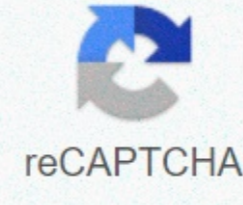




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Plot graph in latex

This page contains a brief tutorial on how to create scientific graphs (feature excavator, histograms, bar graphs, distributed even, contour lines, color charts, surface even, ...) in LaTeX documents using GLE. Suppose we want to insert a chart of the sine function into a LaTeX document. That is, we'd like the following result: Because the support for creating graphs in LaTeX itself is limited, it's best to rely on an external chart program. That is, you create the chart of the sine function with the chart program and save the result to a file. Then you include that file as a figure in your LaTeX document. The best file formats for storing graphs are the vector graphics file formats EPS and PDF because they are well supported by LaTeX and because they can be scaled without loss of quality to any resolution. Any chart program that supports these file formats can be used to create graphs that can be included in a LaTeX document. Examples of such apps are GNUPlot, Asymptote, GRI, R, Octave and Excel. Further down this page, I'll show how the free software chart tool GLE can be used to this end. For now, I assume you've already created your chart in EPS or PDF format and saved it in the same folder as where your LaTeX file is (your .tex file). If you want to follow this example, you can download such a file for the sine function here: sin.eps, sin.pdf. You can include a figure in EPS or PDF format in a LaTeX document using the graphics package. The following is an example of a LaTeX file that includes the figure of the sine function (sin.eps or sin.pdf) into your LaTeX document. Note that extending the .eps or .pdf file name is not required. If you process your document with latex in DVI format, it will use .eps new version; if you process your document with pdflatex to produce a PDF document, it will use .pdf new version. Below I will assume you are using pdflatex. Assume you saved the above LaTeX document to a file called graph.tex (available here) and that you have sin.eps files and downloaded probe.pdf to the same directory. Now you can .tex pdflatex chart to produce the final result: chart.pdf. Plotting function and data in LaTeX using Pgfplots packageLet's start by setting up the tikzpicture environment. First of all, we need to set up the project by loading the Pgfplots package into the applift. It should be noted that when you write \usepackage{pgfplots} a code in the pgfplots loads the TikZ package. \documentclass{standalone} \usepackage{pgfplots} \pgfplotsset{compat = latest} \begin{document} \begin{tikzpicture} \begin{axis} \end{tikzpicture} \end{document} Set up the above code delivers to the following illustration: It is important to use the command \pgfplotsset{compat = latest} to specify to the compiler that we are working with the last version of the Pgfplots package. To start plot functions and data in TikZ, we need to create the environment within the tikzpicture environment. All the pg plots commands must be within the tikzpicture environment. To plot a function, we just need to use the command \addplot[options]{expression}. Check the following code to find out how this command should be used for the above function. \documentclass{standalone} \usepackage{pgfplots} \pgfplotsset{compat = latest} \start{document} \start{tikzpicture} \begin{axis} \addplot[domain = 0:30,] {exp(-x/10)*(cos(deg(x)) + probe(deg(x))/10)}; \end{axis} \end{tikzpicture} \end{document} Setting the above code returns: Plotting a function with default parametersThe domain and scope of the plot was automatically determined by the compiler. So if we want to change the boundaries of the plot, we must manually specify it in the as environment. For this purpose, we can use these options: xmin= <value>: Lower limit in the x-axle for the plot.xmax= : Upper limit in the x-axle for the plot.ymin= <value>: Lower limit in the y-axle for the plot.ymax= <value>: Upper limit in the y-axle for the plot. For this example, let xmin = 0.0, xmax = 30, ymin = -1.5 and ymax = 2.0 be. Of course, you can change these values depending on the domain and scope of the function. Here's a modified version of the above code: \documentclass{standalone} \usepackage{pgfplots} \pgfplotsset{compat = latest} \begin{document} \start{tikzpicture} \start{axis} [xmin = 0, xmax = 30, ymin = -1.5, ymax = 2.0] \addplot[domain = 0:30,] {exp(-x/10)*(cos(deg(x)) + probe(deg(x))/10)}; \end{axis} \end{tikzpicture} \end{document} Plotting forgot a function with custom domainTo specify the domain of the function with the domain option = a:b. In this case, we set this parameter to domain = 0:30. The domain of the function is independent of limits of the axes, but usually it takes the same values to get a plot containing the function.

