

# Scilab Graphics

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# Scilab Graphics Units Considered

- The scilab graphics model
- Two dimensional plots
- Movies and animation
- Three dimensional plots

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# Scilab Graphics are a moving target

- 3.0 matlab-like plot
- 4.1.3 Introduced title, xlabel, ylabel
  - 5.1 Dump to jpg png pdf
    - 5.1.1 Official Mac Support (but no tcl)
  - 5.2 Latex strings in labels
    - 5.2.1 xs2pdf finally works

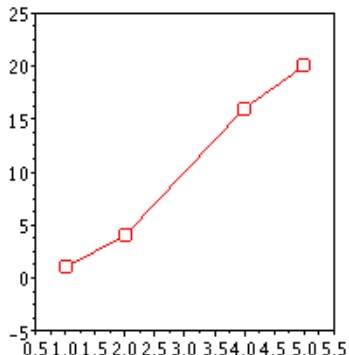
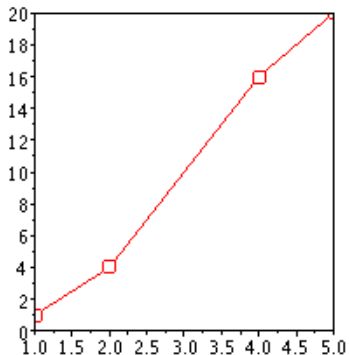
# Graphics Model

```
x=1:10;plot(x,x^2,'b-',x,10*x,'r-');  
f=gcf(); // Get Current Figure  
a = f.children(1); a = gca(); // Get Current Axes  
polyline1 = a.children(1).children(1); // blue plot  
polyline2 = a.children(1).children(2); // red plot
```



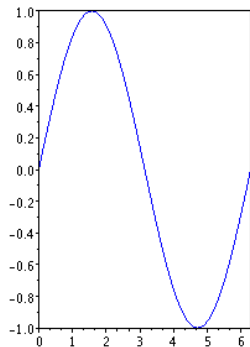
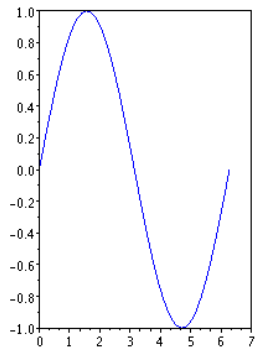
# More room

```
a=gca(); a.data_bounds=[xmin, xmax, ymin, ymax];
```



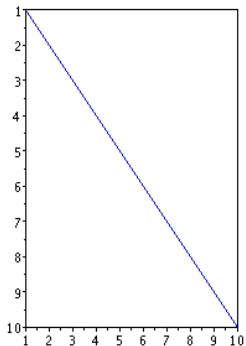
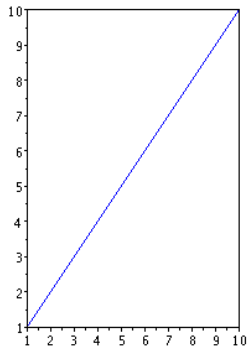
# Tighter

```
t=0:%pi/20:2*%pi; plot(t,sin(t));  
a=gca(); a.tight_limits="on";
```



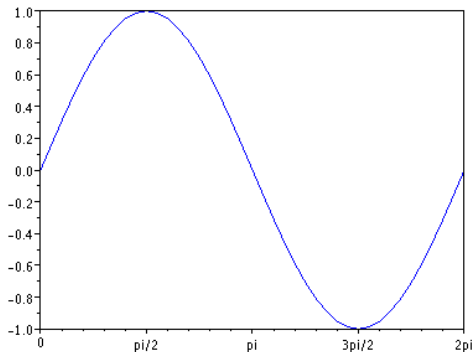
# Reversing an axis

```
x=1:10;plot(x,x);  
a=gca(); a.axes_reverse=["off","on","off"];
```



# Changing Tick Marks I

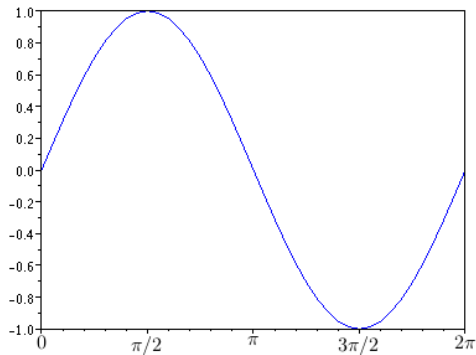
```
a=gca(); newTicks = a.x_ticks;  
newTicks(2)=[0; %pi/2; %pi; 3*%pi/2; 2*%pi];  
newTicks(3)=['0'; 'pi/2'; 'pi'; '3pi/2'; '2pi'];  
a.x_ticks=newTicks;
```



# Changing Tick Marks II

## Starting in Scilab 5.2

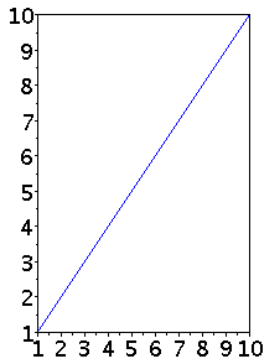
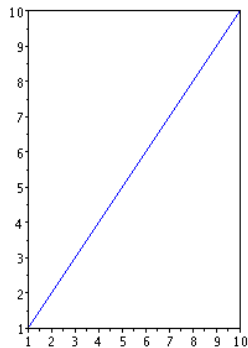
```
newTicks(3)=[' $0$'; '$\pi/2$'; '$\pi$'; '$3\pi/2$'];  
a.x_ticks=newTicks;
```



# Font Size

Default is 1, there are also font\_style and font\_color

```
a=gca(); a.font_size=4;
```



# Change Colormap

```
f=gcf(); f.color_map=hotcolormap(32);
```

autumn, winter, spring, summer, hot, cool, hsv, jet, bone, gray,  
pink, copper, rainbow, ocean

# Size of Output Picture

```
f=gcf(); f.figure_size=[460,438];  
xs2png(0,'output.png');
```

Also output to pdf, eps, gif, jpg; the pdf was buggy still in version 5.2, but might be ok in 5.2.1



```
f=gcf(); f.pixmap="on";  
for i = 1:n,  
    clf;  
    plot;  
    show_pixmap;  
end;  
f.pixmap="off";
```

The `clf` command clears the figure.

Strangely there is a command `clear_pixmap` which is useless.

# Interactive Animations

```
disp('Click at Zoom-in Location');  
here = locate(1); // one click
```

There is no `getframe` command, instead you have to save the data as matrix.

Graphics speed and or computation speed could be an issue.

# 3D Graphics

```
t=0:%pi/20:4*%pi;  
param3d(cos(t),sin(t),t/%pi);  
e=gce();e.mark_mode="on"; e.line_mode="off";  
a=gca();a.children(1).mark_mode="on";  
a=gca();a.children(1).line_mode="on";
```

