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MATLAB for Brain and Cognitive Psychology (Control Statements)

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Flow Control

```
Show Fixation   for 1 sec
SOA = -10;  Random selection  rand (1)

Check if  SOA < 0
Show  Left Target
Wait (SOA msec)
Now show  Right Target

Check if  SOA > 0
Show  Right Target
Wait (SOA msec)
Now show  Left Target

Clear Target
Clear Fixation

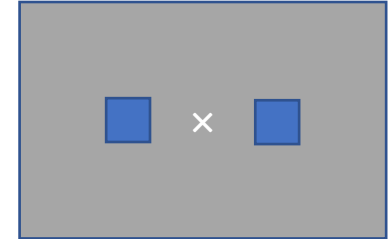
Subject make selection

Check if the subject Choose Correct choice
```

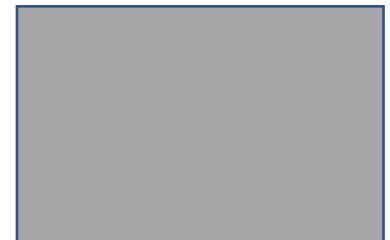
Temporal order Judgment



SOA
-50 :2: 50 ms



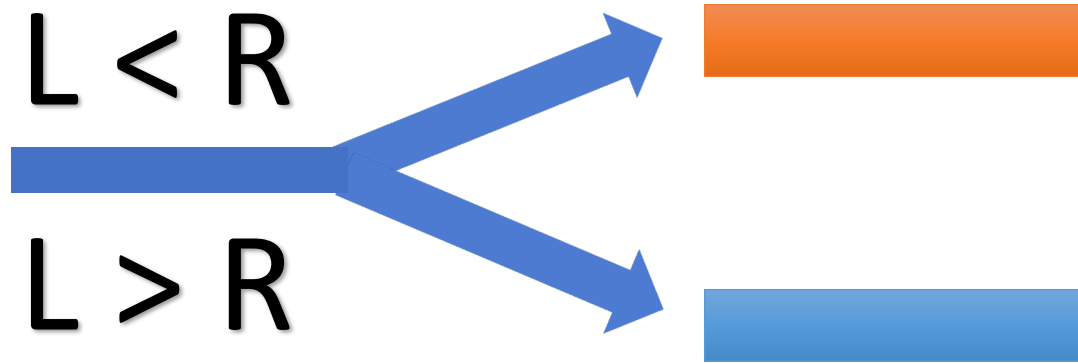
Saccades
Left or Right



Conditionals statements

If $L < R$

If $L > R$



```
Check if SOA < 0
Show Left Target
Wait (SOA msec)
Now show Right Target
```

```
Check if SOA > 0
Show Right Target
Wait (SOA msec)
Now show Left Target
```

```
Check if the subject Choose Correct choice
```



Conditionals statements

```
if condition   
    do this stuff  
end
```

condition should evaluate to logical true or false. examples:

$x > 5$

$y == 5$

`strcmp(subject,'S01')`



Conditionals statements

```
if condition  
    do this stuff  
end
```

```
if condition  
    do this stuff  
  
else  
    do this stuff  
  
end
```

```
if condition  
    do this stuff  
  
elseif condition  
    do this stuff  
  
else  
    do this stuff  
  
end
```



Conditionals statements

```
switch variable
```

```
    do this stuff
```

```
case num1
```

```
    do this stuff
```

```
case num2
```

```
    do this stuff
```

```
case num3
```

```
    do this stuff
```

```
end
```

```
try
```

```
    do this stuff
```

```
catch
```

```
    do this stuff
```

```
end
```



Getting the truth

- `==` equal to (distinguish from `=` which sets a value)
- `~=` not equal to
- `>` greater than
- `<` less than
- `>=` greater than or equal to
- `<=` less than or equal to



Testing the truth

- Logical operators:
 - && **AND** (sometimes you will see &)
 - || **OR** (sometimes you will see |)
 - ~ **NOT**

AND		
$A \wedge B$		Output
F	F	F
T	F	F
F	T	F
T	T	T

OR		
$A \vee B$		Output
F	F	F
T	F	T
F	T	T
T	T	T

NOT	
$\neg A$	Output
F	T
T	F



Comparing strings

```
>> x = 'hello';
>> y = 'goodbye';
>> x == y
Error using ==
Matrix dimensions must agree.

>> help strcmp
strcmp Compare strings.
    TF = strcmp(S1,S2) compares the strings S1 and S2 and returns logical 1
    (true) if they are identical, and returns logical 0 (false) otherwise.

>> strcmp(x,y)
ans =

    0

>> y = 'Hello';
>> strcmp(x,y)

ans =

    0

>> strcmpi(x,y)

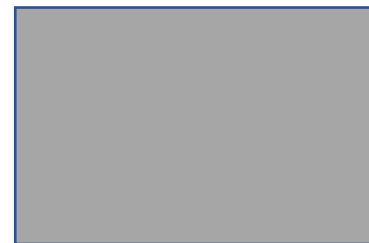
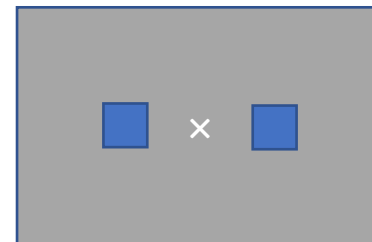
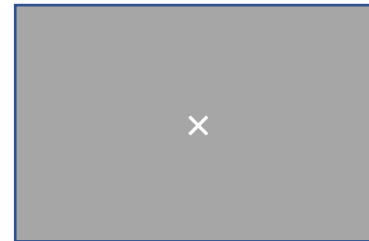
ans =

    1
```



Code repetition (200 Trials)

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Check if SOA > 0  
Show Right Target  
Wait (SOA msec)  
Now show Left Target  
  
Clear Target  
Clear Fixation  
  
Subject make selection  
  
Check if the subject Choose Correct choice
```



SOA
-50 :2: 50 ms

Saccades
Left or Right



For loops

```
function doLoop()  
%do a loop  
for i = 1:10  
    j = sqrt(i);  
    fprintf('The square root of %d is: %.2f\n', i, j);  
end
```

counter variable

range of values for counter to take on

code to be repeated

```
>> doLoop()  
The square root of 1 is 1.00  
The square root of 2 is 1.41  
The square root of 3 is 1.73  
The square root of 4 is 2.00  
The square root of 5 is 2.24  
The square root of 6 is 2.45  
The square root of 7 is 2.65  
The square root of 8 is 2.83  
The square root of 9 is 3.00  
The square root of 10 is 3.16
```



For loops

```
function doLoop()  
%do a loop  
  
listOfPeople = {'Fred','Mary','Laura'};  
  
for i = 1:length(listOfPeople)  
    name = listOfPeople{i};  
    fprintf('Person number %d is %s\n',i,name);  
end
```

```
>> doLoop()  
Person number 1 is Fred  
Person number 2 is Mary  
Person number 3 is Laura
```



While loops

```
while condition  
    do this  
stuff  
end
```



While loops

```
function doLoop()  
%do a loop  
  
x = 0;  
while x < 10  
    y = x^2;  
    fprintf('%d squared is %d\n',x,y);  
    x = x + 1;  
end
```

```
>> doLoop()  
0 squared is 0  
1 squared is 1  
2 squared is 4  
3 squared is 9  
4 squared is 16  
5 squared is 25  
6 squared is 36  
7 squared is 49  
8 squared is 64  
9 squared is 81
```



While loops

Infinite loops

```
function doLoop()  
%do a loop  
  
x = 0;  
  
while 1  
    x = x + 1;  
    fprintf('x is %d\n',x);  
end
```



Functions

What is a function?

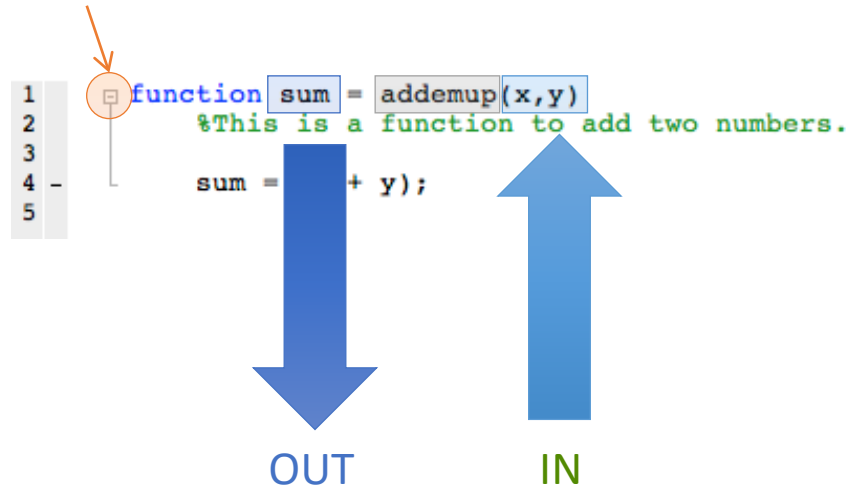
- A function is a self-contained piece of code that accomplishes a specific function
- It may take in certain variables (parameters) and return results



Function declarations

All functions must be *declared*, that is, introduced in the proper way.

code folding



result of the function
name of the function
parameters passed to the
function



Function declarations

Functions may return no variables:

```
function printAName(name)
    %Not very exciting. Just prints a name.

    fprintf('The name is: %s\n',name);
```

Or several:

```
function [avg,biggest,smallest] = getSomeStats(x)
    %Return some statistics on vector x

    avg = mean(x);
    biggest= max(x);
    smallest = min(x);
```



Variable scope

- Variables only exist within a certain “scope”
- Variables defined in a function only exist within that function



Variable scope

```
1 function sum = addemup(x,y)
2     %This is a function to add two numbers.
3
4     multiplier = 3;
5     sum = (x + y) * multiplier;
6
7     return;
8
```

```
1 function sum = addemup2(x,y)
2     %This is a function to add two numbers.
3
4     multiplier = 5;
5     sum = (x + y) * multiplier;
6
7     return;
```

```
>> addemup(1,1)
ans =
    6
>> addemup2(1,1)
ans =
   10
```



Debugging

```
>> debugDemo('SB02')  
Error using fprintf  
Function is not defined for 'cell' inputs.  
  
Error in debugDemo>printSomething (line 19)  
fprintf('This is your string: %s\n',stringToPrint);  
  
Error in debugDemo (line 11)  
printSomething(myConditions);
```

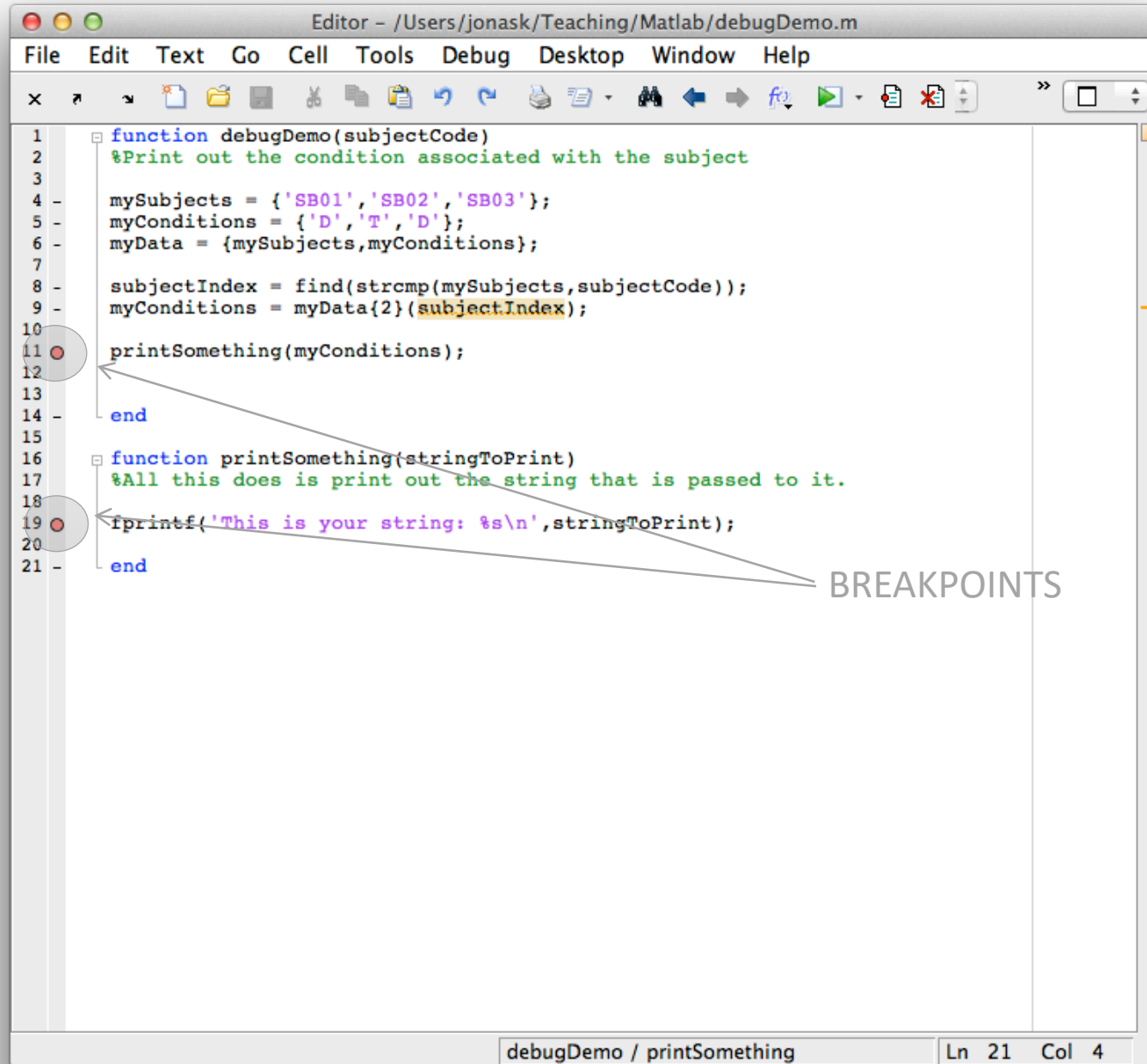
← proximal cause of error

← distal cause of error

Links to the help
file for that
function

Links to the line in
the script where
the problem
occurred





Debugging

```
>> debugDemo('SB02')  
11 printSomething(myConditions);  
K>>
```

K>> prompt indicates that are in debug mode

This is the line where the script has paused (we set a breakpoint here). The line number is a link to the line in the editor.

Workspace shifts to showing all the variables in memory inside the function



Assignment session #3

- Write a function named “`yourInitials_session3()`”
- The function should take two inputs:
 - 1) a string containing the subject's code
 - 2) a vector of 5 scores
- The function should return two values:
 - 1) the mean of the 5 scores, after removing the lowest one
 - 2) the standard error of the mean of the 5 scores after removing the lowest one
- The function should also do the following when run:
print the following line to the screen:
“Working on subject XXXX...” where XXXX is the subject code

