

Machine Learning

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Functions and Scripts: Introduction

Notes: Functions and Visualization

- 1 Review last class
- 2 Functions
- 3 Visualization
- 4 Combination with flow diagram

Remember

- The percent sign % denotes the start of a comment, and MATLAB ignores it.
- The operators .* and ./ tell MATLAB to do element by element multiplication

How to look for Help

- You can always get help on a command (say plot) by typing `help plot` in MATLAB's command window.
- You can also use the upper right corner section called "Search Documentation"
- And of course, there is also [Google](#). Just make sure that in your search you include 'MATLAB and the question'

Functions and Scripts: Introduction

It is far more powerful, and liberating to use it in a “batch” mode using:

Functions

provide definitions of new functions

Example file `Pressure.m`

```
function P = Pressure(T,V,R)
% Pressure(a,b,c) returns
% ideal gas pressure
P = R.*T./V;
end
```

You can use this function from the command window as:

```
Pressure(298,0.022,8.314)
```

scripts

list of commands to be executed.

Example file `IdealGasScript.m`

```
% script M-file IdealGasScript.m
R = 8.314; % Gas Constant
T = 298;
V = 0.0022;
Pressure(T,V,R)
```

You can run this file from the Run Script menu or by typing the filename without the `.m` on the command line.

Functions and Scripts: Introduction

Be careful

Functions

- When you call the function `Pressure` MATLAB looks for the file `Pressure.m` in the current directory and in the MATLAB [search path](#).
- If you want to change a function or a script you must tell MATLAB to use the new version by entering the command `clear Pressure` from the command line to remove the old version from memory. The command `clear all` removes all definitions so can start with a blank slate of MATLAB. Use this command with great care.

scripts

- The script file `IdealGasScript.m` must be in your MATLAB [path](#)
- If script files are not doing what you expect the command `clear all` will remove all old definitions from memory. This is often necessary when you are changing the script file. Again, “with great care, you should use this command”

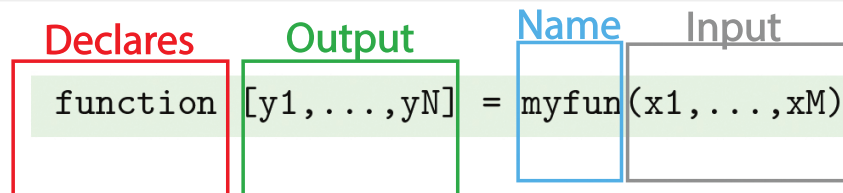
Functions and Scripts: Definition

Functions (according to MATLAB)

Syntax

```
function [y1,...,yN] = funcname(x1,...,xM)
```

- A function file is defined by writing function in the first line
- That accepts inputs x_1, \dots, x_M %notice the ()
- Return outputs y_1, \dots, y_N %notice the []
- The name of the file should match the name of the first function in the file (e.g. funcname.m). Valid function names begin with an alphabetic character, and can contain letters, numbers, or underscores.



Functions and Scripts: Definition

Functions (Helpcomments definition)

Syntax

```
function [y1,...,yN] = funcname(x1,...,xM)
```

```
%HELPCOMMENTS (1st line): Description of the function
```

```
%HELPCOMMENTS (2nd line): Use of the function (How to)
```

```
%HELPCOMMENTS (3rd line): Definition of Inputs
```

```
%HELPCOMMENTS (4th line): Definition of Outputs
```

Helpcomments

- The HELPCOMMENTS section is a very important part of creating a function, perhaps the most important
- 1st line of HELPCOMMENTS will be found by the command `>>lookfor word` where word is in the 1st line of your function
- All the lines from 1st - n line in Helpcomments will be found by the command `>>Help funcname`

Functions and Scripts: Examples

File: Absolute.m

Using the HELPCOMMENTS

```
function [ numberabs ] = Absolute( anynumber )
%Description: This func takes the absolute value of a number
%Use:        numberabs = Absolute (anynumber)
%input:      number = any number (positive/negative)
%output:     numberabs = absolute of a number
    if anynumber < 0
        numberabs = -1.*anynumber; %transf a neg into pos
    else
        numberabs = anynumber;
    end
end
```

Now in Matlab type the commands `lookfor Absolute` vs `Help Absolute`. What is the difference?

Functions and Scripts: Examples

Solve: $\sum_{i=1}^{10} |i - 5|$

script

File: scriptNofunction.m

```
sum=0
for i=1:10
    i
    if i-5<0
        sum=sum-1*(i-5)
    else
        sum=sum+(i-5)
    end
end
end
```

Function (No Helpcomments used)

File: Absolute.m

```
function [out] = Absolute (in)
    if in < 0
        out=-1*in
    else
        out=in
    end
end
```

File: scriptYesfunction.m

```
sum=0
for i=1:10
    %This calls Function Absolute
    sum=sum+Abs(i-5)
end
```

Functions and Scripts: Examples

If a function has more than one output, you can save both by using an array with matrices variable in the call.

File: MySum.m

Function

```
function [theArray theSum] = MySum(start,final)
count=1; theSum = 0
for i=start:final
    theSum=theSum+i
    theArray(count)=i
    count=count+1
end
```

File: lazysum.m

script

```
%lazy to make the sum everytime?, call your function
[theArray theSum] = MySum(3,5)
```

MATLAB - plot and fplot: Definition

Syntax

`plot(X,Y)`

creates a 2-D line plot of the data in Y versus the corresponding values in X.

```
x=0:10
y=x.^2
plot(x,y)
```

```
x=0:10
y=x.^2
plot(x,y)
hold on
plot(x,x)
```

Syntax

`fplot(fun,limits)`

plots a function between specified limits. limits is a vector specifying the x-axis limits ([xmin xmax]).

```
fplot(@Abs, [-10 10])
% Check the values around 0
fplot(@Abs, [-10 10], 100)
% What happened to the plot?
```

Notice the use of our earlier function `[out] = Abs (in);`

MATLAB - plot and fplot: Examples

File: plotgas.m

```
R = 8.314;
T1 = 298;
T2 = 398;
T3 = 498;
% Create an array of Volume
% values from 0.01 to 0.1
%V = linspace(0.01,0.1,100);
V = 0.01:0.001:0.1;
% Fill the data arrays
P1 = Pressure(T1,V,R);
P2 = Pressure(T2,V,R);
P3 = Pressure(T3,V,R);
```

%continuation

```
plot(V,P1,V,P2,V,P3)
title('Ideal Gas Plot')
xlabel('Molar Volume')
ylabel('Pressure')
legend('T=298','T=398','T=498')
```

Exercise

*Change the value of
V = 0.01:0.0001:0.1;
*What does this definition do?
V = linspace(0.01,0.1,100);

Notice the use of our earlier
function P = Pressure(T,V,R);

MATLAB - plot and fplot: Examples

Compare to plotgas.m

File: plotgasalt.m

```
close all;
p1 = @(x) Pressure(298,x,8.314);
fplot(p1,[0.01 0.1],'g-')
hold on
p1 = @(x) Pressure(398,x,8.314);
fplot(p1,[0.01 0.1],'r:')
p1 = @(x) Pressure(498,x,8.314);
fplot(p1,[0.01 0.1],'b')
```

Notice the use of our earlier function
P = Pressure(T,V,R);

Notice the use of 'g-' and
'r:' and 'b'

The first letter in the code sets
the color of the line.

Symbol	Color
g	green
b	blue
r	red
c	cyan
m	magenta
y	yellow
k	black
w	white

MATLAB - plot and fplot: Examples

The next symbol is the Line Style

Symbol	Line Style
-	solid line
--	dashed line
:	dotted line
-.	dash-dot line

You can add other symbols to your plot, called marker for the line.

Symbol	Marker Style	Symbol	Marker Style
.	point	v	triangle (down)
x	cross	^	triangle (up)
+	plus	<	triangle (left)
s	square	>	triangle (right)
d	diamond	*	asterisk
p	pentagram	h	hexagram

MATLAB - subplot: Definition

Syntax:

`subplot(m,n,p)`
divides the current figure into an *m*-by-*n* grid and creates an axes for a subplot in the position specified by *p*.

```
x = linspace(0,10);

figure(1)
subplot(2,1,1);
p1 = @(x) Pressure(298,x,8.314);
fplot(p1,[0.01 0.1], 'g-x')

subplot(2,1,2);
p1 = @(x) Pressure(398,x,8.314);
fplot(p1,[0.01 0.1], 'r:d')
```

File: `plotsubplot.m`

```
clc; clear; close all;

x=0:10;
y=x.^2;
subplot(2,2,1)
plot(x,y)

subplot(2,2,2)
plot(x,y)

subplot(2,2,[3 4])
fplot(@Abs, [-10 10])
```

Other commands to remember

Type this in the command window

```
>> help func      %What does this command do?
>> who            %What does this command do?
>> whos          %What is the difference with >>who ?
>> zeros (3,4)    %What does this command do?
>> ones (5,2)     %What does this command do?
>> linspace(1,10,100) %Compare to >> 1:0.1:10
>> logspace(1,10,100)
>> M=[[1,2,3]' [4,5,6]' [7,8,9]'] %What does command do?
>> log(M)         %What does command do?
>> length(M)      %What does command do?
```

Really look up for what these command do

length(), logspace(), linspace(), hold on

Other commands to remember

Code 1: Concatenating text

```
1 n='Dark '
2 l='lord'
3 donotsayit = [n l]
4 isaidno = ['Dark ' 'lord'] %compare to donotsayit
```

Code 2: Making Tables

```
1 a=[20; 21; 22];
2 b={'Eng'; 'Sci'; 'Sci'} %Notice the {} instead of []
3 X=table(a, b, 'VariableNames',{'age','Major'})
```

Test these commands/script in your computer

See you next class

“Just as there is not royal road to geometry, there is no royal road to programming”.- Euclid and J. V. Guttag

The computer will do what you TELL them to do NOT what you WANT them to do.- Someone in the Internet (Perhaps)

Think twice, code once.- Anonymous

The sooner you start to code, the longer the program will take.- R. Carlson

Any fool can write code that a computer can understand. Good programmers write code that humans can understand.- M. Fowler

Simplicity is the soul of efficiency.- A. Freeman

If you cannot grok the overall structure of a program while taking a shower, you are not ready to code it.- R. Pattis



Appendix: Scripts included

Code 3: exercise_inputtypes.m

```
1 clc; clear;
2 %n = input ('text here: ')
3 name = input ('what is your name:', 's');
4 dis = (name) %value can be a number, string, expression
```

Try these commands in your own workstation, i.e. have the lectures on one half side of your screen and Matlab/Octave-GUI on the other half. This is the best approach to learning this.

Check the scripts/functions under the directory for this note number (X):
/NX_Notes_directory