ML:Octave Tutorial

# Basic Operations

%% Change Octave prompt

PS1('>> ');

%% Change working directory in windows example:

cd 'c:/path/to/desired/directory name'

%% Note that it uses normal slashes and does not use escape characters for the empty spaces.

%% elementary operations

5+6

3-2

5\*8

1/2

2^6

1 == 2 % false

1 ~= 2 % true. note, not "!="

1 && 0

1 || 0

xor(1,0)

%% variable assignment

a = 3; % semicolon suppresses output

b = 'hi';

c = 3>=1;

% Displaying them:

a = pi

disp(a)

disp(sprintf('2 decimals: %0.2f', a))

disp(sprintf('6 decimals: %0.6f', a))

format long

a

format short

a

%% vectors and matrices

A = [1 2; 3 4; 5 6]

v = [1 2 3]

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v = 1:0.1:2 % from 1 to 2, with stepsize of 0.1. Useful for plot axes

v = 1:6 % from 1 to 6, assumes stepsize of 1 (row vector)

C = 2\*ones(2,3) % same as C = [2 2 2; 2 2 2]

w = ones(1,3) % 1x3 vector of ones

w = zeros(1,3)

w = rand(1,3) % drawn from a uniform distribution

w = randn(1,3)% drawn from a normal distribution (mean=0, var=1)

w = -6 + sqrt(10)\*(randn(1,10000)); % (mean = -6, var = 10) - note: add the semicolon

hist(w) % plot histogram using 10 bins (default)

hist(w,50) % plot histogram using 50 bins

% note: if hist() crashes, try "graphics\_toolkit('gnu\_plot')"

I = eye(4) % 4x4 identity matrix

% help function

help eye

help rand

help help

# Moving Data Around

Data files used in this section: [featuresX.dat](https://raw.githubusercontent.com/tansaku/py-coursera/master/featuresX.dat), [priceY.dat](https://raw.githubusercontent.com/tansaku/py-coursera/master/priceY.dat)

%% dimensions

sz = size(A) % 1x2 matrix: [(number of rows) (number of columns)]

size(A,1) % number of rows

size(A,2) % number of cols

length(v) % size of longest dimension

%% loading data

pwd % show current directory (current path)

cd 'C:\Users\ang\Octave files' % change directory

ls % list files in current directory

load q1y.dat % alternatively, load('q1y.dat')

load q1x.dat

who % list variables in workspace

whos % list variables in workspace (detailed view)

clear q1y % clear command without any args clears all vars

v = q1x(1:10); % first 10 elements of q1x (counts down the columns)

save hello.mat v; % save variable v into file hello.mat

save hello.txt v -ascii; % save as ascii

% fopen, fread, fprintf, fscanf also work [[not needed in class]]

%% indexing

A(3,2) % indexing is (row,col)

A(2,:) % get the 2nd row.

% ":" means every element along that dimension

A(:,2) % get the 2nd col

A([1 3],:) % print all the elements of rows 1 and 3

A(:,2) = [10; 11; 12] % change second column

A = [A, [100; 101; 102]]; % append column vec

A(:) % Select all elements as a column vector.

% Putting data together

A = [1 2; 3 4; 5 6]

B = [11 12; 13 14; 15 16] % same dims as A

C = [A B] % concatenating A and B matrices side by side

C = [A, B] % concatenating A and B matrices side by side

C = [A; B] % Concatenating A and B top and bottom

# Computing on Data

%% initialize variables

A = [1 2;3 4;5 6]

B = [11 12;13 14;15 16]

C = [1 1;2 2]

v = [1;2;3]

%% matrix operations

A \* C % matrix multiplication

A .\* B % element-wise multiplication

% A .\* C or A \* B gives error - wrong dimensions

A .^ 2 % element-wise square of each element in A

1./v % element-wise reciprocal

log(v) % functions like this operate element-wise on vecs or matrices

exp(v)

abs(v)

-v % -1\*v

v + ones(length(v), 1)

% v + 1 % same

A' % matrix transpose

%% misc useful functions

% max (or min)

a = [1 15 2 0.5]

val = max(a)

[val,ind] = max(a) % val - maximum element of the vector a and index - index value where maximum occur

val = max(A) % if A is matrix, returns max from each column

% compare values in a matrix & find

a < 3 % checks which values in a are less than 3

find(a < 3) % gives location of elements less than 3

A = magic(3) % generates a magic matrix - not much used in ML algorithms

[r,c] = find(A>=7) % row, column indices for values matching comparison

% sum, prod

sum(a)

prod(a)

floor(a) % or ceil(a)

max(rand(3),rand(3))

max(A,[],1) - maximum along columns(defaults to columns - max(A,[]))

max(A,[],2) - maximum along rows

A = magic(9)

sum(A,1)

sum(A,2)

sum(sum( A .\* eye(9) ))

sum(sum( A .\* flipud(eye(9)) ))

% Matrix inverse (pseudo-inverse)

pinv(A) % inv(A'\*A)\*A'

# Plotting Data

%% plotting

t = [0:0.01:0.98];

y1 = sin(2\*pi\*4\*t);

plot(t,y1);

y2 = cos(2\*pi\*4\*t);

hold on; % "hold off" to turn off

plot(t,y2,'r');

xlabel('time');

ylabel('value');

legend('sin','cos');

title('my plot');

print -dpng 'myPlot.png'

close; % or, "close all" to close all figs

figure(1); plot(t, y1);

figure(2); plot(t, y2);

figure(2), clf; % can specify the figure number

subplot(1,2,1); % Divide plot into 1x2 grid, access 1st element

plot(t,y1);

subplot(1,2,2); % Divide plot into 1x2 grid, access 2nd element

plot(t,y2);

axis([0.5 1 -1 1]); % change axis scale

%% display a matrix (or image)

figure;

imagesc(magic(15)), colorbar, colormap gray;

% comma-chaining function calls.

a=1,b=2,c=3

a=1;b=2;c=3;

# Control statements: for, while, if statements

v = zeros(10,1);

for i=1:10,

v(i) = 2^i;

end;

% Can also use "break" and "continue" inside for and while loops to control execution.

i = 1;

while i <= 5,

v(i) = 100;

i = i+1;

end

i = 1;

while true,

v(i) = 999;

i = i+1;

if i == 6,

break;

end;

end

if v(1)==1,

disp('The value is one!');

elseif v(1)==2,

disp('The value is two!');

else

disp('The value is not one or two!');

end

# Functions

To create a function, type the function code in a text editor (e.g. gedit or notepad), and save the file as "functionName.m"

Example function:

function y = squareThisNumber(x)

y = x^2;

To call the function in Octave, do either:

1) Navigate to the directory of the functionName.m file and call the function:

% Navigate to directory:

cd /path/to/function

% Call the function:

functionName(args)

2) Add the directory of the function to the load path and save it:**You should not use addpath/savepath for any of the assignments in this course. Instead use 'cd' to change the current working directory. Watch the video on submitting assignments in week 2 for instructions.**

% To add the path for the current session of Octave:

addpath('/path/to/function/')

% To remember the path for future sessions of Octave, after executing addpath above, also do:

Savepath

Octave's functions can return more than one value:

function [y1, y2] = squareandCubeThisNo(x)

y1 = x^2

y2 = x^3

Call the above function this way:

[a,b] = squareandCubeThisNo(x)

# Vectorization

Vectorization is the process of taking code that relies on **loops** and converting it into **matrix operations**. It is more efficient, more elegant, and more concise.

As an example, let's compute our prediction from a hypothesis. Theta is the vector of fields for the hypothesis and x is a vector of variables.

With loops:

prediction = 0.0;

for j = 1:n+1,

prediction += theta(j) \* x(j);

end;

prediction = theta' \* x;