



COGS 119/219

MATLAB for Experimental Research

Fall 2014 – Week 1

**Built-in array functions, Data types
.m files, Flow Control**

Built-in array functions

Function	Description	Example
mean(A)	If A is a vector, returns the mean value of the elements of the vector	<code>>> A = [5 9 2 4]; >> mean(A) ans = 5</code>
std(A)	If A is a vector, returns the standard deviation of the elements of the vector	<code>>> A = [5 9 2 4]; >> std(A) ans = 2.9439</code>
sum(A)	If A is vector, returns the sum of the elements of the vector	<code>>> A = [5 9 2 4]; >> sum(A) ans = 20</code>

Built-in array functions

Function	Description	Example
$C = \max(A)$	<p>If A is a vector, C is the largest element in A.</p> <p>If A is a matrix, C is a row vector containing the largest element of each column of A.</p>	<pre>>> C = [5 9 2 4 11 6]; >> C = max(A) ans = 11</pre>
$[d,n] = \max(A)$	If A is a vector, d is the largest element in A , n is the position of the element.	<pre>>> [d,n] = max(A) d= 11 n = 5</pre>

Built-in array functions

Function	Description	Example
$\text{min}(A)$	The same as $\text{max}(A)$, but for the smallest element.	<code>>> A = [5 9 2 4]; >> min(A) ans = 2</code>
$[d,n] = \text{min}(A)$	The same as $[d,n] = \text{max}(A)$, but for the smallest element.	<code>>> [d,n] = min(A) d = 2 n = 3</code>

Built-in array functions

See help of these functions for various useful ways of using them.

<code>size</code>	<code>flipud</code>
<code>all</code>	<code>fliplr</code>
<code>prod</code>	<code>rot90</code>
<code>any</code>	<code>repmat</code>

Try:

```
>> mymat = eye(3) * diag([4 5 7]) + 2;  
>> mybigmat = repmat(mymat, [3 6]);
```

Data types

```
>> help datatypes
Data types and structures.

Data types (classes)
double           - Convert to double precision.
logical          - Convert numeric values to logical.
cell              - Create cell array.
struct            - Create or convert to structure array.
single            - Convert to single precision.
uint8             - Convert to unsigned 8-bit integer.
uint16            - Convert to unsigned 16-bit integer.
uint32            - Convert to unsigned 32-bit integer.
uint64            - Convert to unsigned 64-bit integer.
int8              - Convert to signed 8-bit integer.
int16             - Convert to signed 16-bit integer.
int32             - Convert to signed 32-bit integer.
int64             - Convert to signed 64-bit integer.
inline            - Construct INLINE object.
function handle   - Function handle array.
javaArray         - Construct a Java Array object.
javaMethod        - Invoke a Java method.
javaObject        - Invoke a Java object constructor.
javaMethodEDT    - Invoke a Java method on the Swing Event Dispatch Thread.
javaObjectEDT    - Invoke a Java object constructor on the Swing Event Dispatch
```

Data types: Examples

```
>> a=1;  
>> b = 1.0;  
>> whos
```

Data types: Examples

```
>> a = 1;
>> b = 1.0;
>> whos
  Name      Size            Bytes  Class     Attributes
  a            1x1                  8  double
  b            1x1                  8  double
```

Data types: Examples

```
>> a = 1;
>> b = 1.0;
>> whos
```

Name	Size	Bytes	Class	Attributes
a	1x1	8	double	
b	1x1	8	double	

```
>> c = round(b);
>> d = uint8(b);
>> whos
```

Name	Size	Bytes	Class	Attributes
a	1x1	8	double	
b	1x1	8	double	
c	1x1	8	double	
d	1x1	1	uint8	

Data types: Examples

```
>> e = true;
```

```
>> whos
```

Name	Size	Bytes	Class	Attributes
a	1x1	8	double	
b	1x1	8	double	
c	1x1	8	double	
d	1x1	1	uint8	
e	1x1	1	logical	

Data types: Examples

```
>> e = true;
```

```
>> whos
```

Name	Size	Bytes	Class	Attributes
a	1x1	8	double	
b	1x1	8	double	
c	1x1	8	double	
d	1x1	1	uint8	
e	1x1	1	logical	

```
>> f = 'true';
```

```
>> f2 = 'cool';
```

```
>> g = 'l';
```

```
>> h = 'this is easy!';
```

```
>> whos
```

Name	Size	Bytes	Class	Attributes
a	1x1	8	double	
b	1x1	8	double	
c	1x1	8	double	
d	1x1	1	uint8	
e	1x1	1	logical	
f	1x4	8	char	
f2	1x4	8	char	
g	1x1	2	char	
h	1x13	26	char	

Data types: Examples

```
>> f + f2  
  
ans =  
215    225    228    209
```

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>> f + f2  
  
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```

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>> h1 = int8(f2)  
  
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```

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215    225    228    209
```

```
>> h1 = int8(f2)  
  
h1 =  
99    111    111    108
```

```
>> f2 = f + g  
  
f2 =  
165    163    166    150
```

Data types: Examples

```
>> whos
```

Name	Size	Bytes	Class	Attributes
a	1x1	8	double	
ans	1x4	32	double	
b	1x1	8	double	
c	1x1	8	double	
d	1x1	1	uint8	
e	1x1	1	logical	
f	1x4	8	char	
f2	1x4	32	double	
g	1x1	2	char	
h	1x13	26	char	
h1	1x4	4	int8	

Data types: Examples

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a	1x1	8	double	
ans	1x4	32	double	
b	1x1	8	double	
c	1x1	8	double	
d	1x1	1	uint8	
e	1x1	1	logical	
f	1x4	8	char	
f2	1x4	32	double	
g	1x1	2	char	
h	1x13	26	char	
h1	1x4	4	int8	

```
>> f2(2)
```

```
ans =
```

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Data types: Examples

```
>> whos
```

Name	Size	Bytes	Class	Attributes
a	1x1	8	double	
ans	1x4	32	double	
b	1x1	8	double	
c	1x1	8	double	
d	1x1	1	uint8	
e	1x1	1	logical	
f	1x4	8	char	
f2	1x4	32	double	
g	1x1	2	char	
h	1x13	26	char	
h1	1x4	4	int8	

```
>> f2(2)
```

```
ans =
```

```
163
```

```
>> f(2)
```

```
ans =
```

```
r
```

Data types: Examples

```
>> whos
```

Name	Size	Bytes	Class	Attributes
a	1x1	8	double	
ans	1x4	32	double	
b	1x1	8	double	
c	1x1	8	double	
d	1x1	1	uint8	
e	1x1	1	logical	
f	1x4	8	char	
f2	1x4	32	double	
g	1x1	2	char	
h	1x13	26	char	
h1	1x4	4	int8	

```
>> f2(2)          >> f(1,1)
```

```
ans =           ans =
```

```
163            t
```

```
>> f(2)          >> f(1)
```

```
ans =           ans =
```

```
ans =           t
```

```
r
```

Strings

```
>> first = 'Matlab is so';
>> last = 'cool';
>>
>> full = first + last
Error using +
Matrix dimensions must agree.
```

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```
>> full = [first last]
full =
Matlab is socool
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```
full =
```

```
Matlab is socool
```

```
>> full2 = [first '_' last]
```

```
full2 =
```

```
Matlab is so_cool
```

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```
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```

```
full =
```

```
Matlab is socool
```

```
>> full3 = [first '' last]
```

```
full3 =
```

```
Matlab is socool
```

```
>> full2 = [first '_' last]
```

```
full2 =
```

```
Matlab is so_cool
```

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Matrix dimensions must agree.
```

```
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full =
Matlab is socool
```

```
>> full2 = [first '_' last]
full2 =
Matlab is so_cool
```

```
>> full3 = [first '' last]
full3 =
Matlab is socool
```

```
>> full4 = [first ' ' last]
full4 =
Matlab is so cool
```

Strings

```
>> full5 = [first 'bloody' last]  
full5 =  
Matlab is sobloodycool
```

Strings

```
>> full5 = [first 'bloody' last]
```

```
full5 =
```

```
Matlab is sobloodycool
```

```
>> full6 = [first ' bloody ' last]
```

```
full6 =
```

```
Matlab is so bloody cool
```

Strings

```
>> full5 = [first 'bloody' last]
```

```
full5 =
```

```
Matlab is sobloodycool
```

```
>> full6 = [first ' bloody ' last]
```

```
full6 =
```

```
Matlab is so bloody cool
```

```
>> full7 = [first ' "bloody" ' last]
```

```
full7 =
```

```
Matlab is so "bloody" cool
```

Strings

```
>> full5 = [first 'bloody' last]  
full5 =  
Matlab is sobloodycool
```

```
>> full6 = [first ' bloody ' last]  
full6 =  
Matlab is so bloody cool
```

```
>> full7 = [first ' "bloody" ' last]  
full7 =  
Matlab is so "bloody" cool
```

```
>> full8 = full2'  
full8 =  
M  
a  
t  
l  
a  
b  
.  
i  
s  
s  
o  
-c  
o  
o  
l
```

Strings

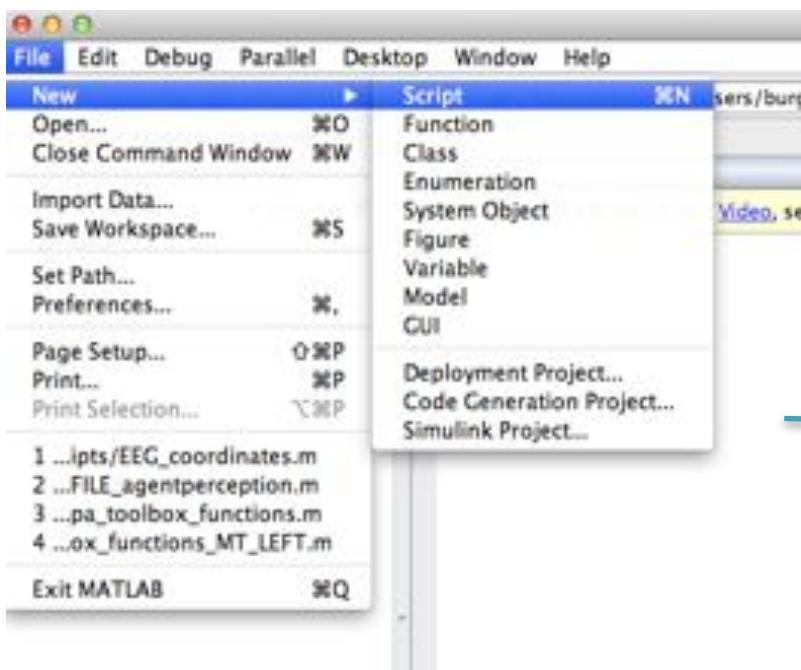
```
>> whos
  Name      Size            Bytes  Class    Attributes
first      1x12             24    char
full       1x16             32    char
full2      1x17             34    char
full3      1x16             32    char
full4      1x17             34    char
full5      1x22             44    char
full6      1x24             48    char
full7      1x26             52    char
full8      17x1             34    char
last       1x4              8    char
```



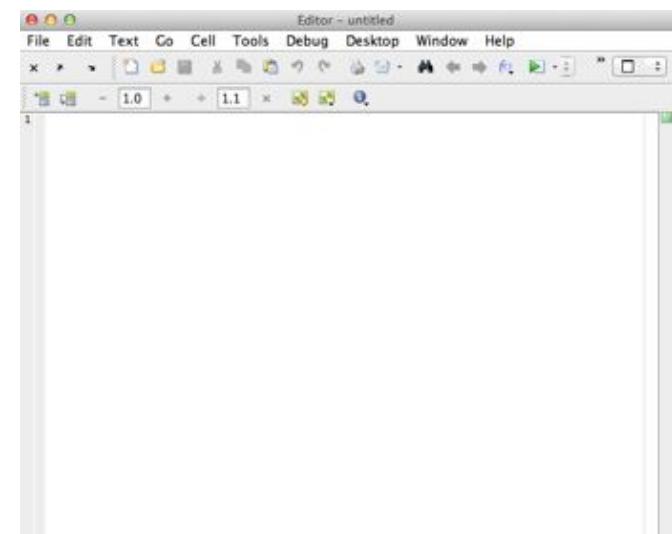
.m files

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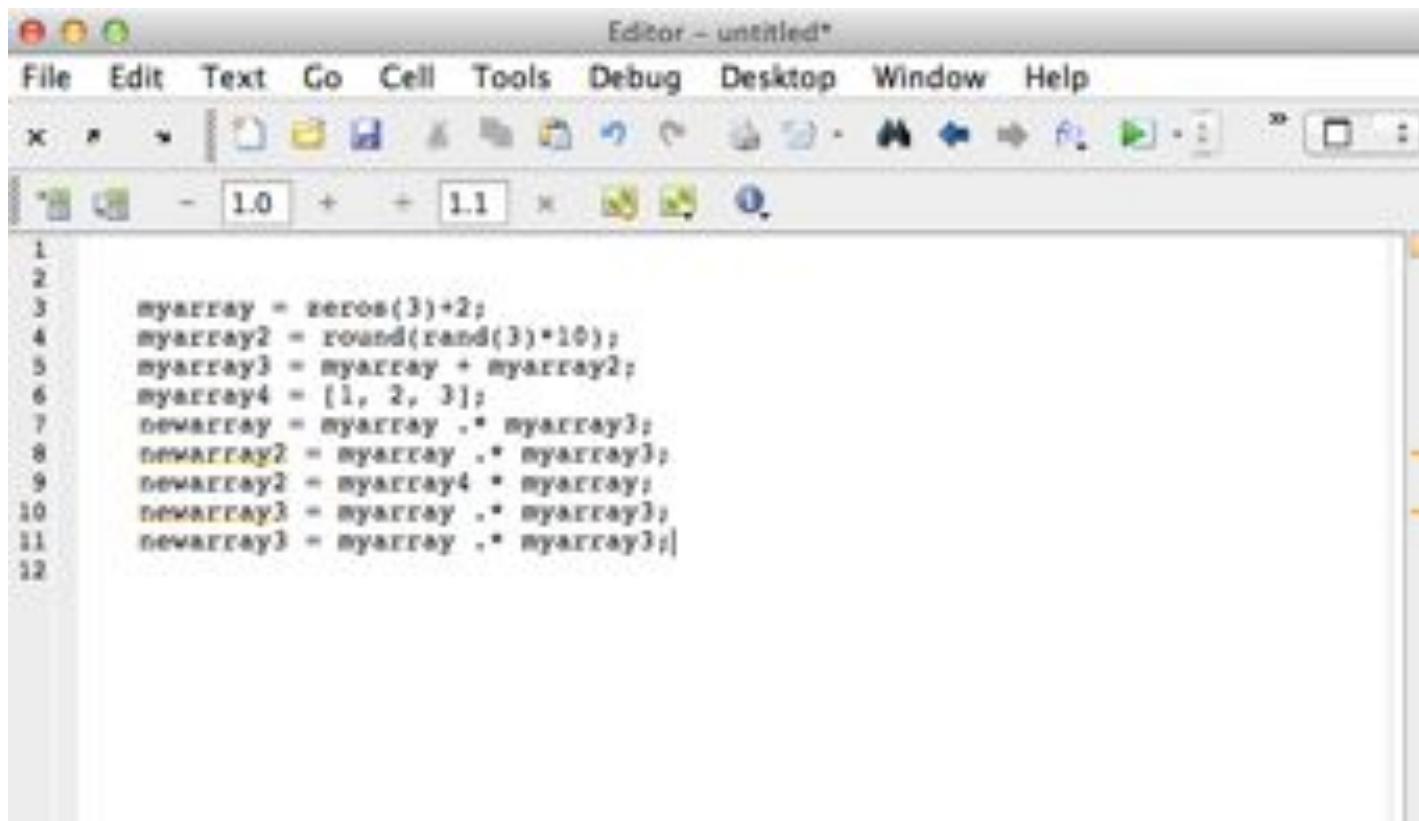
- We can write the MATLAB commands that we type at the command window in a file: extension .m



Editor window for the .m file



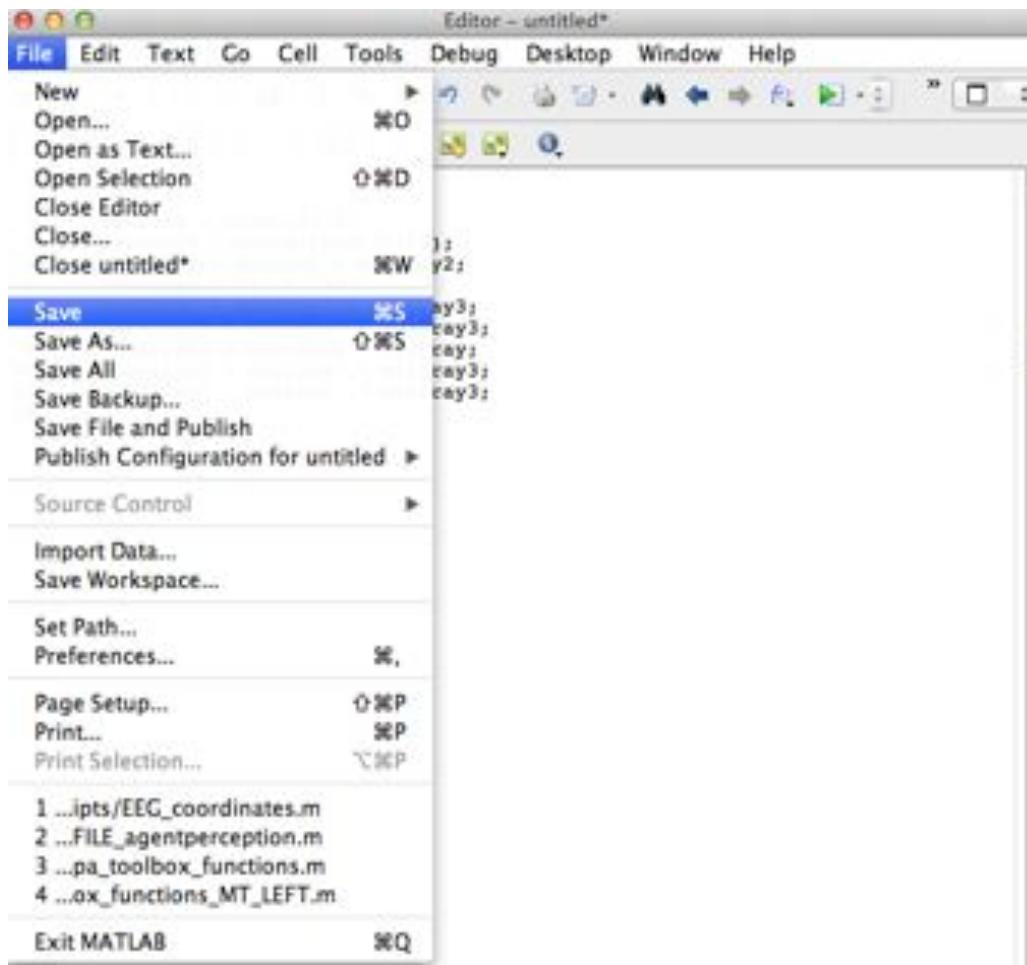
.m files



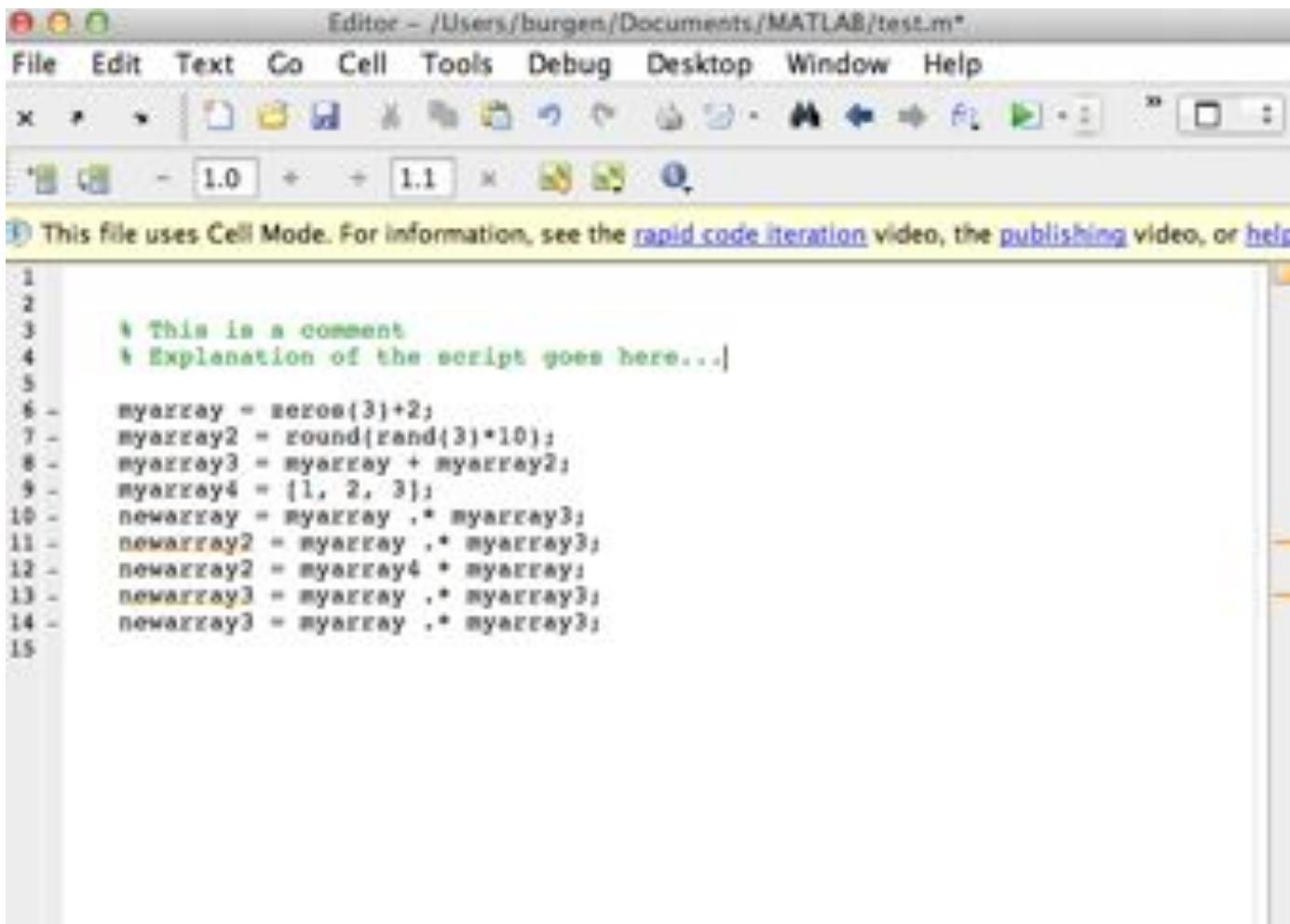
The screenshot shows the MATLAB Editor window titled "Editor - untitled*". The menu bar includes File, Edit, Text, Go, Cell, Tools, Debug, Desktop, Window, and Help. The toolbar below the menu contains various icons for file operations like Open, Save, and Print. The code area displays the following MATLAB script:

```
1
2
3 myarray = zeros(3)*2;
4 myarray2 = round(rand(3)*10);
5 myarray3 = myarray + myarray2;
6 myarray4 = [1, 2, 3];
7 newarray = myarray .* myarray3;
8 newarray2 = myarray .* myarray3;
9 newarray2 = myarray4 * myarray;
10 newarray3 = myarray .* myarray3;
11 newarray3 = myarray .* myarray3;]
```

.m files



Comments



The screenshot shows the MATLAB Editor window with the title "Editor - /Users/burgen/Documents/MATLAB/test.m*". The menu bar includes File, Edit, Text, Go, Cell, Tools, Debug, Desktop, Window, and Help. Below the menu is a toolbar with various icons. A status bar at the bottom shows zoom levels (1.0, 1.1) and other information. A message bar at the top of the editor area says: "This file uses Cell Mode. For information, see the [rapid code iteration](#) video, the [publishing](#) video, or [help](#)". The main code area contains the following:

```
1
2
3 % This is a comment
4 % Explanation of the script goes here...
5
6 myarray = zeros(3)+2;
7 myarray2 = round(rand(3)*10);
8 myarray3 = myarray + myarray2;
9 myarray4 = [1, 2, 3];
10 newarray = myarray .* myarray3;
11 newarray2 = myarray .* myarray3;
12 newarray2 = myarray4 * myarray;
13 newarray3 = myarray .* myarray3;
14 newarray3 = myarray .* myarray3;
15
```

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- Many situations require more sophisticated programs in which commands are not necessarily executed in the order they are typed.
- Matlab provides several tools:
 1. Conditional statements (**if-else**)
 2. Loops (**for** and **while** loops)

Conditional statements

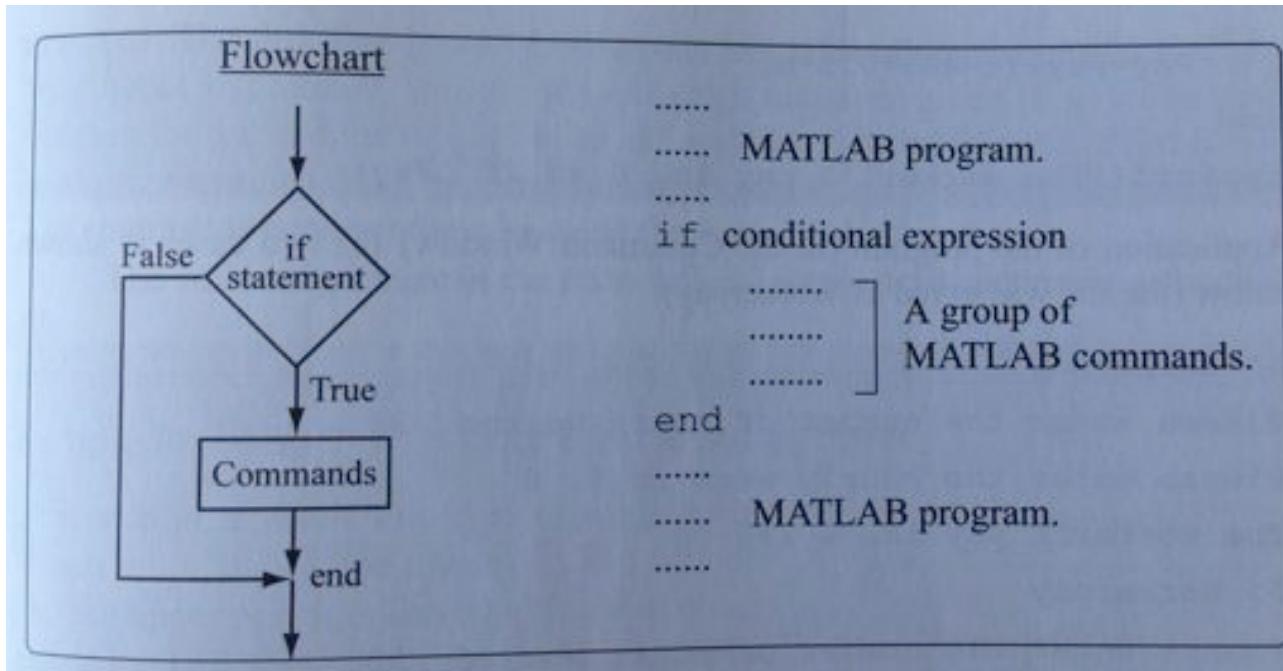
- A conditional statement is a command that allows MATLAB to make a decision of whether to execute a group of commands that follow the conditional statement, or to skip these commands.
- A conditional statement can be in three forms:

if – end

if – else – end

if – elseif – else - end

if-end statement



If the conditional expression is true, the program continues to execute the commands that follow the **if** statement.

If the conditional expression is false, the program skips the commands between **if** and **end**, and continues to execute the commands that follow **end**.

Conditional expressions

- Conditional expressions consist of relational and/or logical operators.

Relational Operators

<
>
≤
≥
==
=~

Logical Operators

& (AND)
| (OR)
~ (NOT)

if-end statement

x = 5;

y = -3;

s = ";

if x > 0

 s = 'x is a positive number';

end

if-end statement

```
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```

```
y = -3;
```

```
s = ";
```

```
if x > 0
```

```
    s = 'x is a positive number';
```

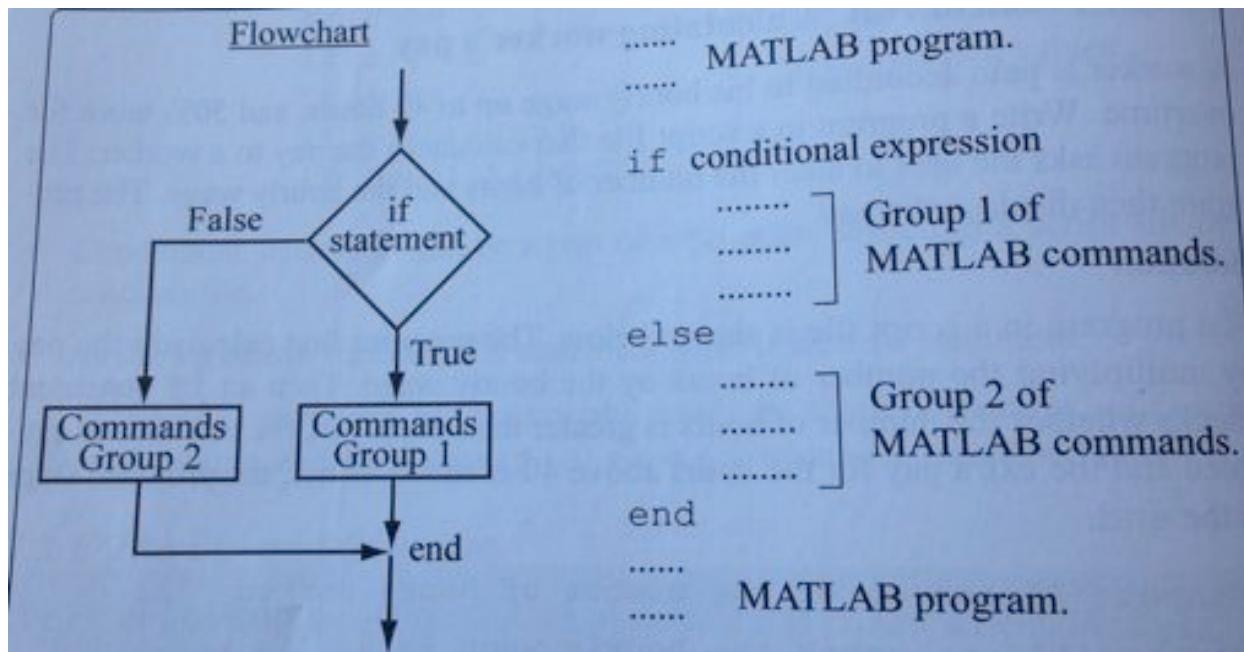
```
end
```

```
if x > 0 & y < 0
```

```
    s = 'x is positive, and y is negative';
```

```
end
```

if-else-end statement



If the conditional expression is true, the program executes group 1 of the commands between `if` and the `else` statements and then skips to the `end`.

If the conditional expression is false, the program skips to the `else`, and then executes group 2 of commands between the `else` and the `end`.

if-else-end statement

x = 5;

s = ";

if x > 0

 s = 'x is a positive number';

else

 s = 'x is 0 or a negative number';

end

if-else-end statement

```
x = 5;
```

```
s = ";
```

```
if x > 0
```

```
    s = 'x is a positive number';
```

```
else
```

```
    s = 'x is 0 or a negative number';
```

```
end
```

if-else-end statement

x = -4;

s = ";

if x > 0

 s = 'x is a positive number';

else

 s = 'x is 0 or a negative number';

end

if-else-end statement

```
x = -4;
```

```
s = ";
```

```
if x > 0
```

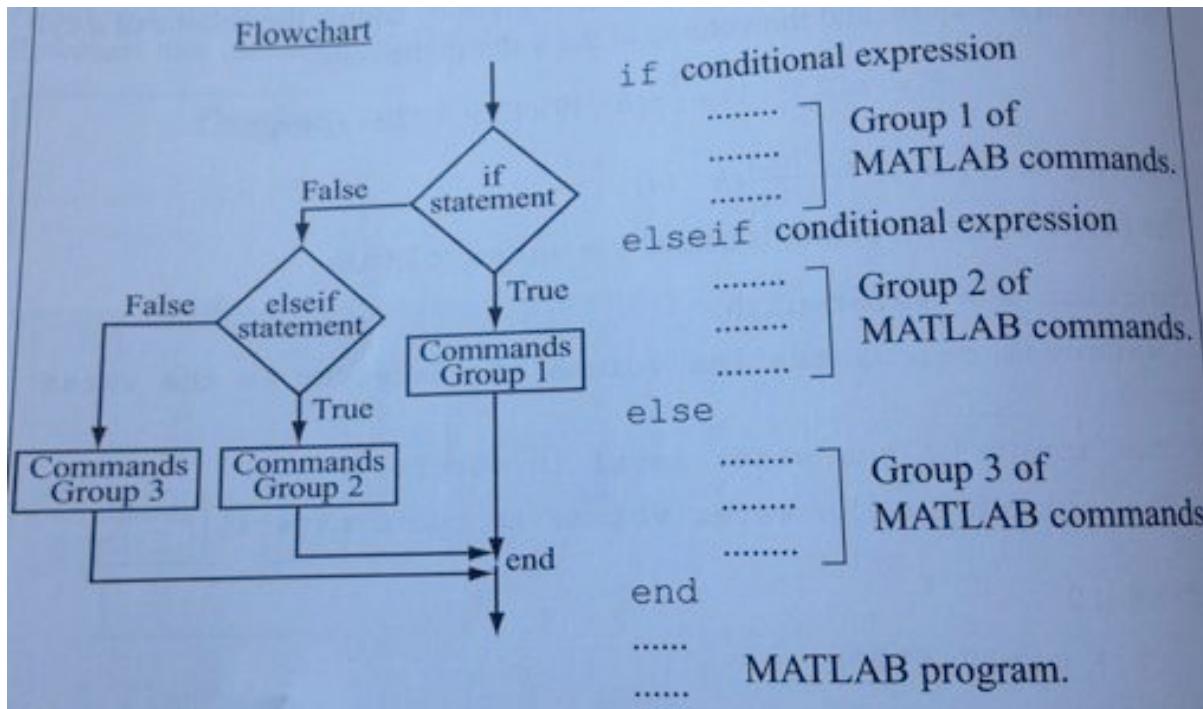
```
    s = 'x is a positive number';
```

```
else
```

```
    s = 'x is 0 or a negative number';
```

```
end
```

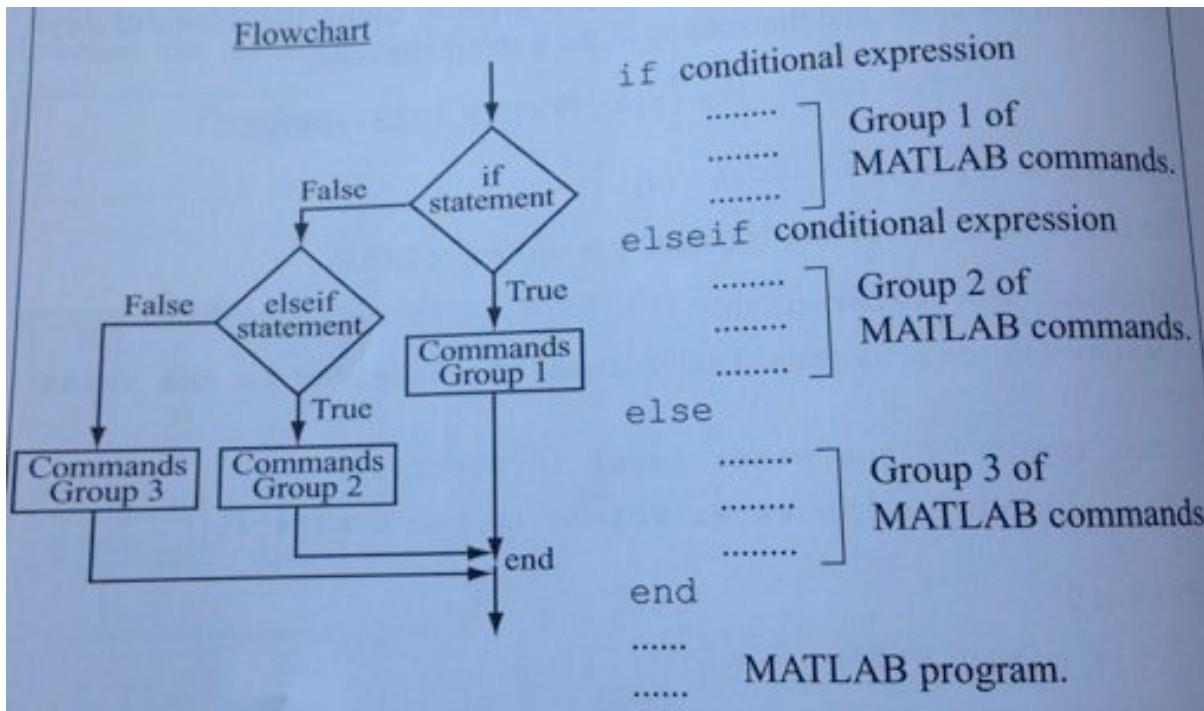
if-elseif-else-end statement



If the conditional expression is true, the program executes group 1 commands between the **if** and the **elseif** statement, and then skips to the **end**.

If the conditional expression in the **if** statement is false, the program skips to the **elseif** statement. If the conditional expression in the **elseif** statement is true, the program executes group 2 of commands between the **elseif** and the **else** and then skips to the **end**.

if-elseif-else-end statement



If the conditional expression in the **elseif** statement is false, the program skips to the **else** and executes group 3 of commands between the **else** and the **end**.

if-elseif-else-end statement

```
x = 5;
```

```
s = ";
```

```
if x > 0
```

```
    s = 'x is a positive number';
```

```
elseif x < 0
```

```
    s = 'x is a negative number';
```

```
else
```

```
    s = 'x is 0.'
```

```
end
```

if-elseif-else-end statement

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```

```
else
```

```
    s = 'x is 0.'
```

```
end
```

if-elseif-else-end statement

```
x = 0 ;
```

```
s = ";
```

```
if x > 0
```

```
    s = 'x is a positive number';
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elseif x < 0
```

```
    s = 'x is a negative number';
```

```
else
```

```
    s = 'x is 0.'
```

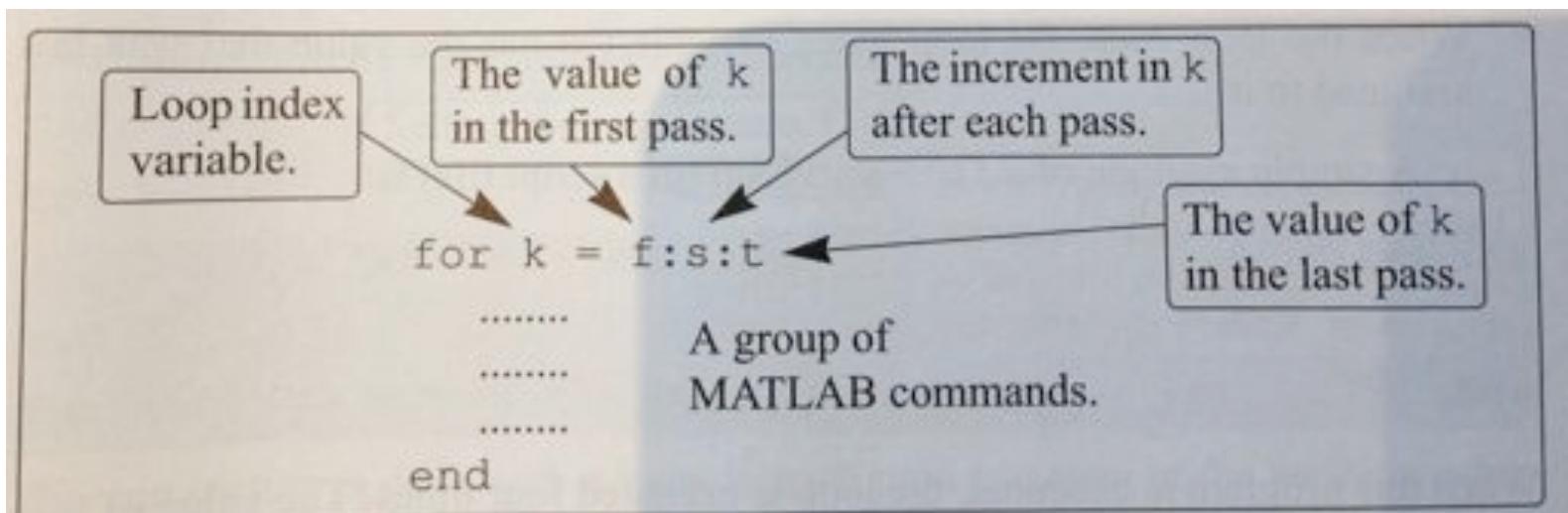
```
end
```

LOOPS

- Another method to alter the flow of a computer program.
- In a loop, the execution of a command, or a group of commands, is repeated several times consecutively.
- In each pass, at least one variable defined within the loop is/are assigned new values.
- MATLAB has two kinds of loops: **for-end** loops and **while-end** loops.

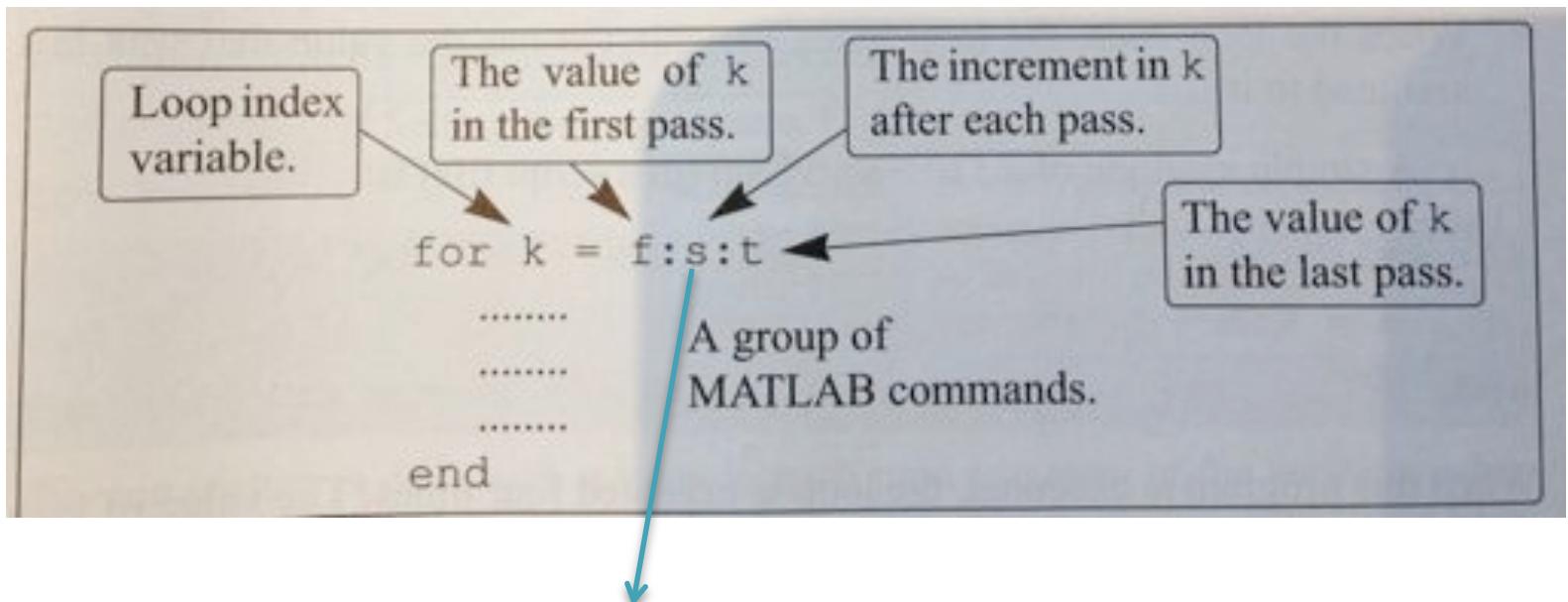
for loops

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Most of the time, the increment value is omitted.

The default value of s is 1 (increment 1 in each iteration).

for loops: Example

```
for k = 1:4  
    x = k^2;  
end
```

for loops: Example

```
for k = 1:4  
    x = k^2;  
end
```

The loop is executed 4 times. Here is how the loop works:

1. In the first iteration, $k = 1$. Then the program executes $x = 1^2$, which is 1
2. In the second iteration, $k = 2$. Then the program executes $x = 2^2$, which is 4.
3. In the third iteration, $k = 3$. Then the program executes $x = 3^2$, which is 9.
4. In the fourth iteration, $k = 4$. Then the program executes $x = 4^2$, which is 16.

while loops

- while loops are used in situations when looping is needed but the number of iterations is not known ahead of time.
- In while loops, the number of iterations is not specified when the looping starts. Instead, the looping process continues until a stated condition is satisfied.

```
while conditional expression
```

```
.....  
.....  
.....
```

```
end
```

A group of
MATLAB commands.

while loops

```
while conditional expression
```

```
.....  
.....  
.....
```

A group of
MATLAB commands.

```
end
```

Conditional expression is checked.

If it is false, MATLAB skips to the `end` statement and continues with the program.

If it is true, MATLAB executes the group of commands that follow between the `while` and `end` command.

Then, MATLAB jumps back to the `while` command and checks the conditional expression.

This looping process continues until the conditional expression is false.

while loops: Example

```
x = 1;  
while x <= 7  
    x = 2*x ;  
end
```

while loops: Example

```
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while x <= 7  
    x = 2*x ;  
end
```

Here is how the program above works:

1. x is assigned to 1.
2. The conditional statement $x \leq 7$ is checked. Since it is true ($1 \leq 7$), the following command $x = 2*x$ is executed, which makes $x = 2$.
3. It jumps back to while statement and checks the conditional statement. Since $2 \leq 7$, the following command, $x = 2*x$ is executed, which makes $x = 4$.
4. It jumps back to the while statement and checks $4 \leq 7$. Since it is true, it executes $x = 2*x$, which makes $x = 8$.
5. It jumps back to the while statement and checks $8 \leq 7$. Since it is false, it jumps to the end without executing the statements between while and the end.

Note about **while** loops

- You have to be sure that the variable (or variables) that are in the conditional expression are assigned new values during the looping process, and will eventually be assigned values that make the conditional expression false.
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- For instance, consider

`x = 3;`

`while x > 2`

`x = 2*x ;`

`end`

Nested Loops and conditional statements

- Loops and conditional statements can be nested within themselves and each other.
- This means that a loop and/or a conditional statement can start (and end) within another loop and/or conditional statement.
- There is no limit to the number of loops and conditional statements that can be nested.

Nested loops

```
for k=1:n
    for h=1:m
        .....
        .....
        .....
    end
end
```

A group of commands.

Nested loop

Loop

Every time k increases by 1, the nested loop executes m times. Overall, the group of commands are executed $n \times m$ times.

Nested loops

```
for k=1:n  
    for h=1:m  
        .....  
        .....  
        .....  
    end  
end
```

A group of commands.

Nested loop

Loop

Every time k increases by 1, the nested loop executes m times. Overall, the group of commands are executed $n \times m$ times.

For example, if $n = 3$ and $m = 4$:

1. $k = 1$, and the nested loop executes 4 times with $h = 1, 2, 3, 4$.
2. $k = 2$, and again the nested loop executes 4 times with $h = 1, 2, 3, 4$.
3. $k = 3$, and again the nested loop executes 4 times with $h = 1, 2, 3, 4$.

break command

- When inside a loop (`for` and `while`), the `break` command terminates the execution of the loop (the whole loop, not just the last iteration).
- MATLAB jumps to the `end` command of the loop and continues with the next command.
- If the `break` command is inside a nested loop, only the nested loop is terminated.
- When a `break` command appears outside of a loop in a script file, it terminates the execution of the file.

continue command

- The `continue` command can be used inside a loop (for and while) to stop the present iteration and start the next iteration in the looping process.
- The `continue` command is usually a part of a conditional statement. When MATLAB reaches the `continue` command, it does not execute the remaining commands in the loop, but skips to the `end` command of the loop, and then starts a new iteration.