MATH 3341: Introduction to Scientific Computing Lab

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Lab 10: MATLAB 3D Plots



mesh and surf



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meshgrid Cartesian grid in 2-D/3-D space

- [X, Y] = meshgrid(x,y): replicates the grid vectors x and y to produce the coordinates of a rectangular grid (X, Y). The grid vector x is replicated numel(y) times to form the columns of X. The grid vector y is replicated numel(x) times to form the rows of Y.
- Example:

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x = [1, 3, 5]:
v = [2; 4];
[X, Y] = meshgrid(x, y)
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$$x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}, y = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 1 & 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}, Y = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 4 & 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix}.$$



mesh and surf: 3-D mesh (wireframe) / surface.

- mesh(X,Y,Z): plots the colored parametric mesh (wireframe) defined by four matrix arguments.
- mesh(Z): same as [X, Y] = meshgrid(1:size(Z,2),
 1:size(Z,1)); mesh(X, Y, Z).
- surf(X,Y,Z): plots the colored parametric surface defined by four matrix arguments.
- surf(Z): same as [X, Y] = meshgrid(1:size(Z,2),
 1:size(Z,1)); surf(X, Y, Z).
- surfc(...) is the same as surf(...) except that a contour plot is drawn beneath the surface.



colormap Color look-up table

- colormap(map) sets the current figure's colormap to map.
- Built-in colormaps: parula, jet, hsv, hot, cool, sprint, summer, autumn, winter, gray, bone, copper, pink, lines, colorcube, prism, flag, white.



Animations

- drawnow: Update figure windows
- comet(x, y): Comet-like trajectory plot of vector y vs. x
- h = animatedline(x,y): creates an animated line with initial data points defined by x and y.
- addpoints(h,x,y): add points (x, y) to animated line h.



