



Data analysis for Geoscience

GEO8026

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MATLAB[®]

Block 1: MATLAB Primer

Learning Outcomes:

- Understand the importance of code versioning
- Understand the main data types
- Understand how logic and relation operations work
- Understand how array indexing works
- Understanding of the role of `if` and `else` statements
- Understanding the difference between `for` and `while` loops and vectorisation

Skill Outcomes:

- Able to control source code using versioning tools (e.g. GitHub)
- Able to manipulate variables
- Able to perform arithmetic functions
- Able to use logic to test variable attributes
- Able to perform linear and matrix indexing
- Able to develop `if` and `else` statements
- Able to implement loops
- Able to load in common datasets into MATLAB

Block 1 structure

Part 1: Managing your code and data

Read through `managing_code_data_01.pdf` and follow the instructions to:

- Set up a GitHub account
 - Clone the GEO8026 repository to your PC, or manually download the Block 1 files to your PC
- * Check the repository for updates before starting a new block ***

Part 2: MATLAB Primer

- Load `matlab_primer_02.mlx` into MATLAB and work through each of the sections.
- Take your time working through these and note the behavior of each of the commands

Part 3: MATLAB Challenges

- Load `matlab_challenges_03.mlx` into MATLAB and work through the examples
- Share your answers with a member of the class and compare your answers
- Where approaches differ, discuss the thought process and critically evaluate each method
- Set your colleague a challenge to complete