

MATLAB

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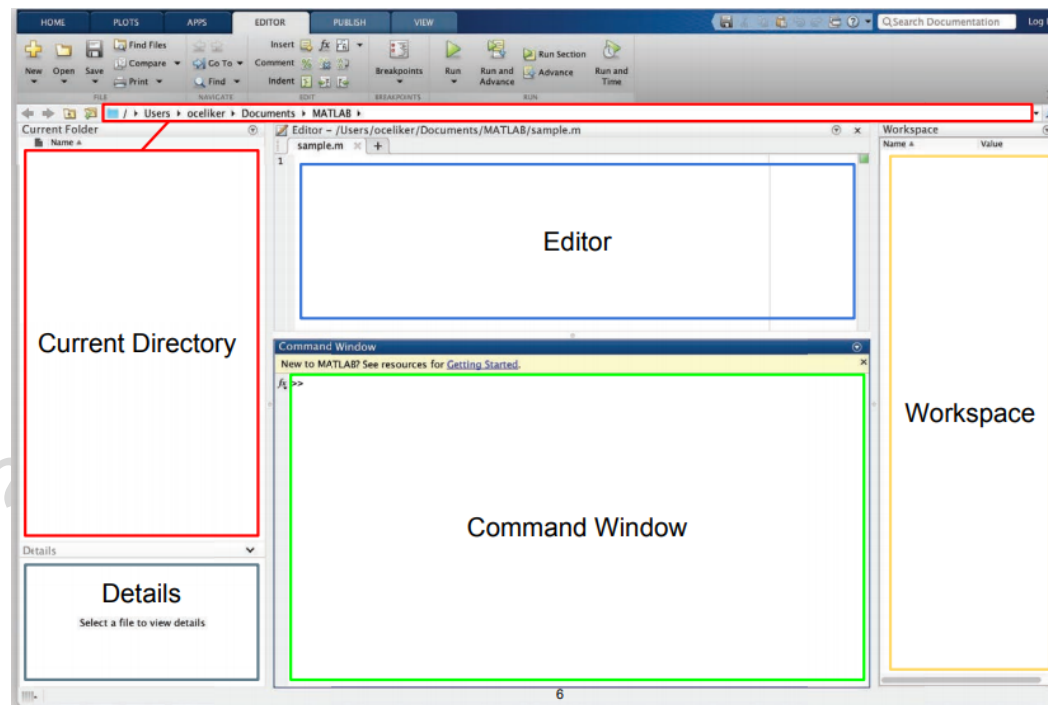
- MATLAB can be thought of as a super-powerful graphing calculator
 - With many built-in functions
- In addition, it is a programming language
 - MATLAB is an interpreted language, like Python
 - Commands are executed line-by-line

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Introduction to Matlab by MIT open courseware⁽¹⁾, <https://ocw.mit.edu/courses/electrical-engineering-and-computer-science/6-057-introduction-to-matlab-january-iap-2019>

Matlab

- Matlab working environment:
 - Editor, Command window
 - Workspace, Current directory, and Details



Scripts

- Scripts are
 - Collection of commands executed in sequence
 - Written in the MATLAB editor
 - Saves as m-files (.m extension)
- To create an m-file from the command line
 - edit MyFileName.m
 - Or click the "New Script" button on the top left
- Comment!
 - Anything following a % sign is interpreted as a comment
 - Comment thoroughly to avoid wasting time later
 - Mark beginning of a code block by using %%
- Note that scripts are somewhat static, with no explicit input
- All variables created or modified in a script retain their value after script execution

Exercise: Script

- Make a script with the name helloMatlab.m
- When run, the script should show the following text
 - Hello MATLAB!
 - I am going to learn MATLAB!
- Hint:
 - Use disp(...) to display a string. Strings are written between single quotes, e.g., 'Hardware System Design for AI'
 - Use "doc cmd" to find the definition of a command "cmd"

Variable types

- MATLAB is a “weakly typed” language
 - No need to initialize variables!
- MATLAB supports various types
 - 3.84: 64-bit double (default)
 - 'A': 16-bit char
- Most variables are vectors, matrices, doubles or chars.
- It supports other types: complex, symbolic, 16-bit and 8-bit integers.

Naming variables

- To create a variable, simply assign a value to a name
 - `myStringVariable = 'Hardware Design for AI'`
 - `myLayerVariable = 16`
- Rules
 - First character must be a LETTER followed by any combination of numbers, letters and _
 - Names are CASE-SENSITIVE (e.g. `var1`, is different from `Var1`).
- Build-in variables (don't use these names for anything else!)
 - `i`, `j`: can be used to indicate complex numbers (`ii`, `jj`, `kk`, ... for loop)
 - `pi`: has the value 3.1415...
 - `ans`: stores the results of the last unsigned value
 - `Inf`, `-Inf`: infinities
 - `NaN`: "Not a Number"

Scalars

- A variable can be given a value explicit
 - `x=10`
 - Shows up in workspace
- Or as a function of explicit values and existing variables
 - `Y=1.3*4.5-7.8`
- To suppress output, end of the line with a semicolon
 - `hisname = 'John';`

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Arrays

- Like other programming languages, arrays are an important part of MATLAB
- Two types of arrays
 - Matrix of numbers (either double or complex)
 - Cell array of objects (more advanced data structure)

⇒ MATLAB makes vectors easy! That's its power

Row vectors

- Row vector: comma- or space-separated values between square brackets

- Row = [1 2 3 4 5 6];
- Row = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6];


- Command windows

```
K>> row = [1 2 3 4 5 6]
```

```
row =
```

```
      1      2      3      4      5      6
```

- Workspace

Name ▲	Value
 row	[1,2,3,4,5,6]

Column vectors

- Column vector: semicolon-separated values between square brackets
 - `Col = [1; 2; 3; 4];`

- Command window

```
K>> col = [1;2;3;4]
```

```
col =
```

```
1  
2  
3  
4
```

- Workspace

Name ▲	Value
col	[1;2;3;4]
row	[1,2,3,4,5,6]

Size and Length

- We can see the difference between a row and a column by
 - Looking in the workspace
 - Display the variable in the command window
 - Using the size function

```
K>> size(row)
```

```
ans =
```

```
1    6
```

```
K>> length(row)
```

```
ans =
```

```
6
```

```
K>> size(col)
```

```
ans =
```

```
4    1
```

```
K>> length(col)
```

```
ans =
```

```
4
```

Matrices

- Make matrices like vectors
 - Element by element
 - $A = [1 \ 2; 3 \ 4];$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Strings are character vectors

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save/clear/load

- Use "save" to save variables to a file
 - save myFile a b
 - Saves variables a and b to the file myFile.mat in the current directory
 - Default working directory is MATLAB unless you navigate to another folder/
- Use clear to clear the variables in workspace
 - clear a b
 - Look at workspace: variables a and b are gone
- Use "load" to load variables into the workspace
 - load myFile
 - Look at workspace: a and b are back

Functions

- MATLAB has an enormous library of built-in functions
- Call using parentheses, passing parameters to function
 - `sqrt(2)`, `log(2)`, `log10(0.23)`, `cos(pi)`, `atan(pi/2)`, `exp(2+4*1i)`, `round(1.1)`.
- Functions for vectors and matrixes
 - Transpose: turn a column vector into a row vector and vice versa
 - Addition and subtraction:
 - Element-wise operations
 - Use the transpose to make sizes compatible
 - Can sum up or multiply elements of vectors
 - To do element-wise functions, use the dot (`.*`, `./`, or `.*`)