Introduction to MATLAB

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Course Structure

- Overview of MATLAB
 - History of MATLAB
 - Overview of MATLAB environment
 - Discussion of MATLAB tools
- Basic MATLAB
 - Simple MATLAB functionality
 - Syntax, Commands
 - Exercises involving basic MATLAB functionality and its *Toolboxes*

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Course Structure

- Advanced MATLAB Functionality
 - Beyond MATLAB as a calculator
 - The MATLAB programming language
 - Project showcasing MATLABs advanced functionality
 - Other Toolboxes
 - Dynamic System Simulations
 - Digital Control Design

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Coursework

Collection of exercises:

- Will occur during the laboratory sessions
- Will involve MATLABs basic functionality
- Will exploit its Toolboxes for Control System Design

Final Examination:

- Single practical project @ PCs;
- Will cover Digital Control System theory.

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MATLAB Overview

- What is MATLAB?
- History of MATLAB
 - Who developed MATLAB
 - Why MATLAB was developed
 - Who currently maintains MATLAB
- Strengths of MATLAB
- Weaknesses of MATLAB

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What is MATLAB?

- MATLAB
 - MATrix LABoratory
 - Interactive & programming language
 - Will be covered during week 2
 - Control System Design & Programming tool
 - Will be covered during week 3

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What is MATLAB con't: 2

- Considering MATLAB at home
 - Standard edition
 - Available for roughly 2 thousand dollars
 - Student edition
 - Available for roughly 1 hundred dollars.
 - Some limitations, such as the allowable size of a matrix

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Strengths of MATLAB

- MATLAB is relatively easy to learn
- MATLAB code is optimized to be relatively quick when performing matrix operations
- MATLAB may behave like a calculator or as a programming language
- MATLAB is interpreted, errors are easier to fix
- Although primarily procedural, MATLAB does have some object-oriented elements

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Weaknesses of MATLAB

- MATLAB is NOT a general purpose programming language
- MATLAB is an interpreted language (making it for the most part slower than a compiled language such as C++)
- MATLAB is designed for scientific computation and is not suitable for some things (such as parsing text)

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Overview

Review of main topics

Review of the MATLAB environment

Declaring and manipulating variables

Useful functions

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MATLAB GUI

- Launch Pad / Toolbox
- Workspace
- Current Directory
- Command History
- Command Window

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Launch Pad / Toolbox

Brief details

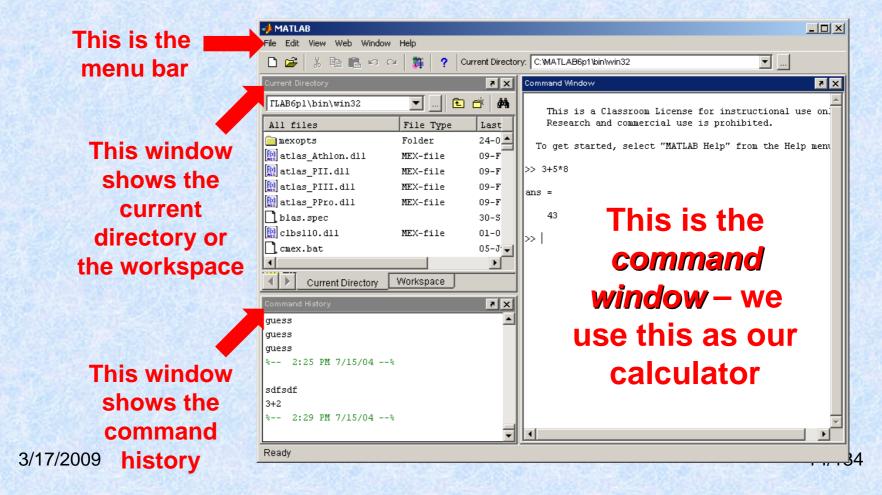
 Launch Pad allows you to start help/demos

 Toolbox is for use with specialized packages (e.g., Signal Processing)

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Using MATLAB

This is the window that appears when you start MATLAB



Workspace

Allows access to data

 Area of memory managed through the Command Window

 Shows Name, Size (in elements), Number of Bytes and Type of Variable

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Current Directory

 MATLAB, like Windows or UNIX, has a current directory

MATLAB functions can be called from any directory

 Your programs (to be discussed later) are only available if the current directory is the one that they exist in

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MATLAB as a Calculator

 You can enter expressions at the command line and evaluate them right away.

The '>>' symbols indicate where commands are typed.

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Mathematical Operators

Operator	MATLAB	Algebra
+	+	5 + 4 = 9
	_	5 - 4 = 1
×	*	5 * 4 = 20
÷		5 / 4 = 1.25
a ^b	a^b	5^4 = 625

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Command History

 Allows access to the commands used during this session, and possibly previous sessions

 Clicking and dragging to the Command window allows you to re-execute previous commands

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Command Window

Probably the most important part of the GUI

 Allows you to input the commands that will create variables, modify variables and even (later) execute scripts and functions you program yourself.

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Mathematical Operators

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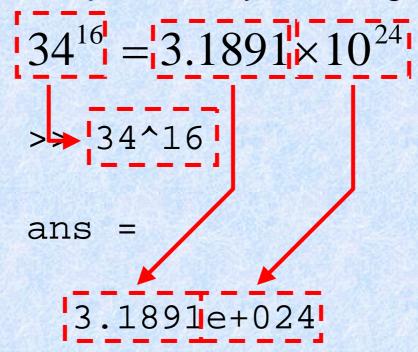
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1.2500

3.1891e+024

Number Representation

- MATLAB uses scientific notation for very large numbers and very small numbers.
- MATLAB has a special way of doing this:



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"BEDMAS"

B = Brackets

E = Exponentials

D = Division

M = Multiplication

A = Addition

S = Subtraction

>>
$$3*4 + 2$$
ans =

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>> $3*(4+2)$
ans =

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Be careful using brackets – check that opening and closing brackets are matched up correctly.

Simple Commands

- who
- whos

- save
- clear
- load

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 who lists the variables currently in the workspace.

 As we learn more about the data structures available in MATLAB, we will see more uses of "who"

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whos

- whos is similar to who, but also gives size and storage information
- s = whos(...) returns a structure with these fields name variable name size variable size bytes number of bytes allocated for the array class class of variable and assigns it to the variable s. (We will discuss structures more).

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Save

save – saves workspace variables on disk

 save filename stores all workspace variables in the current directory in filename.mat

• save filename var1 var2 ... saves only the specified workspace variables in filename.mat. Use the * wildcard to save only those variables that match the specified pattern.

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clear

 clear removes items from workspace, freeing up system memory

Examples of syntax:

- -clear
- -clear name
- -clear name1 name2 name3 ...

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clc

Not quite clear

 clc clears only the command window, and has no effect on variables in the workspace.

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load

load - loads workspace variables from disk

- Examples of Syntax:
 - -load
 - -load filename
 - -load filename X Y Z

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Declaring a Variable in MATLAB

Not necessary to specify a type. (Such as integer or float)

- Several kinds of variables:
 - Vector
 - Matrix
 - Structure
 - Cell array

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Declaring a variable, con't: 2

 For an integer or floating point number: simply set a variable name equal to some character

•
$$Ex. >> A = 5;$$

 \bullet Or >> A = 5

-Have you seen any difference?

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Side Note 1

The presence or lack of a semi-colon (i.e.
 ;) after a MATLAB command does not generate an error of any kind

 The presence of a semi-colon (;) tells MATLAB to suppress the screen output of the command

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Side Note 1, con't: 2

 The lack of a semi-colon will make MATLAB output the result of the command you entered

 One of these options is not necessarily better than the other

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Declaring a Variable, con't: 3

 You may now use the simple integer or float that you used like a normal number (though internally it is treated like a 1 by 1 matrix)

Possible operations:

- Many functions (round(), ceil(), floor())

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Declaring a variable, con't: 4

You may also make a vector rather simply

- The syntax is to set a variable name equal to some numbers, which are surrounded by brackets and separated by either spaces or commas
- Ex. >> A = [1 2 3 4 5];
- Or >>A = [1,2,3,4,5];
 - Any difference?

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- You may also declare a variable in a general fashion much more quickly
- Ex. >> A = 1:1:10
- The first 1 would indicate the number to begin counting at
- The second 1 would be the increase each time
- And the count would end at 10

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- Matrices are the primary variable type for MATLAB
- Matrices are declared similar to the declaration of a vector
- Begin with a variable name, and set it equal to a set of numbers, surrounded by brackets. Each number should be separated by a comma or semi-colon

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- The semi-colons in a matrix declaration indicate where the row would end
- Ex. A = [1,2;3,4] would create a matrix that looks like

```
[ 1 2
3 4 ]
```

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 Matrices may be used as normal variables now. Multiplying is already defined for matrices, and additional code does not need to be written.

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 The final type of variable we will discuss today will be a "struct".

The command struct is used to create a structure

Syntax:

```
- s = struct('field1',{},'field2',{},...)
- s = struct('field1',values1,'field2',values2,...)
```

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 A simple declaration of a structure is as follows:

```
Student.name = 'Joe';
Student.age = 23;
Student.major = 'Computer Science';
```

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- Arrays of structures are possible.
- Taking the previous example, if one were to write:

```
Student(2).name = 'Bill'
...etc
```

Then the array would be created for you.

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 Structures can group information, but methods are not written for them.

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Built-In Functions

Like a calculator, MATLAB has many built-in

mathematical functions.

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$$>> abs(-3)$$

ans =

3

 To find out more about MATLAB's functions use MATLAB's help (from command window).

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Variables

 We use variables so calculations are easily represented.

$$C = (F - 32) \times \frac{5}{9}$$

$$F = 100 \Rightarrow C = 37.8$$

$$F = 32 \Rightarrow C = 0$$

 You can think of variables as named locations in the computer memory in which a number can be stored.

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MATLAB Variables

100

$$C =$$

37.7778

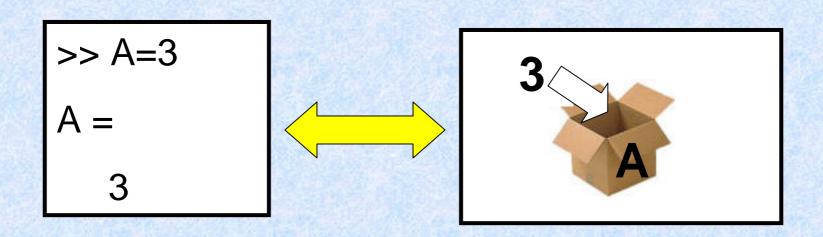
$$>> F = 32$$

$$F = 32$$

$$C =$$

Memory as a Filing System

- You can think of computer memory as a large set of "boxes" in which numbers can be stored.
 The values can be inspected and changed.
- Boxes can be labelled with a variable name.



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Special Variables

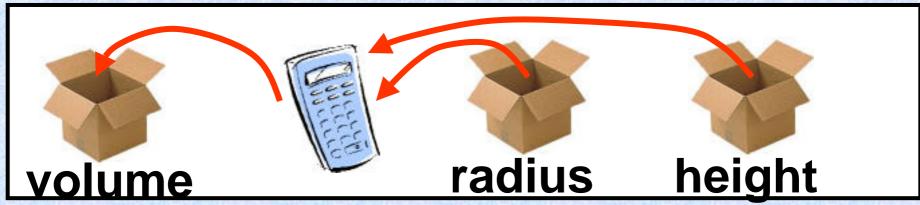
- MATLAB has some special variables:
 - ans is the result of the last calculation.
 - pi represents π .
 - Inf represents infinity.
 - NaN stands for not-a-number and occurs when an expression is undefined e.g. division by zero.
 - i, j represent the square root of -1
 (necessary for complex numbers)

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Calculations with Variables

- Suppose we want to calculate the volume of a cylinder.
- It's radius and height are stored as variables in memory.

>> volume = pi*radius^2*height



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Simple Commands, con't: 2

- who and whos are similar, they allow you to see the variables in your workspace
- save saves the variables in your workspace to a binary file readable by MATLAB
- clear removes the variables from your workspace
- load loads the binary file created by the save command and restores the variables to your workspace

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Simple Commands, con't: 3

 For any of these commands (and many others) you can get a more in depth explanation by typing help followed by the name of the command

• Ex. >>help clear

 Online documentation for all of these commands is also available on the Mathworks website

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Declaring variables in MATLAB

- Learned how to declare several types of variables:
 - Normal floats and int(eger)s
 - Vectors
 - Matrices
 - Structures

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Regular int/floats

 Variable name followed by an equals sign and the value you wish to assign

• Ex. A = 5;

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Vectors

 Variable name followed by an equals sign and one or more numbers separated by either spaces or commas and surrounded by brackets

 \bullet Ex. A = [1 2 3 4 5];

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Matrices

 Like vector – variable name followed by an equals sign and one or more numbers separated by either spaces or commas and surrounded by brackets. Use semicolons to indicate a change in row.

 \bullet Ex. A = [1 2; 3 4];

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Structures

 Like a struct in C or C++, similar to a class in C++ or Java, but lacking class specific functions or methods

Declared using a point operator

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• Structures, con't

```
Ex. A.name = 'Joe';
A.age = 23;
A.occupation = 'student';
```

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• Structures, con't: 2

Can have an array of structures

• Ex. A(2).name = 'Bob';

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Sample MATLAB functions

- Min
- Max
- Median
- Mean
- Sum
- · Diff

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MATLAB Functions: min

• min

Will find the minimum element of the array

Works slightly different on vectors and matrices

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MATLAB Functions: max

• max

Will find the maximum element of the array

Also works slightly different on vectors and matrices

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MATLAB Functions: median

• median

Will find the median value of the array

Also works slightly different on vectors and matrices

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MATLAB Functions: mean

• mean

Returns the average value of the array

Works slightly different on vectors and matrices

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MATLAB Functions: sum

• sum

Will return a sum of the array elements

Also works slightly different on vectors and matrices

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diff

· diff

 Will return the difference between adjacent elements in an array

This is an approximate derivative

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Overview

Matlab further functions

Plotting – in depth

File I/O – few details

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New MATLAB Function

 rand() - Uniformly distributed random numbers and arrays

Example of syntax:

```
-A = rand(n)
```

- -A = rand(m,n)
- Where m and n are dimensions of the matrix

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rand() con't: 2

Scalars may be generated

```
-Ex.A = rand(1,1);
```

Vectors may be generated

```
-Ex. A = rand(10,1);
```

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rand() con't: 3

 Generated random numbers will be between 0 and 1.

 Scaling can be done by multiplying the resulting matrix or vector by the number you wish to scale with

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Plotting

Several types of plots available

- plot
- polar
- bar
- · hist

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plot() (from MATLAB help)

Linear 2-D plot

Syntax:

```
- plot(Y)
- plot(X1,Y1,...)
- plot(X1,Y1,LineSpec,...)
- plot(...,'PropertyName',PropertyValue,...)
- h = plot(...)
```

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plot() con't: 2

 MATLAB defaults to plotting a blue line between points

- Other options exist:
 - Different color lines
 - Different types of lines
 - No line at all!

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plot() con't: 3 - Color options

Color options:

```
Yellow - 'y'
Magenta - 'm'
Cyan - 'c'
Red - 'r'
Green - 'g'
Blue - 'b'
White - 'w'
Black - 'k'
```

Example:

```
->> temp=1:1:10;
->> plot(temp, 'y');
```

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plot() con't: 4 - Line options

- Line styles:
 - '-': solid line (default)
 - '--': dashed line

- \: ': dotted line

- '-.': dash-dot line

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plot() con't: 5 - Line Markings

- + plus sign
- o circle
- * asterisk
- Point
- x cross
- s square
- d diamond
- ^ upward pointing triangle
- v downward pointing triangle
- > right pointing triangle
- < left pointing triangle
- p five-pointed star (pentagram)
- h six-pointed star (hexagram)

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polar()

Plot polar coordinates

Syntax:

```
- polar(theta,rho)
```

- polar(theta,rho,LineSpec)
- theta Angle counterclockwise from the 3 o'clock position
- rho Distance from the origin

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polar() con't: 2

 Line color, style and markings apply as they did in the example with plot().

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bar()

Creates a bar graph

Syntax

```
-bar(Y)
-bar(x,Y)
-bar(...,width)
-bar(...,'style')
-bar(...,LineSpec)
```

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hist()

Creates a histogram plot

Syntax:

```
-n = hist(Y)
-n = hist(Y,x)
-n = hist(Y,nbins)
```

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File I/O

Both high-level and low-level file I/O

High-level covered here

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High-Level File I/O

- I/O = input/output; 3 important commands for input:
 - csvread: M = CSVREAD('FILENAME')
 reads a comma separated value formatted file FILENAME. The result is returned in M. The file can only contain numeric values.
 - dlmread: RESULT= dlmread(FILENAME, DELIMITER) reads numeric data from the ASCII delimited file FILENAME using the delimiter DELIMITER. The result is returned in RESULT. Use '\t' to specify a tab.
 - textread: A = textread('FILENAME') read formatted data from text file. It reads also numeric data from the file FILENAME into a single variable. If the file contains any text data, an error is produced.

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csvread

Read a comma-separated value file

Syntax:

```
- a = csvread('filename')
- a = csvread('filename',row,col)
- a = csvread('filename',row,col,range)
```

Note – csvread does not like to read in text!

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dlmread

 Like csvread, only instead of a comma, you specify the delimiter

Syntax:

```
- a = dlmread(filename, delimiter)
- a = dlmread(filename, delimiter, R,C)
- a = dlmread(filename, delimiter, range)
```

Treat this like a generalized form of csvread.

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textread

- Reads formatted data from a text file
- Syntax:

```
- [A,B,C,...] = textread('filename','format')
- [A,B,C,...] = textread('filename','format',N)
- [...] = textread(...,'param','value',...)
```

 Useful, but try to do without it, MATLAB is somewhat slower when dealing with text data

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Delimiters

 Delimiter: A character or sequence of characters marking the beginning or end of a unit of data.

• Ex. 1,2,3 (the delimiter would be,)

• Also 1:2:3 (the delimiter would be:)

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Delimiters, con't: 2

 The most common delimiter is a comma: hence the term csv (CSV, i.e. Comma Separated Value) or comma separated values.

Microsoft Excel can read csv formatted files

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High Level File Output

 Some of the input commands have corresponding high-level output commands

• csvwrite

dlmwrite

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csvwrite

Write a matrix to a comma-separated value file

Syntax:

- csvwrite('filename',M)
- csvwrite('filename',M,row,col)

writes matrix M starting at offset row, and column col in the file. row and col are zero-based, that is row=col=0 specifies first number in the file.

Ex. csvwrite('blah.csv',a);

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dlmwrite

 Writes a matrix M to a delimited file (using the delimiter you specify)

Syntax:

- dlmwrite(filename,M,delimiter)
- dlmwrite(filename, M, delimiter, row, col)

Ex. dlmwrite('blah.txt',a,':');

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Low-Level file I/O

• fopen

• fclose

• fprintf

• fgetl / fgets

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fopen

 Opens a file and returns the handle to the file object

• File_ID = fopen('blah.txt')

 Capturing the file handle is necessary to write or read to/from the file

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fclose

Closes a file associated with a specific file identification handle

Ex.fclose(File_ID);

Ex.fclose('all');

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fprintf

- Multi-use: can output to a file or a screen
- Ex. fprintf(fid,'%6.2f %12.8f\n',y);

 %6.2f means a floating point with 6 leading decimals and 2 trailing

Specifying 1 instead of fid will output to the screen

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fgetl / fgets

Get line and get string, respectively.
 fget1 will get you a line without the newline character at the end, while
 fgets will preserve the newline character (\n).

Syntax:

```
-Line = fgetl(File_ID);
-Line = fgets(File ID);
```

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Programming in MATLAB

Two types of files:

- Scripts

- Functions

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MATLAB Scripts

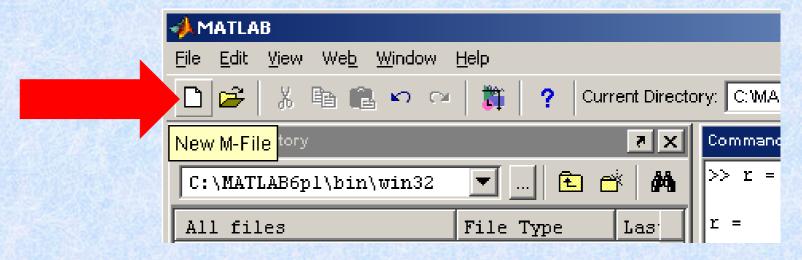
Scripts are MATLAB commands stored in text files. When you type the name of the script file at the MATLAB prompt the commands in the script file are executed as if you had typed them in from the keyboard. Scripts end with the extension
 m

Referred to as M-Files

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Script Files

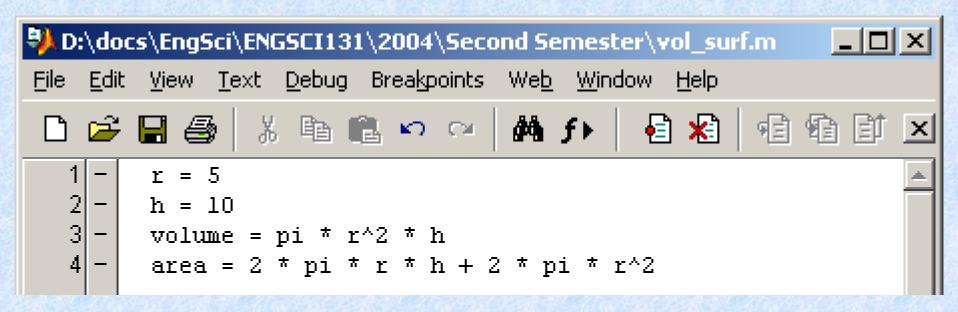
- You can save a sequence of commands for reuse later
- Create a new M-File (script file)



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Script Files

- Each line is the same as typing a command in the command window
- Save the file as filename.m



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Script Files

 Run the sequence of commands by typing the filename in the command window

```
>> vol_surf
      10
volume =
      785.3982
area =
      471.2389
>>
```

MATLAB Functions

Have input and output parameters

 MATLAB can return more than one variable at the end of a function

 Variables in scope in the MATLAB function go out of scope and are eliminated when the MATLAB function ceases to exist.

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Programming in MATLAB

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Referred to as M-Files

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MATLAB Functions

Functions are similar to scripts

Functions may take arguments

Functions may return one or more values

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- function [output] = function_name(input_arguments)
- The above is a function header and should be the first non-comment line in the function file

 Comments may be placed below the function header

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Example function

```
function [output] = square(input)
%
% The function [output] = square(input)
% computes the square of its input
%
  output = input*input;
  return
```

- Body of functions can contain code just like scripts could
- Comment line will be the output of the command

```
- >> help square
```

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Another example function

```
function r = rank(A, tol)
%RANK Matrix rank.
    RANK(A) provides an estimate of the number of linearly
    independent rows or columns of a matrix A.
    RANK(A, tol) is the number of singular values of A
%
    that are larger than tol.
    RANK(A) uses the default tol = max(size(A)) * norm(A) * eps.
%
    Copyright 1984-2001 The MathWorks, Inc.
    $Revision: 5.10 $ $Date: 2001/04/15 12:01:33 $
s = svd(A);
if nargin==1
   tol = \max(\text{size}(A)') * \max(s) * \text{eps};
end
r = sum(s > tol);
```

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- Help of the main functions...
 - SVD Singular value decomposition.
 [U,S,V] = SVD(X) produces a diagonal matrix S,
 of the same dimension as X and with
 nonnegative diagonal elements in decreasing
 order, and unitary matrices U and V so that X
 = U*S*V'.

S = SVD(X) returns a vector containing the singular values.

- NARGIN Number of function input arguments.

Inside the body of a user-defined function,
NARGIN returns the number of input arguments
that were used to call the function.

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Looping!

 Scripts and functions also allow the ability to loop using conventional for and while loops.

 Note that the interpreter also lets you do it, it is simply less easy to grasp

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for Loops

Common to other programming languages

```
for variable = expression
    statement
    ...
    statement
end
```

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For Loops, con't: 2

Example: (taken from MATLAB help)

```
• a = zeros(k,k) % Pre-allocate matrix
for m = 1:k
    for n = 1:k
        a(m,n) = 1/(m+n -1);
    end
end
```

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For Loops, con't: 3

 The looping variable is defined in much the same way that we defined arrays/vectors.

 \bullet Ex. m = 1:k

• Or, m = 1:10

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For Loops, con't: 4

 Loops are shown to end by the keyword "end"

Curly braces are not present to subdivide packets of code

 Make use of adequate white-space and tabbing to improve code readability

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while Loops

• Similar to while loops in other languages

```
while expression statement
```

•••

end

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while Loops, con't: 2

• Ex. (taken from help while)

```
while (1+eps) > 1
  eps = eps/2;
end
```

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while Loops, con't: 3

Same notes apply to while loops.

Code is separated by the keyword "end"

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Looping conclusion

Some other aspects of looping exist

```
Use>> help whileand>> help forto see them
```

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MATLAB Code Optimization

Two ways to optimize MATLAB code

Vectorise code

Pre-allocate matrices

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Look Ahead

 Review of topics (when requested) or use Matlab help and its helpdesk

 Code generation for Digital Control System CAD

 Each laboratory class will introduce more information about Matlab and its Toolboxes

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Review

MATLAB commands

Looping!

Optimization

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Case statements

Syntax

```
-switch switch expr
 case case expr
  statement,..., statement
 case ...
 {case_expr1,case_expr2,case_expr3,
 ... } statement,...,statement ...
 otherwise
  statement,..., statement end
```

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Case statements, con't: 2

Ex. (taken from help case)

```
method = 'Bilinear';
switch lower(method)
    case {'linear','bilinear'}
        disp('Method is linear')
    case 'cubic'
        disp('Method is cubic')
    case 'nearest'
        disp('Method is nearest')
    otherwise disp('Unknown method.')
end
```

Method is linear

NOTE – when case matches it will not execute all following cases. (Break not necessary).

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if statements

Ex. (taken from Matlab help)

```
if expression
    statements
elseif expression
    statements
else
    statements
end
```

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if statements, con't: 2

• Ex. (taken again from Matlab help)

```
if I == J
    A(I,J) = 2;
elseif abs(I-J) == 1
    A(I,J) = -1;
else
    A(I,J) = 0;
end
```

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MATLAB Code Optimization

Two ways to optimize MATLAB code

Vectorise code

Pre-allocate matrices

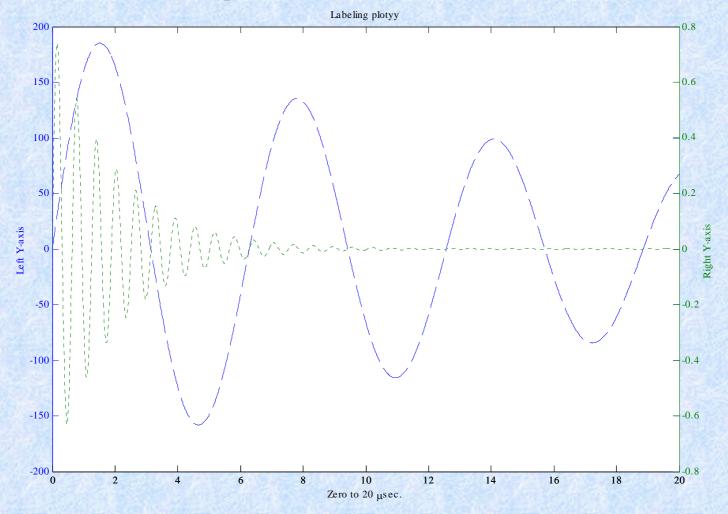
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plotyy: example

```
x = 0:0.01:20;
y1 = 200*exp(-0.05*x).*sin(x);
y2 = 0.8*exp(-0.5*x).*sin(10*x);
[AX,H1,H2] = plotyy(x,y1,x,y2,'plot');
set(get(AX(1),'Ylabel'),'String','Left Y-axis')
set(get(AX(2),'Ylabel'),'String','Right Y-axis')
xlabel('Zero to 20 \musec.')
title('Labeling plotyy')
set(H1,'LineStyle','--')
set(H2,'LineStyle',':')
```

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plotyy: example



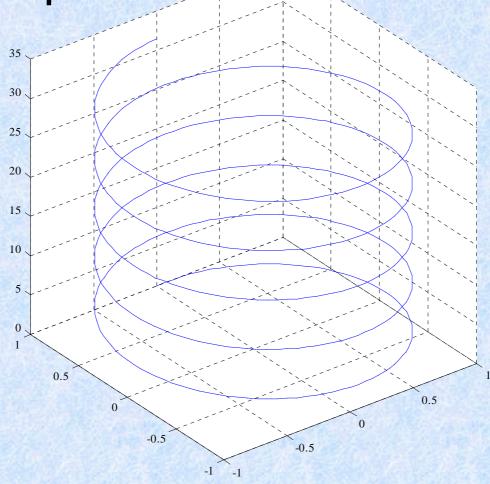
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plot3: example

```
t = 0:pi/50:10*pi;
plot3(sin(t),cos(t),t)
grid on
axis square
```

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bar3 example

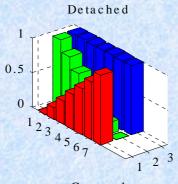
```
Y = cool(7);
subplot(3,2,1)
bar3(Y,'detached')
title('Detached')
subplot(3,2,2)
bar3(Y,0.25,'detached')
title('Width = 0.25')
subplot(3,2,3)
bar3(Y,'grouped')
title('Grouped')
```

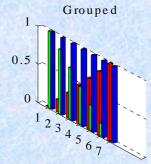
```
subplot(3,2,4)
bar3(Y,0.5,'grouped')
title('Width = 0.5')
subplot(3,2,5)
bar3(Y,'stacked')
title('Stacked')
subplot(3,2,6)
bar3(Y,0.3,'stacked')
title('Width = 0.3')
colormap([1 0 0;0 1 0;0 0 1])
```

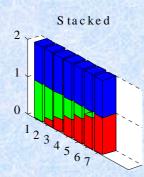
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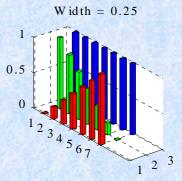
bar3 example

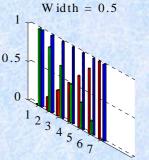
More plotting

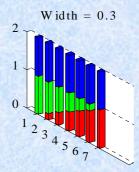










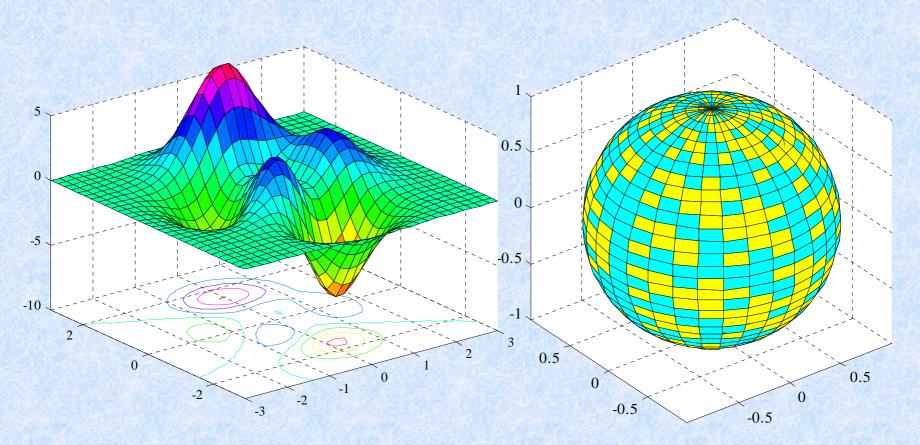


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surf: 2 examples

```
% Example 1
[X,Y,Z] = peaks(30);
surfc(X,Y,Z)
colormap hsv
axis([-3 \ 3 \ -3 \ 3 \ -10 \ 5])
%Example 2
k = 5;
n = 2^k-1;
[x,y,z] = sphere(n);
c = hadamard(2^k);
surf(x,y,z,c);
colormap([1 1 0; 0 1 1])
axis equal
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```

surf: 2 examples



2 dimensional Gaussian

Sphere

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Matlab and its Toolboxes

Direct application examples in laboratory room

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