

Quick primer on Matlab for IACV

MATlab : Matrix Laboratory can be used as a scripting language any variable is a matrix (a scalar is a special case of a multidimensional array)

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Clear the workspace and close all the figure and clear the command window

```
close all % close all the figures  
clear % clear the workspace  
clc % clear the command window
```

Print to the command window

```
disp('For enquiry, please send an email to luca.magri@polimi.it');
```

```
For enquiry, please send an email to luca.magri@polimi.it
```

```
fprintf('there is also a C-like printing function\n%s %dth, %d', 'September', 20, 2018)
```

```
there is also a C-like printing function  
September 20th, 2018
```

Dealing with variables:

all the variables are stored in matrix with proper dimensions. Scalar are treated as 1x1 matrix.

Variables are created by assignments, the size of a variable is the dimension of the matrix representing it.

```
v = 12;  
c = 'c';  
size(v)
```

```
ans = 1x2  
    1     1
```

```
size(c)
```

```
ans = 1x2  
    1     1
```

```
% use ; at the end of instruction not to display results  
% in command line  
v = 7;
```

Data types are automatically defined depending on the assigned value and can be checked using whos

```
whos v
```

Name	Size	Bytes	Class	Attributes
v	1x1	8	double	

Variables have datatypes (usually you can forget, but not when dealing with images).

Most common types we will consider are:

- *double*, (i.e., double-precision floating point),
- *uint8* (i.e., unsigned integers with 8 bits, [0 255] range),
- *logical* (i.e., boolean)

We can explicitly cast a double to a uint8 type

```
v = uint8(v)
```

```
v = uint8
```

```
7
```

```
whos v
```

Name	Size	Bytes	Class	Attributes
v	1x1	1	uint8	

Arrays

can be row or column vector.

```
% a row vector (commas can be omitted)
r = [1, 2, 3, 4]
```

```
r = 1x4
    1     2     3     4
```

```
size(r)
```

```
ans = 1x2
    1     4
```

It is important to remember the index start from 1.

```
r(1)
```

```
ans = 1
```

```
%r(0) %raises an error! Array indices must be positive integers or logical values.
r(2) % returns the first element of the array r
```

```
ans = 2
```

```
% a column vector  
c = [1; 2; 3; 4]
```

```
c = 4x1  
1  
2  
3  
4
```

```
size(c)
```

```
ans = 1x2  
4 1
```

You can define vectors by regular increment operator: [start : step : end]

```
a = [1 : 2 : 10]
```

```
a = 1x5  
1 3 5 7 9
```

when omitted, step is equal to 1

```
a2 = [1 : 10]
```

```
a2 = 1x10  
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
```

Matrices

```
v=[1 2; 3 4]
```

```
v = 2x2  
1 2  
3 4
```

```
size(v)
```

```
ans = 1x2  
2 2
```

Array concatenation

you can concatenate matrices or vectors as far as their sizes are consistent. ' denotes the transpose operation

```
B = [v', v']
```

```
B = 2x4  
1 3 1 3  
2 4 2 4
```

```
C = [v ; v]
```

```
C = 4x2
 1   2
 3   4
 1   2
 3   4
```

```
% the dimension of the data, visible also typing whos
dim = size(C)
```

```
dim = 1x2
 4   2
```

```
num_rows = size(C,1)
```

```
num_rows = 4
```

```
num_cols = size(C,2)
```

```
num_cols = 2
```

```
% this is not allowed
disp('K = [r,c]: this is not allowed')
```

```
K = [r,c]: this is not allowed
```

```
%K = [r,c]
```

Other examples of array concatenation:

```
my_vec1 = [1 2 3];
my_vec2 = 4:6;
```

```
my_matrix = [my_vec1; my_vec2]
```

```
my_matrix = 2x3
 1   2   3
 4   5   6
```

```
size(my_matrix)
```

```
ans = 1x2
 2   3
```

```
my_long_vector = [my_vec1 my_vec2]
```

```
my_long_vector = 1x6
 1   2   3   4   5   6
```

```
size(my_long_vector)
```

```
ans = 1x2
    1     6
```

C = cat(dim,A,B) concatenates B to the end of A along dimension dim when A and B have compatible sizes (the lengths of the dimensions match except for the operating dimension dim).

```
my_matrix = cat(1,my_vec1,my_vec2)
```

```
my_matrix = 2x3
    1     2     3
    4     5     6
```

```
my_long_vector = cat(2,my_vec1,my_vec2)
```

```
my_long_vector = 1x6
    1     2     3     4     5     6
```

```
my_3d_matrix = cat(3,my_vec1,my_vec2)
```

```
my_3d_matrix =
my_3d_matrix(:,:,1) =
    1     2     3
```

```
my_3d_matrix(:,:,2) =
    4     5     6
```

```
size(my_3d_matrix)
```

```
ans = 1x3
    1     3     2
```

```
%% indexing (starts from 1)
my_vec = (1:10)';
my_vec(1)
```

```
ans = 1
```

```
my_matrix = [1:4;5:8;9:12]
```

```
my_matrix = 3x4
    1     2     3     4
    5     6     7     8
    9    10    11    12
```

```
my_matrix(3,2)
```

```
ans = 10
```

```
% column-wise linear indexing for matrices  
my_matrix(6)
```

```
ans = 10
```

Subarray

v(indexes) returns a vector of all the elements of v at locations in array indexes

```
% you can reference single or multiple values in an array:  
my_matrix(2,3) % first row and second column (row and column indices are 1-based)
```

```
ans = 7
```

```
my_matrix(:,2) % the second column of my_matrix
```

```
ans = 3x1  
 2  
 6  
10
```

```
my_matrix(:,2) % the first row of my_matrix
```

```
ans = 3x1  
 2  
 6  
10
```

```
B = my_matrix(:,[1,3]) % some of the columns
```

```
B = 3x2  
 1     3  
 5     7  
 9    11
```

You can extend vectors / matrices by assigning some element out of the range

```
my_matrix(:,5)=1
```

```
my_matrix = 3x5  
 1     2     3     4     1  
 5     6     7     8     1  
 9    10    11    12     1
```

You can use end to specify the last row/columns

```
my_matrix(1:3,[2 4])
```

```
ans = 3x2
 2     4
 6     8
10    12
```

```
my_matrix(1:end,[2 4])
```

```
ans = 3x2
 2     4
 6     8
10    12
```

```
my_matrix(:,[2 4])
```

```
ans = 3x2
 2     4
 6     8
10    12
```

```
my_matrix(1:2,[2 4])
```

```
ans = 2x2
 2     4
 6     8
```

```
my_matrix(1:end-1,[2 4])
```

```
ans = 2x2
 2     4
 6     8
```

You can unfold a matrix columnwise

```
my_vector = my_matrix(:)
```

```
my_vector = 15x1
 1
 5
 9
 2
 6
10
 3
 7
11
 4
 :
```

Operations

on vectors are from linear algebra common operations work on matrices (careful about multiplication and division)

```
v = [1 2 3]
```

```
v = 1x3  
1 2 3
```

```
v*v'
```

```
ans = 14
```

```
v'*v
```

```
ans = 3x3  
1 2 3  
2 4 6  
3 6 9
```

There are also element-wise operators

```
[1 2 3].*[4 5 6]
```

```
ans = 1x3  
4 10 18
```

```
[1 2 3] + 5
```

```
ans = 1x3  
6 7 8
```

```
[1 2 3] * 2 % no need to use element-wise operator with scalars
```

```
ans = 1x3  
2 4 6
```

```
[1 2 3] .* 2 %explicit element-wise multiplication
```

```
ans = 1x3  
2 4 6
```

```
[1 2 3] / 2
```

```
ans = 1x3  
0.5000 1.0000 1.5000
```

```
[1 2 3] ./ 2 %explicit element-wise division
```

```
ans = 1x3  
0.5000 1.0000 1.5000
```

```
[1 2 3] .^ 2 %explicit element-wise power
```

```
ans = 1x3  
1 4 9
```

```
[1 2 3] * [4 5 6]' % this matrix product, returns a scalar (it is the inner product)
```

```
ans = 32
```

```
[1 2 3]' * [4 5 6] % this is the matrix product, returns a 3 x 3 matrix
```

```
ans = 3x3  
 4      5      6  
 8     10     12  
12     15     18
```

```
% rounding functions  
ceil(10.56)
```

```
ans = 11
```

```
floor(10.56)
```

```
ans = 10
```

```
round(10.56)
```

```
ans = 11
```

```
ceil(0:0.1:1)
```

```
ans = 1x11  
 0      1      1      1      1      1      1      1      1      1      1
```

```
% arithmetic functions  
sum([1 2 3 4])
```

```
ans = 10
```

```
sum([1:4;5:8])
```

```
ans = 1x4  
 6      8      10     12
```

```
sum([1:4;5:8],2)
```

```
ans = 2x1  
10  
26
```

```
sum(sum([1:4;5:8]))
```

```
ans = 36
```

```
my_matrix = [1:4;5:8];  
sum(my_matrix(:))
```

```
ans = 36
```

Printing

```
disp('Hello World!');
```

```
Hello World!
```

```
disp(['Hello ', 'World!']);
```

```
Hello World!
```

```
% string concatenation in printf.  
disp(['number of columns in the matrix: ', num2str(size(my_matrix))]);
```

```
number of columns in the matrix: 2 4
```

```
fprintf('number of columns in the matrix: %f\n',size(my_matrix,2));
```

```
number of columns in the matrix: 4.000000
```

Logicals

you can compare a vector via the customary relational operators and obtain a vector of logicals (i.e. b)

```
b = v>2
```

```
b = 1x3 logical array  
0 0 1
```

```
whos b
```

Name	Size	Bytes	Class	Attributes
b	1x3	3	logical	