CS368 MATLAB Programming

Lecture 3

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Curves

Math

- A curve can be the graph of a function described by $y = f(x)$, or the trace of a moving point, in which the movement of the point is described by its position $(f_x(t), f_y(t))$ at time t.
- A curve is plotted using a large number of line segments.

Function Curves

Math

- To plot $y = f(x)$ from $x = x_1$ to $x = x_n$, find $x_1 < x_2 < x_3 < ... < x_n$ and use lines to connect the following points,

$$(x_1, f(x_1)), (x_2, f(x_2)), (x_3, f(x_3)), ..., (x_n, f(x_n)).$$

Parametric Curves

Math

- To plot $(f_x(t), f_y(t))$ from $t = t_1$ to t_n, find $t_1 < t_2 < t_3 < ... < t_n$ and use lines to connect the following points,

$$(f_x(t_1), f_y(t_1)), (f_x(t_2), f_y(t_2)), (f_x(t_3), f_y(t_3)), ..., (f_x(t_n), f_y(t_n)).$$

Curve Discretization

Math

- $t_1, t_2, t_3, ..., t_n$ is a partition of the domain $t \in [t_1, t_n]$.

1. The partition is usually uniform, meaning $t_i = t_{i-1} + \delta$ with $\delta = \frac{t_n - t_1}{n}$ and some large n.
2. t_i can also be sampled randomly. More details in a later lecture.
3. t_i can also be chosen according to how fast the function is changing.
4. t_i can also be chosen so that the lengths of the line segments are the same.

Curve Plotting

Code

- Suppose x, y are vectors of length n.
- *plot(x, y)* plots line segments connecting $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), ..., (x_n, y_n)$.

1. For example, define *x = 0:0.01:1* and use *plot(x, f(x))* to plot $f(x)$ between 0 and 1 with a partition of size 100.
2. Another example, define *t = 0:0.01:1* and use *plot(fx(t), fy(t))* to plot $(f_x(t), f_y(t))$ between 0 and 1 with a partition of size 100.

Line Specs

Code

- *plot(x, y, s)* s specifies the style, marker, and color of the lines.

1. Line style: *'–'* solid, *'––'* dashed, *':'* dotted, *'–.'* dash-dotted.
2. Marker: *'o'* circle, *'.'* dot, *'x'* cross, *'s'* square, *'d'* diamond ...
3. Color: *'r'* red, *'g'* green, *'b'* blue, *'k'* black, *'w'* white ...

- *plot(x1, y1, s1, x2, y2, s2, ...)* plots multiple lines in the same figure.

Curve Plotting Quiz Questions

Quiz

Plotting Features

Code

- Texts can be added to the plot. More details about text manipulation in the next lecture.
- *title (t)* adds title t.
- *xlabel (t)* adds x-axis label t.
- *ylabel (t)* adds y-axis label t.
- *legend(c1, c2, ...)* adds legend (names of the curves $c_1, c_2, \ldots$).
- *text(x, y, t)* adds text t at position (x, y).
- *axis ([x0, x1, y0, y1])* changes the range of the axes to $x \in [x_0, x_1]$ and $y \in [y_0, y_1]$.

3D Curve Plotting

Code

- Suppose x, y, z are vectors of length n.
- *plot3(x, y, z, s)* plots the lines in 3D connecting $(x_1, y_1, z_1), (x_2, y_2, z_2), ..., (x_n, y_n, z_n)$, with specs s.

Surfaces

Math

- A surface can be a graph of a function described by $z = f(x, y)$, or the trace of a moving point, in which the movement of the point is described by its position $(f_x(s,t), f_y(s,t), f_z(s,t))$.
- A surface is plotted using a large number of faces, usually triangles, but in MATLAB, four sided polygons.

Surface Plotting

Code

- Suppose x, y, z are matrices representing points on the surface.
- *contour(x, y, z, n)* plots n contours of the surface, and *contour3(x, y, z, n)* plots them in 3D.
- *mesh(x, y, z)* plots the surface mesh.
- *surf(x, y, z)* plots the surface.
- If x and y are omitted, the x and y coordinates are assumed to be the column and row indices of the elements in z.

Surface Plotting Quiz Questions

Quiz

Mesh Grid Shortcut

Code

- *[x, y] = meshgrid(u, v)* creates *x = repmat(u, [length(v), 1])* and *y = repmat(v', [1, length(u)])*. The matrices x, y then can be used to plot the surface $z = f(x, y)$ using *surf(x, y, f(x, y))*.
- *[x, y, z] = sphere()* and *[x, y, z] = cylinder()* create meshes of a unit sphere and a unit cylinder. The surface then can be plotted using *surf(x, y, z)*.

Other Plots

Code

- Under "PLOTS" tab, many other plots can be created based on a matrix.

Script

Code

- *.m* files are MATLAB scripts and can be used to store a list of commands or the definition of a function. More details in the next next lecture.
- The script and its output can be published as a PDF file or an HTML web page.

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