

3D Matlab basics

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clear all, close, clc  
set_defaults()
```

In two dimensions we will extensively use two functions for plotting:

1. [meshgrid\(\)](#)
2. [reshape\(\)](#)

These functions have an internal logic that is counter-intuitive and forces us to use certain conventions to avoid trouble later.

Meshgrid()

The function `meshgrid()` takes three vectors **x**, **y** and **z** that contain the location of the grid points and generates matrices **X**, **Y** and **Z** that are used by all 3D Matlab plotting functions, in particular [slice\(\)](#)

```
f = @(x,y,z) (x.^2).*y.*z;  
g = @(x,y,z) y;  
h = @(x,y,z) z;  
  
Nx = 4; Ny = 3; Nz = 2; N = Nx*Ny*Nz
```

```
N = 24
```

```
x = linspace(0,1,Nx)
```

```
x = 1x4  
0 0.3333 0.6667 1.0000
```

```
y = linspace(0,2,Ny)
```

```
y = 1x3  
0 1 2
```

```
z = linspace(0,3,Nz)
```

```
z = 1x2  
0 3
```

```
[X,Y,Z] = meshgrid(x,y,z)
```

```
X =  
X(:,:,1) =  
  
0 0.3333 0.6667 1.0000  
0 0.3333 0.6667 1.0000  
0 0.3333 0.6667 1.0000
```

```
X(:,:,2) =  
  
0 0.3333 0.6667 1.0000  
0 0.3333 0.6667 1.0000  
0 0.3333 0.6667 1.0000
```

```

Y =
Y(:,:,1) =

 0   0   0   0
 1   1   1   1
 2   2   2   2

```

```

Y(:,:,2) =

 0   0   0   0
 1   1   1   1
 2   2   2   2

```

```

Z =
Z(:,:,1) =

 0   0   0   0
 0   0   0   0
 0   0   0   0

```

```

Z(:,:,2) =

 3   3   3   3
 3   3   3   3
 3   3   3   3

```

size(X)

```

ans = 1x3
 3     4     2

```

In the matrices **X** and **Y**, the *y*-value increases with the row index, *i*, and the *x*-value increases with the column index, *j* and *k* in the third direction. Since we index matrices as **X(i,j,k)** and **Y(i,j,k)**, and **Z(i,j,k)**, the first index is the *y*-coordinate. **This makes it natural to order our grid y-first - see below!**

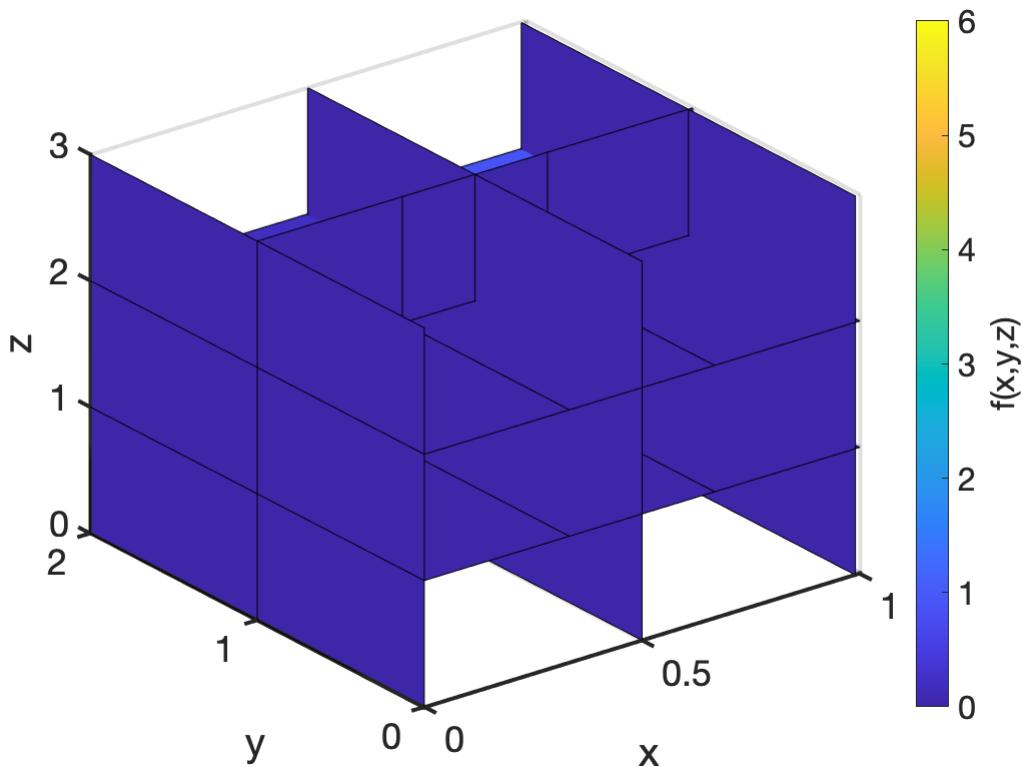
```

figure()

xslice = [0 0.5 0.99]; % define the cross sections to view
yslice = [1 ];
zslice = ([1 2]);

slice(X, Y, Z, f(X,Y,Z), xslice, yslice, zslice) % display the slices
xlabel 'x', ylabel 'y', zlabel 'z' % create and label the colorbar
cb = colorbar;
cb.Label.String = 'f(x,y,z)';

```



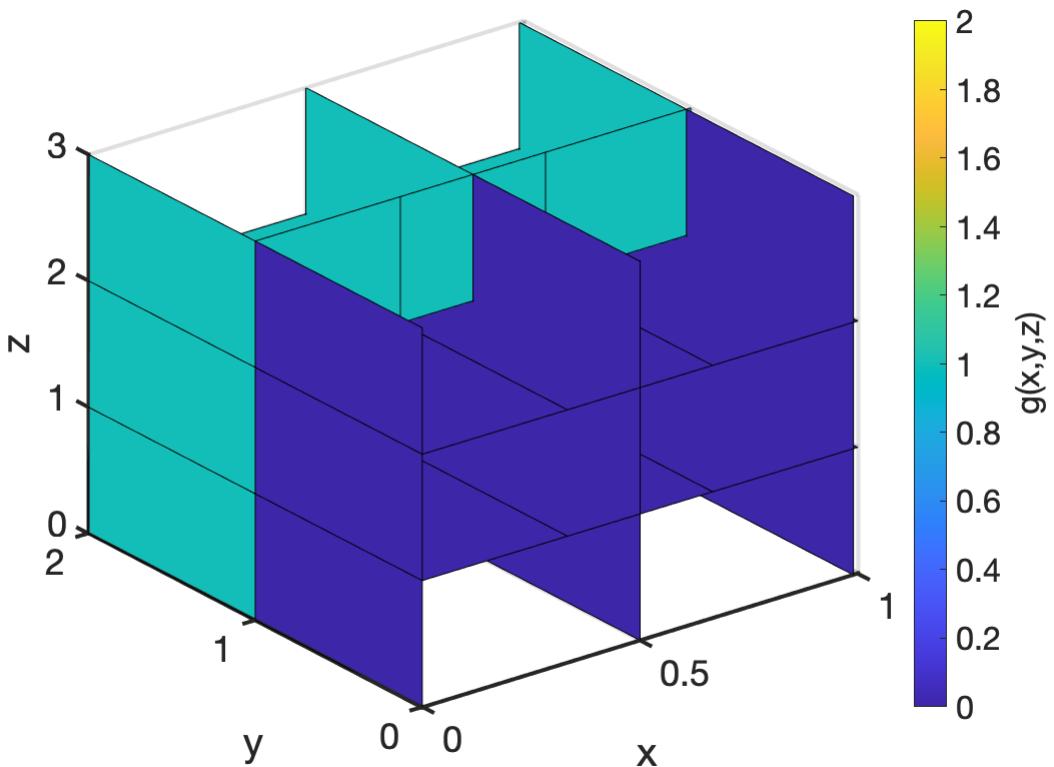
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figure()
```

```

xslice = [0 0.5 0.99]; % define the cross sections to view
yslice = [1 ];
zslice = ([1 2]);

slice(X, Y, Z, g(X,Y,Z), xslice, yslice, zslice) % display the slices
xlabel 'x', ylabel 'y', zlabel 'z' % create and label the colorbar
cb = colorbar;
cb.Label.String = 'g(x,y,z)';

```



Reshape()

The solution of the PDE is calculated as a column vector, \mathbf{u} . To plot the solution \mathbf{u} has to be reshaped into a matrix that is compatible with the ordering of the \mathbf{X} , \mathbf{Y} and \mathbf{Z} matrices produced by meshgrid. The Matlab function reshape() allows us to move from vectors to matrices and back.

1) From a matrix to a vector

There are two options to turn a matrix into a column vector.

1. Colon operator
2. reshape()

```
X
```

```
X =
X(:,:,1) =

0    0.3333    0.6667    1.0000
0    0.3333    0.6667    1.0000
0    0.3333    0.6667    1.0000
```

```
X(:,:,2) =

0    0.3333    0.6667    1.0000
0    0.3333    0.6667    1.0000
0    0.3333    0.6667    1.0000
```

```
x1 = X(:)
```

```
x1 = 24x1
    0
    0
    0
    0
0.3333
0.3333
0.3333
0.6667
0.6667
0.6667
1.0000
:
:
```

```
x2 = reshape(X,N,1)
```

```
x2 = 24x1
    0
    0
    0
    0
0.3333
0.3333
0.3333
0.6667
0.6667
0.6667
1.0000
:
:
```

Note, both ways stack the columns of **X** into a column.

Of course `reshape()` is the more general, it allows you to transform **X** into any matrix or vector with the same number of elements

```
reshape(X,1,N) % row vector
```

```
ans = 1x24
    0         0         0     0.3333     0.3333     0.3333     0.6667     0.6667 ...
```

```
%reshape(X,Nx,Ny) % flip the dimension of the 2D matrix
reshape(X,Ny,Nx,Nz) % flip the dimension of the 3D matrix
```

```
ans =
ans(:,:,1) =

    0     0.3333     0.6667     1.0000
    0     0.3333     0.6667     1.0000
    0     0.3333     0.6667     1.0000
```

```
ans(:,:,2) =

    0     0.3333     0.6667     1.0000
    0     0.3333     0.6667     1.0000
    0     0.3333     0.6667     1.0000
```

1) From vector to matrix

Suppose the solution is given by $\mathbf{g} = g(\mathbf{x})$

```
soln = g(X(:, ), Y(:, ), Z(:, ))
```

```
soln = 24x1  
0  
1  
2  
0  
1  
2  
0  
1  
2  
0  
1  
2  
0  
:  
:
```

To plot this solution we need to transfer it back to a matrix. To be compatible with X and Y from meshgrid this matrix has to be of size Ny by Nx!

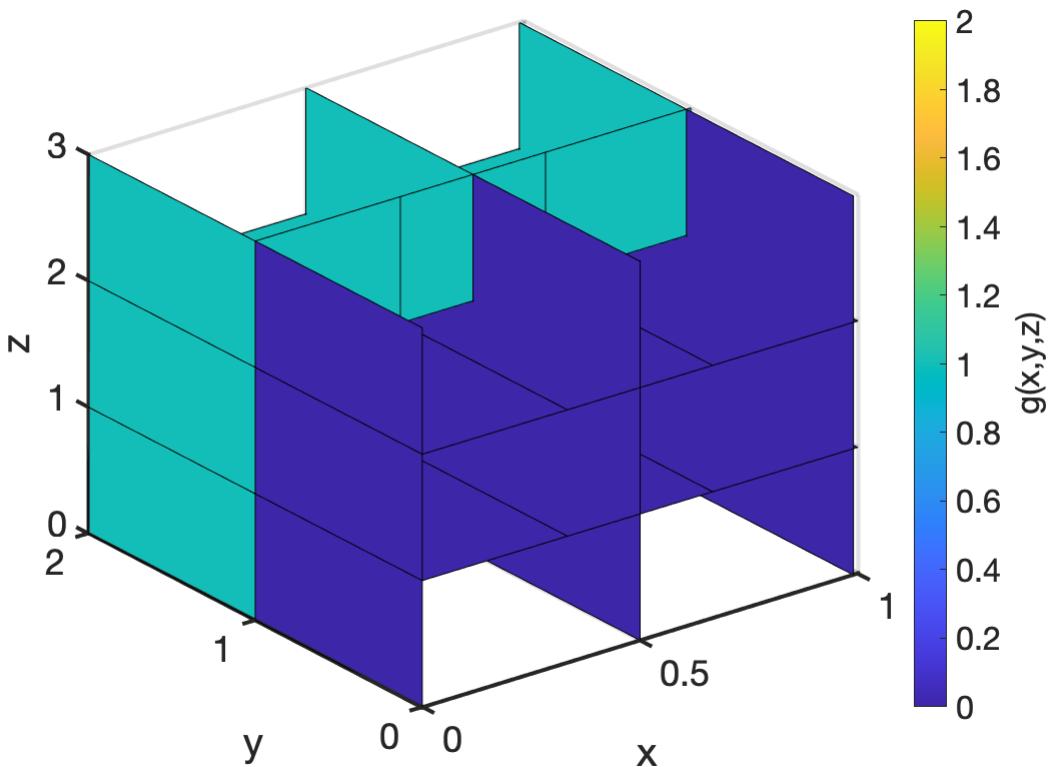
```
%SOLN = reshape(soln,Ny,Nx)  
SOLN = reshape(soln,Ny,Nx,Nz)
```

```
SOLN =  
SOLN(:,:,1) =  
  
0     0     0     0  
1     1     1     1  
2     2     2     2
```

```
SOLN(:,:,2) =  
  
0     0     0     0  
1     1     1     1  
2     2     2     2
```

```
figure()
```

```
xslice = [0 0.5 0.99]; % define the cross sections to view  
yslice = [1 ];  
zslice = ([1 2]);  
  
slice(X, Y, Z, SOLN, xslice, yslice, zslice) % display the slices  
xlabel 'x', ylabel 'y', zlabel 'z'  
cb = colorbar; % create and label the colorbar  
cb.Label.String = 'g(x,y,z)';
```



Notice, that Ny is the first entry, because meshgrid() has a y-first ordering!

2D grid with y-first ordering

Given that meshgrid() has an internal y-first ordering, we use a computational grid with a y-first ordering. This way we avoid a lot of problems!

```

Nx = 4;
Ny = 3;
Nz = 2;
N = Nx*Ny*Nz;

x = 1:Nx;
y = 1:Ny;
z = 1:Nz;
dof = 1:N;

[X,Y,Z] = meshgrid(x,y,z);

DOF = reshape(dof,Ny,Nx,Nz)

DOF =
DOF(:,:,1) =

```

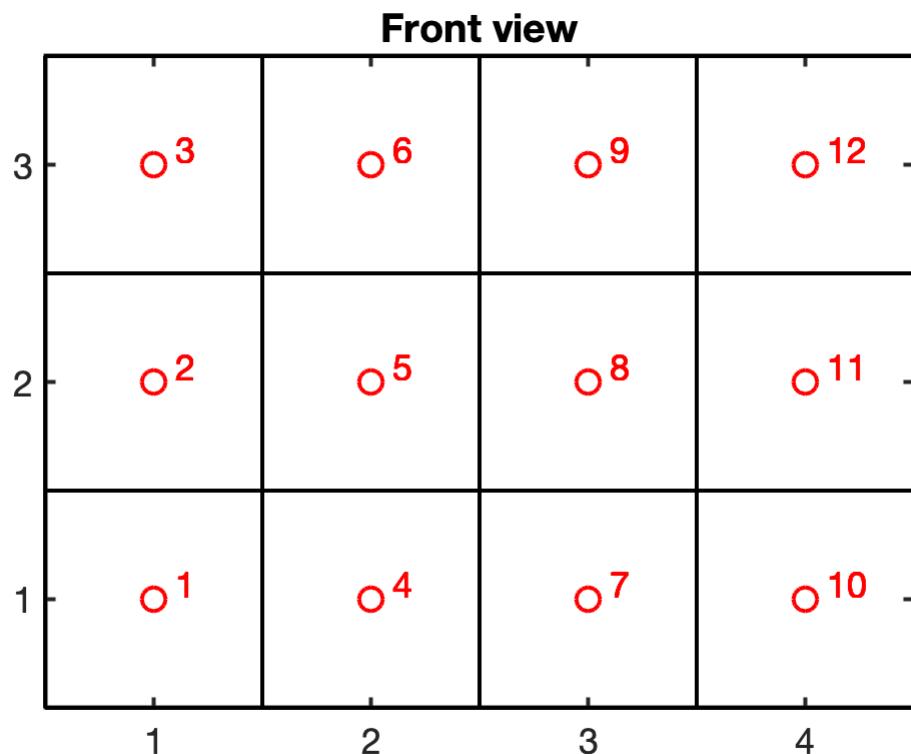
1	4	7	10
2	5	8	11
3	6	9	12

```

DOF(:,:,2) =
13    16    19    22
14    17    20    23
15    18    21    24

plot([.5 Nx+.5 Nx+.5 .5 .5],[.5 .5 Ny+.5 Ny+.5 .5], 'k'), hold on
title 'Front view'
for i=1:Nx
    plot([x(i)+.5 x(i)+.5],[.5 Ny+.5], 'k-')
    for j=1:Ny
        plot(.5 Nx+.5,[y(j)+.5 y(j)+.5], 'k-')
        plot(X(j,i),Y(j,i),'ro','markerfacecolor','w')
        text(X(j,i)+.1,Y(j,i)+.07,num2str(DOF(j,i)), 'fontsize',18, 'color', 'r')
    end
end
set(gca,'xtick',[1:Nx], 'ytick',[1:Ny])
axis equal tight

```



Tensor Product

Because we are discretizing the differential operators on a regular mesh the tensor product will be a key for the efficient, clean and simple implementation of the multi dimensional operators. The tensor product is also called the Kronecker product, hence the respective Matlab function is [kron\(\)](#). We will learn more about it later, but below is the basic use.

```
A = eye(4);
B = [1 2; ...
      4 5];

AoB = kron(A,B)

BoA = kron(B,A)
```

Auxillary functions

set_defaults()

```
function [] = set_defaults()
set(0, ...
    'defaultaxesfontsize', 18, ...
    'defaultaxeslinewidth', 2.0, ...
    'defaultlinelinewidth', 2.0, ...
    'defaultpatchlinewidth', 2.0, ...
    'DefaultLineMarkerSize', 12.0);
end
```