

GNU Octave

A free high-level tool for Scientific Computing

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Definitions



What is Octave?

“A free numerical environment mostly compatible with MATLAB”

“free” = “libero” \neq “gratis”

What is compatibility?

A point of much debate . . .

- If it works in MATLAB, it should work in Octave.
- If it breaks it is considered a bug.
- If it works in Octave, it can break in MATLAB.



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Octave-Forge

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- About 330,000 lines of m-scripts
- About 50,000 lines of Fortran
- Java?



Features



Current features

- N-d arrays, linear algebra, sparse matrices
- Nonlinear equations
- Partial/Ordinary/Algebraic Differential Equations,
- Image processing, statistics, special functions
- OOP (*old style*)
- Package manager
- Many more...

Features in development

- GUI
- JIT compiling
- classdef OOP



What does it look like



- Primarily a CLI interface

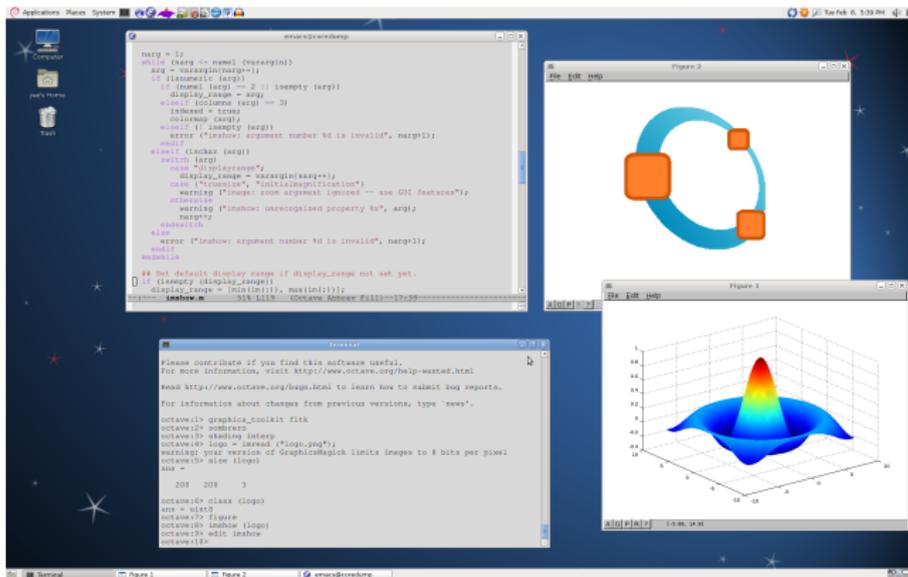


Figure : CLI screenshot



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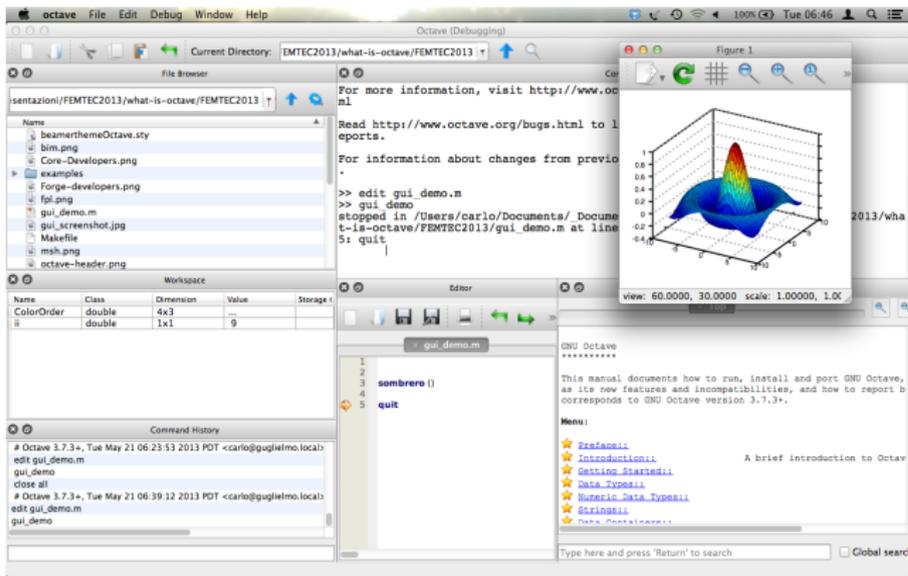


Figure : Qt based GUI Will ship with next release (4.0, expected 2013)



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Rawlings said...

Why don't you call it "Octave"?

- Octave refers to Octave Levenspiel, nothing to do with music ...



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In the very beginning...

- No mailing lists
- No widespread announcements
- No VCS (these were dark times)



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Timeline

- 1989 Planning stages
- 1992 Development begins
- 1993 First public announcement
- 1994 Version 1.0
- 1996 Version 2.0
- 1998 Version 2.1 development
- 2004 Version 2.9 in preparation for 3.0 release
- 2007 Version 3.0 major upgrade
- 2010 Version 3.2.4, last before using hg
- 2011 Version 3.4.0
- 2012 Version 3.6.4
- 2013 20th birthday! (and Version 4.0 Hopefully!)



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- 2013 GUI, Java, 64bit indexing



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Developers collaboration

- Octave Mercurial repository
- Octave-Forge Subversion (+ Mercurial) repository





Social structure



- Like all free projects, every user is a potential developer.
- 16 current Core developers (with write access to repo)

	Member
	Ben Abbott <bpabbott>
	Marco Caliarì <caliarì>
	Camë Draug <carandraug>
	Carlo de Falco <cdf>
	David Bateman <dbateman>
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	John Donoghue <lostbard>
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Squad	Octave Forge <octave-forge>
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- cdf (cdf)
- Carnë Draug (carandraug)
- soeren hauberg (hauberg)
- David Bateman (adb014)
- Add

All users in Admin group

- alex (abarth93)
- Rafael Vázquez (rafavzqz)
- Michele Martone (michelemartone)
- marco atzeri (matzeri)
- andy buckle (blondandy)
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- Mike Miller (mtmiller)
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Octave-Forge

Octave Forge Is a place for concurrently developing and distributing extension packages for Octave.

- Each package has a *maintainer* responsible for updating and releasing new versions of the package
- Some packages are maintained by *The Community*
- Installation via an integrated *package manager*



```
1 >> pkg install --forge miscellaneous
2 For information about changes from previous versions of the ←
   miscellaneous package, run: news ("miscellaneous").
3 >> pkg list
4 Package Name          | Version | Installation directory
5 -----|-----|-----
6             bim       | 1.1.1  | ~/octave/bim-1.1.1
7             fpl       | 1.3.3  | ~/octave/fpl-1.3.3
8             general   | 1.3.1  | ~/octave/general-1.3.1
9             geometry  | 1.6.0  | ~/octave/geometry-1.6.0
10            miscellaneous | 1.2.0  | ~/octave/miscellaneous-1.2.0
11 >> pkg load miscellaneous
12 >> pkg list
13 Package Name          | Version | Installation directory
14 -----|-----|-----
15             bim       | 1.1.1  | ~/octave/bim-1.1.1
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17             general   | 1.3.1  | ~/octave/general-1.3.1
18             geometry  | 1.6.0  | ~/octave/geometry-1.6.0
19            miscellaneous * | 1.2.0  | ~/octave/miscellaneous-1.2.0
```



```
1 >>> pkg describe bim --verbose
2 _____
3 Package name:
4 bim
5 Version:
6 1.1.1
7 Short description:
8 Package for solving Diffusion Advection Reaction (DAR) Partial ←
   Differential Equations
9 Status:
10 Not loaded
11 _____
12 Provides:
13 Matrix assembly
14 bim1a_advection_diffusion
15 bim1a_advection_upwind
16 bim2a_advection_diffusion
17 ...
18 Pre-processing and Post-processing computations
19 bim2c_mesh_properties
20 ...
21 >>>
```



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 - Some limitations on the use of function handles.
 - Some limitations of variable argument lists on the LHS of an expression.
 - Matlab classdef object oriented programming is not yet supported.
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 - Octave comments can start with #
 - Indexing can be applied to all objects in Octave, e.g. $\sin(x)(1 : 10)$
 - Octave has the operators ++, --, -=, +=, *=, ...
 - Character strings in Octave can be denoted with double or single quotes.



Broadcasting



- Since 3.6.0, Octave automatically broadcasts arrays when using elementwise binary operators.
- Corresponding array dimensions must either be equal or, one of them must be 1.
- In case all dimensions are equal, ordinary element-by-element arithmetic takes place.
- When one of the dimensions is 1, the array with that singleton dimension gets copied along that dimension until it matches the dimension of the other array.



Broadcasting



```
1     x = [1 2 3; 4 5 6; 7 8 9];
2     y = [10 20 30];
3     x + y
4         11     22     33
5         14     25     36
6         17     28     39
```

- Without broadcasting, $x + y$ would be an error because dimensions do not agree.
- With broadcasting it is as if the following operation were performed

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Other notable differences with Matlab, listed in the wiki



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Implement an Octave interpreter function in C++

```
1 #include <octave/oct.h>
2
3 DEFUN_DLD(dld, args, nargsout, "dld (array) \nreturn the elements of ←
4     the array in reverse order\n")
5 {
6     octave_value_list retval;
7     int nargin = args.length ();
8
9     if (nargin != 1)
10        print_usage ();
11    else
12        {
13            Array<double> a = args(0).array_value ();
14            if (! error_state)
15                {
16                    Array<double> b (a);
```



source code of the example



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```
16     double* ap = a.fortran_vec ();
17     double* bp = b.fortran_vec ();
18     for (octave_idx_type i = a.numel () - 1, j = 0; i >= 0; ←
19         i--, j++)
19         bp[i] = ap[j];
20     retval = octave_value (b);
21     }
22 }
23 return retval;
24 }
```



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Implement an Octave interpreter function in C++

```
1 >> mkoctfile dld.cc
2 >> a = randn (5)
3 a =
4
5     0.395421   -1.425232   -0.176544    1.055205    2.229371
6    -0.241893    0.035004   -0.296543   -1.710613    0.444318
7    -0.752467   -2.220469    2.380951    0.766246    1.196153
8     1.404672    0.623112    1.182609    0.196125    0.609325
9    -0.687019    0.646079    2.239012   -0.495169    1.488314
10
11 >> b = dld (a)
12 b =
13
14     1.488314   -0.495169    2.239012    0.646079   -0.687019
15     0.609325    0.196125    1.182609    0.623112    1.404672
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19
20
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source code of the example



Use Octave's Matrix/Array Classes in a C++ application

```
1 #include <iostream>
2 #include <octave/oct.h>
3
4 int main (void)
5 {
6
7     Matrix A (4, 4);
8     for (octave_idx_type i = 0; i < 4; i++)
9         for (octave_idx_type j = 0; j < 4; j++)
10            A(i,j) = 1.0 / (static_cast<double> (i) +
11                          static_cast<double> (j) + 1.0);
12
13     ColumnVector b (4, 1.0);
14     ColumnVector x = A.solve (b);
15
16     std::cout << "A = " << std::endl << A << std::endl
17               << "b = " << std::endl << b << std::endl
18               << "x = " << std::endl << x << std::endl;
19
20     return 0;
21 }
```



source code of the example



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```
1 $ mkoctfile --link-stand-alone standalone.cc
2 $ ./a.out
3 A =
4 1 0.5 0.333333 0.25
5 0.5 0.333333 0.25 0.2
6 0.333333 0.25 0.2 0.166667
7 0.25 0.2 0.166667 0.142857
8 b =
9 1
10 1
11 1
12 1
13 x =
14 -4
15 60
16 -180
17 140
```



source code of the example



Embedding Octave



You can embed the Octave interpreter in your C++ application

```
1 #include <iostream>
2 #include <octave/oct.h>
3 #include <octave/octave.h>
4 #include <octave/parse.h>
5
6 int main (void)
7 {
8     string_vector octave_argv (2);
9     octave_argv(0) = "embedded";
10    octave_argv(1) = "-q";
11
12    octave_main (2, octave_argv.c_str_vec (), 1);
13
14
15    octave_value_list out = feval ("version", octave_value_list (), ←
16    1);
17    std::cout << out(0).string_value () << std::endl;
```





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23
24 ColumnVector b (4, 1.0);
25
26 out = feval ("mldivide", octave_value (A), octave_value (b), 1);
27
28 return 0;
29 }
```



source code of the example



An advanced example



Add a new class to the Octave interpreter and work around Octave's pass-by-value semantics

```
1 class myobject : public octave_base_value
2 {
3     private:
4         DECLARE_OCTAVE_ALLOCATOR;
5         DECLARE_OV_TYPEID_FUNCTIONS_AND_DATA;
6     };
7
8     DEFINE_OCTAVE_ALLOCATOR(myobject);
9     DEFINE_OV_TYPEID_FUNCTIONS_AND_DATA(myobject, "myobject", "myobject" ←
    );
10
11     oid load_myobject_type ()
12     {
13         myobject::register_type ();
14         myobject_type_loaded = true;
15         mlock ();
16         std::cout << "myobject_type_loaded" << std::endl;
17     }
```



source code of the example (.cc)



source code of the example (.h)



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```
1 tic ();
2 nel = 100;
3 U0 = randn (200, 1);
4 us = zeros (101, 200);
5 for ii=1:numel (U0)
6
7     x = transpose (linspace (0, 1, nel+1));
8     A = bim1a_laplacian (x, 1, 1);
9     b = bim1a_rhs (x, 1, 1);
10
11     us(:,ii) = zeros (size (x));
12     us(1,ii) = U0(ii);
13
14     res = @(X) A(2:end-1, 2:end-1) * X - (b(2:end-1) - A(2:end-1, [1↔
15         end])) * us([1 end], ii));
16     us(2:end-1,ii) = fsolve (res, us(2:end-1,ii));
17
18 endfor
19 toc ()
```



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```
1 function u = poisson1d (u0)
2   nel = 100;
3   x = transpose (linspace (0, 1, nel+1));
4   A = bim1a_laplacian (x, 1, 1);
5   b = bim1a_rhs (x, 1, 1);
6
7   u = zeros (size (x));
8   u(1) = u0;
9
10  res = @(X) A(2:end-1, 2:end-1) * X - (b(2:end-1) - A(2:end-1, [1↵
11      end])) * u([1 end]));
12  u(2:end-1) = fsolve (res, u(2:end-1));
13 endfunction
14 tic ();
15 U0 = num2cell (randn (1, 200));
16 up = parcellfun (2, @poisson1d, U0, "UniformOutput", true, "↵
17     VerboseLevel", 2);
18 toc ()
```



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The package `openmpi_ext` provides wrappers for the main MPI functions in `openmpi`

`openmpi_ext`

Package Version: 1.1.0
Last Release Date: 2012-8-29
Package Author: Riccardo Corradini , Jaroslav Hajek, Carlo de Falco
Package Maintainer: the Octave Community
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Function Reference

Description

MPI functions for parallel computing using simple MPI Derived Datatypes.

Details

Dependencies: [Octave](#) (>= 3.2.4)

Autoload: No

Package: [openmpi_ext](#)



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```
1  T=clock;
2  MPI_ANY_SOURCE = -1;
3  MPI_Init ();
4  MPI_COMM_WORLD = MPI_Comm_Load ("NEWORLD");
5  rnk  = MPI_Comm_rank (MPI_COMM_WORLD);
6  siz  = MPI_Comm_size (MPI_COMM_WORLD);
7  SLV = logical(rnk);
8  MST = ~ SLV;
9  width=1/N; lsum=0;
10 i=rnk:siz:N-1;
11 x=(i+0.5)*width;
12 lsum=sum(4./(1+x.^2));
13 TAG=7;
14 if SLV
15     MPI_Send (lsum, 0, TAG, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
16 else
17     Sum =lsum;
18     for slv=1:siz-1
19         lsum = MPI_Recv (MPI_ANY_SOURCE, TAG, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
20         Sum += lsum;
21     endfor
22 endif
23 MPI_Finalize ();
```



source code of the example



The package `openmpi_ext` provides wrappers for the main MPI functions in `openmpi`

```
1 mpirun --hostfile $HOSTFILE -np $NUMBER_OF_MPI_NODES octave --eval↵  
    "pkg load openmpi_ext; Pi ()"
```



source code of the example



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bim

Package Version: 1.1.1
Last Release Date: 2012-10-26
Package Author: Carlo de Falco, Culpo Massimiliano
Package Maintainer: Carlo de Falco
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Function Reference

Description

Package for solving Diffusion Advection Reaction (DAR) Partial Differential Equations

Details

Dependencies: [Octave](#) ($\geq 3.6.0$) [fpl](#) ($\geq 0.0.0$) [msh](#) ($\geq 0.0.0$)

Autoload: No

Package: [bim](#)

examples in the wiki

usage



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msh

Package Version:	1.0.6
Last Release Date:	2012-10-21
Package Author:	Carlo de Falco, Massimiliano Culpo
Package Maintainer:	Carlo de Falco
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Function Reference

Description

Create and manage triangular and tetrahedral meshes for Finite Element or Finite Volume PDE solvers. Use a mesh data structure compatible with PDEtool. Rely on gmsh for unstructured mesh generation.

Details

Dependencies: [Octave](#) ($\geq 3.0.0$) [splines](#) ($\geq 0.0.0$)

Autoload: No

Package: [msh](#)

[examples in the wiki](#)

[usage](#)



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fpl

Package Version: 1.3.3
Last Release Date: 2012-11-01
Package Author: Carlo de Falco, Massimiliano Culpò and others
Package Maintainer: Carlo de Falco, Massimiliano Culpò
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 **Function Reference**

Description

Collection of routines to export data produced by Finite Elements or Finite Volume Simulations in formats used by some visualization programs.

Details

Dependencies: [Octave](#) ($\geq 3.2.3$)

Autoload: No

Package: [fpl](#)

[examples in the wiki](#)

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- Source on www.octave.org
- Binaries on octave.sourceforge.net
- Through package managers
- In NCLab