

How to install Octave for the Mac:

1. Visit <http://octave.sourceforge.net/>.
2. At the top of the page, click on the link for the OS X installer.
3. On the new page that appears, near the top there will be a phrase “Looking for the latest version?” and a link next to it for a file such as `octave-3.4.0-i386.dmg`. Click on the link to download it.
4. Double click on the `.dmg` file that you downloaded. A window will appear in the Finder that has two important items in it: an `Octave.app` file (possibly just called `Octave` depending on your system settings) and an `Extras` folder.
5. Drag the `Octave.app` to your `Applications` folder.
6. Open the `Extras` folder and double click on the `gnuplot-4.2.6-i386.dmg` or similarly named file in it.
7. A window will open in the Finder containing `Gnuplot.app` (or just `Gnuplot`). Drag this file to your `Applications` folder.
8. Start Octave by double-clicking on the file `Octave.app` in your `Applications` folder.
9. Test that you are able to plot things by entering the following at the Octave prompt:
`x=[0:0.01:2*pi];` (and press enter)
`plot(x,sin(x))` (and press enter)