



# BME 2200: BME Biostatistics and Research Methods

## Lecture 4: Graphing data with MATLAB



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# Content, Schedule

## 1. Scientific literature:

- Literature search
- Structure biomedical papers, engineering papers, technical reports
- Experimental design, correlation, causality.

## 2. Presentation skills:

- Report – Written report on literature search (individual)
- Talk – Oral presentation on biomedical implant (individual and group)

## 3. Graphical representation of data:

- Introduction to MATLAB
- Plot formats: line, scatter, polar, surface, contour, bar-graph, error bars. etc.
- Labeling: title, label, grid, legend, etc.
- Statistics: histogram, percentile, mean, variance, standard error, box plot

## 4. Biostatistics:

- Basics of probability
- t-Test, ANOVA
- Linear regression, cross-validation
- Error analysis
- Test power, sensitivity, specificity, ROC analysis



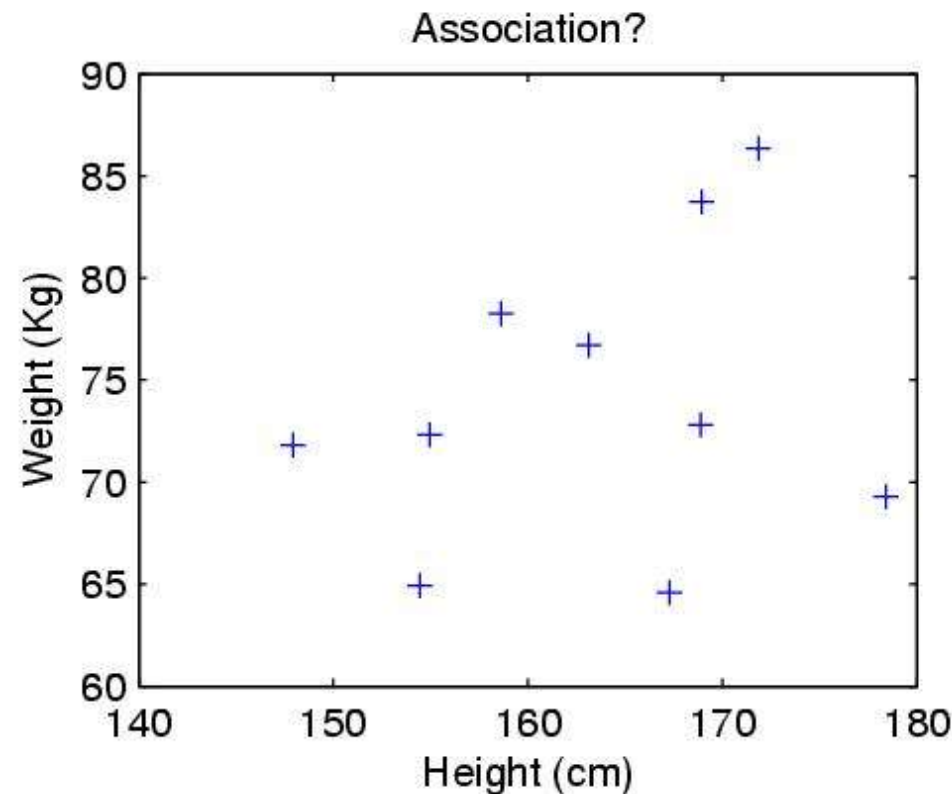
# In class observational study

Before we start with plotting data we will collect some **anonymous and voluntary** data: heart pulse rate, height, gender, age, weight.

The objective is to find relations between these variables.

Example

dependent variable



Independent variable



# Introduction to MATLAB

## Basic matrix operations

```
y=[ 1, 4, 5]
x=[ 1 2 3; 3 4 5]
x(1,1), x(:,2)
x = [x; y]; x= [x x];
size, length
x'
x.^2
x(:, :, :)
```

## Writing and executing a matlab program

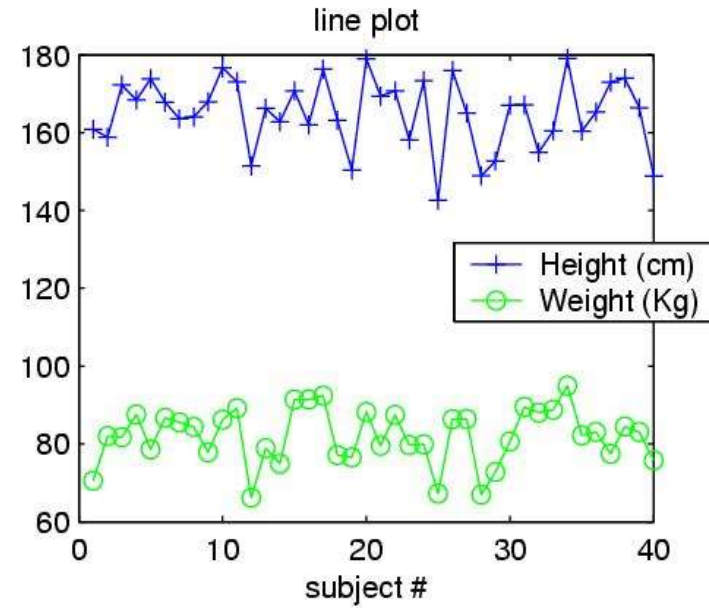
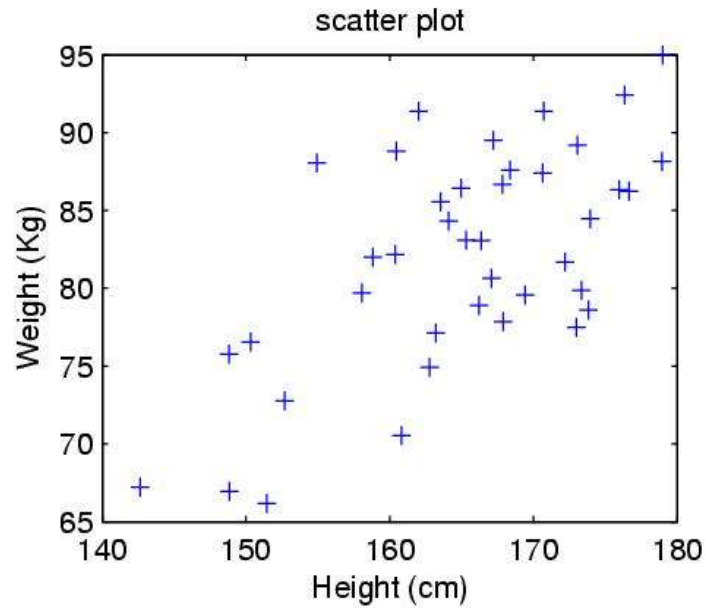
A program is a simple text files with the same commands as you have typed in the command window with ending .m, e.g. john\_smith\_1.m

Execute 'john\_smith\_1.m' by typing in the command window:

```
>> john_smith_1
```



# Basic line and scatter plot



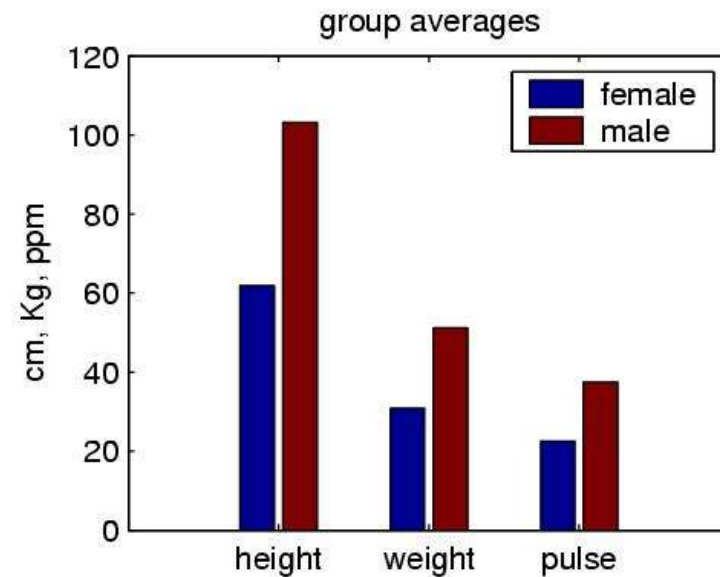
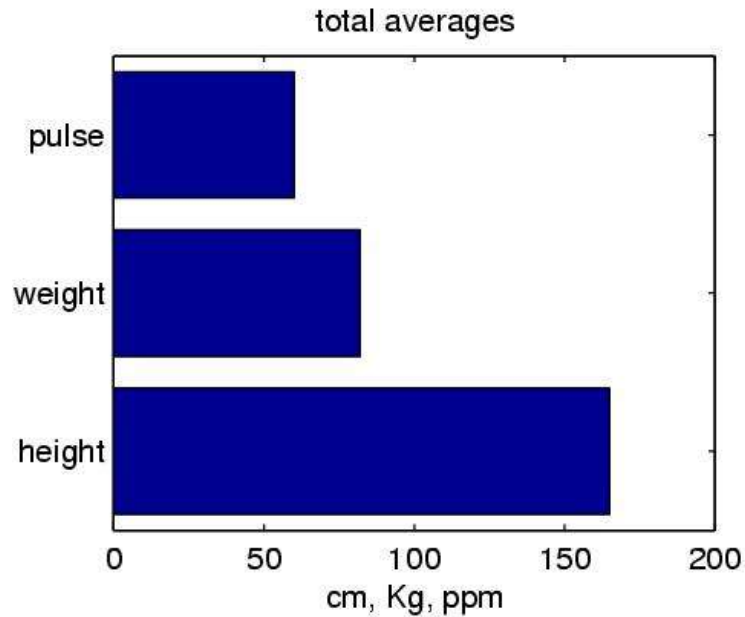
```

plot(x)
plot(x')
plot(x,y)
plot(x,y,'+')
plot(x,y,'g')
plot(x(:,1),y(:,1),'+b');
hold on
plot(x(:,2),y(:,2),'or');
hold off

```

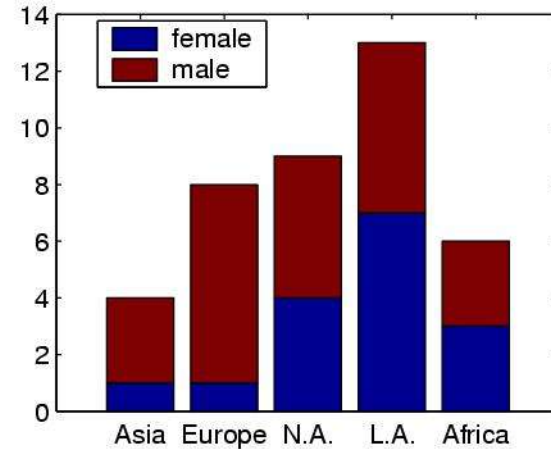
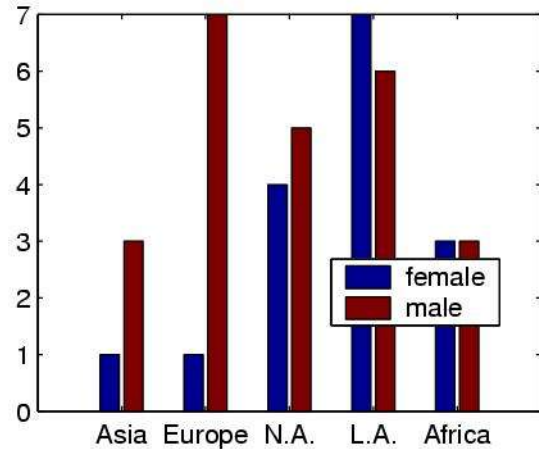
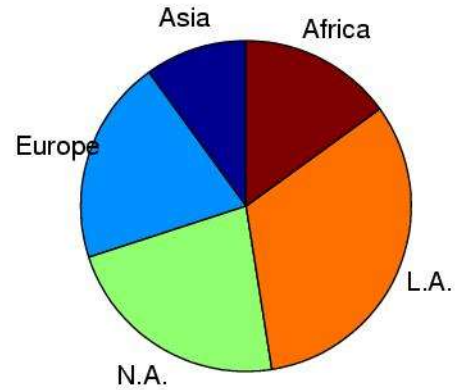
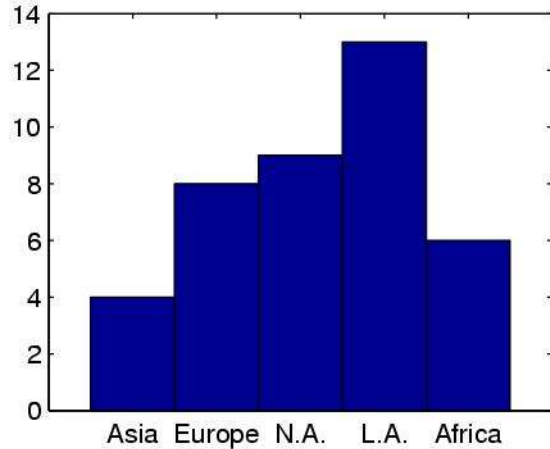


# Basic bar graphs



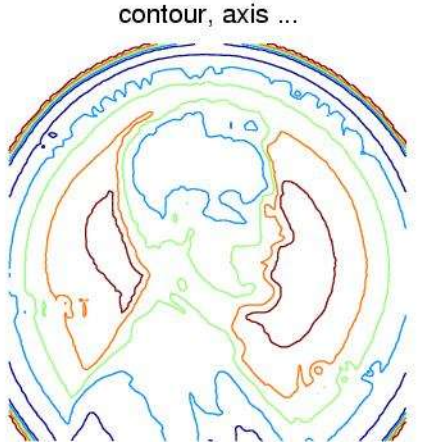
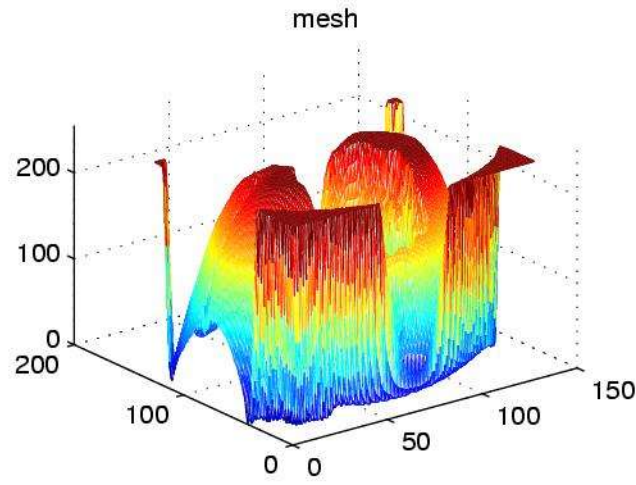
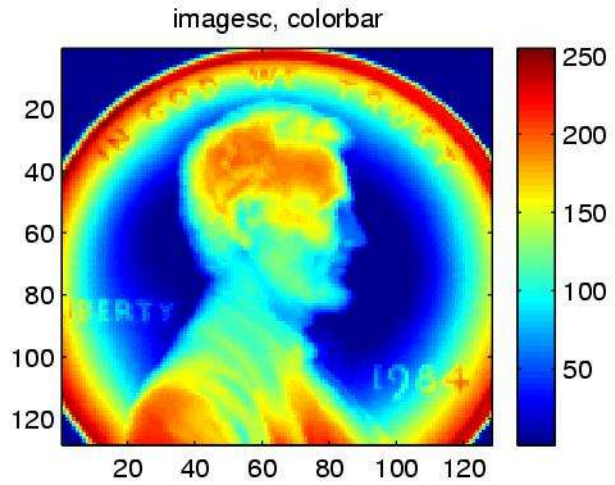
```
subplot(2,2,1)
barh(mean([height weight pulse]))
subplot(2,2,2)
bar([grp_height; grp_weight; grp_pulse]),
```

# Basic bar graphs



pie, bar, hist,  
legend, set(gca, 'xticklable', labels)

# Basic 3D graphs







# Labeling, axis, color, printing, etc.

`xlabel, ylabel, title, legend,`

`gtext, ginput`

`subplot, suptitle,`

`xlim, ylim, axis,`

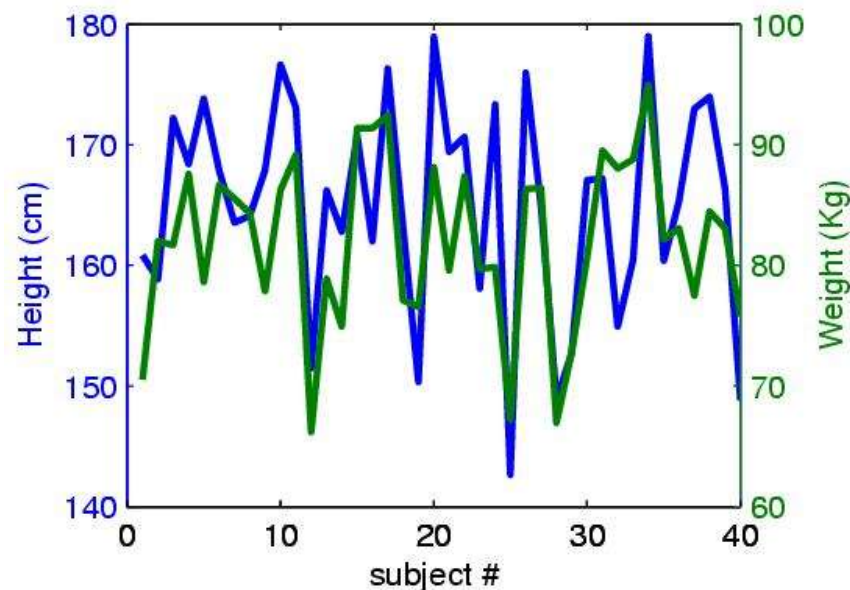
`colorbar, colormap, caxis`

`saveas, print`



# Changing any property of a figure

get, set



```
ax=plotyy(1:N,height,1:N,weight);  
set(get(ax(1),'ylabel'),'string','Height (cm)')  
set(get(ax(2),'ylabel'),'string','Weight (Kg)')  
set(get(ax(1),'children'),'linewidth',2)  
set(get(ax(2),'children'),'linewidth',2)
```

**Assignment 5:** Write a matlab program that generates figures in slides 5, 6, 7, 8, 10 using the data we collected in class. Do not use all the same data to plot, we have pulse, age, height, weight, etc.



# Loading, Saving, Importing, Exporting

`load, save`

`textread`

`fread, fwrite`

`imgread, xlsread, ...`



# Programing Assignments (read carefully!)

- **If you copy code you will fail the course.**
- Due one week after assignment. Submit by email **before class**.
- Submit **single executable file** called: first\_last\_number.m, all lower case e.g. john\_smith\_3.m for John's 3<sup>rd</sup> assignment. No figures, no text files, nothing except executable code.
- Your program must load all required data. Assume that data files are in current directory. All required data will be posted on the web.
- Include 'clear all, close all' at the beginning of all programs.
- **Do not use upper case** letters for commands, e.g. Use axis( ) instead of 'AXIS( )'. They may work for you but they don't work for me!
- If you had help during your work, you **MUST** name your partner. **"Similar" submission are easy to spot.** *Undisclosed collaborations* receive 0 credit.
- The criteria for full credit should be clear. If not, please ask in class. Do not take chances by assuming that your work is "sort of correct".



# Where to get more help on MATLAB

For help on MATLAB run

```
>> demo  
>> help
```

Useful functions

```
>> lookfor  
>> whos
```

Familiarize yourself in particular with the set of graphing functions:

```
>> help graph2D  
>> help graph3d  
>> help graphics  
>> help specgraph
```

If you are new to MATLAB, please make substantial time available to run the demo programs which are a very good introduction:

basic matrix operations  
matrix manipulations  
graphs and matrices  
MATLAB language introduction

line plotting  
2-D plots  
axis properties,  
desktop environment demos