

# MATLAB Lecture 8: Plots and curve fitting

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#### Homework 6: Erosion in MATLAB



Both these answers are correct



This is how MATLAB treats the edges <sup>2</sup>

#### Lecture 5: Morphological opening





Slide the structuring element over all the foreground pixels

All pixels in the image which fits the structuring element will be kept

### Homework 6: Morphological opening

- Actually quite difficult to separate objects with an opening
  - Only works if objects were minimally connected to being with



You could separate these using a [1 1] structuring element





Would be much harder to separate these objects

Watershed is a better approach for separating objects

#### Example code to test



1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1; 01111110; 00100100];

imopen(M, ones(2))



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#### What is the result of the morphological opening operation?

Structuring

element

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# Useful applications of opening

- Removing unwanted shapes
  - Tidying up boundaries of segmented cells
  - Removing contamination/unwanted objects
- Removing small objects opening removes objects smaller than the structuring element

# **Learning Goals**

- How to plot data in MATLAB
- Curve fitting
- Interpolating data

#### How to plot your data

Basic line plot syntax:

plot(xdata, ydata)

xdata and ydata must have the same lengths

#### Creating a range of values

 Remember the colon operator can provide you with a vector of numbers

```
xdata = 1:10
```

• You can also specify a step size

xdata = 1:2:10

Note: the colon operator will not include the last point if it does not line up with the step size

xdata = [1, 3, 5, 7, 9]

### Another way of creating a range of values

Syntax:

xdata = linspace(start, end, number of points)

- linspace = <u>lin</u>ear <u>space</u>
- Unlike the colon operator, linspace will include both the start and end values

### Example

Write a script to do the following:

- 1. Create a linearly spaced array ranging from [0, 10] with 100 points called xdata
- 2. Evaluate the following function over xdata

$$y = 10e^{0.5x}$$

3. Plot the data using a line plot

plot(xdata, ydata)





# Labeling your axes

- Hopefully everyone recognized that the equation was for exponential growth
  - E.g. bacteria length, number of cells
- Label the axes as:

```
xlabel('Time (seconds)')
```

```
ylabel('Length (\mum)')
```

### Labeled axes



#### Axes and title labels

- By default, MATLAB will interpret TeX/LaTeX style commands
- Examples for Greek letters:

\mu \theta \Theta

- Examples for subscript and superscripts: \_ and ^
- Full list:

https://www.mathworks.com/help/matlab/creating\_plots/greekletters-and-special-characters-in-graph-text.html

#### Axes and title labels

• To disable this behavior, specify additional arguments:

```
ylabel('Length \mum', 'Interpreter', 'none')
```

Length \mum

# Titles

• You can add titles using the command

```
title('Bacterial growth')
```

#### One small detail

- Most figure commands (e.g. title, xlabel, plot) will operate on the last selected figure
- Last selected figure =
  - Last figure that was created, or
  - Last figure window that you selected

- To select a figure programmatically, you can use figure(number)
- E.g. figure(1) selects the window titled Figure 1

#### Specifying limits for the axes



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After plotting:

xlim([0, 2])
ylim([0, 40])



#### Example code

```
xx = linspace(0, 10, 100);
yy = 10 * exp(0.5 * xx);
```

```
plot(xx, yy)
xlabel('Time (seconds)');
ylabel('Length (\mum)');
xlim([0, 2])
ylim([0, 40])
```

#### Plotting multiple plots on the same axes

plot(xdata1, ydata1, xdata2, ydata2, … xdataN, ydataN)

Modify your script to plot

$$y = 10e^{0.5x}$$

$$y2 = 10e^{0.3x}$$



#### Example code

```
xx = linspace(0, 10, 100);
yy = 10 * exp(0.5 * xx);
```

yy2 = 10 \* exp(0.3 \* xx);

```
plot(xx, yy, xx, yy2)
xlabel('Time (seconds)');
ylabel('Length (\mum)');
xlim([0, 2])
ylim([0, 40])
```

### Line specifications

 You can add additional options to change line color and line style etc

Line Specification	Туре	Color Specification	Туре
'-'	Solid line (default)	'r'	Red
''	Dashed line	'g'	Green
•	Dotted line	'b'	Blue
''	Dot-dashed line	'y'	Yellow
'o'	Circles	'k'	Black

\* Look up documentation for more examples

#### Plotting multiple plots on the same axes

- Use 'hold on' and 'hold off'
- Useful when you do not have the data ahead of time



#### **Inserting legends**

Example: legend('k = 0.5', 'k= 0.3')

Legend for first plot Legend for second plot



# Semilog plots

• Syntax:

semilogx(xdata, ydata)

semilogy(xdata, ydata)

Semilog plots only one of the axes using a log scale

Which of the following semilog plots would show the equation below as a straight line?

$$y = 10e^{0.5x}$$

- (A) semilogx(xdata, ydata)
- (B) semilogy(xdata, ydata)

# Example

• Modify your script to make create a new figure window:

figure;

• Plot the data using an appropriate semilog plot so the graph appears as a straight line

semilogy(xx, yy)

#### Other plots you might find useful

Scatter plot
scatter(xdata, ydata)



#### Box-and-whisker plot

boxplot(xdata)



Bar plot
bar(xdata, ydata)



## **Curve fitting**

- Curve fitting is a very important tool in data analysis
- It allows you to fit data to a <u>model</u> (a mathematical function that describes the data)

# Examples of when you might want to do this in cell microscopy

- Measuring the growth rate of cells exponential growth
- Measuring size of particles/puncta Gaussian

There will be some homework questions on these

#### **Basic fitting function**

• Syntax:

$$F0 = fit(X, Y, FT)$$

Input arguments:

X, Y = **<u>COLUMN vectors</u>** containing data to fit to

FT = String describing model to fit

Output argument:

FØ = Fit object

#### Finding the list of fit types

Easiest way:

- >> doc fit
- Scroll to the end, and select

"List of Library Models for Curve and Surface Fitting"

• Link:

https://www.mathworks.com/help/curvefit/list-of-library-modelsfor-curve-and-surface-fitting.html

# What function is most appropriate to fit the following data?



- (A) poly1
- (B) poly2
- (C) gauss2
- (D) sin1

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(A) poly1

- (B) poly2
- (C) gauss2
- (D) sin1

# What model is most appropriate to fit the following data?



(A) poly2

(B) gauss1

(C) exp1

(D) exp2

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(A) poly2

(B) gauss1

(C) **exp1** 

(D) exp2

#### Example

• Edit your script to fit the original curve yy

FO = fit(X, Y, FT)

Input arguments:

X, Y = COLUMN vectors containing data to fit to

FT = String describing model to fit

Output argument:

F0 = Fit object

### Example

• Going back to your script, fit a function to the yy data

```
fitObj = fit(xx', yy', 'exp1')
```

• Plot the result

plot(fitObj, xx, yy)

- Pay attention to the order of the arguments
- The first argument is the fit object  $\rightarrow$  this is a special plot

#### Plotting the fitted data



Be sure to check your fit!

#### What is the growth rate/growth constant of the curve?

```
>> fitObj
```

```
General model Exp1:
fitObj(x) = a*exp(b*x)
Coefficients (with 95% confidence bounds):
    a = 10 (10, 10)
    b = 0.5 (0.5, 0.5)
```

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>> fitObj

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>> fitObj.b

ans = 0.5000

# Goodness-of-fit

 Values that statistically describe how well the data fits to the model

[fitObj, gof] = fit(xx', yy', 'exp1')

- gof is a struct that has five different fields
- The statistic we will use for this course is

rsquare – coefficient of determination

Details about the others:

https://www.mathworks.com/help/curvefit/evaluating-goodness-of-fit.html

### R-squared or the coefficient of determination

- Simple explanation of R<sup>2</sup> is for a measure of the difference of the data from the model
- R<sup>2</sup> typically takes values between 0 and 1
  - R<sup>2</sup> = 0 no data lies on the line described by the model ("bad fit")
  - R<sup>2</sup> = 1 all the data lies on the line described by the model ("perfect fit")
- Typically want values 0.98 and above
- Beyond the scope of this class, but just be aware that R<sup>2</sup> might not always be the best indicator of goodness-of-fit

#### Issues that could affect fitting results

- Noisy images/noisy signals try median/Gaussian filtering
- Small variations during segmentation try smoothing (function smooth)



#### Issues that could affect fitting results

Constant background illumination/camera dark noise – imaging issue





#### Inaccurate fitting due to offset



The model 'gauss1' does not have a term for a constant offset

Have to subtract the offset to get a proper fit

# **Final tips**

- Read the documentation/Check the model equations very carefully
- Some equations are a little bit different there are small variations to general equations depending on its use
  - There is an example of this in your homework
- If unsure what the function looks like, plot it out