

MATLAB Tutorial

CSE 6367: Computer Vision

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```
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else
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end
```

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- Note that unlike C the `switch` statement does not fall through (i.e. breaks are unnecessary)

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Functions

- The following function, 'unpackRGBFloat', unpacks RGB float data into separate color values:

```
function [r g b] = unpackRGBFloat(rgbfloatdata)
% UNPACKRGBFLOAT Unpack RGB float data into
% separate color values.

mask = hex2dec('000000FF');
rgb = typecast(rgbfloatdata,'uint32');

r = double(bitand(mask, bitshift(rgb, -16))) / 255;
g = double(bitand(mask, bitshift(rgb, -8))) / 255;
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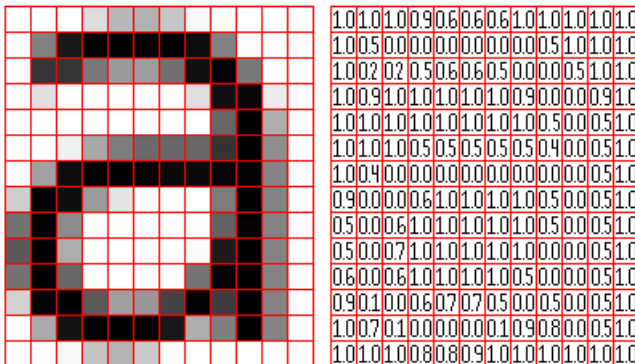
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