25th Shortcourse on MATLAB® Recipes for Earth Sciences

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Course Fees

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* including doctoral students. Employees and students of the University of Potsdam are exempted from the fee.

The book

The course fees includes a copy of the textbook


including all course materials, example data, and MATLAB recipes.

Probability density function \( f(x) \) of a logarithmic normal distribution with a mean \( \mu = 0 \) and with various values for \( \sigma \).

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Course Concept

The course is being taught as lecture with demonstrations and exercises on selected examples from the earth and environmental sciences. The course location is a seminar room at the Department of Earth and Environmental Science at the University of Potsdam. The participants are expected to come with personal laptops running Windows, Linux, or Mac OS X. A temporary license of MATLAB will be provided by the organizers.

Location

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Registration

Register online at
http://www.j-work.de/up/kps25/
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Deadline: January 15, 2016

Surface plot of the GTOPO30 elevation data using light. The plot uses Phong as the lighting type creating a combined diffuse and specular reflection on surfaces.

Content

The course introduces methods of data analysis in earth and environmental sciences using MATLAB, one of the leading software packages for the solution of mathematical problems. The content of the course includes basic statistics for univariate, bivariate and multivariate datasets, time-series analysis and signal processing, processing and displaying digital elevation models, gridding and contouring, and image processing and analysis.

Course Program

Monday

Data analysis in earth and environmental sciences, types of data, overview of methods, introduction to the MATLAB programming environment. MATLAB syntax, import and export of data, types of data, scripts and functions, basic visualization techniques.

Tuesday

Univariate statistics, theoretical distributions, hypothesis testing. Bivariate statistics, regression, bootstrap and jackknife, reduced major axis regression, nonlinear weighted regression.

Wednesday

Time-series analysis, Blackman-Tukey spectral analysis, periodogram, evolutionary spectrum, Lomb-Scargle method, Wavelets. Signal processing, convolution and filtering, filter design, adaptive filters.

Thursday

Analysis of spatial data, digital terrain models, spatial interpolation, visualization of spatial data. Multivariate statistics, principal component analysis, cluster analysis.

Friday

Image processing and analysis, processing and georeferencing satellite images, image analysis of microscope images, quantification of objects in images. Exporting graphics from MATLAB, in particular 3D objects, series of images and movies, to be included in animated eBooks and webpages with MATLAB results.

References

The course was taught at the U Aberystwyth, U Addis Ababa, U Bremen, U Bratislava, U Ghent, UA Barcelona, BGR Hannover, U Kiel, UC London, LMU München, BGI Bayreuth, U Nairobi, U Köln, U Stockholm, U Amsterdam, NHM Vienna, GNS Science Wellington, Brown U Providence and U Potsdam.

Power spectrum of a red-color intensity transect across 70 varves dominated by significant peaks at frequencies of ca. 0.076, 0.313, 0.455 and 1.0 yrs-1, suggesting a strong influence of the tropical Atlantic sea-surface temperature (SST) variability, the El Niño/Southern Oscillation (ENSO), and the annual cycle that occurred 30 kyr ago, similar to today’s cyclicities.