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Introduction to Matlab: 1) Basics

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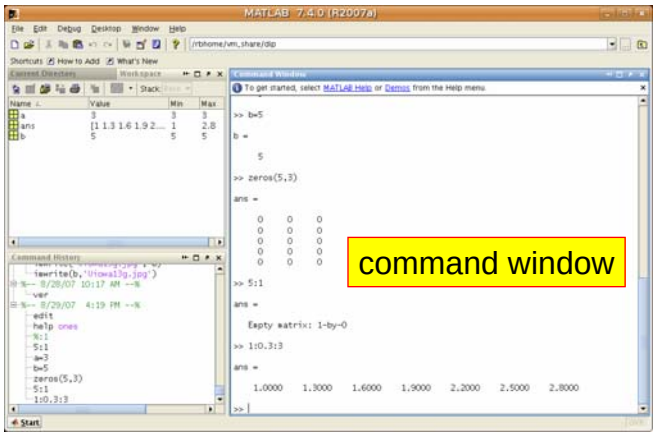
Matlab

- General tool for "technical computing"
- Very powerful toolbox concept
- Usage:
  - Interactively by typing commands
  - Scripts ("m"-files)
  - Functions (parameters, local variables, and return values)
  - MEX-functions (integration of C/C++ code)
- Nearly everything is represented as a Matrix
  - Images are represented as matrices too!

Matlab

- Advantages:
  - Usually very short programs
  - Short development time
  - Powerful commands → rapid prototyping
  - No declaration of variables (+/- ?)
  - Built-in editor: *MATLAB> edit*
  - Free code available on the Internet
  - Which toolboxes are installed:
    - MATLAB> ver

Matlab GUI



Matlab – Script Files

- Scripts: all commands can be used like in interactive mode
- Script files are ASCII-files (*.m)
  - e.g., program1.m
  - execution of script: *MATLAB> program1*
  - *important: path to scripts must be set correctly:*
    - *Unix: path(path,'/home/myfriend/goodstuff')*
    - *Windows: path(path,'c:\tools\goodstuff')*
    - *see also: MATLAB> help path*
- Comments start with "%"
- A ";" at the end of a command suppresses the output of the result

Getting Help

- Getting information about functions:
  - *MATLAB> help sqrt*
  - *MATLAB> help plot*
  - *MATLAB> help **
- Help browser:
  - *MATLAB> helpdesk*
- More info on getting help:
  - *MATLAB> help help*
- *web*

Matrix Initialization

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- Definition of a matrix:

MATLAB> **A=[1 3 5 7; 2 4 6 8]**

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 5 & 7 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 & 8 \end{pmatrix};$$

- Creating a matrix of ones/zeros:

MATLAB> **B = ones(2,4)**

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix};$$

MATLAB> **C = zeros(1,3)**

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix};$$

Matrix Initialization

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- Creating series of numbers (middle number is the step size):

MATLAB> **D = 1:5**

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \end{pmatrix};$$

MATLAB> **E = 5:-0.5:4**

$$E = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 4.5 & 4 \end{pmatrix};$$

Note that 1:5 is a shortcut for 1:1:5. Also, 5:1 produces the empty matrix.

- Creating a diagonal matrix:

MATLAB> **F = diag(1:3)**

$$F = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix};$$

Manipulation of Matrix Elements

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- Accessing single elements: A(row, column) = value
  NOTE: index starts with 1!

```
MATLAB> A = zeros(2,4);
MATLAB> A(2,3) = 5
```

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 0 \end{pmatrix};$$

- *A(1,:)* → gets first row
- *A(:,1)* → gets first column

- Accessing an undefined element expands the matrix!

```
MATLAB> A(3,1)=2
```

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix};$$

Manipulation of Matrix Elements

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- Accessing a matrix area:

```
MATLAB> A(1:2,1:2) = ones(2,2)
```

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 5 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix};$$

- Filling a matrix area with a single value:

```
MATLAB> A(1:end,[2 4]) = 9
```

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 9 & 0 & 9 \\ 1 & 9 & 5 & 9 \\ 2 & 9 & 0 & 9 \end{pmatrix};$$

Vectors

- Vector == 1D Matrix
- column vector != row vector
- Creating a transposed vector/matrix: *MATLAB> A'*
- column vector == (row vector)'

```
MATLAB> A = 1:3
MATLAB> B = A'
```

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}; B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix};$$

```
MATLAB> C = 1:5;
MATLAB> C(3) = 100
```

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 100 & 4 & 5 \end{pmatrix};$$

Program Control Statements

- Conditional Control:

```
if logical_expression1
  …
elseif logical expression2
  …
else
  …
end
```

- Loop Control:

```
for variable = row vector
  …
end
```

```
for
x=1:10
   x
end
```

```
a = 0;
while ( a < 10 )
   a = a + 1
end
```

Operators:

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Arithmetic Operators

Operator	Description
+	Addition
-	Subtraction
.*	Multiplication
./	Right division
.\	Left division
+	Unary plus
-	Unary minus
:	Colon operator
.^	Power
.'	Transpose
'	Complex conjugate transpose
*	Matrix multiplication
/	Matrix right division
\	Matrix left division
^	Matrix power

Relational Operators

Operator	Description
<	Less than
<=	Less than or equal to
>	Greater than
>=	Greater than or equal to
==	Equal to
~=	Not equal to

Logical Operators

Logical Operation	Equivalent Function
A & B	and(A, B)
A | B	or(A, B)
~A	not(A)

Matlab Optimized Programming

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- Loops are VERY inefficient!!!
  - – Avoid loops if possible!
- Almost all functions accept scalars and vectors/matrices as input
  - → operation will be applied to each element of vector/matrix

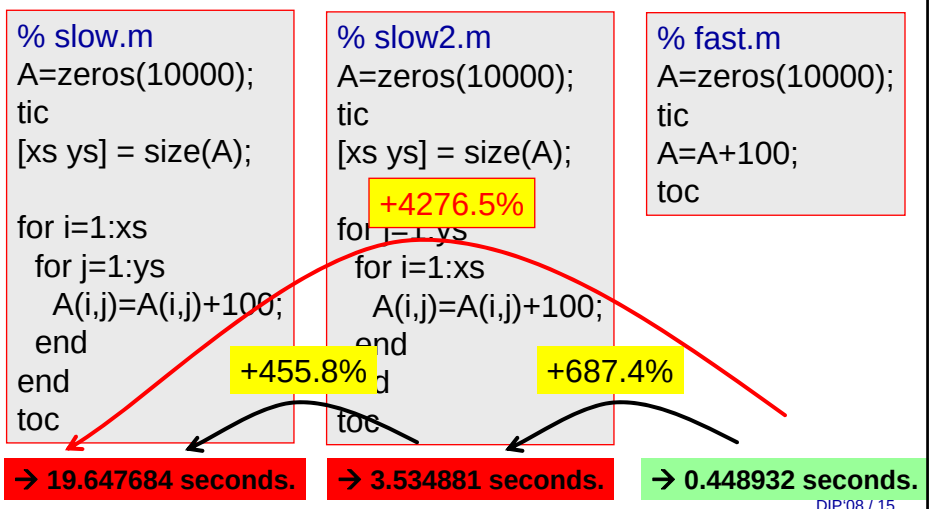
use:

```
x = 1:10;
y = sqrt(x)
```

Instead:

```
y=[];
for x =1:10
        y = [y sqrt(x)]
end
```

Matlab Optimized Programming



Matlab Optimized Programming

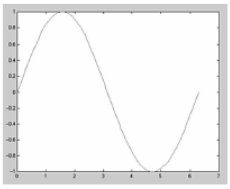
- Relational operators will be applied to all elements of vector/matrix
- For some arithmetic operators ("*","/","^") a point "." must be placed in front of the operator

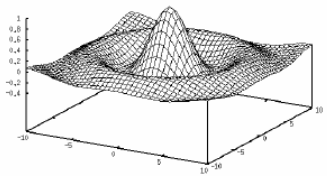
```
MATLAB> A = (1:4).^2
```

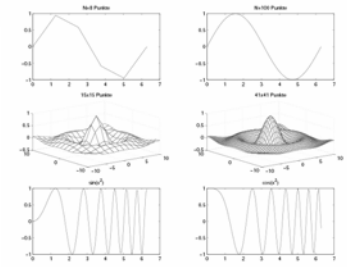
$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & 9 & 16 \end{pmatrix};$$

Plotting/Visualization

- 2D Plots
- 3D Plots







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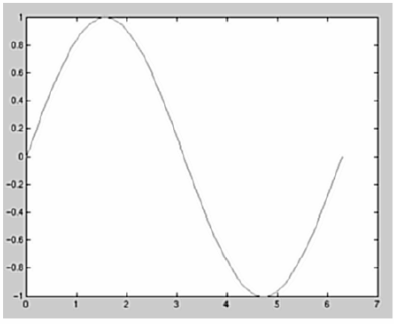
2D Plots

- X-Y-plots:
  - **plot(x,y)**:

```
MATLAB> t = 0:0.01:2*pi;
MATLAB> y = sin(t);
MATLAB> plot(t,y);
```

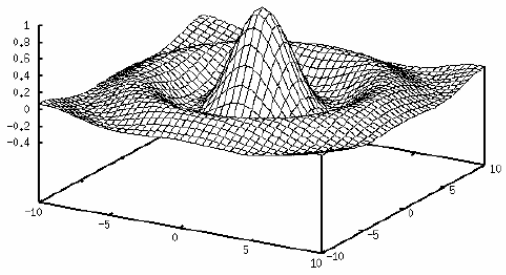


  - line style & color:
    plot(x,y,'*format*');
    → see help

- see also: xlabel('…'), ylabel('…'), title('…'), …

3D Plots

MATLAB> **X = ...**
MATLAB> **Y = ...**
MATLAB> **Z = f(X,Y)**
MATLAB> **mesh(X,Y,Z);**



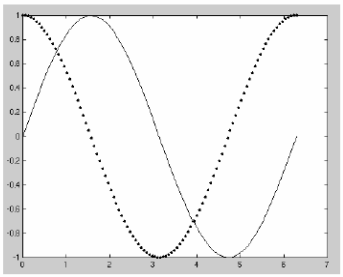
3D Plots - Example

- MATLAB> **x = linspace(-10,10,40);**
  → $x = (-10, \ldots, 10)$ % x has 40 elements, same def. for y
- MATLAB> **[X,Y] = meshgrid(x,y);**
  → $X = \begin{pmatrix} -10 & \ldots & 10 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ -10 & \ldots & 10 \end{pmatrix}; Y = \begin{pmatrix} -10 & \ldots & -10 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 10 & \ldots & 10 \end{pmatrix};$
- MATLAB> **R = sqrt(X.^2+Y.^2)+0.1;**
  MATLAB> **Z = sin(R)./R;** % sinc-function
  MATLAB> **mesh(X,Y,Z)**

Multiple plots in one window

- HOLD ON holds the current plot and all axis properties so that subsequent graphing commands add to the existing graph.
- HOLD OFF returns to the default mode

```
MATLAB> x= linspace(0,2*pi,100);
MATLAB> y1 = sin(x);
MATLAB> y2 = cos(x);
MATLAB> plot(x,y1,'k-');
MATLAB> hold on;
MATLAB> plot(x,y2,'k.');
```

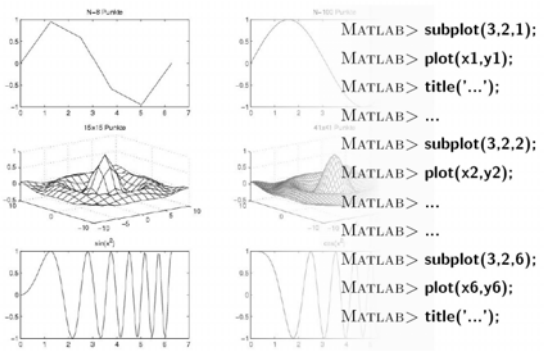


Selection of figure windows

- MATLAB> figure
  - opens a new figure window
- MATLAB> figure(2)
  - makes figure 2 the current figure, forces it to become visible, and raises it above all other figures on the screen.
  - if figure 2 does not exist, a new figure is created

Multiple figures in one window

- subplot(rows, columns, index) → index specifies the active window
- The axes are counted along the top row of the Figure window, then the second row, etc.



Task:

- Create a "chequerboard" matrix (8x8)
  - Commands "mod" and "abs" might help

A =

1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1