String Manipulations with Arrays

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String Array

Empty String Array:

```
ar_st_titles = strings([3,1]);
ar_st_titles(1) = 'Title1';
ar_st_titles(2) = 'Title2';
ar_st_titles(3) = 'Title3';
disp(ar_st_titles);

"Title1"
"Title2"
"Title3"
```

Three title lines, with double quotes:

```
ar_st_titles = ["Title1","Title2","Title3"]';
disp(ar_st_titles);

"Title1"
   "Title2"
   "Title3"
```

Three words, joined together, now single quotes, this creates one string, rather than a string array:

```
st_titles = ['Title1','Title2','Title3'];
disp(st_titles);
```

Title1Title2Title3

String Cell Array

Create a string array:

```
ar_st_title_one = {'Title One Line'};
ar_st_titles = {'Title1','Title2','Title3'};
disp(ar_st_title_one);

{'Title One Line'}

disp(ar_st_titles);
{'Title1'} {'Title2'} {'Title3'}
```

Add to a string array:

```
ar_st_titles{4} = 'Title4';
disp(ar_st_titles);

{'Title1'} {'Title2'} {'Title3'} {'Title4'}
```

Update one of the strings:

```
ar_st_title_one{1} = strcat('log(', ar_st_title_one{1},')');
ar_st_titles{1} = strcat('log(', ar_st_titles{1},')');
disp(ar_st_title_one);

{'log(Title One Line)'}

disp(ar_st_titles);

{'log(Title1)'} {'Title2'} {'Title3'} {'Title4'}
```

Joint String Cell Array with Suffix

```
ar_st_titles = {'Title1','Title2','Title3'};
disp(strcat(ar_st_titles, '_init'));

{'Title1_init'} {'Title2_init'} {'Title3_init'}
```

Duplicate String

String Join to form Single Element

using char() is safe

```
st_var_name = [char(st_var_name) ' percentile values']

st_var_name = 'abc'

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st_var_name = 'abc ' percentile values'
```

String Join dash (Paste)

This is similar to R's paste function:

```
st_var_name = "abc";
st_var_name = [st_var_name, 'efg', 'mqo'];
disp(strjoin(st_var_name, "_"));
abc_efg_mqo

disp(strjoin(st_var_name, ","));
abc,efg,mqo
```

Numeric Array to String without Space

String replace

```
ar_it_test_grp = [3, 8, 9];
strrep(num2str(ar_it_test_grp), ' ', '_')

ans =
'3_8_9'
```

Substring replace in Cell Array

```
ar_st_cells = {'shock=0.35','shock=0.40','shock=0.46'};
ar_st_updated_cells = strrep(ar_st_cells, 'shock', '$\epsilon$');
disp(ar_st_updated_cells);
{'$\epsilon$=0.35'} {'$\epsilon$=0.40'} {'$\epsilon$=0.46'}
```

Find position of String in String Cell

```
find(strcmp(ls_st_param_key, st_param_key))
ans = 5
```

Find the positions of String Cells in Full String Cells

Find the positions of fl_w, fl_beta, and it_z_n in ls_st_param_key. Then just find the position of fl_crra. When looking for the position of something that does not exist, generate an find outcome array of length 0.

```
ls_st_param_key = {'fl_crra', 'fl_beta', ...
                    'fl_w', 'fl_r_save', ...
                    'fl_a_max', 'it_z_n', 'it_a_n'};
cl_st_param_keys = {'fl_w', 'fl_beta', 'it_z_n'};
cell2mat(cellfun(@(m) find(strcmp(ls_st_param_key, m)), ...
                 cl_st_param_keys, 'UniformOutput', false))
ans = 1 \times 3
    3
         2
              6
find(strcmp(ls_st_param_key, 'fl_crra'))
ans = 1
length(find(strcmp(ls_st_param_key, 'fl_crra_not_exist')))
ans = 0
~sum(strcmp(ls_st_param_key, 'fl_crra_not_exist'))
ans = logical
  1
```

Cell to string Paste and Replace dash

```
cl_st_param_keys = {'fl_crra', 'fl_beta'};
display(strrep(strjoin(cl_st_param_keys, '-'), '_', '\_'));
fl\_crra-fl\_beta
```