

How to save an Octave Plot

Saving a plot in Octave is a bit more complicated than in Matlab. I will give a quick example of what needs to be done with some comments inserted into the Octave commands. I will assume that the vector x contains the x -coordinates and the vector y has the values of the function which we will plot. Lines starting with a percentage mark are comments and not typed into the program.

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octave:4> x
%% Here is the vector x (I already made it)
x =

Columns 1 through 11:

    0.00000    0.10000    0.20000    0.30000    0.40000    0.50000    0.60000    0.70000    0.80000    0.90000

Columns 12 through 22:

    1.10000    1.20000    1.30000    1.40000    1.50000    1.60000    1.70000    1.80000    1.90000    2.00000

Columns 23 through 33:

    2.20000    2.30000    2.40000    2.50000    2.60000    2.70000    2.80000    2.90000    3.00000    3.10000

Columns 34 through 44:

    3.30000    3.40000    3.50000    3.60000    3.70000    3.80000    3.90000    4.00000    4.10000    4.20000

Columns 45 through 55:

    4.40000    4.50000    4.60000    4.70000    4.80000    4.90000    5.00000    5.10000    5.20000    5.30000

Columns 56 through 63:

    5.50000    5.60000    5.70000    5.80000    5.90000    6.00000    6.10000    6.20000

octave:5> y
%% Here is the vector y (also pre-made)
y =

Columns 1 through 9:
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1.000000  0.995004  0.980067  0.955336  0.921061  0.877583  0.825336  0.764842
Columns 10 through 18:
0.621610  0.540302  0.453596  0.362358  0.267499  0.169967  0.070737 -0.029200
Columns 19 through 27:
-0.227202 -0.323290 -0.416147 -0.504846 -0.588501 -0.666276 -0.737394 -0.801144
Columns 28 through 36:
-0.904072 -0.942222 -0.970958 -0.989992 -0.999135 -0.998295 -0.987480 -0.966798
Columns 37 through 45:
-0.896758 -0.848100 -0.790968 -0.725932 -0.653644 -0.574824 -0.490261 -0.400799
Columns 46 through 54:
-0.210796 -0.112153 -0.012389  0.087499  0.186512  0.283662  0.377978  0.468517
Columns 55 through 63:
0.634693  0.708670  0.775566  0.834713  0.885520  0.927478  0.960170  0.983268

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octave:6> plot(x,y) % First I make my plot on the screen
                % to make sure it is ok

octave:7> gset output "ocplot.ps" % Now I set the name of the
                                     % Output file to ocplot.ps

octave:8> gset terminal postscript % I choose the graphic format
                                     % in this case postscript. Note:
                                     % you will need ghostview to see
                                     % the plot.

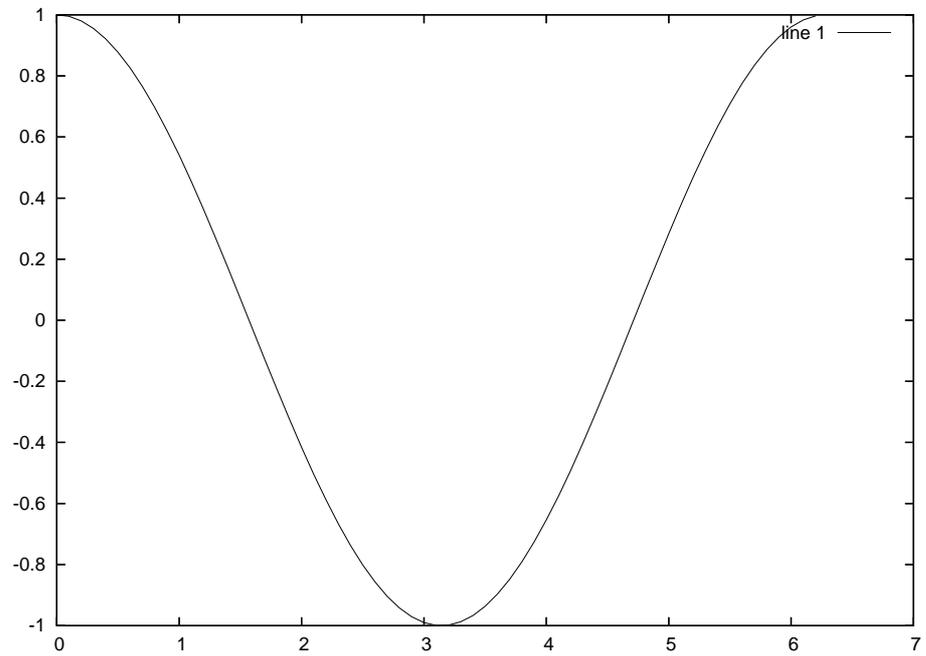
octave:9> replot % This command plots the graph to
                 % the file.

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octave:10> quit
Here is the resulting graph.

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All you really need to know is lines 6 through 10. Let me know if you have any problems.