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## Input with user inputs

- Strings:
  - Row vector of character (char):

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text = ['This is', ' ', 'a text!']
```

- Strings:
  - String functions: help strfun

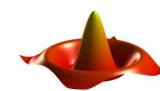
- Input of:
  - Data: *variable* = input(*string*)

```
– Text: string = input(string, 's')
```

- Special signs:
  - \n new line

– \\ Backslash \

– ' Quotation marks '



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## Formatted Output

- `disp(string)`:      Output of string  $string$
- Formatting:
  - $string = sprintf(string, variable)$
  - Syntax corresponds to C
  - BUT: vectorised data possible
  - conversion of numbers into strings with function  
`num2str(variable[, format])`



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## Import and Export of data

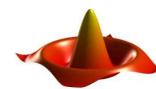
- Load data: `load file [-mat| -ascii] [variable...]`

- Save data: `save file [options] [variable...]`

<i>options:</i>	<code>-mat</code>	Binary MAT file
	<code>-ascii</code>	8-digit ASCII format
	<code>-append</code>	append data (MAT)
	<code>-ascii -double</code>	16-digit ASCII format
	<code>-ascii -tabs</code>	Tabulator separated

- Formatted writing into txt file:

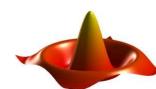
- File open: `fid = fopen(file.extension, permission)`
- Writing: `fprintf(fid, string, variable)`
- File close: `fclose(fid)`



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## Operating System call and file management

- Path:
  - current: `pwd`
  - show: `path`
- Directory:
  - change: `cd directory`
  - make: `mkdir directory`
  - show content: `dir [directory]`  
`ls [directory]`
- File:
  - copy: `copyfile source destination`
  - delete: `delete file`
- Call of Operating System: `! os – command`



# MATLAB Input and Output Graphics

- 2- and 3-dimensional plotting of data
- Generate a graphic (figure):      `figure`
- Get current figure (*handle*):      `gcf`
- Subplots in a figure:      `subplot(z,s,n)`
- Figure:
  - clear: `clf`
  - close: `close(number)`



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## Properties of a graphic

- Each **object** of a figure has its **handle**  $h$  comprising a property  $PropName$  and its value  $PropValue$   
Important objects: figure and axes
- **Query** a property: `get( $h$ , ' $PropName$ ')`
- **Setting** a property: `set( $h$ , ' $PropName$ ',  $PropValue$ )`
- **Delete** value: `delete( $h$ )`
- Alternatively: *Property Editor*



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## 2D–graphics: axis, scaling and labelling

- **Current axis (handle):** gca
- **Scaling:** axis ( $[x\_min, x\_max, y\_min, y\_max]$ )
  - automatically: axis('auto')
  - show grid: grid [on | off]
  - activate zoom: zoom [on | off]
- **Labelling:**
  - axis: xlabel(*string*), ylabel(*string*)
  - title: title(*string*)
  - place text: text(*x\_value*, *y\_value*, *string*)
  - legend: legend(*str\_1*, *str\_2*... [, *position*])



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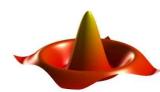
## 2D-graphics: plot commands

- plot-command: `plot(x_values,y_values..., [plotstyle])`  
*x\_values*, *y\_values*: vectors of same dimension
- keep objects: `hold [on | off]`
- Color and style of lines can be set by *plotstyle*:

colors			
k	black	r	red
b	blue	m	magenta
c	cyan	y	yellow
g	green	w	white

lines and markers			
-	solid	o	circle
--	dashed	*	asteriks
:	dotted	+	plus sign
.	point	x	cross

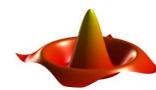
- Example: `plot(1:0.1:2*pi,sin(1:0.1:2*pi),'r-.)'`



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## 2D–graphics: specific plot commands

- Stairstep: `stairs([x,] y... [,plotstyle])`
- Discrete: `stem([x,] y... [,plotstyle])`
- logarithmic:
  - x-axis: `semilogx(x, y... [,plotstyle])`
  - y-axis: `semilogy(x, y... [,plotstyle])`
- Functions:
  - explicite function: `fplot(f, range)`
  - implicite function: `ezplot(f(x, y), range)`
  - parametrically def. curve: `ezplot(f_1, f_2, range)`



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## 3D–graphics: plot commands

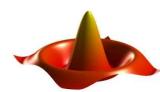
- Points/Lines:      `plot3( $x, y, z$ ... [, plotstyle])`
- Surface:            `surf( $x, y, z$ ... [, color])`
- Mesh:                `mesh( $x, y, z$ ... [, color])`
- Waterfall:           `waterfall( $x, y, z$ ... [...])`
- Contour:             `contour( $x, y, z$ ... [...])`
- $x, y, z$ : matrices of same dimension
- $[X, Y] = \text{meshgrid}(x\_vec, y\_vec)$  generates matrices of correct dimension from vectors  $x\_vec$  and  $y\_vec$



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## 3D–graphics: Labelling, viewpoint and colors

- Scaling: `axis([x...,y...,z_min,z_max])`
- Labelling of z–Achse: `zlabel(string)`
- Show box: `box [on | off]`
- Change viewpoint: `view(azimuth,elevation)`
- Colors:
  - Colormap: `colormap(name)`
  - Scalng: `caxis(color_min,color_max)`
- Online–help: `graph2d, graph3d, specgraph`



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## Import, export and printing of graphics

- Figure
  - print: `print -fnumber`
  - save: `print -fnumber -ddevice filename`  
`saveas(h, 'filename', 'fig')`
- Output options (format, driver):    `-ddevice`
  - Formats: PS, EPS, TIFF, HPGL, JPEG, ...
  - Windows: EMF, BMP, printer driver, clipboard
- Image:
  - read:        `A = imread(filename, format)`
  - generate:    `imwrite(A, filename, format)`
  - plot:          `image(A)`



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## GUI – Graphical User Interface

- Graphical User Interface
- use of object–properties of MATLAB–graphics
- programming using GUIDE or by hand

