

Description

`graph copy` makes a copy of a graph stored in memory under a new name.

Quick start

Copy the graph displayed in the Graph window, and store it in memory as `newgraph`

```
graph copy newgraph
```

Copy graph `mygraph` to `newgraph`

```
graph copy mygraph newgraph
```

Same as above, and replace `newgraph` if it already exists in memory

```
graph copy mygraph newgraph, replace
```

Menu

Graphics > Manage graphs > Copy graph in memory

Syntax

```
graph copy [oldname] newname [ , replace ]
```

If *oldname* is not specified, the name of the current graph is assumed.

Option

`replace` specifies that it is okay to replace *newname*, if it already exists.

Remarks and examples

See [\[G-2\] graph manipulation](#) for an introduction to the graph manipulation commands.

`graph copy` is rarely used. Perhaps you have a graph displayed in the Graph window (known as the current graph), and you wish to experiment with changing its aspect ratio or scheme using the `graph display` command. Before starting your experiments, you make a copy of the original:

```
. graph copy backup  
. graph display ...
```

Also see

[G-2] [graph manipulation](#) — Graph manipulation commands

[G-2] [graph rename](#) — Rename graph in memory

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