

Gnuplot OX server Manual

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1 GNUPLOT Functions

This chapter describes interface functions for GNUPLOT ox server `ox_sm1_gnuplot`. These interface functions are defined in the file `gnuplot`. The file `gnuplot.rr` is at `$(OpenXM_HOME)/lib/asir-contrib`.

```
[255] gnuplot.start();
0
[257] gnuplot.gnuplot("plot sin(x**2);");
0
```

The function `gnuplot.heat(dt,step)` demonstrates our gnuplot interface. It numerically solves the heat equation

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}, \quad u(t, 0) = u(t, 1) = 1$$

with the initial condition

$$u(0, x) = x, \quad (0 \leq x \leq 0.5), \quad u(1, x) = 1 - x, \quad (0.5 \leq x \leq 1)$$

by the explicit scheme for $0 \leq t \leq dt * step$. The segment $[0,1]$ is divided into `Heat_N` segments. The static variable `Heat_N` can be set by the function `gnuplot.heat_set_N`. If the celebrated Courant-Friedrichs-Levi number $dt * Heat_N * Heat_N$ is less than or equal to 0.5, then the explicit scheme is numerically stable. One can observe the instability by changing CFL number.

```
gnuplot.heat_set_N(20); gnuplot.heat(0.001,30);    (CFL number is 0.4)
gnuplot.heat_set_N(20); gnuplot.heat(0.003,30);    (CFL > 0.5 unstable)
```

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1.1 Functions

1.1.1 gnuplot.start

```
gnuplot.start()
    :: Start ox_sm1_gnuplot on the localhost.
```

return Integer

- Start `ox_sm1_gnuplot` on the localhost. It returns the descriptor of `ox_sm1_gnuplot`.
- Set `Xm_noX = 1` to start `ox_sm1_gnuplot` without a debug window.
- The descriptor is stored in `Gnuplot_proc`.

```
P = gnuplot.start();
```

Reference

`ox_launch`, `gnuplot`

1.1.2 gnuplot

`gnuplot.gnuplot(s|proc=p)`

:: Ask GNUPLOT to execute the command string *s*.

return Void

p Number

s String

- The server executes the gnuplot command *s*. When an error occurs, the gnuplot itself terminates and `ox_sm1_gnuplot` server automatically restarts gnuplot.
- gnuplot does not accept a long polynomial.
- gnuplot does not accept `^`. Use `**` instead.

```
[232] P = gnuplot.start();
0
*Plot 3 dimensional graph.
[233] gnuplot.gnuplot("splot x**2-y**2;"|proc=P);
0
*Plot 2 dimensional graph.
[234] gnuplot.gnuplot("plot [-pi:pi] [-2:2] cos(x);");
0
*Output a graph as a postscript figure.
[235] gnuplot.output(|file="hoge.eps");
0
[236] gnuplot.gnuplot("plot sin(x)*cos(x);");
0
[237] gnuplot.gnuplot(|file="x11");
0

*Plot 3 dimensional graph hiding unvisible lines.
[236] gnuplot.gnuplot("set hidden3d");
0
[237] gnuplot.gnuplot("splot (x**2+y**2)*sin(x**2+y**2)");
0
[238] gnuplot.gnuplot("set isosamples 50");
0
[239] gnuplot.gnuplot("splot (x**2+y**2)*sin(x**2+y**2)");
```

Reference

`ox_launch`, `gnuplot.start`, `rtostr`, `gnuplot.plot_dots`

Reference Book

Yabuki Michiro, Otake Tuyoshi; Tukai konasu GNUPLOT, Techno Press, in Japanese, ISBN4-924998-11-7

1.1.3 gnuplot.plot_dots

`gnuplot.plot_dots(d,s|proc=p)`

:: Plot the dots *d* with the style *s*.

return Void

p Number

d List

s String or 0

- Plot the dots *d* with the style *s*. *s* is a string of the form "style color point". Here, style can be lines, points, linespoints, impulses, dots, steps, errorbars, boxes, boxerrorbars. color can be 1 (red), 2 (green), 3 (blue), 4, ... , 8. point can be a number from 1 to 8. The color and point field can be omitted.
- When *d* == [], the screen will be cleared.

```
[239] P = gnuplot.start();
0
[240] gnuplot.plot_dots([ ],0);
0
[241] for (I=0; I<10; I++) gnuplot.plot_dots([[I,I^2]], " lines ");
[242] A = [ ];
[]
[243] for (I=0; I<10; I++) A = append(A, [ I,I^2]);
[244] A;
[[0,0],[1,1],[2,4],[3,9],[4,16],[5,25],[6,36],[7,49],[8,64],[9,81]]
[245] gnuplot.plot_dots(A, " lines ");
0
```

Reference

gnuplot.start, plot "fileName" with options(GNUPLOT command),
gnuplot.clean, gnuplot

1.1.4 gnuplot.heat

gnuplot.heat(*dt*,*step*)

:: It solves the heat equation numerical and plots solutions

return Void

dt floating point number

step Integer

- It solves the heat equation $du/dt = d^2 u/dx^2$, $u(t,0) = u(t,1) = 0$ with the initial condition $u(0,x) = x$ ($0 \leq x \leq 0.5$), $u(0,x) = 1-x$ ($0.5 \leq x \leq 1.0$).
- Heat_N is the number of the meshes in the space.
- This function will be called **pde_heat_demo** in a future.

Algorithm: NOT Written. (Difference scheme. Courant-Levi-Friedrichs conditions.)

```
[232] gnuplot.set_heat_N(20)$
[233] gnuplot.heat(0.001,30)$
```

1.1.5 `gnuplot.output`

`gnuplot.output(|file=s)`

:: ask GNUPLOT to output graphic to the file *s* in the Postscript format.

return Void

s String

- ask GNUPLOT to output graphic to the file *s* in the Postscript format.
- When *s* is "x11" or this function is called without the argument, the output will be written to X11 display.

```
[273] gnuplot.output(|file="hoge.eps");
```

Graphic output of GNUPLOT will be written to hoge.eps as a Poscript file.

```
0
```

```
[274] gnuplot.gnuplot("plot tan(x)+sin(x);");
```

```
0
```

```
[275] gnuplot.output();
```

Usage of `gnuplot.output`: `gnuplot.output(|file="string")`

```
gnuplot.output(|file="x11")
```

Output device is set to X11

Reference

`gnuplot`

1.1.6 `gnuplot.plot_function`

`gnuplot.gnuplot(f|proc=p)`

:: ask the `gnuplot` server to draw a graph of *f*

return Void

p Number

f Polynomial or a list of polynomials

- ask the `gnuplot` server to draw a graph of *f*

```
[290] gnuplot.plot_function((x+sin(x))^2);
```

```
0
```

```
[291] gnuplot.plot_function([x,x^2,x^3]);
```

```
0
```

Reference

`gnuplot.to_gnuplot_format`

1.1.7 `gnuplot.stop`

`gnuplot.stop()`

:: Stop the `gnuplot` and remove the temporary fifo file.

return Void

s String

- Stop the GNUPLOT and remove the temporary fifo file generated by the `mkfifo` system call under the temporary directory.

[273] `gnuplot.stop()`

Reference

`gnuplot.start`

1.1.8 `gnuplot.setenv`

`gnuplot.setenv(key,value)`

::

return Void

key String

value Object

- The *key* takes the value either in "gnuplot.callingMethod" or "plot.gnuplotexec".

Use the old method to communicate with gnuplot (version 3).

This method does not use mkfifo, but we need a patched version of gnuplot.

[273] `gnuplot.setenv("gnuplot.callingMethod",0);`

[274] `gnuplot.setenv("plot.gnuplotexec",getenv("OpenXM_HOME")+"/bin/gnuplot4ox");`

Calling your own gnuplot binary.

[274] `gnuplot.setenv("plot.gnuplotexec","/cygdrive/c/program files/gnuplot/pgnuplot.exe");`

Reference

`gnuplot.start`

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