

# Python Exercise

## Python and Matlab

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### 1 Load and save a struct/ dict

1. Load the file `data1.mat` in Python. Use `.dtype` to figure out what is stored in the numpy array.
2. Visualize the stored data.
3. Save the data as a struct for Matlab. This can be done by packing the data in a dictionary and saving the dictionary into a `*.mat` file.

### 2 Load and save cell/ list or object array

1. Load the file `data2.mat` in Python.
2. Visualize the stored data.
3. Save the data as a cell for Matlab. This can be done by creating an numpy object array (`np.zeros((length,),dtype=np.object)`) from the data and saving it into a `*.mat` file.

Check if it worked by: (i) open a terminal in the folder where the new file was saved and copy `test_data.m` to that path (ii) run `octave` and then (iii) run `test_data(filename)`

Help functions: `scipy.io.loadmat(filename)`, `scipy.io.savemat(filename,{ 'variableKey1': variable1, 'variableKey2': variable2})`, `matplotlib.pyplot.plot`

See also: <http://docs.scipy.org/doc/scipy/reference/tutorial/io.html>