

CS 1371

Spring 2020 Section A03

Week 2 Summary

1. Variables

- a. A variable is a bag in which you can store stuff (all kinds of stuff but must be homogeneous)
- b. We need variables for functions (idea of abstraction relies heavily on the use of variables)
- c. = --> Assignment operator (NOT equal sign!!)
 - i. Takes whatever's on the right hand side and assign its value to the variable or spot in the left hand side
 - ii. You can only have ONE assignment operator per line or it will error
- d. Common mistakes
 - i. Not assigning any value to the output variable in a function
 - ii. Typos in function name or variable names
 - iii. In wrong directory

2. Data types:

- a. To find out the data type of a variable, use `class(var)`
- b. Double
 - i. Any number has a class of double (5, 42, 0.001, 29423, ...)
 - ii. You can do math with them! (+, -, .*, ./, .^, ...)
- c. Char
 - i. Anything you can type on a keyboard and wrap them in single quotes (including numbers!)
 - ii. Ex. 'Absk21jl' is a char
 - iii. Difference between '12' and 12
 - 1. single quotes presented --> char
 - 2. no single quotes --> double
 - 3. '12' is length 2; 12 is length 1
 - iv. Each and every char is seen by MATLAB as a double – reference to ASCII table
 - 1. Fun facts to know:
 - a. Lower-case letters have ASCII values 32 greater than their corresponding upper-case letters
 - 2. If you need to look at ASCII table as reference, just google it!
 - 3. DO NOT MEMORIZE THIS TABLE!!
 - a. You will be given anything you need regarding ASCII values on tests
 - v. Some functions:
 - 1. `double()` --> takes in a char and gives back its ASCII value

- a. `double('A') --> 65`
- 2. `char()` --> takes in a double and gives back the char associated to it in ASCII table
 - a. `char(65) --> 'A'`

d. Logical

i. true/false

- 1. NOT 1/0
- 2. NOT True/False
- 3. NOT T/F
- 4. If you write any of the expressions above, you will not get ANY credits for anything even if it's "correct"

ii. Three main ways to define a logical

- 1. Direct entry: `log = true;`
- 2. Functions
 - a. `isequal`, `isnumeric`, `ischar`, `islogical` (basically returns whether your input is a number/char/logical)
 - b. Those functions give back a single logical depending on the result of the test
- 3. Logical operators:
 - a. `==` --> equal
 - b. `~=` --> not equal
 - c. `>/<` --> greater/smaller than
 - d. `>=/<=` greater than or equal/less than or equal
 - e. Evaluates the expression and gives back the answer: Ex. is (left) greater than/ equal to (right)?
 - f. `&` --> AND, both conditions need to be true to get back true
 - g. `|` --> OR, at least one need to be true to get a true
 - h. Those two operators check two logicals and gives back a single logical
 - i. `any()` --> gives back a single true if anything is true
 - j. `all()` --> gives back a single true if everything is true