

Array Index Slicing and Subsetting to Replace and Expand

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Index Select Rows and Columns of a 2D matrix

In the example below, select by entire rows and columns:

```
% There is a 2D Matrix
rng(123);
randMatZ = rand(3,6);
disp(randMatZ);
```

0.6965	0.5513	0.9808	0.3921	0.4386	0.7380
0.2861	0.7195	0.6848	0.3432	0.0597	0.1825
0.2269	0.4231	0.4809	0.7290	0.3980	0.1755

```
% Duplicate Select Row sand Columns of Elements
disp(randMatZ([1,2,3,3,3,2], [1,1,2,2,2,1]))
```

0.6965	0.6965	0.5513	0.5513	0.5513	0.6965
0.2861	0.2861	0.7195	0.7195	0.7195	0.2861
0.2269	0.2269	0.4231	0.4231	0.4231	0.2269
0.2269	0.2269	0.4231	0.4231	0.4231	0.2269
0.2269	0.2269	0.4231	0.4231	0.4231	0.2269
0.2861	0.2861	0.7195	0.7195	0.7195	0.2861

Index Select Set of Elements from 2D matrix

Rather than selecting entire rows and columns, suppose we want to select only one element at row 1 col 2, the element at row 2 col 4, element at row 5 col 1, etc.

```
% Select Subset of Elements
it_row_idx = [1,2,3,1,3,2];
it_col_idx = [1,1,5,4,2,3];
% Select sub2idx
ar_lin_idx = sub2ind(size(randMatZ), it_row_idx, it_col_idx);
ar_sel_val = randMatZ(ar_lin_idx);
disp(ar_sel_val');
```

```
0.6965
0.2861
0.3980
0.3921
0.4231
0.6848
```

Find Closest Element of Array to Each Element of Another Array

Given scalar value, find the cloest value in array:

```
fl_a = 3.4;
ar_bb = [1,2,3,4];
[fl_min, it_min_idx] = min(abs(ar_bb-fl_a));
disp(it_min_idx);
```

Given a scalar value and an array, find the closest smaller value in the array to the scalar value:

```
fl_a = 2.1;
ar_bb = [1,2,3,4];
disp(sum(ar_bb<fl_a));
```

Array A is between 0 and 1, on some grid. Array B is also between 0 and 1, but scattered. Find for each element of B the index of the closest value on A that is smaller than the element in B.

```
rng(1234);
ar_a = linspace(0,10,5);
ar_b = rand([5,1])*10;
mt_a_less_b = ar_a<ar_b;
mt_a_less_b_idx = sum(ar_a<ar_b, 2);
disp(ar_a);
```

```
0    2.5000    5.0000    7.5000   10.0000
```

```
disp(ar_b);
```

```
1.9152
6.2211
4.3773
7.8536
7.7998
```

```
disp(mt_a_less_b);
```

```
1  0  0  0  0
1  1  1  0  0
1  1  0  0  0
1  1  1  1  0
1  1  1  1  0
```

```
disp(mt_a_less_b_idx);
```

```
1
3
2
4
4
```

Matlab Index based Replacement of Subset of Matrix Values

```
rng(123);
randMatZ = rand(3,6)+1;
randMat = rand(3,6)-0.5;

output = max(-randMat,0);
randMatZ(output==0) = 999;
min(randMatZ,[],2);
randMatZ((max(-randMat,0))==0) = 999;
```

```
disp(randMatZ);
```

```
999.0000 999.0000 999.0000 1.3921 1.4386 1.7380
999.0000 999.0000 1.6848 1.3432 1.0597 1.1825
999.0000 999.0000 1.4809 999.0000 1.3980 1.1755
```

```
disp(min(randMatZ,[],2));
```

```
1.3921
1.0597
1.1755
```

Matlab Matrix Index Based Matrix Expansion (Manual)

In the example below, we start with a 4 by 2 matrix, than we expand specific rows and columns of the matrix. Specifically, we expand the matrix such that the result matrix repeats the 1st, 2nd, 1st, 2nd, then 3rd, than 1st, 1st, and 1st rows. And repeats column 1, then 2nd, then 2nd, then 2nd, and finally the first column.

```
% Original Matrix
```

```
Z = 2;
N = 2;
Q = 2;
base_mat = reshape(1:(Z*N*Q),Z*N,Q);
disp(base_mat);
```

```
1 5
2 6
3 7
4 8
```

```
% Expanded Matrix
```

```
base_expand = base_mat([1,2,1,2,3,1,1,1],[1,2,2,2,1]);
disp(base_expand);
```

```
1 5 5 5 1
2 6 6 6 2
1 5 5 5 1
2 6 6 6 2
3 7 7 7 3
1 5 5 5 1
1 5 5 5 1
1 5 5 5 1
```

Duplicate Matrix Downwards N times Using Index

The example here has the same idea, but we do the operations above in a more automated way. This could be done using alternative methods.

```
% Original Matrix
```

```
Z = 2;
N = 2;
Q = 2;
base_mat = reshape(1:(Z*N*Q),Z*N,Q);
disp(base_mat);
```

```
1 5
2 6
```

```
3    7
4    8
```

```
% Generate row Index many times automatically depending on how many times
% to replicate
vmat_repeat_count = 3;
vmat_reindex_rows_repeat = [1:(Z*N)]'* ones(1,vmat_repeat_count);
vmat_reindex_rows_repeat = vmat_reindex_rows_repeat(:);
disp(vmat_reindex_rows_repeat');
```

```
1    2    3    4    1    2    3    4    1    2    3    4
```

```
% Duplicate Matrix by the Rows specified above, and using the same number
% of columns.
mat_repdown = base_mat(vmat_reindex_rows_repeat(:), 1:Q);
disp(mat_repdown');
```

```
1    2    3    4    1    2    3    4    1    2    3    4
5    6    7    8    5    6    7    8    5    6    7    8
```

Max of Matrix column by Column Linear to 2d Index

Finding max of matrix column by column, then obtain the linear index associated with the max values.

```
randMat = rand(5,3);
disp(randMat);
```

```
0.4264    0.1156    0.4830
0.8934    0.3173    0.9856
0.9442    0.4148    0.5195
0.5018    0.8663    0.6129
0.6240    0.2505    0.1206
```

```
[maxVal maxIndex] = max(randMat);
linearIndex = sub2ind(size(randMat),maxIndex,(1:1:size(randMat,2)))
```

```
linearIndex = 1×3
3    9    12
```

```
randMat(linearIndex)
```

```
ans = 1×3
0.9442    0.8663    0.9856
```

```
t_pV = [1,2;3,4;5,6];
t_pV_Ind = [1,1;0,0;1,1];
[maxVal maxIndex] = max(t_pV(t_pV_Ind==1))
```

```
maxVal = 6
maxIndex = 4
```

Given Array of size M, Select N somewhat equi-distance elements

```
% Subset count
it_n = 5;
```

```
% Example 1, long array
```

```

ar_fl_a = 1:1.1:100;
ar_it_subset_idx = unique(round(((0:1:(it_n-1))/(it_n-1))*(length(ar_fl_a)-1)+1));
ar_fl_a_subset = ar_fl_a(ar_it_subset_idx);
disp(ar_fl_a_subset);

```

```

1.0000    26.3000    50.5000    75.8000   100.0000

```

```

% Example 2, Short Array

```

```

ar_fl_a = 1:1.1:3;
ar_it_subset_idx = unique(round(((0:1:(it_n-1))/(it_n-1))*(length(ar_fl_a)-1)+1));
ar_fl_a_subset = ar_fl_a(ar_it_subset_idx);
disp(ar_fl_a_subset);

```

```

1.0000    2.1000

```

```

% Write As function

```

```

f_subset = @(it_subset_n, it_ar_n) unique(round(((0:1:(it_subset_n-1))/(it_subset_n-1))*(it_ar_n-1)+1));

```

```

% Select 5 out of 10
disp(f_subset(5, 10));

```

```

1      3      6      8     10

```

```

% Select 10 out of 5
disp(f_subset(10, 5));

```

```

1      2      3      4      5

```

```

% Select 5 out of 5
disp(f_subset(5, 5));

```

```

1      2      3      4      5

```