

Introduction to programming in MATLAB

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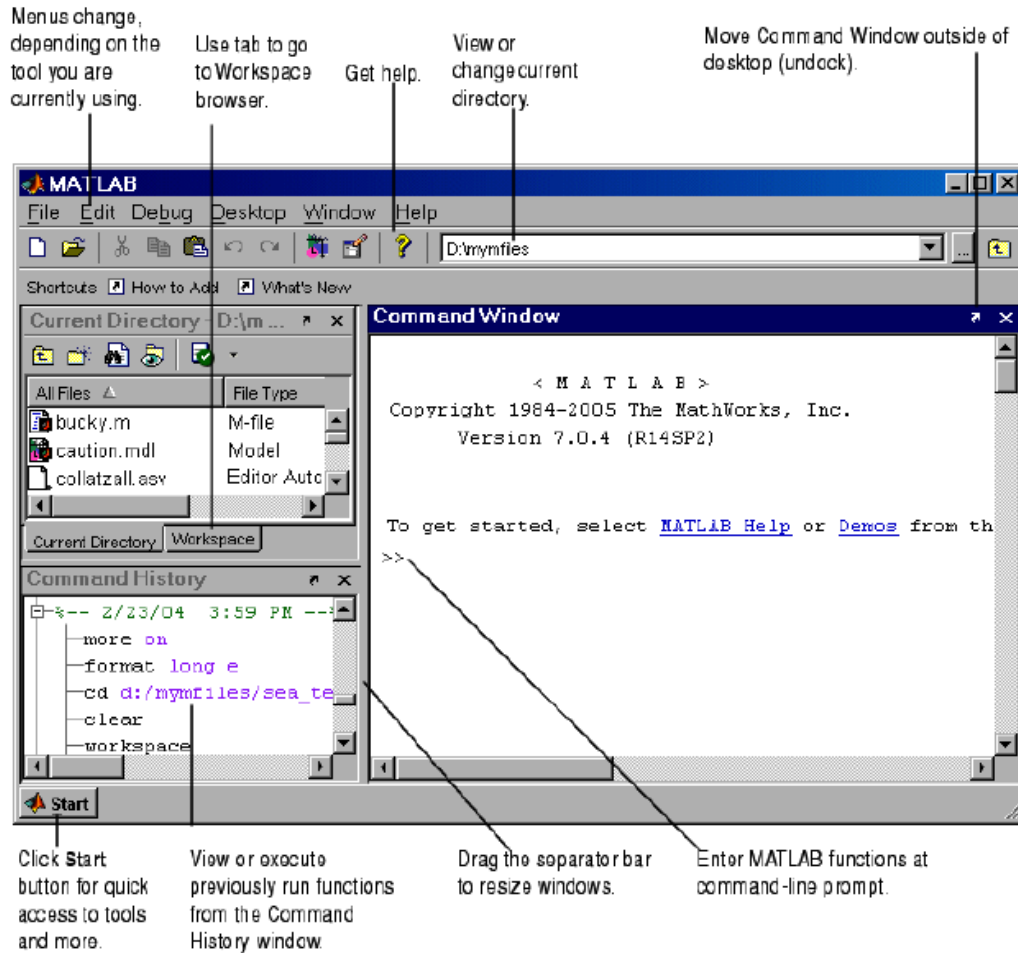
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Command window	Main window, enters variables, runs programs.
Editor window	Creates and debugs script and function files.
Help window	Provides help information.
Command History window	Logs command entered in the Command window
Workspace window	Provides information about the variables and that are used.
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Precedence	Mathematical operation
First	Parentheses. For nested parentheses, the innermost are executed first.
Second	Exponentiation
Third	Multiplication, division(equal parenthesis)
Fourth	Addition and subtraction

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clear x y z	Removes only variables x,y, and z from the memory
who	Displays a list of the variables currently in the memory.
whos	Displays a list of the variables currently in the memory and their size together with information about their bytes and class.

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%e	Display value in exponential format
%f	Display value in floating point format
%g	Display value in either floating point or exponential format, whichever is shorter
%c	Display a single character
%s	Display a string of characters
\n	Skip to a new line

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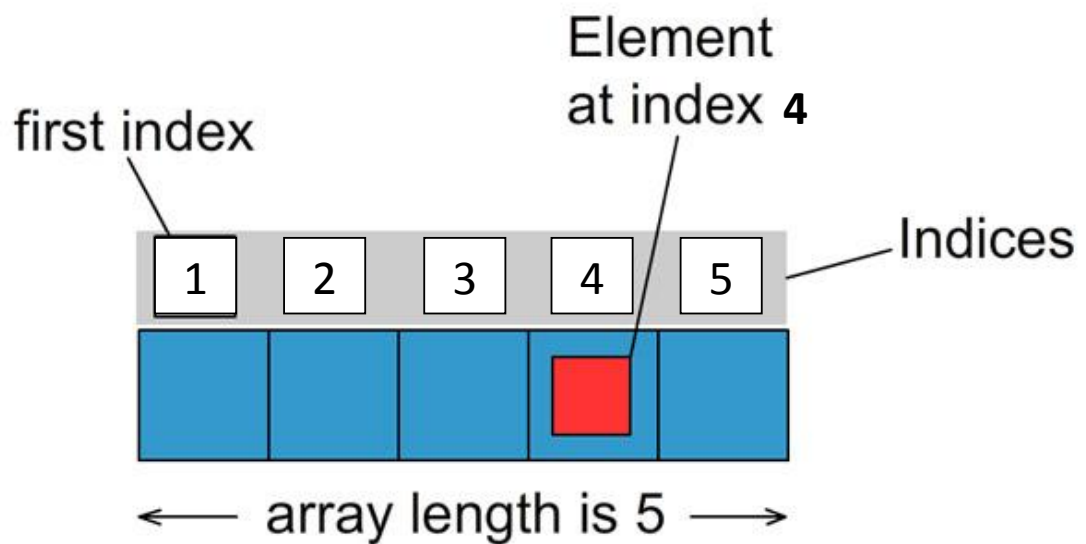
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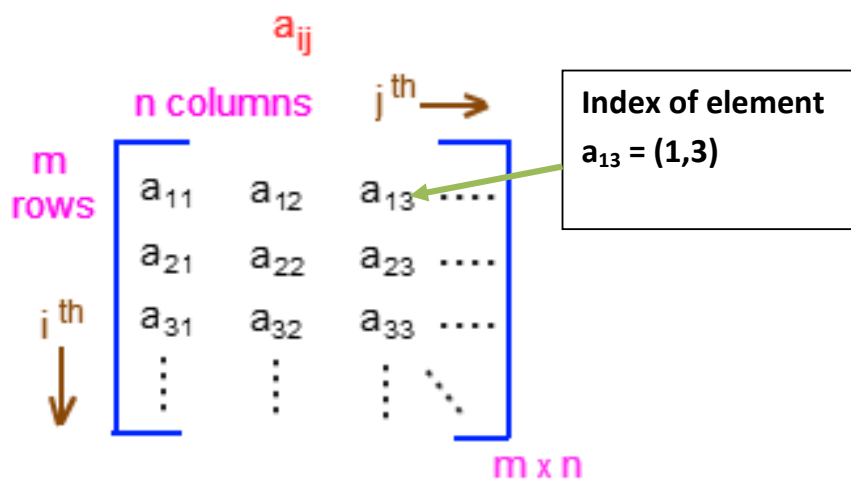
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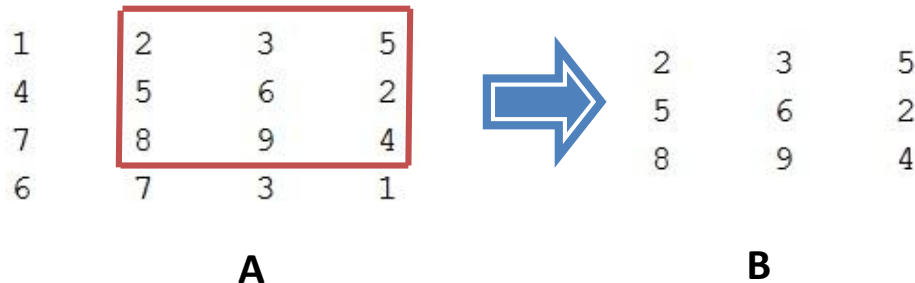
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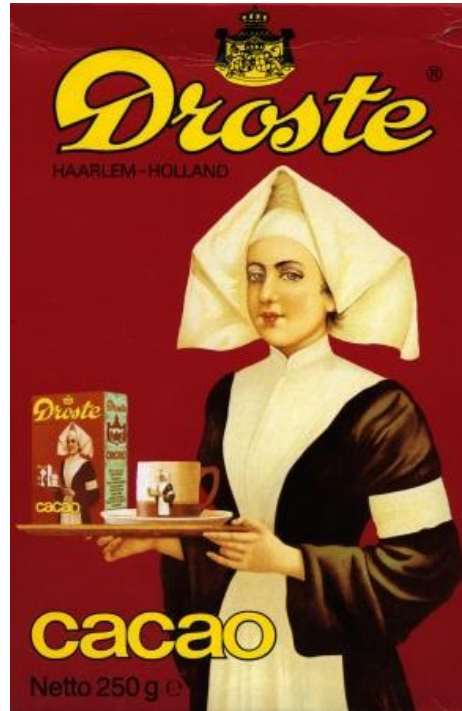
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