.

One possible format is:

```
h = actxcontrol('myProgid','newPosition',[0 0 200 200],...
 'myFigHandle',gcf,...
 'myCallback',{'Click' 'myClickHandler';...
 'DblClick' 'myDblClickHandler';...
 'MouseDown' 'myMouseDownHandler'});
```

The following syntaxes are deprecated and will not become obsolete. They are included for reference, but the previous syntaxes are preferred.

`h = actxcontrol('progid', position)` creates an ActiveX control having the location and size specified in the vector, `position`. The format of this vector is:

```
[x y width height]
```

The first two elements of the vector determine where the control is placed in the figure window, with `x` and `y` being offsets, in pixels, from the bottom left corner of the figure window to the same corner of the control. The last two elements, `width` and `height`, determine the size of the control itself.

The default `position` vector is `[20 20 60 60]`.

`h = actxcontrol('progid', position, fig_handle)` creates an ActiveX control at the specified `position` in an existing figure window. This window is identified by the Handle Graphics handle, `fig_handle`.

The current figure handle is returned by the `gcf` command.

Note If the figure window designated by `fig_handle` is invisible, the control is invisible. If you want the control you are creating to be invisible, use the handle of an invisible figure window.

`h = actxcontrol('progid',position,fig_handle,event_handler)` creates an ActiveX control that responds to events. Controls respond to events by invoking a MATLAB function whenever an event (such as clicking a mouse button) is fired. The `event_handler` argument identifies one or more functions to be used in handling events (see “Specifying Event Handlers” on page 2-98 below).

`h = actxcontrol('progid',position,fig_handle,event_handler,'filename')` creates an ActiveX control with the first four arguments, and sets its initial state to that of a previously saved control. MATLAB loads the initial state from the file specified in the string `filename`.

If you do not want to specify an `event_handler`, you can use an empty string (`''`) as the fourth argument.

The `progid` argument must match the `progid` of the saved control.

Specifying Event Handlers

There is more than one valid format for the `event_handler` argument. Use this argument to specify one of the following:

- A different event handler routine for each event supported by the control
- One common routine to handle selected events
- One common routine to handle all events

In the first case, use a cell array for the `event_handler` argument, with each row of the array specifying an event and handler pair:

```
{'event' 'eventhandler'; 'event2' 'eventhandler2'; ...}
```

`event` can be either a string containing the event name or a numeric event identifier (see Example 2 below), and `eventhandler` is a string identifying the function you want the control to use in handling the event. Include only those events that you want enabled.

In the second case, use the same cell array syntax just described, but specify the same `eventhandler` for each event. Again, include only those events that you want enabled.

In the third case, make `event_handler` a string (instead of a cell array) that contains the name of the one function that is to handle all events for the control.

There is no limit to the number of event and handler pairs you can specify in the `event_handler` cell array.

Event handler functions should accept a variable number of arguments.

Strings used in the `event_handler` argument are not case sensitive.

Note Although using a single handler for all events might be easier in some cases, specifying an individual handler for each event creates more efficient code, resulting in better performance.

Remarks

If the control implements any custom interfaces, use the `interfaces` function to list them, and the `invoke` function to get a handle to a selected interface.

When you no longer need the control, call `release` to release the interface and free memory and other resources used by the interface. Note that releasing the interface does not delete the control itself. Use the `delete` function to do this.

For more information on handling control events, see Writing Event Handlers in the External Interfaces documentation.

For an example event handler, see the file `sampev.m` in the `toolbox\matlab\winfun\comcli` directory.

COM functions are available on Microsoft Windows systems only.

Note If you encounter problems creating Microsoft Forms 2.0 controls in MATLAB software or other non-VBA container applications, see “Using Microsoft Forms 2.0 Controls” in the External Interfaces documentation.

Examples

Example 1 — Basic Control Methods

Start by creating a `figure` window to contain the control. Then create a control to run a Microsoft Calendar application in the window. Position the control at a `[0 0]` `x-y` offset from the bottom left of the figure window, and make it the same size (600 x 500 pixels) as the figure window.

```
f = figure('position', [300 300 600 500]);
cal = actxcontrol('mscal.calendar', [0 0 600 500], f);
```

Call the `get` method on `cal` to list all properties of the calendar, including today's date:

```
cal.get
```

For example, MATLAB displays (in part):

```
     BackColor: 2.1475e+009
           Day: 23
       DayFont: [1x1 Interface.Standard_OLE_Types.Font]
         Value: '8/20/2001'
              .
              .
              .
```

Read today's date:

```
date = cal.Value
```

MATLAB displays a date similar to:

```
date =
   8/20/2001
```

Set the `Day` property to a new value:

```
cal.Day = 5;
date = cal.Value
```

MATLAB displays a date similar to:

```
date =
   8/5/2001
```

Call invoke to list all available methods:

```
meth = cal.invoke
```

MATLAB displays (in part):

```
meth =
          NextDay: 'HRESULT NextDay(handle)'
        NextMonth: 'HRESULT NextMonth(handle)'
         NextWeek: 'HRESULT NextWeek(handle)'
         NextYear: 'HRESULT NextYear(handle)'
                 .
                 .
                 .
```

Invoke the NextWeek method to advance the current date by one week:

```
cal.NextWeek;
date = cal.Value
```

MATLAB displays a date similar to:

```
date =
   8/12/2001
```

Call events to list all calendar events that can be triggered:

```
cal.events
```

MATLAB displays:

```
   Click = void Click()
   DblClick = void DblClick()
```

```
KeyDown = void KeyDown(int16 KeyCode, int16 Shift)
KeyPress = void KeyPress(int16 KeyAscii)
KeyUp = void KeyUp(int16 KeyCode, int16 Shift)
BeforeUpdate = void BeforeUpdate(int16 Cancel)
AfterUpdate = void AfterUpdate()
NewMonth = void NewMonth()
NewYear = void NewYear()
```

Example 2 — Event Handling

The `event_handler` argument specifies how you want the control to handle any events that occur. The control can handle all events with one common handler function, selected events with a common handler function, or each type of event can be handled by a separate function.

This command creates an `mwsamp` control that uses one event handler, `sampev`, to respond to all events:

```
h = actxcontrol('mwsamp.mwsampctrl.2', [0 0 200 200], ...
   gcf, 'sampev');
```

The next command also uses a common event handler, but will only invoke the handler when selected events, `Click` and `DblClick` are fired:

```
h = actxcontrol('mwsamp.mwsampctrl.2', [0 0 200 200], ...
   gcf, {'Click' 'sampev'; 'DblClick' 'sampev'});
```

This command assigns a different handler routine to each event. For example, `Click` is an event, and `myclick` is the routine that executes whenever a `Click` event is fired:

```
h = actxcontrol('mwsamp.mwsampctrl.2', [0 0 200 200], ...
   gcf, {'Click', 'myclick'; 'DblClick' 'my2click'; ...
   'MouseDown' 'mymoused'});
```

The next command does the same thing, but specifies the events using numeric event identifiers:

```
h = actxcontrol('mwsamp.mwsampctrl.2', [0 0 200 200], ...
gcf, {-600, 'myclick'; -601 'my2click'; -605 'mymoused'});
```

See the section, "Sample Event Handlers" in the External Interfaces documentation for examples of event handler functions and how to register them with MATLAB software.

See Also

`actxserver`, `release`, `delete (COM)`, `save (COM)`, `load (COM)`, `interfaces`

actxcontrollist

Purpose

List currently installed Microsoft ActiveX controls

Syntax

```
info = actxcontrollist
```

Description

`info = actxcontrollist` returns a list of controls in `info`, a `1`-by-`3` cell array containing the name, programmatic identifier (ProgID), and file name for the control. Each control has one row, which MATLAB software sorts by file name.

COM functions are available on Microsoft Windows systems only.

Examples

Show information for two controls:

```
list = actxcontrollist;
for k = 1:2
  sprintf(' Name = %s\n ProgID = %s\n File = %s\n', list{k,:})
end
```

MATLAB displays information like:

```
ans =
  Name = Calendar Control 11.0
  ProgID = MSCAL.Calendar.7
  File = C:\Program Files\MSOffice\OFFICE11\MSCAL.OCX

ans =
  Name = CTreeView Control
  ProgID = CTREEVIEW.CTreeViewCtrl.1
  File = C:\WINNT\system32\dmocx.dll
```

See Also

`actxcontrolselect` | `actxcontrol`

Purpose

Create Microsoft ActiveX control from GUI

Syntax

```
h = actxcontrolselect
[h, info] = actxcontrolselect
```

Description

`h = actxcontrolselect` displays a GUI listing all ActiveX controls installed on the system and creates the one you select from the list. Returns handle `h` for the object. Use the handle to identify this control when calling MATLAB COM functions.

`[h, info] = actxcontrolselect` returns a `1`-by-`3` cell array `info` containing the name, programmatic identifier (ProgID), and file name for the control.

COM functions are available on Microsoft Windows systems only.

See Also

`actxcontrollist` | `actxcontrol`

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- "Creating Control Objects Using a GUI"

actxGetRunningServer

Purpose

Handle to running instance of Automation server

Syntax

```
h = actxGetRunningServer('progid')
```

Description

`h = actxGetRunningServer('progid')` gets a reference to a running instance of the OLE Automation server. `progid` is the programmatic identifier of the Automation server object and `h` is the handle to the default interface of the server object.

The function returns an error if the server specified by `progid` is not currently running or if the server object is not registered. When multiple instances of the Automation server are running, the operating system controls the behavior of this function.

COM functions are available on Microsoft Windows systems only.

Examples

Get a handle to the MATLAB application:

```
h = actxGetRunningServer('matlab.application')
```

See Also

`actxcontrol` | `actxserver`

How To

- "MATLAB COM Automation Server Support"

Purpose

Create COM server

Syntax

```
h = actxserver('progid')
h = actxserver('progid', 'machine', 'machineName')
h = actxserver('progid', 'interface', 'interfaceName')
h = actxserver('progid', 'machine', 'machineName',
   'interface', 'interfaceName')
h = actxserver('progid', machine)
```

Description

`h = actxserver('progid')` creates a local OLE Automation server, where `progid` is the programmatic identifier of the COM server, and `h` is the handle of the server's default interface.

Get `progid` from the control or server vendor's documentation. To see the `progid` values for MATLAB software, refer to "Programmatic Identifiers" in the MATLAB External Interfaces documentation.

`h = actxserver('progid', 'machine', 'machineName')` creates an OLE Automation server on a remote machine, where `machineName` is a string specifying the name of the machine on which to start the server.

`h = actxserver('progid', 'interface', 'interfaceName')` creates a Custom interface server, where `interfaceName` is a string specifying the interface name of the COM object. Values for `interfaceName` are

- `IUnknown` — Use the IUnknown interface.
- The Custom interface name

You must know the name of the interface and have the server vendor's documentation in order to use the `interfaceName` value. See "COM Server Types" in the MATLAB External Interfaces documentation for information about Custom COM servers and interfaces.

Note The MATLAB COM Interface does not support invoking functions with optional parameters.

`h = actxserver('progid', 'machine', 'machineName', 'interface', 'interfaceName')` creates a Custom interface server on a remote machine.

The following syntaxes are deprecated and will not become obsolete. They are included for reference, but the syntaxes described earlier are preferred:

`h = actxserver('progid', machine)` creates a COM server running on the remote system named by the `machine` argument. This can be an IP address or a DNS name. Use this syntax only in environments that support Distributed Component Object Model (DCOM).

Remarks

For components implemented in a dynamic link library (DLL), `actxserver` creates an in-process server. For components implemented as an executable (EXE), `actxserver` creates an out-of-process server. Out-of-process servers can be created either on the client system or on any other system on a network that supports DCOM.

If the control implements any Custom interfaces, use the `interfaces` function to list them, and the `invoke` function to get a handle to a selected interface.

You can register events for COM servers.

COM functions are available on Microsoft Windows systems only.

Microsoft Excel Workbook Example

This example creates an OLE Automation server, Excel® version 9.0, and manipulates a workbook in the application:

```
%  Create a COM server running Microsoft Excel
e = actxserver ('Excel.Application')
%{
e =
    COM.Excel.application
%}
% Make the Excel frame window visible
e.Visible = 1;
```

```
% Use the get method on the Excel object "e"
% to list all properties of the application:
e.get
%{
        Application: [1x1
Interface.Microsoft_Excel_9.0_Object_Library._Application]
            Creator: 'xlCreatorCode'
                   .
                   .
                   .
          Workbooks: [1x1
Interface.Microsoft_Excel_9.0_Object_Library.Workbooks]
                   .
                   .
                   .
            Caption: 'Microsoft Excel - Book1'
    CellDragAndDrop: 0
   ClipboardFormats: {3x1 cell}
                   .
                   .
                   .
             Cursor: 'xlNorthwestArrow'
                   .
                   .
                   .
%}
% Create an interface "eWorkBooks"
eWorkbooks = e.Workbooks
%{
eWorkbooks =
   Interface.Microsoft_Excel_9.0_Object_Library.Workbooks
%}
% List all methods for that interface
eWorkbooks.invoke
%{
       Add: 'handle Add(handle, [Optional]Variant)'
     Close: 'void Close(handle)'
```

```
        Item: 'handle Item(handle, Variant)'
        Open: 'handle Open(handle, string, [Optional]Variant)'
    OpenText: 'void OpenText(handle, string, [Optional]Variant)'
            .
            .
            .
%}
% Add a new workbook "w",
% also creating a new interface
w = eWorkbooks.Add
%{
w =
   Interface.Microsoft_Excel_9.0_Object_Library._Workbook
%}
% Close Excel and delete the object
e.Quit;
e.delete;
```

See Also

actxcontrol, actxGetRunningServer, release, delete (COM), save (COM), load (COM), interfaces

Purpose

Record additional causes of exception

Syntax

baseExcep = addCause(baseExcep, *causeExcep*)

Description

baseExcep = addCause(baseExcep, *causeExcep*) adds information to existing exception *baseExcep* to help determine its cause. The added information is in the form of a second exception *causeExcep*. Both *baseExcep* and *causeExcep* are objects of the MException class. The baseExcep and causeExcep inputs are scalar objects of the mException class.

The exception has a property called cause in which you can store a series of additional exceptions, each saving information on what caused the initial error. (See the figure in the documentation for "The MException Class".) When your program calls addCause, MATLAB appends a new exception *cause* to this field in the base exception *exception*. When your error handling code catches the error in a try-catch statement, execution of the catch part of this statement makes the base exception, along with all of the appended cause records, available to help diagnose the error.

Examples

This example attempts to open a file in a folder that is not on the MATLAB path. It uses a nested try-catch block to give the user the opportunity to extend the path. If the file still cannot be found, the program issues an exception with the first error appended to the second using addCause:

```
function data = read_it(filename);
try
   % Attempt to open and read from a file.
   fid = fopen(filename, 'r');
   data = fread(fid);
catch exception1
   % If the error was caused by an invalid file ID, try
   % reading from another location.
   if strcmp(exception1.identifier, 'MATLAB:FileIO:InvalidFid')
      msg = sprintf( ...
```

```
            '\nCannot open file %s. Try another location?  ', ...
            filename);
         reply = input(msg, 's')
         if reply(1) == 'y'
             newFolder = input('Enter folder name:  ', 's');
         else
             throw(exception1);
         end
         oldpath = addpath(newFolder);
         try
            fid = fopen(filename, 'r');
            data = fread(fid);
         catch exception2
            exception3 = addCause(exception2, exception1)
            path(oldpath);
            throw(exception3);
         end
         path(oldpath);
      end
   end
   fclose(fid);

   try
      d = read_it('anytextfile.txt');
   catch exception
   end

   exception
   exception =
    MException object with properties:

       identifier: 'MATLAB:FileIO:InvalidFid'
          message: 'Invalid file identifier.  Use fopen
                    to generate a valid file identifier.'
            stack: [1x1 struct]
            cause: {[1x1 MException]}
```

```
  Cannot open file anytextfile.txt. Try another location?y
Enter folder name:  xxxxxxx
Warning: Name is nonexistent or not a directory: xxxxxxx.
> In path at 110
  In addpath at 89
```

See Also

try, catch, error, assert, MException, throw(MException), rethrow(MException), throwAsCaller(MException), getReport(MException), last(MException)

addevent

Purpose Add event to `timeseries` object

Syntax

```
ts = addevent(ts,e)
ts = addevent(ts,Name,Time)
```

Description

`ts = addevent(ts,e)` adds one or more `tsdata.event` objects, `e`, to the `timeseries` object `ts`. `e` is either a single `tsdata.event` object or an array of `tsdata.event` objects.

`ts = addevent(ts,Name,Time)` constructs one or more `tsdata.event` objects and adds them to the `Events` property of `ts`. `Name` is a cell array of event name strings. `Time` is a cell array of event times.

Examples

Create a time-series object and add an event to this object.

```
%% Import the sample data
load count.dat

%% Create time-series object
count1=timeseries(count(:,1),1:24,'name', 'data');

%% Modify the time units to be 'hours' ('seconds' is default)
count1.TimeInfo.Units = 'hours';

%% Construct and add the first event at 8 AM
e1 = tsdata.event('AMCommute',8);

%% Specify the time units of the time
e1.Units = 'hours';
```

View the properties (`EventData`, `Name`, `Time`, `Units`, and `StartDate`) of the event object.

```
get(e1)
```

MATLAB software responds with

```
    EventData: []
```

```
            Name: 'AMCommute'
            Time: 8
           Units: 'hours'
       StartDate: ''
%% Add the event to count1
count1 = addevent(count1,e1);
```

An alternative syntax for adding two events to the time series `count1` is as follows:

```
count1 = addevent(count1,{'AMCommute' 'PMCommute'},{8 18})
```

See Also

`timeseries`, `tsdata.event`, `tsprops`

addframe (avifile)

Purpose

Add frame to Audio/Video Interleaved (AVI) file

Syntax

```
aviobj = addframe(aviobj,frame)
aviobj = addframe(aviobj,frame1,frame2,frame3,...)
aviobj = addframe(aviobj,mov)
aviobj = addframe(aviobj,h)
```

Description

`aviobj = addframe(aviobj,frame)` appends the data in `frame` to the AVI file identified by `aviobj`, which was created by a previous call to `avifile`. `frame` can be either an indexed image (`m`-by-`n`) or a truecolor image (`m`-by-`n`-by-3) of `double` or `uint8` precision. If `frame` is not the first frame added to the AVI file, it must be consistent with the dimensions of the previous frames.

`addframe` returns a handle to the updated AVI file object, `aviobj`. For example, `addframe` updates the `TotalFrames` property of the AVI file object each time it adds a frame to the AVI file.

`aviobj = addframe(aviobj,frame1,frame2,frame3,...)` adds multiple frames to an AVI file.

`aviobj = addframe(aviobj,mov)` appends the frames contained in the MATLAB movie `mov` to the AVI file `aviobj`. MATLAB movies that store frames as indexed images use the colormap in the first frame as the colormap for the AVI file, unless the colormap has been previously set.

`aviobj = addframe(aviobj,h)` captures a frame from the figure or axis handle `h` and appends this frame to the AVI file. `addframe` renders the figure into an offscreen array before appending it to the AVI file. This ensures that the figure is written correctly to the AVI file even if the figure is obscured on the screen by another window or screen saver.

Tips

If you are creating an animation from a figure with an `EraseMode` property set to `'xor'`, you must use `getframe` to capture the graphics into a frame of a MATLAB movie. Add the frame to the AVI file using the syntax `aviobj = addframe(aviobj,mov)`. See the example for an illustration.

Example

This example calls `addframe` to add frames to the AVI file object `aviobj`.

```
aviobj = avifile('example.avi','compression','None');

t = linspace(0,2.5*pi,40);
fact = 10*sin(t);
fig=figure;
[x,y,z] = peaks;
for k=1:length(fact)
    h = surf(x,y,fact(k)*z);
    axis([-3 3 -3 3 -80 80])
    axis off
    caxis([-90 90])

    F = getframe(fig);
    aviobj = addframe(aviobj,F);
end
close(fig);
aviobj = close(aviobj);
```

See Also

`avifile`, `close (avifile)`, `movie2avi`

addlistener (handle)

Purpose

Create event listener

Syntax

```
lh = addlistener(Hsource,'EventName',callback)
lh = addlistener(Hsource,property,'EventName',callback)
```

Description

`lh = addlistener(Hsource,'EventName',callback)`) creates a listener for the specified event.

`lh = addlistener(Hsource,property,'EventName',callback)` creates a listener for one of the predefined property events. There are four property events:

- `PreSet` — triggered just before the property value is set, before calling its set access method.
- `PostSet` — triggered just after the property value is set.
- `PreGet` — triggered just before a property value query is serviced, before calling its get access method.
- `PostGet` — triggered just after returning the property value to the query

See "Defining Events and Listeners — Syntax and Techniques" for more information.

Input Arguments

`Hsource`
: Handle of the object that is the source of the event, or an array of source handles.

`EventName`
: Name of the event, which is triggered by the source objects.

`callback`
: Function handle referencing a function to execute when the event is triggered.

`property`
: Character string that can be:

- the name of the property
- a cell array of strings where each string is the name of a property that exists in object array `Hsource`
- a `meta.property` object or an array of `meta.property` objects
- a cell array of `meta.property` objects

If `Hsource` is a scalar, then any of the properties can be dynamic properties. If `Hsource` is non-scalar, then the properties must belong to the class of `Hsource` and can not include dynamic properties (which are not part of the class definition).

For more information, see the following sections:

- The `GetObservable` and `SetObservable` property attributes in the “Property Attributes” table.
- “Creating Property Listeners”
- “Dynamic Properties — Adding Properties to an Instance”

Output Arguments

`lh`

Handle of the `event.listener` object returned by `addlistener`.

Removing a Listener

To remove a listener, delete the listener object returned by `addlistener`. For example,

```
delete(lh)
```

calls the handle class delete method to delete the object from the workspace and remove the listener.

See Also

`delete (handle)`, `handle`, `notify (handle)`

addOptional (inputParser)

Purpose

Add optional argument to Input Parser scheme

Syntax

```
p.addOptional(argname, default, validator)
addParamValue(p, argname, default, validator)
```

Description

`p.addOptional(argname, default, validator)` is part of the input argument checking mechanism employed by the MATLAB Input Parser utility. Input Parser code residing in a function that receives data from calling functions identifies what types of arguments are acceptable. The `addOptional` function identifies those arguments that are optional, and are not expressed in parameter name/value format.

Input value `p` is an object of the `inputParser` class that creates an *input scheme* to identify all valid arguments one might pass to the function.

The string `argname` contains the internal name given to this argument. Specify this name in a string enclosed within single quotation marks.

The `default` input specifies the value to use whenever this optional argument is not passed by the calling function.

The optional `validator` is a handle to a function that is to be used by the Input Parser to validate input data passed by the caller. If the validator function returns `false` or errors, the parsing fails and MATLAB throws an error.

`addParamValue(p, argname, default, validator)` is functionally the same as the syntax above.

For more information on the `inputParser` class, see "Validating Inputs with Input Parser" in the MATLAB Programming Fundamentals documentation.

Example

This example writes a function called `photoPrint` that uses the Input Parser to check arguments passed to it. This function accepts up to eight input arguments. When called with the full set of inputs, the syntax is:

```
photoPrint(filename, format, finish, colorCode, ...
   'horizDim', hDim, 'vertDim', vDim);
```

Only the first two of these inputs are defined as required arguments; the rest are optional. The `'horizDim'` and `'vertDim'` arguments are in parameter name/value format. Pair the `'horizDim'` parameter name with its value *hDim*, and likewise the `'vertDim'` name with its value *vDim*. Here are several possible calling syntaxes for the function:

```
photoPrint(filename, format);
photoPrint(filename, format, finish)
photoPrint(filename, format, finish, colorCode)
photoPrint(filename, format, finish, colorCode, ...
   'horizDim', hDim)
photoPrint(filename, format, finish, colorCode, ...
   'vertDim', vDim)
```

Begin writing the example function `photoPrint` by entering the following two statements into a file named `photoPrint.m`. The second statement calls the class constructor for `inputParser` to create an instance `p` of the class. This class instance, or object, gives you access to all of the methods and properties of the class:

```
function photoPrint(filename, format, varargin)
p = inputParser;    % Create an instance of the class.
```

Add the following code to the `photoPrint` function. These statements call the `addRequired`, `addOptional`, and `addParamValue` methods to define the types of input data one can pass to this function:

```
p.addRequired('filename', @ischar);
p.addRequired('format', @(x)strcmp(x,'jpeg') ...
   || strcmp(x,'tiff'));

p.addOptional('finish', 'glossy', @(x)strcmpi(x,'flat') ...
   || strcmpi(x,'glossy'));
p.addOptional('colorCode', 'CMYK', @(x)strcmpi(x,'CMYK') ...
   || strcmpi(x,'RGB'));

p.addParamValue('horizDim', 6, @(x)isnumeric(x) && x<=20));
p.addParamValue('vertDim', 4, @(x)isnumeric(x) && x<=20));
```

Just after this, call the `parse` method to parse and validate the inputs. MATLAB puts the results of the parse into a property named `Results`:

```
p.parse(filename, format, varargin{:});
p.Results
```

Save and execute the file, passing the required and any number of the optional input arguments. Examining `p.Results` displays the name of each input as a field, and the value of each input as the value of that field:

```
photoPrint('myPhoto', 'tiff', 'flat', 'RGB', ...
           'horizDim', 10, 'vertDim', 8)

The following inputs have been received and validated:
    colorCode: 'RGB'
     filename: 'myPhoto'
       finish: 'flat'
       format: 'tiff'
     horizDim: 10
      vertDim: 8
```

See Also

`inputParser`, `addRequired(inputParser)`, `addParamValue(inputParser)`, `parse(inputParser)`, `createCopy(inputParser)`

Purpose

Add parameter name/value argument to Input Parser scheme

Syntax

```
p.addParamValue(argname, default, validator)
addParamValue(p, argname, default, validator)
```

Description

`p.addParamValue(argname, default, validator)` is part of the input argument checking mechanism employed by the MATLAB Input Parser utility. Input Parser code residing in a function that receives data from calling functions identifies what types of arguments are acceptable. The `addParamValue` function identifies those arguments that are optional, and are expressed in parameter name/value format.

Input value `p` is an object of the `inputParser` class that creates an *input scheme* to identify all valid arguments one might pass to the function.

The string `argname` contains the parameter name given to this argument. Specify this name in a string enclosed within single quotation marks.

The `default` input specifies the value to use when no parameter named `argname` is passed by the calling function.

The optional `validator` is a handle to a function that is to be used by the Input Parser to validate input data passed by the caller. If the validator function returns `false` or errors, the parsing fails and MATLAB throws an error.

`addParamValue(p, argname, default, validator)` is functionally the same as the syntax above.

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Example

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```
photoPrint(filename, format, finish, colorCode, ...
   'horizDim', hDim, 'vertDim', vDim);
```

Only the first two of these inputs are defined as required arguments; the rest are optional. The 'horizDim' and 'vertDim' arguments are in parameter name/value format. Pair the 'horizDim' parameter name with its value *hDim*, and likewise the 'vertDim' name with its value *vDim*. Here are several possible calling syntaxes for the function:

```
photoPrint(filename, format);
photoPrint(filename, format, finish)
photoPrint(filename, format, finish, colorCode)
photoPrint(filename, format, finish, colorCode, ...
   'horizDim', hDim)
photoPrint(filename, format, finish, colorCode, ...
   'vertDim', vDim)
```

Begin writing the example function photoPrint by entering the following two statements into a file named photoPrint.m. The second statement calls the class constructor for inputParser to create an instance p of the class. This class instance, or object, gives you access to all of the methods and properties of the class:

```
function photoPrint(filename, format, varargin)
p = inputParser;    % Create an instance of the class.
```

Add the following code to the photoPrint function. These statements call the addRequired, addOptional, and addParamValue methods to define the types of input data one can pass to this function:

```
p.addRequired('filename', @ischar);
p.addRequired('format', @(x)strcmp(x,'jpeg') ...
   || strcmp(x,'tiff'));

p.addOptional('finish', 'glossy', @(x)strcmpi(x,'flat') ...
   ||strcmpi(x,'glossy'));
p.addOptional('colorCode', 'CMYK', @(x)strcmpi(x,'CMYK') ...
   || strcmpi(x,'RGB'));

p.addParamValue('horizDim', 6, @(x)isnumeric(x) && x<=20));
```

```
p.addParamValue('vertDim', 4, @(x)isnumeric(x) && x<=20));
```

Just after this, call the `parse` method to parse and validate the inputs. MATLAB puts the results of the parse into a property named `Results`:

```
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p.Results
```

Save and execute the file, passing the required and any number of the optional input arguments. Examining `p.Results` displays the name of each input as a field, and the value of each input as the value of that field:

```
photoPrint('myPhoto', 'tiff', 'flat', 'RGB', ...
           'horizDim', 10, 'vertDim', 8)

The following inputs have been received and validated:
    colorCode: 'RGB'
     filename: 'myPhoto'
       finish: 'flat'
       format: 'tiff'
     horizDim: 10
      vertDim: 8
```

See Also

`inputParser`, `addRequired(inputParser)`, `addOptional(inputParser)`, `parse(inputParser)`, `createCopy(inputParser)`

addpath

Purpose

Add folders to search path

GUI Alternatives

As an alternative to the `addpath` function, use the Set Path dialog box.

Syntax

```
addpath('folderName1','folderName2','folderName3' ...)
addpath('folderName1','folderName2','folderName3' ... flag)
addpath folderName1 folderName2 folderName3 ... -flag
previous_path = addpath(...)
```

Description

`addpath('folderName1','folderName2','folderName3' ...)` adds the specified folders to the top of the search path. Use the full path name for each folder. Use `genpath` with `addpath` to add all subfolders of `folderName`. Use `addpath` statements in a `startup.m` file to modify the search path programmatically at startup.

`addpath('folderName1','folderName2','folderName3' ... flag)` adds the specified folders to either the top or bottom of the search path, or disables folder change detection on Windows, depending on the value of `position`.

Value of Flag	Result
`'-begin'`	Add specified folders to the top of the search path.
`'-end'`	Add specified folders to the bottom of the search path.
`'-frozen'`	Disables change detection for folders you add to the path, which conserves Windows change notification resources (Windows only). Type `help changenotification` in the Command Window for more information.

`addpath folderName1 folderName2 folderName3 ...  -flag` is the command syntax.

`previous_path = addpath(...)` configures the path using the inputs and returns the previous path setting.

Examples

Add `c:/matlab/myfiles` to the top of the search path:

```
addpath('c:/matlab/myfiles')
```

Add `c:/matlab/myfiles` to the end of the search path:

```
addpath c:/matlab/myfiles -end
```

Add `myfiles` and its subfolders to the search path:

```
addpath(genpath('c:/matlab/myfiles'))
```

On Windows, Add `myfiles` to the top of the search path, disable folder change notification, and display the search path before adding `myfiles`:

```
previous = addpath('c:/matlab/myfiles', '-frozen')
```

See Also

`genpath`, `path`, `pathsep`, `rehash`, `restoredefaultpath`, `rmpath`, `savepath`

Topics in the User Guide:

- "Path Names in MATLAB"
- "Using the MATLAB Search Path"
- "Making Files and Folders Accessible to MATLAB"
- "Specifying Startup Options Using the Startup File for the MATLAB Program, startup.m"

addpref

Purpose

Add preference

Syntax

```
addpref('group','pref',val)
addpref('group',{'pref1','pref2',...'prefn'},{val1,val2,
   ...valn})
```

Description

`addpref('group','pref',val)` creates the preference specified by `group` and `pref` and sets its value to `val`. It is an error to add a preference that already exists.

`group` labels a related collection of preferences. You can choose any name that is a legal variable name, and is descriptive enough to be unique, e.g. `'ApplicationOnePrefs'`. The input argument `pref` identifies an individual preference in that group, and must be a legal variable name.

`addpref('group',{'pref1','pref2',...'prefn'},{val1,val2,...valn})` creates the preferences specified by the cell array of names `'pref1'`, `'pref2',...,'prefn'`, setting each to the corresponding value.

Note Preference values are persistent and maintain their values between MATLAB sessions. Where they are stored is system dependent.

Examples

This example adds a preference called `version` to the `mytoolbox` group of preferences and sets its value to the string `1.0`.

```
addpref('mytoolbox','version','1.0')
```

See Also

`getpref`, `ispref`, `rmpref`, `setpref`, `uigetpref`, `uisetpref`

Purpose

Add dynamic property

Syntax

```
P = addprop(Hobj,'PropName')
```

Description

`P = addprop(Hobj,'PropName')` adds a property named `PropName` to each object in array `Hobj`. The class definition is not affected by the addition of dynamic properties. Note that you can add dynamic properties only to objects derived from the `dynamicprops` class. You can set and retrieve the data in dynamic properties as you would any property.

The output argument `P` is an array the same size as `Hobj` of `meta.DynamicProperty` objects, which you can use to assign `SetMethod` and `GetMethod` functions to the property. These functions operate just like property set and get access methods.

See "Dynamic Properties — Adding Properties to an Instance" for more information and examples.

See Also

`handle`, `dynamicprops`

addproperty

Purpose Add custom property to COM object

Syntax

```
h.addproperty('propertyname')
addproperty(h, 'propertyname')
```

Description `h.addproperty('propertyname')` adds the custom property specified in the string `propertyname` to the object or interface `h`. Use the COM `set` function to assign a value to the property.

`addproperty(h, 'propertyname')` is an alternate syntax.

COM functions are available on Microsoft Windows systems only.

Examples Add a custom property to an instance of the MATLAB sample control:

1. Create an instance of the control:

   ```
   f = figure('position', [100 200 200 200]);
   h = actxcontrol('mwsamp.mwsampctrl.2', [0 0 200 200], f);
   h.get
   ```

   MATLAB displays its properties:

   ```
    Label: 'Label'
   Radius: 20
   ```

2. Add a custom property named `Position` and assign a value:

   ```
   h.addproperty('Position');
   h.Position = [200 120];
   h.get
   ```

   MATLAB displays (in part):

   ```
      Label: 'Label'
     Radius: 20
   Position: [200 120]
   ```

3. Delete the custom property `Position`:

```
h.deleteproperty('Position');
h.get
```

MATLAB displays the original list of properties:

```
 Label: 'Label'
Radius: 20
```

See Also

`deleteproperty` | `get (COM)` | `set (COM)` | `inspect`

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addRequired (inputParser)

Purpose

Add required argument to Input Parser scheme

Syntax

```
p.addRequired(argname, validator)
addRequired(p, argname, validator)
```

Description

`p.addRequired(argname, validator)` is part of the input argument checking mechanism employed by the MATLAB Input Parser utility. Input Parser code residing in a function that receives data from calling functions identifies what types of arguments are acceptable. The `addRequired` function identifies those arguments that must be passed on every call to this function.

Input value `p` is an object of the `inputParser` class that creates an *input scheme* to identify all valid arguments one might pass to the function.

The string `argname` contains the internal name given to this argument. Specify this name in a string enclosed within single quotation marks.

The optional `validator` is a handle to a function that is to be used by the Input Parser to validate input data passed by the caller. If the validator function returns `false` or errors, the parsing fails and MATLAB throws an error.

`addRequired(p, argname, validator)` is functionally the same as the syntax above.

Note For more information on the `inputParser` class, see "Validating Inputs with Input Parser" in the MATLAB Programming Fundamentals documentation.

Example

This example writes a function called `photoPrint` that uses the Input Parser to check arguments passed to it. This function accepts up to eight input arguments. When called with the full set of inputs, the syntax is:

```
photoPrint(filename, format, finish, colorCode, ...
   'horizDim', hDim, 'vertDim', vDim);
```

Only the first two of these inputs are defined as required arguments; the rest are optional. The 'horizDim' and 'vertDim' arguments are in parameter name/value format. Pair the 'horizDim' parameter name with its value *hDim*, and likewise the 'vertDim' name with its value *vDim*. Here are several possible calling syntaxes for the function:

```
photoPrint(filename, format);
photoPrint(filename, format, finish)
photoPrint(filename, format, finish, colorCode)
photoPrint(filename, format, finish, colorCode, ...
   'horizDim', hDim)
photoPrint(filename, format, finish, colorCode, ...
   'vertDim', vDim)
```

Begin writing the example function photoPrint by entering the following two statements into a file named photoPrint.m. The second statement calls the class constructor for inputParser to create an instance p of the class. This class instance, or object, gives you access to all of the methods and properties of the class:

```
function photoPrint(filename, format, varargin)
p = inputParser;    % Create an instance of the class.
```

Add the following code to the photoPrint function. These statements call the addRequired, addOptional, and addParamValue methods to define the types of input data one can pass to this function:

```
p.addRequired('filename', @ischar);
p.addRequired('format', @(x)strcmp(x,'jpeg') ...
   || strcmp(x,'tiff'));

p.addOptional('finish', 'glossy', @(x)strcmpi(x,'flat') ...
   || strcmpi(x,'glossy'));
p.addOptional('colorCode', 'CMYK', @(x)strcmpi(x,'CMYK') ...
   || strcmpi(x,'RGB'));

p.addParamValue('horizDim', 6, @(x)isnumeric(x) && x<=20));
p.addParamValue('vertDim', 4, @(x)isnumeric(x) && x<=20));
```

Just after this, call the `parse` method to parse and validate the inputs. MATLAB puts the results of the parse into a property named `Results`:

```
p.parse(filename, format, varargin{:});
p.Results
```

Save and execute the file, passing the required and any number of the optional input arguments. Examining `p.Results` displays the name of each input as a field, and the value of each input as the value of that field:

```
photoPrint('myPhoto', 'tiff', 'flat', 'RGB', ...
           'horizDim', 10, 'vertDim', 8)

The following inputs have been received and validated:
    colorCode: 'RGB'
     filename: 'myPhoto'
       finish: 'flat'
       format: 'tiff'
     horizDim: 10
      vertDim: 8
```

See Also

`inputParser`, `addOptional(inputParser)`, `addParamValue(inputParser)`, `parse(inputParser)`, `createCopy(inputParser)`

Purpose

Add data sample to `timeseries` object

Syntax

```
ts = addsample(ts,'Field1',Value1,'Field2',Value2,...)
ts = addsample(ts,s)
```

Description

`ts = addsample(ts,'Field1',Value1,'Field2',Value2,...)` adds one or more data samples to the `timeseries` object `ts`, where one field must specify `Time` and another must specify `Data`. You can also specify the following optional property-value pairs:

- `'Quality'` — Array of data quality codes
- `'OverwriteFlag'` — Logical value that controls whether to overwrite a data sample at the same time with the new sample you are adding to your `timeseries` object. When set to `true`, the new sample overwrites the old sample at the same time.

`ts = addsample(ts,s)` adds one or more new samples stored in a structure `s` to the `timeseries` object `ts`. You must define the fields of the structure `s` before passing it as an argument to `addsample` by assigning values to the following optional `s` fields:

- `s.data`
- `s.time`
- `s.quality`
- `s.overwriteflag`

Remarks

A time-series *data sample* consists of one or more values recorded at a specific time. The number of data samples in a time series is the same as the length of the time vector.

The `Time` value must be a valid time vector.

Suppose that `N` is the number of samples. The sample size of each time series is given by `SampleSize = getsamplesize(ts)`. When ts.IsTimeFirst is true, the size of the data is N-by-SampleSize. When ts.IsTimeFirst is false, the size of the data is SampleSize-by-N.

Examples

Add a data value of 420 at time 3.

```
ts = ts.addsample('Time',3,'Data',420);
```

Add a data value of 420 at time 3 and specify quality code 1 for this data value. Set the flag to overwrite an existing value at time 3.

```
ts = ts.addsample('Data',3.2,'Quality',1,'OverwriteFlag',...
        true,'Time',3);
```

See Also

delsample, getdatasamplesize, tsprops

Purpose

Add sample to `tscollection` object

Syntax

```
tsc = addsampletocollection(tsc,'time',Time,TS1Name,TS1Data,
   TSnName,TSnData)
```

Description

`tsc = addsampletocollection(tsc,'time',Time,TS1Name,TS1Data, TSnName,TSnData)` adds data samples `TSnData` to the collection member `TSnName` in the `tscollection` object `tsc` at one or more `Time` values. Here, `TSnName` is the string that represents the name of a time series in `tsc`, and `TSnData` is an array containing data samples.

Remarks

If you do not specify data samples for a time-series member in tsc, that time-series member will contain missing data at the times given by Time (for numerical time-series data), `NaN` values, or (for logical time-series data) `false` values.

When a time-series member requires `Quality` values, you can specify data quality codes together with the data samples by using the following syntax:

```
tsc = addsampletocollection(tsc,'time',time,TS1Name,...
         ts1cellarray,TS2Name,ts2cellarray,...)
```

Specify data in the first cell array element and `Quality` in the second cell array element.

Note If a time-series member already has `Quality` values but you only provide data samples, `0`s are added to the existing `Quality` array at the times given by `Time`.

Examples

The following example shows how to create a `tscollection` that consists of two `timeseries` objects, where one `timeseries` does not have quality codes and the other does. The final step of the example adds a sample to the `tscollection`.

1 Create two timeseries objects, ts1 and ts2.

```
ts1 = timeseries([1.1 2.9 3.7 4.0 3.0],1:5,...
                 'name','acceleration');
ts2 = timeseries([3.2 4.2 6.2 8.5 1.1],1:5,...
                 'name','speed');
```

2 Define a dictionary of quality codes and descriptions for ts2.

```
ts2.QualityInfo.Code = [0 1];
ts2.QualityInfo.Description = {'bad','good'};
```

3 Assign a quality of code of 1, which is equivalent to 'good', to each data value in ts2.

```
ts2.Quality = ones(5,1);
```

4 Create a time-series collection tsc, which includes time series ts1 and ts2.

```
tsc = tscollection({ts1,ts2});
```

5 Add a data sample to the collection tsc at 3.5 seconds.

```
tsc = addsampletocollection(tsc,'time',3.5,'acceleration',10,'speed',{5 1});
```

The cell array for the timeseries object 'speed' specifies both the data value 5 and the quality code 1.

Note If you do not specify a quality code when adding a data sample to a time series that has quality codes, then the lowest quality code is assigned to the new sample by default.

See Also

delsamplefromcollection, tscollection, tsprops

Purpose

Modify date number by field

Syntax

```
R = addtodate(D, Q, F)
```

Description

`R = addtodate(D, Q, F)` adds quantity `Q` to the indicated date field `F` of a scalar serial date number `D`, returning the updated date number `R`.

The quantity `Q` to be added must be a double scalar whole number, and can be either positive or negative. The date field `F` must be a 1-by-`N` character array equal to one of the following: `'year'`, `'month'`, `'day'`, `'hour'`, `'minute'`, `'second'`, or `'millisecond'`.

If the addition to the date field causes the field to roll over, the MATLAB software adjusts the next more significant fields accordingly. Adding a negative quantity to the indicated date field rolls back the calendar on the indicated field. If the addition causes the field to roll back, MATLAB adjusts the next less significant fields accordingly.

Examples

Modify the hours, days, and minutes of a given date:

```
t = datenum('07-Apr-2008 23:00:00');
datestr(t)
ans =
   07-Apr-2008 23:00:00

t= addtodate(t, 2, 'hour');
datestr(t)
ans =
   08-Apr-2008 01:00:00

t= addtodate(t, -7, 'day');
datestr(t)
ans =
   01-Apr-2008 01:00:00

t= addtodate(t, 59, 'minute');
datestr(t)
ans =
```

```
   01-Apr-2008 01:59:00
```

Adding 20 days to the given date in late December causes the calendar to roll over to January of the next year:

```
R = addtodate(datenum('12/24/2007 12:45'), 20, 'day');

datestr(R)
ans =
   13-Jan-1985 12:45:00
```

See Also

date, datenum, datestr, datevec

Purpose

Add `timeseries` object to `tscollection` object

Syntax

```
tsc = addts(tsc,ts)
tsc = addts(tsc,ts)
tsc = addts(tsc,ts,Name)
tsc = addts(tsc,Data,Name)
```

Description

`tsc = addts(tsc,ts)` adds the `timeseries` object ts to `tscollection` object tsc.

`tsc = addts(tsc,ts)` adds a cell array of `timeseries` objects ts to the `tscollection` tsc.

`tsc = addts(tsc,ts,Name)` adds a cell array of `timeseries` objects ts to `tscollection` tsc. Name is a cell array of strings that gives the names of the `timeseries` objects in `ts`.

`tsc = addts(tsc,Data,Name)` creates a new `timeseries` object from Data with the name Name and adds it to the `tscollection` object tsc. Data is a numerical array and Name is a string.

Remarks

The `timeseries` objects you add to the collection must have the same time vector as the collection. That is, the time vectors must have the same time values and units.

Suppose that the time vector of a `timeseries` object is associated with calendar dates. When you add this `timeseries` to a collection with a time vector without calendar dates, the time vectors are compared based on the units and the values relative to the `StartDate` property. For more information about properties, see the `timeseries` reference page.

Examples

The following example shows how to add a time series to a time-series collection:

1. Create two `timeseries` objects, `ts1` and `ts2`.

```
ts1 = timeseries([1.1 2.9 3.7 4.0 3.0],1:5,...
                 'name','acceleration');
```

```
ts2 = timeseries([3.2 4.2 6.2 8.5 1.1],1:5,...
                 'name','speed');
```

2 Create a time-series collection `tsc`, which includes `ts1`.

```
tsc = tscollection(ts1);
```

3 Add `ts2` to the `tsc` collection.

```
tsc = addts(tsc, ts2);
```

4 To view the members of `tsc`, type

```
tsc
```

at the MATLAB prompt. the response is

```
Time Series Collection Object: unnamed

Time vector characteristics

      Start time            1 seconds
      End time              5 seconds

Member Time Series Objects:

      acceleration
      speed
```

The members of `tsc` are listed by name at the bottom: `acceleration` and `speed`. These are the `Name` properties of the `timeseries` objects `ts1` and `ts2`, respectively.

See Also

`removets`, `tscollection`

Purpose

Airy functions

Syntax

```
W = airy(Z)
W = airy(k,Z)
[W,ierr] = airy(k,Z)
```

Definition

The Airy functions form a pair of linearly independent solutions to

$$\frac{d^2W}{dZ^2} - ZW = 0.$$

The relationship between the Airy and modified Bessel functions is

$$Ai(Z) = \left[\frac{1}{\pi}\sqrt{\frac{Z}{3}}\right]K_{1/3}(\zeta)$$

$$Bi(Z) = \sqrt{\frac{Z}{3}}\,[I_{-1/3}(\zeta) + I_{1/3}(\zeta)],$$

where

$$\zeta = \frac{2}{3}Z^{3/2}.$$

Description

`W = airy(Z)` returns the Airy function, $Ai(Z)$, for each element of the complex array `Z`.

`W = airy(k,Z)` returns different results depending on the value of `k`.

k	Returns
0	The same result as `airy(Z)`
1	The derivative, $Ai'(Z)$

k	Returns
2	The Airy function of the second kind, $Bi(Z)$
3	The derivative, $Bi'(Z)$

[W,ierr] = airy(k,Z) also returns completion flags in an array the same size as W.

ierr	Description
0	airy successfully computed the Airy function for this element.
1	Illegal arguments.
2	Overflow. Returns Inf.
3	Some loss of accuracy in argument reduction.
4	Unacceptable loss of accuracy, Z too large.
5	No convergence. Returns NaN.

See Also

besseli, besselj, besselk, bessely

References

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Purpose

Align user interface controls (`uicontrols`) and axes

Syntax

```
align(HandleList,'HorizontalAlignment','VerticalAlignment')
Positions = align(HandleList, 'HorizontalAlignment',
   'VerticalAlignment')
Positions = align(CurPositions, 'HorizontalAlignment',
   'VerticalAlignment')
```

Description

`align(HandleList,'HorizontalAlignment','VerticalAlignment')` aligns the `uicontrol` and `axes` objects in `HandleList`, a vector of handles, according to the options `HorizontalAlignment` and `VerticalAlignment`. The following tables show the possible values for `HorizontalAlignment` and `VerticalAlignment`.

`HorizontalAlignment`	Definition
`None`	No horizontal alignment
`Left`	Shifts the objects' left edges to that of the first object selected
`Center`	Shifts objects to center their positions to the average of the extreme *x*-values of the group
`Right`	Shifts the objects' right edges to that of the first object selected
`Distribute`	Equalizes *x*-distances between all objects within the span of the extreme *x*-values
`Fixed`	Spaces objects to have a specified number of points between them in the *y*-direction

`VerticalAlignment`	Definition
`None`	No vertical alignment
`Top`	Shifts the objects' top edges to that of the first object selected

VerticalAlignment	Definition
Middle	Shifts objects to center their positions to the average of the extreme *y*-values of the group
Bottom	Shifts the objects' bottom edges to that of the first object selected
Distribute	Equalizes *y*-distances between all objects within the span of the extreme *y*-values
Fixed	Spaces objects to have a specified number of points between them in the *x*-direction

Aligning objects does not change their absolute sizes. All alignment options align the objects within the bounding box that encloses the objects. `Distribute` and `Fixed` align objects to the bottom left of the bounding box. `Distribute` evenly distributes the objects while `Fixed` distributes the objects with a fixed distance (in points) between them. When you specify both horizontal and vertical distance together, the keywords `'HorizontalAlignment'` and `'VerticalAlignment'` are not necessary.

If you use `Fixed` for `HorizontalAlignment` or `VerticalAlignment`, you must also specify the distance, in points, where 72 points equals 1 inch. For example:

```
align(HandleList,'Fixed',Distance,'VerticalAlignment')
```

distributes the specified components `Distance` points horizontally and aligns them vertically as specified.

```
align(HandleList,'HorizontalAlignment','Fixed',Distance)
```

aligns the specified components horizontally as specified and distributes them `Distance` points vertically.

```
align(HandleList,'Fixed',HorizontalDistance,...
      'Fixed',VerticalDistance)
```

distributes the specified components `HorizontalDistance` points horizontally and distributes them `VerticalDistance` points vertically.

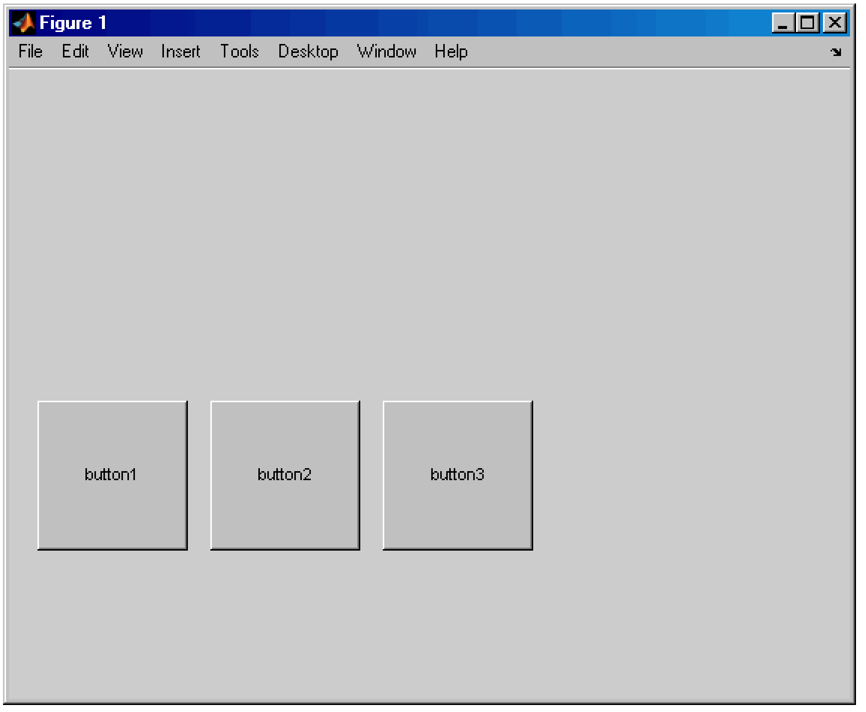
`Positions = align(HandleList, 'HorizontalAlignment', 'VerticalAlignment')` returns updated positions for the specified objects as a vector of `Position` vectors. The position of the objects on the figure does not change.

`Positions = align(CurPositions, 'HorizontalAlignment', 'VerticalAlignment')` returns updated positions for the objects whose positions are contained in `CurPositions`, where `CurPositions` is a vector of `Position` vectors. The position of the objects on the figure does not change.

Examples

Create a GUI with three buttons and use `align` to line up the buttons.

```
% Create a figure window and one button object:
f=figure;
u1 = uicontrol('Style','push', 'parent', f,'pos',...
[20 100 100 100],'string','button1');
% Create two more button objects, not aligned with
% each other or any part of the figure window:
u2 = uicontrol('Style','push', 'parent', f,'pos',...
[150 250 100 100],'string','button2');
u3 = uicontrol('Style','push', 'parent', f,'pos',...
[250 100 100 100],'string','button3');
% Align the button objects with the bottom of the first
% button object, equalizing the distance between the
% objects within the span of the extreme x-values:
align([u1 u2 u3],'distribute','bottom');
```



Alternatives

See “Alignment Tool — Aligning and Distributing Objects” for the GUI alternative.

See Also

`uicontrol` | `uistack`

Purpose

Set or query axes alpha limits

Syntax

```
alpha_limits = alim
alim([amin amax])
alim_mode = alim('mode')
alim('alim_mode')
alim(axes_handle,...)
```

Description

`alpha_limits = alim` returns the alpha limits (`ALim` property) of the current axes.

`alim([amin amax])` sets the alpha limits to the specified values. `amin` is the value of the data mapped to the first alpha value in the alphamap, and `amax` is the value of the data mapped to the last alpha value in the alphamap. Data values in between are linearly interpolated across the alphamap, while data values outside are clamped to either the first or last alphamap value, whichever is closest.

`alim_mode = alim('mode')` returns the alpha limits mode (`ALimMode` property) of the current axes.

`alim('alim_mode')` sets the alpha limits mode on the current axes. `alim_mode` can be

- `auto` — MATLAB automatically sets the alpha limits based on the alpha data of the objects in the axes.
- `manual` — MATLAB does not change the alpha limits.

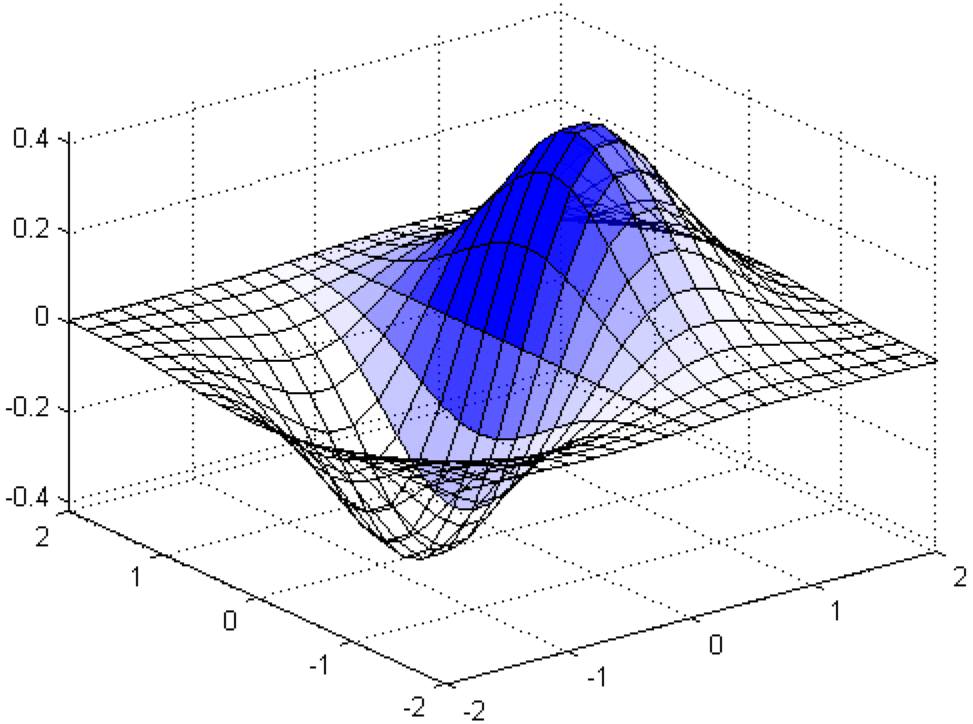
`alim(axes_handle,...)` operates on the specified axes.

Examples

Map transparency to a surface plot of `z`-data and change the `alim` property to make all values below zero transparent:

```
[x,y] = meshgrid([-2:.2:2]);
z = x.*exp(-x.^2-y.^2);
% Plot the data, using the gradient of z as
% the alphamap:
surf(x,y,z+.001,'FaceAlpha','flat',...
```

```
'AlphaDataMapping','scaled',...
'AlphaData',gradient(z),...
'FaceColor','blue');
axis tight
% Adjust the alim property to see only where
% the gradient is between 0 and 0.15:
alim([0 .15])
```



See Also

alpha | alphamap | caxis | Axes: ALim | Axes: ALimMode | Surface: AlphaData | Patch: FaceVertexAlphaData

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Purpose

Determine whether all array elements are nonzero or `true`

Syntax

```
B = all(A)
B = all(A, dim)
```

Description

`B = all(A)` tests whether *all* the elements along various dimensions of an array are nonzero or logical `1` (`true`).

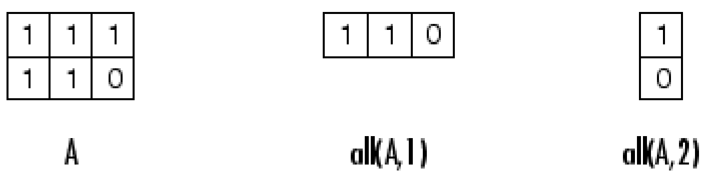
If `A` is empty, `all(A)` returns logical `1` (`true`).

If `A` is a vector, `all(A)` returns logical `1` (`true`) if all the elements are nonzero and returns logical `0` (`false`) if one or more elements are zero.

If `A` is a matrix, `all(A)` treats the columns of `A` as vectors, returning a row vector of logical `1`'s and `0`'s.

If `A` is a multidimensional array, `all(A)` treats the values along the first nonsingleton dimension as vectors, returning a logical condition for each vector.

`B = all(A, dim)` tests along the dimension of `A` specified by scalar *`dim`*.



Examples

Given

```
A = [0.53 0.67 0.01 0.38 0.07 0.42 0.69]
```

then `B = (A < 0.5)` returns logical `1` (`true`) only where `A` is less than one half:

```
0    0    1    1    1    1    0
```

The `all` function reduces such a vector of logical conditions to a single condition. In this case, `all(B)` yields `0`.

This makes `all` particularly useful in `if` statements:

```
if all(A < 0.5)
    do something
end
```

where code is executed depending on a single condition, not a vector of possibly conflicting conditions.

Applying the `all` function twice to a matrix, as in `all(all(A))`, always reduces it to a scalar condition.

```
all(all(eye(3)))
ans =
   0
```

See Also

`any`, logical operators (elementwise and short-circuit), relational operators, `colon`

Other functions that collapse an array's dimensions include `max`, `mean`, `median`, `min`, `prod`, `std`, `sum`, and `trapz`.

Purpose Find all children of specified objects

Syntax

```
child_handles = allchild(handle_list)
```

Description `child_handles = allchild(handle_list)` returns the list of all children (including ones with hidden handles) for each handle. If `handle_list` is a single element, `allchild` returns the output in a vector. If `handle_list` is a vector of handles, the output is a cell array.

Examples Compare the results these two statements return:

```
axes
get(gca,'Children')
allchild(gca)
```

See Also `findall` | `findobj`

alpha

Purpose

Set transparency properties for objects in current axes

Syntax

```
alpha
alpha(object_handle,value)
alpha(face_alpha)
alpha(alpha_data)
alpha(alpha_data)
alpha(alpha_data_mapping)
```

Description

`alpha` sets one of three transparency properties, depending on what arguments you specify with the call to this function. For available arguments, see Inputs.

`alpha(object_handle,value)` sets the transparency property only on the object identified by `object_handle`.

Input Arguments

Face Alpha

`alpha(face_alpha)` sets the `FaceAlpha` property of all image, patch, and surface objects in the current axes. You can set `face_alpha` to

scalar	Set the `FaceAlpha` property to the specified value (for images, set the `AlphaData` property to the specified value).
`'flat'`	Set the `FaceAlpha` property to `flat`.
`'interp'`	Set the `FaceAlpha` property to `interp`.
`'texture'`	Set the `FaceAlpha` property to `texture`.
`'opaque'`	Set the `FaceAlpha` property to `1`.
`'clear'`	Set the `FaceAlpha` property to `0`.

See "Specifying Transparency" for more information.

AlphaData (Surface Objects)

`alpha(alpha_data)` sets the `AlphaData` property of all surface objects in the current axes. You can set `alpha_data` to

matrix the same size as `CData`	Set the `AlphaData` property to the specified values.
`'x'`	Set the `AlphaData` property to be the same as `XData`.
`'y'`	Set the `AlphaData` property to be the same as `YData`.
`'z'`	Set the `AlphaData` property to be the same as `ZData`.
`'color'`	Set the `AlphaData` property to be the same as `CData`.
`'rand'`	Set the `AlphaData` property to a matrix of random values equal in size to `CData`.

AlphaData (Image Objects)

`alpha(alpha_data)` sets the `AlphaData` property of all image objects in the current axes. You can set `alpha_data` to

matrix the same size as `CData`	Set the `AlphaData` property to the specified value.
`'x'`	Ignored.
`'y'`	Ignored.
`'z'`	Ignored.
`'color'`	Set the `AlphaData` property to be the same as `CData`.
`'rand'`	Set the `AlphaData` property to a matrix of random values equal in size to `CData`.

AlphaDataMapping

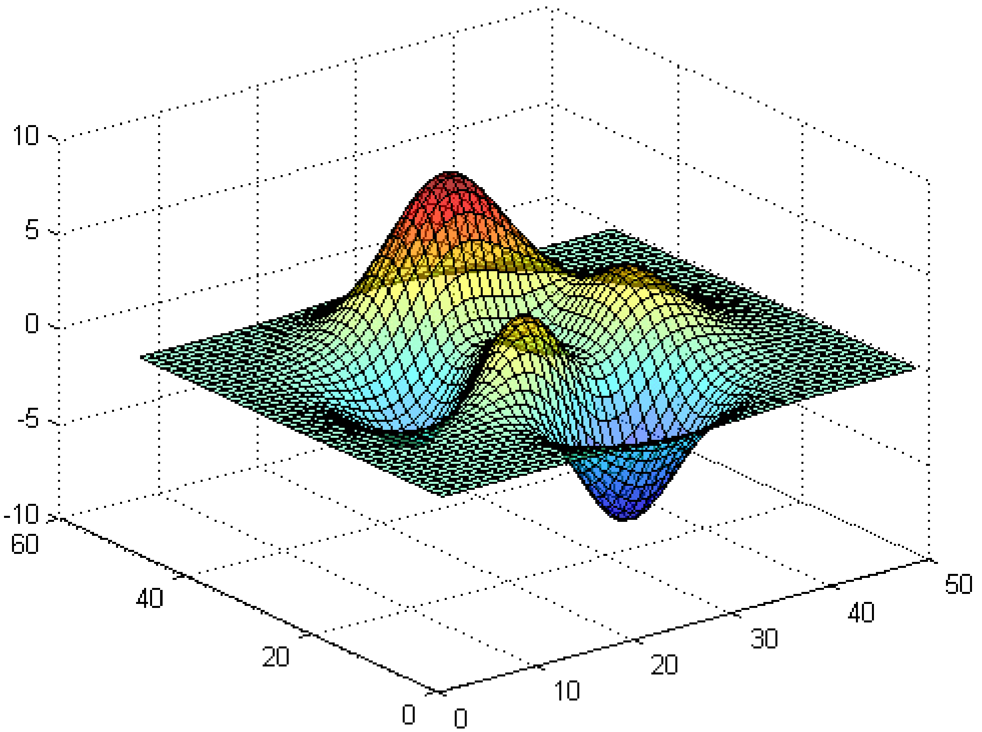
`alpha(alpha_data_mapping)` sets the `AlphaDataMapping` property of all image, patch, and surface objects in the current axes. You can set `alpha_data_mapping` to

`'scaled'`	Set the `AlphaDataMapping` property to `scaled`.
`'direct'`	Set the `AlphaDataMapping` property to `direct`.
`'none'`	Set the `AlphaDataMapping` property to `none`.

Examples

Create a surface plot and change its transparency using `alpha`:

```
surf(peaks);
alpha(0.5);
```



See Also

`alim` | `alphamap` | Image: `AlphaData` | Image: `AlphaDataMapping` | Patch: `FaceAlpha` | Patch: `FaceVertexAlphaData` | Patch: `AlphaDataMapping` | Surface: `FaceAlpha` | Surface: `AlphaData` | Surface: `AlphaDataMapping`

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alphamap

Purpose

Specify figure alphamap (transparency)

Syntax

```
alphamap(alpha_map)
alphamap('parameter')
alphamap('parameter',length)
alphamap('parameter',delta)
alphamap(figure_handle,...)
alpha_map = alphamap
alpha_map = alphamap(figure_handle)
alpha_map = alphamap('parameter')
```

Description

`alphamap(alpha_map)` sets the `AlphaMap` of the current figure to the specified m-by-1 array of alpha values, `alpha_map`.

`alphamap('parameter')` creates a new alphamap or modifies the current alphamap. You can specify the following parameters:

- `'default'` — Set the `AlphaMap` property to the figure's default alphamap.
- `'rampup'` — Create a linear alphamap with increasing opacity (default `length` equals the current alphamap length).
- `'rampdown'` — Create a linear alphamap with decreasing opacity (default `length` equals the current alphamap length).
- `'vup'` — Create an alphamap that is opaque in the center and becomes more transparent linearly towards the beginning and end (default `length` equals the current alphamap length).
- `'vdown'` — Create an alphamap that is transparent in the center and becomes more opaque linearly towards the beginning and end (default `length` equals the current alphamap length).
- `'increase'` — Modify the alphamap making it more opaque (default `delta` is `.1`, added to the current values).
- `'decrease'` — Modify the alphamap making it more transparent (default `delta` is `.1`, subtracted from the current values).

- 'spin' — Rotate the current alphamap (default delta is 1; delta must be an integer).

alphamap('parameter',length) creates a new alphamap with the length specified by the integer length (used with parameters 'rampup', 'rampdown', 'vup', 'vdown').

alphamap('parameter',delta) modifies the existing alphamap using the value specified by the integer delta (used with parameters 'increase', 'decrease', 'spin').

alphamap(figure_handle,...) performs the operation on the alphamap of the figure identified by figure_handle.

alpha_map = alphamap returns the current alphamap.

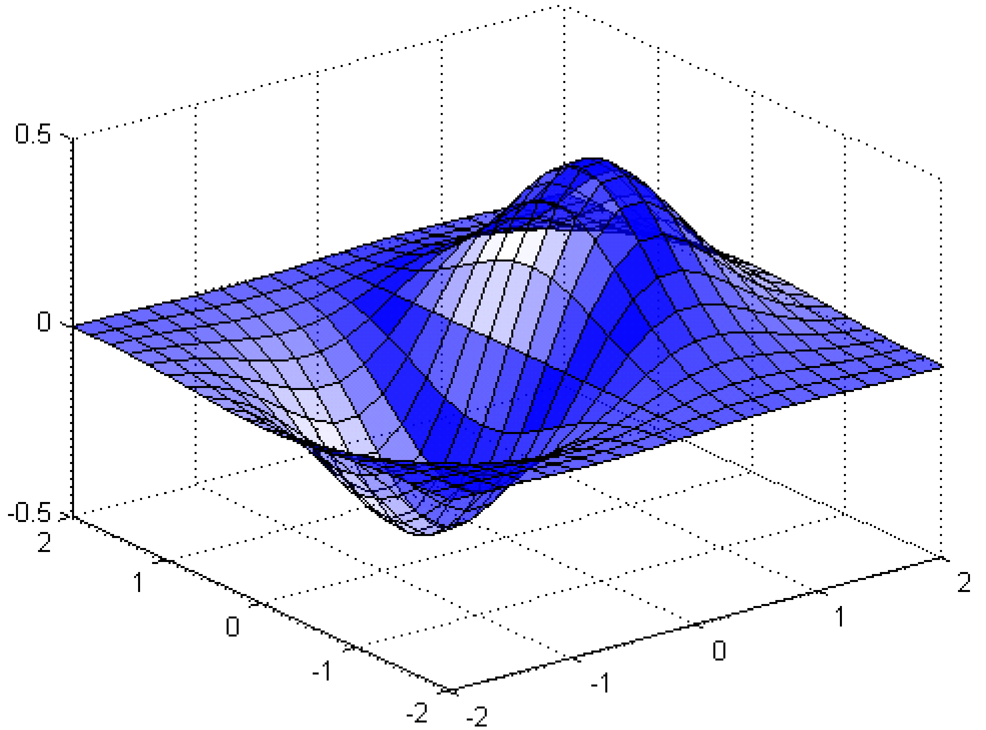
alpha_map = alphamap(figure_handle) returns the current alphamap from the figure identified by figure_handle.

alpha_map = alphamap('parameter') returns the alphamap modified by the parameter, but does not set the AlphaMap property.

Examples

Create a surface plot and change the alphamap

```
[x,y] = meshgrid([-2:.2:2]);
z = x.*exp(-x.^2-y.^2);
% Plot the data, using the gradient of z as
% the alphamap:
surf(x,y,z+.001,'FaceAlpha','flat',...
'AlphaDataMapping','scaled',...
'AlphaData',gradient(z),...
'FaceColor','blue');
% Change the alphamap to be opaque at the middle and
% transparent towards the ends:
alphamap('vup')
```



See Also `alim` | `alpha` | Image: `AlphaData` | Image: `AlphaDataMapping` | Patch: `FaceAlpha` | Patch: `FaceVertexAlphaData` | Patch: `AlphaDataMapping` | Surface: `FaceAlpha` | Surface: `AlphaData` | Surface: `AlphaDataMapping`

Tutorials

- "Manipulating Transparency"

Purpose

Approximate minimum degree permutation

Syntax

```
P = amd(A)
P = amd(A,opts)
```

Description

`P = amd(A)` returns the approximate minimum degree permutation vector for the sparse matrix `C = A + A'`. The Cholesky factorization of `C(P,P)` or `A(P,P)` tends to be sparser than that of `C` or `A`. The `amd` function tends to be faster than `symamd`, and also tends to return better orderings than `symamd`. Matrix `A` must be square. If `A` is a full matrix, then `amd(A)` is equivalent to `amd(sparse(A))`.

`P = amd(A,opts)` allows additional options for the reordering. The `opts` input is a structure with the two fields shown below. You only need to set the fields of interest:

- **dense** — A nonnegative scalar value that indicates what is considered to be dense. If A is n-by-n, then rows and columns with more than `max(16,(dense*sqrt(n)))` entries in `A + A'` are considered to be "dense" and are ignored during the ordering. MATLAB software places these rows and columns last in the output permutation. The default value for this field is 10.0 if this option is not present.
- **aggressive** — A scalar value controlling aggressive absorption. If this field is set to a nonzero value, then aggressive absorption is performed. This is the default if this option is not present.

MATLAB software performs an assembly tree post-ordering, which is typically the same as an elimination tree post-ordering. It is not always identical because of the approximate degree update used, and because "dense" rows and columns do not take part in the post-order. It well-suited for a subsequent `chol` operation, however, If you require a precise elimination tree post-ordering, you can use the following code:

```
P = amd(S);
C = spones(S)+spones(S'); % Skip this line if S is already symmetri
[ignore, Q] = etree(C(P,P));
```

```
P = P(Q);
```

Examples

This example constructs a sparse matrix and computes a two Cholesky factors: one of the original matrix and one of the original matrix preordered by amd. Note how much sparser the Cholesky factor of the preordered matrix is compared to the factor of the matrix in its natural ordering:

```
A = gallery('wathen',50,50);
p = amd(A);
L = chol(A,'lower');
Lp = chol(A(p,p),'lower');

figure;
subplot(2,2,1);    spy(A);
title('Sparsity structure of A');

subplot(2,2,2); spy(A(p,p));
title('Sparsity structure of AMD ordered A');

subplot(2,2,3); spy(L);
title('Sparsity structure of Cholesky factor of A');

subplot(2,2,4); spy(Lp);
title('Sparsity structure of Cholesky factor of AMD ordered A');

set(gcf,'Position',[100 100 800 700]);
```

See Also

colamd, colperm, symamd, symrcm, /

References

AMD Version 1.2 is written and copyrighted by Timothy A. Davis, Patrick R. Amestoy, and Iain S. Duff. It is available at http://www.cise.ufl.edu/research/sparse/amd.

The authors of the code for symamd are Stefan I. Larimore and Timothy A. Davis (davis@cise.ufl.edu), University of Florida. The algorithm was developed in collaboration with John Gilbert, Xerox PARC, and Esmond Ng, Oak Ridge National Laboratory. Sparse Matrix Algorithms Research at the University of Florida: `http://www.cise.ufl.edu/research/sparse/`

Purpose

Ancestor of graphics object

Syntax

```
p = ancestor(h,type)
p = ancestor(h,type,'toplevel')
```

Description

`p = ancestor(h,type)` returns the handle of the closest ancestor of `h`, if the ancestor is one of the types of graphics objects specified by `type`. `type` can be:

- a string that is the name of a single type of object. For example, `'figure'`
- a cell array containing the names of multiple objects. For example, `{'hgtransform','hggroup','axes'}`

If MATLAB cannot find an ancestor of `h` that is one of the specified types, then `ancestor` returns `p` as empty. When `ancestor` searches the hierarchy, it includes the object itself in the search. Therefore, if the object with handle `h` if of one of the types listed in `type`, `ancestor` will return object `h`.

`ancestor` returns `p` as empty but does not issue an error if `h` is not the handle of a Handle Graphics object.

`p = ancestor(h,type,'toplevel')` returns the highest-level ancestor of `h`, if this type appears in the `type` argument.

Examples

Find the ancestors of a line object:

```
% Create some line objects and parent them
% to an hggroup object.
hgg = hggroup;
hgl = line(randn(5),randn(5),'Parent',hgg);
% Now get the ancestor of the lines:
p = ancestor(hgg,{'figure','axes','hggroup'});
get(p,'Type')
% Now get the top-level ancestor:
ptop=ancestor(hgg,{'figure','axes','hggroup'},'toplevel');
```

```
get(ptop,'type')
```

See Also

`findobj`

Purpose Find logical AND of array or scalar inputs

Syntax

```
A & B & ...
and(A, B)
```

Description `A & B & ...` performs a logical AND of all input arrays `A`, `B`, etc., and returns an array containing elements set to either logical 1 (`true`) or logical 0 (`false`). An element of the output array is set to 1 if all input arrays contain a nonzero element at that same array location. Otherwise, that element is set to 0.

Each input of the expression can be an array or can be a scalar value. All nonscalar input arrays must have equal dimensions. If one or more inputs are an array, then the output is an array of the same dimensions. If all inputs are scalar, then the output is scalar.

If the expression contains both scalar and nonscalar inputs, then each scalar input is treated as if it were an array having the same dimensions as the other input arrays. In other words, if input `A` is a 3-by-5 matrix and input `B` is the number 1, then `B` is treated as if it were a 3-by-5 matrix of ones.

`and(A, B)` is called for the syntax `A & B` when either `A` or `B` is an object.

Note The symbols `&` and `&&` perform different operations in the MATLAB software. The element-wise AND operator described here is `&`. The short-circuit AND operator is `&&`.

Examples If matrix `A` is

```
    0.4235    0.5798         0    0.7942         0
    0.5155         0    0.7833    0.0592    0.8744
    0.3340         0         0         0    0.0150
    0.4329    0.6405    0.6808    0.0503         0
```

and matrix `B` is

```
        0     1     0     1     0
        1     1     1     0     1
        0     1     1     1     0
        0     1     0     0     1
```

then

```
A & B
ans =
        0     1     0     1     0
        1     0     1     0     1
        0     0     0     0     0
        0     1     0     0     0
```

See Also

`bitand`, `or`, `xor`, `not`, `any`, `all`, logical operators, logical types, bitwise functions

angle

Purpose

Phase angle

Syntax

```
P = angle(Z)
```

Description

`P = angle(Z)` returns the phase angles, in radians, for each element of complex array `Z`. The angles lie between $\pm\pi$.

For complex `Z`, the magnitude `R` and phase angle `theta` are given by

```
R = abs(Z)
theta = angle(Z)
```

and the statement

```
Z = R.*exp(i*theta)
```

converts back to the original complex `Z`.

Examples

```
Z = [ 1 - 1i   2 + 1i   3 - 1i   4 + 1i
      1 + 2i   2 - 2i   3 + 2i   4 - 2i
      1 - 3i   2 + 3i   3 - 3i   4 + 3i
      1 + 4i   2 - 4i   3 + 4i   4 - 4i ]

P = angle(Z)

P =
   -0.7854    0.4636   -0.3218    0.2450
    1.1071   -0.7854    0.5880   -0.4636
   -1.2490    0.9828   -0.7854    0.6435
    1.3258   -1.1071    0.9273   -0.7854
```

Algorithm

The `angle` function can be expressed as `angle(z) = imag(log(z)) = atan2(imag(z),real(z))`.

See Also

`abs`, `atan2`, `unwrap`

Purpose

Create annotation objects

Syntax

```
annotation(annotation_type)
annotation('line',x,y)
annotation('arrow',x,y)
annotation('doublearrow',x,y)
annotation('textarrow',x,y)
annotation('textbox',[x y w h])
annotation('ellipse',[x y w h])
annotation('rectangle',[x y w h])
annotation(figure_handle,...)
annotation(...,'PropertyName',PropertyValue,...)
anno_obj_handle = annotation(...)
```

Description

`annotation(`*`annotation_type`*`)` creates the specified annotation type using default values for all properties. *`annotation_type`* can be one of the following strings:

- `'line'`
- `'arrow'`
- `'doublearrow'` (two-headed arrow),
- `'textarrow'` (arrow with attached text box),
- `'textbox'`
- `'ellipse'`
- `'rectangle'`

`annotation('line',x,y)` creates a line annotation object that extends from the point defined by `x(1)`,`y(1)` to the point defined by `x(2)`,`y(2)`, specified in normalized figure units.

`annotation('arrow',x,y)` creates an arrow annotation object that extends from the point defined by `x(1)`,`y(1)` to the point defined by `x(2)`,`y(2)`, specified in normalized figure units.

`annotation('doublearrow',x,y)` creates a two-headed annotation object that extends from the point defined by `x(1),y(1)` to the point defined by `x(2),y(2)`, specified in normalized figure units.

`annotation('textarrow',x,y)` creates a textarrow annotation object that extends from the point defined by `x(1),y(1)` to the point defined by `x(2),y(2)`, specified in normalized figure units. The tail end of the arrow is attached to an editable text box.

`annotation('textbox',[x y w h])` creates an editable text box annotation with its lower left corner at the point `x,y`, a width `w`, and a height `h`, specified in normalized figure units. Specify `x`, `y`, `w`, and `h` in a single vector.

To type in the text box, enable plot edit mode (`plotedit`) and double-click within the box.

`annotation('ellipse',[x y w h])` creates an ellipse annotation with the lower left corner of the bounding rectangle at the point `x,y`, a width `w`, and a height `h`, specified in normalized figure units. Specify `x`, `y`, `w`, and `h` in a single vector.

`annotation('rectangle',[x y w h])` creates a rectangle annotation with the lower left corner of the rectangle at the point `x,y`, a width `w`, and a height `h`, specified in normalized figure units. Specify `x`, `y`, `w`, and `h` in a single vector.

`annotation(figure_handle,...)` creates the annotation in the specified figure.

`annotation(...,'PropertyName',PropertyValue,...)` creates the annotation and sets the specified properties to the specified values.

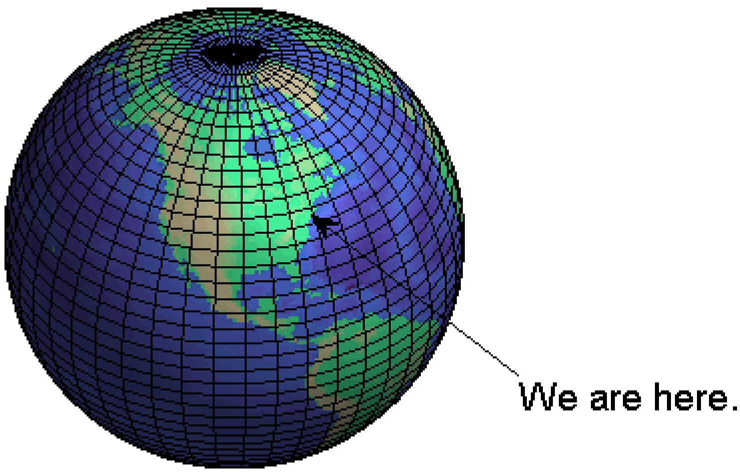
`anno_obj_handle = annotation(...)` returns the handle to the annotation object.

Examples

Create a globe with a `textarrow` annotation object showing where MathWorks headquarters is:

```
% Create a sphere and color it using a topographic colormap:
```

```
cla reset;
load topo;
[x y z] = sphere(45);
s = surface(x,y,z,'FaceColor','texturemap','CData',topo);
colormap(topomap1);
% Brighten the colormap for better annotation visibility:
brighten(.6)
% Create and arrange the camera and lighting for better visibility:
campos([2 13 10]);
camlight;
lighting gouraud;
axis off vis3d;
% Set the x- and y-coordinates of the textarrow object:
x = [0.7698 0.5851];
y = [0.3593 0.5492];
% Create the textarrow object:
txtar =  annotation('textarrow',x,y,'String','We are
here.','FontSize',14);
```



Alternatives

Create several types of annotations with the Figure Palette and modify annotations with the Property Editor, components of the plotting tools.

Directly manipulate annotations in `plot edit` mode. For details, see "How to Annotate Graphs" and "Working in Plot Edit Mode" in the MATLAB Graphics documentation.

See Also

`Annotation Arrow Properties` | `Annotation Doublearrow Properties` | `Annotation Ellipse Properties` | `Annotation Line Properties` | `Annotation Rectangle Properties` | `Annotation Textarrow Properties` | `Annotation Textbox Properties`

How To

- "Annotating Graphs"
- "Annotation Objects"

Purpose

Define annotation arrow properties

Modifying Properties

You can set and query annotation object properties using the `set` and `get` functions and the Property Editor (displayed with the `propertyeditor` command).

Use the `annotation` function to create annotation objects and obtain their handles. For an example of its use, see "Positioning Annotations in Data Space" in the MATLAB Graphics documentation.

Annotation Arrow Property Descriptions

Properties You Can Modify

This section lists the properties you can modify on an annotation arrow object.

`Color`

ColorSpec

Color of the object. A three-element RGB vector or one of the MATLAB predefined names, specifying the object's color.

See the `ColorSpec` reference page for more information on specifying color.

`HeadLength`

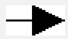
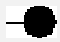
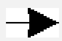
scalar value in points

Length of the arrowhead. Specify this property in points (1 point = 1/72 inch). See also `HeadWidth`.

`HeadStyle`

select string from list

Style of the arrowhead. Specify this property as one of the strings from the following table.

Head Style String	Head	Head Style String	Head
`none`		`star4`	
`plain`		`rectangle`	
`ellipse`		`diamond`	
`vback1`		`rose`	
`vback2` (Default)		`hypocycloid`	
`vback3`		`astroid`	
`cback1`		`deltoid`	
`cback2`			
`cback3`			

`HeadWidth`

scalar value in points

Width of the arrowhead. Specify this property in points (1 point = 1/72 inch). See also `HeadLength`.

`LineStyle`

`{-} | -- | : | -. | none`

Line style. This property specifies the line style of the object. Available line styles are shown in the following table.

Specifier String	Line Style
`-`	Solid line (default)
`--`	Dashed line
`:`	Dotted line
`-.`	Dash-dot line
`none`	No line

`LineWidth`
scalar

The width of linear objects and edges of filled areas. Specify this value in points (1 point = $^1/_{72}$ inch). The default `LineWidth` is 0.5 points.

`Position`
four-element vector [x, y, width, height]

Size and location of the object. Specify the lower left corner of the object with the first two elements of the vector defining the point *x, y* in units normalized to the figure (when `Units` property is `normalized`). The third and fourth elements specify the object's *dx* and *dy*, respectively, in units normalized to the figure.

`Units`
`{normalized} | inches | centimeters | characters | points | pixels`

position units. MATLAB uses this property to determine the units used by the `Position` property. All positions are measured from the lower left corner of the figure window. Normalized units interpret `Position` as a fraction of the width and height of the parent axes. When you resize the axes, MATLAB modifies the size of the object accordingly. `pixels`, `inches`, `centimeters`, and `points` are absolute units (1 point = 1/72 inch). Units of `characters` are based on the size of characters in the default system font. The width of one character unit is the width of the letter x, the height of one character unit is the distance between the baselines of two lines of text.

`X`

vector [X_{begin} X_{end}]

X-coordinates of the beginning and ending points for line. Specify this property as a vector of *x*-axis (horizontal) values that specify the beginning and ending points of the line, units normalized to the figure.

`Y`

vector [Y_{begin} Y_{end}]

Y-coordinates of the beginning and ending points for line. Specify this property as a vector of *y*-axis (vertical) values that specify the beginning and ending points of the line, units normalized to the figure.

See Also

`annotation`

Purpose

Define annotation doublearrow properties

Modifying Properties

You can set and query annotation object properties using the `set` and `get` functions and the Property Editor (displayed with the `propertyeditor` command).

Use the `annotation` function to create annotation objects and obtain their handles. For an example of its use, see "Positioning Annotations in Data Space" in the MATLAB Graphics documentation.

Annotation Doublearrow Property Descriptions

Properties You Can Modify

This section lists the properties you can modify on an annotation doublearrow object.

`Color`

ColorSpec

Color of the object. A three-element RGB vector or one of the MATLAB predefined names, specifying the object's color.

See the `ColorSpec` reference page for more information on specifying color.

`Head1Length`

scalar value in points

Length of the first arrowhead. Specify this property in points (1 point = 1/72 inch). See also `Head1Width`.

The first arrowhead is located at the end defined by the point `x(1)`, `y(1)`. See also the `X` and `Y` properties.

`Head2Length`

scalar value in points

Length of the second arrowhead. Specify this property in points (1 point = 1/72 inch). See also `Head1Width`.

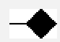
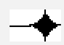
The first arrowhead is located at the end defined by the point `x(end)`, `y(end)`. See also the `X` and `Y` properties.

`Head1Style`
select string from list

Style of the first arrowhead. Specify this property as one of the strings from the following table

`Head2Style`
select string from list

Style of the second arrowhead. Specify this property as one of the strings from the following table.

Head Style String	Head	Head Style String	Head
`none`		`star4`	
`plain`		`rectangle`	
`ellipse`		`diamond`	
`vback1`		`rose`	
`vback2` (Default)		`hypocycloid`	
`vback3`		`astroid`	
`cback1`		`deltoid`	

Head Style String	Head	Head Style String	Head
cback2			
cback3			

Head1Width
scalar value in points

Width of the first arrowhead. Specify this property in points (1 point = 1/72 inch). See also Head1Length.

Head2Width
scalar value in points

Width of the second arrowhead. Specify this property in points (1 point = 1/72 inch). See also Head2Length.

LineStyle
{-} | -- | : | -. | none

Line style. This property specifies the line style of the object. Available line styles are shown in the following table.

Specifier String	Line Style
-	Solid line (default)
--	Dashed line
:	Dotted line
-.	Dash-dot line
none	No line

`LineWidth`
scalar

The width of linear objects and edges of filled areas. Specify this value in points (1 point = $^1/_{72}$ inch). The default `LineWidth` is 0.5 points.

`Position`
four-element vector [x, y, width, height]

Size and location of the object. Specify the lower left corner of the object with the first two elements of the vector defining the point *x, y* in units normalized to the figure (when `Units` property is `normalized`). The third and fourth elements specify the object's *dx* and *dy*, respectively, in units normalized to the figure.

`Units`
`{normalized} | inches | centimeters | characters | points | pixels`

position units. MATLAB uses this property to determine the units used by the `Position` property. All positions are measured from the lower left corner of the figure window. Normalized units interpret `Position` as a fraction of the width and height of the parent axes. When you resize the axes, MATLAB modifies the size of the object accordingly. `pixels`, `inches`, `centimeters`, and `points` are absolute units (1 point = 1/72 inch). Units of `characters` are based on the size of characters in the default system font. The width of one character unit is the width of the letter x, the height of one character unit is the distance between the baselines of two lines of text.

`X`
vector [X_{begin} X_{end}]

X-coordinates of the beginning and ending points for line. Specify this property as a vector of *x*-axis (horizontal) values that specify the beginning and ending points of the line, units normalized to the figure.

`Y`

vector [Y_{begin} Y_{end}]

Y-coordinates of the beginning and ending points for line. Specify this property as a vector of *y*-axis (vertical) values that specify the beginning and ending points of the line, units normalized to the figure.

See Also `annotation`

Annotation Ellipse Properties

Purpose

Define annotation ellipse properties

Modifying Properties

You can set and query annotation object properties using the `set` and `get` functions and the Property Editor (displayed with the `propertyeditor` command).

Use the `annotation` function to create annotation objects and obtain their handles. For an example of its use, see "Positioning Annotations in Data Space" in the MATLAB Graphics documentation.

Annotation Ellipse Property Descriptions

Properties You Can Modify

This section lists the properties you can modify on an annotation ellipse object.

`EdgeColor`

ColorSpec `{[0 0 0]} | none |`

Color of the object's edges. A three-element RGB vector or one of the MATLAB predefined names, specifying the edge color.

See the `ColorSpec` reference page for more information on specifying color.

`FaceColor`

`{flat} | none | ColorSpec`

Color of filled areas. This property can be any of the following:

- `ColorSpec` — A three-element RGB vector or one of the MATLAB predefined names, specifying a single color for all filled areas. See `ColorSpec` for more information on specifying color.
- `none` — Do not draw faces. Note that `EdgeColor` is drawn independently of `FaceColor`
- `flat` — The color of the filled areas is determined by the figure colormap. See `colormap` for information on setting the colormap.

See the `ColorSpec` reference page for more information on specifying color.

`LineStyle`
`{-} | -- | : | -. | none`

Line style. This property specifies the line style of the object. Available line styles are shown in the following table.

Specifier String	Line Style
`-`	Solid line (default)
`--`	Dashed line
`:`	Dotted line
`-.`	Dash-dot line
`none`	No line

`LineWidth`
scalar

The width of linear objects and edges of filled areas. Specify this value in points (1 point = $^1/_{72}$ inch). The default `LineWidth` is 0.5 points.

`Position`
four-element vector [x, y, width, height]

Size and location of the object. Specify the lower left corner of the object with the first two elements of the vector defining the point *x, y* in units normalized to the figure (when `Units` property is `normalized`). The third and fourth elements specify the object's *dx* and *dy*, respectively, in units normalized to the figure.

`Units`
`{normalized} | inches | centimeters | characters | points | pixels`

position units. MATLAB uses this property to determine the units used by the `Position` property. All positions are measured from the lower left corner of the figure window. Normalized units interpret `Position` as a fraction of the width and height of the parent axes. When you resize the axes, MATLAB modifies the size of the object accordingly. `pixels`, `inches`, `centimeters`, and `points` are absolute units (1 point = 1/72 inch). Units of `characters` are based on the size of characters in the default system font. The width of one character unit is the width of the letter x, the height of one character unit is the distance between the baselines of two lines of text.

See Also

`annotation`

Purpose

Define annotation line properties

Modifying Properties

You can set and query annotation object properties using the `set` and `get` functions and the Property Editor (displayed with the `propertyeditor` command).

Use the `annotation` function to create annotation objects and obtain their handles. For an example of its use, see "Positioning Annotations in Data Space" in the MATLAB Graphics documentation.

Annotation Line Property Descriptions

Properties You Can Modify

This section lists the properties you can modify on an annotation line object.

`Color`

ColorSpec

Color of the object. A three-element RGB vector or one of the MATLAB predefined names, specifying the object's color.

See the `ColorSpec` reference page for more information on specifying color.

`LineStyle`

`{-} | -- | : | -. | none`

Line style. This property specifies the line style of the object. Available line styles are shown in the following table.

Specifier String	Line Style
`-`	Solid line (default)
`--`	Dashed line
`:`	Dotted line

Specifier String	Line Style
`-.`	Dash-dot line
`none`	No line

`LineWidth`

scalar

The width of linear objects and edges of filled areas. Specify this value in points (1 point = $^1/_{72}$ inch). The default `LineWidth` is 0.5 points.

`Position`

four-element vector [x, y, width, height]

Size and location of the object. Specify the lower left corner of the object with the first two elements of the vector defining the point *x, y* in units normalized to the figure (when `Units` property is `normalized`). The third and fourth elements specify the object's *dx* and *dy*, respectively, in units normalized to the figure.

`Units`

`{normalized} | inches | centimeters | characters | points | pixels`

position units. MATLAB uses this property to determine the units used by the `Position` property. All positions are measured from the lower left corner of the figure window. Normalized units interpret `Position` as a fraction of the width and height of the parent axes. When you resize the axes, MATLAB modifies the size of the object accordingly. `pixels`, `inches`, `centimeters`, and `points` are absolute units (1 point = 1/72 inch). Units of `characters` are based on the size of characters in the default system font. The width of one character unit is the width of the letter x, the height of one character unit is the distance between the baselines of two lines of text.

`X`

vector [X_{begin} X_{end}]

X-coordinates of the beginning and ending points for line. Specify this property as a vector of *x*-axis (horizontal) values that specify the beginning and ending points of the line, units normalized to the figure.

`Y`

vector [Y_{begin} Y_{end}]

Y-coordinates of the beginning and ending points for line. Specify this property as a vector of *y*-axis (vertical) values that specify the beginning and ending points of the line, units normalized to the figure.

See Also

`annotation`

Purpose

Define annotation rectangle properties

Modifying Properties

You can set and query annotation object properties using the `set` and `get` functions and the Property Editor (displayed with the `propertyeditor` command).

Use the `annotation` function to create annotation objects and obtain their handles. For an example of its use, see "Positioning Annotations in Data Space" in the MATLAB Graphics documentation.

Annotation Rectangle Property Descriptions

Properties You Can Modify

This section lists the properties you can modify on an annotation rectangle object.

`EdgeColor`

ColorSpec `{[0 0 0]} | none |`

Color of the object's edges. A three-element RGB vector or one of the MATLAB predefined names, specifying the edge color.

See the `ColorSpec` reference page for more information on specifying color.

`FaceAlpha`

Scalar alpha value in range [0 1]

Transparency of object background. This property defines the degree to which the object's background color is transparent. A value of `1` (the default) makes to color opaque, a value of `0` makes the background completely transparent (i.e., invisible). The default FaceAlpha is `1`.

`FaceColor`

`{flat} | none | ColorSpec`

Color of filled areas. This property can be any of the following:

- `ColorSpec` — A three-element RGB vector or one of the MATLAB predefined names, specifying a single color for all filled areas. See `ColorSpec` for more information on specifying color.
- `none` — Do not draw faces. Note that `EdgeColor` is drawn independently of `FaceColor`
- `flat` — The color of the filled areas is determined by the figure colormap. See `colormap` for information on setting the colormap.

  See the `ColorSpec` reference page for more information on specifying color.

`LineStyle`

`{-} | -- | : | -. | none`

Line style. This property specifies the line style of the object. Available line styles are shown in the following table.

Specifier String	Line Style
`-`	Solid line (default)
`--`	Dashed line
`:`	Dotted line
`-.`	Dash-dot line
`none`	No line

`LineWidth`

scalar

The width of linear objects and edges of filled areas. Specify this value in points (1 point = $^1/_{72}$ inch). The default `LineWidth` is 0.5 points.

`Position`

four-element vector [x, y, width, height]

Size and location of the object. Specify the lower left corner of the object with the first two elements of the vector defining the point *x, y* in units normalized to the figure (when `Units` property is `normalized`). The third and fourth elements specify the object's *dx* and *dy*, respectively, in units normalized to the figure.

`Units`

`{normalized} | inches | centimeters | characters | points | pixels`

position units. MATLAB uses this property to determine the units used by the `Position` property. All positions are measured from the lower left corner of the figure window. Normalized units interpret `Position` as a fraction of the width and height of the parent axes. When you resize the axes, MATLAB modifies the size of the object accordingly. `pixels`, `inches`, `centimeters`, and `points` are absolute units (1 point = 1/72 inch). Units of `characters` are based on the size of characters in the default system font. The width of one character unit is the width of the letter x, the height of one character unit is the distance between the baselines of two lines of text.

See Also `annotation`

Purpose

Define annotation textarrow properties

Modifying Properties

You can set and query annotation object properties using the `set` and `get` functions and the Property Editor (displayed with the `propertyeditor` command).

Use the `annotation` function to create annotation objects and obtain their handles. For an example of its use, see "Positioning Annotations in Data Space" in the MATLAB Graphics documentation.

Annotation Textarrow Property Descriptions

Properties You Can Modify

This section lists the properties you can modify on an annotation textarrow object.

`Color`

ColorSpec Default: [0 0 0]

Color of the arrow, text and text border. A three-element RGB vector or one of the MATLAB predefined names, specifying the color of the arrow, the color of the text (`TextColor` property), and the rectangle enclosing the text (`TextEdgeColor` property).

Setting the `Color` property also sets the `TextColor` and `TextEdgeColor` properties to the same color. However, if the value of the `TextEdgeColor` is `none`, it remains `none` and the text box is not displayed. You can set `TextColor` or `TextEdgeColor` independently without affecting other properties.

For example, if you want to create a textarrow with a red arrow and black text in a black box, you must

1. Set the `Color` property to red — `set(h,'Color','r')`
2. Set the `TextColor` to black — `set(h,'TextColor','k')`
3. Set the `TextEdgeColor` to black .— `set(h,'TextEdgeColor','k')`

If you do not want display the text box, set the `TextEdgeColor` to `none`.

See the `ColorSpec` reference page for more information on specifying color.

`FontAngle`
`{normal} | italic | oblique`

Character slant. MATLAB uses this property to select a font from those available on your particular system. Generally, setting this property to `italic` or `oblique` selects a slanted font.

`FontName`
A name, such as `Helvetica`

Font family. A string specifying the name of the font to use for the text. To display and print properly, this font must be supported on your system. The default font is `Helvetica`.

`FontSize`
size in points

Approximate size of text characters. A value specifying the font size to use in points. The default size is 10 (1 point = 1/72 inch).

`FontUnits`
`{points} | normalized | inches | centimeters | pixels`

Font size units. MATLAB uses this property to determine the units used by the `FontSize` property. Normalized units interpret `FontSize` as a fraction of the height of the parent axes. When you resize the axes, MATLAB modifies the screen `FontSize` accordingly. `pixels`, `inches`, `centimeters`, and `points` are absolute units (1 point = 1/72 inch).

`FontWeight`
`light | {normal} | demi | bold`

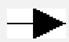
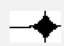
Weight of text characters. MATLAB uses this property to select a font from those available on your system. Generally, setting this property to `bold` or `demi` causes MATLAB to use a bold font.

`HeadLength`
scalar value in points

Length of the arrowhead. Specify this property in points (1 point = 1/72 inch). See also `HeadWidth`.

`HeadStyle`
select string from list

Style of the arrowhead. Specify this property as one of the strings from the following table.

Head Style String	Head	Head Style String	Head
`none`		`star4`	
`plain`		`rectangle`	
`ellipse`		`diamond`	
`vback1`		`rose`	
`vback2` (Default)		`hypocycloid`	
`vback3`		`astroid`	
`cback1`		`deltoid`	

Head Style String	Head	Head Style String	Head
cback2			
cback3			

`HeadWidth`
scalar value in points

Width of the arrowhead. Specify this property in points (1 point = 1/72 inch). See also `HeadLength`.

`HorizontalAlignment`
`{left} | center | right`

Horizontal alignment of text. This property specifies the horizontal justification of the text string. It determines where MATLAB places the string horizontally with regard to the points specified by the `Position` property.

`Interpreter`
latex | `{tex} | none`

Interpret TeX instructions. This property controls whether MATLAB interprets certain characters in the `String` property as TeX instructions (default) or displays all characters literally. The options are:

- `latex` — Supports a basic subset of the LaTeX markup language.
- `tex` — Supports a subset of plain TeX markup language. See the `String` property for a list of supported TeX instructions.
- `none` — Displays literal characters.

`LineStyle`

`{-} | -- | : | -. | none`

Line style. This property specifies the line style of the object. Available line styles are shown in the following table.

Specifier String	Line Style
`-`	Solid line (default)
`--`	Dashed line
`:`	Dotted line
`-.`	Dash-dot line
`none`	No line

`LineWidth`

scalar

The width of linear objects and edges of filled areas. Specify this value in points (1 point = $^1/_{72}$ inch). The default `LineWidth` is 0.5 points.

`Position`

four-element vector [x, y, width, height]

Size and location of the object. Specify the lower left corner of the object with the first two elements of the vector defining the point *x, y* in units normalized to the figure (when `Units` property is `normalized`). The third and fourth elements specify the object's *dx* and *dy*, respectively, in units normalized to the figure.

`String`

string

The text string. Specify this property as a quoted string for single-line strings, or as a cell array of strings, or a padded string matrix for multiline strings. MATLAB displays this string at the specified location. Vertical slash characters are not interpreted as line breaks in text strings, and are drawn as part of the text string. See Mathematical Symbols, Greek Letters, and TeX Characters for an example.

When the text `Interpreter` property is set to `Tex` (the default), you can use a subset of TeX commands embedded in the string to produce special characters such as Greek letters and mathematical symbols. The following table lists these characters and the character sequences used to define them.

Character Sequence	Symbol	Character Sequence	Symbol	Character Sequence	Symbol
`\alpha`	α	`\upsilon`	υ	`\sim`	~
`\beta`	β	`\phi`	Φ	`\leq`	≤
`\gamma`	γ	`\chi`	χ	`\infty`	∞
`\delta`	δ	`\psi`	ψ	`\clubsuit`	♣
`\epsilon`	ε	`\omega`	ω	`\diamondsuit`	♦
`\zeta`	ζ	`\Gamma`	Γ	`\heartsuit`	♥
`\eta`	η	`\Delta`	Δ	`\spadesuit`	♠
`\theta`	Θ	`\Theta`	Θ	`\leftrightarrow`	↔
`\vartheta`		`\Lambda`	Λ	`\leftarrow`	←
`\iota`	ι	`\Xi`	Ξ	`\uparrow`	↑
`\kappa`	κ	`\Pi`	Π	`\rightarrow`	→
`\lambda`	λ	`\Sigma`	Σ	`\downarrow`	↓
`\mu`	µ	`\Upsilon`		`\circ`	º
`\nu`	ν	`\Phi`	Φ	`\pm`	±

Character Sequence	Symbol	Character Sequence	Symbol	Character Sequence	Symbol
\xi	ξ	\Psi	Ψ	\geq	≥
\pi	π	\Omega	Ω	\propto	∝
\rho	ρ	\forall	∀	\partial	∂
\sigma	σ	\exists	∃	\bullet	•
\varsigma	ς	\ni	∍	\div	÷
\tau	τ	\cong	≅	\neq	≠
\equiv	≡	\approx	≈	\aleph	
\Im	ℑ	\Re	ℜ	\wp	℘
\otimes	⊗	\oplus	⊕	\oslash	∅
\cap	∩	\cup	∪	\supseteq	⊇
\supset	⊃	\subseteq	⊆	\subset	⊂
\int	∫	\in		\o	ο
\rfloor	⌋	\lceil	⌈	\nabla	∇
\lfloor	⌊	\cdot	·	\ldots	...
\perp	⊥	\neg	¬	\prime	′
\wedge	∧	\times	x	\0	∅
\rceil	⌉	\surd	√	\mid	|
\vee	∨	\varpi	ϖ	\copyright	©
\langle	∠	\rangle	∠		

You can also specify stream modifiers that control font type and color. The first four modifiers are mutually exclusive. However, you can use `\fontname` in combination with one of the other modifiers:

`TextBackgroundColor`
`ColorSpec` Default: `none`

Color of text background rectangle. A three-element RGB vector or one of the MATLAB predefined names, specifying the arrow color.

See the `ColorSpec` reference page for more information on specifying color.

`TextColor`
`ColorSpec` Default: `[0 0 0]`

Color of text. A three-element RGB vector or one of the MATLAB predefined names, specifying the arrow color.

See the `ColorSpec` reference page for more information on specifying color. Setting the `Color` property also sets this property.

`TextEdgeColor`
`ColorSpec` or `none` Default: `none`

Color of edge of text rectangle. A three-element RGB vector or one of the MATLAB predefined names, specifying the color of the rectangle that encloses the text.

See the `ColorSpec` reference page for more information on specifying color. Setting the `Color` property also sets this property.

`TextLineWidth`
width in points

The width of the text rectangle edge. Specify this value in points (1 point = $^1/_{72}$ inch). The default `TextLineWidth` is 0.5 points.

`TextMargin`
dimension in pixels default: 5

Space around text. Specify a value in pixels that defines the space around the text string, but within the rectangle.

`TextRotation`
rotation angle in degrees (default = 0)

Text orientation. This property determines the orientation of the text string. Specify values of rotation in degrees (positive angles cause counterclockwise rotation). Angles are absolute and not relative to previous rotations; a rotation of 0 degrees is always horizontal.

`Units`
`{normalized} | inches | centimeters | characters | points | pixels`

position units. MATLAB uses this property to determine the units used by the `Position` property. All positions are measured from the lower left corner of the figure window. Normalized units interpret `Position` as a fraction of the width and height of the parent axes. When you resize the axes, MATLAB modifies the size of the object accordingly. `pixels`, `inches`, `centimeters`, and `points` are absolute units (1 point = 1/72 inch). Units of `characters` are based on the size of characters in the default system font. The width of one character unit is the width of the letter x, the height of one character unit is the distance between the baselines of two lines of text.

`VerticalAlignment`
`top | cap | {middle} | baseline | bottom`

Vertical alignment of text. This property specifies the vertical justification of the text string. It determines where MATLAB places the string vertically with regard to the points specified by the `Position` property.

Note that `top` and `cap` both place the text at the top, while `baseline` and `bottom` both align the text on the bottom.

`X`

vector [X_{begin} X_{end}]

X-coordinates of the beginning and ending points for line. Specify this property as a vector of *x*-axis (horizontal) values that specify the beginning and ending points of the line, units normalized to the figure.

`Y`

vector [Y_{begin} Y_{end}]

Y-coordinates of the beginning and ending points for line. Specify this property as a vector of *y*-axis (vertical) values that specify the beginning and ending points of the line, units normalized to the figure.

See Also `annotation`

Purpose

Define annotation textbox properties

Modifying Properties

You can set and query annotation object properties using the `set` and `get` functions and the Property Editor (displayed with the `propertyeditor` command).

Use the `annotation` function to create annotation objects and obtain their handles. For an example of its use, see “Positioning Annotations in Data Space” in the MATLAB Graphics documentation.

Annotation Textbox Property Descriptions

Properties You Can Modify

This section lists the properties you can modify on an annotation textbox object.

`BackgroundColor`

`ColorSpec` Default: `none`

Color of text background rectangle. A three-element RGB vector or one of the MATLAB predefined names, specifying the rectangle background color. The default value is `'none'`.

See the `ColorSpec` reference page for more information on specifying color.

`Color`

`ColorSpec`

Text color. A three-element RGB vector or one of the predefined names, specifying the text color. The default value is black. See `ColorSpec` for more information on specifying color.

`EdgeColor`

`ColorSpec` or `none` Default: `none`

Color of edge of text rectangle. A three-element RGB vector or one of the MATLAB predefined names, specifying the color of the rectangle that encloses the text.

See the ColorSpec reference page for more information on specifying color. Setting the Color property also sets this property.

FaceAlpha
Scalar alpha value in range [0 1]

Transparency of object background. This property defines the degree to which the object's background color is transparent. A value of 1 (the default) makes to color opaque, a value of 0 makes the background completely transparent (i.e., invisible). The default FaceAlpha is 1.

FitBoxToText
on | off

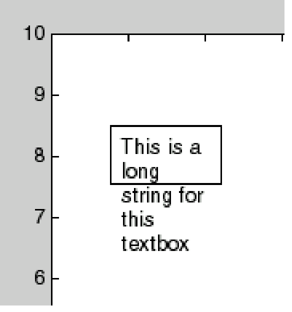
Automatically adjust text box width and height to fit text. When this property is on (the default), MATLAB automatically resizes textboxes to fit the *x*-extents and *y*-extents of the text strings they contain. When it is off, text strings are wrapped to fit the width of their textboxes, which can cause them to extend below the bottom of the box.

If you resize a textbox in plot edit mode or change the width or height of its position property directly, MATLAB sets the object's FitBoxToText property to 'off'. You can toggle this property with set, with the Property Inspector, or in plot edit mode via the object's context menu.

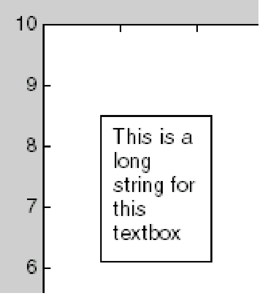
FitHeightToText
on | off

Automatically adjust text box width and height to fit text. MATLAB automatically wraps text strings to fit the width of the text box. However, if the text string is long enough, it can extend beyond the bottom of the text box.

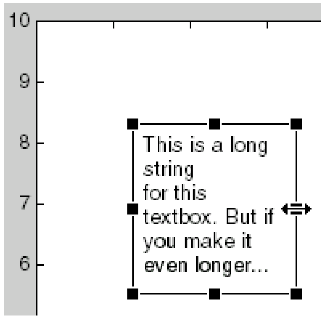
Note The `FitHeightToText` property is obsolete. To control line wrapping behavior in textboxes, use `fitBoxToText` instead.



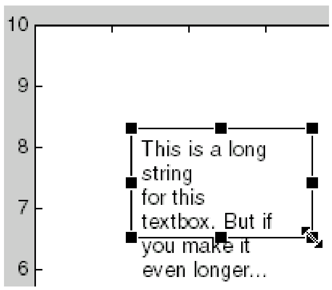
When you set this mode to `on`, MATLAB automatically adjusts the height of the text box to accommodate the string, doing so as you create or edit the string.



The fit-size-to-text behavior turns off if you resize the text box programmatically or manually in plot edit mode.



However, if you resize the text box from any other handles, the position you set is honored without regard to how the text fits the box.



`FontAngle`
`{normal} | italic | oblique`

Character slant. MATLAB uses this property to select a font from those available on your particular system. Generally, setting this property to `italic` or `oblique` selects a slanted font.

`FontName`
A name, such as `Helvetica`

Font family. A string specifying the name of the font to use for the text. To display and print properly, this font must be supported on your system. The default font is `Helvetica`.

`FontSize`
  size in points

  Approximate size of text characters. A value specifying the font size to use in points. The default size is 10 (1 point = 1/72 inch).

`FontUnits`
  `{points} | normalized | inches | centimeters | pixels`

  Font size units. MATLAB uses this property to determine the units used by the `FontSize` property. Normalized units interpret `FontSize` as a fraction of the height of the parent axes. When you resize the axes, MATLAB modifies the screen `FontSize` accordingly. `pixels`, `inches`, `centimeters`, and `points` are absolute units (1 point = 1/72 inch).

`FontWeight`
  `light | {normal} | demi | bold`

  Weight of text characters. MATLAB uses this property to select a font from those available on your system. Generally, setting this property to `bold` or `demi` causes MATLAB to use a bold font.

`HorizontalAlignment`
  `{left} | center | right`

  Horizontal alignment of text. This property specifies the horizontal justification of the text string within the textbox. It determines where MATLAB places the string horizontally with regard to the points specified by the `Position` property.

`Interpreter`
  latex | `{tex} | none`

  Interpret T_EX instructions. This property controls whether MATLAB interprets certain characters in the `String` property as T_EX instructions (default) or displays all characters literally. The options are:

- `latex` — Supports a basic subset of the LaTeX markup language.
- `tex` — Supports a subset of plain TeX markup language. See the `String` property for a list of supported TeX instructions.
- `none` — Displays literal characters.

`LineStyle`
`{-} | -- | : | -. | none`

Line style. This property specifies the line style of the object. Available line styles are shown in the following table.

Specifier String	Line Style
`-`	Solid line (default)
`--`	Dashed line
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`-.`	Dash-dot line
`none`	No line

`LineWidth`
scalar

The width of linear objects and edges of filled areas. Specify this value in points (1 point = $^{1}/_{72}$ inch). The default `LineWidth` is 0.5 points.

`Margin`
dimension in pixels default: 5

Space around text. Specify a value in pixels that defines the space around the text string, but within the rectangle.

`Position`
four-element vector [x, y, width, height]

Size and location of the object. Specify the lower left corner of the object with the first two elements of the vector defining the point *x, y* in units normalized to the figure (when `Units` property is `normalized`). The third and fourth elements specify the object's *dx* and *dy*, respectively, in units normalized to the figure.

`String`

string

The text string. Specify this property as a quoted string for single-line strings, or as a cell array of strings, or a padded string matrix for multiline strings. MATLAB displays this string at the specified location. Vertical slash characters are not interpreted as line breaks in text strings, and are drawn as part of the text string. See Mathematical Symbols, Greek Letters, and TeX Characters for an example.

When the text `Interpreter` property is set to `Tex` (the default), you can use a subset of TeX commands embedded in the string to produce special characters such as Greek letters and mathematical symbols. The following table lists these characters and the character sequences used to define them.

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\alpha	α	\upsilon	υ	\sim	~
\beta	β	\phi	Φ	\leq	≤
\gamma	γ	\chi	χ	\infty	∞
\delta	δ	\psi	ψ	\clubsuit	♣
\epsilon	ε	\omega	ω	\diamondsuit	♦
\zeta	ζ	\Gamma	Γ	\heartsuit	♥
\eta	η	\Delta	Δ	\spadesuit	♠

Character Sequence	Symbol	Character Sequence	Symbol	Character Sequence	Symbol
\theta	Θ	\Theta	Θ	\leftrightarrow	↔
\vartheta		\Lambda	Λ	\leftarrow	←
\iota	ι	\Xi	Ξ	\uparrow	↑
\kappa	κ	\Pi	Π	\rightarrow	→
\lambda	λ	\Sigma	Σ	\downarrow	↓
\mu	μ	\Upsilon		\circ	º
\nu	ν	\Phi	Φ	\pm	±
\xi	ξ	\Psi	Ψ	\geq	≥
\pi	π	\Omega	Ω	\propto	∝
\rho	ρ	\forall	∀	\partial	∂
\sigma	σ	\exists	∃	\bullet	•
\varsigma	ς	\ni	∍	\div	÷
\tau	τ	\cong	≅	\neq	≠
\equiv	≡	\approx	≈	\aleph	
\Im	ℑ	\Re	ℜ	\wp	℘
\otimes	⊗	\oplus	⊕	\oslash	∅
\cap	∩	\cup	∪	\supseteq	⊇
\supset	⊃	\subseteq	⊆	\subset	⊂
\int	∫	\in		\o	ο
\rfloor	⌋	\lceil	⌈	\nabla	∇
\lfloor	⌊	\cdot	·	\ldots	...
\perp	⊥	\neg	¬	\prime	´

Character Sequence	Symbol	Character Sequence	Symbol	Character Sequence	Symbol
\wedge	∧	\times	x	\0	∅
\rceil	⌉	\surd	√	\mid	|
\vee	∨	\varpi	ϖ	\copyright	©
\langle	∠	\rangle	∠		

You can also specify stream modifiers that control font type and color. The first four modifiers are mutually exclusive. However, you can use `\fontname` in combination with one of the other modifiers:

`Units`

`{normalized} | inches | centimeters | characters | points | pixels`

position units. MATLAB uses this property to determine the units used by the `Position` property. All positions are measured from the lower left corner of the figure window. Normalized units interpret `Position` as a fraction of the width and height of the parent axes. When you resize the axes, MATLAB modifies the size of the object accordingly. `pixels`, `inches`, `centimeters`, and `points` are absolute units (1 point = 1/72 inch). Units of `characters` are based on the size of characters in the default system font. The width of one character unit is the width of the letter x, the height of one character unit is the distance between the baselines of two lines of text.

`VerticalAlignment`

`top | cap | {middle} | baseline | bottom`

Vertical alignment of text. This property specifies the vertical justification of the text string within the textbox. It determines where MATLAB places the string vertically with regard to the points specified by the `Position` property.

Note that `top` and `cap` both place the text at the top of the box, while `baseline` and `bottom` both align the text on the bottom.

See Also `annotation`

Purpose Most recent answer

Syntax

```
ans
```

Description The MATLAB software creates the `ans` variable automatically when you specify no output argument.

Examples The statement

```
2+2
```

is the same as

```
ans = 2+2
```

See Also `display`

Purpose

Determine whether any array elements are nonzero

Syntax

```
B = any(A)
B = any(A,dim)
```

Description

`B = any(A)` tests whether *any* of the elements along various dimensions of an array is a nonzero number or is logical `1` (`true`). The `any` function ignores entries that are `NaN` (Not a Number).

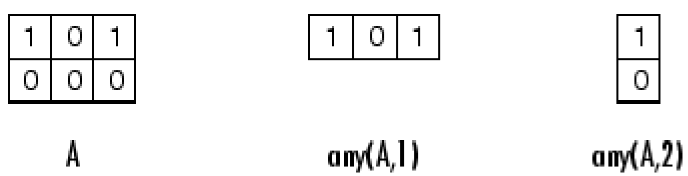
If `A` is empty, `any(A)` returns logical `0` (`false`).

If `A` is a vector, `any(A)` returns logical `1` (`true`) if any of the elements of `A` is a nonzero number or is logical `1` (`true`), and returns logical `0` (`false`) if all the elements are zero.

If `A` is a matrix, `any(A)` treats the columns of `A` as vectors, returning a row vector of logical `1`'s and `0`'s.

If `A` is a multidimensional array, `any(A)` treats the values along the first nonsingleton dimension as vectors, returning a logical condition for each vector.

`B = any(A,dim)` tests along the dimension of `A` specified by scalar `dim`.



Examples

Example 1 – Reducing a Logical Vector to a Scalar Condition

Given

```
A = [0.53 0.67 0.01 0.38 0.07 0.42 0.69]
```

then `B = (A < 0.5)` returns logical `1` (`true`) only where `A` is less than one half:

```
0    0    1    1    1    1    0
```

The `any` function reduces such a vector of logical conditions to a single condition. In this case, `any(B)` yields logical `1`.

This makes `any` particularly useful in `if` statements:

```
if any(A < 0.5)do something
end
```

where code is executed depending on a single condition, not a vector of possibly conflicting conditions.

Example 2– Reducing a Logical Matrix to a Scalar Condition

Applying the `any` function twice to a matrix, as in `any(any(A))`, always reduces it to a scalar condition.

```
any(any(eye(3)))
ans =
   1
```

Example 3 – Testing Arrays of Any Dimension

You can use the following type of statement on an array of any dimensions. This example tests a 3-D array to see if any of its elements are greater than 3:

```
x = rand(3,7,5) * 5;

any(x(:) > 3)
ans =
     1
```

or less than zero:

```
any(x(:) < 0)
ans =
     0
```

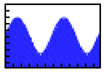
See Also

all, logical operators (elementwise and short-circuit), relational operators, colon

Other functions that collapse an array's dimensions include max, mean, median, min, prod, std, sum, and trapz.

Purpose

Filled area 2-D plot



GUI Alternatives

To graph selected variables, use the Plot Selector 

in the Workspace Browser, or use the Figure Palette Plot Catalog. Manipulate graphs in *plot edit* mode with the Property Editor. For details, see Plotting Tools — Interactive Plotting in the MATLAB Graphics documentation and Creating Graphics from the Workspace Browser in the MATLAB Desktop Tools and Development Environment documentation.

Syntax

```
area(Y)
area(X,Y)
area(...,basevalue)
area(...,'PropertyName',PropertyValue,...)
area(axes_handle,...)
h = area(...)
```

Description

An area graph displays elements in `Y` as one or more curves and fills the area beneath each curve. When `Y` is a matrix, the curves are stacked showing the relative contribution of each row element to the total height of the curve at each x interval.

`area(Y)` plots the vector `Y` or the sum of each column in matrix `Y`. The *x*-axis automatically scales to `1:size(Y,1)`.

`area(X,Y)` For vectors `X` and `Y`, `area(X,Y)` is the same as `plot(X,Y)` except that the area between `0` and `Y` is filled. When `Y` is a matrix, `area(X,Y)` plots the columns of `Y` as filled areas. For each `X`, the net result is the sum of corresponding values from the columns of `Y`.

If `X` is a vector, `length(X)` must equal `length(Y)`. If `X` is a matrix, `size(X)` must equal `size(Y)`.

`area(...,basevalue)` specifies the base value for the area fill. The default `basevalue` is `0`. See the `BaseValue` property for more information.

`area(...,'PropertyName',PropertyValue,...)` specifies property name and property value pairs for the patch graphics object created by `area`.

`area(axes_handle,...)` plots into the axes with the handle `axes_handle` instead of into the current axes (`gca`).

`h = area(...)` returns handles of `areaseries` graphics objects.

Creating an area graph of an *m*-by-*n* matrix creates *n* areaseries objects (i.e., one per column), whereas a 1-by-*n* vector creates one areaseries object.

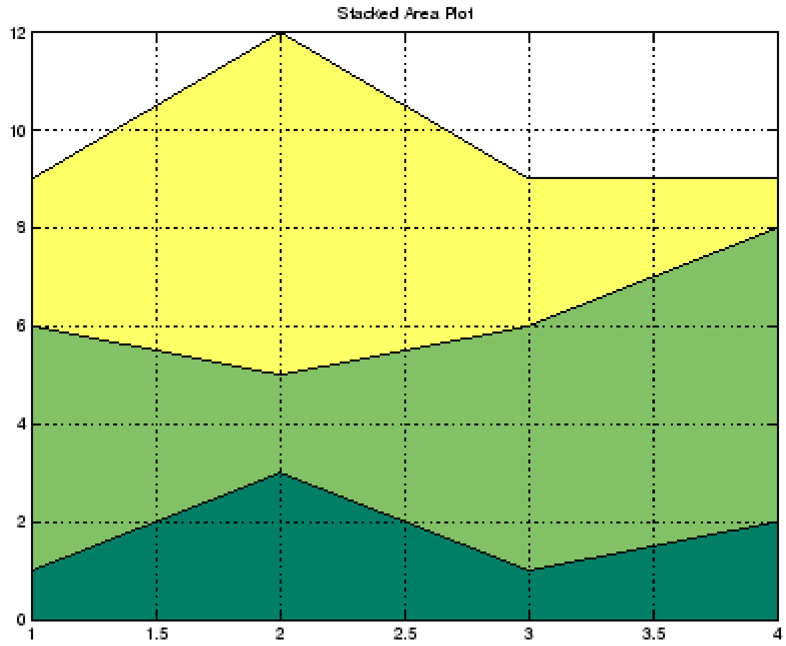
Some areaseries object properties that you set on an individual areaseries object set the values for all areaseries objects in the graph. See the property descriptions for information on specific properties.

Examples

Stacked Area Graph

This example plots the data in the variable `Y` as an area graph. Each subsequent column of `Y` is stacked on top of the previous data. The figure colormap controls the coloring of the individual areas. You can explicitly set the color of an area using the `EdgeColor` and `FaceColor` properties.

```
Y = [1, 5, 3;
 3, 2, 7;
 1, 5, 3;
 2, 6, 1];
area(Y)
grid on
colormap summer
set(gca,'Layer','top')
title 'Stacked Area Plot'
```

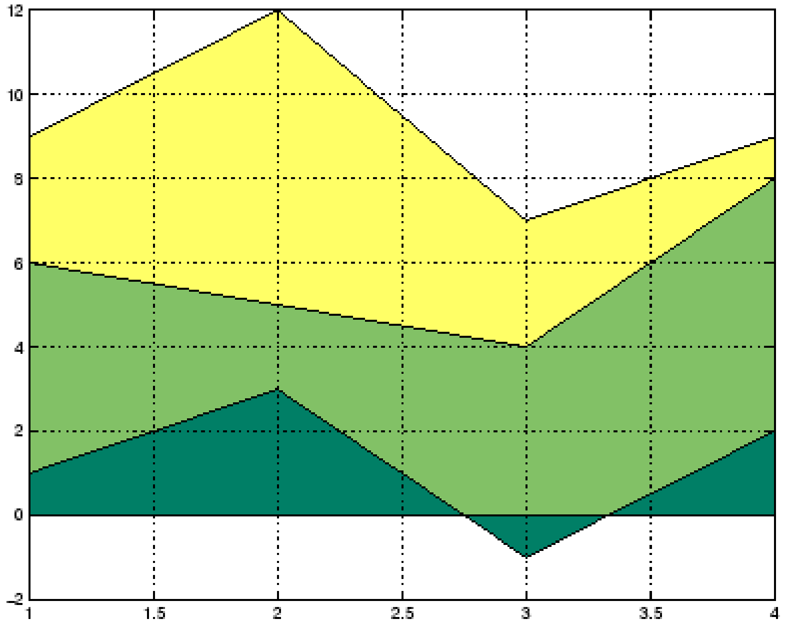


Adjusting the Base Value

The area function uses a *y*-axis value of 0 as the base of the filled areas. You can change this value by setting the area `BaseValue` property. For example, negate one of the values of Y from the previous example and replot the data.

```
Y(3,1) = -1; % Was 1
h = area(Y);
set(gca,'Layer','top')
grid on
colormap summer
```

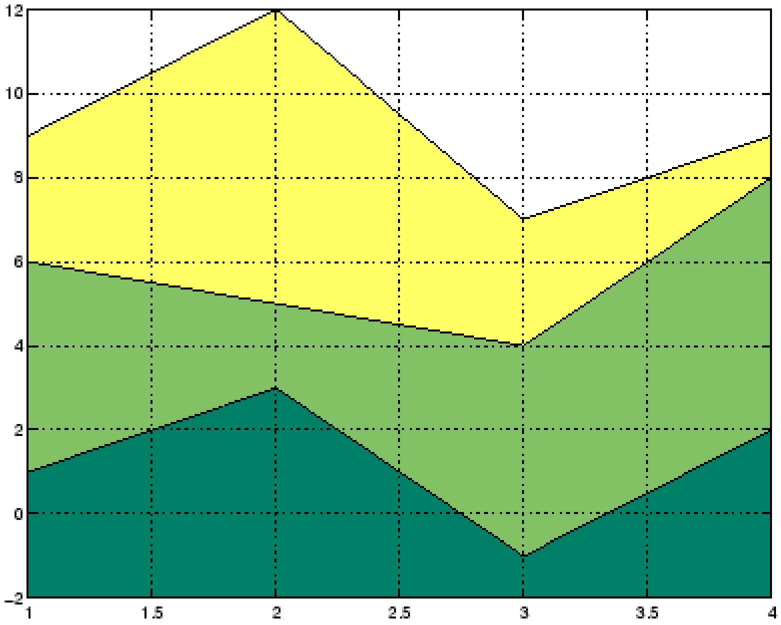
The area graph now looks like this:



Adjusting the `BaseValue` property improves the appearance of the graph:

```
set(h,'BaseValue',-2)
```

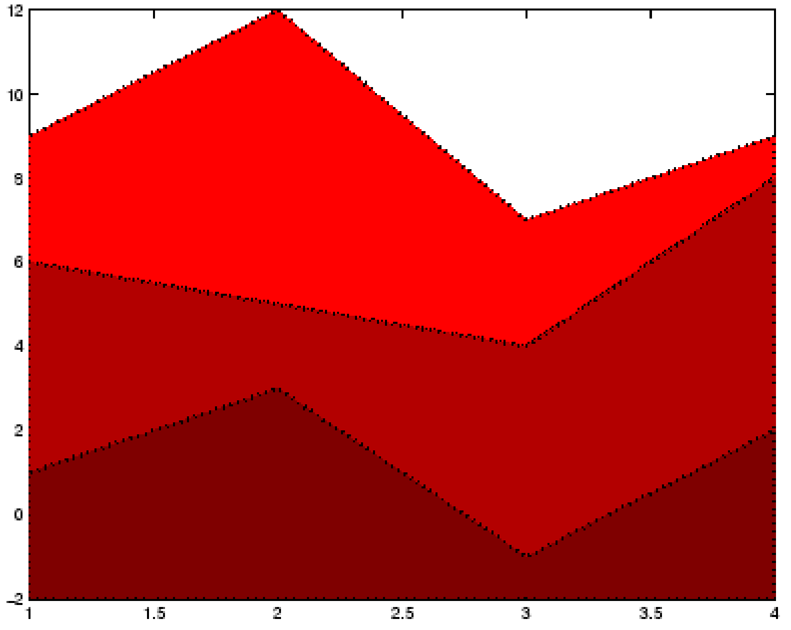
Setting the `BaseValue` property on one areaseries object sets the values of all objects.



Specifying Colors and Line Styles

You can specify the colors of the filled areas and the type of lines used to separate them.

```
h = area(Y,-2); % Set BaseValue via argument
set(h(1),'FaceColor',[.5 0 0])
set(h(2),'FaceColor',[.7 0 0])
set(h(3),'FaceColor',[1 0 0])
set(h,'LineStyle',':','LineWidth',2) % Set
all to same value
```



See Also

`bar`, `plot`, `sort`

"Area, Bar, and Pie Plots" on page 1-98 for related functions

"Area Graphs" for more examples

`Areaseries Properties` for property descriptions

Purpose

Define areaseries properties

Modifying Properties

You can set and query graphics object properties using the `set` and `get` commands or with the property editor (`propertyeditor`).

Note that you cannot define default properties for areaseries objects.

See "Plot Objects" for more information on areaseries objects.

Areaseries Property Descriptions

This section provides a description of properties. Curly braces {} enclose default values.

`Annotation`

`hg.Annotation` object Read Only

Control the display of areaseries objects in legends. The `Annotation` property enables you to specify whether this areaseries object is represented in a figure legend.

Querying the `Annotation` property returns the handle of an `hg.Annotation` object. The `hg.Annotation` object has a property called `LegendInformation`, which contains an `hg.LegendEntry` object.

Once you have obtained the `hg.LegendEntry` object, you can set its `IconDisplayStyle` property to control whether the areaseries object is displayed in a figure legend:

IconDisplayStyle Value	Purpose
`on`	Include the areaseries object in a legend as one entry, but not its children objects
`off`	Do not include the areaseries or its children in a legend (default)
`children`	Include only the children of the areaseries as separate entries in the legend

Setting the IconDisplayStyle Property

These commands set the `IconDisplayStyle` of a graphics object with handle `hobj` to `children`, which causes each child object to have an entry in the legend:

```
hAnnotation = get(hobj,'Annotation');
hLegendEntry = get(hAnnotation,'LegendInformation');
set(hLegendEntry,'IconDisplayStyle','children')
```

Using the IconDisplayStyle Property

See "Controlling Legends" for more information and examples.

`BaseValue`

double: *y*-axis value

Value where filled area base is drawn. Specify the value along the *y*-axis at which the MATLAB software draws the baseline of the bottommost filled area.

`BeingDeleted`

`on | {off}` Read Only

This object is being deleted. The `BeingDeleted` property provides a mechanism that you can use to determine if objects are in the process of being deleted. MATLAB sets the `BeingDeleted` property to `on` when the object's delete function callback is called (see the `DeleteFcn` property). It remains set to `on` while the delete function executes, after which the object no longer exists.

For example, an object's delete function might call other functions that act on a number of different objects. These functions might not need to perform actions on objects if the objects are going to be deleted, and therefore, can check the object's `BeingDeleted` property before acting.

`BusyAction`

`cancel | {queue}`

Callback routine interruption. The `BusyAction` property enables you to control how MATLAB handles events that potentially interrupt executing callbacks. If there is a callback function executing, callbacks invoked subsequently always attempt to interrupt it.

If the `Interruptible` property of the object whose callback is executing is set to `on` (the default), then interruption occurs at the next point where the event queue is processed. If the `Interruptible` property is `off`, the `BusyAction` property (of the object owning the executing callback) determines how MATLAB handles the event. The choices are

- `cancel` — Discard the event that attempted to execute a second callback routine.
- `queue` — Queue the event that attempted to execute a second callback routine until the current callback finishes.

`ButtonDownFcn`
string or function handle

Button press callback function. A callback that executes whenever you press a mouse button while the pointer is over this object, but not over another graphics object. See the `HitTestArea` property for information about selecting objects of this type.

See the figure's `SelectionType` property to determine if modifier keys were also pressed.

This property can be

- A string that is a valid MATLAB expression
- The name of a MATLAB file
- A function handle

Set this property to a function handle that references the callback. The expressions execute in the MATLAB workspace.

See "Function Handle Callbacks" for information on how to use function handles to define the callbacks.

`Children`

array of graphics object handles

Children of the bar object. The handle of a patch object that is the child of this object (whether visible or not).

If a child object's `HandleVisibility` property is `callback` or `off`, its handle does not show up in this object's `Children` property. If you want the handle in the `Children` property, set the root `ShowHiddenHandles` property to `on`. For example:

```
set(0,'ShowHiddenHandles','on')
```

`Clipping`

`{on} | off`

Clipping mode. MATLAB clips graphs to the axes plot box by default. If you set `Clipping` to `off`, portions of graphs can be displayed outside the axes plot box. This can occur if you create a plot object, set `hold` to `on`, freeze axis scaling (`axis manual`), and then create a larger plot object.

`CreateFcn`

string or function handle

Callback routine executed during object creation. This property defines a callback that executes when MATLAB creates an object. You must specify the callback during the creation of the object. For example,

```
graphicfcn(y,'CreateFcn',@CallbackFcn)
```

where `@CallbackFcn` is a function handle that references the callback function and `graphicfcn` is the plotting function which creates this object.

MATLAB executes this routine after setting all other object properties. Setting this property on an existing object has no effect.

The handle of the object whose `CreateFcn` is being executed is accessible only through the root `CallbackObject` property, which you can query using `gcbo`.

See "Function Handle Callbacks" for information on how to use function handles to define the callback function.

`DeleteFcn`
string or function handle

Callback executed during object deletion. A callback that executes when this object is deleted (e.g., this might happen when you issue a `delete` command on the object, its parent axes, or the figure containing it). MATLAB executes the callback before destroying the object's properties so the callback routine can query these values.

The handle of the object whose `DeleteFcn` is being executed is accessible only through the root `CallbackObject` property, which can be queried using `gcbo`.

See "Function Handle Callbacks" for information on how to use function handles to define the callback function.

See the `BeingDeleted` property for related information.

`DisplayName`
string (default is empty string)

String used by legend for this areaseries object. The `legend` function uses the string defined by the `DisplayName` property to label this areaseries object in the legend.

- If you specify string arguments with the `legend` function, `DisplayName` is set to this areaseries object's corresponding string and that string is used for the legend.
- If `DisplayName` is empty, legend creates a string of the form, `['data' n]`, where *n* is the number assigned to the object based on its location in the list of legend entries. However, `legend` does not set `DisplayName` to this string.
- If you edit the string directly in an existing legend, `DisplayName` is set to the edited string.
- If you specify a string for the `DisplayName` property and create the legend using the figure toolbar, then MATLAB uses the string defined by `DisplayName`.
- To add programmatically a legend that uses the `DisplayName` string, call `legend` with the `toggle` or `show` option.

See "Controlling Legends" for more examples.

`EdgeColor`

`{[0 0 0]} | none | ColorSpec`

Color of line that separates filled areas. You can set the color of the edges of filled areas to a three-element RGB vector or one of the MATLAB predefined names, including the string `none`. The default edge color is black. See `ColorSpec` for more information on specifying color.

`EraseMode`

`{normal} | none | xor | background`

Erase mode. This property controls the technique MATLAB uses to draw and erase objects and their children. Alternative erase modes are useful for creating animated sequences, where control of the way individual objects are redrawn is necessary to improve performance and obtain the desired effect.

- normal — Redraw the affected region of the display, performing the three-dimensional analysis necessary to ensure that all objects are rendered correctly. This mode produces the most accurate picture, but is the slowest. The other modes are faster, but do not perform a complete redraw and are therefore less accurate.
- none — Do not erase objects when they are moved or destroyed. While the objects are still visible on the screen after erasing with EraseMode none, you cannot print these objects because MATLAB stores no information about their former locations.
- xor — Draw and erase the object by performing an exclusive OR (XOR) with each pixel index of the screen behind it. Erasing the object does not damage the color of the objects behind it. However, the color of the erased object depends on the color of the screen behind it and it is correctly colored only when it is over the axes background color (or the figure background color if the axes Color property is set to none). That is, it isn't erased correctly if there are objects behind it.
- background — Erase the graphics objects by redrawing them in the axes background color, (or the figure background color if the axes Color property is set to none). This damages other graphics objects that are behind the erased object, but the erased object is always properly colored.

Printing with Nonnormal Erase Modes

MATLAB always prints figures as if the EraseMode of all objects is normal. This means graphics objects created with EraseMode set to none, xor, or background can look different on screen than on paper. On screen, MATLAB can mathematically combine layers of colors (e.g., performing an XOR on a pixel color with that of the pixel behind it) and ignore three-dimensional sorting to obtain greater rendering speed. However, these techniques are not applied to the printed output.

Set the axes background color with the axes `Color` property. Set the figure background color with the figure `Color` property.

You can use the MATLAB `getframe` command or other screen capture applications to create an image of a figure containing nonnormal mode objects.

`FaceColor`
`{flat} | none | ColorSpec`

Color of filled areas. This property can be any of the following:

- `ColorSpec` — A three-element RGB vector or one of the MATLAB predefined names, specifying a single color for all filled areas. See `ColorSpec` for more information on specifying color.
- `none` — Do not draw faces. Note that `EdgeColor` is drawn independently of `FaceColor`
- `flat` — The color of the filled areas is determined by the figure colormap. See `colormap` for information on setting the colormap.

  See the `ColorSpec` reference page for more information on specifying color.

`HandleVisibility`
`{on} | callback | off`

Control access to object's handle by command-line users and GUIs. This property determines when an object's handle is visible in its parent's list of children. `HandleVisibility` is useful for preventing command-line users from accidentally accessing objects that you need to protect for some reason.

- `on` — Handles are always visible when `HandleVisibility` is `on`.
- `callback` — Setting `HandleVisibility` to `callback` causes handles to be visible from within callback routines or functions invoked by callback routines, but not from within functions

invoked from the command line. This provides a means to protect GUIs from command-line users, while allowing callback routines to have access to object handles.

- off — Setting HandleVisibility to off makes handles invisible at all times. This might be necessary when a callback invokes a function that might potentially damage the GUI (such as evaluating a user-typed string) and so temporarily hides its own handles during the execution of that function.

Functions Affected by Handle Visibility

When a handle is not visible in its parent's list of children, it cannot be returned by functions that obtain handles by searching the object hierarchy or querying handle properties. This includes get, findobj, gca, gcf, gco, newplot, cla, clf, and close.

Properties Affected by Handle Visibility

When a handle's visibility is restricted using callback or off, the object's handle does not appear in its parent's Children property, figures do not appear in the root's CurrentFigure property, objects do not appear in the root's CallbackObject property or in the figure's CurrentObject property, and axes do not appear in their parent's CurrentAxes property.

Overriding Handle Visibility

You can set the root ShowHiddenHandles property to on to make all handles visible regardless of their HandleVisibility settings (this does not affect the values of the HandleVisibility properties). See also findall.

Handle Validity

Handles that are hidden are still valid. If you know an object's handle, you can `set` and `get` its properties and pass it to any function that operates on handles.

Note If you change one data source property to a variable that contains data of a different dimension, you might cause the function to generate a warning and not render the graph until you have changed all data source properties to appropriate values.

`HitTest`

`{on} | off`

Selectable by mouse click. `HitTest` determines whether this object can become the current object (as returned by the `gco` command and the figure `CurrentObject` property) as a result of a mouse click on the objects that compose the area graph. If `HitTest` is `off`, clicking this object selects the object below it (which is usually the axes containing it).

`HitTestArea`

`on | {off}`

Select areaseries object on filled area or extent of graph. This property enables you to select areaseries objects in two ways:

- Select by clicking bars (default).
- Select by clicking anywhere in the extent of the area plot.

  When `HitTestArea` is `off`, you must click the bars to select the bar object. When `HitTestArea` is `on`, you can select the bar object by clicking anywhere within the extent of the bar graph (i.e., anywhere within a rectangle that encloses all the bars).

`Interruptible`

`{on} | off`

Callback routine interruption mode. The `Interruptible` property controls whether an object's callback can be interrupted by callbacks invoked subsequently.

Only callbacks defined for the `ButtonDownFcn` property are affected by the `Interruptible` property. MATLAB checks for events that can interrupt a callback only when it encounters a `drawnow`, `figure`, `getframe`, or `pause` command in the routine. See the `BusyAction` property for related information.

Setting `Interruptible` to `on` allows any graphics object's callback to interrupt callback routines originating from a bar property. Note that MATLAB does not save the state of variables or the display (e.g., the handle returned by the `gca` or `gcf` command) when an interruption occurs.

`LineStyle`

`{-} | -- | : | -. | none`

Line style. This property specifies the line style of the object. Available line styles are shown in the following table.

Specifier String	Line Style
`-`	Solid line (default)
`--`	Dashed line
`:`	Dotted line
`-.`	Dash-dot line
`none`	No line

`LineWidth`

scalar

The width of linear objects and edges of filled areas. Specify this value in points (1 point = $^1/_{72}$ inch). The default `LineWidth` is 0.5 points.

`Parent`
handle of parent axes, hggroup, or hgtransform

Parent of this object. This property contains the handle of the object's parent. The parent is normally the axes, hggroup, or hgtransform object that contains the object.

See "Objects That Can Contain Other Objects" for more information on parenting graphics objects.

`Selected`
`on | {off}`

Is object selected? When you set this property to `on`, MATLAB displays selection "handles" at the corners and midpoints if the `SelectionHighlight` property is also `on` (the default). You can, for example, define the `ButtonDownFcn` callback to set this property to `on`, thereby indicating that this particular object is selected. This property is also set to `on` when an object is manually selected in plot edit mode.

`SelectionHighlight`
`{on} | off`

Objects are highlighted when selected. When the `Selected` property is `on`, MATLAB indicates the selected state by drawing four edge handles and four corner handles. When `SelectionHighlight` is `off`, MATLAB does not draw the handles except when in plot edit mode and objects are selected manually.

`Tag`
string

User-specified object label. The `Tag` property provides a means to identify graphics objects with a user-specified label. This is particularly useful when you are constructing interactive graphics programs that would otherwise need to define object handles as global variables or pass them as arguments between callbacks. You can define `Tag` as any string.

For example, you might create an areaseries object and set the `Tag` property.

```
t = area(Y,'Tag','area1')
```

When you want to access objects of a given type, you can use `findobj` to find the object's handle. The following statement changes the `FaceColor` property of the object whose `Tag` is `area1`.

```
set(findobj('Tag','area1'),'FaceColor','red')
```

`Type`
string (read only)

Type of graphics object. This property contains a string that identifies the class of the graphics object. For areaseries objects, `Type` is '`hggroup`'.

The following statement finds all the hggroup objects in the current axes.

```
t = findobj(gca,'Type','hggroup');
```

`UIContextMenu`
handle of a uicontextmenu object

Associate a context menu with this object. Assign this property the handle of a uicontextmenu object created in the object's parent figure. Use the `uicontextmenu` function to create the context menu. MATLAB displays the context menu whenever you right-click over the object.

`UserData`
array

User-specified data. This property can be any data you want to associate with this object (including cell arrays and structures). The object does not set values for this property, but you can access it using the `set` and `get` functions.

`Visible`
: `{on} | off`

Visibility of this object and its children. By default, a new object's visibility is `on`. This means all children of the object are visible unless the child object's `Visible` property is set to `off`. Setting an object's `Visible` property to `off` prevents the object from being displayed. However, the object still exists and you can set and query its properties.

`XData`
: vector or matrix

The x-axis values for a graph. The *x*-axis values for graphs are specified by the `X` input argument. If `XData` is a vector, `length(XData)` must equal `length(YData)` and must be monotonic. If `XData` is a matrix, `size(XData)` must equal `size(YData)` and each column must be monotonic.

You can use `XData` to define meaningful coordinates for an underlying surface whose topography is being mapped. See "Changing the Offset of a Contour" for more information.

`XDataMode`
: {auto} | manual

Use automatic or user-specified x-axis values. If you specify `XData` (by setting the `XData` property or specifying the `x` input argument), MATLAB sets this property to `manual` and uses the specified values to label the *x*-axis.

If you set `XDataMode` to `auto` after having specified `XData`, MATLAB resets the *x*-axis ticks to `1:size(YData,1)` or to the column indices of the `ZData`, overwriting any previous values for `XData`.

`XDataSource`

string (MATLAB variable)

Link `XData` to MATLAB variable. Set this property to a MATLAB variable that is evaluated in the base workspace to generate the `XData`.

MATLAB reevaluates this property only when you set it. Therefore, a change to workspace variables appearing in an expression does not change `XData`.

You can use the `refreshdata` function to force an update of the object's data. `refreshdata` also enables you to specify that the data source variable be evaluated in the workspace of a function from which you call `refreshdata`.

See the `refreshdata` reference page for more information.

Note If you change one data source property to a variable that contains data of a different dimension, you might cause the function to generate a warning and not render the graph until you have changed all data source properties to appropriate values.

`YData`

vector or matrix

Area plot data. `YData` contains the data plotted as filled areas (the `Y` input argument). If `YData` is a vector, `area` creates a single filled area whose upper boundary is defined by the elements of `YData`. If `YData` is a matrix, `area` creates one filled area per column, stacking each on the previous plot.

The input argument `Y` in the `area` function calling syntax assigns values to `YData`.

`YDataSource`
string (MATLAB variable)

Link `YData` to MATLAB variable. Set this property to a MATLAB variable that is evaluated in the base workspace to generate the `YData`.

MATLAB reevaluates this property only when you set it. Therefore, a change to workspace variables appearing in an expression does not change `YData`.

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Note If you change one data source property to a variable that contains data of a different dimension, you might cause the function to generate a warning and not render the graph until you have changed all data source properties to appropriate values.

Purpose

Apply function to each element of array

Syntax

```
A = arrayfun(fun, S)
A = arrayfun(fun, S, T, ...)
[A, B, ...] = arrayfun(fun, S, ...)
[A, ...] = arrayfun(fun, S, ..., 'param1', value1, ...)
```

Description

`A = arrayfun(fun, S)` applies the function specified by `fun` to each element of array `S`, and returns the results in array `A`. The value `A` returned by `arrayfun` is the same size as `S`, and the `(I,J,...)`th element of `A` is equal to `fun(S(I,J,...))`. The first input argument `fun` is a function handle to a function that takes one input argument and returns a scalar value. `fun` must return values of the same class each time it is called.

If `fun` is bound to more than one built-in or function file (that is, if it represents a set of overloaded functions), then the class of the values that `arrayfun` actually provides as input arguments to `fun` determines which functions are executed.

The order in which `arrayfun` computes elements of `A` is not specified and should not be relied upon.

`A = arrayfun(fun, S, T, ...)` evaluates `fun` using elements of the arrays `S`, `T`, `...` as input arguments. The `(I,J,...)`th element of `A` is equal to `fun(S(I,J,...), T(I,J,...), ...)`. All input arguments must be of the same size.

`[A, B, ...]  = arrayfun(fun, S, ...)` evaluates `fun`, which is a function handle to a function that returns multiple outputs, and returns arrays `A`, `B`, `...`, each corresponding to one of the output arguments of `fun`. `arrayfun` calls `fun` each time with as many outputs as there are in the call to `arrayfun`. `fun` can return output arguments having different classes, but the class of each output must be the same each time `fun` is called.

`[A, ...]  = arrayfun(fun, S, ..., 'param1', value1, ...)` enables you to specify optional parameter name and value pairs.

Parameters recognized by `arrayfun` are shown below. Enclose each parameter name with single quotes.

Parameter Name	Parameter Value
`UniformOutput`	A logical 1 (`true`) or 0 (`false`), indicating whether or not the outputs of `fun` can be returned without encapsulation in a cell array. If `true` (the default), `fun` must return scalar values that can be concatenated into an array. These values can also be a cell array. If `false`, `arrayfun` returns a cell array (or multiple cell arrays), where the `(I,J,...)`th cell contains the value `fun(S(I,J,...), ...)`.
`ErrorHandler`	A function handle, specifying the function that `arrayfun` is to call if the call to `fun` fails. If an error handler is not specified, `arrayfun` rethrows the error from the call to `fun`.

Remarks

The MATLAB software provides two functions that are similar to `arrayfun`; these are `structfun` and `cellfun`. With `structfun`, you can apply a given function to all fields of one or more structures. With `cellfun`, you apply the function to all cells of one or more cell arrays.

Examples

Example 1 — Operating on a Single Input.

Create a 1-by-15 structure array with fields `f1` and `f2`, each field containing an array of a different size. Make each `f1` field be unequal to the `f2` field at that same array index:

```
for k=1:15
   s(k).f1 = rand(k+3,k+7) * 10;
   s(k).f2 = rand(k+3,k+7) * 10;
```

```
end
```

Set three f1 fields to be equal to the f2 field at that array index:

```
s(3).f2 = s(3).f1;
s(9).f2 = s(9).f1;
s(12).f2 = s(12).f1;
```

Use arrayfun to compare the fields at each array index. This compares the array of s(1).f1 with that of s(1).f2, the array of s(2).f1 with that of s(2).f2, and so on through the entire structure array.

The first argument in the call to arrayfun is an anonymous function. Anonymous functions return a function handle, which is the required first input to arrayfun:

```
z = arrayfun(@(x)isequal(x.f1, x.f2), s)
z =
   0  0  1  0  0  0  0  0  1  0  0  1  0  0  0
```

Example 2 — Operating on Multiple Inputs.

This example performs the same array comparison as in the previous example, except that it compares the same field of more than one structure array rather than different fields of the same structure array. This shows how you can use more than one array input with arrayfun.

Make copies of array s, created in the last example, to arrays t and u.

```
t = s;   u = s;
```

Make one element of structure array t unequal to the same element of s. Do the same with structure array u:

```
t(4).f1(12)=0;
u(14).f1(6)=0;
```

Compare field f1 of the three arrays s, t, and u:

```
z = arrayfun(@(a,b,c)isequal(a.f1, b.f1, c.f1), s, t, u)
z =
```

```
     1   1   1   0   1   1   1   1   1   1   1   1   1   0   1
```

Example 3 — Generating Nonuniform Output.

Generate a 1-by-3 structure array `s` having random matrices in field `f1`:

```
rand('state', 0);
s(1).f1 = rand(7,4) * 10;
s(2).f1 = rand(3,7) * 10;
s(3).f1 = rand(5,5) * 10;
```

Find the maximum for each `f1` vector. Because the output is nonscalar, specify the `UniformOutput` option as `false`:

```
sMax = arrayfun(@(x) max(x.f1), s, 'UniformOutput', false)
sMax =
    [1x4 double]    [1x7 double]    [1x5 double]

sMax{:}
ans =
  9.5013  9.2181  9.3547  8.1317
ans =
  2.7219  9.3181  8.4622  6.7214  8.3812   8.318  7.0947
ans =
  6.8222  8.6001  8.9977  8.1797  8.385
```

Find the mean for each `f1` vector:

```
sMean = arrayfun(@(x) mean(x.f1), s, ...
                'UniformOutput', false)
sMean =
    [1x4 double]    [1x7 double]    [1x5 double]

sMean{:}
ans =
  6.2628  6.2171  5.4231  3.3144
ans =
  1.6209   7.079  5.7696  4.6665  5.1301  5.7136  4.8099
ans =
```

```
  3.8195  5.8816  6.9128  4.9022  5.9541
```

Example 4 — Assigning to More Than One Output Variable.

The next example uses the `lu` function on the same structure array, returning three outputs from `arrayfun`:

```
[l u p] = arrayfun(@(x)lu(x.f1), s, 'UniformOutput', false)
l =
    [7x4 double]    [3x3 double]    [5x5 double]
u =
    [4x4 double]    [3x7 double]    [5x5 double]
p =
    [7x7 double]    [3x3 double]    [5x5 double]

l{3}
ans =
        1          0          0          0          0
  0.44379          1          0          0          0
  0.79398    0.79936          1          0          0
  0.27799   0.066014   -0.77517          1          0
  0.28353    0.85338    0.29223    0.67036          1

u{3}
ans =
   6.8222     3.7837     8.9977     3.4197     3.0929
        0     6.9209     4.2232     1.3796     7.0124
        0          0    -4.0708   -0.40607    -2.3804
        0          0          0     6.8232     2.1729
        0          0          0          0   -0.35098

p{3}
ans =
     0     0     1     0     0
     0     0     0     1     0
     0     0     0     0     1
     1     0     0     0     0
     0     1     0     0     0
```

See Also structfun, cellfun, spfun, function_handle, cell2mat

Purpose

Set FTP transfer type to ASCII

Syntax

```
ascii(f)
```

Description

`ascii(f)` sets the download and upload FTP mode to ASCII, which converts new lines, where `f` was created using `ftp`. Use this function for text files only, including HTML pages and Rich Text Format (RTF) files.

Examples

Connect to the MathWorks FTP server, and display the FTP object.

```
tmw=ftp('ftp.mathworks.com');
disp(tmw)
FTP Object
  host: ftp.mathworks.com
  user: anonymous
   dir: /
  mode: binary
```

Note that the FTP object defaults to binary mode.

Use the `ascii` function to set the FTP mode to ASCII, and use the `disp` function to display the FTP object.

```
ascii(tmw)
disp(tmw)
FTP Object
  host: ftp.mathworks.com
  user: anonymous
   dir: /
  mode: ascii
```

Note that the FTP object is now set to ASCII mode.

See Also

`ftp`, `binary`

Purpose Inverse secant; result in radians

Syntax

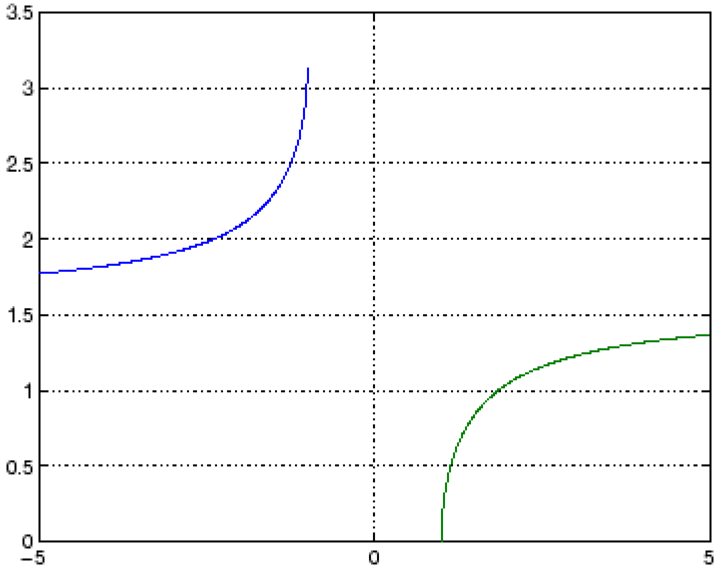
```
Y = asec(X)
```

Description `Y = asec(X)` returns the inverse secant (arcsecant) for each element of `X`.

The `asec` function operates element-wise on arrays. The function's domains and ranges include complex values. All angles are in radians.

Examples Graph the inverse secant over the domains $1 \le x \le 5$ and $-5 \le x \le -1$.

```
x1 = -5:0.01:-1;
x2 = 1:0.01:5;
plot(x1,asec(x1),x2,asec(x2)), grid on
```



Definition

The inverse secant can be defined as

Algorithm

asec uses FDLIBM, which was developed at SunSoft, a Sun Microsystems business, by Kwok C. Ng, and others. For information about FDLIBM, see http://www.netlib.org.

See Also

asecd, asech, sec

asecd

Purpose Inverse secant; result in degrees

Syntax

```
Y = asecd(X)
```

Description `Y = asecd(X)` is the inverse secant, expressed in degrees, of the elements of `X`.

See Also `secd`, `asec`

Purpose

Inverse hyperbolic secant

Syntax

```
Y = asech(X)
```

Description

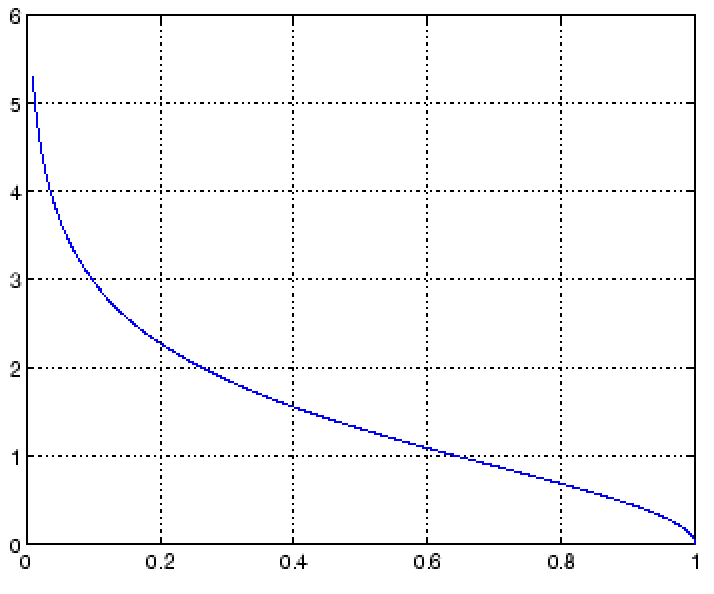
`Y = asech(X)` returns the inverse hyperbolic secant for each element of `X`.

The `asech` function operates element-wise on arrays. The function's domains and ranges include complex values. All angles are in radians.

Examples

Graph the inverse hyperbolic secant over the domain $0.01 \le x \le 1$.

```
x = 0.01:0.001:1;
plot(x,asech(x)), grid on
```



Definition

The hyperbolic inverse secant can be defined as

Algorithm

`asech` uses FDLIBM, which was developed at SunSoft, a Sun Microsystems business, by Kwok C. Ng, and others. For information about FDLIBM, see http://www.netlib.org.

See Also

`asec`, `sech`

Purpose

Inverse sine; result in radians

Syntax

```
Y = asin(X)
```

Description

`Y = asin(X)` returns the inverse sine (arcsine) for each element of `X`. The `asin` function operates element-wise on arrays. The function's domains and ranges include complex values. All angles are in radians. For real elements of `X` in the domain `[-1,1]`, `asin(X)` is in the range

$$\left[-\frac{\pi}{2},\frac{\pi}{2}\right].$$

For real elements of `x` outside the range `[-1,1]`, `asin(X)` is complex.

Definitions

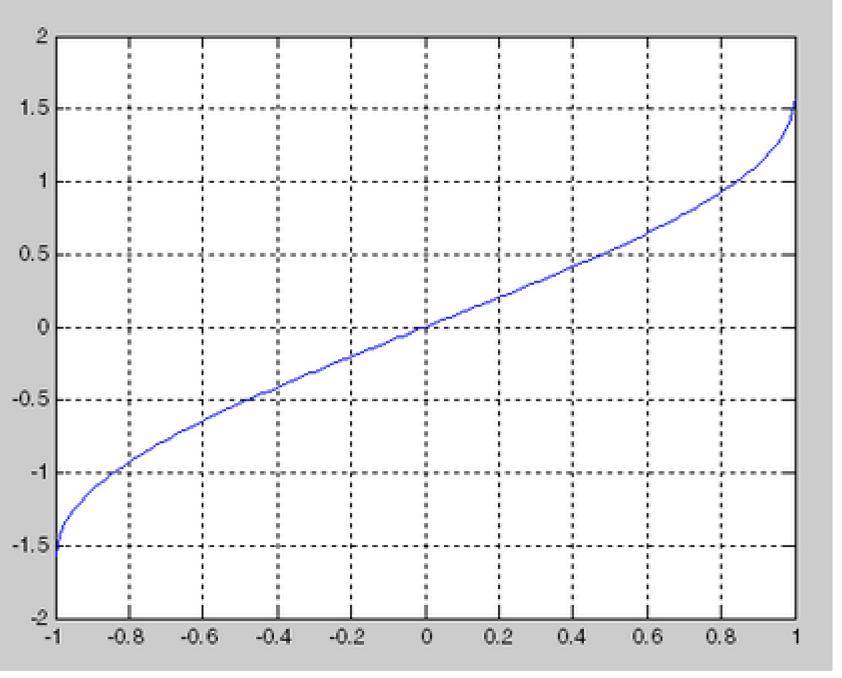
The arcsine is defined as:

$$\sin^{-1}(z) = i\log\left[iz + (1-z^2)^{1/2}\right].$$

Examples

Graph the inverse sine function over the domain $-1 \le x \le 1$.

```
x = -1:.01:1;
plot(x,asin(x)), grid on
```



References

`asin` uses FDLIBM, which was developed at SunSoft, a Sun Microsystems business, by Kwok C. Ng, and others. For information about FDLIBM, see `http://www.netlib.org`.

See Also

`asind` | `sin` | `sind`

Purpose

Inverse sine; result in degrees

Syntax

```
Y = asind(X)
```

Description

`Y = asind(X)` is the inverse sine or arcsine, expressed in degrees, of the elements of `X`.

Definitions

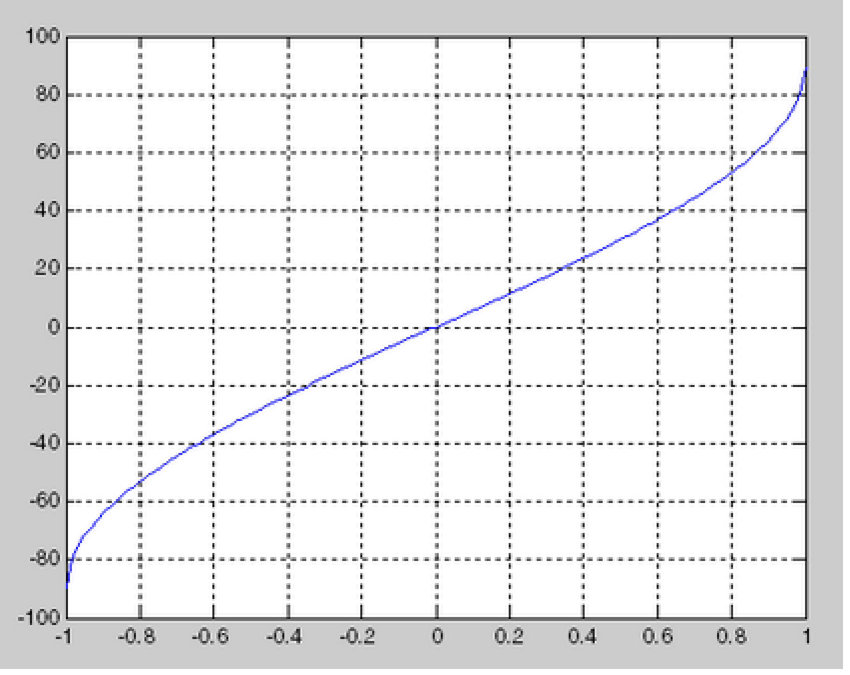
The arcsine is defined as:

$$\sin^{-1}(z) = i\log\left[iz + (1 - z^2)^{1/2}\right].$$

Examples

Graph the inverse sine function over the domain $-1 \le x \le 1$.

```
x = -1:.01:1;
plot(x,asind(x)), grid on
```



References

The MATLAB trigonomteric functions use FDLIBM, which was developed at SunSoft, a Sun Microsystems business, by Kwok C. Ng, and others. For information about FDLIBM, see `http://www.netlib.org`.

See Also

`asin` | `sind` | `sin`

Purpose Inverse hyperbolic sine

Syntax

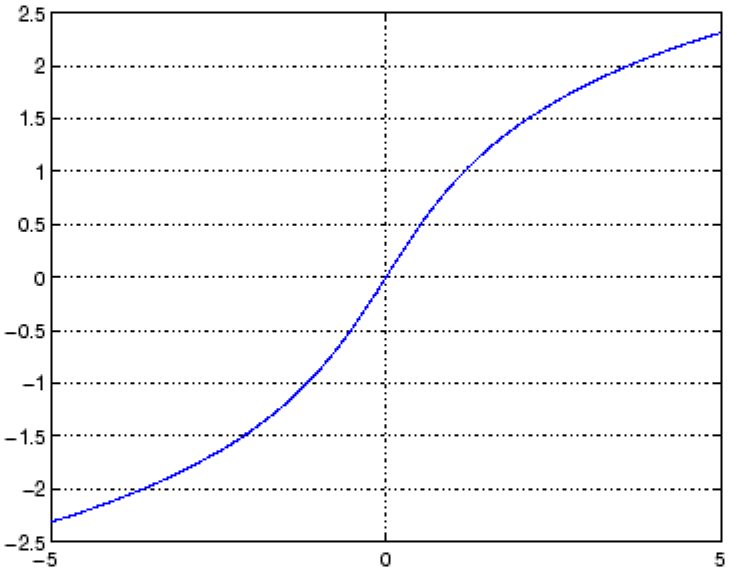
```
Y = asinh(X)
```

Description `Y = asinh(X)` returns the inverse hyperbolic sine for each element of `X`.

The `asinh` function operates element-wise on arrays. The function's domains and ranges include complex values. All angles are in radians.

Examples Graph the inverse hyperbolic sine function over the domain $-5 \le x \le 5$.

```
x = -5:.01:5;
plot(x,asinh(x)), grid on
```



Definition The hyperbolic inverse sine can be defined as

Algorithm

`asinh` uses FDLIBM, which was developed at SunSoft, a Sun Microsystems business, by Kwok C. Ng, and others. For information about FDLIBM, see `http://www.netlib.org`.

See Also

`asin`, `asind`, `sin`, `sinh`, `sind`

Purpose

Generate error when condition is violated

Syntax

```
assert(expression)
assert(expression, 'msgString')
assert(expression, 'msgString', value1, value2, ...)
assert(expression, 'msgIdent', 'msgString', value1, value2,
   ...)
```

Description

`assert(expression)` evaluates *expression* and, if it is `false`, generates an exception.

`assert(expression, 'msgString')` evaluates *expression* and, if it is `false`, generates an exception and displays the string contained in *msgString*. This string must be enclosed in single quotation marks. When *msgString* is the last input to `assert`, the MATLAB software displays it literally, without performing any substitutions on the characters in *msgString*.

`assert(expression, 'msgString', value1, value2, ...)` evaluates *expression* and, if it is `false`, generates an exception and displays the formatted string contained in *msgString*. The *msgString* string can include escape sequences such as `\t` or `\n`, as well as any of the C language conversion operators supported by the `sprintf` function (e.g., `%s` or `%d`). Additional arguments *value1*, *value2*, etc. provide values that correspond to and replace the conversion operators.

See "Formatting Strings" in the MATLAB Programming Fundamentals documentation for more detailed information on using string formatting commands.

MATLAB makes substitutions for escape sequences and conversion operators in *msgString* in the same way that it does for the `sprintf` function.

`assert(expression, 'msgIdent', 'msgString', value1, value2, ...)` evaluates *expression* and, if it is `false`, generates an exception and displays the formatted string *msgString*, also tagging the error with the message identifier *msgIdent*. See "Message Identifiers" in the MATLAB Programming Fundamentals documentation for information.

Examples

This function tests input arguments using assert:

```
function write2file(varargin)
min_inputs = 3;
assert(nargin >= min_inputs, ...
  'You must call function %s with at least %d inputs', ...
  mfilename, min_inputs)

infile = varargin{1};
assert(ischar(infile), ...
      'First argument must be a filename.')
assert(exist(infile)~=0, 'File %s not found.', infile)

fid = fopen(infile, 'w');
assert(fid > 0, 'Cannot open file %s for writing', infile)

fwrite(fid, varargin{2}, varargin{3});
```

See Also

error, eval, try, catch, dbstop, errordlg, warning, warndlg, MException, throw(MException), rethrow(MException), throwAsCaller(MException), addCause(MException), getReport(MException), last(MException)

Purpose

Assign value to variable in specified workspace

Syntax

`assignin(ws, 'var', val)`

Description

`assignin(ws, 'var', val)` assigns the value `val` to the variable *`var`* in the workspace `ws`. *`var`* is created if it doesn't exist. `ws` can have a value of `'base'` or `'caller'` to denote the MATLAB base workspace or the workspace of the caller function.

The `assignin` function is particularly useful for these tasks:

- Exporting data from a function to the MATLAB workspace
- Within a function, changing the value of a variable that is defined in the workspace of the caller function (such as a variable in the function argument list)

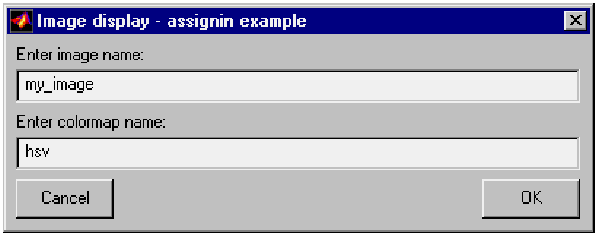
Remarks

The MATLAB base workspace is the workspace that is seen from the MATLAB command line (when not in the debugger). The caller workspace is the workspace of the function that called the currently running function. Note that the base and caller workspaces are equivalent in the context of a function that is invoked from the MATLAB command line.

Examples

This example creates a dialog box for the image display function, prompting a user for an image name and a colormap name. The `assignin` function is used to export the user-entered values to the MATLAB workspace variables `imfile` and `cmap`.

```
prompt = {'Enter image name:','Enter colormap name:'};
title = 'Image display - assignin example';
lines = 1;
def = {'my_image','hsv'};
answer = inputdlg(prompt,title,lines,def);
assignin('base','imfile',answer{1});
assignin('base','cmap',answer{2});
```



See Also

`evalin`

Purpose

Inverse tangent; result in radians

Syntax

```
Y = atan(X)
```

Description

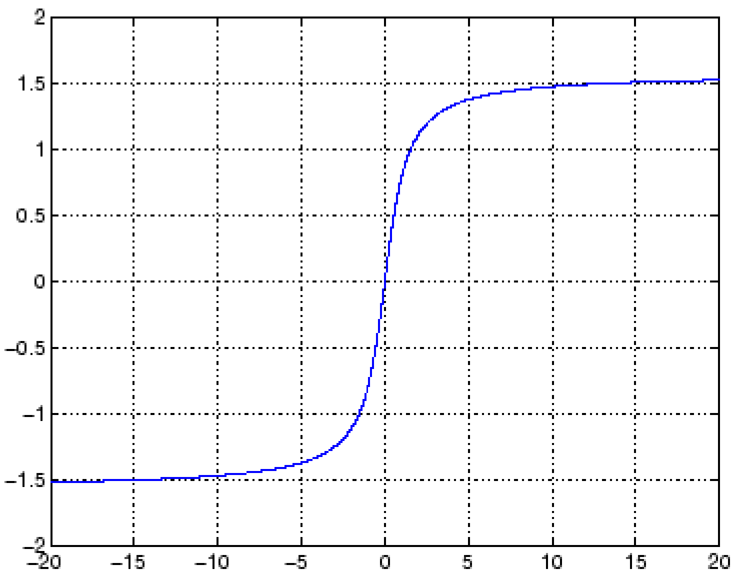
`Y = atan(X)` returns the inverse tangent (arctangent) for each element of `X`. For real elements of `X`, `atan(X)` is in the range $[-\pi/2, \pi/2]$.

The `atan` function operates element-wise on arrays. The function's domains and ranges include complex values. All angles are in radians.

Examples

Graph the inverse tangent function over the domain $-20 \le x \le 20$.

```
x = -20:0.01:20;
plot(x,atan(x)), grid on
```



Definition

The inverse tangent can be defined as

Algorithm

atan uses FDLIBM, which was developed at SunSoft, a Sun Microsystems business, by Kwok C. Ng, and others. For information about FDLIBM, see http://www.netlib.org.

See Also

atan2, tan, atand, atanh

Purpose

Four-quadrant inverse tangent

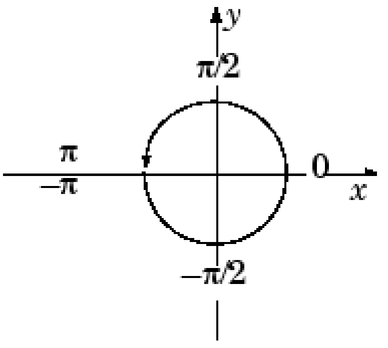
Syntax

```
P = atan2(Y,X)
```

Description

`P = atan2(Y,X)` returns an array `P` the same size as `X` and `Y` containing the element-by-element, four-quadrant inverse tangent (arctangent) of the real parts of `Y` and `X`. Any imaginary parts of the inputs are ignored.

Elements of `P` lie in the closed interval `[-pi,pi]`, where `pi` is the MATLAB floating-point representation of π. `atan` uses `sign(Y)` and `sign(X)` to determine the specific quadrant.



`atan2(Y,X)` contrasts with `atan(Y/X)`, whose results are limited to the interval $[-\pi/2, \pi/2]$, or the right side of this diagram.

Examples

Any complex number $z = x + iy$ is converted to polar coordinates with

```
r = abs(z)
theta = atan2(imag(z),real(z))
```

For example,

```
z = 4 + 3i;
r = abs(z)
theta = atan2(imag(z),real(z))
```

```
r =
     5

theta =
    0.6435
```

This is a common operation, so MATLAB software provides a function, `angle(z)`, that computes `theta = atan2(imag(z),real(z))`.

To convert back to the original complex number

```
z = r *exp(i *theta)
z =

   4.0000 + 3.0000i
```

Algorithm

`atan2` uses FDLIBM, which was developed at SunSoft, a Sun Microsystems business, by Kwok C. Ng, and others. For information about FDLIBM, see `http://www.netlib.org`.

See Also

`angle`, `atan`, `atanh`

Purpose Inverse tangent; result in degrees

Syntax

```
Y = atand(X)
```

Description `Y = atand(X)` is the inverse tangent, expressed in degrees, of the elements of `X`.

See Also `tand`, `atan`

Purpose Inverse hyperbolic tangent

Syntax

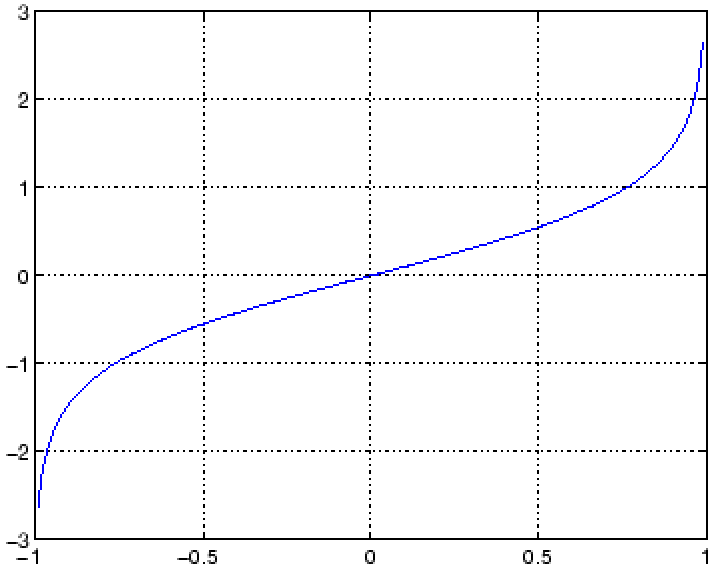
```
Y = atanh(X)
```

Description The atanh function operates element-wise on arrays. The function's domains and ranges include complex values. All angles are in radians.

Y = atanh(X) returns the inverse hyperbolic tangent for each element of X.

Examples Graph the inverse hyperbolic tangent function over the domain $-1 < x < 1$.

```
x = -0.99:0.01:0.99;
plot(x,atanh(x)), grid on
```



Definition The hyperbolic inverse tangent can be defined as

Algorithm `atanh` uses FDLIBM, which was developed at SunSoft, a Sun Microsystems business, by Kwok C. Ng, and others. For information about FDLIBM, see `http://www.netlib.org`.

See Also `atan2`, `atan`, `tanh`

audiodevinfo

Purpose

Information about audio device

Syntax

```
devinfo = audiodevinfo
devs = audiodevinfo(IO)
name = audiodevinfo(IO, ID)
ID = audiodevinfo(IO, name)
DriverVersion = audiodevinfo(IO, ID, 'DriverVersion')
ID = audiodevinfo(IO, rate, bits, chans)
doesSupport = audiodevinfo(IO, ID, rate, bits, chans)
```

Description

Note You can use `audiodevinfo` only on Microsoft Windows operating systems.

`devinfo = audiodevinfo` returns a structure, `devinfo`, containing two fields, `input` and `output`. Each field is an array of structures, with each structure containing information about one of the audio input or output devices on the system. The individual device structure fields are:

- `Name` — A string indicating the name of the device.
- `DriverVersion` — A string indicating the version of the installed device driver.
- `ID` — The ID of the device.

`devs = audiodevinfo(IO)` returns the number of input or output audio devices on the system. Use an `IO` value of 1 to indicate input, and an `IO` value of 0 to indicate output.

`name = audiodevinfo(IO, ID)` returns the name of the input or output audio device identified by device `ID`.

`ID = audiodevinfo(IO, name)` returns the device `ID` of the input or output audio device identified by the given `name` (partial matching, case sensitive). If no audio device is found with the given name, -1 is returned.

`DriverVersion = audiodevinfo(IO, ID, 'DriverVersion')` returns a string indicating the driver version of the specified audio input or output device.

`ID = audiodevinfo(IO, rate, bits, chans)` returns the device `ID` of the first input or output device that supports the sample rate, number of bits, and number of channels specified by the values of `rate`, `bits`, and `chans`, respectively. If no supporting device is found, -1 is returned.

`doesSupport = audiodevinfo(IO, ID, rate, bits, chans)` returns 1 or 0 for whether or not the input or output audio device specified by `ID` can support the given sample rate, number of bits, and number of channels.

See Also

`audioplayer`, `audiorecorder`

Purpose

Create object for playing audio

Syntax

```
player = audioplayer(Y, Fs)
player = audioplayer(Y, Fs, nBits)
player = audioplayer(Y, Fs, nBits, ID)
player = audioplayer(recorder)
player = audioplayer(recorder, ID)
```

Description

`player = audioplayer(Y, Fs)` creates an `audioplayer` object for signal *Y*, using sample rate *Fs*. The function returns a handle to the `audioplayer` object, *player*.

`player = audioplayer(Y, Fs, nBits)` uses *nBits* bits per sample for signal *Y*.

`player = audioplayer(Y, Fs, nBits, ID)` uses the audio device identified by *ID* for output. This option is available only on Windows systems.

`player = audioplayer(recorder)` creates an `audioplayer` object using audio recorder object *recorder*.

`player = audioplayer(recorder, ID)` creates an object from *recorder* that uses the audio device identified by *ID* for output. This option is available only on Windows systems.

Tips

To use all of the features of the `audioplayer` object, ensure that your system has a properly installed and configured sound card with:

- 8- and 16-bit I/O.
- Two channels.
- Support for sampling rates of up to 48 kHz.

Input Arguments

Y

Audio signal represented by a vector or two-dimensional array containing `single`, `double`, `int8`, `uint8`, or `int16` values.

The value range of the input sample depends on the data type. The following table lists these ranges.

Data Type	Sample Value Range
`int8`	-128 to 127
`uint8`	0 to 255
`int16`	-32768 to 32767
`single`	-1 to 1
`double`	-1 to 1

`Fs`

Sampling rate in Hz. Valid values for *`Fs`* depend on the specific audio hardware installed. Typical values supported by most sound cards are 8000, 11025, 22050, and 44100 Hz.

`nBits`

Bits per sample. Specify only when signal *`Y`* is represented by floating-point values. Valid values for *`nBits`* depend on the audio hardware installed and the operating system:

Windows	`8`, `16`, or `24`
UNIX	`8` or `16`

Default: 16

`ID`

Device identifier. To obtain the *`ID`* of a device, use the `audiodevinfo` function. Specify an *`ID`* of `-1` to use the default output device. Only valid on Windows systems.

`recorder`

Audio recorder object created by `audiorecorder`.

Methods

> **Note** When calling any method, include the `audioplayer` object name using function syntax, such as `stop(`*`player`*`)`.

`get`	Query properties of `audioplayer` object.
`isplaying`	Query whether playback is in progress: returns `true` or `false`.
`pause`	Pause playback.
`play`	Play audio from beginning to end.
`playblocking`	Play, and do not return control until playback completes.
`resume`	Restart playback from paused position.
`set`	Set properties of `audioplayer` object.
`stop`	Stop playback.

See the reference pages for `get`, `play`, `playblocking`, and `set` for additional syntax options.

Properties

`BitsPerSample`	Number of bits per sample. (Read-only)
`CurrentSample`	Current sample that the audio output device is playing. If the device is not playing, `CurrentSample` is the next sample to play with `play` or `resume`. (Read-only)
`DeviceID`	Identifier for audio device. Valid on Windows systems only. (Read-only)
`NumberOfChannels`	Number of audio channels. (Read-only)
`Running`	Status of the audio player: `'on'` or `'off'`. (Read-only)
`SampleRate`	Sampling frequency in Hz.

`TotalSamples`	Total length of the audio data in samples. (Read-only)
`Tag`	String that labels the object.
`Type`	Name of the class: `'audioplayer'`. (Read-only)
`UserData`	Any type of additional data to store with the object.

The following four properties apply to callback functions. If your callback function includes an *`event`* input argument, `audioplayer` passes an empty structure (`[]`) to the function.

`StartFcn`	Function to execute one time when playback starts.
`StopFcn`	Function to execute one time when playback stops.
`TimerFcn`	Function to execute repeatedly during playback. To specify time intervals for the repetitions, use the `TimerPeriod` property.
`TimerPeriod`	Time in seconds between `TimerFcn` callbacks.

Examples

Load and play a sample audio file of Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus:"

```
load handel;
player = audioplayer(y, Fs);
play(player);
```

Alternatives

For additional flexibility in audio processing and playback, consider the Data Acquisition Toolbox. For more information, see the example on sound generation.

See Also

`audiodevinfo` | `audiorecorder` | `sound`

How To

- “Characteristics of Audio Files”
- “Playing Audio”

Purpose

Create object for recording audio

Syntax

```
recorder = audiorecorder
recorder = audiorecorder(Fs, nBits, nChannels)
recorder = audiorecorder(Fs, nBits, nChannels, ID)
```

Description

recorder = audiorecorder creates an 8000 Hz, 8-bit, 1-channel audiorecorder object named *recorder*.

recorder = audiorecorder(*Fs*, *nBits*, *nChannels*) sets the sample rate *Fs* (in Hz), the sample size *nBits*, and the number of channels *nChannels*.

recorder = audiorecorder(*Fs*, *nBits*, *nChannels*, *ID*) sets the audio input device to the device specified by *ID*. This option is available only on Windows operating systems.

Tips

To use all of the features of the audiorecorder object, ensure that your system has a properly installed and configured sound card with:

- 8-bit and 16-bit I/O.
- Support for sampling rates of up to 48 kHz.

The current implementation of audiorecorder is not intended for long, high-sample-rate recording. audiorecorder uses system memory for storage and does not use disk buffering. When you attempt a large recording, your MATLAB performance sometimes degrades over time.

Input Arguments

Fs

Sampling rate in Hz. Valid values for *Fs* depend on the specific audio hardware installed. Typical values supported by most sound cards are 8000, 11025, 22050, and 44100 Hz.

Default: 8000

nBits

Bits per sample. Valid values for *nBits* depend on the operating system:

Windows	8, 16, or 24
UNIX	8 or 16

Default: 8

nChannels

The number of channels: 1 (mono) or 2 (stereo).

Default: 1

ID

Device identifier. To obtain the *ID* of a device, use the audiodevinfo function. Specify an *ID* of -1 to use the default input device. Only valid on Windows systems.

Methods

Note When calling any method, include the audiorecorder object name using function syntax, such as stop(*recorder*).

get	Query properties of audiorecorder object.
getaudiodata	Create an array that stores the recorded signal values.
getplayer	Create an audioplayer object.
isrecording	Query whether recording is in progress: returns true or false.
pause	Pause recording.
play	Play recorded audio. This method returns an audioplayer object.

`record`	Start recording.
`recordblocking`	Record, and do not return control until recording completes. This method requires a second input for the length of the recording in seconds: `recordblocking(`*`recorder`*`, `*`length`*`)`
`resume`	Restart recording from paused position.
`set`	Set properties of `audiorecorder` object.
`stop`	Stop recording.

See the reference pages for `get`, `getaudiodata`, `play`, `record`, `recordblocking`, and `set` for additional syntax options.

Properties

`BitsPerSample`	Number of bits per sample. (Read-only)
`CurrentSample`	Current sample that the audio input device is recording. If the device is not recording, `CurrentSample` is the next sample to record with `record` or `resume`. (Read-only)
`DeviceID`	Identifier for audio device. Valid on Windows systems only. (Read-only)
`NumberOfChannels`	Number of audio channels. (Read-only)
`Running`	Status of the audio recorder: `'on'` or `'off'`. (Read-only)
`SampleRate`	Sampling frequency in Hz. (Read-only)
`TotalSamples`	Total length of the audio data in samples. (Read-only)
`Tag`	String that labels the object.
`Type`	Name of the class: `'audiorecorder'`. (Read-only)

`UserData`	Any type of additional data to store with the object.

The following four properties apply to callback functions. If your callback function includes an *`event`* input argument, `audiorecorder` passes an empty structure (`[]`) to the function.

`StartFcn`	Function to execute one time when recording starts.
`StopFcn`	Function to execute one time when recording stops.
`TimerFcn`	Function to execute repeatedly during recording. To specify time intervals for the repetitions, use the `TimerPeriod` property.
`TimerPeriod`	Time in seconds between `TimerFcn` callbacks.

Do not adjust the following two properties, which are only supported on Windows systems, unless your recording skips or drops out:

`BufferLength`	Length of buffer in seconds.
`NumberOfBuffers`	Number of buffers.

Examples

Create an `audiorecorder` object for CD-quality audio in stereo, and view its properties:

```
recObj = audiorecorder(44100, 16, 2);
get(recObj)
```

Collect a sample of your speech with a microphone, and plot the signal data:

```
% Record your voice for 5 seconds.
recObj = audiorecorder;
disp('Start speaking.')
recordblocking(recObj, 5);
disp('End of Recording.');
```

```
% Play back the recording.
play(recObj);

% Store data in double-precision array.
myRecording = getaudiodata(recObj);

% Plot the waveform.
plot(myRecording);
```

Alternatives

For additional flexibility, consider the Data Acquisition Toolbox. This Toolbox includes features such as buffering, which allows you to analyze data during acquisition, and disk logging. For more information, see the example on sound acquisition.

See Also

`audiodevinfo` | `audioplayer` | `sound` | `wavrecord`

How To

- "Characteristics of Audio Files"
- "Recording Audio"
- "Recording or Playing Audio within a Function"

aufinfo

Purpose Information about NeXT/SUN (.au) sound file

Syntax

```
[m d] = aufinfo(aufile)
```

Description `[m d] = aufinfo(aufile)` returns information about the contents of the AU sound file specified by the string `aufile`.

`m` is the string `'Sound (AU) file'`, if `filename` is an AU file. Otherwise, it contains an empty string (`''`).

`d` is a string that reports the number of samples in the file and the number of channels of audio data. If `filename` is not an AU file, it contains the string `'Not an AU file'`.

See Also `auread`

Purpose

Read NeXT/SUN (.au) sound file

Graphical Interface

As an alternative to `auread`, use the Import Wizard. To activate the Import Wizard, select **File > Import Data**.

Syntax

```
y = auread(aufile)
[y,Fs] = auread(aufile)
[y,Fs,nbits] = auread(aufile)
[...] = auread(aufile,N)
[...] = auread(aufile,[N1 N2])
siz = auread(aufile,'size')
```

Description

`y = auread(aufile)` loads a sound file specified by the string *`aufile`*, returning the sampled data in *`y`*. The `.au` extension is appended if no extension is given. Amplitude values are in the range `[-1,+1]`. `auread` supports multichannel data in the following formats:

- 8-bit mu-law
- 8-, 16-, and 32-bit linear
- Floating-point

`[y,Fs] = auread(aufile)` returns the sample rate (*`Fs`*) in Hertz used to encode the data in the file.

`[y,Fs,nbits] = auread(aufile)` returns the number of bits per sample (*`nbits`*).

`[...] = auread(aufile,N)` returns only the first *`N`* samples from each channel in the file.

`[...] = auread(aufile,[N1 N2])` returns only samples *`N1`* through *`N2`* from each channel in the file.

`siz = auread(aufile,'size')` returns the size of the audio data contained in the file in place of the actual audio data, returning the vector `siz = [samples channels]`.

Examples

Create a sound file from the demo file `handel.mat`, and read portions of the file back into MATLAB.

```
% Create .au file in current folder.
load handel.mat

hfile = 'handel.au';
auwrite(y, Fs, hfile)
clear y Fs

% Read the data back into MATLAB, and listen to audio.
[y, Fs, nbits] = auread(hfile);
sound(y, Fs);

% Pause before next read and playback operation.
duration = numel(y) / Fs;
pause(duration + 2)

% Read and play only the first 2 seconds.
nsamples = 2 * Fs;
[y2, Fs] = auread(hfile, nsamples);
sound(y2, Fs);
pause(4)

% Read and play the middle third of the file.
sizeinfo = auread(hfile, 'size');

tot_samples = sizeinfo(1);
startpos = tot_samples / 3;
endpos = 2 * startpos;

[y3, Fs] = auread(hfile, [startpos endpos]);
sound(y3, Fs);
```

See Also

`audioplayer`, `audiorecorder`, `auwrite`, `mmfileinfo`, `sound`, `wavread`

Purpose Write NeXT/SUN (`.au`) sound file

Syntax

```
auwrite(y,aufile)
auwrite(y,Fs,aufile)
auwrite(y,Fs,N,aufile)
auwrite(y,Fs,N,method,aufile)
```

Description

`auwrite(y,aufile)` writes a sound file specified by the string `aufile`. The data should be arranged with one channel per column. Amplitude values outside the range `[-1,+1]` are clipped prior to writing. `auwrite` supports multichannel data for 8-bit mu-law and 8- and 16-bit linear formats.

`auwrite(y,Fs,aufile)` specifies the sample rate of the data in Hertz.

`auwrite(y,Fs,N,aufile)` selects the number of bits in the encoder. Allowable settings are `N = 8` and `N = 16`.

`auwrite(y,Fs,N,method,aufile)` allows selection of the encoding method, which can be either `'mu'` or `'linear'`. Note that mu-law files must be 8-bit. By default, `method = 'mu'`.

See Also

`auread`, `wavwrite`

Purpose Create new Audio/Video Interleaved (AVI) file

Syntax

```
aviobj = avifile(filename)
avifile(filename, ParameterName, ParameterValue)
```

Description `aviobj = avifile(filename)` creates an `avifile` object, giving it the name specified in `filename`, using default values for all `avifile` object properties. If `filename` does not include an extension, `avifile` appends `.avi` to the file name. AVI is a file format for storing audio and video data.

`avifile` returns a handle to an AVI file object `aviobj`. Use this object to refer to the AVI file in other functions. An AVI file object supports properties and methods that control aspects of the AVI file created.

Note `avifile` cannot write files larger than 2GB.

`aviobj = avifile(filename, ParameterName, ParameterValue)` accepts one or more comma-separated parameter name/value pairs. Set parameter values before any calls to `addframe`. The following table lists the available parameters and values.

Parameter Name	Value	Default
`'colormap'`	An *m*-by-3 matrix defining the colormap for indexed AVI movies, where *m* is no more than 256 (236 for `Indeo` compression). Valid only when the `'compression'` is `'MSVC'`, `'RLE'`, or `'None'`.	No default
`'compression'`	A text string specifying the compression codec to use. To create an uncompressed file, specify a value of `'None'`.	`'Indeo5'` on Windows systems.

Parameter Name	Value	Default
	On UNIX operating systems, the only valid value is `'None'`. On Windows systems, valid values include: • `'MSVC'` • `'RLE'` • `'Cinepak'` on 32-bit systems. • `'Indeo3'` or `'Indeo5'` on 32-bit Windows XP systems. Alternatively, specify a custom compression codec on Windows systems using the four-character code that identifies the codec (typically included in the codec documentation). If MATLAB cannot find the specified codec, it returns an error.	`'None'` on UNIX systems.
`'fps'`	A scalar value specifying the speed of the AVI movie in frames per second (fps).	15 fps
`'keyframe'`	For compressors that support temporal compression, the number of key frames per second.	2.1429 key frames per second
`'quality'`	A number between 0 and 100. Higher quality numbers result in higher video quality and larger file sizes. Lower quality numbers result in lower video quality and smaller file sizes. Valid only for compressed movies.	75
`'videoname'`	A descriptive name for the video stream, no more than 64 characters.	*`filename`*

You can also use structure syntax (also called dot notation) to set `avifile` object properties. The property name must be typed in full, however, it is not case sensitive. For example, to set the `quality` property to 100, use the following syntax:

```
aviobj = avifile('myavifile');
aviobj.quality = 100;
```

All the field names of an `avifile` object are the same as the parameter names listed in the table, except for the `keyframe` parameter. To set this property using dot notation, specify the `KeyFramePerSec` property. For example, to change the value of `keyframe` to `2.5`, type

```
aviobj.KeyFramePerSec = 2.5;
```

Example

This example uses the `avifile` function to create the AVI file `example.avi`.

```
aviobj = avifile('example.avi','compression','None');

t = linspace(0,2.5*pi,40);
fact = 10*sin(t);
fig=figure;
[x,y,z] = peaks;
for k=1:length(fact)
    h = surf(x,y,fact(k)*z);
    axis([-3 3 -3 3 -80 80])
    axis off
    caxis([-90 90])

    F = getframe(fig);
    aviobj = addframe(aviobj,F);
end
close(fig);
aviobj = close(aviobj);
```

See Also

`addframe (avifile)`, `close (avifile)`, `movie2avi`

Purpose Information about Audio/Video Interleaved (AVI) file

Note `aviinfo` will be removed in a future release. Use `mmreader` and the `get` method instead.

Syntax

```
fileinfo = aviinfo(filename)
```

Description

`fileinfo` `= aviinfo(`*`filename`*`)` returns a structure whose fields contain information about the AVI file specified in the string *`filename`*. If *`filename`* does not include an extension, then `.avi` is used. The file must be in the current working directory or in a directory on the MATLAB path.

The set of fields in the *`fileinfo`* structure is shown below.

Field Name	Description
`AudioFormat`	String containing the name of the format used to store the audio data, if audio data is present
`AudioRate`	Integer indicating the sample rate in Hertz of the audio stream, if audio data is present
`Filename`	String specifying the name of the file
`FileModDate`	String containing the modification date of the file
`FileSize`	Integer indicating the size of the file in bytes
`FramesPerSecond`	Integer indicating the desired frames per second
`Height`	Integer indicating the height of the AVI movie in pixels

Field Name	Description
ImageType	String indicating the type of image. Either 'truecolor' for a truecolor (RGB) image, or 'indexed' for an indexed image.
NumAudioChannels	Integer indicating the number of channels in the audio stream, if audio data is present
NumFrames	Integer indicating the total number of frames in the movie
NumColormapEntries	Integer specifying the number of colormap entries. For a truecolor image, this value is 0 (zero).
Quality	Number between 0 and 100 indicating the video quality in the AVI file. Higher quality numbers indicate higher video quality; lower quality numbers indicate lower video quality. This value is not always set in AVI files and therefore can be inaccurate.
VideoCompression	String containing the compressor used to compress the AVI file. If the compressor is not Microsoft Video 1, Run Length Encoding (RLE), Cinepak, or Intel® Indeo, aviinfo returns the four-character code that identifies the compressor.
Width	Integer indicating the width of the AVI movie in pixels

See also

avifile, mmfileinfo, mmreader

Purpose

Read Audio/Video Interleaved (AVI) file

Note `aviread` will be removed in a future release. Use `mmreader` instead.

Syntax

```
mov = aviread(filename)
mov = aviread(filename, index)
```

Description

`mov = aviread(filename)` reads the AVI movie *`filename`* into the MATLAB movie structure *`mov`*. If *`filename`* does not include an extension, then `.avi` is used. Use the `movie` function to view the movie *`mov`*. On UNIX platforms, *`filename`* must be an uncompressed AVI file.

`mov` has two fields, `cdata` and `colormap`. The content of these fields varies depending on the type of image.

Image Type	cdata Field	colormap Field
`Truecolor`	Height-by-width-by-3 array of `uint8` values	Empty
`Indexed`	Height-by-width array of `uint8` values	`m`-by-3 array of `double` values

`aviread` supports 8-bit frames, for indexed and grayscale images, 16-bit grayscale images, or 24-bit truecolor images. Note, however, that `movie` only accepts 8-bit image frames; it does not accept 16-bit grayscale image frames.

`mov = aviread(filename, index)` reads only the frames specified by *`index`*. *`index`* can be a single index or an array of indices into the video stream. In AVI files, the first frame has the index value 1, the second frame has the index value 2, and so on.

See also

`avifile`, `mmfileinfo`, `mmreader`, `movie`

Purpose Create axes graphics object

Syntax

```
axes
axes('PropertyName',propertyvalue,...)
axes(h)
h = axes(...)
```

Properties For a list of properties, see Axes Properties.

Description

`axes` creates an axes graphics object in the current figure using default property values. `axes` is the low-level function for creating axes graphics objects. MATLAB automatically creates an axes, if one does not already exist, when you issue a command that creates a graph.

`axes('`*`PropertyName`*`',propertyvalue,...)` creates an axes object having the specified property values. For a description of the properties, see Axes Properties. MATLAB uses default values for any properties that you do not explicitly define as arguments. The `axes` function accepts property name/property value pairs, structure arrays, and cell arrays as input arguments (see the `set` and `get` commands for examples of how to specify these data types). While the basic purpose of an axes object is to provide a coordinate system for plotted data, axes properties provide considerable control over the way MATLAB displays data.

`axes(h)` makes existing axes `h` the current axes and brings the figure containing it into focus. It also makes `h` the first axes listed in the figure's `Children` property and sets the figure's `CurrentAxes` property to `h`. The current axes is the target for functions that draw image, line, patch, rectangle, surface, and text graphics objects.

If you want to make an axes the current axes without changing the state of the parent figure, set the `CurrentAxes` property of the figure containing the axes:

```
set(figure_handle,'CurrentAxes',axes_handle)
```

This command is useful if you want a figure to remain minimized or stacked below other figures, but want to specify the current axes.

`h = axes(...)` returns the handle of the created axes object.

Use the `set` function to modify the properties of an existing axes or the `get` function to query the current values of axes properties. Use the `gca` command to obtain the handle of the current axes.

The `axis` (not `axes`) function provides simplified access to commonly used properties that control the scaling and appearance of axes.

Set default axes properties on the figure and `root object` levels:

```
set(0,'DefaultAxesPropertyName',PropertyValue,...)
set(gcf,'DefaultAxesPropertyName',PropertyValue,...)
```

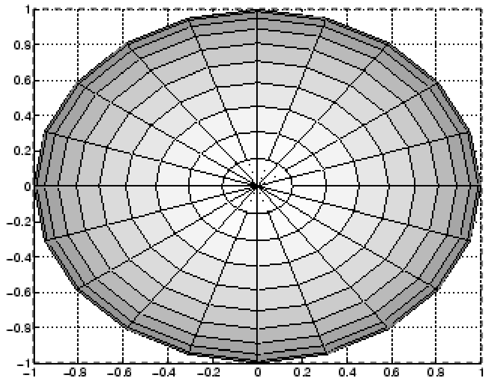
`PropertyName` is the name of the axes property and `PropertyValue` is the value you are specifying. Use `set` and `get` to access axes properties.

Stretch-to-Fill

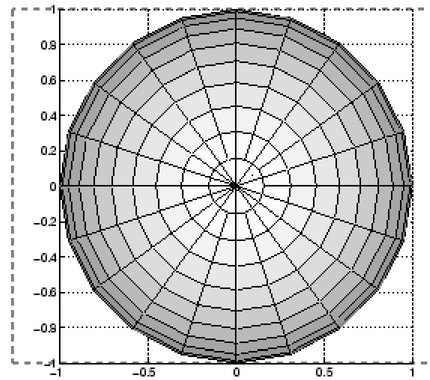
By default, MATLAB stretches the axes to fill the axes position rectangle (the rectangle defined by the last two elements in the `Position` property). This results in graphs that use the available space in the rectangle. However, some 3-D graphs (such as a sphere) appear distorted because of this stretching, and are better viewed with a specific three-dimensional aspect ratio.

Stretch-to-fill is active when the `DataAspectRatioMode`, `PlotBoxAspectRatioMode`, and `CameraViewAngleMode` are all auto (the default). However, stretch-to-fill is turned off when the `DataAspectRatio`, `PlotBoxAspectRatio`, or `CameraViewAngle` is user-specified, or when one or more of the corresponding modes is set to manual (which happens automatically when you set the corresponding property value).

This picture shows the same sphere displayed both with and without the stretch-to-fill. The dotted lines show the axes rectangle.



Stretch-to-fill active



Stretch-to-fill disabled

When stretch-to-fill is disabled, MATLAB sets the size of the axes to be as large as possible within the constraints imposed by the `Position` rectangle without introducing distortion. In the picture above, the height of the rectangle constrains the axes size.

Examples

Zoom in using aspect ratio and limits:

```
sphere
set(gca,'DataAspectRatio',[1 1 1],...
        'PlotBoxAspectRatio',[1 1 1],'ZLim',[-0.6 0.6])
```

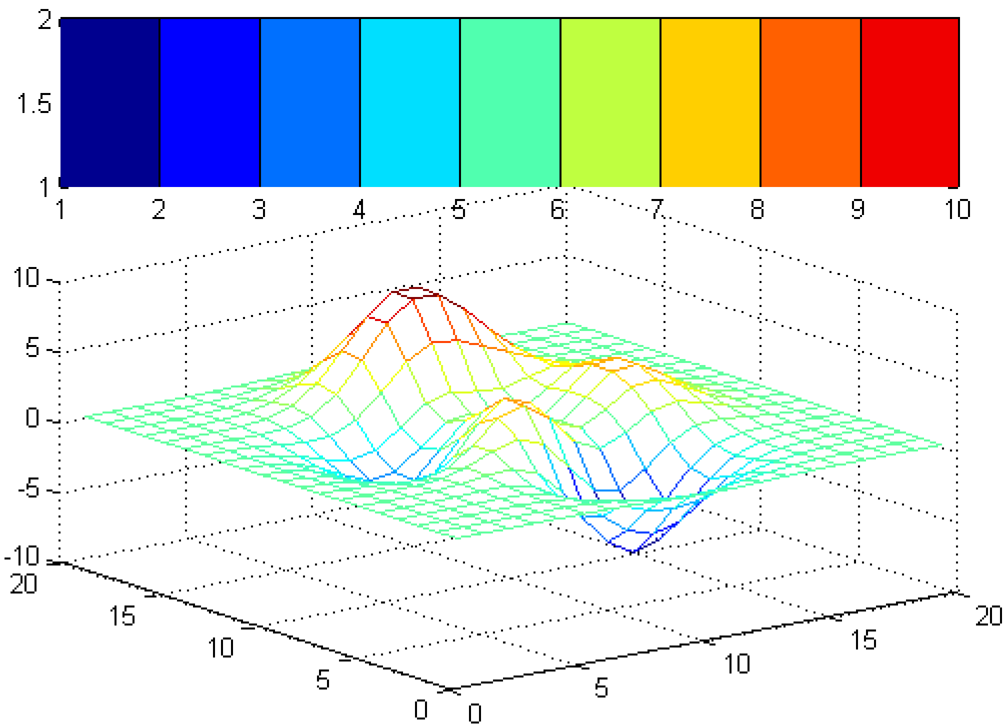
Zoom in and out using the `CameraViewAngle`:

```
sphere
set(gca,'CameraViewAngle',get(gca,'CameraViewAngle')-5)
set(gca,'CameraViewAngle',get(gca,'CameraViewAngle')+5)
```

Define multiple axes in a single figure window:

```
axes('position',[.1  .1  .8  .6])
mesh(peaks(20));
```

```
axes('position',[.1  .7  .8  .2])
pcolor([1:10;1:10]);
```



Alternatives

To create a figure select **New > Figure** from the MATLAB Desktop or a figure's **File** menu. To add an axes to a figure, click one of the *New Subplots* icons in the Figure Palette, and slide right to select an arrangement of new axes. For details, see "Plotting Tools — Interactive Plotting" in the MATLAB Graphics documentation.

See Also

`axis` | `cla` | `clf` | `figure` | `gca` | `grid` | `subplot` | `title` | `xlabel` | `ylabel` | `zlabel` | `view` | Axes Properties

Tutorials

- "Types of Graphics Objects"

- “Axes Properties”

Purpose

Modify axes properties

Creating Axes Objects

Use `axes` to create axes objects.

Modifying Properties

You can set and query graphics object properties in two ways:

- "The Property Editor" is an interactive tool that enables you to see and change object property values.
- The `set` and `get` commands let you set and query the values of properties.

To change the default values of properties, see "Setting Default Property Values" in the Handle Graphics Objects documentation.

Axes Property Descriptions

This section lists property names along with the types of values each accepts. Curly braces { } enclose default values.

`ActivePositionProperty`
    `{outerposition} | position`

Use `OuterPosition` or `Position` property for resize. `ActivePositionProperty` specifies which property MATLAB uses to determine the size of the axes when you resize the figure (interactively or during a printing or exporting operation).

See `OuterPosition` and `Position` for related properties.

See Automatic Axes Resize for a discussion of how to use axes positioning properties.

`ALim`
    `[amin, amax]`

Alpha axis limits. A two-element vector that determines how MATLAB maps the AlphaData values of surface, patch, and image objects to the figure's alphamap. amin is the value of the data mapped to the first alpha value in the alphamap, and amax is the value of the data mapped to the last alpha value in the alphamap. MATLAB linearly interpolates data values in between across the alphamap and clamps data values outside to either the first or last alphamap value, whichever is closest.

If the axes contains multiple graphics objects, MATLAB sets ALim to span the range of all objects' AlphaData (or FaceVertexAlphaData for patch objects).

See the alpha function reference page for additional information.

ALimMode
{auto} | manual

Alpha axis limits mode. In auto mode, MATLAB sets the ALim property to span the AlphaData limits of the graphics objects displayed in the axes. If ALimMode is manual, MATLAB does not change the value of ALim when the AlphaData limits of axes children change. Setting the ALim property sets ALimMode to manual.

AmbientLightColor
ColorSpec

The background light in a scene. Ambient light is a directionless light that shines uniformly on all objects in the axes. However, if there are no visible light objects in the axes, MATLAB does not use AmbientLightColor. If there are light objects in the axes, the AmbientLightColor is added to the other light sources.

AspectRatio
(Obsolete)

This property produces a warning message when queried or changed. The `DataAspectRatio[Mode]` and `PlotBoxAspectRatio[Mode]` properties have superseded it.

`BeingDeleted`
`on | {off}`

This object is being deleted. The `BeingDeleted` property provides a mechanism to determine if objects are in the process of being deleted. MATLAB sets the `BeingDeleted` property to `on` when the object's `delete` function callback is called (see the `DeleteFcn` property). It remains set to `on` while the `delete` function executes, after which the object no longer exists.

For example, an object's `delete` function might call other functions that act on a number of different objects. These functions might not need to perform actions on objects if the objects are going to be deleted, and therefore, can check the object's `BeingDeleted` property before acting.

See the `close` and `delete` function reference pages for related information.

`Box`
`on | {off}`

Axes box mode. This property specifies whether to enclose the axes extent in a box for 2-D views or a cube for 3-D views. The default is to not display the box.

`BusyAction`
`cancel | {queue}`

Callback routine interruption. The `BusyAction` property lets you control how MATLAB handles events that potentially interrupt executing callbacks. If there is a callback executing, callbacks invoked subsequently always attempt to interrupt it. If the `Interruptible` property of the object whose callback is executing is set to `on` (the default), then interruption occurs at the next point where the event queue is processed.

If the `Interruptible` property is `off`, the `BusyAction` property (of the object owning the executing callback) determines how MATLAB handles the event. The choices are as follows:

- `cancel` — Discard the event that attempted to execute a second callback routine.
- `queue` — Queue the event that attempted to execute a second callback routine until the current callback finishes.

`ButtonDownFcn`

`function handle, cell array containing function handle and additional arguments, or string (not recommended)`

Button press callback function. A callback that executes whenever you press a mouse button while the pointer is within the axes, but not over another graphics object parented to the axes. For 3-D views, the active area is a rectangle that encloses the axes.

See the figure's `SelectionType` property to determine whether modifier keys were also pressed.

Set this property to a function handle that references the callback. The function must define at least two input arguments (handle of axes associated with the button down event and an event structure, which is empty for this property).

See Function Handle Callbacks for information on how to use function handles to define the callback function.

Some Plotting Functions Reset the ButtonDownFcn

Most MATLAB plotting functions clear the axes and reset a number of axes properties, including the `ButtonDownFcn` before plotting data. To create an interface that lets users plot data interactively, consider using a control device such as a push button (`uicontrol`), which plotting functions do not affect. See "Example — Using Function Handles in GUIs" for an example.

If you must use the axes `ButtonDownFcn` to plot data, then you should use low-level functions such as `line`, `patch`, and `surface` and manage the process with the figure and axes `NextPlot` properties.

See "High-Level Versus Low-Level Functions" for information on how plotting functions behave.

See "Preparing Figures and Axes for Graphics" for more information.

Camera Properties

See View Control with the Camera Toolbar for information related to the Camera properties.

See Defining Scenes with Camera Graphics for information on the camera properties.

See View Projection Types for information on orthogonal and perspective projections.

`CameraPosition`

`[x, y, z] axes coordinates`

The location of the camera. This property defines the position from which the camera views the scene. Specify the point in axes coordinates.

If you fix `CameraViewAngle`, you can zoom in and out on the scene by changing the `CameraPosition`, moving the camera closer to the `CameraTarget` to zoom in and farther away from the `CameraTarget` to zoom out. As you change the `CameraPosition`, the amount of perspective also changes, if `Projection` is `perspective`. You can also zoom by changing the

`CameraViewAngle`; however, this does not change the amount of perspective in the scene.

`CameraPositionMode`
`{auto} | manual`

Auto or manual `CameraPosition`. When set to `auto`, MATLAB automatically calculates the `CameraPosition` such that the camera lies a fixed distance from the `CameraTarget` along the azimuth and elevation specified by `view`. Setting a value for `CameraPosition` sets this property to manual.

`CameraTarget`
`[x, y, z] axes coordinates`

Camera aiming point. This property specifies the location in the axes that the camera points to. The `CameraTarget` and the `CameraPosition` define the vector (the view axis) along which the camera looks.

`CameraTargetMode`
`{auto} | manual`

Auto or manual `CameraTarget` *placement.* When this property is `auto`, MATLAB automatically positions the `CameraTarget` at the centroid of the axes plot box. Specifying a value for `CameraTarget` sets this property to `manual`.

`CameraUpVector`
`[x, y, z] axes coordinates`

Camera rotation. This property specifies the rotation of the camera around the viewing axis defined by the `CameraTarget` and the `CameraPosition` properties. Specify `CameraUpVector` as a three-element array containing the x, y, and z components of the vector. For example, `[0 1 0]` specifies the positive y-axis as the up direction.

The default `CameraUpVector` is `[0 0 1]`, which defines the positive *z*-axis as the up direction.

`CameraUpVectorMode`
`{auto} | manual`

Default or user-specified up vector. When `CameraUpVectorMode` is `auto`, MATLAB uses a value of `[0 0 1]` (positive *z*-direction is up) for 3-D views and `[0 1 0]` (positive *y*-direction is up) for 2-D views. Setting a value for `CameraUpVector` sets this property to `manual`.

`CameraViewAngle`
scalar greater than 0 and less than or equal to 180 (angle in degrees)

The field of view. This property determines the camera field of view. Changing this value affects the size of graphics objects displayed in the axes, but does not affect the degree of perspective distortion. The greater the angle, the larger the field of view, and the smaller objects appear in the scene.

`CameraViewAngleMode`
`{auto} | manual`

Auto or manual `CameraViewAngle`. When in `auto` mode, MATLAB sets `CameraViewAngle` to the minimum angle that captures the entire scene (up to 180°).

The following table summarizes MATLAB camera behavior using various combinations of `CameraViewAngleMode`, `CameraTargetMode`, and `CameraPositionMode`:

CameraViewAngleMode	CameraTargetMode	CameraPositionMode	Behavior
auto	auto	auto	CameraTarget is set to plot box centroid, CameraViewAngle is set to capture entire scene, CameraPosition is set along the view axis.
auto	auto	manual	CameraTarget is set to plot box centroid, CameraViewAngle is set to capture entire scene.
auto	manual	auto	CameraViewAngle is set to capture entire scene, CameraPosition is set along the view axis.
auto	manual	manual	CameraViewAngle is set to capture entire scene.
manual	auto	auto	CameraTarget is set to plot box centroid, CameraPosition is set along the view axis.
manual	auto	manual	CameraTarget is set to plot box centroid

CameraViewAngleMode	CameraTargetMode	CameraPositionMode	Behavior
manual	manual	auto	CameraPosition is set along the view axis.
manual	manual	manual	User specifies all camera properties.

Children

vector of graphics object handles

A vector containing the handles of all graphics objects rendered within the axes (whether visible or not). The graphics objects that can be children of axes are image, light, line, patch, rectangle, surface, and text. Change the order of the handles to change the stacking of the objects on the display.

The text objects used to label the *x*-, *y*-, and *z*-axes and the title are also children of axes, but their HandleVisibility properties are set to off. This means their handles do not show up in the axes Children property unless you set the Root ShowHiddenHandles property to on.

When an object's HandleVisibility property is set to off, its parent's Children property does not list it. See HandleVisibility for more information.

CLim

[cmin, cmax]

Color axis limits. A two-element vector that determines how MATLAB maps the CData values of surface and patch objects to the figure's colormap. cmin is the value of the data mapped to the first color in the colormap, and cmax is the value of the data mapped to the last color in the colormap. MATLAB linearly interpolates data values in between across the colormapand clamps data values outside to either the first or last alphamap colormap color, whichever is closest.

When CLimMode is auto (the default), MATLAB assigns cmin the minimum data value and cmax the maximum data value in the graphics object's CData. This maps CData elements with minimum data value to the first colormap entry and with maximum data value to the last colormap entry.

If the axes contains multiple graphics objects, MATLAB sets CLim to span the range of all objects' CData.

See the caxis function reference page for related information.

CLimMode

{auto} | manual

Color axis limits mode. In auto mode, MATLAB sets the CLim property to span the CData limits of the graphics objects displayed in the axes. If CLimMode is manual, MATLAB does not change the value of CLim when the CData limits of axes children change. Setting the CLim property sets this property to manual.

Clipping

{on} | off

This property has no effect on axes.

Color

{none} | ColorSpec

Color of the axes back planes. Setting this property to none means the axes is transparent and the figure color shows through. A ColorSpec is a three-element RGB vector or one of the MATLAB predefined names. Note that while the default value is none, the matlabrc.m file may set the axes color to a specific color.

ColorOrder

m-by-3 matrix of RGB values

Colors to use for multiline plots. `ColorOrder` is an *m*-by-3 matrix of RGB values that define the colors used by the `plot` and `plot3` functions to color each line plotted. If you do not specify a line color with `plot` and `plot3`, these functions cycle through the `ColorOrder` to obtain the color for each line plotted. To obtain the current `ColorOrder`, which may be set during startup, get the property value:

```
get(gca,'ColorOrder')
```

Note that if the axes `NextPlot` property is set to `replace` (the default), high-level functions like `plot` reset the `ColorOrder` property before determining the colors to use. If you want MATLAB to use a `ColorOrder` that is different from the default, set `NextPlot` to `replacechildren`. You can also specify your own default `ColorOrder`.

`CreateFcn`

`function handle, cell array containing function handle and additional arguments, or string (not recommended)`

Callback function executed during object creation. A callback function that executes when MATLAB creates an axes object. You must define this property as a default value for axes. For example, the statement:

```
set(0,'DefaultAxesCreateFcn',@ax_create)
```

defines a default value on the `Root` level that sets axes properties whenever you (or MATLAB) create an axes.

```
function ax_create(src,evnt)
 set(src,'Color','b',...
 'XLim',[1 10],...
 'YLim',[0 100])
end
```

MATLAB executes this function after setting all properties for the axes. Setting the `CreateFcn` property on an existing axes object has no effect.

MATLAB passes the handle of the object whose `CreateFcn` is being executed as the first argument to the callback function and is also accessible through the Root `CallbackObject` property, which can be queried using `gcbo`.

See "Function Handle Callbacks" for information on how to use function handles to define the callback function.

`CurrentPoint`

2-by-3 matrix

Location of last button click, in axes data units. A 2-by-3 matrix containing the coordinates of two points defined by the location of the pointer at the last mouse click. MATLAB returns the coordinates with respect to the requested axes.

Clicking Within the Axes — Orthogonal Projection

The two points lie on the line that is perpendicular to the plane of the screen and passes through the pointer. This is true for both 2-D and 3-D views.

The 3-D coordinates are the points, in the axes coordinate system, where this line intersects the front and back surfaces of the axes volume (which is defined by the axes *x*, *y*, and *z* limits).

The returned matrix is of the form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_{front} & y_{front} & z_{front} \\ x_{back} & y_{back} & z_{back} \end{bmatrix}$$

where *front* defines the point nearest to the camera position. Therefore, if the `CurrentPoint` property returns the `cp` matrix , then the first row,

```
cp(1,:)
```

specifies the point nearest the viewer and the second row,

```
cp(2,:)
```

specifies the point furthest from the viewer.

Clicking Outside the Axes — Orthogonal Projection

When you click outside the axes volume, but within the figure, the returned values are:

- Back point — a point in the plane of the camera target (which is perpendicular to the viewing axis).
- Front point — a point in the camera position plane (which is perpendicular to the viewing axis).

These points lie on a line that passes through the pointer and is perpendicular to the camera target and camera position planes.

Clicking Within the Axes — Perspective Projection

The values of the current point when using perspective project can be different from the same point in orthographic projection because the shape of the axes volume can be different.

Clicking Outside the Axes — Perspective Projection

Clicking outside of the axes volume returns the front point as the current camera position at all times. Only the back point updates with the coordinates of a point that lies on a line extending from the camera position through the pointer and intersecting the camera target at the point.

Related Information

See the figure `CurrentPoint` property for more information.

`DataAspectRatio`
`[dx dy dz]`

Relative scaling of data units. A three-element vector controlling the relative scaling of data units in the *x*, *y*, and *z* directions. For example, setting this property to `[1 2 1]` causes the length of one unit of data in the *x*-direction to be the same length as two units of data in the *y*-direction and one unit of data in the *z*-direction.

Note that the `DataAspectRatio` property interacts with the `PlotBoxAspectRatio`, `XLimMode`, `YLimMode`, and `ZLimMode` properties to control how MATLAB scales the *x*-, *y*-, and *z*-axis. Setting the `DataAspectRatio` will disable the stretch-to-fill behavior if `DataAspectRatioMode`, `PlotBoxAspectRatioMode`, and `CameraViewAngleMode` are all `auto`. The following table describes the interaction between properties when you disable `stretch-to-fill` behavior.

X-, Y-, Z-LimitModes	DataAspectRatio	PlotBoxAspectRatio	Behavior
`auto`	`auto`	`auto`	Limits chosen to span data range in all dimensions.
`auto`	`auto`	`manual`	Limits chosen to span data range in all dimensions. MATLAB modifies `DataAspectRatio` to achieve the requested `PlotBoxAspectRatio`

X-, Y-, Z-LimitModes	DataAspectRatio	PlotBoxAspectRatio	Behavior
			within the limits the software selected.
`auto`	`manual`	`auto`	Limits chosen to span data range in all dimensions. MATLAB modifies `PlotBoxAspectRatio` to achieve the requested `DataAspectRatio` within the limits the software selected.
`auto`	`manual`	`manual`	Limits chosen to completely fit and center the plot within the requested `PlotBoxAspectRatio` given the requested `DataAspectRatio` (this may produce empty space around 2 of the 3 dimensions).
`manual`	`auto`	`auto`	MATLAB honors limits and modifies the `DataAspectRatio` and `PlotBoxAspectRatio` as necessary.

X-, Y-, Z-LimitModes	DataAspectRatio	PlotBoxAspectRatio	Behavior
`manual`	`auto`	`manual`	MATLAB honors limits and `PlotBoxAspectRatio` and modifies `DataAspectRatio` as necessary.
`manual`	`manual`	`auto`	MATLAB honors limits and `DataAspectRatio` and modifies the `PlotBoxAspectRatio` as necessary.
`1 manual` `2 auto`	`manual`	`manual`	MATLAB selects the 2 automatic limits to honor the specified aspect ratios and limit. See "Examples."
`2 or 3 manual`	`manual`	`manual`	MATLAB honors limits and `DataAspectRatio` while ignoring`PlotBoxAspectRatio`.

See "Understanding Axes Aspect Ratio" for more information.

`DataAspectRatioMode`
`{auto} | manual`

User or MATLAB controlled data scaling. This property controls whether the values of the `DataAspectRatio` property are user-defined or selected automatically by MATLAB. Setting values for the `DataAspectRatio` property automatically sets this property to `manual`. Changing `DataAspectRatioMode` to `manual` disables the stretch-to-fill behavior if `DataAspectRatioMode`, `PlotBoxAspectRatioMode`, and `CameraViewAngleMode` are all auto.

`DeleteFcn`

`function handle, cell array containing function handle and additional arguments, or string (not recommended)`

Delete axes callback function. A callback function that executes when you delete the axes object (for example, when you issue a `delete` or `clf` command). MATLAB executes the routine before destroying the object's properties so the callback can query these values.

MATLAB passes the handle of the object whose `DeleteFcn` is executing as the first argument to the callback function. The handle is also accessible through the Root `CallbackObject` property, which can be queried using `gcbo`.

See "Function Handle Callbacks" for information on how to use function handles to define the callback function.

`DrawMode`

`{normal} | fast`

Rendering mode. This property controls the way MATLAB renders graphics objects displayed in the axes when the figure `Renderer` property is `painters`.

- `normal` mode draws objects in back to front ordering based on the current view in order to handle hidden surface elimination and object intersections.
- `fast` mode draws objects in the order in which you specify the drawing commands, without considering the relationships of the objects in three dimensions. This results in faster rendering because it requires no sorting of objects according to location in the view, but can produce undesirable results because it

bypasses the hidden surface elimination and object intersection handling provided by `normal DrawMode`.

When the figure `Renderer` property is `zbuffer`, it ignores `DrawMode` and always provides hidden surface elimination and object intersection handling.

`FontAngle`
`{normal} | italic | oblique`

Select italic or normal font. This property selects the character slant for axes text. `normal` specifies a nonitalic font. `italic` and `oblique` specify italic font.

`FontName`
`A name such as Courier or the string FixedWidth`

Font family name. The font family name specifying the font to use for axes labels. To display and print properly, `FontName` must be a font that your system supports. Note that MATLAB does not display the *x*-, *y*-, and *z*-axis labels in a new font until you manually reset them (by setting the `XLabel`, `YLabel`, and `ZLabel` properties or by using the `xlabel`, `ylabel`, or `zlabel` command). Tick mark labels change immediately.

Specifying a Fixed-Width Font

If you want an axes to use a fixed-width font that looks good in any locale, set `FontName` to the string `FixedWidth`:

```
set(axes_handle,'FontName','FixedWidth')
```

This eliminates the need to hardcode the name of a fixed-width font, which might not display text properly on systems that do not use ASCII character encoding (such as in Japan, where character sets can be multibyte). A properly written MATLAB application that needs to use a fixed-width font should set `FontName` to `FixedWidth` (note that this string is case sensitive) and rely on `FixedWidthFontName` to be set correctly in the end user's environment.

End users can adapt a MATLAB application to different locales or personal environments by setting the root `FixedWidthFontName` property to the appropriate value for that locale from `startup.m`.

Note that setting the root `FixedWidthFontName` property causes an immediate update of the display to use the new font.

`FontSize`

Font size specified in `FontUnits`

Font size. An integer specifying the font size to use for axes labels and titles, in units determined by the `FontUnits` property. The default point size is 12 and the maximum allowable font size depends on your OS. MATLAB does not display *x*-, *y*-, and *z*-axis text labels in a new font size until you manually reset them (by setting the `XLabel`, `YLabel`, or `ZLabel` properties or by using the `xlabel`, `ylabel`, or `zlabel` command). Tick mark labels change immediately.

`FontUnits`

`{points} | normalized | inches | centimeters | pixels`

Units used to interpret the `FontSize` property. When set to `normalized`, MATLAB interprets the value of `FontSize` as a fraction of the height of the axes. For example, a `normalized` `FontSize` of 0.1 sets the text characters to a font whose height is one tenth of the axes' height. The default units (`points`), are equal to 1/72 of an inch.

Note that if you set both the `FontSize` and the `FontUnits` in one function call, you must set the `FontUnits` property first so that MATLAB can correctly interpret the specified `FontSize`.

`FontWeight`

`{normal} | bold | light | demi`

Select bold or normal font. The character weight for axes text. MATLAB does not display the *x*-, *y*-, and *z*-axis text labels in bold until you manually reset them (by setting the `XLabel`, `YLabel`, and `ZLabel` properties or by using the `xlabel`, `ylabel`, or `zlabel` commands). Tick mark labels change immediately.

`GridLineStyle`

`- | --| {:} | -.  | none`

Line style used to draw grid lines. The line style is a string consisting of a character, in quotes, specifying solid lines (-), dashed lines (--), dotted lines(`:`), or dash-dot lines (-.). The default grid line style is dotted. To turn on grid lines, use the `grid` command.

`HandleVisibility`

`{on} | callback | off`

Control access to object's handle by command-line users and GUIs. This property determines when an object's handle is visible in its parent's list of children. `HandleVisibility` is useful for preventing command-line users from accidentally drawing into or deleting a figure that contains only user interface devices (such as a dialog box).

Handles are always visible when `HandleVisibility` is `on`.

Setting `HandleVisibility` to `callback` causes handles to be visible from within callback routines or functions invoked by callback routines, but not from within functions invoked from the command line. This provides a means to protect GUIs from command-line users, while allowing callback routines to have complete access to object handles.

Setting `HandleVisibility` to `off` makes handles invisible at all times. This may be necessary when a callback routine invokes a function that might potentially damage the GUI (such as evaluating a user-typed string) and so temporarily hides its own handles during the execution of that function.

When a handle is not visible in its parent's list of children, functions that obtain handles by searching the object hierarchy or querying handle properties cannot return it. This includes `get`, `findobj`, `gca`, `gcf`, `gco`, `newplot`, `cla`, `clf`, and `close`.

When you restrict a handle's visibility by using `callback` or `off`, the object's handle does not appear in its parent's `Children` property, figures do not appear in the Root's `CurrentFigure` property, objects do not appear in the Root's `CallbackObject` property or in the figure's `CurrentObject` property, and axes do not appear in their parent's `CurrentAxes` property.

You can set the Root `ShowHiddenHandles` property to on to make all handles visible regardless of their `HandleVisibility` settings (this does not affect the values of the `HandleVisibility` properties).

Handles that are hidden are still valid. If you know an object's handle, you can `set` and `get` its properties, and pass it to any function that operates on handles.

`HitTest`
`{on} | off`

Selectable by mouse click. `HitTest` determines if the axes can become the current object (as returned by the `gco` command and the figure `CurrentObject` property) as a result of a mouse click on the axes. If `HitTest` is `off`, clicking the axes selects the object below it (which is usually the figure containing it).

`Interruptible`
`{on} | off`

Callback routine interruption mode. The `Interruptible` property controls whether an axes callback routine can be interrupted by subsequently invoked callback routines. The `Interruptible` property only affects callback routines defined for the `ButtonDownFcn`. MATLAB checks for events that can interrupt a callback routine only when it encounters a `drawnow`, `figure`, `getframe`, or `pause` command in the routine. See the `BusyAction` property for related information.

Setting `Interruptible` to `on` allows any graphics object's callback routine to interrupt callback routines originating from an axes property. Note that MATLAB does not save the state of variables or the display (for example, the handle returned by the `gca` or `gcf` command) when an interruption occurs.

`Layer`
`{bottom} | top`

Draw axis lines below or above graphics objects. This property determines whether to draw axis lines and tick marks on top or below axes children objects for any 2-D view (i.e., when you are looking along the *x*-, *y*-, or *z*-axis). This is useful for placing grid lines and tick marks on top of images.

`LineStyleOrder`
`LineSpec {a solid line '-'}`

Order of line styles and markers used in a plot. This property specifies which line styles and markers to use and in what order when creating multiple-line plots. For example:

```
set(gca,'LineStyleOrder', '-*|:|o')
```

sets `LineStyleOrder` to solid line with asterisk marker, dotted line, and hollow circle marker. The default is (-), which specifies a solid line for all data plotted. Alternatively, you can create a cell array of character strings to define the line styles:

```
set(gca,'LineStyleOrder',{'-*',':','o'})
```

MATLAB supports four line styles, which you can specify any number of times in any order. MATLAB cycles through the line styles only after using all colors defined by the `ColorOrder` property. For example, the first eight lines plotted use the different colors defined by `ColorOrder` with the first line style. MATLAB then cycles through the colors again, using the second line style specified, and so on.

You can also specify line style and color directly with the `plot` and `plot3` functions or by altering the properties of the `line` or `lineseries` objects after creating the graph.

High-Level Functions and LineStyleOrder

Note that, if the axes `NextPlot` property is set to `replace` (the default), high-level functions like `plot` reset the `LineStyleOrder` property before determining the line style to use. If you want MATLAB to use a `LineStyleOrder` that is different from the default, set `NextPlot` to `replacechildren`.

Specifying a Default LineStyleOrder

You can also specify your own default `LineStyleOrder`. For example:

```
set(0,'DefaultAxesLineStyleOrder',{'-*',':','o'})
```

creates a default value for the axes `LineStyleOrder` that high-level plotting functions will not reset.

`LineWidth`
line width in points

Width of axis lines. This property specifies the width, in points, of the *x*-, *y*-, and *z*-axis lines. The default line width is 0.5 points (1 point = $^{1}/_{72}$ inch).

`MinorGridLineStyle`

`- | --| {:} | -.  | none`

Line style used to draw minor grid lines. The line style is a string consisting of one or more characters, in quotes, specifying solid lines (-), dashed lines (--), dotted lines (:), or dash-dot lines (-.). The default minor grid line style is dotted. To turn on minor grid lines, use the `grid minor` command.

`NextPlot`

`add | {replace} | replacechildren`

Where to draw the next plot. This property determines how high-level plotting functions draw into an existing axes.

- `add` — Use the existing axes to draw graphics objects.
- `replace` — Reset all axes properties except `Position` to their defaults and delete all axes children before displaying graphics (equivalent to `cla reset`).
- `replacechildren` — Remove all child objects, but do not reset axes properties (equivalent to `cla`).

The `newplot` function simplifies the use of the `NextPlot` property and is useful for functions that draw graphs using only low-level object creation routines. Note that figure graphics objects also have a `NextPlot` property.

`OuterPosition`

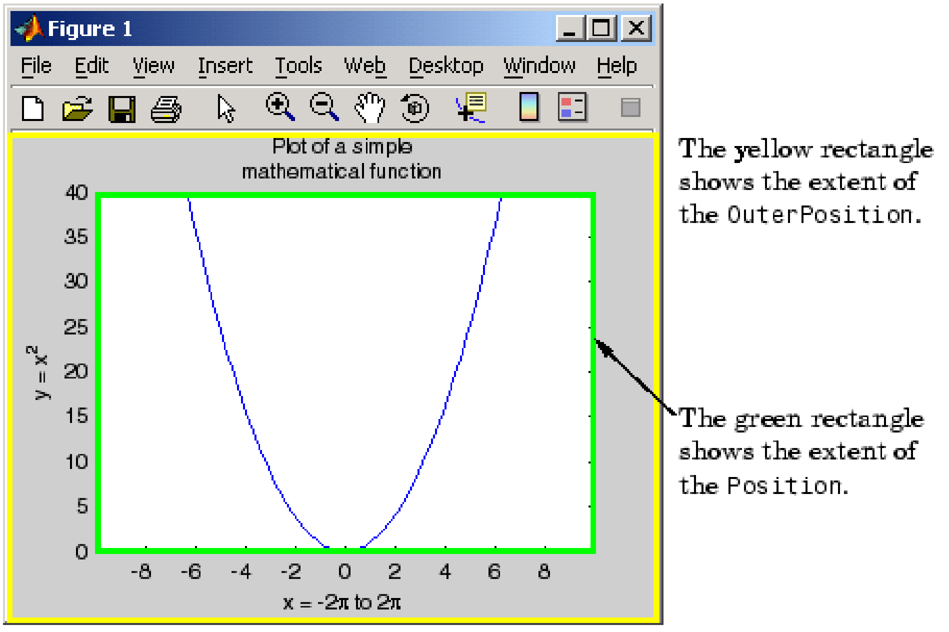
`four-element vector`

Position of axes including labels, title, and a margin. A four-element vector specifying a rectangle that locates the outer bounds of the axes, including axis labels, the title, and a margin. The vector is as follows:

```
[left bottom width height]
```

where `left` and `bottom` define the distance from the lower-left corner of the figure window to the lower-left corner of the rectangle. `width` and `height` are the dimensions of the rectangle

The following picture shows the region defined by the `OuterPosition` enclosed in a yellow rectangle.



When `ActivePositionProperty` is set to `OuterPosition` (the default), resizing the figure will not clip any of the text. The default value of `[0 0 1 1]` (normalized units) includes the interior of the figure.

The `units` property specifies all measurement units.

See the property for related information.

See “Automatic Axes Resize” for a discussion of how to use axes positioning properties.

`Parent`
`figure or uipanel handle`

Axes parent. The handle of the axes’ parent object. The parent of an axes object is the figure which displays it or the uipanel object that contains it. The utility function `gcf` returns the handle of the current axes `Parent`. You can reparent axes to other figure or uipanel objects.

See “Objects That Can Contain Other Objects” for more information on parenting graphics objects.

`PlotBoxAspectRatio`
`[px py pz]`

Relative scaling of axes plot box. A three-element vector controlling the relative scaling of the plot box in the *x*, *y*, and *z* directions. The plot box is a box enclosing the axes data region as defined by the *x*-, *y*-, and *z*-axis limits.

Note that the `PlotBoxAspectRatio` property interacts with the `DataAspectRatio`, `XLimMode`, `YLimMode`, and `ZLimMode` properties to control the way MATLAB displays graphics objects. Setting the `PlotBoxAspectRatio` disables stretch-to-fill behavior, if `DataAspectRatioMode`, `PlotBoxAspectRatioMode`, and `CameraViewAngleMode` are all `auto`.

`PlotBoxAspectRatioMode`
`{auto} | manual`

User or MATLAB controlled axis scaling. This property controls whether the values of the `PlotBoxAspectRatio` property are user-defined or selected automatically by MATLAB. Setting values for the `PlotBoxAspectRatio` property automatically sets this property to `manual`. Changing the `PlotBoxAspectRatioMode` to `manual` disables stretch-to-fill behavior if `DataAspectRatioMode`, `PlotBoxAspectRatioMode`, and `CameraViewAngleMode` are all `auto`.

`Position`
`four-element vector`

Position of axes. A four-element vector specifying a rectangle that locates the axes within its parent container (figure or uipanel). The vector is of the form:

```
[left bottom width height]
```

where `left` and `bottom` define the distance from the lower-left corner of the container to the lower-left corner of the rectangle. `width` and `height` are the dimensions of the rectangle. The `Units` property specifies the units for all measurements.

When you enable axes stretch-to-fill behavior (when `DataAspectRatioMode`, `PlotBoxAspectRatioMode`, and `CameraViewAngleMode` are all `auto`), MATLAB stretches the axes to fill the `Position` rectangle. When you disable stretch-to-fill, MATLAB makes the axes as large as possible, while obeying all other properties, without extending outside the `Position` rectangle.

See the `OuterPosition` property for related information.

See "Automatic Axes Resize" for a discussion of how to use axes positioning properties.

`Projection`
`{orthographic} | perspective`

Type of projection. This property selects between two projection types:

- `orthographic` — This projection maintains the correct relative dimensions of graphics objects with regard to the distance a given point is from the viewer and draws parallel lines in the data parallel on the screen.

- `perspective` — This projection incorporates foreshortening, which allows you to perceive depth in 2-D representations of 3-D objects. Perspective projection does not preserve the relative dimensions of objects; it displays a distant line segment smaller than a nearer line segment of the same length. Parallel lines in the data may not appear parallel on screen.

`Selected`
`on | {off}`

Is object selected? When you set this property to `on`, MATLAB displays selection "handles" at the corners and midpoints if the `SelectionHighlight` property is also `on` (the default). You can, for example, define the `ButtonDownFcn` callback to set this property to `on`, thereby indicating that the axes has been selected.

`SelectionHighlight`
`{on} | off`

Highlights objects when selected. When the `Selected` property is `on`, MATLAB indicates the selected state by drawing four edge handles and four corner handles. When `SelectionHighlight` is `off`, MATLAB does not draw the handles.

`Tag`
string

User-specified object label. The `Tag` property provides a means to identify graphics objects with a user-specified label. This is particularly useful when constructing interactive graphics programs that would otherwise need to define object handles as global variables or pass them as arguments between callback routines.

For example, suppose you want to direct all graphics output from a file to a particular axes, regardless of user actions that may have changed the current axes. To do this, identify the axes with a `Tag`:

```
axes('Tag','Special Axes')
```

Then make that axes the current axes before drawing by searching for the `Tag` with `findobj`:

```
axes(findobj('Tag','Special Axes'))
```

`TickDir`
`in | out`

Direction of tick marks. For 2-D views, the default is to direct tick marks inward from the axis lines; 3-D views direct tick marks outward from the axis line.

`TickDirMode`
`{auto} | manual`

Automatic tick direction control. In `auto` mode, MATLAB directs tick marks inward for 2-D views and outward for 3-D views. When you specify a setting for `TickDir`, MATLAB sets `TickDirMode` to `manual`. In `manual` mode, MATLAB does not change the specified tick direction.

`TickLength`
`[2DLength 3DLength]`

Length of tick marks. A two-element vector specifying the length of axes tick marks. The first element is the length of tick marks used for 2-D views and the second element is the length of tick marks used for 3-D views. Specify tick mark lengths in units normalized relative to the longest of the visible *x*-, *y*-, or *z*-axis annotation lines.

`TightInset`
`[left bottom right top] Read only`

Margins added to Position to include text labels. The values of this property are the distances between the bounds of the `Position` property and the extent of the axes text labels and title. When added to the `Position` width and height values, the `TightInset` defines the tightest bounding box that encloses the axes and its labels and title.

See "Automatic Axes Resize" for more information.

`Title`
`handle of text object`

Axes title. The handle of the `text` object used for the axes title. You can use this handle to change the properties of the title text or you can set `Title` to the handle of an existing text object. For example, the following statement changes the color of the current title to red:

```
set(get(gca,'Title'),'Color','r')
```

To create a new title, set this property to the handle of the text object you want to use:

```
set(gca,'Title',text('String','New Title','Color','r'))
```

However, it is generally simpler to use the `title` command to create or replace an axes title:

```
title('New Title','Color','r') % Make text color red
title({'This title','has 2 lines'}) % Two line title
```

`Type`
`string (read only)`

Type of graphics object. This property contains a string that identifies the class of graphics object. For axes objects, `Type` is always set to `'axes'`.

`UIContextMenu`

`handle of a uicontextmenu object`

Associate a context menu with the axes. Assign this property the handle of a `uicontextmenu` object created in the axes' parent figure. Use the `uicontextmenu` function to create the context menu. MATLAB displays the context menu whenever you right-click over the axes.

`Units`

`inches | centimeters | {normalized} | points | pixels | characters`

Axes position units. The units used to interpret the `Position` property. MATLAB measures all units from the lower left corner of the figure window.

Note The `Units` property controls the positioning of the axes within the figure. This property does not affect the data units used for graphing. See the axes `XLim`, `YLim`, and `ZLim` properties to set the limits of each axis data units.

- `normalized` units map the lower left corner of the figure window to (0,0) and the upper right corner to (1.0, 1.0).
- `inches`, `centimeters`, and `points` are absolute units (one point equals $^1/_{72}$ of an inch).
- `character` uses characters from the default system font to define units; the width of one character is the width of the letter x, and the height of one character is the distance between the baselines of two lines of text.

When specifying the units as property/value pairs during object creation, you must set the `Units` property before specifying the properties that you want to use these units.

`UserData`

`matrix`

User-specified data. This property can be any data you want to associate with the axes object. The axes does not use this property, but you can access it using the `set` and `get` functions.

`View`

Obsolete

The axes camera properties now controls the functionality provided by the `View` property — `CameraPosition`, `CameraTarget`, `CameraUpVector`, and `CameraViewAngle`. See the `view` command.

`Visible`

`{on} | off`

Visibility of axes. By default, axes are visible. Setting this property to `off` prevents axis lines, tick marks, and labels from being displayed. The `Visible` property does not affect children of axes.

`XAxisLocation`

`top | {bottom}`

Location of x-axis tick marks and labels. This property controls where MATLAB displays the *x*-axis tick marks and labels. Setting this property to `top` moves the *x*-axis to the top of the plot from its default position at the bottom. This property applies to 2–D views only.

`YAxisLocation`

`right | {left}`

Location of y-axis tick marks and labels. This property controls where MATLAB displays the *y*-axis tick marks and labels. Setting this property to `right` moves the *y*-axis to the right side of the plot from its default position on the left side. This property applies to 2–D views only. See the `plotyy` function for a simple way to use two *y*-axes.

Properties That Control the X-, Y-, or Z-Axis

`XColor`
`YColor`
`ZColor`
`ColorSpec`

Color of axis lines. A three-element vector specifying an RGB triple, or a predefined MATLAB color string. This property determines the color of the axis lines, tick marks, tick mark labels, and the axis grid lines of the respective *x*-, *y*-, and *z*-axis. The default color axis color is black. See `ColorSpec` for details on specifying colors.

`XDir`
`YDir`
`ZDir`
`{normal} | reverse`

Direction of increasing values. A mode controlling the direction of increasing axis values. Axes form a right-hand coordinate system. By default,

- *x*-axis values increase from left to right. To reverse the direction of increasing *x* values, set this property to `reverse`.

```
set(gca,'XDir','reverse')
```

- *y*-axis values increase from bottom to top (2-D view) or front to back (3-D view). To reverse the direction of increasing *y* values, set this property to `reverse`.

```
set(gca,'YDir','reverse')
```

- z-axis values increase pointing out of the screen (2-D view) or from bottom to top (3-D view). To reverse the direction of increasing z values, set this property to `reverse`.

  ```
  set(gca,'ZDir','reverse')
  ```

`XGrid`
`YGrid`
`ZGrid`
`on | {off}`

Axis gridline mode. When you set any of these properties to `on`, MATLAB draws grid lines perpendicular to the respective axis (i.e., along lines of constant x, y, or z values). Use the `grid` command to set all three properties `on` or `off` at once.

```
set(gca,'XGrid','on')
```

`XLabel`
`YLabel`
`ZLabel`
`handle of text object`

Axis labels. The handle of the `text` object used to label the x-, y-, or z-axis, respectively. To assign values to any of these properties, you must obtain the handle to the text string you want to use as a label. This statement defines a text object and assigns its handle to the `XLabel` property:

```
set(get(gca,'XLabel'),'String','axis label')
```

MATLAB places the string `'axis label'` appropriately for an x-axis label and moves any text object whose handle you specify as an `XLabel`, `YLabel`, or `ZLabel` property to the appropriate location for the respective label.

Alternatively, you can use the `xlabel`, `ylabel`, and `zlabel` functions, which generally provide a simpler means to label axis lines.

Note that using a bitmapped font (for example, Courier is usually a bitmapped font) might cause the labels to rotate improperly. As a workaround, use a TrueType font (for example, Courier New) for axis labels. See your system documentation to determine the types of fonts installed on your system.

`XLim`
`YLim`
`ZLim`

`[minimum maximum]`

Axis limits. A two-element vector specifying the minimum and maximum values of the respective axis. The data you plot determines these values.

Changing these properties affects the scale of the *x*-, *y*-, or *z*-dimension as well as the placement of labels and tick marks on the axis. The default values for these properties are [0 1].

See the `axis`, `datetick`, `xlim`, `ylim`, and `zlim` commands to set these properties.

`XLimMode`
`YLimMode`
`ZLimMode`

`{auto} | manual`

MATLAB or user-controlled limits. The axis limits mode determines whether MATLAB calculates axis limits based on the data plotted (for example, the `XData`, `YData`, or `ZData` of the axes children) or uses the values explicitly set with the `XLim`, `YLim`, or `ZLim` property, in which case, the respective limits mode is set to `manual`.

`XMinorGrid`
`YMinorGrid`
`ZMinorGrid`
`on | {off}`

Enable or disable minor gridlines. When set to `on`, MATLAB draws gridlines aligned with the minor tick marks of the respective axis. Note that you do not have to enable minor ticks to display minor grids.

`XMinorTick`
`YMinorTick`
`ZMinorTick`
`on | {off}`

Enable or disable minor tick marks. When set to `on`, MATLAB draws tick marks between the major tick marks of the respective axis. MATLAB automatically determines the number of minor ticks based on the space between the major ticks.

`XScale`
`YScale`
`ZScale`
`{linear} | log`

Axis scaling. Linear or logarithmic scaling for the respective axis. See also `loglog`, `semilogx`, and `semilogy`.

`XTick`
`YTick`
`ZTick`
vector of data values locating tick marks

Tick spacing. A vector of *x*-, *y*-, or *z*-data values that determine the location of tick marks along the respective axis. If you do not want tick marks displayed, set the respective property to the empty vector, `[ ]`. These vectors must contain monotonically increasing values.

`XTickLabel`
`YTickLabel`
`ZTickLabel`

string

Tick labels. A matrix of strings to use as labels for tick marks along the respective axis. These labels replace the numeric labels generated by MATLAB. If you do not specify enough text labels for all the tick marks, MATLAB uses all of the labels specified, then reuses the specified labels.

For example, the statement:

```
set(gca,'XTickLabel',{'One';'Two';'Three';'Four'})
```

labels the first four tick marks on the *x*-axis and then reuses the labels for the remaining ticks.

Labels can be cell arrays of strings, padded string matrices, string vectors separated by vertical slash characters, or numeric vectors (where MATLAB implicitly converts each number to the equivalent string using `num2str`). All of the following are equivalent:

```
set(gca,'XTickLabel',{'1';'10';'100'})
set(gca,'XTickLabel','1|10|100')
set(gca,'XTickLabel',[1;10;100])
set(gca,'XTickLabel',['1  ';'10 ';'100'])
```

Note that tick labels do not interpret TeX character sequences (however, the `Title`, `XLabel`, `YLabel`, and `ZLabel` properties do).

`XTickMode`
`YTickMode`
`ZTickMode`

`{auto} | manual`

MATLAB or user-controlled tick spacing. The axis tick modes determine whether MATLAB calculates the tick mark spacing based on the range of data for the respective axis (`auto` mode) or uses the values explicitly set for any of the `XTick`, `YTick`, and `ZTick` properties (`manual` mode). Setting values for the `XTick`, `YTick`, or `ZTick` properties sets the respective axis tick mode to `manual`.

`XTickLabelMode`
`YTickLabelMode`
`ZTickLabelMode`
`{auto} | manual`

MATLAB or user-determined tick labels. The axis tick mark labeling mode determines whether MATLAB uses numeric tick mark labels that span the range of the plotted data (`auto` mode) or uses the tick mark labels specified with the `XTickLabel`, `YTickLabel`, or `ZTickLabel` property (`manual` mode). Setting values for the `XTickLabel`, `YTickLabel`, or `ZTickLabel` property sets the respective axis tick label mode to `manual`.

See Also

`axes`

Purpose

Axis scaling and appearance

Syntax

```
axis([xmin xmax ymin ymax])
axis([xmin xmax ymin ymax zmin zmax cmin cmax])
v = axis
axis auto
axis manual
axis tight
axis fill
axis ij
axis xy
axis equal
axis image
axis square
axis vis3d
axis normal
axis off
axis on
axis(axes_handles,...)
[mode,visibility,direction] = axis('state')
```

Description

`axis` manipulates commonly used axes properties. (See Algorithm section.)

`axis([xmin xmax ymin ymax])` sets the limits for the *x*- and *y*-axis of the current axes.

`axis([xmin xmax ymin ymax zmin zmax cmin cmax])` sets the *x*-, *y*-, and *z*-axis limits and the color scaling limits (see `caxis`) of the current axes.

`v = axis` returns a row vector containing scaling factors for the *x*-, *y*-, and *z*-axis. `v` has four or six components depending on whether the current axes is 2-D or 3-D, respectively. The returned values are the current axes `XLim`, `Ylim`, and `ZLim` properties.

`axis auto` sets MATLAB default behavior to compute the current axes limits automatically, based on the minimum and maximum values of *x*, *y*, and *z* data. You can restrict this automatic behavior to a specific axis. For example, `axis 'auto x'` computes only the *x*-axis limits automatically; `axis 'auto yz'` computes the *y*- and *z*-axis limits automatically.

`axis manual` and `axis(axis)` freezes the scaling at the current limits, so that if `hold` is `on`, subsequent plots use the same limits. This sets the `XLimMode`, `YLimMode`, and `ZLimMode` properties to `manual`.

`axis tight` sets the axis limits to the range of the data.

`axis fill` sets the axis limits and `PlotBoxAspectRatio` so that the axes fill the position rectangle. This option has an effect only if `PlotBoxAspectRatioMode` or `DataAspectRatioMode` is `manual`.

`axis ij` places the coordinate system origin in the upper left corner. The *i*-axis is vertical, with values increasing from top to bottom. The *j*-axis is horizontal with values increasing from left to right.

`axis xy` draws the graph in the default Cartesian axes format with the coordinate system origin in the lower left corner. The *x*-axis is horizontal with values increasing from left to right. The *y*-axis is vertical with values increasing from bottom to top.

`axis equal` sets the aspect ratio so that the data units are the same in every direction. The aspect ratio of the *x*-, *y*-, and *z*-axis is adjusted automatically according to the range of data units in the *x*, *y*, and *z* directions.

`axis image` is the same as `axis equal` except that the plot box fits tightly around the data.

`axis square` makes the current axes region square (or cubed when three-dimensional). This option adjusts the *x*-axis, *y*-axis, and *z*-axis so that they have equal lengths and adjusts the increments between data units accordingly.

`axis vis3d` freezes aspect ratio properties to enable rotation of 3-D objects and overrides stretch-to-fill.

`axis normal` automatically adjusts the aspect ratio of the axes and the relative scaling of the data units so that the plot fits the figure's shape as well as possible.

`axis off` turns off all axis lines, tick marks, and labels.

`axis on` turns on all axis lines, tick marks, and labels.

`axis(axes_handles,...)` applies the `axis` command to the specified axes. For example, the following statements

```
h1 = subplot(221);
h2 = subplot(222);
axis([h1 h2],'square')
```

set both axes to `square`.

`[mode,visibility,direction] = axis('state')` returns three strings indicating the current setting of axes properties:

Output Argument	Strings Returned
mode	'auto' | 'manual'
visibility	'on' | 'off'
direction	'xy' | 'ij'

`mode` is `auto` if `XLimMode`, `YLimMode`, and `ZLimMode` are all set to `auto`. If `XLimMode`, `YLimMode`, or `ZLimMode` is `manual`, `mode` is `manual`.

Keywords to `axis` can be combined, separated by a space (e.g., `axis tight equal`). These are evaluated from left to right, so subsequent keywords can overwrite properties set by prior ones.

Remarks

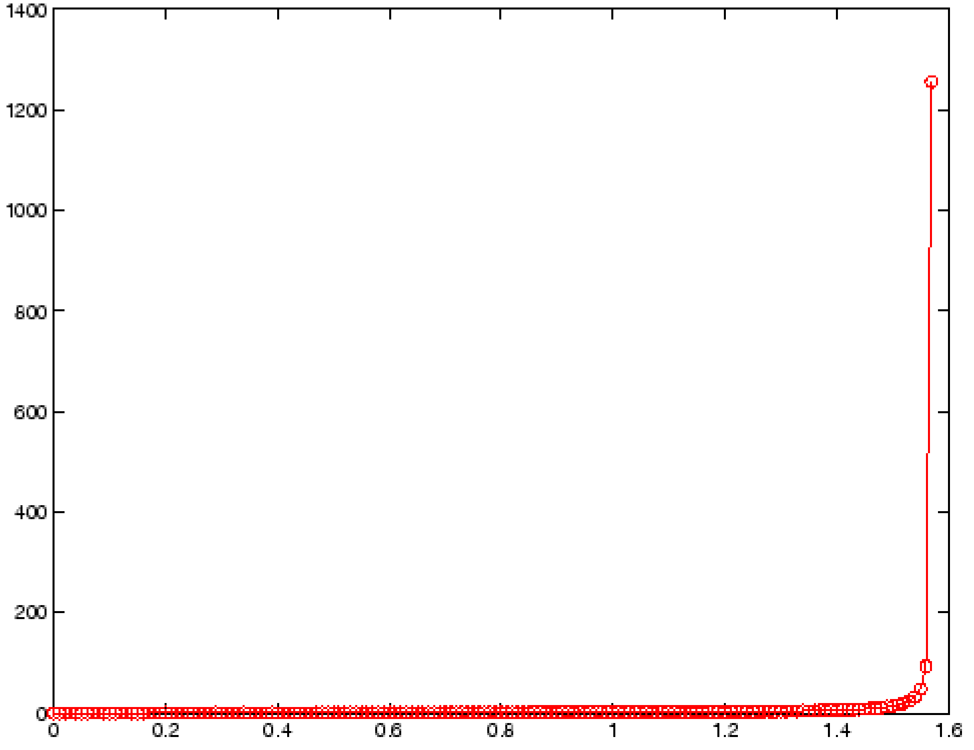
You can create an axes (and a figure for it) if none exists with the `axis` command. However, if you specify non-default limits or formatting for the axes when doing this, such as `[4 8 2 9]`, `square`, `equal`, or `image`, the property is ignored because there are no axis limits to adjust in the absence of plotted data. To use `axis` in this manner, you can set `hold on` to keep preset axes limits from being overridden.

Examples

The statements

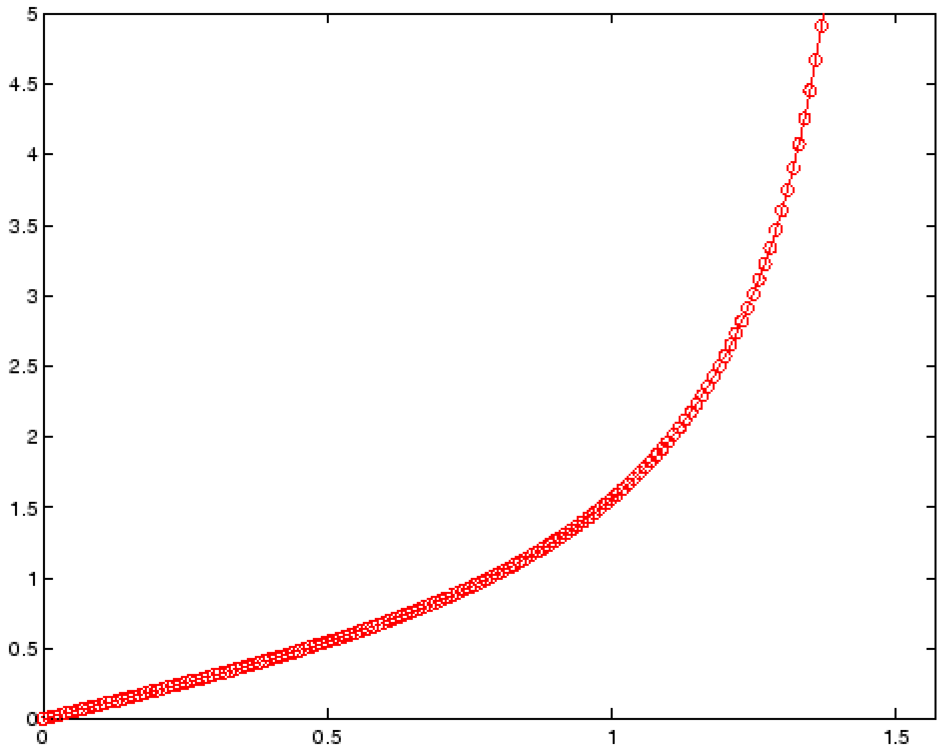
```
x = 0:.01:pi/2;
plot(x,tan(x),'-ro')
```

use the automatic scaling of the *y*-axis based on `ymax = tan(1.57)`, which is well over 1000:



The right figure shows a more satisfactory plot after typing

```
axis([0 pi/2 0 5])
```



Algorithm

When you specify minimum and maximum values for the *x*-, *y*-, and *z*-axes, `axis` sets the `XLim`, `Ylim`, and `ZLim` properties for the current axes to the respective minimum and maximum values in the argument list. Additionally, the `XLimMode`, `YLimMode`, and `ZLimMode` properties for the current axes are set to `manual`.

`axis auto` sets the current axes `XLimMode`, `YLimMode`, and `ZLimMode` properties to `'auto'`.

`axis manual` sets the current axes `XLimMode`, `YLimMode`, and `ZLimMode` properties to `'manual'`.

The following table shows the values of the axes properties set by `axis equal`, `axis normal`, `axis square`, and `axis image`.

Axes Property or Behavior	axis equal	axis normal	axis square	axis image
DataAspectRatio property	[1 1 1]	not set	not set	[1 1 1]
DataAspectRatioMode property	manual	auto	auto	manual
PlotBoxAspectRatio property	[3 4 4]	not set	[1 1 1]	auto
PlotBoxAspectRatioMode property	manual	auto	manual	auto
Stretch-to-fill behavior;	disabled	active	disabled	disabled

See Also

axes, grid, subplot, xlim, ylim, zlim

Properties of axes graphics objects

"Axes Operations" on page 1-106 for related functions

For aspect ratio behavior, see *Related Information* in the axes properties reference page.

balance

Purpose

Diagonal scaling to improve eigenvalue accuracy

Syntax

```
[T,B] = balance(A)
[S,P,B] = balance(A)
B = balance(A)
B = balance(A,'noperm')
```

Description

`[T,B] = balance(A)` returns a similarity transformation `T` such that `B = T\A*T`, and `B` has, as nearly as possible, approximately equal row and column norms. `T` is a permutation of a diagonal matrix whose elements are integer powers of two to prevent the introduction of roundoff error. If `A` is symmetric, then `B == A` and `T` is the identity matrix.

`[S,P,B] = balance(A)` returns the scaling vector `S` and the permutation vector `P` separately. The transformation `T` and balanced matrix `B` are obtained from `A`, `S`, and `P` by `T(:,P) = diag(S)` and `B(P,P) = diag(1./S)*A*diag(S)`.

`B = balance(A)` returns just the balanced matrix `B`.

`B = balance(A,'noperm')` scales `A` without permuting its rows and columns.

Remarks

Nonsymmetric matrices can have poorly conditioned eigenvalues. Small perturbations in the matrix, such as roundoff errors, can lead to large perturbations in the eigenvalues. The condition number of the eigenvector matrix,

```
cond(V) = norm(V)*norm(inv(V))
```

where

```
[V,T] = eig(A)
```

relates the size of the matrix perturbation to the size of the eigenvalue perturbation. Note that the condition number of `A` itself is irrelevant to the eigenvalue problem.

Balancing is an attempt to concentrate any ill conditioning of the eigenvector matrix into a diagonal scaling. Balancing usually cannot turn a nonsymmetric matrix into a symmetric matrix; it only attempts to make the norm of each row equal to the norm of the corresponding column.

Note The MATLAB eigenvalue function, `eig(A)`, automatically balances `A` before computing its eigenvalues. Turn off the balancing with `eig(A,'nobalance')`.

Examples

This example shows the basic idea. The matrix `A` has large elements in the upper right and small elements in the lower left. It is far from being symmetric.

```
A = [1  100  10000; .01  1  100; .0001  .01  1]
A =
   1.0e+04 *
    0.0001    0.0100    1.0000
    0.0000    0.0001    0.0100
    0.0000    0.0000    0.0001
```

Balancing produces a diagonal matrix `T` with elements that are powers of two and a balanced matrix `B` that is closer to symmetric than `A`.

```
[T,B] = balance(A)
T =
   1.0e+03 *
    2.0480         0         0
         0    0.0320         0
         0         0    0.0003
B =
    1.0000    1.5625    1.2207
    0.6400    1.0000    0.7813
    0.8192    1.2800    1.0000
```

To see the effect on eigenvectors, first compute the eigenvectors of `A`, shown here as the columns of `V`.

```
[V,E] = eig(A); V
V =
   -1.0000    0.9999    0.9937
    0.0050    0.0100   -0.1120
    0.0000    0.0001    0.0010
```

Note that all three vectors have the first component the largest. This indicates `V` is badly conditioned; in fact `cond(V)` is `8.7766e+003`. Next, look at the eigenvectors of `B`.

```
[V,E] = eig(B); V
V =
   -0.8873    0.6933    0.0898
    0.2839    0.4437   -0.6482
    0.3634    0.5679   -0.7561
```

Now the eigenvectors are well behaved and `cond(V)` is `1.4421`. The ill conditioning is concentrated in the scaling matrix; `cond(T)` is `8192`.

This example is small and not really badly scaled, so the computed eigenvalues of `A` and `B` agree within roundoff error; balancing has little effect on the computed results.

Algorithm

Inputs of Type Double

For inputs of type `double`, `balance` uses the linear algebra package (LAPACK) routines `DGEBAL` (real) and `ZGEBAL` (complex). If you request the output `T`, `balance` also uses the LAPACK routines `DGEBAK` (real) and `ZGEBAK` (complex).

Inputs of Type Single

For inputs of type `single`, `balance` uses the LAPACK routines `SGEBAL` (real) and `CGEBAL` (complex). If you request the output `T`, `balance` also uses the LAPACK routines `SGEBAK` (real) and `CGEBAK` (complex).

Limitations

Balancing can destroy the properties of certain matrices; use it with some care. If a matrix contains small elements that are due to roundoff error, balancing might scale them up to make them as significant as the other elements of the original matrix.

See Also

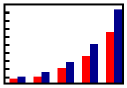
`eig`

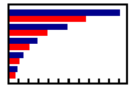
References

[1] Anderson, E., Z. Bai, C. Bischof, S. Blackford, J. Demmel, J. Dongarra, J. Du Croz, A. Greenbaum, S. Hammarling, A. McKenney, and D. Sorensen, *LAPACK User's Guide* (`http://www.netlib.org/lapack/lug/lapack_lug.html`), Third Edition, SIAM, Philadelphia, 1999.

Purpose

Plot bar graph (vertical and horizontal)





GUI Alternatives

To graph selected variables, use the Plot Selector 

in the Workspace Browser, or use the Figure Palette Plot Catalog. Manipulate graphs in *plot edit* mode with the Property Editor. For details, see "Plotting Tools — Interactive Plotting" in the MATLAB Graphics documentation and "Creating Plots from the Workspace Browser" in the MATLAB Desktop Tools and Development Environment documentation.

Syntax

```
bar(Y)
bar(x,Y)
bar(...,width)
bar(...,'style')
bar(...,'bar_color')
bar(...,'PropertyName',PropertyValue,...)
bar(axes_handle,...)
barh(axes_handle,...)
h = bar(...)
barh(...)
h = barh(...)
```

Description

A bar graph displays the values in a vector or matrix as horizontal or vertical bars.

`bar(Y)` draws one bar for each element in `Y`. If `Y` is a matrix, `bar` groups the bars produced by the elements in each row. The *x*-axis scale ranges from 1 up to `length(Y)` when `Y` is a vector, and `1` to `size(Y,1)`, which is the number of rows, when `Y` is a matrix. The default is to scale the *x*-axis to the highest x-tick on the plot, (a multiple of 10, 100, etc.). If you want the *x*-axis scale to end exactly at the last bar, you can use the default, and then, for example, type

```
set(gca,'xlim',[1 length(Y)])
```

at the MATLAB prompt.

`bar(x,Y)` draws a bar for each element in `Y` at locations specified in `x`, where `x` is a vector defining the *x*-axis intervals for the vertical bars. The *x*-values can be nonmonotonic, but cannot contain duplicate values. If `Y` is a matrix, `bar` groups the elements of each row in `Y` at corresponding locations in `x`.

`bar(...,width)` sets the relative bar width and controls the separation of bars within a group. The default `width` is `0.8`, so if you do not specify `x`, the bars within a group have a slight separation. If `width` is `1`, the bars within a group touch one another. The value of `width` must be a scalar.

`bar(...,'style')` specifies the style of the bars. `'style'` is `'grouped'` or `'stacked'`. `'group'` is the default mode of display.

- `'grouped'` displays *m* groups of *n* vertical bars, where *m* is the number of rows and *n* is the number of columns in `Y`. The group contains one bar per column in `Y`.
- `'stacked'` displays one bar for each row in `Y`. The bar height is the sum of the elements in the row. Each bar is multicolored, with colors corresponding to distinct elements and showing the relative contribution each row element makes to the total sum.
- `'histc'` displays the graph in histogram format, in which bars touch one another.
- `'hist'` also displays the graph in histogram format, but centers each bar over the *x*-ticks, rather than making bars span *x*-ticks as the `histc` option does.

Note When you use either the `hist` or `histc` option, you cannot also use parameter/value syntax. These two options create graphic objects that are patches rather than barseries.

`bar(...,'bar_color')` displays all bars using the color specified by the single-letter abbreviation `'r'`, `'g'`, `'b'`, `'c'`, `'m'`, `'y'`, `'k'`, or `'w'`.

`bar(...,'PropertyName',PropertyValue,...)` set the named property or properties to the specified values. Properties cannot be specified when the `hist` or `histc` options are used. See the barseries property descriptions for information on what properties you can set.

`bar(axes_handle,...)` and `barh(axes_handle,...)` plot into the axes with the handle `axes_handle` instead of into the current axes (`gca`).

`h = bar(...)` returns a vector of handles to barseries graphics objects, one for each created. When `Y` is a matrix, `bar` creates one barseries graphics object per column in `Y`.

`barh(...)` and `h = barh(...)` create horizontal bars. `Y` determines the bar length. The vector `x` is a vector defining the *y*-axis intervals for horizontal bars. The *x*-values can be nonmonotonic, but cannot contain duplicate values.

Barseries Objects

Creating a bar graph of an *m*-by-*n* matrix creates *m* groups of *n* barseries objects. Each barseries object contains the data for corresponding `x` values of each bar group (as indicated by the coloring of the bars).

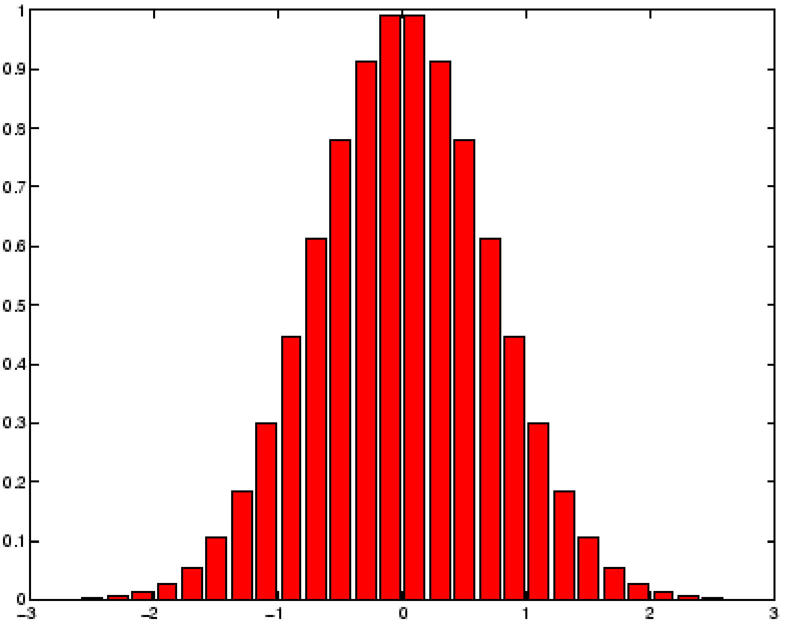
Note that some barseries object properties set on an individual barseries object set the values for all barseries objects in the graph. See the barseries property descriptions for information on specific properties.

Examples

Single Series of Data

This example plots a bell-shaped curve as a bar graph and sets the colors of the bars to red.

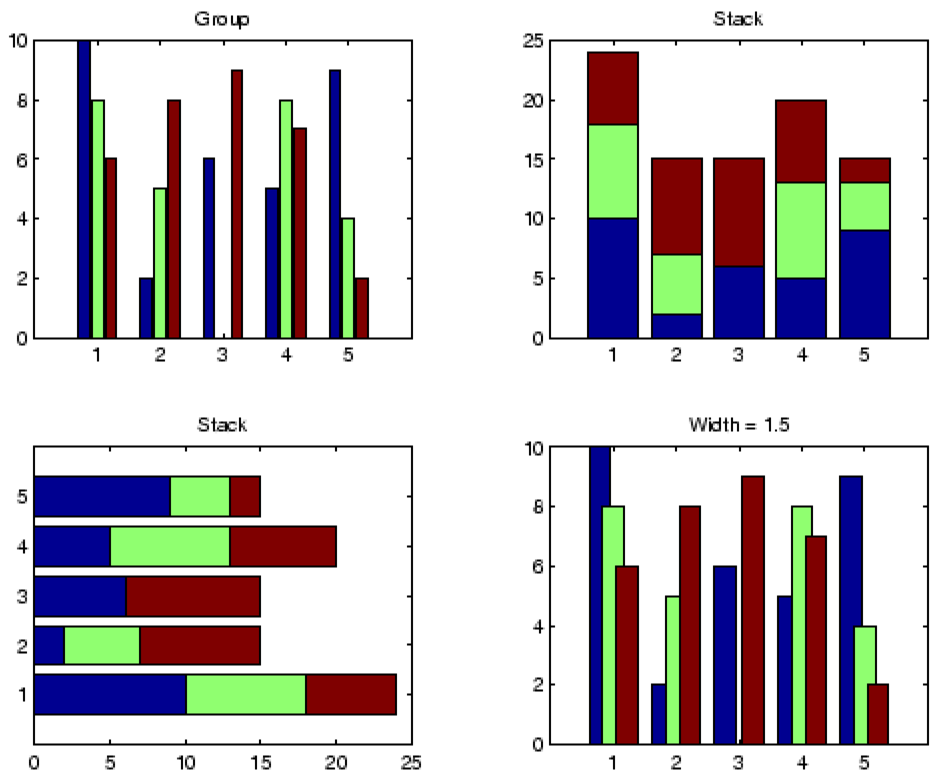
```
x = -2.9:0.2:2.9;
bar(x,exp(-x.*x),'r')
```



Bar Graph Options

This example illustrates some bar graph options.

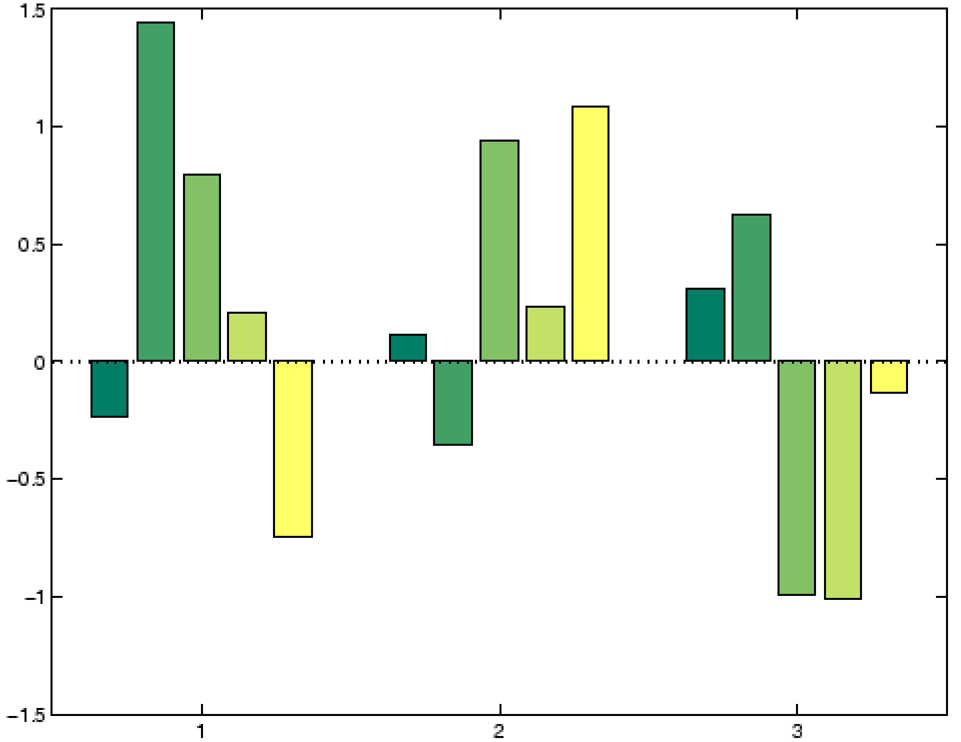
```
Y = round(rand(5,3)*10);
subplot(2,2,1)
bar(Y,'grouped')
title 'Group'
subplot(2,2,2)
bar(Y,'stacked')
title 'Stack'
subplot(2,2,3)
barh(Y,'stacked')
title 'Stack'
subplot(2,2,4)
bar(Y,1.5)
title 'Width = 1.5'
```



Setting Properties with Multiobject Graphs

This example creates a graph that displays three groups of bars and contains five barseries objects. Since all barseries objects in a graph share the same baseline, you can set values using any barseries object's `BaseLine` property. This example uses the first handle returned in `h`.

```
Y = randn(3,5);
h = bar(Y);
set(get(h(1),'BaseLine'),'LineWidth',2,'LineStyle',':')
colormap summer % Change the color scheme
```



See Also

bar3, ColorSpec, patch, stairs, hist

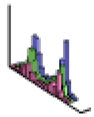
"Area, Bar, and Pie Plots" on page 1-98 for related functions

Barseries Properties

"Bar and Area Graphs" for more examples

Purpose

Plot 3-D bar chart



GUI Alternatives

To graph selected variables, use the Plot Selector 

in the Workspace Browser, or use the Figure Palette Plot Catalog. Manipulate graphs in *plot edit* mode with the Property Editor. For details, see "Plotting Tools — Interactive Plotting" in the MATLAB Graphics documentation and "Creating Graphics from the Workspace Browser" in the MATLAB Desktop Tools and Development Environment documentation.

Syntax

```
bar3(Y)
bar3(x,Y)
bar3(...,width)
bar3(...,'style')
bar3(...,LineSpec)
bar3(axes_handle,...)
h = bar3(...)
bar3h(...)
h = bar3h(...)
```

Description

`bar3` and `bar3h` draw three-dimensional vertical and horizontal bar charts.

`bar3(Y)` draws a three-dimensional bar chart, where each element in `Y` corresponds to one bar. When `Y` is a vector, the *x*-axis scale ranges from `1` to `length(Y)`. When `Y` is a matrix, the *x*-axis scale ranges from `1` to `size(Y,2)`, which is the number of columns, and the elements in each row are grouped together.

`bar3(x,Y)` draws a bar chart of the elements in `Y` at the locations specified in `x`, where `x` is a vector defining the *y*-axis intervals for vertical bars. The *x*-values can be nonmonotonic, but cannot contain duplicate values. If `Y` is a matrix, `bar3` clusters elements from the same row in `Y` at locations corresponding to an element in `x`. Values of elements in each row are grouped together.

`bar3(...,width)` sets the width of the bars and controls the separation of bars within a group. The default `width` is `0.8`, so if you do not specify `x`, bars within a group have a slight separation. If `width` is `1`, the bars within a group touch one another.

`bar3(...,'style')` specifies the style of the bars. `'style'` is `'detached'`, `'grouped'`, or `'stacked'`. `'detached'` is the default mode of display.

- `'detached'` displays the elements of each row in `Y` as separate blocks behind one another in the *x* direction.
- `'grouped'` displays *n* groups of *m* vertical bars, where *n* is the number of rows and *m* is the number of columns in `Y`. The group contains one bar per column in `Y`.
- `'stacked'` displays one bar for each row in `Y`. The bar height is the sum of the elements in the row. Each bar is multicolored, with colors corresponding to distinct elements and showing the relative contribution each row element makes to the total sum.

`bar3(...,LineSpec)` displays all bars using the color specified by `LineSpec`.

`bar3(axes_handle,...)` plots into the axes with the handle `axes_handle` instead of into the current axes (`gca`).

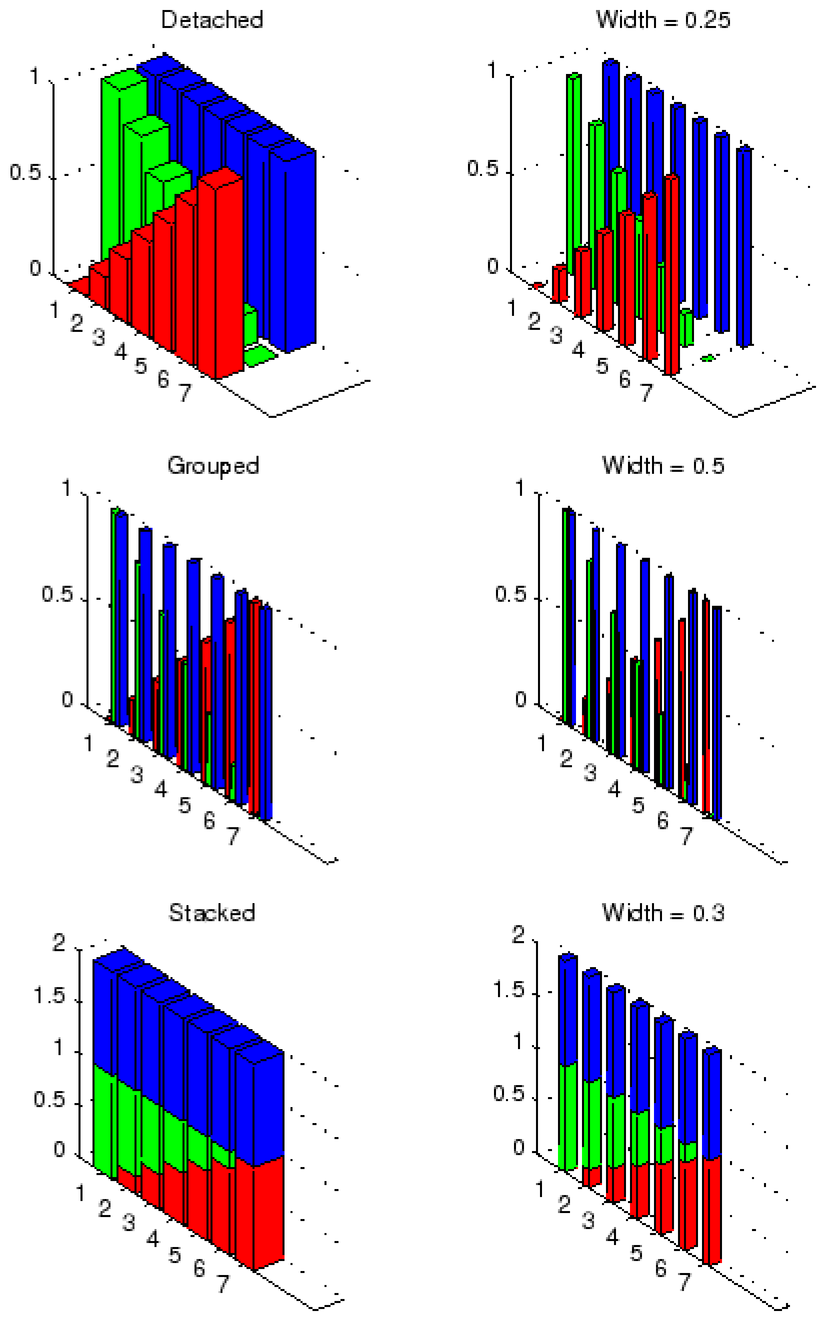
`h = bar3(...)` returns a vector of handles to patch graphics objects, one for each created. `bar3` creates one patch object per column in `Y`. When `Y` is a matrix, `bar3` creates one patch graphics object per column in `Y`.

`bar3h(...)` and `h = bar3h(...)` create horizontal bars. `Y` determines the bar length. The vector `x` is a vector defining the *y*-axis intervals for horizontal bars.

Examples

This example creates six subplots showing the effects of different arguments for `bar3`. The data `Y` is a 7-by-3 matrix generated using the `cool` colormap:

```
Y = cool(7);
subplot(3,2,1)
bar3(Y,'detached')
title('Detached')
subplot(3,2,2)
bar3(Y,0.25,'detached')
title('Width = 0.25')
subplot(3,2,3)
bar3(Y,'grouped')
title('Grouped')
subplot(3,2,4)
bar3(Y,0.5,'grouped')
title('Width = 0.5')
subplot(3,2,5)
bar3(Y,'stacked')
title('Stacked')
subplot(3,2,6)
bar3(Y,0.3,'stacked')
title('Width = 0.3')
colormap([1 0 0;0 1 0;0 0 1])
```



Detached
Width = 0.25
Grouped
Width = 0.5
Stacked
Width = 0.3

See Also

`bar`, `LineSpec`, `patch`

"Area, Bar, and Pie Plots" on page 1-98 for related functions

"Bar and Area Graphs" for more examples

Barseries Properties

Purpose

Define barseries properties

Modifying Properties

You can set and query graphics object properties using the `set` and `get` commands or the Property Editor (`propertyeditor`).

Note that you cannot define default properties for barseries objects.

See "Plot Objects" for more information on barseries objects.

Barseries Property Descriptions

This section provides a description of properties. Curly braces { } enclose default values.

`Annotation`

`hg.Annotation` object Read Only

Control the display of barseries objects in legends. The `Annotation` property enables you to specify whether this barseries object is represented in a figure legend.

Querying the `Annotation` property returns the handle of an `hg.Annotation` object. The `hg.Annotation` object has a property called `LegendInformation`, which contains an `hg.LegendEntry` object.

Once you have obtained the `hg.LegendEntry` object, you can set its `IconDisplayStyle` property to control whether the barseries object is displayed in a figure legend:

IconDisplayStyle Value	Purpose
`on`	Include the barseries object in a legend as one entry, but not its children objects
`off`	Do not include the barseries or its children in a legend (default)
`children`	Include only the children of the barseries as separate entries in the legend

Setting the IconDisplayStyle Property

These commands set the `IconDisplayStyle` of a graphics object with handle `hobj` to `children`, which causes each child object to have an entry in the legend:

```
hAnnotation = get(hobj,'Annotation');
hLegendEntry = get(hAnnotation,'LegendInformation');
set(hLegendEntry,'IconDisplayStyle','children')
```

Using the IconDisplayStyle Property

See "Controlling Legends" for more information and examples.

`BarLayout`

`{grouped} | stacked`

Specify grouped or stacked bars. Grouped bars display *m* groups of *n* vertical bars, where *m* is the number of rows and *n* is the number of columns in the input argument `Y`. The group contains one bar per column in `Y`.

Stacked bars display one bar for each row in the input argument `Y`. The bar height is the sum of the elements in the row. Each bar is multicolored, with colors corresponding to distinct elements and showing the relative contribution each row element makes to the total sum.

`BarWidth`

scalar in range [0 1]

Width of individual bars. `BarWidth` specifies the relative bar width and controls the separation of bars within a group. The default `width` is `0.8`, so if you do not specify `x`, the bars within a group have a slight separation. If `width` is `1`, the bars within a group touch one another.

`BaseLine`

handle of baseline

Handle of the baseline object. This property contains the handle of the line object used as the baseline. You can set the properties of this line using its handle. For example, the following statements create a bar graph, obtain the handle of the baseline from the barseries object, and then set line properties that make the baseline a dashed, red line.

```
bar_handle = bar(randn(10,1));
baseline_handle = get(bar_handle,'BaseLine');
set(baseline_handle,'LineStyle','--','Color','red')
```

`BaseValue`

double: *y*-axis value

Value where baseline is drawn. You can specify the value along the *y*-axis (vertical bars) or *x*-axis (horizontal bars) at which the MATLAB software draws the baseline.

`BeingDeleted`

`on | {off}` Read Only

This object is being deleted. The `BeingDeleted` property provides a mechanism that you can use to determine if objects are in the process of being deleted. MATLAB sets the `BeingDeleted` property to `on` when the object's delete function callback is called (see the `DeleteFcn` property). It remains set to `on` while the delete function executes, after which the object no longer exists.

For example, an object's delete function might call other functions that act on a number of different objects. These functions might not need to perform actions on objects if the objects are going to be deleted, and therefore, can check the object's `BeingDeleted` property before acting.

`BusyAction`

`cancel | {queue}`

Callback routine interruption. The `BusyAction` property enables you to control how MATLAB handles events that potentially interrupt executing callbacks. If there is a callback function executing, callbacks invoked subsequently always attempt to interrupt it.

If the `Interruptible` property of the object whose callback is executing is set to `on` (the default), then interruption occurs at the next point where the event queue is processed. If the `Interruptible` property is `off`, the `BusyAction` property (of the object owning the executing callback) determines how MATLAB handles the event. The choices are

- `cancel` — Discard the event that attempted to execute a second callback routine.
- `queue` — Queue the event that attempted to execute a second callback routine until the current callback finishes.

`ButtonDownFcn`

string or function handle

Button press callback function. A callback that executes whenever you press a mouse button while the pointer is over this object, but not over another graphics object. See the `HitTestArea` property for information about selecting objects of this type.

See the figure's `SelectionType` property to determine if modifier keys were also pressed.

This property can be

- A string that is a valid MATLAB expression
- The name of a MATLAB file
- A function handle

Set this property to a function handle that references the callback. The expressions execute in the MATLAB workspace.

See "Function Handle Callbacks" for information on how to use function handles to define the callbacks.

`Children`

array of graphics object handles

Children of the barseries object. The handle of a patch object that is the child of this object (whether visible or not).

If a child object's `HandleVisibility` property is `callback` or `off`, its handle does not show up in this object's `Children` property. If you want the handle in the `Children` property, set the root `ShowHiddenHandles` property to `on`. For example:

```
set(0,'ShowHiddenHandles','on')
```

`Clipping`

`{on} | off`

Clipping mode. MATLAB clips graphs to the axes plot box by default. If you set `Clipping` to `off`, portions of graphs can be displayed outside the axes plot box. This can occur if you create a plot object, set `hold` to `on`, freeze axis scaling (`axis manual`), and then create a larger plot object.

`CreateFcn`

string or function handle

Callback routine executed during object creation. This property defines a callback that executes when MATLAB creates an object. You must specify the callback during the creation of the object. For example,

```
graphicfcn(y,'CreateFcn',@CallbackFcn)
```

where *`@CallbackFcn`* is a function handle that references the callback function and *`graphicfcn`* is the plotting function which creates this object.

MATLAB executes this routine after setting all other object properties. Setting this property on an existing object has no effect.

The handle of the object whose `CreateFcn` is being executed is accessible only through the root `CallbackObject` property, which you can query using `gcbo`.

See "Function Handle Callbacks" for information on how to use function handles to define the callback function.

`DeleteFcn`

string or function handle

Callback executed during object deletion. A callback that executes when this object is deleted (e.g., this might happen when you issue a `delete` command on the object, its parent axes, or the figure containing it). MATLAB executes the callback before destroying the object's properties so the callback routine can query these values.

The handle of the object whose `DeleteFcn` is being executed is accessible only through the root `CallbackObject` property, which can be queried using `gcbo`.

See "Function Handle Callbacks" for information on how to use function handles to define the callback function.

See the `BeingDeleted` property for related information.

`DisplayName`

string (default is empty string)

String used by legend for this barseries object. The `legend` function uses the string defined by the `DisplayName` property to label this barseries object in the legend.

- If you specify string arguments with the `legend` function, `DisplayName` is set to this barseries object's corresponding string and that string is used for the legend.
- If `DisplayName` is empty, legend creates a string of the form, `['data' n]`, where *n* is the number assigned to the object based on its location in the list of legend entries. However, `legend` does not set `DisplayName` to this string.
- If you edit the string directly in an existing legend, `DisplayName` is set to the edited string.
- If you specify a string for the `DisplayName` property and create the legend using the figure toolbar, then MATLAB uses the string defined by `DisplayName`.
- To add programmatically a legend that uses the `DisplayName` string, call `legend` with the `toggle` or `show` option.

See "Controlling Legends" for more examples.

`EdgeColor`
`{[0 0 0]} | none | ColorSpec`

Color of line that separates filled areas. You can set the color of the edges of filled areas to a three-element RGB vector or one of the MATLAB predefined names, including the string `none`. The default edge color is black. See `ColorSpec` for more information on specifying color.

`EraseMode`
`{normal} | none | xor | background`

Erase mode. This property controls the technique MATLAB uses to draw and erase objects and their children. Alternative erase modes are useful for creating animated sequences, where control of the way individual objects are redrawn is necessary to improve performance and obtain the desired effect.

- `normal` — Redraw the affected region of the display, performing the three-dimensional analysis necessary to ensure that all objects are rendered correctly. This mode produces the most accurate picture, but is the slowest. The other modes are faster, but do not perform a complete redraw and are therefore less accurate.
- `none` — Do not erase objects when they are moved or destroyed. While the objects are still visible on the screen after erasing with `EraseMode` `none`, you cannot print these objects because MATLAB stores no information about their former locations.
- `xor` — Draw and erase the object by performing an exclusive OR (XOR) with each pixel index of the screen behind it. Erasing the object does not damage the color of the objects behind it. However, the color of the erased object depends on the color of the screen behind it and it is correctly colored only when it is over the axes background color (or the figure background color if the axes `Color` property is set to `none`). That is, it isn't erased correctly if there are objects behind it.
- `background` — Erase the graphics objects by redrawing them in the axes background color, (or the figure background color if the axes `Color` property is set to `none`). This damages other graphics objects that are behind the erased object, but the erased object is always properly colored.

Printing with Nonnormal Erase Modes

MATLAB always prints figures as if the `EraseMode` of all objects is `normal`. This means graphics objects created with `EraseMode` set to `none`, `xor`, or `background` can look different on screen than on paper. On screen, MATLAB can mathematically combine layers of colors (e.g., performing an XOR on a pixel color with that of the pixel behind it) and ignore three-dimensional sorting to obtain greater rendering speed. However, these techniques are not applied to the printed output.

Set the axes background color with the axes `Color` property. Set the figure background color with the figure `Color` property.

You can use the MATLAB `getframe` command or other screen capture applications to create an image of a figure containing nonnormal mode objects.

`FaceColor`
`{flat} | none | ColorSpec`

Color of filled areas. This property can be any of the following:

- `ColorSpec` — A three-element RGB vector or one of the MATLAB predefined names, specifying a single color for all filled areas. See `ColorSpec` for more information on specifying color.
- `none` — Do not draw faces. Note that `EdgeColor` is drawn independently of `FaceColor`
- `flat` — The color of the filled areas is determined by the figure colormap. See `colormap` for information on setting the colormap.

  See the `ColorSpec` reference page for more information on specifying color.

`HandleVisibility`
`{on} | callback | off`

Control access to object's handle by command-line users and GUIs. This property determines when an object's handle is visible in its parent's list of children. `HandleVisibility` is useful for preventing command-line users from accidentally accessing objects that you need to protect for some reason.

- `on` — Handles are always visible when `HandleVisibility` is `on`.
- `callback` — Setting `HandleVisibility` to `callback` causes handles to be visible from within callback routines or functions invoked by callback routines, but not from within functions

invoked from the command line. This provides a means to protect GUIs from command-line users, while allowing callback routines to have access to object handles.

- `off` — Setting `HandleVisibility` to `off` makes handles invisible at all times. This might be necessary when a callback invokes a function that might potentially damage the GUI (such as evaluating a user-typed string) and so temporarily hides its own handles during the execution of that function.

Functions Affected by Handle Visibility

When a handle is not visible in its parent's list of children, it cannot be returned by functions that obtain handles by searching the object hierarchy or querying handle properties. This includes `get`, `findobj`, `gca`, `gcf`, `gco`, `newplot`, `cla`, `clf`, and `close`.

Properties Affected by Handle Visibility

When a handle's visibility is restricted using `callback` or `off`, the object's handle does not appear in its parent's `Children` property, figures do not appear in the root's `CurrentFigure` property, objects do not appear in the root's `CallbackObject` property or in the figure's `CurrentObject` property, and axes do not appear in their parent's `CurrentAxes` property.

Overriding Handle Visibility

You can set the root `ShowHiddenHandles` property to `on` to make all handles visible regardless of their `HandleVisibility` settings (this does not affect the values of the `HandleVisibility` properties). See also `findall`.

Handle Validity

Handles that are hidden are still valid. If you know an object's handle, you can `set` and `get` its properties and pass it to any function that operates on handles.

Note If you change one data source property to a variable that contains data of a different dimension, you might cause the function to generate a warning and not render the graph until you have changed all data source properties to appropriate values.

`HitTest`
`{on} | off`

Selectable by mouse click. `HitTest` determines whether this object can become the current object (as returned by the `gco` command and the figure `CurrentObject` property) as a result of a mouse click on the objects that compose the area graph. If `HitTest` is `off`, clicking this object selects the object below it (which is usually the axes containing it).

`HitTestArea`
`on | {off}`

Select barseries object on bars or area of extent. This property enables you to select barseries objects in two ways:

- Select by clicking bars (default).
- Select by clicking anywhere in the extent of the bar graph.

When `HitTestArea` is `off`, you must click the bars to select the barseries object. When `HitTestArea` is `on`, you can select the barseries object by clicking anywhere within the extent of the bar graph (i.e., anywhere within a rectangle that encloses all the bars).

`Interruptible`
`{on} | off`

Callback routine interruption mode. The `Interruptible` property controls whether an object's callback can be interrupted by callbacks invoked subsequently.

Only callbacks defined for the `ButtonDownFcn` property are affected by the `Interruptible` property. MATLAB checks for events that can interrupt a callback only when it encounters a `drawnow`, `figure`, `getframe`, or `pause` command in the routine. See the `BusyAction` property for related information.

Setting `Interruptible` to `on` allows any graphics object's callback to interrupt callback routines originating from a bar property. Note that MATLAB does not save the state of variables or the display (e.g., the handle returned by the `gca` or `gcf` command) when an interruption occurs.

`LineStyle`

`{-} | -- | : | -. | none`

Line style. This property specifies the line style of the object. Available line styles are shown in the following table.

Specifier String	Line Style
`-`	Solid line (default)
`--`	Dashed line
`:`	Dotted line
`-.`	Dash-dot line
`none`	No line

`LineWidth`

scalar

The width of linear objects and edges of filled areas. Specify this value in points (1 point = $^1/_{72}$ inch). The default `LineWidth` is 0.5 points.

`Parent`
handle of parent axes, hggroup, or hgtransform

Parent of this object. This property contains the handle of the object's parent. The parent is normally the axes, hggroup, or hgtransform object that contains the object.

See "Objects That Can Contain Other Objects" for more information on parenting graphics objects.

`Selected`
`on | {off}`

Is object selected? When you set this property to `on`, MATLAB displays selection "handles" at the corners and midpoints if the `SelectionHighlight` property is also `on` (the default). You can, for example, define the `ButtonDownFcn` callback to set this property to `on`, thereby indicating that this particular object is selected. This property is also set to `on` when an object is manually selected in plot edit mode.

`SelectionHighlight`
`{on} | off`

Objects are highlighted when selected. When the `Selected` property is `on`, MATLAB indicates the selected state by drawing four edge handles and four corner handles. When `SelectionHighlight` is `off`, MATLAB does not draw the handles except when in plot edit mode and objects are selected manually.

`ShowBaseLine`
`{on} | off`

Turn baseline display on or off. This property determines whether bar plots display a baseline from which the bars are drawn. By default, the baseline is displayed.

`Tag`

string

User-specified object label. The `Tag` property provides a means to identify graphics objects with a user-specified label. This is particularly useful when you are constructing interactive graphics programs that would otherwise need to define object handles as global variables or pass them as arguments between callbacks.

For example, you might create a barseries object and set the `Tag` property:

```
t = bar(Y,'Tag','bar1')
```

When you want to access the barseries object, you can use `findobj` to find the barseries object's handle. The following statement changes the `FaceColor` property of the object whose `Tag` is `bar1`.

```
set(findobj('Tag','bar1'),'FaceColor','red')
```

`Type`

string (read only)

Type of graphics object. This property contains a string that identifies the class of the graphics object. For barseries objects, `Type` is `hggroup`.

The following statement finds all the hggroup objects in the current axes.

```
t = findobj(gca,'Type','hggroup');
```

`UIContextMenu`

handle of a uicontextmenu object

Associate a context menu with this object. Assign this property the handle of a uicontextmenu object created in the object's parent figure. Use the `uicontextmenu` function to create the context menu. MATLAB displays the context menu whenever you right-click over the object.

`UserData`
array

User-specified data. This property can be any data you want to associate with this object (including cell arrays and structures). The object does not set values for this property, but you can access it using the `set` and `get` functions.

`Visible`
`{on} | off`

Visibility of this object and its children. By default, a new object's visibility is `on`. This means all children of the object are visible unless the child object's `Visible` property is set to `off`. Setting an object's `Visible` property to `off` prevents the object from being displayed. However, the object still exists and you can set and query its properties.

`XData`
array

Location of bars. The *x*-axis intervals for the vertical bars or *y*-axis intervals for horizontal bars (as specified by the `x` input argument). If `YData` is a vector, `XData` must be the same size. If `YData` is a matrix, the length of `XData` must be equal to the number of rows in `YData`.

`XDataMode`
{auto} | manual

Use automatic or user-specified x-axis values. If you specify `XData` (by setting the `XData` property or specifying the `x` input argument), MATLAB sets this property to `manual` and uses the specified values to label the *x*-axis.

If you set `XDataMode` to `auto` after having specified `XData`, MATLAB resets the *x*-axis ticks to `1:size(YData,1)` or to the column indices of the `ZData`, overwriting any previous values for `XData`.

`XDataSource`
string (MATLAB variable)

Link `XData` *to MATLAB variable.* Set this property to a MATLAB variable that is evaluated in the base workspace to generate the `XData`.

MATLAB reevaluates this property only when you set it. Therefore, a change to workspace variables appearing in an expression does not change `XData`.

You can use the `refreshdata` function to force an update of the object's data. `refreshdata` also enables you to specify that the data source variable be evaluated in the workspace of a function from which you call `refreshdata`.

See the `refreshdata` reference page for more information.

Note If you change one data source property to a variable that contains data of a different dimension, you might cause the function to generate a warning and not render the graph until you have changed all data source properties to appropriate values.

`YData`
scalar, vector, or matrix

Bar plot data. `YData` contains the data plotted as bars (the `Y` input argument). Each value in `YData` is represented by a bar in the bar graph. If `XYData` is a matrix, the `bar` function creates a "group" or a "stack" of bars for each column in the matrix. See “Bar Graph Options” in the `bar, barh` reference page for examples of grouped and stacked bar graphs.

The input argument `Y` in the `bar` function calling syntax assigns values to `YData`.

`YDataSource`

string (MATLAB variable)

Link `YData` to MATLAB variable. Set this property to a MATLAB variable that is evaluated in the base workspace to generate the `YData`.

MATLAB reevaluates this property only when you set it. Therefore, a change to workspace variables appearing in an expression does not change `YData`.

You can use the `refreshdata` function to force an update of the object’s data. `refreshdata` also enables you to specify that the data source variable be evaluated in the workspace of a function from which you call `refreshdata`.

See the `refreshdata` reference page for more information.

Note If you change one data source property to a variable that contains data of a different dimension, you might cause the function to generate a warning and not render the graph until you have changed all data source properties to appropriate values.

Purpose

Converts point coordinates from barycentric to Cartesian

Syntax

```
XC = baryToCart(TR, SI, B)
```

Description

`XC = baryToCart(TR, SI, B)` returns the Cartesian coordinates `XC` of each point in `B` that represents the barycentric coordinates with respect to its associated simplex `SI`.

Input Arguments

`TR`	Triangulation representation.
`SI`	Column vector of simplex indices that index into the triangulation matrix `TR.Triangulation`
`B`	`B` is a matrix that represents the barycentric coordinates of the points to convert with respect to the simplices `SI`. `B` is of size `m`-by-`k`, where `m` = `length(SI)`, the number of points to convert, and `k` is the number of vertices per simplex.

Output Arguments

`XC`	Matrix of cartesian coordinates of the converted points. `XC` is of size `m`-by-`n`, where `n` is the dimension of the space where the triangulation resides. That is, the Cartesian coordinates of the point `B(j)` with respect to simplex `SI(j)` is `XC(j)`.

Definitions

A simplex is a triangle/tetrahedron or higher-dimensional equivalent.

Example

Compute the Delaunay triangulation of a set of points.

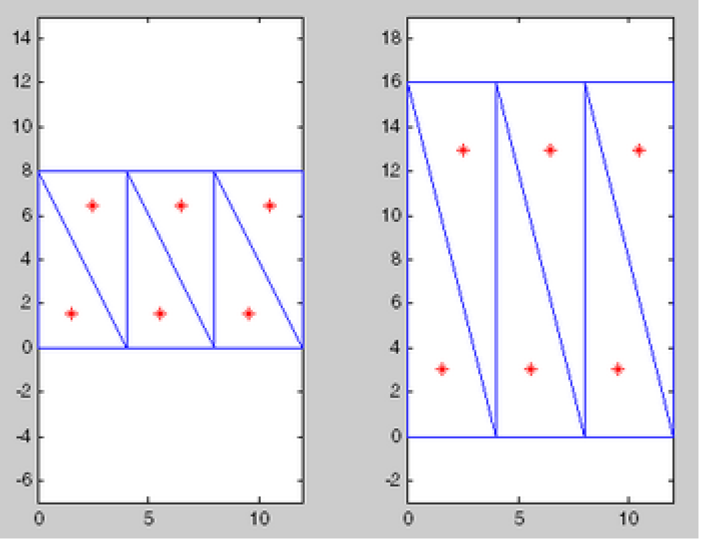
```
x = [0 4 8 12 0 4 8 12]';
y = [0 0 0 0 8 8 8 8]';
dt = DelaunayTri(x,y)
```

Compute the barycentric coordinates of the incenters.

```
cc = incenters(dt);
tri = dt(:,:);
subplot(1,2,1);
triplot(dt); hold on;
plot(cc(:,1), cc(:,2), '*r'); hold off;
axis equal;
% Original triangulation and
% reference points.
```

Stretch the triangulation and compute the mapped locations of the incenters on the deformed triangulation.

```
b = cartToBary(dt,[1:length(tri)]',cc);
y = [0 0 0 0 16 16 16 16]';
tr = TriRep(tri,x,y)
xc = baryToCart(tr, [1:length(tri)]', b);
subplot(1,2,2);
triplot(tr); hold on;
plot(xc(:,1), xc(:,2), '*r'); hold off;
axis equal;
% Deformed triangulation and mapped
% locations of the reference points.
```



See Also

`TriRep.cartToBary`
`DelaunayTri.pointLocation`
`DelaunayTri` class

Purpose Convert base N number string to decimal number

Syntax

```
d = base2dec('strn', base)
```

Description `d = base2dec('strn', base)` converts the string number *`strn`* of the specified `base` into its decimal (base 10) equivalent. `base` must be an integer between 2 and 36. If `'strn'` is a character array, each row is interpreted as a string in the specified `base`.

Examples The expression `base2dec('212',3)` converts 212_3 to decimal, returning 23.

See Also `dec2base`

Purpose

Produce beep sound

Syntax

```
beep
beep on
beep off
s = beep
```

Description

`beep` produces your computer's default beep sound.

`beep on` turns the beep on.

`beep off` turns the beep off.

`s = beep` returns the current beep mode (`on` or `off`).

bench

Purpose

MATLAB benchmark

Syntax

```
bench
bench(N)
bench(0)
t = bench(N)
```

Description

`bench` times six different MATLAB tasks and compares the execution speed with the speed of several other computers. The six tasks are:

Test	Description	Performance Factors
LU	Perform LU of a full matrix	Floating-point, regular memory access
FFT	Perform FFT of a full vector	Floating-point, irregular memory access
ODE	Solve van der Pol equation with ODE45	Data structures and MATLAB function files
Sparse	Solve a symmetric sparse linear system	Mixed integer and floating-point
2-D	Plot Bernstein polynomial graph	2-D line drawing graphics
3-D	Display animated L-shape membrane logo	3-D animated OpenGL graphics

A final bar chart shows speed, which is inversely proportional to time. The longer bars represent faster machines, and the shorter bars represent the slower ones.

`bench(N)` runs each of the six tasks N times.

`bench(0)` just displays the results from other machines.

`t = bench(N)` returns an N-by-6 array with the execution times.

Remarks

The comparison data for other computers is stored in the following text file. Updated versions of this file are available from MATLAB Central:

```
http://www.mathworks.com/matlabcentral/fileexchange/loadFile.do?objectId=1836&objectType;=file#
```

This benchmark is intended to compare performance of one particular version of MATLAB on different machines. It does not offer direct comparisons between different versions of MATLAB. The tasks and problem sizes change from version to version.

The LU and FFT tasks involve large matrices and long vectors. Machines with less than 64 megabytes of physical memory or without optimized Basic Linear Algebra Subprograms may show poor performance.

The 2-D and 3-D tasks measure graphics performance, including software or hardware support for OpenGL. The command

```
OpenGL info
```

describes the OpenGL support available on a particular machine.

Fluctuations of five or ten percent in the measured times of repeated runs on a single machine are not uncommon. Your own mileage may vary.

See Also

`profile`, `profsave`, `mlint`, `mlintrpt`, `memory`, `pack`, `tic`, `cputime`, `rehash`

besselh

Purpose

Bessel function of third kind (Hankel function)

Syntax

```
H = besselh(nu,K,Z)
H = besselh(nu,Z)
H = besselh(nu,K,Z,1)
[H,ierr] = besselh(...)
```

Definitions

The differential equation

where ν is a nonnegative constant, is called *Bessel's equation*, and its solutions are known as *Bessel functions*. $J_\nu(z)$ and $J_{-\nu}(z)$ form a fundamental set of solutions of Bessel's equation for noninteger ν. $Y_\nu(z)$ is a second solution of Bessel's equation—linearly independent of $J_\nu(z)$—defined by

The relationship between the Hankel and Bessel functions is

where $J_\nu(z)$ is `besselj`, and $Y_\nu(z)$ is `bessely`.

Description

`H = besselh(nu,K,Z)` computes the Hankel function

where `K` = 1 or 2, for each element of the complex array `Z`. If `nu` and `Z` are arrays of the same size, the result is also that size. If either input is a scalar, `besselh` expands it to the other input's size. If one input is a row vector and the other is a column vector, the result is a two-dimensional table of function values.

`H = besselh(nu,Z)` uses `K` = 1.

`H = besselh(nu,K,Z,1)` scales

by exp(-i*Z) if K = 1, and by exp(+i*Z) if K = 2.

[H,ierr] = besselh(...) also returns completion flags in an array the same size as H.

ierr	Description
0	besselh successfully computed the Hankel function for this element.
1	Illegal arguments.
2	Overflow. Returns Inf.
3	Some loss of accuracy in argument reduction.
4	Unacceptable loss of accuracy, Z or nu too large.
5	No convergence. Returns NaN.

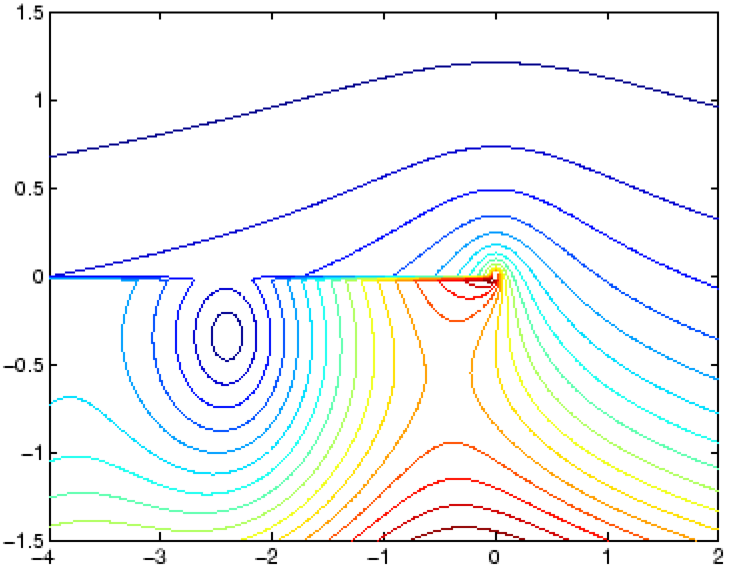
Examples

This example generates the contour plots of the modulus and phase of the Hankel function

shown on page 359 of [1] Abramowitz and Stegun, *Handbook of Mathematical Functions*.

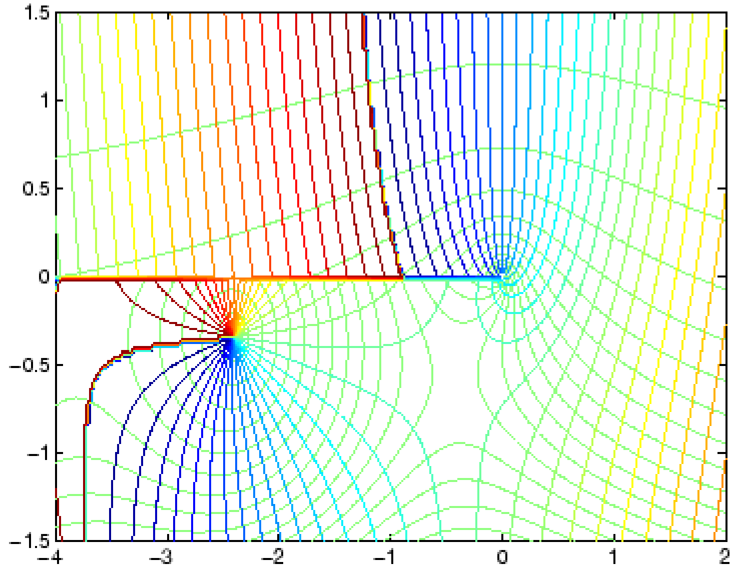
It first generates the modulus contour plot

```
[X,Y] = meshgrid(-4:0.025:2,-1.5:0.025:1.5);
H = besselh(0,1,X+i*Y);
contour(X,Y,abs(H),0:0.2:3.2), hold on
```



then adds the contour plot of the phase of the same function.

```
contour(X,Y,(180/pi)*angle(H),-180:10:180); hold off
```



See Also

`besselj`, `bessely`, `besseli`, `besselk`

References

[1] Abramowitz, M., and I.A. Stegun, *Handbook of Mathematical Functions*, National Bureau of Standards, Applied Math. Series #55, Dover Publications, 1965.

besseli

Purpose Modified Bessel function of first kind

Syntax

```
I = besseli(nu,Z)
I = besseli(nu,Z,1)
[I,ierr] = besseli(...)
```

Definitions The differential equation

where ν is a real constant, is called the *modified Bessel's equation*, and its solutions are known as *modified Bessel functions*.

$I_\nu(z)$ and $I_{-\nu}(z)$ form a fundamental set of solutions of the modified Bessel's equation for noninteger ν. $I_\nu(z)$ is defined by

where $\Gamma(a)$ is the gamma function.

$K_\nu(z)$ is a second solution, independent of $I_\nu(z)$. It can be computed using `besselk`.

Description `I = besseli(nu,Z)` computes the modified Bessel function of the first kind, $I_\nu(z)$, for each element of the array `Z`. The order `nu` need not be an integer, but must be real. The argument `Z` can be complex. The result is real where `Z` is positive.

If `nu` and `Z` are arrays of the same size, the result is also that size. If either input is a scalar, it is expanded to the other input's size. If one input is a row vector and the other is a column vector, the result is a two-dimensional table of function values.

`I = besseli(nu,Z,1)` computes `besseli(nu,Z).*exp(-abs(real(Z)))`.

`[I,ierr] = besseli(...)` also returns completion flags in an array the same size as `I`.

ierr	Description
0	besseli successfully computed the modified Bessel function for this element.
1	Illegal arguments.
2	Overflow. Returns Inf.
3	Some loss of accuracy in argument reduction.
4	Unacceptable loss of accuracy, Z or nu too large.
5	No convergence. Returns NaN.

Examples

Example 1

```
format long
z = (0:0.2:1)';

besseli(1,z)

ans =
                   0
   0.10050083402813
   0.20402675573357
   0.31370402560492
   0.43286480262064
   0.56515910399249
```

Example 2

`besseli(3:9,(0:.2,10)',1)` generates the entire table on page 423 of [1] Abramowitz and Stegun, *Handbook of Mathematical Functions*

Algorithm

The `besseli` functions use a Fortran MEX-file to call a library developed by D.E. Amos [3] [4].

See Also

`airy`, `besselh`, `besselj`, `besselk`, `bessely`

References

[1] Abramowitz, M., and I.A. Stegun, *Handbook of Mathematical Functions*, National Bureau of Standards, Applied Math. Series #55, Dover Publications, 1965, sections 9.1.1, 9.1.89, and 9.12, formulas 9.1.10 and 9.2.5.

[2] Carrier, Krook, and Pearson, *Functions of a Complex Variable: Theory and Technique*, Hod Books, 1983, section 5.5.

[3] Amos, D.E., "A Subroutine Package for Bessel Functions of a Complex Argument and Nonnegative Order," *Sandia National Laboratory Report*, SAND85-1018, May, 1985.

[4] Amos, D.E., "A Portable Package for Bessel Functions of a Complex Argument and Nonnegative Order," *Trans. Math. Software*, 1986.

Purpose

Bessel function of first kind

Syntax

```
J = besselj(nu,Z)
J = besselj(nu,Z,1)
[J,ierr] = besselj(nu,Z)
```

Definition

The differential equation

where ν is a real constant, is called *Bessel's equation*, and its solutions are known as *Bessel functions*.

$J_\nu(z)$ and $J_{-\nu}(z)$ form a fundamental set of solutions of Bessel's equation for noninteger ν. $J_\nu(z)$ is defined by

where $\Gamma(a)$ is the gamma function.

$Y_\nu(z)$ is a second solution of Bessel's equation that is linearly independent of $J_\nu(z)$. It can be computed using `bessely`.

Description

`J = besselj(nu,Z)` computes the Bessel function of the first kind, $J_\nu(z)$, for each element of the array `Z`. The order `nu` need not be an integer, but must be real. The argument `Z` can be complex. The result is real where `Z` is positive.

If `nu` and `Z` are arrays of the same size, the result is also that size. If either input is a scalar, it is expanded to the other input's size. If one input is a row vector and the other is a column vector, the result is a two-dimensional table of function values.

`J = besselj(nu,Z,1)` computes `besselj(nu,Z).*exp(-abs(imag(Z)))`.

`[J,ierr] = besselj(nu,Z)` also returns completion flags in an array the same size as `J`.

ierr	Description
0	`besselj` successfully computed the Bessel function for this element.
1	Illegal arguments.
2	Overflow. Returns `Inf`.
3	Some loss of accuracy in argument reduction.
4	Unacceptable loss of accuracy, `Z` or `nu` too large.
5	No convergence. Returns `NaN`.

Remarks

The Bessel functions are related to the Hankel functions, also called Bessel functions of the third kind,

where

is `besselh`, $J_\nu(z)$ is `besselj`, and $Y_\nu(z)$ is `bessely`. The Hankel functions also form a fundamental set of solutions to Bessel's equation (see `besselh`).

Examples

Example 1

```
format long
z = (0:0.2:1)';

besselj(1,z)

ans =
                  0
   0.09950083263924
   0.19602657795532
   0.28670098806392
```

```
0.36884204609417
0.44005058574493
```

Example 2

`besselj(3:9,(0:.2:10)')` generates the entire table on page 398 of [1] Abramowitz and Stegun, *Handbook of Mathematical Functions*.

Algorithm

The `besselj` function uses a Fortran MEX-file to call a library developed by D.E. Amos [3] [4].

References

[1] Abramowitz, M., and I.A. Stegun, *Handbook of Mathematical Functions*, National Bureau of Standards, Applied Math. Series #55, Dover Publications, 1965, sections 9.1.1, 9.1.89, and 9.12, formulas 9.1.10 and 9.2.5.

[2] Carrier, Krook, and Pearson, *Functions of a Complex Variable: Theory and Technique*, Hod Books, 1983, section 5.5.

[3] Amos, D.E., “A Subroutine Package for Bessel Functions of a Complex Argument and Nonnegative Order,” *Sandia National Laboratory Report*, SAND85-1018, May, 1985.

[4] Amos, D.E., “A Portable Package for Bessel Functions of a Complex Argument and Nonnegative Order,” *Trans. Math. Software*, 1986.

See Also

`besselh`, `besseli`, `besselk`, `bessely`

besselk

Purpose

Modified Bessel function of second kind

Syntax

```
K = besselk(nu,Z)
K = besselk(nu,Z,1)
[K,ierr] = besselk(...)
```

Definitions

The differential equation

where ν is a real constant, is called the *modified Bessel's equation*, and its solutions are known as *modified Bessel functions*.

A solution $K_\nu(z)$ of the second kind can be expressed as

where $I_\nu(z)$ and $I_{-\nu}(z)$ form a fundamental set of solutions of the modified Bessel's equation for noninteger ν

and $\Gamma(a)$ is the gamma function. $K_\nu(z)$ is independent of $I_\nu(z)$.

$I_\nu(z)$ can be computed using `besseli`.

Description

`K = besselk(nu,Z)` computes the modified Bessel function of the second kind, $K_\nu(z)$, for each element of the array `Z`. The order `nu` need not be an integer, but must be real. The argument `Z` can be complex. The result is real where `Z` is positive.

If `nu` and `Z` are arrays of the same size, the result is also that size. If either input is a scalar, it is expanded to the other input's size. If one input is a row vector and the other is a column vector, the result is a two-dimensional table of function values.

`K = besselk(nu,Z,1)` computes `besselk(nu,Z).*exp(Z)`.

`[K,ierr] = besselk(...)` also returns completion flags in an array the same size as `K`.

ierr	Description
0	`besselk` successfully computed the modified Bessel function for this element.
1	Illegal arguments.
2	Overflow. Returns `Inf`.
3	Some loss of accuracy in argument reduction.
4	Unacceptable loss of accuracy, `Z` or `nu` too large.
5	No convergence. Returns `NaN`.

Examples

Example 1

```
format long
z = (0:0.2:1)';

besselk(1,z)

ans =
                  Inf
   4.77597254322047
   2.18435442473269
   1.30283493976350
   0.86178163447218
   0.60190723019723
```

Example 2

`besselk(3:9,(0:.2:10)',1)` generates part of the table on page 424 of [1] Abramowitz and Stegun, *Handbook of Mathematical Functions*.

Algorithm

The `besselk` function uses a Fortran MEX-file to call a library developed by D.E. Amos [3][4].

References

[1] Abramowitz, M., and I.A. Stegun, *Handbook of Mathematical Functions*, National Bureau of Standards, Applied Math. Series #55,

Dover Publications, 1965, sections 9.1.1, 9.1.89, and 9.12, formulas 9.1.10 and 9.2.5.

[2] Carrier, Krook, and Pearson, *Functions of a Complex Variable: Theory and Technique*, Hod Books, 1983, section 5.5.

[3] Amos, D.E., “A Subroutine Package for Bessel Functions of a Complex Argument and Nonnegative Order,” *Sandia National Laboratory Report*, SAND85-1018, May, 1985.

[4] Amos, D.E., “A Portable Package for Bessel Functions of a Complex Argument and Nonnegative Order,” *Trans. Math. Software*, 1986.

See Also

`airy`, `besselh`, `besseli`, `besselj`, `bessely`

Purpose Bessel function of second kind

Syntax

```
Y = bessely(nu,Z)
Y = bessely(nu,Z,1)
[Y,ierr] = bessely(nu,Z)
```

Definition The differential equation

where ν is a real constant, is called *Bessel's equation*, and its solutions are known as *Bessel functions*.

A solution $Y_\nu(z)$ of the second kind can be expressed as

where $J_\nu(z)$ and $J_{-\nu}(z)$ form a fundamental set of solutions of Bessel's equation for noninteger ν

and $\Gamma(a)$ is the gamma function. $Y_\nu(z)$ is linearly independent of $J_\nu(z)$.

$J_\nu(z)$ can be computed using `besselj`.

Description `Y = bessely(nu,Z)` computes Bessel functions of the second kind, $Y_\nu(z)$, for each element of the array `Z`. The order `nu` need not be an integer, but must be real. The argument `Z` can be complex. The result is real where `Z` is positive.

If `nu` and `Z` are arrays of the same size, the result is also that size. If either input is a scalar, it is expanded to the other input's size. If one input is a row vector and the other is a column vector, the result is a two-dimensional table of function values.

`Y = bessely(nu,Z,1)` computes `bessely(nu,Z).*exp(-abs(imag(Z)))`.

`[Y,ierr] = bessely(nu,Z)` also returns completion flags in an array the same size as `Y`.

ierr	Description
0	`bessely` successfully computed the Bessel function for this element.
1	Illegal arguments.
2	Overflow. Returns `Inf`.
3	Some loss of accuracy in argument reduction.
4	Unacceptable loss of accuracy, `Z` or `nu` too large.
5	No convergence. Returns `NaN`.

Remarks

The Bessel functions are related to the Hankel functions, also called Bessel functions of the third kind,

where

is `besselh`, $J_\nu(z)$ is `besselj`, and $Y_\nu(z)$ is `bessely`. The Hankel functions also form a fundamental set of solutions to Bessel's equation (see `besselh`).

Examples

Example 1

```
format long
z = (0:0.2:1)';

bessely(1,z)

ans =
                 -Inf
   -3.32382498811185
```

```
-1.78087204427005
-1.26039134717739
-0.97814417668336
-0.78121282130029
```

Example 2

`bessely(3:9,(0:.2:10)')` generates the entire table on page 399 of [1] Abramowitz and Stegun, *Handbook of Mathematical Functions*.

Algorithm

The `bessely` function uses a Fortran MEX-file to call a library developed by D. E Amos [3] [4].

References

[1] Abramowitz, M., and I.A. Stegun, *Handbook of Mathematical Functions*, National Bureau of Standards, Applied Math. Series #55, Dover Publications, 1965, sections 9.1.1, 9.1.89, and 9.12, formulas 9.1.10 and 9.2.5.

[2] Carrier, Krook, and Pearson, *Functions of a Complex Variable: Theory and Technique*, Hod Books, 1983, section 5.5.

[3] Amos, D.E., “A Subroutine Package for Bessel Functions of a Complex Argument and Nonnegative Order,” *Sandia National Laboratory Report*, SAND85-1018, May, 1985.

[4] Amos, D.E., “A Portable Package for Bessel Functions of a Complex Argument and Nonnegative Order,” *Trans. Math. Software*, 1986.

See Also

`besselh`, `besseli`, `besselj`, `besselk`

Purpose

Beta function

Syntax

```
B = beta(Z,W)
```

Definition

The beta function is

$$B(z, w) = \int_0^1 t^{z-1}(1-t)^{w-1}\,dt = \frac{\Gamma(z)\Gamma(w)}{\Gamma(z+w)}$$

where $\Gamma(z)$ is the gamma function.

Description

`B = beta(Z,W)` computes the beta function for corresponding elements of arrays `Z` and `W`. The arrays must be real and nonnegative. They must be the same size, or either can be scalar.

Examples

In this example, which uses integer arguments,

```
beta(n,3)
   = (n-1)!*2!/(n+2)!
   = 2/(n*(n+1)*(n+2))
```

is the ratio of fairly small integers, and the rational format is able to recover the exact result.

```
format rat
beta((0:10)',3)

ans =

     1/0
     1/3
     1/12
     1/30
     1/60
     1/105
     1/168
     1/252
```

```
1/360
1/495
1/660
```

Algorithm

```
beta(z,w) = exp(gammaln(z)+gammaln(w)-gammaln(z+w))
```

See Also

`betainc`, `betaln`, `gammaln`

betainc

Purpose

Incomplete beta function

Syntax

```
I = betainc(X,Z,W)
I = betainc(X,Z,W,tail)
```

Definition

The incomplete beta function is

$$I_x(z,w) = \frac{1}{B(z,w)} \int_0^x t^{z-1}(1-t)^{w-1}\,dt$$

where $B(z,w)$, the beta function, is defined as

$$B(z,w) = \int_0^1 t^{z-1}(1-t)^{w-1}\,dt = \frac{\Gamma(z)\Gamma(w)}{\Gamma(z+w)}$$

and $\Gamma(z)$ is the gamma function.

Description

`I = betainc(X,Z,W)` computes the incomplete beta function for corresponding elements of the arrays `X`, `Z`, and `W`. The elements of `X` must be in the closed interval $[0,1]$. The arrays `Z` and `W` must be nonnegative and real. All arrays must be the same size, or any of them can be scalar.

`I = betainc(X,Z,W,tail)` specifies the tail of the incomplete beta function. Choices are:

`'lower'` (the default)	Computes the integral from `0` to `x`
`'upper'`	Computes the integral from `x` to `1`

These functions are related as follows:

```
1-betainc(X,Z,W) = betainc(X,Z,W,'upper')
```

Note that especially when the upper tail value is close to `0`, it is more accurate to use the `'upper'` option than to subtract the `'lower'` value from `1`.

Examples

```
format long
betainc(.5,(0:10)',3)

ans =
   1.00000000000000
   0.87500000000000
   0.68750000000000
   0.50000000000000
   0.34375000000000
   0.22656250000000
   0.14453125000000
   0.08984375000000
   0.05468750000000
   0.03271484375000
   0.01928710937500
```

See Also

beta, betaln

betaincinv

Purpose

Beta inverse cumulative distribution function

Syntax

```
x = betaincinv(y,z,w)
x = betaincinv(y,a,tail)
```

Description

`x = betaincinv(y,z,w)` computes the inverse incomplete beta function for corresponding elements of `x`, `z`, and `w`, such that y = betainc(x,z,w). The elements of `y` must be in the closed interval [0,1], and those of `z` and `w` must be nonnegative. `y`, `z`, and `w` must all be real and the same size (or any of them can be scalar).

`x = betaincinv(y,a,tail)` specifies the tail of the incomplete beta function. Choices are `lower` (the default) to use the integral from 0 to `x`, or `'upper'` to use the integral from `x` to 1. These two choices are related as follows: `betaincinv(y,z,w,'upper') = betaincinv(1-y,z,w,'lower')`. When `y` is close to 0, the `upper` option provides a way to compute `X` more accurately than by subtracting from `y` from 1.

Definition

The incomplete beta function is defined as

$$I_x(z,w) = \frac{1}{\beta(z,w)} \int_0^x t^{(z-1)} (1-t)^{(w-1)} \, dt$$

`betaincinv` computes the inverse of the incomplete beta function with respect to the integration limit `x` using Newton's method.

See Also

`betainc`, `beta`, `betaln`

Purpose

Logarithm of beta function

Syntax

`L = betaln(Z,W)`

Description

`L = betaln(Z,W)` computes the natural logarithm of the `beta` function `log(beta(Z,W))`, for corresponding elements of arrays `Z` and `W`, without computing `beta(Z,W)`. Since the beta function can range over very large or very small values, its logarithm is sometimes more useful.

`Z` and `W` must be real and nonnegative. They must be the same size, or either can be scalar.

Examples

```
x = 510
betaln(x,x)

ans =
      -708.8616
```

`-708.8616` is slightly less than `log(realmin)`. Computing `beta(x,x)` directly would underflow (or be denormal).

Algorithm

```
betaln(z,w) = gammaln(z)+gammaln(w)-gammaln(z+w)
```

See Also

`beta`, `betainc`, `gammaln`

Purpose

Biconjugate gradients method

Syntax

```
x = bicg(A,b)
bicg(A,b,tol)
bicg(A,b,tol,maxit)
bicg(A,b,tol,maxit,M)
bicg(A,b,tol,maxit,M1,M2)
bicg(A,b,tol,maxit,M1,M2,x0)
[x,flag] = bicg(A,b,...)
[x,flag,relres] = bicg(A,b,...)
[x,flag,relres,iter] = bicg(A,b,...)
[x,flag,relres,iter,resvec] = bicg(A,b,...)
```

Description

`x = bicg(A,b)` attempts to solve the system of linear equations `A*x = b` for `x`. The `n`-by-`n` coefficient matrix `A` must be square and should be large and sparse. The column vector `b` must have length `n`. `A` can be a function handle `afun` such that `afun(x,'notransp')` returns `A*x` and `afun(x,'transp')` returns `A'*x`. See "Function Handles" in the MATLAB Programming documentation for more information.

"Parameterizing Functions", in the MATLAB Mathematics documentation, explains how to provide additional parameters to the function `afun`, as well as the preconditioner function `mfun` described below, if necessary.

If `bicg` converges, it displays a message to that effect. If `bicg` fails to converge after the maximum number of iterations or halts for any reason, it prints a warning message that includes the relative residual `norm(b-A*x)/norm(b)` and the iteration number at which the method stopped or failed.

`bicg(A,b,tol)` specifies the tolerance of the method. If `tol` is `[]`, then `bicg` uses the default, `1e-6`.

`bicg(A,b,tol,maxit)` specifies the maximum number of iterations. If `maxit` is `[]`, then `bicg` uses the default, `min(n,20)`.

`bicg(A,b,tol,maxit,M)` and `bicg(A,b,tol,maxit,M1,M2)` use the preconditioner `M` or `M = M1*M2` and effectively solve the system inv(M)*A*x = inv(M)*b for x. If M is [] then bicg applies no preconditioner. M can be a function handle mfun such that mfun(x,'notransp') returns M\x and mfun(x,'transp') returns M'\x.

bicg(A,b,tol,maxit,M1,M2,x0) specifies the initial guess. If x0 is [], then bicg uses the default, an all-zero vector.

[x,flag] = bicg(A,b,...) also returns a convergence flag.

Flag	Convergence
0	bicg converged to the desired tolerance tol within maxit iterations.
1	bicg iterated maxit times but did not converge.
2	Preconditioner M was ill-conditioned.
3	bicg stagnated. (Two consecutive iterates were the same.)
4	One of the scalar quantities calculated during bicg became too small or too large to continue computing.

Whenever flag is not 0, the solution x returned is that with minimal norm residual computed over all the iterations. No messages are displayed if the flag output is specified.

[x,flag,relres] = bicg(A,b,...) also returns the relative residual norm(b-A*x)/norm(b). If flag is 0, relres <= tol.

[x,flag,relres,iter] = bicg(A,b,...) also returns the iteration number at which x was computed, where 0 <= iter <= maxit.

[x,flag,relres,iter,resvec] = bicg(A,b,...) also returns a vector of the residual norms at each iteration including norm(b-A*x0).

Examples

Example 1

```
n = 100;
on = ones(n,1);
A = spdiags([-2*on 4*on -on],-1:1,n,n);
```

```
b = sum(A,2);
tol = 1e-8;
maxit = 15;
M1 = spdiags([on/(-2) on],-1:0,n,n);
M2 = spdiags([4*on -on],0:1,n,n);

x = bicg(A,b,tol,maxit,M1,M2);
```

displays this message:

```
bicg converged at iteration 9 to a solution with relative
residual 5.3e-009
```

Example 2

This example replaces the matrix A in Example 1 with a handle to a matrix-vector product function afun. The example is contained in an M-file run_bicg that

- Calls bicg with the function handle @afun as its first argument.
- Contains afun as a nested function, so that all variables in run_bicg are available to afun.

The following shows the code for run_bicg:

```
function x1 = run_bicg
n = 100;
on = ones(n,1);
A = spdiags([-2*on 4*on -on],-1:1,n,n);
b = sum(A,2);
tol = 1e-8;
maxit = 15;
M1 = spdiags([on/(-2) on],-1:0,n,n);
M2 = spdiags([4*on -on],0:1,n,n);
x1 = bicg(@afun,b,tol,maxit,M1,M2);

    function y = afun(x,transp_flag)
       if strcmp(transp_flag,'transp')      % y = A'*x
```

```
            y = 4 * x;
            y(1:n-1) = y(1:n-1) - 2 * x(2:n);
            y(2:n) = y(2:n) - x(1:n-1);
         elseif strcmp(transp_flag,'notransp') % y = A*x
            y = 4 * x;
            y(2:n) = y(2:n) - 2 * x(1:n-1);
            y(1:n-1) = y(1:n-1) - x(2:n);
         end
      end
  end
```

When you enter

```
x1=run_bicg;
```

MATLAB software displays the message

```
bicg converged at iteration 9 to a solution with ...
relative residual
5.3e-009
```

Example 3

This example demonstrates the use of a preconditioner. Start with `A = west0479`, a real 479-by-479 sparse matrix, and define `b` so that the true solution is a vector of all ones.

```
load west0479;
A = west0479;
b = sum(A,2);
```

You can accurately solve `A*x = b` using backslash since `A` is not so large.

```
x = A \ b;
norm(b-A*x) / norm(b)

ans =
    8.3154e-017
```

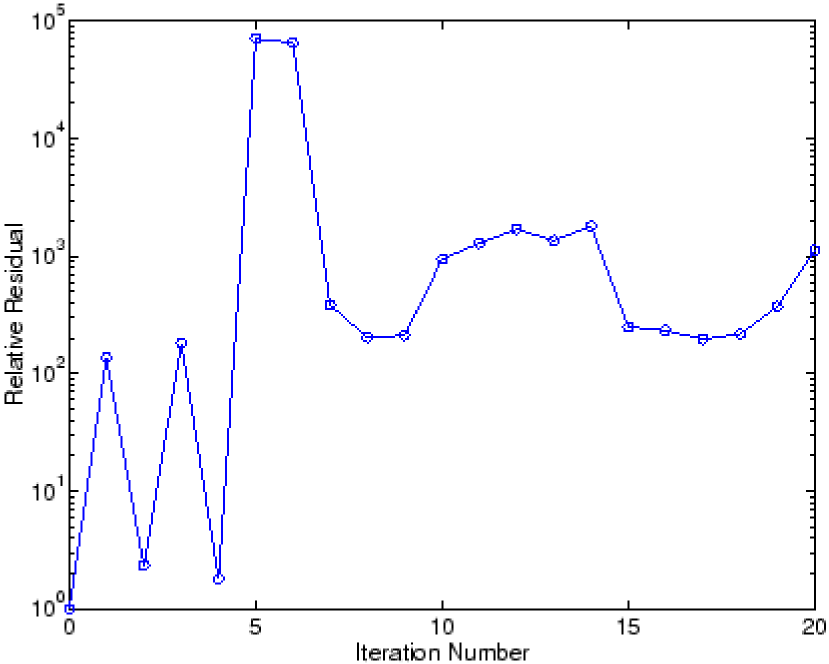
Now try to solve `A*x = b` with `bicg`.

```
[x,flag,relres,iter,resvec] = bicg(A,b)

flag =
          1
relres =
          1
iter =
          0
```

The value of `flag` indicates that `bicg` iterated the default 20 times without converging. The value of `iter` shows that the method behaved so badly that the initial all-zero guess was better than all the subsequent iterates. The value of `relres` supports this: `relres = norm(b-A*x)/norm(b) = norm(b)/norm(b) = 1`. You can confirm that the unpreconditioned method oscillates rather wildly by plotting the relative residuals at each iteration.

```
semilogy(0:20,resvec/norm(b),'-o')
xlabel('Iteration Number')
ylabel('Relative Residual')
```



Now, try an incomplete LU factorization with a drop tolerance of `1e-5` for the preconditioner.

```
[L1,U1] = luinc(A,1e-5);
Warning: Incomplete upper triangular factor has 1 zero diagonal.
         It cannot be used as a preconditioner for an iterative
         method.

nnz(A), nnz(L1), nnz(U1)

ans =
         1887
ans =
         5562
ans =
         4320
```

The zero on the main diagonal of the upper triangular U1 indicates that U1 is singular. If you try to use it as a preconditioner,

```
[x,flag,relres,iter,resvec] = bicg(A,b,1e-6,20,L1,U1)

flag =
        2
relres =
        1
iter =
        0
resvec =
        7.0557e+005
```

the method fails in the very first iteration when it tries to solve a system of equations involving the singular U1 using backslash. bicg is forced to return the initial estimate since no other iterates were produced.

Try again with a slightly less sparse preconditioner.

```
[L2,U2] = luinc(A,1e-6);

nnz(L2), nnz(U2)

ans =
        6231
ans =
        4559
```

This time U2 is nonsingular and may be an appropriate preconditioner.

```
[x,flag,relres,iter,resvec] = bicg(A,b,1e-15,10,L2,U2)

flag =
        0
relres =
        2.8664e-016
iter =
```

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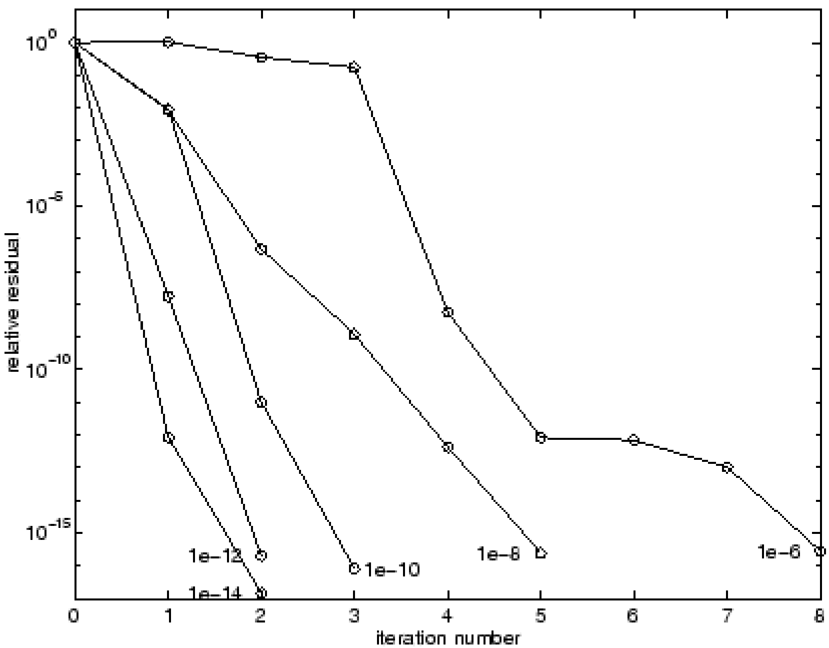
and bicg converges to within the desired tolerance at iteration number 8. Decreasing the value of the drop tolerance increases the fill-in of the incomplete factors but also increases the accuracy of the approximation to the original matrix. Thus, the preconditioned system becomes closer to inv(U)*inv(L)*L*U*x = inv(U)*inv(L)*b, where L and U are the true LU factors, and closer to being solved within a single iteration.

The next graph shows the progress of bicg using six different incomplete LU factors as preconditioners. Each line in the graph is labeled with the drop tolerance of the preconditioner used in bicg.



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See Also

bicgstab, cgs, gmres, ilu, lsqr, luinc, minres, pcg, qmr, symmlq, function_handle (@), mldivide (\)

Purpose

Biconjugate gradients stabilized method

Syntax

```
x = bicgstab(A,b)
bicgstab(A,b,tol)
bicgstab(A,b,tol,maxit)
bicgstab(A,b,tol,maxit,M)
bicgstab(A,b,tol,maxit,M1,M2)
bicgstab(A,b,tol,maxit,M1,M2,x0)
[x,flag] = bicgstab(A,b,...)
[x,flag,relres] = bicgstab(A,b,...)
[x,flag,relres,iter] = bicgstab(A,b,...)
[x,flag,relres,iter,resvec] = bicgstab(A,b,...)
```

Description

`x = bicgstab(A,b)` attempts to solve the system of linear equations `A*x=b` for `x`. The `n`-by-`n` coefficient matrix `A` must be square and should be large and sparse. The column vector `b` must have length `n`. `A` can be a function handle `afun` such that `afun(x)` returns `A*x`. See "Function Handles" in the MATLAB Programming documentation for more information.

"Parameterizing Functions", in the MATLAB Mathematics documentation, explains how to provide additional parameters to the function `afun`, as well as the preconditioner function `mfun` described below, if necessary.

If `bicgstab` converges, a message to that effect is displayed. If `bicgstab` fails to converge after the maximum number of iterations or halts for any reason, a warning message is printed displaying the relative residual `norm(b-A*x)/norm(b)` and the iteration number at which the method stopped or failed.

`bicgstab(A,b,tol)` specifies the tolerance of the method. If `tol` is `[]`, then `bicgstab` uses the default, `1e-6`.

`bicgstab(A,b,tol,maxit)` specifies the maximum number of iterations. If `maxit` is `[]`, then `bicgstab` uses the default, `min(n,20)`.

`bicgstab(A,b,tol,maxit,M)` and `bicgstab(A,b,tol,maxit,M1,M2)` use preconditioner `M` or `M = M1*M2` and effectively solve the system inv(M)*A*x = inv(M)*b for x. If M is [] then bicgstab applies no preconditioner. M can be a function handle mfun such that mfun(x) returns M\x.

bicgstab(A,b,tol,maxit,M1,M2,x0) specifies the initial guess. If x0 is [], then bicgstab uses the default, an all zero vector.

[x,flag] = bicgstab(A,b,...) also returns a convergence flag.

Flag	Convergence
0	bicgstab converged to the desired tolerance tol within maxit iterations.
1	bicgstab iterated maxit times but did not converge.
2	Preconditioner M was ill-conditioned.
3	bicgstab stagnated. (Two consecutive iterates were the same.)
4	One of the scalar quantities calculated during bicgstab became too small or too large to continue computing.

Whenever flag is not 0, the solution x returned is that with minimal norm residual computed over all the iterations. No messages are displayed if the flag output is specified.

[x,flag,relres] = bicgstab(A,b,...) also returns the relative residual norm(b-A*x)/norm(b). If flag is 0, relres <= tol.

[x,flag,relres,iter] = bicgstab(A,b,...) also returns the iteration number at which x was computed, where 0 <= iter <= maxit. iter can be an integer + 0.5, indicating convergence halfway through an iteration.

[x,flag,relres,iter,resvec] = bicgstab(A,b,...) also returns a vector of the residual norms at each half iteration, including norm(b-A*x0).

Example

Example 1

This example first solves `Ax = b` by providing `A` and the preconditioner `M1` directly as arguments.

```
A = gallery('wilk',21);
b = sum(A,2);
tol = 1e-12;
maxit = 15;
M1 = diag([10:-1:1 1 1:10]);

x = bicgstab(A,b,tol,maxit,M1);
```

displays the message

```
bicgstab converged at iteration 12.5 to a solution with relative
residual 6.7e-014
```

Example 2

This example replaces the matrix `A` in Example 1 with a handle to a matrix-vector product function `afun`, and the preconditioner `M1` with a handle to a backsolve function `mfun`. The example is contained in an M-file `run_bicgstab` that

- Calls `bicgstab` with the function handle `@afun` as its first argument.
- Contains `afun` and `mfun` as nested functions, so that all variables in `run_bicgstab` are available to `afun` and `mfun`.

The following shows the code for `run_bicgstab`:

```
function x1 = run_bicgstab
n = 21;
A = gallery('wilk',n);
b = sum(A,2);
tol = 1e-12;
maxit = 15;
M1 = diag([10:-1:1 1 1:10]);
x1 = bicgstab(@afun,b,tol,maxit,@mfun);
```

```
        function y = afun(x)
           y = [0; x(1:n-1)] + ...
               [((n-1)/2:-1:0)'; (1:(n-1)/2)'].*x + ...
               [x(2:n); 0];
        end

        function y = mfun(r)
            y = r ./ [((n-1)/2:-1:1)'; 1; (1:(n-1)/2)'];
        end
    end
```

When you enter

```
x1 = run_bicgstab;
```

MATLAB software displays the message

```
bicgstab converged at iteration 12.5 to a solution with relative
residual 6.7e-014
```

Example 3

This examples demonstrates the use of a preconditioner. Start with `A = west0479`, a real 479-by-479 sparse matrix, and define `b` so that the true solution is a vector of all ones.

```
load west0479;
A = west0479;
b = sum(A,2);
[x,flag] = bicgstab(A,b)
```

`flag` is `1` because `bicgstab` does not converge to the default tolerance `1e-6` within the default 20 iterations.

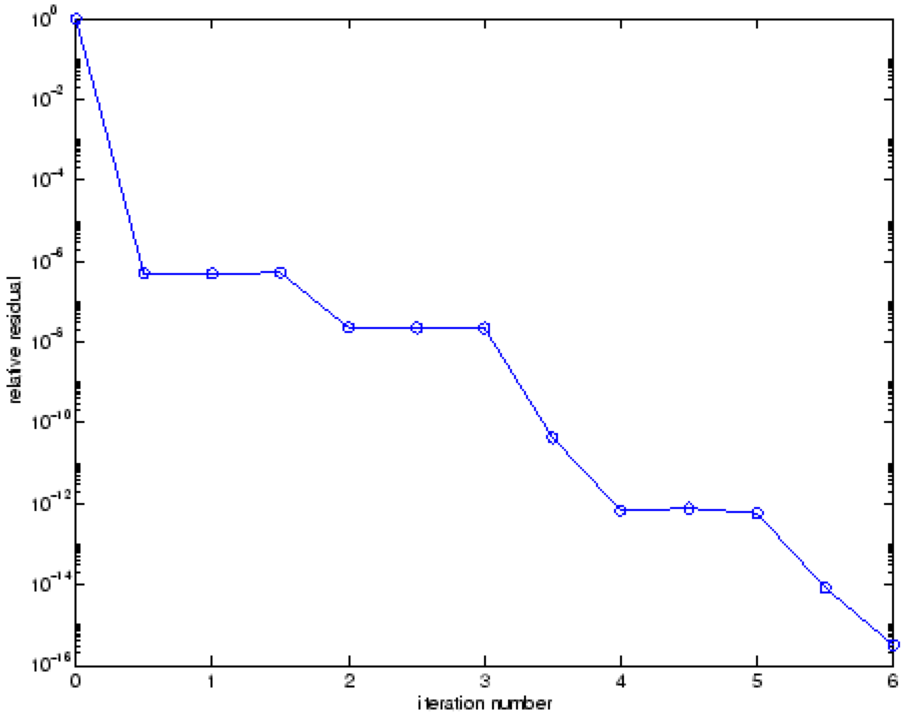
```
[L1,U1] = luinc(A,1e-5);
[x1,flag1] = bicgstab(A,b,1e-6,20,L1,U1)
```

flag1 is 2 because the upper triangular U1 has a zero on its diagonal. This causes bicgstab to fail in the first iteration when it tries to solve a system such as U1*y = r using backslash.

```
[L2,U2] = luinc(A,1e-6);
[x2,flag2,relres2,iter2,resvec2] = bicgstab(A,b,1e-15,10,L2,U2)
```

flag2 is 0 because bicgstab converges to the tolerance of 3.1757e-016 (the value of relres2) at the sixth iteration (the value of iter2) when preconditioned by the incomplete LU factorization with a drop tolerance of 1e-6. resvec2(1) = norm(b) and resvec2(13) = norm(b-A*x2). You can follow the progress of bicgstab by plotting the relative residuals at the halfway point and end of each iteration starting from the initial estimate (iterate number 0).

```
semilogy(0:0.5:iter2,resvec2/norm(b),'-o')
xlabel('iteration number')
ylabel('relative residual')
```



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See Also

`bicg`, `cgs`, `gmres`, `lsqr`, `luinc`, `minres`, `pcg`, `qmr`, `symmlq`, `function_handle` (`@`), `mldivide` (`\`)

Purpose

Biconjugate gradients stabilized (l) method

Syntax

```
x = bicgstabl(A,b)
x = bicgstabl(afun,b)
x = bicgstabl(A,b,tol)
x = bicgstabl(A,b,tol,maxit)
x = bicgstabl(A,b,tol,maxit,M)
x = bicgstabl(A,b,tol,maxit,M1,M2)
x = bicgstabl(A,b,tol,maxit,M1,M2,x0)
[x,flag] = bicgstabl(A,b,...)
[x,flag,relres] = bicgstabl(A,b,...)
[x,flag,relres,iter] = bicgstabl(A,b,...)
[x,flag,relres,iter,resvec] = bicgstabl(A,b,...)
```

Description

`x = bicgstabl(A,b)` attempts to solve the system of linear equations `A*x=b` for `x`. The `n`-by-`n` coefficient matrix `A` must be square and the right-hand side column vector `b` must have length `n`.

`x = bicgstabl(afun,b)` accepts a function handle `afun` instead of the matrix `A`. `afun(x)` accepts a vector input `x` and returns the matrix-vector product `A*x`. In all of the following syntaxes, you can replace `A` by `afun`.

`x = bicgstabl(A,b,tol)` specifies the tolerance of the method. If `tol` is [] then `bicgstabl` uses the default, 1e-6.

`x = bicgstabl(A,b,tol,maxit)` specifies the maximum number of iterations. If `maxit` is [] then `bicgstabl` uses the default, `min(N,20)`.

`x = bicgstabl(A,b,tol,maxit,M)` and `x = bicgstabl(A,b,tol,maxit,M1,M2)` use preconditioner `M` or `M=M1*M2` and effectively solve the system `A*inv(M)*x = b` for x. If `M` is [] then a preconditioner is not applied. `M` may be a function handle returning `M\x`.

`x = bicgstabl(A,b,tol,maxit,M1,M2,x0)` specifies the initial guess. If `x0` is [] then `bicgstabl` uses the default, an all zero vector.

`[x,flag] = bicgstabl(A,b,...)` also returns a convergence `flag`:

Flag	Convergence
0	bicgstabl converged to the desired tolerance tol within maxit iterations.
1	bicgstabl iterated maxit times but did not converge.
2	Preconditioner M was ill-conditioned.
3	bicgstabl stagnated. (Two consecutive iterates were the same.)
4	One of the scalar quantities calculated during bicgstabl became too small or too large to continue computing.

[x,flag,relres] = bicgstabl(A,b,...) also returns the relative residual norm(b-A*x)/norm(b). If flag is 0, relres <= tol.

[x,flag,relres,iter] = bicgstabl(A,b,...) also returns the iteration number at which x was computed, where 0 <= iter <= maxit. iter can be k/4 where k is some integer, indicating convergence at a given quarter iteration.

[x,flag,relres,iter,resvec] = bicgstabl(A,b,...) also returns a vector of the residual norms at each quarter iteration, including norm(b-A*x0).

Example

```
n = 21;
A = gallery('wilk',n);
b = sum(A,2);
tol = 1e-12;
maxit = 15;
M = diag([10:-1:1 1 1:10]);
x = bicgstabl(A,b,tol,maxit,M);
```

You can also use this matrix-vector product function:

```
function y = afun(x,n)
y = [0; x(1:n-1)] + [((n-1)/2:-1:0)';
```

```
(1:(n-1)/2)'].*x+[x(2:n); 0];
```

and this preconditioner backsolve function:

```
function y = mfun(r,n)
y = r ./ [((n-1)/2:-1:1)';
1;
(1:(n-1)/2)'];
```

as inputs to `bicgstabl`:

```
x1 = bicgstabl(@(x)afun(x,n),b,tol,maxit,@(x)mfun(x,n));
```

See Also

`bicgstab`, `bicg`, `cgs`, `gmres`, `lsqr`, `luinc`, `minres`, `pcg`, `qmr`, `symmlq`, `function_handle` (`@`), `mldivide` (`\`)

Purpose

Convert binary number string to decimal number

Syntax

`bin2dec(binarystr)`

Description

`bin2dec(binarystr)` interprets the binary string *binarystr* and returns the equivalent decimal number.

`bin2dec` ignores any space (`' '`) characters in the input string.

Examples

Binary `010111` converts to decimal `23`:

```
bin2dec('010111')
ans =
    23
```

Because space characters are ignored, this string yields the same result:

```
bin2dec(' 010   111 ')
ans =
    23
```

See Also

`dec2bin`

Purpose

Set FTP transfer type to binary

Syntax

```
binary(f)
```

Description

`binary(f)` sets the FTP download and upload mode to binary, which does not convert new lines, where `f` was created using `ftp`. Use this function when downloading or uploading any nontext file, such as an executable or ZIP archive.

Examples

Connect to the MathWorks FTP server, and display the FTP object.

```
tmw=ftp('ftp.mathworks.com');
disp(tmw)
FTP Object
  host: ftp.mathworks.com
  user: anonymous
   dir: /
  mode: binary
```

Note that the FTP object defaults to binary mode.

Use the `ascii` function to set the FTP mode to ASCII, and use the `disp` function to display the FTP object.

```
ascii(tmw)
disp(tmw)
FTP Object
  host: ftp.mathworks.com
  user: anonymous
   dir: /
  mode: ascii
```

Note that the FTP object is now set to ASCII mode.

Use the `binary` function to set the FTP mode to binary, and use the `disp` function to display the FTP object.

```
binary(tmw)
```

```
disp(tmw)
FTP Object
  host: ftp.mathworks.com
  user: anonymous
   dir: /
  mode: binary
```

Note that the FTP object's mode is again set to binary.

See Also

ftp, ascii

Purpose
Bitwise AND

Syntax

```
C = bitand(A, B)
```

Description

`C = bitand(A, B)` returns the bitwise AND of arguments `A` and `B`, where `A` and `B` are unsigned integers or arrays of unsigned integers.

Examples

Example 1

The five-bit binary representations of the integers 13 and 27 are 01101 and 11011, respectively. Performing a bitwise AND on these numbers yields 01001, or 9:

```
C = bitand(uint8(13), uint8(27))
C =
    9
```

Example 2

Create a truth table for a logical AND operation:

```
A = uint8([0 1; 0 1]);
B = uint8([0 0; 1 1]);

TT = bitand(A, B)
TT =
    0    0
    0    1
```

See Also

`bitcmp`, `bitget`, `bitmax`, `bitor`, `bitset`, `bitshift`, `bitxor`

bitcmp

Purpose

Bitwise complement

Syntax

```
C = bitcmp(A)
C = bitcmp(A, n)
```

Description

`C = bitcmp(A)` returns the bitwise complement of `A`, where `A` is an unsigned integer or an array of unsigned integers.

`C = bitcmp(A, n)` returns the bitwise complement of `A` as an `n`-bit unsigned integer `C`. Input `A` may not have any bits set higher than `n` (that is, `A` may not have a value greater than `2^n-1`). The value of `n` can be no greater than the number of bits in the unsigned integer class of `A`. For example, if the class of `A` is `uint32`, then `n` must be a positive integer less than 32.

Examples

Example 1

With eight-bit arithmetic, the one's complement of 01100011 (decimal 99) is 10011100 (decimal 156):

```
C = bitcmp(uint8(99))
C =
   156
```

Example 2

The complement of hexadecimal A5 (decimal 165) is 5A:

```
x = hex2dec('A5')
x =
   165

dec2hex(bitcmp(x, 8))
ans =
5A
```

Next, find the complement of hexadecimal 000000A5:

```
dec2hex(bitcmp(x, 32))
```

```
ans =
FFFFFF5A
```

See Also

`bitand`, `bitget`, `bitmax`, `bitor`, `bitset`, `bitshift`, `bitxor`

bitget

Purpose

Bit at specified position

Syntax

```
C = bitget(A, bit)
```

Description

`C = bitget(A, bit)` returns the value of the bit at position *bit* in `A`. Operand `A` must be an unsigned integer, a double, or an array containing unsigned integers, doubles or both. The *bit* input must be a number between 1 and the number of bits in the unsigned integer class of `A` (e.g., 32 for the `uint32` class).

Examples

Example 1 — Binary Conversion

The `dec2bin` function converts decimal numbers to binary. However, you can also use the `bitget` function to show the binary representation of a decimal number. Just test successive bits from most to least significant:

```
disp(dec2bin(13))
1101

C = bitget(uint8(13), 4:-1:1)
C =
     1     1     0     1
```

Example 2 — Binary Compare

Prove that `intmax` sets all the bits to 1:

```
a = intmax('uint8');
if all(bitget(a, 1:8))
   disp('All the bits have value 1.')
   end

All the bits have value 1.
```

Example 3 — Vector and Array Operations

Get the value of the second most significant bit of the number sequence 5 through 75, counting by tens:

```
bitget(5:10:75, [2 3 4 5 5 5 6 7])
ans =
     0     1     1     0     0     1     0     1
```

Do the same, but using 2-by-4 matrices:

```
bitget([5 15 25 35; 45 55 65 75], ...
       [2 3 4 5; 5 5 6 7])
ans =
     0     1     1     0
     0     1     0     1
```

See Also

`bitand`, `bitcmp`, `bitmax`, `bitor`, `bitset`, `bitshift`, `bitxor`

bitmax

Purpose

Maximum double-precision floating-point integer

Syntax

```
bitmax
```

Description

`bitmax` returns the maximum unsigned double-precision floating-point integer for your computer. It is the value when all bits are set, namely the value $2^{53} - 1$.

Note Instead of integer-valued double-precision variables, use unsigned integers for bit manipulations and replace `bitmax` with `intmax`.

Examples

Display in different formats the largest floating point integer and the largest 32 bit unsigned integer:

```
format long e
bitmax
ans =
   9.007199254740991e+015

intmax('uint32')
ans =
   4294967295

format hex
bitmax
ans =
   433fffffffffffff

intmax('uint32')
ans =
   ffffffff
```

In the second bitmax statement, the last 13 hex digits of `bitmax` are `f`, corresponding to 52 1's (all 1's) in the mantissa of the binary representation. The first 3 hex digits correspond to the sign bit 0 and the 11 bit biased exponent `10000110011` in binary (`1075` in decimal), and the actual exponent is (`1075-1023`) = `52`. Thus the binary value of `bitmax` is `1.111...111 x 2^52` with 52 trailing 1's, or `2^53-1`.

See Also

`bitand`, `bitcmp`, `bitget`, `bitor`, `bitset`, `bitshift`, `bitxor`

bitor

Purpose Bitwise OR

Syntax

```
C = bitor(A, B)
```

Description

`C = bitor(A, B)` returns the bitwise OR of arguments `A` and `B`, where `A` and `B` are unsigned integers or arrays of unsigned integers.

Examples

Example 1

The five-bit binary representations of the integers 13 and 27 are 01101 and 11011, respectively. Performing a bitwise OR on these numbers yields 11111, or 31.

```
C = bitor(uint8(13), uint8(27))
C =
    31
```

Example 2

Create a truth table for a logical OR operation:

```
A = uint8([0 1; 0 1]);
B = uint8([0 0; 1 1]);

TT = bitor(A, B)
TT =
    0    1
    1    1
```

See Also

`bitand`, `bitcmp`, `bitget`, `bitmax`, `bitset`, `bitshift`, `bitxor`

Purpose

Set bit at specified position

Syntax

```
C = bitset(A, bit)
C = bitset(A, bit, v)
```

Description

`C = bitset(A, bit)` sets bit position *`bit`* in `A` to 1 (on). `A` must be an unsigned integer or an array of unsigned integers, and *`bit`* must be a number between 1 and the number of bits in the unsigned integer class of `A` (e.g., 32 for the `uint32` class).

`C = bitset(A, bit, v)` sets the bit at position *`bit`* to the value `v`, which must be either 0 or 1.

Examples

Example 1

Setting the fifth bit in the five-bit binary representation of the integer 9 (01001) yields 11001, or 25:

```
C = bitset(uint8(9), 5)
C =
    25
```

Example 2

Repeatedly subtract powers of 2 from the largest `uint32` value:

```
a = intmax('uint32')
for k = 1:32
   a = bitset(a, 32-k+1, 0)
   end
```

See Also

`bitand`, `bitcmp`, `bitget`, `bitmax`, `bitor`, `bitshift`, `bitxor`

Purpose

Shift bits specified number of places

Syntax

```
C = bitshift(A, k)
C = bitshift(A, k, n)
```

Description

`C = bitshift(A, k)` returns the value of `A` shifted by `k` bits. Input argument `A` must be an unsigned integer or an array of unsigned integers. Shifting by `k` is the same as multiplication by `2^k`. Negative values of `k` are allowed and this corresponds to shifting to the right, or dividing by `2^abs(k)` and truncating to an integer. If the shift causes `C` to overflow the number of bits in the unsigned integer class of `A`, then the overflowing bits are dropped.

`C = bitshift(A, k, n)` causes any bits that overflow `n` bits to be dropped. The value of `n` must be less than or equal to the length in bits of the unsigned integer class of `A` (e.g., `n <= 32` for `uint32`).

Instead of using `bitshift(A, k, 8)` or another power of 2 for `n`, consider using `bitshift(uint8(A), k)` or the appropriate unsigned integer class for `A`.

Examples

Example 1

Shifting 1100 (12, decimal) to the left two bits yields 110000 (48, decimal).

```
C = bitshift(12, 2)
C =
    48
```

Example 2

Repeatedly shift the bits of an unsigned 16 bit value to the left until all the nonzero bits overflow. Track the progress in binary:

```
a = intmax('uint16');
disp(sprintf( ...
   'Initial uint16 value %5d is %16s in binary', ...
   a, dec2bin(a)))
```

```
for k = 1:16
   a = bitshift(a, 1);
   disp(sprintf( ...
      'Shifted uint16 value %5d is %16s in binary',...
      a, dec2bin(a)))
end
```

See Also

bitand, bitcmp, bitget, bitmax, bitor, bitset, bitxor, fix

bitxor

Purpose Bitwise XOR

Syntax

```
C = bitxor(A, B)
```

Description

`C = bitxor(A, B)` returns the bitwise XOR of arguments `A` and `B`, where `A` and `B` are unsigned integers or arrays of unsigned integers.

Examples

Example 1

The five-bit binary representations of the integers 13 and 27 are 01101 and 11011, respectively. Performing a bitwise XOR on these numbers yields 10110, or 22.

```
C = bitxor(uint8(13), uint8(27))
C =
    22
```

Example 2

Create a truth table for a logical XOR operation:

```
A = uint8([0 1; 0 1]);
B = uint8([0 0; 1 1]);

TT = bitxor(A, B)
TT =
    0    1
    1    0
```

See Also `bitand`, `bitcmp`, `bitget`, `bitmax`, `bitor`, `bitset`, `bitshift`

Purpose Create string of blank characters

Syntax `blanks(n)`

Description `blanks(n)` is a string of `n` blanks.

Examples `blanks` is useful with the `display` function. For example,

```
disp(['xxx' blanks(20) 'yyy'])
```

displays twenty blanks between the strings `'xxx'` and `'yyy'`.

`disp(blanks(n)')` moves the cursor down `n` lines.

See Also `clc`, `format`, `home`

blkdiag

Purpose Construct block diagonal matrix from input arguments

Syntax `out = blkdiag(a,b,c,d,...)`

Description `out = blkdiag(a,b,c,d,...)`, where `a`, `b`, `c`, `d`, `...` are matrices, outputs a block diagonal matrix of the form

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & b & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & c & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & d & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \ldots \end{bmatrix}$$

The input matrices do not have to be square, nor do they have to be of equal size.

See Also `diag`, `horzcat`, `vertcat`

Purpose

Axes border

Syntax

```
box on
box off
box
box(axes_handle,...)
```

Description

`box on` displays the boundary of the current axes.

`box off` does not display the boundary of the current axes.

`box` toggles the visible state of the current axes boundary.

`box(axes_handle,...)` uses the axes specified by `axes_handle` instead of the current axes.

Algorithm

The `box` function sets the axes `Box` property to `on` or `off`.

See Also

`axes`, `grid`

"Axes Operations" on page 1-106 for related functions

break

Purpose

Terminate execution of `for` or `while` loop

Syntax

```
break
```

Description

`break` terminates the execution of a `for` or `while` loop. Statements in the loop that appear after the `break` statement are not executed.

In nested loops, `break` exits only from the loop in which it occurs. Control passes to the statement that follows the `end` of that loop.

Remarks

`break` is not defined outside a `for` or `while` loop. Use `return` in this context instead.

Examples

The example below shows a `while` loop that reads the contents of the file `fft.m` into a MATLAB character array. A `break` statement is used to exit the `while` loop when the first empty line is encountered. The resulting character array contains the command line help for the `fft` program.

```
fid = fopen('fft.m','r');
s = '';

while ~feof(fid)
   line = fgetl(fid);
   if isempty(line) || ~ischar(line), break, end
   s = sprintf('%s%s\n', s, line);
end
disp(s);

fclose(fid);
```

See Also

`for`, `while`, `end`, `continue`, `return`

Purpose

Brighten or darken colormap

Syntax

```
brighten(beta)
brighten(h,beta)
newmap = brighten(beta)
newmap = brighten(cmap,beta)
```

Description

`brighten(beta)` increases or decreases the color intensities in a colormap by replacing the current colormap with a brighter or darker colormap of essentially the same colors. The modified colormap is brighter if `0 < beta < 1` and darker if `-1 < beta < 0`. `brighten(beta)`, followed by `brighten(-beta)`, where `beta < 1`, restores the original map.

`brighten(h,beta)` brightens all objects that are children of the figure having the handle `h`.

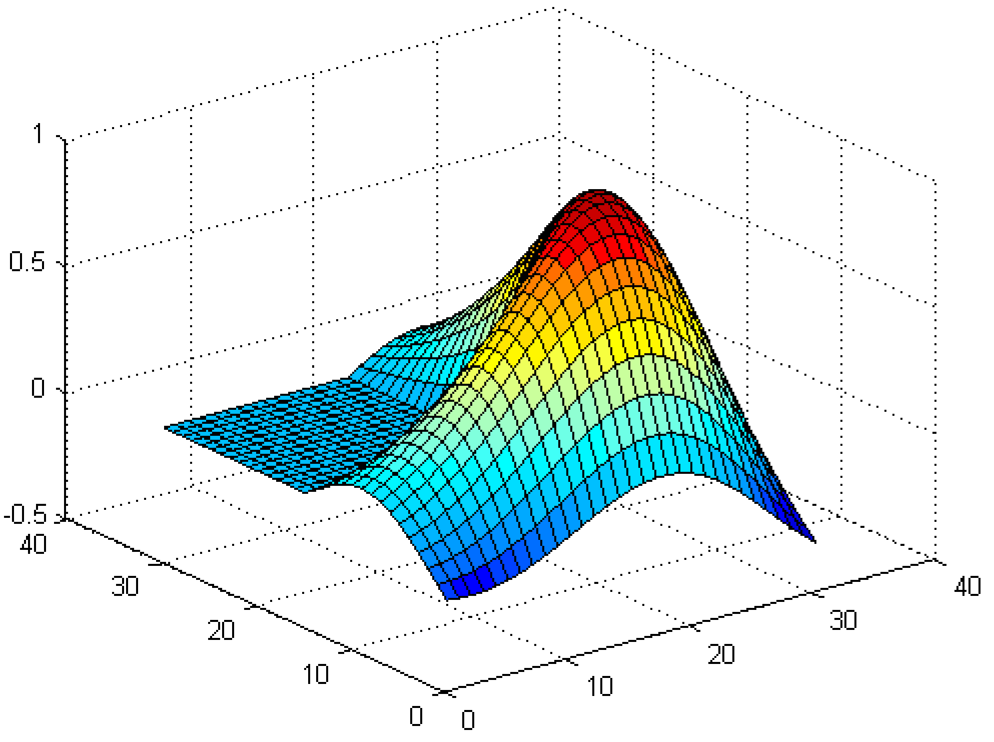
`newmap = brighten(beta)` returns a brighter or darker version of the current colormap without changing the display.

`newmap = brighten(cmap,beta)` returns a brighter or darker version of the colormap `cmap` without changing the display.

Examples

Brighten the current colormap:

```
surf(membrane);
beta = .5; brighten(beta);
```



Algorithm

`brighten` raises values in the colormap to the power of gamma, where gamma is

$$\gamma = \begin{cases} 1-\beta, & \beta > 0 \\ \dfrac{1}{1+\beta}, & \beta \le 0 \end{cases}$$

`brighten` has no effect on graphics objects defined with true color.

See Also

`colormap` | `rgbplot`

How To

- "Altering Colormaps"

Purpose

Interactively mark, delete, modify, and save observations in graphs

GUI Alternatives

To turn data brushing on or off, use the Data Brushing tool  in the figure toolbar, the right side of which drops down as a color palette for changing the current brushing color. For details, see "Marking Up Graphs with Data Brushing" in the MATLAB Data Analysis documentation.

Syntax

```
brush on
brush off
brush
brush color
brush(figure_handle,...)
brushobj = brush(figure_handle)
```

Description

Data brushing is a mode for interacting with graphs in figure windows in which you can click data points or drag a selection rectangle around data points to highlight observations in a color of your choice. Highlighting takes different forms for different types of graphs, and brushing marks persist—even in other interactive modes—until removed by deselecting them.

`brush on` turns on interactive data brushing mode.

`brush off` turns brushing mode off, leaving any brushed observations still highlighted.

`brush` by itself toggles the state of the data brushing tool.

`brush color` sets the current color used for brushing graphics to the specified `ColorSpec`. Changing brush color affects subsequent brushing, but does not change the color of observations already brushed or the brush tool's state.

`brush(figure_handle,...)` applies the function to the specified figure handle.

`brushobj = brush(figure_handle)` returns a *brush mode object* for that figure, useful for controlling and customizing the figure's brushing state. The following properties of such objects can be modified using `get` and `set`:

`Enable 'on' | {'off'}`	Specifies whether this figure mode is currently enabled on the figure.
`FigureHandle`	The associated figure handle. This property supports `get` only.
`Color`	Specifies the color to be used for brushing.

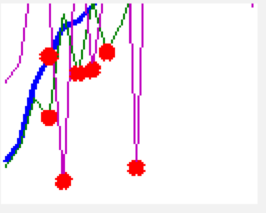
`brush` cannot return a brush mode object at the same time you are calling it to set a brushing option.

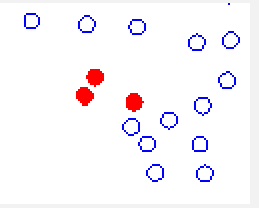
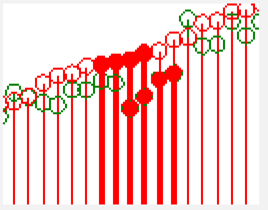
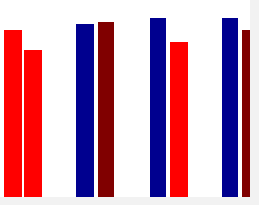
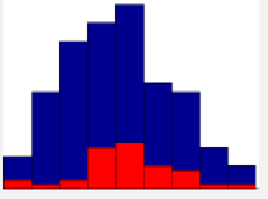
Remarks

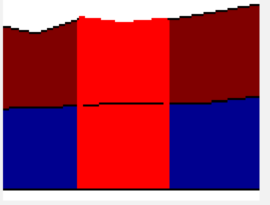
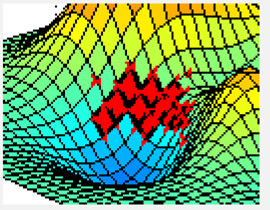
- “Types of Plots You Can Brush” on page 2-438
- “Plot Types You Cannot Brush” on page 2-440
- “Mode Exclusivity and Persistence” on page 2-441
- “How Data Linking Affects Data Brushing” on page 2-442
- “Mouse Gestures for Data Brushing” on page 2-443

Types of Plots You Can Brush

Data brushing places lines and patches on plots to create highlighting, marking different types of graphs as follows (brushing marks are shown in red):

Graph Type	Brushing Annotation	Overlays?	Example
lineseries	Colored lines slightly wider than those in the lineseries with a marker distinct from those on the lineseries (filled circles if none) to identify brushed vertices. Only those line segments that connect brushed vertices are highlighted	Y	

Graph Type	Brushing Annotation	Overlays?	Example
scattergroup	Line with `LineStyle 'none'` and a marker with a color distinct from and slightly larger than the base scattergroup marker.	Y	
stemseries	The brushed stems and stem heads are shaded in the brushing color.	Y	
barseries	The interior of selected bars is filled in the brushing color.	N	
histogram	The bars to which brushed observations contribute are proportionately filled from the bottom up with the brushing color.	N	

Graph Type	Brushing Annotation	Overlays?	Example
areaseries	Patches filling the region between selected points and the *x*-axis in the brushing color.	N	
surfaceplot	Patches with edges slightly wider than the surfaceplot line width and with a marker distinct from that of the surfaceplot (**X** if none) to identify brushed vertices. Patches are plotted only when all four vertices that define them are brushed. The brushed observations are the set of marked vertices, not the patches.	N	

When using the linked plots feature, a graph can become brushed when you brush another graph that displays some of the same data, potentially brushing the same observations more than once. The overlaid brushing marks (whether lines or markers) are slightly wider than the brushing marks that they overlay; this makes multiply brushed observations visually distinct. The wider brushing marks are placed under the narrower ones, so that if they happen to have different colors, you can see all the colors. See the subsection "How Data Linking Affects Data Brushing" on page 2-442 for more information about brushing linked figures.

As the above table indicates, only lineseries, scatterseries, and stemseries brushing marks can be overlaid in this manner. Although you can brush them, you cannot overlay brushing marks on areaseries, barseries, histograms, or surfaceplots.

Plot Types You Cannot Brush

Currently, not all plot types enable data brushing. Graph functions that *do not* support brushing are:

- Line plots created with `line`
- Scatter plots created with `spy`
- Contour plots created with `contour`, `contourf`, or `contour3`
- Pie charts created with `pie` or `pie3`
- Radial graphs created with `polar`, `compass`, or `rose`
- Direction graphs created with `feather`, `quiver`, or `comet`
- Area and image plots created with `fill`, `image`, `imagesc`, or `pcolor`
- Bar graphs created with `pareto` or `errorbar`
- Functional plots created with `ezcontour` or `ezcontourf`
- 3-D plot types *other than* `plot3`, `stem3`, `scatter3`, `mesh`, `meshc`, `surf`, `surfl`, and `surfc`

You can use some of these functions to display base data that do not need to be brushable. For example, use `line` to plot mean *y*-values as horizontal lines that you do not need or want to brush.

Mode Exclusivity and Persistence

Data brushing mode is *exclusive*, like zoom, pan, data cursor, or plot edit mode. However, brush marks created in data brushing mode *persist* through all changes in mode. Brush marks that appear in other graphs while they are linked via `linkdata` also persist even when data linking is subsequently turned off. That is, severing connections to a graph's data sources does not remove brushing marks from it. The only ways to remove brushing marks are (in brushing mode):

- Brush an empty area in a brushed graph.
- Right-click and select **Clear all brushing** from the context menu.

Changing the brushing color for a figure does not recolor brushing marks on it until you brush it again. If you hold down the **Shift** key, all existing brush marks change to the new color. All brush marks that appear on linked plots in the same or different figure also change to the new color if the brushing action affects them. The behavior is the same whether you select a brushing color from the Brush Tool dropdown palette, set it by calling `brush(colorspec)`, or by setting the `Color` property of a brush mode object (e.g., `set(brushobj,'Color',`*`colorspec`*`)`.

How Data Linking Affects Data Brushing

When you use the Data Linking tool or call the `linkdata` function, brushing marks that you make on one plot appear on other plots that depict the same variable you are brushing—if those plots are also linked. This happens even if the affected plot is not in Brushing mode. That is, brushing marks appear on a linked plot *in any mode* when you brush another plot linked to it via a common variable or brush that variable in the Variable Editor. Be aware that the following conditions apply, however:

- The graph type must support data brushing (see "Types of Plots You Can Brush" on page 2-438 and "Plot Types You Cannot Brush" on page 2-440)
- The graphed variable must not be complex; if you can plot a complex variable you can brush it, but such graphs do not respond when you brush the complex variable in another linked plot. For more information about linking complex variables, see Example 3 in the `linkdata` reference page.
- Observations that you brush display in the same color in all linked graphs. The color is the brush color you have selected in the window you are interacting with, and can differ from the brushing colors selected in the other affected figures. When you brush linked plots, the brushing color is associated with the variable(s) you brush

The last bullet implies that brush marks on a an unlinked graph can change color when data linking is turned on for that figure. Brushing marks can, in fact, vanish and be replaced by marks in the same or different color when the plot enters a linked state. In the linked state, brushing is tied to variables (data sources), not just the graphics. If different observations for the same variable on a linked figure are brushed, those variables override the brushed graphics on the newly linked plot. In other words, the newly linked graph loses all its previous brush marks when it "joins the club" of common data sources.

Mouse Gestures for Data Brushing

You can brush graphs in several ways. The basic operation is to drag the mouse to highlight all observations within the rectangle you define. The following table lists data brushing gestures and their effects.

Action	Gesture	Result
Select data using a region of interest	ROI mouse drag	Region of interest (ROI) rectangle (or rectangular prism for 3-D axes) appears during the gesture and all brushable observations within the rectangle are highlighted. All other brushing marks in the axes are removed. The ROI rectangle disappears when the mouse button is released.
Select a single point	Single left-click on a graphic object that supports data brushing	Produces an equivalent result to ROI rectangle, brushing where the rectangle encloses only the single vertex on the graphical object closest to the mouse. All other brushing annotations in the figure are removed.
Add a point to the selection or remove a highlighted one	Single left-click on a graphic object that supports data brushing, with the **Shift** key down	Equivalent brushing by dragging an ROI rectangle that encloses only the single vertex on the graphic object closest to the mouse. All other brushed regions in the figure remain brushed.

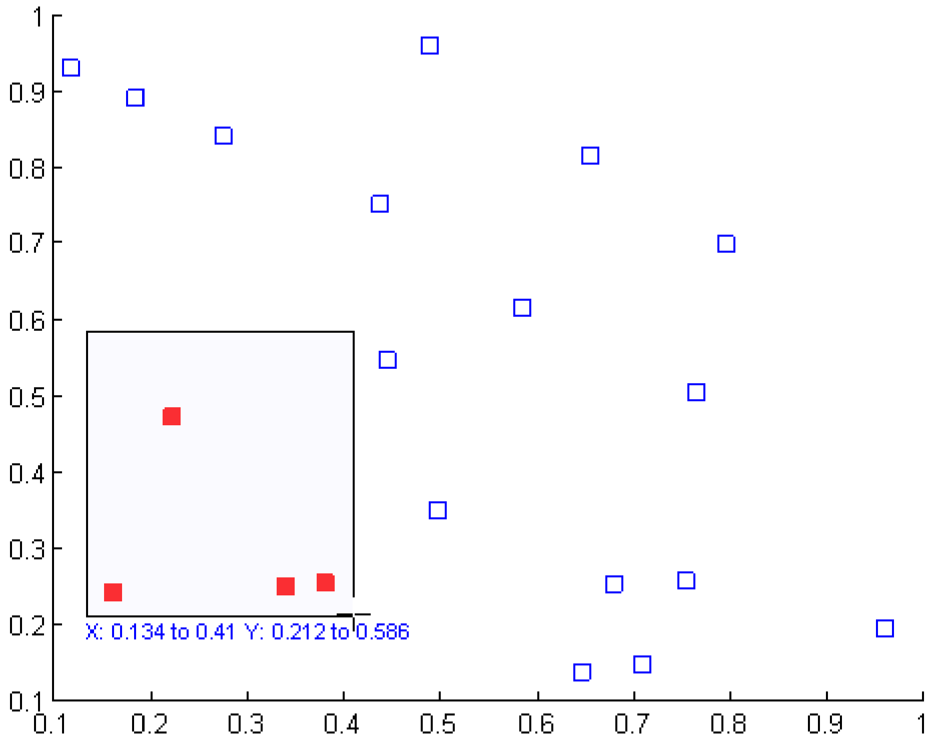
Action	Gesture	Result
Select all data associated with a graphic object	Double left-click on a graphic object that supports data brushing	All vertices for the graphic object are brushed.
Add to or subtract from region of interest	Click or ROI drag with the **Shift** or **Ctrl** keys down	Region of interest grows; all unbrushed vertices within the rectangle become brushed and all brushed observations in it become unbrushed. All brushed vertices outside the ROI remain brushed.
Copy brushed data to Editor, Command Window, Variable Editor, or Workspace Browser	Drag brushed data to another window or to a program/icon on the system desktop	Equivalent to copying brushed data and pasting into other window or an existing/new variable.

Examples

Example 1

On a scatterplot, drag out a rectangle to brush the graph:

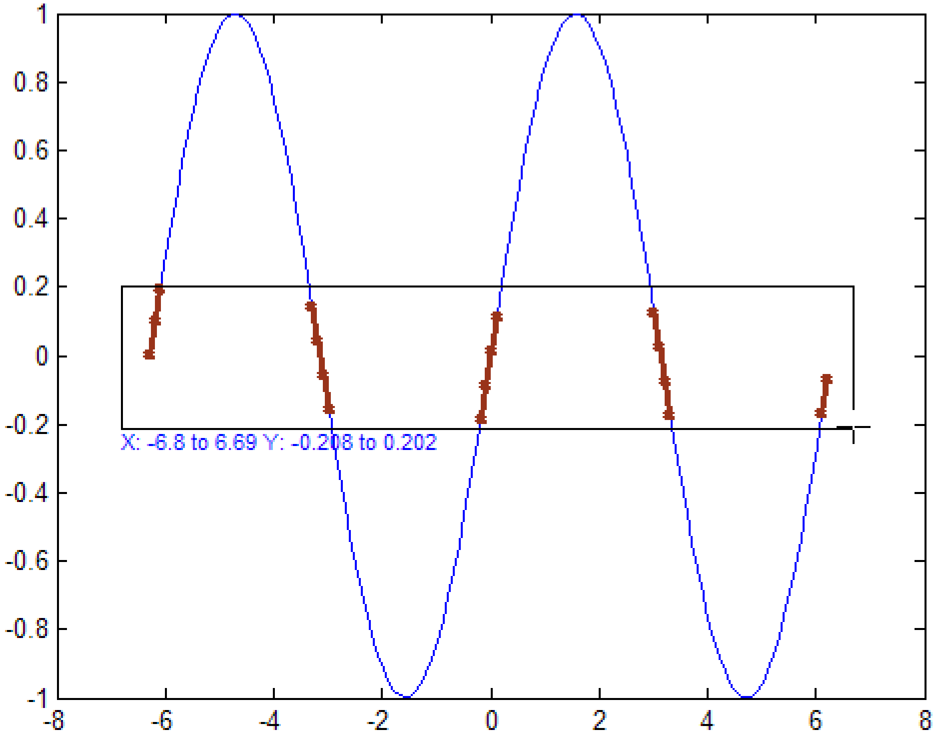
```
x = rand(20,1);
y = rand(20,1);
scatter(x,y,80,'s')
brush on
```



Example 2

Brush observations from -.2 to .2 on a lineseries plot in dark red:

```
x = [-2*pi:.1:2*pi];
y = sin(x);
plot(x,y);
h = brush;
set(h,'Color',[.6 .2 .1],'Enable','on');
```



See Also

`linkaxes`, `linkdata`, `pan`, `rotate3d`, `zoom`

Purpose

Apply element-by-element binary operation to two arrays with singleton expansion enabled

Syntax

`C = bsxfun(fun,A,B)`

Description

`C = bsxfun(fun,A,B)` applies an element-by-element binary operation to arrays `A` and `B`, with singleton expansion enabled. `fun` is a function handle, and can either be an M-file function or one of the following built-in functions:

`@plus`	Plus
`@minus`	Minus
`@times`	Array multiply
`@rdivide`	Right array divide
`@ldivide`	Left array divide
`@power`	Array power
`@max`	Binary maximum
`@min`	Binary minimum
`@rem`	Remainder after division
`@mod`	Modulus after division
`@atan2`	Four quadrant inverse tangent
`@hypot`	Square root of sum of squares
`@eq`	Equal
`@ne`	Not equal
`@lt`	Less than
`@le`	Less than or equal to
`@gt`	Greater than
`@ge`	Greater than or equal to

`@and`	Element-wise logical AND
`@or`	Element-wise logical OR
`@xor`	Logical exclusive OR

If an M-file function is specified, it must be able to accept either two column vectors of the same size, or one column vector and one scalar, and return as output a column vector of the size as the input values.

Each dimension of `A` and `B` must either be equal to each other, or equal to `1`. Whenever a dimension of `A` or `B` is singleton (equal to `1`), the array is virtually replicated along the dimension to match the other array. The array may be diminished if the corresponding dimension of the other array is `0`.

The size of the output array `C` is equal to:
`max(size(A),size(B)).*(size(A)>0 & size(B)>0)`.

Examples

In this example, `bsxfun` is used to subtract the column means from the corresponding columns of matrix `A`.

```
A = magic(5);
A = bsxfun(@minus, A, mean(A))
A =

     4    11   -12    -5     2
    10    -8    -6     1     3
    -9    -7     0     7     9
    -3    -1     6     8   -10
    -2     5    12   -11    -4
```

See Also

`repmat`, `arrayfun`

Purpose

Build searchable documentation database

Syntax

`builddocsearchdb help_location`

Description

`builddocsearchdb help_location` builds a searchable database of user-added HTML and related help files in the specified help location. The `help_location` argument is the full path to the directory containing the help files. The database enables the Help browser to search for content within the help files.

`builddocsearchdb` creates a folder named `helpsearch` under `help_location`. The `helpsearch` folder contains the search database files. Add the location of the `helpsearch` folder to your `info.xml` file.

The files in `helpsearch` work only with the version of MATLAB software used to create it.

For a full discussion of this process, refer to "Adding HTML Help Files to the Help Browser".

Examples

Build a search database for the documentation files found at `D:\work\mytoolbox\help`.

```
builddocsearchdb D:\work\mytoolbox\help
```

See Also

`doc`, `help`

Purpose

Execute built-in function from overloaded method

Syntax

```
builtin(function, x1, ..., xn)
[y1, ..., yn] = builtin(function, x1, ..., xn)
```

Description

`builtin` is used in methods that overload built-in functions to execute the original built-in function. If *`function`* is a string containing the name of a built-in function, then

`builtin(`*`function`*`, x1, ..., xn)` evaluates the specified `function` at the given arguments `x1` through `xn`. The `function` argument must be a string containing a valid function name. `function` cannot be a function handle.

`[y1, ..., yn] = builtin(`*`function`*`, x1, ..., xn)` returns multiple output arguments.

Remarks

`builtin(...)` is the same as `feval(...)` except that it calls the original built-in version of the function even if an overloaded one exists. (For this to work you must never overload `builtin`.)

See Also

`feval`

Purpose

Solve boundary value problems for ordinary differential equations

Syntax

```
sol = bvp4c(odefun,bcfun,solinit)
sol = bvp4c(odefun,bcfun,solinit,options)
solinit = bvpinit(x, yinit, params)
```

Arguments

`odefun`	A function handle that evaluates the differential equations $f(x, y)$. It can have the form
	`dydx = odefun(x,y)`
	`dydx = odefun(x,y,parameters)`
	where `x` is a scalar corresponding to x, and `y` is a column vector corresponding to y. `parameters` is a vector of unknown parameters. The output `dydx` is a column vector.

`bcfun`	A function handle that computes the residual in the boundary conditions. For two-point boundary value conditions of the form $bc(y(a), y(b))$, `bcfun` can have the form
	`res = bcfun(ya,yb)`
	`res = bcfun(ya,yb,parameters)`
	where `ya` and `yb` are column vectors corresponding to $y(a)$ and $y(b)$. `parameters` is a vector of unknown parameters. The output `res` is a column vector.
	See "Multipoint Boundary Value Problems" on page 2-454 for a description of `bcfun` for multipoint boundary value problems.

`solinit`	A structure containing the initial guess for a solution. You create `solinit` using the function `bvpinit`. `solinit` has the following fields.

	x	Ordered nodes of the initial mesh. Boundary conditions are imposed at a = solinit.x(1) and b = solinit.x(end).
	y	Initial guess for the solution such that solinit.y(:,i) is a guess for the solution at the node solinit.x(i).
	parameters	Optional. A vector that provides an initial guess for unknown parameters.
	The structure can have any name, but the fields must be named x, y, and parameters. You can form solinit with the helper function bvpinit. See bvpinit for details.	
options	Optional integration argument. A structure you create using the bvpset function. See bvpset for details.	

Description

sol = bvp4c(odefun,bcfun,solinit) integrates a system of ordinary differential equations of the form

$$y' = f(x, y)$$

on the interval [a,b] subject to two-point boundary value conditions

$$bc(y(a), y(b)) = 0$$

odefun and bcfun are function handles. See "Function Handles" in the MATLAB Programming documentation for more information.

"Parameterizing Functions" in the MATLAB Mathematics documentation, explains how to provide additional parameters to the function odefun, as well as the boundary condition function bcfun, if necessary.

bvp4c can also solve multipoint boundary value problems. See "Multipoint Boundary Value Problems" on page 2-454. You can use the function bvpinit to specify the boundary points, which are stored in the input argument solinit. See the reference page for bvpinit for more information.

The bvp4c solver can also find unknown parameters p for problems of the form

$$y' = f(x, y, p)$$
$$0 = bc(y(a), y(b), p)$$

where p corresponds to parameters. You provide bvp4c an initial guess for any unknown parameters in solinit.parameters. The bvp4c solver returns the final values of these unknown parameters in sol.parameters.

bvp4c produces a solution that is continuous on [a,b] and has a continuous first derivative there. Use the function deval and the output sol of bvp4c to evaluate the solution at specific points xint in the interval [a,b].

```
sxint = deval(sol,xint)
```

The structure sol returned by bvp4c has the following fields:

sol.x	Mesh selected by bvp4c
sol.y	Approximation to $y(x)$ at the mesh points of sol.x
sol.yp	Approximation to $y'(x)$ at the mesh points of sol.x
sol.parameters	Values returned by bvp4c for the unknown parameters, if any
sol.solver	'bvp4c'
sol.stats	Computational cost statistics (also displayed when the stats option is set with bvpset).

The structure sol can have any name, and bvp4c creates the fields x, y, yp, parameters, and solver.

`sol = bvp4c(odefun,bcfun,solinit,options)` solves as above with default integration properties replaced by the values in `options`, a structure created with the `bvpset` function. See `bvpset` for details.

`solinit = bvpinit(x, yinit, params)` forms the initial guess `solinit` with the vector `params` of guesses for the unknown parameters.

Singular Boundary Value Problems

`bvp4c` solves a class of singular boundary value problems, including problems with unknown parameters `p`, of the form

$$y' = S \cdot y/x + f(x, y, p)$$
$$0 = bc(y(0), y(b), p)$$

The interval is required to be [0, *b*] with b > 0. Often such problems arise when computing a smooth solution of ODEs that result from partial differential equations (PDEs) due to cylindrical or spherical symmetry. For singular problems, you specify the (constant) matrix `S` as the value of the `'SingularTerm'` option of `bvpset`, and `odefun` evaluates only $f(x, y, p)$. The boundary conditions must be consistent with the necessary condition $S \cdot y(0) = 0$ and the initial guess should satisfy this condition.

Multipoint Boundary Value Problems

`bvp4c` can solve multipoint boundary value problems where $a = a_0 < a_1 < a_2 < \ldots < a_n = b$ are boundary points in the interval $[a, b]$. The points $a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_{n-1}$ represent interfaces that divide $[a, b]$ into regions. `bvp4c` enumerates the regions from left to right (from a to b), with indices starting from 1. In region k, $[a_{k-1}, a_k]$, `bvp4c` evaluates the derivative as

```
yp = odefun(x, y, k)
```

In the boundary conditions function

```
bcfun(yleft, yright)
```

yleft(:, k) is the solution at the left boundary of $[a_{k-1}, a_k]$. Similarly, `yright(:, k)` is the solution at the right boundary of region *k*. In particular,

```
yleft(:, 1) = y(a)
```

and

```
yright(:, end) = y(b)
```

When you create an initial guess with

```
solinit = bvpinit(xinit, yinit),
```

use double entries in `xinit` for each interface point. See the reference page for `bvpinit` for more information.

If `yinit` is a function, `bvpinit` calls `y = yinit(x, k)` to get an initial guess for the solution at `x` in region `k`. In the solution structure `sol` returned by `bpv4c`, `sol.x` has double entries for each interface point. The corresponding columns of `sol.y` contain the left and right solution at the interface, respectively.

For an example of solving a three-point boundary value problem, type `threebvp` at the MATLAB command prompt to run a demonstration.

Note The `bvp5c` function is used exactly like `bvp4c`, with the exception of the meaning of error tolerances between the two solvers. If *S(x)* approximates the solution *y(x)*, `bvp4c` controls the residual $|S'(x) - f(x,S(x))|$. This controls indirectly the true error $|y(x) - S(x)|$. `bvp5c` controls the true error directly. `bvp5c` is more efficient than `bvp4c` for small error tolerances.

Examples

Example 1

Boundary value problems can have multiple solutions and one purpose of the initial guess is to indicate which solution you want. The second-order differential equation

$$y'' + |y| = 0$$

has exactly two solutions that satisfy the boundary conditions

$$y(0) = 0$$
$$y(4) = -2$$

Prior to solving this problem with `bvp4c`, you must write the differential equation as a system of two first-order ODEs

$$y_1' = y_2$$
$$y_2' = -|y_1|$$

Here $y_1 = y$ and $y_2 = y'$. This system has the required form

$$y' = f(x, y)$$
$$bc(y(a), y(b)) = 0$$

The function f and the boundary conditions bc are coded in MATLAB software as functions `twoode` and `twobc`.

```
function dydx = twoode(x,y)
  dydx = [ y(2)
           -abs(y(1))];

function res = twobc(ya,yb)
  res = [ ya(1)
          yb(1) + 2];
```

Form a guess structure consisting of an initial mesh of five equally spaced points in [0,4] and a guess of constant values $y_1(x) \equiv 1$ and $y_2(x) \equiv 0$ with the command

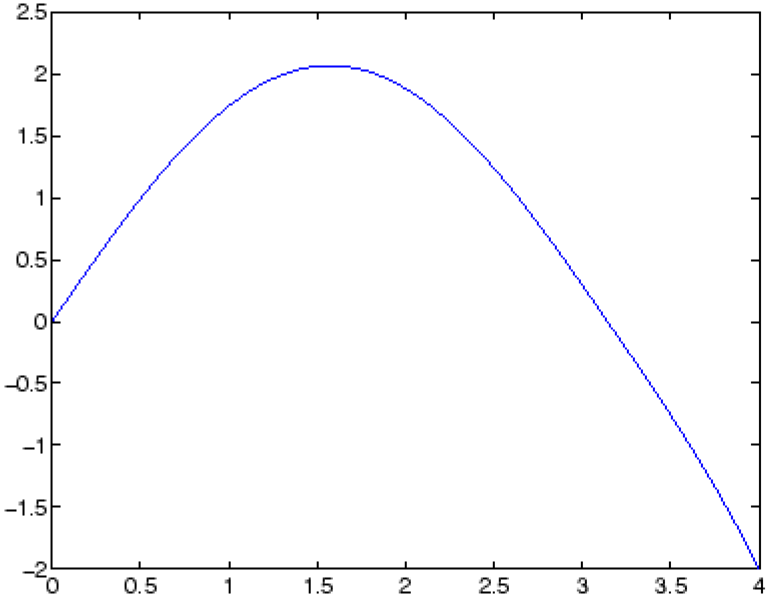
```
solinit = bvpinit(linspace(0,4,5),[1 0]);
```

Now solve the problem with

```
sol = bvp4c(@twoode,@twobc,solinit);
```

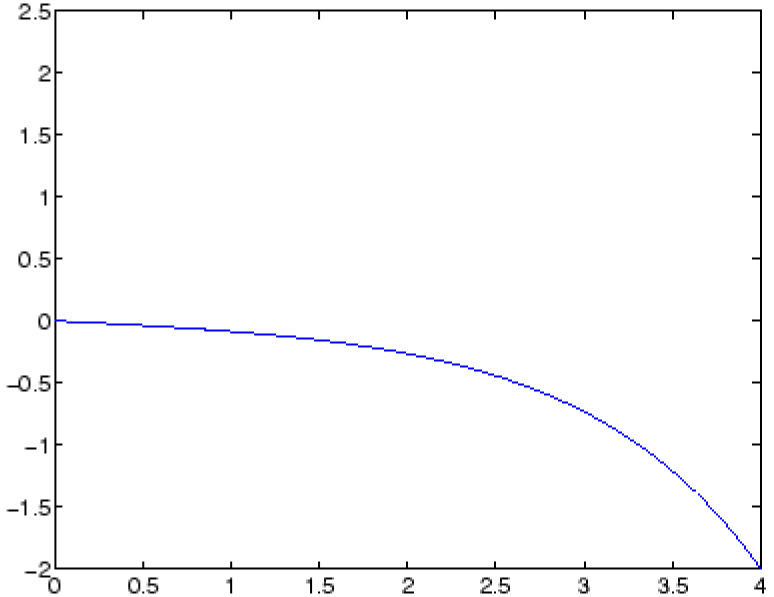
Evaluate the numerical solution at 100 equally spaced points and plot $y(x)$ with

```
x = linspace(0,4);
y = deval(sol,x);
plot(x,y(1,:));
```



You can obtain the other solution of this problem with the initial guess

```
solinit = bvpinit(linspace(0,4,5),[-1 0]);
```



Example 2

This boundary value problem involves an unknown parameter. The task is to compute the fourth ($q = 5$) eigenvalue λ of Mathieu's equation

$$y'' + (\lambda - 2q\cos 2x)y = 0$$

Because the unknown parameter λ is present, this second-order differential equation is subject to *three* boundary conditions

$$y'(0) = 0$$
$$y'(\pi) = 0$$
$$y(0) = 1$$

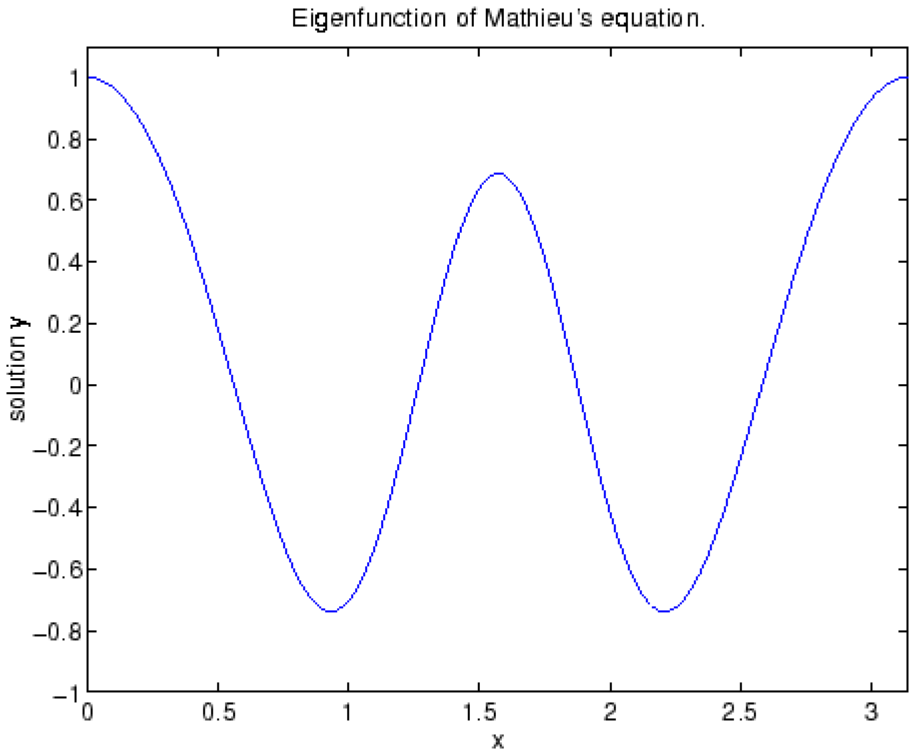
It is convenient to use subfunctions to place all the functions required by `bvp4c` in a single M-file.

```
function mat4bvp

lambda = 15;
solinit = bvpinit(linspace(0,pi,10),@mat4init,lambda);
sol = bvp4c(@mat4ode,@mat4bc,solinit);

fprintf('The fourth eigenvalue is approximately %7.3f.\n',...
        sol.parameters)

xint = linspace(0,pi);
Sxint = deval(sol,xint);
plot(xint,Sxint(1,:))
axis([0 pi -1 1.1])
title('Eigenfunction of Mathieu''s equation.')
xlabel('x')
ylabel('solution y')
% ------------------------------------------------------------
function dydx = mat4ode(x,y,lambda)
q = 5;
dydx = [  y(2)
         -(lambda - 2*q*cos(2*x))*y(1) ];
% ------------------------------------------------------------
function res = mat4bc(ya,yb,lambda)
res = [  ya(2)
         yb(2)
        ya(1)-1 ];
% ------------------------------------------------------------
function yinit = mat4init(x)
yinit = [  cos(4*x)
          -4*sin(4*x) ];
```

The differential equation (converted to a first-order system) and the boundary conditions are coded as subfunctions `mat4ode` and `mat4bc`, respectively. Because unknown parameters are present, these functions must accept three input arguments, even though some of the arguments are not used.

The guess structure `solinit` is formed with `bvpinit`. An initial guess for the solution is supplied in the form of a function `mat4init`. We chose $y = \cos 4x$ because it satisfies the boundary conditions and has the correct qualitative behavior (the correct number of sign changes). In the call to `bvpinit`, the third argument (`lambda = 15`) provides an initial guess for the unknown parameter λ.

After the problem is solved with `bvp4c`, the field `sol.parameters` returns the value $\lambda = 17.097$, and the plot shows the eigenfunction associated with this eigenvalue.



Algorithms

`bvp4c` is a finite difference code that implements the three-stage Lobatto IIIa formula. This is a collocation formula and the collocation polynomial provides a C^1-continuous solution that is fourth-order accurate uniformly in [a,b]. Mesh selection and error control are based on the residual of the continuous solution.

References

[1] Shampine, L.F., M.W. Reichelt, and J. Kierzenka, "Solving Boundary Value Problems for Ordinary Differential Equations in MATLAB with bvp4c," available at http://www.mathworks.com/bvp_tutorial

See Also

function_handle (@), bvp5c,bvpget, bvpinit, bvpset, bvpxtend, deval

Purpose

Solve boundary value problems for ordinary differential equations

Syntax

```
sol = bvp5c(odefun,bcfun,solinit)
sol = bvp5c(odefun,bcfun,solinit,options)
solinit = bvpinit(x, yinit, params)
```

Arguments

odefun	A function handle that evaluates the differential equations $f(x,y)$. It can have the form
	
	`dydx = odefun(x,y)`
	`dydx = odefun(x,y,parameters)`
	
	where `x` is a scalar corresponding to x, and `y` is a column vector corresponding to y. `parameters` is a vector of unknown parameters. The output `dydx` is a column vector.	

bcfun	A function handle that computes the residual in the boundary conditions. For two-point boundary value conditions of the form $bc(y(a), y(b))$, `bcfun` can have the form
	
	`res = bcfun(ya,yb)`
	`res = bcfun(ya,yb,parameters)`
	
	where `ya` and `yb` are column vectors corresponding to $y(a)$ and $y(b)$. `parameters` is a vector of unknown parameters. The output `res` is a column vector.	

solinit	A structure containing the initial guess for a solution. You create `solinit` using the function `bvpinit`. `solinit` has the following fields.	
	x	Ordered nodes of the initial mesh. Boundary conditions are imposed at a = `solinit.x(1)` and b = `solinit.x(end)`.

	y	Initial guess for the solution such that `solinit.y(:,i)` is a guess for the solution at the node `solinit.x(i)`.
	parameters	Optional. A vector that provides an initial guess for unknown parameters.
	The structure can have any name, but the fields must be named `x`, `y`, and `parameters`. You can form `solinit` with the helper function `bvpinit`. See `bvpinit` for details.	
options	Optional integration argument. A structure you create using the `bvpset` function. See `bvpset` for details.	

Description

`sol = bvp5c(odefun,bcfun,solinit)` integrates a system of ordinary differential equations of the form

$$y' = f(x, y)$$

on the interval [a,b] subject to two-point boundary value conditions

$$bc(y(a), y(b)) = 0$$

`odefun` and `bcfun` are function handles. See “Function Handles” in the MATLAB Programming documentation for more information.

“Parameterizing Functions” in the MATLAB Mathematics documentation, explains how to provide additional parameters to the function `odefun`, as well as the boundary condition function `bcfun`, if necessary. You can use the function `bvpinit` to specify the boundary points, which are stored in the input argument `solinit`. See the reference page for `bvpinit` for more information.

The `bvp5c` solver can also find unknown parameters p for problems of the form

$$y' = f(x, y, p)$$
$$0 = bc(y(a), y(b), p)$$

where p corresponds to `parameters`. You provide `bvp5c` an initial guess for any unknown parameters in `solinit.parameters`. The `bvp5c` solver returns the final values of these unknown parameters in `sol.parameters`.

`bvp5c` produces a solution that is continuous on `[a,b]` and has a continuous first derivative there. Use the function `deval` and the output `sol` of `bvp5c` to evaluate the solution at specific points `xint` in the interval `[a,b]`.

```
sxint = deval(sol,xint)
```

The structure `sol` returned by `bvp5c` has the following fields:

`sol.x`	Mesh selected by `bvp5c`
`sol.y`	Approximation to $y(x)$ at the mesh points of `sol.x`
`sol.parameters`	Values returned by `bvp5c` for the unknown parameters, if any
`sol.solver`	`'bvp5c'`
`sol.stats`	Computational cost statistics (also displayed when the `stats` option is set with `bvpset`).

The structure `sol` can have any name, and `bvp5c` creates the fields `x`, `y`, `parameters`, and `solver`.

`sol = bvp5c(odefun,bcfun,solinit,options)` solves as above with default integration properties replaced by the values in `options`, a structure created with the `bvpset` function. See `bvpset` for details.

`solinit = bvpinit(x, yinit, params)` forms the initial guess `solinit` with the vector `params` of guesses for the unknown parameters.

Singular Boundary Value Problems

`bvp5c` solves a class of singular boundary value problems, including problems with unknown parameters `p`, of the form

$$y' = S \cdot y/x + f(x, y, p)$$
$$0 = bc(y(0), y(b), p)$$

The interval is required to be [0, *b*] with b > 0. Often such problems arise when computing a smooth solution of ODEs that result from partial differential equations (PDEs) due to cylindrical or spherical symmetry. For singular problems, you specify the (constant) matrix `S` as the value of the `'SingularTerm'` option of `bvpset`, and `odefun` evaluates only *f*(*x*, *y*, *p*). The boundary conditions must be consistent with the necessary condition $S \cdot y(0) = 0$ and the initial guess should satisfy this condition.

Multipoint Boundary Value Problems

`bvp5c` can solve multipoint boundary value problems where $a = a_0 < a_1 < a_2 < \ldots < a_n = b$ are boundary points in the interval $[a, b]$. The points $a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_{n-1}$ represent interfaces that divide $[a, b]$ into regions. `bvp5c` enumerates the regions from left to right (from *a* to *b*), with indices starting from 1. In region *k*, $[a_{k-1}, a_k]$, `bvp5c` evaluates the derivative as

```
yp = odefun(x, y, k)
```

In the boundary conditions function

```
bcfun(yleft, yright)
```

yleft(:, k) is the solution at the left boundary of $[a_{k-1}, a_k]$. Similarly, `yright(:, k)` is the solution at the right boundary of region *k*. In particular,

```
yleft(:, 1) = y(a)
```

and

```
yright(:, end) = y(b)
```

When you create an initial guess with

```
solinit = bvpinit(xinit, yinit),
```

use double entries in xinit for each interface point. See the reference page for bvpinit for more information.

If yinit is a function, bvpinit calls y = yinit(x, k) to get an initial guess for the solution at x in region k. In the solution structure sol returned by bvp5c, sol.x has double entries for each interface point. The corresponding columns of sol.y contain the left and right solution at the interface, respectively.

For an example of solving a three-point boundary value problem, type threebvp at the MATLAB command prompt to run a demonstration.

Algorithms

bvp5c is a finite difference code that implements the four-stage Lobatto IIIa formula. This is a collocation formula and the collocation polynomial provides a C^1-continuous solution that is fifth-order accurate uniformly in [a,b]. The formula is implemented as an implicit Runge-Kutta formula. bvp5c solves the algebraic equations directly; bvp4c uses analytical condensation. bvp4c handles unknown parameters directly; while bvp5c augments the system with trivial differential equations for unknown parameters.

References

[1] Shampine, L.F., M.W. Reichelt, and J. Kierzenka "Solving Boundary Value Problems for Ordinary Differential Equations in MATLAB with bvp4c" http://www.mathworks.com/bvp_tutorial. Note that this tutorial uses the bvp4c function, however in most cases the solvers can be used interchangeably.

See Also

function_handle (@), bvp4c, bvpget, bvpinit, bvpset, bvpxtend, deval

Purpose

Extract properties from options structure created with `bvpset`

Syntax

```
val = bvpget(options,'name')
val = bvpget(options,'name',default)
```

Description

`val = bvpget(options,'name')` extracts the value of the named property from the structure `options`, returning an empty matrix if the property value is not specified in `options`. It is sufficient to type only the leading characters that uniquely identify the property. Case is ignored for property names. `[]` is a valid `options` argument.

`val = bvpget(options,'name',default)` extracts the named property as above, but returns `val = default` if the named property is not specified in `options`. For example,

```
val = bvpget(options,'RelTol',1e-4);
```

returns `val = 1e-4` if the `RelTol` is not specified in `options`.

See Also

`bvp4c`, `bvp5c`, `bvpinit`, `bvpset`, `deval`

bvpinit

Purpose

Form initial guess for bvp4c

Syntax

```
solinit = bvpinit(x,yinit)
solinit = bvpinit(x,yinit,parameters)
solinit = bvpinit(sol,[anew bnew])
solinit = bvpinit(sol,[anew bnew],parameters)
```

Description

`solinit = bvpinit(x,yinit)` forms the initial guess for the boundary value problem solver `bvp4c`.

`x` is a vector that specifies an initial mesh. If you want to solve the boundary value problem (BVP) on $[a, b]$, then specify `x(1)` as a and `x(end)` as b. The function `bvp4c` adapts this mesh to the solution, so a guess like `xb=nlinspace(a,b,10)` often suffices. However, in difficult cases, you should place mesh points where the solution changes rapidly. The entries of `x` must be in

- Increasing order if $a < b$
- Decreasing order if $a > b$

For two-point boundary value problems, the entries of `x` must be distinct. That is, if $a < b$, the entries must satisfy `x(1)` < `x(2)` < ... < `x(end)`. If $a > b$, the entries must satisfy `x(1)` > `x(2)` > ... > `x(end)`

For multipoint boundary value problem, you can specify the points in $[a, b]$ at which the boundary conditions apply, other than the endpoints a and b, by repeating their entries in `x`. For example, if you set

```
x = [0, 0.5, 1, 1,  1.5, 2];
```

the boundary conditions apply at three points: the endpoints `0` and `2`, and the repeated entry 1. In general, repeated entries represent boundary points between regions in $[a, b]$. In the preceding example, the repeated entry 1 divides the interval `[0,2]` into two regions: `[0,1]` and `[1,2]`.

`yinit` is a guess for the solution. It can be either a vector, or a function:

- Vector – For each component of the solution, `bvpinit` replicates the corresponding element of the vector as a constant guess across all mesh points. That is, `yinit(i)` is a constant guess for the `i`th component `yinit(i,:)` of the solution at all the mesh points in `x`.
- Function – For a given mesh point, the guess function must return a vector whose elements are guesses for the corresponding components of the solution. The function must be of the form

  ```
  y = guess(x)
  ```

  where `x` is a mesh point and `y` is a vector whose length is the same as the number of components in the solution. For example, if the guess function is an M-file function, `bvpinit` calls

  ```
  y(:,j) = guess(x(j))
  ```

  at each mesh point.

  For multipoint boundary value problems, the guess function must be of the form

  ```
  y = guess(x, k)
  ```

  where `y` an initial guess for the solution at `x` in region `k`. The function must accept the input argument `k`, which is provided for flexibility in writing the guess function. However, the function is not required to use `k`.

`solinit = bvpinit(x,yinit,parameters)` indicates that the boundary value problem involves unknown parameters. Use the vector `parameters` to provide a guess for all unknown parameters.

`solinit` is a structure with the following fields. The structure can have any name, but the fields must be named `x`, `y`, and `parameters`.

x	Ordered nodes of the initial mesh.
y	Initial guess for the solution with solinit.y(:,i) a guess for the solution at the node solinit.x(i).
parameters	Optional. A vector that provides an initial guess for unknown parameters.

solinit = bvpinit(sol,[anew bnew]) forms an initial guess on the interval [anew bnew] from a solution sol on an interval $[a, b]$. The new interval must be larger than the previous one, so either anew <= a < b <= bnew or anew >= a > b >= bnew. The solution sol is extrapolated to the new interval. If sol contains parameters, they are copied to solinit.

solinit = bvpinit(sol,[anew bnew],parameters) forms solinit as described above, but uses parameters as a guess for unknown parameters in solinit.

See Also

@ (function_handle), bvp4c,bvp5c, bvpget, bvpset, bvpxtend, deval

Purpose

Create or alter options structure of boundary value problem

Syntax

```
options = bvpset('name1',value1,'name2',value2,...)
options = bvpset(oldopts,'name1',value1,...)
options = bvpset(oldopts,newopts)
bvpset
```

Description

`options = bvpset('name1',value1,'name2',value2,...)` creates a structure `options` that you can supply to the boundary value problem solver `bvp4c`, in which the named properties have the specified values. Any unspecified properties retain their default values. For all properties, it is sufficient to type only the leading characters that uniquely identify the property. `bvpset` ignores case for property names.

`options = bvpset(oldopts,'name1',value1,...)` alters an existing options structure `oldopts`. This overwrites any values in `oldopts` that are specified using name/value pairs and returns the modified structure as the output argument.

`options = bvpset(oldopts,newopts)` combines an existing options structure `oldopts` with a new options structure `newopts`. Any values set in `newopts` overwrite the corresponding values in `oldopts`.

`bvpset` with no input arguments displays all property names and their possible values, indicating defaults with braces `{}`.

You can use the function `bvpget` to query the `options` structure for the value of a specific property.

BVP Properties

`bvpset` enables you to specify properties for the boundary value problem solver `bvp4c`. There are several categories of properties that you can set:

- "Error Tolerance Properties" on page 2-472
- "Vectorization" on page 2-473
- "Analytical Partial Derivatives" on page 2-474
- "Singular BVPs" on page 2-476

- "Mesh Size Property" on page 2-476
- "Solution Statistic Property" on page 2-477

Error Tolerance Properties

Because bvp4c uses a collocation formula, the numerical solution is based on a mesh of points at which the collocation equations are satisfied. Mesh selection and error control are based on the residual of this solution, such that the computed solution $S(x)$ is the exact solution of a perturbed problem $S'(x) = f(x, S(x)) + res(x)$. On each subinterval of the mesh, a norm of the residual in the ith component of the solution, res(i), is estimated and is required to be less than or equal to a tolerance. This tolerance is a function of the relative and absolute tolerances, RelTol and AbsTol, defined by the user.

$$\|(res(i)/max(abs(f(i)),AbsTol(i)/RelTol))\| \le RelTol$$

The following table describes the error tolerance properties.

BVP Error Tolerance Properties

Property	Value	Description
RelTol	Positive scalar {1e-3}	A relative error tolerance that applies to all components of the residual vector. It is a measure of the residual relative to the size of $f(x, y)$. The default, 1e-3, corresponds to 0.1% accuracy. The computed solution $S(x)$ is the exact solution of $S'(x) = F(x, S(x)) + res(x)$. On each subinterval of the mesh, the residual $res(x)$ satisfies $\|(res(i)/max(abs(F(i)),AbsTol(i)/RelTol))\| \le RelTol$

BVP Error Tolerance Properties (Continued)

Property	Value	Description
`AbsTol`	Positive scalar or vector {`1e-6`}	Absolute error tolerances that apply to the corresponding components of the residual vector. `AbsTol(i)` is a threshold below which the values of the corresponding components are unimportant. If a scalar value is specified, it applies to all components.

Vectorization

The following table describes the BVP vectorization property. Vectorization of the ODE function used by `bvp4c` differs from the vectorization used by the ODE solvers:

- For `bvp4c`, the ODE function must be vectorized with respect to the first argument as well as the second one, so that `F([x1 x2 ...],[y1 y2 ...])` returns `[F(x1,y1) F(x2,y2)...]`.
- `bvp4c` benefits from vectorization even when analytical Jacobians are provided. For stiff ODE solvers, vectorization is ignored when analytical Jacobians are used.

Vectorization Properties

Property	Value	Description
`Vectorized`	`on` | {`off`}	Set on to inform `bvp4c` that you have coded the ODE function F so that `F([x1 x2 ...],[y1 y2 ...])` returns `[F(x1,y1) F(x2,y2) ...]`. That is, your ODE function can pass to the solver a whole array of column vectors at once. This enables the solver to reduce the number of function

Vectorization Properties (Continued)

Property	Value	Description

		evaluations and may significantly reduce solution time.
		
		With the MATLAB array notation, it is typically an easy matter to vectorize an ODE function. In the `shockbvp` example shown previously, the shockODE function has been vectorized using colon notation into the subscripts and by using the array multiplication (.*) operator.
		
		`function dydx = shockODE(x,y,e)`
		`pix = pi*x;`
		`dydx = [ y(2,:)...`
		`-x/e.*y(2,:)-pi^2*cos(pix)-`
		`pix/e.*sin(pix)];`

Analytical Partial Derivatives

By default, the `bvp4c` solver approximates all partial derivatives with finite differences. `bvp4c` can be more efficient if you provide analytical partial derivatives $\partial f / \partial y$ of the differential equations, and analytical partial derivatives, $\partial bc / \partial ya$ and $\partial bc / \partial yb$, of the boundary conditions. If the problem involves unknown parameters, you must also provide partial derivatives, $\partial f / \partial p$ and $\partial bc / \partial p$, with respect to the parameters.

The following table describes the analytical partial derivatives properties.

BVP Analytical Partial Derivative Properties

Property	Value	Description
FJacobian	Function handle	Handle to a function that computes the analytical partial derivatives of $f(x, y)$. When solving $y' = f(x, y)$, set this property to @fjac if dfdy = fjac(x,y) evaluates the Jacobian $\partial f / \partial y$. If the problem involves unknown parameters p, [dfdy,dfdp] = fjac(x,y,p) must also return the partial derivative $\partial f / \partial p$. For problems with constant partial derivatives, set this property to the value of dfdy or to a cell array {dfdy,dfdp}. See "Function Handles" in the MATLAB Programming documentation for more information.
BCJacobian	Function handle	Handle to a function that computes the analytical partial derivatives of $bc(ya, yb)$. For boundary conditions $bc(ya, yb)$, set this property to @bcjac if [dbcdya,dbcdyb] = bcjac(ya,yb) evaluates the partial derivatives $\partial bc / \partial ya$, and $\partial bc / \partial yb$. If the problem involves unknown parameters p, [dbcdya,dbcdyb,dbcdp] = bcjac(ya,yb,p) must also return the partial derivative $\partial bc / \partial p$.

BVP Analytical Partial Derivative Properties (Continued)

Property	Value	Description
		For problems with constant partial derivatives, set this property to a cell array `{dbcdya,dbcdyb}` or `{dbcdya,dbcdyb,dbcdp}`.

Singular BVPs

`bvp4c` can solve singular problems of the form

$$y' = S\frac{y}{x} + f(x, y, p)$$

posed on the interval $[0, b]$ where $b > 0$. For such problems, specify the constant matrix S as the value of `SingularTerm`. For equations of this form, `odefun` evaluates only the $f(x, y, p)$ term, where p represents unknown parameters, if any.

Singular BVP Property

Property	Value	Description
`SingularTerm`	Constant matrix	Singular term of singular BVPs. Set to the constant matrix S for equations of the form $y' = S\frac{y}{x} + f(x, y, p)$ posed on the interval $[0, b]$ where $b > 0$.

Mesh Size Property

`bvp4c` solves a system of algebraic equations to determine the numerical solution to a BVP at each of the mesh points. The size of the algebraic system depends on the number of differential equations (`n`) and the number of mesh points in the current mesh (N). When the allowed number of mesh points is exhausted, the computation stops, bvp4c displays a warning message and returns the solution it found so far. This solution does not satisfy the error tolerance, but it may provide an excellent initial guess for computations restarted with relaxed error tolerances or an increased value of NMax.

The following table describes the mesh size property.

BVP Mesh Size Property

Property	Value	Description
NMax	positive integer {floor(1000/n)}	Maximum number of mesh points allowed when solving the BVP, where n is the number of differential equations in the problem. The default value of NMax limits the size of the algebraic system to about 1000 equations. For systems of a few differential equations, the default value of NMax should be sufficient to obtain an accurate solution.

Solution Statistic Property

The Stats property lets you view solution statistics.

The following table describes the solution statistics property.

BVP Solution Statistic Property

Property	Value	Description
Stats	on | {off}	Specifies whether statistics about the computations are displayed. If the stats property is on, after solving the problem, bvp4c displays: • The number of points in the mesh • The maximum residual of the solution • The number of times it called the differential equation function odefun to evaluate $f(x, y)$ • The number of times it called the boundary condition function bcfun to evaluate $bc(y(a), y(b))$

Example

To create an options structure that changes the relative error tolerance of bvp4c from the default value of 1e-3 to 1e-4, enter

```
options = bvpset('RelTol', 1e-4);
```

To recover the value of 'RelTol' from options, enter

```
bvpget(options, 'RelTol')

ans =

  1.0000e-004
```

See Also

@ (function_handle), bvp4c,bvp5c, bvpget, bvpinit, deval

Purpose

Form guess structure for extending boundary value solutions

Syntax

```
solinit = bvpxtend(sol,xnew,ynew)
solinit = bvpxtend(sol,xnew,extrap)
solinit = bvpxtend(sol,xnew)
solinit = bvpxtend(sol,xnew,ynew,pnew)
solinit = bvpxtend(sol,xnew,extrap,pnew)
```

Description

`solinit = bvpxtend(sol,xnew,ynew)` uses solution `sol` computed on `[a,b]` to form a solution guess for the interval extended to `xnew`. The extension point `xnew` must be outside the interval `[a,b]`, but on either side. The vector `ynew` provides an initial guess for the solution at `xnew`.

`solinit = bvpxtend(sol,xnew,extrap)` forms the guess at `xnew` by extrapolating the solution `sol`. `extrap` is a string that determines the extrapolation method. `extrap` has three possible values:

- `'constant'` — `ynew` is a value nearer to end point of solution in `sol`.
- `'linear'` — `ynew` is a value at `xnew` of linear interpolant to the value and slope at the nearer end point of solution in `sol`.
- `'solution'` — `ynew` is the value of (cubic) solution in `sol` at `xnew`.

The value of `extrap` is case-insensitive and only the leading, unique portion needs to be specified.

`solinit = bvpxtend(sol,xnew)` uses the extrapolating solution where `extrap` is `'constant'`. If there are unknown parameters, values present in `sol` are used as the initial guess for parameters in `solinit`.

`solinit = bvpxtend(sol,xnew,ynew,pnew)` specifies a different guess `pnew`. `pnew` can be used with extrapolation, using the syntax `solinit = bvpxtend(sol,xnew,extrap,pnew)`. To modify parameters without changing the interval, use `[]` as place holder for `xnew` and `ynew`.

See Also

`bvp4c`, `bvp5c`, `bvpinit`

calendar

Purpose

Calendar for specified month

Syntax

```
c = calendar
c = calendar(d)
c = calendar(y, m)
```

Description

`c = calendar` returns a 6-by-7 matrix containing a calendar for the current month. The calendar runs Sunday (first column) to Saturday.

`c = calendar(d)`, where `d` is a serial date number or a date string, returns a calendar for the specified month.

`c = calendar(y, m)`, where `y` and `m` are integers, returns a calendar for the specified month of the specified year.

Examples

The command

```
calendar(1957,10)
```

reveals that the Space Age began on a Friday (on October 4, 1957, when Sputnik 1 was launched).

```
                         Oct 1957
     S      M     Tu      W     Th      F      S
     0      0      1      2      3      4      5
     6      7      8      9     10     11     12
    13     14     15     16     17     18     19
    20     21     22     23     24     25     26
    27     28     29     30     31      0      0
     0      0      0      0      0      0      0
```

See Also

`datenum`

Purpose Call function in shared library

Syntax

```
[x1, ..., xN] = calllib('libname', 'funcname', arg1, ...,
   argN)
```

Description

`[x1, ..., xN] = calllib('libname', 'funcname', arg1, ..., argN)` calls the function `funcname` in library `libname`, passing input arguments `arg1` through `argN`. `calllib` returns output values obtained from function `funcname` in `x1` through `XN`.

All scalar values returned by MATLAB are of type `double`.

If you used an alias when initially loading the library, then you must use that alias for the `libname` argument.

Ways to Call calllib

The following examples show ways calls to `calllib`. By using `libfunctionsview`, you determined that the `addStructByRef` function in the shared library `shrlibsample` requires a pointer to a `c_struct` data type as its argument.

Load the library:

```
addpath([matlabroot '\extern\examples\shrlib'])
loadlibrary shrlibsample shrlibsample.h
```

Create a MATLAB structure:

```
struct.p1 = 4; struct.p2 = 7.3; struct.p3 = -290;
```

Use `libstruct` to create a C structure of the proper type (`c_struct`):

```
[res,st] = calllib('shrlibsample','addStructByRef',...
 libstruct('c_struct',struct));
```

Let MATLAB convert `struct` to the proper type of C structure:

```
[res,st] = calllib('shrlibsample','addStructByRef',struct);
```

Pass an empty array to `libstruct` and assign the values from your C function:

```
[res,st] = calllib('shrlibsample','addStructByRef',...
 libstruct('c_struct',[]));
```

Let MATLAB create the proper type of structure and assign values from your C function:

```
[res,st] = calllib('shrlibsample','addStructByRef',[]);
```

Remove the library from memory:

```
unloadlibrary shrlibsample
```

Examples

To call functions in the MATLAB `libmx` library, see "Invoking Library Functions".

See Also

`loadlibrary`, `libfunctions`, `libfunctionsview`, `unloadlibrary`

See Passing Arguments for information on defining the correct data types for library function arguments.

Purpose

Send SOAP message to endpoint

Syntax

```
response = callSoapService(endpoint, soapAction, message)
```

Description

`response = callSoapService(endpoint, soapAction, message)` sends `message`, a Sun Java document object model (DOM), to the `soapAction` service at `endpoint`. Create `message` using `createSoapMessage`, and extract results from `response` using `parseSoapResponse`.

Examples

This example uses `callSoapService` in conjunction with other SOAP functions to retrieve information about books from a library database, specifically, the author's name for a given book title.

Note The example does not use an actual endpoint; therefore, you cannot run it. The example only illustrates how to use the SOAP functions.

```
% Create the message:
message = createSoapMessage(...
'urn:LibraryCatalog',...
'getAuthor',...
{'In the Fall'},...
{'nameToLookUp'},...
{'{http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema}string'},...
'rpc');
%
% Send the message to the service and get the response:
response = callSoapService(...
'http://test/soap/services/LibraryCatalog',...
'urn:LibraryCatalog#getAuthor',...
message)
%
% Extract MATLAB data from the response
```

```
author = parseSoapResponse(response)
```

MATLAB returns:

```
author = Kate Alvin
```

where author is a char class (type).

See Also

`createClassFromWsdl`, `createSoapMessage`, `parseSoapResponse`, `urlread`, `xmlread`

"Using Web Services with MATLAB" in the MATLAB External Interfaces documentation

Purpose Move camera position and target

Syntax

```
camdolly(dx,dy,dz)
camdolly(dx,dy,dz,'targetmode')
camdolly(dx,dy,dz,'targetmode','coordsys')
camdolly(axes_handle,...)
```

Description

`camdolly(dx,dy,dz)` moves the camera position and the camera target by the specified amounts `dx`, `dy`, and `dz`.

`camdolly(dx,dy,dz,'targetmode')` uses the `targetmode` argument to determine how the camera moves:

- `movetarget` (default) — Move both the camera and the target.
- `fixtarget` — Move only the camera.

`camdolly(dx,dy,dz,'targetmode','coordsys')` uses the `coordsys` argument to determine how MATLAB interprets `dx`, `dy`, and `dz`:

- `camera` (default) — Move in the coordinate system of the camera. `dx` moves left/right, `dy` moves down/up, and `dz` moves along the viewing axis. MATLAB normalizes the units to the scene.

  For example, setting `dx` to 1 moves the camera to the right, which pushes the scene to the left edge of the box formed by the axes position rectangle. A negative value moves the scene in the other direction. Setting `dz` to 0.5 moves the camera to a position halfway between the camera position and the camera target.
- `pixels` — Interpret `dx` and `dy` as pixel offsets and ignore `dz`.
- `data` — Interpret `dx`, `dy`, and `dz` as offsets in axes data coordinates.

`camdolly(axes_handle,...)` operates on the axes identified by the first argument, `axes_handle`. When you do not specify an axes handle, `camdolly` operates on the current axes.

`camdolly` sets the axes `CameraPosition` and `CameraTarget` properties, which in turn sets the `CameraPositionMode` and `CameraTargetMode` properties to `manual`.

Examples

Move the camera along the *x*- and *y*-axes in a series of steps:

```
surf(peaks)
axis vis3d
t = 0:pi/20:2*pi;
dx = sin(t)./40;
dy = cos(t)./40;
for i = 1:length(t);
    camdolly(dx(i),dy(i),0)
    drawnow
end
```

See Also

`axes` | `campos` | `camproj` | `camtarget` | `camup` | `camva` | Axes `CameraPosition` property | Axes `CameraTarget` property | Axes `CameraUpVector` property | Axes `CameraViewAngle` property | Axes `Projection` property

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Purpose

Control camera toolbar programmatically

Syntax

```
cameratoolbar
cameratoolbar('NoReset')
cameratoolbar('SetMode',mode)
cameratoolbar('SetCoordSys',coordsys)
cameratoolbar('Show')
cameratoolbar('Hide')
cameratoolbar('Toggle')
cameratoolbar('ResetCameraAndSceneLight')
cameratoolbar('ResetCamera')
cameratoolbar('ResetSceneLight')
cameratoolbar('ResetTarget')
mode = cameratoolbar('GetMode')
paxis = cameratoolbar('GetCoordsys')
vis = cameratoolbar('GetVisible')
cameratoolbar(fig,...)
h = cameratoolbar
cameratoolbar('Close')
```

Description

`cameratoolbar` creates a toolbar that enables interactive manipulation of the axes camera and light when you drag the mouse on the figure window. Several axes camera properties are set when the toolbar is initialized.

`cameratoolbar('NoReset')` creates the toolbar without setting any camera properties.

`cameratoolbar('SetMode',mode)` sets the toolbar mode (depressed button). `mode` can be `'orbit'`, `'orbitscenelight'`, `'pan'`, `'dollyhv'`, `'dollyfb'`, `'zoom'`, `'roll'`, `'nomode'`. For descriptions of the various modes, see “Camera Toolbar”. You can also set these modes using the toolbar, by clicking the respective buttons.

`cameratoolbar('SetCoordSys',coordsys)` sets the principal axis of the camera motion. `coordsys` can be: `'x'`, `'y'`, `'z'`, `'none'`.

`cameratoolbar('Show')` shows the toolbar on the current figure.

`cameratoolbar('Hide')` hides the toolbar on the current figure.

`cameratoolbar('Toggle')` toggles the visibility of the toolbar.

`cameratoolbar('ResetCameraAndSceneLight')` resets the current camera and scenelight.

`cameratoolbar('ResetCamera')` resets the current camera.

`cameratoolbar('ResetSceneLight')` resets the current scenelight.

`cameratoolbar('ResetTarget')` resets the current camera target.

`mode = cameratoolbar('GetMode')` returns the current mode.

`paxis = cameratoolbar('GetCoordsys')` returns the current principal axis.

`vis = cameratoolbar('GetVisible')` returns the visibility of the toolbar (`1` if visible, `0` if not visible).

`cameratoolbar(fig,...)` specifies the figure to operate on by passing the figure handle as the first argument.

`h = cameratoolbar` returns the handle to the toolbar.

`cameratoolbar('Close')` removes the toolbar from the current figure.

In general, the use of OpenGL hardware improves rendering performance.

Alternatives

Display the toolbar by selecting **Camera Toolbar** from the figure window's **View** menu.

See Also

`rotate3d` | `zoom`

How To

- "Camera Toolbar"

Purpose

Create or move light object in camera coordinates

Syntax

```
camlight('headlight')
camlight('right')
camlight('left')
camlight
camlight(az,el)
camlight(...,'style')
camlight(light_handle,...)
light_handle = camlight(...)
```

Description

`camlight('headlight')` creates a light at the camera position.

`camlight('right')` creates a light right and up from camera.

`camlight('left')` creates a light left and up from camera.

`camlight` with no arguments is the same as `camlight('right')`.

`camlight(az,el)` creates a light at the specified azimuth (`az`) and elevation (`el`) with respect to the camera position. The camera target is the center of rotation and `az` and `el` are in degrees.

`camlight(...,'style')` defines the style argument using one of two values:

- `local` (default) — The light is a point source that radiates from the location in all directions.
- `infinite` — The light shines in parallel rays.

`camlight(light_handle,...)` uses the light specified in `light_handle`.

`light_handle = camlight(...)` returns the light object handle.

`camlight` sets the light object `Position` and `Style` properties. A light created with `camlight` does not track the camera. In order for the light to stay in a constant position relative to the camera, call `camlight` whenever you move the camera.

Examples

Create a light positioned to the left of the camera and then reposition the light each time the camera moves:

```
surf(peaks)
axis vis3d
h = camlight('left');
for i = 1:20;
 camorbit(10,0)
 camlight(h,'left')
 drawnow;
end
```

See Also

`lightangle` | `light`

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- “Lighting as a Visualization Tool”

Purpose

Position camera to view object or group of objects

Syntax

```
camlookat(object_handles)
camlookat(axes_handle)
camlookat
```

Description

`camlookat(object_handles)` views the objects identified in the vector `object_handles`. The vector can contain the handles of axes children.

`camlookat(axes_handle)` views the objects that are children of the axes identified by `axes_handle`.

`camlookat` views the objects that are in the current axes by moving the camera position and camera target while preserving the relative view direction and camera view angle. The viewed object (or objects) roughly fill the axes position rectangle. To change the view, `camlookat` sets the axes `CameraPosition` and `CameraTarget` properties.

Examples

Create three spheres at different locations and then progressively position the camera so that the scene composes around each sphere individually:

```
% Create three spheres using the sphere function:
[x y z] = sphere;
s1 = surf(x,y,z);
hold on
s2 = surf(x+3,y,z+3);
s3 = surf(x,y,z+6);
% Set the data aspect ratio using daspect:
daspect([1 1 1])
% Set the view:
view(30,10)
% Set the projection type using camproj:
camproj perspective
% Compose the scene around the current axes
camlookat(gca)
pause(2)
% Compose the scene around sphere s1
```

```
camlookat(s1)
pause(2)
% Compose the scene around sphere s2
camlookat(s2)
pause(2)
% Compose the scene around sphere s3
camlookat(s3)
pause(2)
camlookat(gca)
```

See Also

campos | camtarget

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Purpose

Rotate camera position around camera target

Syntax

```
camorbit(dtheta,dphi)
camorbit(dtheta,dphi,'coordsys')
camorbit(dtheta,dphi,'coordsys','direction')
camorbit(axes_handle,...)
```

Description

`camorbit(dtheta,dphi)` rotates the camera position around the camera target by the amounts specified in `dtheta` and `dphi` (both in degrees). `dtheta` is the horizontal rotation and `dphi` is the vertical rotation.

`camorbit(dtheta,dphi,'`*`coordsys`*`')` rotates the camera position around the camera target, using the *`coordsys`* argument to determine the center of rotation. *`coordsys`* can take on two values:

- `data` (default) — Rotate the camera around an axis defined by the camera target and the `direction` (default is the positive *z* direction).
- `camera` — Rotate the camera about the point defined by the camera target.

`camorbit(dtheta,dphi,'`*`coordsys`*`','direction')` defines the axis of rotation for the data coordinate system using the `direction` argument in conjunction with the camera target. Specify `direction` as a three-element vector containing the *x*-, *y*-, and *z*-components of the direction or one of the characters, `x`, `y`, or `z`, to indicate `[1 0 0]`, `[0 1 0]`, or `[0 0 1]` respectively.

`camorbit(axes_handle,...)` operates on the axes identified by the first argument, `axes_handle`. When you do not specify an axes handle, `camorbit` operates on the current axes.

The behavior of `camorbit` differs from the `rotate3d` function in that while the `rotate3d` tool modifies the `View` property of the axes, the `camorbit` function fixes the aspect ratio and modifies the `CameraTarget`, `CameraPosition` and `CameraUpVector` properties of the axes. See `Axes Properties`for more information.

Examples

Rotate the camera horizontally about a line defined by the camera target point and a direction that is parallel to the *y*-axis. Visualize this rotation as a cone formed with the camera target at the apex and the camera position forming the base:

```
surf(peaks)
axis vis3d
for i=1:36
   camorbit(10,0,'data',[0 1 0])
   drawnow
end
```

Rotate in the `camera` coordinate system to orbit the camera around the axes along a circle while keeping the center of a circle at the camera target:

```
surf(peaks)
axis vis3d
for i=1:36
   camorbit(10,0,'camera')
   drawnow
end
```

Alternatives

Enable 3-D rotation from the figure **Tools** menu or the figure toolbar.

See Also

`axes` | `axis` | `camdolly` | `campan` | `camzoom` | `camroll`

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Purpose

Rotate camera target around camera position

Syntax

```
campan(dtheta,dphi)
campan(dtheta,dphi,'coordsys')
campan(dtheta,dphi,'coordsys','direction')
campan(axes_handle,...)
```

Description

`campan(dtheta,dphi)` rotates the camera target around the camera position by the amounts specified in `dtheta` and `dphi` (both in degrees). `dtheta` is the horizontal rotation and `dphi` is the vertical rotation.

`campan(dtheta,dphi,'coordsys')` determine the center of rotation using the `coordsys` argument. It can take on two values:

- `data` (default) — Rotate the camera target around an axis defined by the camera position and the `direction` (default is the positive *z* direction)
- `camera` — Rotate the camera about the point defined by the camera target.

`campan(dtheta,dphi,'coordsys','direction')` defines the axis of rotation for the data coordinate system using the `direction` argument with the camera position. Specify `direction` as a three-element vector containing the *x*-, *y*-, and *z*-components of the direction or one of the characters, `x`, `y`, or `z`, to indicate `[1 0 0]`, `[0 1 0]`, or `[0 0 1]` respectively.

`campan(axes_handle,...)` operates on the axes identified by the first argument, `axes_handle`. When you do not specify an axes handle, `campan` operates on the current axes.

Examples

Rotate in the camera coordinate system to orbit the object along a circle while keeping the center of the circle at the camera position:

```
surf(peaks)
axis vis3d
for i=1:36
```

```
    camorbit(10,0,'camera')
    drawnow
   end
```

See Also

axes | camdolly | camorbit | camtarget | camzoom | camroll

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Purpose

Set or query camera position

Syntax

```
campos
campos([camera_position])
campos('mode')
campos('auto')
campos('manual')
campos(axes_handle,...)
```

Description

`campos` returns the camera position in the current axes.

`campos([camera_position])` sets the position of the camera in the current axes to the specified value. Specify the position as a three-element vector containing the *x*-, *y*-, and *z*-coordinates of the desired location in the data units of the axes.

`campos('mode')` returns the value of the camera position mode, which can be either `auto` (the default) or `manual`.

`campos('auto')` sets the camera position mode to `auto`.

`campos('manual')` sets the camera position mode to `manual`.

`campos(axes_handle,...)` performs the set or query on the axes identified by the first argument, `axes_handle`. When you do not specify an axes handle, `campos` operates on the current axes.

`campos` sets or queries values of the axes `CameraPosition` and `CameraPositionMode` properties. The camera position is the point in the Cartesian coordinate system of the axes from which you view the scene.

Examples

Move the camera along the *x*-axis in a series of steps:

```
surf(peaks)
axis vis3d off
for x = -200:5:200
    campos([x,5,10])
    drawnow
end
```

See Also

`axis` | `camproj` | `camtarget` | `camup` | `camva` | Axes: `CameraPosition` | Axes: `CameraTarget` | Axes: `CameraUpVector` | Axes: `CameraViewAngle` | Axes: `Projection`

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Purpose

Set or query projection type

Syntax

```
camproj
camproj('projection_type')
camproj(axes_handle,...)
```

Description

`camproj` returns the projection type setting in the current axes. The projection type determines whether MATLAB 3-D views use a perspective or orthographic projection.

`camproj('`*`projection_type`*`')` sets the projection type in the current axes to the specified value. Possible values for *`projection_type`* are `orthographic` and `perspective`.

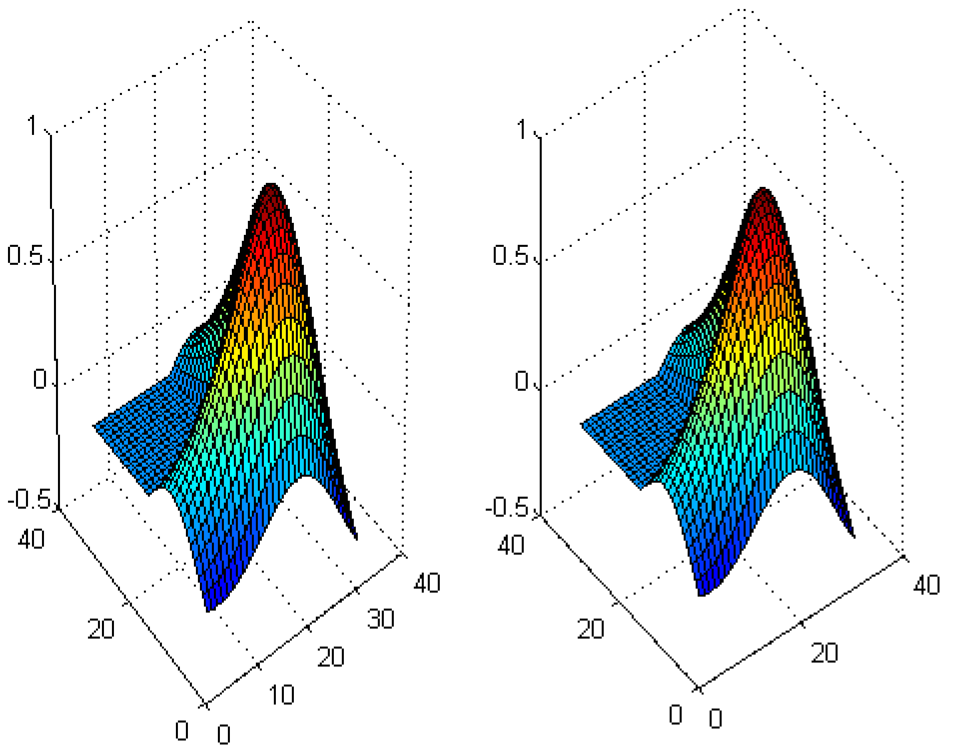
`camproj(axes_handle,...)` performs the set or query on the axes identified by the first argument, `axes_handle`. When you do not specify an axes handle, `camproj` operates on the current axes.

`camproj` sets or queries values of the axes object `Projection` property.

Examples

Compare the different `camproj` settings using `subplot`:

```
subplot(1,2,1); surf(membrane); camproj('perspective')
subplot(1,2,2); surf(membrane); camproj('orthographic')
```



See Also

`axis` | `campos` | `camtarget` | `camup` | `camva` | Axes: `CameraPosition` | Axes: `CameraTarget` | Axes: `CameraUpVector` | Axes: `CameraViewAngle` | Axes: `Projection`

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Purpose

Rotate camera about view axis

Syntax

```
camroll(dtheta)
camroll(axes_handle,dtheta)
```

Description

`camroll(dtheta)` rotates the camera around the camera viewing axis by the amounts specified in `dtheta` (in degrees). The viewing axis is the line passing through the camera position and the camera target.

`camroll(axes_handle,dtheta)` operates on the axes identified by the first argument, `axes_handle`. When you do not specify an axes handle, `camroll` operates on the current axes.

`camroll` sets the axes `CameraUpVector` property and also sets the `CameraUpVectorMode` property to `manual`.

Examples

Rotate the camera around the viewing axis:

```
surf(peaks)
axis vis3d
for i=1:36
 camroll(10)
 drawnow
end
```

See Also

`axes` | `axis` | `camdolly` | `camorbit` | `camzoom` | `campan`

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Purpose

Set or query location of camera target

Syntax

```
camtarget
camtarget([camera_target])
camtarget('mode')
camtarget('auto')
camtarget('manual')
camtarget(axes_handle,...)
```

Description

`camtarget` returns the location of the camera target in the current axes. The camera target is the location in the axes that the camera points to. The camera remains oriented toward this point regardless of its position.

`camtarget([camera_target])` sets the camera target in the current axes to the specified value. Specify the target as a three-element vector containing the *x*-, *y*-, and *z*-coordinates of the desired location in the data units of the axes.

`camtarget('mode')` returns the value of the camera target mode, which can be either `auto` (default) or `manual`.

`camtarget('auto')` sets the camera target mode to `auto`. When the camera target mode is `auto`, the camera target is the center of the axes plot box.

`camtarget('manual')` sets the camera target mode to `manual`.

`camtarget(axes_handle,...)` performs the set or query on the axes identified by `axes_handle`. When you do not specify an axes handle, `camtarget` operates on the current axes.

`camtarget` sets or queries values of the axes object `CameraTarget` and `CameraTargetMode` properties.

Examples

Move the camera position and the camera target along the *x*-axis in a series of steps:

```
surf(peaks);
axis vis3d
```

```
xp = linspace(-150,40,50);
xt = linspace(25,50,50);
for i=1:50
     campos([xp(i),25,5]);
     camtarget([xt(i),30,0])
     drawnow
end
```

See Also

axis | campos | camup | camva | Axes: CameraPosition | Axes: CameraTarget | Axes: CameraUpVector | Axes: CameraViewAngle | Axes: Projection

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camup

Purpose

Set or query camera up vector

Syntax

```
camup
camup([up_vector])
camup('mode')
camup('auto')
camup('manual')
camup(axes_handle,...)
```

Description

`camup` returns the camera up vector setting in the current axes. The camera up vector specifies the direction that is oriented up in the scene.

`camup([up_vector])` sets the up vector in the current axes to the specified value. Specify the up vector as *x*, *y*, and *z* components.

`camup('mode')` returns the current value of the camera up vector mode, which can be either `auto` (default) or `manual`.

`camup('auto')` sets the camera up vector mode to `auto`. In `auto` mode, `[0 1 0]` is the up vector of for 2-D views. This means the *y*-axis points up. For 3-D views, the up vector is `[0 0 1]`, meaning the *z*-axis points up.

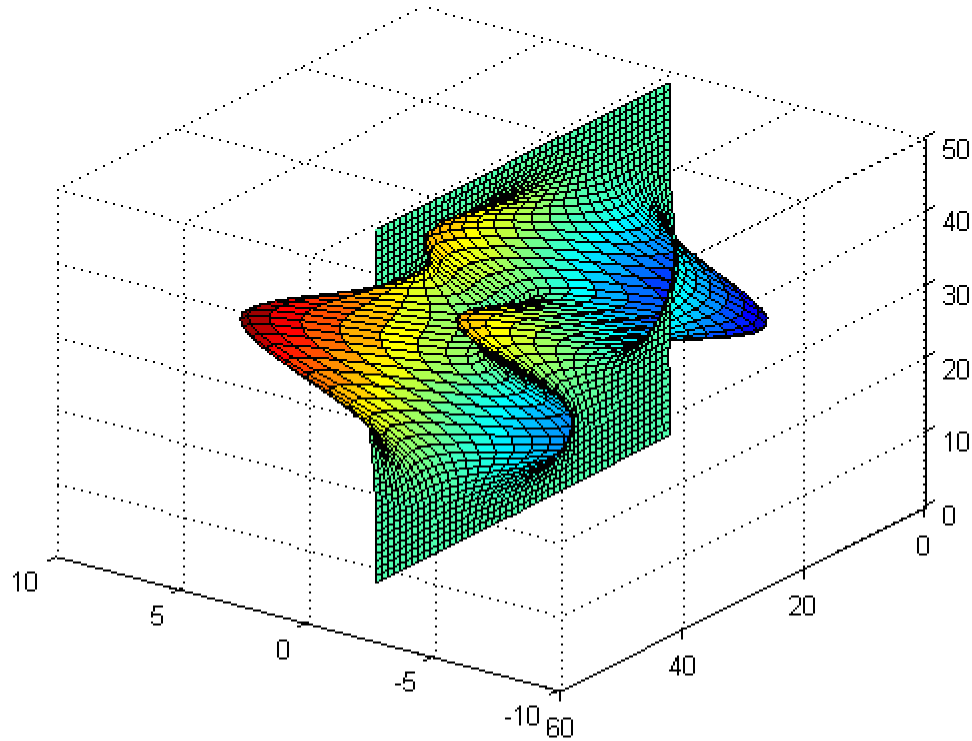
`camup('manual')` sets the camera up vector mode to `manual`. In `manual` mode, the value of the camera up vector does not change unless you set it.

`camup(axes_handle,...)` performs the set or query on the axes identified by the first argument, `axes_handle`. When you do not specify an axes handle, `camup` operates on the current axes.

Examples

Set the *x*-axis to be the up axis:

```
surf(peaks)
camup([1 0 0]);
```



See Also

axis | campos | camup | camtarget | Axes: CameraPosition | Axes: CameraTarget | Axes: CameraUpVector | Axes: CameraViewAngle | Axes: Projection

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Purpose

Set or query camera view angle

Syntax

```
camva
camva(view_angle)
camva('mode')
camva('auto')
camva('manual')
camva(axes_handle,...)
```

Description

`camva` returns the camera view angle setting in the current axes. The camera view angle determines the field of view of the camera. Larger angles produce a smaller view of the scene. Implement zooming by changing the camera view angle.

`camva(view_angle)` sets the view angle in the current axes to the specified value. Specify the view angle in degrees.

`camva('mode')` returns the current value of the camera view angle mode, which can be either `auto` (the default) or `manual`. See Remarks.

`camva('auto')` sets the camera view angle mode to `auto`.

`camva('manual')` sets the camera view angle mode to `manual`. See Remarks.

`camva(axes_handle,...)` performs the set or query on the axes identified by the first argument, `axes_handle`. When you do not specify an axes handle, `camva` operates on the current axes.

The `camva` function sets or queries values of the axes object `CameraViewAngle` and `CameraViewAngleMode` properties.

When the camera view angle mode is `auto`, the camera view angle adjusts so that the scene fills the available space in the window. If you move the camera to a different position, the camera view angle changes to maintain a view of the scene that fills the available area in the window.

Setting a camera view angle or setting the camera view angle to `manual` disables the MATLAB stretch-to-fill feature (stretching of the axes to fit the window). This means setting the camera view angle to its current value,

```
camva(camva)
```

can cause a change in the way the graph looks. See `axes` for more information.

Examples

Create two pushbuttons, one that zooms in and another that zooms out:

```
% Set the range checking in the callback statements to keep
% the values for the camera view angle in the range greater
% than zero and less than 180.
uicontrol('Style','pushbutton',...
  'String','Zoom In',...
  'Position',[20 20 60 20],...
  'Callback','if camva <= 1;return;else;camva(camva-1);end');
uicontrol('Style','pushbutton',...
  'String','Zoom Out',...
  'Position',[100 20 60 20],...
  'Callback','if camva >= 179;return;else;camva(camva+1);end');
% Now create a graph to zoom in and out on:
surf(peaks);
```

See Also

`axis` | `campos` | `camup` | `camtarget` | Axes: `CameraPosition` | Axes: `CameraTarget` | Axes: `CameraUpVector` | Axes: `CameraViewAngle` | Axes: `Projection`

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Purpose

Zoom in and out on scene

Syntax

```
camzoom(zoom_factor)
camzoom(axes_handle,...)
```

Description

`camzoom(zoom_factor)` zooms in or out on the scene depending on the value specified by `zoom_factor`. If `zoom_factor` is greater than 1, the scene appears larger; if `zoom_factor` is greater than zero and less than 1, the scene appears smaller.

`camzoom(axes_handle,...)` operates on the axes identified by the first argument, `axes_handle`. When you do not specify an axes handle, `camzoom` operates on the current axes.

Remarks

`camzoom` sets the axes `CameraViewAngle` property, which in turn causes the `CameraViewAngleMode` property to be set to `manual`. Note that setting the `CameraViewAngle` property disables the MATLAB stretch-to-fill feature (stretching of the axes to fit the window). This may result in a change to the aspect ratio of your graph. See the `axes` function for more information on this behavior.

See Also

`axes`, `camdolly`, `camorbit`, `campan`, `camroll`, `camva`

"Camera Viewpoint" on page 1-109 for related functions

"Defining Scenes with Camera Graphics" for more information

Purpose

Convert point coordinates from cartesian to barycentric

Syntax

`B = cartToBary(TR, SI, XC)`

Description

`B = cartToBary(TR, SI, XC)` returns the barycentric coordinates of each point in `XC` with respect to its associated simplex `SI`.

Input Arguments

`TR`	Triangulation representation.
`SI`	Column vector of simplex indices that index into the triangulation matrix `TR.Triangulation`.
`XC`	Matrix that represents the Cartesian coordinates of the points to be converted. `XC` is of size `m`-by-`n`, where `m` is of `length(SI)`, the number of points to convert, and `n` is the dimension of the space where the triangulation resides.

Output Arguments

`B`	Matrix of dimension `m`-by-`k` where `k` is the number of vertices per simplex.

Definitions

A simplex is a triangle/tetrahedron or higher dimensional equivalent.

Examples

Compute the Delaunay triangulation of a set of points.

```
x = [0 4 8 12 0 4 8 12]';
y = [0 0 0 0 8 8 8 8]';
dt = DelaunayTri(x,y)
```

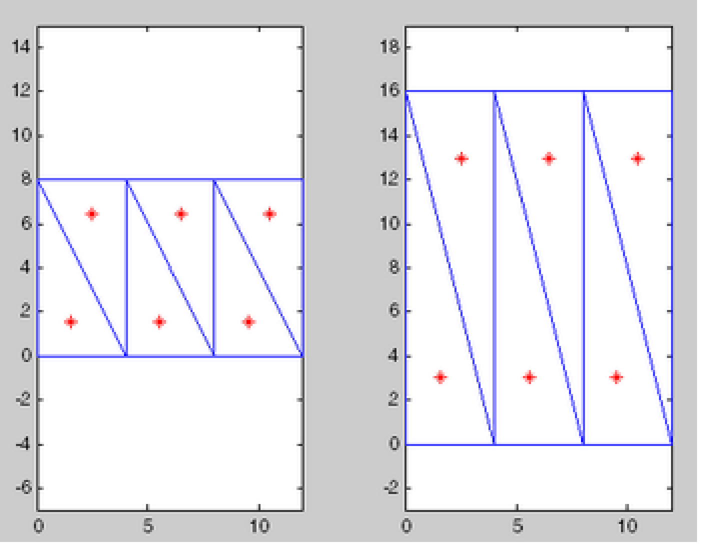
Compute the barycentric coordinates of the incenters.

```
cc = incenters(dt);
tri = dt(:,:);
subplot(1,2,1);
triplot(dt); hold on;
```

```
plot(cc(:,1), cc(:,2), '*r');
hold off;
axis equal;
% Original triangulation and
% reference points.
```

Stretch the triangulation and compute the mapped locations of the incenters on the deformed triangulation.

```
b = cartToBary(dt,[1:length(tri)]',cc);
y = [0 0 0 0 16 16 16 16]';
tr = TriRep(tri,x,y)
xc = baryToCart(tr, [1:length(tri)]', b);
subplot(1,2,2);
triplot(tr);
hold on;
plot(xc(:,1), xc(:,2), '*r');
hold off;
axis equal;
% Deformed triangulation and mapped
% locations of the reference points.
```



See Also

baryToCart
pointLocation

cart2pol

Purpose

Transform Cartesian coordinates to polar or cylindrical

Syntax

```
[THETA,RHO,Z] = cart2pol(X,Y,Z)
[THETA,RHO] = cart2pol(X,Y)
```

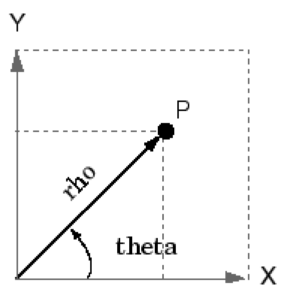
Description

`[THETA,RHO,Z] = cart2pol(X,Y,Z)` transforms three-dimensional Cartesian coordinates stored in corresponding elements of arrays `X`, `Y`, and `Z`, into cylindrical coordinates. `THETA` is a counterclockwise angular displacement in radians from the positive *x*-axis, `RHO` is the distance from the origin to a point in the *x-y* plane, and `Z` is the height above the *x-y* plane. Arrays `X`, `Y`, and `Z` must be the same size (or any can be scalar).

`[THETA,RHO] = cart2pol(X,Y)` transforms two-dimensional Cartesian coordinates stored in corresponding elements of arrays `X` and `Y` into polar coordinates.

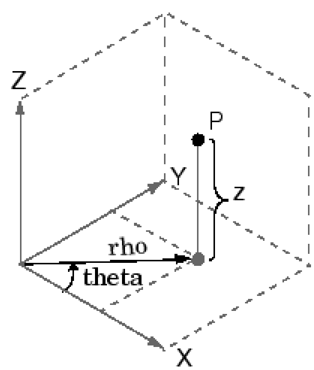
Algorithm

The mapping from two-dimensional Cartesian coordinates to polar coordinates, and from three-dimensional Cartesian coordinates to cylindrical coordinates is



Two-Dimensional Mapping

```
theta = atan2(y,x)
rho = sqrt(x.^2 + y.^2)
```



Three-Dimensional Mapping

```
theta = atan2(y,x)
rho = sqrt(x.^2 + y.^2)
z = z
```

See Also `cart2sph`, `pol2cart`, `sph2cart`

cart2sph

Purpose

Transform Cartesian coordinates to spherical

Syntax

`[THETA,PHI,R] = cart2sph(X,Y,Z)`

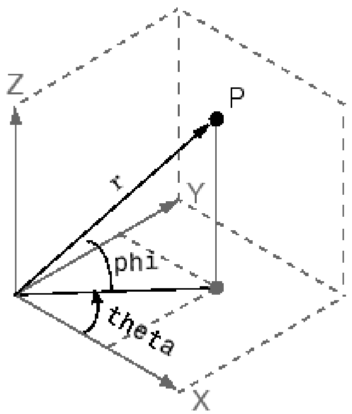
Description

`[THETA,PHI,R] = cart2sph(X,Y,Z)` transforms Cartesian coordinates stored in corresponding elements of arrays `X`, `Y`, and `Z` into spherical coordinates. Azimuth `THETA` and elevation `PHI` are angular displacements in radians measured from the positive *x*-axis, and the *x*-*y* plane, respectively; and `R` is the distance from the origin to a point.

Arrays `X`, `Y`, and `Z` must be the same size (or any of them can be scalar).

Algorithm

The mapping from three-dimensional Cartesian coordinates to spherical coordinates is




```
theta = atan2(y,x)
  phi = atan2(z, sqrt(x.^2 + y.^2))
    r = sqrt(x.^2+y.^2+z.^2)
```

The notation for spherical coordinates is not standard. For the `cart2sph` function, the angle PHI is measured from the *x*-*y* plane. Notice that if PHI = 0 then the point is in the *x*-*y* plane and if PHI = pi/2 then the point is on the positive *z*-axis.

See Also

`cart2pol`, `pol2cart`, `sph2cart`

Purpose

Execute block of code if condition is `true`

Syntax

```
switch switch_expr
 case case_expr
    statement, ..., statement
  case {case_expr1, case_expr2, case_expr3, ...}
    statement, ..., statement
  otherwise
    statement, ..., statement
end
```

Description

`case` is part of the `switch` statement syntax which allows for conditional execution. A particular case consists of the `case` statement itself followed by a case expression and one or more statements.

`case case_expr` compares the value of the expression `switch_expr` declared in the preceding `switch` statement with one or more values in `case_expr`, and executes the block of code that follows if any of the comparisons yield a `true` result.

You typically use multiple `case` statements in the evaluation of a single `switch` statement. The block of code associated with a particular `case` statement is executed only if its associated `case` expression (`case_expr`) is the first to match the switch expression (`switch_expr`).

To enter more than one `case` expression in a `switch` statement, put the expressions in a cell array, as shown above.

A *`case_expr`* can include arithmetic or logical operators, but not relational operators such as `<` or `>`. To test for inequality, use `if-elseif` statements.

Examples

To execute a certain block of code based on what the string, `method`, is set to,

```
method = 'Bilinear';

switch lower(method)
```

```
   case {'linear','bilinear'}
      disp('Method is linear')
   case 'cubic'
      disp('Method is cubic')
   case 'nearest'
      disp('Method is nearest')
   otherwise
      disp('Unknown method.')
end

Method is linear
```

See Also

switch, otherwise, end, if, else, elseif, while

Purpose

Cast variable to different data type

Syntax

`B = cast(A, newclass)`

Description

`B = cast(A, newclass)` converts `A` to class `newclass`, where `newclass` is the name of a built-in data type compatible with `A`. The `cast` function truncates any values in `A` that are too large to map into `newclass`.

Example

Convert an `int8` value to `uint8`:

```
a = int8(5);
b = cast(a,'uint8');
class(b)
```

MATLAB returns:

```
ans =
uint8
```

See Also

`class`, `typecast`

Purpose Concatenate arrays along specified dimension

Syntax

```
C = cat(dim, A, B)
C = cat(dim, A1, A2, A3, A4, ...)
```

Description `C = cat(dim, A, B)` concatenates the arrays `A` and `B` along `dim`.

`C = cat(dim, A1, A2, A3, A4, ...)` concatenates all the input arrays (`A1`, `A2`, `A3`, `A4`, and so on) along `dim`.

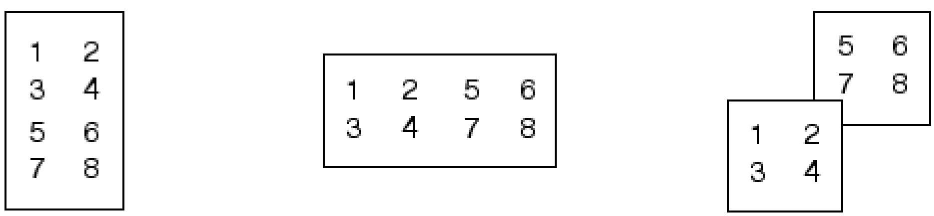
`cat(2, A, B)` is the same as `[A, B]`, and `cat(1, A, B)` is the same as `[A; B]`.

Remarks When used with comma-separated list syntax, `cat(dim, C{:})` or `cat(dim, C.field)` is a convenient way to concatenate a cell or structure array containing numeric matrices into a single matrix.

Examples Given

```
A =                 B =
      1     2                    5     6
      3     4                    7     8
```

concatenating along different dimensions produces



C = cat(1,A,B) **C = cat(2,A,B)** **C = cat(3,A,B)**

The commands

```
A = magic(3); B = pascal(3);
C = cat(4, A, B);
```

produce a 3-by-3-by-1-by-2 array.

See Also

`vertcat`, `horzcat`, `strcat`, `strvcat`, `num2cell`, `special character []`

catch

Purpose

Handle error detected in try-catch statement

Syntax

```
catch exception
catch
```

Description

`catch exception` marks the beginning of the second part of a *try-catch statement*, a two-part sequence of commands used in detecting and handling errors. The try-catch enables you to implement your own error handling for selected segments of your program code. The two parts of a try-catch statement are a `try` block and a `catch` block (see the figure below). The `catch` block begins with the `catch exception` or `catch` command and ends just before to the `end` command:

```
try                               try block
   program-code                       |
   program-code                       |
        :                             V
catch exception                   catch block
   error-handling code                |
        :                             |
   rethrow(exception)                 V
end
```

The `try` block contains one or more commands for which special error handling is required by your program. Any error detected while executing statements in the `try` block immediately turns program control over to the `catch` block. Code in the `catch` block provides error handling that specifically addresses errors that might originate from statements in the preceding `try` block.

Both the `try` and `catch` blocks may contain additional try-catch statements nested within them.

`catch` is the same as `catch exception`, except that it does not return an exception record. Use this syntax if your error-handling code does not require information about what caused the error and where in your program the error occurred.

See "The try-catch Statement" in the Programming Fundamentals documentation for more information.

Remarks

Specifying the `try`, `catch`, and `end` commands, as well as the commands that make up the `try` and `catch` blocks, on separate lines is recommended. If you combine any of these components on the same line, separate them with commas.

Examples

Example 1

The first part of this example attempts to vertically concatenate two matrices that have an unequal number of columns:

```
A = rand(5,3);   B = rand(4,5);
C = [A; B];
??? Error using ==> vertcat
CAT arguments dimensions are not consistent.
```

Using a try-catch statement, you can provide more information about what went wrong:

```
function C = temp(A, B);
try
   C = [A, B];
catch exception
   if (strcmp(exception.identifier, ...
      'MATLAB:catenate:dimensionMismatch'))

      s1 = 'Dimension mismatch occured: First argument has ';
      s2 = ' columns while second argument has ';
      s3 = ' columns.';
      msg = [s1 num2str(size(A,2)) s2 num2str(size(B,2)) s3];

      error('MATLAB:myFunction:Dimensionality', msg);
   else
   % Unknown error. Just let it propagate.
      throw(exception);
   end
```

```
end
```

Running the program displays the following message:

```
??? Error using ==> temp at 12
Dimension mismatch occured: First argument has 3 columns
   while second argument has 5 columns.
```

Example 2

The `catch` block in this example checks to see if the specified file could not be found. If this is the case, the program allows for the possibility that a common variation of the filename extension (e.g., `jpeg` instead of `jpg`) was used by retrying the operation with a modified extension. This is done using a `try-catch` statement that is nested within the original `try-catch`.

```
function d_in = read_image(filename)
[path name ext] = fileparts(filename);
try
   fid = fopen(filename, 'r');
   d_in = fread(fid);
catch exception

   % Did the read fail because the file could not be found?
   if ~exist(filename, 'file')

      % Yes. Try modifying the filename extension.
      switch ext
      case '.jpg'    % Change jpg to jpeg
          altFilename = strrep(filename, '.jpg', '.jpeg')
      case '.jpeg'   % Change jpeg to jpg
          altFilename = strrep(filename, '.jpeg', '.jpg')
      case '.tif'    % Change tif to tiff
          altFilename = strrep(filename, '.tif', '.tiff')
      case '.tiff'   % Change tiff to tif
          altFilename = strrep(filename, '.tiff', '.tif')
      otherwise
         rethrow(exception);
```

```
            end

            % Try again, with modifed filename.
            try
               fid = fopen(altFilename, 'r');
               d_in = fread(fid);
            catch
               rethrow(exception)
            end
         end
      end
```

See Also

try, error, assert, MException, throw(MException), rethrow(MException), throwAsCaller(MException), addCause(MException), getReport(MException), last(MException)

caxis

Purpose

Color axis scaling

Syntax

```
caxis([cmin cmax])
caxis auto
caxis manual
caxis(caxis) freeze
v = caxis
caxis(axes_handle,...)
```

Description

`caxis` controls the mapping of data values to the colormap. It affects any surfaces, patches, and images with indexed `CData` and `CDataMapping` set to scaled. It does not affect surfaces, patches, or images with true color `CData` or with `CDataMapping` set to `direct`.

`caxis([cmin cmax])` sets the color limits to specified minimum and maximum values. Data values less than `cmin` or greater than `cmax` map to `cmin` and `cmax`, respectively. Values between `cmin` and `cmax` linearly map to the current colormap.

`caxis auto` computes the color limits automatically using the minimum and maximum data values. This is the default behavior. Color values set to `Inf` map to the maximum color, and values set to `-Inf` map to the minimum color. Faces or edges with color values set to `NaN` are not drawn.

`caxis manual` and `caxis(caxis) freeze` the color axis scaling at the current limits. This enables subsequent plots to use the same limits when `hold` is `on`.

`v = caxis` returns a two-element row vector containing the `[cmin cmax]` currently in use.

`caxis(axes_handle,...)` uses the axes specified by `axes_handle` instead of the current axes.

`caxis` changes the `CLim` and `CLimMode` properties of axes graphics objects.

Remarks

How Color Axis Scaling Works

Surface, patch, and image graphics objects having indexed CData and CDataMapping set to scaled map CData values to colors in the figure colormap each time they render. CData values equal to or less than cmin map to the first color value in the colormap, and CData values equal to or greater than cmax map to the last color value in the colormap. The following linear transformation is performed on the intermediate values (referred to as C below) to map them to an entry in the colormap (whose length is m, and whose row index is referred to as index below).

```
index = fix((C-cmin)/(cmax-cmin)*m)+1;
%Clamp values outside the range [1 m]
index(index<1) = 1;
index(index>m) = m;
```

Examples

Create (X,Y,Z) data for a sphere and view the data as a surface.

```
[X,Y,Z] = sphere;
C = Z;
surf(X,Y,Z,C)
```

Values of C have the range [-1 1]. Values of C near -1 are assigned the lowest values in the colormap; values of C near 1 are assigned the highest values in the colormap.

To map the top half of the surface to the highest value in the color table, use

```
caxis([-1 0])
```

To use only the bottom half of the color table, enter

```
caxis([-1 3])
```

which maps the lowest CData values to the bottom of the colormap, and the highest values to the middle of the colormap (by specifying a cmax whose value is equal to cmin plus twice the range of the CData).

The command

```
caxis auto
```

resets axis scaling back to autoranging and you see all the colors in the surface. In this case, entering

```
caxis
```

returns

```
[-1 1]
```

Adjusting the color axis can be useful when using images with scaled color data. For example, load the image data and colormap for Cape Cod, Massachusetts.

```
load cape
```

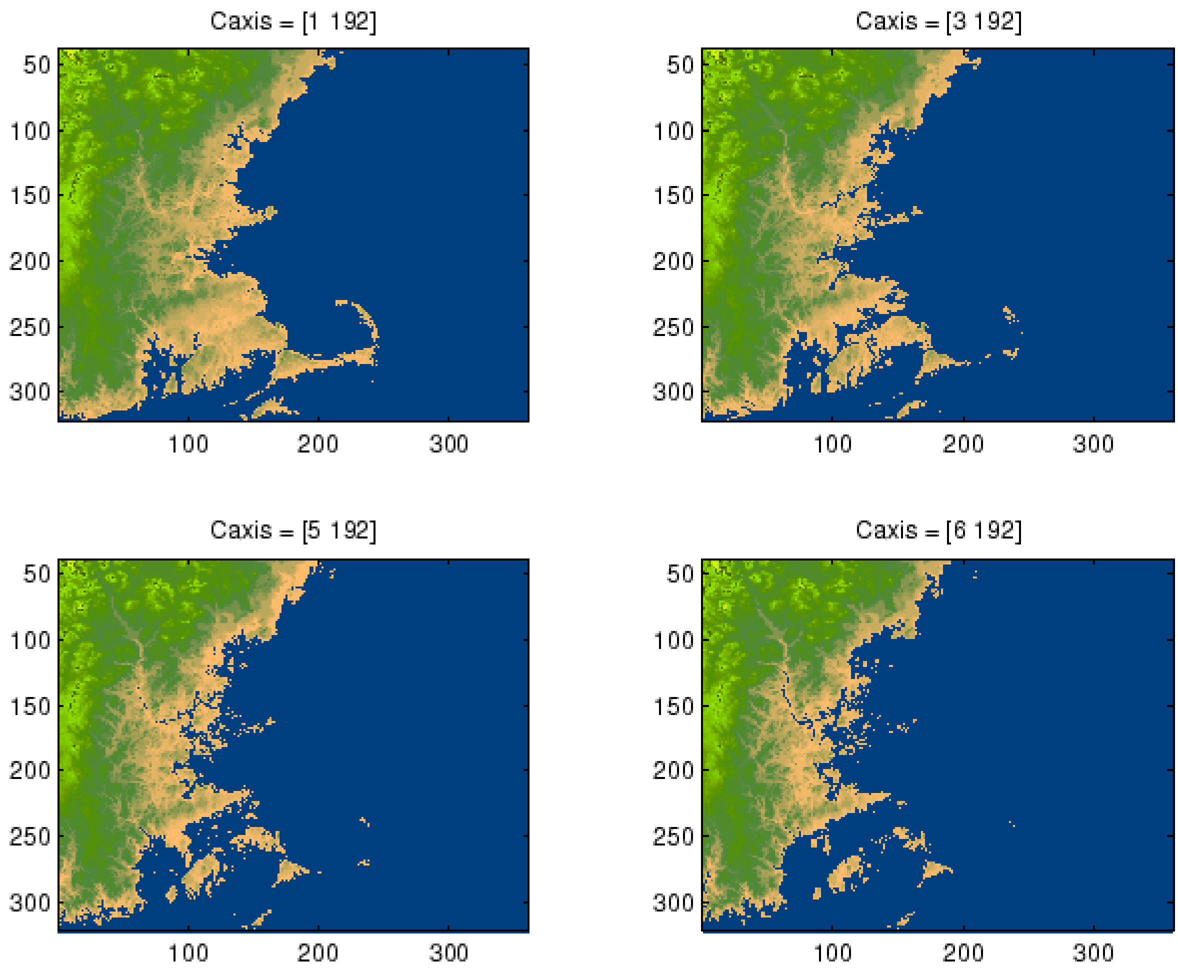
This command loads the image's data `X` and the image's colormap `map` into the workspace. Now display the image with `CDataMapping` set to `scaled` and install the image's colormap.

```
image(X,'CDataMapping','scaled')
colormap(map)
```

This adjusts the color limits to span the range of the image data, which is 1 to 192:

```
caxis
ans =
     1   192
```

The blue color of the ocean is the first color in the colormap and is mapped to the lowest data value (1). You can effectively move sea level by changing the lower color limit value. For example,



See Also

`axes`, `axis`, `colormap`, `get`, `mesh`, `pcolor`, `set`, `surf`

The `CLim` and `CLimMode` properties of axes graphics objects

The `Colormap` property of figure graphics objects

"Color Operations" on page 1-108 for related functions

"Axes Color Limits — the CLim Property" for more examples

Purpose

Change current folder

Syntax

```
cd(newFolder)
oldFolder = cd(newFolder)
cd newFolder
```

Description

`cd(newFolder)` changes the current folder to the string `newFolder`.

`oldFolder = cd(newFolder)` returns the existing current folder as a string to `oldFolder`, and then changes the current folder to `newFolder`.

`cd newFolder` is the command syntax.

Valid values for `newFolder` follow. `newFolder` can be a full path or a relative path. Use `../` to move up one level from the current folder. Repeat `../` to move up multiple levels. `newFolder` can be `./` to indicate a path relative to the current folder, although without the `./`, `cd` assumes that the path is relative to the current folder. For the command syntax, when `newFolder` contains spaces, enclose it inside single quotation marks. On UNIX platforms, use ~ (tilde) to represent the user home directory. With `newFolder` omitted, `cd` displays the current folder.

Definitions

The current folder is a reference location that MATLAB uses to find files See "The Current Folder".

Examples

Specify the full path to change the current folder from any location to `ctrldemos`, for the Control System Toolbox™ software:

```
cd('c:/matlab/toolbox/control/ctrldemos')
```

Move up to change the current folder from `c:/matlab/toolbox/control/ctrldemos` to `c:/matlab/toolbox`:

```
cd ../..
```

Use a relative path to change the current folder from `c:/matlab/toolbox` to `c:/matlab/toolbox/control/ctrldemos`:

```
cd control/ctrldemos
```

On a UNIX platform, change the current folder to `ctrldemos`, for the Control System Toolbox software. MATLAB is installed in the user home location:

```
cd('~/matlab/toolbox/control/ctrldemos')
```

Use the `matlabroot` function to change the current folder to `ctrldemos` for the Control System Toolbox software :

```
cd(fullfile(matlabroot, '/toolbox/control/ctrldemos'))
```

Change the current folder from `c:/matlab/toolbox/control/ctrldemos` to `c:/my_files`, while saving its previous location. Later, change the current folder to the previous location:

```
oldFolder = cd('c:/my_files')   % Changes current folder to my_files
cd(oldFolder)   % Changes current folder to c:/matlab/toolbox/control/c
```

Alternatives

- Use the Current Folder field in the MATLAB desktop toolbar.
- Use the address bar in the Current Folder browser.

See Also

`dir` | `fileparts` | `path` | `pwd` | `what`

How To

- “Tools for Managing Files”
- “Path Names in MATLAB”
- “Making Files and Folders Accessible to MATLAB”

Purpose

Convex hull

Syntax

```
K = convexHull(DT)
[K AV] = convexHull(DT)
```

Description

`K = convexHull(DT)` returns the indices into the array of points `DT.X` that correspond to the vertices of the convex hull.

`[K AV] = convexHull(DT)` returns the convex hull and the area or volume bounded by the convex hull.

Input Arguments

`DT`	Delaunay triangulation.

Output Arguments

`K`	If the points lie in 2-D space, `K` is a column vector of length `numf`. Otherwise `K` is a matrix of size `numf`-by-`ndim`, `numf` being the number of facets in the convex hull, and `ndim` the dimension of the space where the points reside.
`AV`	The area or volume of the convex hull.

Definitions

The convex hull of a set of points `X` is the smallest convex polygon (or polyhedron in higher dimensions) containing all of the points of `X`.

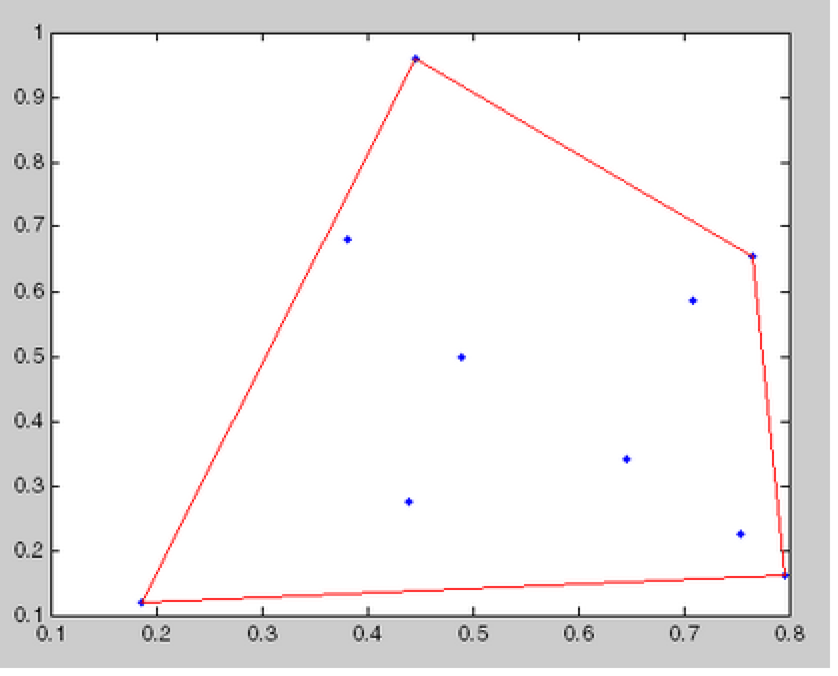
Examples

Example 1

Compute the convex hull of a set of random points located within a unit square in 2-D space.

```
x = rand(10,1);
y = rand(10,1);
dt = DelaunayTri(x,y);
k = convexHull(dt);
plot(x,y, '.', 'markersize',10);
```

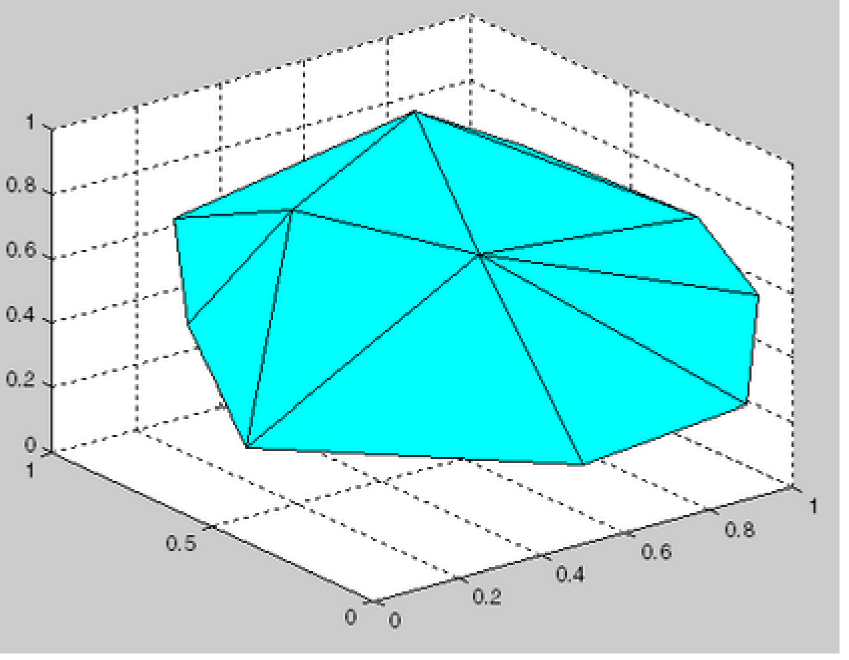
```
hold on;
plot(x(k), y(k), 'r');
hold off;
```



Example 2

Compute the convex hull of a set of random points located within a unit cube in 3-D space and the volume bounded by the convex hull.

```
X = rand(25,3);
dt = DelaunayTri(X);
[ch v] = convexHull(dt);
trisurf(ch, X(:,1),X(:,2),X(:,3), 'FaceColor', 'cyan')
```



See Also

DelaunayTri.voronoiDiagram
TriRep
convhull
convhulln

cd (ftp)

Purpose Change current directory on FTP server

Syntax

```
cd(f)
cd(f,'dirname')
cd(f,'..')
```

Description `cd(f)` Displays the current directory on the FTP server `f`, where `f` was created using `ftp`.

`cd(f,'dirname')` Changes the current directory on the FTP server `f` to `dirname`, where `f` was created using `ftp`. After running cd, the object `f` remembers the current directory on the FTP server. You can then perform file operations functions relative to `f` using the methods `delete`, `dir`, `mget`, `mkdir`, `mput`, `rename`, and `rmdir`.

`cd(f,'..')` changes the current directory on the FTP server `f` to the directory above the current one.

Examples Connect to the MathWorks FTP server.

```
tmw=ftp('ftp.mathworks.com');
```

View the contents.

```
dir(tmw)
```

Change the current directory to `pub`.

```
cd(tmw,'pub');
```

View the contents of `pub`.

```
dir(tmw)
```

See Also `dir (ftp)`, `ftp`

Purpose

Convert complex diagonal form to real block diagonal form

Syntax

```
[V,D] = cdf2rdf(V,D)
[V,D] = cdf2rdf(V,D)
```

Description

If the eigensystem `[V,D] = eig(X)` has complex eigenvalues appearing in complex-conjugate pairs, `cdf2rdf` transforms the system so `D` is in real diagonal form, with 2-by-2 real blocks along the diagonal replacing the complex pairs originally there. The eigenvectors are transformed so that

```
X = V*D/V
```

continues to hold. The individual columns of `V` are no longer eigenvectors, but each pair of vectors associated with a 2-by-2 block in `D` spans the corresponding invariant vectors.

Examples

The matrix

```
X =
    1     2     3
    0     4     5
    0    -5     4
```

has a pair of complex eigenvalues.

```
[V,D] = eig(X)

V =

    1.0000      -0.0191 - 0.4002i     -0.0191 + 0.4002i
         0            0 - 0.6479i           0 + 0.6479i
         0       0.6479                0.6479

D =

    1.0000            0                     0
```

```
         0      4.0000 + 5.0000i          0
         0           0                4.0000 - 5.0000i
```

Converting this to real block diagonal form produces

```
[V,D] = cdf2rdf(V,D)

V =

    1.0000   -0.0191   -0.4002
         0         0   -0.6479
         0    0.6479         0

D =

    1.0000         0         0
         0    4.0000    5.0000
         0   -5.0000    4.0000
```

Algorithm

The real diagonal form for the eigenvalues is obtained from the complex form using a specially constructed similarity transformation.

See Also

`eig`, `rsf2csf`

Purpose

Convert MATLAB formatted dates to CDF formatted dates

Syntax

```
E = cdfepoch(date)
```

Description

`E = cdfepoch(date)` converts the date, specified by `date`, into a `cdfepoch` object. `date` must be a valid date string, returned by `datestr`, or a serial date number, returned by `datenum`. `date` can also be a `cdfepoch` object.

When writing data to a CDF file using `cdfwrite`, use `cdfepoch` to convert MATLAB formatted dates to CDF formatted dates. The MATLAB `cdfepoch` object simulates the `CDFEPOCH` data type in CDF files.

To convert a `cdfepoch` object into a MATLAB serial date number, use the `todatenum` function.

Definitions

The MATLAB serial date number calculates dates differently than CDF epochs.

A MATLAB serial date number represents the whole and fractional number of days from 1-Jan-0000 to a specific date. The year 0000 is merely a reference point and is not intended to be interpreted as a real year in time.

A CDF epoch is the number of milliseconds since 1-Jan-0000.

Examples

Convert the current time in serial date number format into a CDF epoch object.

```
% NOW function returns current time as serial date number
dateobj = cdfepoch(now)

dateobj =

     cdfepoch object:
     11-Mar-2009 15:09:25
```

Convert the current time in date string format into a CDF epoch object.

```
% DATESTR function returns date as string
dateobj2 = cdfepoch(datestr(now))

dateobj2 =

     cdfepoch object:
     11-Mar-2009 15:09:25
```

Convert the CDF epoch object into a serial date number.

```
dateobj = cdfepoch(now);
mydatenum = todatenum(dateobj)

mydatenum =

     7.3384e+005
```

See Also

`cdfwrite` | `datenum` | `datestr` | `todatenum` | `cdfinfo` | `cdfread`

Purpose Information about Common Data Format (CDF) file

Syntax

```
info = cdfinfo(filename)
```

Description

`info = cdfinfo(filename)` returns information about the Common Data Format (CDF) file specified in the string `filename`.

Note Because `cdfinfo` creates temporary files, the current working directory must be writeable.

The following table lists the fields returned in the structure, `info`. The table lists the fields in the order that they appear in the structure.

Field	Description
`Filename`	Text string specifying the name of the file
`FileModDate`	Text string indicating the date the file was last modified
`FileSize`	Double scalar specifying the size of the file, in bytes
`Format`	Text string specifying the file format
`FormatVersion`	Text string specifying the version of the CDF library used to create the file
`FileSettings`	Structure array containing library settings used to create the file
`Subfiles`	Filenames containing the CDF file's data, if it is a multi-file format CDF

<table>
<tr><th>Field</th><th colspan="2">Description</th></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="6"><code>Variables</code></td><td colspan="2">N-by-6 cell array, where N is the number of variables, containing information about the variables in the file. The columns present the following information:</td></tr>
<tr><td>Column 1</td><td>Text string specifying name of variable</td></tr>
<tr><td>Column 2</td><td>Double array specifying the dimensions of the variable, as returned by the <code>size</code> function</td></tr>
<tr><td>Column 3</td><td>Double scalar specifying the number of records assigned for the variable</td></tr>
<tr><td>Column 4</td><td>Text string specifying the data type of the variable, as stored in the CDF file</td></tr>
<tr><td>Column 5</td><td>Text string specifying the record and dimension variance settings for the variable. The single <code>T</code> or <code>F</code> to the left of the slash designates whether values vary by record. The zero or more <code>T</code> or <code>F</code> letters to the right of the slash designate whether values vary at each dimension. Here are some examples.

<code>T/ (scalar variable</code>
<code>F/T (one-dimensional variable)</code>

T/TFF (three-dimensional variable)</td></tr>
</table>

Field	Description
`GlobalAttributes`	Structure array that contains one field for each global attribute. The name of each field corresponds to the name of an attribute. The data in each field, contained in a cell array, represents the entry values for that attribute.
`VariableAttributes`	Structure array that contains one field for each variable attribute. The name of each field corresponds to the name of an attribute. The data in each field is contained in a *n*-by-2 cell array, where *n* is the number of variables. The first column of this cell array contains the variable names associated with the entries. The second column contains the entry values.

Note Attribute names returned by `cdfinfo` might not match the names of the attributes in the CDF file exactly. Attribute names can contain characters that are illegal in MATLAB field names. `cdfinfo` removes illegal characters that appear at the beginning of attributes and replaces other illegal characters with underscores ('_'). When `cdfinfo` modifies an attribute name, it appends the attribute's internal number to the end of the field name. For example, the attribute name `Variable%Attribute` becomes `Variable_Attribute_013`.

Note To improve performance, turn off the file validation which the CDF library does by default when opening files. For more information, see `cdflib.setValidate`.

Examples

```
info = cdfinfo('example.cdf')
info =
              Filename: 'example.cdf'
```

```
                FileModDate: '09-Mar-2001 15:45:22'
                   FileSize: 1240
                     Format: 'CDF'
              FormatVersion: '2.7.0'
               FileSettings: [1x1 struct]
                   Subfiles: {}
                  Variables: {5x6 cell}
           GlobalAttributes: [1x1 struct]
         VariableAttributes: [1x1 struct]

info.Variables
ans =
  'Time'         [1x2 double] [24] 'epoch'  'T/'     'Full'
  'Longitude'    [1x2 double] [ 1] 'int8'   'F/FT'   'Full'
  'Latitude'     [1x2 double] [ 1] 'int8'   'F/TF'   'Full'
  'Data'         [1x3 double] [ 1] 'double' 'T/TTT'  'Full'
  'multidim'     [1x4 double] [ 1] 'uint8'  'T/TTTT' 'Full'
```

See Also

`cdflib.setValidate`, `cdfread`

Purpose Summary of Common Data Format (CDF) capabilities

Description The MATLAB product provides both high-level and low-level access to Common Data Format (CDF) files. The high-level access functions make it easy to read data from a CDF file or write data from the workspace to a CDF file. The low-level interface provides you with more control over the import and export operations.

Note For information about MATLAB support for the Network Common Data Form (netCDF), which is a completely separate, incompatible format, see `netcdf`.

High-Level Functions

MATLAB includes several functions that provide high-level access to CDF files:

- `cdfinfo`
- `cdfread`
- `cdfwrite`

In addition, MATLAB provides functions that convert time data to and from the CDF epoch data type: `cdfepoch` and `todatenum`.

Low-Level Functions

MATLAB provides direct access to dozens of functions in the CDF library. Using these functions, you can read and write data, create variables, attributes, and entries, and take advantage of other features of the CDF library. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Documentation about CDF, version 3.3.0, is available at the `CDF Web site`.

The MATLAB functions correspond to functions in the CDF library new Standard Interface. In most cases, the syntax of a MATLAB function is similar to the syntax of the corresponding CDF library function. To use these functions, you must prefix the function name with the package name, `cdflib`. For example, to use the CDF library function to open an existing CDF file, you would use this syntax:

```
cdfid = cdflib.open('example.cdf');
```

The following tables list all of the functions in the MATLAB CDF library package, grouped by category.

Library Information

cdflib	Summary of Common Data Format (CDF) capabilities
cdflib.getConstantNames	Names of Common Data Format (CDF) library constants
cdflib.getConstantValue	Numeric value corresponding to Common Data Format (CDF) library constant
cdflib.getLibraryCopyright	Copyright notice of Common Data Format (CDF) library
cdflib.getLibraryVersion	Library version and release information
cdflib.getValidate	Library validation mode
cdflib.setValidate	Specify library validation mode

File Operations

cdflib.close	Close Common Data Format (CDF) file
cdflib.create	Create Common Data Format (CDF) file
cdflib.delete	Delete existing Common Data Format (CDF) file
cdflib.getCacheSize	Number of cache buffers used

cdflib.getChecksum	Checksum mode
cdflib.getCompression	Compression settings
cdflib.getCompressionCacheSize	Number of compression cache buffers
cdflib.getCopyright	Copyright notice in Common Data Format (CDF) file
cdflib.getFormat	Format of Common Data Format (CDF) file
cdflib.getMajority	Majority of variables
cdflib.getName	Name of Common Data Format (CDF) file
cdflib.getReadOnlyMode	Read-only mode
cdflib.getStageCacheSize	Number of cache buffers for staging
cdflib.getVersion	Common Data Format (CDF) library version and release information
cdflib.inquire	Basic characteristics of Common Data Format (CDF) file
cdflib.open	Open existing Common Data Format (CDF) file
cdflib.setCacheSize	Specify number of dotCDF cache buffers
cdflib.setChecksum	Specify checksum mode
cdflib.setCompression	Specify compression settings
cdflib.setCompressionCacheSize	Specify number of compression cache buffers
cdflib.setFormat	Specify format of Common Data Format (CDF) file

cdflib.setMajority	Specify majority of variables
cdflib.setReadOnlyMode	Specify read-only mode
cdflib.setStageCacheSize	Specify number of staging cache buffers for Common Data Format (CDF) file

Variables

cdflib.closeVar	Close specified variable from multifile format Common Data Format (CDF) file
cdflib.createVar	Create new variable
cdflib.deleteVar	Delete variable
cdflib.deleteVarRecords	Delete range of records from variable
cdflib.getVarAllocRecords	Number of records allocated for variable
cdflib.getVarBlockingFactor	Blocking factor for variable
cdflib.getVarCacheSize	Number of multifile cache buffers
cdflib.getVarCompression	Information about compression used by variable
cdflib.getVarData	Single value from record in variable
cdflib.getVarMaxAllocRecNum	Maximum allocated record number for variable
cdflib.getVarMaxWrittenRecNum	Maximum written record number for variable
cdflib.getVarName	Variable name, given variable number
cdflib.getVarNum	Variable number, given variable name

cdflib.getVarNumRecsWritten	Number of records written to variable
cdflib.getVarPadValue	Pad value for variable
cdflib.getVarRecordData	Entire record for variable
cdflib.getVarReservePercent	Compression reserve percentage for variable
cdflib.getVarSparseRecords	Information about how variable handles sparse records
cdflib.hyperGetVarData	Read hyperslab of data from variable
cdflib.hyperPutVarData	Write hyperslab of data to variable
cdflib.inquireVar	Information about variable
cdflib.putVarData	Write single value to variable
cdflib.putVarRecordData	Write entire record to variable
cdflib.renameVar	Rename existing variable
cdflib.setVarAllocBlockRecords	Specify range of records to be allocated for variable
cdflib.setVarBlockingFactor	Specify blocking factor for variable
cdflib.setVarCacheSize	Specify number of multi-file cache buffers for variable
cdflib.setVarCompression	Specify compression settings used with variable
cdflib.setVarInitialRecs	Specify initial number of records written to variable
cdflib.setVarPadValue	Specify pad value used with variable

cdflib.SetVarReservePercent	Specify reserve percentage for variable
cdflib.setVarsCacheSize	Specify number of cache buffers used for all variables
cdflib.setVarSparseRecords	Specify how variable handles sparse records

Attributes

cdflib.createAttr	Create attribute
cdflib.deleteAttr	Delete attribute
cdflib.deleteAttrEntry	Delete attribute entry
cdflib.deleteAttrgEntry	Delete entry in global attribute
cdflib.getAttrEntry	Value of entry in attribute with variable scope
cdflib.getAttrgEntry	Value of entry in global attribute
cdflib.getAttrMaxEntry	Number of last entry for variable attribute
cdflib.getAttrMaxgEntry	Number of last entry for global attribute
cdflib.getAttrName	Name of attribute, given attribute number
cdflib.getAttrNum	Attribute number, given attribute name
cdflib.getAttrScope	Scope of attribute
cdflib.getNumAttrEntries	Number of entries for attribute with variable scope
cdflib.getNumAttrgEntries	Number of entries for attribute with global scope
cdflib.getNumAttributes	Number of attributes with variable scope

cdflib.getNumgAttributes	Number of attributes with global scope
cdflib.inquireAttr	Information about attribute
cdflib.inquireAttrEntry	Information about entry in attribute with variable scope
cdflib.inquireAttrgEntry	Information about entry in attribute with global scope
cdflib.putAttrEntry	Write value to entry in attribute with variable scope
cdflib.putAttrgEntry	Write value to entry in attribute with global scope
cdflib.renameAttr	Rename existing attribute

Utility Functions

cdflib.computeEpoch	Convert time value to `CDF_EPOCH` value
cdflib.computeEpoch16	Convert time value to `CDF_EPOCH16` value
cdflib.epoch16Breakdown	Convert `CDF_EPOCH16` value to time value
cdflib.epochBreakdown	Convert `CDF_EPOCH` value into time value

See Also

`cdfread` | `cdfinfo` | `cdfwrite`

Tutorials

- "Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"
- "Exporting to Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"

cdflib.close

Purpose

Close Common Data Format (CDF) file

Syntax

`cdflib.close(cdfId)`

Description

`cdflib.close(cdfId)` closes the specified CDF file. `cdfId` identifies the CDF file.

You must close a CDF to guarantee that all modifications you made since opening the CDF are actually written to the file.

Examples

Open the example CDF file and then close it.

```
cdfid = cdflib.open('example.cdf');
cdflib.close(cdfid)
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFcloseCDF`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.open` | `cdflib.create`

Tutorials

- “Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files”
- “Exporting to Common Data File Format (CDF) Files”

Purpose

Close specified variable from multifile format Common Data Format (CDF) file

Syntax

`cdflib.closeVar(cdfId,varNum)`

Description

`cdflib.closeVar(cdfId,varNum)` closes a variable in a multifile format CDF.

`cdfId` identifies the CDF file and `varNum` is a numeric value that specifies the variable. Variable identifiers (variable numbers) are zero-based.

For multifile CDFs, you must close all open variable files to guarantee that all modifications you have made are actually written to the CDF file(s). You do not need to call this function for variables in a single-file format CDF.

Examples

Create a multifile CDF, create a variable, and then close the variable. To run this example, you must be in a writable folder.

```
cdfid = cdflib.create('your_multifile.cdf');

% Make it a multifile format CDF
cdflib.setFormat(cdfid,'MULTI_FILE')

% Create a variable in the CDF.
varNum = cdflib.createVar(cdfid,'Time','cdf_int1',1,[],true,[]);

%  Close the variable.
cdflib.closeVar(cdfid, varnum)

% Clean up
cdflib.delete(cdfid)
clear cdfid
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFclosezVar`. To use this function, you must be familiar with the CDF

C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.getVarNum` | `cdflib.setFormat` | `cdflib.getFormat`

Tutorials

- "Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"
- "Exporting to Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"

Purpose Convert time value to CDF_EPOCH value

Syntax

```
epoch = cdflib.computeEpoch(timeval)
```

Description `epoch = cdflib.computeEpoch(timeval)` converts the time value specified by `timeval` into a `CDF_EPOCH` value.

Input Arguments

`timeval`

7-by-1 time vector. The following table describes the time components.

Component	Description
year	AD e.g. 1994
month	1 12
day	1 31
hour	0 23
minute	0 59
second	0 59
millisecond	0 999

Output Arguments

`epoch`

MATLAB `double` representing a `CDF_EPOCH` time value.

Examples Convert a time value into a `CDF_EPOCH` value.

```
timeval = [1999 12 31 23 59 59 0];
epoch = cdflib.computeEpoch(timeval);
```

References This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `computeEPOCH`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.computeEpoch16` | `cdflib.epochBreakdown` | `cdflib.epoch16Breakdown`

Tutorials

- "Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"
- "Exporting to Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"

Purpose

Convert time value to `CDF_EPOCH16` value

Syntax

```
epoch16 = cdflib.computeEpoch16(timeval)
```

Description

`epoch16 = cdflib.computeEpoch16(timeval)` converts the time value specified by `timeval` into a `CDF_EPOCH16` value.

Input Arguments

`timeval`

10-by-1 time vector. The following table describes the time components. To specify multiple time values, use additional columns.

Component	Description
year	AD e.g. 1994
month	1 12
day	1 31
hour	0 23
minute	0 59
second	0 59
millisecond	0 999
microsecond	0 999
nanosecond	0 999
picosecond	0 999

Output Arguments

`epoch16`

CDF Epoch16 time value. If the input argument `timeval` has `m-by-10` elements, the return value `epoch16` will have size `2-by-m`

Examples

Convert the time value into an `CDF_EPOCH16` value:

```
timeval = [1999; 12; 31; 23; 59; 59; 50; 100; 500; 999];
epoch16 = cdflib.computeEpoch16(timeval);
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `computeEPOCH16`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.computeEpoch` | `cdflib.epochBreakdown` | `cdflib.epoch16Breakdown`

Tutorials

- "Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"
- "Exporting to Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"

Purpose

Create Common Data Format (CDF) file

Syntax

`cdfId = cdflib.create(`*`filename`*`)`

Description

`cdfId = cdflib.create(`*`filename`*`)` creates a new CDF file with the name specified by the text string *`filename`*. Returns the CDF file identifier `cdfId`.

Examples

Create a CDF file. To run this example, you must have write permission in your current directory.

```
cdfId = cdflib.create('myfile.cdf');

% Clean up
cdflib.delete(cdfId);

clear cdfId
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFcreateCDF`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.open | cdflib.close`

Tutorials

- "Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"
- "Exporting to Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"

cdflib.createAttr

Purpose

Create attribute

Syntax

```
attrnum = cdflib.createAttr(cdfId,attrName,scope)
```

Description

`attrnum = cdflib.createAttr(cdfId,attrName,scope)` creates an attribute in a CDF file with the specified scope.

Inputs

`cdfId`

Identifier of a CDF file, returned by a call to `cdflib.create` or `cdflib.open`.

`attrName`

Text string that specifies the name you want to assign to the attribute.

`scope`

One of the following text strings, or its numeric equivalent, that specifies the scope of the attribute.

Text String	Description
`'global_scope'`	Attribute applies to the CDF as a whole.
`'variable_scope'`	Attribute applies only to the variable

To get the numeric equivalent of these text string constants, use the `cdflib.getConstantValue` function.

Output Arguments

`attrNum`

Numeric value identifying the attribute. Attribute numbers are zero-based.

Examples

Create a CDF, and then create an attribute in the CDF. To run this example, you must be in a writable folder.

```
cdfid = cdflib.create('your_file.cdf');

% Create attribute
attrNum = cdflib.createAttr(cdfId,'Purpose','global_scope');

% Clean up
cdflib.delete(cdfid);

clear cdfid
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFcreateAttr`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.getAttrNum` | `cdflib.deleteAttr` | `cdflib.getConstantValue` | `cdflib.getConstantNames`

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cdflib.createVar

Purpose

Create new variable

Syntax

```
varnum = cdflib.createVar(cdfId, varname, datatype,
   numElements, dims, recVariance, dimVariance)
```

Description

`varnum = cdflib.createVar(cdfId, varname, datatype, numElements, dims, recVariance, dimVariance)` creates a new variable in the Common Data Format (CDF) file with the specified characteristics.

Inputs

`cdfId`

Identifier of a CDF file, returned by a call to `cdflib.create` or `cdflib.open`.

`varname`

Text string that specifies the name you want to assign to the variable.

`datatype`

Data type of the variable. One of the following text strings, or its numeric equivalent, that specifies a valid CDF data type.

CDF Data Type	Description
`CDF_BYTE`	1-byte, signed integer
`CDF_CHAR`	1 byte, signed character data type that maps to the MATLAB `char` class
`CDF_INT1`	1-byte, signed integer
`CDF_UCHAR`	1 byte, unsigned character data type that maps to the MATLAB `uint8` class
`CDF_UINT1`	1-byte, unsigned integer
`CDF_INT2`	2-byte, signed integer
`CDF_UINT2`	2-byte, unsigned integer

CDF Data Type	Description
CDF_INT4	4-byte, signed integer
CDF_UINT4	4-byte, unsigned integer
CDF_FLOAT	4-byte, floating point
CDF_REAL4	4-byte, floating point
CDF_REAL8	8-byte, floating point.
CDF_DOUBLE	8-byte, floating point
CDF_EPOCH	8-byte, floating point
CDF_EPOCH16	two 8-byte, floating point

`numElements`

Number of elements per datum. Value should be 1 for all data types, except `CDF_CHAR` and `CDF_UCHAR`.

`dims`

A vector of the dimensions extents; empty if there are no dimension extents.

`recVariance`

Specifies record variance: `true` or `false`.

`dimVariance`

A vector of logicals; empty if there are no dimensions.

Outputs

`varNum`

The numeric identifier for the variable. Variable numbers are zero-based.

Examples

Create a CDF file and then create a variable named `'Time'` in the CDF. The variable has no dimensions and varies across records. To run this example, you must be in a writable folder.

```
cdfid = cdflib.create('your_file.cdf');

% Initially the file contains no variables.
info = cdflib.inquire(cdfid)

info =

     encoding: 'IBMPC_ENCODING'
     majority: 'ROW_MAJOR'
       maxRec: -1
      numVars: 0
    numvAttrs: 0
    numgAttrs: 0

% Create a variable in the file.
varNum = cdflib.createVar(cdfid,'Time','cdf_int1',1,[],true,[]);

% Retrieve info about the file again to verify variable was created.
% Note value of numVars field is now 1.
info = cdflib.inquire(cdfid)

info =

     encoding: 'IBMPC_ENCODING'
     majority: 'ROW_MAJOR'
       maxRec: -1
      numVars: 1
    numvAttrs: 0
    numgAttrs: 0

% Clean up
cdflib.delete(cdfid);

clear cdfid
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFcreatezVar`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the

CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the CDF Web site. For copyright information, see the cdfcopyright.txt file.

See Also

cdflib.deleteVar | cdflib.closeVar |

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cdflib.delete

Purpose

Delete existing Common Data Format (CDF) file

Syntax

`cdflib.delete(cdfId)`

Description

`cdflib.delete(cdfId)` deletes the existing CDF file specified by the identifier `cdfId`. If the CDF file is a multi-file format CDF, the `cdflib.delete` function also deletes the variable files (having file extensions of `.z0`, `.z1`, etc.).

Examples

Create a CDF file, and then delete it. To run this example, you must be in a writable folder.

```
cdfId = cdflib.create('mytempfile.cdf');

% Verify that the file was created.
ls *.cdf

mytempfile.cdf

% Delete the file.
cdflib.delete(cdfId)

% Verify that the file no longer exists.
ls *.cdf
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFdeleteCDF`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.create` | `cdflib.setFormat`

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Purpose

Delete attribute

Syntax

`cdflib.deleteAttr(cdfId,attrNum)`

Description

`cdflib.deleteAttr(cdfId,attrNum)` deletes the specified attribute from the CDF file.

`cdfId` identifies the Common Data Format (CDF) file.`attrNum` is a numeric identifier that specifies the attribute. Attribute numbers are zero-based.

Examples

Create a CDF file, and then create an attribute in the file. Then delete the attribute. To run this example, you must be in a writable folder.

```
cdfid = cdflib.create('your_file.cdf');

% Create attribute.
attrNum = cdflib.createAttr(cdfId,'Purpose','global_scope');

% Prove it exists.
anum = cdflib.getAttrNum(cdfid,'Purpose')

anum =

     0

% Delete the attribute.
cdflib.deleteAttr(cdfid,attrNum);


% Clean up
cdflib.delete(cdfid);

clear cdfid
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFdeleteAttr`. To use this function, you must be familiar with the

CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.createAttr` | `cdflib.getAttrNum`

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- "Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"
- "Exporting to Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"

Purpose Delete attribute entry

Syntax `cdflib.deleteAttrEntry(cdfId,attrNum,entryNum)`

Description `cdflib.deleteAttrEntry(cdfId,attrNum,entryNum)` deletes an entry from an attribute in a Common Data Format (CDF) file.

Inputs

`cdfId`

Identifier of a CDF file, returned by a call to `cdflib.create` or `cdflib.open`.

`attrNum`

Numeric value that identifies the attribute. Attribute numbers are zero-based. The attribute must have variable scope.

`entryNum`

Numeric value that specifies the entry in the attribute. Entry numbers are zero-based.

Examples Create a CDF, and then create an attribute in the file. Write a value to an entry for the attribute, and then delete the entry. To run this example, you must be in a writable folder.

```
cdfid = cdflib.create('your_file.cdf');

% Initially the file contains no attributes, global or variable.
info = cdflib.inquire(cdfid)

info =

     encoding: 'IBMPC_ENCODING'
     majority: 'ROW_MAJOR'
       maxRec: -1
      numVars: 0
    numvAttrs: 0
    numgAttrs: 0
```

```
% Create an attribute with variable scope in the file.
attrNum = cdflib.createAttr(cdfid,'my_var_scope_attr','variable_scope');

% Write a value to an entry for the attribute
cdflib.putAttrEntry(cdfid,attrNum,0,'CDF_CHAR','My attr value');

% Get the value of the attribute entry
value = cdflib.getAttrEntry(cdfid,attrNum,0)

value =

My attr value

% Delete the entry
cdflib.deleteAttrEntry(cdfid,attrNum,0);

% Now try to view the value of the entry
% Should return NO_SUCH_ENTRY failure.
value = cdflib.getAttrEntry(cdfid,attrNum,0)  % Should fail

% Clean up
cdflib.delete(cdfid);

clear cdfid
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFdeleteAttrzEntry`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.deleteAttr`

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Purpose

Delete entry in global attribute

Syntax

`cdflib.deleteAttrgEntry(cdfId,attrNum,entryNum)`

Description

`cdflib.deleteAttrgEntry(cdfId,attrNum,entryNum)` deletes an entry from a global attribute in a Common Data Format (CDF) file.

Inputs

`cdfId`

Identifier of a CDF file, returned by a call to `cdflib.create` or `cdflib.open`.

`attrNum`

Numeric value that identifies the attribute. Attribute numbers are zero-based. The attribute must have global scope.

`entryNum`

Numeric value that specifies the entry in the attribute. Entry numbers are zero-based.

Examples

Create a CDF and create a global attribute in the file. Write a value to an entry for the attribute and then delete the entry. To run this example, you must be in a writable folder.

```
cdfid = cdflib.create('your_file.cdf');

% Initially the file contains no attributes, global or variable.
info = cdflib.inquire(cdfid)

info =

     encoding: 'IBMPC_ENCODING'
     majority: 'ROW_MAJOR'
       maxRec: -1
      numVars: 0
    numvAttrs: 0
    numgAttrs: 0
```

```
% Create an attribute with global scope in the file.
attrNum = cdflib.createAttr(cdfid,'my_global_attr','global_scope');

% Write a value to an entry for the attribute
cdflib.putAttrgEntry(cdfid,attrNum,0,'CDF_CHAR','My global attr');

% Get the value of the global attribute entry
value = cdflib.getAttrgEntry(cdfid,attrNum,0)

value =

My global attr

% Delete the entry
cdflib.deleteAttrgEntry(cdfid,attrNum,0);

% Now try to view the value of the entry
% Should return NO_SUCH_ENTRY failure.
value = cdflib.getAttrgEntry(cdfid,attrNum,0)  % Should fail

% Clean up
cdflib.delete(cdfid);

clear cdfid
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFdeleteAttrgEntry`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.deleteAttr` | `cdflib.deleteAttrEntry`

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Purpose Delete variable

Syntax `cdflib.deleteVar(cdfId,varNum)`

Description `cdflib.deleteVar(cdfId,varNum)` deletes a variable from a Common Data Format (CDF) file.

`cdfId` identifies the CDF file. `varNum` is a numeric value that specifies the variable. Variable numbers are zero-based.

Examples Create a CDF, create a variable in the CDF, and then delete it.

```
cdfid = cdflib.create('mycdf.cdf');

% Initially the file contains no variables.
info = cdflib.inquire(cdfid)

info =

     encoding: 'IBMPC_ENCODING'
     majority: 'ROW_MAJOR'
       maxRec: -1
      numVars: 0
    numvAttrs: 0
    numgAttrs: 0

% Create a variable in the CDF.
varNum = cdflib.createVar(cdfid,'Time','cdf_int1',1,[],true,[]);

% Retrieve info about the variable in the CDF.

info = cdflib.inquireVar(cdfid, 0)

info =

          name: 'Time'
      datatype: 'cdf_int1'
```

```
    numElements: 1
           dims: []
    recVariance: 1
    dimVariance: []

% Delete the variable from the CDF

cdflib.deleteVar(cdfid,0);

% Check to see if the variable was deleted from the CDF.
info = cdflib.inquire(cdfid)

info =

     encoding: 'IBMPC_ENCODING'
     majority: 'ROW_MAJOR'
       maxRec: -1
      numVars: 0
    numvAttrs: 0
    numgAttrs: 0

% Clean up
cdflib.delete(cdfid);

clear cdfid
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFdeletezVar`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.createVar`

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Purpose

Delete range of records from variable

Syntax

`cdflib.deleteVarRecords(cdfId,varNum,startRec,endRec)`

Description

`cdflib.deleteVarRecords(cdfId,varNum,startRec,endRec)` deletes a range of records from a variable in a Common Data Format (CDF) file.

Inputs

`cdfId`

Identifier of a CDF file, returned by a call to `cdflib.create` or `cdflib.open`.

`varNum`

Numeric value that identifies the variable. Variable numbers are zero-based.

`startRec`

Numeric value that specifies the record at which to start deleting records. Record numbers are zero-based.

`endRec`

Numeric value that specifies the record at which to stop deleting records. Record numbers are zero-based.

Examples

Create a CDF, create a variable in the CDF, and write records to the variable. Then delete a record from the variable. To run this example, you must be in a writable folder.

```
cdfid = cdflib.create('your_file.cdf');

% Create a variable in the file.
varNum = cdflib.createVar(cdfid,'Grades','cdf_int1',1,[],true,[]);

% Write records to the variable.
cdflib.putVarData(cdfid,varNum,0,[],int8(92));
cdflib.putVarData(cdfid,varNum,1,[],int8(94));
cdflib.putVarData(cdfid,varNum,2,[],int8(96));
```

```
% View the records
dataRecs = cdflib.hyperGetVarData(cdfid,0,[0 3 1])

dataRecs =

   92
   94
   96

% Delete the second record from the variable.
cdflib.deleteVarRecords(cdfid,varNum, 1, 1)

% View the records again.
dataRecs = cdflib.hyperGetVarData(cdfid,0,[0 3 1])

dataRecs =

   92
   94
   96


%  Clean up
cdflib.delete(cdfid)

clear cdfid
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFdeletezVarRecords`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.getVarNumRecsWritten` | `cdflib.putVarRecordData`

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cdflib.epoch16Breakdown

Purpose

Convert CDF_EPOCH16 value to time value

Syntax

`timeVec = cdflib.epoch16Breakdown(epoch16Time)`

Description

`timeVec = cdflib.epoch16Breakdown(epoch16Time)` convert a `CDF_EPOCH16` value into a time vector. `timeVec` will have 10-by-*n* elements, where *n* is the number of CDF_EPOCH16 values.

The following table describes the time value components.

timeVec Element	Description	Valid Values
`timeVec(1,:)`	Year AD	e.g. 1994
`timeVec(2,:)`	Month	1 12
`timeVec(3,:)`	Day	1 31
`timeVec(4,:)`	Hour	0 23
`timeVec(5,:)`	Minute	0 59
`timeVec(6,:)`	Second	0 59
`timeVec(7,:)`	Millisecond	0 999
`timeVec(8,:)`	Microsecond	0 999
`timeVec(9,:)`	Nanosecond	0 999
`timeVec(10,:)`	Picosecond	0 999

Examples

Convert `CDF_EPOCH16` value into time value.

```
timeval = [1999; 12; 31; 23; 59; 59; 50; 100; 500; 999];
epoch16 = cdflib.computeEpoch16(timeval);

timevec = cdflib.epoch16Breakdown(epoch16)

timevec =

        1999
```

```
    12
    31
    23
    59
    59
    50
   100
   500
   999
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `EPOCH16breakdown`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.computeEpoch16`

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cdflib.epochBreakdown

Purpose Convert CDF_EPOCH value into time value

Syntax

```
timeVec = cdflib.epochBreakdown(epochTime)
```

Description

timeVec = cdflib.epochBreakdown(epochTime) decomposes the CDF_EPOCH value, epochTime value into individual time components. timeVec will have 7-by-*n* elements, where *n* is the number of CDF_EPOCH values in epochTime.

The return value timeVec has the following elements:

timeVec Element	Description	Valid Values
timeVec(1,:)	Year AD	e.g. 1994
timeVec(2,:)	Month	1 12
timeVec(3,:)	Day	1 31
timeVec(4,:)	Hour	0 23
timeVec(5,:)	Minute	0 59
timeVec(6,:)	Second	0 59
timeVec(7,:)	Millisecond	0 999

Examples

Convert a CDP_EPOCH value into a time vector.

```
% First convert a time vector into a CDF_EPOCH value
timeval = [1999 12 31 23 59 59 0];
epoch = cdflib.computeEpoch(timeval);

% Convert the CDF_EPOCH value into a time vector
timevec = cdflib.epochBreakdown(epoch)

timevec =

        1999
          12
          31
```

```
23
59
59
 0
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `EPOCHbreakdown`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.computeEpoch` | `cdflib.epochBreakdown` | `cdflib.epoch16Breakdown`

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cdflib.getAttrEntry

Purpose Value of entry in attribute with variable scope

Syntax

```
value = cdflib.getAttrEntry(cdfId,attrNum,entryNum)
```

Description `value = cdflib.getAttrEntry(cdfId,attrNum,entryNum)` returns the value of an attribute entry in a Common Data Format (CDF) file.

Inputs

`cdfId`

Identifier of a CDF file, returned by a call to `cdflib.create` or `cdflib.open`.

`attrNum`

Numeric value that identifies the attribute. Attribute numbers are zero-based. The attribute must have variable scope.

`entryNum`

Numeric value that specifies the entry in the attribute. Entry numbers are zero-based.

Output Arguments

`Value`

Value of the entry.

Examples Open the example CDF and get the value of an entry associated with an attribute with variable scope in the file.

```
cdfid = cdflib.open('example.cdf');

% The fourth attribute is of variable scope.
attrscope = cdflib.getAttrScope(cdfid,3)

attrscope =

VARIABLE_SCOPE

% Get information about the first entry for this attribute
```

```
[dtype numel] = cdflib.inquireAttrEntry(cdfid,3,0)

dtype =

cdf_char


numel =

    10

% Get the value of the entry for this attribute.
% Note that it's a character string, 10 characters in length
value = cdflib.getAttrEntry(cdfid,3,0)

value =

Time value

% Clean up
cdflib.close(cdfid);

clear cdfid
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFgetAttrzEntry`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.putAttrEntry` | `cdflib.getAttrgEntry` | `cdflib.putAttrgEntry`

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Purpose

Value of entry in global attribute

Syntax

`value = cdflib.getAttrgEntry(cdfId,attrNum,entryNum)`

Description

`value = cdflib.getAttrgEntry(cdfId,attrNum,entryNum)` returns the value of a global attribute entry in a Common Data Format (CDF) file.

Inputs

`cdfId`

Identifier of a CDF file, returned by a call to `cdflib.create` or `cdflib.open`.

`attrNum`

Numeric value that identifies the attribute. Attribute numbers are zero-based. The attribute must have global scope.

`entryNum`

Numeric value that specifies the entry in the attribute. Entry numbers are zero-based.

Output Arguments

`Value`

Value of the entry.

Examples

Open the example CDF, and then get the value of an entry associated with a global attribute in the file:

```
cdfid = cdflib.open('example.cdf');

% Any of the first three attributes have global scope.
attrscope = cdflib.getAttrScope(cdfid,0)

attrscope =

GLOBAL_SCOPE
```

```
% Get information about the first entry for global attribute
[dtype numel] = cdflib.inquireAttrgEntry(cdfid,0,0)

dtype =

cdf_char


numel =

    23

% Get the value of the first entry for this global attribute.
value = cdflib.getAttrgEntry(cdfid,0,0)

value =

This is a sample entry.

% Clean up
cdflib.close(cdfid);

clear cdfid
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFgetAttrgEntry`. To use this function, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.putAttrgEntry` | `cdflib.getAttrEntry` | `cdflib.putAttrEntry`

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cdflib.getAttrMaxEntry

Purpose

Number of last entry for variable attribute

Syntax

```
maxEntry = cdflib.getAttrMaxEntry(cdfId,attrNum)
```

Description

`maxEntry = cdflib.getAttrMaxEntry(cdfId,attrNum)` returns the number of the last entry for an attribute in a Common Data Format (CDF) file.

`cdfId` identifies the CDF file.

`attrNum` is a numeric value that specifies the attribute. Attribute numbers are zero-based. The attribute must have variable scope.

Inputs

`cdfId`

Identifier of a CDF file, returned by a call to `cdflib.create` or `cdflib.open`.

`attrNum`

Numeric value that identifies the attribute. Attribute numbers are zero-based. The attribute must have variable scope.

Output Arguments

`maxEntry`

Entry number of the last entry in the attribute. Entry numbers are zero-based.

Examples

Open the example CDF and get the number of the last entry associated with an attribute with variable scope in the file:

```
cdfid = cdflib.open('example.cdf');

% The fourth attribute is of variable scope.
attrscope = cdflib.getAttrScope(cdfid,3)

attrscope =

VARIABLE_SCOPE
```

```
% Get the number of the last entry for this attribute.
entrynum = cdflib.getAttrMaxEntry(cdfid,3)

entrynum =

     3


% Clean up
cdflib.close(cdfid);

clear cdfid
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFgetAttrMaxzEntry`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.getAttrMaxgEntry`

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cdflib.getAttrMaxgEntry

Purpose

Number of last entry for global attribute

Syntax

`maxEntry = cdflib.getAttrMaxgEntry(cdfId,attrNum)`

Description

`maxEntry = cdflib.getAttrMaxgEntry(cdfId,attrNum)` returns the last entry number of a global attribute in a Common Data Format (CDF) file.

Inputs

`cdfId`

Identifier of a CDF file, returned by a call to `cdflib.create` or `cdflib.open`.

`attrNum`

Numeric value that identifies the attribute. Attribute numbers are zero-based. The attribute must have global scope.

Output Arguments

`maxEntry`

Entry number of the last entry in the attribute. Entry numbers are zero-based.

Examples

Open the example CDF and get the number of the last entry associated with a global attribute in the file:

```
cdfid = cdflib.open('example.cdf');

% Any of the first three attribute are of global scope.
attrscope = cdflib.getAttrScope(cdfid,0)

attrscope =

GLOBAL_SCOPE


% Get the number of the last entry for this attribute.
entrynum = cdflib.getAttrMaxgEntry(cdfid,0)
```

```
entrynum =

     4

% Clean up
cdflib.close(cdfid);

clear cdfid
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFgetAttrMaxgEntry`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.getAttrMaxEntry`

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cdflib.getAttrName

Purpose Name of attribute, given attribute number

Syntax

```
name = cdflib.getAttrName(cdfId,attrNum)
```

Description `name = cdflib.getAttrName(cdfId,attrNum)` returns the name of an attribute in a Common Data Format (CDF) file.

Inputs

`cdfId`

Identifier of a CDF file, returned by a call to `cdflib.create` or `cdflib.open`.

`attrNum`

Numeric value that identifies the attribute. Attribute numbers are zero-based.

Output Arguments

`name`

Text string specifying the name of the attribute.

Examples Open the example CDF and get name of an attribute.

```
cdfid = cdflib.open('example.cdf');

% Get name of the first attribute in the file.
attrName = cdflib.getAttrName(cdfId,0)

attrName =

SampleAttribute

% Clean up
cdflib.close(cdfid);

clear cdfid
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFgetAttrName`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.createAttr`

Tutorials

- "Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"
- "Exporting to Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"

cdflib.getAttrNum

Purpose

Attribute number, given attribute name

Syntax

`attrNum = cdflib.getAttrNum(cdfId,attrName)`

Description

`attrNum = cdflib.getAttrNum(cdfId,attrName)` returns the number of an attribute in a Common Data Format (CDF) file.

Inputs

`cdfId`

Identifier of a CDF file, returned by a call to `cdflib.create` or `cdflib.open`.

`attrName`

Text string specifying the name of an attribute.

Output Arguments

`attrNum`

Numeric value that identifies the attribute. Attribute numbers are zero-based.

Examples

Open the example CDF and get the attribute number associated with the `SampleAttribute` attribute.

```
cdfid = cdflib.open('example.cdf');

attrNum = cdflib.getAttrNum(cdfid,'SampleAttribute')

attrNum =

     0

% Clean up
cdflib.close(cdfid);

clear cdfid
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFgetAttrNum`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.createAttr` | `cdflib.getAttrName`

Tutorials

- "Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"
- "Exporting to Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"

cdflib.getAttrScope

Purpose

Scope of attribute

Syntax

```
scope = cdflib.getAttrScope(cdfId,attrNum)
```

Description

`scope = cdflib.getAttrScope(cdfId,attrNum)` returns the scope of an attribute in a Common Data Format (CDF) file.

Input Arguments

`cdfId`

Identifier of a CDF file, returned by a call to `cdflib.create` or `cdflib.open`.

`attrNum`

Numeric value that specifies the attribute. Attribute numbers are zero-based.

Output Arguments

`scope`

Either of the following text strings, or its numeric equivalent.

Text String	Description
`'GLOBAL_SCOPE'`	Attribute applies to the CDF as a whole.
`'VARIABLE_SCOPE'`	Attribute applies only to the variable.

To get the numeric equivalent of these text string constants, use the `cdflib.getConstantValue` function.

Examples

Open example CDF and get the scope of the first attribute in the file:

```
cdfid = cdflib.open('example.cdf');

attrScope = cdflib.getAttrScope(cdfid,0)

attrScope =
```

```
GLOBAL_SCOPE

% Clean up
cdflib.close(cdfid);

clear cdfid
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFgetAttrScope`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.createAttr` | `cdflib.getAttrName` | `cdflib.getConstantValue`

Tutorials

- "Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"
- "Exporting to Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"

cdflib.getCacheSize

Purpose Number of cache buffers used

Syntax

```
numBuffers = cdflib.getCacheSize(cdfId)
```

Description `numBuffers = cdflib.getCacheSize(cdfId)` returns the number of cache buffers used for the Common Data Format (CDF) file identified by `cdfId`. For a discussion of cache schemes, see the *CDF User's Guide*.

Examples Open the example CDF file and get the cache size:

```
cdfid = cdflib.open('example.cdf');

numBuf = cdflib.getCacheSize(cdfid)

numBuf =

   300

% Clean up
cdflib.close(cdfid)
clear cdfid
```

References This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFgetCacheSize`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also `cdflib.setCacheSize`

Tutorials

- "Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"
- "Exporting to Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"

Purpose Checksum mode

Syntax

```
mode = cdflib.getChecksum(cdfId)
```

Description

`mode = cdflib.getChecksum(cdfId)` returns the checksum mode of the Common Data Format (CDF) file.

Inputs

`cdfId`

Identifier of a CDF file, returned by a call to `cdflib.create` or `cdflib.open`.

Output Arguments

`mode`

Either of the following text strings or its numeric equivalent.

'MD5_CHECKSUM'	File uses MD5 checksum.
'NO_CHECKSUM'	File does not use a checksum.

To get the numeric equivalent of these text strings, use `cdflib.getConstantValue`.

Examples

Open the example CDF file, and then get the checksum mode of the file:

```
cdfid = cdflib.open('example.cdf');

checksummode = cdflib.getChecksum(cdfid)


checksummode =

NO_CHECKSUM

% Clean up
cdflib.close(cdfid);
clear cdfid;
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFgetChecksum`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.setChecksum` | `cdflib.getConstantValue`

Tutorials

- "Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"
- "Exporting to Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"

Purpose Compression settings

Syntax

```
[ctype,cparms,cpercentage] = cdflib.getCompression(cdfId)
```

Description `[ctype,cparms,cpercentage] = cdflib.getCompression(cdfId)` returns information about the compression settings of a Common Data Format (CDF) file.

Inputs

`cdfId`

Identifier of a CDF file, returned by a call to `cdflib.create` or `cdflib.open`.

Outputs

`ctype`

Text string specifying compression type, such as `'HUFF_COMPRESSION'`. If the CDF does not use compression, the function returns the string `'NO_COMPRESSION'`. For a list of supported compression types, see `cdflib.setCompression`.

`cparms`

The value of the parameter associated with the type of compression. For example, for the `'RLE_COMPRESSION'` compression type, the parameter specifies the style of run-length encoding. For a list of parameters supported by each compression type, see `cdflib.setCompression`.

`cpercentage`

The rate of compression, expressed as a percentage.

Examples Open the example CDF file and check the compression settings in the file.

```
cdfId = cdflib.open('example.cdf');

[ctype, cparms, cpercentage] = cdflib.getCompression(cdfId)
```

```
ctype =

GZIP_COMPRESSION

cparms =

     7

cper =

    26

% Clean up
cdflib.close(cdfId)
clear cdfId
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFgetCompression`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.setCompression` | `cdflib.getVarCompression` | `cdflib.setVarCompression`

Tutorials

- "Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"
- "Exporting to Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"

Purpose Number of compression cache buffers

Syntax

```
numBuffers = cdflib.getCompressionCacheSize(cdfId)
```

Description `numBuffers = cdflib.getCompressionCacheSize(cdfId)` returns the number of cache buffers used for the compression scratch Common Data Format (CDF) file. `cdfId` identifies the CDF file. For a discussion of cache schemes, see the *CDF User's Guide*.

Examples Open the example CDF file and check the compression cache size of the file:

```
cdfId = cdflib.open('example.cdf');

numBuf = cdflib.getCompressionCacheSize(cdfId)

numBuf =

    80

% Clean up
cdflib.close(cdfId)
clear cdfId
```

References This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFgetCompressionCacheSize`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also `cdflib.setCompressionCacheSize`

Tutorials

- "Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"
- "Exporting to Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"

cdflib.getConstantNames

Purpose

Names of Common Data Format (CDF) library constants

Syntax

`names = cdflib.getConstantNames()`

Description

`names = cdflib.getConstantNames()` returns a cell array of text strings, where each text string is the name of a constant known to the Common Data Format (CDF) library.

Examples

Get a list of the names of CDF library constants.

```
names  = cdflib.getConstantNames()

names =

    'AHUFF_COMPRESSION'
    'ALPHAMVSD_ENCODING'
    'ALPHAMVSG_ENCODING'
    'ALPHAMVSI_ENCODING'
    'ALPHAOSF1_ENCODING'
    'CDF_BYTE'
    'CDF_CHAR'
     .
     .
     .
```

References

For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.getConstantValue`

Tutorials

- "Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"
- "Exporting to Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"

Purpose

Numeric value corresponding to Common Data Format (CDF) library constant

Syntax

`value = cdflib.getConstantValue(`*`constantName`*`)`

Description

`value = cdflib.getConstantValue(`*`constantName`*`)` returns the numeric value of the CDF library constant specified by the text string *`constantName`*. To see a list of constant names, use `cdflib.getConstantNames`.

Examples

View the list of CDF library constants and get the numeric value corresponding to one of the constants.

```
% Retrieve a list of library constants
names = cdflib.getConstantNames();

value  = cdflib.getConstantValue(names{1})

value =

   3
```

References

For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.getConstantNames`

Tutorials

- "Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"
- "Exporting to Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"

cdflib.getCopyright

Purpose

Copyright notice in Common Data Format (CDF) file

Syntax

```
copyright = cdflib.getCopyright(cdfId)
```

Description

`copyright = cdflib.getCopyright(cdfId)` returns the copyright notice in the CDF file identified by `cdfId`.

Examples

Create a CDF file, and then get the copyright notice in the file. To run this example, you must be in a writable folder.

```
cdfId = cdflib.create('your_file.cdf');

copyright  = cdflib.getCopyright(cdfId)

copyright =

Common Data Format (CDF)
(C) Copyright 1990-2009 NASA/GSFC
Space Physics Data Facility
NASA/Goddard Space Flight Center
Greenbelt, Maryland 20771 USA
(Internet -- CDFSUPPORT@LISTSERV.GSFC.NASA.GOV)

% Clean up.
cdflib.delete(cdfId)
clear cdfId
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFgetCopyright`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.getLibraryCopyright`

Tutorials

- "Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"
- "Exporting to Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"

Purpose

Format of Common Data Format (CDF) file

Syntax

format = cdflib.setFormat(cdfId)

Description

format = cdflib.setFormat(cdfId) returns the format of the CDF file.

Inputs

cdfId

Identifier of a CDF file, returned by a call to cdflib.create or cdflib.open.

Output Arguments

format

Either of the following text strings, or its numeric equivalent.

'SINGLE_FILE'	The CDF is stored in a single file.
'MULTI_FILE'	The CDF is made up of multiple files.

To get the numeric equivalent of these text strings, use cdflib.getConstantValue.

Examples

Open the example CDF file and determine its file format:

```
cdfId = cdflib.open('example.cdf');

format = cdflib.getFormat(cdfId)

format =

   'SINGLE_FILE'

% Clean up.
cdflib.close(cdfId)
clear cdfId
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFgetFormat`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.setFormat` | `cdflib.getConstantValue`

Tutorials

- “Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files”
- “Exporting to Common Data File Format (CDF) Files”

Purpose Copyright notice of Common Data Format (CDF) library

Syntax

```
copyright = cdflib.getLibraryCopyright()
```

Description `copyright = cdflib.getLibraryCopyright()` returns a text string containing the copyright notice of the CDF library.

Examples Get the copyright of the CDF library.

```
copyright  = cdflib.getLibraryCopyright()

copyright =

Common Data Format (CDF)
(C) Copyright 1990-2008 NASA/GSFC
Space Physics Data Facility
NASA/Goddard Space Flight Center
Greenbelt, Maryland 20771 USA
(Internet -- CDFSUPPORT@LISTSERV.GSFC.NASA.GOV)
```

References This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFgetLibraryCopyright`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also `cdflib.getCopyright`

Tutorials

- "Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"
- "Exporting to Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"

cdflib.getLibraryVersion

Purpose Library version and release information

Syntax

```
[version,release,increment] = cdflib.getLibraryVersion()
```

Description

`[version,release,increment] = cdflib.getLibraryVersion()` returns information about the Common Data Format (CDF) library.

Output Arguments

`version`

Numeric value indicating the version number of the CDF library.

`release`

Numeric value indicating the release number of the CDF library.

`increment`

Numeric value indicating the increment number of the CDF library.

Examples

Get the version information of the CDF library:

```
[version, release, increment] = cdflib.getLibraryVersion()

version =

     3

release =

     3

increment =

     0
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFgetLibraryVersion`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.getVersion`

Tutorials

- "Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"
- "Exporting to Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"

cdflib.getMajority

Purpose Majority of variables

Syntax `majority = cdflib.getMajority(cdfId)`

Description `majority = cdflib.getMajority(cdfId)` returns the majority of variables in a Common Data Format (CDF) file.

Inputs `cdfId`

Identifier of a CDF file, returned by a call to `cdflib.create` or `cdflib.open`.

Output Arguments `majority`

Either of the following text strings, or its numeric equivalent.

'ROW_MAJOR'	C-like array ordering for variable storage. The first dimension in each variable array varies the slowest. This is the default.
'COLUMN_MAJOR'	Fortran-like array ordering for variable storage. The first dimension in each variable array varies the fastest.

To get the numeric equivalent of these values, use `cdflib.getConstantValue`.

Examples Open the example CDF file, and then determine the majority of variables in the file:

```
cdfId = cdflib.open('example.cdf');

majority = cdflib.getMajority(cdfId)

majority =

ROW_MAJOR
```

```
% Clean up
cdflib.close(cdfId)

clear cdfId
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFgetMajority`. To use this function, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.setMajority` | `cdflib.getConstantValue`

Tutorials

- "Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"
- "Exporting to Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"

cdflib.getName

Purpose

Name of Common Data Format (CDF) file

Syntax

```
name = cdflib.getName(cdfId)
```

Description

`name = cdflib.getName(cdfId)` returns the name of the CDF file identified by `cdfId`.

Examples

Open the example CDF file and get the name of the file. The path name returned for your installation will be different.

```
cdfId = cdflib.open('example.cdf');

name = cdflib.getName(cdfId)

name =

yourinstallation\matlab\toolbox\matlab\demos\example

% Clean up
cdflib.close(cdfId)

clear cdfId
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFgetName`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.open` | `cdflib.create` |

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- "Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"
- "Exporting to Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"

Purpose

Number of entries for attribute with variable scope

Syntax

`nentries = cdflib.getNumAttrEntries(cdfId,attrNum)`

Description

`nentries = cdflib.getNumAttrEntries(cdfId,attrNum)` returns the number of entries for the specified attribute in the Common Data Format (CDF) file.

`cdfId` identifies the CDF file.`attrNum` is a numeric value that specifies the attribute. Attribute numbers are zero-based. The attribute must have variable scope.

Examples

Open the example CDF, find an attribute with variable scope, and determine how many entries are associated with the attribute:

```
cdfid = cdflib.open('example.cdf');

% The fourth attribute has variable scope
attrNum = cdflib.getAttrScope(cdfid,3)

attrNum =

VARIABLE_SCOPE

% Detemine the number of entries for the attribute
attrEntries = cdflib.getNumAttrgEntries(cdfid,attrNum)

attrEntries =

     4

% Clean up
cdflib.close(cdfid);

clear cdfid
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFgetNumAttrzEntries`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.getAttrScope`

Tutorials

- "Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"
- "Exporting to Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"

Purpose

Number of entries for attribute with global scope

Syntax

`nentries = cdflib.getNumAttrgEntries(cdfId,attrNum)`

Description

`nentries = cdflib.getNumAttrgEntries(cdfId,attrNum)` returns the number of entries written for the specified global attribute in the Common Data Format (CDF) file.

`cdfId` identifies the CDF file. `attrNum` is a numeric value that identifies the attribute. Attribute numbers are zero-based. The attribute must have global scope.

Examples

Open the example CDF and find out how many entries are associated with a global attribute in the file.

```
cdfid = cdflib.open('example.cdf');

% The first attribute is a global attribute.
attrgEntries = cdflib.getNumAttrgEntries(cdfid,0)

attrgEntries =

     3

% Clean up
cdflib.close(cdfid);

clear cdfid
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFgetNumAttrgEntries`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.getNumAttrEntries`

Tutorials

- "Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"

- “Exporting to Common Data File Format (CDF) Files”

Purpose Number of attributes with variable scope

Syntax

```
numAtts = cdflib.getNumAttributes(cdfId)
```

Description

`numAtts = cdflib.getNumAttributes(cdfId)` returns the total number of attributes with variable scope in a Common Data Format (CDF) file. `cdfId` identifies the CDF file.

Examples

Open the example CDF and find out how many attributes in the file have variable scope:

```
cdfid = cdflib.open('example.cdf');

% Determine the number of attributes with variable scope
numAttrs = cdflib.getNumAttributes(cdfid)

numAttrs =

     1

% Clean up
cdflib.close(cdfid);

clear cdfid
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFgetNumvAttributes`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.getNumgAttributes`

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cdflib.getNumgAttributes

Purpose

Number of attributes with global scope

Syntax

```
ngatts = cdflib.getNumgAttributes(cdfId)
```

Description

`ngatts = cdflib.getNumgAttributes(cdfId)` returns the total number of global attributes in a Common Data Format (CDF) file. `cdfId` identifies the CDF file.

Examples

Open the example CDF and find out how many global attributes are in the file:

```
cdfid = cdflib.open('example.cdf');

% Determine the number of global attributes in the file.
numgAttrs = cdflib.getNumgAttributes(cdfid,0)

numgAttrs =

     3

% Clean up
cdflib.close(cdfid);

clear cdfid
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFgetNumgAttributes`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.getNumAttributes`

Tutorials

- "Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"
- "Exporting to Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"

Purpose

Read-only mode

Syntax

```
mode = cdflib.getReadOnlyMode(cdfId)
```

Description

mode = `cdflib.getReadOnlyMode(cdfId)` returns the read-only mode of a Common Data Format (CDF) file.

Inputs

`cdfId`

Identifier of a CDF file, returned by a call to `cdflib.create` or `cdflib.open`.

Output Arguments

`mode`

Either of the following text strings or its numeric equivalent.

`'READONLYon'`	CDF is in read-only mode
`'READONLYoff'`	CDF can be modified.

To get the numeric equivalent of these text strings, use `cdflib.getConstantValue`.

Examples

Open the example CDF file and determine its current read-only status:

```
cdfId = cdflib.open('example.cdf');

mode = cdflib.getReadOnlyMode(cdfId)

mode =

READONLYoff

% Clean up.
cdflib.close(cdfId);
clear cdfId
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFgetReadOnlyMode`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.setReadOnlyMode` | `cdflib.getConstantValue`

Tutorials

- "Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"
- "Exporting to Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"

Purpose Number of cache buffers for staging

Syntax

```
numBuffers = cdflib.getStageCacheSize(cdfId)
```

Description `numBuffers = cdflib.getStageCacheSize(cdfId)` returns the number of cache buffers used for the staging scratch file of the Common Data Format (CDF) file. For more information about cache buffers, see the *CDF User's Guide*.

`cdfId` identifies the CDF file.

Examples Open the example CDF file and determine the number of cache buffers used for staging:

```
cdfId = cdflib.open('example.cdf');

numBuf = cdflib.getStageCacheSize(cdfId)

numBuf =

   125

% Clean up
cdflib.close(cdfId)
clear cdfId
```

References This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFgetStageCacheSize`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also `cdflib.setStageCacheSize`

Tutorials

- "Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"
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cdflib.getValidate

Purpose

Library validation mode

Syntax

```
mode = cdflib.getValidate()
```

Description

`mode = cdflib.getValidate()` returns the validation mode of the Common Data Format (CDF) library.

Output Arguments

`mode`

Either of the following text strings or its numeric equivalent.

'VALIDATEFILEon'	Validation mode is on. For information about validation mode, see `cdflib.setValidate`.
'VALIDATEFILEoff'	Validation mode is off.

To get the numeric equivalent of these text strings, use `cdflib.getConstantValue`.

Examples

Determine the current validation mode of the CDF library.

```
mode = cdflib.getValidate()

mode =

'VALIDATEFILEon'
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFgetValidate`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.setValidate` | `cdflib.getConstantValue`

Tutorials

- “Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files”
- “Exporting to Common Data File Format (CDF) Files”

Purpose

Number of records allocated for variable

Syntax

`numrecs = cdflib.getVarAllocRecords(cdfId, varNum)`

Description

`numrecs = cdflib.getVarAllocRecords(cdfId, varNum)` returns the number of records allocated for a variable in a Common Data Format (CDF) file.

`cdfId` identifies the CDF file. `varNum` is a numeric value that identifies the variable. Variable numbers are zero-based.

Examples

Open example CDF and get the number of records allocated for a variable:

```
cdfid = cdflib.open('example.cdf');

% Determine the number of records allocated for the
% first variable in the file.
numrecs = cdflib.getVarAllocRecords(cdfid,0)

numrecs =

    64


%  Clean up
cdflib.close(cdfid)

clear cdfid
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFgetzVarAllocRecords`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.setVarAllocBlockRecords`

Tutorials

- "Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"
- "Exporting to Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"

Purpose

Blocking factor for variable

Syntax

```
blockingFactor = cdflib.getVarBlockingFactor(cdfId,varNum)
```

Description

`blockingFactor = cdflib.getVarBlockingFactor(cdfId,varNum)` returns the blocking factor for a variable in a Common Data Format (CDF) file. A variable's *blocking factor* specifies the minimum number of records the library allocates when you write to an unallocated record.

`cdfId` identifies the CDF file. `varNum` is a numeric value that identifies the variable. Variable numbers are zero-based.

Examples

Open the example CDF and determine the blocking factor of a variable.

```
cdfid = cdflib.open('example.cdf');

cdflib.getVarBlockingFactor(cdfid,0)

ans =

     0

%  Clean up
cdflib.close(cdfid)
clear cdfid
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFgetzVarBlockingFactor`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.setVarBlockingFactor`

Tutorials

- "Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"
- "Exporting to Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"

cdflib.getVarCacheSize

Purpose Number of multifile cache buffers

Syntax

```
numBuffers = cdflib.getVarCacheSize(cdfId,varNum)
```

Description `numBuffers = cdflib.getVarCacheSize(cdfId,varNum)` returns the number of cache buffers used for a variable in a Common Data Format (CDF) file.

`cdfId` identifies the CDF file. `varNum` is a numeric value that identifies the variable. Variable identifiers are zero-based.

This function applies only to multifile format CDFs. For more information about caching, see the *CDF User's Guide*.

Examples Create a multifile CDF and retrieve the number of buffers being used for a variable. To run this example, you must be in a writable folder.

```
cdfid = cdflib.create('your_file.cdf')

% Set the format of the file to be multi-file
cdflib.setFormat(cdfid,'MULTI_FILE');

% Create a variable in the file
varNum = cdflib.createVar(cdfid,'Time','cdf_int1',1,[],true,[]);

% Note how the library creates a separate file for the variable
ls your_file.*

your_file.cdf  your_file.z0

% Determine the number of cache buffers used with the variable
numBuf = cdflib.getVarCacheSize(cdfid,varNum)

numBuf =

     1

%  Clean up
```

```
cdflib.delete(cdfid);

clear cdfid
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFgetzVarCacheSize`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.setVarCacheSize`

Tutorials

- "Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"
- "Exporting to Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"

cdflib.getVarCompression

Purpose Information about compression used by variable

Syntax

```
[ctype,cparams,percent] = cdflib.getVarCompression(cdfId,
   varNum)
```

Description

`[ctype,cparams,percent] = cdflib.getVarCompression(cdfId, varNum)` returns information about the compression used for a variable in a Common Data Format (CDF) File.

Inputs

`cdfId`

Identifier of a CDF file, returned by a call to `cdflib.create` or `cdflib.open`.

Output Arguments

`ctype`

Text string identifying the type of compression. For a list of compression types, see `cdflib.setCompression`.

`cparams`

Any additional parameter required by the compression type.

`percent`

Numeric value indicating the level of compression, expressed as a percentage.

Examples

Open the example CDF file and check the compression settings of any variable.

```
cdfid = cdflib.open('example.cdf');

% Check the compression setting of any variable in the file
% The example checks the first variable (variable numbers are zero-base
[ctype params percent] = cdflib.getVarCompression(cdfid,0)

ctype =
```

```
NO_COMPRESSION


params =

     []


percent =

   100

% Clean up
cdflib.close(cdfid);
clear cdfid
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFgetzVarCompression`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.setCompression` | `cdflib.setVarCompression`

Tutorials

- "Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"
- "Exporting to Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"

cdflib.getVarData

Purpose Single value from record in variable

Syntax

```
datum = cdflib.getVarData(cdfId,varNum,recNum,indices)
```

Description

`datum = cdflib.getVarData(cdfId,varNum,recNum,indices)` returns a single value from a variable in a Common Data Format (CDF) file.

Inputs

`cdfId`

Identifier of a CDF file, returned by a call to `cdflib.create` or `cdflib.open`.

`varNum`

Numeric value identifying the variable containing the datum. Variable numbers are zero-based.

`recNum`

Numeric value identifying the location of the datum in the variable. In CDF terminology, this is called the *record number*. Record numbers are zero-based.

`indices`

Array of dimension indices within the record. Dimension indices are zero-based. If the variable has no dimensions, you can omit this parameter.

Output Arguments

`datum`

Value of the specified record.

Examples Open the example CDF file and retrieve data associated with a variable:

```
cdfid = cdflib.open('example.cdf');

% Determine how many variables are in the file.
info = cdflib.inquire(cdfid);
```

```
info.numVars

ans =

  5

% Determine if the first variable has dimensions.
varinfo = cdflib.inquireVar(cdfid,0);
vardims = varinfo.dims
vardims =

  []

% Get data from variable, without specifying dimensions.
datum = cdflib.getVarData(cdfid, varnum, recnum)

datum =

  6.3146e+013

% Get dimensions of another variable in file.
varinfo = cdflib.inquireVar(cdfid,3);
vardims = varinfo.dims
vardims =

  [4 2 2]

% Retrieve the first datum in the record. Indices are zero-based.
datum = cdflib.getVarData(cdfId,3,0,[0 0 0])

info =

    30

% Clean up.
cdflib.close(cdfid);
```

```
clear cdfid
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFgetzVarData`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.putVarData | cdflib.getVarRecordData | cdflib.hyperGetVarData`

Tutorials

- "Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"
- "Exporting to Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"

Purpose

Maximum allocated record number for variable

Syntax

```
maxrec = cdflib.getVarMaxAllocRecNum(cdfId,varNum)
```

Description

`maxrec = cdflib.getVarMaxAllocRecNum(cdfId,varNum)` returns the record number of the maximum allocated record for a variable in a Common Data Format (CDF) file.

`cdfId` identifies the CDF file. `varNum` is a numeric value that identifies the variable. Variable numbers and record numbers are zero-based.

Examples

Open example CDF and get the maximum allocated record number for a variable:

```
cdfid = cdflib.open('example.cdf');

% Determine maximum record number for variable in file.
maxRecNum = cdflib.getVarMaxAllocRecNum(cdfid,0)

maxRecNum =

    63

%  Clean up
cdflib.close(cdfid)

clear cdfid
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFgetzVarMaxAllocRecNum`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.getVarMaxWrittenRecNum`

Tutorials

- “Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files”

- “Exporting to Common Data File Format (CDF) Files”

Purpose

Maximum written record number for variable

Syntax

`maxrec = cdflib.getVarMaxwrittenRecNum(cdfId,varNum)`

Description

`maxrec = cdflib.getVarMaxwrittenRecNum(cdfId,varNum)` returns the record number of the maximum record written for a variable in a Common Data Format (CDF) file.

`cdfId` identifies the CDF file. `varNum` is a numeric value that identifies the variable. Variable numbers and record numbers are zero-based.

Examples

Open the example CDF, and then determine the maximum number of records written to a variable:

```
cdfid = cdflib.open('example.cdf');

% Determine the number records written to variable.
numRecs = cdflib.getVarNumRecsWritten(cdfid,0)

numRecs =

    24


% Determine the maximum record number of the records written
maxRecNum = cdflib.getVarMaxWrittenRecNum(cdfid,0)

maxRecNum =

    23

%  Clean up
cdflib.close(cdfid)

clear cdfid
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFgetzVarMaxWrittenRecNum`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.getVarMaxAllocRecNum` | `cdflib.getVarNumRecsWritten`

Tutorials

- "Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"
- "Exporting to Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"

Purpose

Variable name, given variable number

Syntax

```
name = cdflib.getVarName(cdfId,varNum)
```

Description

`name = cdflib.getVarName(cdfId,varNum)` returns the name of the variable in a Common Data Format (CDF) file.

`cdfId` identifies the CDF file. `varNum` is a numeric value that identifies the variable. Variable numbers are zero-based.`name` is a text string specifying the name.

Examples

Open the example CDF, and then get the name of a variable in the file:

```
cdfid = cdflib.open('example.cdf');

name = cdflib.getVarName(cdfid,1)

name =

Longitude

%  Clean up
cdflib.close(cdfid)

clear cdfid
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFgetzVarName`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.inquireVar`

Tutorials

- "Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"
- "Exporting to Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"

cdflib.getVarNum

Purpose Variable number, given variable name

Syntax `varNum = cdflib.getVarNum(cdfId,`*`varname`*`)`

Description `varNum = cdflib.getVarNum(cdfId,`*`varname`*`)` returns the identifier (variable number) for a variable in a Common Data Format (CDF) file.

`cdfId` identifies the CDF file. *`varname`* is a text string that identifies the variable. Variable names are case-sensitive.

Examples Open example CDF, and then get the number of a variable named `Longitude`:

```
cdfid = cdflib.open('example.cdf');

varNum = cdflib.getVarNum(cdfid,'Longitude')

varNum =

     1

%  Clean up
cdflib.close(cdfid);

clear cdfid
```

References This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFgetzVarNum`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also `cdflib.getVarName`

Tutorials

- "Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"
- "Exporting to Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"

Purpose

Number of records written to variable

Syntax

`numrecs = cdflib.getVarNumRecsWritten(cdfId,varNum)`

Description

`numrecs = cdflib.getVarNumRecsWritten(cdfId,varNum)` returns the total number of records written to a variable in a Common Data Format (CDF) file.

`cdfId` identifies the CDF file. `varNum` is a numeric value that identifies the variable. Variable numbers are zero-based.

Examples

Open the example CDF, and then determine the number of records written to a variable:

```
cdfid = cdflib.open('example.cdf');

% Determine the number of records written to the variable.
numRecs = cdflib.getVarNumRecsWritten(cdfid,0)

numRecs =

    24

%  Clean up
cdflib.close(cdfid)

clear cdfid
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFgetzVarNumRecsWritten`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.getVarMaxWrittenRecNum`

Tutorials

- "Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"

- “Exporting to Common Data File Format (CDF) Files”

Purpose

Pad value for variable

Syntax

`padvalue = cdflib.getVarPadValue(cdfId,varNum)`

Description

`padvalue = cdflib.getVarPadValue(cdfId,varNum)` returns the pad value used with a variable in a Common Data Format (CDF) file.

`cdfId` identifies the CDF file. `varNum` is a numeric value that identifies the variable. Variable numbers are zero-based.

Examples

Open the example CDF, and then determine the pad value for a variable:

```
cdfid = cdflib.open('example.cdf');

% Check pad value of variable in the file.
padval = cdflib.getVarPadValue(cdfid,0)

padval =

     0

%  Clean up.
cdflib.close(cdfid);

clear cdfid
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFgetzVarPadValue`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.setVarPadValue`

Tutorials

- "Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"
- "Exporting to Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"

cdflib.getVarRecordData

Purpose Entire record for variable

Syntax

```
data = cdflib.getVarRecordData(cdfId,varNum,recNum)
```

Description

`data = cdflib.getVarRecordData(cdfId,varNum,recNum)` returns the data in a record associated with a variable in a Common Data Format (CDF) file.

Inputs

`cdfId`

Identifier of a CDF file, returned by a call to `cdflib.create` or `cdflib.open`.

`varNum`

Numeric value that identifies the variable in the CDF file. Variable numbers are zero-based.

`recNum`

Numeric value that identifies the record in the variable. Record numbers are zero-based.

Output Arguments

`data`

Data in the record.

Examples

Open the example CDF, and then get the data associated with a record in a variable:

```
cdfid = cdflib.open('example.cdf');

% Get data in first record in first variable in file.
recData = cdflib.getVarRecordData(cdfid,0,0)

recData =

   6.3146e+013
```

```
%  Clean up
cdflib.close(cdfid)

clear cdfid
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFgetzVarRecordData`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.putVarRecordData` | `cdflib.getVarData` | `cdflib.hyperGetVarData`

Tutorials

- "Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"
- "Exporting to Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"

cdflib.getVarReservePercent

Purpose

Compression reserve percentage for variable

Syntax

`percent = cdflib.getVarReservePercent(cdfId,varNum)`

Description

`percent = cdflib.getVarReservePercent(cdfId,varNum)` returns the compression reserve percentage for a variable in a Common Data Format (CDF) file. This operation only applies to compressed variables.

`cdfId` identifies the CDF file. `varNum` is a numeric value that identifies the variable. Variable numbers are zero-based.

Definitions

reserve percentage

Specifies how much extra space to allocate for a compressed variable. This extra space allows the variable to expand when you write additional records to the variable. If you do not specify this room for growth, the library has to move the variable to the end of the file when the size expands and the space at the original location of the variable becomes wasted space.

By default, the reserve percent is `0` (no extra space is reserved). You can specify any percentage between `1` and `100` and values greater than `100`. The value specifies the percentage of the uncompressed size of the variable.

Examples

Create a CDF file, create a variable in the CDF, and then determine the reserve percent for the variable. To run this example, you must be in a writable folder.

```
cdfid = cdflib.create('your_file.cdf');

% Create a variable in the file.
varNum = cdflib.createVar(cdfid,'Grades','cdf_int1',1,[],true,[]);

% Determine the reserve percentage for the variable.
resPercent = cdflib.getVarReservePercent(cdfid,varNum);

resPercent =
```

```
     0

% Clean up
cdflib.delete(cdfid)

clear cdfid
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFgetzVarReservePercent`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.setVarReservePercent`

Tutorials

- "Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"
- "Exporting to Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"

cdflib.getVarSparseRecords

Purpose Information about how variable handles sparse records

Syntax `stype = cdflib.getVarSparseRecords(cdfId,varNum)`

Description `stype = cdflib.getVarSparseRecords(cdfId,varNum)` returns information about how a variable in the Common Data Format (CDF) file handles sparse records.

Inputs `cdfId`

Identifier of a CDF file, returned by a call to `cdflib.create` or `cdflib.open`.

`varNum`

Numeric value that identifies the variable. Variable numbers are zero-based.

Outputs *`stype`*

One of the following text strings, or its numeric equivalent, that specifies how the variable handles sparse records.

Text String	Description
`'NO_SPARSERECORDS'`	No sparse records.
`'PAD_SPARSERECORDS'`	For sparse records, the library uses the variable's pad value when reading values from a missing record.
`'PREV_SPARSERECORDS'`	For sparse records, the library uses values from the previous existing record when reading values from a missing record. If there is no previous existing record, the library uses the variable's pad value.

To get the numeric equivalent of these text strings, use `cdflib.getConstantValue`.

Examples

Open the example CDF, and then get the sparse record type of a variable in the file:

```
cdfid = cdflib.open('example.cdf');

stype = cdflib.getVarSparseRecords(cdfid,0)

stype =

NO_SPARSERECORDS

%Clean up
cdflib.close(cdfid);

clear cdfid
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFgetzVarSparseRecords`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.setVarSparseRecords`

Tutorials

- “Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files”
- “Exporting to Common Data File Format (CDF) Files”

cdflib.getVersion

Purpose Common Data Format (CDF) library version and release information

Syntax

```
[version,release,increment] = cdflib.getVersion(cdfId)
```

Description

`[version,release,increment] = cdflib.getVersion(cdfId)` returns information about the version of the Common Data Format (CDF) library used to create a CDF file.

Inputs

`cdfId`

Identifier of a CDF file, returned by a call to `cdflib.create` or `cdflib.open`.

Output Arguments

`version`

Numeric value indicating the version number of the CDF library.

`release`

Numeric value indicating the release number of the CDF library.

`increment`

Numeric value indicating the increment number of the CDF library.

Examples

Open the example CDF file, and then find out the version of the CDF library used to create it:

```
cdfId = cdflib.open('example.cdf');

[version, release, increment] = cdflib.getVersion(cdfId)

version =

     2

release =
```

```
          7

    increment =

          8

    % Clean up
    cdflib.close(cdfId)
    clear cdfId
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFgetVersion`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.getLibraryVersion`

Tutorials

- "Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"
- "Exporting to Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"

cdflib.hyperGetVarData

Purpose

Read hyperslab of data from variable

Syntax

`data = cdflib.hyperGetVarData(cdfId,varNum,recSpec,dimSpec)`

Description

`data = cdflib.hyperGetVarData(cdfId,varNum,recSpec,dimSpec)` reads a hyperslab of data from a variable in the Common Data Format (CDF) file. Hyper access allows more than one value to be read from or written to a variable with a single call to the CDF library.

Inputs

`cdfId`

Identifier of a CDF file, returned by a call to `cdflib.create` or `cdflib.open`.

`varNum`

Number identifying the variable containing the datum.

`recSpec`

Three-element array, `[RSTART RCOUNT RSTRIDE]`, where `RSTART`, `RCOUNT`, and `RSTRIDE` are scalar values specifying the starting record, number of records to read, and the sampling interval or stride between records. Record numbers are zero-based.

`dimSpec`

Three-element cell array, `{DSTART DCOUNT DSTRIDE}`, where `DSTART`, `DCOUNT`, and `DSTRIDE` are n-element vectors that describe the start, number of values along each dimension, and sampling interval along each dimension. If the hyperslab has zero dimensions, you can omit this parameter. Dimension indices are zero-based.

Examples

Open the example CDF file, and then get all the data associated with a variable:

```
cdfid = cdflib.open('example.cdf');

% Determine the number of records allocated for the first variable in t
```

```
maxRecNum = cdflib.getVarMaxWrittenRecNum(cdfid,0);

% Retrieve all data in records for variable.
data = cdflib.hyperGetVarData(cdfid,0,[0 maxRecNum 1]);

%  Clean up
cdflib.close(cdfid)

clear cdfid
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFhyperGetzVarData`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.hyperPutVarData`

Tutorials

- "Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"
- "Exporting to Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"

cdflib.hyperPutVarData

Purpose

Write hyperslab of data to variable

Syntax

`cdflib.hyperPutVarData(cdfId,varNum,recSpec,dimSpec,data)`

Description

`cdflib.hyperPutVarData(cdfId,varNum,recSpec,dimSpec,data)` writes a hyperslab of data to a variable in a Common Data Format (CDF) file. Hyper access allows more than one value to be read from or written to a variable with a single call to the CDF library.

Inputs

`cdfId`

Identifier of a CDF file, returned by a call to `cdflib.create` or `cdflib.open`.

`varNum`

Specifies the variable containing the datum.

`recSpec`

Three-element array described by `[RSTART RCOUNT RSTRIDE]`, where `RSTART`, `RCOUNT`, and `RSTRIDE` are scalar values giving the start, number of records, and sampling interval (or stride) between records. Record indices are zero-based.

`dimSpec`

Three-element cell array described by `{DSTART DCOUNT DSTRIDE}`, where `DSTART`, `DCOUNT`, and `DSTRIDE` are n-element vectors that describe the start, number of values along each dimension, and sampling interval along each dimension. If the hyperslab has zero dimensions, you can omit this parameter. Dimension indices are zero-based.

`data`

Data to write to the variable.

Examples

Create a CDF, create a variable, and then write a slab of data to the variable. To run this example, you must be in a writable folder.

```
cdfid = cdflib.create('your_file.cdf');

% Create a variable in the file.
varNum = cdflib.createVar(cdfid,'Grades','cdf_int1',1,[],true,[]);

% Write data to the variable
cdflib.hyperPutVarData(cdfid,varNum,0,[],int8(98))


%Clean up
cdflib.delete(cdfid);
clear cdfid
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFhyperzPutVarData`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.hyperGetVarData`

Tutorials

- "Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"
- "Exporting to Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"

cdflib.inquire

Purpose

Basic characteristics of Common Data Format (CDF) file

Syntax

`info = cdflib.inquire(cdfId)`

Description

`info = cdflib.inquire(cdfId)` returns basic information about a Common Data Format (CDF) file.

Inputs

`cdfId`

Identifier of a CDF file, returned by a call to `cdflib.create` or `cdflib.open`.

Output Arguments

`info`

A structure containing the following fields:

Field	Description
`encoding`	Encoding of the variable data and attribute entry data
`majority`	Majority of the variable data
`maxRec`	Maximum record number written to a CDF variable
`numVars`	Number of CDF variables
`numvAttrs`	Number of attributes with variable scope
`numgAttrs`	Number of attributes with global scope

Examples

Open the example CDF file, and then get basic information about the file:

```
cdfId = cdflib.open('example.cdf');

info = cdflib.inquire(cdfId)

info =
```

```
       encoding: 'IBMPC_ENCODING'
       majority: 'ROW_MAJOR'
         maxRec: 23
        numVars: 5
      numvAttrs: 1
      numgAttrs: 3
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routines `CDFinquireCDF` and `CDFgetNumgAttributes`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.inquireVar`

Tutorials

- "Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"
- "Exporting to Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"

cdflib.inquireAttr

Purpose Information about attribute

Syntax

```
info = cdflib.inquireAttr(cdfId,attrNum)
```

Description

`info = cdflib.inquireAttr(cdfId,attrNum)` returns information about an attribute in a Common Data Format (CDF) file.

Inputs

`cdfId`

Identifier of a CDF file, returned by a call to `cdflib.create` or `cdflib.open`.

`attrNum`

Numeric value that identifies the attribute in the file. Attribute numbers are zero-based.

Output Arguments

`info`

Structure containing the following fields.

Field	Description
`name`	Attribute's name
`scope`	Either `'GLOBAL_SCOPE'` or `'VARIABLE_SCOPE'`
`maxgEntry`	The maximum entry number used for global attributes.
`maxEntry`	The maximum entry number used for attributes with variable scope.

Examples

Open the example CDF, and then get information about the first attribute in the file.

```
cdfid = cdflib.open('example.cdf');

% Get information about an attribute
```

```
info = cdflib.inquireAttr(cdfid,0)

info =

         name: 'SampleAttribute'
        scope: 'GLOBAL_SCOPE'
    maxgEntry: 4
     maxEntry: -1

% Clean up
cdflib.close(cdfid);

clear cdfid
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFinquireAttr`. To use this function, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.inquireAttrgEntry` | `cdflib.inquireAttrEntry`

Tutorials

- "Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"
- "Exporting to Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"

cdflib.inquireAttrEntry

Purpose

Information about entry in attribute with variable scope

Syntax

```
[datatype,numElements] = cdflib.inquireAttrEntry(cdfId,
   attrNum,entryNum)
```

Description

`[datatype,numElements] = cdflib.inquireAttrEntry(cdfId,attrNum,entryNum)` returns the data type and the number of elements for an attribute entry in a Common Data Format (CDF) file.

Inputs

`cdfId`

Identifier of a CDF file, returned by a call to `cdflib.create` or `cdflib.open`.

`attrNum`

Numeric value identifying an attribute in the file. Attribute numbers are zero-based. The attribute must have variable scope.

`entryNum`

Numeric value identifying the entry in the attribute. Entry number are zero-based.

Output Arguments

`datatype`

Text string identifying a CDF data type. For a list of CDF data types, see `cdflib.putAttrEntry`

`numElements`

Numeric value indicating the number of elements in the entry.

Examples

Open example CDF, and then get information about entries associated with an attribute in the file:

```
cdfid = cdflib.open('example.cdf');

% The fourth attribute is of variable scope.
```

```
attrscope = cdflib.getAttrScope(cdfid,3)

attrscope =

VARIABLE_SCOPE

% Get information about the first entry for this attribute
[dtype numel] = cdflib.inquireAttrEntry(cdfid,3,0)

dtype =

cdf_char


numel =

    10


% Clean up
cdflib.close(cdfid);

clear cdfid
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFinquireAttrzEntry`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.inquireAttr` | `cdflib.getAttrScope`

Tutorials

- “Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files”
- “Exporting to Common Data File Format (CDF) Files”

cdflib.inquireAttrgEntry

Purpose

Information about entry in attribute with global scope

Syntax

```
[datatype,numElements] = cdflib.inquireAttrgEntry(cdfId,
   attrNum,entryNum)
```

Description

`[datatype,numElements] = cdflib.inquireAttrgEntry(cdfId,attrNum,entryNum)` returns the data type and the number of elements for a global attribute entry in a Common Data Format (CDF) file.

Inputs

`cdfId`

Identifier of a CDF file, returned by a call to `cdflib.create` or `cdflib.open`.

`attrNum`

Numeric value identifying an attribute in the file. Attribute numbers are zero-based. The attribute must have global scope.

`entryNum`

Numeric value identifying the entry in the attribute. Entry number are zero-based.

Output Arguments

`datatype`

Text string identifying a CDF data type. For a list of CDF data types, see `cdflib.putAttrgEntry`

`numElements`

Numeric value indicating the number of elements in the entry.

Examples

Open the example CDF, and then get information about entries associated with a global attribute in the file.

```
cdfid = cdflib.open('example.cdf');

% Any of the first three attributes have global scope.
```

```
attrscope = cdflib.getAttrScope(cdfid,0)

attrscope =

GLOBAL_SCOPE

% Get information about the first entry for this attribute
[dtype numel] = cdflib.inquireAttrgEntry(cdfid,0,0)

dtype =

cdf_char


numel =

    23


% Clean up
cdflib.close(cdfid);

clear cdfid
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFinquireAttrgEntry`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.inquireAttr` | `cdflib.inquireAttrEntry`

Tutorials

- "Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"
- "Exporting to Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"

cdflib.inquireVar

Purpose

Information about variable

Syntax

```
info = cdflib.inquireVar(cdfId,varNum)
```

Description

`info = cdflib.inquireVar(cdfId,varNum)` returns information about a variable in a Common Data Format (CDF) file.

Input Arguments

`cdfId`

Identifier of a CDF file, returned by a call to `cdflib.create` or `cdflib.open`.

`varNum`

Numeric value that identifies the variable. Variable numbers are zero-based.

Output Arguments

`info`

Structure containing the following fields.

Field	Description
`name`	Name of the variable
`datatype`	Data type
`numElements`	Number of elements of the datatype
`dims`	Sizes of the dimensions
`recVariance`	Record variance
`dimVariance`	Dimension variances

Record and dimension variances affect how the library physically stores variable data. For example, if a variable has a record variance of `VARY`, the library physically stores each record. If the record variance is `NOVARY`, the library only stores one record.

Examples

Open the example CDF file and get information about a variable.

```
cdfid = cdflib.open('example.cdf');

% Determine if the file contains variables
info  = cdflib.inquireVar(cdfid,1)

info =

           name: 'Longitude'
       datatype: 'cdf_int1'
    numElements: 1
           dims: [2 2]
    recVariance: 0
    dimVariance: [1 0]
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFinquirezVar`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.inquire`

Tutorials

- “Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files”
- “Exporting to Common Data File Format (CDF) Files”

cdflib.open

Purpose

Open existing Common Data Format (CDF) file

Syntax

`cdfId = cdflib.open(filename)`

Description

`cdfId = cdflib.open(`*`filename`*`)` opens an existing Common Data Format (CDF) file. *`filename`* is a text string that identifies the file.

This function returns a CDF file identifier, `cdfId`.

All CDF files opened this way have the `zMode` set to `zModeon2`. Refer to the *CDF User's Guide* for information about `zModes`.

Examples

Open the example CDF file:

```
cdfId = cdflib.open('example.cdf');

% Clean up
cdflib.close(cdfId)

clear cdfId
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFopenCDF`. To use this function, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.close` | `cdflib.create`

Tutorials

- "Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"
- "Exporting to Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"

Purpose

Write value to entry in attribute with variable scope

Syntax

```
cdflib.putAttrEntry(cdfId,attrNum,entryNum,CDFDataType,
   entryVal)
```

Description

`cdflib.putAttrEntry(cdfId,attrNum,entryNum,CDFDataType,entryVal)` writes a value to an attribute entry in a Common Data Format (CDF) file.

Inputs

`cdfId`

Identifier of a CDF file, returned by a call to `cdflib.create` or `cdflib.open`.

`attrNum`

Number identifying attribute. The attribute must have variable scope. Attribute numbers are zero-based.

`entryNum`

Number identifying entry. Entry numbers are zero-based.

`CDFdatatype`

One of the following text strings, or its numeric equivalent, that specify the data type of the attribute entry.

CDF Data Type	MATLAB Equivalent
`CDF_BYTE`	1-byte, signed integer
`CDF_CHAR`	1 byte, signed character data type that maps to the MATLAB `char` class
`CDF_INT1`	1-byte, signed integer.
`CDF_UCHAR`	1 byte, unsigned character data type that maps to the MATLAB `uint8` class
`CDF_UINT1`	1-byte, unsigned integer
`CDF_INT2`	2-byte, signed integer

CDF Data Type	MATLAB Equivalent
CDF_UINT2	2-byte, unsigned integer.
CDF_INT4	4-byte, signed integer
CDF_UINT4	4-byte, unsigned integer
CDF_FLOAT	4-byte, floating point
CDF_REAL4	4-byte, floating point
CDF_REAL8	8-byte, floating point.
CDF_DOUBLE	8-byte, floating point
CDF_EPOCH	8-byte, floating point
CDF_EPOCH16	two 8-byte, floating point

`entryVal`

Data to be written to attribute entry.

Examples

Create a CDF and create an attribute with variable scope in the file. Write a value to an entry in the attribute. To run this example, you must be in a writable folder.

```
cdfid = cdflib.create('your_file.cdf');

% Initially the file contains no attributes, global or variable.
info = cdflib.inquire(cdfid)

info =

     encoding: 'IBMPC_ENCODING'
     majority: 'ROW_MAJOR'
       maxRec: -1
      numVars: 0
    numvAttrs: 0
    numgAttrs: 0
```

```
% Create an attribute of variable scope in the file.
attrNum = cdflib.createAttr(cdfid,'Another Attribute','variable_sco

% Write a value to an entry for the attribute
cdflib.putAttrEntry(cdfid,attrNum,0,'CDF_CHAR','My Variable Attribu

% Get the value of the global attribute entry
value = cdflib.getAttrEntry(cdfid,attrNum,0)

value =

My Variable Attribute Test


% Clean up
cdflib.delete(cdfid);

clear cdfid
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFputAttrzEntry`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.getAttrEntry` | `cdflib.putAttrgEntry` | `cdflib.getAttrgEntry` | `cdflib.getConstantValue`

Tutorials

- "Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"
- "Exporting to Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"

cdflib.putAttrgEntry

Purpose

Write value to entry in attribute with global scope

Syntax

```
cdflib.putAttrgEntry(cdfId,attrNum,entryNum,cdfDataType,
   entryVal)
```

Description

`cdflib.putAttrgEntry(cdfId,attrNum,entryNum,cdfDataType,entryVal)` writes a value to a global attribute entry in a Common Data Format (CDF) file.

Inputs

`cdfId`

Identifier of a CDF file, returned by a call to `cdflib.create` or `cdflib.open`.

`attrNum`

Number identifying attribute. Attribute numbers are zero-based. The attribute must have global scope.

`entryNum`

Number identifying entry. Entry numbers are zero-based.

`CDFdatatype`

One of the following text strings that specify the data type of the attribute entry, or its numeric equivalent.

CDF Data Type	MATLAB Equivalent
CDF_BYTE	1-byte, signed integer
CDF_CHAR	1 byte, signed character data type that maps to the MATLAB `char` class
CDF_INT1	1-byte, signed integer.
CDF_UCHAR	1 byte, unsigned character data type that maps to the MATLAB `uint8` class
CDF_UINT1	1-byte, unsigned integer
CDF_INT2	2-byte, signed integer

CDF Data Type	MATLAB Equivalent
CDF_UINT2	2-byte, unsigned integer.
CDF_INT4	4-byte, signed integer
CDF_UINT4	4-byte, unsigned integer
CDF_FLOAT	4-byte, floating point
CDF_REAL4	4-byte, floating point
CDF_REAL8	8-byte, floating point.
CDF_DOUBLE	8-byte, floating point
CDF_EPOCH	8-byte, floating point
CDF_EPOCH16	two 8-byte, floating point

entryVal

Data to be written to global attribute entry.

Examples

Create a CDF and create a global attribute in the file. Write a value to an entry in the attribute. To run this example, you must be in a writable folder.

```
cdfid = cdflib.create('your_file.cdf');

% Initially the file contains no attributes, global or variable.
info = cdflib.inquire(cdfid)

info =

     encoding: 'IBMPC_ENCODING'
     majority: 'ROW_MAJOR'
       maxRec: -1
      numVars: 0
    numvAttrs: 0
    numgAttrs: 0
```

```
% Create a global attribute in the file.
attrNum = cdflib.createAttr(cdfid,'Purpose','global_scope');

% Write a value to an entry for the global attribute
cdflib.putAttrgEntry(cdfid,attrNum,0,'CDF_CHAR','My Test');

% Get the value of the global attribute entry
value = cdflib.getAttrgEntry(cdfid,attrNum,0)

value =

My Test

% Clean up
cdflib.delete(cdfid);

clear cdfid
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFputAttrgEntry`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.getAttrgEntry` | `cdflib.putAttrEntry` | `cdflib.getAttrEntry` | `cdflib.getConstantValue`

Tutorials

- "Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"
- "Exporting to Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"

Purpose

Write single value to variable

Syntax

`cdflib.putVarData(cdfId,varNum,recNum,indices,datum)`

Description

`cdflib.putVarData(cdfId,varNum,recNum,indices,datum)` writes a single value to a variable in a Common Data File (CDF) file.

Inputs

`cdfId`

Identifier of a CDF file, returned by a call to `cdflib.create` or `cdflib.open`.

`varNum`

Numeric value that identifies the variable to which you want to write the datum. Variable numbers are zero-based.

`recNum`

Numeric value that identifies the record to which you want to write the datum. Record numbers are zero-based.

`dims`

Dimension indices within the record. Dimension indices are zero-based.

`datum`

Data to be written to the variable.

Examples

Create a CDF, create a variable in the CDF and write data to the variable. To run this example, you must have write permission in the current folder.

```
cdfid = cdflib.create('your_file.cdf');

% Create a variable in the file.
varNum = cdflib.createVar(cdfid,'Grades','cdf_int1',1,[],true,[]);

% Write some data to the variable
```

```
cdflib.putVarData(cdfid,varNum,0,[],int8(98))

% Read the value from the variable.
datum = cdflib.getVarData(cdfid,varNum,0)

datum =

   98

%Clean up
cdflib.delete(cdfid);
clear cdfid
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFputzVarData`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.getVarData` | `cdflib.getVarRecordData` | `cdflib.hyperGetVarData`

Tutorials

- "Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"
- "Exporting to Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"

Purpose

Write entire record to variable

Syntax

```
cdflib.putVarRecordData(cdfId,varNum,recNum,recordData)
```

Description

`cdflib.putVarRecordData(cdfId,varNum,recNum,recordData)` writes data to a record in a variable in a Common Data Format (CDF) file.

Inputs

`cdfId`

Identifier of a CDF file, returned by a call to `cdflib.create` or `cdflib.open`.

`varNum`

Numeric value that identifies the variable to which you want to write the datum. Variable numbers are zero-based.

`recNum`

Numeric value identifying the location of the datum in the variable. Record numbers are zero-based.

`recordData`

Data to be written to the variable.

Examples

Create a CDF, create a variable, and write an entire record of data to the variable. To run this example, you must be in a writable folder.

```
cdfid = cdflib.create('your_file.cdf');

% Create a variable in the file.
varNum = cdflib.createVar(cdfid,'Grades','cdf_int1',1,[],true,[]);

% Write some data to the variable
cdflib.putVarRecordData(cdfid,varNum,0,[],int8(98))

% Read the value from the variable.
datum = cdflib.getVarData(cdfid,varNum,0)
```

```
datum =

   98

%Clean up
cdflib.delete(cdfid);
clear cdfid
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFputzVarRecordData`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.getVarRecordData` | `cdflib.putVarData` | `cdflib.hyperPutVarData`

Tutorials

- "Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"
- "Exporting to Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"

Purpose

Rename existing attribute

Syntax

`cdflib.renameAttr(cdfId,attrNum,newName)`

Description

`cdflib.renameAttr(cdfId,attrNum,newName)` renames an attribute in a Common Data Format (CDF) file.

`cdfId` identifies the CDF file. `attrNum` is a numeric value that identifies the attribute. Attribute numbers are zero-based. `newName` is a text string that specifies the name you want to assign to the attribute.

Examples

Create a CDF, create an attribute in the CDF, and then rename the attribute. To run this example, you must be in a writable folder.

```
cdfid = cdflib.create('your_file.cdf');

% Create an attribute
attrNum = cdflib.createAttr(cdfid,'Purpose','global_scope');

% Rename the attribute
cdflib.renameAttr(cdfid, attrNum, 'NewPurpose');

% Check the name of the attribute
attrName = cdflib.getAttrName(cdfid,anum)

attrName =

NewPurpose

% Clean up
cdflib.delete(cdfid);

clear cdfid
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFrenameAttr`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the

cdflib.renameAttr

CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.createAttr`

Tutorials

- "Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"
- "Exporting to Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"

Purpose

Rename existing variable

Syntax

`cdflib.renameVar(cdfId,varNum,newName)`

Description

`cdflib.renameVar(cdfId,varNum,newName)` renames a variable in a Common Data Format (CDF) file.

`cdfId` identifies the CDF file. `varNum` is a numeric value that identifies the variable. Variable numbers are zero-based. `newName` is a text string that specifies the name you want to assign to the variable.

Examples

Create a CDF, create a variable in the CDF, and then rename the variable. To run this example, you must be in a writable folder.

```
cdfid = cdflib.create('your_file.cdf');

% Create a variable in the file.
varNum = cdflib.createVar(cdfid,'Time','cdf_int1',1,[],true,[]);

% Get the name of the variable.
name = cdflib.getVarName(cdfid,varNum)

name =

Time

% Rename the variable
cdflib.renameVar(cdfid,varNum,'NewName');

% Check the new name.
name = cdflib.getVarName(cdfid,varNum)

name =

NewName

%  Clean up
```

```
cdflib.delete(cdfid)

clear cdfid
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFrenamezVar`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.createVar`

Tutorials

- "Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"
- "Exporting to Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"

Purpose

Specify number of dotCDF cache buffers

Syntax

`cdflib.setCacheSize(cdfId,numBuffers)`

Description

`cdflib.setCacheSize(cdfId,numBuffers)` specifies the number of cache buffers the CDF library uses for an open dotCDF file. A *dotCDF* file is a file with the `.cdf` file extension.

`cdfId` identifies an open CDF file. `numBuffers` is a numeric value that specifies the number of buffers.

For information about cache schemes, see the *CDF User's Guide*.

Examples

Create a CDF file and set the cache size. To run this example, you must have write permission in your current folder.

```
cdfId = cdflib.create('your_file.cdf');

% Get the default cache size
numBuf = cdflib.getCacheSize(cdfid)

numBuf =

   300

% Specify a cache size
cdflib.setCacheSize(cdfid,150)

% Check the cache size again
numBuf =  cdflib.getCacheSize(cdfid)

numBuf =

   150

% Clean up
cdflib.delete(cdfId)
clear cdfId
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFsetCacheSize`. To use this function, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.getCacheSize`

Tutorials

- "Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"
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Purpose

Specify checksum mode

Syntax

`cdflib.setChecksum(cdfId,mode)`

Description

`cdflib.setChecksum(cdfId,mode)` specifies the checksum mode of a Common Data Format (CDF) file.

Inputs

`cdfId`

Identifier of a CDF file, returned by a call to `cdflib.create` or `cdflib.open`.

`mode`

Either of the following text strings, or its numeric equivalent. To get the numeric equivalent of these values, use `cdflib.getConstantValue`.

'MD5_CHECKSUM'	Sets file checksum to MD5 checksum.
'NO_CHECKSUM'	File does not use a checksum.

Examples

Create a CDF file and set the checksum mode. To run this example, you must be in a writable folder.

```
cdfid = cdflib.create('mycdf.cdf');

% Check initial value of checksum.
mode = cdflib.getChecksum(cdfid)

NO_CHECKSUM

cdflib.setChecksum(cdfid,'MD5_CHECKSUM')

% Verify the setting
mode = cdflib.getChecksum(cdfid)

MD5_CHECKSUM
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFsetChecksum`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.getChecksum` | `cdflib.getConstantValue`

Tutorials

- "Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"
- "Exporting to Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"

Purpose

Specify compression settings

Syntax

`cdflib.setCompression(cdfId,ctype,cparms)`

Description

`cdflib.setCompression(cdfId,ctype,cparms)` specifies compression settings of a Common Data Format (CDF) file.

This function sets the compression for the CDF file itself, not that of any variables in the file.

Inputs

`cdfId`

Identifier of a CDF file, returned by a call to `cdflib.create` or `cdflib.open`.

`ctype`

One of the following text strings, or its numeric equivalent, specifying compression type.

Text String	Compression Type
'NO_COMPRESSION'	No compression
'RLE_COMPRESSION'	Run-length encoding compression
'HUFF_COMPRESSION'	Huffman compression
'AHUFF_COMPRESSION'	Adaptive Huffman compression
'GZIP_COMPRESSION'	GNU's zip compression

To get the numeric equivalent, use `cdflib.getConstantValue`.

`cparms`

Optional parameter specifying any additional parameters required by the compression type. Currently, the only compression type that uses this parameter is `'GZIP_COMPRESSION'`. For this compression type, use `cparms` to specify the level of compression as a numeric value between 1 and 9.

Examples

Create a CDF file and set the compression setting of the file. To run this example, your current folder must be writable.

```
cdfId = cdflib.create('your_file.cdf');

% Determine the file's default compression setting
[ctype, cparms, cpercent ] = cdflib.getCompression(cdfId)

ctype =

NO_COMPRESSION

cparms =

     []

cpercent =

   100

% Specify new compression setting
cdflib.setCompression(cdfId,'HUFF_COMPRESSION');

% Check the file's compression setting.
[ctype, cparms, cpercent ] = cdflib.getCompression(cdfId)

ctype =

HUFF_COMPRESSION

cparms =

OPTIMAL_ENCODING_TREES


cpercent =
```

```
     0

% Clean up
cdflib.delete(cdfId)
clear cdfId
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFsetCompression`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.getCompression` | `cdflib.getConstantValue`

Tutorials

- "Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"
- "Exporting to Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"

cdflib.setCompressionCacheSize

Purpose Specify number of compression cache buffers

Syntax

```
cdflib.setCompressionCacheSize(cdfId,numBuffers)
```

Description `cdflib.setCompressionCacheSize(cdfId,numBuffers)` specifies the number of cache buffers used for the compression scratch CDF file. For more information about CDF cache schemes, see the *CDF User's Guide*.

`cdfId` identifies the CDF file. `numBuffers` specifies the number of buffers.

Examples Create a CDF file and specify the number of compression cache buffers used. To run this example you must be in a writable folder.

```
cdfId = cdflib.create('your_file.cdf');

% Get the current number of compression cache buffers
numBuf = cdflib.getCompressionCacheSize(cdfId)

numBuf =

    80

% Set a new value
cdflib.setCompressionCacheSize(cdfId,100)

% Check the new value
numBuf = cdflib.getCompressionCacheSize(cdfId)

numBuf =

   100

% Clean up
cdflib.delete(cdfId)
clear cdfId
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFsetCompressionCacheSize`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.getCompressionCacheSize`

Tutorials

- "Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"
- "Exporting to Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"

cdflib.setFormat

Purpose Specify format of Common Data Format (CDF) file

Syntax `cdflib.setFormat(cdfId,format)`

Description `cdflib.setFormat(cdfId,format)` specifies the format of a Common Data Format (CDF) file.

Inputs `cdfId`

Identifier of a CDF file, returned by a call to `cdflib.create` or `cdflib.open`.

`format`

Either of the following text strings, or its numeric equivalent.

`'SINGLE_FILE'`	The CDF consists of only one file. This is the default file format
`'MULTI_FILE'`	The CDF consists of one header file for control and attribute data and one additional file for each variable in the CDF.

To get the numeric equivalent of these values, use `cdflib.getConstantValue`.

Examples Create a CDF file and specify its format. To run this example, you must have write permission in your current folder.

```
cdfId = cdflib.create('mycdffile.cdf');

% Specify multifile format.
cdflib.setFormat(cdfId, 'MULTI_FILE');

% Check format.
 format = cdflib.getFormat(cdfId)

format =
```

```
MULTI_FILE

% Clean up
cdflib.delete(cdfId)
clear cdfId
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFsetFormat`. To use this function, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.getFormat` | `cdflib.getConstantValue`

Tutorials

- "Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"
- "Exporting to Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"

cdflib.setMajority

Purpose

Specify majority of variables

Syntax

`cdflib.setMajority(cdfId,`*`majority`*`)`

Description

`cdflib.setMajority(cdfId,`*`majority`*`)` specifies the majority of variables in a Common Data Format (CDF) file.

Inputs

`cdfId`

Identifier of a CDF file, returned by a call to `cdflib.create` or `cdflib.open`.

`majority`

Either of the following text strings, or its numeric equivalent.

'ROW_MAJOR'	C-like array ordering for variable storage. The first dimension in each variable array varies the slowest. This is the default.
'COLUMN_MAJOR'	Fortran-like array ordering for variable storage. The first dimension in each variable array varies the fastest.

To get the numeric equivalent of these values, use `cdflib.getConstantValue`.

Examples

Create a CDF file and specify the majority used by variables in the file. To run this example, you must have write permission in your current folder.

```
cdfId = cdflib.create('your_file.cdf')

% Specify the majority used by variables in the file
cdflib.setMajority(cdfId,'COLUMN_MAJOR');

% Check the majority value
majority = cdflib.getMajority(cdfId)
```

```
majority =

COLUMN_MAJOR

% Clean up
cdflib.delete(cdfId)
clear cdfId
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFsetMajority`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.getMajority`

Tutorials

- "Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"
- "Exporting to Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"

cdflib.setReadOnlyMode

Purpose

Specify read-only mode

Syntax

`cdflib.setReadOnlyMode(cdfId,mode)`

Description

`cdflib.setReadOnlyMode(cdfId,mode)` specifies the read-only mode of a Common Data Format (CDF) file.

After you open a CDF file, you can put the file into read-only mode to prevent accidental modification.

Inputs

`cdfId`

Identifier of a CDF file, returned by a call to `cdflib.create` or `cdflib.open`.

`mode`

Either of the following text strings or its numeric equivalent.

`'READONLYon'`	CDF file is read-only
`'READONLYoff'`	CDF file is modifiable.

To get the numeric equivalent of these mode values, use `cdflib.getConstantValue`.

Examples

Open the example CDF file and set the file to read-only mode.

```
cdfId = cdflib.open('example.cdf');

% Set the  file to READONLY mode
cdflib.setReadOnlyMode(cdfId,'READONLYon')

% Check read-only status of file again.
mode = cdflib.getReadOnlyMode(cdfId)

mode =

READONLYon
```

```
% Clean up
cdflib.close(cdfId)
clear cdfId
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFsetReadOnlyMode`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.getReadOnlyMode` | `cdflib.getConstantValue`

Tutorials

- "Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"
- "Exporting to Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"

cdflib.setStageCacheSize

Purpose

Specify number of staging cache buffers for Common Data Format (CDF) file

Syntax

`cdflib.setStageCacheSize(cdfId,numBuffers)`

Description

`cdflib.setStageCacheSize(cdfId,numBuffers)` specifies the number of staging cache buffers for a Common Data Format (CDF) file. For information about CDF cache schemes, see the *CDF User's Guide*.

`cdfId` identifies the CDF file. `numBuffers` is a numeric value that specifies the number of buffers.

Examples

Open the example CDF file and specify the number of cache buffers used.

```
cdfId = cdflib.open('example.cdf');

% Get current number of staging cache buffers
size = cdflib.getStageCacheSize(cdfId)

size =

   125

% Specify new cache size value.
cdflib.setStageCacheSize(cdfId, 200)

% Get size again.
size = cdflib.getStageCacheSize(cdfId)

size =

   200

% Clean up
cdflib.close(cdfId)
```

```
clear cdfId
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFsetStageCacheSize`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.getStageCacheSize`

Tutorials

- "Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"
- "Exporting to Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"

cdflib.setValidate

Purpose

Specify library validation mode

Syntax

`cdflib.setValidate(mode)`

Description

`cdflib.setValidate(mode)` specifies the validation mode of the Common Data Format (CDF) library. Specify the validation mode before opening any files.

Inputs

mode

Either of the following text strings, or its numeric equivalent:

'VALIDATEFILEon'	Turns validation mode on. With validation mode on, the library performs sanity checks on the data fields in the CDF' file's internal data structures to make sure that the values are within valid ranges and consistent with the defined values/types/entries. This mode also ensures that variable and attribute associations within the file are valid. Note, however, that enabling this mode will, in most cases, slow down the file opening process, especially for large or very fragmented files.
'VALIDATEFILEoff'	Turns validation mode off.

To get the numeric equivalent of these values, use `cdflib.getConstantValue`.

Examples

Set the validation mode of the CDF library.

```
cdflib.setValidate('VALIDATEFILEon');
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFsetValidate`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.getValidate` | `cdflib.getConstantValue`

Tutorials

- "Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"
- "Exporting to Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"

cdflib.setVarAllocBlockRecords

Purpose Specify range of records to be allocated for variable

Syntax

```
cdflib.setVarAllocBlockRecords(cdfId,varNum,firstrec,lastrec)
```

Description `cdflib.setVarAllocBlockRecords(cdfId,varNum,firstrec,lastrec)` specifies a range of records you want to allocate (but not write) for a variable in a Common Data Format (CDF) file.

Inputs

`cdfId`

Identifier of a CDF file, returned by a call to `cdflib.create` or `cdflib.open`.

`varNum`

Numeric value identifying a variable in the file. Variable identifiers (variable numbers) are zero-based.

`firstRec`

Numeric value identifying the record at which to start allocating. Record numbers are zero-based.

`lastRec`

Numeric value identifying the record at which to stop allocating. Record numbers are zero-based.

Examples Create a CDF, create a variable in the CDF, and then specify the number of records to allocate for the variable. To run this example, you must be in a writable folder.

```
cdfid = cdflib.create('your_file.cdf');

% Create a variable in the file.
varNum = cdflib.createVar(cdfid,'Grades','cdf_int1',1,[],true,[]);

% Specify the number of records to allocate.
cdflib.setVarAllocBlockRecords(cdfid,varNum,1,10);
```

```
%  Clean up
cdflib.delete(cdfid)

clear cdfid
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFsetzVarAllocBlockRecords`. To use this function, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.getVarAllocRecords`

Tutorials

- "Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"
- "Exporting to Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"

cdflib.setVarBlockingFactor

Purpose Specify blocking factor for variable

Syntax `cdflib.setVarBlockingFactor(cdfId,varNum,blockingFactor)`

Description `cdflib.setVarBlockingFactor(cdfId,varNum,blockingFactor)` specifies the blocking factor for a variable in a Common Data File (CDF) file.

Inputs

`cdfId`

Identifier of a CDF file, returned by a call to `cdflib.create` or `cdflib.open`.

`varNum`

Numeric value identifying a variable in the file. Variable numbers are zero-based.

`blockingFactor`

Numeric value that specifies the number of records to allocate when writing to an unallocated record.

Definitions

blocking factor

A variable's *blocking factor* specifies the minimum number of records the library allocates when you write to an unallocated record. If you specify a fractional blocking factor, the library rounds the value down.

Examples Create a CDF, create a variable in the CDF, and then set the blocking factor used with the variable. To run this example, you must be in a writable folder.

```
cdfid = cdflib.create('your_file.cdf');

% Create a variable in the file.
varNum = cdflib.createVar(cdfid,'Time','cdf_int1',1,[],true,[]);

% Get the current blocking factor used with the variable
```

```
bFactor = cdflib.getVarBlockingFactor(cdfid,varNum)

bFactor =

     0

% Change the blocking factor for the variable
cdflib.setVarBlockingFactor(cdfid,varNum,10);

% Check the new blocking factor .
bFactor = cdflib.getVarBlockingFactor(cdfid,varNum)

bFactor =

     10

%  Clean up
cdflib.delete(cdfid)

clear cdfid
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFsetzVarBlockingFactor`. To use this function, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.getVarBlockingFactor`

Tutorials

- "Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"
- "Exporting to Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"

cdflib.setVarCacheSize

Purpose Specify number of multi-file cache buffers for variable

Syntax `cdflib.setVarCacheSize(cdfId,varNum,numBuffers)`

Description `cdflib.setVarCacheSize(cdfId,varNum,numBuffers)` specifies the number of cache buffers the CDF library uses for a variable in a Common Data Format (CDF) file.

This function is only used with multifile format CDF files. It does not apply to single-file format CDFs. For more information about caching, see the *CDF User's Guide*.

Inputs `cdfId`

Identifier of a CDF file, returned by a call to `cdflib.create` or `cdflib.open`.

`varNum`

Numeric value identifying a variable in the file. Variable identifiers (variable numbers) are zero-based.

`numBuffers`

Numeric value identifying the number of cache buffers to use.

Examples Create a multifile CDF, and then retrieve the number of buffers being used for a variable:

```
cdfid = cdflib.create('your_file.cdf')

% Set the format of the file to be multi-file
cdflib.setFormat(cdfid,'MULTI_FILE');

% Create a variable in the file
varNum = cdflib.createVar(cdfid,'Time','cdf_int1',1,[],true,[]);

% Note how the library creates a separate file for the variable
ls your_file.*
```

```
your_file.cdf  your_file.z0

% Determine the number of cache buffers used with the variable
numBuf = cdflib.getVarCacheSize(cdfid,varNum)

numBuf =

     1

% Increase the number of cache buffers used.
cdflib.setVarCacheSize(cdfid,varNum,5)

% Check the number of cache buffers used with the variable.
numBuf = cdflib.getVarCacheSize(cdfid,varNum)

numBuf =

     5

%  Clean up
cdflib.delete(cdfid);

clear cdfid
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFsetzVarCacheSize`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.getVarCacheSize` | `cdflib.setVarsCacheSize`

Tutorials

- "Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"
- "Exporting to Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"

cdflib.setVarCompression

Purpose Specify compression settings used with variable

Syntax `cdflib.setVarCompression(cdfId,varNum,ctype,cparams)`

Description `cdflib.setVarCompression(cdfId,varNum,ctype,cparams)` configures the compression setting for a variable in a Common Data Format (CDF) file.

Inputs

`cdfId`

Identifier of a CDF file, returned by a call to `cdflib.create` or `cdflib.open`.

`varNum`

Numeric value identifying a variable in the file. Variable identifiers (variable numbers) are zero-based.

`ctype`

One of the following text strings, or its numeric equivalent, specifying the compression type.

Text String	Compression Type
'NO_COMPRESSION'	No compression.
'RLE_COMPRESSION'	Run-length encoding compression
'HUFF_COMPRESSION'	Huffman compression
'AHUFF_COMPRESSION'	Adaptive Huffman compression
'GZIP_COMPRESSION'	GNU's zip compression

`cparams`

Optional parameter specifying any additional parameters required by the compression type. Currently, the only compression type that uses this parameter is `'GZIP_COMPRESSION'`. For this compression type, you use `cparms` to specify the level of compression as a numeric value between 1 and 9.

Examples

Create a CDF, create a variable, and then set the compression used by the variable. To run this example, you must be in a folder with execute permission.

```
cdfid = cdflib.create('mycdf.cdf');

% Create a variable in the file.
varNum = cdflib.createVar(cdfid,'Time','cdf_int1',1,[],true,[]);

% Specify the compression used by the variable.
cdflib.setVarCompression(cdfid,0,'GZIP_COMPRESSION',8)

% Check the compression setting of the variable
[ctype params percent] = cdflib.getVarCompression(cdfid,0)

ctype =

GZIP_COMPRESSION

params =

     8

percent =

     0

% Clean up
cdflib.delete(cdfid);
clear cdfid
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFsetzVarCompression`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.setCompression` | `cdflib.getVarCompression`

Tutorials

- "Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"
- "Exporting to Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"

Purpose Specify initial number of records written to variable

Syntax

```
cdflib.setVarInitialRecs(cdfId,varNum,numrecs)
```

Description `cdflib.setVarInitialRecs(cdfId,varNum,numrecs)` specifies the initial number of records to write to a variable in a Common Data Format (CDF) file.

Inputs

`cdfId`

Identifier of a CDF file, returned by a call to `cdflib.create` or `cdflib.open`.

`varNum`

Numeric value identifying a variable in the file. Variable numbers are zero-based.

`numRecs`

Numeric value specifying the number of records to write.

Examples Create a CDF, create a variable, and then specify the number of records to write for the variable. To run this example, you must be in a writable folder.

```
cdfid = cdflib.create('your_file.cdf');

% Create a variable in the file.
varNum = cdflib.createVar(cdfid,'Grades','cdf_int1',1,[],true,[]);

% Specify the number of records to write for the variable
cdflib.setVarInitialRecs(cdfid,varNum,100);

recsWritten = cdflib.getVarNumRecsWritten(cdfid,varNum)

recsWritten =

   100
```

```
%  Clean up
cdflib.delete(cdfid)

clear cdfid
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFsetzVarInitialRecs`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.createVar`

Tutorials

- "Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"
- "Exporting to Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"

Purpose

Specify pad value used with variable

Syntax

`cdflib.setVarPadValue(cdfId,varNum,padvalue)`

Description

`cdflib.setVarPadValue(cdfId,varNum,padvalue)` specifies the pad value used with a variable in a Common Data Format (CDF) file.

Inputs

`cdfId`

Identifier of a CDF file, returned by a call to `cdflib.create` or `cdflib.open`.

`varNum`

Numeric value identifying a variable in the file. Variable numbers are zero-based.

`padValue`

Value to use a pad value for the variable. The data type of the pad value must match the data type of the variable.

Examples

Create a CDF, create a variable in the CDF, and then set the pad value used with the variable. To run this example, you must be in a writable folder.

```
cdfid = cdflib.create('your_file.cdf');

% Create a variable in the file.
varNum = cdflib.createVar(cdfid,'Time','cdf_int1',1,[],true,[]);

% Get the current pad value used with the variable
padval = cdflib.getVarPadValue(cdfid,varNum)

padval =

    0

% Change the pad value for the variable
```

```
cdflib.setVarPadValue(cdfid,varNum,int8(1));

% Check the new pad value.
padval = cdflib.getVarPadValue(cdfid,varNum)

padval =

    1

%  Clean up
cdflib.delete(cdfid)

clear cdfid
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFsetzVarPadValue`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.getVarPadValue`

Tutorials

- "Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"
- "Exporting to Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"

Purpose

Specify reserve percentage for variable

Syntax

```
cdflib.setVarReservePercent(cdfId,varNum,percent)
```

Description

`cdflib.setVarReservePercent(cdfId,varNum,percent)` specifies the compression reserve percentage for a variable in a Common Data Format (CDF) file.

Inputs

`cdfId`

Identifier of a CDF file, returned by a call to `cdflib.create` or `cdflib.open`.

`varNum`

Numeric value identifying a variable in the file. Variable identifiers (variable numbers) are zero-based.

`percent`

Numeric value specifying the amount of extra space to allocate for a compressed variable, experssed as a percentage. You can specify values between`0` (no extra space is reserved) and `100`, or values greater than `100`. The value specifies the percentage of the uncompressed size of the variable. If you specify a fractional reserve percentages, the library rounds the value down.

Definitions

reserve percentage

Specifies how much extra space to allocate for a compressed variable. This extra space allows the variable to expand when you write additional records to the variable. If you do not specify this room for growth, the library has to move the variable to the end of the file when the size expands and the space at the original location of the variable becomes wasted space.

Examples

Create a CDF, create a variable, and then set the reserve percent for the variable. To run this example, you must be in a writable folder.

```
cdfid = cdflib.create('your_file.cdf');

% Create a variable in the file.
varNum = cdflib.createVar(cdfid,'Grades','cdf_int1',1,[],true,[]);

% Specify the reserve percentage for the variable.
cdflib.getVarReservePercent(cdfid,varNum, 80);

% Check the value of the reserve percentage for the variable.
resPercent = cdflib.getVarReservePercent(cdfid,varNum);

resPercent =

     80

%  Clean up
cdflib.delete(cdfid)

clear cdfid
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFsetzVarReservePercent`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.getVarReservePercent` | `cdflib.setVarCompression` | `cdflib.getVarCompression`

Tutorials

- "Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"
- "Exporting to Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"

Purpose

Specify number of cache buffers used for all variables

Syntax

`cdflib.setVarsCacheSize(cdfId,varNum,numBuffers)`

Description

`cdflib.setVarsCacheSize(cdfId,varNum,numBuffers)` specifies the number of cache buffers the CDF library uses for all the variables in the multifile format Common Data Format (CDF) file.

This function is not applicable to single-file CDFs. For more information about caching, see the *CDF User's Guide*.

Inputs

`cdfId`

Identifier of a CDF file, returned by a call to `cdflib.create` or `cdflib.open`.

`varNum`

Numeric value identifying a variable in the file. Variable identifiers (variable numbers) are zero-based.

`numBuffers`

Numeric value specifying the cache buffers.

Examples

Create a multifile CDF and specify the number of buffers used for all variables. To run this example, you must be in a writable folder.

```
cdfid = cdflib.create('your_file.cdf')

% Set the format of the file to be multi-file
cdflib.setFormat(cdfid,'MULTI_FILE');

% Create a variable in the file
varNum = cdflib.createVar(cdfid,'Time','cdf_int1',1,[],true,[]);

% Note how the library creates a separate file for the variable
ls your_file.*
```

```
your_file.cdf  your_file.z0

% Determine the number of cache buffers used with the variable
numBuf = cdflib.getVarCacheSize(cdfid,varNum)

numBuf =

     1

% Specify the number of cache buffers used by all variables in CDF.
cdflib.setVarsCacheSize(cdfid,6)

% Check the number of cache buffers used with the variable.
numBuf = cdflib.getVarCacheSize(cdfid,varNum)

numBuf =

     6

%  Clean up
cdflib.delete(cdfid);

clear cdfid
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFsetzVarsCacheSize`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.getVarCacheSize` | `cdflib.setVarCacheSize`

Tutorials

- "Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"
- "Exporting to Common Data File Format (CDF) Files"

Purpose

Specify how variable handles sparse records

Syntax

`cdflib.getVarSparseRecords(cdfId,varNum,stype)`

Description

`cdflib.getVarSparseRecords(cdfId,varNum,stype)` specifies the sparse records type of a variable in a Common Data Format (CDF) file.

Inputs

`cdfId`

Identifier of a CDF file, returned by a call to `cdflib.create` or `cdflib.open`.

`varNum`

Number that identifies the variable to be set. Variable numbers are zero-based.

`stype`

One of the following text strings, or its numeric equivalent, that specifies how the variable handles sparse records.

Text String	Description
`'NO_SPARSERECORDS'`	No sparse records
`'PAD_SPARSERECORDS'`	For sparse records, the library uses the variable's pad value when reading values from a missing record.
`'PREV_SPARSERECORDS'`	For sparse records, the library uses values from the previous existing record when reading values from a missing record. If there is no previous existing record, the library uses the variable's pad value.

To get the numeric equivalent of these text string constants, use the `cdflib.getConstantValue` function.

Examples

Open a multifile CDF and close a variable.

Create a CDF, create a variable, and set the sparse records type of the variable. To run this example you must be in a writable folder.

```
cdfid = cdflib.create('your_file.cdf');

% Create a variable in the file.
varNum = cdflib.createVar(cdfid,'Time','cdf_int1',1,[],true,[]);

% Set the sparse records type of the variable
cdflib.setVarSparseRecords(cdfid,varNum,'PAD_SPARSERECORDS');

% Check the sparse records type of the variable
stype = cdflib.getVarSparseRecords(cdfid,varNum)

stype =

PAD_SPARSERECORDS


%Clean up
cdflib.delete(cdfid);

clear cdfid
```

References

This function corresponds to the CDF library C API routine `CDFsetzVarSparseRecords`. To use these functions, you must be familiar with the CDF C interface. Read the CDF documentation at the `CDF Web site`. For copyright information, see the `cdfcopyright.txt` file.

See Also

`cdflib.getVarSparseRecords` | `cdflib.getConstantValue`

Tutorials

- “Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files”
- “Exporting to Common Data File Format (CDF) Files”

Purpose

Read data from Common Data Format (CDF) file

Syntax

```
data = cdfread(filename)
data = cdfread(filename, param1, val1, param2, val2, ...)
[data, info] = cdfread(filename, ...)
```

Description

`data = cdfread(`*`filename`*`)` reads all the data from the Common Data Format (CDF) file specified in the string `filename`. CDF data sets typically contain a set of variables, of a specific data type, each with an associated set of records. The variable might represent time values with each record representing a specific time that an observation was recorded. `cdfread` returns all the data in a cell array where each column represents a variable and each row represents a record associated with a variable. If the variables have varying numbers of associated records, `cdfread` pads the rows to create a rectangular cell array, using pad values defined in the CDF file.

Note Because `cdfread` creates temporary files, the current working directory must be writeable.

`data = cdfread(`*`filename`*`, `*`param1`*`, `*`val1`*`, param2, val2, ...)` reads data from the file, where *`param1`*, *`param2`*, and so on, can be any of the parameters listed in the following table.

`[data, info] = cdfread(`*`filename`*`, ...)` returns details about the CDF file in the `info` structure.

Parameter	Value
'Records'	A vector specifying which records to read. Record numbers are zero-based. cdfread returns a cell array with the same number of rows as the number of records read and as many columns as there are variables.
'Variables'	A 1-by-*n* or *n*-by-1 cell array specifying the names of the variables to read from the file. *n* must be less than or equal to the total number of variables in the file. cdfread returns a cell array with the same number of columns as the number of variables read, and a row for each record read.
'Slices'	An *m*-by-3 array, where each row specifies where to start reading along a particular dimension of a variable, the skip interval to use on that dimension (every item, every other item, etc.), and the total number of values to read on that dimension. *m* must be less than or equal to the number of dimensions of the variable. If *m* is less than the total number of dimensions, cdfread reads every value from the unspecified dimensions ([0 1 n], where *n* is the total number of elements in the dimension. Note: Because the 'Slices' parameter describes how to process a single variable, it must be used in conjunction with the 'Variables' parameter.
'ConvertEpochToDatenum'	A Boolean value that determines whether cdfread automatically converts CDF epoch data types to MATLAB serial date numbers. If set to false (the default), cdfread wraps epoch values in MATLAB cdfepoch objects. Note: For better performance when reading large data sets, set this parameter to true.
'CombineRecords'	A Boolean value that determines how cdfread returns the CDF data sets read from the file. If set to false (the default), cdfread stores the data in an *m*-by-*n* cell array, where *m* is the number of records and *n* is the number of variables requested. If set to true, cdfread combines

Parameter	Value
	all records for a particular variable into one cell in the output cell array. In this cell, `cdfread` stores scalar data as a column array. `cdfread` extends the dimensionality of nonscalar and string data. For example, instead of creating 1000 elements containing 20-by-30 arrays for each record, `cdfread` stores all the records in one cell as a 1000-by-20-by-30 array Note: If you use the `'Records'` parameter to specify which records to read, you cannot use the `'CombineRecords'` parameter. Note: When using the `'Variable'` parameter to read one variable, if the `'CombineRecords'` parameter is `true`, `cdfread` returns the data as an M-by-N numeric or character array; it does not put the data into a cell array.

Note To improve performance when working with large data files, use the `'ConvertEpochToDatenum'` and `'CombineRecords'` options.

Note To improve performance, turn off the file validation which the CDF library does by default when opening files. For more information, see `cdflib.setValidate`.

Examples

Read all the data from a CDF file.

```
data = cdfread('example.cdf');
```

Read the data from the variable `'Time'`.

```
data = cdfread('example.cdf', 'Variable', {'Time'});
```

Read the first value in the first dimension, the second value in the second dimension, the first and third values in the third dimension, and all values in the remaining dimension of the variable `'multidimensional'`.

```
data = cdfread('example.cdf', ...
               'Variable', {'multidimensional'}, ...
               'Slices', [0 1 1; 1 1 1; 0 2 2]);
```

This is similar to reading the whole variable into `data` and then using matrix indexing, as in the following.

```
data{1}(1, 2, [1 3], :)
```

Collapse the records from a data set and convert CDF epoch data types to MATLAB serial date numbers.

```
data = cdfread('example.cdf', ...
               'CombineRecords', true, ...
               'ConvertEpochToDatenum', true);
```

See Also

`cdfepoch`, `cdfinfo`, `cdflib.setValidate`,`cdfwrite`

For more information about using this function, see "Importing Common Data File Format (CDF) Files".

Purpose Write data to Common Data Format (CDF) file

Syntax

```
cdfwrite(filename,variablelist)
cdfwrite(...,'PadValues',padvals)
cdfwrite(...,'GlobalAttributes',gattrib)
cdfwrite(..., 'VariableAttributes', vattrib)
cdfwrite(...,'WriteMode',mode)
cdfwrite(...,'Format',format)
```

Description

`cdfwrite(filename,variablelist)` writes out a Common Data Format (CDF) file, specified in `filename`. The `filename` input is a string enclosed in single quotes. The `variablelist` argument is a cell array of ordered pairs, each of which comprises a CDF variable name (a string) and the corresponding CDF variable value. To write out multiple records for a variable, put the values in a cell array where each element in the cell array represents a record.

Note Because `cdfwrite` creates temporary files, both the destination directory for the file and the current working directory must be writeable.

`cdfwrite(...,'PadValues',padvals)` writes out pad values for given variable names. `padvals` is a cell array of ordered pairs, each of which comprises a variable name (a string) and a corresponding pad value. Pad values are the default values associated with the variable when an out-of-bounds record is accessed. Variable names that appear in `padvals` must appear in `variablelist`.

`cdfwrite(...,'GlobalAttributes',gattrib)` writes the structure `gattrib` as global metadata for the CDF file. Each field of the structure is the name of a global attribute. The value of each field contains the value of the attribute. To write out multiple values for an attribute, put the values in a cell array where each element in the cell array represents a record.

Note To specify a global attribute name that is invalid in your MATLAB application, create a field called `'CDFAttributeRename'` in the attribute structure. The value of this field must have a value that is a cell array of ordered pairs. The ordered pair consists of the name of the original attribute, as listed in the `GlobalAttributes` structure, and the corresponding name of the attribute to be written to the CDF file.

`cdfwrite(..., 'VariableAttributes', vattrib)` writes the structure `vattrib` as variable metadata for the CDF. Each field of the struct is the name of a variable attribute. The value of each field should be an M-by-2 cell array where M is the number of variables with attributes. The first element in the cell array should be the name of the variable and the second element should be the value of the attribute for that variable.

Note To specify a variable attribute name that is illegal in MATLAB, create a field called `'CDFAttributeRename'` in the attribute structure. The value of this field must have a value that is a cell array of ordered pairs. The ordered pair consists of the name of the original attribute, as listed in the `VariableAttributes` struct, and the corresponding name of the attribute to be written to the CDF file. If you are specifying a variable attribute of a CDF variable that you are renaming, the name of the variable in the `VariableAttributes` structure must be the same as the renamed variable.

`cdfwrite(...,'WriteMode',`*`mode`*`)`, where *`mode`* is either `'overwrite'` or `'append'`, indicates whether or not the specified variables should be appended to the CDF file if the file already exists. By default, `cdfwrite` overwrites existing variables and attributes.

`cdfwrite(...,'Format',`*`format`*`)`, where *`format`* is either `'multifile'` or `'singlefile'`, indicates whether or not the data is written out as a multifile CDF. In a multifile CDF, each variable is stored in a separate file with the name `*.vN`, where `N` is the number of the variable that is written out to the CDF. By default, `cdfwrite` writes out a single file CDF. When `'WriteMode'` is set to `'Append'`, the `'Format'` option is ignored, and the format of the preexisting CDF is used.

Examples

Write out a file `'example.cdf'` containing a variable `'Longitude'` with the value `[0:360]`.

```
cdfwrite('example', {'Longitude', 0:360});
```

Write out a file `'example.cdf'` containing variables `'Longitude'` and `'Latitude'` with the variable `'Latitude'` having a pad value of 10 for all out-of-bounds records that are accessed.

```
cdfwrite('example', {'Longitude', 0:360, 'Latitude', 10:20}, ...
         'PadValues', {'Latitude', 10});
```

Write out a file `'example.cdf'`, containing a variable `'Longitude'` with the value `[0:360]`, and with a variable attribute of `'validmin'` with the value 10.

```
varAttribStruct.validmin = {'longitude' [10]};
cdfwrite('example', {'Longitude' 0:360}, 'VarAttribStruct', ...
         varAttribStruct);
```

See Also

`cdfread`, `cdfinfo`, `cdfepoch`

ceil

Purpose

Round toward positive infinity

Syntax

```
B = ceil(A)
```

Description

`B = ceil(A)` rounds the elements of `A` to the nearest integers greater than or equal to `A`. For complex `A`, the imaginary and real parts are rounded independently.

Examples

```
a = [-1.9, -0.2, 3.4, 5.6, 7, 2.4+3.6i]

a =
  Columns 1 through 4
  -1.9000        -0.2000        3.4000        5.6000

  Columns 5 through 6
   7.0000        2.4000 + 3.6000i

ceil(a)

ans =
  Columns 1 through 4
  -1.0000        0              4.0000        6.0000

  Columns 5 through 6
   7.0000        3.0000 + 4.0000i
```

See Also

`fix`, `floor`, `round`

Purpose

Construct cell array

Syntax

```
c = cell(n)
c = cell(m, n)
c = cell([m, n])
c = cell(m, n, p,...)
c = cell([m n p ...])
c = cell(size(A))
c = cell(javaobj)
```

Description

`c = cell(n)` creates an `n`-by-`n` cell array of empty matrices. An error message appears if `n` is not a scalar.

`c = cell(m, n)` or `c = cell([m, n])` creates an `m`-by-`n` cell array of empty matrices. Arguments `m` and `n` must be scalars.

`c = cell(m, n, p,...)` or `c = cell([m n p ...])` creates an `m`-by-`n`-by-`p`-... cell array of empty matrices. Arguments `m`, `n`, `p,...` must be scalars.

`c = cell(size(A))` creates a cell array the same size as `A` containing all empty matrices.

`c = cell(javaobj)` converts a Java array or Java object `javaobj` into a MATLAB cell array. Elements of the resulting cell array will be of the MATLAB type (if any) closest to the Java array elements or Java object.

Remarks

This type of cell is not related to "cell mode", a MATLAB feature used in debugging and publishing.

Examples

This example creates a cell array that is the same size as another array, `A`.

```
A = ones(2,2)

A =
      1     1
      1     1
```

```
c = cell(size(A))

c =
     []     []
     []     []
```

The next example converts an array of `java.lang.String` objects into a MATLAB cell array.

```
strArray = java_array('java.lang.String', 3);
strArray(1) = java.lang.String('one');
strArray(2) = java.lang.String('two');
strArray(3) = java.lang.String('three');

cellArray = cell(strArray)
cellArray =
    'one'
    'two'
    'three'
```

See Also

`num2cell` | `ones` | `rand` | `randn` | `zeros`

How To

- "Cell Array Operations"
- "Returning Data from a Cell Array"

Purpose

Convert cell array of matrices to single matrix

Syntax

```
m = cell2mat(c)
```

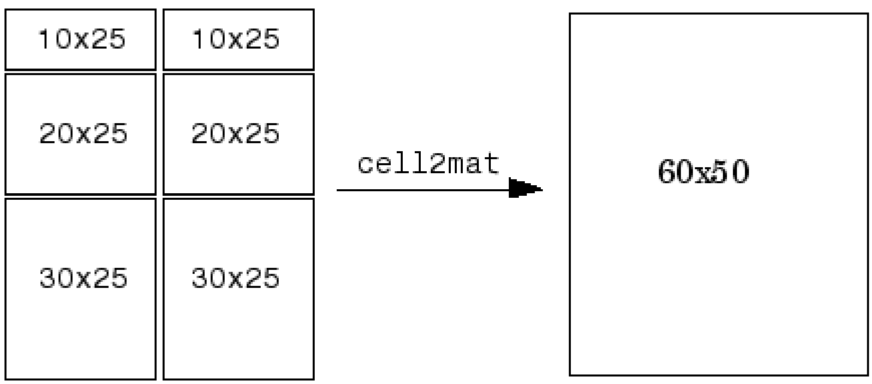
Description

`m = cell2mat(c)` converts a multidimensional cell array `c` with contents of the same data type into a single matrix, `m`.

The contents of `c` must be able to concatenate into a hyperrectangle. Moreover, for each pair of neighboring cells, the dimensions of the cells' contents must match, excluding the dimension in which the cells are neighbors. The results of `cell2mat` are undefined if your cell array does not adhere to these guidelines.

The example shown below combines matrices in a 3-by-2 cell array into a single 60-by-50 matrix:

```
cell2mat(c)
```



Remarks

The dimensionality (or number of dimensions) of `m` will match the highest dimensionality contained in the cell array.

`cell2mat` is not supported for cell arrays containing cell arrays or objects.

Examples

Combine the matrices in four cells of cell array `C` into the single matrix, `M`:

```
C = {[1] [2 3 4]; [5; 9] [6 7 8; 10 11 12]}
C =
    [         1]    [1x3 double]
    [2x1 double]    [2x3 double]

C{1,1}                          C{1,2}
ans =                           ans =
     1                               2     3     4

C{2,1}                          C{2,2}
ans =                           ans =
     5                               6     7     8
     9                              10    11    12

M = cell2mat(C)
M =
     1     2     3     4
     5     6     7     8
     9    10    11    12
```

See Also

`mat2cell`, `num2cell`

Purpose Convert cell array to structure array

Syntax

```
structArray = cell2struct(cellArray, fields, dim)
```

Description

`structArray = cell2struct(cellArray, fields, dim)` creates a structure array, *`structArray`*, from the information contained within cell array *`cellArray`*.

The *`fields`* argument specifies field names for the structure array. This argument is an array of strings or a cell array of strings.

The *`dim`* argument tells MATLAB which axis of the cell array to use in creating the structure array. Use a numeric `double` to specify *`dim`*.

To create a structure array with fields derived from `N` rows of a cell array, specify `N` field names in the *`fields`* argument, and the number 1 in the *`dim`* argument. To create a structure array with fields derived from `M` columns of a cell array, specify `M` field names in the *`fields`* argument and the number 2 in the *`dim`* argument.

The *`structArray`* output is a structure array with `N` fields, where `N` is equal to the number of fields in the *`fields`* input argument. The number of fields in the resulting structure must equal the number of cells along dimension *`dim`* that you want to convert.

Examples

Create the following table for use with the examples in this section. The table lists information about the employees of a small Engineering company. Reading the table by rows shows the names of employees by department. Reading the table by columns shows the number of years each employee has worked at the company.

	5 Years	**10 Years**	**15 Years**
Development	Lee, Reed, Hill	Dean, Frye	Lane, Fox, King
Sales	Howe, Burns	Kirby, Ford	Hall
Management	Price	Clark, Shea	Sims

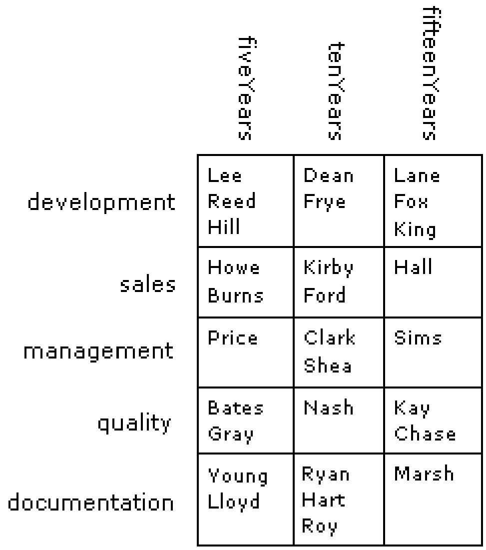
	5 Years	10 Years	15 Years
Quality	Bates, Gray	Nash	Kay, Chase
Documentation	Lloyd, Young	Ryan, Hart, Roy	Marsh

Enter the following commands to create the initial cell array `employees`:

```
devel = {{'Lee','Reed','Hill'}, {'Dean','Frye'}, ...
   {'Lane','Fox','King'}};
sales = {{'Howe','Burns'}, {'Kirby','Ford'}, {'Hall'}};
mgmt = {{'Price'}, {'Clark','Shea'}, {'Sims'}};
qual = {{'Bates','Gray'}, {'Nash'}, {'Kay','Chase'}};
docu = {{'Lloyd','Young'}, {'Ryan','Hart','Roy'}, {'Marsh'}};

employees = [devel; sales; mgmt; qual; docu]
employees =
    {1x3 cell}    {1x2 cell}    {1x3 cell}
    {1x2 cell}    {1x2 cell}    {1x1 cell}
    {1x1 cell}    {1x2 cell}    {1x1 cell}
    {1x2 cell}    {1x2 cell}    {1x2 cell}
    {1x2 cell}    {1x2 cell}    {1x1 cell}
```

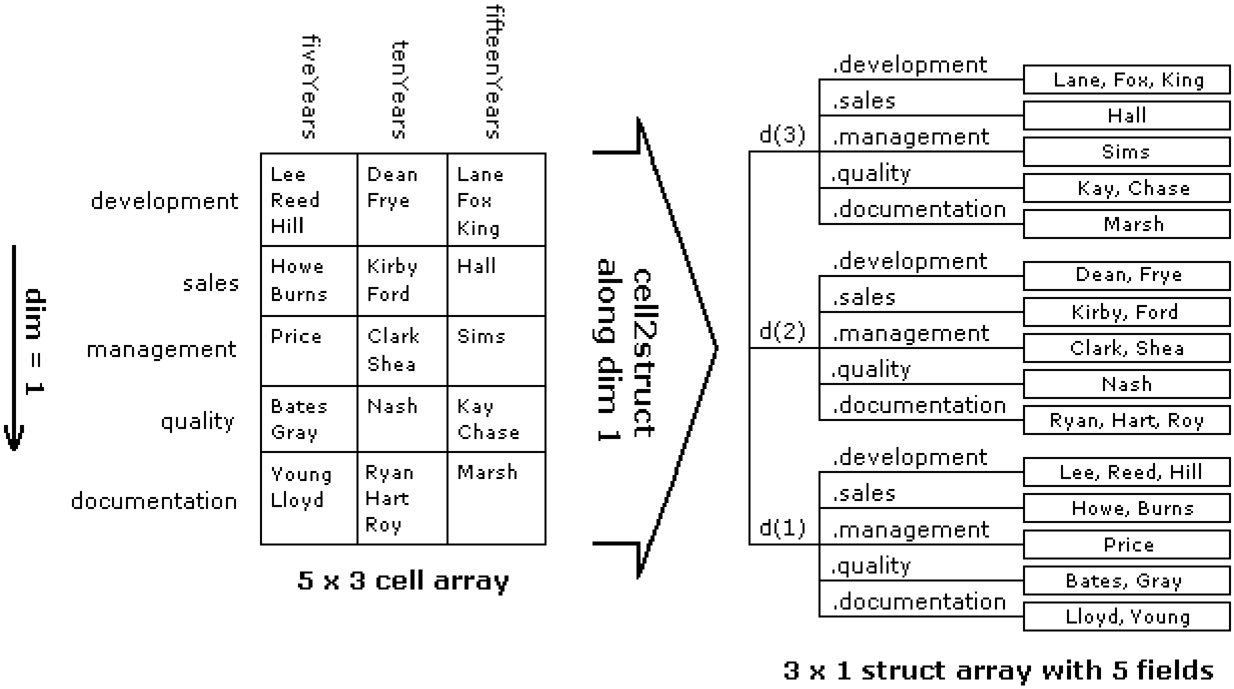
This is the resulting cell array:



5 x 3 cell array

Convert the cell array to a struct along dimension 1:

1 Convert the 5-by-3 cell array along its first dimension to construct a 3-by-1 struct array with 5 fields. Each of the rows along dimension 1 of the cell array becomes a field in the struct array:



Traversing the first (i.e., vertical) dimension, there are 5 rows with row headings that read as follows:

```
rowHeadings = {'development', 'sales', 'management', ...
   'quality', 'documentation'};
```

2 Convert the cell array to a struct array, `depts`, in reference to this dimension:

```
depts = cell2struct(employees, rowHeadings, 1);

class(depts),                size(depts)
ans =                        ans =
    struct                       3     1
```

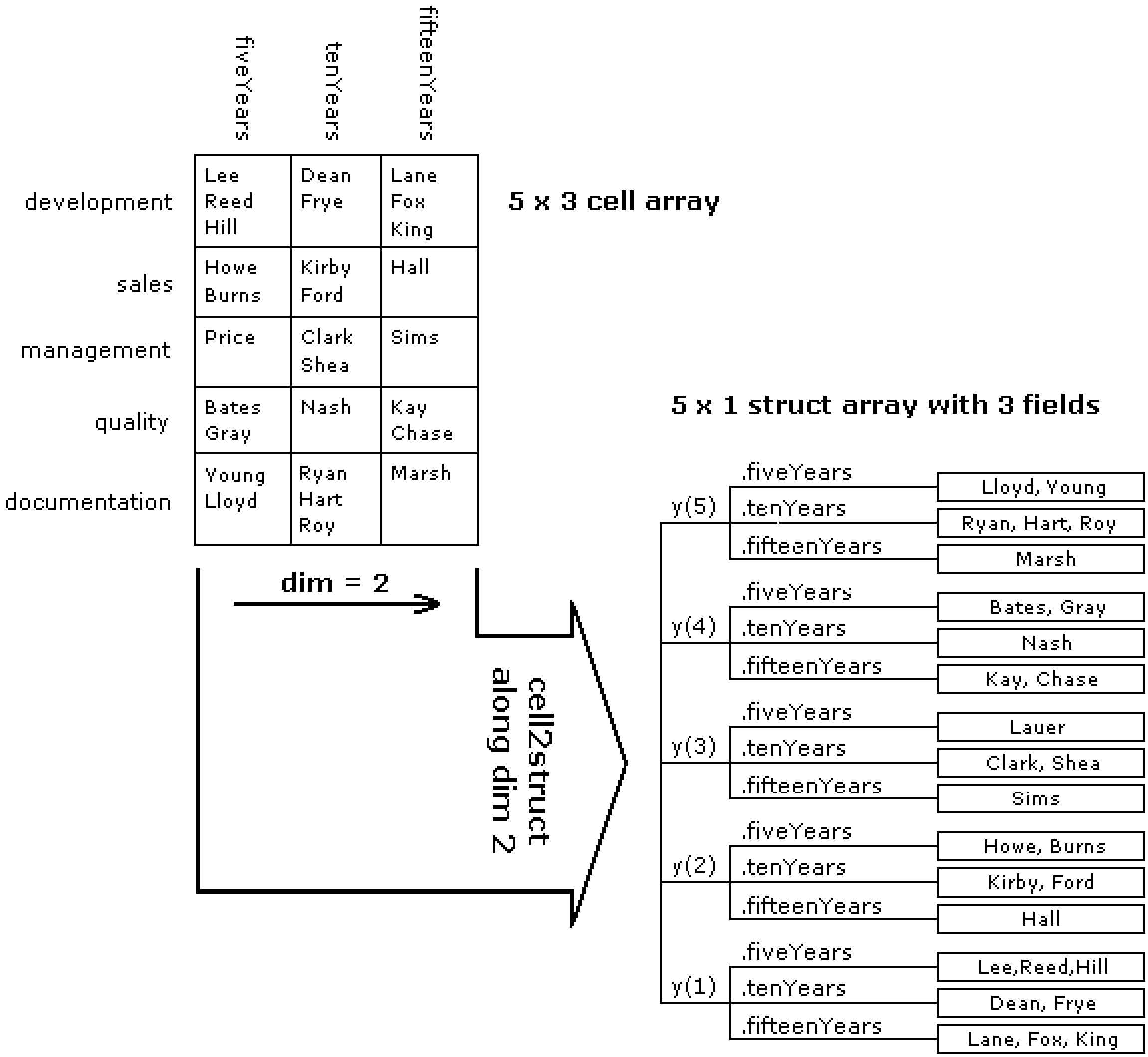
```
fieldnames(depts)'
ans =
  'development'  'sales'  'management'  'quality'
  'documentation'
```

3 Use this row-oriented structure to find the names of the Development staff who have been with the company for up to 10 years:

```
depts(1:2).development
ans =
    'Lee'    'Reed'    'Hill'
ans =
    'Dean'    'Frye'
```

Convert the same cell array to a struct along dimension 2:

1 Convert the 5-by-3 cell array along its second dimension to construct a 5-by-1 struct array with 3 fields. Each of the columns along dimension 2 of the cell array becomes a field in the struct array:


fiveYears
tenYears
fifteenYears
development
sales
management
quality
documentation
Lee Reed Hill
Dean Frye
Lane Fox King
Howe Burns
Kirby Ford
Hall
Price
Clark Shea
Sims
Bates Gray
Nash
Kay Chase
Young Lloyd
Ryan Hart Roy
Marsh
5 x 3 cell array
dim = 2
cell2struct along dim 2
5 x 1 struct array with 3 fields
y(5)
.fiveYears
.tenYears
.fifteenYears
Lloyd, Young
Ryan, Hart, Roy
Marsh
y(4)
.fiveYears
.tenYears
.fifteenYears
Bates, Gray
Nash
Kay, Chase
y(3)
.fiveYears
.tenYears
.fifteenYears
Lauer
Clark, Shea
Sims
y(2)
.fiveYears
.tenYears
.fifteenYears
Howe, Burns
Kirby, Ford
Hall
y(1)
.fiveYears
.tenYears
.fifteenYears
Lee,Reed,Hill
Dean, Frye
Lane, Fox, King

2 Traverse the cell array along the second (or horizontal) dimension. The column headings become fields of the resulting structure:

```
colHeadings = {'fiveYears' 'tenYears' 'fifteenYears'};

years = cell2struct(employees, colHeadings, 2);

class(years),               size(years)
ans =                       ans =
    struct                      5     1

fieldnames(years)'
ans =
    'fiveYears'    'tenYears'    'fifteenYears'
```

3 Using the column-oriented structure, show how many employees from the Sales and Documentation departments have worked for the company for at least 5 years:

```
[~, sales_5years, ~, ~, docu_5years] = years.fiveYears
sales_5years =
    'Howe'    'Burns'
docu_5years =
    'Lloyd'    'Young'
```

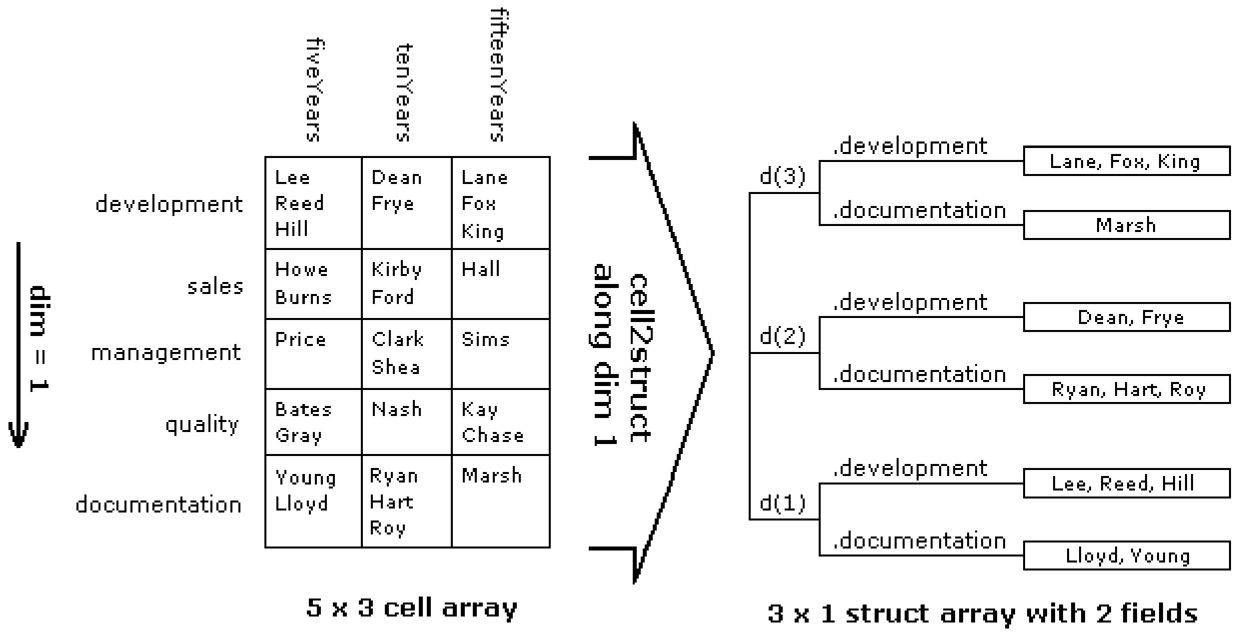
Convert only part of the cell array to a struct:

1 Convert only the first and last rows of the cell array. This results in a 3-by-1 struct array with 2 fields:

```
rowHeadings = {'development', 'documentation'};

depts = cell2struct(employees(1:4:5,:), rowHeadings, 1)
depts =
3x1 struct array with fields:
    development
```

```
documentation
```



2 Display those employees who belong to these departments for all three periods of time:

```
for k=1:3
   depts(k,:)
end

ans =
      development: {'Lee'   'Reed'   'Hill'}
    documentation: {'Lloyd'   'Young'}
ans =
      development: {'Dean'   'Frye'}
    documentation: {'Ryan'   'Hart'   'Roy'}
```

```
ans =
      development: {'Lane'  'Fox'  'King'}
    documentation: {'Marsh'}
```

See Also

`struct2cell`, `cell`, `iscell`, `struct`, `isstruct`, `fieldnames`, dynamic field names

celldisp

Purpose

Cell array contents

Syntax

```
celldisp(C)
celldisp(C, name)
```

Description

`celldisp(C)` recursively displays the contents of a cell array.

`celldisp(C, name)` uses the string *`name`* for the display instead of the name of the first input (or `ans`).

Examples

Use `celldisp` to display the contents of a 2-by-3 cell array:

```
C = {[1 2] 'Tony' 3+4i; [1 2;3 4] -5 'abc'};
celldisp(C)

C{1,1} =
     1     2

C{2,1} =
     1     2
     3     4

C{1,2} =
Tony

C{2,2} =
    -5

C{1,3} =
   3.0000+ 4.0000i

C{2,3} =
abc
```

See Also

`cellplot`

How To

- "Exporting a Cell Array to a Text File"

Purpose

Apply function to each cell in cell array

Syntax

```
A = cellfun(fun, C)
A = cellfun(fun, C, D, ...)
[A, B, ...] = cellfun(fun, C, ...)
[A, ...] = cellfun(fun, C, ..., 'param1', value1, ...)
A = cellfun('fname', C)
A = cellfun('size', C, k)
A = cellfun('isclass', C, 'classname')
```

Description

`A = cellfun(fun, C)` applies the function specified by `fun` to the contents of each cell of cell array `C`, and returns the results in array `A`. The value `A` returned by `cellfun` is the same size as `C`, and the `(I,J,...)`th element of `A` is equal to `fun(C{I,J,...})`. The first input argument `fun` is a function handle to a function that takes one input argument and returns a scalar value. `fun` must return values of the same class each time it is called. The order in which `cellfun` computes elements of `A` is not specified and should not be relied upon.

If `fun` is bound to more than one built-in or function file (that is, if it represents a set of overloaded functions), then the class of the values that `cellfun` actually provides as input arguments to `fun` determines which functions are executed.

`A = cellfun(fun, C, D, ...)` evaluates `fun` using the contents of the cells of cell arrays `C`, `D`, `...` as input arguments. The `(I,J,...)`th element of `A` is equal to `fun(C{I,J,...}, D{I,J,...}, ...)`. All input arguments must be of the same size and shape.

`[A, B, ...]  = cellfun(fun, C, ...)` evaluates `fun`, which is a function handle to a function that returns multiple outputs, and returns arrays `A`, `B`, `...`, each corresponding to one of the output arguments of `fun`. `cellfun` calls `fun` each time with as many outputs as there are in the call to `cellfun`. `fun` can return output arguments having different classes, but the class of each output must be the same each time `fun` is called.

`[A, ...]  = cellfun(fun, C, ..., 'param1', value1, ...)` enables you to specify optional parameter name and value pairs.

Parameters recognized by `cellfun` are shown below. Enclose each parameter name with single quotes.

Parameter Name	Parameter Value
`UniformOutput`	Logical 1 (`true`) or 0 (`false`), indicating whether or not the outputs of `fun` can be returned without encapsulation in a cell array. See "UniformOutput Parameter" on page 2-738 below.
`ErrorHandler`	Function handle, specifying the function that `cellfun` is to call if the call to `fun` fails. See "ErrorHandler Parameter" on page 2-738 below.

UniformOutput Parameter

If you set the `UniformOutput` parameter to `true` (the default), `fun` must return scalar values that can be concatenated into an array. These values can also be a cell array.

If `UniformOutput` is `false`, `cellfun` returns a cell array (or multiple cell arrays), where the `(I,J,...)`th cell contains the value

```
fun(C{I,J,...}, ...)
```

ErrorHandler Parameter

The MATLAB software calls the function represented by the `ErrorHandler` parameter with two input arguments:

- A structure having three fields, named `identifier`, `message`, and `index`, respectively containing the identifier of the error that occurred, the text of the error message, and a linear index into the input array or arrays for which the error occurred
- The set of input arguments for which the call to the function failed

The error handling function must either rethrow the error that was caught, or it must return the output values from the call to `fun`. Error handling functions that do not rethrow the error must have the same number of outputs as `fun`. MATLAB places these output values in the output variables used in the call to `arrayfun`.

Shown here is an example of a simple error handling function, `errorfun`:

```
function [A, B] = errorfun(S, varargin)
warning(S.identifier, S.message);
A = NaN;  B = NaN;
```

If `'UniformOutput'` is set to logical 1 (`true`), the outputs of the error handler must be scalars and of the same data type as the outputs of function `fun`.

If you do not specify an error handler, `cellfun` rethrows the error.

Backward Compatibility

The following syntaxes are also accepted for backward compatibility:

`A = cellfun('fname', C)` applies the function `fname` to the elements of cell array `C` and returns the results in the double array `A`. Each element of `A` contains the value returned by `fname` for the corresponding element in `C`. The output array `A` is the same size as the cell array `C`.

These functions are supported:

Function	Return Value
`isempty`	`true` for an empty cell element
`islogical`	`true` for a logical cell element
`isreal`	`true` for a real cell element
`length`	Length of the cell element
`ndims`	Number of dimensions of the cell element
`prodofsize`	Number of elements in the cell element

`A = cellfun('size', C, k)` returns the size along the `k`th dimension of each element of `C`.

A = cellfun('isclass', C, 'classname') returns logical 1 (true) for each element of C that matches classname. This function syntax returns logical 0 (false) for objects that are a subclass of classname.

Note For the previous three syntaxes, if C contains objects, cellfun does not call any overloaded versions of MATLAB functions corresponding to the above strings.

Examples

Compute the mean of several data sets:

```
C = {1:10, [2; 4; 6], []};

Cmeans = cellfun(@mean, C)
Cmeans =
    5.5000    4.0000       NaN
```

Compute the size of these data sets:

```
[Cnrows, Cncols] = cellfun(@size, C)
Cnrows =
     1     3     0
Cncols =
    10     1     0
```

Again compute the size, but with UniformOutput set to false:

```
Csize = cellfun(@size, C, 'UniformOutput', false)
Csize =
    [1x2 double]    [1x2 double]    [1x2 double]

Csize{:}
ans =
     1    10
ans =
     3     1
ans =
```

```
     0     0
```

Find the positive values in several data sets.

```
C = {randn(10,1), randn(20,1), randn(30,1)};

Cpositives = cellfun(@(x) x(x>0), C, 'UniformOutput',false)
Cpositives =
    [6x1 double]    [11x1 double]    [15x1 double]

Cpositives{:}
ans =
    0.1253
    0.2877
    1.1909
     etc.
ans =
    0.7258
    2.1832
    0.1139
     etc.
ans =
    0.6900
    0.8156
    0.7119
     etc.
```

Compute the covariance between several pairs of data sets:

```
C = {randn(10,1), randn(20,1), randn(30,1)};
D = {randn(10,1), randn(20,1), randn(30,1)};

CDcovs = cellfun(@cov, C, D, 'UniformOutput', false)
CDcovs =
    [2x2 double]    [2x2 double]    [2x2 double]

CDcovs{:}
ans =
```

```
    0.7353   -0.2148
   -0.2148    0.6080
ans =
    0.5743   -0.2912
   -0.2912    0.8505
ans =
    0.7130    0.1750
    0.1750    0.6910
```

See Also

`arrayfun`, `spfun`, `function_handle`, `cell2mat`

Purpose Graphically display structure of cell array

Syntax

```
cellplot(c)
cellplot(c, 'legend')
handles = cellplot(c)
```

Description `cellplot(c)` displays a figure window that graphically represents the contents of `c`. Filled rectangles represent elements of vectors and arrays, while scalars and short text strings are displayed as text.

`cellplot(c, 'legend')` places a colorbar next to the plot labelled to identify the data types in `c`.

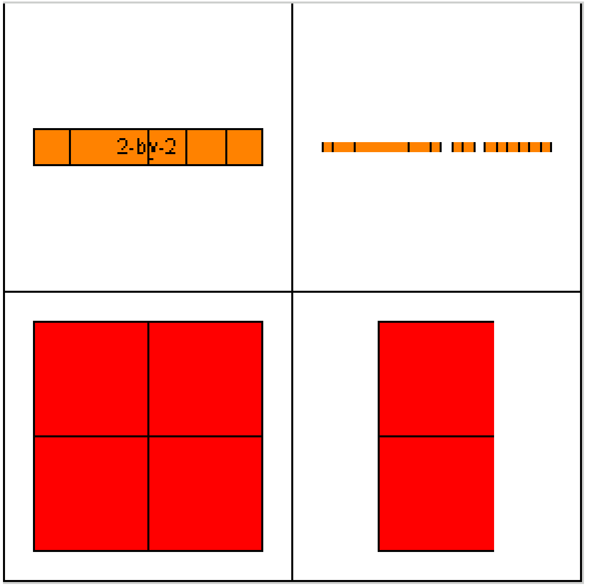
`handles = cellplot(c)` displays a figure window and returns a vector of surface handles.

Limitations The `cellplot` function can display only two-dimensional cell arrays.

Examples Consider a 2-by-2 cell array containing a matrix, a vector, and two text strings:

```
c{1,1} = '2-by-2';
c{1,2} = 'eigenvalues of eye(2)';
c{2,1} = eye(2);
c{2,2} = eig(eye(2));
```

The command `cellplot(c)` produces



See Also

`celldisp`

How To

- "Editing Plots"
- "Exporting a Cell Array to a Text File"

Purpose

Create cell array of strings from character array

Syntax

```
c = cellstr(S)
```

Description

`c = cellstr(S)` places each row of the character array `S` into separate cells of `c`. Any trailing spaces in the rows of `S` are removed.

Use the `char` function to convert back to a string matrix.

Examples

Given the string matrix

```
S = ['abc '; 'defg'; 'hi  ']

S =
    abc
    defg
    hi

whos S
  Name      Size         Bytes  Class
  S         3x4             24  char array
```

The following command returns a 3-by-1 cell array.

```
c = cellstr(S)

c =
    'abc'
    'defg'
    'hi'

whos c
  Name      Size         Bytes  Class
  c         3x1            198  cell array
```

See Also

`iscellstr`, `strings`, `char`, `isstrprop`

Purpose

Conjugate gradients squared method

Syntax

```
x = cgs(A,b)
cgs(A,b,tol)
cgs(A,b,tol,maxit)
cgs(A,b,tol,maxit,M)
cgs(A,b,tol,maxit,M1,M2)
cgs(A,b,tol,maxit,M1,M2,x0)
[x,flag] = cgs(A,b,...)
[x,flag,relres] = cgs(A,b,...)
[x,flag,relres,iter] = cgs(A,b,...)
[x,flag,relres,iter,resvec] = cgs(A,b,...)
```

Description

`x = cgs(A,b)` attempts to solve the system of linear equations `A*x = b` for `x`. The `n`-by-`n` coefficient matrix `A` must be square and should be large and sparse. The column vector `b` must have length `n`. `A` can be a function handle `afun` such that `afun(x)` returns `A*x`. See "Function Handles" in the MATLAB Programming documentation for more information.

"Parameterizing Functions", in the MATLAB Mathematics documentation, explains how to provide additional parameters to the function `afun`, as well as the preconditioner function `mfun` described below, if necessary.

If `cgs` converges, a message to that effect is displayed. If `cgs` fails to converge after the maximum number of iterations or halts for any reason, a warning message is printed displaying the relative residual `norm(b-A*x)/norm(b)` and the iteration number at which the method stopped or failed.

`cgs(A,b,tol)` specifies the tolerance of the method, `tol`. If `tol` is `[]`, then `cgs` uses the default, `1e-6`.

`cgs(A,b,tol,maxit)` specifies the maximum number of iterations, `maxit`. If `maxit` is `[]` then `cgs` uses the default, `min(n,20)`.

`cgs(A,b,tol,maxit,M)` and `cgs(A,b,tol,maxit,M1,M2)` use the preconditioner `M` or `M = M1*M2` and effectively solve the system `inv(M)*A*x = inv(M)*b` for `x`. If `M` is `[]` then `cgs` applies no preconditioner. M can be a function handle mfun such that mfun(x) returns M\x.

cgs(A,b,tol,maxit,M1,M2,x0) specifies the initial guess x0. If x0 is [], then cgs uses the default, an all-zero vector.

[x,flag] = cgs(A,b,...) returns a solution x and a flag that describes the convergence of cgs.

Flag	Convergence
0	cgs converged to the desired tolerance tol within maxit iterations.
1	cgs iterated maxit times but did not converge.
2	Preconditioner M was ill-conditioned.
3	cgs stagnated. (Two consecutive iterates were the same.)
4	One of the scalar quantities calculated during cgs became too small or too large to continue computing.

Whenever flag is not 0, the solution x returned is that with minimal norm residual computed over all the iterations. No messages are displayed if the flag output is specified.

[x,flag,relres] = cgs(A,b,...) also returns the relative residual norm(b-A*x)/norm(b). If flag is 0, then relres <= tol.

[x,flag,relres,iter] = cgs(A,b,...) also returns the iteration number at which x was computed, where 0 <= iter <= maxit.

[x,flag,relres,iter,resvec] = cgs(A,b,...) also returns a vector of the residual norms at each iteration, including norm(b-A*x0).

Examples

Example

```
A = gallery('wilk',21);
b = sum(A,2);
```

```
tol = 1e-12;  maxit = 15;
M1 = diag([10:-1:1 1 1:10]);
x = cgs(A,b,tol,maxit,M1);
```

displays the message

```
cgs converged at iteration 13 to a solution with relative residual
1.3e-016
```

Example 2

This example replaces the matrix `A` in Example 1 with a handle to a matrix-vector product function `afun`, and the preconditioner `M1` with a handle to a backsolve function `mfun`. The example is contained in an M-file `run_cgs` that

- Calls `cgs` with the function handle `@afun` as its first argument.
- Contains `afun` as a nested function, so that all variables in `run_cgs` are available to `afun` and `myfun`.

The following shows the code for `run_cgs`:

```
function x1 = run_cgs
n = 21;
A = gallery('wilk',n);
b = sum(A,2);
tol = 1e-12;  maxit = 15;
x1 = cgs(@afun,b,tol,maxit,@mfun);

    function y = afun(x)
        y = [0; x(1:n-1)] + ...
              [((n-1)/2:-1:0)'; (1:(n-1)/2)'].*x + ...
              [x(2:n); 0];
    end

    function y = mfun(r)
        y = r ./ [((n-1)/2:-1:1)'; 1; (1:(n-1)/2)'];
    end
```

```
end
```

When you enter

```
x1 = run_cgs
```

MATLAB software returns

```
cgs converged at iteration 13 to a solution with relative residual
1.3e-016
```

Example 3

```
load west0479
A = west0479
b = sum(A,2)
[x,flag] = cgs(A,b)
```

`flag` is `1` because `cgs` does not converge to the default tolerance `1e-6` within the default 20 iterations.

```
[L1,U1] = luinc(A,1e-5)
[x1,flag1] = cgs(A,b,1e-6,20,L1,U1)
```

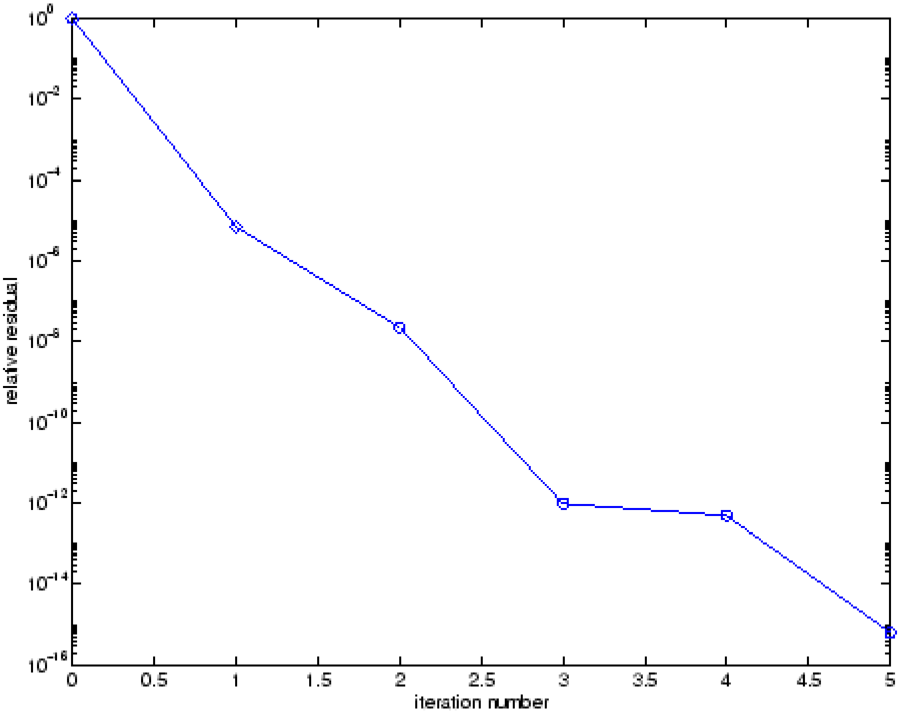
`flag1` is `2` because the upper triangular `U1` has a zero on its diagonal, and `cgs` fails in the first iteration when it tries to solve a system such as `U1*y = r` for `y` with backslash.

```
[L2,U2] = luinc(A,1e-6)
[x2,flag2,relres2,iter2,resvec2] = cgs(A,b,1e-15,10,L2,U2)
```

`flag2` is `0` because `cgs` converges to the tolerance of `6.344e-16` (the value of `relres2`) at the fifth iteration (the value of `iter2`) when preconditioned by the incomplete LU factorization with a drop tolerance of `1e-6`. `resvec2(1) = norm(b)` and `resvec2(6) = norm(b-A*x2)`. You can follow the progress of `cgs` by plotting the relative residuals at each iteration starting from the initial estimate (iterate number 0) with

```
semilogy(0:iter2,resvec2/norm(b),'-o')
xlabel('iteration number')
```

```
ylabel('relative residual')
```



See Also

`bicg`, `bicgstab`, `gmres`, `lsqr`, `luinc`, `minres`, `pcg`, `qmr`, `symmlq`

`function_handle` (`@`), `mldivide` (`\`)

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Purpose

Convert to character array (string)

Syntax

```
S = char(X)
S = char(C)
S = char(t1, t2, t3, ...)
```

Description

`S = char(X)` converts array `X` of nonnegative integer codes into a character array. Codes from 0 to 127 correspond to ASCII characters, which are uniform across systems. The characters that correspond to higher codes depend upon your current locale setting (see "How the MATLAB Process Uses Locale Settings"), and codes greater than 65535 are not defined. To convert characters into a numeric array, use the `double` function.

`S = char(C)`, when `C` is a cell array of strings, places each element of `C` into the rows of the character array `s`. Use `cellstr` to convert back.

`S = char(t1, t2, t3, ...)` forms the character array `S` containing the text strings `T1`, `T2`, `T3`, `...` as rows, automatically padding each string with blanks to form a valid matrix. Each text parameter, `T`*`i`*, can itself be a character array. This allows the creation of arbitrarily large character arrays. Empty strings are significant.

Examples

To print a 3-by-32 display of the printable ASCII characters,

```
ascii = char(reshape(32:127, 32, 3)')
ascii =
    !"#$%&'()*+,-./0123456789:;<=>?
   @ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ[\]^_
   'abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz{|}~
```

See Also

`ischar`, `isletter`, `isspace`, `isstrprop`, `cellstr`, `iscellstr`, `get`, `set`, `strings`, `text`

Purpose

Check files into source control system (UNIX platforms)

GUI Alternatives

As an alternative to the `checkin` function, use **File > Source Control > Check In** in the Editor, the Simulink® product, or the Stateflow® product, or the context menu of the Current Folder browser.

Syntax

```
checkin('filename','comments','comment_text')
checkin({'filename1','filename2'},'comments','comment_text')
checkin('filename','comments', 'comment_text','option',
   'value')
```

Description

`checkin('filename','comments','comment_text')` checks in the file named `filename` to the source control system. Use the full path for `filename` and include the file extension. You must save the file before checking it in, but the file can be open or closed. The `comment_text` is a MATLAB string containing checkin comments for the source control system. You must supply **`comments`** and `comment_text`.

`checkin({'filename1','filename2'},'comments','comment_text')` checks in the files `filename1` through `filenamen` to the source control system. Use the full paths for the files and include file extensions. Comments apply to all files checked in.

`checkin('filename','comments', 'comment_text','option','value')` provides additional `checkin` options. For multiple file names, use an array of strings instead of `filename`, that is, `{'filename1','filename2',...}`. Options apply to all file names. The *`option`* and *`value`* arguments are shown in the following table.

option Argument	value Argument	Purpose
'force'	'on'	filename is checked in even if the file has not changed since it was checked out.
'force'	'off' (default)	filename is not checked in if there were no changes since checkout.
'lock'	'on'	filename is checked in with comments, and is automatically checked out.
'lock'	'off' (default)	filename is checked in with comments but does not remain checked out.

Examples

Check In a File

Check the file /myserver/myfiles/clock.m into the source control system, with the comment Adjustment for leapyear:

```
checkin('/myserver/myfiles/clock.m','comments',...
'Adjustment for leapyear')
```

Check In Multiple Files

Check two files into the source control system, using the same comment for each:

```
checkin({'/myserver/myfiles/clock.m', ...
'/myserver/myfiles/calendar.m'},'comments',...
'Adjustment for leapyear')
```

Check In a File and Keep It Checked Out

Check the file /myserver/myfiles/clock.m into the source control system and keep the file checked out:

```
checkin('/myserver/myfiles/clock.m','comments',...
```

```
'Adjustment for leapyear','lock','on')
```

See Also

`checkout`, `cmopts`, `undocheckout`

For Microsoft Windows platforms, use `verctrl`.

For more information, see "Checking Files Into the Source Control System on UNIX Platforms".

Purpose

Check files out of source control system (UNIX platforms)

GUI Alternatives

As an alternative to the `checkout` function, select **Source Control > Check Out** from the **File** menu in the MATLAB Editor, the Simulink product, or the Stateflow product, or in the context menu of the Current Folder browser.

Syntax

```
checkout('filename')
checkout({'filename1','filename2', ...})
checkout('filename','option','value',...)
```

Description

`checkout('filename')` checks out the file named `filename` from the source control system. Use the full path for `filename` and include the file extension. The file can be open or closed when you use `checkout`.

`checkout({'filename1','filename2', ...})` checks out the files named `filename1` through `filenamen` from the source control system. Use the full paths for the files and include the file extensions.

`checkout('filename','`*`option`*`','`*`value`*`',...)` provides additional `checkout` options. For multiple file names, use an array of strings instead of `filename`, that is, `{'filename1','filename2', ...}`. Options apply to all file names. The *`option`* and *`value`* arguments are shown in the following table.

option Argument	value Argument	Purpose
`'force'`	`'on'`	The checkout is forced, even if you already have the file checked out. This is effectively an `undocheckout` followed by a `checkout`.
`'force'`	`'off'` (default)	Prevents you from checking out the file

option Argument	value Argument	Purpose
		if you already have it checked out.
'lock'	'on' (default)	The checkout gets the file, allows you to write to it, and locks the file so that access to the file for others is read only.
'lock'	'off'	The checkout gets a read-only version of the file, allowing another user to check out the file for updating. You do not have to check the file in after checking it out with this option.
'revision'	'version_num'	Checks out the specified revision of the file.

If you end the MATLAB session, the file remains checked out. You can check in the file from within the MATLAB desktop during a later session, or directly from your source control system.

Examples

Check Out a File

Check out the file `/myserver/myfiles/clock.m` from the source control system:

```
checkout('/myserver/myfiles/clock.m')
```

Check Out Multiple Files

Check out `/matlab/myfiles/clock.m` and `/matlab/myfiles/calendar.m` from the source control system:

```
checkout({'/myserver/myfiles/clock.m',...
'/myserver/myfiles/calendar.m'})
```

Force a Checkout, Even If File Is Already Checked Out

Check out `/matlab/myfiles/clock.m` even if `clock.m` is already checked out to you:

```
checkout('/myserver/myfiles/clock.m','force','on')
```

Check Out Specified Revision of File

Check out revision `1.1` of `clock.m`:

```
checkout('/matlab/myfiles/clock.m','revision','1.1')
```

See Also

`checkin`, `cmopts`, `undocheckout`, `customverctrl`

- For Microsoft Windows platforms, use `verctrl`.
- For details, see “Checking Files Out of the Source Control System on UNIX”.

Purpose

Cholesky factorization

Syntax

```
R = chol(A)
L = chol(A,'lower')
[R,p] = chol(A)
[L,p] = chol(A,'lower')
[R,p,S] = chol(A)
[R,p,s] = chol(A,'vector')
[L,p,s] = chol(A,'lower','vector')
```

Description

`R = chol(A)` produces an upper triangular matrix `R` from the diagonal and upper triangle of matrix `A`, satisfying the equation `R'*R=A`. The lower triangle is assumed to be the (complex conjugate) transpose of the upper triangle. Matrix `A` must be positive definite; otherwise, MATLAB software displays an error message.

`L = chol(A,'lower')` produces a lower triangular matrix `L` from the diagonal and lower triangle of matrix `A`, satisfying the equation `L*L'=A`. When `A` is sparse, this syntax of `chol` is typically faster. Matrix `A` must be positive definite; otherwise MATLAB displays an error message.

`[R,p] = chol(A)` for positive definite `A`, produces an upper triangular matrix `R` from the diagonal and upper triangle of matrix `A`, satisfying the equation `R'*R=A` and `p` is zero. If `A` is not positive definite, then `p` is a positive integer and MATLAB does not generate an error. When `A` is full, `R` is an upper triangular matrix of order `q=p-1` such that `R'*R=A(1:q,1:q)`. When `A` is sparse, `R` is an upper triangular matrix of size `q`-by-`n` so that the `L`-shaped region of the first `q` rows and first `q` columns of `R'*R` agree with those of `A`.

`[L,p] = chol(A,'lower')` for positive definite `A`, produces a lower triangular matrix `L` from the diagonal and lower triangle of matrix `A`, satisfying the equation `L*L'=A` and `p` is zero. If `A` is not positive definite, then `p` is a positive integer and MATLAB does not generate an error. When `A` is full, `L` is a lower triangular matrix of order `q=p-1` such that `L*L'=A(1:q,1:q)`. When `A` is sparse, `L` is a lower triangular matrix of size `q`-by-`n` so that the `L`-shaped region of the first `q` rows and first `q` columns of `L*L'` agree with those of `A`.

The following three-output syntaxes require sparse input A.

[R,p,S] = chol(A), when A is sparse, returns a permutation matrix S. Note that the preordering S may differ from that obtained from amd since chol will slightly change the ordering for increased performance. When p=0, R is an upper triangular matrix such that R'*R=S'*A*S. When p is not zero, R is an upper triangular matrix of size q-by-n so that the L-shaped region of the first q rows and first q columns of R'*R agree with those of S'*A*S. The factor of S'*A*S tends to be sparser than the factor of A.

[R,p,s] = chol(A,'vector'), when A is sparse, returns the permutation information as a vector s such that A(s,s)=R'*R, when p=0. You can use the 'matrix' option in place of 'vector' to obtain the default behavior.

[L,p,s] = chol(A,'lower','vector'), when A is sparse, uses only the diagonal and the lower triangle of A and returns a lower triangular matrix L and a permutation vector s such that A(s,s)=L*L', when p=0. As above, you can use the 'matrix' option in place of 'vector' to obtain a permutation matrix.

Note Using chol is preferable to using eig for determining positive definiteness.

Examples

Example 1

The gallery function provides several symmetric, positive, definite matrices.

```
A=gallery('moler',5)

A =

     1    -1    -1    -1    -1
    -1     2     0     0     0
    -1     0     3     1     1
```

```
    -1     0     1     4     2
    -1     0     1     2     5

C=chol(A)

ans =

     1    -1    -1    -1    -1
     0     1    -1    -1    -1
     0     0     1    -1    -1
     0     0     0     1    -1
     0     0     0     0     1
isequal(C'*C,A)

ans =

     1
```

For sparse input matrices, `chol` returns the Cholesky factor.

```
N = 100;
A = gallery('poisson', N);
```

`N` represents the number of grid points in one direction of a square `N`-by-`N` grid. Therefore, `A` is N^2 by N^2.

```
L = chol(A, 'lower');
D = norm(A - L*L', 'fro');
```

The value of `D` will vary somewhat among different versions of MATLAB but will be on order of 10^{-14}.

Example 2

The binomial coefficients arranged in a symmetric array create a positive definite matrix.

```
n = 5;
```

```
X = pascal(n)
X =
     1     1     1     1     1
     1     2     3     4     5
     1     3     6    10    15
     1     4    10    20    35
     1     5    15    35    70
```

This matrix is interesting because its Cholesky factor consists of the same coefficients, arranged in an upper triangular matrix.

```
R = chol(X)
R =
     1     1     1     1     1
     0     1     2     3     4
     0     0     1     3     6
     0     0     0     1     4
     0     0     0     0     1
```

Destroy the positive definiteness (and actually make the matrix singular) by subtracting 1 from the last element.

```
X(n,n) = X(n,n)-1

X =
     1     1     1     1     1
     1     2     3     4     5
     1     3     6    10    15
     1     4    10    20    35
     1     5    15    35    69
```

Now an attempt to find the Cholesky factorization of `X` fails.

```
chol(X)
??? Error using ==> chol
Matrix must be positive definite.
```

Algorithm

For full matrices `X`, `chol` uses the LAPACK routines listed in the following table.

	Real	Complex
`X` double	DPOTRF	ZPOTRF
`X` single	SPOTRF	CPOTRF

For sparse matrices, MATLAB software uses CHOLMOD to compute the Cholesky factor.

References

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See Also

`cholinc`, `cholupdate`

Purpose Sparse incomplete Cholesky and Cholesky-Infinity factorizations

Syntax

```
R = cholinc(X,droptol)
R = cholinc(X,options)
R = cholinc(X,'0')
[R,p] = cholinc(X,'0')
R = cholinc(X,'inf')
```

Description

`cholinc` produces two different kinds of incomplete Cholesky factorizations: the drop tolerance and the 0 level of fill-in factorizations. These factors may be useful as preconditioners for a symmetric positive definite system of linear equations being solved by an iterative method such as `pcg` (Preconditioned Conjugate Gradients). `cholinc` works only for sparse matrices.

`R = cholinc(X,droptol)` performs the incomplete Cholesky factorization of `X`, with drop tolerance `droptol`.

`R = cholinc(X,options)` allows additional options to the incomplete Cholesky factorization. `options` is a structure with up to three fields:

`droptol`	Drop tolerance of the incomplete factorization
`michol`	Modified incomplete Cholesky
`rdiag`	Replace zeros on the diagonal of `R`

Only the fields of interest need to be set.

`droptol` is a non-negative scalar used as the drop tolerance for the incomplete Cholesky factorization. This factorization is computed by performing the incomplete LU factorization with the pivot threshold option set to `0` (which forces diagonal pivoting) and then scaling the rows of the incomplete upper triangular factor, `U`, by the square root of the diagonal entries in that column. Since the nonzero entries `U(i,j)` are bounded below by `droptol*norm(X(:,j))` (see `luinc`), the nonzero entries `R(i,j)` are bounded below by the local drop tolerance `droptol*norm(X(:,j))/R(i,i)`.

Setting `droptol = 0` produces the complete Cholesky factorization, which is the default.

`michol` stands for modified incomplete Cholesky factorization. Its value is either `0` (unmodified, the default) or `1` (modified). This performs the modified incomplete LU factorization of `X` and scales the returned upper triangular factor as described above.

`rdiag` is either `0` or `1`. If it is `1`, any zero diagonal entries of the upper triangular factor R are replaced by the square root of the local drop tolerance in an attempt to avoid a singular factor. The default is `0`.

`R = cholinc(X,'0')` produces the incomplete Cholesky factor of a real sparse matrix that is symmetric and positive definite using no fill-in. The upper triangular `R` has the same sparsity pattern as `triu(X)`, although `R` may be zero in some positions where `X` is nonzero due to cancellation. The lower triangle of `X` is assumed to be the transpose of the upper. Note that the positive definiteness of `X` does not guarantee the existence of a factor with the required sparsity. An error message results if the factorization is not possible. If the factorization is successful, `R'*R` agrees with `X` over its sparsity pattern.

`[R,p] = cholinc(X,'0')` with two output arguments, never produces an error message. If `R` exists, `p` is `0`. If `R` does not exist, then `p` is a positive integer and `R` is an upper triangular matrix of size `q`-by-`n` where `q = p-1`. In this latter case, the sparsity pattern of `R` is that of the `q`-by-`n` upper triangle of `X`. `R'*R` agrees with `X` over the sparsity pattern of its first `q` rows and first `q` columns.

`R = cholinc(X,'inf')` produces the Cholesky-Infinity factorization. This factorization is based on the Cholesky factorization, and additionally handles real positive semi-definite matrices. It may be useful for finding a solution to systems which arise in interior-point methods. When a zero pivot is encountered in the ordinary Cholesky factorization, the diagonal of the Cholesky-Infinity factor is set to `Inf` and the rest of that row is set to `0`. This forces a `0` in the corresponding entry of the solution vector in the associated system of linear equations. In practice, `X` is assumed to be positive semi-definite so even negative pivots are replaced with a value of `Inf`.

Remarks

The incomplete factorizations may be useful as preconditioners for solving large sparse systems of linear equations. A single `0` on the diagonal of the upper triangular factor makes it singular. The incomplete factorization with a drop tolerance prints a warning message if the upper triangular factor has zeros on the diagonal. Similarly, using the `rdiag` option to replace a zero diagonal only gets rid of the symptoms of the problem, but it does not solve it. The preconditioner may not be singular, but it probably is not useful, and a warning message is printed.

The Cholesky-Infinity factorization is meant to be used within interior-point methods. Otherwise, its use is not recommended.

Examples

Example 1

Start with a symmetric positive definite matrix, `S`.

```
S = delsq(numgrid('C',15));
```

S is the two-dimensional, five-point discrete negative Lapacian on the grid generated by numgrid('C',15).

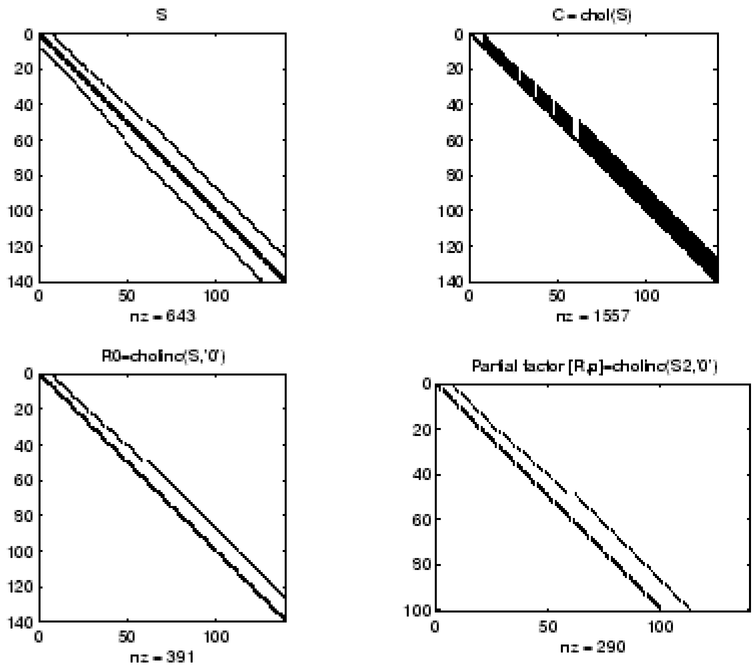
Compute the Cholesky factorization and the incomplete Cholesky factorization of level 0 to compare the fill-in. Make `S` singular by zeroing out a diagonal entry and compute the (partial) incomplete Cholesky factorization of level `0`.

```
C = chol(S);
R0 = cholinc(S,'0');
S2 = S; S2(101,101) = 0;
[R,p] = cholinc(S2,'0');
```

Fill-in occurs within the bands of `S` in the complete Cholesky factor, but none in the incomplete Cholesky factor. The incomplete factorization of the singular `S2` stopped at row `p = 101` resulting in a 100-by-139 partial factor.

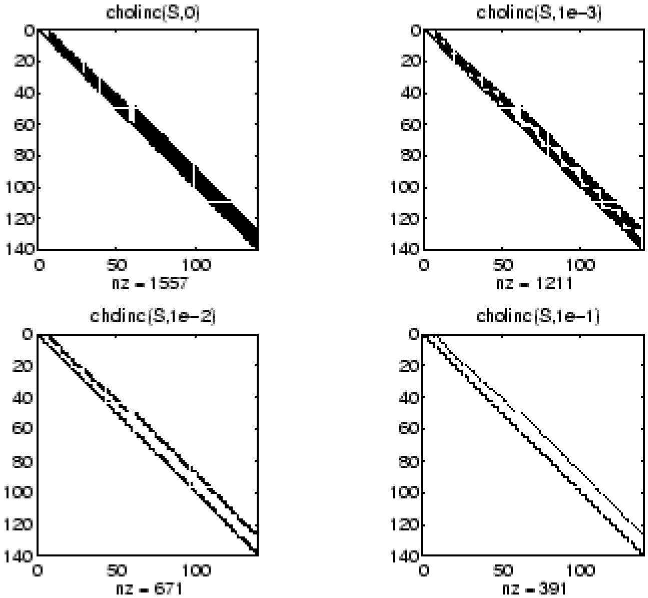
```
D1 = (R0'*R0).*spones(S)-S;
D2 = (R'*R).*spones(S2)-S2;
```

D1 has elements of the order of eps, showing that R0'*R0 agrees with S over its sparsity pattern. D2 has elements of the order of eps over its first 100 rows and first 100 columns, D2(1:100,:) and D2(:,1:100).

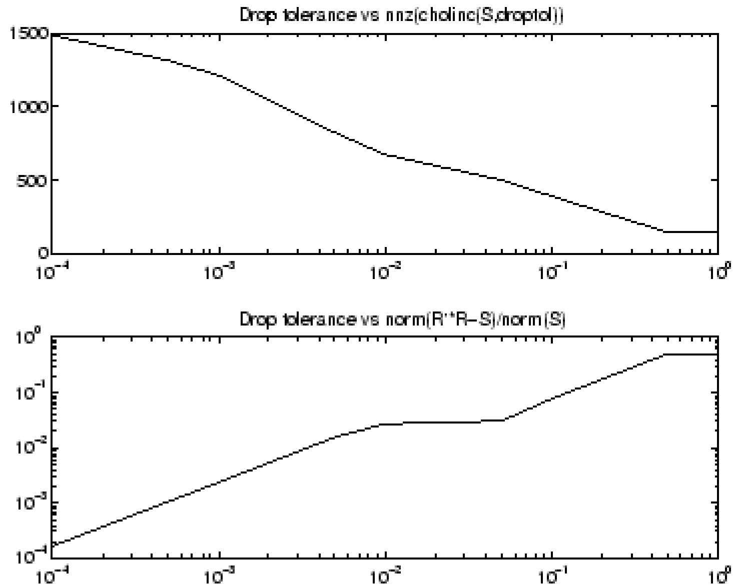


Example 2

The first subplot below shows that cholinc(S,0), the incomplete Cholesky factor with a drop tolerance of 0, is the same as the Cholesky factor of S. Increasing the drop tolerance increases the sparsity of the incomplete factors, as seen below.



Unfortunately, the sparser factors are poor approximations, as is seen by the plot of drop tolerance versus `norm(R'*R-S,1)/norm(S,1)` in the next figure.



Example 3

The Hilbert matrices have (i,j) entries 1/(i+j-1) and are theoretically positive definite:

```
H3 = hilb(3)
H3 =
    1.0000    0.5000    0.3333
    0.5000    0.3333    0.2500
    0.3333    0.2500    0.2000
R3 = chol(H3)
R3 =
    1.0000    0.5000    0.3333
         0    0.2887    0.2887
         0         0    0.0745
```

In practice, the Cholesky factorization breaks down for larger matrices:

```
H20 = sparse(hilb(20));
```

```
[R,p] = chol(H20);
p =
    14
```

For `hilb(20)`, the Cholesky factorization failed in the computation of row 14 because of a numerically zero pivot. You can use the Cholesky-Infinity factorization to avoid this error. When a zero pivot is encountered, `cholinc` places an `Inf` on the main diagonal, zeros out the rest of the row, and continues with the computation:

```
Rinf = cholinc(H20,'inf');
```

In this case, all subsequent pivots are also too small, so the remainder of the upper triangular factor is:

```
full(Rinf(14:end,14:end))
ans =
   Inf     0     0     0     0     0     0
     0   Inf     0     0     0     0     0
     0     0   Inf     0     0     0     0
     0     0     0   Inf     0     0     0
     0     0     0     0   Inf     0     0
     0     0     0     0     0   Inf     0
     0     0     0     0     0     0   Inf
```

Limitations

`cholinc` works on square sparse matrices only. For `cholinc(X,'0')` and `cholinc(X,'inf')`, `X` must be real.

Algorithm

`R = cholinc(X,droptol)` is obtained from `[L,U] = luinc(X,options)`, where `options.droptol = droptol` and `options.thresh = 0`. The rows of the uppertriangular `U` are scaled by the square root of the diagonal in that row, and this scaled factor becomes `R`.

`R = cholinc(X,options)` is produced in a similar manner, except the `rdiag` option translates into the `udiag` option and the `milu` option takes the value of the `michol` option.

`R = cholinc(X,'0')` is based on the "KJI" variant of the Cholesky factorization. Updates are made only to positions which are nonzero in the upper triangle of `X`.

`R = cholinc(X,'inf')` is based on the algorithm in Zhang [2].

See Also

`chol`, `ilu`, `luinc`, `pcg`

References

[1] Saad, Yousef, *Iterative Methods for Sparse Linear Systems*, PWS Publishing Company, 1996. Chapter 10, "Preconditioning Techniques"

[2] Zhang, Yin, *Solving Large-Scale Linear Programs by Interior-Point Methods Under the MATLAB Environment*, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, University of Maryland Baltimore County, Technical Report TR96-01

Purpose

Rank 1 update to Cholesky factorization

Syntax

```
R1 = cholupdate(R,x)
R1 = cholupdate(R,x,'+')
R1 = cholupdate(R,x,'-')
[R1,p] = cholupdate(R,x,'-')
```

Description

`R1 = cholupdate(R,x)` where `R = chol(A)` is the original Cholesky factorization of `A`, returns the upper triangular Cholesky factor of `A + x*x'`, where `x` is a column vector of appropriate length. `cholupdate` uses only the diagonal and upper triangle of `R`. The lower triangle of `R` is ignored.

`R1 = cholupdate(R,x,'+')` is the same as `R1 = cholupdate(R,x)`.

`R1 = cholupdate(R,x,'-')` returns the Cholesky factor of `A - x*x'`. An error message reports when R is not a valid Cholesky factor or when the downdated matrix is not positive definite and so does not have a Cholesky factorization.

`[R1,p] = cholupdate(R,x,'-')` will not return an error message. If `p` is `0`, `R1` is the Cholesky factor of `A - x*x'`. If `p` is greater than `0`, `R1` is the Cholesky factor of the original `A`. If `p` is `1`, `cholupdate` failed because the downdated matrix is not positive definite. If `p` is `2`, `cholupdate` failed because the upper triangle of `R` was not a valid Cholesky factor.

Remarks

`cholupdate` works only for full matrices.

Example

```
A = pascal(4)
A =

     1     1     1     1
     1     2     3     4
     1     3     6    10
     1     4    10    20

R = chol(A)
R =
```

```
         1     1     1     1
         0     1     2     3
         0     0     1     3
         0     0     0     1
x = [0 0 0 1]';
```

This is called a rank one update to A since rank(x*x') is 1:

```
A + x*x'
ans =


         1     1     1     1
         1     2     3     4
         1     3     6    10
         1     4    10    21
```

Instead of computing the Cholesky factor with R1 = chol(A + x*x'), we can use cholupdate:

```
R1 = cholupdate(R,x)
R1 =

    1.0000    1.0000    1.0000    1.0000
         0    1.0000    2.0000    3.0000
         0         0    1.0000    3.0000
         0         0         0    1.4142
```

Next destroy the positive definiteness (and actually make the matrix singular) by subtracting 1 from the last element of A. The downdated matrix is:

```
A - x*x'
ans =

         1     1     1     1
         1     2     3     4
```

```
     1     3     6    10
     1     4    10    19
```

Compare chol with cholupdate:

```
R1 = chol(A-x*x')
??? Error using ==> chol
Matrix must be positive definite.
R1 = cholupdate(R,x,'-')
??? Error using ==> cholupdate
Downdated matrix must be positive definite.
```

However, subtracting 0.5 from the last element of A produces a positive definite matrix, and we can use cholupdate to compute its Cholesky factor:

```
x = [0 0 0 1/sqrt(2)]';
R1 = cholupdate(R,x,'-')
R1 =
    1.0000    1.0000    1.0000    1.0000
         0    1.0000    2.0000    3.0000
         0         0    1.0000    3.0000
         0         0         0    0.7071
```

Algorithm

cholupdate uses the algorithms from the LINPACK subroutines ZCHUD and ZCHDD. cholupdate is useful since computing the new Cholesky factor from scratch is an $O(N^3)$ algorithm, while simply updating the existing factor in this way is an $O(N^2)$ algorithm.

See Also

chol, qrupdate

References

[1] Dongarra, J.J., J.R. Bunch, C.B. Moler, and G.W. Stewart, *LINPACK Users' Guide*, SIAM, Philadelphia, 1979.

Purpose

Shift array circularly

Syntax

```
B = circshift(A,shiftsize)
```

Description

`B = circshift(A,shiftsize)` circularly shifts the values in the array, `A`, by `shiftsize` elements. `shiftsize` is a vector of integer scalars where the `n`-th element specifies the shift amount for the `n`-th dimension of array `A`. If an element in `shiftsize` is positive, the values of `A` are shifted down (or to the right). If it is negative, the values of `A` are shifted up (or to the left). If it is `0`, the values in that dimension are not shifted.

Example

Circularly shift first dimension values down by 1.

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

B = circshift(A,1)
B =
     7     8     9
     1     2     3
     4     5     6
```

Circularly shift first dimension values down by 1 and second dimension values to the left by 1.

```
B = circshift(A,[1 -1]);
B =
    8     9     7
    2     3     1
    5     6     4
```

See Also

`fftshift`, `shiftdim`, `permute`, `reshape`

Purpose

Circumcenters of specified simplices

Syntax

```
CC = circumcenters(TR, SI)
[CC RCC] = circumcenters(TR, SI)
```

Description

`CC = circumcenters(TR, SI)` returns the coordinates of the circumcenter of each specified simplex `SI`. `CC` is an `m`-by-`n` matrix, where `m` is of length `length(SI)`, the number of specified simplices, and `n` is the dimension of the space where the triangulation resides.

`[CC RCC] = circumcenters(TR, SI)` returns the circumcenters and the corresponding radii of the circumscribed circles or spheres.

Input Arguments

`TR`	Triangulation object.
`SI`	Column vector of simplex indices that index into the triangulation matrix `TR.Triangulation`. If `SI` is not specified the circumcenter information for the entire triangulation is returned, where the circumcenter associated with simplex `i` is the `i`'th row of `CC`.

Output Arguments

`CC`	`m`-by-`n` matrix. `m` is the number of specified simplices and `n` is the dimension of the space where the triangulation resides. Each row `CC(i,:)` represents the coordinates of the circumcenter of simplex `SI(i)`.
`RCC`	Vector of length `length(SI)`, the number of specified simplices containing radii of the circumscribed circles or spheres.

Definitions

A simplex is a triangle/tetrahedron or higher-dimensional equivalent.

Examples

Example 1

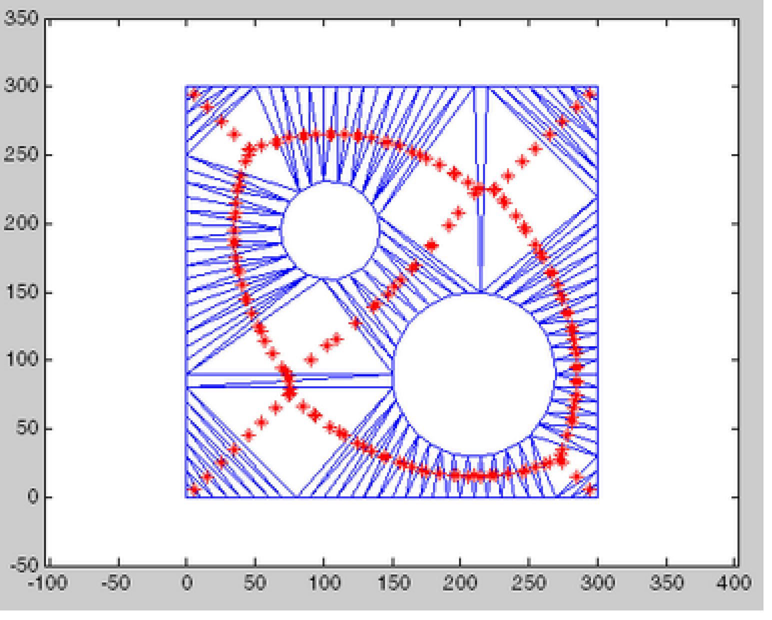
Load a 2-D triangulation.

```
load trimesh2d
trep = TriRep(tri, x,y)
```

Compute the circumcenters.

```
cc = circumcenters(trep);
triplot(trep);
axis([-50 350 -50 350]);
axis equal;
hold on;
plot(cc(:,1),cc(:,2),'*r');
hold off;
```

The circumcenters represent points on the medial axis of the polygon.



Example 2

Query a 3-D triangulation created with `DelaunayTri`. Compute the circumcenters of the first five tetrahedra.

```
X = rand(10,3);
dt = DelaunayTri(X);
cc = circumcenters(dt, [1:5]')
```

See Also

`incenters`
`DelaunayTri`

Purpose

Clear current axes

GUI Alternatives

Remove axes and clear objects from them in *plot edit* mode. For details, see "Working in Plot Edit Mode" in the MATLAB Graphics documentation.

Syntax

```
cla
cla reset
cla(ax)
cla(ax,'reset')
```

Description

`cla` deletes from the current axes all graphics objects whose handles are not hidden (i.e., their `HandleVisibility` property is set to `on`).

`cla reset` deletes from the current axes all graphics objects regardless of the setting of their `HandleVisibility` property and resets all axes properties, except `Position` and `Units`, to their default values.

`cla(ax)` or `cla(ax,'reset')` clears the single axes with handle `ax`.

Remarks

The `cla` command behaves the same way when issued on the command line as it does in callback routines — it does not recognize the `HandleVisibility` setting of `callback`. This means that when issued from within a callback routine, `cla` deletes only those objects whose `HandleVisibility` property is set to `on`.

See Also

`clf`, `hold`, `newplot`, `reset`

"Axes Operations" on page 1-106 for related functions

Purpose

Contour plot elevation labels

Syntax

```
clabel(C,h)
clabel(C,h,v)
clabel(C,h,'manual')
clabel(C)
clabel(C,v)
clabel(C,'manual')
text_handles = clabel(...)
clabel(...,'PropertyName',propertyvalue,...)
clabel(...'LabelSpacing',points)
```

Description

The `clabel` function adds height labels to a 2-D contour plot.

`clabel(C,h)` rotates the labels and inserts them in the contour lines. The function inserts only those labels that fit within the contour, depending on the size of the contour.

`clabel(C,h,v)` creates labels only for those contour levels given in vector `v`, then rotates the labels and inserts them in the contour lines.

`clabel(C,h,'manual')` places contour labels at locations you select with a mouse. Press the left mouse button (the mouse button on a single-button mouse) or the space bar to label a contour at the closest location beneath the center of the cursor. Press the **Return** key while the cursor is within the figure window to terminate labeling. The labels are rotated and inserted in the contour lines.

`clabel(C)` adds labels to the current contour plot using the contour array `C` output from `contour`. The function labels all contours displayed and randomly selects label positions.

`clabel(C,v)` labels only those contour levels given in vector `v`.

`clabel(C,'manual')` places contour labels at locations you select with a mouse.

`text_handles = clabel(...)` returns the handles of text objects created by clabel. The `UserData` properties of the text objects contain the contour values displayed. If you call `clabel` without the `h` argument, `text_handles` also contains the handles of line objects used to create the `'+'` symbols.

`clabel(...,'PropertyName',propertyvalue,...)` enables you to specify text object property/value pairs for the label strings. (See `Text Properties`.)

`clabel(...'LabelSpacing',points)` specifies the spacing between labels on the same contour line, in units of points (72 points equal one inch).

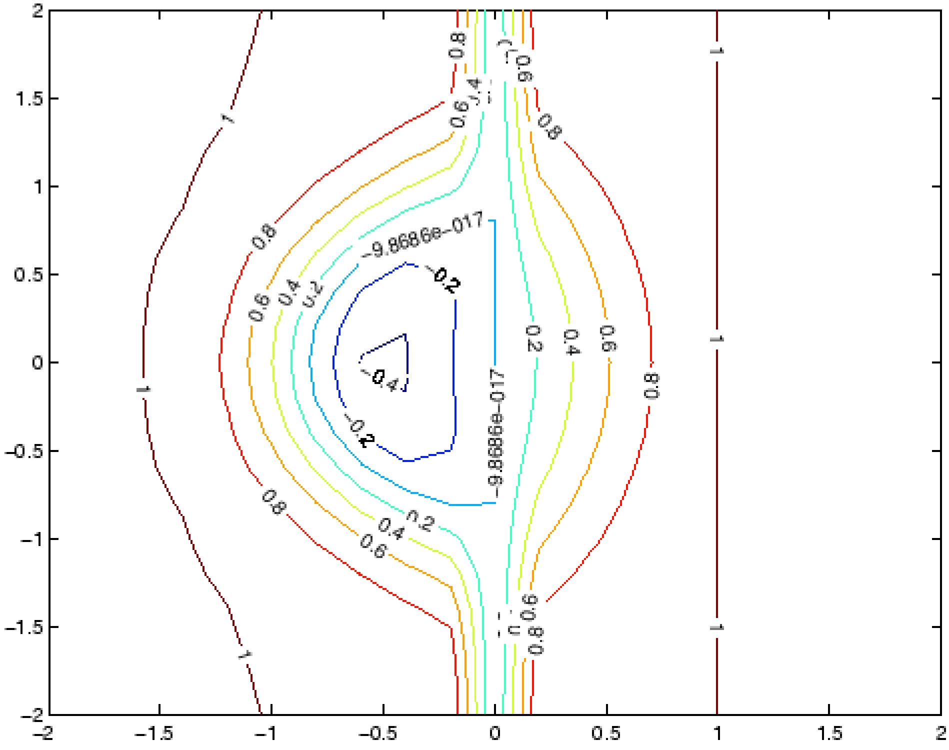
Remarks

When the syntax includes the argument `h`, this function rotates the labels and inserts them in the contour lines (see Examples). Otherwise, the labels are displayed upright and a `'+'` indicates which contour line the label is annotating.

Examples

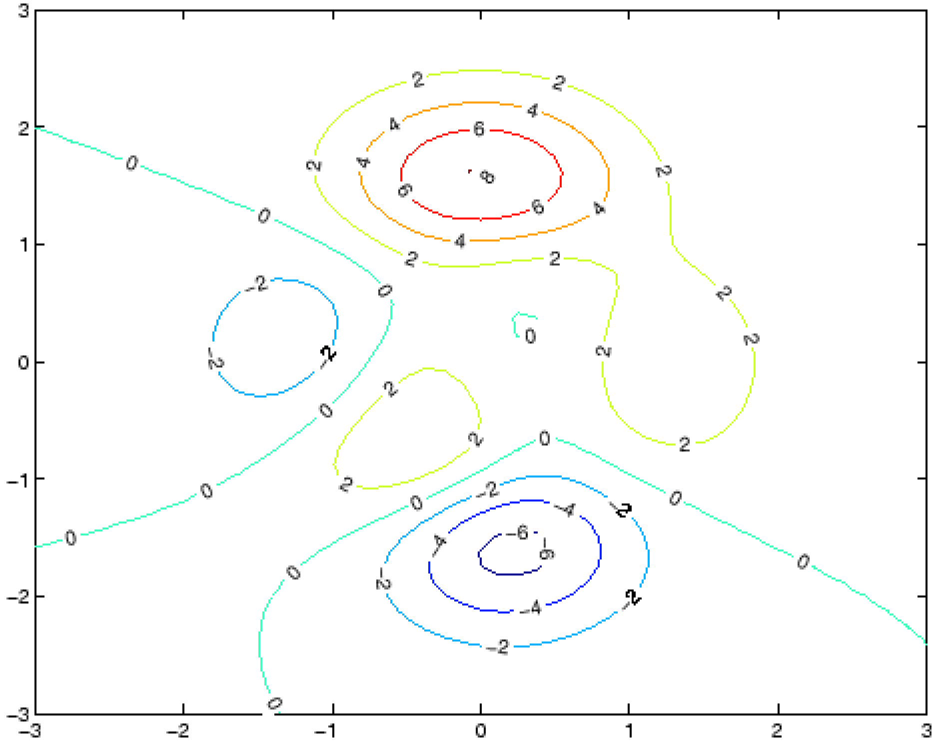
Generate, draw, and label a simple contour plot.

```
[x,y] = meshgrid(-2:.2:2);
z = x.^exp(-x.^2-y.^2);
[C,h] = contour(x,y,z);
clabel(C,h);
```



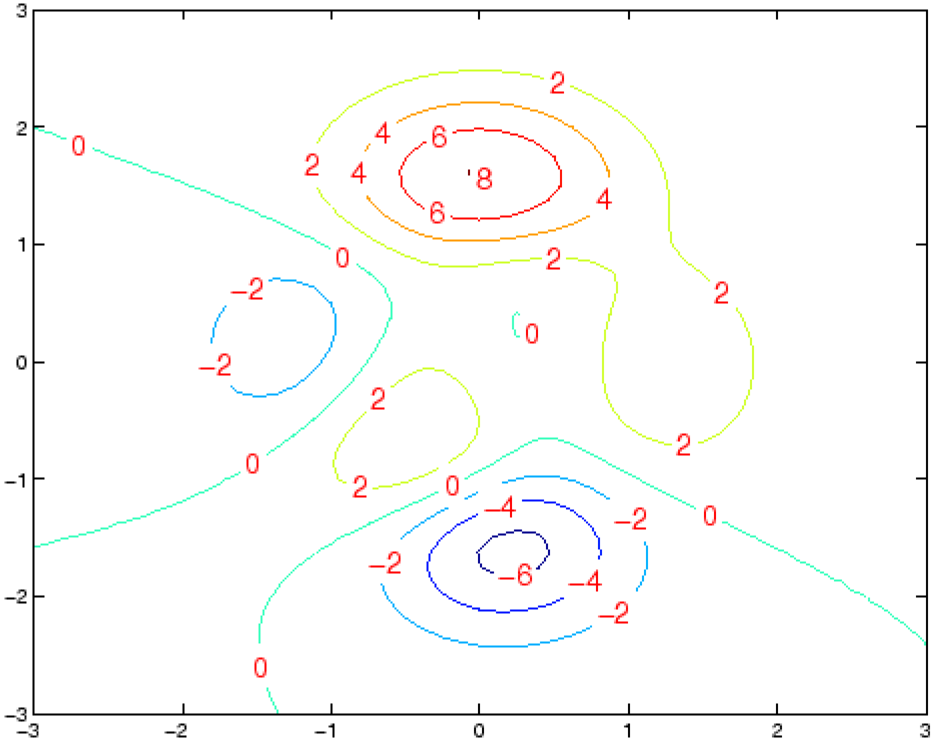
Label a contour plot with label spacing set to 72 points (one inch).

```
[x,y,z] = peaks;
[C,h] = contour(x,y,z);
clabel(C,h,'LabelSpacing',72)
```



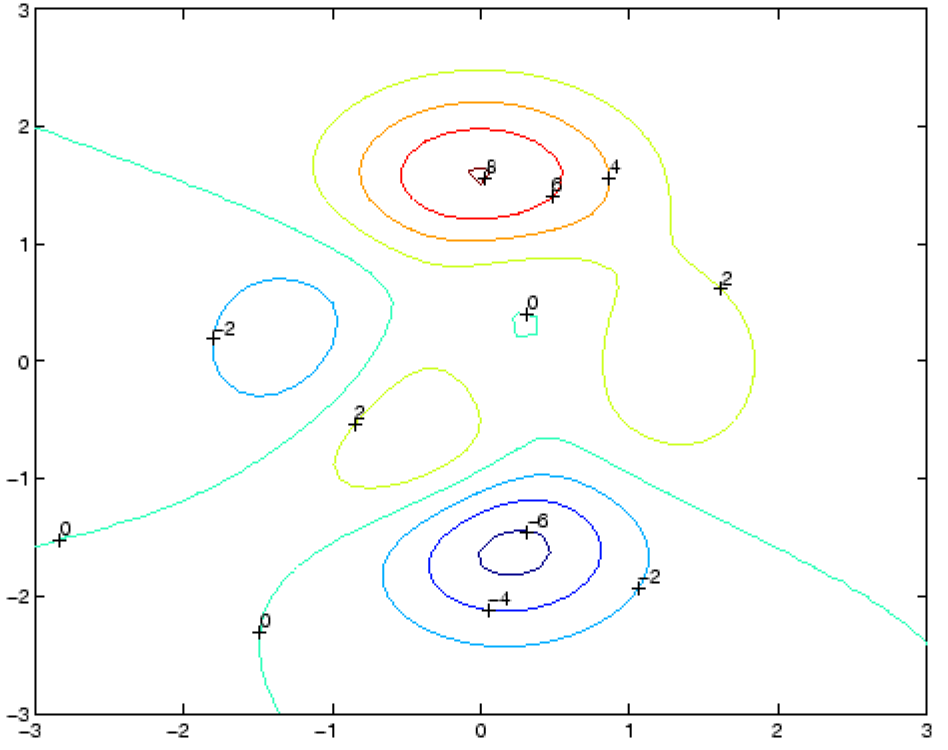
Label a contour plot with 15 point red text.

```
[x,y,z] = peaks;
[C,h] = contour(x,y,z);
clabel(C,h,'FontSize',15,'Color','r','Rotation',0)
```



Label a contour plot with upright text and '+' symbols indicating which contour line each label annotates.

```
[x,y,z] = peaks;
C = contour(x,y,z);
clabel(C)
```



See Also

`contour`, `contourc`, `contourf`

"Annotating Plots" on page 1-97 for related functions

"Drawing Text in a Box" for an example that illustrates the use of contour labels

Purpose

Determine class name of object

Syntax

```
str = class(object)
obj = class(s,'class_name')
obj = class(s,'class_name',parent1,parent2,...)
obj = class(struct([]),'class_name',parent1,parent2,...)
obj_struct = class(struct_array,'class_name',parent_array)
```

Description

`str = class(object)` returns a string specifying the class of `object`. See "Classes (Data Types)" for more information on MATLAB classes.

Before MATLAB 7.6 (classes defined without a `classdef` statement), class constructors called the `class` function to create the object. The following uses of `class` apply to classes defined before Version 7.6.

`obj = class(s,'class_name')` creates an array of class *`class_name`* objects using the `struct` `s` as a pattern to determine the size of `obj`.

`obj = class(s,'class_name',parent1,parent2,...)` inherits the methods and fields of the parent objects `parent1`, `parent2`, and so on. The size of the parent objects must match the size of `s` or be a scalar (1–by-1), in which case, MATLAB performs scalar expansion.

`obj = class(struct([]),'class_name',parent1,parent2,...)` constructs object containing only fields that it inherits from the parent objects. All parents must have the same, nonzero size, which determines the size of the returned object `obj`.

`obj_struct = class(struct_array,'class_name',parent_array)` maps every element of the `parent_array` to a corresponding element in the `struct_array` to produce the output array of objects, `obj_struct`.

All arrays must be of the same size. If either the `struct_array` or the `parent_array` is of size 1–by–1, then MATLAB performs scalar expansion to match the array sizes.

To create an object array of size 0–by-0, set the size of the `struct_array` and `parent_array` to 0–by-0.

Examples

Return the class of Java object `obj`:

```
import java.lang.*;
obj = String('mystring');
class(obj)

ans =

java.lang.String
```

Return class of any MATLAB variable:

```
h = @sin;
class(h)

ans =

function_handle
```

See Also

`isa` | `isobject` | `metaclass`

- *Object-Oriented Programming*

Purpose

Class definition keywords

Syntax

```
classdef classname
   properties
      PropName
   end
   methods
      methodName
   end
   events
      EventName
   end
end
```

Description

`classdef` *classname* begins the class definition, an `end` keyword terminates the `classdef` block. Only blank lines and comments can precede `classdef`. Enter a class definition in a file having the same name as the class, with a filename extension of `.m`. Class definition files can be in folders on the MATLAB path or in @ folders whose parent folder is on the MATLAB path. See "Class Folders" for more information. See "The Classdef Block" and "Defining Classes — Syntax" for more information on classes.

`properties` begins a property definition block, an `end` key word terminates the `properties` block. Class definitions can contain multiple property definition blocks, each specifying different attribute settings that apply to the properties in that particular block. See "Defining Properties" for more information.

`methods` begins a methods definition block, an `end` key word terminates the `methods` block. This block contains functions that implement class methods. Class definitions can contain multiple method blocks, each specifying different attribute settings that apply to the methods in that particular block. It is possible to define method functions in separate files. See "Class Methods" for more information.

`events` begins an events definition block, an `end` key word terminates the `events` block. This block contains event names defined by the class.

Class definitions can contain multiple event blocks, each specifying different attribute settings that apply to the events in that particular block. See "Defining Events and Listeners — Syntax and Techniques" for more information.

`properties`, `methods`, and `events` are also the names of MATLAB functions used to query the respective class members for a given object or class name.

To see the attributes of all class components in a popup window, click this link: Attribute Tables

Examples

Use these keywords to define classes.

```
classdef class_name
   properties
      PropertyName
   end
   methods
      function obj = methodName(obj,arg2,...)
         ...
      end
   end
   events
      EventName
   end
end
```

See Also

`properties` | `methods` | `events`

Tutorials

- *Object-Oriented Programming*

Purpose

Clear Command Window

GUI Alternatives

As an alternative to the `clc` function, select **Edit > Clear Command Window** in the MATLAB desktop.

Syntax

```
clc
```

Description

`clc` clears all input and output from the Command Window display, giving you a "clean screen."

After using `clc`, you cannot use the scroll bar to see the history of functions, but you still can use the up arrow to recall statements from the command history.

Examples

Use `clc` in a MATLAB code file to always display output in the same starting position on the screen.

See Also

`clear`, `clf`, `close`, `home`

Purpose

Remove items from workspace, freeing up system memory

Syntax

```
clear
clear name
clear name1 name2 name3 ...
clear global name
clear -regexp expr1 expr2 ...
clear global -regexp expr1 expr2 ...
clear keyword
clear('name1','name2','name3',...)
```

Description

`clear` removes all variables from the workspace, releasing them from system memory.

`clear name` removes just the code file or MEX-file function or variable `name` from your base workspace. If called from a function, `clear name` removes `name` from both the function workspace and in your base workspace. You can use wildcards (`*`) to remove items selectively. For example, `clear my*` removes any variables whose names begin with the string `my`. Clearing removes debugging breakpoints in code files and reinitializes persistent variables. If `name` is global, `clear` removes it from the current workspace, but it remains accessible to any functions declaring it global. If `name` has been locked by `mlock`, it remains in memory.

Use a *partial path* to distinguish between different overloaded versions of a function. For example, `clear polynom/display` clears only the `display` method for `polynom` objects, leaving any other implementations in memory.

`clear name1 name2 name3 ...` removes `name1`, `name2`, and `name3` from the workspace.

`clear global name` removes the global variable `name`. If `name` is global, `clear name` removes `name` from the current workspace, but leaves it accessible to any functions declaring it as `global`. Use `clear global name` to remove a global variable completely.

`clear -regexp expr1 expr2 ...` clears all variables that match any of the regular expressions listed. This option only clears variables.

`clear global -regexp expr1 expr2 ...` clears all global variables that match any of the regular expressions listed.

`clear` *`keyword`* clears the items indicated by *`keyword`*. See the following section, Inputs, for a list of keywords and their descriptions.

`clear('name1','name2','name3',...)` is the function form of the syntax. Use this form for variable names and function names stored in strings.

If you name a variable `all`, `classes`, `functions`, `java`, `import`, or `variables`, calling `clear` followed by that name deletes the variable with that name. `clear` does not interpret the name as a keyword in this context. For example, if the workspace contains variables `a`, `all`, `b`, and `ball`, `clear all` deletes the variable `all` only.

You can clear the handle of a figure or other object, but that does not remove the object itself. Use `delete` to remove objects and files. Deleting an object does not delete the variable, if any, used for storing its handle.

On UNIX systems, `clear` does not affect the amount of memory allocated to the MATLAB process.

The `clear` function does not clear Simulink models. Use `close` instead.

Inputs

`keyword`

A name specifying whether to clear variables, classes, or packages or subsets of them, as described in the following table:

Keyword	Items Cleared
`all`	Removes all functions and MEX-files, and variables and global variables from your base workspace, as soon as possible. If called from a function, `clear all` also clears the function workspace, leaving both workspaces empty. `clear all` removes debugging breakpoints in code files and reinitializes persistent variables. When issued from the Command Window prompt, also removes the Sun Microsystems Java packages import list.
`classes`	The same as `clear all`, but also clears MATLAB class definitions. This variant issues a warning and does not remove class definitions for objects outside the workspace (for example, in user data or persistent variables in a locked file). Call `clear classes` whenever you change a class definition, including when the number or names of properties, methods, or events or any of their attributes change. For details, see “Modifying and Reloading Classes” and “Difference Between clear and delete”.
`functions`	Clears all the currently compiled functions and MEX-functions from memory. If called from a function, `clear functions` removes all functions from memory as soon as possible. It also removes debugging breakpoints in the function code file and reinitializes persistent variables.
`global`	Removes all global variables in both the function workspace and in your base workspace. If called from a function, `clear global` removes all global variables in both the function workspace and in your base workspace.

Keyword	Items Cleared
import	Removes the Java packages import list. Use this keyword only from the Command prompt; do not use it in a function.
java	The same as `clear all`, but also clears the definitions of all Java classes defined by files on the Java dynamic class path. See "The Java Class Path" in the External Interfaces documentation for more information). If any Java objects exist outside the workspace (for example, in user data or persistent variables in a locked code file), `clear` issues a warning and does not remove the Java class definition. Issue a `clear java` command after modifying any files on the Java dynamic class path.
mex	The same as `clear functions`, but clears only MEX-functions, other than locked functions or functions that are currently in use. It also clears breakpoints and persistent variables.
variables	Clears all variables from the workspace.

Examples

Given a workspace containing the following variables

```
Name        Size          Bytes  Class

c           3x4            1200  cell array
frame       1x1                  java.awt.Frame
gbl1        1x1               8  double array (global)
gbl2        1x1               8  double array (global)
xint        1x1               1  int8 array
```

you can clear a single variable, `xint`, by typing

```
clear xint
```

To clear all global variables, type

```
clear global
whos
  Name      Size         Bytes  Class

  c         3x4           1200  cell array
  frame     1x1                 java.awt.Frame
```

Using regular expressions, clear those variables with names that begin with `Mon`, `Tue`, or `Wed`:

```
clear('-regexp', '^Mon|^Tue|^Wed');
```

To clear all compiled regular and MEX-functions from memory, type `clear functions`. In the following case, `clear functions` was unable to clear one code file function from memory, `testfun`, because the function is locked.

```
clear functions    % Attempt to clear all functions.

inmem

ans =
   'testfun'       % One code file function remains in memory.

mislocked testfun
ans =
    1              % This function is locked in memory.
munlock testfun
% Once you unlock the function from memory, you can clear it.
clear functions
```

```
inmem
ans =
   Empty cell array: 0-by-1
```

Clearing handle graphics handles does not remove the objects themselves, nor does deleting the objects remove variables storing their handles.

```
hf = figure;  % Creates figure object, stores handle in variable hf
delete(hf)    % Removes figure object, but not the variable hf
clear hf      % Removes hf from the workspace; figure could still e
```

Alternatives

As an alternative to the `clear` function, use **Edit > Clear Workspace** in the MATLAB desktop.

See Also

`clc` | `clearvars` | `close` | `delete` | `import` | `inmem` | `load` | `memory` | `mlock` | `munlock` | `pack` | `persistent` | `save` | `who` | `whos` | `workspace`

How To

- "MATLAB Workspace"
- "Strategies for Efficient Use of Memory"
- "Modifying and Reloading Classes"
- "Difference Between clear and delete"

clearvars

Purpose

Clear variables from memory

Graphical Interface

As an alternative to the `clearvars` function, in the Workspace browser, select variables to clear and then press **Delete**.

Syntax

```
clearvars v1 v2 ...
clearvars -global
clearvars -global v1 v2 ...
clearvars -regexp p1 p2 ...
clearvars -except v1 v2 ...
clearvars -except -regexp p1 p2 ...
clearvars v1 v2 ... -except -regexp p1 p2 ...
clearvars -regexp p1 p2 ... -except v1 v2 ...
```

Description

`clearvars v1 v2 ...` clears variables `v1`, `v2`, and so on from the currently active workspace. Each input must be an unquoted string specifying the variable to be cleared. This string may include the wildcard character (`*`) to clear all variables that match a pattern. For example, `clearvars X*` clears all the variables in the current workspace that start with the letter `X`.

If any of the variables `v1`, `v2`, and so on, are global, `clearvars` removes these variables from the current workspace only, leaving them accessible to any functions that declare them as global.

`clearvars -global` removes all global variables, including those made global within functions.

`clearvars -global v1 v2 ...` completely removes the specified global variables.

The `-global` flag may be used with any of the following syntaxes. When used in this way, it must immediately follow the function name.

`clearvars -regexp p1 p2 ...` clears all variables that match regular expression patterns `p1`, `p2`, and so on.

`clearvars -except v1 v2 ...` clears all variables except for those specified following the `-except` flag. Use the wildcard character '*' in a variable name to exclude variables that match a pattern from being cleared. `clearvars -except X*` clears all the variables in the current workspace, except for those that start with `X`, for instance. Use `clearvars -except` to keep the variables you want and remove all others.

`clearvars -except -regexp p1 p2 ...` clears all variables except those that regular expression patterns `p1`, `p2`. If used in this way, the `-regexp` flag must immediately follow the `-except` flag.

`clearvars v1 v2 ...  -except -regexp p1 p2 ...` can be used to specify variables to clear that do not match specified regular expression patterns.

`clearvars -regexp p1 p2 ...  -except v1 v2 ...` clears variables that match `p1`, `p2`, ..., except for variables `v1`, `v2`, ...

Examples

Clear variables starting with `a`, except for the variable `ab`:

```
clearvars a* -except ab
```

Clear all global variables except those starting with `x`:

```
clearvars -global -except x*
```

Clear variables that start with `b` and are followed by 3 digits, for the variable `b106`:

```
clearvars -regexp ^b\d{3}$ -except b106
```

Clear variables that start with `a`, except those ending with `a`:

```
clearvars a* -except -regexp a$
```

See Also

`clear`, `exist`, `global`, `persistent`, `save`, `who`, `whos`

"MATLAB Workspace" in the Desktop Tools and Development Environment documentation

clear (serial)

Purpose

Remove serial port object from MATLAB workspace

Syntax

```
clear obj
```

Description

`clear obj` removes `obj` from the MATLAB workspace, where `obj` is a serial port object or an array of serial port objects.

Remarks

If `obj` is connected to the device and it is cleared from the workspace, then `obj` remains connected to the device. You can restore `obj` to the workspace with the `instrfind` function. A serial port object connected to the device has a `Status` property value of `open`.

To disconnect `obj` from the device, use the `fclose` function. To remove `obj` from memory, use the `delete` function. You should remove invalid serial port objects from the workspace with `clear`.

Example

This example creates the serial port object `s` on a Windows platform, copies `s` to a new variable `scopy`, and clears `s` from the MATLAB workspace. `s` is then restored to the workspace with `instrfind` and is shown to be identical to `scopy`.

```
s = serial('COM1');
scopy = s;
clear s
s = instrfind;
isequal(scopy,s)
ans =
     1
```

See Also

Functions

`delete`, `fclose`, `instrfind`, `isvalid`

Properties

`Status`

Purpose

Clear current figure window

GUI Alternatives

Use **Clear Figure** from the figure window's **File** menu to clear the contents of a figure. You can also create a *desktop shortcut* to clear the current figure with one mouse click. See "Running Frequently Used Statement Groups with MATLAB Shortcuts" in the MATLAB Desktop Environment documentation.

Syntax

```
clf
clf('reset')
clf(fig)
clf(fig,'reset')
figure_handle = clf(...)
```

Description

`clf` deletes from the current figure all graphics objects whose handles are not hidden (i.e., their `HandleVisibility` property is set to `on`).

`clf('reset')` deletes from the current figure all graphics objects regardless of the setting of their `HandleVisibility` property and resets all figure properties except `Position`, `Units`, `PaperPosition`, and `PaperUnits` to their default values.

`clf(fig)` or `clf(fig,'reset')` clears the single figure with handle `fig`.

`figure_handle = clf(...)` returns the handle of the figure. This is useful when the figure `IntegerHandle` property is `off` because the noninteger handle becomes invalid when the reset option is used (i.e., `IntegerHandle` is reset to `on`, which is the default).

Remarks

The `clf` command behaves the same way when issued on the command line as it does in callback routines — it does not recognize the `HandleVisibility` setting of `callback`. This means that when issued from within a callback routine, `clf` deletes only those objects whose `HandleVisibility` property is set to `on`.

See Also

`cla`, `clc`, `hold`, `reset`

"Figure Windows" on page 1-105 for related functions

Purpose

Copy and paste strings to and from system clipboard

Syntax

```
clipboard('copy', data)
str = clipboard('paste')
data = clipboard('pastespecial')
```

Description

`clipboard('copy', data)` sets the clipboard contents to *`data`*. If *`data`* is not a character array, the clipboard uses `mat2str` to convert *`data`* to a string.

`str` `= clipboard('paste')` returns the current contents of the clipboard as a string or, if MATLAB cannot convert the current clipboard contents to a string, as an empty string (`' '`).

`data` `= clipboard('pastespecial')` returns the current contents of the clipboard as an array by using `uiimport`.

Definitions

The `clipboard` function requires Sun Microsystems Java software.

Alternatives

Use the Import Wizard to copy data from the clipboard by choosing **Edit > Paste to Workspace** .

See Also

`load` | `mat2str` | `uiimport`

Purpose Current time as date vector

Syntax

```
c = clock
```

Description `c = clock` returns a 6-element date vector containing the current date and time in decimal form:

```
[year month day hour minute seconds]
```

The sixth element of the date vector output (seconds) is accurate to several digits beyond the decimal point. The statement `fix(clock)` rounds to integer display format.

Remarks When timing the duration of an event, use the `tic` and `toc` functions instead of `clock` or `etime`. These latter two functions are based on the system time which can be adjusted periodically by the operating system and thus might not be reliable in time comparison operations.

See Also `cputime`, `datenum`, `datevec`, `now`, `etime`, `tic`, `toc`

Purpose

Remove specified figure

Syntax

```
close
close(h)
close name
close all
close all hidden
close all force
status = close(...)
```

Description

`close` deletes the current figure or the specified figure(s). It optionally returns the status of the close operation.

`close` deletes the current figure (equivalent to `close(gcf)`).

`close(h)` deletes the figure identified by `h`. If `h` is a vector or matrix, `close` deletes all figures identified by `h`.

`close name` deletes the figure with the specified name.

`close all` deletes all figures whose handles are not hidden.

`close all hidden` deletes all figures including those with hidden handles.

`close all force` deletes all figures, including GUIs for which `CloseRequestFcn` has been altered to not close the window.

`status = close(...)` returns `1` if the specified windows have been deleted and `0` otherwise.

Algorithm

The `close` function works by evaluating the specified figure's `CloseRequestFcn` property with the statement

```
eval(get(h,'CloseRequestFcn'))
```

The default `CloseRequestFcn`, `closereq`, deletes the current figure using `delete(get(0,'CurrentFigure'))`. If you specify multiple figure handles, `close` executes each figure's `CloseRequestFcn` in turn. If an error that terminates the execution of a `CloseRequestFcn` occurs, the figure is not deleted. Note that using your computer's window manager (i.e., the **Close** menu item) also calls the figure's `CloseRequestFcn`.

If a figure's handle is hidden (i.e., the figure's `HandleVisibility` property is set to `callback` or `off` and the root `ShowHiddenHandles` property is set to `on`), you must specify the `hidden` option when trying to access a figure using the `all` option.

To delete all figures unconditionally, use the statements

```
set(0,'ShowHiddenHandles','on')
delete(get(0,'Children'))
```

The figure `CloseRequestFcn` allows you to either delay or abort the closing of a figure once the `close` function has been issued. For example, you can display a dialog box to see if the user really wants to delete the figure or save and clean up before closing.

When coding a `CloseRequestFcn` callback, make sure that it does not call `close`, because this sets up a recursion that results in a MATLAB warning. Instead, the callback should destroy the figure with `delete`. The `delete` function does not execute the figure's `CloseRequestFcn`; it simply deletes the specified figure.

See Also

`delete` | `figure` | `gcf` | Figure: `HandleVisibility` | Root: `ShowHiddenHandles`

Tiff.close

Purpose Close Tiff object

Syntax

```
tiffobj.close()
```

Description `tiffobj.close()` closes a Tiff object.

Examples Open a Tiff object and then close it.

```
% Replace 'myfile.tif' with a TIFF file on your MATLAB path.
t = Tiff('myfile.tif', 'w');
%
% Close Tiff object.
t.close();
```

References This method corresponds to the `TIFFClose` function in the LibTIFF C API. To use this method, you must be familiar with LibTIFF version 3.7.1 as well as the TIFF specification and technical notes. View this documentation at `LibTiff - TIFF Library and Utilities`.

Tutorials

- "Exporting Image Data and Metadata to TIFF Files"
- "Reading Image Data and Metadata from TIFF Files"

Purpose Close Audio/Video Interleaved (AVI) file

Syntax

```
aviobj = close(aviobj)
```

Description `aviobj = close(aviobj)` finishes writing and closes the AVI file associated with *`aviobj`*, which is an AVI file object created using the `avifile` function.

To close all open AVI files, use the `clear mex` command.

See Also `avifile`, `addframe (avifile)`, `movie2avi`

close (ftp)

Purpose

Close connection to FTP server

Syntax

```
close(f)
```

Description

`close(f)` closes the connection to the FTP server, represented by object `f`, which was created using `ftp`. Be sure to use `close` after completing work on the server. If you do not run `close`, the connection will be terminated automatically either because of the server's time-out feature or by exiting MATLAB.

The `close` function does not return any output to indicate success or failure.

Examples

Connect to the MathWorks FTP server and then disconnect.

```
tmw=ftp('ftp.mathworks.com');
close(tmw)
```

See Also

`ftp`

Purpose Default figure close request function

Syntax

```
closereq
```

Description `closereq` deletes the current figure.

See Also The figure `CloseRequestFcn` property

"Figure Windows" on page 1-105 for related functions

Purpose Name of source control system

Syntax

```
cmopts
```

Description

`cmopts` displays the name of the source control system that you selected using **File > Preferences > General > Source Control**.

Outputs

Value Returned by cmopts	Description	Platform Supported On
`clearcase`	ClearCase® software from IBM® Rational®	UNIX platforms
`customverctrl`	Custom interface created using `customverctrl` function	UNIX platforms
`cvs`	Concurrent Version System (CVS)	UNIX platforms
`none`	No source control system selected	
`pvcs`	PVCS® and ChangeMan® software	UNIX platforms
`rcs`	Revision Control System (RCS)	UNIX platforms
Any SCC-compliant source control system, for example, `Microsoft Visual SourceSafe` or	Varies	Windows platforms

Alternatives

To view the currently selected source control system, select **File > Preferences > General > Source Control**.

See Also

`checkin` | `checkout` | `customverctrl` | `undocheckout` | `verctrl`

How To

- "Source Control Interface on Microsoft Windows"
- "Source Control Interface on UNIX Platforms"

cmpermute

Purpose Rearrange colors in colormap

Syntax

```
[Y,newmap] = cmpermute(X,map)
[Y,newmap] = cmpermute(X,map,index)
```

Description `[Y,newmap] = cmpermute(X,map)` randomly reorders the colors in `map` to produce a new colormap, `newmap`. The `cmpermute` function also modifies the values in `X` to maintain correspondence between the indices and the colormap, and returns the result in `Y`. The image `Y` and associated colormap, `newmap`, produce the same image as `X` and `map`.

`[Y,newmap] = cmpermute(X,map,index)` uses an ordering matrix (such as the second output of `sort`) to define the order of colors in the new colormap.

Class Support The input image `X` can be of class `uint8` or `double`. `Y` is returned as an array of the same class as `X`.

Examples Randomly reorder a colormap and compare the two images:

```
load trees
image(X)
[Y, newmap] = cmpermute(X,map);
figure
image(Y)
```

See Also `randperm`, `sort`

Purpose

Eliminate duplicate colors in colormap; convert grayscale or truecolor image to indexed image

Syntax

```
[Y,newmap] = cmunique(X,map)
[Y,newmap] = cmunique(RGB)
[Y,newmap] = cmunique(I)
```

Description

`[Y,newmap] = cmunique(X,map)` returns the indexed image `Y` and associated colormap, `newmap`, that produce the same image as `(X,map)` but with the smallest possible colormap. The `cmunique` function removes duplicate rows from the colormap and adjusts the indices in the image matrix accordingly.

`[Y,newmap] = cmunique(RGB)` converts the truecolor image `RGB` to the indexed image `Y` and its associated colormap, `newmap`. The return value `newmap` is the smallest possible colormap for the image, containing one entry for each unique color in `RGB`.

Note `newmap` might be very large, because the number of entries can be as many as the number of pixels in `RGB`.

`[Y,newmap] = cmunique(I)` converts the grayscale image `I` to an indexed image `Y` and its associated colormap, `newmap`. The return value, `newmap`, is the smallest possible colormap for the image, containing one entry for each unique intensity level in `I`.

Class Support

The input image can be of class `uint8`, `uint16`, or `double`. The class of the output image `Y` is `uint8` if the length of `newmap` is less than or equal to 256. If the length of `newmap` is greater than 256, `Y` is of class `double`.

Examples

1. Use the magic function to create a sample 4-by-4 image that uses every value in the range between 1 and 16.

   ```
   X = magic(4)
   ```

```
X =

    16     2     3    13
     5    11    10     8
     9     7     6    12
     4    14    15     1
```

2 Concatenate two 8-entry grayscale colormaps created using the `gray` function. The resultant colormap, `map`, has 16 entries. Entries 9 through 16 are duplicates of entries 1 through 8.

```
map = [gray(8); gray(8)]
size(map)

ans =

    16     3
```

3 Use `cmunique` to eliminate duplicate entries in the colormap.

```
[Y, newmap] = cmunique(X, map);
size(newmap)

ans =

     8     3
```

`cmunique` adjusts the values in the original image `X` to index the new colormap.

```
Y =

     7     1     2     4
     4     2     1     7
     0     6     5     3
     3     5     6     0
```

4 View both images to verify that their appearance is the same.

```
figure, imshow(X, map, 'InitialMagnification', 'fit')
figure, imshow(Y, newmap, 'InitialMagnification', 'fit')
```

See Also

rgb2ind

colamd

Purpose

Column approximate minimum degree permutation

Syntax

```
p = colamd(S)
```

Description

`p = colamd(S)` returns the column approximate minimum degree permutation vector for the sparse matrix `S`. For a non-symmetric matrix `S`, `S(:,p)` tends to have sparser LU factors than `S`. The Cholesky factorization of `S(:,p)' * S(:,p)` also tends to be sparser than that of `S'*S`.

`knobs` is a two-element vector. If S is `m`-by-`n`, then rows with more than `(knobs(1))*n` entries are ignored. Columns with more than `(knobs(2))*m` entries are removed prior to ordering, and ordered last in the output permutation `p`. If the `knobs` parameter is not present, then `knobs(1)` = `knobs(2) = spparms('wh_frac')`.

`stats` is an optional vector that provides data about the ordering and the validity of the matrix `S`.

`stats(1)`	Number of dense or empty rows ignored by `colamd`
`stats(2)`	Number of dense or empty columns ignored by `colamd`
`stats(3)`	Number of garbage collections performed on the internal data structure used by `colamd` (roughly of size `2.2*nnz(S) + 4*m + 7*n` integers)
`stats(4)`	`0` if the matrix is valid, or `1` if invalid
`stats(5)`	Rightmost column index that is unsorted or contains duplicate entries, or `0` if no such column exists

`stats(6)`	Last seen duplicate or out-of-order row index in the column index given by `stats(5)`, or `0` if no such row index exists
`stats(7)`	Number of duplicate and out-of-order row indices

Although MATLAB built-in functions generate valid sparse matrices, a user may construct an invalid sparse matrix using the MATLAB C or Fortran APIs and pass it to `colamd`. For this reason, `colamd` verifies that `S` is valid:

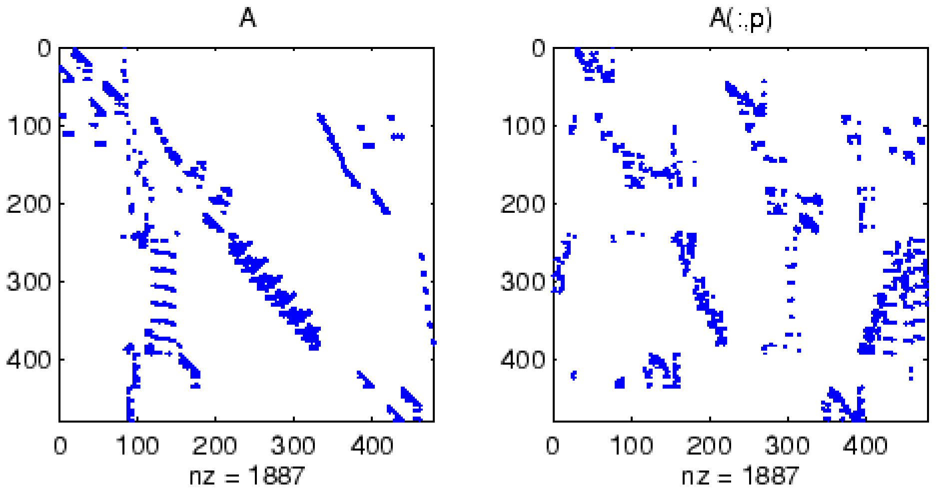
- If a row index appears two or more times in the same column, `colamd` ignores the duplicate entries, continues processing, and provides information about the duplicate entries in `stats(4:7)`.
- If row indices in a column are out of order, `colamd` sorts each column of its internal copy of the matrix `S` (but does not repair the input matrix `S`), continues processing, and provides information about the out-of-order entries in `stats(4:7)`.
- If `S` is invalid in any other way, `colamd` cannot continue. It prints an error message, and returns no output arguments (`p` or `stats`) .

The ordering is followed by a column elimination tree post-ordering.

Examples

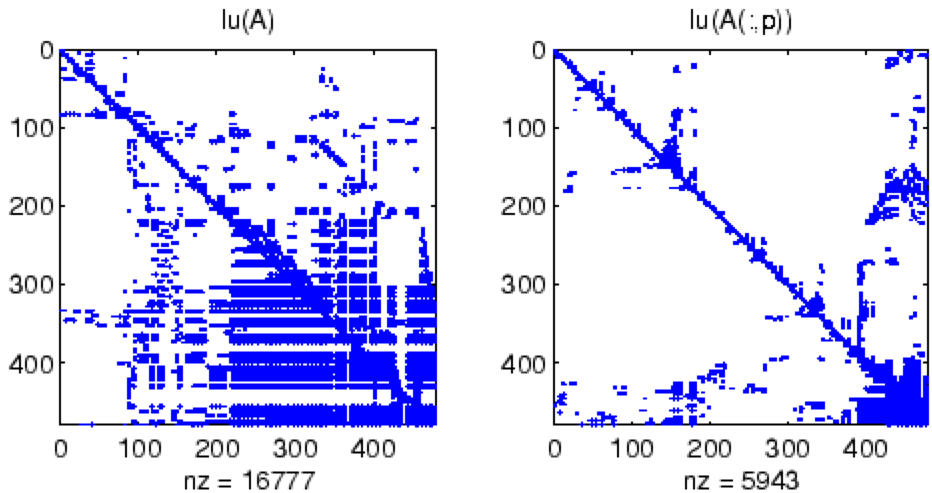
The Harwell-Boeing collection of sparse matrices and the MATLAB demos directory include a test matrix `west0479`. It is a matrix of order 479 resulting from a model due to Westerberg of an eight-stage chemical distillation column. The spy plot shows evidence of the eight stages. The `colamd` ordering scrambles this structure.

```
load west0479
A = west0479;
p = colamd(A);
subplot(1,2,1), spy(A,4), title('A')
subplot(1,2,2), spy(A(:,p),4), title('A(:,p)')
```



Comparing the spy plot of the LU factorization of the original matrix with that of the reordered matrix shows that minimum degree reduces the time and storage requirements by better than a factor of 2.8. The nonzero counts are 16777 and 5904, respectively.

```
spy(lu(A),4)
spy(lu(A(:,p)),4)
```



See Also

`colperm`, `spparms`, `symamd`, `symrcm`

References

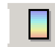
[1] The authors of the code for “colamd” are Stefan I. Larimore and Timothy A. Davis (davis@cise.ufl.edu), University of Florida. The algorithm was developed in collaboration with John Gilbert, Xerox PARC, and Esmond Ng, Oak Ridge National Laboratory. Sparse Matrix Algorithms Research at the University of Florida: `http://www.cise.ufl.edu/research/sparse/`

colorbar

Purpose

Colorbar showing color scale

GUI Alternatives

Add a colorbar to a plot with the colorbar tool  on the figure toolbar, or use **Insert —> Colorbar** from the figure menu. Use the Property Editor to modify the position, font and other properties of a legend. . For details, see "Working in Plot Edit Mode" in the MATLAB Graphics documentation.

Syntax

```
colorbar
colorbar('off')
colorbar('hide')
colorbar('delete')
colorbar(...,'peer',axes_handle)
colorbar(...,'location')
colorbar(...,'PropertyName',propertyvalue)
cbar_axes = colorbar(...)
colorbar(cbar_handle,'off')
colorbar(cbar_handle,'hide')
colorbar(cbar_handle,'delete')
colorbar(cbar_handle, PropertyName',propertyvalue,...)
```

Description

The `colorbar` function displays the current colormap in the current figure and resizes the current axes to accommodate the colorbar.

`colorbar` adds a new vertical colorbar on the right side of the current axes. If a colorbar exists in that location, `colorbar` replaces it with a new one. If a colorbar exists at a nondefault location, it is retained along with the new colorbar.

`colorbar('off')`, `colorbar('hide')`, and `colorbar('delete')` delete all colorbars associated with the current axes.

`colorbar(...,'peer',axes_handle)` creates a colorbar associated with the axes `axes_handle` instead of the current axes.

`colorbar(...,'`*`location`*`')` adds a colorbar in the specified orientation with respect to the axes. If a colorbar exists at the location specified, it is replaced. Any colorbars not occupying the specified location are retained. Possible values for *location* are

North	Inside plot box near top
South	Inside bottom
East	Inside right
West	Inside left
NorthOutside	Outside plot box near top
SouthOutside	Outside bottom
EastOutside	Outside right
WestOutside	Outside left

Using one of the `...Outside` values for *location* ensures that the colorbar does not overlap the plot, whereas overlaps can occur when you specify any of the other four values.

`colorbar(...,'PropertyName',propertyvalue)` specifies property names and values for the axes object used to create the colorbar. See Axes Properties for a description of the properties you can set. The *location* property applies only to colorbars and legends, not to axes.

`cbar_axes = colorbar(...)` returns a handle to a new colorbar object, which is a child of the current figure. If a colorbar exists, a new one is still created.

`colorbar(cbar_handle,'off')`, `colorbar(cbar_handle,'hide')`, and `colorbar(cbar_handle,'delete')` delete the colorbar specified by `cbar_handle`.

`colorbar(cbar_handle, PropertyName',propertyvalue,...)` sets properties for the existing colorbar having the handle `cbar_handle`. To obtain the handle to an existing colorbar, use the command

```
cbar_handle = findobj(figure_handle,'tag','Colorbar')
```

where `figure_handle` is the handle of the figure containing the colorbar you want to modify. If the figure contains more than one colorbar, `cbar_handle` is returned as a vector, and you must choose which of the handles to specify to `colorbar`.

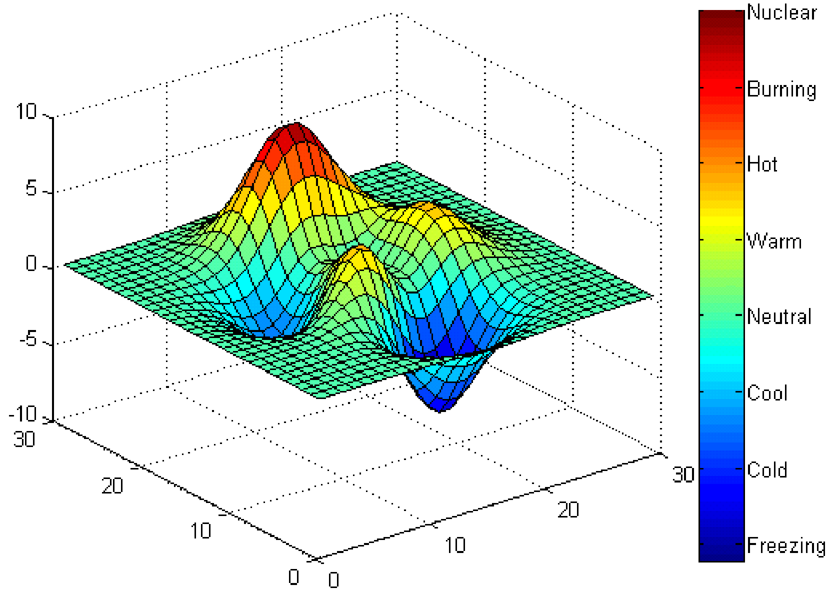
You can use `colorbar` with 2-D and 3-D plots.

Examples

Example 1

Display a colorbar beside the axes and use descriptive text strings as *y*-tick labels. Note that labels will repeat cyclically when the number of *y*-ticks is greater than the number of labels, and not all labels will appear if there are fewer *y*-ticks than labels you have specified. Also note that when colorbars are horizontal, their ticks and labels are governed by the `XTick` property rather than the `YTick` property. For more information, see "Labeling Colorbar Ticks".

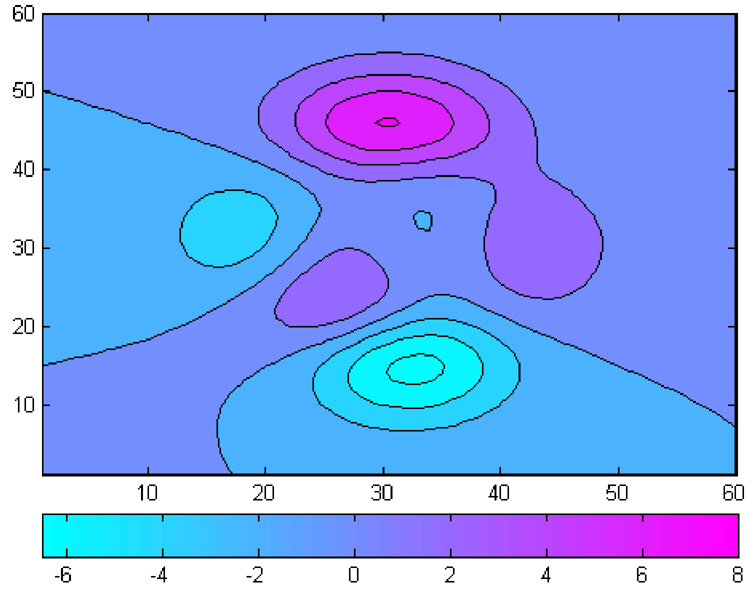
```
surf(peaks(30))
colorbar('YTickLabel',...
    {'Freezing','Cold','Cool','Neutral',...
     'Warm','Hot','Burning','Nuclear'})
```



Example 2

Display a horizontal colorbar beneath the axes of a filled contour plot:

```
contourf(peaks(60))
colormap cool
colorbar('location','southoutside')
```



See Also

`colormap`

"Color Operations" on page 1-108 for related functions

Purpose

Set default property values to display different color schemes

Syntax

```
colordef white
colordef black
colordef none
colordef(fig,color_option)
h = colordef('new',color_option)
```

Description

`colordef` enables you to select either a white or black background for graphics display. It sets axis lines and labels so that they contrast with the background color.

`colordef white` sets the axis background color to white, the axis lines and labels to black, and the figure background color to light gray.

`colordef black` sets the axis background color to black, the axis lines and labels to white, and the figure background color to dark gray.

`colordef none` sets the figure coloring to that used by MATLAB Version 4. The most noticeable difference is that the axis background is set to `'none'`, making the axis background and figure background colors the same. The figure background color is set to black.

`colordef(fig,`*`color_option`*`)` sets the color scheme of the figure identified by the handle `fig` to one of the color options `'white'`, `'black'`, or `'none'`. When you use this syntax to apply `colordef` to an existing figure, the figure must have no graphic content. If it does, you should first clear it (via `clf`) before using this form of the command.

`h = colordef('new',`*`color_option`*`)` returns the handle to a new figure created with the specified color options (i.e., `'white'`, `'black'`, or `'none'`). This form of the command is useful for creating GUIs when you may want to control the default environment. The figure is created with `'visible','off'` to prevent flashing.

Remarks

`colordef` affects only subsequently drawn figures, not those currently on the display. This is because `colordef` works by setting default property values (on the root or figure level). You can list the currently set default values on the root level with the statement

```
get(0,'defaults')
```

You can remove all default values using the `reset` command:

```
reset(0)
```

See the `get` and `reset` references pages for more information.

See Also

`whitebg`, `clf`

"Color Operations" on page 1-108 for related functions

Purpose

Set and get current colormap

GUI Alternatives

Select a built-in colormap with the Property Editor. To modify the current colormap, use the Colormap Editor, accessible from **Edit > Colormap** on the figure menu.

Syntax

```
colormap(map)
colormap('default')
cmap = colormap
colormap(ax,...)
```

Description

A colormap is an *m*-by-3 matrix of real numbers between 0.0 and 1.0. Each row is an RGB vector that defines one color. The *k*th row of the colormap defines the *k*th color, where `map(k,:) = [r(k) g(k) b(k)])` specifies the intensity of red, green, and blue.

`colormap(map)` sets the colormap to the matrix `map`. If any values in `map` are outside the interval [0 1], you receive the error `Colormap must have values in [0,1]`.

`colormap('default')` sets the current colormap to the default colormap.

`cmap = colormap` retrieves the current colormap. The values returned are in the interval [0 1].

`colormap(ax,...)` uses the figure corresponding to axes `ax` instead of the current figure.

Specifying Colormaps

Files in the `color` folder generate a number of colormaps. Each file accepts the colormap size as an argument. For example,

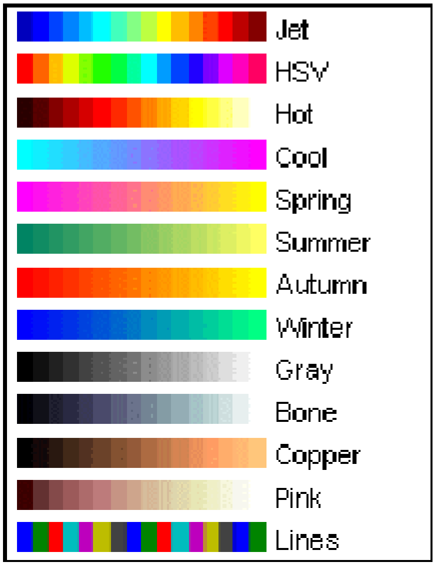
```
colormap(hsv(128))
```

creates an `hsv` colormap with 128 colors. If you do not specify a size, a colormap the same size as the current colormap is created.

Supported Colormaps

The built-in MATLAB colormaps are illustrated and described below. In addition to specifying built-in colormaps programmatically, you can use the **Colormap** menu in the **Figure Properties** pane of the Plot Tools GUI to select one interactively.

The named built-in colormaps are the following:



- `autumn` varies smoothly from red, through orange, to yellow.
- `bone` is a grayscale colormap with a higher value for the blue component. This colormap is useful for adding an "electronic" look to grayscale images.
- `colorcube` contains as many regularly spaced colors in RGB color space as possible, while attempting to provide more steps of gray, pure red, pure green, and pure blue.
- `cool` consists of colors that are shades of cyan and magenta. It varies smoothly from cyan to magenta.

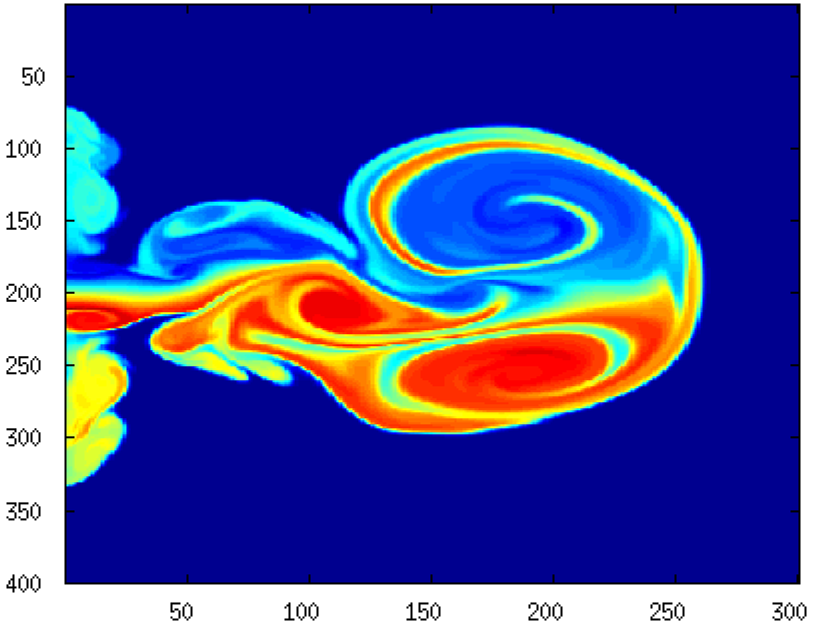
- `copper` varies smoothly from black to bright copper.
- `flag` consists of the colors red, white, blue, and black. This colormap completely changes color with each index increment.
- `gray` returns a linear grayscale colormap.
- `hot` varies smoothly from black through shades of red, orange, and yellow, to white.
- `hsv` varies the hue component of the hue-saturation-value color model. The colors begin with red, pass through yellow, green, cyan, blue, magenta, and return to red. The colormap is particularly appropriate for displaying periodic functions. `hsv(m)` is the same as `hsv2rgb([h ones(m,2)])` where `h` is the linear ramp, `h = (0:m 1)'/m`.
- `jet` ranges from blue to red, and passes through the colors cyan, yellow, and orange. It is a variation of the `hsv` colormap. The `jet` colormap is associated with an astrophysical fluid jet simulation from the National Center for Supercomputer Applications. See “Examples” on page 2-827 on page -3.
- `lines` produces a colormap of colors specified by the axes `ColorOrder` property and a shade of gray.
- `pink` contains pastel shades of pink. The pink colormap provides sepia tone colorization of grayscale photographs.
- `prism` repeats the six colors red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and violet.
- `spring` consists of colors that are shades of magenta and yellow.
- `summer` consists of colors that are shades of green and yellow.
- `white` is an all white monochrome colormap.
- `winter` consists of colors that are shades of blue and green.

Examples

The `rgbplot` function plots colormap values. Try `rgbplot(hsv)`, `rgbplot(gray)`, and `rgbplot(hot)`.

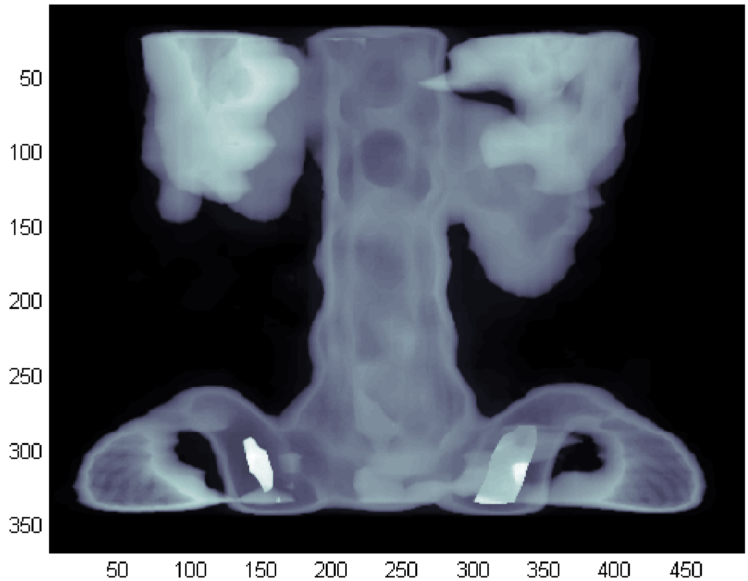
The following commands display the flujet data using the jet colormap:

```
load flujet
image(X)
colormap(jet)
```



The demos folder contains a CAT scan image of a human spine. Use the image function to view the data:

```
load spine
image(X)
colormap bone
```



Algorithm

Each figure has its own `colormap` property. `colormap` is a function that sets and gets this property.

See Also

`brighten`, `caxis`, `colorbar`, `colormapeditor`, `contrast`, `hsv2rgb`, `pcolor`, `rgbplot`, `rgb2hsv`

The `Colormap` property of figure graphics objects

"Color Operations" on page 1-108 for related functions

"Coloring Mesh and Surface Plots" for information about colormaps and other coloring methods

Purpose

Start colormap editor

Syntax

```
colormapeditor
```

Description

`colormapeditor` displays the current figure's colormap as a strip of rectangular cells in the colormap editor. Node pointers are colored cells below the colormap strip that indicate points in the colormap where the rate of the variation of R, G, and B values changes. You can also work in the HSV colorspace by setting the **Interpolating Colorspace** selector to HSV.

You can also start the colormap editor by selecting **Colormap** from the **Edit** menu.

Node Pointer Operations

You can select and move node pointers to change a range of colors in the colormap. The color of a node pointer remains constant as you move it, but the colormap changes by linearly interpolating the RGB values between nodes.

Change the color at a node by double-clicking the node pointer. A color picker box appears, from which you can select a new color. After you select a new color at a node, the colors between nodes are reinterpolated.

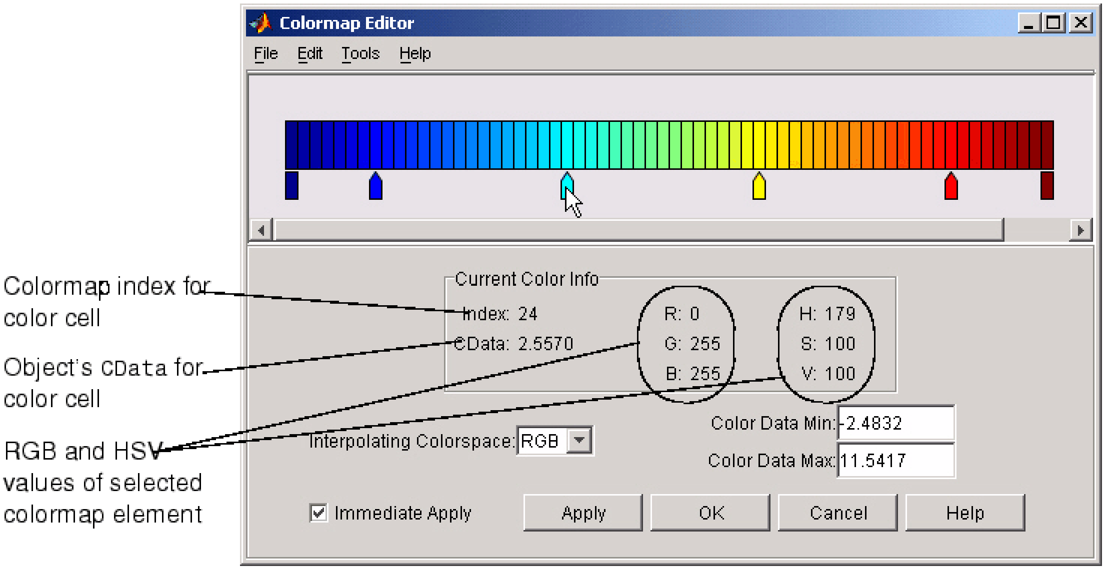
Operation	How to Perform
Add a node	Click below the corresponding cell in the colormap strip.
Select a node	Left-click the node.
Select multiple nodes	Adjacent: left-click first node, **Shift+click** the last node. Nonadjacent: left-click first node, **Ctrl+click** subsequent nodes.
Move a node	Select and drag with the mouse or select and use the left and right arrow keys.

Operation	How to Perform
Move multiple nodes	Select multiple nodes and use the left and right arrow keys to move nodes as a group. Movement stops when one of the selected nodes hits an unselected node or an end node.
Delete a node	Select the node and then press the **Delete** key, or select **Delete** from the **Edit** menu, or type **Ctrl+x**.
Delete multiple nodes	Select the nodes and then press the **Delete** key, or select **Delete** from the **Edit** menu, or type **Ctrl+x**.
Display color picker for a node	Double-click the node pointer.

Current Color Info

When you put the mouse over a color cell or node pointer, the colormap editor displays the following information about that colormap element:

- The element's index in the colormap
- The value from the graphics object color data that is mapped to the node's color (i.e., data from the `CData` property of any image, patch, or surface objects in the figure)
- The color's RGB and HSV color value



Interpolating Colorspace

The colorspace determines what values are used to calculate the colors of cells between nodes. For example, in the RGB colorspace, internode colors are calculated by linearly interpolating the red, green, and blue intensity values from one node to the next. Switching to the HSV colorspace causes the colormap editor to recalculate the colors between nodes using the hue, saturation, and value components of the color definition.

Note that when you switch from one colorspace to another, the color editor preserves the number, color, and location of the node pointers, which can cause the colormap to change.

Interpolating in HSV. Since hue is conceptually mapped about a color circle, the interpolation between hue values can be ambiguous. To minimize this ambiguity, the interpolation uses the shortest distance around the circle. For example, interpolating between two nodes, one with hue of 2 (slightly orange red) and another with a hue of 356 (slightly magenta red), does not result in hues 3,4,5...353,354,355 (orange/red-yellow-green-cyan-blue-magenta/red). Taking the shortest distance around the circle gives 357,358,1,2 (orange/red-red-magenta/red).

Color Data Min and Max

The **Color Data Min** and **Color Data Max** text fields enable you to specify values for the axes `CLim` property. These values change the mapping of object color data (the `CData` property of images, patches, and surfaces) to the colormap. See "Axes Color Limits — the CLim Property" for discussion and examples of how to use this property.

Examples

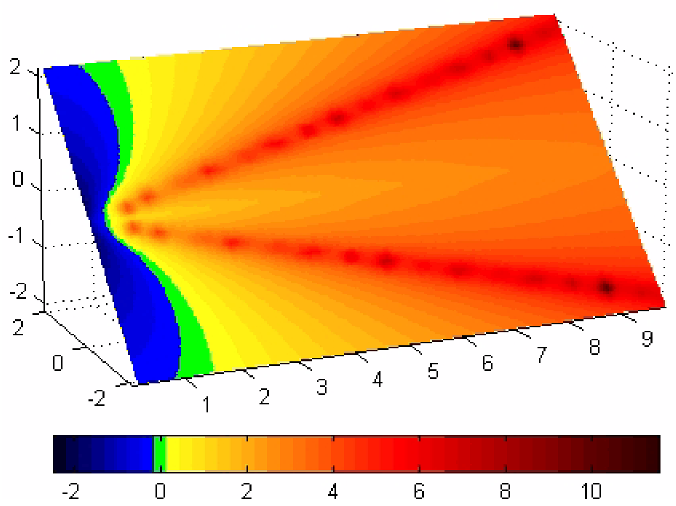
This example modifies a default MATLAB colormap so that ranges of data values are displayed in specific ranges of color. The graph is a slice plane illustrating a cross section of fluid flow through a jet nozzle. See the `slice` reference page for more information on this type of graph.

Example Objectives

The objectives are as follows:

- Regions of flow from left to right (positive data) are mapped to colors from yellow through orange to dark red. Yellow is slowest and dark red is the fastest moving fluid.
- Regions that have a speed close to zero are colored green.
- Regions where the fluid is actually moving right to left (negative data) are shades of blue (darker blue is faster).

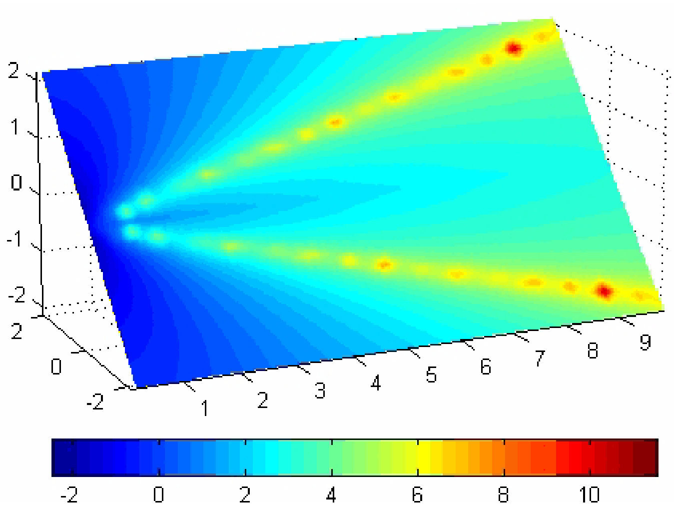
The following picture shows the desired coloring of the slice plane. The colorbar shows the data to color mapping.



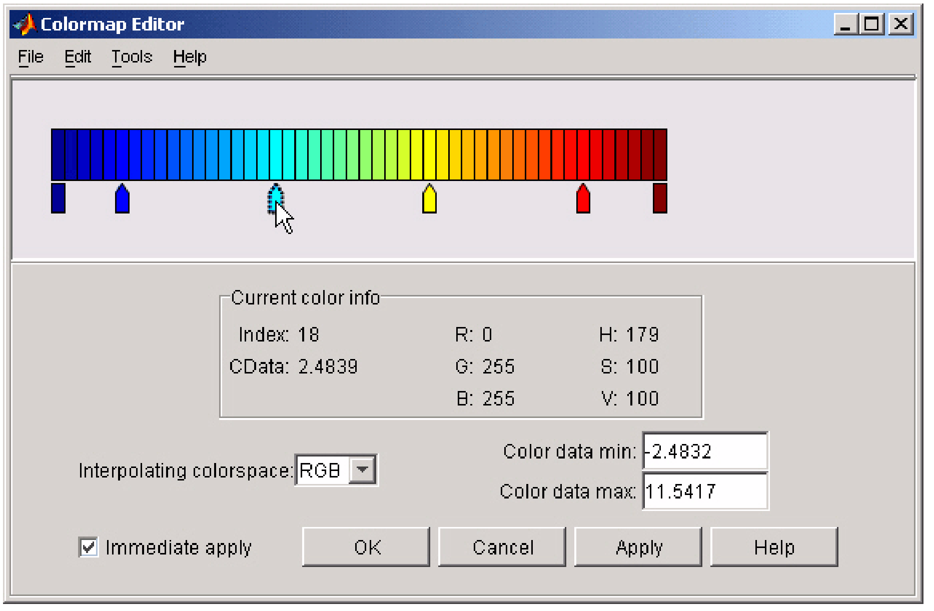
Running the Example

Note If you are viewing this documentation in the MATLAB help browser, you can display the graph used in this example by running this file from the MATLAB editor (select **Run** from the **Debug** menu).

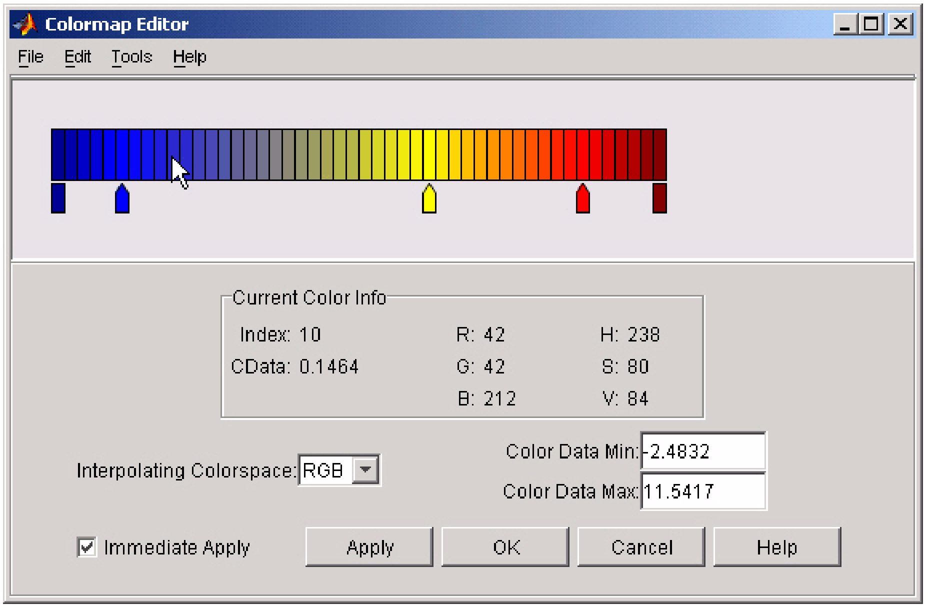
Initially, the default colormap (`jet`) colored the slice plane, as illustrated in the following picture. Note that this example uses a colormap that is 48 elements to display wider bands of color (the default is 64 elements).



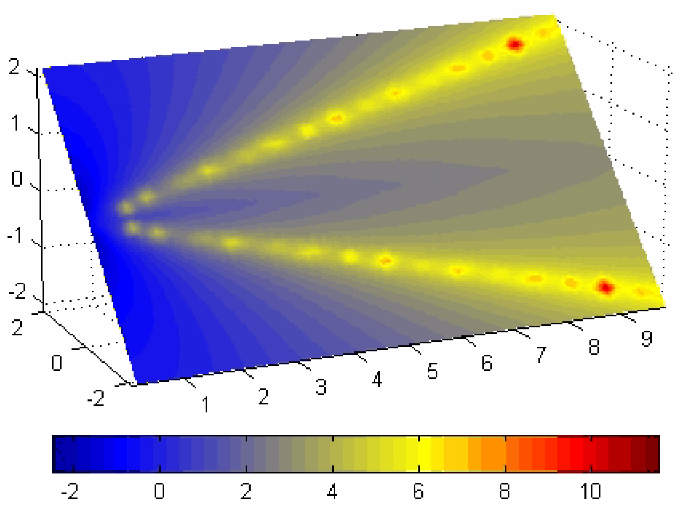
1 Start the colormap editor using the `colormapeditor` command. The color map editor displays the current figure' s colormap, as shown in the following picture.



2 Since we want the regions of left-to-right flow (positive speed) to range from yellow to dark red, we can delete the cyan node pointer. To do this, first select it by clicking with the left mouse button and press **Delete**. The colormap now looks like this.

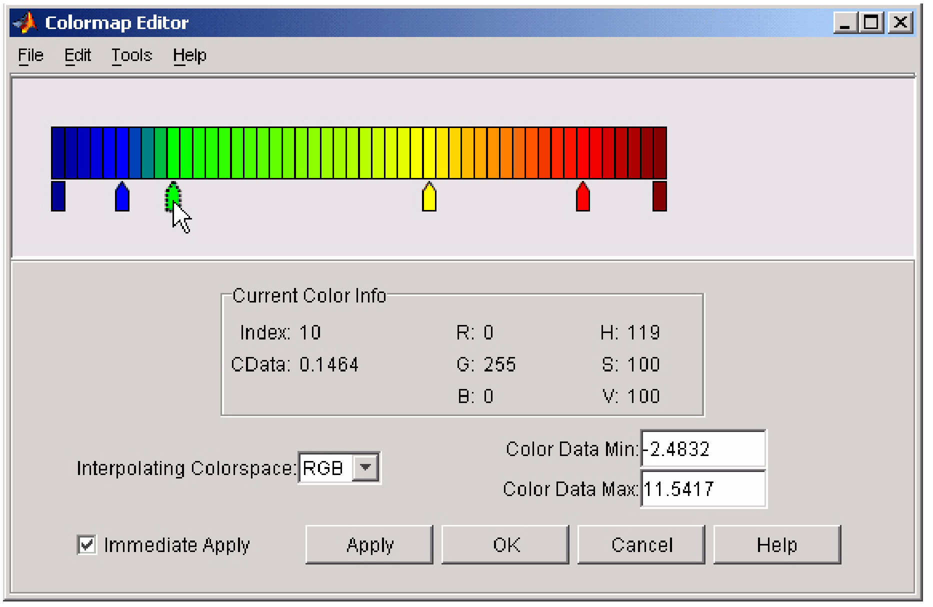


The **Immediate Apply** box is checked, so the graph displays the results of the changes made to the colormap.

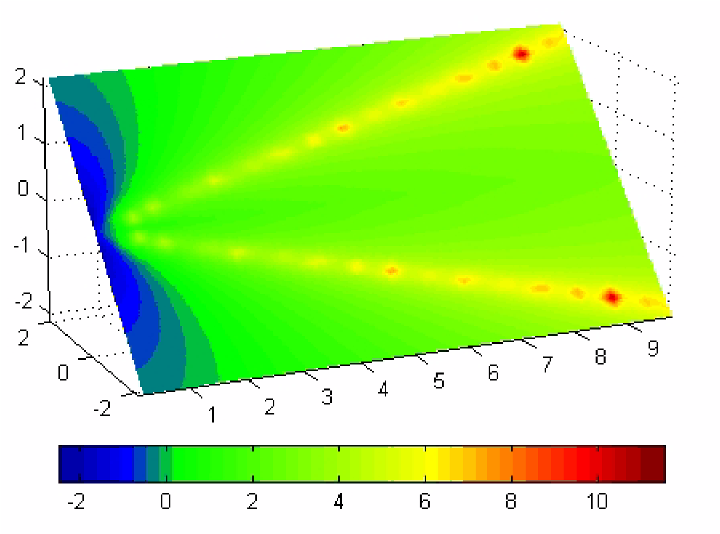


3 We want the fluid speed values around zero to stand out, so we need to find the color cell where the negative-to-positive transition occurs. Dragging the cursor over the color strip enables you to read the data values in the **Current Color Info** panel.

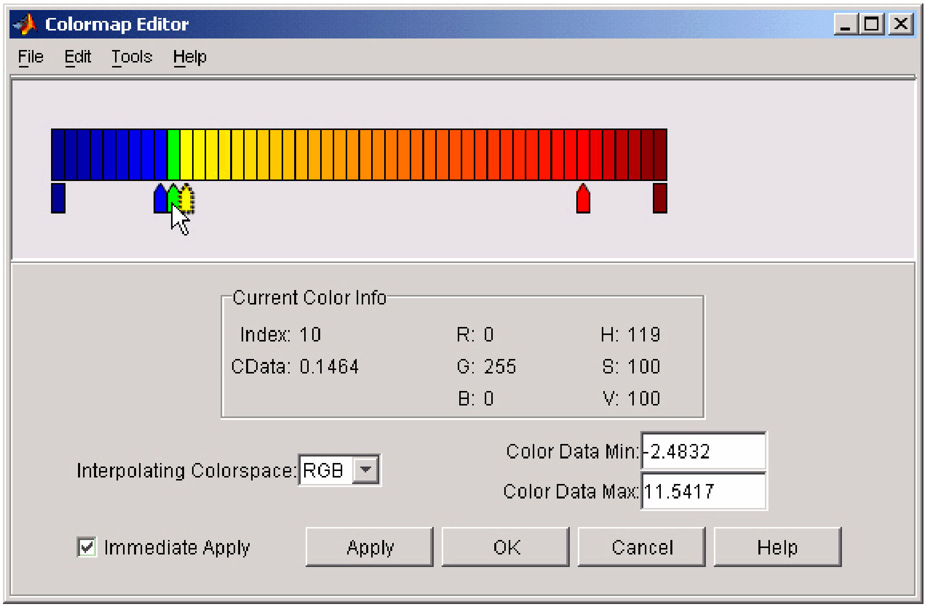
In this case, cell 10 is the first positive value, so we click below that cell and create a node pointer. Double-clicking the node pointer displays the color picker. Set the color of this node to green.



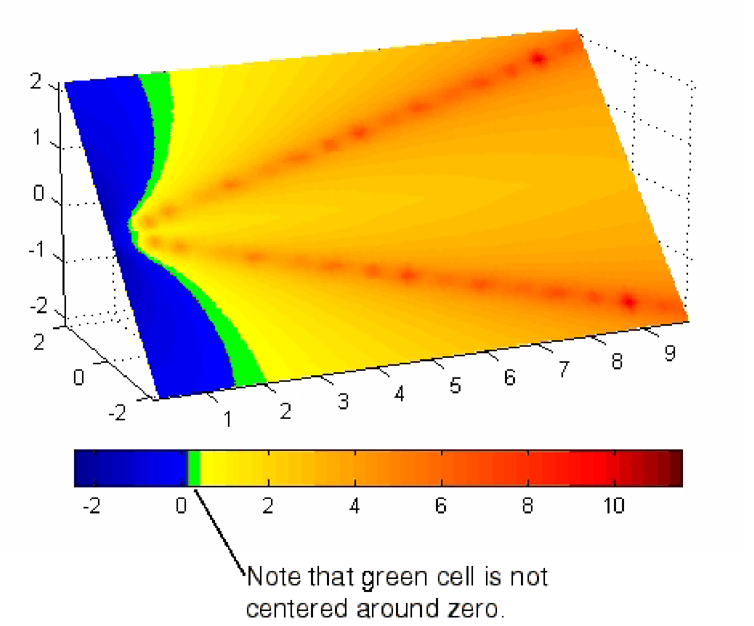
The graph continues to update to the modified colormap.



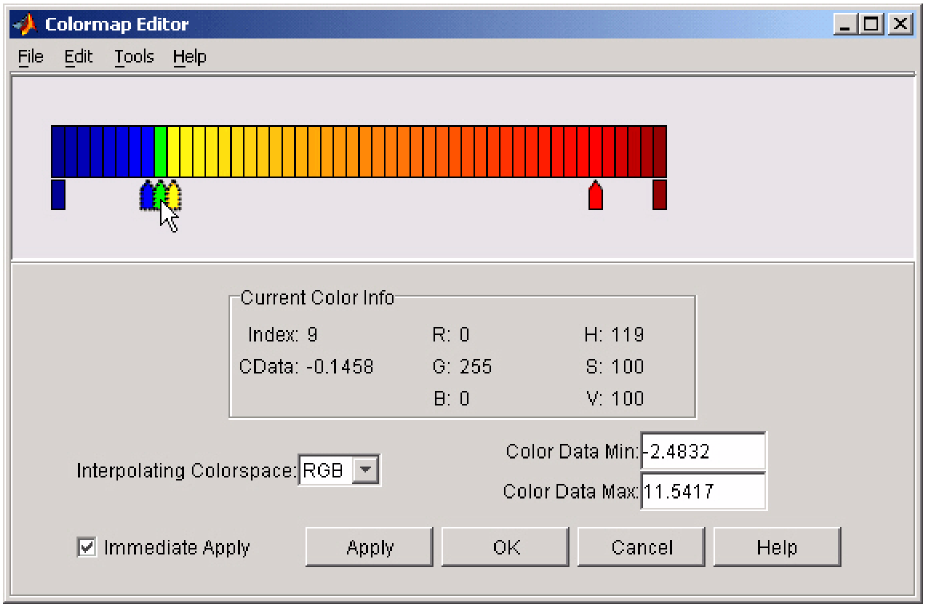
4 In the current state, the colormap colors are interpolated from the green node to the yellowish node about 20 cells away. We actually want only the single cell that is centered around zero to be colored green. To limit the color green to one cell, move the blue and yellow node pointers next to the green pointer.



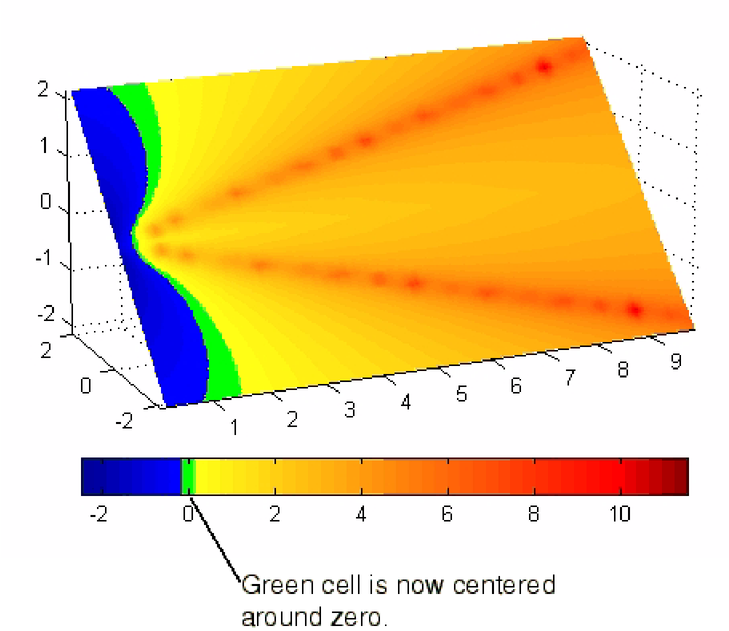
5 Before making further adjustments to the colormap, we need to move the green cell so that it is centered around zero. Use the colorbar to locate the green cell.



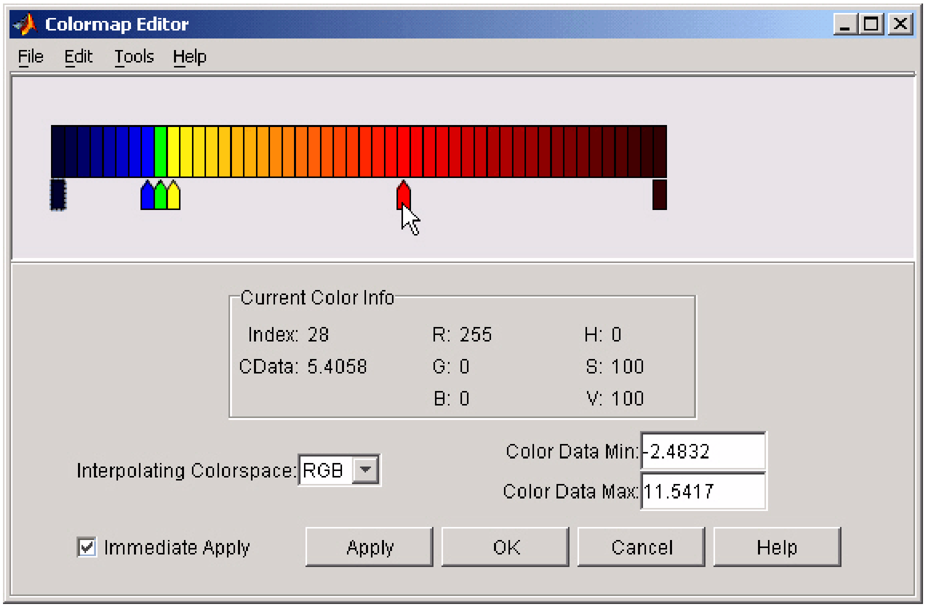
To recenter the green cell around zero, select the blue, green, and yellow node pointers (left-click blue, **Shift+click** yellow) and move them as a group using the left arrow key. Watch the colorbar in the figure window to see when the green color is centered around zero.



The slice plane now has the desired range of colors for negative, zero, and positive data.

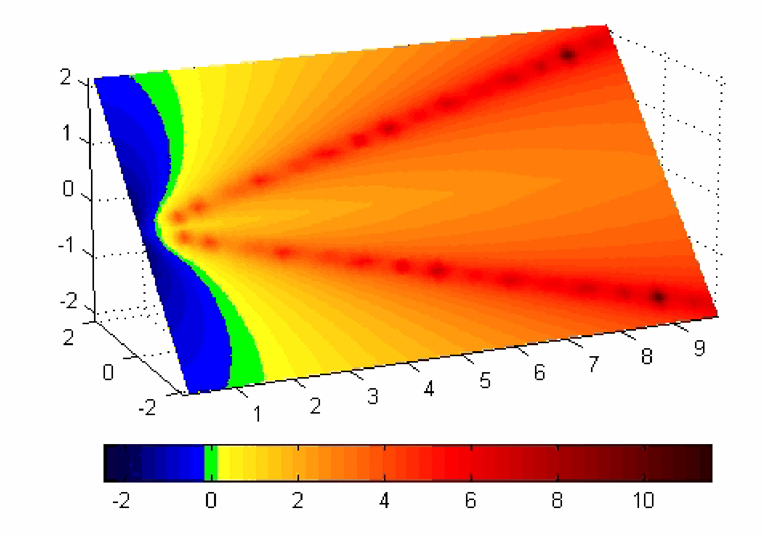


6 Increase the orange-red coloring in the slice by moving the red node pointer toward the yellow node.



7 Darken the endpoints to bring out more detail in the extremes of the data. Double-click the end nodes to display the color picker. Set the red endpoint to the RGB value [50 0 0] and set the blue endpoint to the RGB value [0 0 50].

The slice plane coloring now matches the example objectives.



Saving the Modified Colormap

You can save the modified colormap using the `colormap` function or the figure `Colormap` property.

After you have applied your changes, save the current figure colormap in a variable:

```
mycmap = get(fig,'Colormap'); % fig is figure
handle or use gcf
```

To use this colormap in another figure, set that figure's `Colormap` property:

```
set(new_fig,'Colormap',mycmap)
```

To save your modified colormap in a MAT-file, use the `save` command to save the `mycmap` workspace variable:

```
save('MyColormaps','mycmap')
```

To use your saved colormap in another MATLAB session, `load` the variable into the workspace and assign the colormap to the figure:

```
load('MyColormaps','mycmap')
set(fig,'Colormap',mycmap)
```

See Also

`colormap`, `get`, `load`, `save`, `set`

Color Operations for related functions

See "Colormaps" for more information on using MATLAB colormaps.

ColorSpec (Color Specification)

Purpose

Color specification

Description

`ColorSpec` is not a function; it refers to the three ways in which you specify color for MATLAB graphics:

- RGB triple
- Short name
- Long name

The short names and long names are MATLAB strings that specify one of eight predefined colors. The RGB triple is a three-element row vector whose elements specify the intensities of the red, green, and blue components of the color; the intensities must be in the range [0 1]. The following table lists the predefined colors and their RGB equivalents.

RGB Value	Short Name	Long Name
`[1 1 0]`	`y`	`yellow`
`[1 0 1]`	`m`	`magenta`
`[0 1 1]`	`c`	`cyan`
`[1 0 0]`	`r`	`red`
`[0 1 0]`	`g`	`green`
`[0 0 1]`	`b`	`blue`
`[1 1 1]`	`w`	`white`
`[0 0 0]`	`k`	`black`

Remarks

The eight predefined colors and any colors you specify as RGB values are not part of a figure's colormap, nor are they affected by changes to the figure's colormap. They are referred to as *fixed* colors, as opposed to *colormap* colors.

Some high-level functions (for example, `scatter`) accept a colorspec as an input argument and use it to set the `CData` of graphic objects they create. When using such functions, take care not to specify a colorspec in a property/value pair that sets `CData`; values for `CData` are always n-length vectors or n-by-3 matrices, where n is the length of `XData` and `YData`, never strings.

Examples

To change the background color of a figure to green, specify the color with a short name, a long name, or an RGB triple. These statements generate equivalent results:

```
whitebg('g')
whitebg('green')
whitebg([0 1 0]);
```

You can use `ColorSpec` anywhere you need to define a color. For example, this statement changes the figure background color to pink:

```
set(gcf,'Color',[1,0.4,0.6])
```

See Also

`bar`, `bar3`, `colordef`, `colormap`, `fill`, `fill3`, `whitebg`

"Color Operations" on page 1-108 for related functions

colperm

Purpose

Sparse column permutation based on nonzero count

Syntax

```
j = colperm(S)
```

Description

`j = colperm(S)` generates a permutation vector `j` such that the columns of `S(:,j)` are ordered according to increasing count of nonzero entries. This is sometimes useful as a preordering for LU factorization; in this case use `lu(S(:,j))`.

If `S` is symmetric, then `j = colperm(S)` generates a permutation `j` so that both the rows and columns of `S(j,j)` are ordered according to increasing count of nonzero entries. If `S` is positive definite, this is sometimes useful as a preordering for Cholesky factorization; in this case use `chol(S(j,j))`.

Algorithm

The algorithm involves a sort on the counts of nonzeros in each column.

Examples

The `n`-by-`n` *arrowhead* matrix

```
A = [ones(1,n); ones(n-1,1) speye(n-1,n-1)]
```

has a full first row and column. Its LU factorization, `lu(A)`, is almost completely full. The statement

```
j = colperm(A)
```

returns `j = [2:n 1]`. So `A(j,j)` sends the full row and column to the bottom and the rear, and `lu(A(j,j))` has the same nonzero structure as `A` itself.

On the other hand, the Bucky ball example,

```
B = bucky
```

has exactly three nonzero elements in each row and column, so `j = colperm(B)` is the identity permutation and is no help at all for reducing fill-in with subsequent factorizations.

See Also

chol, colamd, lu, spparms, symamd, symrcm

Purpose

2-D comet plot

Syntax

```
comet(y)
comet(x,y)
comet(x,y,p)
comet(axes_handle,...)
```

Description

`comet(y)` displays a comet graph of the vector `y`. A comet graph is an animated graph 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.

`comet(x,y)` displays a comet graph of vector `y` versus vector `x`.

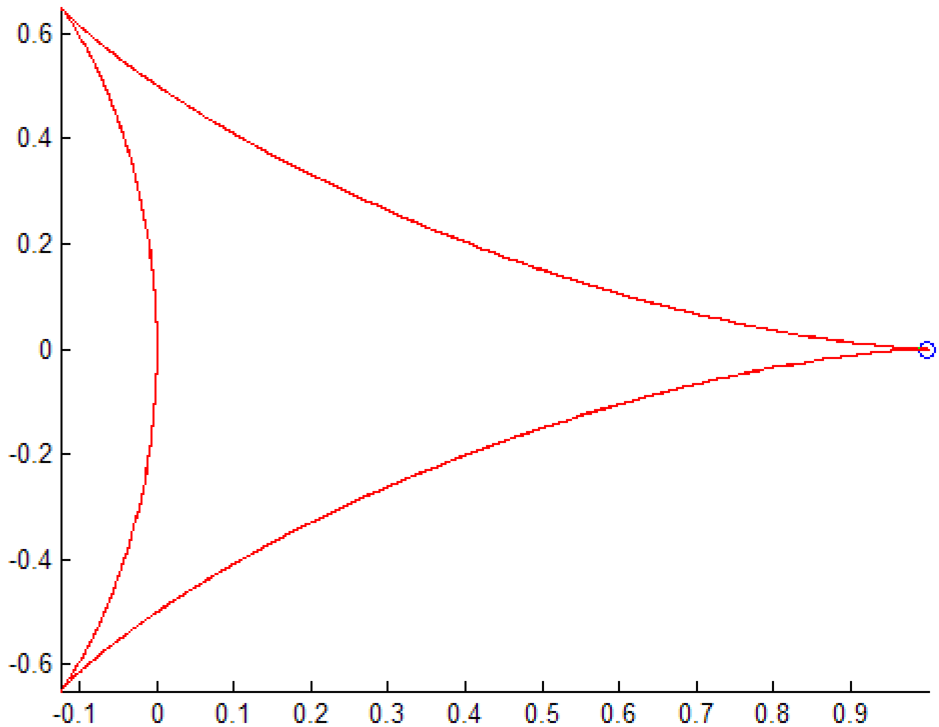
`comet(x,y,p)` specifies a comet body of length `p*length(y)`. `p` defaults to `0.1`.

`comet(axes_handle,...)` plots into the axes with the handle `axes_handle` instead of into the current axes (`gca`).

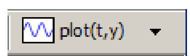
Examples

Create a simple comet graph:

```
t = 0:.01:2*pi;
x = cos(2*t).*(cos(t).^2);
y = sin(2*t).*(sin(t).^2);
comet(x,y);
```



GUI Alternatives

To graph selected variables, use the Plot Selector 

in the Workspace Browser, or use the Figure Palette Plot Catalog. Manipulate graphs in *plot edit* mode with the Property Editor. For details, see Plotting Tools — Interactive Plotting in the MATLAB Graphics documentation and Creating Graphics from the Workspace Browser in the MATLAB Desktop Tools and Development Environment documentation.

See Also

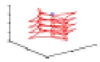
`comet3`

"Direction and Velocity Plots" on page 1-99 for related functions

comet3

Purpose

3-D comet plot



GUI Alternatives

To graph selected variables, use the Plot Selector 

in the Workspace Browser, or use the Figure Palette Plot Catalog. Manipulate graphs in *plot edit* mode with the Property Editor. For details, see Plotting Tools — Interactive Plotting in the MATLAB Graphics documentation and Creating Graphics from the Workspace Browser in the MATLAB Desktop Tools and Development Environment documentation.

Syntax

```
comet3(z)
comet3(x,y,z)
comet3(x,y,z,p)
comet3(axes_handle,...)
```

Description

A comet plot is an animated graph 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.

`comet3(z)` displays a 3-D comet graph of the vector `z`.

`comet3(x,y,z)` displays a comet graph of the curve through the points `[x(i),y(i),z(i)]`.

`comet3(x,y,z,p)` specifies a comet body of length `p*length(y)`.

`comet3(axes_handle,...)` plots into the axes with the handle `axes_handle` instead of into the current axes (`gca`).

Remarks

The trace left by `comet3` is created by using an `EraseMode` of `none`, which means you cannot print the graph (you get only the comet head), and it disappears if you cause a redraw (e.g., by resizing the window).

Examples

Create a 3-D comet graph.

```
t = -10*pi:pi/250:10*pi;
comet3((cos(2*t).^2).*sin(t),(sin(2*t).^2).*cos(t),t);
```

See Also

`comet`

"Direction and Velocity Plots" on page 1-99 for related functions

commandhistory

Purpose

Open Command History window, or select it if already open

GUI Alternatives

As an alternative to `commandhistory`, select **Desktop > Command History** to open it, or **Window > Command History** to select it.

Syntax

```
commandhistory
```

Description

`commandhistory` opens the MATLAB Command History window when it is closed, and selects the Command History window when it is open. The Command History window presents a log of the statements most recently run in the Command Window.

See Also

`diary`, `prefdir`, `startup`

MATLAB Desktop Tools and Development Environment Documentation

- "Recalling Previous Lines in the Command Window"
- "Using the Command History Window"

Purpose Open Command Window, or select it if already open

GUI Alternatives As an alternative to `commandwindow`, select **Desktop > Command Window** to open it, or **Window > Command Window** to select it.

Syntax

```
commandwindow
```

Description `commandwindow` opens the MATLAB Command Window when it is closed, and selects the Command Window when it is open.

Remarks To determine the number of columns and rows that display in the Command Window, given its current size, use

```
get(0,'CommandWindowSize')
```

The number of columns is based on the width of the Command Window. With the matrix display width preference set to 80 columns, the number of columns is always 80.

See Also `commandhistory`, `input`, `inputdlg`

MATLAB Desktop Tools and Development Environment documentation

- "Opening and Arranging Desktop Tools"
- "Running Functions and Programs, and Entering Variables"
- "Preferences for the Command Window"

compan

Purpose

Companion matrix

Syntax

```
A = compan(u)
```

Description

`A = compan(u)` returns the corresponding companion matrix whose first row is `-u(2:n)/u(1)`, where `u` is a vector of polynomial coefficients. The eigenvalues of `compan(u)` are the roots of the polynomial.

Examples

The polynomial $(x-1)(x-2)(x+3) = x^3-7x+6$ has a companion matrix given by

```
u = [1  0  -7  6]
A = compan(u)
A =
     0     7    -6
     1     0     0
     0     1     0
```

The eigenvalues are the polynomial roots:

```
eig(compan(u))

ans =
    -3.0000
     2.0000
     1.0000
```

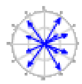
This is also `roots(u)`.

See Also

`eig`, `poly`, `polyval`, `roots`

Purpose

Plot arrows emanating from origin



GUI Alternatives

To graph selected variables, use the Plot Selector 

in the Workspace Browser, or use the Figure Palette Plot Catalog. Manipulate graphs in *plot edit* mode with the Property Editor. For details, see Plotting Tools — Interactive Plotting in the MATLAB Graphics documentation and Creating Graphics from the Workspace Browser in the MATLAB Desktop Tools and Development Environment documentation.

Syntax

```
compass(U,V)
compass(Z)
compass(...,LineSpec)
compass(axes_handle,...)
h = compass(...)
```

Description

A compass graph displays the vectors with components `(U,V)` as arrows emanating from the origin. `U`, `V`, and `Z` are in Cartesian coordinates and plotted on a circular grid.

`compass(U,V)` displays a compass graph having *n* arrows, where *n* is the number of elements in `U` or `V`. The location of the base of each arrow is the origin. The location of the tip of each arrow is a point relative to the base and determined by `[U(i),V(i)]`.

`compass(Z)` displays a compass graph having *n* arrows, where *n* is the number of elements in `Z`. The location of the base of each arrow is the origin. The location of the tip of each arrow is relative to the base as determined by the real and imaginary components of `Z`. This syntax is equivalent to `compass(real(Z),imag(Z))`.

`compass(...,LineSpec)` draws a compass graph using the line type, marker symbol, and color specified by `LineSpec`.

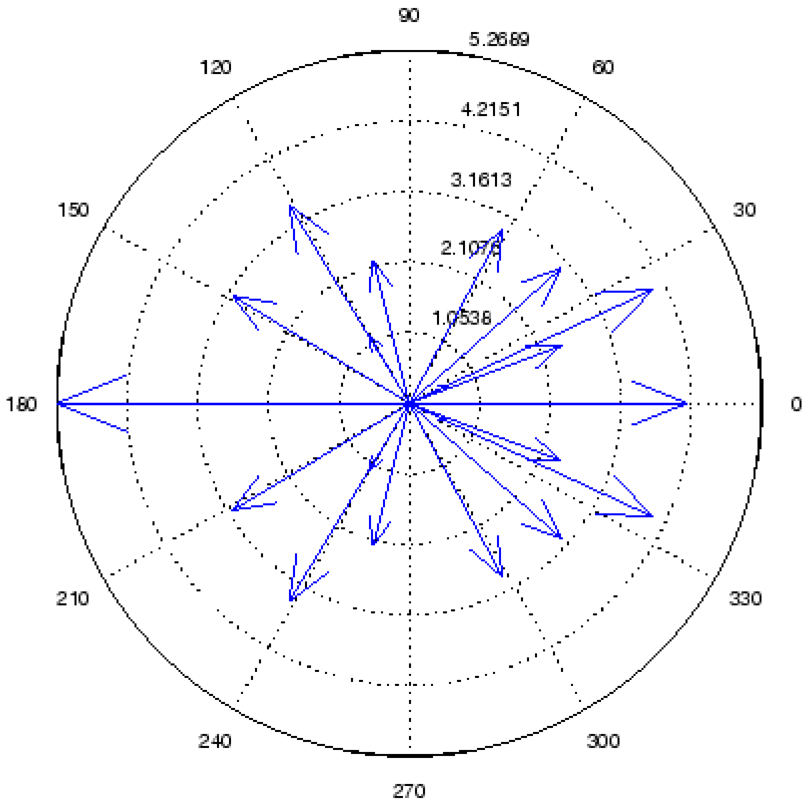
`compass(axes_handle,...)` plots into the axes with the handle `axes_handle` instead of into the current axes (`gca`).

`h = compass(...)` returns handles to line objects.

Examples

Draw a compass graph of the eigenvalues of a matrix.

```
Z = eig(randn(20,20));
compass(Z)
```



See Also

`feather`, `LineSpec`, `quiver`, `rose`

"Direction and Velocity Plots" on page 1-99 for related functions

"Compass Plots" for another example

Purpose

Construct complex data from real and imaginary components

Syntax

```
c = complex(a,b)
```

Description

`c = complex(a,b)` creates a complex output, `c`, from the two real inputs.

```
c = a + bi
```

The output is the same size as the inputs, which must be scalars or equally sized vectors, matrices, or multi-dimensional arrays.

Note If `b` is all zeros, `c` is complex and the value of all its imaginary components is `0`. In contrast, the result of the addition `a+0i` returns a strictly real result.

The following describes when `a` and `b` can have different data types, and the resulting data type of the output `c`:

- If either of `a` or `b` has type `single`, `c` has type `single`.
- If either of `a` or `b` has an integer data type, the other must have the same integer data type or type scalar `double`, and `c` has the same integer data type.

`c = complex(a)` for real `a` returns the complex result `c` with real part `a` and `0` as the value of all imaginary components. Even though the value of all imaginary components is `0`, `c` is complex and `isreal(c)` returns false.

The `complex` function provides a useful substitute for expressions such as

```
a + i*b   or   a + j*b
```

in cases when the names "i" and "j" may be used for other variables (and do not equal $\sqrt{-1}$), when a and b are not single or double, or when b is all zero.

Example

Create complex uint8 vector from two real uint8 vectors.

```
a = uint8([1;2;3;4])
b = uint8([2;2;7;7])
c = complex(a,b)
c =
   1.0000 + 2.0000i
   2.0000 + 2.0000i
   3.0000 + 7.0000i
   4.0000 + 7.0000i
```

See Also

abs, angle, conj, i, imag, isreal, j, real

Tiff.computeStrip

Purpose

Index number of strip containing specified coordinate

Syntax

```
stripNumber = tiffobj.computeStrip(row)
stripNumber = tiffobj.computeStrip(row, plane)
```

Description

`stripNumber = tiffobj.computeStrip(row)` returns the index number of the strip containing the given row. The value of `row` must be one-based.

`stripNumber = tiffobj.computeStrip(row, plane)` returns the index number of the strip containing the given row in the specified plane, if the value of the `PlanarConfiguration` tag is `Tiff.PlanarConfiguration.Separate`.. The values of row and plane must be one-based.

`computeStrip` clamps out-of-range coordinate values to the bounds of the image.

Examples

Open a `Tiff` object and get the index number of the strip containing the middle row. Replace `myfile.tif` with the name of a TIFF file on your MATLAB path:

```
t = Tiff('myfile.tif','r');
% Get the number of rows in the image.
numRows = t.getTag('ImageLength');
% Get the number of the strip containing the middle row
stripNum = t.computeStrip(numRows/2);
```

References

This method corresponds to the `TIFFComputeStrip` function in the LibTIFF C API. To use this method, you must be familiar with LibTIFF version 3.7.1, as well as the TIFF specification and technical notes. View this documentation at `LibTIFF - TIFF Library and Utilities`.

See Also

`Tiff.computeTile`

Tutorials

- "Exporting Image Data and Metadata to TIFF Files"
- "Reading Image Data and Metadata from TIFF Files"

Purpose

Index number of tile containing specified coordinates

Syntax

```
tileNumber = tiffobj.computeTile([row col])
tileNumber = tiffobj.computeTile([row col], plane)
```

Description

`tileNumber = tiffobj.computeTile([row col])` returns the index number of the tile containing the row and column pixel coordinates. The row and column coordinate values are one-based.

`tileNumber = tiffobj.computeTile([row col], plane)` returns the index number of the tile containing the row and column pixel coordinates in the specified plane, if the value of the `PlanarConfiguration` tag is `Tiff.PlanarConfiguration.Separate`. The row, column, and plane coordinate values are one-based.

`computeTile` clamps out-of-range coordinate values to the bounds of the image.

Examples

Open a `Tiff` object and get the index number of the tile containing the last pixel. Replace `myfile.tif` with the name of a TIFF file on your MATLAB path.

```
t = Tiff('myfile.tif','r');
% Get the dimensions of the image to calculate coordinates.
numRows = t.getTag('ImageLength');
numCols = t.getTag('ImageWidth');
% Get the ID number of the tile containing the coordinates.
tileNum = t.computeTile([numRows numCols]);
```

References

This method corresponds to the `TIFFComputeTile` function in the LibTIFF C API. To use this method, you must be familiar with LibTIFF version 3.7.1 as well as the TIFF specification and technical notes. View this documentation at `LibTiff - TIFF Library and Utilities`.

See Also

`Tiff.computeStrip`

Tutorials

- "Exporting Image Data and Metadata to TIFF Files"

- "Reading Image Data and Metadata from TIFF Files"

Purpose

Information about computer on which MATLAB software is running

Syntax

```
str = computer
archstr = computer('arch')
[str,maxsize] = computer
[str,maxsize,endian] = computer
```

Description

`str = computer` returns the string `str` with the computer type on which MATLAB is running.

`archstr = computer('arch')` returns the string `archstr` which is the architecture of the build platform. Use this string for the term `arch` in the `mex` command switch *-arch*.

`[str,maxsize] = computer` returns the integer `maxsize`, the maximum number of elements allowed in an array with this version of MATLAB.

`[str,maxsize,endian] = computer` returns either 'L' for little-endian byte ordering or 'B' for big-endian byte ordering.

Platform	Word Size	str	archstr	maxsize	endian	ispc	isunix	ismac
Microsoft Windows	32-bit	PCWIN	win32	2^31 - 1	L	1	0	0
	64-bit	PCWIN64	win64	2^48 - 1	L	1	0	0
Linux®	32-bit	GLNX86	glnx86	2^31 - 1	L	0	1	0
	64-bit	GLNXA64	glnxa64	2^48 - 1	L	0	1	0
Apple® Macintosh®	32-bit	MACI	maci	2^31 - 1	L	0	1	1
	64-bit	MACI64	maci64	2^48 - 1	L	0	1	1

Remarks

In some cases, both 32-bit and 64-bit versions of MATLAB can run on the same platform. In this case, the value returned by `computer` reflects which of these is running. For example, if you run a 32-bit version of MATLAB on a Windows x64 platform, `computer` returns `PCWIN`, indicating that the 32-bit version is running. You can get this information and the value of `archstr` from the **Help** menu, as described in "Obtaining Information About your Installation" in the Desktop Tools and Development Environment documentation.

See Also

`getenv`, `setenv`, `ispc`, `isunix`, `ismac`

Purpose

Condition number with respect to inversion

Syntax

```
c = cond(X)
c = cond(X,p)
```

Description

The *condition number* of a matrix measures the sensitivity of the solution of a system of linear equations to errors in the data. It gives an indication of the accuracy of the results from matrix inversion and the linear equation solution. Values of `cond(X)` and `cond(X,p)` near 1 indicate a well-conditioned matrix.

`c = cond(X)` returns the 2-norm condition number, the ratio of the largest singular value of `X` to the smallest.

`c = cond(X,p)` returns the matrix condition number in `p`-norm:

```
norm(X,p) * norm(inv(X),p)
```

If p is...	Then cond(X,p) returns the...
1	1-norm condition number
2	2-norm condition number
'fro'	Frobenius norm condition number
inf	Infinity norm condition number

Algorithm

The algorithm for `cond` (when `p = 2`) uses the singular value decomposition, `svd`. When the input matrix is sparse, `cond` ignores any specified `p` value and calls `condest`.

See Also

`condeig`, `condest`, `norm`, `normest`, `rank`, `rcond`, `svd`

condeig

Purpose

Condition number with respect to eigenvalues

Syntax

```
c = condeig(A)
[V,D,s] = condeig(A)
```

Description

`c = condeig(A)` returns a vector of condition numbers for the eigenvalues of `A`. These condition numbers are the reciprocals of the cosines of the angles between the left and right eigenvectors.

`[V,D,s] = condeig(A)` is equivalent to

```
[V,D] = eig(A);
s = condeig(A);
```

Large condition numbers imply that `A` is near a matrix with multiple eigenvalues.

See Also

`balance`, `cond`, `eig`

Purpose

1-norm condition number estimate

Syntax

```
c = condest(A)
c = condest(A,t)
[c,v] = condest(A)
```

Description

`c = condest(A)` computes a lower bound C for the 1-norm condition number of a square matrix A.

`c = condest(A,t)` changes `t`, a positive integer parameter equal to the number of columns in an underlying iteration matrix. Increasing the number of columns usually gives a better condition estimate but increases the cost. The default is `t = 2`, which almost always gives an estimate correct to within a factor 2.

`[c,v] = condest(A)` also computes a vector `v` which is an approximate null vector if `c` is large. `v` satisfies `norm(A*v,1) = norm(A,1)*norm(v,1)/c`.

Note `condest` invokes `rand`. If repeatable results are required then use `RandStream` to initialize the random number generator before calling this function.

```
s = RandStream('mt19937ar','Seed',0);
RandStream.setDefaultStream(s)
```

See the `RandStream` documentation for more information.

This function is particularly useful for sparse matrices.

Algorithm

`condest` is based on the 1-norm condition estimator of Hager [1] and a block oriented generalization of Hager's estimator given by Higham and Tisseur [2]. The heart of the algorithm involves an iterative search to estimate $\|A^{-1}\|_1$ without computing A^{-1}. This is posed as the convex, but nondifferentiable, optimization problem

$$\max \|A^{-1}x\|_1 \text{ subject to } \|x\|_1 = 1$$

See Also

`cond`, `norm`, `normest`

Reference

[1] William W. Hager, “Condition Estimates,” *SIAM J. Sci. Stat. Comput. 5*, 1984, 311-316, 1984.

[2] Nicholas J. Higham and Françoise Tisseur, “A Block Algorithm for Matrix 1-Norm Estimation with an Application to 1-Norm Pseudospectra, “*SIAM J. Matrix Anal. Appl.*, Vol. 21, 1185-1201, 2000.

Purpose

Plot velocity vectors as cones in 3-D vector field

Syntax

```
coneplot(X,Y,Z,U,V,W,Cx,Cy,Cz)
coneplot(U,V,W,Cx,Cy,Cz)
coneplot(...,s)
coneplot(...,color)
coneplot(...,'quiver')
coneplot(...,'method')
coneplot(X,Y,Z,U,V,W,'nointerp')
coneplot(axes_handle,...)
h = coneplot(...)
```

Description

`coneplot(X,Y,Z,U,V,W,Cx,Cy,Cz)` plots velocity vectors as cones pointing in the direction of the velocity vector and having a length proportional to the magnitude of the velocity vector. `X`, `Y`, `Z` define the coordinates for the vector field. `U`, `V`, `W` define the vector field. These arrays must be the same size, monotonic, and 3-D plaid (such as the data produced by `meshgrid`). `Cx`, `Cy`, `Cz` define the location of the cones in the vector field. The section "Specifying Starting Points for Stream Plots" in Visualization Techniques provides more information on defining starting points.

`coneplot(U,V,W,Cx,Cy,Cz)` (omitting the `X`, `Y`, and `Z` arguments) assumes `[X,Y,Z] = meshgrid(1:n,1:m,1:p)`, where `[m,n,p]= size(U)`.

`coneplot(...,s)` automatically scales the cones to fit the graph and then stretches them by the scale factor `s`. If you do not specify a value for `s`, `coneplot` uses a value of 1. Use `s = 0` to plot the cones without automatic scaling.

`coneplot(...,color)` interpolates the array `color` onto the vector field and then colors the cones according to the interpolated values. The size of the `color` array must be the same size as the `U`, `V`, `W` arrays. This option works only with cones (i.e., not with the `quiver` option).

`coneplot(...,'quiver')` draws arrows instead of cones (see `quiver3` for an illustration of a quiver plot).

coneplot(...,'*method*') specifies the interpolation method to use. *method* can be linear, cubic, or nearest. linear is the default. (See interp3 for a discussion of these interpolation methods.)

coneplot(X,Y,Z,U,V,W,'nointerp') does not interpolate the positions of the cones into the volume. The cones are drawn at positions defined by X, Y, Z and are oriented according to U, V, W. Arrays X, Y, Z, U, V, W must all be the same size.

coneplot(axes_handle,...) plots into the axes with the handle axes_handle instead of into the current axes (gca).

h = coneplot(...) returns the handle to the patch object used to draw the cones. You can use the set command to change the properties of the cones.

coneplot automatically scales the cones to fit the graph, while keeping them in proportion to the respective velocity vectors.

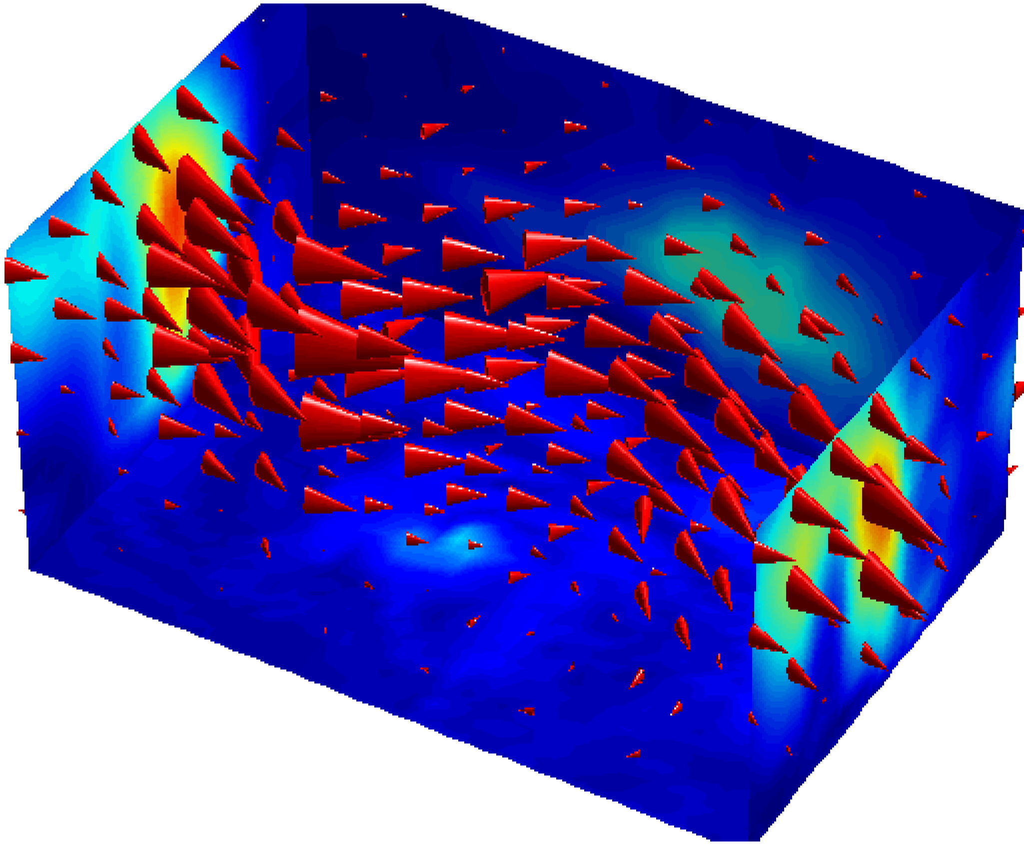
Examples

Plot the velocity vector cones for vector volume data representing the motion of air through a rectangular region of space:

```
% Load the data. The winds data set contains six 3-D
arrays: u, v, and w specify
% the vector components at each of the coordinates specified in x, y, and z. The
% coordinates define a lattice grid structure where the data is sampled within the
% volume.
load wind

% Now establish the range of the data to place the slice planes and to specify
% where you want the cone plots (min, max):
xmin = min(x(:));
xmax = max(x(:));
ymin = min(y(:));
ymax = max(y(:));
zmin = min(z(:));

% Use daspect to set the data aspect ratio of the axes before calling coneplot.
daspect([2,2,1])
```

```
% Decide where in data space you want to plot cones. This example selects the
% full range of x and y in eight steps and the range 3 to 15 in four steps in z
% using linspace and meshgrid.
xrange = linspace(xmin,xmax,8);
yrange = linspace(ymin,ymax,8);
zrange = 3:4:15;
[cx cy cz] = meshgrid(xrange,yrange,zrange);

% Draw the cones, setting the scale factor to 5 to make the cones larger than
% the default size:
hcones = coneplot(x,y,z,u,v,w,cx,cy,cz,5);
% Set the coloring of each cone using FaceColor and EdgeColor:
set(hcones,'FaceColor','red','EdgeColor','none')

% Calculate the magnitude of the vector field (which represents wind speed) to
% generate scalar data for the slice command:
hold on
wind_speed = sqrt(u.^2 + v.^2 + w.^2);
% Create slice planes along the x-axis at xmin and xmax, along the y-axis at
% ymax, and along the z-axis at zmin:
hsurfaces = slice(x,y,z,wind_speed,[xmin,xmax],ymax,zmin);
% Specify interpolated face color so the slice coloring indicates wind speed,
% and do not draw edges (hold, slice, FaceColor, EdgeColor):
set(hsurfaces,'FaceColor','interp','EdgeColor','none')
hold off

% Use the axis command to set the axis limits equal to the range of the data.
axis tight;
% Orient the view to azimuth = 30 and elevation = 40. (rotate3d is a useful
% command for selecting the best view.)
view(30,40);axis off
% Select perspective projection to provide a more realistic looking volume
% using camproj:
camproj perspective;
% Zoom in on the scene a little to make the plot as large as possible using camzoom:
camzoom(1.5)
```

```
% The light source affects both the slice planes (surfaces) and the cone plots
% (patches). However, you can set the lighting characteristics of each independently:

% Add a light source to the right of the camera and use Phong lighting to give the
% cones and slice planes a smooth, three-dimensional appearance using camlight and lighting
camlight right; lighting phong

% Increase the value of the AmbientStrength property for each slice plane to improve
% the visibility of the dark blue colors:
set(hsurfaces,'AmbientStrength',.6)
% Increase the value of the DiffuseStrength property of the cones to brighten particularly
% those cones not showing specular reflections:
set(hcones,'DiffuseStrength',.8)
```



Alternatives

To graph selected variables, use the Plot Selector 

in the Workspace Browser, or use the Figure Palette Plot Catalog. Manipulate graphs in *plot edit* mode with the Property Editor. For details, see Plotting Tools — Interactive Plotting in the MATLAB Graphics documentation and Creating Graphics from the Workspace Browser in the MATLAB Desktop Tools and Development Environment documentation.

See Also

`isosurface` | `patch` | `reducevolume` | `smooth3` | `streamline` | `stream2` | `stream3` | `subvolume`

Tutorials

- “Volume Visualization Techniques”

Purpose

Complex conjugate

Syntax

```
ZC = conj(Z)
```

Description

`ZC = conj(Z)` returns the complex conjugate of the elements of `Z`.

Algorithm

If `Z` is a complex array:

```
conj(Z) = real(Z) - i*imag(Z)
```

See Also

`i`, `j`, `imag`, `real`

continue

Purpose

Pass control to next iteration of `for` or `while` loop

Syntax

`continue`

Description

`continue` temporarily interrupts the execution of a program loop, skipping any remaining statements in the body of the loop for the current pass. The `continue` statement does not cause an immediate exit from the loop as a `break` or `return` statement would do, but instead continues within the loop for as long as the stated `for` or `while` condition holds true.

A `continue` statement in a *nested* loop behaves in the same manner. Execution resumes at the `for` or `while` statement of the loop in which the `continue` statement was encountered, and reenters the loop if the stated condition evaluates to `true`.

Examples

The example below shows a `continue` loop that counts the lines of code in the file `magic.m`, skipping all blank lines and comments. A `continue` statement is used to advance to the next line in `magic.m` without incrementing the count whenever a blank line or comment line is encountered.

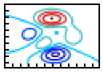
```
fid = fopen('magic.m','r');
count = 0;
while ~feof(fid)
    line = fgetl(fid);
    if isempty(line) || strncmp(line,'%',1) || ~ischar(line)
        continue
    end
    count = count + 1;
end
fprintf('%d lines\n',count);
fclose(fid);
```

See Also

`for`, `while`, `end`, `break`, `return`

Purpose

Contour plot of matrix



GUI Alternatives

To graph selected variables, use the Plot Selector 

in the Workspace Browser, or use the Figure Palette Plot Catalog. Manipulate graphs in *plot edit* mode with the Property Editor. For details, see "Plotting Tools — Interactive Plotting" in the MATLAB Graphics documentation and "Creating Graphics from the Workspace Browser" in the MATLAB Desktop Tools and Development Environment documentation.

Syntax

```
contour(Z)
contour(Z,n)
contour(Z,v)
contour(X,Y,Z)
contour(X,Y,Z,n)
contour(X,Y,Z,v)
contour(...,LineSpec)
contour(axes_handle,...)
[C,h] = contour(...)
```

Description

A contour plot displays isolines of matrix `Z`. Label the contour lines using `clabel`.

`contour(Z)` draws a contour plot of matrix `Z`, where `Z` is interpreted as heights with respect to the *x*-*y* plane. `Z` must be at least a 2-by-2 matrix that contains at least two different values. The number of contour lines and the values of the contour lines are chosen automatically based on the minimum and maximum values of `Z`. The ranges of the *x*- and *y*-axis are `[1:n]` and `[1:m]`, where `[m,n] = size(Z)`.

`contour(Z,n)` draws a contour plot of matrix `Z` with `n` contour levels.

`contour(Z,v)` draws a contour plot of matrix `Z` with contour lines at the data values specified in the monotonically increasing vector `v`.

The number of contour levels is equal to `length(v)`. To draw a single contour of level `i`, use `contour(Z,[i i])`. Specifying the vector v sets the `LevelListMode` to manual to allow user control over contour levels. See `contourgroup properties` for more information.

`contour(X,Y,Z)`, `contour(X,Y,Z,n)`, and `contour(X,Y,Z,v)` draw contour plots of `Z` using `X` and `Y` to determine the *x*- and *y*-axis limits. When `X` and `Y` are matrices, they must be the same size as `Z` and must be monotonically increasing.

`contour(...,LineSpec)` draws the contours using the line type and color specified by `LineSpec`. `contour` ignores marker symbols.

`contour(axes_handle,...)` plots into axes `gerkaxes_handle` instead of `gca`.

`[C,h] = contour(...)` returns a contour matrix, `C`, that contains the *x*, *y* coordinates and contour levels for contour lines derived by the low-level `contourc` function, and a handle, `h`, to a contourgroup object. The `clabel` function uses contour matrix `C` to label the contour lines. `ContourMatrix` is also a read-only Contourgroup property that you can obtain from the returned handle.

Use `contourgroup` object properties to control the contour plot appearance.

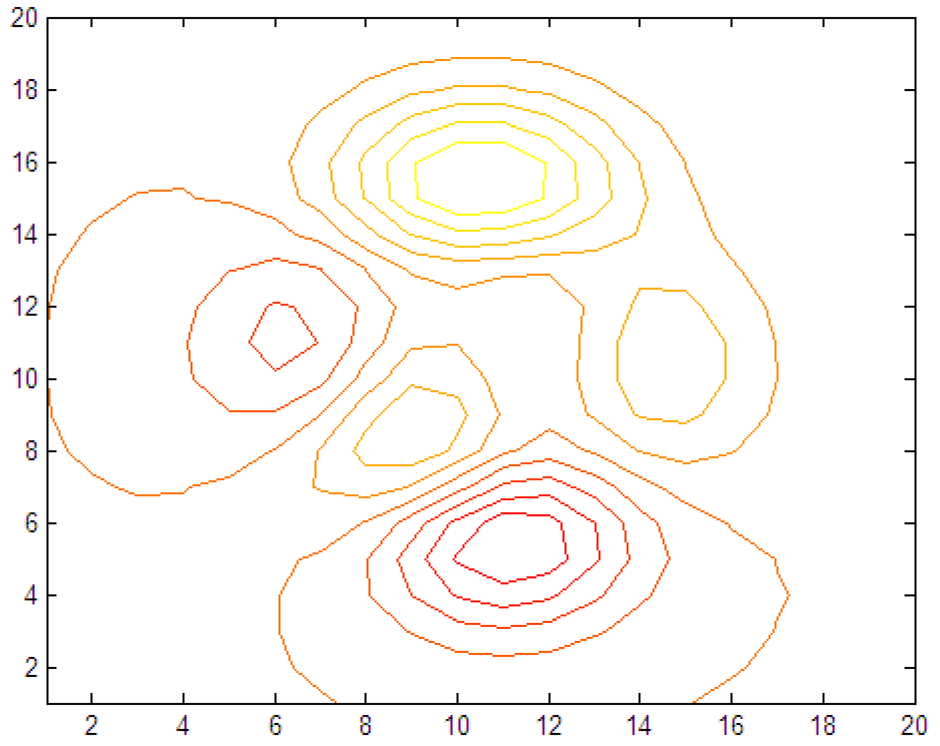
If `X` or `Y` is irregularly spaced, `contour` calculates contours using a regularly spaced contour grid, and then transforms the data to `X` or `Y`.

Examples

Contour Plot of a Function

Create a contour plot of the `peaks` function using the contour matrix and `contourgroup` object handle as output.

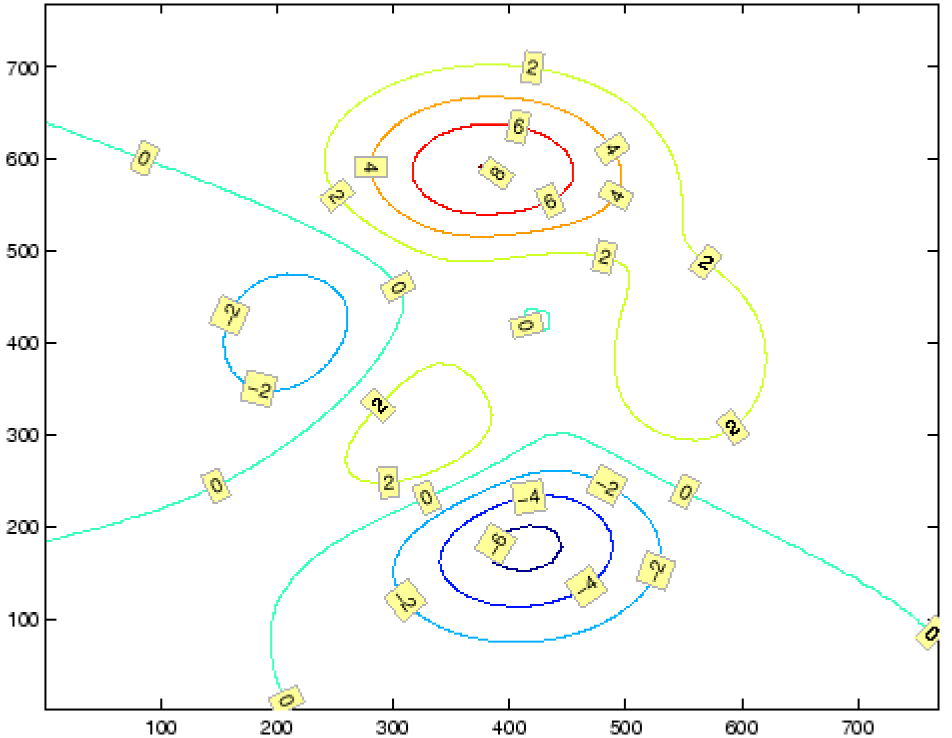
```
[C,h] = contour(peaks(20),10);
colormap autumn
```



Smoothing Contour Data

Use `interp2` to create smoother contours. Also set the contour label text `BackgroundColor` to a light yellow and the `EdgeColor` to light gray.

```
Z = peaks;
[C,h] = contour(interp2(Z,4));
text_handle = clabel(C,h);
set(text_handle,'BackgroundColor',[1 1 .6],...
    'Edgecolor',[.7 .7 .7])
```



For more examples using `contour`, see "Contour Plots".

See Also

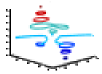
`clabel`, `contourf`, `contour3`, `contourc`, `quiver`

"Contour Plots" for related functions and more examples

`contourgroup properties` for related properties

Purpose

3-D contour plot



GUI Alternatives

To graph selected variables, use the Plot Selector 

in the Workspace Browser, or use the Figure Palette Plot Catalog. Manipulate graphs in *plot edit* mode with the Property Editor. For details, see "Plotting Tools — Interactive Plotting" in the MATLAB Graphics documentation and "Creating Graphics from the Workspace Browser" in the MATLAB Desktop Tools and Development Environment documentation.

Syntax

```
contour3(Z)
contour3(Z,n)
contour3(Z,v)
contour3(X,Y,Z)
contour3(X,Y,Z,n)
contour3(X,Y,Z,v)
contour3(...,LineSpec)
contour3(axes_handle,...)
[C,h] = contour3(...)
```

Description

`contour3` creates a 3-D contour plot of a surface defined on a rectangular grid.

`contour3(Z)` draws a contour plot of matrix `Z` in a 3-D view. `Z` is interpreted as heights with respect to the *x*-*y* plane. `Z` must be at least a 2-by-2 matrix that contains at least two different values. The number of contour levels and the values of contour levels are chosen automatically based on the minimum and maximum values of `Z`. The ranges of the *x*- and *y*-axis are `[1:n]` and `[1:m]`, where `[m,n] = size(Z)`.

`contour3(Z,n)` draws a contour plot of matrix `Z` with `n` contour levels in a 3-D view.

`contour3(Z,v)` draws a contour plot of matrix `Z` with contour lines at the values specified in vector `v`. The number of contour levels is equal to `length(v)`. To draw a single contour of level `i`, use `contour(Z,[i i])`. Specifying the vector v sets the `LevelListMode` to manual to allow user control over contour levels. See `contourgroup properties` for more information.

`contour3(X,Y,Z)`, `contour3(X,Y,Z,n)`, and `contour3(X,Y,Z,v)` draw contour plots of `Z` using `X` and `Y` to determine the *x*- and *y*-axis limits. If `X` is a matrix, `X(1,:)` defines the *x*-axis. If `Y` is a matrix, `Y(:,1)` defines the *y*-axis. When `X` and `Y` are matrices, they must be the same size as `Z` and must be monotonically increasing.

`contour3(...,LineSpec)` draws the contour lines using the line type and color specified by `LineSpec`. `contour3` ignores marker symbols.

`contour3(axes_handle,...)` plots into the axes with the handle `axes_handle` instead of into the current axes (`gca`).

`[C,h] = contour3(...)` returns a contour matrix, `C`, that contains the *x*, *y* coordinates and contour levels for contour lines derived by the low-level `contourc` function, and a handle, `h`, to an array of handles to graphics objects. The `clabel` function uses contour matrix `C` to label the contour lines. The graphic objects that `contour3` creates are `patch` objects, or if you specify a `LineSpec` argument, `line` objects.

Remarks

If `X` or `Y` is irregularly spaced, `contour3` calculates contours using a regularly spaced contour grid, and then transforms the data to `X` or `Y`.

If you do not specify `LineSpec`, the functions `colormap` and `caxis` control the color.

Label the contour lines using `clabel`.

`contour3(...)` works the same as `contour(...)` with these exceptions:

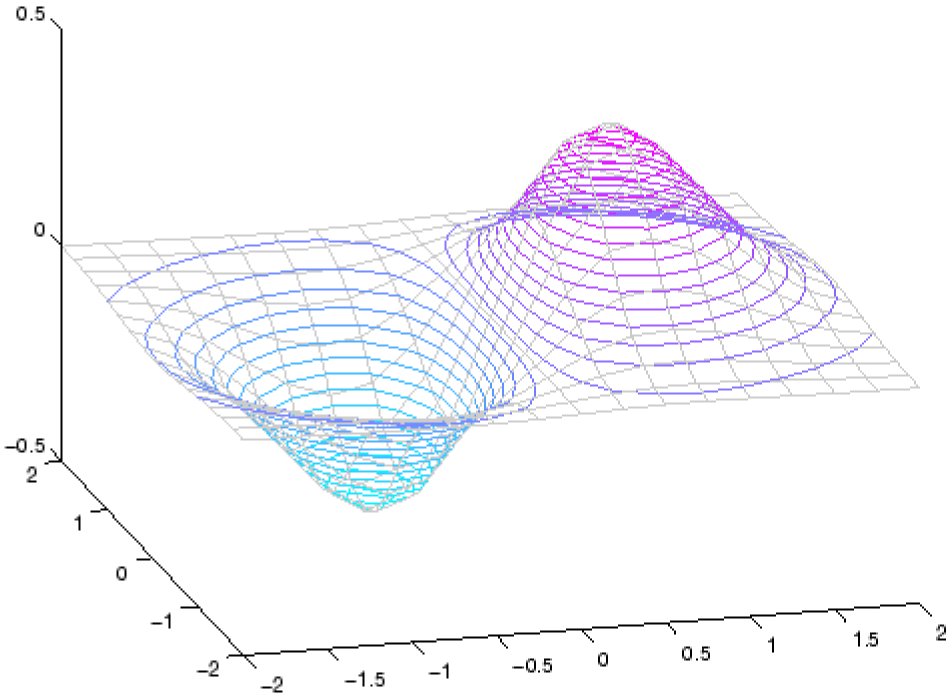
- The contours are drawn at their corresponding Z level.
- Multiple `patch` or `line` objects are created instead of a `contourgroup`.

- Calling `contour3` with trailing property-value pairs is not allowed.

Examples

Plot the three-dimensional contour of a function and superimpose a surface plot to enhance visualization of the function.

```
[X,Y] = meshgrid([-2:.25:2]);
Z = X.*exp(-X.^2-Y.^2);
contour3(X,Y,Z,30)
surface(X,Y,Z,'EdgeColor',[.8 .8 .8],'FaceColor','none')
grid off
view(-15,25)
colormap cool
```



For more examples using `contour3`, see "Contour Plots".

See Also

`contour`, `contourc`, `contourf`, `meshc`, `meshgrid`, `surfc`

"Contour Plots" section for more examples

`contourgroup properties` for related properties

Purpose Low-level contour plot computation

Syntax

```
C = contourc(Z)
C = contourc(Z,n)
C = contourc(Z,v)
C = contourc(x,y,Z)
C = contourc(x,y,Z,n)
C = contourc(x,y,Z,v)
```

Description

`contourc` calculates the contour matrix `C` used by `contour`, `contour3`, and `contourf`. The values in `Z` determine the heights of the contour lines with respect to a plane. The contour calculations use a regularly spaced grid determined by the dimensions of `Z`.

`C = contourc(Z)` computes the contour matrix from data in matrix `Z`, where `Z` must be at least a 2-by-2 matrix. The contours are isolines in the units of `Z`. The number of contour lines and the corresponding values of the contour lines are chosen automatically.

`C = contourc(Z,n)` computes contours of matrix `Z` with `n` contour levels.

`C = contourc(Z,v)` computes contours of matrix `Z` with contour lines at the values specified in vector `v`. The length of `v` determines the number of contour levels. To compute a single contour of level `i`, use `contourc(Z,[i i])`.

`C = contourc(x,y,Z)`, `C = contourc(x,y,Z,n)`, and `C = contourc(x,y,Z,v)` compute contours of `Z` using vectors `x` and `y` to determine the *x*- and *y*-axis limits. `x` and `y` must be monotonically increasing.

Remarks

`C` is a two-row matrix specifying all the contour lines. Each contour line defined in matrix `C` begins with a column that contains the value of the contour (specified by `v` and used by `clabel`), and the number of `(x,y)` vertices in the contour line. The remaining columns contain the data for the `(x,y)` pairs.

```
C = [value1 xdata(1) xdata(2) ... xdata(dim1) value2 xdata(1) xdata
```

```
dim1 ydata(1) ydata(2) ... ydata(dim1) dim2 ydata(1) ydata(2) ... yd
```

Specifying irregularly spaced `x` and `y` vectors is not the same as contouring irregularly spaced data. If `x` or `y` is irregularly spaced, `contourc` calculates contours using a regularly spaced contour grid, then transforms the data to `x` or `y`.

See Also

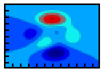
`clabel`, `contour`, `contour3`, `contourf`

"Contour Plots" on page 1-99 for related functions

"The Contouring Algorithm" for more information

Purpose

Filled 2-D contour plot



GUI Alternatives

To graph selected variables, use the Plot Selector 

in the Workspace Browser, or use the Figure Palette Plot Catalog. Manipulate graphs in *plot edit* mode with the Property Editor. For details, see "Plotting Tools — Interactive Plotting" in the MATLAB Graphics documentation and "Creating Graphics from the Workspace Browser" in the MATLAB Desktop Tools and Development Environment documentation.

Syntax

```
contourf(Z)
contourf(Z,n)
contourf(Z,v)
contourf(X,Y,Z)
contourf(X,Y,Z,n)
contourf(X,Y,Z,v)
contourf(...,LineSpec)
contourf(axes_handle,...)
contour(axes_handle,...)
[C,h] = contourf(...)
```

Description

A filled `contour` plot displays isolines calculated from matrix `Z` and fills the areas between the isolines using constant colors corresponding to the current figure's colormap.

`contourf(Z)` draws a filled contour plot of matrix `Z`, where `Z` is interpreted as heights with respect to the *x*-*y* plane. `Z` must be at least a 2-by-2 matrix that contains at least two different values. The number of contour lines and the values of the contour lines are chosen automatically based on the minimum and maximum values of `Z`. The ranges of the *x*- and *y*-axis are `[1:n]` and `[1:m]`, where `[m,n] = size(Z)`.

`contourf(Z,n)` draws a filled contour plot of matrix `Z` with `n` contour levels.

`contourf(Z,v)` draws a filled contour plot of matrix `Z` with contour lines at the data values specified in the monotonically increasing vector `v`. The number of contour levels is equal to `length(v)`. To draw a single contour of level `i`, use `contour(Z,[i i])`. Specifying the vector v sets the `LevelListMode` to manual to allow user control over contour levels. See `contourgroup properties` for more information.

`contourf(X,Y,Z)`, `contourf(X,Y,Z,n)`, and `contourf(X,Y,Z,v)` draw filled contour plots of `Z` using `X` and `Y` to determine the *x*- and *y*-axis limits. When `X` and `Y` are matrices, they must be the same size as `Z` and must be monotonically increasing.

`contourf(...,LineSpec)` draws the contour lines using the line type and color specified by `LineSpec`. `contourf` ignores marker symbols.

`contourf(axes_handle,...)` plots into the axes with the handle `axes_handle` instead of into the current axes (`gca`).

`contour(axes_handle,...)` plots into axes `gerkaxes_handle` instead of `gca`.

`[C,h] = contourf(...)` returns a contour matrix, `C`, that contains the *x*, *y* coordinates and contour levels for contour lines derived by the low-level `contourc` function, and a handle, `h`, to a contourgroup object containing the filled contours. The `clabel` function uses contour matrix `C` to label the contour lines. `ContourMatrix` is also a read-only Contourgroup property that you can obtain from the returned handle.

Remarks

Use `contourgroup` object properties to control the filled contour plot appearance.

Label the contour lines using `clabel`.

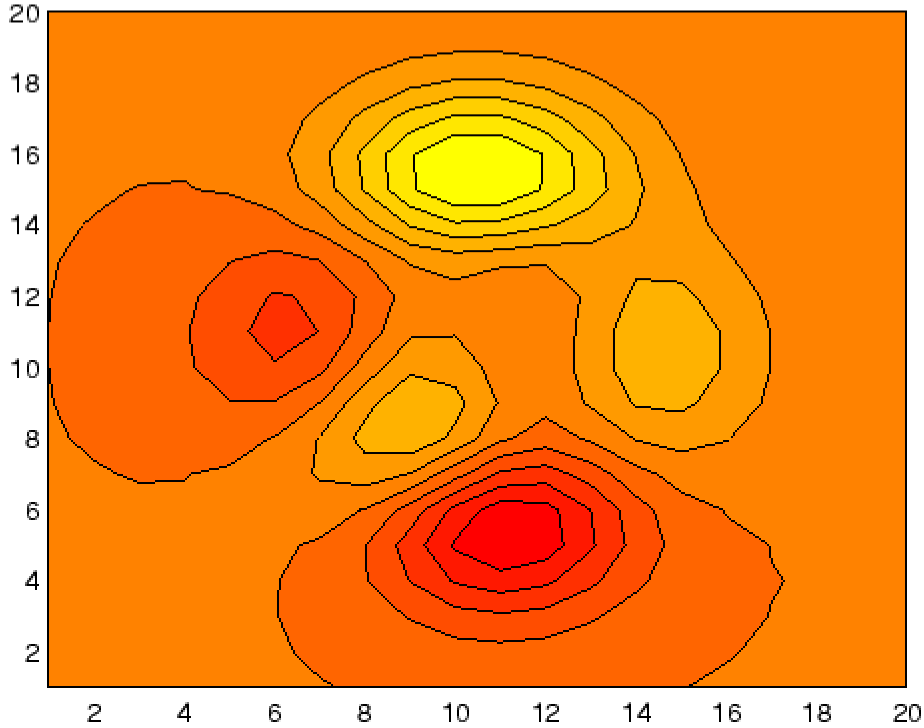
`NaN`s in the Z-data leave white holes with black borders in the contour plot.

If `X` or `Y` is irregularly spaced, `contourf` calculates contours using a regularly spaced contour grid, and then transforms the data to `X` or `Y`.

Examples

Create a filled contour plot of the peaks function with contour matrix and contourgroup object handle as output and autumn colormap.

```
[C,h] = contourf(peaks(20),10);
colormap autumn
```



For more examples using contourf, see “Contour Plots”.

See Also

clabel, contour, contour3, contourc, quiver

“Contour Plots” for related functions and more examples

contourgroup properties for related properties

Contourgroup Properties

Purpose

Define contourgroup properties

Modifying Properties

You can set and query graphics object properties using the `set` and `get` commands or the Property Editor (`propertyeditor`).

Note that you cannot define default properties for contourgroup objects.

See "Plot Objects" for more information on contourgroup objects.

Contourgroup Property Descriptions

This section provides a description of properties. Curly braces { } enclose default values.

`Annotation`

`hg.Annotation` object Read Only

Control the display of contourgroup objects in legends. The `Annotation` property enables you to specify whether this contourgroup object is represented in a figure legend.

Querying the `Annotation` property returns the handle of an `hg.Annotation` object. The `hg.Annotation` object has a property called `LegendInformation`, which contains an `hg.LegendEntry` object.

Once you have obtained the `hg.LegendEntry` object, you can set its `IconDisplayStyle` property to control whether the contourgroup object is displayed in a figure legend:

IconDisplayStyle Value	Purpose
`on`	Include the contourgroup object in a legend as one entry, but not its children objects
`off`	Do not include the contourgroup or its children in a legend (default)
`children`	Include only the children of the contourgroup as separate entries in the legend

Setting the IconDisplayStyle Property

These commands set the `IconDisplayStyle` of a graphics object with handle `hobj` to `children`, which causes each child object to have an entry in the legend:

```
hAnnotation = get(hobj,'Annotation');
hLegendEntry = get(hAnnotation,'LegendInformation');
set(hLegendEntry,'IconDisplayStyle','children')
```

Using the IconDisplayStyle Property

See "Controlling Legends" for more information and examples.

`BeingDeleted`

`on | {off}` Read Only

This object is being deleted. The `BeingDeleted` property provides a mechanism that you can use to determine if objects are in the process of being deleted. MATLAB sets the `BeingDeleted` property to `on` when the object's delete function callback is called (see the `DeleteFcn` property). It remains set to `on` while the delete function executes, after which the object no longer exists.

For example, an object's delete function might call other functions that act on a number of different objects. These functions might not need to perform actions on objects if the objects are going to be deleted, and therefore, can check the object's `BeingDeleted` property before acting.

`BusyAction`

`cancel | {queue}`

Callback routine interruption. The `BusyAction` property enables you to control how MATLAB handles events that potentially interrupt executing callbacks. If there is a callback function executing, callbacks invoked subsequently always attempt to interrupt it.

If the `Interruptible` property of the object whose callback is executing is set to `on` (the default), then interruption occurs at the next point where the event queue is processed. If the `Interruptible` property is `off`, the `BusyAction` property (of the object owning the executing callback) determines how MATLAB handles the event. The choices are

- `cancel` — Discard the event that attempted to execute a second callback routine.
- `queue` — Queue the event that attempted to execute a second callback routine until the current callback finishes.

`ButtonDownFcn`
string or function handle

Button press callback function. A callback that executes whenever you press a mouse button while the pointer is over this object, but not over another graphics object. See the `HitTestArea` property for information about selecting objects of this type.

See the figure's `SelectionType` property to determine if modifier keys were also pressed.

This property can be

- A string that is a valid MATLAB expression
- The name of a MATLAB file
- A function handle

Set this property to a function handle that references the callback. The expressions execute in the MATLAB workspace.

See "Function Handle Callbacks" for information on how to use function handles to define the callbacks.

`Children`
array of graphics object handles

Children of the contourgroup object. An array containing the handles of all line objects parented to the contourgroup object (whether visible or not).

If a child object's `HandleVisibility` property is `callback` or `off`, its handle does not show up in this object's `Children` property. If you want the handle in the `Children` property, set the root `ShowHiddenHandles` property to `on`. For example:

```
set(0,'ShowHiddenHandles','on')
```

`Clipping`

`{on} | off`

Clipping mode. MATLAB clips graphs to the axes plot box by default. If you set `Clipping` to `off`, portions of graphs can be displayed outside the axes plot box. This can occur if you create a plot object, set `hold` to `on`, freeze axis scaling (`axis manual`), and then create a larger plot object.

`ContourMatrix`

2-by-n matrix Read Only

A two-row matrix specifying all the contour lines. Each contour line defined in the `ContourMatrix` begins with a column that contains the value of the contour (specified by the `LevelList` property and is used by `clabel`), and the number of `(x,y)` vertices in the contour line. The remaining columns contain the data for the `(x,y)` pairs:

```
C = [value1 xdata(1) xdata(2)...value2 xdata(1) xdata(2)...;
       dim1 ydata(1) ydata(2)...  dim2 ydata(1) ydata(2)...]
```

That is,

```
C = [C(1) C(2)...C(I)...C(N)]
```

where `N` is the number of contour levels, and

```
C(i) = [ level(i) x(1) x(2)...x(  numel(i));
         numel(i) y(1) y(2)...y(  numel(i))];
```

For further information, see The Contouring Algorithm.

`CreateFcn`
: string or function handle

Callback routine executed during object creation. This property defines a callback that executes when MATLAB creates an object. You must specify the callback during the creation of the object. For example,

```
graphicfcn(y,'CreateFcn',@CallbackFcn)
```

where *`@CallbackFcn`* is a function handle that references the callback function and *`graphicfcn`* is the plotting function which creates this object.

MATLAB executes this routine after setting all other object properties. Setting this property on an existing object has no effect.

The handle of the object whose `CreateFcn` is being executed is accessible only through the root `CallbackObject` property, which you can query using `gcbo`.

See "Function Handle Callbacks" for information on how to use function handles to define the callback function.

`DeleteFcn`
: string or function handle

Callback executed during object deletion. A callback that executes when this object is deleted (e.g., this might happen when you issue a `delete` command on the object, its parent axes, or the figure containing it). MATLAB executes the callback before destroying the object's properties so the callback routine can query these values.

The handle of the object whose `DeleteFcn` is being executed is accessible only through the root `CallbackObject` property, which can be queried using `gcbo`.

See "Function Handle Callbacks" for information on how to use function handles to define the callback function.

See the `BeingDeleted` property for related information.

`DisplayName`
string (default is empty string)

String used by legend for this contourgroup object. The `legend` function uses the string defined by the `DisplayName` property to label this contourgroup object in the legend.

- If you specify string arguments with the `legend` function, `DisplayName` is set to this contourgroup object's corresponding string and that string is used for the legend.
- If `DisplayName` is empty, legend creates a string of the form, `['data' n]`, where `n` is the number assigned to the object based on its location in the list of legend entries. However, `legend` does not set `DisplayName` to this string.
- If you edit the string directly in an existing legend, `DisplayName` is set to the edited string.
- If you specify a string for the `DisplayName` property and create the legend using the figure toolbar, then MATLAB uses the string defined by `DisplayName`.
- To add programmatically a legend that uses the `DisplayName` string, call `legend` with the `toggle` or `show` option.

See "Controlling Legends" for more examples.

`EraseMode`

`{normal} | none | xor | background`

Erase mode. This property controls the technique MATLAB uses to draw and erase objects and their children. Alternative erase modes are useful for creating animated sequences, where control of the way individual objects are redrawn is necessary to improve performance and obtain the desired effect.

- `normal` — Redraw the affected region of the display, performing the three-dimensional analysis necessary to ensure that all objects are rendered correctly. This mode produces the most accurate picture, but is the slowest. The other modes are faster, but do not perform a complete redraw and are therefore less accurate.
- `none` — Do not erase objects when they are moved or destroyed. While the objects are still visible on the screen after erasing with `EraseMode none`, you cannot print these objects because MATLAB stores no information about their former locations.
- `xor` — Draw and erase the object by performing an exclusive OR (XOR) with each pixel index of the screen behind it. Erasing the object does not damage the color of the objects behind it. However, the color of the erased object depends on the color of the screen behind it and it is correctly colored only when it is over the axes background color (or the figure background color if the axes `Color` property is set to `none`). That is, it isn't erased correctly if there are objects behind it.
- `background` — Erase the graphics objects by redrawing them in the axes background color, (or the figure background color if the axes `Color` property is set to `none`). This damages other graphics objects that are behind the erased object, but the erased object is always properly colored.

Printing with Nonnormal Erase Modes

MATLAB always prints figures as if the `EraseMode` of all objects is `normal`. This means graphics objects created with `EraseMode` set to `none`, `xor`, or `background` can look different on screen than on paper. On screen, MATLAB can mathematically combine layers of colors (e.g., performing an XOR on a pixel color with that of the pixel behind it) and ignore three-dimensional sorting to obtain greater rendering speed. However, these techniques are not applied to the printed output.

Set the axes background color with the axes `Color` property. Set the figure background color with the figure `Color` property.

You can use the MATLAB `getframe` command or other screen capture applications to create an image of a figure containing nonnormal mode objects.

`Fill`

`{off} | on`

Color spaces between contour lines. By default, `contour` draws only the contour lines of the surface. If you set `Fill` to `on`, `contour` colors the regions in between the contour lines according to the Z-value of the region and changes the contour lines to black.

`HandleVisibility`

`{on} | callback | off`

Control access to object's handle by command-line users and GUIs. This property determines when an object's handle is visible in its parent's list of children. `HandleVisibility` is useful for preventing command-line users from accidentally accessing objects that you need to protect for some reason.

- `on` — Handles are always visible when `HandleVisibility` is `on`.
- `callback` — Setting `HandleVisibility` to `callback` causes handles to be visible from within callback routines or functions invoked by callback routines, but not from within functions invoked from the command line. This provides a means to

protect GUIs from command-line users, while allowing callback routines to have access to object handles.

- `off` — Setting `HandleVisibility` to `off` makes handles invisible at all times. This might be necessary when a callback invokes a function that might potentially damage the GUI (such as evaluating a user-typed string) and so temporarily hides its own handles during the execution of that function.

Functions Affected by Handle Visibility

When a handle is not visible in its parent's list of children, it cannot be returned by functions that obtain handles by searching the object hierarchy or querying handle properties. This includes `get`, `findobj`, `gca`, `gcf`, `gco`, `newplot`, `cla`, `clf`, and `close`.

Properties Affected by Handle Visibility

When a handle's visibility is restricted using `callback` or `off`, the object's handle does not appear in its parent's `Children` property, figures do not appear in the root's `CurrentFigure` property, objects do not appear in the root's `CallbackObject` property or in the figure's `CurrentObject` property, and axes do not appear in their parent's `CurrentAxes` property.

Overriding Handle Visibility

You can set the root `ShowHiddenHandles` property to `on` to make all handles visible regardless of their `HandleVisibility` settings (this does not affect the values of the `HandleVisibility` properties). See also `findall`.

Handle Validity

Handles that are hidden are still valid. If you know an object's handle, you can `set` and `get` its properties and pass it to any function that operates on handles.

Note If you change one data source property to a variable that contains data of a different dimension, you might cause the function to generate a warning and not render the graph until you have changed all data source properties to appropriate values.

`HitTest`
`{on} | off`

Selectable by mouse click. `HitTest` determines whether this object can become the current object (as returned by the `gco` command and the figure `CurrentObject` property) as a result of a mouse click on the objects that compose the area graph. If `HitTest` is `off`, clicking this object selects the object below it (which is usually the axes containing it).

`HitTestArea`
`on | {off}`

Select the object by clicking lines or area of extent. This property enables you to select plot objects in two ways:

- Select by clicking lines or markers (default).
- Select by clicking anywhere in the extent of the plot.

When `HitTestArea` is `off`, you must click the object's lines or markers (excluding the baseline, if any) to select the object. When `HitTestArea` is `on`, you can select this object by clicking anywhere within the extent of the plot (i.e., anywhere within a rectangle that encloses it).

`Interruptible`
`{on} | off`

Callback routine interruption mode. The `Interruptible` property controls whether an object's callback can be interrupted by callbacks invoked subsequently.

Only callbacks defined for the `ButtonDownFcn` property are affected by the `Interruptible` property. MATLAB checks for events that can interrupt a callback only when it encounters a `drawnow`, `figure`, `getframe`, or `pause` command in the routine. See the `BusyAction` property for related information.

Setting `Interruptible` to `on` allows any graphics object's callback to interrupt callback routines originating from a bar property. Note that MATLAB does not save the state of variables or the display (e.g., the handle returned by the `gca` or `gcf` command) when an interruption occurs.

`LabelSpacing`
distance in points (default = 144)

Spacing between labels on each contour line. When you display contour line labels using either the `ShowText` property or the `clabel` command, the labels are spaced 144 points (2 inches) apart on each line. You can specify the spacing by setting the `LabelSpacing` property to a value in points. If the length of an individual contour line is less than the specified value, MATLAB displays only one contour label on that line.

`LevelList`
vector of `ZData`-values

Values at which contour lines are drawn. When the `LevelListMode` property is `auto`, the `contour` function automatically chooses contour values that span the range of values in `ZData` (the input argument `Z`). You can set this property to the values at which you want contour lines drawn.

To specify the contour interval (space between contour lines) use the `LevelStep` property.

`LevelListMode`
{auto} | manual

User-specified or autogenerated `LevelList` values. By default, the `contour` function automatically generates the values at which contours are drawn. If you set this property to `manual`, contour does not change the values in `LevelList` as you change the values of `ZData`.

`LevelStep`
scalar

Spacing of contour lines. The `contour` function draws contour lines at regular intervals determined by the value of `LevelStep`. When the `LevelStepMode` property is set to `auto`, `contour` determines the contour interval automatically based on the `ZData`.

`LevelStepMode`
{auto} | manual

User-specified or autogenerated `LevelStep` values. By default, the `contour` function automatically determines a value for the `LevelStep` property. If you set this property to `manual`, contour does not change the value of `LevelStep` as you change the values of `ZData`.

`LineColor`
`{auto} | ColorSpec | none`

Color of the contour lines. This property determines how MATLAB colors the contour lines.

- `auto`— Each contour line is a single color determined by its contour value, the figure colormap, and the color axis (`caxis`).
- `ColorSpec` — A three-element RGB vector or one of the MATLAB predefined names, specifying a single color for edges. The default edge color is black. See `ColorSpec` for more information on specifying color.
- `none` — No contour lines are drawn.

`LineStyle`
`{-} | -- | : | -. | none`

Line style. This property specifies the line style of the object. Available line styles are shown in the following table.

Specifier String	Line Style
`-`	Solid line (default)
`--`	Dashed line
`:`	Dotted line
`-.`	Dash-dot line
`none`	No line

`LineWidth`
scalar

The width of linear objects and edges of filled areas. Specify this value in points (1 point = $^{1}/_{72}$ inch). The default `LineWidth` is 0.5 points.

`Parent`
handle of parent axes, hggroup, or hgtransform

Parent of this object. This property contains the handle of the object's parent. The parent is normally the axes, hggroup, or hgtransform object that contains the object.

See "Objects That Can Contain Other Objects" for more information on parenting graphics objects.

`Selected`
`on | {off}`

Is object selected? When you set this property to `on`, MATLAB displays selection "handles" at the corners and midpoints if the

`SelectionHighlight` property is also `on` (the default). You can, for example, define the `ButtonDownFcn` callback to set this property to `on`, thereby indicating that this particular object is selected. This property is also set to `on` when an object is manually selected in plot edit mode.

`SelectionHighlight`
`{on} | off`

Objects are highlighted when selected. When the `Selected` property is `on`, MATLAB indicates the selected state by drawing four edge handles and four corner handles. When `SelectionHighlight` is `off`, MATLAB does not draw the handles except when in plot edit mode and objects are selected manually.

`ShowText`
`on | {off}`

Display labels on contour lines. When you set this property to on, MATLAB displays text labels on each contour line indicating the contour value. See also `LevelList`, `clabel`, and the example “Contour Plot of a Function” on page 2-882.

`Tag`
string

User-specified object label. The `Tag` property provides a means to identify graphics objects with a user-specified label. This is particularly useful when you are constructing interactive graphics programs that would otherwise need to define object handles as global variables or pass them as arguments between callbacks. You can define `Tag` as any string.

For example, you might create an areaseries object and set the `Tag` property.

```
t = area(Y,'Tag','area1')
```

When you want to access objects of a given type, you can use `findobj` to find the object's handle. The following statement changes the `FaceColor` property of the object whose `Tag` is `area1`.

```
set(findobj('Tag','area1'),'FaceColor','red')
```

`TextList`

vector of contour values

Contour values to label. This property contains the contour values where text labels are placed. By default, these values are the same as those contained in the `LevelList` property, which define where the contour lines are drawn. Note that there must be an equivalent contour line to display a text label.

For example, the following statements create and label a contour plot:

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

You can get the `LevelList` property to see the contour line values:

```
get(h,'LevelList')
```

Suppose you want to view the contour value `4.375` instead of the value of `4` that the contour function used. To do this, you need to set both the `LevelList` and `TextList` properties:

```
set(h,'LevelList',[-6 -4 -2 0 2 4.375 6 8],...
 'TextList',[-6 -4 -2 0 2 4.375 6 8])
```

See the example "Contour Plot of a Function" on page 2-882 for additional information.

`TextListMode`

`{auto} | manual`

User-specified or auto `TextList` values. When this property is set to `auto`, MATLAB sets the `TextList` property equal to the values of the `LevelList` property (i.e., a text label for each contour line). When this property is set to `manual`, MATLAB does not set the values of the `TextList` property. Note that specifying values for the `TextList` property causes the `TextListMode` property to be set to `manual`.

`TextStep`

scalar

Determines which contour line have numeric labels. The `contour` function labels contour lines at regular intervals which are determined by the value of the `TextStep` property. When the `TextStepMode` property is set to `auto`, `contour` labels every contour line when the `ShowText` property is `on`. See "Contour Plot of a Function" on page 2-882 for an example that uses the `TextStep` property.

`TextStepMode`

{auto} | manual

User-specified or autogenerated `TextStep` values. By default, the `contour` function automatically determines a value for the `TextStep` property. If you set this property to `manual`, `contour` does not change the value of `TextStep` as you change the values of `ZData`.

`Type`

string (read only)

Type of graphics object. This property contains a string that identifies the class of graphics object. For contourgroup objects, `Type` is '`hggroup`'. This statement finds all the hggroup objects in the current axes.

```
t = findobj(gca,'Type','hggroup');
```

`UIContextMenu`
handle of a uicontextmenu object

Associate a context menu with this object. Assign this property the handle of a uicontextmenu object created in the object's parent figure. Use the `uicontextmenu` function to create the context menu. MATLAB displays the context menu whenever you right-click over the object.

`UserData`
array

User-specified data. This property can be any data you want to associate with this object (including cell arrays and structures). The object does not set values for this property, but you can access it using the `set` and `get` functions.

`Visible`
`{on} | off`

Visibility of this object and its children. By default, a new object's visibility is `on`. This means all children of the object are visible unless the child object's `Visible` property is set to `off`. Setting an object's `Visible` property to `off` prevents the object from being displayed. However, the object still exists and you can set and query its properties.

`XData`
vector or matrix

The x-axis values for a graph. The *x*-axis values for graphs are specified by the `X` input argument. If `XData` is a vector, `length(XData)` must equal `length(YData)` and must be monotonic. If `XData` is a matrix, `size(XData)` must equal `size(YData)` and each column must be monotonic.

You can use `XData` to define meaningful coordinates for an underlying surface whose topography is being mapped. See "Changing the Offset of a Contour" for more information.

`XDataMode`
{auto} | manual

Use automatic or user-specified x-axis values. If you specify `XData` (by setting the `XData` property or specifying the `x` input argument), MATLAB sets this property to `manual` and uses the specified values to label the *x*-axis.

If you set `XDataMode` to `auto` after having specified `XData`, MATLAB resets the *x*-axis ticks to the column indices of the `ZData`, overwriting any previous values for `XData`.

`XDataSource`
string (MATLAB variable)

Link `XData` to MATLAB variable. Set this property to a MATLAB variable that is evaluated in the base workspace to generate the `XData`.

MATLAB reevaluates this property only when you set it. Therefore, a change to workspace variables appearing in an expression does not change `XData`.

You can use the `refreshdata` function to force an update of the object's data. `refreshdata` also enables you to specify that the data source variable be evaluated in the workspace of a function from which you call `refreshdata`.

See the `refreshdata` reference page for more information.

Note If you change one data source property to a variable that contains data of a different dimension, you might cause the function to generate a warning and not render the graph until you have changed all data source properties to appropriate values.

`YData`

scalar, vector, or matrix

Y-axis limits. This property determines the *y*-axis limits used in the contour plot. If you do not specify a `Y` argument, the `contour` function calculates *y*-axis limits based on the size of the input argument `Z`.

`YData` can be either a matrix equal in size to `ZData` or a vector equal in length to the number of columns in `ZData`.

Use `YData` to define meaningful coordinates for the underlying surface whose topography is being mapped. See "Changing the Offset of a Contour" for more information.

`YDataMode`

{auto} | manual

Use automatic or user-specified y-axis values. In `auto` mode (the default) the `contour` function automatically determines the *y*-axis limits. If you set this property to `manual`, specify a value for `YData`, or specify a `Y` argument, then `contour` sets this property to `manual` and does not change the axis limits.

If you set `YDataMode` to `auto` after having specified `YData`, MATLAB resets the *y*-axis ticks to the row indices of the `ZData`, overwriting any previous values for `YData`.

`YDataSource`

string (MATLAB variable)

Link `YData` to MATLAB variable. Set this property to a MATLAB variable that is evaluated in the base workspace to generate the `YData`.

MATLAB reevaluates this property only when you set it. Therefore, a change to workspace variables appearing in an expression does not change `YData`.

You can use the `refreshdata` function to force an update of the object's data. `refreshdata` also enables you to specify that the data source variable be evaluated in the workspace of a function from which you call `refreshdata`.

See the `refreshdata` reference page for more information.

Note If you change one data source property to a variable that contains data of a different dimension, you might cause the function to generate a warning and not render the graph until you have changed all data source properties to appropriate values.

`ZData`
matrix

Contour data. This property contains the data from which the contour lines are generated (specified as the input argument `Z`). `ZData` must be at least a 2-by-2 matrix. The number of contour levels and the values of the contour levels are chosen automatically based on the minimum and maximum values of `ZData`. The limits of the *x*- and *y*-axis are `[1:n]` and `[1:m]`, where `[m,n] = size(ZData)`.

`ZDataSource`
string (MATLAB variable)

Link `ZData` *to MATLAB variable.* Set this property to a MATLAB variable that is evaluated in the base workspace to generate the `ZData`.

MATLAB reevaluates this property only when you set it. Therefore, a change to workspace variables appearing in an expression does not change `ZData`.

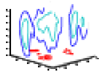
You can use the `refreshdata` function to force an update of the object's data. `refreshdata` also enables you to specify that the data source variable be evaluated in the workspace of a function from which you call `refreshdata`.

See the `refreshdata` reference page for more information.

Note If you change one data source property to a variable that contains data of a different dimension, you might cause the function to generate a warning and not render the graph until you have changed all data source properties to appropriate values.

Purpose

Draw contours in volume slice planes



GUI Alternatives

To graph selected variables, use the Plot Selector 

in the Workspace Browser, or use the Figure Palette Plot Catalog. Manipulate graphs in *plot edit* mode with the Property Editor. For details, see Plotting Tools — Interactive Plotting in the MATLAB Graphics documentation and Creating Graphics from the Workspace Browser in the MATLAB Desktop Tools and Development Environment documentation.

Syntax

```
contourslice(X,Y,Z,V,Sx,Sy,Sz)
contourslice(X,Y,Z,V,Xi,Yi,Zi)
contourslice(V,Sx,Sy,Sz)
contourslice(V,Xi,Yi,Zi)
contourslice(...,n)
contourslice(...,cvals)
contourslice(...,[cv cv])
contourslice(...,'method')
contourslice(axes_handle,...)
h = contourslice(...)
```

Description

`contourslice(X,Y,Z,V,Sx,Sy,Sz)` draws contours in the *x*-, *y*-, and *z*-axis aligned planes at the points in the vectors `Sx`, `Sy`, `Sz`. The arrays `X`, `Y`, and `Z` define the coordinates for the volume `V` and must be monotonic and 3-D plaid (such as the data produced by `meshgrid`). The color at each contour is determined by the volume `V`, which must be an m-by-n-by-p volume array.

`contourslice(X,Y,Z,V,Xi,Yi,Zi)` draws contours through the volume `V` along the surface defined by the 2-D arrays `Xi,Yi,Zi`. The surface should lie within the bounds of the volume.

`contourslice(V,Sx,Sy,Sz)` and `contourslice(V,Xi,Yi,Zi)` (omitting the `X`, `Y`, and `Z` arguments) assume `[X,Y,Z] = meshgrid(1:n,1:m,1:p)`, where `[m,n,p]= size(v)`.

`contourslice(...,n)` draws `n` contour lines per plane, overriding the automatic value.

`contourslice(...,cvals)` draws `length(cval)` contour lines per plane at the values specified in vector `cvals`.

`contourslice(...,[cv cv])` computes a single contour per plane at the level `cv`.

`contourslice(...,'method')` specifies the interpolation method to use. *`method`* can be `linear`, `cubic`, or `nearest`. `nearest` is the default except when the contours are being drawn along the surface defined by `Xi`, `Yi`, `Zi`, in which case `linear` is the default. (See `interp3` for a discussion of these interpolation methods.)

`contourslice(axes_handle,...)` plots into the axes with the handle `axes_handle` instead of into the current axes (`gca`).

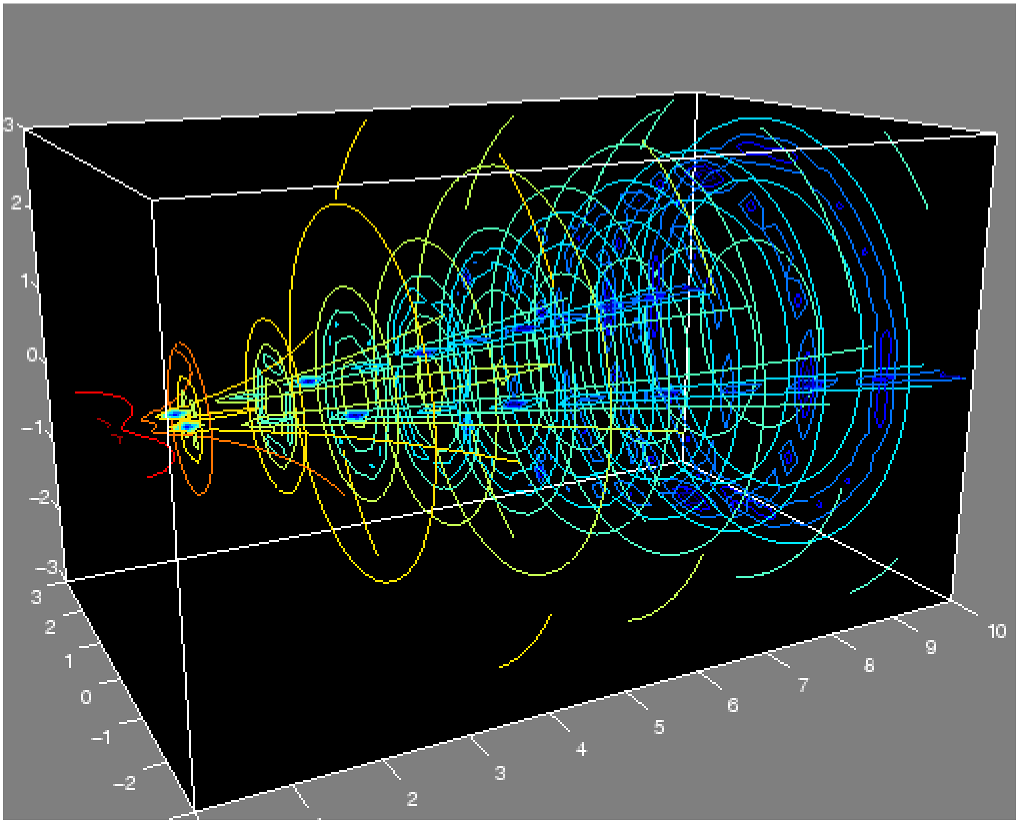
`h = contourslice(...)` returns a vector of handles to `patch` objects that are used to implement the contour lines.

Examples

This example uses the `flow` data set to illustrate the use of contoured slice planes. (Type `doc flow` for more information on this data set.) Notice that this example

- Specifies a vector of `length = 9` for `Sx`, an empty vector for the `Sy`, and a scalar value (0) for `Sz`. This creates nine contour plots along the x direction in the y-z plane, and one in the x-y plane at z = 0.
- Uses `linspace` to define a 10-element vector of linearly spaced values from -8 to 2. This vector specifies that 10 contour lines be drawn, one at each element of the vector.
- Defines the view and projection type (`camva`, `camproj`, `campos`).
- Sets figure (`gcf`) and axes (`gca`) characteristics.

```
[x y z v] = flow;
h = contourslice(x,y,z,v,[1:9],[],[0],linspace(-8,2,10));
axis([0,10,-3,3,-3,3]); daspect([1,1,1])
camva(24); camproj perspective;
campos([-3,-15,5])
set(gcf,'Color',[.5,.5,.5],'Renderer','zbuffer')
set(gca,'Color','black','XColor','white', ...
 'YColor','white','ZColor','white')
box on
```



This example draws contour slices along a spherical surface within the volume.

```
[x,y,z] = meshgrid(-2:.2:2,-2:.25:2,-2:.16:2);
v = x.*exp(-x.^2-y.^2-z.^2); % Create volume data
[xi,yi,zi] = sphere; % Plane to contour
contourslice(x,y,z,v,xi,yi,zi)
view(3)
```

See Also

`isosurface`, `slice`, `smooth3`, `subvolume`, `reducevolume`

"Volume Visualization" on page 1-111 for related functions

Purpose Grayscale colormap for contrast enhancement

Syntax

```
cmap = contrast(X)
cmap = contrast(X,m)
```

Description The `contrast` function enhances the contrast of an `image`. It creates a new gray colormap, `cmap`, that has an approximately equal intensity distribution. All three elements in each row are identical.

`cmap = contrast(X)` returns a gray colormap that is the same length as the current colormap. If there are `NaN` or `Inf` elements in `X` the length of the colormap increases.

`cmap = contrast(X,m)` returns an `m`-by-3 gray colormap.

Examples Add contrast to the clown image defined by `X`.

```
load clown;
cmap = contrast(X);
image(X);
colormap(cmap);
```

See Also `brighten`, `colormap`, `image`

"Color Operations" on page 1-108 for related functions

conv

Purpose

Convolution and polynomial multiplication

Syntax

```
w = conv(u,v)
C = conv(...,'shape')
```

Description

`w = conv(u,v)` convolves vectors `u` and `v`. Algebraically, convolution is the same operation as multiplying the polynomials whose coefficients are the elements of `u` and `v`.

`C = conv(...,'shape')` returns a subsection of the convolution, as specified by the `shape` parameter:

`full`	Returns the full convolution (default).
`same`	Returns the central part of the convolution of the same size as `A`.
`valid`	Returns only those parts of the convolution that are computed without the zero-padded edges. Using this option, `length(c)` is `max(length(a)-max(0,length(b)-1),0)`.

Definition

Let `m = length(u)` and `n = length(v)` . Then `w` is the vector of length `m+n-1` whose `k`th element is

$$w(k) = \sum_j u(j)v(k-j+1)$$

The sum is over all the values of `j` which lead to legal subscripts for `u(j)` and `v(k+1-j)`, specifically `j = max(1,k+1-n): min(k,m)`. When `m = n`, this gives

```
w(1) = u(1)*v(1)
w(2) = u(1)*v(2)+u(2)*v(1)
w(3) = u(1)*v(3)+u(2)*v(2)+u(3)*v(1)
...
w(n) = u(1)*v(n)+u(2)*v(n-1)+ ... +u(n)*v(1)
...
```

```
w(2*n-1) = u(n)*v(n)
```

See Also

`conv2`, `convn`, `deconv`, `filter`

`convmtx` and `xcorr` in the Signal Processing Toolbox

conv2

Purpose

2-D convolution

Syntax

```
C = conv2(A,B)
C = conv2(hcol,hrow,A)
C = conv2(...,'shape')
```

Description

`C = conv2(A,B)` computes the two-dimensional convolution of matrices `A` and `B`. If one of these matrices describes a two-dimensional finite impulse response (FIR) filter, the other matrix is filtered in two dimensions.

The size of `C` in each dimension is equal to the sum of the corresponding dimensions of the input matrices, minus one. That is, if the size of `A` is `[ma,na]` and the size of `B` is `[mb,nb]`, then the size of `C` is `[ma+mb-1,na+nb-1]`.

The indices of the center element of B are defined as `floor(([mb nb]+1)/2)`.

`C = conv2(hcol,hrow,A)` convolves `A` first with the vector `hcol` along the rows and then with the vector `hrow` along the columns. If `hcol` is a column vector and `hrow` is a row vector, this case is the same as `C = conv2(hcol*hrow,A)`.

`C = conv2(...,'shape')` returns a subsection of the two-dimensional convolution, as specified by the `shape` parameter:

`full`	Returns the full two-dimensional convolution (default).
`same`	Returns the central part of the convolution of the same size as `A`.
`valid`	Returns only those parts of the convolution that are computed without the zero-padded edges. Using this option, `C` has size `[ma-mb+1,na-nb+1]` when `all(size(A) >= size(B))`. Otherwise `conv2` returns `[]`.

Note If any of A, B, hcol, and hrow are empty, then C is an empty matrix [].

Algorithm

conv2 uses a straightforward formal implementation of the two-dimensional convolution equation in spatial form. If a and b are functions of two discrete variables, n_1 and n_2, then the formula for the two-dimensional convolution of a and b is

$$c(n_1, n_2) = \sum_{k_1=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{k_2=-\infty}^{\infty} a(k_1, k_2)\, b(n_1 - k_1, n_2 - k_2)$$

In practice however, conv2 computes the convolution for finite intervals.

Note that matrix indices in MATLAB software always start at 1 rather than 0. Therefore, matrix elements A(1,1), B(1,1), and C(1,1) correspond to mathematical quantities a (0,0), b (0,0), and c (0,0).

Examples

Example 1

For the 'same' case, conv2 returns the central part of the convolution. If there are an odd number of rows or columns, the "center" leaves one more at the beginning than the end.

This example first computes the convolution of A using the default ('full') shape, then computes the convolution using the 'same' shape. Note that the array returned using 'same' corresponds to the underlined elements of the array returned using the default shape.

```
A = rand(3);
B = rand(4);
C = conv2(A,B)          % C is 6-by-6

C =
   0.1838   0.2374   0.9727   1.2644   0.7890   0.3750
   0.6929   1.2019   1.5499   2.1733   1.3325   0.3096
   0.5627   1.5150   2.3576   3.1553   2.5373   1.0602
```

```
    0.9986  2.3811  3.4302  3.5128  2.4489  0.8462
    0.3089  1.1419  1.8229  2.1561  1.6364  0.6841
    0.3287  0.9347  1.6464  1.7928  1.2422  0.5423

Cs = conv2(A,B,'same')   % Cs is the same size as A: 3-by-3
Cs =
    2.3576  3.1553  2.5373
    3.4302  3.5128  2.4489
    1.8229  2.1561  1.6364
```

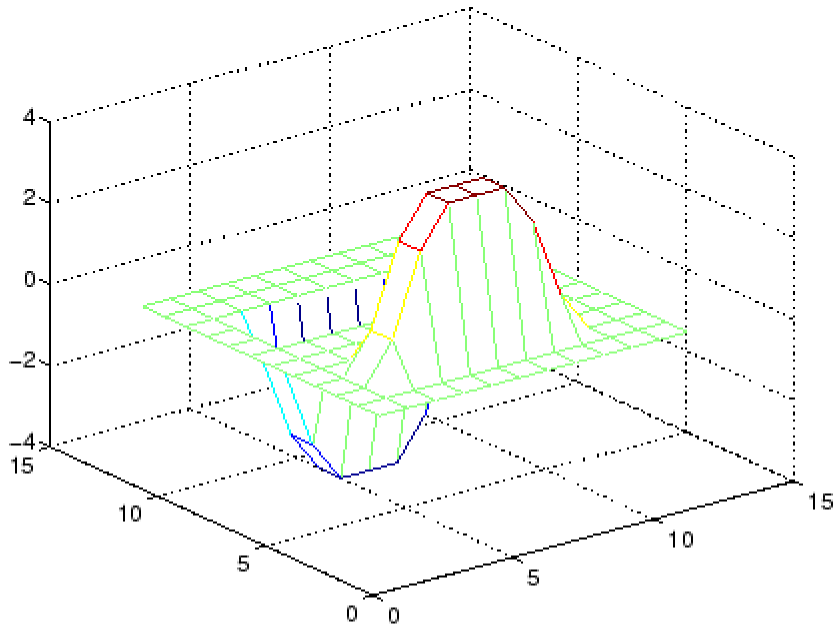
Example 2

In image processing, the Sobel edge finding operation is a two-dimensional convolution of an input array with the special matrix

```
s = [1 2 1; 0 0 0; -1 -2 -1];
```

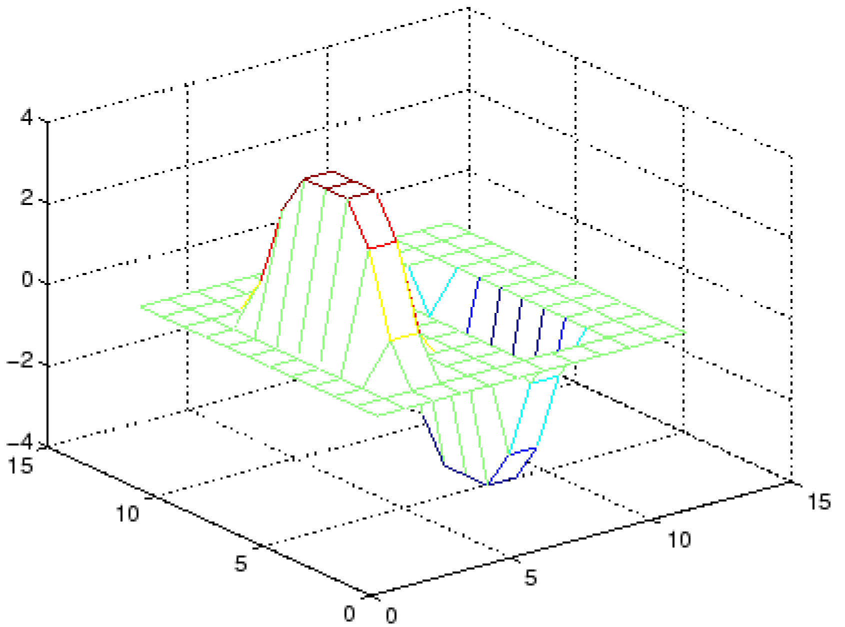
These commands extract the horizontal edges from a raised pedestal.

```
A = zeros(10);
A(3:7,3:7) = ones(5);
H = conv2(A,s);
mesh(H)
```



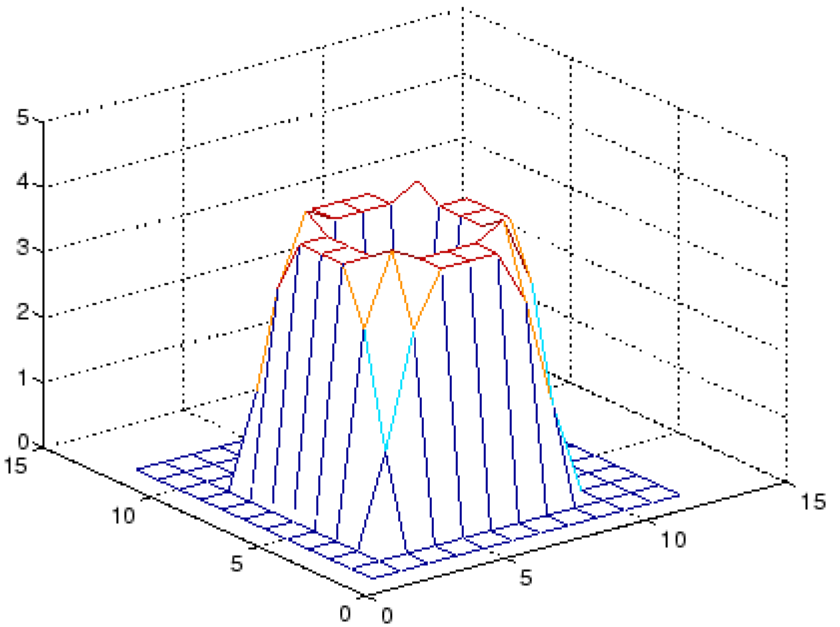
Transposing the filter s extracts the vertical edges of A.

```
V = conv2(A,s');
figure, mesh(V)
```



This figure combines both horizontal and vertical edges.

```
figure
mesh(sqrt(H.^2 + V.^2))
```



See Also

`conv`, `convn`, `filter2`

`xcorr2` in the Signal Processing Toolbox

convhull

Purpose

Convex hull

Syntax

```
K = convhull(x,y)
[K,a] = convhull(...)
```

Description

`K = convhull(x,y)` returns indices into the `x` and `y` vectors of the points on the convex hull.

`K = convhull(x,y,options)` specifies a cell array of strings options that were previously used by Qhull. Qhull-specific options are no longer required and are currently ignored.

`[K,a] = convhull(...)` also returns the area of the convex hull.

`convhull` uses CGAL, see http://www.cgal.org.

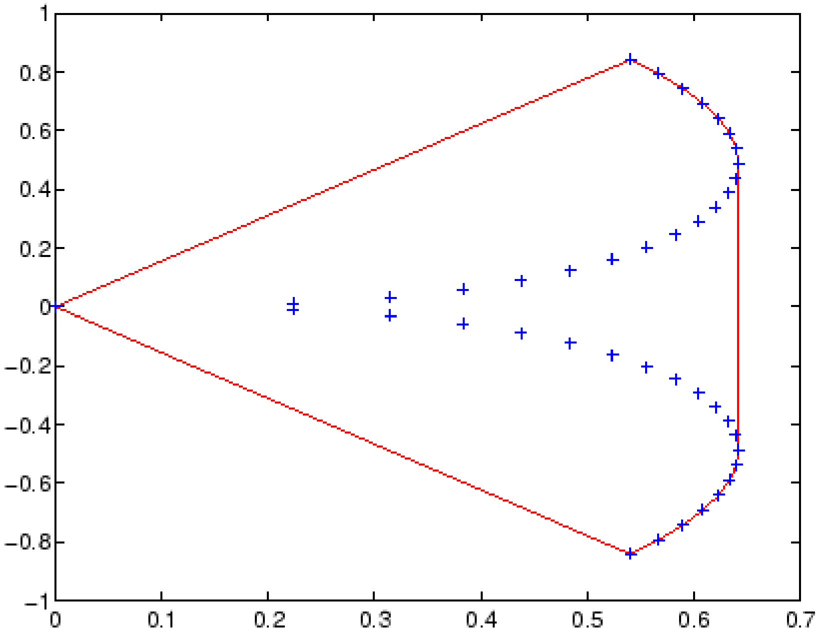
Visualization

Use `plot` to plot the output of `convhull`.

Examples

Example 1

```
xx = -1:.05:1; yy = abs(sqrt(xx));
[x,y] = pol2cart(xx,yy);
k = convhull(x,y);
plot(x(k),y(k),'r-',x,y,'b+')
```



See Also

`DelaunayTri/convexHull`, `DelaunayTri/voronoiDiagram`, `convhulln`, `delaunay`, `polyarea`, `voronoi`

convhulln

Purpose

N-D convex hull

Syntax

```
K = convhulln(X)
K = convulln(X, options)
[K, v] = convhulln(...)
```

Description

`K = convhulln(X)` returns the indices `K` of the points in `X` that comprise the facets of the convex hull of `X`. `X` is an `m`-by-`n` array representing `m` points in N-dimensional space. If the convex hull has `p` facets then `K` is `p`-by-`n`.

`convhulln` uses Qhull.

`K = convulln(X, options)` specifies a cell array of strings `options` to be used as options in Qhull. The default options are:

- `{'Qt'}` for 2-, 3-. and 4-dimensional input
- `{'Qt','Qx'}` for 5-dimensional input and higher.

If `options` is `[]`, the default options are used. If `options` is `{''}`, no options are used, not even the default. For more information on Qhull and its options, see `http://www.qhull.org/`.

`[K, v] = convhulln(...)` also returns the volume `v` of the convex hull.

Visualization

Plotting the output of `convhulln` depends on the value of `n`:

- For `n = 2`, use `plot` as you would for `convhull`.
- For `n = 3`, you can use `trisurf` to plot the output. The calling sequence is

  ```
  K = convhulln(X);
  trisurf(K,X(:,1),X(:,2),X(:,3))
  ```

- You cannot plot `convhulln` output for `n > 3`.

Example

The following example illustrates the `options` input for `convhulln`. The following commands

```
X = [0 0; 0 1e-10; 0 0; 1 1];
K = convhulln(X)
```

return a warning.

```
Warning: qhull precision warning:
The initial hull is narrow
(cosine of min. angle is 0.9999999999999998).
A coplanar point may lead to a wide facet.
Options 'QbB' (scale to unit box) or 'Qbb'
(scale last coordinate) may remove this warning.
Use 'Pp' to skip this warning.
```

To suppress the warning, use the option `'Pp'`. The following command passes the option `'Pp'`, along with the default `'Qt'`, to `convhulln`.

```
K = convhulln(X,{'Qt','Pp'})

K =

     1     4
     1     2
     4     2
```

Algorithm

`convhulln` is based on Qhull [1]. For information about Qhull, see `http://www.qhull.org/`. For copyright information, see `http://www.qhull.org/COPYING.txt`.

See Also

`DelaunayTri/convexHull`, `convhull`, `delaunayn`, `dsearchn`, `tsearchn`, `voronoin`

Reference

[1] Barber, C. B., D.P. Dobkin, and H.T. Huhdanpaa, “The Quickhull Algorithm for Convex Hulls,” ACM *Transactions on Mathematical Software*, Vol. 22, No. 4, Dec. 1996, p. 469-483.

Purpose

N-D convolution

Syntax

```
C = convn(A,B)
C = convn(A,B,'shape')
```

Description

`C = convn(A,B)` computes the N-dimensional convolution of the arrays `A` and `B`. The size of the result is `size(A)+size(B)-1`.

`C = convn(A,B,'shape')` returns a subsection of the N-dimensional convolution, as specified by the `shape` parameter:

`'full'`	Returns the full N-dimensional convolution (default).
`'same'`	Returns the central part of the result that is the same size as `A`.
`'valid'`	Returns only those parts of the convolution that can be computed without assuming that the array A is zero-padded. The size of the result is `max(size(A)-size(B) + 1, 0)`

See Also

`conv`, `conv2`

Purpose

Copy file or folder

GUI Alternatives

Copy files and folders using the Current Folder browser.

Syntax

```
copyfile('source','destination')
copyfile('source','destination','f')
[status] = copyfile(...)
[status, message] = copyfile(...)
[status,message,messageid] = copyfile(...)
```

Description

`copyfile('source','destination')` copies the file or folder named `source` to the file or folder `destination`. The values for `source` and `destination` are 1 x n strings. Use full path names or path names relative to the current folder. To copy multiple files or folders, use one or more wildcard characters (`*`) after the last file separator in `source`. You cannot use a wildcard character in `destination`.

`copyfile('source','destination','f')` copies `source` to `destination`, even when `destination` is not writable. The state of the read-write attribute for `destination` does not change. You can use `f` with any syntax for `copyfile`.

`[status] = copyfile(...)` reports the outcome as a logical scalar, `status`. The value is `1` for success and `0` for failure.

`[status, message] = copyfile(...)` returns any warning or error message as a string to `message`. When `copyfile` succeeds, `message` is an empty string.

`[status,message,messageid] = copyfile(...)` returns any warning or error identifier as a string to `messageId`. When `copyfile` succeeds, `messageId` is an empty string.

Remarks

- The timestamp for `destination` is the same as the timestamp for `source`.
- When `source` is a folder, `destination` must be a folder.

- When `source` is a folder and `destination` does not exist, `copyfile` creates `destination` and copies the contents of `source` into `destination`.
- When `source` is a folder and `destination` is an existing folder, `copyfile` copies the contents of `source` into `destination`.
- When `source` is multiple files and `destination` does not exist, `copyfile` creates `destination`.

• For behavior not explicitly stated in the description or remarks, `copyfile` follows the behavior of the operating system copy command. For example, on UNIX platforms, `copyfile` is like the UNIX command `cp -p`.

Examples

Copy `myFun.m` from the current folder to `d:/work/Projects/`, keeping the same file name:

```
copyfile('myFun.m','d:/work/Projects/')
```

Make a copy of `myFun.m` in the current folder, assigning the name `myFun2.m` to it:

```
copyfile('myFun.m','myFun2.m')
```

Copy all files and subfolders whose names begin with `my`, from the `Projects` folder. Copy to the existing folder `newProjects`, which is at the same level as the current folder:

```
copyfile('Projects/my*','../newProjects/')
```

Copy the contents of the `Projects` folder to the `d:/work/newProjects` folder. `Projects` is in the current folder. `newProjects` does not exist.

```
copyfile('Projects','d:/work/newProjects')
```

Copy myFun.m from the current folder to d:/work/restricted/myFun2.m, where myFun2.m is read-only. Return output to determine success:

```
[status,message,messageId]=copyfile('myFun.m','d:/work/restricted/m
```

The results show that copyfile failed:

```
status =
     0

message =
     Cannot write to destination: d:/work/restricted/myFun2.m.  Use

messageId =
     MATLAB:COPYFILE:ReadOnly
```

Copy myFun.m from the current folder to d:/work/restricted/myFun2.m, where myFun2.m is read-only. Use 'f' to force the copy, even though myFun2.m is read-only. Return output to determine success:

```
[status,message,messageId]=copyfile('myFun.m','d:/work/restricted/m
```

The results show that copyfile succeeded:

```
status =
     1

message =
     ''

messageId =
     ''
```

See Also

`cd`, `delete`, `dir`, `fileattrib`, `filebrowser`, `fileparts`, `mkdir`, `movefile`, `rmdir`

User Guide topics:

- "Path Names in MATLAB"
- "Creating, Opening, Changing, and Deleting Files and Folders"

Purpose

Copy graphics objects and their descendants

Syntax

```
new_handle = copyobj(h,p)
```

Description

`copyobj` creates copies of graphics objects. The copies are identical to the original objects except the copies have different values for their `Parent` property and a new handle. The new parent must be appropriate for the copied object (e.g., you can copy a line object only to another axes object).

`new_handle = copyobj(h,p)` copies one or more graphics objects identified by `h` and returns the handle of the new object or a vector of handles to new objects. The new graphics objects are children of the graphics objects specified by `p`.

Remarks

`h` and `p` can be scalars or vectors. When both are vectors, they must be the same length, and the output argument, `new_handle,` is a vector of the same length. In this case, `new_handle(i)` is a copy of `h(i)` with its `Parent` property set to `p(i)`.

When `h` is a scalar and `p` is a vector, `h` is copied once to each of the parents in `p`. Each `new_handle(i)` is a copy of `h` with its `Parent` property set to `p(i)`, and `length(new_handle)` equals `length(p)`.

When `h` is a vector and `p` is a scalar, each `new_handle(i)` is a copy of `h(i)` with its `Parent` property set to `p`. The length of `new_handle` equals `length(h)`.

Graphics objects are arranged as a hierarchy. See "Handle Graphics Objects" for more information.

When programming a GUI, do not call `copyobj` or `textwrap` (which calls `copyobj`) inside a `CreateFcn`. The act of copying the uicontrol object fires the `CreateFcn` repeatedly, which raises a series of error messages after exceeding the root object's `RecursionLimit` property.

Examples

Copy a surface to a new axes within a different figure.

```
h = surf(peaks);
```

```
colormap hot
figure    % Create a new figure
axes    % Create an axes object in the figure
new_handle = copyobj(h,gca);
colormap hot
view(3)
grid on
```

Note that while the surface is copied, the `colormap` (`figure` property), `view`, and `grid` (`axes` properties) are not copies.

See Also

`findobj`, `gcf`, `gca`, `gco`, `get`, `set`

`Parent` property for all graphics objects

"Graphics Object Identification" on page 1-103 for related functions

Purpose

Correlation coefficients

Syntax

```
R = corrcoef(X)
R = corrcoef(x,y)
[R,P]=corrcoef(...)
[R,P,RLO,RUP]=corrcoef(...)
[...]=corrcoef(...,'param1',val1,'param2',val2,...)
```

Description

`R = corrcoef(X)` returns a matrix `R` of correlation coefficients calculated from an input matrix `X` whose rows are observations and whose columns are variables. The matrix `R = corrcoef(X)` is related to the covariance matrix `C = cov(X)` by

$$R(i,j) = \frac{C(i,j)}{\sqrt{C(i,i)C(j,j)}}$$

`corrcoef(X)` is the zeroth lag of the normalized covariance function, that is, the zeroth lag of `xcov(x,'coeff')` packed into a square array.

`R = corrcoef(x,y)` where `x` and `y` are column vectors is the same as `corrcoef([x y])`. If `x` and `y` are not column vectors, `corrcoef` converts them to column vectors. For example, in this case `R=corrcoef(x,y)` is equivalent to `R=corrcoef([x(:)  y(:)])`.

`[R,P]=corrcoef(...)` also returns `P`, a matrix of p-values for testing the hypothesis of no correlation. Each p-value is the probability of getting a correlation as large as the observed value by random chance, when the true correlation is zero. If `P(i,j)` is small, say less than `0.05`, then the correlation `R(i,j)` is significant.

`[R,P,RLO,RUP]=corrcoef(...)` also returns matrices `RLO` and `RUP`, of the same size as `R`, containing lower and upper bounds for a 95% confidence interval for each coefficient.

`[...]=corrcoef(...,'param1',val1,'param2',val2,...)` specifies additional parameters and their values. Valid parameters are the following.

'alpha'	A number between 0 and 1 to specify a confidence level of 100*(1 - alpha)%. Default is 0.05 for 95% confidence intervals.
'rows'	Either 'all' (default) to use all rows, 'complete' to use rows with no NaN values, or 'pairwise' to compute R(i,j) using rows with no NaN values in either column i or j.

The p-value is computed by transforming the correlation to create a t statistic having n-2 degrees of freedom, where n is the number of rows of X. The confidence bounds are based on an asymptotic normal distribution of 0.5*log((1+R)/(1-R)), with an approximate variance equal to 1/(n-3). These bounds are accurate for large samples when X has a multivariate normal distribution. The 'pairwise' option can produce an R matrix that is not positive definite.

Examples

Generate random data having correlation between column 4 and the other columns.

```
x = randn(30,4);     % Uncorrelated data
x(:,4) = sum(x,2);   % Introduce correlation.
[r,p] = corrcoef(x)  % Compute sample correlation and p-values.
[i,j] = find(p<0.05);  % Find significant correlations.
[i,j]                % Display their (row,col) indices.

r =
    1.0000   -0.3566    0.1929    0.3457
   -0.3566    1.0000   -0.1429    0.4461
    0.1929   -0.1429    1.0000    0.5183
    0.3457    0.4461    0.5183    1.0000

p =
    1.0000    0.0531    0.3072    0.0613
    0.0531    1.0000    0.4511    0.0135
    0.3072    0.4511    1.0000    0.0033
    0.0613    0.0135    0.0033    1.0000
```

```
ans =
     4     2
     4     3
     2     4
     3     4
```

See Also

`cov`, `mean`, `median`, `std`, `var`

`xcorr`, `xcov` in the Signal Processing Toolbox

Purpose

Cosine of argument in radians

Syntax

```
Y = cos(X)
```

Description

`Y = cos(X)` returns the cosine for each element of `X`. The `cos` function operates element-wise on arrays. All angles are in radians.

Definitions

The cosine of an angle is:

$$\cos(x) = \frac{e^{ix} + e^{-ix}}{2}.$$

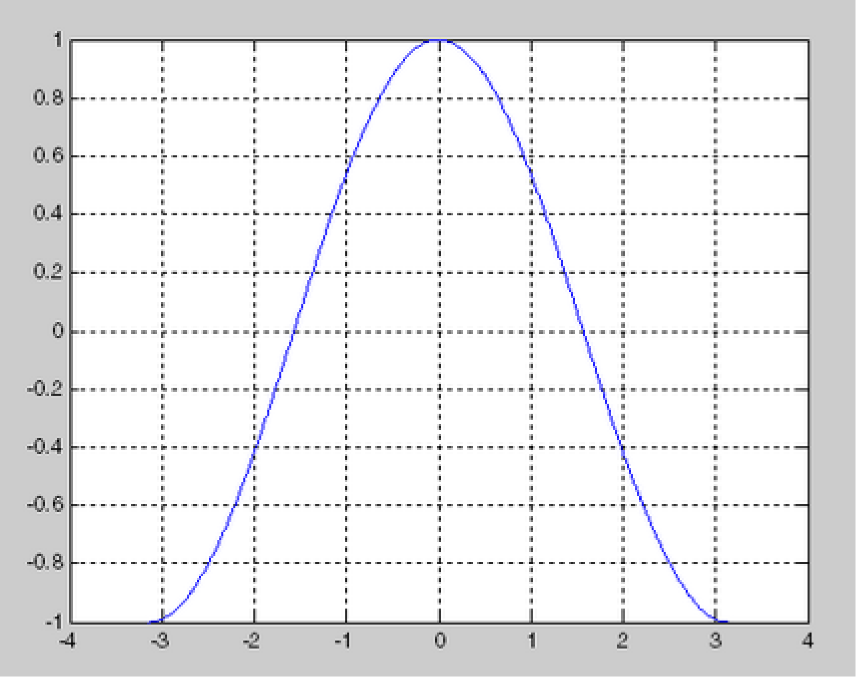
For complex values, cosine is:

$$\cos(x + iy) = \cos(x)\cosh(y) - i\sin(x)\sinh(y).$$

Examples

Graph the cosine function over the domain $-\pi \le x \le \pi$:

```
x = -pi:0.01:pi;
plot(x,cos(x)), grid on
```



References

cos uses FDLIBM, which was developed at SunSoft, a Sun Microsystems business, by Kwok C. Ng, and others. For information about FDLIBM, see http://www.netlib.org.

See Also

cosd | acos | acosd | cosh

Purpose

Cosine of argument in degrees

Syntax

```
Y = cosd(X)
```

Description

`Y = cosd(X)` returns the cosine for each element of `X`, expressed in degrees.

Examples

Compare the accuracy of `cos` and `cosd`.

```
isequal(cosd(270),cos(3*pi/2))
```

For odd integers `n`, `cosd(n*90)` is exactly zero, whereas `cos(n*pi/2)` reflects the accuracy of the floating point value of `pi`.

See Also

`cos` | `acosd`

Purpose

Hyperbolic cosine

Syntax

```
Y = cosh(X)
```

Description

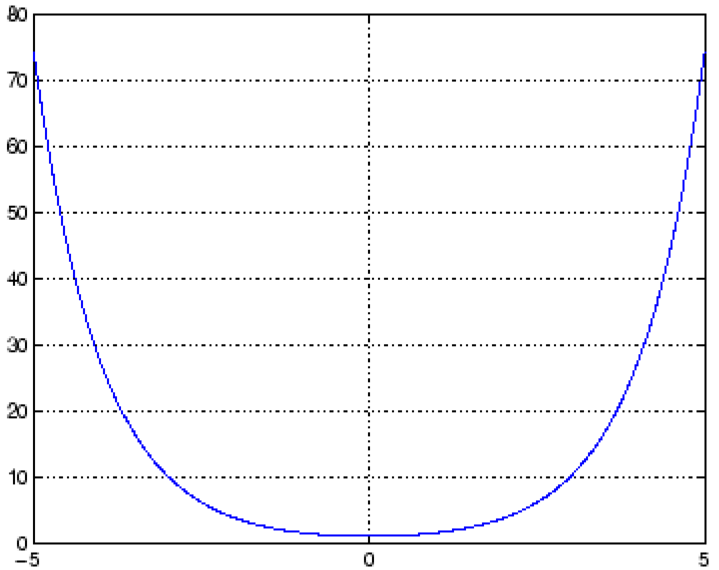
The `cosh` function operates element-wise on arrays. The function's domains and ranges include complex values. All angles are in radians.

`Y = cosh(X)` returns the hyperbolic cosine for each element of `X`.

Examples

Graph the hyperbolic cosine function over the domain $-5 \le x \le 5$.

```
x = -5:0.01:5;
plot(x,cosh(x)), grid on
```



Definition

The hyperbolic cosine can be defined as

$$\cosh(z) = \frac{e^z + e^{-z}}{2}$$

Algorithm

`cosh` uses FDLIBM, which was developed at SunSoft, a Sun Microsystems business, by Kwok C. Ng, and others. For information about FDLIBM, see `http://www.netlib.org`.

See Also

`acos`, `acosh`, `cos`

Purpose

Cotangent of argument in radians

Syntax

```
Y = cot(X)
```

Description

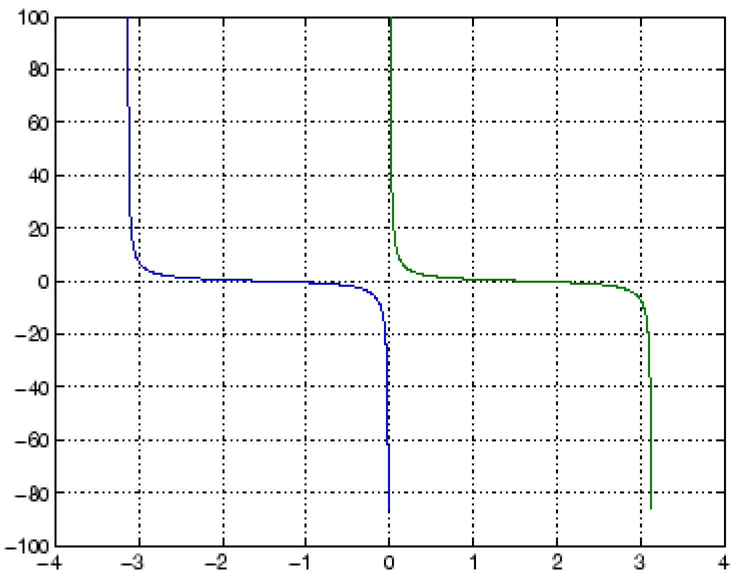
The `cot` function operates element-wise on arrays. The function's domains and ranges include complex values. All angles are in radians.

`Y = cot(X)` returns the cotangent for each element of `X`.

Examples

Graph the cotangent the domains $-\pi < x < 0$ and $0 < x < \pi$.

```
x1 = -pi+0.01:0.01:-0.01;
x2 = 0.01:0.01:pi-0.01;
plot(x1,cot(x1),x2,cot(x2)), grid on
```



Definition

The cotangent can be defined as

$$\cot(z) = \frac{1}{\tan(z)}$$

Algorithm

cot uses FDLIBM, which was developed at SunSoft, a Sun Microsystems, Inc. business, by Kwok C. Ng, and others. For information about FDLIBM, see http://www.netlib.org.

See Also

cotd, coth, acot, acotd, acoth

Purpose Cotangent of argument in degrees

Syntax

```
Y = cotd(X)
```

Description `Y = cotd(X)` is the cotangent of the elements of `X`, expressed in degrees. For integers `n`, `cotd(n*180)` is infinite, whereas `cot(n*pi)` is large but finite, reflecting the accuracy of the floating point value of `pi`.

See Also `cot`, `coth`, `acot`, `acotd`, `acoth`

coth

Purpose

Hyperbolic cotangent

Syntax

```
Y = coth(X)
```

Description

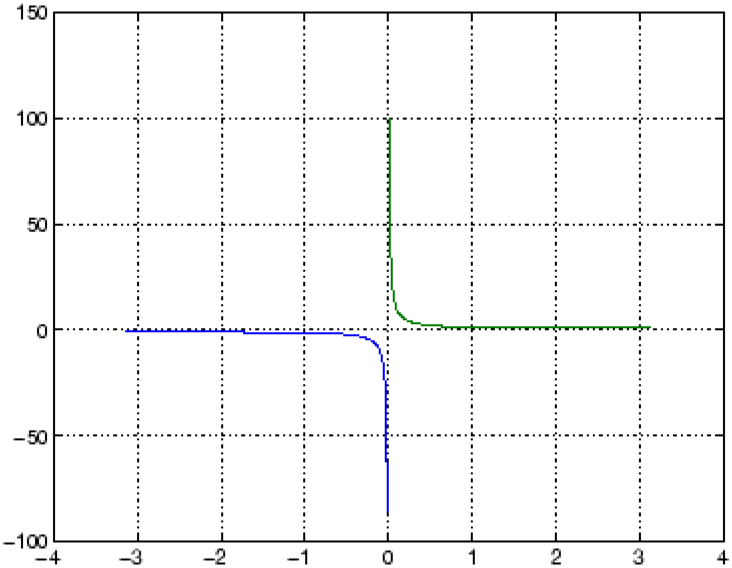
The `coth` function operates element-wise on arrays. The function's domains and ranges include complex values. All angles are in radians.

`Y = coth(X)` returns the hyperbolic cotangent for each element of `X`.

Examples

Graph the hyperbolic cotangent over the domains $-\pi < x < 0$ and $0 < x < \pi$.

```
x1 = -pi+0.01:0.01:-0.01;
x2 = 0.01:0.01:pi-0.01;
plot(x1,coth(x1),x2,coth(x2)), grid on
```



Definition

The hyperbolic cotangent can be defined as

$$\coth(z) = \frac{1}{\tanh(z)}$$

Algorithm

`coth` uses FDLIBM, which was developed at SunSoft, a Sun Microsystems, Inc. business, by Kwok C. Ng, and others. For information about FDLIBM, see `http://www.netlib.org`.

See Also

`acot`, `acoth`, `cot`

Purpose Covariance matrix

Syntax

```
cov(x)
cov(x) or cov(x,y)
cov(x,1) or cov(x,y,1)
```

Description

`cov(x)`, if `X` is a vector, returns the variance. For matrices, where each row is an observation, and each column is a variable, `cov(X)` is the covariance matrix. `diag(cov(X))` is a vector of variances for each column, and `sqrt(diag(cov(X)))` is a vector of standard deviations. `cov(X,Y)`, where `X` and `Y` are matrices with the same number of elements, is equivalent to `cov([X(:)  Y(:)])`.

`cov(x) or cov(x,y)` normalizes by N-1, if N>1, where N is the number of observations. This makes `cov(X)` the best unbiased estimate of the covariance matrix if the observations are from a normal distribution. For N=1, `cov normalizes by N.`

`cov(x,1) or cov(x,y,1)` normalizes by N and produces the second moment matrix of the observations about their mean. `cov(X,Y,0)` is the same as `cov(X,Y)` and `cov(X,0)` is the same as `cov(X)`.

Remarks

`cov` removes the mean from each column before calculating the result.

The *covariance* function is defined as

$$\mathrm{cov}(x_1,x_2) = E[(x_1-\mu_1)(x_2-\mu_2)]$$

where E is the mathematical expectation and $\mu_i = Ex_i$.

Examples

Consider `A = [-1 1 2 ; -2 3 1 ; 4 0 3]`. To obtain a vector of variances for each column of `A`:

```
v = diag(cov(A))'
v =
   10.3333    2.3333    1.0000
```

Compare vector `v` with covariance matrix `C`:

```
C =
   10.3333   -4.1667    3.0000
   -4.1667    2.3333   -1.5000
    3.0000   -1.5000    1.0000
```

The diagonal elements `C(i,i)` represent the variances for the columns of `A`. The off-diagonal elements `C(i,j)` represent the covariances of columns `i` and `j`.

See Also

`corrcoef`, `mean`, `median`, `std`, `var`

`xcorr`, `xcov` in the Signal Processing Toolbox

Purpose

Sort complex numbers into complex conjugate pairs

Syntax

```
B = cplxpair(A)
B = cplxpair(A,tol)
B = cplxpair(A,[],dim)
B = cplxpair(A,tol,dim)
```

Description

`B = cplxpair(A)` sorts the elements along different dimensions of a complex array, grouping together complex conjugate pairs.

The conjugate pairs are ordered by increasing real part. Within a pair, the element with negative imaginary part comes first. The purely real values are returned following all the complex pairs. The complex conjugate pairs are forced to be exact complex conjugates. A default tolerance of `100*eps` relative to `abs(A(i))` determines which numbers are real and which elements are paired complex conjugates.

If `A` is a vector, `cplxpair(A)` returns `A` with complex conjugate pairs grouped together.

If `A` is a matrix, `cplxpair(A)` returns `A` with its columns sorted and complex conjugates paired.

If `A` is a multidimensional array, `cplxpair(A)` treats the values along the first non-singleton dimension as vectors, returning an array of sorted elements.

`B = cplxpair(A,tol)` overrides the default tolerance.

`B = cplxpair(A,[],dim)` sorts `A` along the dimension specified by scalar dim.

`B = cplxpair(A,tol,dim)` sorts `A` along the specified dimension and overrides the default tolerance.

Diagnostics

If there are an odd number of complex numbers, or if the complex numbers cannot be grouped into complex conjugate pairs within the tolerance, `cplxpair` generates the error message

```
Complex numbers can't be paired.
```

Purpose

Elapsed CPU time

Syntax

`cputime`

Description

`cputime` returns the total CPU time (in seconds) used by your MATLAB application from the time it was started. This number can overflow the internal representation and wrap around.

Remarks

Although it is possible to measure performance using the `cputime` function, it is recommended that you use the `tic` and `toc` functions for this purpose exclusively. See Using tic and toc Versus the cputime Function in the MATLAB Programming Fundamentals documentation for more information.

Examples

The following code returns the CPU time used to run `surf(peaks(40))`.

```
t = cputime; surf(peaks(40)); e = cputime-t

e =
     0.4667
```

See Also

`clock`, `etime`, `tic`, `toc`

create (RandStream)

Purpose Create random number streams

Class `@RandStream`

Syntax

```
[s1,s2,...] = RandStream.create('gentype','NumStreams',n)
s = RandStream.create('gentype')
[ ... ] = RandStream.create(..., 'PARAM1',val1, 'PARAM2',val2,
   ...)
```

Description

`[s1,s2,...]  = RandStream.create('gentype','NumStreams',n)` creates `n` random number streams that use the uniform pseudorandom number generator algorithm specified by `gentype`. The streams are independent in a pseudorandom sense. The streams are not necessarily independent from streams created at other times. `RandStream.list` returns all possible values for `gentype`.

Note Multiple streams are not supported by all generator types. The multiplicative lagged Fibonacci generator (mlfg6331_64) and the combined multiple recursive generator (mrg32k3a) need to be active to use multiple stream creation.

`s = RandStream.create('gentype')` creates a single random stream.

`[ ...  ]  = RandStream.create(..., 'PARAM1',val1, 'PARAM2',val2, ...)` allows you to specify optional parameter name or value pairs to control creation of the stream(s). The parameters are:

`NumStreams`	Total number of streams of this type that will be created across sessions or labs. Default is 1.
`StreamIndices`	Stream indices that should be created in this call. Default is `1:N`, where `N` is the value given with the `'NumStreams'` parameter.

`Seed`	Nonnegative scalar integer with which to initialize all streams. Default is 0. Seeds must be an integer between 0 and 2^{32}.
`RandnAlg`	Algorithm that will be used by `randn(S, ...)` to generate normal pseudorandom values. Options are `'Ziggurat'`, `'Polar'`, or `'Inversion'`.
`CellOutput`	Logical flag indicating whether or not to return the stream objects as elements of a cell array. Default is false.

Examples

Create three independent streams.

```
[s1,s2,s3] = RandStream.create('mrg32k3a','NumStreams',3);
r1 = rand(s1,100000,1); r2 = rand(s2,100000,1); r3 = rand(s3,100000
corrcoef([r1,r2,r3])
```

Create one stream from a set of three independent streams and designate it as the default stream.

```
s2 = RandStream.create('mrg32k3a','NumStreams',3,'StreamIndices',2)
RandStream.setDefaultStream(s2);
```

See Also

`@RandStream`, `RandStream (RandStream)`, `list (RandStream)`, `getDefaultStream (RandStream)`, `setDefaultStream (RandStream)`, `rand (RandStream)`, `randi (RandStream)`, `randn (RandStream)`.

createClassFromWsdl

Purpose

Create MATLAB class based on WSDL document

Syntax

`createClassFromWsdl(source)`

Description

`createClassFromWsdl(source)` creates a MATLAB class, `servicename`, based on a service name defined in `source`. The `source` argument is a string that specifies a URL, full path, or relative path to a Web Services Description Language (WSDL) document located on a server. `createClassFromWsdl` creates a class folder, `@servicename`, in the current folder. The class folder contains a method file for each Web service operation, and the display method (`display.m`) and constructor (`servicename.m`) for the class.

Examples

Get the methods from the `myWebService` WSDL document, which specifies two methods. The example does not use an actual WSDL document; therefore, you cannot run it. The example only illustrates how to use the function.

Create the class:

```
createClassFromWsdl('pathto_myWebService')
```

MATLAB creates the following in the current folder:

```
@myWebService
@myWebService/method1.m
@myWebService/method2.m
@myWebService/display.m
@myWebService/myWebService.m
```

Retrieve a student name, given the WSDL document for `TestScoreWebService`, at `http://examplestandardtests.com/scoreswebservice?WSDL`. The example does not use an actual WSDL document; therefore, you cannot run it. The example only illustrates how to use the function.

```
createClassFromWsdl('http://examplestandardtests.com/scoreswebservice?W
```

```
obj = TestScoreWebService;
% Show the methods
methods(obj)
% Retrieve the first student name
students = StudentNames(obj);
students.StudentInfo(1)
```

MATLAB returns

```
StudentNameLast: 'Benjamin'
StudentNameFirst: 'Ali'
```

Display the endpoint and WSDL document location:

```
display('TestScoreWebService')
```

MATLAB returns

```
endpoint: 'http://examplestandardtests.com/scoreswebservice'
    wsdl: 'http://examplestandardtests.com/scoreswebservice?WSDL'
```

See Also

`callSoapService` | `createSoapMessage` | `parseSoapResponse` | `xmlread`

How To

- "Accessing Web Services That Use WSDL Documents"
- "Using Web Services with MATLAB"
- "Specifying Proxy Server Settings"

createCopy (inputParser)

Purpose

Create copy of `inputParser` object

Syntax

```
pNewObj = pObj.createCopy
pNewObj = createCopy(pObj)
```

Description

`pNewObj = pObj.createCopy` is part of the input argument checking mechanism employed by the MATLAB Input Parser utility. Input Parser code residing in a function that receives data from calling functions identifies what types of arguments are acceptable. The `createCopy` function creates a copy of `inputParser` object `pObj`. This is not the same as copying by assignment (e.g., `pNewHandle = pObj`) which creates a new reference to the same object `pObj`.

`pNewObj = createCopy(pObj)` is functionally the same as the syntax above.

For more information , see "Making a Copy of the Input Scheme" in the MATLAB Programming Fundamentals documentation.

Example

This example writes a function called `photoPrint` that uses the Input Parser to check arguments passed to it. This function accepts up to eight input arguments. When called with the full set of inputs, the syntax is:

```
photoPrint(filename, format, finish, colorCode, ...
   'horizDim', hDim, 'vertDim', vDim);
```

Begin writing the example function `photoPrint` by entering the following two statements into a file named `photoPrint.m`. The second statement calls the class constructor for `inputParser` to create an instance `p` of the class. This class instance, or object, gives you access to all of the methods and properties of the class:

```
function photoPrint(filename, format, varargin)
p1 = inputParser;    % Create an instance of the class.
```

Add the following code to the `photoPrint` function. The `addRequired` method defines the types of input data one must always pass to this function:

```
p1.addRequired('filename', @ischar);
p1.addRequired('format', @(x)strcmp(x,'jpeg') ...
   || strcmp(x,'tiff'));
```

Make a copy of the `p1` object; call it `p2`. Both the original and its copy require `filename` and `format` as the first two inputs:

```
p2 = p1.createCopy;
```

The next statements add two optional arguments to the `p1` input scheme , and two different optional arguments to the `p2` scheme:

```
p1.addOptional('finish', 'glossy', @(x)strcmpi(x,'flat') ...
   || strcmpi(x,'glossy'));
p1.addOptional('colorCode', 'CMYK', @(x)strcmpi(x,'CMYK') ...
   || strcmpi(x,'RGB'));

p2.addOptional('photographer', '', @ischar);
p2.addOptional('quantity', 1, @isnumeric);
```

Call the `parse` method and examine the `Results` for both input schemes. If `p1` fails to parse, the try-catch statement catches the error and uses `p2` instead.

```
try
    p1.parse(filename, format, varargin{:});
    p1.Results
catch e1;
    try
        p2.parse(filename, format, varargin{:});
        p2.Results
    catch e2;
        exception = MException( ...
            'photoPrint:arglist', ...
            'Error in input argument list');
        exception = addCause(exception, e1);
        exception = addCause(exception, e2);
```

```
        throw(exception)
    end
end
```

Save the function using the **Save** option on the MATLAB **File** menu, and then run it.

First, pass values that meet the expectations of input scheme p1:

```
photoPrint('myPhoto', 'tiff', 'flat', 'RGB');
ans =
    colorCode: 'RGB'
     filename: 'myPhoto'
       finish: 'flat'
       format: 'tiff'
```

Next, pass values that meet the expectations of input scheme p2:

```
photoPrint('photoNo5372', 'tiff', 'George Waters', 5)
ans =
        filename: 'photoNo5372'
          format: 'tiff'
    photographer: 'George Waters'
        quantity: 5
```

And lastly, pass values that do not meet the expectations of either scheme:

```
photoPrint('photoNo5372', 'tiff', 'George Waters', ...
   '11/29/2009')
??? Error using ==> photoPrint at 27
Error in input argument list

Caused by:
    Error using ==> photoPrint at 16
    Argument 'finish' failed validation @(x)strcmpi(x,'flat')
        ||strcmpi(x,'glossy').
    Error using ==> photoPrint at 20
    Argument 'quantity' failed validation isnumeric.
```

See Also

`inputParser`, `addRequired(inputParser)`, `addOptional(inputParser)`, `addParamValue(inputParser)`, `parse(inputParser)`

Purpose

Create SOAP message to send to server

Syntax

```
message = createSoapMessage(namespace, method, values, names,
   types,style)
```

Description

`message = createSoapMessage(namespace, method, values, names, types,`*`style`*`)` creates a SOAP message based on the values you provide for the arguments. `message` is a Sun Java document object model (DOM). To send `message` to the Web service, use it with `callSoapService`.

Argument	Description
`namespace`	Location of the Web service in the form of a valid Uniform Resource Identifier (URI).
`method`	Name of the Web service operation you want to run.
`values`	Cell array of input you need to provide for the `method`.
`names`	Cell array of parameters for `method`.
`types`	Cell array defining the XML data types for `values`. Specifying `style` is optional; when you do not include the argument, MATLAB uses unspecified.
`style`	Style for structuring the SOAP message, either '**`document`**' or '**`rpc`**'. Specifying `style` is optional; when you do not include the argument, MATLAB uses **`rpc`**. Use a style supported by the service you specified in `namespace`.

Examples

This example uses `createSoapMessage` in conjunction with other SOAP functions to retrieve information about books from a library database, specifically, the author's name for a given book title.

Note The example is not based on an actual endpoint; therefore, you cannot run it. The example only illustrates how to use the SOAP functions.

```
% Create the message:
message = createSoapMessage(...
'urn:LibraryCatalog',...
'getAuthor',...
{'In the Fall'},...
{'nameToLookUp'},...
{'{http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema}string'},...
'rpc');
%
% Send the message to the service and get the response:
response = callSoapService(...
'http://test/soap/services/LibraryCatalog',...
'urn:LibraryCatalog#getAuthor',...
message)
%
% Extract MATLAB data from the response
author = parseSoapResponse(response)
```

MATLAB returns:

```
author = Kate Alvin
```

where author is a char class (type).

See Also

`callSoapService`, `createClassFromWsdl`, `parseSoapResponse`, `urlread`, `xmlread`

"Using Web Services with MATLAB" in the MATLAB External Interfaces documentation

Purpose

Vector cross product

Syntax

```
C = cross(A,B)
C = cross(A,B,dim)
```

Description

`C = cross(A,B)` returns the cross product of the vectors `A` and `B`. That is, `C = A x B`. `A` and `B` must be 3-element vectors. If `A` and `B` are multidimensional arrays, `cross` returns the cross product of `A` and `B` along the first dimension of length 3.

`C = cross(A,B,dim)` where `A` and `B` are multidimensional arrays, returns the cross product of `A` and `B` in dimension `dim`. `A` and `B` must have the same size, and both `size(A,dim)` and `size(B,dim)` must be 3.

Remarks

To perform a dot (scalar) product of two vectors of the same size, use `c = dot(a,b)`.

Examples

The cross and dot products of two vectors are calculated as shown:

```
a = [1 2 3];
b = [4 5 6];
c = cross(a,b)

c =
      -3     6    -3

d = dot(a,b)

d =
      32
```

See Also

`dot`

Purpose

Cosecant of argument in radians

Syntax

```
Y = csc(x)
```

Description

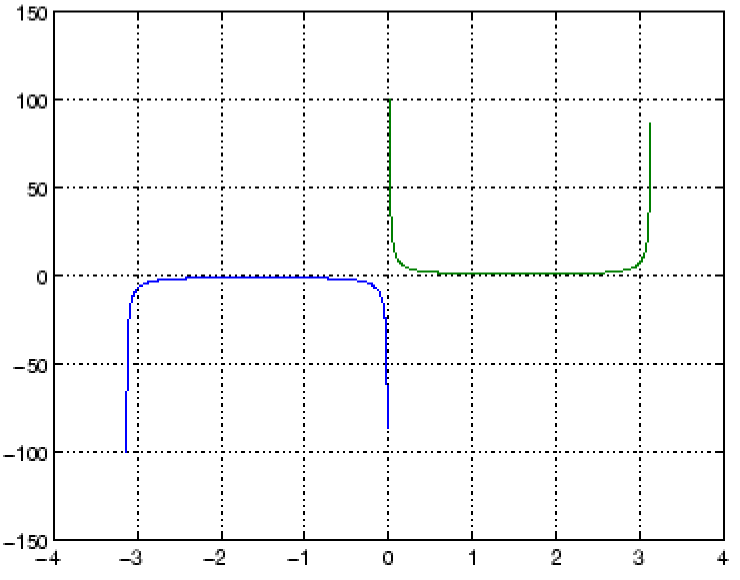
The `csc` function operates element-wise on arrays. The function's domains and ranges include complex values. All angles are in radians.

`Y = csc(x)` returns the cosecant for each element of `x`.

Examples

Graph the cosecant over the domains $-\pi < x < 0$ and $0 < x < \pi$.

```
x1 = -pi+0.01:0.01:-0.01;
x2 = 0.01:0.01:pi-0.01;
plot(x1,csc(x1),x2,csc(x2)), grid on
```



Definition

The cosecant can be defined as

$$\csc(z) = \frac{1}{\sin(z)}$$

Algorithm

`csc` uses FDLIBM, which was developed at SunSoft, a Sun Microsystems business, by Kwok C. Ng, and others. For information about FDLIBM, see `http://www.netlib.org`.

See Also

`cscd`, `csch`, `acsc`, `acscd`, `acsch`

Purpose Cosecant of argument in degrees

Syntax `Y = cscd(X)`

Description `Y = cscd(X)` is the cosecant of the elements of `X`, expressed in degrees. For integers `n`, `cscd(n*180)` is infinite, whereas `csc(n*pi)` is large but finite, reflecting the accuracy of the floating point value of `pi`.

See Also `csc`, `csch`, `acsc`, `acscd`, `acsch`

Purpose

Hyperbolic cosecant

Syntax

```
Y = csch(x)
```

Description

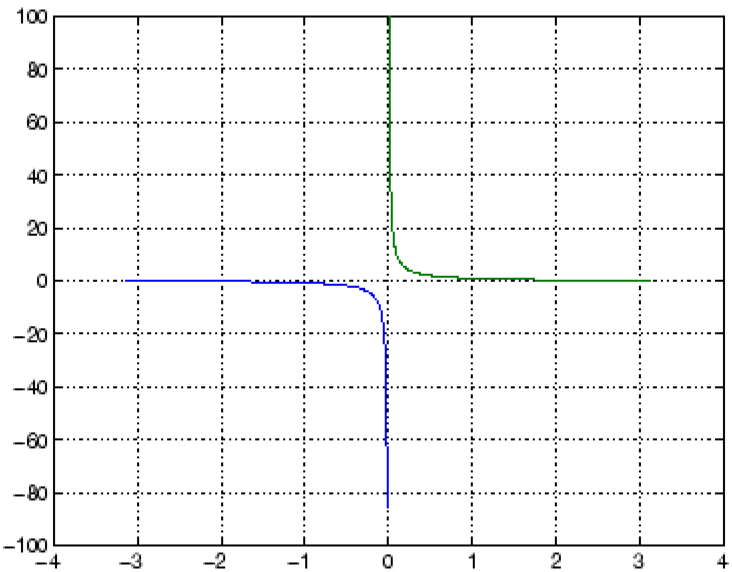
The `csch` function operates element-wise on arrays. The function's domains and ranges include complex values. All angles are in radians.

`Y = csch(x)` returns the hyperbolic cosecant for each element of `x`.

Examples

Graph the hyperbolic cosecant over the domains $-\pi < x < 0$ and $0 < x < \pi$.

```
x1 = -pi+0.01:0.01:-0.01;
x2 = 0.01:0.01:pi-0.01;
plot(x1,csch(x1),x2,csch(x2)), grid on
```



Definition

The hyperbolic cosecant can be defined as

$$\operatorname{csch}(z) = \frac{1}{\sinh(z)}$$

Algorithm

`csch` uses FDLIBM, which was developed at SunSoft, a Sun Microsystems, Inc. business, by Kwok C. Ng, and others. For information about FDLIBM, see `http://www.netlib.org`.

See Also

`acsc`, `acsch`, `csc`

Purpose

Read comma-separated value file

Note `csvread` will be removed in a future version. Use `dlmread` instead.

Syntax

```
M = csvread(filename)
M = csvread(filename, row, col)
M = csvread(filename, row, col, range)
```

Description

`M = csvread(filename)` reads a comma-separated value formatted file, `filename`. The `filename` input is a string enclosed in single quotes. The result is returned in `M`. The file can only contain numeric values.

`M = csvread(filename, row, col)` reads data from the comma-separated value formatted file starting at the specified row and column. The row and column arguments are zero based, so that `row=0` and `col=0` specify the first value in the file.

`M = csvread(filename, row, col, range)` reads only the range specified. Specify `range` using the notation `[R1 C1 R2 C2]` where (`R1`,`C1`) is the upper left corner of the data to be read and (`R2`,`C2`) is the lower right corner. You can also specify the range using spreadsheet notation, as in `range = 'A1..B7'`.

Remarks

`csvread` fills empty delimited fields with zero. Data files having lines that end with a nonspace delimiter, such as a semicolon, produce a result that has an additional last column of zeros.

`csvread` imports any complex number as a whole into a complex numeric field, converting the real and imaginary parts to the specified numeric type. Valid forms for a complex number are

<table>
<tr><th>Form</th><th>Example</th></tr>
<tr><td>—<real>—<imag>i|j</td><td>5.7-3.1i</td></tr>
<tr><td>—<imag>i|j</td><td>-7j</td></tr>
</table>

Embedded white-space in a complex number is invalid and is regarded as a field delimiter.

Examples

Given the file `csvlist.dat` that contains the comma-separated values

```
02, 04, 06, 08, 10, 12
03, 06, 09, 12, 15, 18
05, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30
07, 14, 21, 28, 35, 42
11, 22, 33, 44, 55, 66
```

To read the entire file, use

```
csvread('csvlist.dat')

ans =

     2     4     6     8    10    12
     3     6     9    12    15    18
     5    10    15    20    25    30
     7    14    21    28    35    42
    11    22    33    44    55    66
```

To read the matrix starting with zero-based row 2, column 0, and assign it to the variable `m`,

```
m = csvread('csvlist.dat', 2, 0)

m =

     5    10    15    20    25    30
     7    14    21    28    35    42
    11    22    33    44    55    66
```

To read the matrix bounded by zero-based (2,0) and (3,3) and assign it to `m`,

```
m = csvread('csvlist.dat', 2, 0, [2,0,3,3])
```

```
m =

     5    10    15    20
     7    14    21    28
```

See Also

dlmread, textscan, file formats, importdata, uiimport

Purpose

Write comma-separated value file

Note `csvwrite` will be removed in a future version. Use `dlmwrite` instead.

Syntax

```
csvwrite(filename,M)
csvwrite(filename,M,row,col)
```

Description

`csvwrite(filename,M)` writes matrix `M` into `filename` as comma-separated values. The `filename` input is a string enclosed in single quotes.

`csvwrite(filename,M,row,col)` writes matrix `M` into `filename` starting at the specified row and column offset. The row and column arguments are zero based, so that `row=0` and `C=0` specify the first value in the file.

Remarks

`csvwrite` terminates each line with a line feed character and no carriage return.

`csvwrite` writes a maximum of five significant digits. If you need greater precision, use `dlmwrite` with a precision argument.

`csvwrite` does not accept cell arrays for the input matrix `M`. To export a cell array that contains only numeric data, use `cell2mat` to convert the cell array to a numeric matrix before calling `csvwrite`. To export cell arrays with mixed alphabetic and numeric data, where each cell contains a single element, you can create an Excel spreadsheet (if your system has Excel installed) using `xlswrite`. For all other cases, you must use low-level export functions to write your data. For more information, see "Exporting a Cell Array to a Text File" in the MATLAB Data Import and Export documentation.

Examples

The following example creates a comma-separated value file from the matrix `m`.

```
m = [3 6 9 12 15; 5 10 15 20 25; ...
     7 14 21 28 35; 11 22 33 44 55];

csvwrite('csvlist.dat',m)
type csvlist.dat

3,6,9,12,15
5,10,15,20,25
7,14,21,28,35
11,22,33,44,55
```

The next example writes the matrix to the file, starting at a column offset of 2.

```
csvwrite('csvlist.dat',m,0,2)
type csvlist.dat

,,3,6,9,12,15
,,5,10,15,20,25
,,7,14,21,28,35
,,11,22,33,44,55
```

See Also

`dlmwrite`, `xlswrite`, `file formats`, `importdata`, `uiimport`

Purpose Transpose `timeseries` object

Syntax

```
ts1 = ctranspose(ts)
```

Description `ts1 = ctranspose(ts)` returns a new `timeseries` object `ts1` with `IsTimeFirst` value set to the opposite of what it is for `ts`. For example, if `ts` has the first data dimension aligned with the time vector, `ts1` has the last data dimension aligned with the time vector as a result of this operation.

Remarks The `ctranspose` function that is overloaded for `timeseries` objects does not transpose the data. Instead, this function changes whether the first or the last dimension of the data is aligned with the time vector.

Note To transpose the data, you must transpose the `Data` property of the `timeseries` object. For example, you can use the syntax `ctranspose(ts.Data)` or `(ts.Data)'`. `Data` must be a 2-D array.

Consider a `timeseries` object with 10 samples with the property `IsTimeFirst = True`. When you transpose this object, the data size is changed from 10-by-1 to 1-by-1-by-10. Note that the first dimension of the `Data` property is shown explicitly.

The following table summarizes the size for Data property of the `timeseries` object (up to three dimensions) before and after transposing.

Data Size Before and After Transposing

Size of Original Data	Size of Transposed Data
N-by-1	1-by-1-by-N
N-by-M	M-by-1-by-N
N-by-M-by-L	M-by-L-by-N

Examples

Suppose that a `timeseries` object `ts` has `ts.data` size 10-by-3-by-2 and its time vector has a length of 10. The `IsTimeFirst` property of `ts` is set to `true`, which means that the first dimension of the data is aligned with the time vector. `ctranspose(ts)` modifies `ts` such that the last dimension of the data is now aligned with the time vector. This permutes the data such that the size of `ts.Data` becomes 3-by-2-by-10.

See Also

`transpose (timeseries)`, `tsprops`

Purpose

Cumulative product

Syntax

```
B = cumprod(A)
B = cumprod(A,dim)
```

Description

`B = cumprod(A)` returns the cumulative product along different dimensions of an array.

If `A` is a vector, `cumprod(A)` returns a vector containing the cumulative product of the elements of `A`.

If `A` is a matrix, `cumprod(A)` returns a matrix the same size as `A` containing the cumulative products for each column of `A`.

If `A` is a multidimensional array, `cumprod(A)` works on the first nonsingleton dimension.

`B = cumprod(A,dim)` returns the cumulative product of the elements along the dimension of `A` specified by scalar `dim`. For example, `cumprod(A,1)` increments the column index, thus working along the columns of `A`. Thus, `cumprod(A,1)` and `cumprod(A)` will return the same thing. To increment the row index, use `cumprod(A,2)`.

Examples

```
cumprod(1:5)
ans =
     1   2   6   24   120

A = [1 2 3; 4 5 6];

cumprod(A,1)
ans =
     1     2     3
     4    10    18

cumprod(A,2)
ans =
     1     2     6
     4    20   120
```

See Also `cumsum`, `prod`, `sum`

Purpose

Cumulative sum

Syntax

```
B = cumsum(A)
B = cumsum(A,dim)
```

Description

`B = cumsum(A)` returns the cumulative sum along different dimensions of an array.

If `A` is a vector, `cumsum(A)` returns a vector containing the cumulative sum of the elements of `A`.

If `A` is a matrix, `cumsum(A)` returns a matrix the same size as `A` containing the cumulative sums for each column of `A`.

If `A` is a multidimensional array, `cumsum(A)` works on the first nonsingleton dimension.

`B = cumsum(A,dim)` returns the cumulative sum of the elements along the dimension of `A` specified by scalar `dim`. For example, `cumsum(A,1)` works along the first dimension (the columns); `cumsum(A,2)` works along the second dimension (the rows).

Examples

```
cumsum(1:5)
ans =
       [1   3   6   10   15]

A = [1 2 3; 4 5 6];

cumsum(A,1)
ans =
       1      2      3
       5      7      9

cumsum(A,2)
ans =
       1      3      6
       4      9     15
```

See Also `cumprod`, `prod`, `sum`

Purpose

Cumulative trapezoidal numerical integration

Syntax

```
Z = cumtrapz(Y)
Z = cumtrapz(X,Y)
Z = cumtrapz(X,Y,dim) or cumtrapz(Y,dim)
```

Description

`Z = cumtrapz(Y)` computes an approximation of the cumulative integral of `Y` via the trapezoidal method with unit spacing. To compute the integral with other than unit spacing, multiply `Z` by the spacing increment. Input `Y` can be complex.

For vectors, `cumtrapz(Y)` is a vector containing the cumulative integral of `Y`.

For matrices, `cumtrapz(Y)` is a matrix the same size as `Y` with the cumulative integral over each column.

For multidimensional arrays, `cumtrapz(Y)` works across the first nonsingleton dimension.

`Z = cumtrapz(X,Y)` computes the cumulative integral of `Y` with respect to `X` using trapezoidal integration. `X` and `Y` must be vectors of the same length, or `X` must be a column vector and `Y` an array whose first nonsingleton dimension is `length(X)`. `cumtrapz` operates across this dimension. Inputs `X` and `Y` can be complex.

If `X` is a column vector and `Y` an array whose first nonsingleton dimension is `length(X)`, `cumtrapz(X,Y)` operates across this dimension.

`Z = cumtrapz(X,Y,dim) or cumtrapz(Y,dim)` integrates across the dimension of `Y` specified by scalar `dim`. The length of `X` must be the same as `size(Y,dim)`.

Example

Example 1

```
Y = [0 1 2; 3 4 5];

cumtrapz(Y,1)
ans =
0          0          0
```

```
    1.5000   2.5000    3.5000

cumtrapz(Y,2)
ans =
0    0.5000    2.0000
        0    3.5000    8.0000
```

Example 2

This example uses two complex inputs:

```
z = exp(1i*pi*(0:100)/100);

ct = cumtrapz(z,1./z);
ct(end)
ans =
   0.0000 + 3.1411i
```

See Also

cumsum, trapz

Purpose

Compute curl and angular velocity of vector field

Syntax

```
[curlx,curly,curlz,cav] = curl(X,Y,Z,U,V,W)
[curlx,curly,curlz,cav] = curl(U,V,W)
[curlz,cav]= curl(X,Y,U,V)
[curlz,cav]= curl(U,V)
[curlx,curly,curlz] = curl(...), [curlx,curly] = curl(...)
cav = curl(...)
```

Description

`[curlx,curly,curlz,cav] = curl(X,Y,Z,U,V,W)` computes the curl (`curlx`, `curly`, `curlz`) and angular velocity (`cav`) perpendicular to the flow (in radians per time unit) of a 3-D vector field `U`, `V`, `W`. The arrays `X`, `Y`, `Z` define the coordinates for `U`, `V`, `W` and must be monotonic and 3-D plaid (as if produced by `meshgrid`).

`[curlx,curly,curlz,cav] = curl(U,V,W)` assumes `X`, `Y`, and `Z` are determined by the expression

```
[X Y Z] = meshgrid(1:n,1:m,1:p)
```

where `[m,n,p] = size(U)`.

`[curlz,cav]= curl(X,Y,U,V)` computes the curl `z`-component and the angular velocity perpendicular to `z` (in radians per time unit) of a 2-D vector field `U`, `V`. The arrays `X`, `Y` define the coordinates for `U`, `V` and must be monotonic and 2-D plaid (as if produced by `meshgrid`).

`[curlz,cav]= curl(U,V)` assumes `X` and `Y` are determined by the expression

```
[X Y] = meshgrid(1:n,1:m)
```

where `[m,n] = size(U)`.

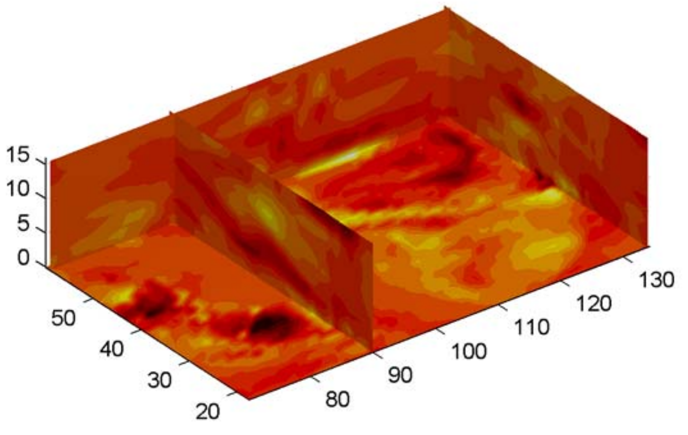
`[curlx,curly,curlz] = curl(...), [curlx,curly] = curl(...)` returns only the curl.

`cav = curl(...)` returns only the curl angular velocity.

Examples

This example uses colored slice planes to display the curl angular velocity at specified locations in the vector field.

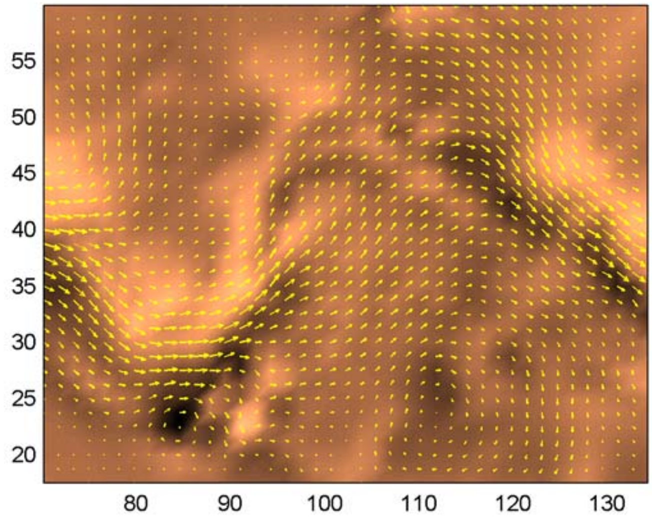
```
load wind
cav = curl(x,y,z,u,v,w);
slice(x,y,z,cav,[90 134],[59],[0]);
shading interp
daspect([1 1 1]); axis tight
colormap hot(16)
camlight
```



This example views the curl angular velocity in one plane of the volume and plots the velocity vectors (`quiver`) in the same plane.

```
load wind
k = 4;
x = x(:,:,k); y = y(:,:,k); u = u(:,:,k); v = v(:,:,k);
cav = curl(x,y,u,v);
pcolor(x,y,cav); shading interp
```

```
hold on;
quiver(x,y,u,v,'y')
hold off
colormap copper
```



See Also

`streamribbon`, `divergence`

"Volume Visualization" on page 1-111 for related functions

"Example – Displaying Curl with Stream Ribbons" for another example

Tiff.currentDirectory

Purpose Index of current IFD

Syntax

```
dirNum = tiffobj.currentDirectory()
```

Description `dirNum = tiffobj.currentDirectory()` returns the index of the current image file directory (IFD). Index values are one-based. Use this index value with the `setDirectory` member function.

Examples Open a `Tiff` object and determine which IFD is the current IFD. Replace `myfile.tif` with the name of a TIFF file on your MATLAB path:

```
t = Tiff('myfile.tif', 'r');
dnum = t.currentDirectory();
```

References This method corresponds to the `TIFFCurrentDirectory` function in the LibTIFF C API. To use this method, you must be familiar with LibTIFF version 3.7.1, as well as the TIFF specification and technical notes. View this documentation at `LibTiff - TIFF Library and Utilities`.

See Also `Tiff.setDirectory`

Tutorials

- "Exporting Image Data and Metadata to TIFF Files"
- "Reading Image Data and Metadata from TIFF Files"

Purpose Allow custom source control system (UNIX platforms)

Syntax `customerverctrl`

Description `customerverctrl` function is for customers who want to integrate a source control system that is not supported for use with MATLAB software. When using this function, conform to the structure of one of the supported version control systems, for example, RCS. For examples, see the files `clearcase.m`, `cvs.m`, `pvcs.m`, and `rcs.m` in *`matlabroot`*`\toolbox\matlab\verctrl`.

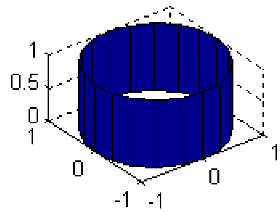
See Also `checkin`, `checkout`, `cmopts`, `undocheckout`

For MicrosoftWindows platforms, use `verctrl`.

cylinder

Purpose

Generate cylinder



Syntax

```
[X,Y,Z] = cylinder
[X,Y,Z] = cylinder(r)
[X,Y,Z] = cylinder(r,n)
cylinder(axes_handle,...)
cylinder(...)
```

Description

`cylinder` generates *x*-, *y*-, and *z*-coordinates of a unit cylinder. You can draw the cylindrical object using `surf` or `mesh`, or draw it immediately by not providing output arguments.

`[X,Y,Z] = cylinder` returns the *x*-, *y*-, and *z*-coordinates of a cylinder with a radius equal to `1`. The cylinder has 20 equally spaced points around its circumference.

`[X,Y,Z] = cylinder(r)` returns the *x*-, *y*-, and *z*-coordinates of a cylinder using `r` to define a profile curve. `cylinder` treats each element in `r` as a radius at equally spaced heights along the unit height of the cylinder. The cylinder has 20 equally spaced points around its circumference.

`[X,Y,Z] = cylinder(r,n)` returns the *x*-, *y*-, and *z*-coordinates of a cylinder based on the profile curve defined by vector `r`. The cylinder has `n` equally spaced points around its circumference.

`cylinder(axes_handle,...)` plots into the axes with handle `axes_handle` instead of the current axes (`gca`).

`cylinder(...)`, with no output arguments, plots the cylinder using `surf`.

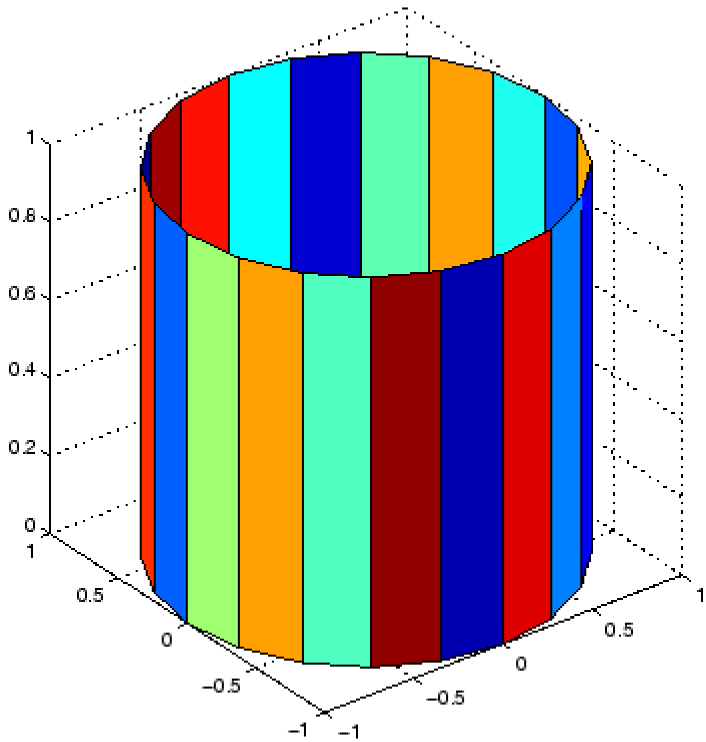
Remarks

`cylinder` treats its first argument as a profile curve. The resulting surface graphics object is generated by rotating the curve about the *x*-axis, and then aligning it with the *z*-axis.

Examples

Create a cylinder with randomly colored faces.

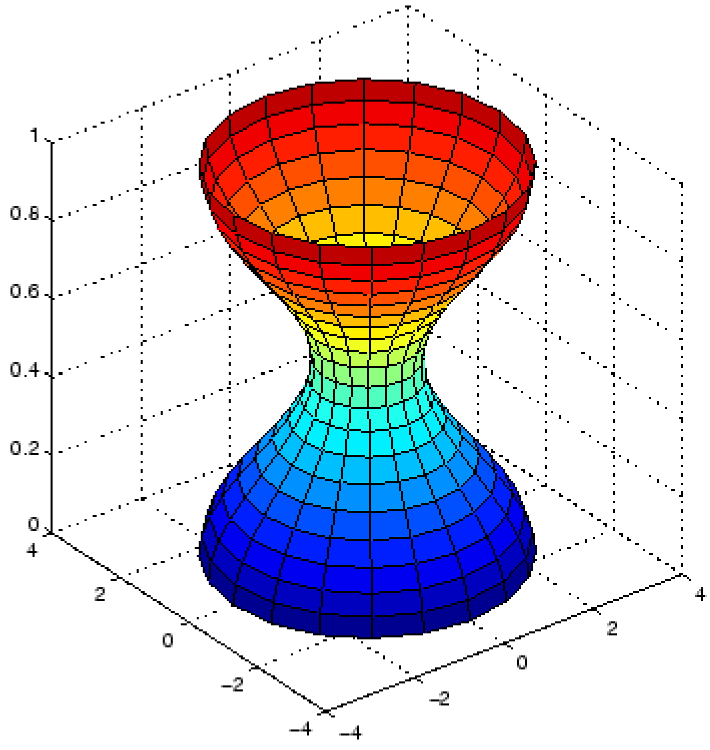
```
cylinder
axis square
h = findobj('Type','surface');
set(h,'CData',rand(size(get(h,'CData'))))
```



Generate a cylinder defined by the profile function `2+sin(t)`.

```
t = 0:pi/10:2*pi;
```

```
[X,Y,Z] = cylinder(2+cos(t));
surf(X,Y,Z)
axis square
```



See Also

`sphere`, `surf`

"Polygons and Surfaces" on page 1-100 for related functions

Purpose

Read Data Acquisition Toolbox (.daq) file

Syntax

```
data = daqread('filename')
[data, time] = daqread(...)
[data, time, abstime] = daqread(...)
[data, time, abstime, events] = daqread(...)
[data, time, abstime, events, daqinfo] = daqread(...)
data = daqread(...,'Param1', Val1,...)
daqinfo = daqread('filename','info')
```

Description

`data = daqread('filename')` reads all the data from the Data Acquisition Toolbox (`.daq`) file specified by `filename`. `daqread` returns `data`, an *m*-by-*n* data matrix, where *m* is the number of samples and *n* is the number of channels. If `data` includes data from multiple triggers, the data from each trigger is separated by a `NaN`. If you set the `OutputFormat` property to `tscollection`, `daqread` returns a time series collection object. See below for more information.

`[data, time] = daqread(...)` returns time/value pairs. `time` is an *m*-by-1 vector, the same length as `data`, that contains the relative time for each sample. Relative time is measured with respect to the first trigger that occurs.

`[data, time, abstime] = daqread(...)` returns the absolute time of the first trigger. `abstime` is returned as a `clock` vector.

`[data, time, abstime, events] = daqread(...)` returns a log of events. `events` is a structure containing event information. If you specify either the`Samples`, `Time`, or `Triggers` parameters (see below), the events structure contains only the specified events.

`[data, time, abstime, events, daqinfo] = daqread(...)` returns a structure, `daqinfo`, that contains two fields: `ObjInfo` and `HwInfo`. `ObjInfo` is a structure containing property name/property value pairs and `HwInfo` is a structure containing hardware information. The entire event log is returned to `daqinfo.ObjInfo.EventLog`.

`data = daqread(...,'Param1', Val1,...)` specifies the amount of data returned and the format of the data, using the following parameters.

Parameter	Description
`Samples`	Specify the sample range.
`Time`	Specify the relative time range.
`Triggers`	Specify the trigger range.
`Channels`	Specify the channel range. Channel names can be specified as a cell array.
`DataFormat`	Specify the data format as `doubles` (default) or `native`.
`TimeFormat`	Specify the time format as `vector` (default) or `matrix`.
`OutputFormat`	Specify the output format as `matrix` (the default) or `tscollection`. When you specify `tscollection`, `daqread` only returns `data`.

The `Samples`, `Time`, and `Triggers` properties are mutually exclusive; that is, either `Samples`, `Triggers` or `Time` can be defined at once.

`daqinfo = daqread('filename','`**`info`**`')` returns metadata from the file in the `daqinfo` structure, without incurring the overhead of reading the data from the file as well. The `daqinfo` structure contains two fields:

`daqinfo.ObjInfo`
: a structure containing parameter/value pairs for the data acquisition object used to create the file, `filename`. Note: The `UserData` property value is not restored.

`daqinfo.HwInfo`
: a structure containing hardware information. The entire event log is returned to `daqinfo.ObjInfo.EventLog`.

Remarks

More About .daq Files

- The format used by `daqread` to return data, relative time, absolute time, and event information is identical to the format used by the `getdata` function that is part of Data Acquisition Toolbox. For more information, see the Data Acquisition Toolbox documentation.
- If data from multiple triggers is read, then the size of the resulting data array is increased by the number of triggers issued because each trigger is separated by a `NaN`.
- `ObjInfo.EventLog` always contains the entire event log regardless of the value specified by `Samples`, `Time`, or `Triggers`.
- The `UserData` property value is not restored when you return device object (`ObjInfo`) information.
- When reading a `.daq` file, the `daqread` function does not return property values that were specified as a cell array.
- Data Acquisition Toolbox (.`daq`) files are created by specifying a value for the `LogFileName` property (or accepting the default value), and configuring the `LoggingMode` property to `Disk` or `Disk&Memory`.

More About Time Series Collection Object Returned

When `OutputFormat` is set to `tscollection`, `daqread` returns a time series collection object. This times series collection object contains an absolute time series object for each channel in the file. The following describes how `daqread` sets some of the properties of the times series collection object and the time series objects.

- The `time` property of the time series collection object is set to the value of the `InitialTriggerTime` property specified in the file.
- The `name` property of each time series object is set to the value of the `Name` property of a channel in the file. If this name cannot be used as a time series object name, `daqread` sets the name to `'Channel'` with the `HwChannel` property of the channel appended.

- The value of the `Units` property of the time series object depends on the value of the `DataFormat` parameter. If the `DataFormat` parameter is set to `'double'`, `daqread` sets the `DataInfo` property of each time series object in the collection to the value of the `Units` property of the corresponding channel in the file. If the `DataFormat` parameter is set to `'native'`, `daqread` sets the `Units` property to `'native`'. See the Data Acquisition Toolbox documentation for more information on these properties.
- Each time series object will have `tsdata.event` objects attached corresponding to the log of events associated with the channel.

If `daqread` returns data from multiple triggers, the data from each trigger is separated by a `NaN` in the time series data. This increases the length of data and time vectors in the time series object by the number of triggers.

Examples

Use Data Acquisition Toolbox to acquire data. The analog input object, `ai`, acquires one second of data for four channels, and saves the data to the output file `data.daq`.

```
ai = analoginput('nidaq','Dev1');
chans = addchannel(ai,0:3);
set(ai,'SampleRate',1000)
ActualRate = get(ai,'SampleRate');
set(ai,'SamplesPerTrigger, ActualRate)
set(ai,'LoggingMode','Disk&Memory')
set(ai,'LogFileName','data.daq')
start(ai)
```

After the data has been collected and saved to a disk file, you can retrieve the data and other acquisition-related information using `daqread`. To read all the sample-time pairs from `data.daq`:

```
[data,time] = daqread('data.daq');
```

To read samples 500 to 1000 for all channels from `data.daq`:

```
data = daqread('data.daq','Samples',[500 1000]);
```

To read only samples 1000 to 2000 of channel indices 2, 4 and 7 in native format from the file, `data.daq`:

```
data = daqread('data.daq', 'Samples', [1000 2000],...
               'Channels', [2 4 7], 'DataFormat', 'native');
```

To read only the data which represents the first and second triggers on all channels from the file, `data.daq`:

```
[data, time] = daqread('data.daq', 'Triggers', [1 2]);
```

To obtain the channel property information from `data.daq`:

```
daqinfo = daqread('data.daq','info');
chaninfo = daqinfo.ObjInfo.Channel;
```

To obtain a list of event types and event data contained by `data.daq`:

```
daqinfo = daqread('data.daq','info');
events = daqinfo.ObjInfo.EventLog;
event_type = {events.Type};
event_data = {events.Data};
```

To read all the data from the file `data.daq` and return it as a time series collection object:

```
data = daqread('data.daq','OutputFormat','tscollection');
```

See Also

Functions

`timeseries`, `tscollection`

For more information about using this function, see the Data Acquisition Toolbox documentation.

daspect

Purpose

Set or query axes data aspect ratio

Syntax

```
daspect
daspect([aspect_ratio])
daspect('mode')
daspect('auto')
daspect('manual')
daspect(axes_handle,...)
```

Description

The data aspect ratio determines the relative scaling of the data units along the *x*-, *y*-, and *z*-axes.

`daspect` with no arguments returns the data aspect ratio of the current axes.

`daspect([aspect_ratio])` sets the data aspect ratio in the current axes to the specified value. Specify the aspect ratio as three relative values representing the ratio of the *x*-, *y*-, and *z*-axis scaling (e.g., `[1 1 3]` means one unit in `x` is equal in length to one unit in `y` and three units in `z`).

`daspect('mode')` returns the current value of the data aspect ratio mode, which can be either `auto` (the default) or `manual`. See Remarks.

`daspect('auto')` sets the data aspect ratio mode to `auto`.

`daspect('manual')` sets the data aspect ratio mode to `manual`.

`daspect(axes_handle,...)` performs the set or query on the axes identified by the first argument, `axes_handle`. When you do not specify an axes handle, `daspect` operates on the current axes.

Remarks

`daspect` sets or queries values of the axes object `DataAspectRatio` and `DataAspectRatioMode` properties.

When the data aspect ratio mode is `auto`, the data aspect ratio adjusts so that each axis spans the space available in the figure window. If you are displaying a representation of a real-life object, you should set the data aspect ratio to `[1 1 1]` to produce the correct proportions.

Setting a value for data aspect ratio or setting the data aspect ratio mode to `manual` disables the MATLAB stretch-to-fill feature (stretching of the axes to fit the window). This means setting the data aspect ratio to a value, including its current value,

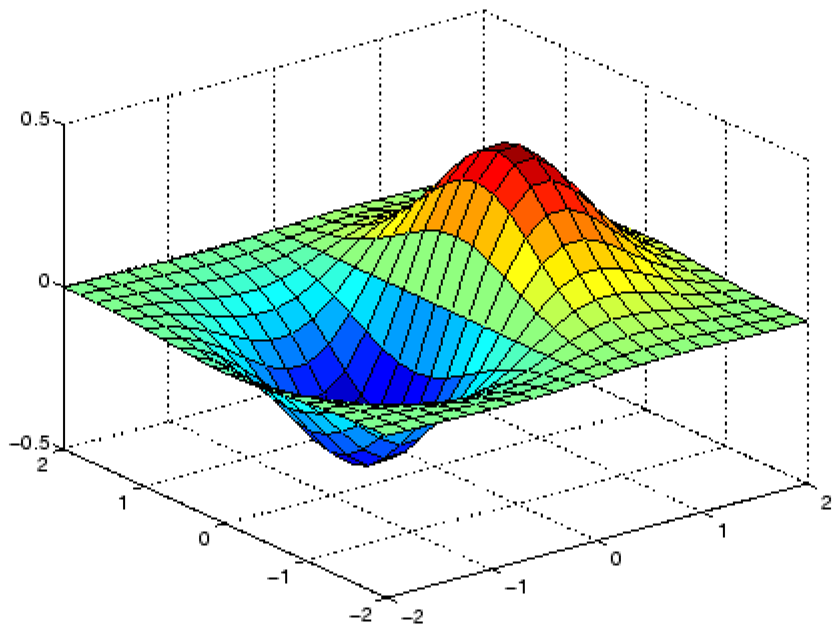
```
daspect(daspect)
```

can cause a change in the way the graphs look. See the Remarks section of the `axes` description for more information.

Examples

The following surface plot of the function $z = xe^{(-x^2 - y^2)}$ is useful to illustrate the data aspect ratio. First plot the function over the range $-2 \le x \le 2$, $-2 \le y \le 2$,

```
[x,y] = meshgrid([-2:.2:2]);
z = x.*exp(-x.^2 - y.^2);
surf(x,y,z)
```

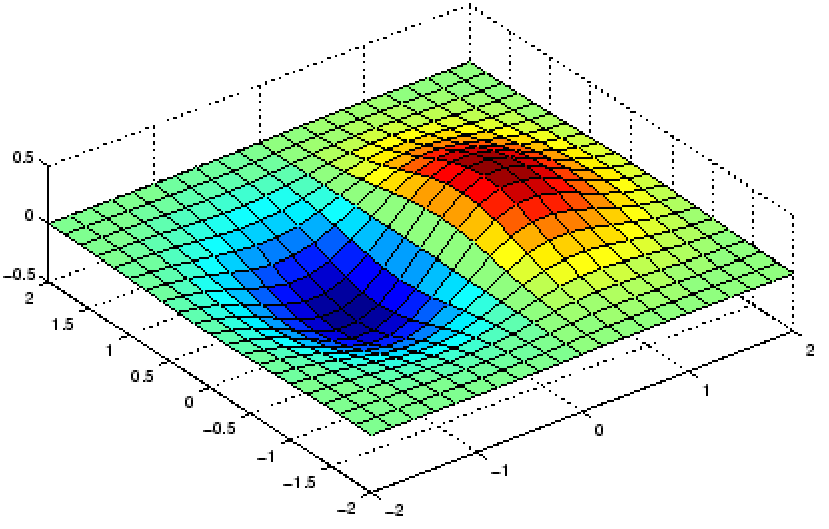


Querying the data aspect ratio shows how the surface is drawn.

```
daspect
ans =
     4   4   1
```

Setting the data aspect ratio to [1 1 1] produces a surface plot with equal scaling along each axis.

```
daspect([1 1 1])
```



See Also

axis, pbaspect, xlim, ylim, zlim

The axes properties DataAspectRatio, PlotBoxAspectRatio, XLim, YLim, ZLim

"Aspect Ratio and Axis Limits" on page 1-110 for related functions

"Understanding Axes Aspect Ratio" for more information

Purpose

Enable, disable, and manage interactive data cursor mode

Syntax

```
datacursormode on
datacursormode off
datacursormode
datacursormode toggle
datacursormode(figure_handle)
dcm_obj = datacursormode(figure_handle)
```

Description

`datacursormode on` enables data cursor mode on the current figure.

`datacursormode off` disables data cursor mode on the current figure.

`datacursormode` or `datacursormode toggle` toggles data cursor mode in the current figure.

`datacursormode(figure_handle)` enables or disables data cursor mode on the specified figure.

`dcm_obj = datacursormode(figure_handle)` returns the data cursor mode object for the figure. The object enables you to customize the data cursor. For more information on data cursor mode objects, see “Outputs” on page 2-1002. You cannot change the state of data cursor mode in a call to `datacursormode` that returns a mode object.

A *data cursor* is a small black square with a white border that you interactively position on a graph in data cursor mode. When you click a graphic object such as a line on a graph, a *data tip* appears. Data tips are small text boxes or windows that float within an axes that display data values at data cursor locations. The default style is a text box. Data tips list *x*-, *y*- and (where appropriate) *z*-values for one data point at a time. See “Examples” on page 2-1006 for an illustration of these two styles.

Usage

- Most types of graphs and 3-D plots support data cursor mode, but several do not (`pareto`, for example).
- Polar plots support data tips, but display Cartesian rather than polar coordinates on them.

- Histograms created with `hist` display specialized data tips that itemize the observation counts, lower and upper limits and center point for histogram bins.
- You place data tips only by clicking data objects on graphs. You cannot place them programmatically (by executing code to position a data cursor).
- When `DisplayStyle` is `datatip`, you can place multiple data tips on a graph. When `DisplayStyle` is `window`, it reports only the most recent data tip.
- `datacursormode off` exits data cursor mode but does not remove displayed data tips. However, if the `DisplayStyle` is `window`, the data tip window goes away.

Inputs

`figure_handle`

Optional handle of figure window

Default: The current figure

`state`

`''`, `'toggle'`, `'on'`, or `'off'`

Default: `'toggle'`

Outputs

`dcm_obj`

Use the object returned by `datacursormode` to control aspects of data cursor behavior. You can use the `set` and `get` commands to set and query object property values. You can customize how data cursor mode presents information by coding callback functions for these objects.

Parameter Name/Value Pairs for Data Cursor Mode Objects

The following parameters apply to objects returned by calls to `datacursormode`, not to the function itself.

`DisplayStyle`

`datatip | window`

Determines how the data cursor displays.

- `datatip` displays data cursor information in a small yellow text box attached to a black square marker at a data point you interactively select.
- `window` displays data cursor information for the data point you interactively select in a floating window within the figure.

Default: `datatip`

`Enable`

`on | off`

Specifies whether data cursor mode is currently enabled for the figure.

Default: `off`

`Figure`

handle

Handle of the figure associated with the data cursor mode object.

`SnapToDataVertex`

`on | off`

Specifies whether the data cursor snaps to the nearest data value or is located at the actual pointer position.

Default: `on`

`UpdateFcn`

function handle

Reference to a function that formats the text appearing in the data cursor. You can supply your own function to customize data tip display. Your function must include at least two arguments. The first argument is unused, and can be a variable name or tilde (~). The second argument passes the data cursor event object to your update function. The event object encapsulates the state of the data cursor. The following function definition illustrates the update function:

```
function output_txt = myfunction(~,event_obj)
% ~            Currently not used (empty)
% event_obj    Object containing event data structure
% output_txt   Data cursor text (string or cell array of strings)
```

`event_obj` is an object that has the following properties.

`Target`	Handle of the object the data cursor is referencing (the object which you click, for example, a line or a bar from a series)
`Position`	An array specifying the x, y (and z for 3-D graphs) coordinates of the cursor

You can query these properties within your function. For example,

```
pos = get(event_obj,'Position');
```

returns the coordinates of the cursor. Another way of accessing that data is to obtain the struct and query its `Position` field:

```
eventdata = get(event_obj);
pos = eventdata.Position;
```

You can also obtain the position directly from the object:

```
pos = event_obj.Position;
```

You can redefine the data cursor Updatefcn at run time. For example:

```
set(dcm_obj,'UpdateFcn',@myupdatefcn)
```

applies the function myupdatefcn to the current data tip or tips. When you set an update function in this way, the function must be on the MATLAB path. If instead you select the data cursor mode context menu item **Select text update function**, you can interactively select a function that is not on the path.

Do not redefine figure window callbacks, such as ButtonDownFcn, KeyPpressFcn, or CloseRequestFcn *while in data cursor mode*. If you attempt to change any *figure* callbacks when you are in an interactive mode, you receive a warning and the attempt fails. MATLAB interactive modes are:

- brush
- datacursormode
- pan
- rotate3d
- zoom

This restriction does not apply to changing the figure WindowButtonMotionFcn callback or uicontrol callbacks.

Querying Data Cursor Mode

Use the getCursorInfo function to query the data cursor mode object (dcm_obj in the update function syntax) to obtain information about the data cursor. For example,

```
info_struct = getCursorInfo(dcm_obj);
```

returns a vector of structures, one for each data cursor on the graph. Each structure has the following fields.

`Target`	The handle of the graphics object containing the data point
`Position`	An array specifying the x, y, (and z) coordinates of the cursor

Line and lineseries objects have an additional field.

`DataIndex`	A scalar index into the data arrays that correspond to the nearest data point. The value is the same for each array.

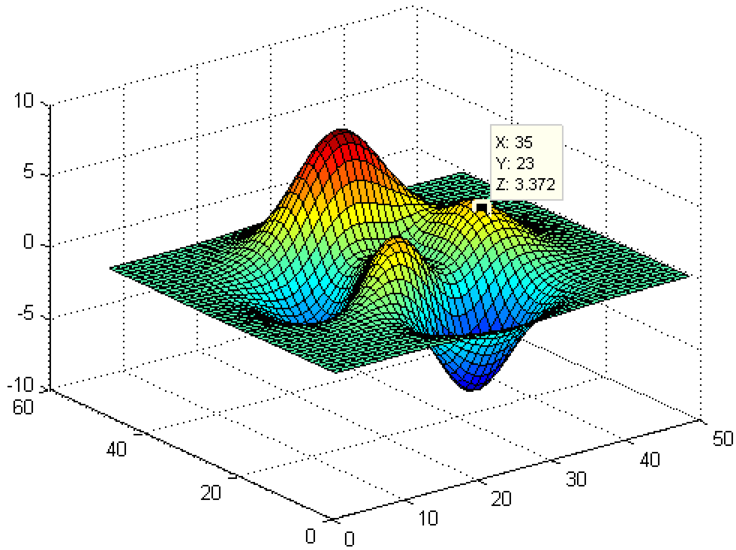
See "Outputs" on page 2-1002 for more details on data cursor mode objects.

Examples

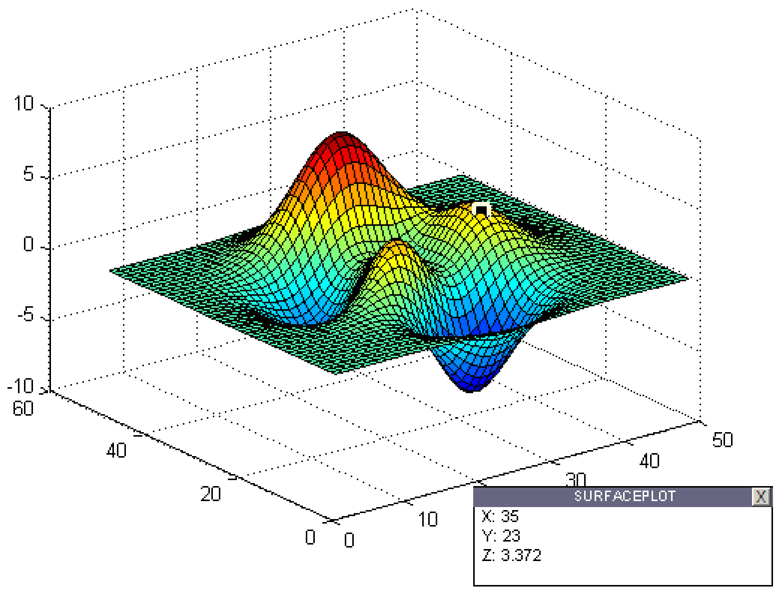
This example creates a plot and enables data cursor mode from the command line.

```
surf(peaks)
datacursormode on
% Click mouse on surface to display data cursor
```

Selecting a point on the surface opens a data tip displaying its x-, y-, and z-coordinates.



You change the data tip display style to be a window instead of a text box using the **Tools > Options > Display cursor in window** , or use the context menu **Display Style > Window inside figure** to view the data tip in a floating window that you can move around inside the axes.



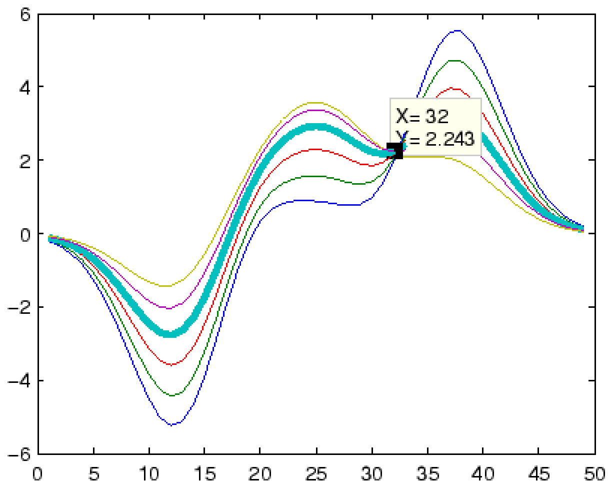
You can position multiple text box data tips on the same graph, the window style of data tip displays only one value at a time. For more information on interacting with data cursors, including point selection options and exporting data tips to the workspace, see “Data Cursor — Displaying Data Values Interactively”.

This example enables data cursor mode on the current figure and sets data cursor mode options. The following statements

- Create a graph
- Toggle data cursor mode to on
- Obtain the data cursor mode object, specify data tip options, and get the handle of the line the data tip occupies:

```
fig = figure;
z = peaks;
plot(z(:,30:35))
```

```
dcm_obj = datacursormode(fig);
set(dcm_obj,'DisplayStyle','datatip',...
    'SnapToDataVertex','off','Enable','on')

disp('Click on a line to display a data tip, then press Return.')
pause                            % Wait while the user does this.

c_info = getCursorInfo(dcm_obj);
set(c_info.Target,'LineWidth',2)  % Make selected line wider
```



This example shows you how to customize the text that the data cursor displays. For example, you can replace the text displayed in the data tip and data window (`x:` and `y:`) with `Time:` and `Amplitude:` by creating a simple update function.

Save the following functions in your current directory or any writable directory on the MATLAB path before running them. As they are functions, you cannot highlight them and then evaluate the selection to make them work.

Save this code as `doc_datacursormode.m`:

```
function doc_datacursormode
% Plots graph and sets up a custom data tip update function
fig = figure;
a = -16; t = 0:60;
plot(t,sin(a*t))
dcm_obj = datacursormode(fig);
set(dcm_obj,'UpdateFcn',@myupdatefcn)
```

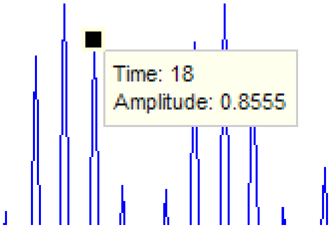
Save the following code as `myupdatefcn.m` on the MATLAB path:

```
function txt = myupdatefcn(empt,event_obj)
% Customizes text of data tips

pos = get(event_obj,'Position');
txt = {['Time: ',num2str(pos(1))],...
       ['Amplitude: ',num2str(pos(2))]};
```

To set up and use the update function, type:

```
doc_datacursormode
```

When you place a data tip using this update function, it looks like the one in the following figure.



Alternatives

Use the Data Cursor tool  to label *x*, *y*, and *z* values on graphs and surfaces. You can control how data tips display by right-clicking and selecting items from the context menu.

See Also

`brush` | `pan` | `rotate3d` | `zoom`

Tutorials

- "Data Cursor — Displaying Data Values Interactively"

How To

- "Example — Visually Exploring Demographic Statistics"
- "Using Data Cursors with Histograms"

datatipinfo

Purpose

Produce short description of input variable

Syntax

```
datatipinfo(var)
```

Description

`datatipinfo(var)` displays a short description of a variable, similar to what is displayed in a datatip in the MATLAB debugger.

Examples

Get datatip information for a 5-by-5 matrix:

```
A = rand(5);

datatipinfo(A)
A: 5x5 double =
    0.4445    0.3567    0.7458    0.0767    0.4400
    0.7962    0.6575    0.3918    0.8289    0.9746
    0.5641    0.9808    0.0265    0.4838    0.6722
    0.9099    0.9653    0.2508    0.4859    0.4054
    0.2857    0.5198    0.7383    0.9301    0.9604
```

Get datatip information for a 50-by-50 matrix. For this larger matrix, `datatipinfo` displays just the size and data type:

```
A = rand(50);

datatipinfo(A)
A: 50x50 double
```

Also for multidimensional matrices, `datatipinfo` displays just the size and data type:

```
A = rand(5);
A(:,:,2) = A(:,:,1);

datatipinfo(A)
A: 5x5x2 double
```

See Also

`inputname`, `nargchk`, `nargin`, `varargin`, `inputParser`

Purpose Current date string

Syntax

```
str = date
```

Description `str = date` returns a string containing the date in `dd-mmm-yyyy` format.

See Also `clock`, `datestr`, `datenum`, `now`

datenum

Purpose

Convert date and time to serial date number

Syntax

```
N = datenum(V)
N = datenum(S, F)
N = datenum(S, F, P)
N = datenum([S, P, F])
N = datenum(Y, M, D)
N = datenum(Y, M, D, H, MN, S)
N = datenum(S)
N = datenum(S, P)
```

Description

`datenum` is one of three conversion functions that enable you to express dates and times in any of three formats in your MATLAB application: a string (or *date string*), a vector of date and time components (or *date vector*), or as a numeric offset from a known date in time (or *serial date number*). Here is an example of a date and time expressed in the three MATLAB formats:

```
Date String:          '24-Oct-2003 12:45:07'
Date Vector:          [2003  10  24  12  45  07]
Serial Date Number:   7.3188e+005
```

A serial date number represents the whole and fractional number of days from a specific date and time, where `datenum('Jan-1-0000 00:00:00')` returns the number 1. (The year 0000 is merely a reference point and is not intended to be interpreted as a real year in time.)

Values outside the normal range of each unit are automatically carried to the next. For example, month values greater than 12 are carried to years. All units can wrap and have negative values, with the following caveats:

- Month values less than 1 are set to 1.
- Day values, `D`, less than 1 are set to the last day of the previous month minus `|D|`.

`N = datenum(V)` converts one or more date vectors `V` to serial date numbers `N`. Input `V` can be an `m`-by-6 or `m`-by-3 matrix containing `m` full or partial date vectors respectively. A full date vector has six elements, specifying year, month, day, hour, minute, and second, in that order. A partial date vector has three elements, specifying year, month, and day, in that order. Each element of `V` must be a positive double-precision number. `datenum` returns a column vector of `m` date numbers, where `m` is the total number of date vectors in `V`.

`N = datenum(S, F)` converts one or more date strings `S` to serial date numbers `N` using format string `F` to interpret each date string. Input `S` can be a one-dimensional character array or cell array of date strings. All date strings in `S` must have the same format, and that format must match one of the date string formats shown in the help for the `datestr` function. `datenum` returns a column vector of `m` date numbers, where `m` is the total number of date strings in `S`. MATLAB considers date string years that are specified with only two characters (e.g., `'79'`) to fall within 100 years of the current year.

See the `datestr` reference page to find valid string values for `F`. These values are listed in Table 1 in the column labeled "Dateform String." You can use any string from that column except for those that include the letter `Q` in the string (for example, '`QQ-YYYY`'). Certain formats may not contain enough information to compute a date number. In these cases, hours, minutes, seconds, and milliseconds default to 0, the month defaults to January, the day to 1, and the year to the current year.

`N = datenum(S, F, P)` converts one or more date strings `S` to date numbers `N` using format `F` and pivot year `P`. The pivot year is used in interpreting date strings that have the year specified as two characters. It is the starting year of the 100-year range in which a two-character date string year resides. The default pivot year is the current year minus 50 years.

`N = datenum([S, P, F])` is the same as the syntax shown above, except the order of the last two arguments are switched.

`N = datenum(Y, M, D)` returns the serial date numbers for corresponding elements of the `Y`, `M`, and `D` (year, month, day) arrays.

Y, M, and D must be arrays of the same size (or any can be a scalar) of type double. You can also specify the input arguments as a date vector, [Y M D].

N = datenum(Y, M, D, H, MN, S) returns the serial date numbers for corresponding elements of the Y, M, D, H, MN, and S (year, month, day, hour, minute, and second) array values. datenum does not accept milliseconds in a separate input, but as a fractional part of the seconds (S) input. Inputs Y, M, D, H, MN, and S must be arrays of the same size (or any can be a scalar) of type double. You can also specify the input arguments as a date vector, [Y M D H MN S].

N = datenum(S) converts date string S into a serial date number. String S must be in one of the date formats 0, 1, 2, 6, 13, 14, 15, 16, or 23, as defined in the reference page for the datestr function. MATLAB considers date string years that are specified with only two characters (e.g., '79') to fall within 100 years of the current year. If the format of date string S is known, use the syntax N = datenum(S, F).

N = datenum(S, P) converts date string S, using pivot year P. If the format of date string S is known, use the syntax N = datenum(S, F, P).

Note The last two calling syntaxes are provided for backward compatibility and are significantly slower than the syntaxes that include a format argument F.

Examples

Convert a date string to a serial date number:

```
n = datenum('19-May-2001', 'dd-mmm-yyyy')

n =
      730990
```

Specifying year, month, and day, convert a date to a serial date number:

```
n = datenum(2001, 12, 19)
```

```
n =
      731204
```

Convert a date vector to a serial date number:

```
format bank
datenum('March 28, 2005  3:37:07.033 PM')
ans =
     732399.65
```

Convert a date string to a serial date number using the default pivot year:

```
n = datenum('12-jun-17', 'dd-mmm-yy')

n =
      736858
```

Convert the same date string to a serial date number using 1400 as the pivot year:

```
n = datenum('12-jun-17', 'dd-mmm-yy', 1400)

n =
      517712
```

Specify format `'dd.mm.yyyy'` to be used in interpreting a nonstandard date string:

```
n = datenum('19.05.2000', 'dd.mm.yyyy')

n =
      730625
```

See Also

`datestr`, `datevec`, `date`, `clock`, `now`, `datetick`

datestr

Purpose

Convert date and time to string format

Syntax

```
S = datestr(V)
S = datestr(N)
S = datestr(D, F)
S = datestr(S1, F, P)
S = datestr(..., 'local')
```

Description

`datestr` is one of three conversion functions that enable you to express dates and times in any of three formats in your MATLAB application: a string (or *date string*), a vector of date and time components (or *date vector*), or as a numeric offset from a known date in time (or *serial date number*). Here is an example of a date and time expressed in the three MATLAB formats:

```
Date String:          '24-Oct-2003 12:45:07'
Date Vector:          [2003  10  24  12  45  07]
Serial Date Number:   7.3188e+005
```

A serial date number represents the whole and fractional number of days from 1-Jan-0000 to a specific date. The year 0000 is merely a reference point and is not intended to be interpreted as a real year in time.

Values outside the normal range of each unit are automatically carried to the next. For example, month values greater than 12 are carried to years. All units can wrap and have negative values, with the following caveats:

- Month values less than 1 are set to 1.
- Day values, `D`, less than 1 are set to the last day of the previous month minus `|D|`.

`S = datestr(V)` converts one or more date vectors `V` to date strings `S`. Input `V` must be an `m`-by-6 matrix containing `m` full (six-element) date vectors. Each element of `V` must be a positive double-precision number.

datestr returns a column vector of m date strings, where m is the total number of date vectors in V.

S = datestr(N) converts one or more serial date numbers N to date strings S. Input argument N can be a scalar, vector, or multidimensional array of positive double-precision numbers. datestr returns a column vector of m date strings, where m is the total number of date numbers in N.

S = datestr(D, F) converts one or more date vectors, serial date numbers, or date strings D into the same number of date strings S. Input argument F is a format number or string that determines the format of the date string output. Valid values for F are given in the table Standard MATLAB Date Format Definitions on page 2-1020, below. Input F may also contain a free-form date format string consisting of format tokens shown in the table Free-Form Date Format Specifiers on page 2-1022, below.

Date strings with 2-character years are interpreted to be within the 100 years centered around the current year.

S = datestr(S1, F, P) converts date string S1 to date string S, applying format F to the output string, and using pivot year P as the starting year of the 100-year range in which a two-character year resides. The default pivot year is the current year minus 50 years. All date strings in S1 must have the same format.

S = datestr(..., '**local**') returns the date string in the language of the current locale. This is the language you currently have selected by means of your computer's operating system. If you leave **local** out of the argument list, datestr returns the date string in the default language, which is US English. The **local** argument must come last in the argument sequence.

For example, in a French locale, calling datestr with '**local**' specified and format F set to mmmm-dd-yyyy returns Juin-11–2009. Making the same call, without specifying '**local**' defaults to the English language and thus returns June-11-2009.

Note The vectorized calling syntax can offer significant performance improvement for large arrays.

Standard MATLAB Date Format Definitions

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	'mmmyy'	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'	Q1-01
18	'QQ'	Q1

Standard MATLAB Date Format Definitions (Continued)

dateform (number)	dateform (string)	Example
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'	Q1-2001
28	'mmmyyyy'	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

Note `dateform` numbers 0, 1, 2, 6, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 23 produce a string suitable for input to `datenum` or `datevec`. Other date string formats do not work with these functions unless you specify a date form in the function call.

Note For date formats that specify only a time (i.e., `dateform` numbers `13`, `14`, `15`, and `16`), MATLAB sets the date to January 1 of the current year.

Time formats like `'h:m:s'`, `'h:m:s.s'`, `'h:m pm'`, ... can also be part of the input array `S`. If you do not specify a format string `F`, or if you specify `F` as `-1`, the date string format defaults to the following:

1	If `S` contains date information only, e.g., 01-Mar-1995
16	If `S` contains time information only, e.g., 03:45 PM
0	If `S` is a date vector, or a string that contains both date and time information, e.g., 01-Mar-1995 03:45

The following table shows the string symbols to use in specifying a free-form format for the output date string. MATLAB interprets these symbols according to your computer's language setting and the current MATLAB language setting.

Note You cannot use more than one format specifier for any date or time field. For example, `datestr(n, 'dddd dd mmmm')` specifies two formats for the day of the week, and thus returns an error.

Free-Form Date Format Specifiers

Symbol	Interpretation	Example
`yyyy`	Show year in full.	`1990`, `2002`
`yy`	Show year in two digits.	`90`, `02`
`mmmm`	Show month using full name.	`March`, `December`

Free-Form Date Format Specifiers (Continued)

Symbol	Interpretation	Example
mmm	Show month using first three letters.	Mar, Dec
mm	Show month in two digits.	03, 12
m	Show month using capitalized first letter.	M, D
dddd	Show day using full name.	Monday, Tuesday
ddd	Show day using first three letters.	Mon, Tue
dd	Show day in two digits.	05, 20
d	Show day using capitalized first letter.	M, T
HH	Show hour in two digits (no leading zeros when free-form specifier AM or PM is used (see last entry in this table)).	05, 5 AM
MM	Show minute in two digits.	12, 02
SS	Show second in two digits.	07, 59
FFF	Show millisecond in three digits.	.057
AM or PM	Append AM or PM to date string (see note below).	3:45:02 PM

Note Free-form specifiers AM and PM from the table above are identical. They do not influence which characters are displayed following the time (AM versus PM), but only whether or not they are displayed. MATLAB selects AM or PM based on the time entered.

Remarks

A vector of three or six numbers could represent either a single date vector, or a vector of individual serial date numbers. For example, the vector [2000 12 15 11 45 03] could represent either 11:45:03 on December 15, 2000 or a vector of date numbers 2000, 12, 15, etc.. MATLAB uses the following general rule in interpreting vectors associated with dates:

- A 3- or 6-element vector having a first element within an approximate range of 500 greater than or less than the current year is considered by MATLAB to be a date vector. Otherwise, it is considered to be a vector of serial date numbers.

To specify dates outside of this range as a date vector, first convert the vector to a serial date number using the datenum function as shown here:

```
datestr(datenum([1400 12 15 11 45 03]), ...
        'mmm.dd,yyyy HH:MM:SS')
ans =
   Dec.15,1400 11:45:03
```

To convert a nonstandard date form into a MATLAB date form, first convert the nonstandard date form to a date number, using either datenum or datevec.

Examples

Convert date vector v to a date string:

```
v = [2009, 4, 2, 11, 7, 18];

datestr(v)
```

```
ans =
   02-Apr-2009 11:07:18
```

Return the current date and time in a string using the default format, `0`:

```
datestr(now)

ans =
   28-Mar-2005 15:36:23
```

Format the current date in the `mm/dd/yy` format. Note that you can specify this format either by number or by string.

```
datestr(now, 2)     -or-     datestr(now, 'mm/dd/yy')

ans =
   03/28/05
```

This example uses several of the free-form format specifiers. Note the difference between the number of free-form specifiers (e.g., ’`dd`’, ’`ddd`’, ’`dddd`’) and the output:

```
str = 'Sept 13, 1986';
[datestr(str, 'ddd ') datestr(str, 'mmm dd, ''yy')]
ans =
   Sat Sep 13, '86

[datestr(str, 'dddd ') datestr(str, 'mmmm dd, yyyy')]
ans =
   Saturday September 13, 1986
```

Reformat the date and time, and also show milliseconds:

```
dt = datestr(now, 'mmmm dd, yyyy HH:MM:SS.FFF AM')
dt =
   March 28, 2005  3:37:07.952 PM
```

Change the pivot year and note the effect on the output:

```
datestr('4/16/55', 1, 1900)
ans =
   16-Apr-1955

datestr('4/16/55', 1, 2000)
ans =
   16-Apr-2055
```

The date below uses a nonstandard date form (month=13). Call `datenum` inside of `datestr` to get the correct return value:

```
datestr(datenum('13/24/88', 'mm/dd/yy'))
ans =
   24-Jan-1989
```

See Also

`datenum`, `datevec`, `date`, `clock`, `now`, `datetick`

Purpose

Date formatted tick labels

Syntax

```
datetick(tickaxis)
datetick(tickaxis,dateformat)
datetick(tickaxis,dateformnum)
datetick(...,'keeplimits')
datetick(...,'keepticks')
datetick(axes_handle,...)
```

Description

`datetick(tickaxis)` labels the tick lines of an axis using dates, replacing the default numeric labels. `tickaxis` is the string `'x'`, `'y'`, or `'z'`. The default is `'x'`. `datetick` selects a label format based on the minimum and maximum limits of the specified axis. The axis data values should be generated by or be compatible with the output of the `datenum` function.

`datetick(tickaxis,`*`dateformat`*`)` formats the labels according to the string *`dateformat`*. A date format string can consist of the following elements (or combinations of them), identified by the format symbols in the left-hand column.

Date Format	Interpretation of Format Symbol
`yyyy`	Full year, e.g., 1990, 2001, or 2008
`yy`	Partial year, e.g. 90, 01, or 08
`mmmm`	Full name of the month, according to the calendar locale, e.g., "March" or "April" in the UK and USA English locales
`mmm`	First three letters of the month, according to the calendar locale, e.g., "Mar" or "Apr" in the UK and USA English
`mm`	Numeric month of year, padded with leading zeros, e.g., ../03/.. or ../12/..

Date Format	Interpretation of Format Symbol
m	Capitalized first letter of the month, according to the calendar locale; for backwards compatibility, e.g., "D" for December
dddd	Full name of the weekday, according to the calendar locale, e.g., "Monday" or "Tuesday", for the UK and USA calendar locales
ddd	First three letters of the weekday, according to the calendar locale, e.g., "Mon" or "Tue", for the UK and USA calendar locales
dd	Numeric day of the month, padded with leading zeros, e.g., 05/../.. or 20/../..
d	Capitalized first letter of the weekday, e.g., "M" for Monday; for backwards compatibility
HH	Hour of the day, according to the time format. In case the time format AM | PM is set, HH does not pad with leading zeros. If AM | PM is not set, HH displays the hour of the day, padded with leading zeros; e.g., 10:20 PM, which is equivalent to 22:20; 9:00 AM, which is equivalent to 09:00.
MM	Minutes of the hour, padded with leading zeros, e.g., 10:05 or 10:05 AM
SS	Second of the minute, padded with leading zeros, e.g., 10:15:30, 10:05:30, 10:05:30 AM
FFF	Milliseconds field, padded with leading zeros, e.g., 10:15:30.015
PM	Setting the time format to morning or afternoon by appending AM or PM to the date string, as appropriate, without separating symbols

You can mix format symbols to create customized data symbols. For example:

```
datetick('x','dd (ddd)')
```

generates ticks along the *x*-axis that display the day of the month followed by the three-letter abbreviation of the day of the week in parentheses, for example, `01 (Wed)`. To preface each date tick with an abbreviated month name, you could specify

```
datetick('x','mmm-dd (ddd)')
```

to yield ticks such as `Apr-01 (Wed)`.

`datetick(tickaxis,`*`dateformnum`*`)` formats the labels according to the integer *`dateformnum`*, a date format index (see table). To produce correct results, the data for the specified axis must be serial date numbers (as produced by `datenum`).

Date Format Number	*dateformat* (string)	Example
0	'dd-mmm-yyyy HH:MM:SS'	01-Mar-2008 15:45:17
1	'dd-mmm-yyyy'	01-Mar-2008
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	'mmmyy'	Mar00

Date Format Number	*dateformat* (string)	Example
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 01
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'	Q1-2001
28	'mmmyyyy'	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

`datetick(...,'keeplimits')` changes the tick labels to date-based labels while preserving the axis limits.

`datetick(...,'keepticks')` changes the tick labels to date-based labels without changing their locations.

You can use both `keeplimits` and `keepticks` in the same call to `datetick`.

`datetick(axes_handle,...)` uses the axes specified by the handle `ax` instead of the current axes.

`datetick` calls `datestr` to convert date numbers to date strings.

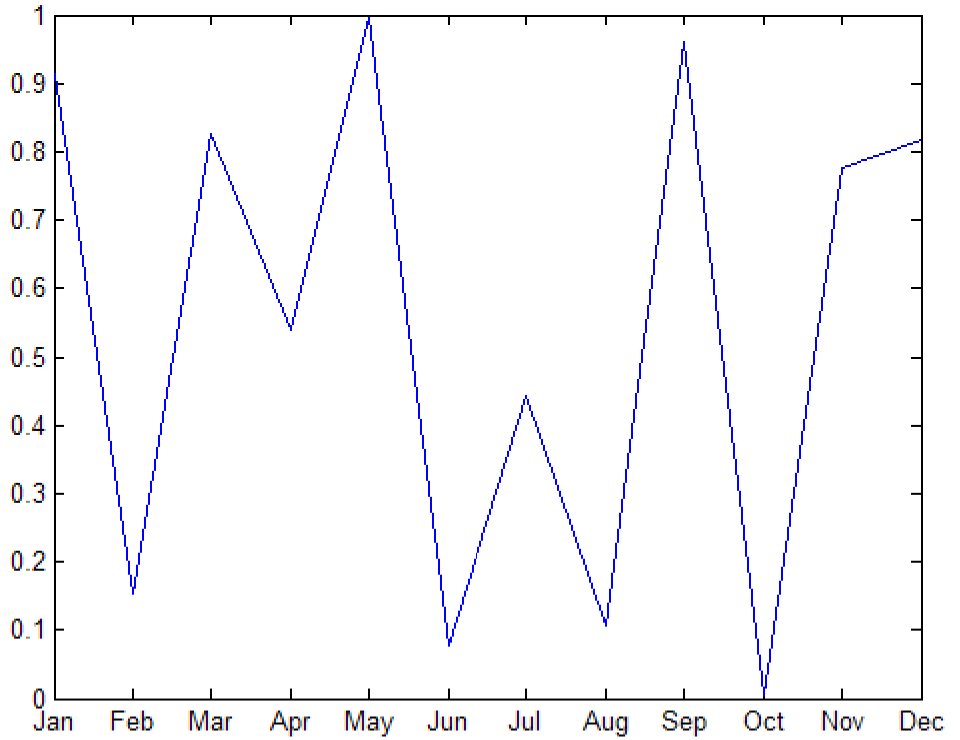
To change the tick spacing and locations, set the appropriate axes property (i.e., `XTick`, `YTick`, or `ZTick`) before calling `datetick`.

Calling `datetick` sets the `TickMode` of the specified axis to `'manual'`. This means that after zooming, panning or otherwise changing axis limits, you should call `datetick` again to update the ticks and labels.

Examples

Add month labels to your plot:

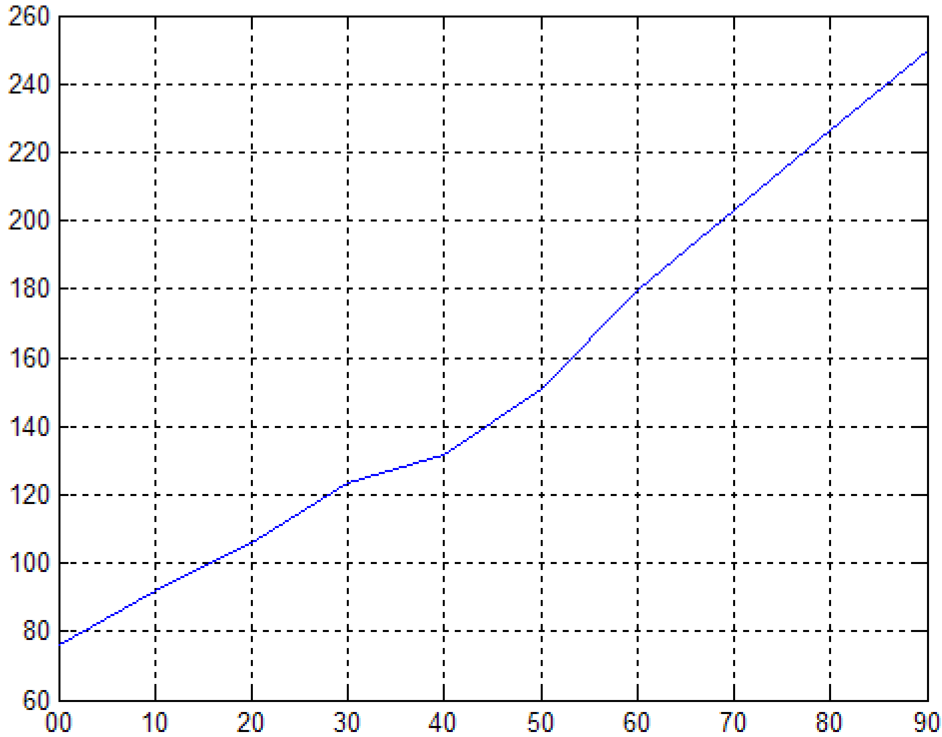
```
% Select a starting date:
startDate = datenum('01-01-2009')
% Select an ending date:
endDate = datenum('12-31-2009')
% Create xdata to correspond to the number of
% months between the start and end dates:
xData = linspace(startDate,endDate,12);
% For this example, plot random data:
plot(xData,rand(1,12))
% Set the number of XTicks to the number of points
% in xData:
set(gca,'XTick',xData)

% Convert the x tick labels to month names, keeping
% the total number of ticks by using the 'keepticks'
% option:
datetick('x','mmm','keepticks')
```



Graph population data for the 20th Century taken from the 1990 US census:

```
% Create time data by decade
t = (1900:10:1990)';
% Enter total population counts for the USA
p = [75.995 91.972 105.711 123.203 131.669 ...
 150.697 179.323 203.212 226.505 249.633]';
% Convert years to date numbers and plot
plot(datenum(t,1,1),p)
grid on
% Replace x-axis ticks with 2-digit years using date format 11
```

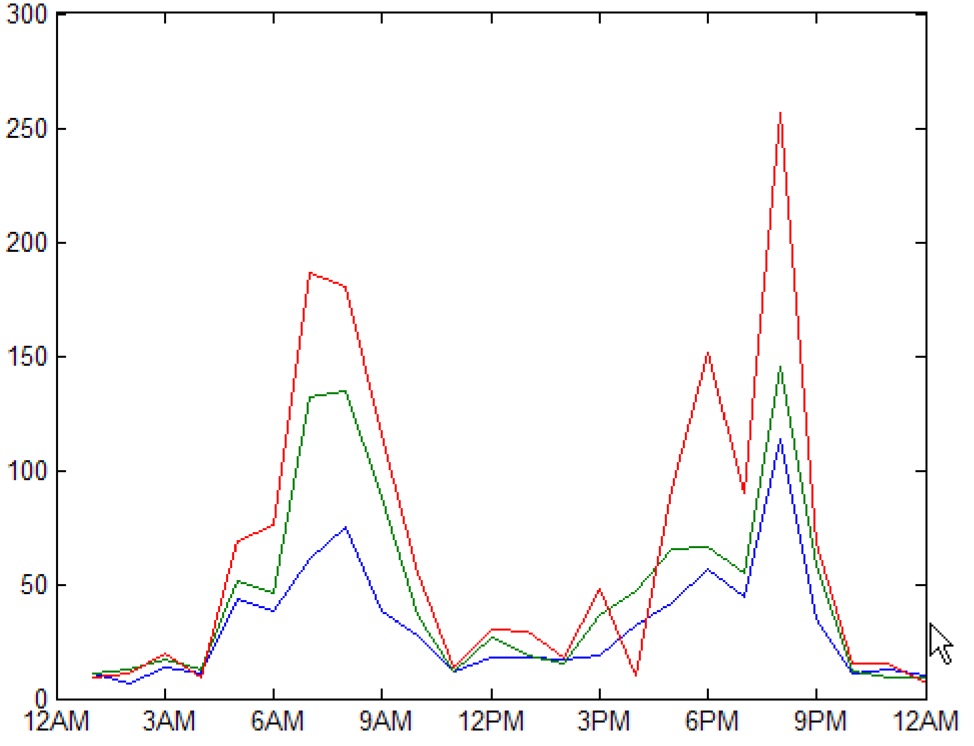
```
datetick('x',11)
```



Plot traffic count data against date ticks for hours of the day showing AM and PM.

```
% Get traffic count data
load count.dat
% Create arrays for an arbitrary date, here April 18, 1995
n = length(count);
year = 1990 * ones(1,n);
month = 4 * ones(1,n);
day = 18 * ones(1,n);
```

```
% Create arrays for each of 24 hours;
hour = 1:n;
minutes = zeros(1,n);
% Get the datenums for the data (only hours change)
xdate = datenum(year,month,day,hour,minutes,minutes);
% Plot the traffic data against datenums
plot(xdate,count)
% Update the graph's x-axis with date ticks
datetick('x','HHPM')
```



Create multiple plots within a single figure and manipulate their *x*-labels using the `datetick` function:

```
% Select a starting date:
startDate = datenum('01-01-2009');
% Select an ending date:
endDate = datenum('12-31-2009');
% Create xdata to correspond to the number of
% months between the start and end dates:
xData = linspace(startDate,endDate,12);
% For this example, plot random data:
s(1)=subplot(2,1,1);
plot(xData,rand(1,12))
s(2) = subplot(2,1,2);
plot(xData,rand(1,12))
% Set the number of XTicks to the number of points
% in xData:
set(s,'XTick',xData)
% Convert the x tick labels to month names, keeping
% the total number of ticks by using the 'keepticks'
% option:
for i = 1:2
    % Handle input must be a scalar.
    datetick(s(i),'x','mmm','keepticks')
end
```

See Also

`XTick` | `YTick` | `ZTick` | `datenum` | `datestr`

datevec

Purpose

Convert date and time to vector of components

Syntax

```
V = datevec(N)
V = datevec(S, F)
V = datevec(S, F, P)
V = datevec(S, P, F)
[Y, M, D, H, MN, S] = datevec(...)
V = datevec(S)
V = datevec(S, P)
```

Description

`datevec` is one of three conversion functions that enable you to express dates and times in any of three formats in your MATLAB application: a string (or *date string*), a vector of date and time components (or *date vector*), or as a numeric offset from a known date in time (or *serial date number*). Here is an example of a date and time expressed in the three MATLAB formats:

```
Date String:          '24-Oct-2003 12:45:07'
Date Vector:          [2003  10  24  12  45  07]
Serial Date Number:   7.3188e+005
```

A serial date number represents the whole and fractional number of days from 1-Jan-0000 to a specific date. The year 0000 is merely a reference point and is not intended to be interpreted as a real year in time.

Values outside the normal range of each unit are automatically carried to the next. For example, month values greater than 12 are carried to years. All units can wrap and have negative values, with the following caveats:

- Month values less than 1 are set to 1.
- Day values, `D`, less than 1 are set to the last day of the previous month minus `|D|`.

`V = datevec(N)` converts one or more date numbers `N` to date vectors `V`. Input argument `N` can be a scalar, vector, or multidimensional array of positive date numbers. `datevec` returns an `m`-by-6 matrix containing `m` date vectors, where `m` is the total number of date numbers in `N`.

`V = datevec(S, F)` converts one or more date strings `S` to date vectors `V` using format string `F` to interpret the date strings in `S`. Input argument `S` can be a cell array of strings or a character array where each row corresponds to one date string. All of the date strings in `S` must have the same format which must be composed of date format symbols according to the table "Free-Form Date Format Specifiers" in the `datestr` help. Formats with `'Q'` are not accepted by `datevec`. `datevec` returns an `m`-by-6 matrix of date vectors, where `m` is the number of date strings in S.

Certain formats may not contain enough information to compute a date vector. In those cases, hours, minutes, and seconds default to 0, days default to 1, months default to January, and years default to the current year. Date strings with two character years are interpreted to be within the 100 years centered around the current year.

`V = datevec(S, F, P)` converts the date string `S` to a date vector `V` using date format `F` and pivot year `P`. The pivot year is the starting year of the 100-year range in which a two-character year resides. The default pivot year is the current year minus 50 years.

`V = datevec(S, P, F)` is the same as the syntax shown above, except the order of the last two arguments are switched.

`[Y, M, D, H, MN, S] = datevec(...)` takes any of the two syntaxes shown above and returns the components of the date vector as individual variables. `datevec` does not return milliseconds in a separate output, but as a fractional part of the seconds (`S`) output.

`V = datevec(S)` converts date string `S` to date vector `V`. Input argument `S` must be in one of the date formats 0, 1, 2, 6, 13, 14, 15, 16, or 23 as defined in the reference page for the `datestr` function. This calling syntax is provided for backward compatibility, and is significantly slower than the syntax which specifies the format string. If the format is known, the `V = datevec(S, F)` syntax is recommended.

V = datevec(S, P) converts the date string S using pivot year P. If the format is known, the V = datevec(S, F, P) or V = datevec(S, P, F) syntax should be used.

Note If more than one input argument is used, the first argument must be a date string or array of date strings.

When creating your own date vector, you need not make the components integers. Any components that lie outside their conventional ranges affect the next higher component (so that, for instance, the anomalous June 31 becomes July 1). A zeroth month, with zero days, is allowed.

Note The vectorized calling syntax can offer significant performance improvement for large arrays.

Examples

Obtain a date vector using a string as input:

```
format short g

datevec('March 28, 2005  3:37:07.952 PM')
ans =
     2005       3       28       15       37       7.952
```

Obtain a date vector using a serial date number as input:

```
t = datenum('March 28, 2005  3:37:07.952 PM')
t =
     7.324e+005

datevec(t)
ans =
     2005       3       28       15       37       7.952
```

Assign elements of the returned date vector:

```
[y, m, d, h, mn, s] = datevec('March 28, 2005  3:37:07.952 PM');
sprintf('Date: %d/%d/%d   Time: %d:%d:%2.3f\n', m, d, y, h, mn, s)

ans =
   Date: 3/28/2005   Time: 15:37:7.952
```

Use free-form date format 'dd.mm.yyyy' to indicate how you want a nonstandard date string interpreted:

```
datevec('28.03.2005', 'dd.mm.yyyy')

ans = 2005   3   28   0  0  0
```

See Also

datenum, datestr, date, clock, now, datetick

dbclear

Purpose

Clear breakpoints

GUI Alternatives

In the Editor, click  to clear a breakpoint, or  to clear all breakpoints. For details, see "Disabling and Clearing Breakpoints".

Syntax

```
dbclear all
dbclear in file ...
dbclear if error ...
dbclear if warning ...
dbclear if naninf
dbclear if infnan
```

Description

`dbclear all` removes all breakpoints in all MATLAB code files, as well as breakpoints set for errors, caught errors, caught error identifiers, warnings, warning identifiers, and `naninf/infnan`.

`dbclear in file ...` formats are listed here:

Format	Action
`dbclear in file`	Removes all breakpoints in `file. file` must be the name of a MATLAB program file, and can include a MATLAB partial path. If the command includes the `-completenames` option, then `file` need not be on the path, as long as it is a fully qualified file name. (On Microsoft Windows platforms, this is a file name that begins with `\\` or with a drive `%` letter followed by a colon. On UNIX platforms, this is a file name that begins with `/` or ~.) `file` can include a `>` to specify the path to a particular subfunction or to a nested function within a code file.
`dbclear in file at lineno`	Removes the breakpoint set at line number `lineno` in `file`.
`dbclear in file at lineno@`	Removes the breakpoint set in the anonymous function at line number `lineno` in `file.`

Format	Action
`dbclear in file at lineno@n`	Removes the breakpoint set in the `n` the anonymous function at line number `lineno` in `file`.
`dbclear in file at subfun`	Removes all breakpoints in subfunction `subfun` in `file`.

`dbclear if error ...` formats are listed here:

Format	Action
`dbclear if error`	Removes the breakpoints set using the `dbstop if error` and `dbstop if error identifier` statements.
`dbclear if error identifier`	Removes the breakpoint set using `dbstop if error identifier` for the specified `identifier`. Running this produces an error if `dbstop if error` or `dbstop if error all` is set.
`dbclear if caught error`	Removes the breakpoints set using the `dbstop if caught error` and `dbstop if caught error identifier` statements.
`dbclear if caught error identifier`	Removes the breakpoints set using the `dbstop if caught error identifier` statement for the specified identifier. Running this produces an error if `dbstop if caught error` or `dbstop if caught error all` is set.

`dbclear if warning ...` formats are listed here:

`dbclear if warning`	Removes the breakpoints set using the `dbstop if warning` and `dbstop if warning identifier` statements.
`dbclear if warning identifier`	Removes the breakpoint set using `dbstop if warning identifier` for the specified `identifier`. Running this produces an error if `dbstop if warning` or `dbstop if warning all` is set.

`dbclear if naninf` removes the breakpoint set by `dbstop if naninf` or `dbstop if infnan`.

`dbclear` **`if infnan`** removes the breakpoint set by `dbstop` **`if infnan`** or `dbstop` **`if naninf`**.

Remarks

The **`at`** and **`in`** keywords are optional.

In the syntax, `file` can be a MATLAB program file, or the path to a function within a file. For example

```
dbclear in foo>myfun
```

clears the breakpoint at the `myfun` function in the file `foo.m` on Windows platforms.

See Also

`dbcont`, `dbdown`, `dbquit`, `dbstack`, `dbstatus`, `dbstep`, `dbstop`, `dbtype`, `dbup`, `filemarker`

Purpose

Resume execution

GUI Alternatives

Select **Debug > Continue** from most desktop tools, or in the Editor, click .

Syntax

```
dbcont
```

Description

`dbcont` resumes execution of a MATLAB code file from a breakpoint. Execution continues until another breakpoint is encountered, a pause condition is met, an error occurs, or MATLAB software returns to the base workspace prompt.

Note If you want to edit a file as a result of debugging, it is best to first quit debug mode and then edit and save changes to the file. If you edit a file while paused in debug mode, you can get unexpected results when you resume execution of the file and the results might not be reliable.

See Also

`dbclear`, `dbdown`, `dbquit`, `dbstack`, `dbstatus`, `dbstep`, `dbstop`, `dbtype`, `dbup`

Purpose Reverse workspace shift performed by `dbup`, while in debug mode

GUI Alternatives Use the **Stack** field 

in the Editor or in the Workspace browser.

Syntax

```
dbdown
```

Description `dbdown` changes the current workspace context to the workspace of the called MATLAB code file when a breakpoint is encountered. You must have issued the `dbup` function at least once before you issue this function. `dbdown` is the opposite of `dbup`.

Multiple `dbdown` functions change the workspace context to each successively executed MATLAB code file on the stack until the current workspace context is the current breakpoint. It is not necessary, however, to move back to the current breakpoint to continue execution or to step to the next line.

See Also `dbclear`, `dbcont`, `dbquit`, `dbstack`, `dbstatus`, `dbstep`, `dbstop`, `dbtype`, `dbup`

Purpose

Numerically evaluate double integral over rectangle

Syntax

```
q = dblquad(fun,xmin,xmax,ymin,ymax)
q = dblquad(fun,xmin,xmax,ymin,ymax,tol)
q = dblquad(fun,xmin,xmax,ymin,ymax,tol,method)
```

Description

`q = dblquad(fun,xmin,xmax,ymin,ymax)` calls the `quad` function to evaluate the double integral `fun(x,y)` over the rectangle `xmin <= x <= xmax`, `ymin <= y <= ymax`. `fun` is a function handle. See "Function Handles" in the MATLAB Programming documentation for more information. `fun(x,y)` must accept a vector `x` and a scalar `y` and return a vector of values of the integrand.

"Parameterizing Functions", in the MATLAB Mathematics documentation, explains how to provide additional parameters to the function `fun`, if necessary.

`q = dblquad(fun,xmin,xmax,ymin,ymax,tol)` uses a tolerance `tol` instead of the default, which is `1.0e-6`.

`q = dblquad(fun,xmin,xmax,ymin,ymax,tol,method)` uses the quadrature function specified as `method`, instead of the default `quad`. Valid values for `method` are `@quadl` or the function handle of a user-defined quadrature method that has the same calling sequence as `quad` and `quadl`.

Example

Pass function handle `@integrnd` to `dblquad`:

```
Q = dblquad(@integrnd,pi,2*pi,0,pi);
```

where the M-file `integrnd.m` is

```
function z = integrnd(x, y)
z = y*sin(x)+x*cos(y);
```

Pass anonymous function handle `F` to `dblquad`:

```
F = @(x,y)y*sin(x)+x*cos(y);
Q = dblquad(F,pi,2*pi,0,pi);
```

The integrnd function integrates y*sin(x)+x*cos(y) over the square pi <= x <= 2*pi, 0 <= y <= pi. Note that the integrand can be evaluated with a vector x and a scalar y.

Nonsquare regions can be handled by setting the integrand to zero outside of the region. For example, the volume of a hemisphere is

```
dblquad(@(x,y)sqrt(max(1-(x.^2+y.^2),0)), -1, 1, -1, 1)
```

or

```
dblquad(@(x,y)sqrt(1-(x.^2+y.^2)).*(x.^2+y.^2<=1), -1, 1, -1, 1)
```

See Also

quad2d, quad, quadgk, quadl, triplequad, function_handle (@), “Anonymous Functions”

Purpose

Enable MEX-file debugging (on UNIX platforms)

Syntax

```
dbmex on
dbmex off
dbmex stop
```

dbmex

Description

`dbmex on` enables MEX-file debugging for UNIX[1] platforms.

To use this option, first start the MATLAB software from a debugger by typing `matlab -Ddebugger`, where `debugger` is the name of the debugger program. You must invoke `dbmex on` before calling your MEX-file. If you have already loaded the MEX-file, use the `clear` function to remove it from memory.

`dbmex off` disables MEX-file debugging.

`dbmex stop` returns to the debugger prompt.

Remarks

For more information about debugging MEX-files, see the Technical Support solution `1-17ZOR` at `http://www.mathworks.com/support/solutions/data/1-17ZOR.html`.

See Also

`dbclear`, `dbcont`, `dbdown`, `dbquit`, `dbstack`, `dbstatus`, `dbstep`, `dbstop`, `dbtype`, `dbup`

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Purpose

Quit debug mode

GUI Alternative

From most desktop tools, select **Debug > Exit Debug Mode**, or in the Editor, click .

Syntax

```
dbquit
dbquit('all')
dbquit all
```

Description

`dbquit` terminates debug mode. The Command Window then displays the standard prompt (>>). The file being processed is *not* completed and no results are returned. All breakpoints remain in effect.

If you debug `file1` and step into `file2`, running `dbquit` terminates debugging for both files. However, if you debug `file3` and also debug `file4`, running `dbquit` terminates debugging for `file4`, but `file3` remains in debug mode until you run `dbquit` again.

`dbquit('all')` or the command form, `dbquit all`, ends debugging for all files at once.

Examples

This example illustrates the use of `dbquit` relative to `dbquit('all')`. Set breakpoints in and run `file1` and `file2`:

```
>> dbstop in file1
>> dbstop in file2
>> file1
K>> file2
K>> dbstack
```

MATLAB software returns

```
K>> dbstack
  In file1 at 11
  In file2 at 22
```

If you use the `dbquit` syntax

```
K>> dbquit
```

MATLAB ends debugging for `file2` but `file1` is still in debug mode as shown here

```
K>> dbstack
    in file1 at 11
```

Run `dbquit` again to exit debug mode for `file1`.

Alternatively, `dbquit('all')` ends debugging for both files at once:

```
K>> dbstack
  In file1 at 11
  In file2 at 22
dbquit('all')
dbstack
```

returns no result.

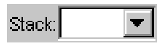
See Also

`dbclear`, `dbcont`, `dbdown`, `dbstack`, `dbstatus`, `dbstep`, `dbstop`, `dbtype`, `dbup`

Purpose

Function call stack

GUI Alternative

Use the **Stack** field 

in the Editor or in the Workspace browser.

Syntax

```
dbstack
dbstack(n)
dbstack('-completenames')
[ST,I] = dbstack(...)
```

Description

`dbstack` displays the line numbers and file names of the function calls that led to the current breakpoint, listed in the order in which they were executed. The display lists the line number of the most recently executed function call (at which the current breakpoint occurred) first, followed by its calling function, which is followed by its calling function, and so on. This continues until the topmost MATLAB function is reached. Each line number is a hyperlink you can click to go directly to that line in the Editor. The notation `functionname>subfunctionname` is used to describe the subfunction location.

`dbstack(n)` omits the first `n` frames from the display. This is useful when issuing a `dbstack` from within an error handler, for example.

`dbstack('`**`-completenames`**`')` outputs the “complete name“ (the absolute file name and the entire sequence of functions that nests the function in the stack frame) of each function in the stack.

Either none, one, or both `n` and `'`**`-completenames`**`'` can appear. If both appear, the order is irrelevant.

`[ST,I] = dbstack(...)` returns the stack trace information in an `m`-by-`1` structure, `ST`, with the fields:

`file`	The file in which the function appears. This field is the empty string if there is no file.
`name`	Function name within the file.
`line`	Function line number.

The current workspace index is returned in `I`.

If you step past the end of a file, `dbstack` returns a negative line number value to identify that special case. For example, if the last line to be executed is line `15`, then the `dbstack` line number is `15` before you execute that line and `-15` afterwards.

Remarks

In addition to using `dbstack` while debugging, you can also use `dbstack` within a MATLAB code file outside the context of debugging. In this case, to get and analyze information about the current file stack. For example, to get the name of the calling file, use `dbstack` with an output argument within the file being called. For example:

```
st=dbstack;
```

Examples

This example shows the information returned when you issue `dbstack` while debugging a MATLAB code file:

```
dbstack

In /usr/local/matlab/toolbox/matlab/cond.m at line 13
In test1.m at line 2
In test.m at line 3
```

This example shows the information returned when you issue `dbstack` while debugging `lengthofline.m` to get the complete name of the file, the function name, and line number in which the function appears:

```
[ST,I] = dbstack('-completenames')
ST =
    file: 'I:\MATLABFiles\mymfiles\lengthofline.m'
    name: 'lengthofline'
    line: 28
I =
     1
```

See Also

`dbclear`, `dbcont`, `dbdown`, `dbquit`, `dbstatus`, `dbstep`, `dbstop`, `dbtype`, `dbup`, `evalin`, `mfilename`, `whos`

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dbstatus

Purpose

List all breakpoints

GUI Alternative

Breakpoint line numbers are displayed graphically via the breakpoint icons when the file is open in the Editor.

Syntax

```
dbstatus
dbstatus file
dbstatus( -completenames )
s = dbstatus(...)
```

Description

`dbstatus` lists all the breakpoints in effect including errors, caught errors, warnings, and `naninfs`.

`dbstatus file` displays a list of the line numbers for which breakpoints are set in the specified file, where `file` is a MATLAB code file function name or a MATLAB relative partial path. Each line number is a hyperlink you can click to go directly to that line in the Editor.

`dbstatus( -completenames )` displays, for each breakpoint, the absolute file name and the sequence of functions that nest the function containing the breakpoint.

`s = dbstatus(...)` returns breakpoint information in an `m`-by-`1` structure with the fields listed in the following table. Use this syntax to save breakpoint status and restore it at a later time using `dbstop(s)`—see `dbstop` for an example.

`name`	Function name.
`file`	Full path for file containing breakpoints.
`line`	Vector of breakpoint line numbers.
`anonymous`	Vector of integers representing the anonymous functions in the `line` field. For example, `2` means the second anonymous function in that line. A value of `0` means the breakpoint is at the start of the line, not in an anonymous function.

expression	Cell vector of breakpoint conditional expression strings corresponding to lines in the `line` field.
cond	Condition string (`'error'`, `'caught error'`, `'warning'`, or `'naninf'`).
identifier	When `cond` is `'error'`, `'caught error'`, or `'warning'`, a cell vector of MATLAB message identifier strings for which the particular `cond` state is set.

Use `dbstatus class/function`, `dbstatus private/function`, or `dbstatus class/private/function` to determine the status for methods, private functions, or private methods (for a class named `class`).

In all forms you can further qualify the function name with a subfunction name, as in `dbstatus function>subfunction`.

Remarks

In the syntax, `file` can be a file, or the path to a function within a file. For example

```
Breakpoint for foo>mfun is on line 9
```

means there is a breakpoint at the `myfun` subfunction, which is line 9 in the file `foo.m`.

See Also

`dbclear`, `dbcont`, `dbdown`, `dbquit`, `dbstack`, `dbstep`, `dbstop`, `dbtype`, `dbup`, `error`, `warning`

dbstep

Purpose

Execute one or more lines from current breakpoint

GUI Alternatives

As an alternative to `dbstep`, you can select **Debug > Step** or **Step In** in most desktop tools, or click the Step or Step In buttons on the Editor toolbar.

Syntax

```
dbstep
dbstep nlines
dbstep in
dbstep out
```

Description

This function allows you to debug a MATLAB code file by following its execution from the current breakpoint. At a breakpoint, the `dbstep` function steps through execution of the current file one line at a time or at the rate specified by `nlines`.

`dbstep` executes the next executable line of the current file. `dbstep` steps over the current line, skipping any breakpoints set in functions called by that line.

`dbstep nlines` executes the specified number of executable lines.

`dbstep` **`in`** steps to the next executable line. If that line contains a call to another MATLAB code file function, execution will step to the first executable line of the called function. If there is no call to a MATLAB code file on that line, `dbstep in` is the same as `dbstep`.

`dbstep` **`out`** runs the rest of the function and stops just after leaving the function.

For all forms, MATLAB software also stops execution at any breakpoint it encounters.

Note If you want to edit a file as a result of debugging, it is best to first quit debug mode and then edit and save changes to the file. If you edit a file while paused in debug mode, you can get unexpected results when you resume execution of the file and the results might not be reliable.

See Also

`dbclear`, `dbcont`, `dbdown`, `dbquit`, `dbstack`, `dbstatus`, `dbstop`, `dbtype`, `dbup`

dbstop

Purpose Set breakpoints

GUI Alternative Use the **Debug** menu in most desktop tools, or the context menu in Editor. See “Setting Breakpoints”.

Syntax

```
dbstop in mfile ...
dbstop in nonmfile
dbstop if error ...
dbstop if warning ...
dbstop if naninf
dbstop if infnan
dbstop(s)
```

Description `dbstop in mfile ...` formats are listed here:

Format	Action	Additional Information
`dbstop in mfile`	Temporarily stops execution of the running `mfile` at the first executable line, putting MATLAB software in debug mode. `mfile` must be the name of a MATLAB program file, and can include a MATLAB partial path. If the command includes the `-completenames` option, then `mfile` need not be on the path, as long as it is a fully qualified file name. (On Microsoft Windows, this is a file name that begins with `\\` or with a drive `%` letter followed by a colon. On UNIX platforms, this is a file name that begins with `/` or `~`.) `mfile` can include a `>` to specify the path to a particular subfunction or to	If you have graphical debugging enabled, the MATLAB Debugger opens with a breakpoint at the first executable line of `mfile`. You can then use the debugging utilities, review the workspace, or issue any valid MATLAB function. Use `dbcont` or `dbstep` to resume execution of `mfile`. Use `dbquit` to exit from debug mode.

Format	Action	Additional Information
	a nested function within a MATLAB program file. The **in** keyword is optional.	
dbstop **in** mfile **at** lineno	Temporarily stops execution of running mfile just prior to execution of the line whose number is lineno, putting MATLAB in debug mode. If that line is not executable, execution stops and the breakpoint is set at the next executable line following lineno. mfile must be in a folder that is on the search path, or in the current folder. The **at** keyword is optional.	If you have graphical debugging enabled, MATLAB opens mfile with a breakpoint at line lineno. When execution stops, you can use the debugging utilities, review the workspace, or issue any valid MATLAB function. Use dbcont or dbstep to resume execution of mfile. Use dbquit to exit from debug mode
dbstop **in** mfile **at** lineno@	Stops just after any call to the first anonymous function in the specified line number in mfile.	
dbstop **in** mfile **at** lineno@n	Stops just after any call to the nth anonymous function in the specified line number in mfile.	
dbstop **in** mfile **at** subfun	Temporarily stops execution of running mfile just prior to execution of the subfunction subfun, putting MATLAB in debug mode. mfile must be in a folder that is on the search path, or in the current folder.	If you have graphical debugging enabled, MATLAB opens mfile with a breakpoint at the subfunction subfun. You can then use the debugging utilities, review the workspace, or issue any valid MATLAB function. Use dbcont or dbstep to resume execution of mfile. Use dbquit to exit from debug mode.

Format	Action	Additional Information
`dbstop` **`in`** `mfile` **`at`** `lineno` **`if`** `expression`	Temporarily stops execution of running `mfile`, just prior to execution of the line whose number is `lineno`, putting MATLAB in debug mode. Execution stops only if expression evaluates to `true`. `expression` is evaluated (as if by `eval`), in `mfile`'s workspace when the breakpoint is encountered, and must evaluate to a scalar logical value (`1` or `0` for true or false). If that line is not executable, execution stops and the breakpoint is set at the next executable line following `lineno`. `mfile` must be in a folder that is on the search path, or in the current folder.	If you have graphical debugging enabled, MATLAB opens `mfile` with a breakpoint at line `lineno`. When execution stops, you can use the debugging utilities, review the workspace, or issue any valid MATLAB function. Use `dbcont` or `dbstep` to resume execution of `mfile`. Use `dbquit` to exit from debug mode.
`dbstop` **`in`** `mfile` **`at`** `lineno@` **`if`** `expression`	Stops just after any call to the first anonymous function in the specified line number in `mfile` if `expression` evaluates to logical `1` (true).	
`dbstop` **`in`** `mfile` **`at`** `lineno@n` **`if`** `expression`	Stops just after any call to the `n`th anonymous function in the specified line number in `mfile` if `expression` evaluates to logical `1` (true).	

Format	Action	Additional Information
`dbstop` **`in`** `mfile` **`if`** `expression`	Temporarily stops execution of running `mfile`, at the first executable line, putting MATLAB in debug mode. Execution stops only if `expression` evaluates to logical `1` (true). `expression` is evaluated (as if by `eval`), in `mfile`'s workspace when the breakpoint is encountered, and must evaluate to a scalar logical value (`0` or `1` for true or false). `mfile` must be in a folder on the search path, or in the current folder	If you have graphical debugging enabled, MATLAB opens `mfile` with a breakpoint at the first executable line of `mfile`. You can then use the debugging utilities, review the workspace, or issue any valid MATLAB function. Use `dbcont` or `dbstep` to resume execution of `mfile`. Use `dbquit` to exit from debug mode.
`dbstop` **`in`** `mfile` **`at`** `subfun` **`if`** `expression`	Temporarily stops execution of running `mfile`, just prior to execution of the subfunction `subfun`, putting MATLAB in debug mode. Execution stops only if `expression` evaluates to logical `1` (true). `expression` is evaluated (as if by `eval`), in `mfile`'s workspace when the breakpoint is encountered, and must evaluate to a scalar logical value (`0` or `1` for true or false). `mfile` must be in a folder on the search path, or in the current folder	If you have graphical debugging enabled, MATLAB opens `mfile` with a breakpoint at the subfunction specified by `subfun`. You can then use the debugging utilities, review the workspace, or issue any valid MATLAB function. Use `dbcont` or `dbstep` to resume execution of `mfile`. Use `dbquit` to exit from debug mode.

`dbstop` **`in`** `nonmfile` temporarily stops execution of the running program file at the point where `nonmfile` is called. This puts MATLAB in debug mode, where `nonmfile` is, for example, a built-in or MDL-file. MATLAB issues a warning because it cannot actually stop *in* the file;

rather MATLAB stops prior to the file's execution. Once stopped, you can examine values and code around that point in the execution. Use `dbstop in nonmfile` with caution because the debugger stops in program files it uses for running and debugging if they contain `nonmfile`. As a result, some debugging features do not operate as expected, such as typing `help functionname` at the `K>>` prompt.

`dbstop` **`if error ...`** formats are listed here:

Format	Action
`dbstop` **`if error`**	Stops execution when any MATLAB program file you subsequently run produces a run-time error, putting MATLAB in debug mode, paused at the line that generated the error. The errors that stop execution do not include run-time errors that are detected within a `try...catch` block. You cannot resume execution after an uncaught run-time error. Use `dbquit` to exit from debug mode.
`dbstop` **`if error`** `identifier`	Stops execution when any MATLAB program file you subsequently run produces a run-time error whose message identifier is `identifier`, putting MATLAB in debug mode, paused at the line that generated the error. The errors that stop execution do not include run-time errors that are detected within a `try...catch` block. You cannot resume execution after an uncaught run-time error. Use `dbquit` to exit from debug mode.
`dbstop` **`if caught error`**	Stops execution when any MATLAB program file you subsequently run produces a run-time error, putting MATLAB in debug mode, paused at the line in the `try` portion of the block that generated the error. The errors that stop execution are those detected within a `try...catch` block.
`dbstop` **`if caught error`** `identifier`	Stops execution when any MATLAB program file you subsequently run produces a run-time error whose message identifier is `identifier`, putting MATLAB in debug mode, paused at the line in the `try` portion of the block that generated the error. The errors that stop execution are those detected within a `try...catch` block.

`dbstop` **`if warning ...`** formats are listed here:

Format	Action
`dbstop` **`if warning`**	Stops execution when any MATLAB program file you subsequently run produces a run-time warning, putting MATLAB in debug mode, paused at the line that generated the warning. Use `dbcont` or `dbstep` to resume execution.
`dbstop` **`if warning`** `identifier`	Stops execution when any MATLAB program file you subsequently run produces a runtime warning whose message identifier is `identifier`, putting MATLAB in debug mode, paused at the line that generated the warning. Use `dbcont` or `dbstep` to resume execution.

`dbstop` **`if naninf`** or `dbstop` **`if infnan`** stops execution when any MATLAB program file you subsequently run produces an infinite value (`Inf`) or a value that is not a number (`NaN`) as a result of an operator, function call, or scalar assignment, putting MATLAB in debug mode, paused immediately after the line where `Inf` or `NaN` was encountered. For convenience, you can use either **`naninf`** or **`infnan`**—they perform in exactly the same manner. Use `dbcont` or `dbstep` to resume execution. Use `dbquit` to exit from debug mode.

`dbstop(s)` restores breakpoints previously saved to the structure `s` using `s=dbstatus`. The files for which the breakpoints have been saved need to be on the search path or in the current folder. In addition, because the breakpoints are assigned by line number, the lines in the file need to be the same as when the breakpoints were saved, or the results are unpredictable. See the example "Restore Saved Breakpoints" on page 2-1066 and `dbstatus` for more information.

Remarks

Note that MATLAB could become nonresponsive if it stops at a breakpoint while displaying a modal dialog box or figure that your program file creates. In that event, use **Ctrl+C** to go the MATLAB prompt.

To open the program file in the Editor when execution reaches a breakpoint, select **Debug > Open Files When Debugging**.

To stop at each pass through a for loop, do not set the breakpoint at the for statement. For example, in

```
for n = 1:10
    m = n+1;
end
```

MATLAB executes the `for` statement only once, which is efficient. Therefore, when you set a breakpoint at the `for` statement and step through the file, you only stop at the `for` statement once. Instead place the breakpoint at the next line, `m=n+1` to stop at each pass through the loop.

Examples

The file buggy, used in these examples, consists of three lines.

```
function z = buggy(x)
n = length(x);
z = (1:n)./x;
```

Stop at First Executable Line

The statements

```
dbstop in buggy
buggy(2:5)
```

stop execution at the first executable line in `buggy`:

```
n = length(x);
```

The function

```
dbstep
```

advances to the next line, at which point you can examine the value of `n`.

Stop if Error

Because `buggy` only works on vectors, it produces an error if the input `x` is a full matrix. The statements

```
dbstop if error
buggy(magic(3))
```

produce

```
??? Error using ==> ./
Matrix dimensions must agree.
Error in ==> c:\buggy.m
On line 3 ==> z = (1:n)./x;
K>>
```

and put MATLAB in debug mode.

Stop if InfNaN

In `buggy`, if any of the elements of the input `x` is zero, a division by zero occurs. The statements

```
dbstop if naninf
buggy(0:2)
```

produce

```
Warning: Divide by zero.
> In c:\buggy.m at line 3
K>>
```

and put MATLAB in debug mode.

Stop at Function in File

In this example, MATLAB stops at the `newTemp` function in the program file `yearlyAvgs`:

```
dbstop in yearlyAvgs>newTemp
```

Stop at Non .m File

In this example, MATLAB stops at the built-in function `clear` when you run `myfile.m`.

```
dbstop in clear; myfile
```

MATLAB issues a warning, but permits the stop:

```
Warning: MATLAB debugger can only stop in M-files, and
"m_interpreter>clear" is not an M-file.
Instead, the debugger will stop at the point right before
"m_interpreter>clear" is called.
```

Execution stops in `myfile` at the point where the `clear` function is called.

Restore Saved Breakpoints

1. Set breakpoints in `myfile` as follows:

```
dbstop at 12 in myfile
dbstop if error
```

2. Running `dbstatus` shows

```
Breakpoint for myfile is on line 12.
Stop if error.
```

3. Save the breakpoints to the structure `s`, and then save `s` to the MAT-file `myfilebrkpnts`.

```
s = dbstatus
save myfilebrkpnts s
```

   Use `s=dbstatus('-completenames')` to save absolute paths and the breakpoint function nesting sequence.

4. At this point, you can end the debugging session and clear all breakpoints, or even end the MATLAB session.

   When you want to restore the breakpoints, be sure all of the files containing the breakpoints are on the search path or in the current folder. Then load the MAT-file, which adds `s` to the workspace, and restore the breakpoints as follows:

```
load myfilebrkpnts
```

```
dbstop(s)
```

5. Verify the breakpoints by running `dbstatus`, which shows

   ```
   dbstop at 12 in myfile
   dbstop if error
   ```

   If you made changes to `myfile` after saving the breakpoints, the results from restoring the breakpoints are not predictable. For example, if you added a new line prior to line 12 in `myfile`, the breakpoint will now be set at the new line 12.

See Also

`assignin`, `break`, `dbclear`, `dbcont`, `dbdown`, `dbquit`, `dbstack`, `dbstatus`, `dbstep`, `dbtype`, `dbup`, `evalin`, `filemarker`, `keyboard`, `return`, `whos`

dbtype

Purpose

List text file with line numbers

GUI Alternatives

As an alternative to the `dbtype` function, you can see a text file with line numbers by opening it in the Editor.

Syntax

```
dbtype filename
dbtype filename start:end
```

Description

The `dbtype` command is used to list a text file with line numbers, which is helpful when setting breakpoints in a MATLAB code file with `dbstop`.

`dbtype filename` displays the contents of the specified text file, with the line number preceding each line. `filename` must be the full path name of a file, or a MATLAB relative partial path.

`dbtype filename start:end` displays the portion of the file specified by a range of line numbers from `start` to `end`.

You cannot use `dbtype` for built-in functions.

Examples

To see only the input and output arguments for a function, that is, the first line of the file, use the syntax

```
dbtype filename 1
```

For example,

```
dbtype addpath 1
```

returns

```
1     function oldpath = addpath(varargin)
```

See Also

`dbclear`, `dbcont`, `dbdown`, `dbquit`, `dbstack`, `dbstatus`, `dbstep`, `dbstop`, `dbup`

Purpose

Shift current workspace to workspace of caller, while in debug mode

GUI Alternative

As an alternative to the `dbup` function, you can select a different workspace from the **Stack** field in the Editor toolbar.

Syntax

```
dbup
```

Description

This function allows you to examine the calling MATLAB code file to determine what caused the arguments to be passed to the called function.

`dbup` changes the current workspace context, while the user is in the debug mode, to the workspace of the calling file.

Multiple `dbup` functions change the workspace context to each previous calling file on the stack until the base workspace context is reached. (It is not necessary, however, to move back to the current breakpoint to continue execution or to step to the next line.)

Remarks

If your receive an error message such as the following, it means that the parent workspace is under construction so that the value of `x` is unavailable:

```
??? Reference to a called function result under construction x
```

For more information, see "Problems Viewing Variable Values from the Parent Workspace".

See Also

`dbclear`, `dbcont`, `dbdown`, `dbquit`, `dbstack`, `dbstatus`, `dbstep`, `dbstop`, `dbtype`

Purpose

Solve delay differential equations (DDEs) with constant delays

Syntax

```
sol = dde23(ddefun,lags,history,tspan)
sol = dde23(ddefun,lags,history,tspan,options)
```

Arguments

`ddefun`	Function handle that evaluates the right side of the differential equations $y'(t) = f(t, y(t), y(t-\tau_1), \ldots, y(t-\tau_k))$. The function must have the form `dydt = ddefun(t,y,Z)` where `t` corresponds to the current t, `y` is a column vector that approximates $y(t)$, and `Z(:,j)` approximates $y(t-\tau_j)$ for delay τ_j = `lags(j)`. The output is a column vector corresponding to $f(t, y(t), y(t-\tau_1), \ldots, y(t-\tau_k))$.
`lags`	Vector of constant, positive delays $\tau_1, \ldots, \tau_k$.
`history`	Specify `history` in one of three ways: • A function of t such that `y = history(t)` returns the solution $y(t)$ for $t \le t_0$ as a column vector • A constant column vector, if $y(t)$ is constant • The solution `sol` from a previous integration, if this call continues that integration

`tspan`	Interval of integration from `t0=tspan(1)` to `tf=tspan(end)` with `t0 < tf`.
`options`	Optional integration argument. A structure you create using the `ddeset` function. See `ddeset` for details.

Description

`sol = dde23(ddefun,lags,history,tspan)` integrates the system of DDEs

$$y'(t) = f(t, y(t), y(t-\tau_1), \ldots, y(t-\tau_k))$$

on the interval $[t_0, t_f]$, where $\tau_1, \ldots, \tau_k$ are constant, positive delays and $t_0 < t_f$. `ddefun` is a function handle. See "Function Handles" in the MATLAB Programming documentation for more information.

"Parameterizing Functions" in the MATLAB Mathematics documentation, explains how to provide additional parameters to the function `ddefun`, if necessary.

`dde23` returns the solution as a structure `sol`. Use the auxiliary function `deval` and the output `sol` to evaluate the solution at specific points `tint` in the interval `tspan = [t0,tf]`.

```
yint = deval(sol,tint)
```

The structure `sol` returned by `dde23` has the following fields.

`sol.x`	Mesh selected by `dde23`
`sol.y`	Approximation to $y(x)$ at the mesh points in `sol.x`.
`sol.yp`	Approximation to $y'(x)$ at the mesh points in `sol.x`
`sol.solver`	Solver name, `'dde23'`

`sol = dde23(ddefun,lags,history,tspan,options)` solves as above with default integration properties replaced by values in `options`, an argument created with `ddeset`. See `ddeset` and "Delay Differential Equations" in the MATLAB documentation for details.

Commonly used options are scalar relative error tolerance `'RelTol'` (`1e-3` by default) and vector of absolute error tolerances `'AbsTol'` (all components are `1e-6` by default).

Use the `'Jumps'` option to solve problems with discontinuities in the history or solution. Set this option to a vector that contains the locations of discontinuities in the solution prior to `t0` (the history) or in coefficients of the equations at known values of t after `t0`.

Use the `'Events'` option to specify a function that `dde23` calls to find where functions $g(t, y(t), y(t-\tau_1), \ldots, y(t-\tau_k))$ vanish. This function must be of the form

```
[value,isterminal,direction] = events(t,y,Z)
```

and contain an event function for each event to be tested. For the `k`th event function in `events`:

- `value(k)` is the value of the `k`th event function.
- `isterminal(k) = 1` if you want the integration to terminate at a zero of this event function and `0` otherwise.
- `direction(k) = 0` if you want `dde23` to compute all zeros of this event function, `+1` if only zeros where the event function increases, and `-1` if only zeros where the event function decreases.

If you specify the `'Events'` option and events are detected, the output structure `sol` also includes fields:

sol.xe	Row vector of locations of all events, i.e., times when an event function vanished
sol.ye	Matrix whose columns are the solution values corresponding to times in sol.xe
sol.ie	Vector containing indices that specify which event occurred at the corresponding time in sol.xe

Examples

This example solves a DDE on the interval [0, 5] with lags 1 and 0.2. The function ddex1de computes the delay differential equations, and ddex1hist computes the history for t <= 0.

Note The demo ddex1 contains the complete code for this example. To see the code in an editor, click the example name, or type edit ddex1 at the command line. To run the example type ddex1 at the command line.

```
sol = dde23(@ddex1de,[1, 0.2],@ddex1hist,[0, 5]);
```

This code evaluates the solution at 100 equally spaced points in the interval [0,5], then plots the result.

```
tint = linspace(0,5);
yint = deval(sol,tint);
plot(tint,yint);
```

ddex1 shows how you can code this problem using subfunctions. For more examples see ddex2.

Algorithm

dde23 tracks discontinuities and integrates with the explicit Runge-Kutta (2,3) pair and interpolant of ode23. It uses iteration to take steps longer than the lags.

See Also

ddesd, ddeget, ddeset, deval, function_handle (@)

References

[1] Shampine, L.F. and S. Thompson, "Solving DDEs in MATLAB, "*Applied Numerical Mathematics*, Vol. 37, 2001, pp. 441-458.

[2] Kierzenka, J., L.F. Shampine, and S. Thompson, "Solving Delay Differential Equations with DDE23," available at `www.mathworks.com/dde_tutorial`.

Purpose

Extract properties from delay differential equations options structure

Syntax

```
val = ddeget(options,'name')
val = ddeget(options,'name',default)
```

Description

`val = ddeget(options,'name')` extracts the value of the named property from the structure `options`, returning an empty matrix if the property value is not specified in `options`. It is sufficient to type only the leading characters that uniquely identify the property. Case is ignored for property names. `[]` is a valid `options` argument.

`val = ddeget(options,'name',default)` extracts the named property as above, but returns `val = default` if the named property is not specified in `options`. For example,

```
val = ddeget(opts,'RelTol',1e-4);
```

returns `val = 1e-4` if the `RelTol` is not specified in `opts`.

See Also

`dde23`, `ddesd`, `ddeset`

ddesd

Purpose

Solve delay differential equations (DDEs) with general delays

Syntax

```
sol = ddesd(ddefun,delays,history,tspan)
sol = ddesd(ddefun,delays,history,tspan,options)
```

Arguments

`ddefun`

Function handle that evaluates the right side of the differential equations $y'(t) = f(t, y(t), y(d(1)), \ldots, y(d(k)))$. The function must have the form

```
dydt = ddefun(t,y,Z)
```

where `t` corresponds to the current t, `y` is a column vector that approximates $y(t)$, and `Z(:,j)` approximates $y(d(j))$ for delay $d(j)$ given as component j of `delays(t,y)`. The output is a column vector corresponding to $f(t, y(t), y(d(1)), \ldots, y(d(k)))$.

`delays`

Function handle that returns a column vector of delays $d(j)$. The delays can depend on both t and $y(t)$. `ddesd` imposes the requirement that $d(j) \leq t$ by using `min(`$d(j)$, t`)`.

If all the delay functions have the form $d(j) = t - \tau_j$, you can set the argument `delays` to a constant vector `delays`$(j) = \tau_j$. With delay functions of this form, `ddesd` is used exactly like `dde23`.

`history`	Specify `history` in one of three ways: • A function of t such that `y = history(t)` returns the solution $y(t)$ for $t \le t_0$ as a column vector • A constant column vector, if $y(t)$ is constant • The solution `sol` from a previous integration, if this call continues that integration
`tspan`	Interval of integration from `t0=tspan(1)` to `tf=tspan(end)` with `t0 < tf`.
`options`	Optional integration argument. A structure you create using the `ddeset` function. See `ddeset` for details.

Description

`sol = ddesd(ddefun,delays,history,tspan)` integrates the system of DDEs

$$y'(t) = f(t, y(t), y(d(1)), \ldots, y(d(k)))$$

on the interval $[t_0, t_f]$, where delays $d(j)$ can depend on both t and $y(t)$, and $t_0 < t_f$. Inputs `ddefun` and `delays` are function handles. See "Function Handles" in the MATLAB Programming documentation for more information.

"Parameterizing Functions" in the MATLAB Mathematics documentation, explains how to provide additional parameters to the functions `ddefun`, `delays`, and `history`, if necessary.

`ddesd` returns the solution as a structure `sol`. Use the auxiliary function `deval` and the output `sol` to evaluate the solution at specific points `tint` in the interval `tspan = [t0,tf]`.

```
yint = deval(sol,tint)
```

The structure `sol` returned by `ddesd` has the following fields.

sol.x	Mesh selected by ddesd
sol.y	Approximation to $y(x)$ at the mesh points in sol.x.
sol.yp	Approximation to $y'(x)$ at the mesh points in sol.x
sol.solver	Solver name, 'ddesd'

`sol = ddesd(ddefun,delays,history,tspan,options)` solves as above with default integration properties replaced by values in options, an argument created with ddeset. See ddeset and "Delay Differential Equations" in the MATLAB documentation for details.

Commonly used options are scalar relative error tolerance 'RelTol' (1e-3 by default) and vector of absolute error tolerances 'AbsTol' (all components are 1e-6 by default).

Use the 'Events' option to specify a function that ddesd calls to find where functions $g(t, y(t), y(d(1)), \ldots, y(d(k)))$ vanish. This function must be of the form

```
[value,isterminal,direction] = events(t,y,Z)
```

and contain an event function for each event to be tested. For the kth event function in events:

- value(k) is the value of the kth event function.
- isterminal(k) = 1 if you want the integration to terminate at a zero of this event function and 0 otherwise.
- direction(k) = 0 if you want ddesd to compute all zeros of this event function, +1 if only zeros where the event function increases, and -1 if only zeros where the event function decreases.

If you specify the 'Events' option and events are detected, the output structure sol also includes fields:

`sol.xe`	Row vector of locations of all events, i.e., times when an event function vanished
`sol.ye`	Matrix whose columns are the solution values corresponding to times in `sol.xe`
`sol.ie`	Vector containing indices that specify which event occurred at the corresponding time in `sol.xe`

Examples

The equation

```
sol = ddesd(@ddex1de,@ddex1delays,@ddex1hist,[0,5]);
```

solves a DDE on the interval `[0,5]` with delays specified by the function `ddex1delays` and differential equations computed by `ddex1de`. The history is evaluated for $t \leq 0$ by the function `ddex1hist`. The solution is evaluated at 100 equally spaced points in `[0,5]`:

```
tint = linspace(0,5);
yint = deval(sol,tint);
```

and plotted with

```
plot(tint,yint);
```

This problem involves constant delays. The `delay` function has the form

```
function d = ddex1delays(t,y)
%DDEX1DELAYS  Delays for using with DDEX1DE.
d = [ t - 1
      t - 0.2];
```

The problem can also be solved with the syntax corresponding to constant delays

```
delays = [1, 0.2];
sol = ddesd(@ddex1de,delays,@ddex1hist,[0, 5]);
```

or using `dde23`:

```
sol = dde23(@ddex1de,delays,@ddex1hist,[0, 5]);
```

For more examples of solving delay differential equations see `ddex2` and `ddex3`.

See Also

`dde23`, `ddeget`, `ddeset`, `deval`, `function_handle` (@)

References

[1] Shampine, L.F., “Solving ODEs and DDEs with Residual Control,” *Applied Numerical Mathematics*, Vol. 52, 2005, pp. 113-127.

Purpose

Create or alter delay differential equations options structure

Syntax

```
options = ddeset('name1',value1,'name2',value2,...)
options = ddeset(oldopts,'name1',value1,...)
options = ddeset(oldopts,newopts)
ddeset
```

Description

`options = ddeset('name1',value1,'name2',value2,...)` creates an integrator options structure `options` in which the named properties have the specified values. Any unspecified properties have default values. It is sufficient to type only the leading characters that uniquely identify the property. `ddeset` ignores case for property names.

`options = ddeset(oldopts,'name1',value1,...)` alters an existing options structure `oldopts`. This overwrites any values in `oldopts` that are specified using name/value pairs and returns the modified structure as the output argument.

`options = ddeset(oldopts,newopts)` combines an existing options structure `oldopts` with a new options structure `newopts`. Any values set in `newopts` overwrite the corresponding values in `oldopts`.

`ddeset` with no input arguments displays all property names and their possible values, indicating defaults with braces `{}`.

You can use the function `ddeget` to query the `options` structure for the value of a specific property.

DDE Properties

The following sections describe the properties that you can set using `ddeset`. There are several categories of properties:

- Error control
- Solver output
- Step size
- Event location
- Discontinuities

Error Control Properties

At each step, solvers dde23 and ddesd estimate an error e. dde23 estimates the local truncation error, and ddesd estimates the residual. In either case, this error must be less than or equal to the acceptable error, which is a function of the specified relative tolerance, RelTol, and the specified absolute tolerance, AbsTol.

```
|e(i)|   max(RelTol*abs(y(i)),AbsTol(i))
```

For routine problems, dde23 and ddesd deliver accuracy roughly equivalent to the accuracy you request. They deliver less accuracy for problems integrated over “long” intervals and problems that are moderately unstable. Difficult problems may require tighter tolerances than the default values. For relative accuracy, adjust RelTol. For the absolute error tolerance, the scaling of the solution components is important: if |y| is somewhat smaller than AbsTol, the solver is not constrained to obtain any correct digits in y. You might have to solve a problem more than once to discover the scale of solution components.

Roughly speaking, this means that you want RelTol correct digits in all solution components except those smaller than thresholds AbsTol(i). Even if you are not interested in a component y(i) when it is small, you may have to specify AbsTol(i) small enough to get some correct digits in y(i) so that you can accurately compute more interesting components

The following table describes the error control properties.

DDE Error Control Properties

<table>
<tr><th>Property</th><th>Value</th><th>Description</th></tr>
<tr><td>RelTol</td><td>Positive scalar {1e-3}</td><td>A relative error tolerance that applies to all components of the solution vector y. It is a measure of the error relative to the size of each solution component. Roughly, it controls the number of correct digits in all solution components except those smaller than thresholds AbsTol(i). The default, 1e-3, corresponds to 0.1% accuracy.

The estimated error in each integration step satisfies |e(i)|max(RelTol*abs(y(i)), AbsTol(i)).</td></tr>
<tr><td>AbsTol</td><td>Positive scalar or vector {1e-6}</td><td>Absolute error tolerances that apply to the individual components of the solution vector. AbsTol(i) is a threshold below which the value of the ith solution component is unimportant. The absolute error tolerances determine the accuracy when the solution approaches zero. Even if you are not interested in a component y(i) when it is small, you may have to specify AbsTol(i) small enough to get some correct digits in y(i) so that you can accurately compute more interesting components.

If AbsTol is a vector, the length of AbsTol must be the same as the length of the solution vector y. If AbsTol is a scalar, the value applies to all components of y.</td></tr>
<tr><td>NormControl</td><td>on | {off}</td><td>Control error relative to norm of solution. Set this property on to request that the solvers control the error in each integration step with norm(e)<= max(RelTol*norm(y),AbsTol). By default, solvers dde23 and ddesd use a more stringent component-wise error control.</td></tr>
</table>

Solver Output Properties

You can use the solver output properties to control the output that the solvers generate.

DDE Solver Output Properties

<table>
<tr><th>Property</th><th>Value</th><th>Description</th></tr>
<tr><td><code>OutputFcn</code></td><td>Function handle
{<code>@odeplot</code>}</td><td>The output function is a function that the solver calls after every successful integration step. To specify an output function, set <code>'OutputFcn'</code> to a function handle. For example,

<code>options = ddeset('OutputFcn',...</code>
<code>@myfun)</code>

sets ’<code>OutputFcn</code>’ to @myfun, a handle to the function <code>myfun</code>. See “Function Handles” in the MATLAB Programming documentation for more information.

The output function must be of the form

<code>status = myfun(t,y,flag)</code>

“Parameterizing Functions” in the MATLAB Mathematics documentation, explains how to provide additional parameters to <code>myfun</code>, if necessary.

The solver calls the specified output function with the following flags. Note that the syntax of the call differs with the flag. The function must respond appropriately:</td></tr>
<tr><td></td><td></td><td>• <code>init</code> — The solver calls <code>myfun(tspan,y0,'init')</code> before beginning the integration to allow the output function to initialize. <code>tspan</code> is the input argument to solvers <code>dde23</code> and <code>ddesd</code>. <code>y0</code> is the initial value of</td></tr>
</table>

DDE Solver Output Properties (Continued)

Property	Value	Description
		the solution, either from `history(t0)` or specified in the `initialY` option. • {none} — The solver calls `status = myfun(t,y)` after each integration step on which output is requested. `t` contains points where output was generated during the step, and `y` is the numerical solution at the points in `t`. If `t` is a vector, the `i`th column of `y` corresponds to the `i`th element of `t`. `myfun` must return a `status` output value of `0` or `1`. If literal > `status`, the solver halts integration. You can use this mechanism, for instance, to implement a **Stop** button. • done — The solver calls `myfun([],[],'done')` when integration is complete to allow the output function to perform any cleanup chores.
		You can use these general purpose output functions or you can edit them to create your own. Type `help functionname` at the command line for more information. • `odeplot` – time series plotting (default when you call the solver with no output argument and you have not specified an output function) • `odephas2` – two-dimensional phase plane plotting • `odephas3` – three-dimensional phase plane plotting • `odeprint` – print solution as the solver computes it

DDE Solver Output Properties (Continued)

Property	Value	Description

OutputSel	Vector of indices	Vector of indices specifying which components of the solution vector the dde23 or ddesd solver passes to the output function. For example, if you want to use the odeplot output function, but you want to plot only the first and third components of the solution, you can do this using
		`options = ddeset...`
		`('OutputFcn',@odeplot,...`
		`'OutputSel',[1 3]);`
		By default, the solver passes all components of the solution to the output function.

Stats	on | {off}	Specifies whether the solver should display statistics about its computations. By default, Stats is off. If it is on, after solving the problem the solver displays: • The number of successful steps • The number of failed attempts • The number of times the DDE function was called

Step Size Properties

The step size properties let you specify the size of the first step the solver tries, potentially helping it to better recognize the scale of the problem. In addition, you can specify bounds on the sizes of subsequent time steps.

The following table describes the step size properties.

DDE Step Size Properties

Property	Value	Description
`InitialStep`	Positive scalar	Suggested initial step size. `InitialStep` sets an upper bound on the magnitude of the first step size the solver tries. If you do not set `InitialStep`, the solver bases the initial step size on the slope of the solution at the initial time `tspan(1)`. The initial step size is limited by the shortest delay. If the slope of all solution components is zero, the procedure might try a step size that is much too large. If you know this is happening or you want to be sure that the solver resolves important behavior at the start of the integration, help the code start by providing a suitable `InitialStep`.
`MaxStep`	Positive scalar {`0.1* abs(t0-tf)`}	Upper bound on solver step size. If the differential equation has periodic coefficients or solutions, it may be a good idea to set `MaxStep` to some fraction (such as 1/4) of the period. This guarantees that the solver does not enlarge the time step too much and step over a period of interest. Do *not* reduce `MaxStep`: • When the solution does not appear to be accurate enough. Instead, reduce the relative error tolerance `RelTol`, and use the solution you just computed to determine appropriate values for the absolute error tolerance vector `AbsTol`. (See "Error Control Properties" on page 2-1082 for a description of the error tolerance properties.)
		• To make sure that the solver doesn't step over some behavior that occurs only once during the simulation interval. If you know the time at which the change occurs, break the simulation interval into two pieces and call the solver (`dde23` or `ddesd`) twice. If you do not know the time at which the

DDE Step Size Properties (Continued)

Property	Value	Description
		change occurs, try reducing the error tolerances `RelTol` and `AbsTol`. Use `MaxStep` as a last resort.

Event Location Property

In some DDE problems, the times of specific events are important. While solving a problem, the `dde23` and `ddesd` solvers can detect such events by locating transitions to, from, or through zeros of user-defined functions.

The following table describes the `Events` property.

DDE Events Property

String	Value	Description
`Events`	Function handle	Handle to a function that includes one or more event functions. See “Function Handles” in the MATLAB Programming documentation for more information. The function is of the form `[value,isterminal,direction] = events(t,y,Z)` `value`, `isterminal`, and `direction` are vectors for which the `i`th element corresponds to the `i`th event function:
		• `value(i)` is the value of the `i`th event function. • `isterminal(i) = 1` if you want the integration to terminate at a zero of this event function, and `0` otherwise. • `direction(i) = 0` if you want the solver (`dde23` or `ddesd`) to locate all zeros (the default), `+1` if only zeros

DDE Events Property (Continued)

String	Value	Description
		where the event function is increasing, and `-1` if only zeros where the event function is decreasing. If you specify an events function and events are detected, the solver returns three additional fields in the solution structure `sol`: • `sol.xe` is a row vector of times at which events occur. • `sol.ye` is a matrix whose columns are the solution values corresponding to times in `sol.xe`. • `sol.ie` is a vector containing indices that specify which event occurred at the corresponding time in `sol.xe`.
		For examples that use an event function while solving ordinary differential equation problems, see "Event Location" (`ballode`) and "Advanced Event Location" (`orbitode`), in the MATLAB Mathematics documentation.

Discontinuity Properties

Solvers `dde23` and `ddesd` can solve problems with discontinuities in the history or in the coefficients of the equations. The following properties enable you to provide these solvers with a different initial value, and, for `dde23`, locations of known discontinuities. See "Discontinuities" in the MATLAB Mathematics documentation for more information.

The following table describes the discontinuity properties.

DDE Discontinuity Properties

String	Value	Description
Jumps	Vector	Location of discontinuities. Points t where the history or solution may have a jump discontinuity in a low-order derivative. This applies only to the dde23 solver.
InitialY	Vector	Initial value of solution. By default the initial value of the solution is the value returned by history at the initial point. Supply a different initial value as the value of the InitialY property.

Example

To create an options structure that changes the relative error tolerance of the solver from the default value of 1e-3 to 1e-4, enter

```
options = ddeset('RelTol', 1e-4);
```

To recover the value of 'RelTol' from options, enter

```
ddeget(options, 'RelTol')

ans =

  1.0000e-004
```

See Also

dde23, ddesd, ddeget, function_handle (@)

Purpose

Distribute inputs to outputs

Note Beginning with MATLAB Version 7.0 software, you can access the contents of cell arrays and structure fields without using the `deal` function. See Example 3, below.

Syntax

```
[Y1, Y2, Y3, ...] = deal(X)
[Y1, Y2, Y3, ...] = deal(X1, X2, X3, ...)
[S.field] = deal(X)
[X{:}] = deal(A.field)
[Y1, Y2, Y3, ...] = deal(X{:})
[Y1, Y2, Y3, ...] = deal(S.field)
```

Description

`[Y1, Y2, Y3, ...] = deal(X)` copies the single input to all the requested outputs. It is the same as `Y1 = X`, `Y2 = X`, `Y3 = X`, ...

`[Y1, Y2, Y3, ...] = deal(X1, X2, X3, ...)` is the same as `Y1 = X1`; `Y2 = X2`; `Y3 = X3`; ...

Remarks

`deal` is most useful when used with cell arrays and structures via comma-separated list expansion. Here are some useful constructions:

`[S.field] = deal(X)` sets all the fields with the name `field` in the structure array `S` to the value `X`. If `S` doesn't exist, use `[S(1:m).field] = deal(X)`.

`[X{:}] = deal(A.field)` copies the values of the field with name `field` to the cell array `X`. If `X` doesn't exist, use `[X{1:m}] = deal(A.field)`.

`[Y1, Y2, Y3, ...] = deal(X{:})` copies the contents of the cell array `X` to the separate variables `Y1, Y2, Y3, ...`

`[Y1, Y2, Y3, ...] = deal(S.field)` copies the contents of the fields with the name `field` to separate variables `Y1, Y2, Y3, ...`

Examples

Example 1 — Assign Data From a Cell Array

Use `deal` to copy the contents of a 4-element cell array into four separate output variables.

```
C = {rand(3) ones(3,1) eye(3) zeros(3,1)};
[a,b,c,d] = deal(C{:})

a =
    0.9501   0.4860   0.4565
    0.2311   0.8913   0.0185
    0.6068   0.7621   0.8214

b =
    1
    1
    1

c =
    1   0   0
    0   1   0
    0   0   1

d =
    0
    0
    0
```

Example 2 — Assign Data From Structure Fields

Use `deal` to obtain the contents of all the name fields in a structure array:

```
A.name = 'Pat'; A.number = 176554;
A(2).name = 'Tony'; A(2).number = 901325;
[name1,name2] = deal(A(:).name)

name1 =
   Pat
```

```
name2 =
   Tony
```

Example 3 — Doing the Same Without deal

Beginning with MATLAB Version 7.0 software, you can, in most cases, access the contents of cell arrays and structure fields without using the `deal` function. The two commands shown below perform the same operation as those used in the previous two examples, except that these commands do not require `deal`.

```
[a,b,c,d] = C{:}
[name1,name2] = A(:).name
```

See Also

`cell`, `iscell`, `celldisp`, `struct`, `isstruct`, `fieldnames`, `isfield`, `orderfields`, `rmfield`, `cell2struct`, `struct2cell`

deblank

Purpose

Strip trailing blanks from end of string

Syntax

```
str = deblank(str)
c = deblank(c)
```

Description

`str = deblank(str)` removes all trailing whitespace and null characters from the end of character string `str`. A whitespace is any character for which the `isspace` function returns logical 1 (`true`).

`c = deblank(c)` when `c` is a cell array of strings, applies `deblank` to each element of `c`.

The `deblank` function is useful for cleaning up the rows of a character array.

Examples

Example 1 – Removing Trailing Blanks From a String

Compose a string `str` that contains space, tab, and null characters:

```
NL = char(0);    TAB = char(9);
str = [NL 32 TAB NL 'AB' 32 NL 'CD' NL 32 TAB NL 32];
```

Display all characters of the string between | symbols:

```
['|' str '|']
ans =
    |    AB  CD       |
```

Remove trailing whitespace and null characters, and redisplay the string:

```
newstr = deblank(str);

['|' newstr '|']
ans =
    |    AB  CD|
```

Example 2– Removing Trailing Blanks From a Cell Array of Strings

```
A{1,1} = 'MATLAB    ';
A{1,2} = 'SIMULINK    ';
A{2,1} = 'Toolboxes    ';
A{2,2} = 'The MathWorks    ';
A =

    'MATLAB    '        'SIMULINK    '
    'Toolboxes    '     'The MathWorks    '


deblank(A)
ans =

    'MATLAB'            'SIMULINK'
    'Toolboxes'         'The MathWorks'
```

See Also

strjust, strtrim

dec2base

Purpose

Convert decimal to base N number in string

Syntax

```
str = dec2base(d, base)
str = dec2base(d, base, n)
```

Description

`str = dec2base(d, base)` converts the nonnegative integer `d` to the specified `base`. `d` must be a nonnegative integer smaller than 2^52, and `base` must be an integer between 2 and 36. The returned argument `str` is a string.

`str = dec2base(d, base, n)` produces a representation with at least `n` digits.

Examples

The expression `dec2base(23, 2)` converts 23_{10} to base 2, returning the string `'10111'`.

See Also

`base2dec`

Purpose

Convert decimal to binary number in string

Syntax

```
str = dec2bin(d)
str = dec2bin(d,n)
```

Description

returns the

`str = dec2bin(d)` binary representation of `d` as a string. `d` must be a nonnegative integer smaller than 2^52.

`str = dec2bin(d,n)` produces a binary representation with at least `n` bits.

Examples

Decimal 23 converts to binary 010111:

```
dec2bin(23)
ans =
    10111
```

See Also

`bin2dec`, `dec2hex`

dec2hex

Purpose

Convert decimal to hexadecimal number in string

Syntax

```
str = dec2hex(d)
str = dec2hex(d, n)
```

Description

`str = dec2hex(d)` converts the decimal integer `d` to its hexadecimal representation stored in a MATLAB string. `d` must be a nonnegative integer smaller than 2^52. MATLAB converts noninteger inputs, such as those of class `double` or `char`, to their integer equivalents before converting to hexadecimal.

`str = dec2hex(d, n)` produces a hexadecimal representation with at least `n` digits.

Examples

To convert decimal 1023 to hexadecimal,

```
dec2hex(1023)
ans =
    3FF

dec2hex(1023, 6)
ans =
000003FF
```

Convert 2-by-5 array `A` to hexadecimal:

```
A = [3487,    125,  8997,  1433,  189; ...
      771,  84832,   118,  9366,  212];

 A(:)                         dec2hex(A)
ans =                        ans =
     3487                       00D9F
      771                       00303
      125                       0007D
    84832                       14B60
     8997                       02325
      118                       00076
     1433                       00599
```

```
9366          02496
 189          000BD
 212          000D4
```

See Also

`dec2bin`, `format`, `hex2dec`, `hex2num`

Purpose

Compute consistent initial conditions for `ode15i`

Syntax

```
[y0mod,yp0mod] = decic(odefun,t0,y0,fixed_y0,yp0,fixed_yp0)
[y0mod,yp0mod] = decic(odefun,t0,y0,fixed_y0,yp0,fixed_yp0,
   options)
[y0mod,yp0mod,resnrm] = decic(odefun,t0,y0,fixed_y0,yp0,
   fixed_yp0...)
```

Description

`[y0mod,yp0mod] = decic(odefun,t0,y0,fixed_y0,yp0,fixed_yp0)` uses the inputs `y0` and `yp0` as initial guesses for an iteration to find output values that satisfy the requirement $f(t0, y0mod, yp0mod) = 0$, i.e., `y0mod` and `yp0mod` are consistent initial conditions. `odefun` is a function handle. See "Function Handles" in the MATLAB Programming documentation for more information. The function `decic` changes as few components of the guesses as possible. You can specify that `decic` holds certain components fixed by setting `fixed_y0(i) = 1` if no change is permitted in the guess for `y0(i)` and 0 otherwise. `decic` interprets `fixed_y0 = []` as allowing changes in all entries. `fixed_yp0` is handled similarly.

"Parameterizing Functions" in the MATLAB Mathematics documentation, explains how to provide additional parameters to the function `odefun`, if necessary.

You cannot fix more than `length(y0)` components. Depending on the problem, it may not be possible to fix this many. It also may not be possible to fix certain components of `y0` or `yp0`. It is recommended that you fix no more components than necessary.

`[y0mod,yp0mod] = decic(odefun,t0,y0,fixed_y0,yp0,fixed_yp0,options)` computes as above with default tolerances for consistent initial conditions, `AbsTol` and `RelTol`, replaced by the values in options, a structure you create with the `odeset` function.

`[y0mod,yp0mod,resnrm] = decic(odefun,t0,y0,fixed_y0,yp0,fixed_yp0...)` returns the norm of odefun(t0,y0mod,yp0mod) as resnrm. If the norm seems unduly large, use options to decrease RelTol (1e-3 by default).

Examples

These demos provide examples of the use of decic in solving implicit ODEs: ihb1dae, iburgersode.

See Also

ode15i, odeget, odeset, function_handle (@)

Purpose

Deconvolution and polynomial division

Syntax

```
[q,r] = deconv(v,u)
```

Description

`[q,r] = deconv(v,u)` deconvolves vector `u` out of vector `v`, using long division. The quotient is returned in vector `q` and the remainder in vector `r` such that `v = conv(u,q)+r` .

If `u` and `v` are vectors of polynomial coefficients, convolving them is equivalent to multiplying the two polynomials, and deconvolution is polynomial division. The result of dividing `v` by `u` is quotient `q` and remainder `r`.

Examples

If

```
u = [1    2    3    4]
v = [10   20   30]
```

the convolution is

```
c = conv(u,v)
c =
    10      40      100      160      170      120
```

Use deconvolution to recover `u`:

```
[q,r] = deconv(c,u)
q =
    10     20     30
r =
    0       0       0       0       0       0
```

This gives a quotient equal to `v` and a zero remainder.

Algorithm

`deconv` uses the `filter` primitive.

See Also

`conv`, `residue`

Purpose

Discrete Laplacian

Syntax

```
L = del2(U)
L = del2(U,h)
L = del2(U,hx,hy)
L = del2(U,hx,hy,hz,...)
```

Definition

If the matrix `U` is regarded as a function *u(x,y)* evaluated at the point on a square grid, then `4*del2(U)` is a finite difference approximation of Laplace's differential operator applied to *u*, that is:

$$l = \frac{\nabla^2 u}{4} = \frac{1}{4}\left(\frac{d^2u}{dx^2} + \frac{d^2u}{dy^2}\right)$$

where:

$$l_{ij} = \frac{1}{4}\left(u_{i+1,j} + u_{i-1,j} + u_{i,j+1} + u_{i,j-1}\right) - u_{i,j}$$

in the interior. On the edges, the same formula is applied to a cubic extrapolation.

For functions of more variables *u(x,y,z,...)*, `del2(U)` is an approximation,

$$l = \frac{\nabla^2 u}{2N} = \frac{1}{2N}\left(\frac{d^2u}{dx^2} + \frac{d^2u}{dy^2} + \frac{d^2u}{dz^2} + \ldots\right)$$

where N is the number of variables in u.

Description

`L = del2(U)` where `U` is a rectangular array is a discrete approximation of

$$l = \frac{\nabla^2 u}{4} = \frac{1}{4}\left(\frac{d^2u}{dx^2} + \frac{d^2u}{dy^2}\right)$$

The matrix `L` is the same size as `U` with each element equal to the difference between an element of `U` and the average of its four neighbors.

`L = del2(U)` when `U` is an multidimensional array, returns an approximation of

$$\frac{\nabla^2 u}{2N}$$

where N is `ndims(u)`.

`L = del2(U,h)` where `H` is a scalar uses `H` as the spacing between points in each direction (`h=1` by default).

`L = del2(U,hx,hy)` when `U` is a rectangular array, uses the spacing specified by `hx` and `hy`. If `hx` is a scalar, it gives the spacing between points in the x-direction. If `hx` is a vector, it must be of length `size(u,2)` and specifies the x-coordinates of the points. Similarly, if `hy` is a scalar, it gives the spacing between points in the y-direction. If `hy` is a vector, it must be of length `size(u,1)` and specifies the y-coordinates of the points.

`L = del2(U,hx,hy,hz,...)` where `U` is multidimensional uses the spacing given by `hx`, `hy`, `hz`, ...

Remarks

MATLAB software computes the boundaries of the grid by extrapolating the second differences from the interior. The algorithm used for this computation can be seen in the `del2` M-file code. To view this code, type

```
type del2
```

Examples

The function

$$u(x, y) = x^2 + y^2$$

has

$$\nabla^2 u = 4$$

For this function, `4*del2(U)` is also `4`.

```
[x,y] = meshgrid(-4:4,-3:3);
U = x.*x+y.*y
U =
    25    18    13    10     9    10    13    18    25
    20    13     8     5     4     5     8    13    20
    17    10     5     2     1     2     5    10    17
    16     9     4     1     0     1     4     9    16
    17    10     5     2     1     2     5    10    17
    20    13     8     5     4     5     8    13    20
    25    18    13    10     9    10    13    18    25

V = 4*del2(U)
V =
     4     4     4     4     4     4     4     4     4
     4     4     4     4     4     4     4     4     4
     4     4     4     4     4     4     4     4     4
     4     4     4     4     4     4     4     4     4
     4     4     4     4     4     4     4     4     4
     4     4     4     4     4     4     4     4     4
     4     4     4     4     4     4     4     4     4
```

See Also

`diff`, `gradient`

DelaunayTri class

Superclasses

TriRep

Purpose

Delaunay triangulation in 2-D and 3-D

Description

`DelaunayTri` creates a Delaunay triangulation object from a set of points. You can incrementally modify the triangulation by adding or removing points. In 2-D triangulations you can impose edge constraints. You can perform topological and geometric queries, and compute the Voronoi diagram and convex hull.

Definitions

The 2-D Delaunay triangulation of a set of points is the triangulation in which no point of the set is contained in the circumcircle for any triangle in the triangulation. The definition extends naturally to higher dimensions.

Construction

DelaunayTri	Contruct Delaunay triangulation

Methods

convexHull	Convex hull
inOutStatus	Status of triangles in 2-D constrained Delaunay triangulation
nearestNeighbor	Point closest to specified location
pointLocation	Simplex containing specified location
voronoiDiagram	Voronoi diagram

Inherited methods

baryToCart	Converts point coordinates from barycentric to Cartesian
cartToBary	Convert point coordinates from cartesian to barycentric
circumcenters	Circumcenters of specified simplices
edgeAttachments	Simplices attached to specified edges
edges	Triangulation edges
faceNormals	Unit normals to specified triangles
featureEdges	Sharp edges of surface triangulation
freeBoundary	Facets referenced by only one simplex
incenters	Incenters of specified simplices
isEdge	Test if vertices are joined by edge
neighbors	Simplex neighbor information
size	Size of triangulation matrix
vertexAttachments	Return simplices attached to specified vertices

Properties

Constraints	Constraints is a numc-by-2 matrix that defines the constrained edge data in the triangulation, where numc is the number of constrained edges. Each constrained edge is defined in terms of its endpoint indices into X. The constraints can be specified when the triangulation is constructed or can be imposed afterwards by directly editing the constraints data. This feature is only supported for 2-D triangulations.
X	The dimension of X is mpts-by-ndim, where mpts is the number of points and ndim is the dimension of the space where the points reside. If column vectors of x,y or x,y,z coordinates are used to construct the triangulation, the data is consolidated into a single matrix X.
Triangulation	Triangulation is a matrix representing the set of simplices (triangles or tetrahedra etc.) that make up the triangulation. The matrix is of size mtri-by-nv, where mtri is the number of simplices and nv is the number of vertices per simplex. The triangulation is represented by standard simplex-vertex format; each row specifies a simplex defined by indices into X, where X is the array of point coordinates.

Instance Hierarchy

`DelaunayTri` is a subclass of `TriRep`.

Copy Semantics

Value. To learn how this affects your use of the class, see Comparing Handle and Value Classes in the MATLAB Object-Oriented Programming documentation.

See Also

`TriScatteredInterp`

Purpose

Contruct Delaunay triangulation

Syntax

```
DT = DelaunayTri()
DT = DelaunayTri(X)
DT = DelaunayTri(x,y)
DT = DelaunayTri(x,y,z)
DT = DelaunayTri(..., C)
```

Description

`DT = DelaunayTri()` creates an empty Delaunay triangulation.

`DT = DelaunayTri(X)`, `DT = DelaunayTri(x,y)` and `DT = DelaunayTri(x,y,z)` create a Delaunay triangulation from a set of points. The points can be specified as an `mpts`-by-`ndim` matrix `X`, where `mpts` is the number of points and `ndim` is the dimension of the space where the points reside, `ndim>= 2` . Alternatively, the points can be specified as column vectors `(x,y)` or `(x,y,z)` for 2-D and 3-D input.

`DT = DelaunayTri(..., C)` creates a constrained Delaunay triangulation. The edge constraints `C` are defined by an `numc`-by-2 matrix, `numc` being the number of constrained edges. Each row of `C` defines a constrained edge in terms of its endpoint indices into the point set `X`. This feature is only supported for 2-D triangulations.

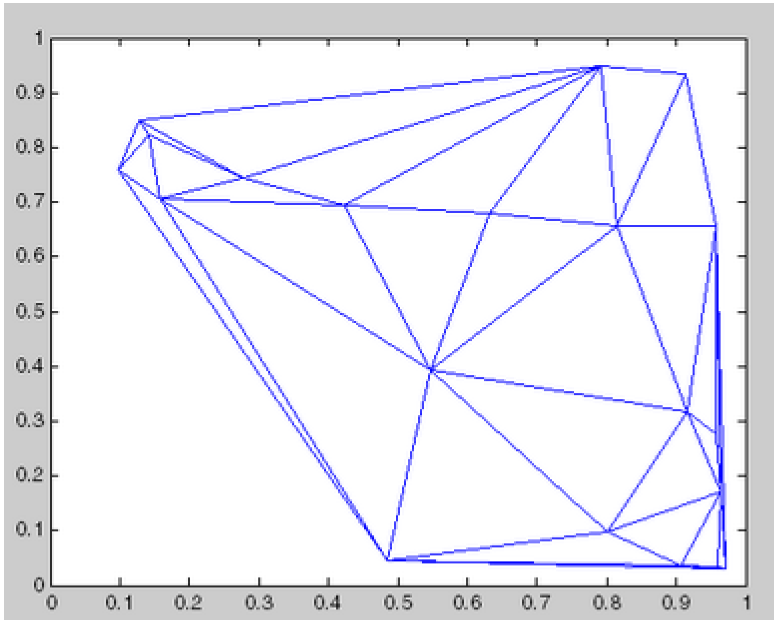
Definitions

The 2-D Delaunay triangulation of a set of points is the triangulation in which no point of the set is contained in the circumcircle for any triangle in the triangulation. The definition extends naturally to higher dimensions.

Example

Compute the Delaunay triangulation of twenty random points located within a unit square.

```
x = rand(20,1);
y = rand(20,1);
dt = DelaunayTri(x,y)
triplot(dt);
```



For more examples, type `help demoDelaunayTri` at the MATLAB command-line prompt.

References

DelaunayTri uses CGAL—The Computational Geometry Algorithms Library. (http://www.cgal.org)

See Also

`TriScatteredInterp`

Purpose

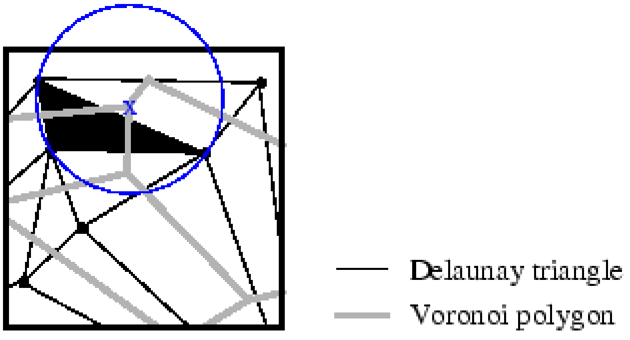
Delaunay triangulation

Syntax

```
TRI = delaunay(x,y)
```

Definition

Given a set of data points, the *Delaunay triangulation* is a set of lines connecting each point to its natural neighbors. The Delaunay triangulation is related to the Voronoi diagram — the circle circumscribed about a Delaunay triangle has its center at the vertex of a Voronoi polygon.



Description

`TRI = delaunay(x,y)` for the data points defined by vectors `x` and `y`, returns a set of triangles such that no data points are contained in any triangle's circumscribed circle. Each row of the `m`-by-3 matrix `TRI` defines one such triangle and contains indices into `x` and `y`. If the original data points are collinear or `x` is empty, the triangles cannot be computed and `delaunay` returns an empty matrix.

`TRI = delaunay(x,y,options)` specifies a cell array of strings `options` that were previously used by Qhull. Qhull-specific `options` are no longer required and are currently ignored. Support for these options will be removed in a future release.

`delaunay` produces an isolated triangulation, useful for applications like plotting surfaces via the `trisurf` function. If you wish to query the triangulation; for example, to perform nearest neighbor, point location, or topology queries, use `DelaunayTri` instead.

`delaunay` uses CGAL, see http://www.cgal.org.

Visualization

Use one of these functions to plot the output of `delaunay`:

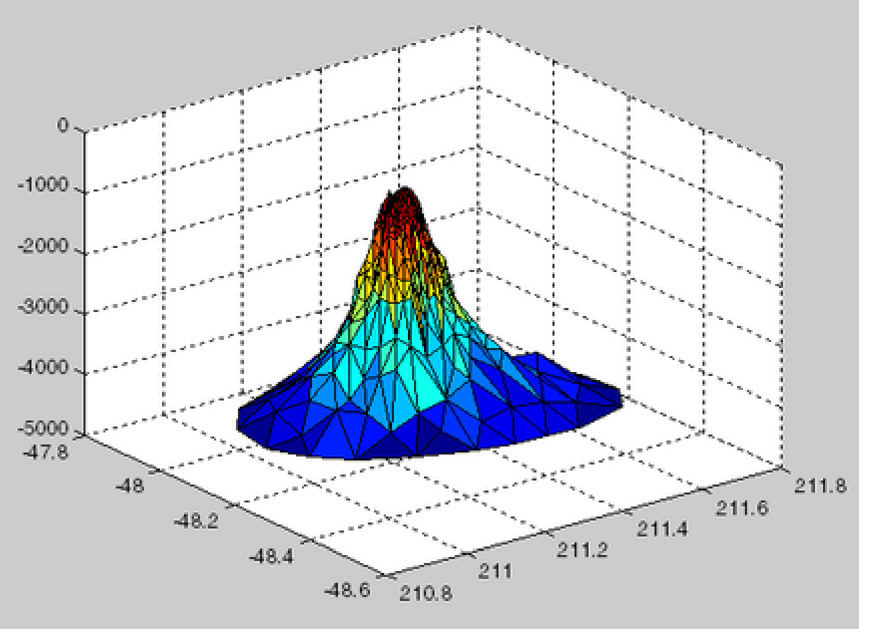
`triplot`	Displays the triangles defined in the `m`-by-3 matrix `TRI`.
`trisurf`	Displays each triangle defined in the m-by-3 matrix TRI as a surface in 3-D space. To see a 2-D surface, you can supply a vector of some constant value for the third dimension. For example `trisurf(TRI,x,y,zeros(size(x)))`
`trimesh`	Displays each triangle defined in the m-by-3 matrix TRI as a mesh in 3-D space. To see a 2-D surface, you can supply a vector of some constant value for the third dimension. For example, `trimesh(TRI,x,y,zeros(size(x)))` produces almost the same result as `triplot`, except in 3-D space.

Examples

Example

Plot the Delaunay triangulation of a large dataset:

```
load seamount
tri = delaunay(x,y);
trisurf(tri,x,y,z);
```



See Also

`DelaunayTri`, `TriScatteredInterp`, `plot`, `triplot`, `trimesh`, `trisurf`

Purpose

3-D Delaunay tessellation

`delaunay3` will be removed in a future release. Use `DelaunayTri` instead.

Syntax

`T = delaunay3(x,y,z)`

Description

`T = delaunay3(x,y,z)` returns an array `T`, each row of which contains the indices of the points in `(x,y,z)` that make up a tetrahedron in the tessellation of `(x,y,z)`. `T` is a `numtes`-by-`4` array where `numtes` is the number of facets in the tessellation. `x`, `y`, and `z` are vectors of equal length. If the original data points are collinear or `x`, `y`, and `z` define an insufficient number of points, the triangles cannot be computed and `delaunay3` returns an empty matrix.

`T = delaunay3(x,y,z,options)` specifies a cell array of strings `options` that were previously used by Qhull. Qhull-specific options are no longer required and are currently ignored.

Visualization

Use `tetramesh` to plot `delaunay3` output. `tetramesh` displays the tetrahedrons defined in `T` as mesh. `tetramesh` uses the default transparency parameter value `'FaceAlpha' = 0.9`.

Examples

Example 1

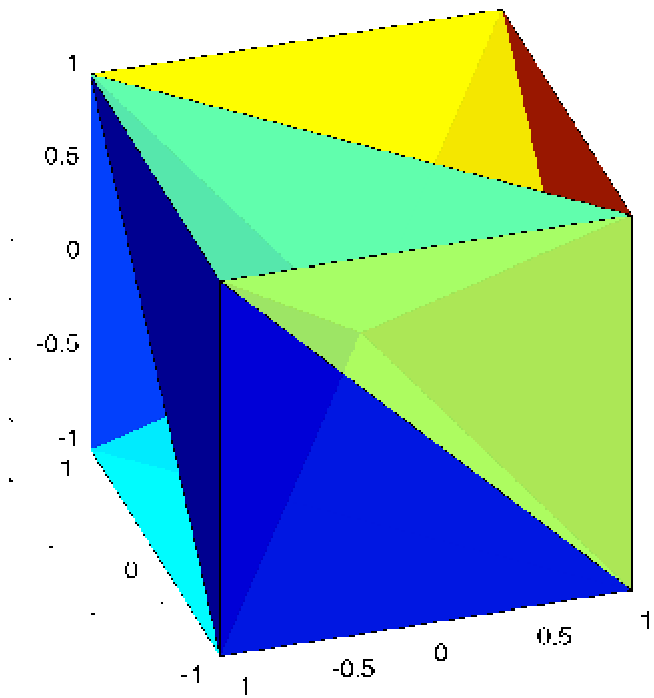
This example generates a 3-dimensional Delaunay tessellation, then uses `tetramesh` to plot the tetrahedrons that form the corresponding simplex. `camorbit` rotates the camera position to provide a meaningful view of the figure.

```
d = [-1 1];
[x,y,z] = meshgrid(d,d,d);  % A cube
x = [x(:);0];
y = [y(:);0];
z = [z(:);0];
% [x,y,z] are corners of a cube plus the center.
Tes = delaunay3(x,y,z)
```

```
Tes =

     9     1     5     6
     3     9     1     5
     2     9     1     6
     2     3     9     4
     2     3     9     1
     7     9     5     6
     7     3     9     5
     8     7     9     6
     8     2     9     6
     8     2     9     4
     8     3     9     4
     8     7     3     9

X = [x(:) y(:) z(:)];
tetramesh(Tes,X);camorbit(20,0)
```



See Also

delaunay, delaunayn

delaunayn

Purpose N-D Delaunay tessellation

Syntax

```
T = delaunayn(X)
T = delaunayn(X, options)
```

Description `T = delaunayn(X)` computes a set of simplices such that no data points of `X` are contained in any circumspheres of the simplices. The set of simplices forms the Delaunay tessellation. `X` is an `m`-by-`n` array representing m points in n-dimensional space. `T` is a `numt`-by-(`n+1`) array where each row contains the indices into `X` of the vertices of the corresponding simplex.

`delaunayn` uses Qhull.

`T = delaunayn(X, options)` specifies a cell array of strings `options` to be used as options in Qhull. The default options are:

- `{'Qt','Qbb','Qc'}` for 2- and 3-dimensional input
- `{'Qt','Qbb','Qc','Qx'}` for 4 and higher-dimensional input

If `options` is `[]`, the default options used. If `options` is `{''}`, no options are used, not even the default. For more information on Qhull and its options, see `http://www.qhull.org`.

Visualization Plotting the output of `delaunayn` depends of the value of `n`:

- For `n = 2`, use `triplot`, `trisurf`, or `trimesh` as you would for `delaunay`.
- For `n = 3`, use `tetramesh` as you would for `delaunay3`.

  For more control over the color of the facets, use `patch` to plot the output.
- You cannot plot `delaunayn` output for `n > 3`.

Examples

Example 1

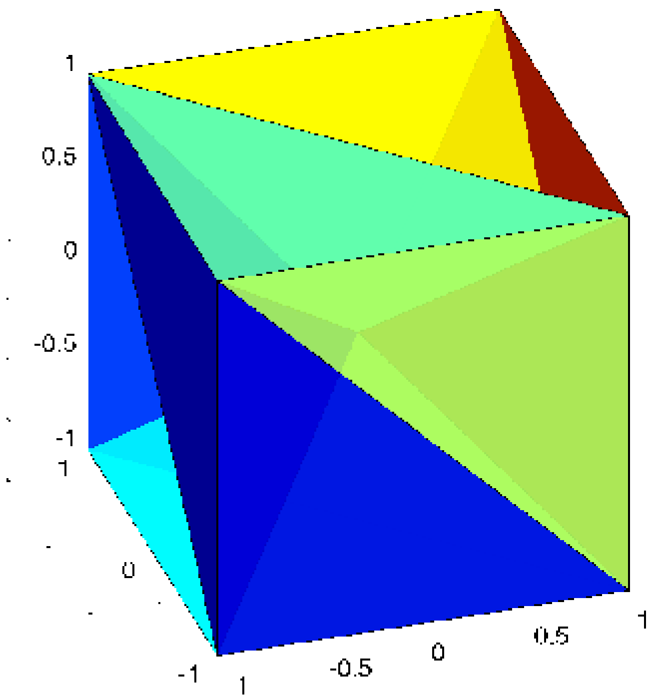
This example generates an n-dimensional Delaunay tessellation, where `n = 3`.

```
d = [-1 1];
[x,y,z] = meshgrid(d,d,d);  % A cube
x = [x(:);0];
y = [y(:);0];
z = [z(:);0];
% [x,y,z] are corners of a cube plus the center.
X = [x(:) y(:) z(:)];
Tes = delaunayn(X)

Tes =
     9   1   5   6
     3   9   1   5
     2   9   1   6
     2   3   9   4
     2   3   9   1
     7   9   5   6
     7   3   9   5
     8   7   9   6
     8   2   9   6
     8   2   9   4
     8   3   9   4
     8   7   3   9
```

You can use `tetramesh` to visualize the tetrahedrons that form the corresponding simplex. `camorbit` rotates the camera position to provide a meaningful view of the figure.

```
tetramesh(Tes,X);camorbit(20,0)
```



Example 2

The following example illustrates the `options` input for `delaunayn`.

```
X = [-0.5 -0.5  -0.5;...
            -0.5 -0.5   0.5;...
            -0.5  0.5  -0.5;...
            -0.5  0.5   0.5;...
             0.5 -0.5  -0.5;...
             0.5 -0.5   0.5;...
             0.5  0.5  -0.5;...
             0.5  0.5   0.5];
```

The command

```
T = delaunayn(X);
```

returns the following error message.

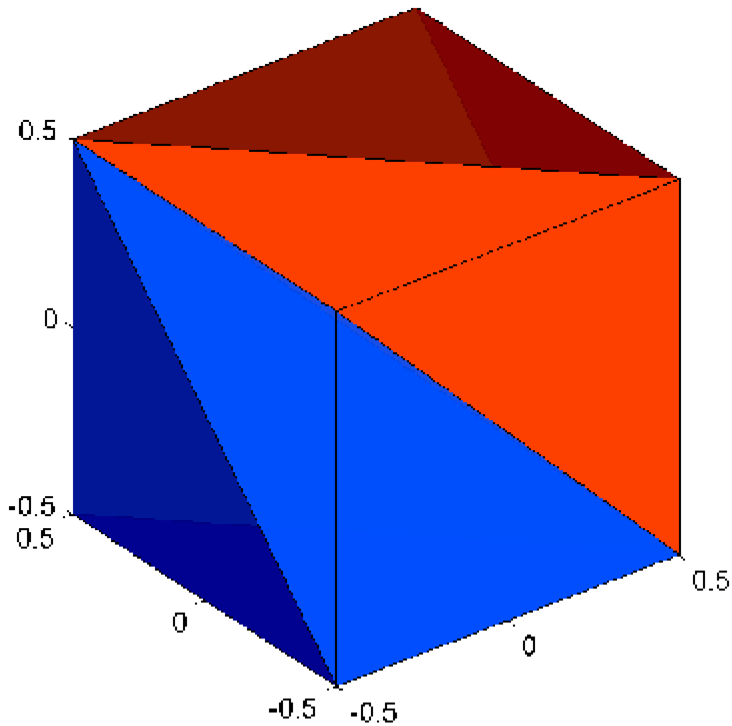
??? qhull input error: can not scale last coordinate. Input is cocircular or cospherical. Use option 'Qz' to add a point at infinity.

This suggests that you add 'Qz' to the default options.

```
T = delaunayn(X,{'Qt','Qbb','Qc','Qz'});
```

To visualize this answer you can use the `tetramesh` function:

```
tetramesh(T,X)
```



Algorithm

`delaunayn` is based on Qhull [1]. For information about Qhull, see `http://www.qhull.org/`. For copyright information, see `http://www.qhull.org/COPYING.txt`.

See Also

`DelaunayTri`, `convhulln`, `delaunayn`, `delaunay3`, `tetramesh`, `voronoin`

Reference

[1] Barber, C. B., D.P. Dobkin, and H.T. Huhdanpaa, “The Quickhull Algorithm for Convex Hulls,” ACM Transactions on Mathematical Software, Vol. 22, No. 4, Dec. 1996, p. 469-483.

Purpose

Remove files or graphics objects

Graphical Interface

As an alternative to the `delete` function, use the Current Folder browser.

Syntax

```
delete('fileName1', 'filename2', ...)
delete(h)
delete(handle_array)
delete fileName
```

Description

`delete('fileName1', 'filename2', ...)` deletes the files `fileName1`, `fileName2`, and so on, from the disk. `fileName` is a string and can be an absolute path or a path relative to the current folder. `fileName` also can include wildcards (`*`).

`delete(h)` deletes the graphics object with handle `h`. `h` can also be a vector or matrix of handles. Delete multiple objects by appending their handles as additional arguments, separated by commas. The function deletes objects without requesting verification, even if when they are windows.

`delete(handle_array)` is a method of the `handle` class. It removes from memory the handle objects referenced by `handle_array`.

When deleted, any references to the objects in `handle_array` become invalid. To remove the handle variables, use the `clear` function.

`delete fileName` is the command syntax. Delete multiple files by appending filenames, separated by spaces. When filenames contain space characters, you must use the functional form.

As `delete` does not ask for confirmation, to avoid accidentally losing files or graphics objects, make sure to specify accurately the items to delete. To move files to a different location when running `delete`, use the **General** preference for **Deleting files**, or the `recycle` function.

The `delete` function deletes files and graphics objects only. To delete folders, use `rmdir`.

Examples

Delete all files with a `.mat` extension in the `../mytests/` folder:

```
delete('../mytests/*.mat')
```

Create a figure and an axes, and then delete the axes:

```
hf = figure, ha = axes

hf =
     1
ha =
  170.0332

delete(ha)
```

The axes is deleted, but the figure remain. The axes handle `ha` remains in the workspace but no longer points to an object.

See Also

`dir`, `recycle`, `rmdir`

- "Deleting Files and Folders Using Functions"
- "Path Names in MATLAB"

Purpose

Remove COM control or server

Syntax

```
h.delete
delete(h)
```

Description

`h.delete` releases all interfaces derived from the specified COM server or control, and then deletes the server or control itself. This is different from releasing an interface, which releases and invalidates only that interface.

`delete(h)` is an alternate syntax.

Remarks

COM functions are available on Microsoft Windows systems only.

Examples

Create a Microsoft Calendar application. Then create a `TitleFont` interface and use it to change the appearance of the font of the calendar's title:

```
f = figure('position',[300 300 500 500]);
cal = actxcontrol('mscal.calendar', [0 0 500 500], f);
TFont = cal.TitleFont
```

MATLAB software displays information similar to:

```
TFont =
  Interface.Microsoft_Forms_2.0_Object_Library.Font
```

Make the following changes and observe the results:

```
TFont.Name = 'Viva BoldExtraExtended';
TFont.Bold = 0;
```

When you're finished working with the title font, release the `TitleFont` interface:

```
TFont.release;
```

Now create a GridFont interface and use it to modify the size of the calendar's date numerals:

```
GFont = cal.GridFont
```

MATLAB displays:

```
GFont =
  Interface.Microsoft_Forms_2.0_Object_Library.Font
```

Make the following changes and observe the results:

```
GFont.Size = 16;
```

When you're done, delete the cal object and the figure window. Deleting the cal object also releases all interfaces to the object (for example, GFont):

```
cal.delete;
delete(f);
clear f;
```

Note that, although the object and interfaces themselves have been destroyed, the variables assigned to them still reside in the MATLAB workspace until you remove them with clear:

```
whos
```

MATLAB displays (in part):

```
    Name        Size                   Bytes  Class

    GFont       1x1                        0  handle
    TFont       1x1                        0  handle
    cal         1x1                        0  handle
```

See Also

release, save (COM), load (COM), actxcontrol, actxserver

Purpose Remove file on FTP server

Syntax `delete(f,'filename')`

Description `delete(f,'filename')` removes the file `filename` from the current directory of the FTP server `f`, where `f` was created using `ftp`.

Examples Connect to hypothetical server `testsite` and view the contents.

```
test=ftp('ftp.testsite.com');
dir(test)
```

Suppose that the contents include the following:

```
.                 ..        otherfile.m          testdir
```

Delete `otherfile.m` and close the connection.

```
delete(test,'otherfile.m');
close(test);
```

See Also `ftp`, `rmdir (ftp)`

delete (handle)

Purpose Handle object destructor function

Syntax `delete(h)`

Description `delete(h)` optional method you can implement to perform cleanup tasks just before the handle object is destroyed. The MATLAB runtime calls the `delete` method of any handle object (if it exists) when the object is destroyed. `h` is a scalar handle object.

A `delete` method should not generate errors or create new handles to the object being destroyed. If the `delete` method has a different signature (having output arguments or more than one input argument) it is not called when the handle objects is destroyed.

See "Handle Class Delete Methods" for more information.

See Also `handle`, `isvalid`

Purpose Remove serial port object from memory

Syntax

```
delete(obj)
```

Description

`delete(obj)` removes `obj` from memory, where `obj` is a serial port object or an array of serial port objects.

Remarks

When you delete `obj`, it becomes an *invalid* object. Because you cannot connect an invalid serial port object to the device, you should remove it from the workspace with the `clear` command. If multiple references to `obj` exist in the workspace, then deleting one reference invalidates the remaining references.

If `obj` is connected to the device, it has a `Status` property value of `open`. If you issue `delete` while `obj` is connected, then the connection is automatically broken. You can also disconnect `obj` from the device with the `fclose` function.

If you use the `help` command to display help for `delete`, then you need to supply the pathname shown below.

```
help serial/delete
```

Example

This example creates the serial port object `s` on a Windows platform, connects `s` to the device, writes and reads text data, disconnects `s` from the device, removes `s` from memory using `delete`, and then removes `s` from the workspace using `clear`.

```
s = serial('COM1');
fopen(s)
fprintf(s,'*IDN?')
idn = fscanf(s);
fclose(s)
delete(s)
clear s
```

See Also

Functions

`clear`, `fclose`, `isvalid`

Properties

`Status`

Purpose Remove timer object from memory

Syntax

```
delete(obj)
```

Description `delete(obj)` removes the timer object, `obj`, from memory. If `obj` is an array of timer objects, `delete` removes all the objects from memory.

When you delete a timer object, it becomes invalid and cannot be reused. Use the `clear` command to remove invalid timer objects from the workspace.

If multiple references to a timer object exist in the workspace, deleting the timer object invalidates the remaining references. Use the `clear` command to remove the remaining references to the object from the workspace.

See Also `clear`, `isvalid(timer)`, `timer`

deleteproperty

Purpose

Remove custom property from COM object

Syntax

```
h.deleteproperty('propertyname')
deleteproperty(h, 'propertyname')
```

Description

`h.deleteproperty('propertyname')` deletes the property specified in the string `propertyname` from the custom properties belonging to object or interface `h`.

`deleteproperty(h, 'propertyname')` is an alternate syntax.

You can only delete properties created with the `addproperty` function.

COM functions are available on Microsoft Windows systems only.

Examples

Remove a custom property from an instance of the MATLAB sample control:

1. Create an instance of the control:

   ```
   f = figure('position', [100 200 200 200]);
   h = actxcontrol('mwsamp.mwsampctrl.2', [0 0 200 200], f);
   h.get
   ```

   MATLAB displays its properties:

   ```
        Label: 'Label'
       Radius: 20
   ```

2. Add a custom property named `Position` and assign a value:

   ```
   h.addproperty('Position');
   h.Position = [200 120];
   h.get
   ```

   MATLAB displays (in part):

   ```
          Label: 'Label'
         Radius: 20
   ```

```
    Position: [200 120]
```

3 Delete the custom property `Position`:

```
h.deleteproperty('Position');
h.get
```

MATLAB displays the original list of properties:

```
     Label: 'Label'
    Radius: 20
```

See Also

`addproperty` | `get (COM)` | `set (COM)` | `inspect`

delevent

Purpose Remove `tsdata.event` objects from `timeseries` object

Syntax

```
ts = delevent(ts,event)
ts = delevent(ts,events)
ts = delevent(ts,event,n)
```

Description

`ts = delevent(ts,event)` removes the `tsdata.event` object from the `ts.events` property, where `event` is an event name string.

`ts = delevent(ts,events)` removes the `tsdata.event` object from the `ts.events` property, where `events` is a cell array of event name strings.

`ts = delevent(ts,event,n)` removes the `nth` `tsdata.event` object from the `ts.events` property. `event` is the name of the `tsdata.event` object.

Examples

The following example shows how to remove an event from a `timeseries` object:

1 Create a time series.

```
ts = timeseries(rand(5,4))
```

2 Create an event object called `'test'` such that the event occurs at time `3`.

```
e = tsdata.event('test',3)
```

3 Add the event object to the time series `ts`.

```
ts = addevent(ts,e)
```

4 Remove the event object from the time series `ts`.

```
ts = delevent(ts,'test')
```

See Also `addevent`, `timeseries`, `tsdata.event`, `tsprops`

Purpose

Remove sample from `timeseries` object

Syntax

```
ts = delsample(ts,'Index',N)
ts = delsample(ts,'Value',Time)
```

Description

`ts = delsample(ts,'Index',N)` deletes samples from the `timeseries` object `ts`. `N` specifies the indices of the `ts` time vector that correspond to the samples you want to delete.

`ts = delsample(ts,'Value',Time)` deletes samples from the `timeseries` object `ts`. `Time` specifies the time values that correspond to the samples you want to delete.

See Also

`addsample`

delsamplefromcollection

Purpose Remove sample from `tscollection` object

Syntax

```
tsc = delsamplefromcollection(tsc,'Index',N)
tsc = delsamplefromcollection(tsc,'Value',Time)
```

Description

`tsc = delsamplefromcollection(tsc,'Index',N)` deletes samples from the `tscollection` object tsc. N specifies the indices of the tsc time vector that correspond to the samples you want to delete.

`tsc = delsamplefromcollection(tsc,'Value',Time)` deletes samples from the `tscollection` object tsc. Time specifies the time values that correspond to the samples you want to delete.

See Also `addsampletocollection`, `tscollection`

Purpose Access product demos via Help browser

GUI Alternatives Select **Help > Demos** from any desktop tool.

Syntax

```
demo
demo 'subtopic' 'category'
demo('subtopic', 'category')
```

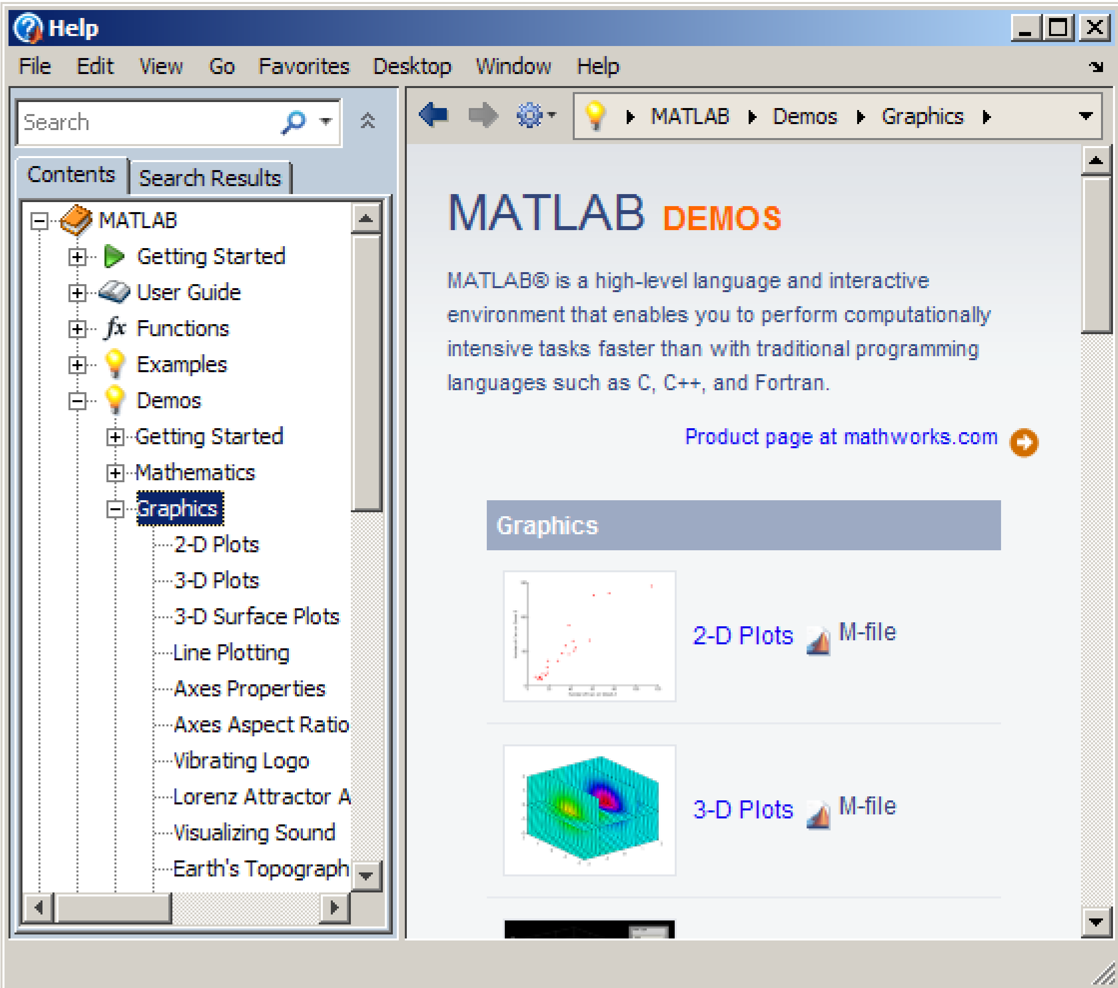
Description `demo` displays the list of MATLAB demos in the Help browser.

`demo '`*`subtopic`*`' '`*`category`*`'` displays the list of demos in the product or topic specified by *`category`*, where *`category`* belongs to *`subtopic`*. Allowable values for *`subtopic`* are: `matlab`, `toolbox`, `simulink`, `blockset`, and `links and targets`. When *`subtopic`* is `matlab` or `simulink`, allowable values for *`category`* are the names of groups demos in those products. To specify all demos for the product when *`subtopic`* is `matlab` or `simulink`, do not specify *`category`*. When *`subtopic`* is `toolbox`, `blockset`, or `links and targets` allowable values for *`category`* are products within the specified *`subtopic`*. For *`category`*, the product name is the toolbox folder for the product. To view the installed toolbox folders, run `(fullfile(matlabroot, 'toolbox'))`

`demo('`*`subtopic`*`', '`*`category`*`')` is the function form of the syntax.

Examples Display MATLAB demos that are in the Graphics category:

```
demo 'matlab' 'graphics'
```



Display all MATLAB demos:

```
demo 'matlab'
```

Display demos for the Simulink product, in the Automotive category:

```
demo 'simulink' 'automotive'
```

Display demos for the Communications Toolbox™ product:

```
demo 'toolbox' 'communications'
```

Display demos for the Simulink® Control Design™ product:

```
demo 'simulink' 'simulink control design'
```

See Also

echodemo, grabcode, helpbrowser

“Browsing for Documentation and Demos”

depdir

Purpose

List dependent folders for function or P-file

Syntax

```
list = depdir('file_name')
[list, prob_files, prob_sym,
   prob_strings] = depdir('file_name')
[...] = depdir('file_name1', 'file_name2',...)
```

Description

The `depdir` function lists the folders of all the functions that a specified function or P-file needs to operate. This function is useful for finding all the folders that need to be included with a run-time application and for determining the run-time path.

`list = depdir('file_name')` creates a cell array of strings containing the folders of all the function and P-files that `file_name.m` or `file_name.p` uses. This includes the second-level files that are called directly by `file_name`, as well as the third-level files that are called by the second-level files, and so on.

`[list, prob_files, prob_sym, prob_strings] = depdir('file_name')` creates three additional cell arrays containing information about any problems with the `depdir` search. `prob_files` contains filenames that `depdir` was unable to parse. `prob_sym` contains symbols that `depdir` was unable to find. `prob_strings` contains callback strings that `depdir` was unable to parse.

`[...]  = depdir('file_name1', 'file_name2',...)` performs the same operation for multiple files. The dependent folders of all files are listed together in the output cell arrays.

Example

```
list = depdir('mesh')
```

See Also

`depfun`

Purpose

List dependencies of function or P-file

Syntax

```
list = depfun('fun')
[list, builtins, classes] = depfun('fun')
[list, builtins, classes, prob_files, prob_sym, eval_strings,
   ... called_from, java_classes] = depfun('fun')
[...] = depfun('fun1', 'fun2',...)
[...] = depfun({'fun1', 'fun2', ...})
[...] = depfun('fig_file')
[...] = depfun(..., options)
```

Description

The `depfun` function lists the paths of all files a specified function or P-file needs to operate.

Note It cannot be guaranteed that `depfun` will find every dependent file. Some dependent files can be hidden in callbacks, or can be constructed dynamically for evaluation, for example. Also note that the list of functions returned by `depfun` often includes extra files that would never be called if the specified function were actually evaluated.

`list = depfun('fun')` creates a cell array of strings containing the paths of all the files that function `fun` uses. This includes the second-level files that are called directly by `fun`, and the third-level files that are called by the second-level files, and so on.

Function `fun` must be on the MATLAB path, as determined by the `which` function. If the MATLAB path contains any relative folders, then files in those folders will also have a relative path.

Note If MATLAB returns a parse error for any of the input functions, or if the `prob_files` output below is nonempty, then the rest of the output of `depfun` might be incomplete. You should correct the problematic files and invoke `depfun` again.

`[list, builtins, classes] = depfun('fun')` creates three cell arrays containing information about dependent functions. `list` contains the paths of all the files that function `fun` and its subordinates use. `builtins` contains the built-in functions that `fun` and its subordinates use. `classes` contains the MATLAB classes that `fun` and its subordinates use.

`[list, builtins, classes, prob_files, prob_sym, eval_strings,... called_from, java_classes] = depfun('fun')` creates additional cell arrays or structure arrays containing information about any problems with the `depfun` search and about where the functions in `list` are invoked. The additional outputs are

- `prob_files` — Indicates which files `depfun` was unable to parse, find, or access. Parsing problems can arise from MATLAB syntax errors. `prob_files` is a structure array having these fields:
  - `name` (path to the file)
  - `listindex` (index of the file in `list`)
  - `errmsg` (problems encountered)
- *unused* — This is a placeholder for an output argument that is not fully implemented at this time. MATLAB returns an empty structure array for this output.
- `called_from` — Cell array of the same length as `list` that indicates which functions call other functions. This cell array is arranged so that the following statement returns all functions in function `fun` that invoke the function `list{i}`:

  ```
  list(called_from{i})
  ```

- `java_classes` — Cell array of Java class names used by `fun` and its subordinate functions.

`[...] = depfun('fun1', 'fun2',...)` performs the same operation for multiple functions. The dependent functions of all files are listed together in the output arrays.

`[...] = depfun({'fun1', 'fun2', ...})` performs the same operation, but on a cell array of functions. The dependent functions of all files are listed together in the output array.

`[...] = depfun('fig_file')` looks for dependent functions among the callback strings of the GUI elements that are defined in the figure file named `fig_file`.

`[...] = depfun(..., options)` modifies the `depfun` operation according to the *`options`* specified (see table below).

Option	Description
`'-all'`	Computes all possible left-side arguments and displays the results in the report(s). Only the specified arguments are returned.
`'-calltree'`	Returns a `call` list in place of a `called_from` list. This is derived from the `called_from` list as an extra step.
`'-expand'`	Includes both indices and full paths in the `call` or `called_from` list.
`'-print', 'file'`	Prints a full report to `file`.
`'-quiet'`	Displays only error and warning messages, and not a summary report.
`'-toponly'`	Examines *only* the files listed explicitly as input arguments. It does not examine the files on which they depend.
`'-verbose'`	Outputs additional internal messages.

Examples

```
list = depfun('mesh'); % Files mesh.m depends on
list = depfun('mesh','-toponly') % Files mesh.m depends on
directly
```

```
[list,builtins,classes] = depfun('gca');
```

See Also depdir

Purpose

Matrix determinant

Syntax

```
d = det(X)
```

Description

`d = det(X)` returns the determinant of the square matrix `X`. If `X` contains only integer entries, the result `d` is also an integer.

Remarks

Using `det(X) == 0` as a test for matrix singularity is appropriate only for matrices of modest order with small integer entries. Testing singularity using `abs(det(X)) <= tolerance` is not recommended as it is difficult to choose the correct tolerance. The function `cond(X)` can check for singular and nearly singular matrices.

Algorithm

The determinant is computed from the triangular factors obtained by Gaussian elimination

```
[L,U] = lu(A)
s =  det(L)        % This is always +1 or -1
det(A) = s*prod(diag(U))
```

Examples

The statement `A = [1 2 3; 4 5 6; 7 8 9]`

produces

```
A =
      1      2      3
      4      5      6
      7      8      9
```

This happens to be a singular matrix, so `d = det(A)` produces `d = 0`. Changing `A(3,3)` with `A(3,3) = 0` turns `A` into a nonsingular matrix. Now `d = det(A)` produces `d = 27`.

See Also

`cond`, `condest`, `inv`, `lu`, `rref`

The arithmetic operators `\`, `/`

detrend

Purpose

Remove linear trends

Syntax

```
y = detrend(x)
y = detrend(x,'constant')
y = detrend(x,'linear',bp)
```

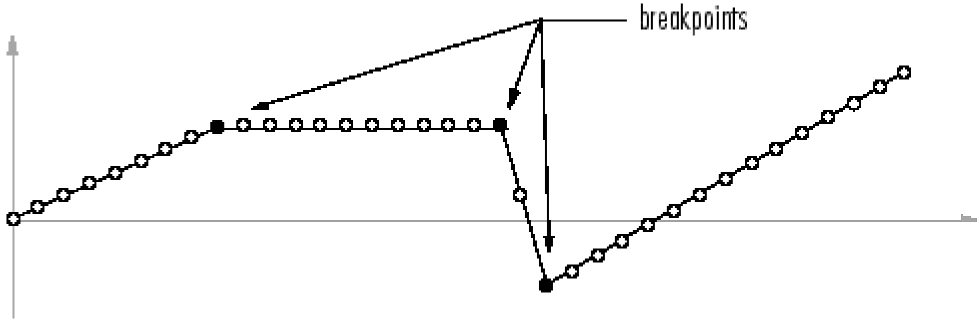
Description

`detrend` removes the mean value or linear trend from a vector or matrix, usually for FFT processing.

`y = detrend(x)` removes the best straight-line fit from vector `x` and returns it in `y`. If `x` is a matrix, `detrend` removes the trend from each column.

`y = detrend(x,'constant')` removes the mean value from vector `x` or, if `x` is a matrix, from each column of the matrix.

`y = detrend(x,'linear',bp)` removes a continuous, piecewise linear trend from vector `x` or, if `x` is a matrix, from each column of the matrix. Vector `bp` contains the indices of the breakpoints between adjacent linear segments. The breakpoint between two segments is defined as the data point that the two segments share.



`detrend(x,'linear')`, with no breakpoint vector specified, is the same as `detrend(x)`.

Example

```
sig = [0 1 -2 1 0 1 -2 1 0];      % signal with no linear trend
trend = [0 1 2 3 4 3 2 1 0];      % two-segment linear trend
```

```
x = sig+trend;                       % signal with added trend
y = detrend(x,'linear',5)            % breakpoint at 5th element

y =

   -0.0000
    1.0000
   -2.0000
    1.0000
    0.0000
    1.0000
   -2.0000
    1.0000
   -0.0000
```

Note that the breakpoint is specified to be the fifth element, which is the data point shared by the two segments.

Algorithm

`detrend` computes the least-squares fit of a straight line (or composite line for piecewise linear trends) to the data and subtracts the resulting function from the data. To obtain the equation of the straight-line fit, use `polyfit`.

See Also

`polyfit`

detrend (timeseries)

Purpose

Subtract mean or best-fit line and all `NaN`s from time series

Syntax

```
ts = detrend(ts1,method)
ts = detrend(ts1,Method,Index)
```

Description

`ts = detrend(ts1,method)` subtracts either a mean or a best-fit line from time-series data, usually for FFT processing. Method is a string that specifies the detrend method and has two possible values:

- `'constant'` — Subtracts the mean
- `'linear'` — Subtracts the best-fit line

`ts = detrend(ts1,Method,Index)` uses the optional `Index` integer array to specify the columns or rows to detrend. When `ts.IsTimeFirst` is `true`, `Index` specifies one or more data columns. When `ts.IsTimeFirst` is `false`, Index specifies one or more data rows.

Remarks

You cannot apply `detrend` to time-series data with more than two dimensions.

Purpose

Evaluate solution of differential equation problem

Syntax

```
sxint = deval(sol,xint)
sxint = deval(xint,sol)
sxint = deval(sol,xint,idx)
sxint = deval(xint,sol,idx)
[sxint, spxint] = deval(...)
```

Description

`sxint = deval(sol,xint)` and `sxint = deval(xint,sol)` evaluate the solution of a differential equation problem. `sol` is a structure returned by one of these solvers:

- An initial value problem solver (`ode45`, `ode23`, `ode113`, `ode15s`, `ode23s`, `ode23t`, `ode23tb`, `ode15i`)
- A delay differential equations solver (`dde23` or `ddesd`),
- A boundary value problem solver (`bvp4c` or `bvp5c`).

`xint` is a point or a vector of points at which you want the solution. The elements of `xint` must be in the interval `[sol.x(1),sol.x(end)]`. For each `i`, `sxint(:,i)` is the solution at `xint(i)`.

`sxint = deval(sol,xint,idx)` and `sxint = deval(xint,sol,idx)` evaluate as above but return only the solution components with indices listed in the vector `idx`.

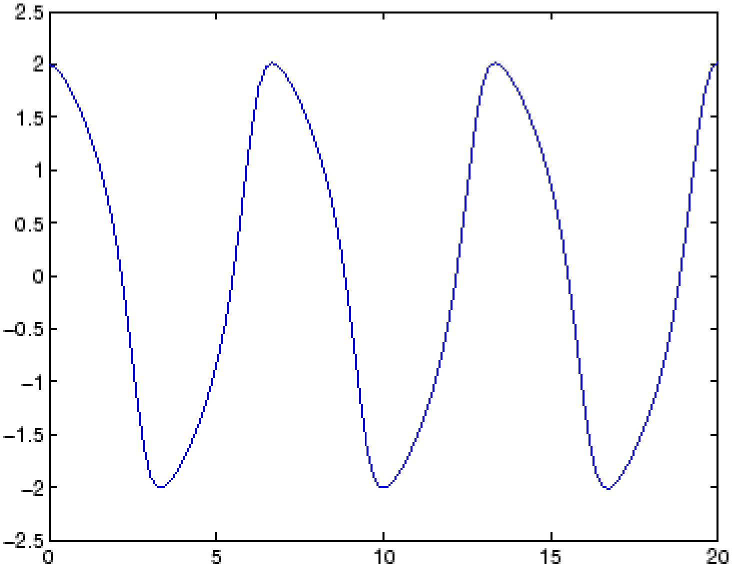
`[sxint, spxint] = deval(...)` also returns `spxint`, the value of the first derivative of the polynomial interpolating the solution.

Note For multipoint boundary value problems, the solution obtained by `bvp4c` or `bvp5c` might be discontinuous at the interfaces. For an interface point `xc`, `deval` returns the average of the limits from the left and right of `xc`. To get the limit values, set the `xint` argument of `deval` to be slightly smaller or slightly larger than `xc`.

Example

This example solves the system $y' = \mathbf{vdp1}(t, y)$ using `ode45`, and evaluates and plots the first component of the solution at 100 points in the interval `[0,20]`.

```
sol = ode45(@vdp1,[0 20],[2 0]);
x = linspace(0,20,100);
y = deval(sol,x,1);
plot(x,y);
```



See Also

ODE solvers: `ode45`, `ode23`, `ode113`, `ode15s`, `ode23s`, `ode23t`, `ode23tb`, `ode15i`

DDE solvers: `dde23`, `ddesd`

BVP solver: `bvp4c`, `bvp5c`

Purpose

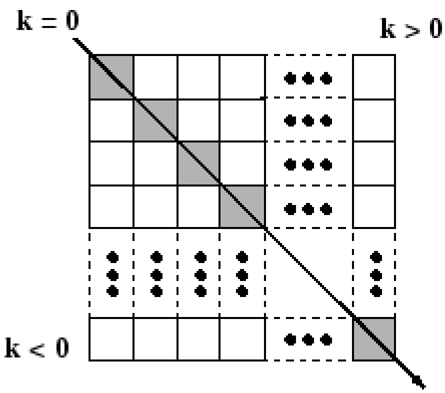
Diagonal matrices and diagonals of matrix

Syntax

```
X = diag(v,k)
X = diag(v)
v = diag(X,k)
v = diag(X)
```

Description

`X = diag(v,k)` when `v` is a vector of `n` components, returns a square matrix `X` of order `n+abs(k)`, with the elements of `v` on the `k`th diagonal. `k = 0` represents the main diagonal, `k > 0` above the main diagonal, and `k < 0` below the main diagonal.



`X = diag(v)` puts `v` on the main diagonal, same as above with `k = 0`.

`v = diag(X,k)` for matrix `X`, returns a column vector `v` formed from the elements of the `k`th diagonal of `X`.

`v = diag(X)` returns the main diagonal of `X`, same as above with `k = 0` .

Remarks

`diag(diag(X))` is a diagonal matrix.

`sum(diag(X))` is the trace of `X`.

`diag([])` generates an empty matrix, (`[]`).

`diag(m-by-1,k)` generates a matrix of size `m+abs(k)`-by-`m+abs(k)`.

`diag(1-by-n,k)` generates a matrix of size `n+abs(k)`-by-`n+abs(k)`.

Examples

The statement

```
diag(-m:m)+diag(ones(2*m,1),1)+diag(ones(2*m,1),-1)
```

produces a tridiagonal matrix of order `2*m+1`.

See Also

`spdiags`, `tril`, `triu`, `blkdiag`

Purpose

Create and display empty dialog box

Syntax

```
h = dialog('PropertyName',PropertyValue,...)
```

Description

`h = dialog('PropertyName',PropertyValue,...)` returns a handle to a dialog box. The dialog box is a figure graphics object with properties recommended for dialog boxes. You can specify any valid figure property value except `DockControls`, which is always `off`.

The properties that `dialog` sets and their values are

Property	Value
'BackingStore'	'off'
'ButtonDownFcn'	'if isempty(allchild(gcbf)), close(gcbf), end'
'Colormap'	[]
'Color'	DefaultUicontrolBackgroundColor
'DockControls'	'off'
'HandleVisibility'	'callback'
'IntegerHandle'	'off'
'InvertHardcopy'	'off'
'MenuBar'	'none'
'NumberTitle'	'off'
'PaperPositionMode'	'auto'
'Resize'	'off'
'Visible'	'on'
'WindowStyle'	'modal'

Note By default, the dialog box is modal. A modal dialog box prevents the user from interacting with other windows before responding. For more information, see `WindowStyle` in the MATLAB Figure Properties.

The default `ButtonDownFcn`, `if isempty(allchild(gcbf)), close(gcbf), end`, causes the dialog to terminate itself when clicked as long as it contains no child objects. Replace it with another callback or an empty callback if you do not want this behavior. You can do this only from a script or function if the dialog is modal (the default `WindowStyle`).

Any parameter from the `figure` function is valid for this function.

Examples

```
out = dialog;

out = dialog('WindowStyle', 'normal', 'Name', 'My Dialog');
```

See Also

`errordlg`, `helpdlg`, `inputdlg`, `listdlg`, `msgbox`, `questdlg`, `warndlg`

`figure`, `uiwait`, `uiresume`

"Predefined Dialog Boxes" on page 1-113 for related functions

Purpose

Save session to file

Syntax

```
diary
diary('filename')
diary off
diary on
diary filename
```

Description

The diary function creates a log of keyboard input and the resulting text output, with some exceptions (see "Remarks" on page 2-1155 for details). The output of diary is an ASCII file, suitable for searching in, printing, inclusion in most reports and other documents. If you do not specify filename, the MATLAB software creates a file named diary in the current folder.

diary toggles diary mode on and off. To see the status of diary, type get(0,'Diary'). MATLAB returns either on or off indicating the diary status.

diary('filename') writes a copy of all subsequent keyboard input and the resulting output (except it does not include graphics) to the named file, where filename is the full pathname or filename is in the current MATLAB folder. If the file already exists, output is appended to the end of the file. You cannot use a filename called off or on. To see the name of the diary file, use get(0,'DiaryFile').

diary **off** suspends the diary.

diary **on** resumes diary mode using the current filename, or the default filename diary if none has yet been specified.

diary filename is the unquoted form of the syntax.

Remarks

Because the output of diary is plain text, the file does not exactly mirror input and output from the Command Window:

- Output does not include graphics (figure windows).
- Syntax highlighting and font preferences are not preserved.

- Hidden components of Command Window output such as hyperlink information generated with `matlab:` are shown in plain text. For example, if you enter the following statement

  ```
  str = sprintf('%s%s', ...
     '<a href="matlab:magic(4)">', ...
     'Generate magic square</a>');
  disp(str)
  ```

  MATLAB displays

  Generate magic square

  However, the diary file, when viewed in a text editor, shows

  ```
  str = sprintf('%s%s', ...
     '<a href="matlab:magic(4)">', ...
     'Generate magic square</a>');
  disp(str)
  <a href="matlab:magic(4)">Generate magic square</a>
  ```

  If you view the output of diary in the Command Window, the Command Window interprets the `<a href ...>` statement and displays it as a hyperlink.

- Viewing the output of `diary` in a console window might produce different results compared to viewing `diary` output in the desktop Command Window. One example is using the `\r` option for the `fprintf` function; using the `\n` option might alleviate that problem.

See Also

`evalc`

"Using the Command History Window" in the MATLAB Desktop Tools and Development Environment documentation

Purpose

Differences and approximate derivatives

Syntax

```
Y = diff(X)
Y = diff(X,n)
Y = diff(X,n,dim)
```

Description

`Y = diff(X)` calculates differences between adjacent elements of `X`.

If `X` is a vector, then `diff(X)` returns a vector, one element shorter than `X`, of differences between adjacent elements:

```
[X(2)-X(1) X(3)-X(2) ... X(n)-X(n-1)]
```

If `X` is a matrix, then `diff(X)` returns a matrix of row differences:

```
[X(2:m,:)-X(1:m-1,:)]
```

In general, `diff(X)` returns the differences calculated along the first non-singleton (`size(X,dim) > 1`) dimension of `X`.

`Y = diff(X,n)` applies `diff` recursively `n` times, resulting in the nth difference. Thus, `diff(X,2)` is the same as `diff(diff(X))`.

`Y = diff(X,n,dim)` is the nth difference function calculated along the dimension specified by scalar `dim`. If order `n` equals or exceeds the length of dimension `dim`, `diff` returns an empty array.

Remarks

Since each iteration of `diff` reduces the length of `X` along dimension `dim`, it is possible to specify an order `n` sufficiently high to reduce `dim` to a singleton (`size(X,dim) = 1`) dimension. When this happens, `diff` continues calculating along the next nonsingleton dimension.

Examples

The quantity `diff(y)./diff(x)` is an approximate derivative.

```
x = [1 2 3 4 5];
y = diff(x)
y =
     1     1     1     1
```

```
z = diff(x,2)
z =
     0     0     0
```

Given,

```
A = rand(1,3,2,4);
```

`diff(A)` is the first-order difference along dimension `2`.

`diff(A,3,4)` is the third-order difference along dimension `4`.

See Also

`gradient`, `prod`, `sum`

Purpose Calculate diffuse reflectance

Syntax `R = diffuse(Nx,Ny,Nz,S)`

Description `R = diffuse(Nx,Ny,Nz,S)` returns the reflectance of a surface with normal vector components `[Nx,Ny,Nz]`. `S` specifies the direction to the light source. You can specify these directions as three vectors`[x,y,z]` or two vectors `[Theta Phi` (in spherical coordinates).

Lambert's Law: `R = cos(PSI)` where `PSI` is the angle between the surface normal and light source.

See Also `specular`, `surfnorm`, `surfl`

"Lighting as a Visualization Tool"

dir

Purpose

Folder listing

GUI Alternatives

As an alternative to the `dir` function, use the Current Folder browser.

Syntax

```
dir
dir(name)
listing = dir('name')
dir name
```

Description

`dir` lists the files and folders in the MATLAB current folder. Results appear in the order returned by the operating system.

`dir(name)` lists the files and folders specified by the string `name`. When `name` is a folder, `dir` lists the contents of the folder. Specify `name` using absolute or relative path names. `name` can include wildcards (`*`).

`listing = dir('name')` returns attributes about `name` to an `m`-by-`1` structure, where `m` is the number of files and folders in `name`. The following table shows the fields in the structure.

`dir name` is the command syntax.

Field Name	Description	Class
`name`	File or folder name	char array
`date`	Modification date timestamp	char array
`bytes`	Size of the file in bytes	double
`isdir`	`1` if name is a folder; `0` if not	logical
`datenum`	Modification date as serial date number. The value is locale-dependent.	double

Remarks

Listing Drives

On Microsoft Windows platforms, to obtain a list of available drives, use the DOS `net use` command. In the Command Window, run

```
dos('net use')
```

Or run

```
[s,r] = dos('net use')
```

MATLAB returns the results to the character array `r`.

DOS File Names

The MATLAB `dir` function is consistent with the Microsoft Windows operating system `dir` command in that both support short file names generated by DOS.

Structure Results for Nonexistent Files

When you run `dir` with an output argument and the results include a nonexistent file or a file that `dir` cannot query for some other reason, `dir` returns the following default values:

```
date: ''
bytes: []
isdir: 0
datenum: []
```

The most common occurrence is on UNIX[2] platforms when dir queries a file that is a symbolic link, which points to a nonexistent target. A nonexistent target is a target that was moved, removed, or renamed. For example, if my_file in my_dir is a symbolic link to another file that was deleted, then running

```
r = dir('my_dir')
```

includes this result for my_file:

```
r(n) =
  name: 'my_file'
  date: ''
  bytes: []
  isdir: 0
  datenum: []
```

where *n* is the index for my_file, found by searching r by the name field. See also the example "Excluding Results That dir Cannot Query" on page 2-1163

Examples

Listing the Contents of a Specified Folder

View the contents of the matlab/audiovideo folder:

```
dir(fullfile(matlabroot, 'toolbox/matlab/audiovideo'))
```

Returning List to Structure

Return the list of results to the variable av_files:

```
av_files = dir(fullfile(matlabroot, ...
               'toolbox/matlab/audiovideo/*.m'))
```

MATLAB returns the information in a structure array:

```
av_files =
```

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```
24x1 struct array with fields:
    name
    date
    bytes
    isdir
    datenum
```

Index into the structure to access a particular item:

```
av_files(3).name
ans =
   audioplayerreg.m
```

Using Wildcard and File Extension

View the MAT-files in the current folder that include the term `my_data`:

```
dir *my_data*.mat
```

MATLAB returns all file names that match this specification:

```
old_my_data.mat  my_data_final.mat  my_data_test.mat
```

Excluding Results That dir Cannot Query

Return the list of files excluding those files that `dir` cannot query:

```
 y = dir;
 y = y(find(~cellfun(@isempty,{y(:).date})));
```

See Also

`cd`, `fileattrib`, `isdir`, `ls`, `mkdir`, `rmdir`, `what`

Topics in User Guide:

- “Working with Files and Folders”
- “Path Names in MATLAB”
- “Managing Files in MATLAB”

dir (ftp)

Purpose

Directory contents on FTP server

Syntax

```
dir(f,'dirname')
d = dir(...)
```

Description

`dir(f,'dirname')` lists the files in the specified directory, `dirname`, on the FTP server `f`, where `f` was created using `ftp`. If `dirname` is unspecified, `dir` lists the files in the current directory of `f`.

`d = dir(...)` returns the results in an m-by-1 structure with the following fields for each file:

Fieldname	Description	Data Type
`name`	Filename	char array
`date`	Modification date timestamp	char array
`bytes`	Number of bytes allocated to the file	double
`isdir`	`1` if name is a directory; `0` if not	logical
`datenum`	Modification date as serial date number	char array

Examples

Connect to the MathWorks FTP server and view the contents.

```
tmw=ftp('ftp.mathworks.com');
dir(tmw)
```

This code returns the following:

```
README    incoming  matlab    outgoing  pub       pubs
```

Save the folder contents to the structure `m` and view element 5.

```
m=dir(tmw);
close(tmw);

m(5)
```

This code returns:

```
ans =
       name: 'pub'
       date: '13-Aug-2008 00:00:00'
      bytes: 512
      isdir: 1
    datenum: 733633
```

See Also

ftp, mkdir (ftp), rmdir (ftp)

Purpose

Display text or array

Syntax

```
disp(X)
```

Description

`disp(X)` displays an array, without printing the array name. If `X` contains a text string, the string is displayed.

Another way to display an array on the screen is to type its name, but this prints a leading "`X=,`" which is not always desirable.

Note that `disp` does not display empty arrays.

Examples

Example 1 — Display a matrix with column labels

This example uses `disp` to display a matrix with column labels:

```
disp('          Corn          Oats          Hay')
disp(rand(5,3))
```

This results in

```
           Corn          Oats          Hay
          0.2113        0.8474        0.2749
          0.0820        0.4524        0.8807
          0.7599        0.8075        0.6538
          0.0087        0.4832        0.4899
          0.8096        0.6135        0.7741
```

Example 2 — Display a hyperlink in the Command Window

You also can use the `disp` command to display a hyperlink in the Command Window. Include the full hypertext string on a single line as input to `disp`:

```
disp('<a href = "http://www.mathworks.com">The MathWorks Web Site</a>')
```

which generates this hyperlink in the Command Window:

```
The MathWorks Web Site
```

Click the link to display The MathWorks home page in a MATLAB Web browser.

Example 3 — Display multiple items on the same line

Use concatenation to display multiple items using `disp`. For example:

```
x = [1 2 3];
disp(['The values of x are: ', num2str(x)]);
```

displays

```
The values of x are: 1  2  3
```

If you want to display text without a trailing newline character, use `fprintf`. For example,

```
fprintf('%s %d %d %d ', 'The values of x are:', x(:));
```

displays text similar to the above, but does not include a newline.

See Also

`format`, `int2str`, `matlabcolon`, `num2str`, `rats`, `sprintf`, `fprintf`

disp (memmapfile)

Purpose

Information about memmapfile object

Syntax

`disp(obj)`

Description

`disp(obj)` displays all properties and their values for `memmapfile` object `obj`.

The MATLAB software also displays this information when you construct a `memmapfile` object or set any of the object's property values, provided you do not terminate the command to do so with a semicolon.

Examples

Construct an object `m` of class `memmapfile`:

```
m = memmapfile('records.dat',                    ...
               'Offset', 2048,                   ...
               'Format', {                       ...
                  'int16'  [2 2] 'model';        ...
                  'uint32' [1 1] 'serialno';     ...
                  'single' [1 3] 'expenses'});
```

Use `disp` to display all the object's current properties:

```
disp(m)
    Filename: 'd:\matlab\mfiles\records.dat'
    Writable: false
      Offset: 2048
      Format: {'int16' [2 2] 'model'
               'uint32' [1 1] 'serialno'
               'single' [1 3] 'expenses'}
      Repeat: Inf
        Data: 753x1 struct array with fields:
            model
         serialno
         expenses
```

See Also

`memmapfile`, `get(memmapfile)`

Purpose

Display `MException` object

Syntax

```
disp(ME)
disp(ME.property)
```

Description

`disp(ME)` displays all properties (fields) of `MException` object `ME`.

`disp(ME.property)` displays the specified property of `MException` object `ME`.

Examples

Using the `surf` command without input arguments throws an exception. Use `disp` to display the `identifier`, `message`, `stack`, and `cause` properties of the `MException` object:

```
try
   surf
catch ME
   disp(ME)
end

 MException object with properties:

    identifier: 'MATLAB:nargchk:notEnoughInputs'
       message: 'Not enough input arguments.'
         stack: [1x1 struct]
         cause: {}
```

Display only the `stack` property:

```
disp(ME.stack)
    file: 'X:\bat\Akernel\perfect\matlab\toolbox\matlab\
graph3d\surf.m'
    name: 'surf'
    line: 54
```

See Also

`try`, `catch`, `error`, `assert`, `MException`, `getReport(MException)`, `throw(MException)`, `rethrow(MException)`, throwAsCaller(MException), addCause(MException), isequal(MException), eq(MException), ne(MException), last(MException),

Purpose Serial port object summary information

Syntax

```
obj
disp(obj)
```

Description `obj` or `disp(obj)` displays summary information for `obj`, a serial port object or an array of serial port objects.

Remarks In addition to the syntax shown above, you can display summary information for `obj` by excluding the semicolon when:

- Creating a serial port object
- Configuring property values using the dot notation

Use the display summary to quickly view the communication settings, communication state information, and information associated with read and write operations.

Example The following commands display summary information for the serial port object `s`. on a Windows platform

```
s = serial('COM1')
s.BaudRate = 300
s
```

disp (timer)

Purpose

Information about timer object

Syntax

```
disp(obj)
obj
```

Description

`disp(obj)` displays summary information for the timer object, `obj`.

If `obj` is an array of timer objects, `disp` outputs a table of summary information about the timer objects in the array.

`obj`, that is, typing the object name alone, does the same as `disp(obj)`

In addition to the syntax shown above, you can display summary information for `obj` by excluding the semicolon when

- Creating a timer object, using the `timer` function
- Configuring property values using the dot notation

Examples

The following commands display summary information for timer object `t`.

```
t = timer

Timer Object: timer-1

   Timer Settings
      ExecutionMode: singleShot
             Period: 1
           BusyMode: drop
            Running: off

   Callbacks
           TimerFcn: []
           ErrorFcn: []
           StartFcn: []
            StopFcn: []
```

This example shows the format of summary information displayed for an array of timer objects.

```
t2 = timer;
disp(timerfind)

Timer Object Array
Timer Object Array

   Index:  ExecutionMode:  Period:  TimerFcn:     Name:
   1       singleShot      1        ''            timer-1
   2       singleShot      1        ''            timer-2
```

See Also

timer, get(timer)

display

Purpose

Display text or array (overloaded method)

Syntax

```
display(X)
```

Description

`display(X)` prints the value of a variable or expression, `X`. The MATLAB software calls `display(X)` when it interprets a variable or expression, `X`, that is not terminated by a semicolon. For example, `sin(A)` calls `display`, while `sin(A);` does not.

If `X` is an instance of a MATLAB class, then MATLAB calls the `display` method of that class, if such a method exists. If the class has no `display` method or if `X` is not an instance of a MATLAB class, then the MATLAB built-in `display` function is called.

Examples

A typical implementation of `display` calls `disp` to do most of the work and looks like this.

```
function display(X)
if isequal(get(0,'FormatSpacing'),'compact')
   disp([inputname(1) ' =']);
   disp(X)
else
   disp(' ')
   disp([inputname(1) ' =']);
   disp(' ');
   disp(X)
end
```

The expression `magic(3)`, with no terminating semicolon, calls this function as `display(magic(3))`.

```
magic(3)

ans =

     8     1     6
     3     5     7
     4     9     2
```

As an example of a class `display` method, the function below implements the `display` method for objects of the MATLAB class `polynom`.

```
function display(p)
% POLYNOM/DISPLAY Command window display of a polynom
disp(' ');
disp([inputname(1),' = '])
disp(' ');
disp(['   ' char(p)])
disp(' ');
```

The statement

```
p = polynom([1 0 -2 -5])
```

creates a `polynom` object. Since the statement is not terminated with a semicolon, the MATLAB interpreter calls `display(p)`, resulting in the output

```
p =

     x^3 - 2*x - 5
```

See Also

`disp`, `ans`, `sprintf`, special characters

dither

Purpose

Convert image, increasing apparent color resolution by dithering

Syntax

```
X = dither(RGB, map)
X = dither(RGB, map, Qm, Qe)
BW = dither(I)
```

Description

`X = dither(RGB, map)` creates an indexed image approximation of the RGB image in the array `RGB` by dithering the colors in the colormap `map`. The colormap cannot have more than 65,536 colors.

`X = dither(RGB, map, Qm, Qe)` creates an indexed image from `RGB`, where `Qm` specifies the number of quantization bits to use along each color axis for the inverse color map, and `Qe` specifies the number of quantization bits to use for the color space error calculations. If `Qe < Qm`, dithering cannot be performed, and an undithered indexed image is returned in `X`. If you omit these parameters, `dither` uses the default values `Qm = 5`, `Qe = 8`.

`BW = dither(I)` converts the grayscale image in the matrix `I` to the binary (black and white) image `BW` by dithering.

Class Support

`RGB` can be `uint8`, `uint16`, `single`, or `double`. `I` can be `uint8`, `uint16`, `int16`, `single`, or `double`. All other input arguments must be `double`. `BW` is `logical`. `X` is `uint8`, if it is an indexed image with 256 or fewer colors; otherwise, it is `uint16`.

Algorithm

`dither` increases the apparent color resolution of an image by applying Floyd-Steinberg's error diffusion dither algorithm.

Examples

Convert intensity image to binary using dithering.

```
I = imread('cameraman.tif');
BW = dither(I);
imshow(I), figure, imshow(BW)
```

References

[1] Floyd, R. W., and L. Steinberg, "An Adaptive Algorithm for Spatial Gray Scale," *International Symposium Digest of Technical Papers,* Society for Information Displays, 1975, p. 36.

[2] Lim, Jae S., *Two-Dimensional Signal and Image Processing*, Englewood Cliffs, NJ, Prentice Hall, 1990, pp. 469-476.

See Also

`rgb2ind`

Purpose

Compute divergence of vector field

Syntax

```
div = divergence(X,Y,Z,U,V,W)
div = divergence(U,V,W)
div = divergence(X,Y,U,V)
div = divergence(U,V)
```

Description

`div = divergence(X,Y,Z,U,V,W)` computes the divergence of a 3-D vector field `U`, `V`, `W`. The arrays `X`, `Y`, `Z` define the coordinates for `U`, `V`, `W` and must be monotonic and 3-D plaid (as if produced by `meshgrid`).

`div = divergence(U,V,W)` assumes `X`, `Y`, and `Z` are determined by the expression

```
[X Y Z] = meshgrid(1:n,1:m,1:p)
```

where `[m,n,p] = size(U)`.

`div = divergence(X,Y,U,V)` computes the divergence of a 2-D vector field `U`, `V`. The arrays `X`, `Y` define the coordinates for `U`, `V` and must be monotonic and 2-D plaid (as if produced by `meshgrid`).

`div = divergence(U,V)` assumes `X` and `Y` are determined by the expression

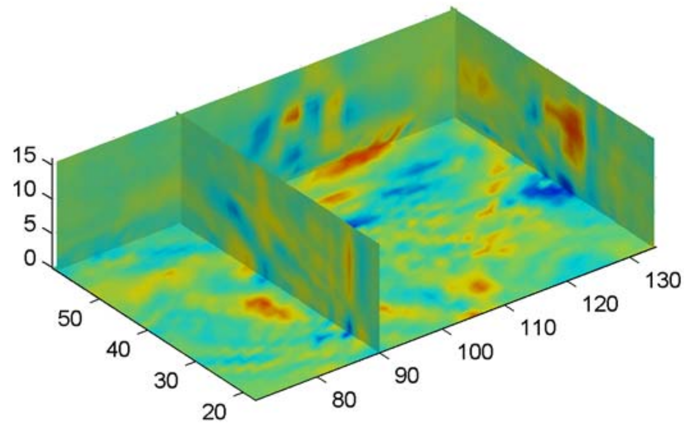
```
[X Y] = meshgrid(1:n,1:m)
```

where `[m,n] = size(U)`.

Examples

This example displays the divergence of vector volume data as slice planes, using color to indicate divergence.

```
load wind
div = divergence(x,y,z,u,v,w);
slice(x,y,z,div,[90 134],[59],[0]);
shading interp
daspect([1 1 1])
camlight
```



See Also

`streamtube`, `curl`, `isosurface`

"Volume Visualization" on page 1-111 for related functions

"Example – Displaying Divergence with Stream Tubes" for another example

dlmread

Purpose

Read ASCII-delimited file of numeric data into matrix

Graphical Interface

As an alternative to `dlmread`, use the Import Wizard. To activate the Import Wizard, select **Import data** from the **File** menu.

Syntax

```
M = dlmread(filename)
M = dlmread(filename, delimiter)
M = dlmread(filename, delimiter, R, C)
M = dlmread(filename, delimiter, range)
```

Description

`M = dlmread(filename)` reads from the ASCII-delimited numeric data file `filename` to output matrix `M`. The `filename` input is a string enclosed in single quotes. The delimiter separating data elements is inferred from the formatting of the file. Comma (`,`) is the default delimiter.

`M = dlmread(filename, delimiter)` reads numeric data from the ASCII-delimited file `filename`, using the specified `delimiter`. Use `\t` to specify a tab delimiter.

Note When a delimiter is inferred from the formatting of the file, consecutive whitespaces are treated as a single delimiter. By contrast, if a delimiter is specified by the `delimiter` input, any repeated delimiter character is treated as a separate delimiter.

`M = dlmread(filename, delimiter, R, C)` reads numeric data from the ASCII-delimited file `filename`, using the specified `delimiter`. The values `R` and `C` specify the row and column where the upper left corner of the data lies in the file. `R` and `C` are zero based, so that `R=0`, `C=0` specifies the first value in the file, which is the upper left corner.

Note `dlmread` reads numeric data only. The file being read may contain nonnumeric data, but this nonnumeric data cannot be within the range being imported.

`M = dlmread(filename, delimiter, range)` reads the range specified by `range = [R1 C1 R2 C2]` where `(R1,C1)` is the upper left corner of the data to be read and `(R2,C2)` is the lower right corner. You can also specify the range using spreadsheet notation, as in `range = 'A1..B7'`.

Remarks

If you want to specify an `R`, `C`, or `range` input, but not a `delimiter`, set the `delimiter` argument to the empty string, (two consecutive single quotes with no spaces in between, `''`). For example,

```
M = dlmread('myfile.dat', '', 5, 2)
```

Using this syntax enables you to specify the starting row and column or range to read while having `dlmread` treat repeated whitespaces as a single delimiter.

`dlmread` fills empty delimited fields with zero. Data files having lines that end with a nonspace delimiter, such as a semicolon, produce a result that has an additional last column of zeros.

`dlmread` imports any complex number as a whole into a complex numeric field, converting the real and imaginary parts to the specified numeric type. Valid forms for a complex number are

Form	Example
`–<real>–<imag>i|j`	`5.7-3.1i`
`–<imag>i|j`	`-7j`

Embedded white-space in a complex number is invalid and is regarded as a field delimiter.

Examples

Example 1

Export a 5-by-8 test matrix `M` to a file, and read it with `dlmread`, first with no arguments other than the filename:

```
M = gallery('integerdata', 100, [5 8], 0);
dlmwrite('myfile.txt', M, 'delimiter', '\t')

dlmread('myfile.txt')
ans =
    96    77    62    41     6    21     2    42
    24    46    80    94    36    20    75    85
    61     2    93    92    82    61    45    53
    49    83    74    42     1    28    94    21
    90    45    18    90    14    20    47    68
```

Now read a portion of the matrix by specifying the row and column of the upper left corner:

```
dlmread('myfile.txt', '\t', 2, 3)
ans =
    92    82    61    45    53
    42     1    28    94    21
    90    14    20    47    68
```

This time, read a different part of the matrix using a range specifier:

```
dlmread('myfile.txt', '\t', 'C1..G4')
ans =
    62    41     6    21     2
    80    94    36    20    75
    93    92    82    61    45
    74    42     1    28    94
```

Example 2

Export matrix `M` to a file, and then append an additional matrix to the file that is offset one row below the first:

```
M = magic(3);
dlmwrite('myfile.txt', [M*5 M/5], ' ')

dlmwrite('myfile.txt', [M/3], '-append', ...
   'roffset', 1, 'delimiter', ' ')

type myfile.txt

40 5 30 1.6 0.2 1.2
15 25 35 0.6 1 1.4
20 45 10 0.8 1.8 0.4

2.6667 0.33333 2
1 1.6667 2.3333
1.3333 3 0.66667
```

When `dlmread` imports these two matrices from the file, it pads the smaller matrix with zeros:

```
dlmread('myfile.txt')
   40.0000    5.0000   30.0000    1.6000    0.2000    1.2000
   15.0000   25.0000   35.0000    0.6000    1.0000    1.4000
   20.0000   45.0000   10.0000    0.8000    1.8000    0.4000
    2.6667    0.3333    2.0000         0         0         0
    1.0000    1.6667    2.3333         0         0         0
    1.3333    3.0000    0.6667         0         0         0
```

See Also

`dlmwrite`, `textscan`

dlmwrite

Purpose Write matrix to ASCII-delimited file

Syntax

```
dlmwrite(filename, M)
dlmwrite(filename, M, 'D')
dlmwrite(filename, M, 'D', R, C)
dlmwrite(filename, M, 'attrib1', value1, 'attrib2', value2,
   ...)
dlmwrite(filename, M, '-append')
dlmwrite(filename, M, '-append', attribute-value list)
```

Description

`dlmwrite(filename, M)` writes matrix `M` into an ASCII format file using the default delimiter (,) to separate matrix elements. The data is written starting at the first column of the first row in the destination file, `filename`. The `filename` input is a string enclosed in single quotes.

`dlmwrite(filename, M, 'D')` writes matrix `M` into an ASCII format file, using delimiter `D` to separate matrix elements. The data is written starting at the first column of the first row in the destination file, `filename`. A comma (,) is the default delimiter. Use `\t` to produce tab-delimited files.

`dlmwrite(filename, M, 'D', R, C)` writes matrix `M` into an ASCII format file, using delimiter `D` to separate matrix elements. The data is written starting at row `R` and column `C` in the destination file, `filename`. `R` and `C` are zero based, so that `R=0`, `C=0` specifies the first value in the file, which is the upper left corner.

`dlmwrite(filename, M, 'attrib1', value1, 'attrib2', value2, ...)` is an alternate syntax to those shown above, in which you specify any number of attribute-value pairs in any order in the argument list. Each attribute must be immediately followed by a corresponding value (see the table below).

Attribute	Value
delimiter	Delimiter string to be used in separating matrix elements
newline	Character(s) to use in terminating each line (see table below)
roffset	Offset, in rows, from the top of the destination file to where matrix data is to be written. Offset is zero based.
coffset	Offset, in columns, from the left side of the destination file to where matrix data is to be written. Offset is zero based.
precision	Numeric precision to use in writing data to the file. Specify the number of significant digits or a C-style format string starting in `%`, such as `'%10.5f'`.

This table shows which values you can use when setting the **newline** attribute.

Line Terminator	Description
'pc'	PC terminator (implies carriage return/line feed (`CR/LF`))
'unix'	UNIX terminator (implies line feed (`LF`))

`dlmwrite(filename, M, '-append')` appends the matrix to the end of the file. If you do not specify `'-append'`, `dlmwrite` overwrites any existing data in the file.

`dlmwrite(filename, M, '-append', attribute-value list)` accepts a list of `attribute-value` pairs. If you specify `'-append'` and row or column offsets, `dlmwrite` calculates the offset from the end of the original contents of the file.

Remarks

The resulting file is readable by spreadsheet programs. Alternatively, if your system has Excel for Windows installed, you can create a spreadsheet using `xlswrite`.

The `dlmwrite` function does not accept cell arrays for the input matrix `M`. To export a cell array that contains only numeric data, use `cell2mat` to convert the cell array to a numeric matrix before calling `dlmwrite`. For other cases, use low-level export functions. For more information, see "Exporting a Cell Array to a Text File" in the MATLAB Data Import and Export documentation.

Examples

Example 1

Export matrix `M` to a file delimited by the tab character and using a precision of six significant digits:

```
dlmwrite('myfile.txt', M, 'delimiter', '\t', ...
         'precision', 6)
type myfile.txt

0.893898      0.284409      0.582792      0.432907
0.199138      0.469224      0.423496      0.22595
0.298723      0.0647811     0.515512      0.579807
0.661443      0.988335      0.333951      0.760365
```

Example 2

Export matrix `M` to a file using a precision of six decimal places and the conventional line terminator for the PC platform:

```
dlmwrite('myfile.txt', m, 'precision', '%.6f', ...
         'newline', 'pc')
type myfile.txt

16.000000,2.000000,3.000000,13.000000
5.000000,11.000000,10.000000,8.000000
9.000000,7.000000,6.000000,12.000000
4.000000,14.000000,15.000000,1.000000
```

Example 3

Export matrix `M` to a file, and then append an additional matrix to the file that is offset one row below the first:

```
M = magic(3);
dlmwrite('myfile.txt', [M*5 M/5], ' ')

dlmwrite('myfile.txt', rand(3), '-append', ...
   'roffset', 1, 'delimiter', ' ')

type myfile.txt

40 5 30 1.6 0.2 1.2
15 25 35 0.6 1 1.4
20 45 10 0.8 1.8 0.4

0.81472 0.91338 0.2785
0.90579 0.63236 0.54688
0.12699 0.09754 0.95751
```

When `dlmread` imports these two matrices from the file, it pads the smaller matrix with zeros:

```
dlmread('myfile.txt')
   40.0000    5.0000   30.0000   1.6000   0.2000   1.2000
   15.0000   25.0000   35.0000   0.6000   1.0000   1.4000
   20.0000   45.0000   10.0000   0.8000   1.8000   0.4000
    0.8147    0.9134    0.2785   0        0        0
    0.9058    0.6324    0.5469   0        0        0
    0.1270    0.0975    0.9575   0        0        0
```

See Also

`dlmread`, `fileformats`

dmperm

Purpose

Dulmage-Mendelsohn decomposition

Syntax

```
p = dmperm(A)
[p,q,r,s,cc,rr] = dmperm(A)
```

Description

`p = dmperm(A)` finds a vector `p` such that `p(j) = i` if column `j` is matched to row `i`, or zero if column `j` is unmatched. If `A` is a square matrix with full structural rank, `p` is a maximum matching row permutation and `A(p,:)` has a zero-free diagonal. The structural rank of `A` is `sprank(A) = sum(p>0)`.

`[p,q,r,s,cc,rr] = dmperm(A)` where `A` need not be square or full structural rank, finds the Dulmage-Mendelsohn decomposition of `A`. `p` and `q` are row and column permutation vectors, respectively, such that `A(p,q)` has a block upper triangular form. `r` and `s` are index vectors indicating the block boundaries for the fine decomposition. `cc` and `rr` are vectors of length five indicating the block boundaries of the coarse decomposition.

`C = A(p,q)` is split into a `4`-by-`4` set of coarse blocks:

```
A11  A12  A13  A14
0      0  A23  A24
0      0    0  A34
0      0    0  A44
```

where `A12`, `A23`, and `A34` are square with zero-free diagonals. The columns of `A11` are the unmatched columns, and the rows of `A44` are the unmatched rows. Any of these blocks can be empty. In the coarse decomposition, the `(i,j)th` block is `C(rr(i):rr(i+1)-1,cc(j):cc(j+1)-1)`. For a linear system,

- `[A11 A12]` is the underdetermined part of the system—it is always rectangular and with more columns and rows, or `0`-by-`0`,
- `A23` is the well-determined part of the system—it is always square, and

- `[A34 ; A44]` is the overdetermined part of the system—it is always rectangular with more rows than columns, or `0`-by-`0`.

The structural rank of `A` is `sprank(A) = rr(4)-1`, which is an upper bound on the numerical rank of `A`. `sprank(A) = rank(full(sprand(A)))` with probability 1 in exact arithmetic.

The `A23` submatrix is further subdivided into block upper triangular form via the fine decomposition (the strongly connected components of `A23`). If `A` is square and structurally nonsingular, `A23` is the entire matrix.

`C(r(i):r(i+1)-1,s(j):s(j+1)-1)` is the `(i,j)`th block of the fine decomposition. The `(1,1)` block is the rectangular block `[A11 A12]`, unless this block is `0`-by-`0`. The `(b,b)` block is the rectangular block `[A34 ; A44]`, unless this block is `0`-by-`0`, where `b = length(r)-1`. All other blocks of the form `C(r(i):r(i+1)-1,s(i):s(i+1)-1)` are diagonal blocks of `A23`, and are square with a zero-free diagonal.

Remarks

If `A` is a reducible matrix, the linear system $Ax=b$ can be solved by permuting `A` to a block upper triangular form, with irreducible diagonal blocks, and then performing block backsubstitution. Only the diagonal blocks of the permuted matrix need to be factored, saving fill and arithmetic in the blocks above the diagonal.

In graph theoretic terms, `dmperm` finds a maximum-size matching in the bipartite graph of `A`, and the diagonal blocks of `A(p,q)` correspond to the strong Hall components of that graph. The output of `dmperm` can also be used to find the connected or strongly connected components of an undirected or directed graph. For more information see Pothen and Fan [1].

`dmperm` uses CSparse [2].

References

[1] Pothen, Alex and Chin-Ju Fan "Computing the Block Triangular Form of a Sparse Matrix" *ACM Transactions on Mathematical Software* Vol 16, No. 4 Dec. 1990, pp. 303-324.

[2] T.A. Davis *Direct Methods for for Sparse Linear Systems*. SIAM, Philadelphia: 2006. Software available at:http://www.cise.ufl.edu/research/sparse/CSparse.

See Also `sprank`

Purpose

Reference page in Help browser

GUI Alternatives

As an alternative to the `doc` function, use the Function Browser.

Syntax

```
doc
doc functionName
doc methodname
doc classname
doc classname.methodname
doc productToolboxName
doc foldername/functionname
doc UserCreatedClassName
```

Description

`doc` opens the Help browser, if it is not already running, and otherwise brings the Help browser to the top.

`doc functionName` displays the reference page for `functionName` in the Help browser. `functionname` can be a function or block in an installed MathWorks product.

`doc methodname` displays the reference page for the method `methodname`. You may need to run `doc classname` and use links on the `classname` reference page to view the `methodname` reference page.

`doc classname` displays the reference page for the class `classname`. You may need to qualify `classname` by including its package: `doc packagename.classname`.

`doc classname.methodname` displays the reference page for the method `methodname` in the class `classname`. You may need to qualify `classname` by including its package: `doc packagename.classname`.

`doc productToolboxName` displays the documentation roadmap page for `productToolboxName` in the Help browser. `productToolboxName` is the folder name for a product in *`matlabroot`*/**`toolbox`**. To get `productToolboxName` for a product, run `which functionname`, where `functionname` is the name of a function in that product; MATLAB returns the full path to `functionname`, and `productToolboxName` is the folder following *`matlabroot`*`/`**`toolbox`**`/`.

`doc foldername/functionname` displays the reference page for the `functionname` that exists in `foldername`. Use this syntax to display the reference page for an overloaded function.

`doc UserCreatedClassName` displays the help comments from the user-created class definition file, `UserCreatedClassName.m`, in an HTML format in the Help browser. `UserCreatedClassName.m` must have a help comment following the `classdef UserCreatedClassName` statement or following the constructor method for `UserCreatedClassName`. To directly view the help for any method, property, or event of `UserCreatedClassName`, use dot notation, as in `doc UserCreatedClassName.MethodName`. For more information, see "Adding Help for Classes You Create".

Remarks

If one form of the `doc` syntax does not display the page you expected, try a different form. Or find the reference page another way, such as, using the Function Browser.

The `doc` function is intended only for reference pages supplied by The MathWorks. The exception is the `doc UserCreatedClassName` syntax.

`doc` does not display HTML files you create yourself. To display HTML files for functions you create, use the `web` function.

Examples

Display the reference page for the `abs` function:

```
doc abs
```

If the Simulink and Signal Processing Toolbox™ products are installed and the product filter includes their documentation, the Help browser displays a message that displays links to the `abs` reference page in those products.

Display the reference page for the `abs` function in the Signal Processing Toolbox product:

```
doc signal/abs
```

Display the reference page for the `findobj` method in the `handle` class:

```
doc handle.findobj
```

Display the reference page for the `handle` class:

```
doc handle
```

Display the reference page for the `Map` class in the `containers` package:

```
doc containers.Map
```

Display the help comments in the `sads.m` class definition file for the user-created `sads` class:

```
doc sads
```

Go directly to help for the `steer` method of the user-created `sads` class:

```
doc sads.steer
```

See Also

`docsearch`, `help`, `helpbrowser`, `web`

Topics in the User Guide:

- "Getting Help for Functions and Blocks"
- "Getting Help and Product Information"

docsearch

Purpose

Help browser search

GUI Alternatives

As an alternative to the `docsearch` function, enter words in the Help browser search field.

Syntax

```
docsearch
docsearch word
docsearch word1 word2 ...
docsearch "word1 word2" ...
docsearch wo*rd ...
docsearch word1 BOOLEANOP word2 ...
docsearch('word1 word2')
docsearch(charvar)
```

Description

`docsearch` opens the Help browser to the **Search Results** pane, or if the Help browser is already open to that pane, brings it to the top.

`docsearch word` searches documentation and demos for pages containing `word`, displaying results in the Help browser **Search Results** pane.

`docsearch word1 word2 ...` searches for pages containing `word1`, `word2`, and any other specified words.

`docsearch "word1 word2" ...` searches for pages containing the exact phrase `word1 word2` and any other specified words.

`docsearch wo*rd ...` searches for pages containing words that begin with `wo` and end with `rd`, and any other specified words.

`docsearch word1 BOOLEANOP word2 ...` executes a Help browser full-text search for the term `word1 BOOLEANOP word2`. `BOOLEANOP` is a Boolean operator, `AND`, `NOT`, or `OR`, used to refine the search. `docsearch` evaluates `NOT`s first, then `OR`s, and finally `AND`s.

`docsearch('word1 word2')` is the function form of the syntax. The function form supports all options.

`docsearch(charvar)` finds all pages containing the string defined in `charvar`, where `charvar` is a variable of the `char` class.

Examples

`docsearch plot` finds all pages that contain the word `plot`.

`docsearch plot tools` finds all pages that contain the words `plot` and the word `tools` anywhere in the page.

`docsearch "plot tools"` finds all pages that contain the exact phrase `plot tools`.

`docsearch plot* tools` finds all pages that contain the word `tools` and the word `plot` or variations of `plot`, such as `plotting`, and `plots`.

`docsearch "plot tools" NOT "time series"` finds all pages that contain the exact phrase `plot tools`, but only if the pages do not contain the exact phrase `time series`.

`docsearch(m)`, where `m='plot tools'`, finds all pages that contain the word `plot` and the word `tools` anywhere in the page.

`docsearch('plot tools')`, finds all pages that contain the word `plot` and the word `tools` anywhere in the page.

See Also

`builddocsearchdb`, `doc`, `helpbrowser`

Related topics in the MATLAB Desktop Tools and Development Environment documentation:

- "Searching the Documentation"
- "Getting Help and Product Information"

Purpose

Execute DOS command and return result

Syntax

```
dos command
status = dos('command')
[status,result] = dos('command')
[status,result] = dos('command','-echo')
```

Description

`dos command` calls upon the shell to execute the specified command for Microsoft Windows platforms. The command executes in a DOS shell, not in the shell that you used to launch MATLAB.

`status = dos('command')` returns completion status to the `status` variable.

`[status,result] = dos('command')` in addition to completion status, returns the result of the command to the `result` variable.

`[status,result] = dos('command','-echo')` forces the output to the Command Window, even though it is also being assigned into a variable.

Both console (DOS) programs and Windows programs may be executed, but the syntax causes different results based on the type of programs. Console programs have `stdout` and their output is returned to the result variable. They are always run in an iconified DOS or Command Prompt Window except as noted below. Console programs never execute in the background. Also, the MATLAB software always waits for the `stdout` pipe to close before continuing execution. Windows programs may be executed in the background as they have no `stdout`.

The ampersand, `&`, character has special meaning. For console programs this causes the console to open. Omitting this character will cause console programs to run iconically. For Windows programs, appending this character will cause the application to run in the background. MATLAB will continue processing.

This function is interchangeable with the `system` and `unix` functions. They all have the same effect.

Note Running `dos` with a `command` that relies upon the current folder fails when the current folder is specified using a UNC pathname. This is because DOS does not support UNC pathnames. In that event, MATLAB returns this error: `??? Error using ==> dos DOS commands may not be executed when the current directory is a UNC pathname`. To work around this limitation, change the folder to a mapped drive prior to running `dos` or a function that calls `dos`.

Examples

The following example performs a folder listing, returning a zero (success) in `s` and the string containing the listing in `w`.

```
[s, w] = dos('dir');
```

To open the DOS 5.0 editor in a DOS window

```
dos('edit &')
```

To open the Microsoft Notepad editor and return control immediately to MATLAB, run

```
dos('notepad file.m &')
```

The next example returns a one in `s` and an error message in `w` because `foo` is not a valid shell command.

```
[s, w] = dos('foo')
```

This example echoes the results of the `dir` command to the Command Window as it executes as well as assigning the results to `w`.

```
[s, w] = dos('dir', '-echo');
```

See Also

`!` (exclamation point), `perl`, `system`, `unix`, `winopen`

"Running External Programs" in the MATLAB Desktop Tools and Development Environment documentation

dot

Purpose

Vector dot product

Syntax

```
C = dot(A,B)
C = dot(A,B,dim)
```

Description

`C = dot(A,B)` returns the scalar product of the vectors `A` and `B`. `A` and `B` must be vectors of the same length. When `A` and `B` are both column vectors, `dot(A,B)` is the same as `A'*B`.

For multidimensional arrays `A` and `B`, `dot` returns the scalar product along the first non-singleton dimension of `A` and `B`. `A` and `B` must have the same size.

`C = dot(A,B,dim)` returns the scalar product of `A` and `B` in the dimension `dim`.

Examples

The dot product of two vectors is calculated as shown:

```
a = [1 2 3]; b = [4 5 6];
c = dot(a,b)

c =
      32
```

See Also

`cross`

Purpose Convert to double precision

Syntax `double(x)`

Description `double(x)` returns the double-precision value for `X`. If `X` is already a double-precision array, `double` has no effect.

Remarks `double` is called for the expressions in `for`, `if`, and `while` loops if the expression isn't already double-precision. `double` should be overloaded for any object when it makes sense to convert it to a double-precision value.

dragrect

Purpose

Drag rectangles with mouse

Syntax

```
[finalrect] = dragrect(initialrect)
[finalrect] = dragrect(initialrect,stepsize)
```

Description

`[finalrect] = dragrect(initialrect)` tracks one or more rectangles anywhere on the screen. The n-by-4 matrix `initialrect` defines the rectangles. Each row of `initialrect` must contain the initial rectangle position as `[left bottom width height]` values. `dragrect` returns the final position of the rectangles in `finalrect`.

`[finalrect] = dragrect(initialrect,stepsize)` moves the rectangles in increments of `stepsize`. The lower left corner of the first rectangle is constrained to a grid of size equal to `stepsize` starting at the lower left corner of the figure, and all other rectangles maintain their original offset from the first rectangle.

`[finalrect] = dragrect(...)` returns the final positions of the rectangles when the mouse button is released. The default step size is `1`.

Remarks

`dragrect` returns immediately if a mouse button is not currently pressed. Use `dragrect` in a `ButtonDownFcn`, or from the command line in conjunction with `waitforbuttonpress`, to ensure that the mouse button is down when `dragrect` is called. `dragrect` returns when you release the mouse button.

If the drag ends over a figure window, the positions of the rectangles are returned in that figure's coordinate system. If the drag ends over a part of the screen not contained within a figure window, the rectangles are returned in the coordinate system of the figure over which the drag began.

Note You cannot use normalized figure units with `dragrect`.

Example

Drag a rectangle that is 50 pixels wide and 100 pixels in height.

```
waitforbuttonpress
point1 = get(gcf,'CurrentPoint') % button down detected
rect = [point1(1,1) point1(1,2) 50 100]
[r2] = dragrect(rect)
```

See Also

rbbox, waitforbuttonpress

"Region of Interest" on page 1-110 for related functions

drawnow

Purpose

Flush event queue and update figure window

Syntax

```
drawnow
drawnow expose
drawnow update
```

Description

`drawnow` causes figure windows and their children to update, and flushes the system event queue. Any callbacks generated by incoming events (e.g., mouse or key events) are dispatched before `drawnow` returns.

`drawnow expose` causes only graphics objects to refresh, if needed. It does not allow callbacks to execute and does not process other events in the queue.

`drawnow update` causes only non graphics objects to refresh, if needed. It does not allow callbacks to execute and does not process other events in the queue.

You can combine the `expose` and `update` options to obtain both effects:

```
drawnow expose update
```

Other Events That Cause Event Queue Processing

Other events that cause the MATLAB software to flush the event queue and draw the figure include:

- Returning to the MATLAB prompt
- Executing the following functions:
  - `figure`
  - `getframe`
  - `input`
  - `keyboard`
  - `pause`
- Functions that wait for user input (i.e., `waitforbuttonpress`, `waitfor`, `ginput`)

- Any code that causes one of the above functions to execute. For example, suppose `h` is the handle of an axes. Calling `axes(h)` causes its parent figure to be made the current figure and brought to the front of all displayed figures, which results in the event queue being flushed.

Examples

Using `drawnow` in a loop causes the display to update while the loop executes:

```
t = 0:pi/20:2*pi;
y = exp(sin(t));
h = plot(t,y,'YDataSource','y');
for k = 1:.1:10
 y = exp(sin(t.*k));
 refreshdata(h,'caller') % Evaluate y in the function workspace
 drawnow; pause(.1)
end
```

See Also

`snapnow`, `waitfor`, `waitforbuttonpress`

dsearch

Purpose

Search Delaunay triangulation for nearest point

`dsearch` will be removed in a future release. Use `DelaunayTri/nearestNeighbor` instead.

Syntax

```
K = dsearch(x,y,TRI,xi,yi)
K = dsearch(x,y,TRI,xi,yi,S)
```

Description

`K = dsearch(x,y,TRI,xi,yi)` returns the index into `x` and `y` of the nearest point to the point (`xi`,`yi`). `dsearch` requires a triangulation `TRI` of the points `x`,`y` obtained using `delaunay`. If `xi` and `yi` are vectors, `K` is a vector of the same size.

`K = dsearch(x,y,TRI,xi,yi,S)` uses the sparse matrix `S` instead of computing it each time:

```
S = sparse(TRI(:,[1 1 2 2 3 3]),TRI(:,[2 3 1 3 1 2]),1,nxy,nxy)
```

where `nxy = prod(size(x))`.

See Also

`DelaunayTri`, `delaunay`, `voronoi`

Purpose N-D nearest point search

Syntax

```
k = dsearchn(X,T,XI)
k = dsearchn(X,T,XI,outval)
k = dsearchn(X,XI)
[k,d] = dsearchn(X,...)
```

Description

`k = dsearchn(X,T,XI)` returns the indices `k` of the closest points in `X` for each point in `XI`. `X` is an `m`-by-`n` matrix representing `m` points in n-dimensional space. `XI` is a `p`-by-`n` matrix, representing `p` points in n-dimensional space. `T` is a `numt`-by-`n+1` matrix, a tessellation of the data `X` generated by `delaunayn`. The output `k` is a column vector of length `p`.

`k = dsearchn(X,T,XI,outval)` returns the indices `k` of the closest points in `X` for each point in `XI`, unless a point is outside the convex hull. If `XI(J,:)` is outside the convex hull, then `K(J)` is assigned `outval`, a scalar double. `Inf` is often used for `outval`. If `outval` is `[]`, then `k` is the same as in the case `k = dsearchn(X,T,XI)`.

`k = dsearchn(X,XI)` performs the search without using a tessellation. With large `X` and small `XI`, this approach is faster and uses much less memory.

`[k,d] = dsearchn(X,...)` also returns the distances `d` to the closest points. `d` is a column vector of length `p`.

Algorithm

`dsearchn` is based on Qhull [1]. For information about Qhull, see `http://www.qhull.org/`. For copyright information, see `http://www.qhull.org/COPYING.txt`.

See Also

`DelaunayTri`, `dsearch`

Reference

[1] Barber, C. B., D.P. Dobkin, and H.T. Huhdanpaa, “The Quickhull Algorithm for Convex Hulls,” ACM Transactions on Mathematical Software, Vol. 22, No. 4, Dec. 1996, p. 469–483.

dynamicprops

Purpose

Abstract class used to derive handle class with dynamic properties

Syntax

`classdef myclass < dynamicprops`

Description

`classdef myclass < dynamicprops` makes *`myclass`* a subclass of the `dynamicprops` class, which is a subclass of the `handle` class.

Use the `dynamicprops` class to derive classes that can define dynamic properties (instance properties), which are associated with a specific objects, but have no effect on the objects class definition. Dynamic properties are useful for attaching temporary data to one or more objects.

dynamicprops Methods

This class defines one method `addprop` and, as a subclass of the `handle` class, inherits all the `handle` class methods.

- `addprop` — adds the named property to the specified handle objects. See "Dynamic Properties — Adding Properties to an Instance" for more information.

See Also

`handle`

Purpose

Display statements during function execution

Syntax

```
echo on
echo off
echo
echo fcnname on
echo fcnname off
echo fcnname
echo on all
echo off all
```

Description

The `echo` command controls the display (or *echoing*) of statements in a function during their execution. Normally, statements in a function file are not displayed on the screen during execution. Command echoing is useful for debugging or for demonstrations, allowing the commands to be viewed as they execute.

The `echo` command behaves in a slightly different manner for script files and function files. For script files, the use of `echo` is simple; echoing can be either `on` or `off`, in which case any script used is affected.

`echo on`	Turns on the echoing of commands in all script files
`echo off`	Turns off the echoing of commands in all script files
`echo`	Toggles the echo state

With function files, the use of `echo` is more complicated. If `echo` is enabled on a function file, the file is interpreted, rather than compiled. Each input line is then displayed as it is executed. Since this results in inefficient execution, use `echo` only for debugging.

`echo` *`fcnname`* `on`	Turns on echoing of the named function file
`echo` *`fcnname`* `off`	Turns off echoing of the named function file

`echo` *`fcnname`*	Toggles the echo state of the named function file
`echo on all`	Sets echoing on for all function files
`echo off all`	Sets echoing off for all function files

See Also `function`

Purpose

Run scripted demo step-by-step in Command Window

GUI Alternatives

As an alternative to the `echodemo` function, select the demo in the Help browser and click the **Run in the Command Window** link.

Syntax

```
echodemo filename
echodemo('filename', cellindex)
```

Description

`echodemo filename` runs the code file demo `filename` step-by-step in the Command Window. The demo `filename.m` must be a MATLAB language script, marked up with cells to enable it to pause after each step. At each step, click links in the Command Window to proceed. If the Command Window is not large enough to show the last link, scroll up to see it. You can create an HTML version of `filename.m` using the MATLAB cell publishing feature that you can display in the Help browser or a system browser. The link text in the Command Window also shows the current cell number, `n`, and the total number of cells, `m`, as `n/m`. When you click the link, `filename` opens in the Editor. To end the demo, click the **Stop** link.

`echodemo('filename', cellindex)` runs the code demo script`filename`, starting with the cell number specified by `cellindex`. Because steps prior to `cellindex` are not run, using this syntax to run demos can produce an error or unexpected result due to skipping code within the demo.

Tips

Only use `echodemo` to display scripts, not functions. `echodemo` can run any script that you can execute, but only scripts with code cells pause between steps.

Examples

`echodemo quake` runs the MATLAB Loma Prieta Earthquake demo.

`echodemo ('quake', 6)` runs the MATLAB Loma Prieta Earthquake demo, starting at cell 6.

`echodemo ('intro', 3)` produces an error because cell 3 of the MATLAB demo `intro` requires data created when cells 1 and 2 run.

See Also

`demo`, `helpbrowser`, `publish`

"Review the Workspace Before Running Demos and Code in Examples"

Purpose

Simplices attached to specified edges

Syntax

```
SI = edgeAttachments(TR, V1, V2)
SI = edgeAttachments(TR, EDGE)
```

Description

`SI = edgeAttachments(TR, V1, V2)` returns the simplices `SI` attached to the edges specified by `(V1, V2)`. `(V1, V2)` represents the start and end vertices of the edges to be queried.

`SI = edgeAttachments(TR, EDGE)` specifies edges in matrix format.

Input Arguments

`TR`	Triangulation representation.
`V1,V2`	Column vectors of vertex indices into the array of points representing the vertex coordinates.
`EDGE`	Matrix specifying edge start and end points. `EDGE` is of size `m`-by-2, `m` being the number of edges to query.

Output Arguments

`SI`	Vector cell array of indices into the triangulation matrix. `SI` is a cell array because the number of simplices associated with each edge can vary.

Definitions

A simplex is a triangle/tetrahedron or higher dimensional equivalent.

Examples

Example 1

Load a 3-D triangulation to compute the tetrahedra attached to an edge.

```
load tetmesh
trep = TriRep(tet, X);
v1 = [15 21]';
v2 = [936 716]';
t1 = edgeAttachments(trep, v1, v2);
```

You can also specify the input as edges.

```
e = [v1 v2];
t2 = edgeAttachments(trep, e);
isequal(t1,t2);
```

Example 2

Create a triangulation with `DelaunayTri`.

```
x = [0 1 1 0 0.5]';
y = [0 0 1 1 0.5]';
dt = DelaunayTri(x,y);
```

Query the triangles attached to edge (1,5).

```
t = edgeAttachments(dt, 1,5);
t{:};
```

See Also

`TriRep.edges`

Purpose

Triangulation edges

Syntax

```
E = edges(TR)
```

Description

`E = edges(TR)` returns the edges in the triangulation in an `n`-by-2 matrix. `n` is the number of edges. The vertices of the edges index into `TR.X`, the array of points representing the vertex coordinates.

Input Arguments

`TR`	Triangulation representation.

Output Arguments

`E`	Edge matrix.

Examples

Example 1

Load a 2-D triangulation.

```
load trimesh2d
trep = TriRep(tri, x,y);
```

Return all edges.

```
e = edges(trep);
```

Example 2

Query a 2-D `DelaunayTri`-generated triangulation.

```
X = rand(10,2);
dt = DelaunayTri(X);
e = edges(dt);
```

See Also

`TriRep.edgeAttachments`

Purpose

Edit or create file

GUI Alternatives

As an alternative to the `edit` function, select **File > New** or **Open** in the MATLAB desktop or any desktop tool.

Syntax

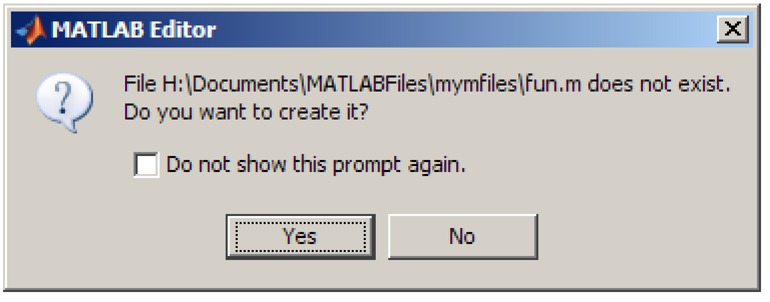
```
edit
edit fun.m
edit file.ext
edit fun1 fun2 fun3 ...
edit classname/fun
edit private/fun
edit classname/private/fun
edit +packagename/classname/fun
edit('my file.m')
```

Description

`edit` opens a new editor window.

`edit fun.m` opens the file `fun.m` in the default editor. The `fun.m` file specification can include a partial path, complete path, relative path, or no path. Be aware of the following:

- If you do not specify a path, the current folder is the default.
- If you specify a path, the folder must exist; otherwise MATLAB returns an error.
- If you specify a path and the folder exits, but the specified file does not, a prompt opens such as shown in the following image:



To create a blank file named `fun.m` in the specified folder, click **Yes**. To suppress the prompt, select **Do not show this prompt again**. To reinstate the prompt after suppressing it, open the Preferences dialog box by selecting **File > Preferences > General > Confirmation Dialogs** and then selecting **Prompt when editing files that do not exist** in the pane on the right.

`edit file.ext` opens the specified file.

`edit fun1 fun2 fun3 ...` opens `fun1.m`, `fun2.m`, `fun3.m`, and so on, in the default editor.

`edit` *`classname`*`/fun`, or `edit private/fun`, or `edit` *`classname`*`/private/fun` opens a method, private function, or private method for the named class.

`edit +`*`packagename`*`/`*`classname`*`/fun` opens a method for the named class in the named package.

`edit('my file.m')` opens the file `my file.m` in the default editor. This form of the `edit` function is useful when a file name contains a space; you cannot use the command form in such a case.

Remarks

To specify the default editor for MATLAB, select **Preferences** from the **File** menu. On the **Editor/Debugger** pane, select **MATLAB Editor** or specify another editor.

UNIX Users

If you run MATLAB with the `-nodisplay` startup option, or run without the `DISPLAY` environment variable set, `edit` uses the `External Editor` command. It does not use the MATLAB Editor, but instead uses the default editor defined for your system in *`matlabroot`*`/X11/app-defaults/Matlab`.

You can specify the editor that the `edit` function uses or specify editor options by adding the following line to your own`.Xdefaults` file, located in `~home`:

```
matlab*externalEditorCommand: $EDITOR -option $FILE
```

where

- `$EDITOR` is the name of your default editor, for example, `emacs`; leaving it as `$EDITOR` means your default system editor will be used.
- `-option` is a valid option flag you can include for the specified editor.
- **`$FILE`** means the file name you type with the `edit` command will open in the specified editor.

For example,

```
emacs $FILE
```

means that when you type `edit foo`, the file `foo` will open in the `emacs` editor.

After adding the line to your `.Xdefaults` file, you must run the following before starting MATLAB:

```
xrdb -merge ~home/.Xdefaults
```

See Also `open`, `type`

Purpose

Eigenvalues and eigenvectors

Syntax

```
d = eig(A)
d = eig(A,B)
[V,D] = eig(A)
[V,D] = eig(A,'nobalance')
[V,D] = eig(A,B)
[V,D] = eig(A,B,flag)
```

Description

`d = eig(A)` returns a vector of the eigenvalues of matrix `A`.

`d = eig(A,B)` returns a vector containing the generalized eigenvalues, if `A` and `B` are square matrices.

Note If `S` is sparse and symmetric, you can use `d = eig(S)` to return the eigenvalues of `S`. If `S` is sparse but not symmetric, or if you want to return the eigenvectors of `S`, use the function `eigs` instead of `eig`.

`[V,D] = eig(A)` produces matrices of eigenvalues (`D`) and eigenvectors (`V`) of matrix `A`, so that `A*V = V*D`. Matrix `D` is the *canonical form* of `A` — a diagonal matrix with `A`'s eigenvalues on the main diagonal. Matrix `V` is the *modal matrix* — its columns are the eigenvectors of `A`.

If `W` is a matrix such that `W'*A = D*W'`, the columns of `W` are the *left eigenvectors* of `A`. Use `[W,D] = eig(A.'); W = conj(W)` to compute the left eigenvectors.

`[V,D] = eig(A,'nobalance')` finds eigenvalues and eigenvectors without a preliminary balancing step. This may give more accurate results for certain problems with unusual scaling. Ordinarily, balancing improves the conditioning of the input matrix, enabling more accurate computation of the eigenvectors and eigenvalues. However, if a matrix contains small elements that are really due to roundoff error, balancing may scale them up to make them as significant as the other elements of the original matrix, leading to incorrect eigenvectors. Use the `nobalance` option in this event. See the `balance` function for more details.

`[V,D] = eig(A,B)` produces a diagonal matrix `D` of generalized eigenvalues and a full matrix `V` whose columns are the corresponding eigenvectors so that `A*V = B*V*D` .

`[V,D] = eig(A,B,flag)` specifies the algorithm used to compute eigenvalues and eigenvectors. *`flag`* can be:

'chol'	Computes the generalized eigenvalues of `A` and `B` using the Cholesky factorization of `B`. This is the default for symmetric (Hermitian) `A` and symmetric (Hermitian) positive definite `B`.
'qz'	Ignores the symmetry, if any, and uses the QZ algorithm as it would for nonsymmetric (non-Hermitian) `A` and `B`.

Note For `eig(A)`, the eigenvectors are scaled so that the norm of each is 1.0. For `eig(A,B)`, `eig(A,'nobalance')`, and `eig(A,B,flag)`, the eigenvectors are not normalized.

Also note that if `A` is symmetric, `eig(A,'nobalance')` ignores the `nobalance` option since `A` is already balanced.

Remarks

The eigenvalue problem is to determine the nontrivial solutions of the equation

$$Ax = \lambda x$$

where A is an `n`-by-`n` matrix, x is a length `n` column vector, and λ is a scalar. The `n` values of λ that satisfy the equation are the *eigenvalues*, and the corresponding values of x are the *right eigenvectors*. TheMATLAB function `eig` solves for the eigenvalues λ, and optionally the eigenvectors x.

The *generalized* eigenvalue problem is to determine the nontrivial solutions of the equation

$$Ax = \lambda Bx$$

where both A and B are n-by-n matrices and λ is a scalar. The values of λ that satisfy the equation are the *generalized eigenvalues* and the corresponding values of x are the *generalized right eigenvectors*.

If B is nonsingular, the problem could be solved by reducing it to a standard eigenvalue problem

$$B^{-1}Ax = \lambda x$$

Because B can be singular, an alternative algorithm, called the QZ method, is necessary.

When a matrix has no repeated eigenvalues, the eigenvectors are always independent and the eigenvector matrix V *diagonalizes* the original matrix A if applied as a similarity transformation. However, if a matrix has repeated eigenvalues, it is not similar to a diagonal matrix unless it has a full (independent) set of eigenvectors. If the eigenvectors are not independent then the original matrix is said to be *defective*. Even if a matrix is defective, the solution from eig satisfies A*X = X*D.

Examples

The matrix

```
B = [ 3     -2      -.9    2*eps
     -2      4       1    -eps
     -eps/4  eps/2  -1     0
     -.5    -.5      .1    1   ];
```

has elements on the order of roundoff error. It is an example for which the nobalance option is necessary to compute the eigenvectors correctly. Try the statements

```
[VB,DB] = eig(B)
B*VB - VB*DB
[VN,DN] = eig(B,'nobalance')
```

```
B*VN - VN*DN
```

See Also balance, condeig, eigs, hess, qz, schur

Purpose

Largest eigenvalues and eigenvectors of matrix

Syntax

```
d = eigs(A)
[V,D] = eigs(A)
[V,D,flag] = eigs(A)
eigs(A,B)
eigs(A,k)
eigs(A,B,k)
eigs(A,k,sigma)
eigs(A,B,k,sigma)
eigs(A,K,sigma,opts)
eigs(A,B,k,sigma,opts)
eigs(Afun,n,...)
```

Description

`d = eigs(A)` returns a vector of `A`'s six largest magnitude eigenvalues. `A` must be a square matrix. `A` should be large and sparse, though `eigs` will work on full matrices as well. See "Remarks" below.

`[V,D] = eigs(A)` returns a diagonal matrix `D` of `A`'s six largest magnitude eigenvalues and a matrix `V` whose columns are the corresponding eigenvectors.

`[V,D,flag] = eigs(A)` also returns a convergence flag. If `flag` is `0` then all the eigenvalues converged; otherwise not all converged.

`eigs(A,B)` solves the generalized eigenvalue problem `A*V == B*V*D`. `B` must be symmetric (or Hermitian) positive definite and the same size as `A`. `eigs(A,[],...)` indicates the standard eigenvalue problem `A*V == V*D`.

`eigs(A,k)` and `eigs(A,B,k)` return the `k` largest magnitude eigenvalues.

`eigs(A,k,`*`sigma`*`)` and `eigs(A,B,k,`*`sigma`*`)` return `k` eigenvalues based on *`sigma`*, which can take any of the following values:

scalar (real or complex, including 0)	The eigenvalues closest to *sigma*. If A is a function, Afun must return Y = (A-*sigma**B)\x (i.e., Y = A\x when *sigma* = 0). Note, B need only be symmetric (Hermitian) positive semi-definite.
'lm'	Largest magnitude (default).
'sm'	Smallest magnitude. Same as *sigma* = 0. If A is a function, Afun must return Y = A\x. Note, B need only be symmetric (Hermitian) positive semi-definite.

For real symmetric problems, the following are also options:

'la'	Formerly largest algebraic ('lr')
'sa'	Formerly smallest algebraic ('sr')
'be'	Both ends (one more from high end if k is odd)

For nonsymmetric and complex problems, the following are also options:

'lr'	Largest real part
'sr'	Smallest real part
'li'	Largest imaginary part
'si'	Smallest imaginary part

Note The syntax eigs(A,k,...) is not valid when A is scalar. To pass a value for k, you must specify B as the second argument and k as the third (eigs(A,B,k,...)). If necessary, you can set B equal to [], the default.

---

eigs(A,K,*sigma*,opts) and eigs(A,B,k,*sigma*,opts) specify an options structure. Default values are shown in brackets ({}).

Parameter	Description	Values
opts.issym	1 if A or A-*sigma**B represented by Afun is symmetric, 0 otherwise.	[{0} | 1]
opts.isreal	1 if A or A-*sigma**B represented by Afun is real, 0 otherwise.	[0 | {1}]
opts.tol	Convergence: Ritz estimate residual <= tol*norm(A).	[scalar | {eps}]
opts.maxit	Maximum number of iterations.	[integer | {300}]
opts.p	Number of Lanczos basis vectors. p >= 2k (p >= 2k+1 real nonsymmetric) advised. p must satisfy k < p <= n for real symmetric, k+1 < p <= n otherwise. Note: If you do not specify a p value, the default algorithm uses at least 20 Lanczos vectors.	[integer | {2*k}]
opts.v0	Starting vector.	n-by-1 vector where n=size(A,1). Default is randomly generated by ARPACK.
opts.disp	Diagnostic information display level.	[0 | {1} | 2]

Parameter	Description	Values
opts.cholB	1 if B is really its Cholesky factor chol(B), 0 otherwise.	[{0} | 1]
opts.permB	Permutation vector permB if sparse B is really chol(B(permB,permB)).	[permB | {1:n}]

eigs(Afun,n,...) accepts the function handle Afun instead of the matrix A. See "Function Handles" in the MATLAB Programming documentation for more information. Afun must accept an input vector of size n.

y = Afun(x) should return:

A*x	if *sigma* is not specified, or is a string other than 'sm'
A\x	if *sigma* is 0 or 'sm'
(A-*sigma**I)\x	if *sigma* is a nonzero scalar (standard eigenvalue problem). I is an identity matrix of the same size as A.
(A-*sigma**B)\x	if *sigma* is a nonzero scalar (generalized eigenvalue problem)

"Parameterizing Functions" in the MATLAB Mathematics documentation, explains how to provide additional parameters to the function Afun, if necessary.

The matrix A, A-*sigma**I or A-*sigma**B represented by Afun is assumed to be real and nonsymmetric unless specified otherwise by opts.isreal and opts.issym. In all the eigs syntaxes, eigs(A,...) can be replaced by eigs(Afun,n,...).

Remarks

d = eigs(A,k) is not a substitute for

```
d = eig(full(A))
d = sort(d)
```

```
d = d(end-k+1:end)
```

but is most appropriate for large sparse matrices. If the problem fits into memory, it may be quicker to use `eig(full(A))`.

Algorithm

`eigs` provides the reverse communication required by the Fortran library ARPACK, namely the routines DSAUPD, DSEUPD, DNAUPD, DNEUPD, ZNAUPD, and ZNEUPD.

Examples

Example 1

```
A = delsq(numgrid('C',15));
d1 = eigs(A,5,'sm')
```

returns

```
Iteration 1: a few Ritz values of the 20-by-20 matrix:
     0
     0
     0
     0
     0

Iteration 2: a few Ritz values of the 20-by-20 matrix:
    1.8117
    2.0889
    2.8827
    3.7374
    7.4954

Iteration 3: a few Ritz values of the 20-by-20 matrix:
    1.8117
    2.0889
    2.8827
    3.7374
    7.4954
```

```
d1 =

    0.5520
    0.4787
    0.3469
    0.2676
    0.1334
```

Example 2

This example replaces the matrix `A` in example 1 with a handle to a function `dnRk`. The example is contained in an M-file `run_eigs` that

- Calls `eigs` with the function handle `@dnRk` as its first argument.
- Contains `dnRk` as a nested function, so that all variables in `run_eigs` are available to `dnRk`.

The following shows the code for `run_eigs`:

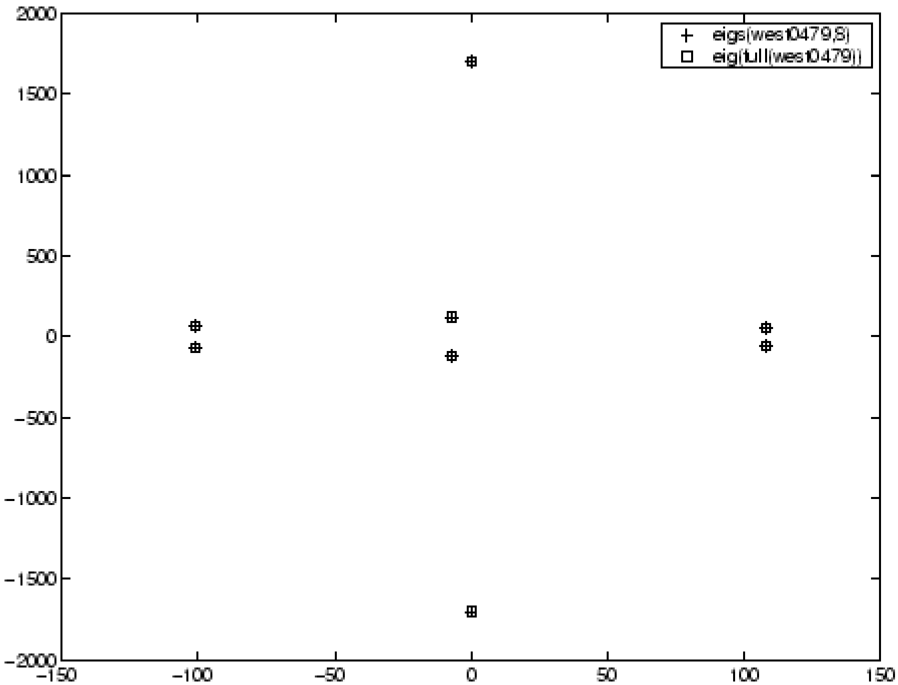
```
function d2 = run_eigs
n = 139;
opts.issym = 1;
R = 'C';
k = 15;
d2 = eigs(@dnRk,n,5,'sm',opts);

    function y = dnRk(x)
        y = (delsq(numgrid(R,k))) \ x;
    end
end
```

Example 3

`west0479` is a real 479-by-479 sparse matrix with both real and pairs of complex conjugate eigenvalues. `eig` computes all 479 eigenvalues. `eigs` easily picks out the largest magnitude eigenvalues.

This plot shows the 8 largest magnitude eigenvalues of `west0479` as computed by `eig` and `eigs`.

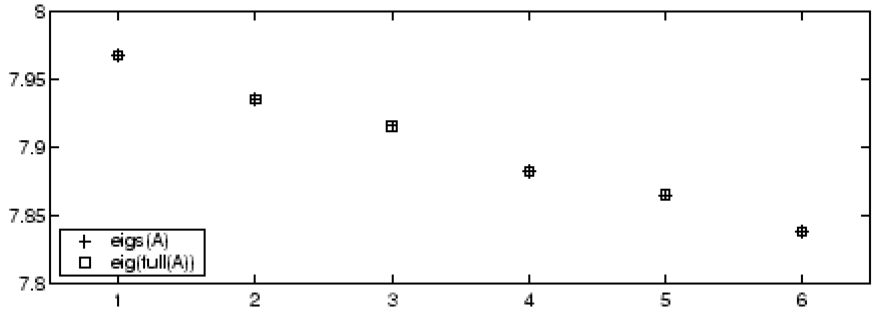
```
load west0479
d = eig(full(west0479))
dlm = eigs(west0479,8)
[dum,ind] = sort(abs(d));
plot(dlm,'k+')
hold on
plot(d(ind(end-7:end)),'ks')
hold off
legend('eigs(west0479,8)','eig(full(west0479))')
```

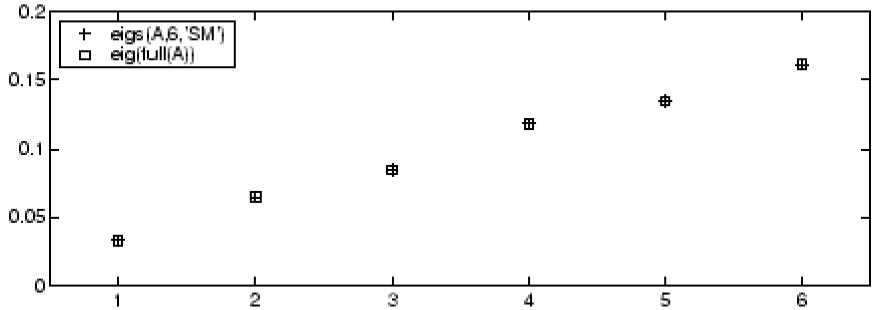


Example 4

`A = delsq(numgrid('C',30))` is a symmetric positive definite matrix of size 632 with eigenvalues reasonably well-distributed in the interval (0 8), but with 18 eigenvalues repeated at 4. The `eig` function computes all 632 eigenvalues. It computes and plots the six largest and smallest magnitude eigenvalues of `A` successfully with:

```
A = delsq(numgrid('C',30));
d = eig(full(A));
[dum,ind] = sort(abs(d));
dlm = eigs(A);
dsm = eigs(A,6,'sm');

subplot(2,1,1)
plot(dlm,'k+')
hold on
plot(d(ind(end:-1:end-5)),'ks')
hold off
legend('eigs(A)','eig(full(A))',3)
set(gca,'XLim',[0.5 6.5])

subplot(2,1,2)
plot(dsm,'k+')
hold on
plot(d(ind(1:6)),'ks')
hold off
legend('eigs(A,6,''sm'')','eig(full(A))',2)
set(gca,'XLim',[0.5 6.5])
```

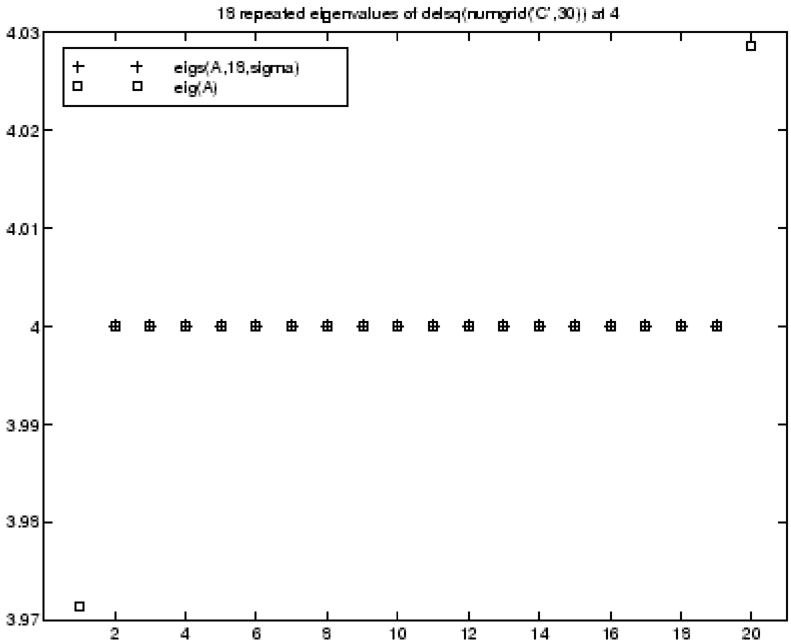




However, the repeated eigenvalue at 4 must be handled more carefully. The call `eigs(A,18,4.0)` to compute 18 eigenvalues near 4.0 tries to find eigenvalues of `A - 4.0*I`. This involves divisions of the form `1/(lambda - 4.0)`, where `lambda` is an estimate of an eigenvalue of `A`. As `lambda` gets closer to 4.0, `eigs` fails. We must use `sigma` near but not equal to 4 to find those 18 eigenvalues.

```
sigma = 4 - 1e-6
[V,D] = eigs(A,18,sigma)
```

The plot shows the 20 eigenvalues closest to 4 that were computed by `eig`, along with the 18 eigenvalues closest to `4 - 1e-6` that were computed by `eigs`.



See Also

`eig`, `svds`, `function_handle (@)`

References

[1] Lehoucq, R.B. and D.C. Sorensen, "Deflation Techniques for an Implicitly Re-Started Arnoldi Iteration," *SIAM J. Matrix Analysis and Applications*, Vol. 17, 1996, pp. 789-821.

[2] Lehoucq, R.B., D.C. Sorensen, and C. Yang, *ARPACK Users' Guide: Solution of Large-Scale Eigenvalue Problems with Implicitly Restarted Arnoldi Methods*, SIAM Publications, Philadelphia, 1998.

[3] Sorensen, D.C., "Implicit Application of Polynomial Filters in a k-Step Arnoldi Method," *SIAM J. Matrix Analysis and Applications*, Vol. 13, 1992, pp. 357-385.

Purpose

Jacobi elliptic functions

Syntax

```
[SN,CN,DN] = ellipj(U,M)
[SN,CN,DN] = ellipj(U,M,tol)
```

Definition

The Jacobi elliptic functions are defined in terms of the integral:

$$u = \int_0^{\phi} \frac{d\theta}{(1-m\sin^2\theta)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

Then

$$sn(u) = \sin\phi,\ cn(u) = \cos\phi,\ dn(u) = (1-m\sin^2\phi)^{\frac{1}{2}},\ am(u) = \phi$$

Some definitions of the elliptic functions use the modulus k instead of the parameter m. They are related by

$$k^2 = m = \sin^2\alpha.$$

where α is the modular angle.

The Jacobi elliptic functions obey many mathematical identities; for a good sample, see [1].

Description

`[SN,CN,DN] = ellipj(U,M)` returns the Jacobi elliptic functions `SN`, `CN`, and `DN`, evaluated for corresponding elements of argument `U` and parameter `M`. Inputs `U` and `M` must be the same size (or either can be scalar).

`[SN,CN,DN] = ellipj(U,M,tol)` computes the Jacobi elliptic functions to accuracy `tol`. The default is `eps`; increase this for a less accurate but more quickly computed answer.

Algorithm

`ellipj` computes the Jacobi elliptic functions using the method of the arithmetic-geometric mean [1]. It starts with the triplet of numbers:

$$a_0 = 1,\ b_0 = (1-m)^{\frac{1}{2}},\ c_0 = (m)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

`ellipj` computes successive iterates with

$$a_i = \frac{1}{2}(a_{i-1} + b_{i-1})$$
$$b_i = (a_{i-1}b_{i-1})^{\frac{1}{2}}$$
$$c_i = \frac{1}{2}(a_{i-1} - b_{i-1})$$

Next, it calculates the amplitudes in radians using:

$$\sin(2\phi_{n-1} - \phi_n) = \frac{c_n}{a_n}\sin(\phi_n)$$

being careful to unwrap the phases correctly. The Jacobian elliptic functions are then simply:

$$sn(u) = \sin\phi_0$$
$$cn(u) = \cos\phi_0$$
$$dn(u) = (1 - m \cdot sn(u)^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Limitations

The `ellipj` function is limited to the input domain $0 \le m \le 1$. Map other values of `M` into this range using the transformations described in [1], equations 16.10 and 16.11. `U` is limited to real values.

See Also

`ellipke`

References

[1] Abramowitz, M. and I.A. Stegun, *Handbook of Mathematical Functions*, Dover Publications, 1965, 17.6.

Purpose

Complete elliptic integrals of first and second kind

Syntax

```
K = ellipke(M)
[K,E] = ellipke(M)
[K,E] = ellipke(M,tol)
```

Description

`K = ellipke(M)` returns the complete elliptic integral of the first kind for the each element in `M`.

`[K,E] = ellipke(M)` returns the complete elliptic integral of the first and second kinds.

`[K,E] = ellipke(M,tol)` computes the complete elliptic integral to accuracy `tol`. The default is `eps(class(M))`; increase the tolerance for a less accurate but more quickly computed answer.

Limitations

`ellipke` is limited to the input domain $0 \le m \le 1$.

Definition

The *complete* elliptic integral of the first kind is

$$[K(m)] = \int_0^1 [(1-t^2)(1-mt^2)]^{-\frac{1}{2}} dt.$$

where m is the first argument of `ellipke`.

The complete elliptic integral of the second kind is

$$E(m) = \int_0^1 (1-t^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} (1-mt^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} dt.$$

Some definitions of `K` and `E` use the elliptical modulus k instead of the parameter m. They are related as

$$k^2 = m = \sin^2 \alpha.$$

See Also

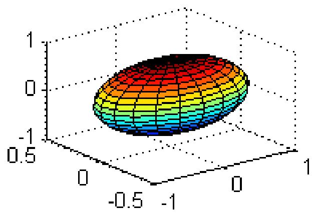
`ellipj`

References

[1] Abramowitz, M., and I.A. Stegun. *Handbook of Mathematical Functions*. Dover Publications, 1965.

Purpose

Generate ellipsoid



Syntax

```
[x,y,z] = ellipsoid(xc,yc,zc,xr,yr,zr,n)
[x,y,z] = ellipsoid(xc,yc,zc,xr,yr,zr)
ellipsoid(axes_handle,...)
ellipsoid(...)
```

Description

`[x,y,z] = ellipsoid(xc,yc,zc,xr,yr,zr,n)` generates a surface mesh described by three `n+1`-by-`n+1` matrices, enabling `surf(x,y,z)` to plot an ellipsoid with center `(xc,yc,zc)` and semi-axis lengths `(xr,yr,zr)`.

`[x,y,z] = ellipsoid(xc,yc,zc,xr,yr,zr)` uses `n = 20`.

`ellipsoid(axes_handle,...)` plots into the axes with handle `axes_handle` instead of the current axes (`gca`).

`ellipsoid(...)` with no output arguments plots the ellipsoid as a surface.

Algorithm

`ellipsoid` generates the data using the following equation:

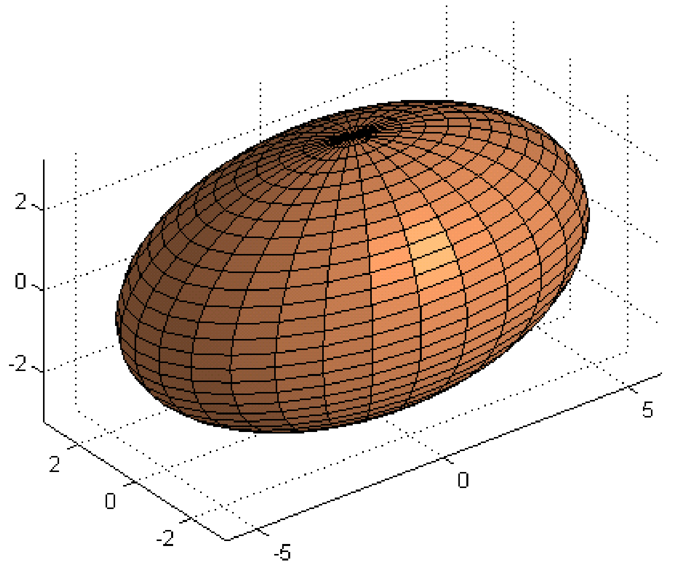
$$\frac{(x-xc)^2}{xr^2}+\frac{(y-yc)^2}{yr^2}+\frac{(z-zc)^2}{zr^2}$$

Note that `ellipsoid(0,0,0, .5,.5,.5)` is equivalent to a unit sphere.

Example

Generate ellipsoid with size and proportions of a standard U.S. football:

```
[x, y, z] = ellipsoid(0,0,0,5.9,3.25,3.25,30);
surfl(x, y, z)
colormap copper
axis equal
```



See Also

`cylinder`, `sphere`, `surf`

"Polygons and Surfaces" on page 1-100 for related functions

Purpose

Execute statements if condition is false

Syntax

`if expression, statements1, else statements2, end`

Description

`if expression, statements1, else statements2, end` evaluates *expression* and, if the evaluation yields logical `1` (`true`) or a nonzero result, executes one or more MATLAB commands denoted here as *statements1* or, if the evaluation yields logical `0` (`false`), executes the commands in *statements2*. `else` is used to delineate the alternate block of statements..

A `true` expression has either a logical 1 (`true`) or nonzero value. For nonscalar expressions, (for example, "if (matrix A is less than matrix B)"), `true` means that every element of the resulting matrix has a `true` or nonzero value.

Expressions usually involve relational operations such as `(count < limit)` or `isreal(A)`. Simple expressions can be combined by logical operators (`&`,`|`,`~`) into compound expressions such as `(count < limit) & ((height - offset) >= 0)`.

See "Program Control Statements" in the MATLAB Programming Fundamentals documentation for more information on controlling the flow of your program code.

Examples

In this example, if both of the conditions are not satisfied, then the student fails the course.

```
if ((attendance >= 0.90) & (grade_average >= 60))
   pass = 1;
else
   fail = 1;
end;
```

See Also

`if`, `elseif`, `end`, `for`, `while`, `switch`, `break`, `return`, relational operators, logical operators (elementwise and short-circuit)

elseif

Purpose

Execute statements if additional condition is true

Syntax

```
if expression1, statements1, elseif expression2,
statements2,
   end
```

Description

`if expression1, statements1, elseif expression2, statements2, end` evaluates *expression1* and, if the evaluation yields logical `1` (`true`) or a nonzero result, executes one or more MATLAB commands denoted here as *statements1*. If *expression1* is `false`, MATLAB evaluates the `elseif` expression, *expression2*. If *expression2* evaluates to `true` or a nonzero result, executes the commands in *statements2*.

A `true` expression has either a logical 1 (`true`) or nonzero value. For nonscalar expressions, (for example, is matrix A less then matrix B), `true` means that every element of the resulting matrix has a `true` or nonzero value.

Expressions usually involve relational operations such as `(count < limit)` or `isreal(A)`. Simple expressions can be combined by logical operators (&,|,~) into compound expressions such as `(count < limit) & ((height - offset) >= 0)`.

See "Program Control Statements" in the MATLAB Programming Fundamentals documentation for more information on controlling the flow of your program code.

Remarks

The commands `else` and `if`, with a space or line break between them, differ from `elseif`, with no space. The former introduces a new, nested `if` that requires a matching `end` statement. The latter is used in a linear sequence of conditional statements with only one terminating `end`.

The two segments shown below produce identical results. Exactly one of the four assignments to `x` is executed, depending upon the values of the three logical expressions, `A`, `B`, and `C`.

```
if A                                  if A
   x = a                                 x = a
```

```
else
   if B
      x = b
   else
       if C
          x = c
       else
           x = d
       end
   end
end
```

```
elseif B
    x = b
elseif C
    x = c
else
    x = d
end
```

Examples

Here is an example showing `if`, `else`, and `elseif`.

```
for m = 1:k
    for n = 1:k
        if m == n
            a(m,n) = 2;
        elseif abs(m-n) == 2
            a(m,n) = 1;
        else
            a(m,n) = 0;
        end
    end
end
```

For `k=5` you get the matrix

```
a =

     2     0     1     0     0
     0     2     0     1     0
     1     0     2     0     1
     0     1     0     2     0
     0     0     1     0     2
```

See Also

`if`, `else`, `end`, `for`, `while`, `switch`, `break`, `return`, relational operators, logical operators (elementwise and short-circuit)

enableNETfromNetworkDrive

Purpose Enable access to .NET commands from network drive

Syntax `enableNETfromNetworkDrive`

Description `enableNETfromNetworkDrive` adds an entry for the MATLAB interface to .NET module to the security policy on your machine.

How To

- “Troubleshooting Security Policy Settings From a Network Drive”

Purpose

Enable, disable, or report status of MATLAB Automation server

Syntax

```
state = enableservice('AutomationServer',enable)
state = enableservice('AutomationServer')
```

Description

`state = enableservice('AutomationServer',enable)` enables or disables the MATLAB Automation server. If `enable` is `true` (logical `1`), `enableservice` converts an existing MATLAB session into an Automation server. If `enable` is `false` (logical `0`), `enableservice` disables the MATLAB Automation server. `state` indicates the previous state of the Automation server. If `state` = `1`, MATLAB was an Automation server. If `state` = `0`, MATLAB was not an Automation server.

`state = enableservice('AutomationServer')` returns the current state of the Automation server. If `state` is logical `1` (`true`), MATLAB is an Automation server.

COM functions are available on Microsoft Windows systems only.

Examples

Enable the Automation server in the current MATLAB session:

```
state = enableservice('AutomationServer',true);
```

Show the current state of the MATLAB session. MATLAB displays `true`:

```
state = enableservice('AutomationServer')
```

Enable the Automation server and show the previous state. MATLAB displays `true`. The previous state can be the same as the current state:

```
state = enableservice('AutomationServer',true)
```

See Also

`actxserver`

How To

- "MATLAB COM Automation Server Support"

Purpose

Terminate block of code, or indicate last array index

Syntax

```
end
```

Description

`end` is used to terminate `for`, `while`, `switch`, `try`, and `if` statements. Without an `end` statement, `for`, `while`, `switch`, `try`, and `if` wait for further input. Each `end` is paired with the closest previous unpaired `for`, `while`, `switch`, `try`, or `if` and serves to delimit its scope.

`end` also marks the termination of a function, although in many cases, it is optional. If your function contains one or more nested functions, then you must terminate every function in the file, whether nested or not, with `end`. This includes primary, nested, private, and subfunctions.

The `end` function also serves as the last index in an indexing expression. In that context, `end = (size(x,k))` when used as part of the `k`th index. Examples of this use are `X(3:end)` and `X(1,1:2:end-1)`. When using `end` to grow an array, as in `X(end+1)=5`, make sure `X` exists first.

You can overload the `end` statement for a user object by defining an `end` method for the object. The `end` method should have the calling sequence `end(obj,k,n)`, where `obj` is the user object, `k` is the index in the expression where the `end` syntax is used, and `n` is the total number of indices in the expression. For example, consider the expression

```
A(end-1,:)
```

The MATLAB software calls the `end` method defined for `A` using the syntax

```
end(A,1,2)
```

Examples

This example shows `end` used with the `for` and `if` statements.

```
for k = 1:n
 if a(k) == 0
  a(k) = a(k) + 2;
    end
end
```

In this example, end is used in an indexing expression.

```
A = magic(5)

A =

    17    24     1     8    15
    23     5     7    14    16
     4     6    13    20    22
    10    12    19    21     3
    11    18    25     2     9

B = A(end,2:end)

B =

    18    25     2     9
```

See Also

break, for, if, return, switch, try, while

Purpose

Last day of month

Syntax

```
E = eomday(Y, M)
```

Description

`E = eomday(Y, M)` returns the last day of the year and month given by corresponding elements of arrays `Y` and `M`.

Examples

Show the end of month for January through September for the year 1900:

```
eomday(1900, 1:9)
ans =
    31    28    31    30    31    30    31    31    30
```

Find the number of days during that period:

```
sum(eomday(1900, 1:9))
ans =
   273
```

Because 1996 is a leap year, the statement `eomday(1996,2)` returns `29`. To show all the leap years in the twentieth century, try:

```
y = 1900:1999;
E = eomday(y, 2);
y(find(E == 29))

ans =
  Columns 1 through 6
     1904      1908      1912      1916      1920      1924

  Columns 7 through 12
     1928      1932      1936      1940      1944      1948

  Columns 13 through 18
     1952      1956      1960      1964      1968      1972
```

```
Columns 19 through 24
   1976      1980      1984      1988      1992      1996
```

See Also `datenum`, `datevec`, `weekday`

Purpose Floating-point relative accuracy

Syntax

```
eps
d = eps(X)
eps('double')
eps('single')
```

Description

`eps` returns the distance from 1.0 to the next largest double-precision number, that is `eps = 2^(-52)`.

`d = eps(X)` is the positive distance from `abs(X)` to the next larger in magnitude floating point number of the same precision as `X`. `X` may be either double precision or single precision. For all `X`,

```
eps(X) = eps(-X) = eps(abs(X))
```

`eps('double')` is the same as `eps` or `eps(1.0)`.

`eps('single')` is the same as `eps(single(1.0))` or `single(2^-23)`.

Except for numbers whose absolute value is smaller than `realmin` , if `2^E <= abs(X) < 2^(E+1)`, then

```
eps(X) = 2^(E-23) if isa(X,'single')
eps(X) = 2^(E-52) if isa(X,'double')
```

For all `X` of class double such that `abs(X) <= realmin`, `eps(X) = 2^(-1074)`. Similarly, for all `X` of class single such that `abs(X) <= realmin('single')`, `eps(X) = 2^(-149)`.

Replace expressions of the form:

```
if Y < eps * ABS(X)
```

with

```
if Y < eps(X
```

Examples

```
double precision
eps(1/2) = 2^(-53)
```

```
eps(1) = 2^(-52)
eps(2) = 2^(-51)
eps(realmax) = 2^971
eps(0) = 2^(-1074)

if(abs(x)) <= realmin, eps(x) = 2^(-1074)
eps(realmin/2) = 2^(-1074)
eps(realmin/16) = 2^(-1074)
eps(Inf) = NaN
eps(NaN) = NaN

single precision
eps(single(1/2)) = 2^(-24)
eps(single(1)) = 2^(-23)
eps(single(2)) = 2^(-22)
eps(realmax('single')) = 2^104
eps(single(0)) = 2^(-149)
eps(realmin('single')/2) = 2^(-149)
eps(realmin('single')/16) = 2^(-149)
if(abs(x)) <= realmin('single'), eps(x) = 2^(-149)
eps(single(Inf)) = single(NaN)
eps(single(NaN)) = single(NaN)
```

Purpose

Test for equality

Syntax

```
A == B
eq(A, B)
```

Description

`A == B` compares each element of array `A` for equality with the corresponding element of array `B`, and returns an array with elements set to logical 1 (`true`) where `A` and `B` are equal, or logical 0 (`false`) where they are not equal. Each input of the expression can be an array or a scalar value.

If both `A` and `B` are scalar (i.e., 1-by-1 matrices), then the MATLAB software returns a scalar value.

If both `A` and `B` are nonscalar arrays, then these arrays must have the same dimensions, and MATLAB returns an array of the same dimensions as `A` and `B`.

If one input is scalar and the other a nonscalar array, then the scalar input is treated as if it were an array having the same dimensions as the nonscalar input array. In other words, if input `A` is the number 100, and `B` is a 3-by-5 matrix, then `A` is treated as if it were a 3-by-5 matrix of elements, each set to 100. MATLAB returns an array of the same dimensions as the nonscalar input array.

`eq(A, B)` is called for the syntax `A == B` when either `A` or `B` is an object.

Examples

Create two 6-by-6 matrices, `A` and `B`, and locate those elements of `A` that are equal to the corresponding elements of `B`:

```
A = magic(6);
B = repmat(magic(3), 2, 2);

A == B
ans =
     0     1     1     0     0     0
     1     0     1     0     0     0
     0     1     1     0     0     0
     1     0     0     0     0     0
```

```
0    1    0    0    0    0
1    0    0    0    0    0
```

See Also `ne`, `le`, `ge`, `lt`, `gt`, relational operators

Purpose

Compare `MException` objects for equality

Syntax

```
eObj1 == eObj2
```

Description

`eObj1 == eObj2` tests scalar `MException` objects `eObj1` and `eObj2` for equality, returning logical 1 (`true`) if the two objects are identical, otherwise returning logical 0 (`false`).

See Also

`try`, `catch`, `error`, `assert`, `MException`, `isequal(MException)`, `ne(MException)`, `getReport(MException)`, `disp(MException)`, `throw(MException)`, `rethrow(MException)`, `throwAsCaller(MException)`, `addCause(MException)`, `last(MException)`

erf, erfc, erfcx, erfinv, erfcinv

Purpose

Error functions

Syntax

```
Y = erf(X)
Y = erfc(X)
Y = erfcx(X)
X = erfinv(Y)
X = erfcinv(Y)
```

Definition

The error function `erf(X)` is twice the integral of the Gaussian distribution with 0 mean and variance of $1/2$.

$$\operatorname{erf}(x) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^x e^{-t^2} dt$$

The complementary error function `erfc(X)` is defined as

$$\operatorname{erfc}(x) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_x^{\infty} e^{-t^2} dt = 1 - \operatorname{erf}(x)$$

The scaled complementary error function `erfcx(X)` is defined as

$$\operatorname{erfcx}(x) = e^{x^2} \operatorname{erfc}(x)$$

For large `X`, `erfcx(X)` is approximately $\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}}\right)\frac{1}{x}$

Description

`Y = erf(X)` returns the value of the error function for each element of real array `X`.

`Y = erfc(X)` computes the value of the complementary error function.

`Y = erfcx(X)` computes the value of the scaled complementary error function.

`X = erfinv(Y)` returns the value of the inverse error function for each element of `Y`. Elements of `Y` must be in the interval `[-1 1]`. The function `erfinv` satisfies $y = \operatorname{erf}(x)$ for $-1 \le y \le 1$ and $-\infty \le x \le \infty$.

X = erfcinv(Y) returns the value of the inverse of the complementary error function for each element of Y. Elements of Y must be in the interval [0 2]. The function erfcinv satisfies $y = \mathrm{erfc}(x)$ for $2 \geq y \geq 0$ and $-\infty \leq x \leq \infty$.

Remarks

The relationship between the complementary error function erfc and the standard normal probability distribution returned by the Statistics Toolbox function normcdf is

$$\mathrm{normcdf}(x) = 0.5 * \mathrm{erfc}(-x/\sqrt{2})$$

The relationship between the inverse complementary error function erfcinv and the inverse standard normal probability distribution returned by the Statistics Toolbox function norminv is

$$\mathrm{norminv}(p) = -\sqrt{2} * \mathrm{erfcinv}(2p)$$

Examples

erfinv(1) is Inf

erfinv(-1) is -Inf.

For abs(Y) > 1, erfinv(Y) is NaN.

Algorithms

For the error functions, the MATLAB code is a translation of a Fortran program by W. J. Cody, Argonne National Laboratory, NETLIB/SPECFUN, March 19, 1990. The main computation evaluates near-minimax rational approximations from [1].

For the inverse of the error function, rational approximations accurate to approximately six significant digits are used to generate an initial approximation, which is then improved to full accuracy by one step of Halley's method.

References

[1] Cody, W. J., "Rational Chebyshev Approximations for the Error Function," *Math. Comp.*, pgs. 631-638, 1969

Purpose

Display message and abort function

Syntax

```
error('msgIdent', 'msgString', v1, v2, ..., vN)
error('msgString', v1, v2, ...)
error('msgString')
error(msgStruct)
```

Description

`error('msgIdent', 'msgString', v1, v2, ..., vN)` generates an exception if the currently-running function tests for and confirms a faulty or unexpected condition. Depending on how the program has been designed to respond to the error, MATLAB either enters a `catch` block to handle the error condition, or exits the program.

The *`msgIdent`* argument is a unique *message identifier* string that MATLAB attaches to the error message when it throws the error. A message identifier has the format `component:mnemonic`. Its purpose is to better identify the source of the error (see Message Identifiers in the MATLAB Programming Fundamentals documentation for more information).

The *`msgString`* argument is a character string that informs the user about the cause of the error and can also suggest how to correct the faulty condition. The *`msgString`* string can include escape sequences such as `\t` or `\n`, as well as any of the format specifiers supported by the `sprintf` function (such as `%s` or `%d`). Additional arguments *`v1`*, *`v2`*, `...`, *`vN`* provide values that correspond to and replace the conversion specifiers.

For example, if *`msgString`* is “Error on line `%d`, command `%s`”, then *`v1`* is the line number at which the error was detected, and *`v2`* is the command that failed. See “Formatting Strings” in the MATLAB Programming Fundamentals documentation for more detailed information on using string formatting commands.

All string input arguments must be enclosed in single quotation marks. If *`msgString`* is an empty string, the `error` command has no effect.

`error('msgString', v1, v2, ...)`reports an error without including a message identifier in the error report. Although including a message identifier in an error report is recommended, it is not required.

`error('msgString')` is the same as the above syntax, except that the *msgString* string contains no conversion specifiers, no escape sequences, and no substitution value (*v1*, *v2*, ...) arguments. All characters in *msgString* are interpreted exactly as they appear in the *msgString* argument. MATLAB displays the `\t` in `'C:\testFolder'` for example, as a backslash character followed by the letter `t`, and not as a horizontal tab.

`error(msgStruct)` accepts a scalar error structure input *msgStruct* with at least one of the fields `message`, `identifier`, and `stack`. When the *msgStruct* input includes a `stack` field, the `stack` field of the error will be set according to the contents of the `stack` input. When specifying a `stack` input, use the absolute file name and the entire sequence of functions that nests the function in the stack frame. This is the same as the string returned by `dbstack('-completenames')`. If *msgStruct* is an empty structure, no action is taken and `error` returns without exiting the function.

Remarks

The `error` function captures what information it can about the error that occurred and stores it in a data structure that is an object of the `MException` class. This *error record* contains the error message string, message identifier, the error stack, and optionally an array of other exception objects that are intended to provide information as to the cause of the exception. See "Capturing Information About the Error" for more information on how to access and use an exception object.

You can access information in the exception object using the `catch` function as documented in the `catch` reference page. If your program terminates because of an exception and returns control to the Command Prompt, you can access the exception object using the `MException.last` command.

The `error` function also determines where the error occurred and provides this information in the `stack` field of the MException object. This field contains a structure array that has the same format as the output of the `dbstack` function. This stack points to the line where the `error` function was called.

The following table shows the MATLAB functions that can be useful for throwing an exception:

Function	Description
`error`	Throw exception with specified error message.
`assert`	Evaluate given expression and throw exception if false.
`throw`	Throw exception based on specified MException object.
`throwAsCaller`	Throw exception that appears to have been thrown by the calling function.
`rethrow`	Reissue previously caught exception.

Examples

Example 1 — Simple Error Message

Write a short function `errtest1` that throws an error when called with an incorrect number of input arguments. Include a message identifier `'myApp:argChk'` and error message:

```
function errtest1(x, y)
if nargin ~= 2
    error('myApp:argChk', 'Wrong number of input arguments')
end
```

Call the function with an incorrect number of inputs. The call to `nargin`, a function that checks the number of inputs, fails and the program calls `error`:

```
errtest1(pi)

??? Error using ==> errtest1 at 3
Wrong number of input arguments
```

If you run this function from the Command Window, you can use the MException.last method to view the exception object:

```
err = MException.last
err =
  MException

  Properties:
    identifier: 'myApp:argChk'
       message: 'Wrong number of input arguments'
         cause: {}
         stack: [1x1 struct]
  Methods

err.stack
ans =
    file: 'c:\work\errtest1.m'
    name: 'errtest1'
    line: 3
```

Example 2 — Special Characters

MATLAB converts special characters (like `\n` and `%d`) in the error message string only when you specify more than one input argument with `error`. In the single-argument case shown below, `\n` is taken to mean `backslash-n`. It is not converted to a newline character:

```
error('In this case, the newline \n is not converted.')
??? In this case, the newline \n is not converted.
```

But, when more than one argument is specified, MATLAB does convert special characters. This holds true regardless of whether the additional argument supplies conversion values or is a message identifier:

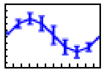
```
error('ErrorTests:convertTest', ...
      'In this case, the newline \n is converted.')
??? In this case, the newline
 is converted.
```

See Also

`assert`, `try`, `catch`, `dbstop`, `errordlg`, `warning`, `warndlg`, `MException`, `throw(MException)`, `rethrow(MException)`, `throwAsCaller(MException)`, `addCause(MException)`, `getReport(MException)`, `last(MException)`

Purpose

Plot error bars along curve



GUI Alternatives

To graph selected variables, use the Plot Selector 

in the Workspace Browser, or use the Figure Palette Plot Catalog. Manipulate graphs in *plot edit* mode with the Property Editor. For details, see "Plotting Tools — Interactive Plotting" in the MATLAB Graphics documentation and "Creating Graphics from the Workspace Browser" in the MATLAB Desktop Tools documentation.

Syntax

```
errorbar(Y,E)
errorbar(X,Y,E)
errorbar(X,Y,L,U)
errorbar(...,LineSpec)
h = errorbar(...)
```

Description

Error bars show the confidence intervals of data or the deviation along a curve.

`errorbar(Y,E)` plots `Y` and draws an error bar at each element of `Y`. The error bar is a distance of `E(i)` above and below the curve so that each bar is symmetric and `2*E(i)` long.

`errorbar(X,Y,E)` plots `Y` versus `X` with symmetric error bars `2*E(i)` long. `X`, `Y`, `E` must be the same size. When they are vectors, each error bar is a distance of `E(i)` above and below the point defined by `(X(i),Y(i))`. When they are matrices, each error bar is a distance of `E(i,j)` above and below the point defined by `(X(i,j),Y(i,j))`.

`errorbar(X,Y,L,U)` plots `X` versus `Y` with error bars `L(i)+U(i)` long specifying the lower and upper error bars. `X`, `Y`, `L`, and `U` must be the same size. When they are vectors, each error bar is a distance of `L(i)` below and `U(i)` above the point defined by `(X(i),Y(i))`. When they are matrices, each error bar is a distance of `L(i,j)` below and `U(i,j)` above the point defined by `(X(i,j),Y(i,j))`.

`errorbar(...,LineSpec)` uses the color and line style specified by the string `'LineSpec'`. The color is applied to the data line and error bars. The linestyle and marker are applied to the data line only. See `linespec` for examples of styles.

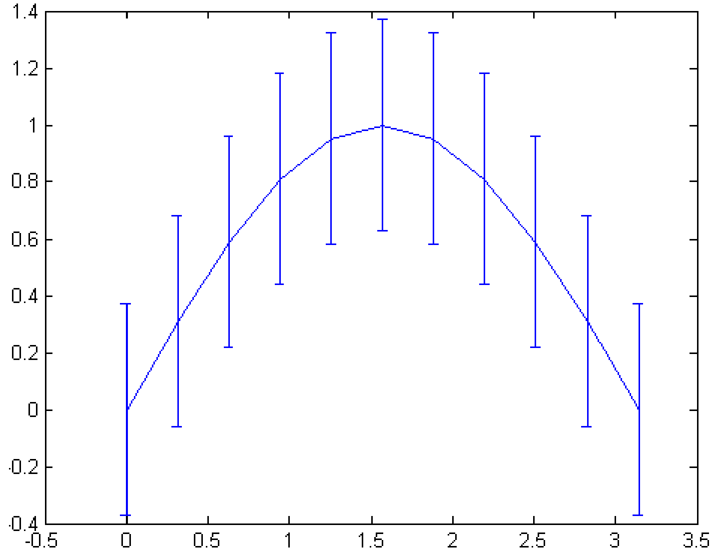
`h = errorbar(...)` returns handles to the errorbarseries objects created. `errorbar` creates one object for vector input arguments and one object per column for matrix input arguments. See `errorbarseries properties` for more information.

When the arguments are all matrices, `errorbar` draws one line per matrix column. If `X` and `Y` are vectors, they specify one curve.

Examples

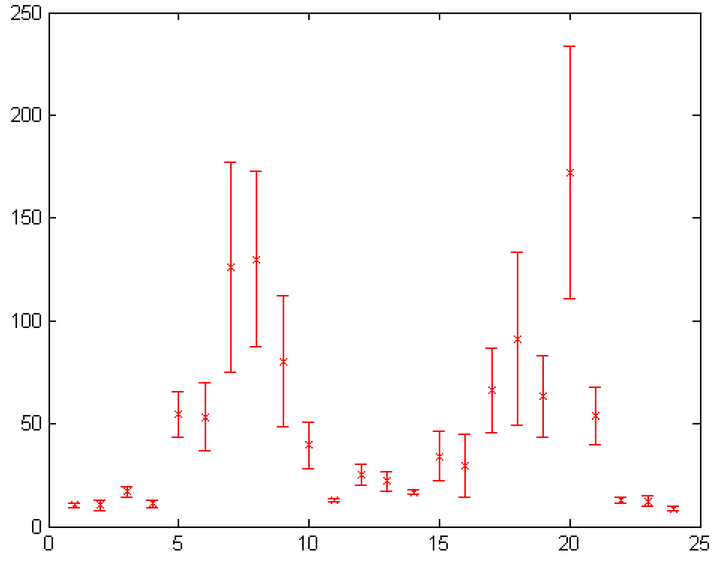
Draw symmetric error bars that are two standard deviation units in length:

```
X = 0:pi/10:pi;
Y = sin(X);
E = std(Y)*ones(size(X));
errorbar(X,Y,E)
```



Plot the computed average traffic volume and computed standard deviations for three street locations over the course of a day using red 'x' markers:

```
load count.dat;
y = mean(count,2);
e = std(count,1,2);
figure
errorbar(y,e,'xr')
```



See Also

`corrcoef`, `linespec`, `plot`, `std`

"Basic Plots and Graphs" on page 1-96 and ConfidenceBounds for related functions

`Errorbarseries Properties` for property descriptions

Purpose

Define errorbarseries properties

Modifying Properties

You can set and query graphics object properties using the `set` and `get` commands or the Property editor (`propertyeditor`).

Note that you cannot define default property values for errorbarseries objects. See "Plot Objects" for more information on errorbarseries objects.

Errorbarseries Property Descriptions

This section provides a description of properties. Curly braces { } enclose default values.

`Annotation`
: `hg.Annotation` object Read Only

Control the display of errorbarseries objects in legends. The `Annotation` property enables you to specify whether this errorbarseries object is represented in a figure legend.

Querying the `Annotation` property returns the handle of an `hg.Annotation` object. The `hg.Annotation` object has a property called `LegendInformation`, which contains an `hg.LegendEntry` object.

Once you have obtained the `hg.LegendEntry` object, you can set its `IconDisplayStyle` property to control whether the errorbarseries object is displayed in a figure legend:

IconDisplayStyle Value	Purpose
`on`	Include the errorbarseries object in a legend as one entry, but not its children objects
`off`	Do not include the errorbarseries or its children in a legend (default)
`children`	Include only the children of the errorbarseries as separate entries in the legend

Setting the IconDisplayStyle Property

These commands set the `IconDisplayStyle` of a graphics object with handle `hobj` to `children`, which causes each child object to have an entry in the legend:

```
hAnnotation = get(hobj,'Annotation');
hLegendEntry = get(hAnnotation,'LegendInformation');
set(hLegendEntry,'IconDisplayStyle','children')
```

Using the IconDisplayStyle Property

See "Controlling Legends" for more information and examples.

`BeingDeleted`

`on | {off}` Read Only

This object is being deleted. The `BeingDeleted` property provides a mechanism that you can use to determine if objects are in the process of being deleted. MATLAB sets the `BeingDeleted` property to `on` when the object's delete function callback is called (see the `DeleteFcn` property). It remains set to `on` while the delete function executes, after which the object no longer exists.

For example, an object's delete function might call other functions that act on a number of different objects. These functions might not need to perform actions on objects if the objects are going to be deleted, and therefore, can check the object's `BeingDeleted` property before acting.

`BusyAction`
`cancel | {queue}`

Callback routine interruption. The `BusyAction` property enables you to control how MATLAB handles events that potentially interrupt executing callbacks. If there is a callback function executing, callbacks invoked subsequently always attempt to interrupt it.

If the `Interruptible` property of the object whose callback is executing is set to `on` (the default), then interruption occurs at the next point where the event queue is processed. If the `Interruptible` property is `off`, the `BusyAction` property (of the object owning the executing callback) determines how MATLAB handles the event. The choices are

- `cancel` — Discard the event that attempted to execute a second callback routine.
- `queue` — Queue the event that attempted to execute a second callback routine until the current callback finishes.

`ButtonDownFcn`
string or function handle

Button press callback function. A callback that executes whenever you press a mouse button while the pointer is over this object, but not over another graphics object. See the `HitTestArea` property for information about selecting objects of this type.

See the figure's `SelectionType` property to determine if modifier keys were also pressed.

This property can be

- A string that is a valid MATLAB expression
- The name of a MATLAB file
- A function handle

Set this property to a function handle that references the callback. The expressions execute in the MATLAB workspace.

See "Function Handle Callbacks" for information on how to use function handles to define the callbacks.

`Children`

array of graphics object handles

Children of the errorbarseries object. An array containing the handles of all line objects parented to the errorbarseries object (whether visible or not).

If a child object's `HandleVisibility` property is `callback` or `off`, its handle does not show up in this object's `Children` property. If you want the handle in the `Children` property, set the root `ShowHiddenHandles` property to `on`. For example:

```
set(0,'ShowHiddenHandles','on')
```

`Clipping`

`{on} | off`

Clipping mode. MATLAB clips graphs to the axes plot box by default. If you set `Clipping` to `off`, portions of graphs can be displayed outside the axes plot box. This can occur if you create a plot object, set `hold` to `on`, freeze axis scaling (`axis manual`), and then create a larger plot object.

`Color`

ColorSpec

Color of the object. A three-element RGB vector or one of the MATLAB predefined names, specifying the object's color.

See the `ColorSpec` reference page for more information on specifying color.

`CreateFcn`
string or function handle

Not available on errorbarseries objects.

`DeleteFcn`
string or function handle

Callback executed during object deletion. A callback that executes when this object is deleted (e.g., this might happen when you issue a `delete` command on the object, its parent axes, or the figure containing it). MATLAB executes the callback before destroying the object's properties so the callback routine can query these values.

The handle of the object whose `DeleteFcn` is being executed is accessible only through the root `CallbackObject` property, which can be queried using `gcbo`.

See "Function Handle Callbacks" for information on how to use function handles to define the callback function.

See the `BeingDeleted` property for related information.

`DisplayName`
string (default is empty string)

String used by legend for this errorbarseries object. The `legend` function uses the string defined by the `DisplayName` property to label this errorbarseries object in the legend.

- If you specify string arguments with the `legend` function, `DisplayName` is set to this errorbarseries object's corresponding string and that string is used for the legend.
- If `DisplayName` is empty, legend creates a string of the form, `['data' n]`, where *n* is the number assigned to the object based on its location in the list of legend entries. However, `legend` does not set `DisplayName` to this string.
- If you edit the string directly in an existing legend, `DisplayName` is set to the edited string.
- If you specify a string for the `DisplayName` property and create the legend using the figure toolbar, then MATLAB uses the string defined by `DisplayName`.
- To add programmatically a legend that uses the `DisplayName` string, call `legend` with the `toggle` or `show` option.

See "Controlling Legends" for more examples.

`EraseMode`

`{normal} | none | xor | background`

Erase mode. This property controls the technique MATLAB uses to draw and erase objects and their children. Alternative erase modes are useful for creating animated sequences, where control of the way individual objects are redrawn is necessary to improve performance and obtain the desired effect.

- `normal` — Redraw the affected region of the display, performing the three-dimensional analysis necessary to ensure that all objects are rendered correctly. This mode produces the most accurate picture, but is the slowest. The other modes are faster, but do not perform a complete redraw and are therefore less accurate.
- `none` — Do not erase objects when they are moved or destroyed. While the objects are still visible on the screen after erasing

with `EraseMode` `none`, you cannot print these objects because MATLAB stores no information about their former locations.

- `xor` — Draw and erase the object by performing an exclusive OR (XOR) with each pixel index of the screen behind it. Erasing the object does not damage the color of the objects behind it. However, the color of the erased object depends on the color of the screen behind it and it is correctly colored only when it is over the axes background color (or the figure background color if the axes `Color` property is set to `none`). That is, it isn't erased correctly if there are objects behind it.
- `background` — Erase the graphics objects by redrawing them in the axes background color, (or the figure background color if the axes `Color` property is set to `none`). This damages other graphics objects that are behind the erased object, but the erased object is always properly colored.

Printing with Nonnormal Erase Modes

MATLAB always prints figures as if the `EraseMode` of all objects is `normal`. This means graphics objects created with `EraseMode` set to `none`, `xor`, or `background` can look different on screen than on paper. On screen, MATLAB can mathematically combine layers of colors (e.g., performing an XOR on a pixel color with that of the pixel behind it) and ignore three-dimensional sorting to obtain greater rendering speed. However, these techniques are not applied to the printed output.

Set the axes background color with the axes `Color` property. Set the figure background color with the figure `Color` property.

You can use the MATLAB `getframe` command or other screen capture applications to create an image of a figure containing nonnormal mode objects.

`HandleVisibility`
`{on} | callback | off`

Control access to object's handle by command-line users and GUIs. This property determines when an object's handle is visible in its parent's list of children. `HandleVisibility` is useful for preventing command-line users from accidentally accessing objects that you need to protect for some reason.

- `on` — Handles are always visible when `HandleVisibility` is `on`.
- `callback` — Setting `HandleVisibility` to `callback` causes handles to be visible from within callback routines or functions invoked by callback routines, but not from within functions invoked from the command line. This provides a means to protect GUIs from command-line users, while allowing callback routines to have access to object handles.
- `off` — Setting `HandleVisibility` to `off` makes handles invisible at all times. This might be necessary when a callback invokes a function that might potentially damage the GUI (such as evaluating a user-typed string) and so temporarily hides its own handles during the execution of that function.

Functions Affected by Handle Visibility

When a handle is not visible in its parent's list of children, it cannot be returned by functions that obtain handles by searching the object hierarchy or querying handle properties. This includes `get`, `findobj`, `gca`, `gcf`, `gco`, `newplot`, `cla`, `clf`, and `close`.

Properties Affected by Handle Visibility

When a handle's visibility is restricted using `callback` or `off`, the object's handle does not appear in its parent's `Children` property, figures do not appear in the root's `CurrentFigure` property, objects do not appear in the root's `CallbackObject` property or in the figure's `CurrentObject` property, and axes do not appear in their parent's `CurrentAxes` property.

Overriding Handle Visibility

You can set the root `ShowHiddenHandles` property to `on` to make all handles visible regardless of their `HandleVisibility` settings (this does not affect the values of the `HandleVisibility` properties). See also `findall`.

Handle Validity

Handles that are hidden are still valid. If you know an object's handle, you can `set` and `get` its properties and pass it to any function that operates on handles.

Note If you change one data source property to a variable that contains data of a different dimension, you might cause the function to generate a warning and not render the graph until you have changed all data source properties to appropriate values.

`HitTest`

`{on} | off`

Selectable by mouse click. `HitTest` determines whether this object can become the current object (as returned by the `gco` command and the figure `CurrentObject` property) as a result of a mouse click on the objects that compose the area graph. If `HitTest` is `off`, clicking this object selects the object below it (which is usually the axes containing it).

`HitTestArea`

`on | {off}`

Select the object by clicking lines or area of extent. This property enables you to select plot objects in two ways:

- Select by clicking lines or markers (default).
- Select by clicking anywhere in the extent of the plot.

When `HitTestArea` is `off`, you must click the object's lines or markers (excluding the baseline, if any) to select the object. When `HitTestArea` is `on`, you can select this object by clicking anywhere within the extent of the plot (i.e., anywhere within a rectangle that encloses it).

`Interruptible`
`{on} | off`

Callback routine interruption mode. The `Interruptible` property controls whether an object's callback can be interrupted by callbacks invoked subsequently.

Only callbacks defined for the `ButtonDownFcn` property are affected by the `Interruptible` property. MATLAB checks for events that can interrupt a callback only when it encounters a `drawnow`, `figure`, `getframe`, or `pause` command in the routine. See the `BusyAction` property for related information.

Setting `Interruptible` to `on` allows any graphics object's callback to interrupt callback routines originating from a bar property. Note that MATLAB does not save the state of variables or the display (e.g., the handle returned by the `gca` or `gcf` command) when an interruption occurs.

`LData`
array equal in size to `XData` and `YData`

Errorbar length below data point. The `errorbar` function uses this data to determine the length of the errorbar below each data point. Specify these values in data units. See also `UData`.

`LDataSource`
string (MATLAB variable)

Link `LData` to MATLAB variable. Set this property to a MATLAB variable that is evaluated in the base workspace to generate the `LData`.

MATLAB reevaluates this property only when you set it. Therefore, a change to workspace variables appearing in an expression does not change `LData`.

You can use the `refreshdata` function to force an update of the object's data. `refreshdata` also enables you to specify that the data source variable be evaluated in the workspace of a function from which you call `refreshdata`.

See the `refreshdata` reference page for more information.

`LineStyle`
`{-} | -- | : | -. | none`

Line style. This property specifies the line style of the object. Available line styles are shown in the following table.

Specifier String	Line Style
`-`	Solid line (default)
`--`	Dashed line
`:`	Dotted line
`-.`	Dash-dot line
`none`	No line

You can use `LineStyle` `none` when you want to place a marker at each point but do not want the points connected with a line (see the `Marker` property).

`LineWidth`
scalar

The width of linear objects and edges of filled areas. Specify this value in points (1 point = $^1/_{72}$ inch). The default `LineWidth` is 0.5 points.

`Marker`
character (see table)

Marker symbol. The `Marker` property specifies the type of markers that are displayed at plot vertices. You can set values for the `Marker` property independently from the `LineStyle` property. Supported markers include those shown in the following table.

Marker Specifier	Description
`+`	Plus sign
`o`	Circle
`*`	Asterisk
`.`	Point
`x`	Cross
`s`	Square
`d`	Diamond
`^`	Upward-pointing triangle
`v`	Downward-pointing triangle
`>`	Right-pointing triangle
`<`	Left-pointing triangle
`p`	Five-pointed star (pentagram)
`h`	Six-pointed star (hexagram)
`none`	No marker (default)

`MarkerEdgeColor`
`ColorSpec | none | {auto}`

Marker edge color. The color of the marker or the edge color for filled markers (circle, square, diamond, pentagram, hexagram, and the four triangles). `ColorSpec` defines the color to use. `none` specifies no color, which makes nonfilled markers invisible. `auto` sets `MarkerEdgeColor` to the same color as the `Color` property.

`MarkerFaceColor`

`ColorSpec | {none} | auto`

Marker face color. The fill color for markers that are closed shapes (circle, square, diamond, pentagram, hexagram, and the four triangles). `ColorSpec` defines the color to use. `none` makes the interior of the marker transparent, allowing the background to show through. `auto` sets the fill color to the axes color, or to the figure color if the axes `Color` property is set to `none` (which is the factory default for axes objects).

`MarkerSize`

size in points

Marker size. A scalar specifying the size of the marker in points. The default value for `MarkerSize` is 6 points (1 point = 1/72 inch). Note that MATLAB draws the point marker (specified by the `'.'` symbol) at one-third the specified size.

`Parent`

handle of parent axes, hggroup, or hgtransform

Parent of this object. This property contains the handle of the object's parent. The parent is normally the axes, hggroup, or hgtransform object that contains the object.

See "Objects That Can Contain Other Objects" for more information on parenting graphics objects.

`Selected`

`on | {off}`

Is object selected? When you set this property to `on`, MATLAB displays selection "handles" at the corners and midpoints if the `SelectionHighlight` property is also `on` (the default). You can, for example, define the `ButtonDownFcn` callback to set this property to `on`, thereby indicating that this particular object is selected. This property is also set to `on` when an object is manually selected in plot edit mode.

`SelectionHighlight`
`{on} | off`

Objects are highlighted when selected. When the `Selected` property is `on`, MATLAB indicates the selected state by drawing selection handles on the curve and error bars. When `SelectionHighlight` is `off`, MATLAB does not draw the handles.

`Tag`
string

User-specified object label. The `Tag` property provides a means to identify graphics objects with a user-specified label. This is particularly useful when you are constructing interactive graphics programs that would otherwise need to define object handles as global variables or pass them as arguments between callbacks.

For example, you might create an errorbarseries object and set the `Tag` property:

```
t = errorbar(Y,E,'Tag','errorbar1')
```

When you want to access the errorbarseries object, you can use `findobj` to find the errorbarseries object's handle.

The following statement changes the `MarkerFaceColor` property of the object whose `Tag` is `errorbar1`.

```
set(findobj('Tag','errorbar1'),'MarkerFaceColor','red')
```

`Type`
string (read only)

Type of graphics object. This property contains a string that identifies the class of the graphics object. For errorbarseries objects, `Type` is '`hggroup`'. The following statement finds all the hggroup objects in the current axes.

```
t = findobj(gca,'Type','hggroup');
```

`UData`

array equal in size to `XData` and `YData`

Errorbar length above data point. The `errorbar` function uses this data to determine the length of the errorbar above each data point. Specify these values in data units.

`UDataSource`

string (MATLAB variable)

Link `UData` to MATLAB variable. Set this property to a MATLAB variable that is evaluated in the base workspace to generate the `UData`.

MATLAB reevaluates this property only when you set it. Therefore, a change to workspace variables appearing in an expression does not change `UData`.

You can use the `refreshdata` function to force an update of the object's data. `refreshdata` also enables you to specify that the data source variable be evaluated in the workspace of a function from which you call `refreshdata`.

See the `refreshdata` reference page for more information.

`UIContextMenu`

handle of a uicontextmenu object

Associate a context menu with the errorbarseries object. Assign this property the handle of a uicontextmenu object created in the errorbarseries object's parent figure. Use the `uicontextmenu` function to create the context menu. MATLAB displays the context menu whenever you right-click over the errorbarseries object.

`UserData`
array

User-specified data. This property can be any data you want to associate with the errorbarseries object (including cell arrays and structures). The errorbarseries object does not set values for this property, but you can access it using the `set` and `get` functions.

`Visible`
`{on} | off`

Visibility of errorbarseries object and its children. By default, errorbarseries object visibility is `on`. This means all children of the errorbarseries object are visible unless the child object's `Visible` property is set to `off`. Setting an errorbarseries object's `Visible` property to `off` also makes its children invisible.

`XData`
array

X-coordinates of the curve. The `errorbar` function plots a curve using the *x*-axis coordinates in the `XData` array. `XData` must be the same size as `YData`.

If you do not specify `XData` (i.e., the input argument `x`), the `errorbar` function uses the indices of `YData` to create the curve. See the `XDataMode` property for related information.

`XDataMode`
{auto} | manual

Use automatic or user-specified x-axis values. If you specify `XData` (by setting the `XData` property or specifying the input argument `x`), the `errorbar` function sets this property to `manual`.

If you set `XDataMode` to `auto` after having specified `XData`, the `errorbar` function resets the *x* tick-mark labels to the indices of the `YData`.

`XDataSource`

string (MATLAB variable)

Link `XData` to MATLAB variable. Set this property to a MATLAB variable that is evaluated in the base workspace to generate the `XData`.

MATLAB reevaluates this property only when you set it. Therefore, a change to workspace variables appearing in an expression does not change `XData`.

You can use the `refreshdata` function to force an update of the object's data. `refreshdata` also enables you to specify that the data source variable be evaluated in the workspace of a function from which you call `refreshdata`.

See the `refreshdata` reference page for more information.

Note If you change one data source property to a variable that contains data of a different dimension, you might cause the function to generate a warning and not render the graph until you have changed all data source properties to appropriate values.

`YData`

scalar, vector, or matrix

Data defining curve. `YData` contains the data defining the curve. If `YData` is a matrix, the `errorbar` function displays a curve with error bars for each column in the matrix.

The input argument Y in the errorbar function calling syntax assigns values to YData.

YDataSource

string (MATLAB variable)

Link YData to MATLAB variable. Set this property to a MATLAB variable that is evaluated in the base workspace to generate the YData.

MATLAB reevaluates this property only when you set it. Therefore, a change to workspace variables appearing in an expression does not change YData.

You can use the refreshdata function to force an update of the object's data. refreshdata also enables you to specify that the data source variable be evaluated in the workspace of a function from which you call refreshdata.

See the refreshdata reference page for more information.

Note If you change one data source property to a variable that contains data of a different dimension, you might cause the function to generate a warning and not render the graph until you have changed all data source properties to appropriate values.

Purpose

Create and open error dialog box

Syntax

```
h = errordlg
h = errordlg(errorstring)
h = errordlg(errorstring,dlgname)
h = errordlg(errorstring,dlgname,createmode)
```

Description

`h = errordlg` creates and displays a dialog box with title `Error Dialog` that contains the string `This is the default error string.` The `errordlg` function returns the handle of the dialog box in `h`.

`h = errordlg(errorstring)` displays a dialog box with title `Error Dialog` that contains the string `errorstring`.

`h = errordlg(errorstring,dlgname)` displays a dialog box with title`dlgname` that contains the string `errorstring`.

`h = errordlg(errorstring,dlgname,createmode)` specifies whether the error dialog box is modal or nonmodal. Optionally, it can also specify an interpreter for `errorstring` and `dlgname`. The *`createmode`* argument can be a string or a structure.

If *`createmode`* is a string, it must be one of the values shown in the following table.

createmode Value	Description
`modal`	Replaces the error dialog box having the specified `Title`, that was last created or clicked on, with a modal error dialog box as specified. All other error dialog boxes with the same title are deleted. The dialog box which is replaced can be either modal or nonmodal.
`non-modal` (default)	Creates a new nonmodal error dialog box with the specified parameters. Existing error dialog boxes with the same title are not deleted.

createmode Value	Description
`replace`	Replaces the error dialog box having the specified `Title`, that was last created or clicked on, with a nonmodal error dialog box as specified. All other error dialog boxes with the same title are deleted. The dialog box which is replaced can be either modal or nonmodal.

Note A modal dialog box prevents the user from interacting with other windows before responding. To block MATLAB program execution as well, use the `uiwait` function.

If you open a dialog with `errordlg`, `msgbox`, or `warndlg` using `'CreateMode','modal'` and a non-modal dialog created with any of these functions is already present and *has the same name as the modal dialog*, the non-modal dialog closes when the modal one opens.

For more information about modal dialog boxes, see `WindowStyle` in the Figure Properties.

If `CreateMode` is a structure, it can have fields `WindowStyle` and `Interpreter`. `WindowStyle` must be one of the options shown in the table above. `Interpreter` is one of the strings `'tex'` or `'none'`. The default value for `Interpreter` is `'none'`.

Remarks

MATLAB sizes the dialog box to fit the string `'errorstring'`. The error dialog box has an **OK** push button and remains on the screen until you press the **OK** button or the **Return** key. After pressing the button, the error dialog box disappears.

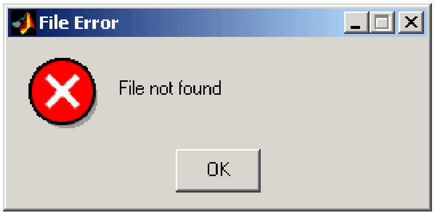
The appearance of the dialog box depends on the platform you use.

Examples

The function

```
errordlg('File not found','File Error');
```

displays this dialog box:



See Also

`dialog`, `helpdlg`, `inputdlg`, `listdlg`, `msgbox`, `questdlg`, `warndlg`

`figure`, `uiwait`, `uiresume`

"Predefined Dialog Boxes" on page 1-113 for related functions

etime

Purpose Time elapsed between date vectors

Syntax

```
e = etime(t2, t1)
```

Description `e = etime(t2, t1)` returns the number of seconds between vectors `t1` and `t2`. The two vectors must be six elements long, in the format returned by `clock`:

```
T = [Year Month Day Hour Minute Second]
```

Remarks `etime` does not account for the following:

- Leap seconds.
- Daylight savings time adjustments.
- Differences in time zones.

When timing the duration of an event, use the `tic` and `toc` functions instead of `clock` and `etime`. `clock` uses the system time, which might be adjusted periodically by the operating system and thus might not be reliable in time comparison operations.

Examples This example shows two ways to calculate how long a particular FFT operation takes. Using `tic` and `toc` is preferred, as it can be more reliable for timing the duration of an event:

```
x = rand(800000, 1);

t1 = tic;  fft(x);  toc(t1)            % Recommended
Elapsed time is 0.097665 seconds.

t = clock;  fft(x);  etime(clock, t)
ans =
    0.1250
```

See Also `tic`, `toc`, `cputime`, `clock`, `now`

Purpose

Elimination tree

Syntax

```
p = etree(A)
p = etree(A,'col')
p = etree(A,'sym')
[p,q] = etree(...)
```

Description

`p = etree(A)` returns an elimination tree for the square symmetric matrix whose upper triangle is that of `A`. `p(j)` is the parent of column `j` in the tree, or `0` if `j` is a root.

`p = etree(A,'col')` returns the elimination tree of `A'*A`.

`p = etree(A,'sym')` is the same as `p = etree(A)`.

`[p,q] = etree(...)` also returns a postorder permutation `q` of the tree.

See Also

`treelayout`, `treeplot`, `etreeplot`

Purpose Plot elimination tree

Syntax

```
etreeplot(A)
etreeplot(A,nodeSpec,edgeSpec)
```

Description

`etreeplot(A)` plots the elimination tree of `A` (or `A+A'`, if non-symmetric).

`etreeplot(A,nodeSpec,edgeSpec)` allows optional parameters `nodeSpec` and `edgeSpec` to set the node or edge color, marker, and linestyle. Use `''` to omit one or both.

See Also `etree`, `treeplot`, `treelayout`

Purpose

Execute string containing MATLAB expression

Syntax

```
eval(expression)
[a1, a2, a3, ...] = eval('myfun(b1, b2, b3, ...)')
```

Description

`eval(expression)` executes `expression`, a string containing any valid MATLAB expression. You can construct `expression` by concatenating substrings and variables inside square brackets:

```
expression = [string1, int2str(var), string2, ...]
```

`[a1, a2, a3, ...]  = eval('myfun(b1, b2, b3, ...)')` executes function `smyfun` with arguments `b1, b2, b3, ...`, and returns the results in the specified output variables.

Remarks

Using the `eval` output argument list is recommended over including the output arguments in the expression string. The first syntax below avoids strict checking by the MATLAB parser and can produce untrapped errors and other unexpected behavior. Use the second syntax instead:

```
% Not recommended
  eval('[a1, a2, a3, ...] = function(var)')

% Recommended syntax
  [a1, a2, a3, ...] = eval('function(var)')
```

Examples

Example 1 – Working with a Series of Files

Load MAT-files `August1.mat` to `August10.mat` into the MATLAB workspace:

```
for d=1:10
   s = ['load August' int2str(d) '.mat']
   eval(s)
end
```

These are the strings being evaluated:

```
s =
   load August1.mat
s =
   load August2.mat
s =
   load August3.mat
      - etc. -
```

Example 2 – Assigning to Variables with Generated Names

Generate variable names that are unique in the MATLAB workspace and assign a value to each using `eval`:

```
for k = 1:5
   t = clock;
   pause(uint8(rand * 10));
   v = genvarname('time_elapsed', who);
   eval([v ' = etime(clock,t)'])
   end
```

As this code runs, `eval` creates a unique statement for each assignment:

```
time_elapsed =
    5.0070
time_elapsed1 =
    2.0030
time_elapsed2 =
    7.0010
time_elapsed3 =
    8.0010
time_elapsed4 =
    3.0040
```

Example 3 – Evaluating a Returned Function Name

The following command removes a figure by evaluating its `CloseRequestFcn` property as returned by `get`.

```
eval(get(h,'CloseRequestFcn'))
```

See Also `evalc`, `evalin`, `assignin`, `feval`, `catch`, `lasterror`, `try`

evalc

Purpose

Evaluate MATLAB expression with capture

Syntax

```
T = evalc(S)
[T, X, Y, Z, ...] = evalc(S)
```

Description

`T = evalc(S)` is the same as `eval(S)` except that anything that would normally be written to the command window, except for error messages, is captured and returned in the character array `T` (lines in `T` are separated by `\n` characters).

`[T, X, Y, Z, ...]  = evalc(S)` is the same as `[X, Y, Z, ...]  = eval(S)` except that any output is captured into `T`.

Remark

When you are using `evalc`, `diary`, `more`, and `input` are disabled.

See Also

`eval`, `evalin`, `assignin`, `feval`, `diary`, `input`, `more`

Purpose

Execute MATLAB expression in specified workspace

Syntax

```
evalin(ws, expression)
[a1, a2, a3, ...] = evalin(ws, expression)
```

Description

`evalin(ws, expression)` executes *`expression`*, a string containing any valid MATLAB expression, in the context of the workspace `ws`. `ws` can have a value of `'base'` or `'caller'` to denote the MATLAB base workspace or the workspace of the caller function. You can construct *`expression`* by concatenating substrings and variables inside square brackets:

```
expression = [string1, int2str(var), string2,...]
```

`[a1, a2, a3, ...]  = evalin(ws, expression)` executes *`expression`* and returns the results in the specified output variables. Using the `evalin` output argument list is recommended over including the output arguments in the expression string:

```
evalin(ws,'[a1, a2, a3, ...] = function(var)')
```

The above syntax avoids strict checking by the MATLAB parser and can produce untrapped errors and other unexpected behavior.

Remarks

The MATLAB base workspace is the workspace that is seen from the MATLAB command line (when not in the debugger). The caller workspace is the workspace of the function that called the currently running function. Note that the base and caller workspaces are equivalent in the context of a function that is invoked from the MATLAB command line.

`evalin('caller', expression)` finds only *variables* in the caller's workspace; it does not find *functions* in the caller. For this reason, you cannot use `evalin` to construct a handle to a function that is defined in the caller.

If you use `evalin('caller', expression)` in the MATLAB debugger after having changed your local workspace context with `dbup` or `dbdown`, MATLAB evaluates the expression in the context of the function that is one level up in the stack from your current workspace context.

Examples

This example extracts the value of the variable `var` in the MATLAB base workspace and captures the value in the local variable `v`:

```
v = evalin('base', 'var');
```

Limitation

`evalin` cannot be used recursively to evaluate an expression. For example, a sequence of the form `evalin('caller', 'evalin(''caller'', ''x'')')` doesn't work.

See Also

`assignin`, `eval`, `evalc`, `feval`, `catch`, `lasterror`, `try`

Purpose Base class for all data objects passed to event listeners

Description The `event` package contains the `event.EventData` class, which defines the data objects passed to event listeners. If you want to provide additional information to event listeners, you can do so by subclassing `event.EventData`. See "Defining Event-Specific Data" for more information.

Properties The `event.EventData` class defines two properties and no methods:

- `EventName` — The name of the event described by this data object.
- `Source` — The source object whose class defines the event described by the data object.

See Also `event.PropertyEvent`

"Events — Sending and Responding to Messages"

event.listener

Purpose

Class defining listener objects

Syntax

`lh = event.listener(Hobj,'EventName',@CallbackFunction)`

Description

The `event.listener` class defines listener objects. Listener objects respond to the specified event and identify the callback function to invoke when the event is triggered.

`lh = event.listener(Hobj,'EventName',@CallbackFunction)` creates an `event.listener` object, `lh`, for the event named in *`EventName`*, on the on the specified object, `Hobj`.

If `Hobj` is an array of object handles, the listener responds to the named event on any of the objects referenced in the array

The listener callback function must accept at least two input arguments. For example,

```
function CallbackFunction(source,eventData)
   ...
end
```

where `source` is the object that is the source of the event and `eventData` is an `event.EventData` object.

The `event.listener` class is a `handle` class.

Limiting Listener Lifecycle

Generally, you create a listener object using `addlistener`. However, you can call the `event.listener` constructor directly to create a listener. When you do not use `addlistener`, the listener's lifecycle is not tied to the object(s) being listened to—once the listener object goes out of scope, the listener no longer exists. See "Ways to Create Listeners" for more information on creating listener objects.

Removing a Listener

If you call `delete(lh)` on the listener object, the listener ceases to exist, which means the event no longer causes the listener callback function to execute.

Disabling a Listener

You can enable or disable a listener by setting the value of the listener's `Enabled` property (see Properties table below).

More Information on Events and Listeners

See "Events — Sending and Responding to Messages" for more information and examples of how to use events and listeners.

Properties

Property	Purpose
`Source`	Cell array of source objects
`EventName`	Name of the event
`Callback`	Function to execute when the event is triggered and the `Enabled` property is set to `true`
`Enabled`	The callback executes when the event occurs if and only if `Enabled` is set to `true` (the default).
`Recursive`	When `false` (the default), this listener does not execute recursively. Therefore, if the callback triggers its own event, the listener does not execute again. When `true`, the listener callback can cause the same event that triggered the callback. This scheme can lead to infinite recursion, which ends when the MATLAB recursion limit eventually triggers an error.

See Also

`addlistener`, `delete`, `event.proplistener`

event.PropertyEvent

Purpose

Listener for property events

Description

The `event.PropertyEvent` class defines the data objects passed to listeners of the `meta.property` events `PreGet`, `PostGet`, `PreSet`, and `PostSet`. `event.PropertyEvent` is a sealed subclass of `event.EventData` (i.e., you cannot subclass `event.PropertyEvent`).

Properties

`event.PropertyEvent` inherits the `EventName` and `Source` properties from `event.EventData` and defines one new property:

- `AffectedObject` — The instance of the class to which this event refers.

See Also

`event.EventData`, `meta.property`

"Listening for Changes to Property Values"

Purpose

Define listener object for property events

Syntax

```
lh = event.proplistener(Hobj,Properties,'PropEvent',
   @CallbackFunction)
```

Description

`lh = event.proplistener(Hobj,Properties,'PropEvent',@CallbackFunction)` creates a property listener object for one or more properties on the specified object.

- `Hobj` — handle of object whose property or properties are to be listened to. If `Hobj` is an array, the listener responds to the named event on all objects in the array.
- `Properties` — an object array or a cell array of `meta.property` object handles representing the properties to which you want to listen.
- `PropEvent` — must be one of the strings: `PresSet`, `PostSet`, `PreGet`, `PostGet`
- `@CallbackFunction` — function handle to the callback function that executes when the event occurs.

The `event.proplistener` class defines property event listener objects. It is a subclass of the `event.listener` class and adds one property to those defined by `event.listener`:

- `Object` — Cell array of objects whose property events are being listened to.

You can call the `event.proplistener` constructor instead of calling `addlistener` to create a property listener. However, when you do not use `addlistener`, the listener's lifecycle is not tied to the object(s) being listened to.

See "Listening for Changes to Property Values".

See "Obtaining Information About Classes from Meta-Classes" for more information on using `meta.property` objects.

See Also

`event.listener`, `addlistener`

Purpose

List event handler functions associated with COM object events

Syntax

```
info = h.eventlisteners
info = eventlisteners(h)
```

Description

`info = h.eventlisteners` lists the events and their event handler routines registered with COM object `h`. The function returns a cell array of strings `info`, with each row containing the name of a registered event and the handler routine for that event. If the object has no registered events, `eventlisteners` returns an empty cell array. You can register events either when you create the control, using `actxcontrol`, or at any time afterwards, using `registerevent`.

`info = eventlisteners(h)` is an alternate syntax.

COM functions are available on Microsoft Windows systems only.

Examples

Manage events for an instance of the MATLAB control `mwsamp`:

```
f = figure('position', [100 200 200 200]);
%Create an mwsamp control and
%register the Click event
h = actxcontrol('mwsamp.mwsampctrl.2', ...
    [0 0 200 200], f, ...
    {'Click' 'myclick'});
h.eventlisteners
```

MATLAB displays the event name and its event handler, `myclick`:

```
ans =
    'Click'    'myclick'
```

Register two more events, `DblClick` and `MouseDown`:

```
h.registerevent({'DblClick', 'my2click'; 'MouseDown' 'mymoused'});
h.eventlisteners
```

MATLAB displays all event names and handlers:

```
ans =
    'Click'          'myclick'
    'Dblclick'       'my2click'
    'Mousedown'      'mymoused'
```

Unregister all events for the control:

```
h.unregisterallevents
h.eventlisteners
```

MATLAB displays an empty cell array, indicating the control has no registered events:

```
ans =
     {}
```

See Also

events (COM) | registerevent | unregisterevent | unregisterallevents | isevent | actxcontrol

Purpose

Event names

Syntax

```
events('classname')
events(obj)
e = events(...)
```

Description

`events('`*`classname`*`')` displays the names of the public events for the MATLAB class *`classname`*, including events inherited from superclasses.

`events(obj)` `obj` is a scalar or array of objects of a MATLAB class.

`e = events(...)` returns the event names in a cell array of strings.

An event is public when the value of its `ListenAccess` attribute is `public` and its `Hidden` attribute value is `false` (default values for both attributes). See "Event Attributes" for a complete list of attributes.

`events` is also a MATLAB class-definition keyword. See `classdef` for more information on class definition keywords.

Examples

Get the names of the public events for the `handle` class:

```
events('handle')
Events for class handle:

    ObjectBeingDestroyed
```

See Also

`properties` | `methods`

Tutorials

- "Events — Sending and Responding to Messages"

events (COM)

Purpose

List of events COM object can trigger

Syntax

```
S = h.events
S = events(h)
```

Description

`S = h.events` returns structure array `S` containing all events, both registered and unregistered, known to the COM object, and the function prototype used when calling the event handler routine. For each array element, the structure field is the event name and the contents of that field is the function prototype for that event's handler.

`S = events(h)` is an alternate syntax.

Remarks

COM functions are available on Microsoft Windows systems only.

Examples

List Control Events Example

Create an `mwsamp` control and list all events:

```
f = figure ('position', [100 200 200 200]);
h = actxcontrol ('mwsamp.mwsampctrl.2', [0 0 200 200], f);
h.events
```

MATLAB software displays information similar to:

```
Click = void Click()
DblClick = void DblClick()
MouseDown = void MouseDown(int16 Button, int16 Shift,
  Variant x, Variant y)
Event_Args = void Event_Args(int16 typeshort, int32 typelong,
  double typedouble, string typestring, bool typebool)
```

Assign the output to a variable and get one field of the returned structure:

```
ev = h.events;
ev.MouseDown
```

MATLAB displays:

```
ans =
  void MouseDown(int16 Button, int16 Shift, Variant x, Variant y)
```

List Workbook Events Example

Open a Microsoft Excel application and list all events for a `Workbook` object:

```
myApp = actxserver('Excel.Application');
wbs = myApp.Workbooks;
wb = wbs.Add;
wb.events
```

The MATLAB software displays all events supported by the `Workbook` object.

```
Open = void Open()
Activate = void Activate()
Deactivate = void Deactivate()
BeforeClose = void BeforeClose(bool Cancel)
                .
                .
```

See Also

`isevent`, `eventlisteners`, `registerevent`, `unregisterevent`, `unregisterallevents`

Execute

Purpose

Execute MATLAB command in Automation server

Syntax

MATLAB Client

```
result = h.Execute('command')
result = Execute(h, 'command')
result = invoke(h, 'Execute', 'command')
```

IDL Method Signature

```
BSTR Execute([in] BSTR command)
```

Microsoft® Visual Basic® Client

```
Execute(command As String) As String
```

Description

The `Execute` function executes the MATLAB statement specified by the string `command` in the MATLAB Automation server attached to handle `h`.

The server returns output from the command in the string, `result`. The `result` string also contains any warning or error messages that might have been issued by MATLAB software as a result of the command.

Note that if you terminate the MATLAB command string with a semicolon and there are no warnings or error messages, `result` might be returned empty.

Remarks

If you want to be able to display output from `Execute` in the client window, you must specify an output variable (i.e., `result` in the above syntax statements).

Server function names, like `Execute`, are case sensitive when used with dot notation (the first syntax shown).

All three versions of the MATLAB client syntax perform the same operation.

COM functions are available on Microsoft Windows systems only.

Examples

Execute the MATLAB `version` function in the server and return the output to the MATLAB client.

MATLAB Client

```
h = actxserver('matlab.application');
server_version = h.Execute('version')
server_version =
ans =
   6.5.0.180913a (R13)
```

Visual Basic® .NET Client

```
Dim Matlab As Object
Dim server_version As String
Matlab = CreateObject("matlab.application")
server_version = Matlab.Execute("version")
```

See Also

Feval, PutFullMatrix, GetFullMatrix, PutCharArray, GetCharArray

exifread

Purpose

Read EXIF information from JPEG and TIFF image files

Syntax

Note `exifread` will be removed in a future release. Use `imfinfo` instead.

```
output = exifread(filename)
```

Description

`output = exifread(filename)` reads the Exchangeable Image File Format (EXIF) data from the file specified by the string `filename`. `filename` must specify a JPEG or TIFF image file. `output` is a structure containing metadata values about the image or images in `imagefile`.

Note `exifread` returns all EXIF tags and does not process them in any way.

EXIF is a standard used by digital camera manufacturers to store information in the image file, such as, the make and model of a camera, the time the picture was taken and digitized, the resolution of the image, exposure time, and focal length. For more information about EXIF and the meaning of metadata attributes, see `http://www.exif.org/`.

See Also

`imfinfo`, `imread`

Purpose

Check existence of variable, function, folder, or class

Graphical Interface

As an alternative to the `exist` function, use the Workspace Browser or the Current Folder browser.

Syntax

```
exist name
exist name kind
A = exist('name','kind')
```

Description

`exist name` returns the status of `name`:

0	`name` does not exist.
1	`name` is a variable in the workspace.
2	One of the following is true: • `name` exists on your MATLAB search path as a file with extension `.m`. • `name` is the name of an ordinary file on your MATLAB search path. • `name` is the full pathname to any file.
3	`name` exists as a MEX- or DLL-file on your MATLAB search path.
4	`name` exists as an MDL-file on your MATLAB search path.
5	`name` is a built-in MATLAB function.
6	`name` is a P-file on your MATLAB search path.
7	`name` is a folder.
8	`name` is a class. (`exist` returns 0 for Java classes if you start MATLAB with the `-nojvm` option.)

If `name` is a class, then `exist('name')` returns an `8`. However, if `name` is a class file, then `exist('name')` returns a `2`.

If a file or folder is not on the search path, then `name` must specify either a full pathname, a partial pathname relative to `MATLABPATH`, a partial pathname relative to your current folder, or the file or folder must reside in your current working folder.

If `name` specifies a filename, that filename may include an extension to preclude conflicting with other similar filenames. For example, `exist('file.ext')`.

`exist name kind` returns the status of `name` for the specified *`kind`*. If `name` of type *`kind`* does not exist, it returns `0`. The *`kind`* argument may be one of the following:

`builtin`	Checks only for built-in functions.
`class`	Checks only for classes.
`dir`	Checks only for folders.
`file`	Checks only for files or folders.
`var`	Checks only for variables.

If you do not specify a *`kind`* argument, and `name` belongs to more than one of these categories, `exist` returns one value according to the order of evaluation shown in the table below. For example, if `name` matches both a folder and a file that defines a MATLAB function, `exist` returns `7`, identifying it as a folder.

Order of Evaluation	Return Value	Type of Entity
1	1	Variable
2	5	Built-in
3	7	Folder
4	3	MEX or DLL-file
5	4	MDL-file
6	6	P-file

Order of Evaluation	Return Value	Type of Entity
7	2	MATLAB function
8	8	Class

`A = exist('name','kind')` is the function form of the syntax.

Remarks

If `name` specifies a filename, MATLAB attempts to locate the file, examines the filename extension, and determines the value to return based on the extension alone. MATLAB does not examine the contents or internal structure of the file.

You can specify a partial path to a folder or file. A partial pathname is a pathname relative to the MATLAB path that contains only the trailing one or more components of the full pathname. For example, both of the following commands return `2`, identifying `mkdir.m` as a MATLAB function. The first uses a partial pathname:

```
exist('matlab/general/mkdir.m')
exist([matlabroot '/toolbox/matlab/general/mkdir.m'])
```

To check for the existence of more than one variable, use the `ismember` function. For example,

```
a = 5.83;
c = 'teststring';
ismember({'a','b','c'},who)

ans =

     1     0     1
```

Examples

This example uses `exist` to check whether a MATLAB function is a built-in function or a file:

```
type = exist('plot')
type =
```

```
     5
```

This indicates that `plot` is a built-in function.

Run `exist` on a class folder and then on the constructor within that folder:

```
exist('@portfolio')
ans =
     7               % @portfolio is a folder

exist('@portfolio\portfolio')
ans =
     2               % portfolio is a MATLAB  function
```

The following example indicates that `testresults` is both a variable in the workspace and a folder on the search path:

```
exist('testresults','var')
ans =
     1
exist('testresults','dir')
ans =
     7
```

See Also

`assignin`, `computer`, `dir`, `evalin`, `help`, `inmem`, `isfield`, `isempty`, `lookfor`, `mfilename`, `what`, `which`, `who`

Purpose Terminate MATLAB program (same as `quit`)

GUI Alternatives As an alternative to the `exit` function, select **File > Exit MATLAB** or click the Close box in the MATLAB desktop.

Syntax

```
exit
```

Description `exit` terminates the current session of MATLAB after running `finish.m`, if the file `finish.m` exists. It performs the same as `quit` and takes the same termination options, such as **`force`**. For more information, see `quit`.

See Also `quit`, `finish`

Purpose

Exponential

Syntax

```
Y = exp(X)
```

Description

`Y = exp(X)` returns the exponential for each element of `X`. `exp` operates element-wise on arrays. For complex $x + i * y$, `exp` returns the complex exponential $e^z = e^x(\cos y + i \sin y)$. Use `expm` for matrix exponentials.

Examples

Find the value of $e^{i\pi}$:

```
y=exp(i*pi)
```

returns

```
y =

   -1.0000 + 0.0000i
```

See Also

`expm` | `log`

Purpose Exponential integral

Syntax

```
Y = expint(X)
```

Definitions The exponential integral computed by this function is defined as

$$E_1(x) = \int_x^{\infty} \frac{e^{-t}}{t} dt$$

Another common definition of the exponential integral function is the Cauchy principal value integral

$$Ei(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{x} \frac{e^t}{t} dt$$

which, for real positive `x`, is related to `expint` as

$$E_1(-x) = -Ei(x) - i\pi$$

Description `Y = expint(X)` evaluates the exponential integral for each element of `X`.

References

[1] Abramowitz, M. and I. A. Stegun. *Handbook of Mathematical Functions*. Chapter 5, New York: Dover Publications, 1965.

Purpose

Matrix exponential

Syntax

```
Y = expm(X)
```

Description

`Y = expm(X)` computes the matrix exponential of `X`.

Although it is not computed this way, if `X` has a full set of eigenvectors `V` with corresponding eigenvalues `D`, then

```
[V,D] = EIG(X) and EXPM(X) = V*diag(exp(diag(D)))/V
```

Use `exp` for the element-by-element exponential.

Algorithm

`expm` uses the Padé approximation with scaling and squaring. See reference [3], below.

Note The `expmdemo1`, `expmdemo2`, and `expmdemo3` demos illustrate the use of Padé approximation, Taylor series approximation, and eigenvalues and eigenvectors, respectively, to compute the matrix exponential. References [1] and [2] describe and compare many algorithms for computing a matrix exponential.

Examples

This example computes and compares the matrix exponential of `A` and the exponential of `A`.

```
A = [1        1        0
      0        0        2
      0        0       -1 ];

expm(A)
ans =
    2.7183   1.7183        1.0862
    0        1.0000        1.2642
    0             0        0.3679
```

```
exp(A)
ans =
    2.7183      2.7183      1.0000
    1.0000      1.0000      7.3891
    1.0000      1.0000      0.3679
```

Notice that the diagonal elements of the two results are equal. This would be true for any triangular matrix. But the off-diagonal elements, including those below the diagonal, are different.

See Also

`exp`, `expm1`, `funm`, `logm`, `eig`, `sqrtm`

References

[1] Golub, G. H. and C. F. Van Loan, *Matrix Computation*, p. 384, Johns Hopkins University Press, 1983.

[2] Moler, C. B. and C. F. Van Loan, "Nineteen Dubious Ways to Compute the Exponential of a Matrix," *SIAM Review 20*, 1978, pp. 801–836. Reprinted and updated as "Nineteen Dubious Ways to Compute the Exponential of a Matrix, Twenty-Five Years Later," *SIAM Review 45*, 2003, pp. 3–49.

[3] Higham, N. J., "The Scaling and Squaring Method for the Matrix Exponential Revisited," *SIAM J. Matrix Anal. Appl.*, 26(4) (2005), pp. 1179–1193.

expm1

Purpose Compute `exp(x)-1` accurately for small values of `x`

Syntax `y = expm1(x)`

Description `y = expm1(x)` computes `exp(x)-1`, compensating for the roundoff in `exp(x)`.

For small `x`, `expm1(x)` is approximately `x`, whereas `exp(x)-1` can be zero.

See Also `exp`, `expm`, `log1p`

Purpose

Export variables to workspace

Syntax

```
export2wsdlg(checkboxlabels,defaultvariablenames,
itemstoexport)
export2wsdlg(checkboxlabels,defaultvariablenames,
itemstoexport,title)
export2wsdlg(checkboxlabels,defaultvariablenames,
itemstoexport,title,selected)
export2wsdlg(checkboxlabels,defaultvariablenames,
itemstoexport,title,selected,helpfunction)
export2wsdlg(checkboxlabels,defaultvariablenames,
itemstoexport,title,selected,helpfunction,functionlist)
hdialog = export2wsdlg(...)
[hdialog,ok_pressed] = export2wsdlg(...)
```

Description

`export2wsdlg(checkboxlabels,defaultvariablenames, itemstoexport)` creates a dialog with a series of check boxes and edit fields. `checkboxlabels` is a cell array of labels for the check boxes. `defaultvariablenames` is a cell array of strings that serve as a basis for variable names that appear in the edit fields. `itemstoexport` is a cell array of the values to be stored in the variables. If there is only one item to export, `export2wsdlg` creates a text control instead of a check box.

Note By default, the dialog box is modal. A modal dialog box prevents the user from interacting with other windows before responding.

`export2wsdlg(checkboxlabels,defaultvariablenames, itemstoexport,title)` creates the dialog with `title` as its title.

`export2wsdlg(checkboxlabels,defaultvariablenames, itemstoexport,title,selected)` creates the dialog allowing the user to control which check boxes are checked. `selected` is a logical array whose length is the same as `checkboxlabels`. True indicates that the check box should initially be checked, false unchecked.

export2wsdlg(checkboxlabels,defaultvariablenames, itemstoexport,title,selected,helpfunction) creates the dialog with a help button. helpfunction is a callback that displays help.

export2wsdlg(checkboxlabels,defaultvariablenames, itemstoexport,title,selected,helpfunction,functionlist) creates a dialog that enables the user to pass in functionlist, a cell array of functions and optional arguments that calculate, then return the value to export. functionlist should be the same length as checkboxlabels.

hdialog = export2wsdlg(...) returns the handle of the dialog.

[hdialog,ok_pressed] = export2wsdlg(...) sets ok_pressed to true if the OK button is pressed, or false otherwise. If two return arguments are requested, hdialog is [] and the function does not return until the dialog is closed.

The user can edit the text fields to modify the default variable names. If the same name appears in multiple edit fields, export2wsdlg creates a structure using that name. It then uses the defaultvariablenames as fieldnames for that structure.

The lengths of checkboxlabels, defaultvariablenames, itemstoexport and selected must all be equal.

The strings in defaultvariablenames must be unique.

Examples

This example creates a dialog box that enables the user to save the variables sumA and/or meanA to the workspace. The dialog box title is Save Sums to Workspace.

```
A = randn(10,1);
checkLabels = {'Save sum of A to variable named:' ...
               'Save mean of A to variable named:'};
varNames = {'sumA','meanA'};
items = {sum(A),mean(A)};
export2wsdlg(checkLabels,varNames,items,...
             'Save Sums to Workspace');
```

Purpose

Identity matrix

Syntax

```
Y = eye(n)
Y = eye(m,n)
Y = eye([m n])
Y = eye(size(A))
Y = eye(m, n, classname)
```

Description

`Y = eye(n)` returns the *n*-by-*n* identity matrix.

`Y = eye(m,n)` or `Y = eye([m n])` returns an *m*-by-*n* matrix with `1`'s on the diagonal and `0`'s elsewhere. The size inputs *m* and *n* should be nonnegative integers. Negative integers are treated as 0.

`Y = eye(size(A))` returns an identity matrix the same size as `A`.

`Y = eye(m, n, classname)` is an *m*-by-*n* matrix with 1's of class *`classname`* on the diagonal and zeros of class *`classname`* elsewhere. *`classname`* is a string specifying the data type of the output. *`classname`* can take the following values: `'double'`, `'single'`, `'int8'`, `'uint8'`, `'int16'`, `'uint16'`, `'int32'`, `'uint32'`, `'int64'`, or `'uint64'`.

The identity matrix is not defined for higher-dimensional arrays. The assignment `y = eye([2,3,4])` results in an error.

Examples

Return a 2-by-3 matrix of class `int8`:

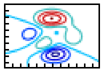
```
x = eye(2,3,'int8');
```

See Also

`ones` | `zeros` | `magic`

Purpose

Easy-to-use contour plotter



Syntax

```
ezcontour(fun)
ezcontour(fun,domain)
ezcontour(...,n)
ezcontour(axes_handle,...)
h = ezcontour(...)
```

Description

`ezcontour(fun)` plots the contour lines of `fun(x,y)` using the `contour` function. `fun` is plotted over the default domain: $-2\pi < x < 2\pi$, $-2\pi < y < 2\pi$.

`fun` can be a function handle for a MATLAB file function or an anonymous function (see "Function Handles" and "Anonymous Functions") or a string (see Remarks).

`ezcontour(fun,domain)` plots `fun(x,y)` over the specified `domain`. `domain` can be either a 4-by-1 vector `[xmin, xmax, ymin, ymax]` or a 2-by-1 vector `[min, max]` (where `min` < x < `max`, `min` < y < `max`).

`ezcontour(...,n)` plots `fun` over the default domain using an `n`-by-`n` grid. The default value for `n` is 60.

`ezcontour(axes_handle,...)` plots into the axes with handle `axes_handle` instead of the current axes (`gca`).

`h = ezcontour(...)` returns the handles to contour objects in `h`.

`ezcontour` automatically adds a title and axis labels.

Remarks

Passing the Function as a String

Array multiplication, division, and exponentiation are always implied in the string expression you pass to `ezcontour`. For example, the MATLAB syntax for a contour plot of the expression

```
sqrt(x.^2 + y.^2)
```

is written as

```
ezcontour('sqrt(x^2 + y^2)')
```

That is, `x^2` is interpreted as `x.^2` in the string you pass to `ezcontour`.

If the function to be plotted is a function of the variables u and v (rather than x and y), the domain endpoints `umin`, `umax`, `vmin`, and `vmax` are sorted alphabetically. Thus, `ezcontour('u^2 - v^3',[0,1],[3,6])` plots the contour lines for $u^2 - v^3$ over $0 < u < 1$, $3 < v < 6$.

Passing a Function Handle

Function handle arguments must point to functions that use MATLAB syntax. For example, the following statements define an anonymous function and pass the function handle `fh` to `ezcontour`.

```
fh = @(x,y) sqrt(x.^2 + y.^2);
ezcontour(fh)
```

When using function handles, you must use the array power, array multiplication, and array division operators (`.^, .*, ./`) since `ezcontour` does not alter the syntax, as in the case with string inputs.

Passing Additional Arguments

If your function has additional parameters, for example, `k` in `myfun`:

```
function z = myfun(x,y,k)
z = x.^k - y.^k - 1;
```

then use an anonymous function to specify that parameter:

```
ezcontour(@(x,y)myfun(x,y,2))
```

Examples

The following mathematical expression defines a function of two variables, x and y.

$$f(x,y) = 3(1-x)^2 e^{-x^2-(y+1)^2} - 10\left(\frac{x}{5} - x^3 - y^5\right)e^{-x^2-y^2} - \frac{1}{3}e^{-(x+1)^2-y^2}$$

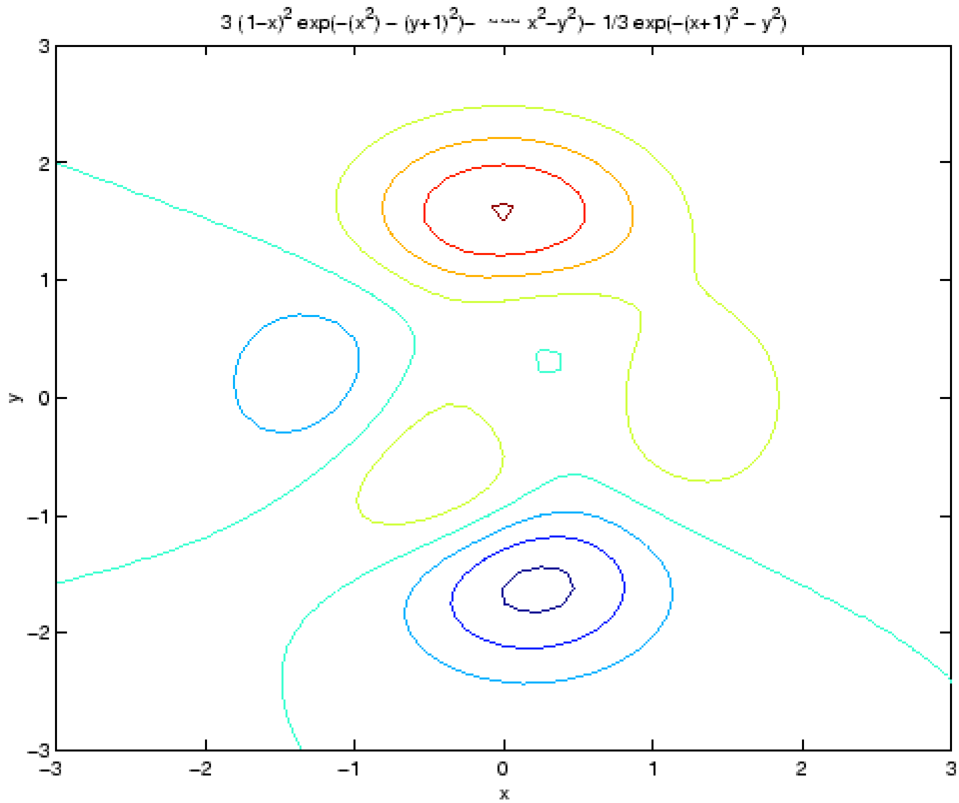
`ezcontour` requires a function handle argument that expresses this function using MATLAB syntax. This example uses an anonymous function, which you can define in the command window without creating a separate file.

```
f=@(x,y) 3*(1-x).^2.*exp(-(x.^2) - (y+1).^2) ...
   - 10*(x/5 - x.^3 - y.^5).*exp(-x.^2-y.^2) ...
   - 1/3*exp(-(x+1).^2 - y.^2);
```

For convenience, this function is written on three lines. The MATLAB `peaks` function evaluates this expression for different sizes of grids.

Pass the function handle `f` to `ezcontour` along with a domain ranging from -3 to 3 in both *x* and *y* and specify a computational grid of 49-by-49:

```
ezcontour(f,[-3,3],49)
```



In this particular case, the title is too long to fit at the top of the graph, so MATLAB abbreviates the string.

See Also

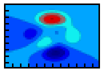
`contour`, `ezcontourf`, `ezmesh`, `ezmeshc`, `ezplot`, `ezplot3`, `ezpolar`, `ezsurf`, `ezsurfc`, `function_handle`

"Contour Plots" on page 1-99 for related functions

ezcontourf

Purpose

Easy-to-use filled contour plotter



Syntax

```
ezcontourf(fun)
ezcontourf(fun,domain)
ezcontourf(...,n)
ezcontourf(axes_handle,...)
h = ezcontourf(...)
```

Description

`ezcontourf(fun)` plots the contour lines of `fun(x,y)`using the `contourf` function. `fun` is plotted over the default domain: -2π < `x` < 2π, -2π < `y` < 2π.

`fun` can be a function handle or a string (see Remarks).

`ezcontourf(fun,domain)` plots `fun(x,y)` over the specified `domain`. `domain` can be either a 4-by-1 vector `[xmin, xmax, ymin, ymax]` or a 2-by-1 vector `[min, max]`, where `min` < x < `max`, `min` < y < `max`).

`ezcontourf(...,n)` plots `fun` over the default domain using an `n`-by-`n` grid. The default value for `n` is 60.

`ezcontourf(axes_handle,...)` plots into the axes with the handle `axes_handle` instead of into the current axes (`gca`).

`h = ezcontourf(...)` returns the handles to contour objects in `h`.

`ezcontourf` automatically adds a title and axis labels.

Remarks

Passing the Function as a String

Array multiplication, division, and exponentiation are always implied in the string expression you pass to `ezcontourf`. For example, the MATLAB syntax for a filled contour plot of the expression

```
sqrt(x.^2 + y.^2);
```

is written as

```
ezcontourf('sqrt(x^2 + y^2)')
```

That is, `x^2` is interpreted as `x.^2` in the string you pass to `ezcontourf`.

If the function to be plotted is a function of the variables u and v (rather than x and y), then the domain endpoints `umin`, `umax`, `vmin`, and `vmax` are sorted alphabetically. Thus, `ezcontourf('u^2 - v^3',[0,1],[3,6])` plots the contour lines for $u^2 - v^3$ over $0 < u < 1$, $3 < v < 6$.

Passing a Function Handle

Function handle arguments must point to functions that use MATLAB syntax. For example, the following statements define an anonymous function and pass the function handle `fh` to `ezcontourf`.

```
fh = @(x,y) sqrt(x.^2 + y.^2);
ezcontourf(fh)
```

When using function handles, you must use the array power, array multiplication, and array division operators (`.^, .*, ./`) since `ezcontourf` does not alter the syntax, as in the case with string inputs.

Passing Additional Arguments

If your function has additional parameters, for example, `k` in `myfun`:

```
function z = myfun(x,y,k)
z = x.^k - y.^k - 1;
```

then you can use an anonymous function to specify that parameter:

```
ezcontourf(@(x,y)myfun(x,y,2))
```

Examples

The following mathematical expression defines a function of two variables, x and y.

$$f(x, y) = 3(1-x)^2 e^{-x^2-(y+1)^2} - 10\left(\frac{x}{5} - x^3 - y^5\right)e^{-x^2-y^2} - \frac{1}{3}e^{-(x+1)^2-y^2}$$

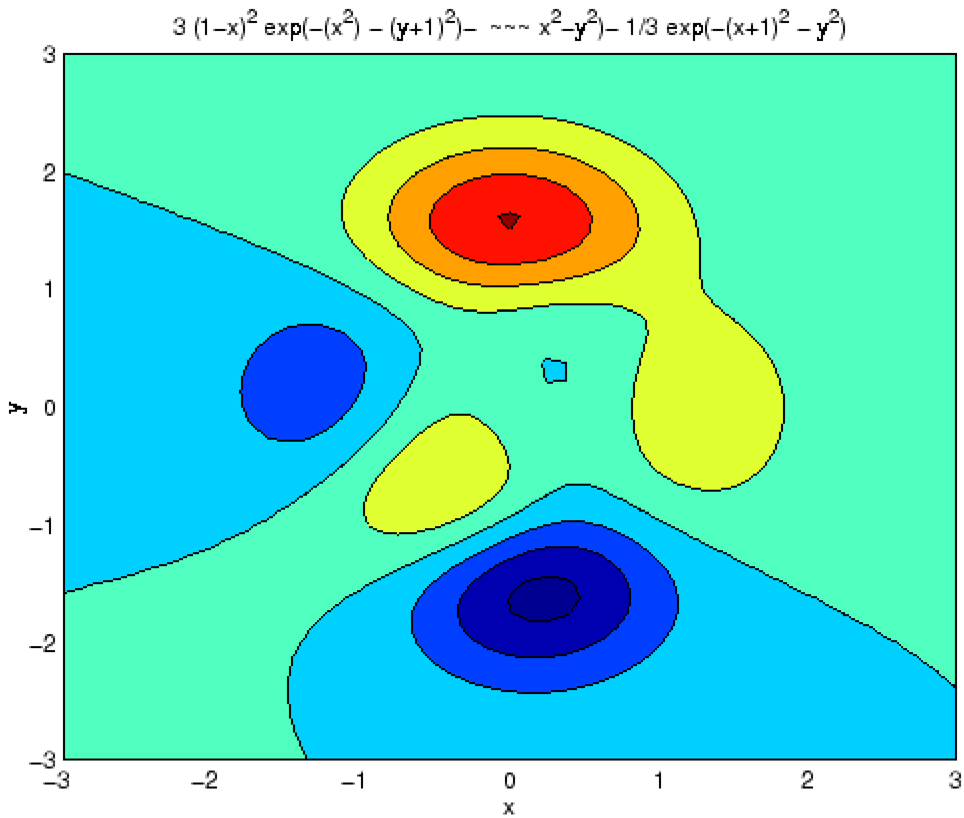
`ezcontourf` requires a string argument that expresses this function using MATLAB syntax to represent exponents, natural logs, etc. This function is represented by the string

```
f = ['3*(1-x)^2*exp(-(x^2)-(y+1)^2)',...
      '- 10*(x/5 - x^3 - y^5)*exp(-x^2-y^2)',...
      '- 1/3*exp(-(x+1)^2 - y^2)'];
```

For convenience, this string is written on three lines and concatenated into one string using square brackets.

Pass the string variable `f` to `ezcontourf` along with a domain ranging from -3 to 3 and specify a grid of 49-by-49:

```
ezcontourf(f,[-3,3],49)
```



In this particular case, the title is too long to fit at the top of the graph, so MATLAB abbreviates the string.

See Also

`contourf`, `ezcontour`, `ezmesh`, `ezmeshc`, `ezplot`, `ezplot3`, `ezpolar`, `ezsurf`, `ezsurfc`, `function_handle`

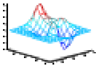
"Contour Plots" on page 1-99 for related functions

Anonymous Functions

ezmesh

Purpose

Easy-to-use 3-D mesh plotter



Syntax

```
ezmesh(fun)
ezmesh(fun,domain)
ezmesh(funx,funy,funz)
ezmesh(funx,funy,funz,[smin,smax,tmin,tmax])
ezmesh(funx,funy,funz,[min,max]
ezmesh(...,n)
ezmesh(...,'circ')
ezmesh(axes_handle,...)
h = ezmesh(...)
```

Description

`ezmesh(fun)` creates a graph of `fun(x,y)` using the `mesh` function. `fun` is plotted over the default domain: $-2\pi < x < 2\pi$, $-2\pi < y < 2\pi$.

`fun` can be a function handle or a string (see the Remarks section).

`ezmesh(fun,domain)` plots `fun` over the specified `domain`. `domain` can be either a 4-by-1 vector [`xmin`, `xmax`, `ymin`, `ymax`] or a 2-by-1 vector [`min`, `max`] (where `min` < `x` < `max`, `min` < `y` < `max`).

`ezmesh(funx,funy,funz)` plots the parametric surface `funx(s,t)`, `funy(s,t)`, and `funz(s,t)` over the square: -2π < `s` < 2π, -2π < `t` < 2π.

`ezmesh(funx,funy,funz,[smin,smax,tmin,tmax])` or `ezmesh(funx,funy,funz,[min,max])` plots the parametric surface using the specified domain.

`ezmesh(...,n)` plots `fun` over the default domain using an `n`-by-`n` grid. The default value for `n` is 60.

`ezmesh(...,'circ')` plots `fun` over a disk centered on the domain.

`ezmesh(axes_handle,...)` plots into the axes with handle `axes_handle` instead of the current axes (`gca`).

`h = ezmesh(...)` returns the handle to a surface object in `h`.

Remarks

Passing the Function as a String

Array multiplication, division, and exponentiation are always implied in the string expression you pass to `ezmesh`. For example, the MATLAB syntax for a mesh plot of the expression

```
sqrt(x.^2 + y.^2);
```

is written as

```
ezmesh('sqrt(x^2 + y^2)')
```

That is, `x^2` is interpreted as `x.^2` in the string you pass to `ezmesh`.

If the function to be plotted is a function of the variables u and v (rather than x and y), then the domain endpoints `umin`, `umax`, `vmin`, and `vmax` are sorted alphabetically. Thus, `ezmesh('u^2 - v^3',[0,1],[3,6])` plots $u^2 - v^3$ over $0 < u < 1$, $3 < v < 6$.

Passing a Function Handle

Function handle arguments must point to functions that use MATLAB syntax. For example, the following statements define an anonymous function and pass the function handle `fh` to `ezmesh`.

```
fh = @(x,y) sqrt(x.^2 + y.^2);
ezmesh(fh)
```

Note that when using function handles, you must use the array power, array multiplication, and array division operators (`.^, .*, ./`) since `ezmesh` does not alter the syntax, as in the case with string inputs.

Passing Additional Arguments

If your function has additional parameters, for example `k` in `myfun`:

```
function z = myfun(x,y,k)
z = x.^k - y.^k - 1;
```

then you can use an anonymous function to specify that parameter:

```
ezmesh(@(x,y)myfun(x,y,2))
```

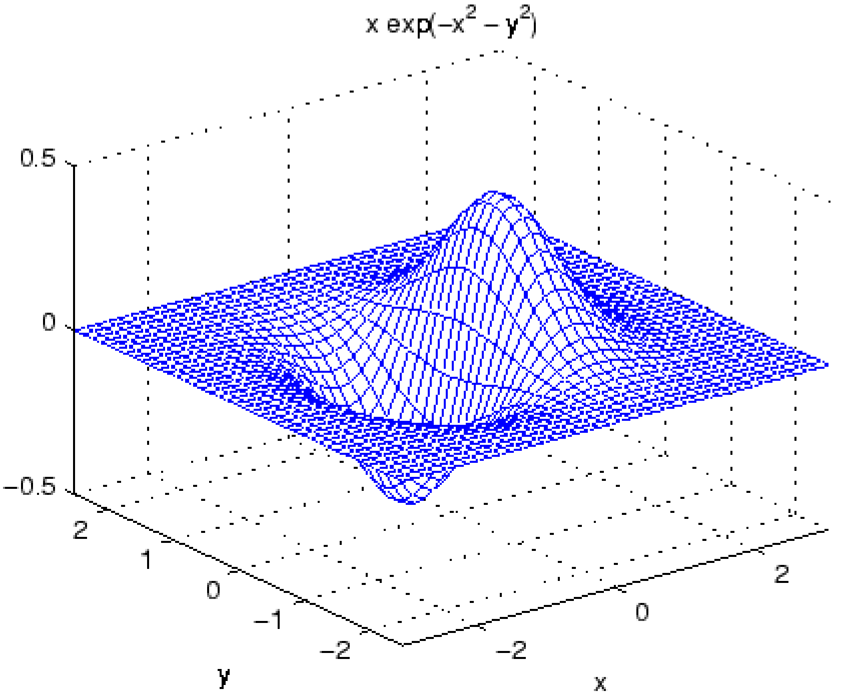
Examples

This example visualizes the function

$$f(x,y) = ex^{-x^2-y^2}$$

with a mesh plot drawn on a 40-by-40 grid. The mesh lines are set to a uniform blue color by setting the colormap to a single color:

```
fh = @(x,y) x.*exp(-x.^2-y.^2);
ezmesh(fh,40)
colormap([0 0 1])
```



See Also

ezmeshc, function_handle, mesh

"Function Plots" on page 1-99 for related functions

Anonymous Functions

ezmeshc

Purpose

Easy-to-use combination mesh/contour plotter

Syntax

```
ezmeshc(fun)
ezmeshc(fun,domain)
ezmeshc(funx,funy,funz)
ezmeshc(funx,funy,funz,[smin,smax,tmin,tmax])
ezmeshc(funx,funy,funz,[min,max])
ezmeshc(...,n)
ezmeshc(...,'circ')
ezmesh(axes_handle,...)
h = ezmeshc(...)
```

Description

`ezmeshc(fun)` creates a graph of `fun(x,y)` using the `meshc` function. `fun` is plotted over the default domain $-2\pi < x < 2\pi$, $-2\pi < y < 2\pi$.

`fun` can be a function handle or a string (see the Remarks section).

`ezmeshc(fun,domain)` plots `fun` over the specified `domain`. `domain` can be either a 4-by-1 vector [`xmin`, `xmax`, `ymin`, `ymax`] or a 2-by-1 vector [`min`, `max`] (where `min` < x < `max`, `min` < y < `max`).

`ezmeshc(funx,funy,funz)` plots the parametric surface `funx(s,t)`, `funy(s,t)`, and `funz(s,t)` over the square: -2π < `s` < 2π, -2π < `t` < 2π.

`ezmeshc(funx,funy,funz,[smin,smax,tmin,tmax])` or `ezmeshc(funx,funy,funz,[min,max])` plots the parametric surface using the specified domain.

`ezmeshc(...,n)` plots `fun` over the default domain using an `n`-by-`n` grid. The default value for `n` is 60.

`ezmeshc(...,'circ')` plots `fun` over a disk centered on the domain.

`ezmesh(axes_handle,...)` plots into the axes with handle `axes_handle` instead of the current axes (`gca`).

`h = ezmeshc(...)` returns the handle to a surface object in `h`.

Remarks

Passing the Function as a String

Array multiplication, division, and exponentiation are always implied in the string expression you pass to `ezmeshc`. For example, the MATLAB syntax for a mesh/contour plot of the expression

```
sqrt(x.^2 + y.^2);
```

is written as

```
ezmeshc('sqrt(x^2 + y^2)')
```

That is, `x^2` is interpreted as `x.^2` in the string you pass to `ezmeshc`.

If the function to be plotted is a function of the variables u and v (rather than x and y), then the domain endpoints `umin`, `umax`, `vmin`, and `vmax` are sorted alphabetically. Thus, `ezmeshc('u^2 - v^3',[0,1],[3,6])` plots $u^2 - v^3$ over $0 < u < 1$, $3 < v < 6$.

Passing a Function Handle

Function handle arguments must point to functions that use MATLAB syntax. For example, the following statements define an anonymous function and pass the function handle `fh` to `ezmeshc`.

```
fh = @(x,y) sqrt(x.^2 + y.^2);
ezmeshc(fh)
```

Note that when using function handles, you must use the array power, array multiplication, and array division operators (`.^, .*, ./`) since `ezmeshc` does not alter the syntax, as in the case with string inputs.

Passing Additional Arguments

If your function has additional parameters, for example `k` in `myfun`:

```
function z = myfun(x,y,k)
z = x.^k - y.^k - 1;
```

then you can use an anonymous function to specify that parameter:

```
ezmeshc(@(x,y)myfun(x,y,2))
```

Examples

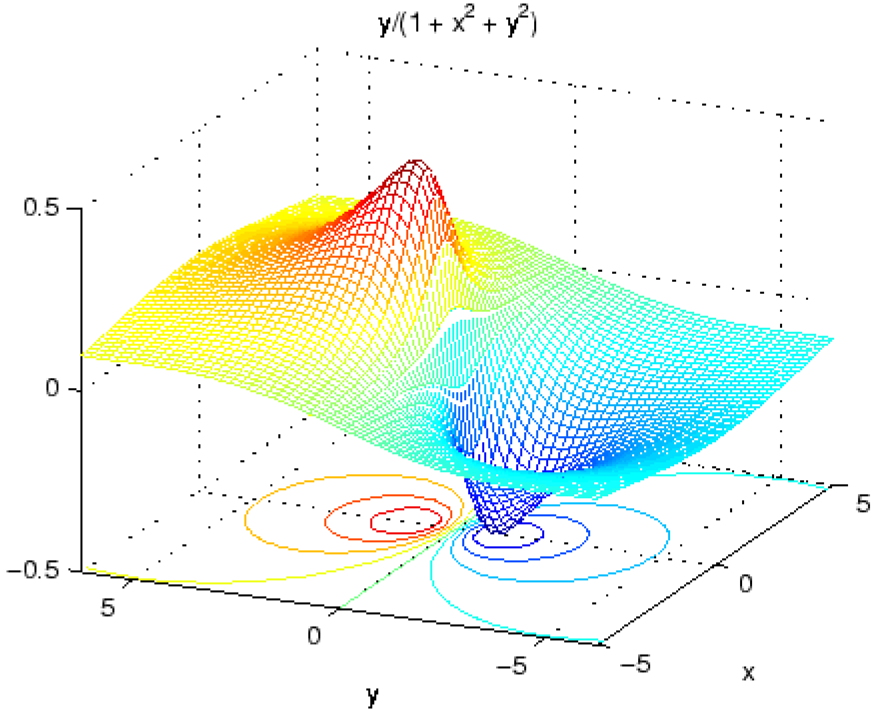
Create a mesh/contour graph of the expression

$$f(x,y) = \frac{y}{1 + x^2 + y^2}$$

over the domain -5 < x < 5, -2*pi < y < 2*pi:

```
ezmeshc('y/(1 + x^2 + y^2)',[-5,5,-2*pi,2*pi])
```

Use the mouse to rotate the axes to better observe the contour lines (this picture uses a view of azimuth = -65.5 and elevation = 26)



See Also

ezmesh, ezsurfc, function_handle, meshc

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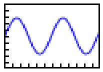
Anonymous Functions

ezplot

Purpose

Easy-to-use function plotter



Syntax

```
ezplot(fun)
ezplot(fun,[min,max])
ezplot(fun2)
ezplot(fun2,[xmin,xmax,ymin,ymax])
ezplot(fun2,[min,max])
ezplot(funx,funy)
ezplot(funx,funy,[tmin,tmax])
ezplot(...,figure_handle)
ezplot(axes_handle,...)
h = ezplot(...)
```

Description

`ezplot(fun)` plots the expression `fun(x)` over the default domain $-2\pi < x < 2\pi$, where `fun(x)` is not an implicit function of only one variable.

`fun` can be a function handle or a string (see the Remarks section).

`ezplot(fun,[min,max])` plots `fun(x)` over the domain: `min` < *x* < `max`.

For implicitly defined functions, `fun2(x,y)`:

`ezplot(fun2)` plots `fun2(x,y) = 0` over the default domain $-2\pi < x < 2\pi$, $-2\pi < y < 2\pi$.

`ezplot(fun2,[xmin,xmax,ymin,ymax])` plots `fun2(x,y) = 0` over `xmin` < `x` < `xmax` and `ymin` < `y` < `ymax`.

`ezplot(fun2,[min,max])` plots `fun2(x,y) = 0` over `min` < `x` < `max` and `min` < `y` < `max`.

`ezplot(funx,funy)` plots the parametrically defined planar curve `funx(t)` and `funy(t)` over the default domain 0 < `t` < 2π.

`ezplot(funx,funy,[tmin,tmax])` plots `funx(t)` and `funy(t)` over `tmin` < `t` < `tmax`.

`ezplot(...,figure_handle)` plots the given function over the specified domain in the figure window identified by the handle `figure`.

`ezplot(axes_handle,...)` plots into the axes with handle `axes_handle` instead of the current axes (`gca`).

`h = ezplot(...)` returns the handle to a line objects in `h`.

Remarks

Passing the Function as a String

Array multiplication, division, and exponentiation are always implied in the expression you pass to `ezplot`. For example, the MATLAB syntax for a plot of the expression

```
x.^2 - y.^2
```

which represents an implicitly defined function, is written as

```
ezplot('x^2 - y^2')
```

That is, `x^2` is interpreted as `x.^2` in the string you pass to `ezplot`.

Passing a Function Handle

Function handle arguments must point to functions that use MATLAB syntax. For example, the following statements define an anonymous function and pass the function handle `fh` to `ezplot`,

```
fh = @(x,y) sqrt(x.^2 + y.^2 - 1);
ezplot(fh)
axis equal
```

which plots a circle. Note that when using function handles, you must use the array power, array multiplication, and array division operators (`.^, .*, ./`) since `ezplot` does not alter the syntax, as in the case with string inputs.

Passing Additional Arguments

If your function has additional parameters, for example `k` in `myfun`:

```
function z = myfun(x,y,k)
```

```
z = x.^k - y.^k - 1;
```

then you can use an anonymous function to specify that parameter:

```
ezplot(@(x,y)myfun(x,y,2))
```

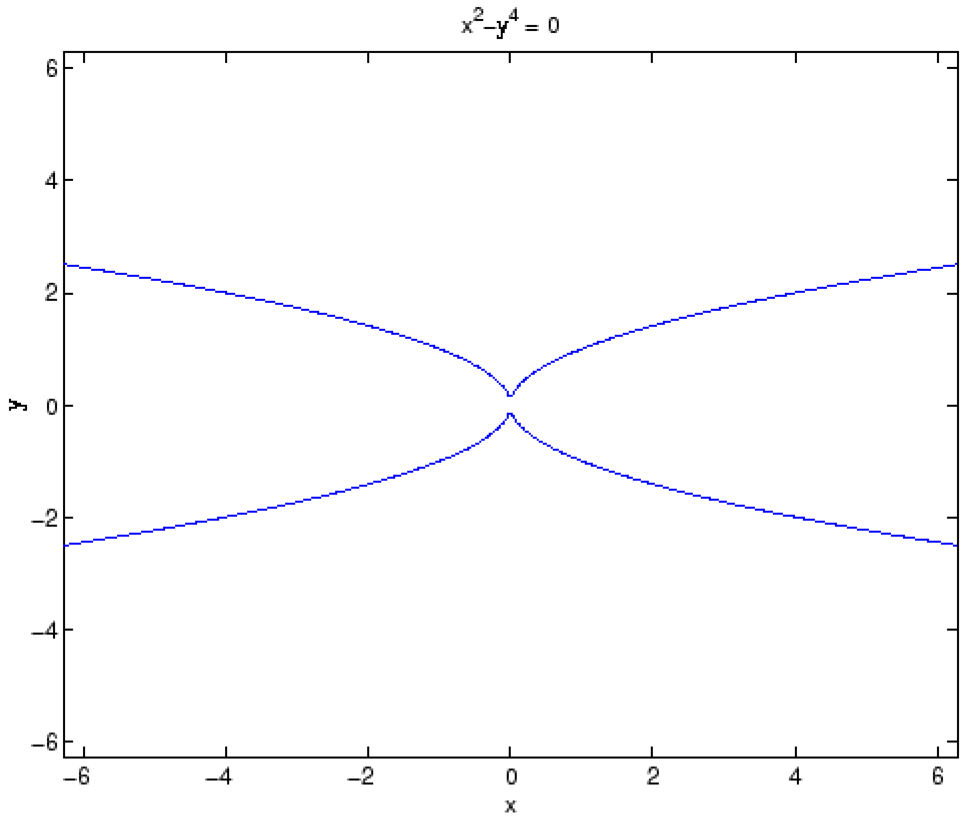
Examples

This example plots the implicitly defined function

$x^2 - y^4 = 0$

over the domain [-2π, 2π]:

```
ezplot('x^2-y^4')
```



See Also

`ezplot3`, `ezpolar`, `function_handle`, `plot`

"Function Plots" on page 1-99 for related functions

Anonymous Functions

ezplot3

Purpose

Easy-to-use 3-D parametric curve plotter

Syntax

```
ezplot3(funx,funy,funz)
ezplot3(funx,funy,funz,[tmin,tmax])
ezplot3(...,'animate')
ezplot3(axes_handle,...)
h = ezplot3(...)
```

Description

`ezplot3(funx,funy,funz)` plots the spatial curve `funx(t)`, `funy(t)`, and `funz(t)` over the default domain 0 < `t` < 2π.

`funx`, `funy`, and `funz` can be function handles or strings (see the Remarks section).

`ezplot3(funx,funy,funz,[tmin,tmax])` plots the curve `funx(t)`, `funy(t)`, and `funz(t)` over the domain `tmin` < `t` < `tmax`.

`ezplot3(...,'animate')` produces an animated trace of the spatial curve.

`ezplot3(axes_handle,...)` plots into the axes with handle `axes_handle` instead of the current axes (`gca`).

`h = ezplot3(...)` returns the handle to the plotted objects in `h`.

Remarks

Passing the Function as a String

Array multiplication, division, and exponentiation are always implied in the expression you pass to `ezplot3`. For example, the MATLAB syntax for a plot of the expression

```
x = s./2, y = 2.*s, z = s.^2;
```

which represents a parametric function, is written as

```
ezplot3('s/2','2*s','s^2')
```

That is, `s/2` is interpreted as `s./2` in the string you pass to `ezplot3`.

Passing a Function Handle

Function handle arguments must point to functions that use MATLAB syntax. For example, the following statements define an anonymous function and pass the function handle `fh` to `ezplot3`.

```
fh1 = @(s) s./2; fh2 = @(s) 2.*s; fh3 = @(s) s.^2;
ezplot3(fh1,fh2,fh3)
```

Note that when using function handles, you must use the array power, array multiplication, and array division operators (`.^, .*, ./`) since `ezplot` does not alter the syntax, as in the case with string inputs.

Passing Additional Arguments

If your function has additional parameters, for example `k` in `myfuntk`:

```
function s = myfuntk(t,k)
s = t.^k.*sin(t);
```

then you can use an anonymous function to specify that parameter:

```
ezplot3(@cos,@(t)myfuntk(t,1),@sqrt)
```

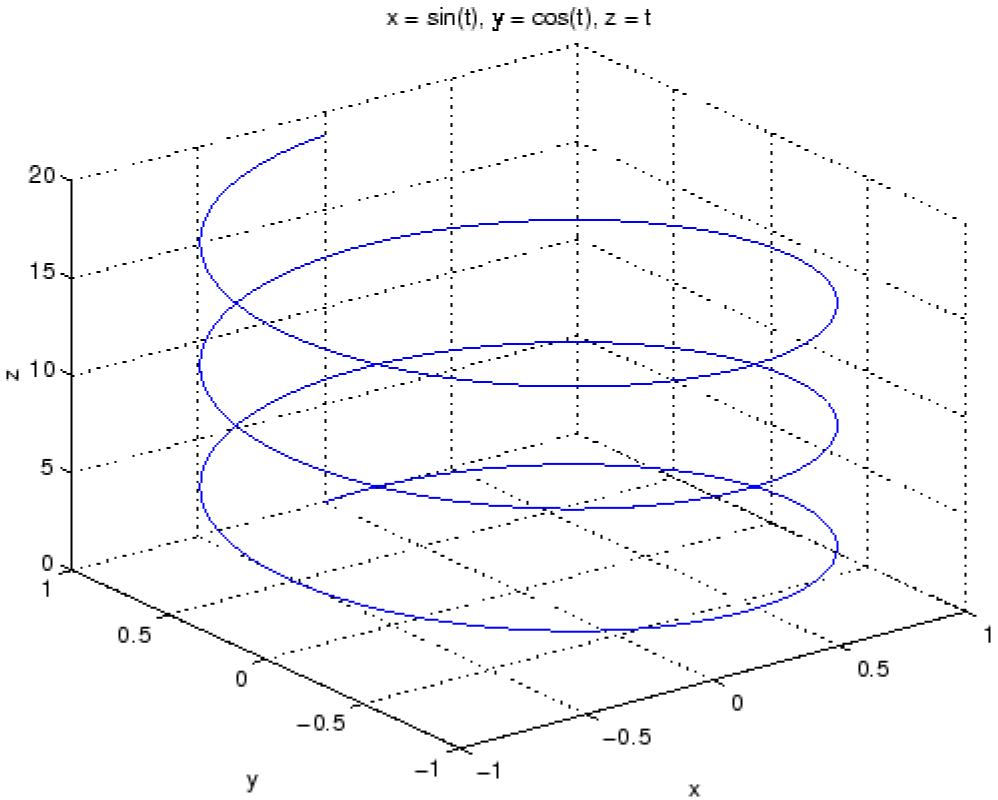
Examples

This example plots the parametric curve

$$x = \sin t, \quad y = \cos t, \quad z = t$$

over the domain [0,6π]:

```
ezplot3('sin(t)','cos(t)','t',[0,6*pi])
```



See Also

`ezplot`, `ezpolar`, `function_handle`, `plot3`

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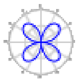
Anonymous Functions

Purpose

Easy-to-use polar coordinate plotter



Syntax

```
ezpolar(fun)
ezpolar(fun,[a,b])
ezpolar(axes_handle,...)
h = ezpolar(...)
```

Description

`ezpolar(fun)` plots the polar curve `rho = fun(theta)` over the default domain 0 < `theta` < 2π.

`fun` can be a function handle or a string (see the Remarks section).

`ezpolar(fun,[a,b])` plots `fun` for `a` < `theta` < `b`.

`ezpolar(axes_handle,...)` plots into the axes with handle `axes_handle` instead of the current axes (`gca`).

`h = ezpolar(...)` returns the handle to a line object in `h`.

Remarks

Passing the Function as a String

Array multiplication, division, and exponentiation are always implied in the expression you pass to `ezpolar`. For example, the MATLAB syntax for a plot of the expression

```
t.^2.*cos(t)
```

which represents an implicitly defined function, is written as

```
ezpolar('t^2*cos(t)')
```

That is, `t^2` is interpreted as `t.^2` in the string you pass to `ezpolar`.

Passing a Function Handle

Function handle arguments must point to functions that use MATLAB syntax. For example, the following statements define an anonymous function and pass the function handle `fh` to `ezpolar`.

```
fh = @(t) t.^2.*cos(t);
ezpolar(fh)
```

Note that when using function handles, you must use the array power, array multiplication, and array division operators (`.^, .*, ./`) since `ezpolar` does not alter the syntax, as in the case with string inputs.

Passing Additional Arguments

If your function has additional parameters, for example `k1` and `k2` in `myfun`:

```
function s = myfun(t,k1,k2)
s = sin(k1*t).*cos(k2*t);
```

then you can use an anonymous function to specify the parameters:

```
ezpolar(@(t)myfun(t,2,3))
```

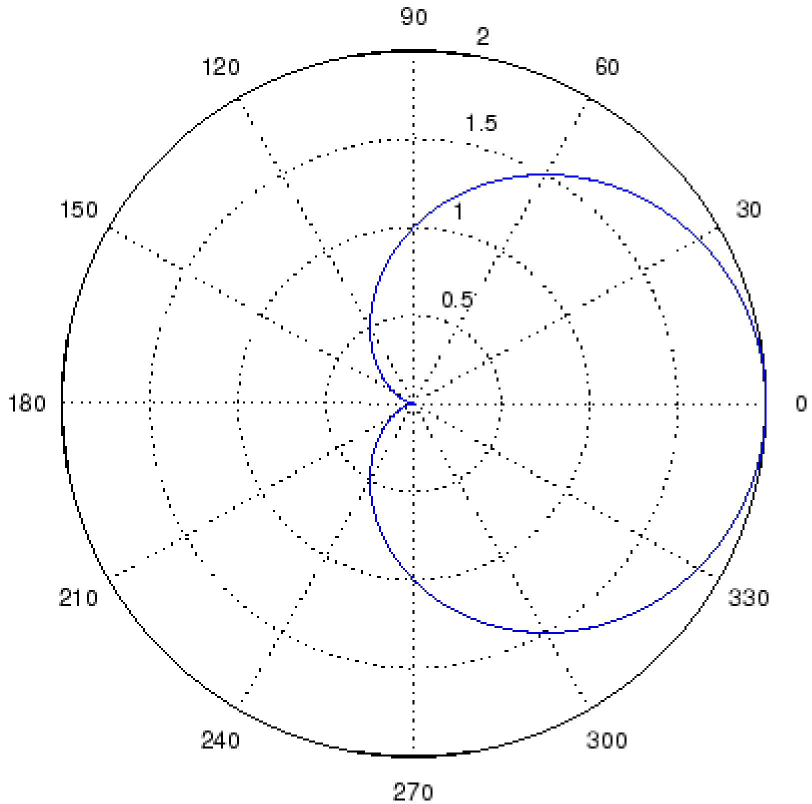
Examples

This example creates a polar plot of the function

$1 + cos(t)$

over the domain $[0, 2\pi]$:

```
ezpolar('1+cos(t)')
```



See Also

`ezplot`, `ezplot3`, `function_handle`, `plot`, `plot3`, `polar`

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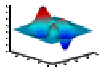
Anonymous Functions

ezsurf

Purpose

Easy-to-use 3-D colored surface plotter



Syntax

```
ezsurf(fun)
ezsurf(fun,domain)
ezsurf(funx,funy,funz)
ezsurf(funx,funy,funz,[smin,smax,tmin,tmax])
ezsurf(funx,funy,funz,[min,max]
ezsurf(...,n)
ezsurf(...,'circ')
ezsurf(axes_handle,...)
h = ezsurf(...)
```

Description

`ezsurf(fun)` creates a graph of `fun(x,y)` using the `surf` function. `fun` is plotted over the default domain: $-2\pi < x < 2\pi$, $-2\pi < y < 2\pi$.

`fun` can be a function handle or a string (see the Remarks section).

`ezsurf(fun,domain)` plots `fun` over the specified `domain`. `domain` must be a vector. See the "Algorithm" on page 2-1349 section for details on vector inputs vs axes limit outputs.

`ezsurf(funx,funy,funz)` plots the parametric surface `funx(s,t)`, `funy(s,t)`, and `funz(s,t)` over the square: $-2\pi < s < 2\pi$, $-2\pi < t < 2\pi$.

`ezsurf(funx,funy,funz,[smin,smax,tmin,tmax])` or `ezsurf(funx,funy,funz,[min,max])` plots the parametric surface using the specified domain.

`ezsurf(...,n)` plots `fun` over the default domain using an `n`-by-`n` grid. The default value for `n` is 60.

`ezsurf(...,'circ')` plots `fun` over a disk centered on the domain.

`ezsurf(axes_handle,...)` plots into the axes with handle `axes_handle` instead of the current axes (`gca`).

`h = ezsurf(...)` returns the handle to a surface object in `h`.

Remarks

`ezsurf` and `ezsurfc` do not accept complex inputs.

Passing the Function as a String

Array multiplication, division, and exponentiation are always implied in the expression you pass to `ezmesh`. For example, the MATLAB syntax for a surface plot of the expression

```
sqrt(x.^2 + y.^2);
```

is written as

```
ezsurf('sqrt(x^2 + y^2)')
```

That is, `x^2` is interpreted as `x.^2` in the string you pass to `ezsurf`.

If the function to be plotted is a function of the variables u and v (rather than x and y), then the domain endpoints `umin`, `umax`, `vmin`, and `vmax` are sorted alphabetically. Thus, `ezsurf('u^2 - v^3',[0,1],[3,6])` plots u^2 - v^3 over $0 < u < 1$, $3 < v < 6$.

Passing a Function Handle

Function handle arguments must point to functions that use MATLAB syntax. For example, the following statements define an anonymous function and pass the function handle `fh` to `ezsurf`.

```
fh = @(x,y) sqrt(x.^2 + y.^2);
ezsurf(fh)
```

Note that when using function handles, you must use the array power, array multiplication, and array division operators (`.^, .*, ./`) since `ezsurf` does not alter the syntax, as in the case with string inputs.

Passing Additional Arguments

If your function has additional parameters, for example `k` in `myfun`:

```
function z = myfun(x,y,k1,k2,k3)
z = x.*(y.^k1)./(x.^k2 + y.^k3);
```

then you can use an anonymous function to specify that parameter:

```
ezsurf(@(x,y)myfun(x,y,2,2,4))
```

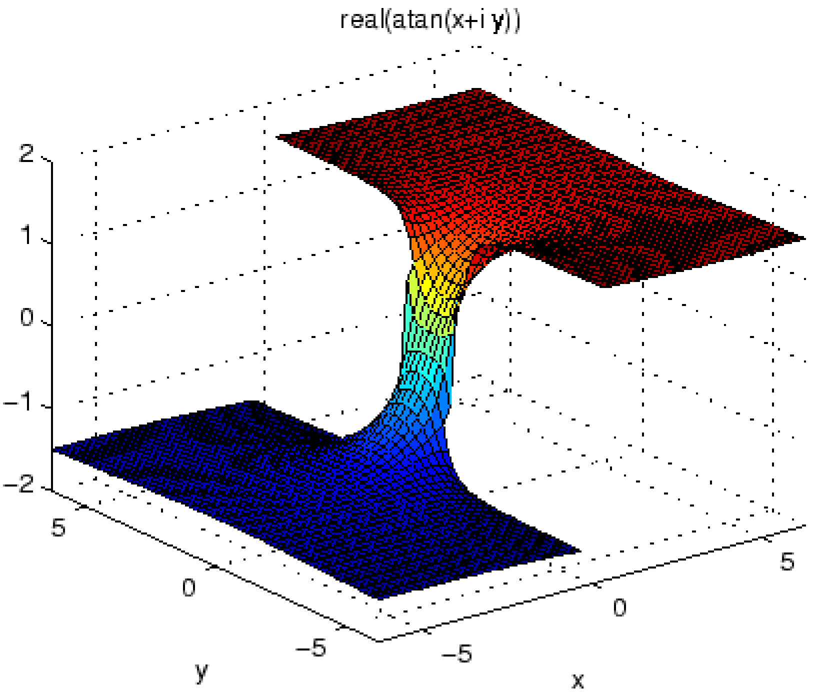
Examples

`ezsurf` does not graph points where the mathematical function is not defined (these data points are set to `NaN`s, which do not plot). This example illustrates this filtering of singularities/discontinuous points by graphing the function

$$f(x,y) = real\left(a\tan(x+iy)\right)$$

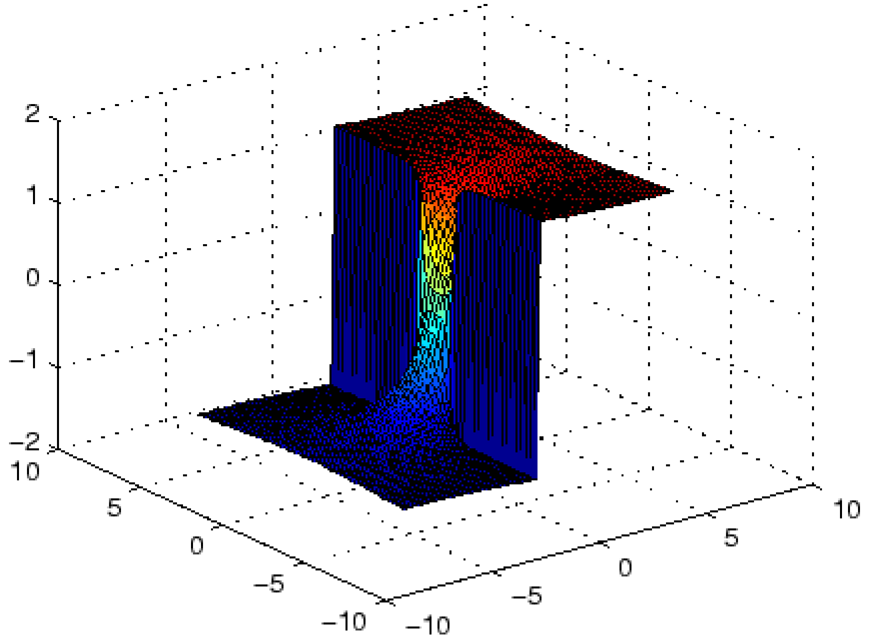
over the default domain $-2\pi < x < 2\pi$, $-2\pi < y < 2\pi$:

```
ezsurf('real(atan(x+i*y))')
```



Using `surf` to plot the same data produces a graph without filtering of discontinuities (as well as requiring more steps):

```
[x,y] = meshgrid(linspace(-2*pi,2*pi,60));
z = real(atan(x+i.*y));
surf(x,y,z)
```



Note also that `ezsurf` creates graphs that have axis labels, a title, and extend to the axis limits.

Algorithm

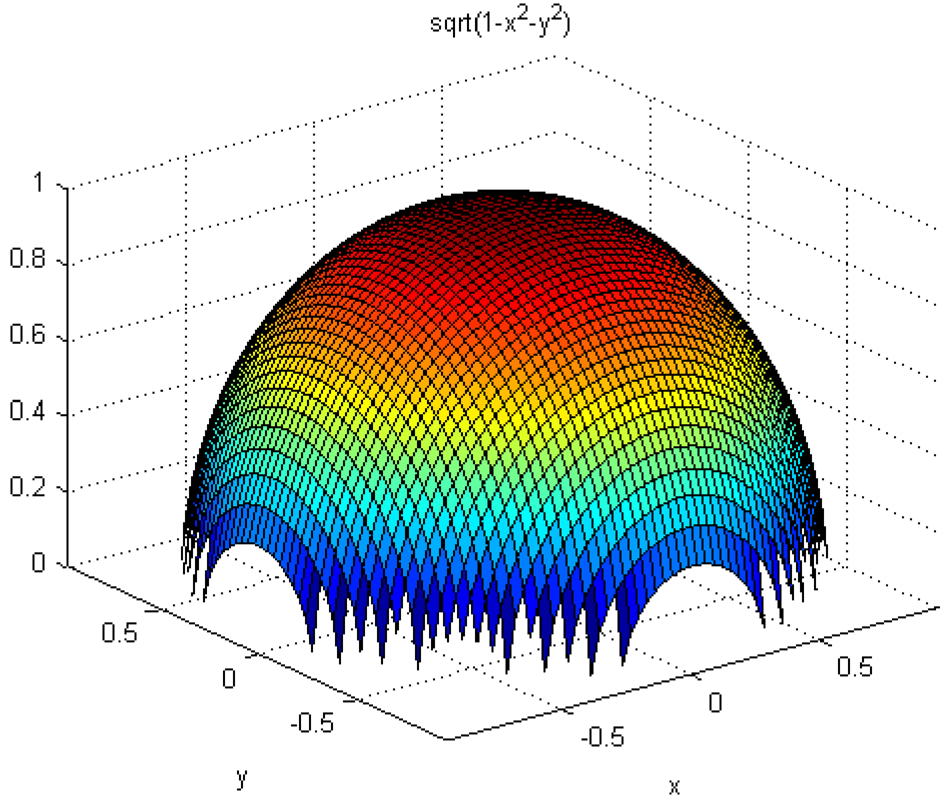
`ezsurf` determines the *x*- and *y-axes* limits in different ways depending on how you input the domain (if at all). In the following table, `R` is the vector [`xmin`, `xmax`, `ymin`, `ymax`] and `v` is the manually entered domain vector.

Number of domain values specified:	Resulting domain vector:
`v = [ ];`	`R = [-2*pi, 2*pi, -2*pi, 2*pi];`
`v = [ v(1) ];`	`R = double([-abs(v),abs(v),-abs(v),abs(v)]);`
`v = [ v(1) v(2) ];`	`R = double([v(1),v(2),v(1),v(2)]);`
`v = [ v(1) v(2) v(3) ];`	`R = double([-v(1),v(2),-abs(v(3)),abs(v(3))]);`
`v = [ v(1) v(2) v(3) v(4) ];`	`R = double(v);`
`v = [ v(1)..v(n) ];` n>4	`R = double([-abs(v(1)), abs(v(1)), -abs(v(1)), abs(v`

If you specify a single number in non-vector format (without square brackets, [ ]), `ezsurf` interprets it as the `n`, the number of points desired between the axes `max` and `min` values.

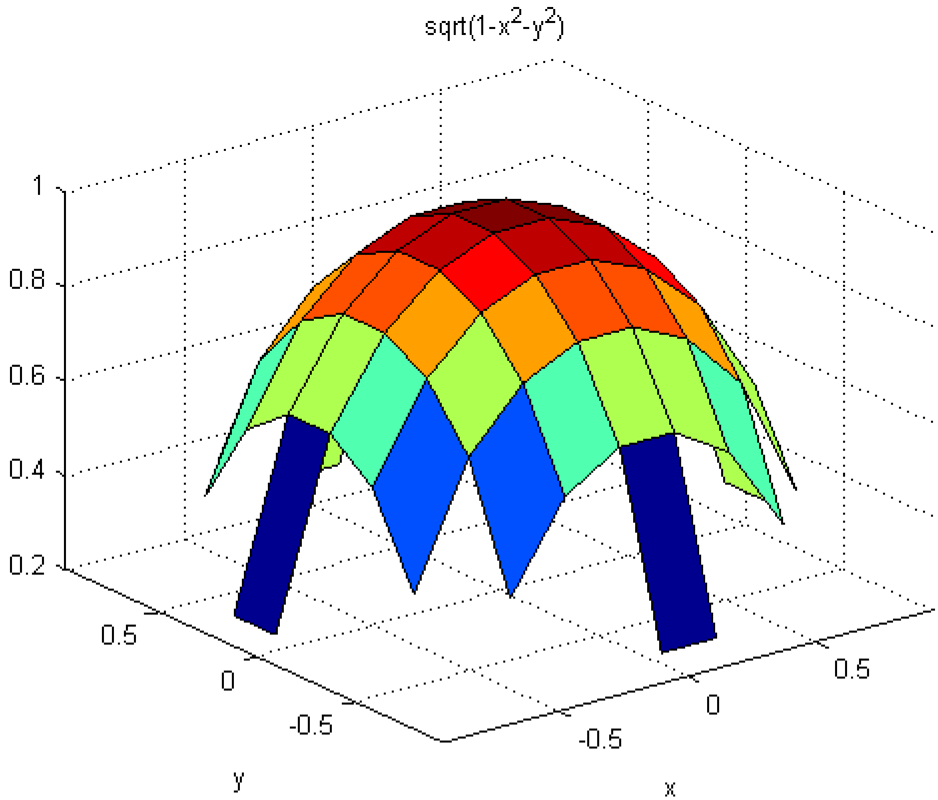
By default, `ezsurf` uses 60 points between the `max` and `min` values of an axes. When the `min` and `max` values are the default values (`R = [-2*pi, 2*pi, -2*pi, 2*pi];`), `ezsurf` ensures the 60 points fall within the non-complex range of the specified equation. For example, $\sqrt{1-x^2-y^2}$ is only real when $x^2-y^2 \leq 1$. The default graph of this function looks like this:

```
ezsurf('sqrt(1 x^2 y^2)')
```



You can see that there are 60 points between the minimum and maximum values for which $\sqrt{1-x^2-y^2}$ has real values. However, when you specify the domain values to be the same as the default (`R = [-2*pi, 2*pi, -2*pi, 2*pi];`), a different result appears:

```
ezsurf('sqrt(1 x^2 y^2)',[-2*pi 2*pi])
```



In this case, the graphic limits are the same, but `ezsurf` used 60 points between the user-defined limits instead of checking to see if all those points would have real answers.

See Also

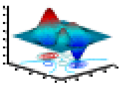
`ezmesh`, `ezsurfc`, `function_handle`, `surf`

"Function Plots" on page 1-99 for related functions

Anonymous Functions

Purpose

Easy-to-use combination surface/contour plotter



Syntax

```
ezsurfc(fun)
ezsurfc(fun,domain)
ezsurfc(funx,funy,funz)
ezsurfc(funx,funy,funz,[smin,smax,tmin,tmax])
ezsurfc(funx,funy,funz,[min,max]
ezsurfc(...,n)
ezsurfc(...,'circ')
ezsurfc(axes_handle,...)
h = ezsurfc(...)
```

Description

`ezsurfc(fun)` creates a graph of `fun(x,y)` using the `surfc` function. The function `fun` is plotted over the default domain: $-2\pi < x < 2\pi$, $-2\pi < y < 2\pi$.

`fun` can be a function handle or a string (see the Remarks section).

`ezsurfc(fun,domain)` plots `fun` over the specified `domain`. `domain` can be either a 4-by-1 vector [`xmin`, `xmax`, `ymin`, `ymax`] or a 2-by-1 vector [`min`, `max`] (where `min` < `x` < `max`, `min` < `y` < `max`).

`ezsurfc(funx,funy,funz)` plots the parametric surface `funx(s,t)`, `funy(s,t)`, and `funz(s,t)` over the square: $-2\pi < s < 2\pi$, $-2\pi < t < 2\pi$.

`ezsurfc(funx,funy,funz,[smin,smax,tmin,tmax])` or `ezsurfc(funx,funy,funz,[min,max])` plots the parametric surface using the specified domain.

`ezsurfc(...,n)` plots *f* over the default domain using an `n`-by-`n` grid. The default value for `n` is 60.

`ezsurfc(...,'circ')` plots *f* over a disk centered on the domain.

`ezsurfc(axes_handle,...)` plots into the axes with handle `axes_handle` instead of the current axes (`gca`).

`h = ezsurfc(...)` returns the handles to the graphics objects in `h`.

Remarks

`ezsurf` and `ezsurfc` do not accept complex inputs.

Passing the Function as a String

Array multiplication, division, and exponentiation are always implied in the expression you pass to `ezsurfc`. For example, the MATLAB syntax for a surface/contour plot of the expression

```
sqrt(x.^2 + y.^2);
```

is written as

```
ezsurfc('sqrt(x^2 + y^2)')
```

That is, `x^2` is interpreted as `x.^2` in the string you pass to `ezsurfc`.

If the function to be plotted is a function of the variables u and v (rather than x and y), then the domain endpoints `umin`, `umax`, `vmin`, and `vmax` are sorted alphabetically. Thus, `ezsurfc('u^2 - v^3',[0,1],[3,6])` plots $u^2 - v^3$ over $0 < u < 1$, $3 < v < 6$.

Passing a Function Handle

Function handle arguments must point to functions that use MATLAB syntax. For example, the following statements define an anonymous function and pass the function handle `fh` to `ezsurfc`.

```
fh = @(x,y) sqrt(x.^2 + y.^2);
ezsurf(fh)
```

Note that when using function handles, you must use the array power, array multiplication, and array division operators (`.^, .*, ./`) since `ezsurfc` does not alter the syntax, as in the case with string inputs.

Passing Additional Arguments

If your function has additional parameters, for example `k` in `myfun`:

```
function z = myfun(x,y,k1,k2,k3)
z = x.*(y.^k1)./(x.^k2 + y.^k3);
```

then you can use an anonymous function to specify that parameter:

```
ezsurfc(@(x,y)myfun(x,y,2,2,4))
```

Examples

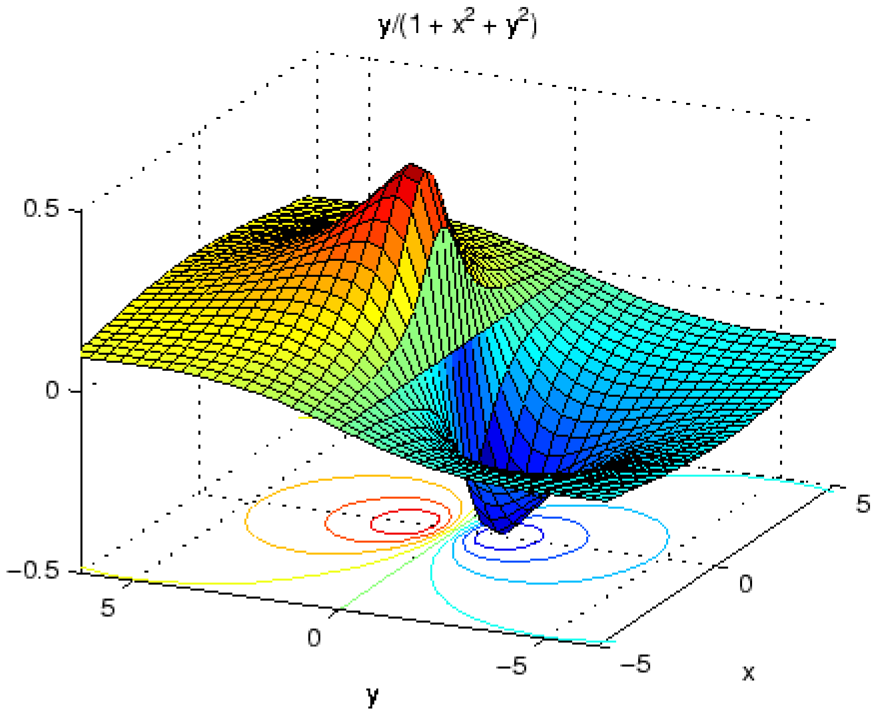
Create a surface/contour plot of the expression

$$f(x,y) = \frac{y}{1 + x^2 + y^2}$$

over the domain -5 < x < 5, -2*pi < y < 2*pi, with a computational grid of size 35-by-35:

```
ezsurfc('y/(1 + x^2 + y^2)',[-5,5,-2*pi,2*pi],35)
```

Use the mouse to rotate the axes to better observe the contour lines (this picture uses a view of azimuth = -65.5 and elevation = 26).



See Also

`ezmesh`, `ezmeshc`, `ezsurf`, `function_handle`, `surfc`

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