

Scilab Quick Reference

+	addition	abs	absolute value
-	subtraction	sqrt	square root
.*	multiplication	exp	e [^]
./	division	log	natural log or ln
^	to-the-power-of	log10	usual log (opposite of 10 [^])
e	times-10-to-the (2e4 = 2 .* 10 [^] 4)	sin	sine
d	same as "e" but double precision	cos	cosine

startup:

- 1) go to file menu and change current directory to wherever you normally keep scilab files
- 2) select SciNotes (a.k.a. Editor) under Applications menu; paste all good/successful commands and comments/output into this window; F5 saves & executes, or save using the commands in File menu

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//      comment
;      put after command to suppress output to console
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data=read('testdata.in',-1,2) reads all rows of 2-column file into "data"
x=data(:,1);                  puts all rows, column 1 of data into x
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y=10:-1:1  example use of colon operator (would yield array y = [10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1])
size()     dimensions of array in parentheses
sum()     sum of array in parentheses
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find       uses true/false logic to identify a subset of the data meeting
           specific conditions, with logical operators as follows:
           <  LESS THAN
           >  GREATER THAN
           == EQUAL
           ~= NOT EQUAL
           &  AND (yields true if both A and B are true)
           |  OR  (yields true if either A OR B is true, or if both are true)
           to get the opposite of B, type (1-B) - this is "NOT"
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clf();     clears graphic window
scf(#);    switches to/creates graphic window number #
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plot(x,y,'b.', "MarkerSize",1)
           creates plot of y vs. x with blue points of size 1 (e.g., 'r*' would give red stars)
zoom_rect([x0,y0,x1,y1])
           specify plot range on x and y axes
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histplot(classes, data, normalization=%f,style=#,rect=[x0,y0,x1,y1])
           creates histogram of "data" with bin boundaries defined by "classes", color set by style #,
           normalization turned off, and plot boundaries from (x0,y0) to (x1,y1)
           e.g. classes=-15:0.1:15 would make bins in increments of 0.1 from -15 to 15
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xtitle('Jane Doe Today's Date','great x-axis title','great y-axis title')
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To export plots to pdf, choose File menu "Export to" and change "Files of type" to "PDF image"

When in doubt, reboot scilab!