# A0B17MTB – Matlab Part #7





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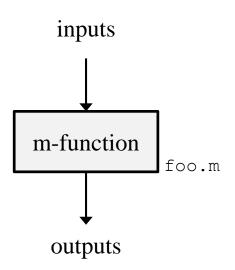
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# Learning how to ...

**Functions** 



#### **Functions in Matlab**

- more efficient, more transparent and faster than scripts
- defined input and output, comments  $\rightarrow$  <u>function header</u> is necessary
- can be called from Command Window or from other function (in both cases the function has to be accessible)
- each function has its own work space created upon the function's call and terminated with the last line of the function



## Function types by origin

- built-in functions
  - not accessible for editing by the user, available for execution
  - optimized and stored in core
  - usually frequently used (elementary) functions
- Matlab library functions ([toolbox] directory)
  - subject-grouped functions
  - some of them are available for editing (not recommended!)
- <u>user-created</u> functions
  - fully accessible and editable, functionality not guaranteed
  - mandatory parts: function header
  - recommended parts of the function: function description, characterization of inputs and outputs, date of last editing, function version, comments



#### **Function header**

- has to be the first line of a standalone file! (Matlab 2017a+)
- square brackets [] for one output parameter are not mandatory
- function header has the following syntax:

```
function [out1, out2, ...] = functionName(in1, in2, ...)

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- functionName has to follow the same rules as a variable's name
- functionName can't be identical to any of its parameters' name
- functionName is usually typed as lowerCamelCase or using underscore character (my function)



## Function header – examples

```
function functA
%FUNCTA - unusual, but possible, without input and output
```

```
function functB(parIn1)
%FUNCTB - e.g. function with GUI output, print etc.
```

```
function parOut1 = functC
%FUNCTC - data preparation, pseudorandom data etc.
```

```
function parOut1 = functD(parIn1)
%FUNCTD - "proper" function
```

```
function parOut1 = functE(parIn1, parIn2)
%FUNCTE - proper function
```

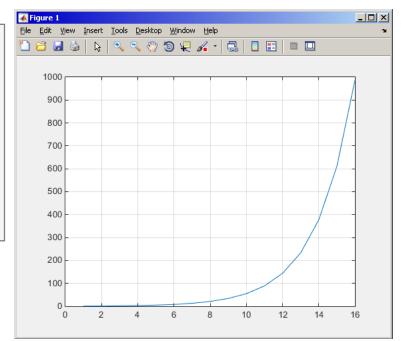
```
function [parOut1, parOut2] = functF(parIn1, parIn2)
%FUNCTF - proper function with more parameters
```



## Calling Matlab function

```
>> f = fibonacci(1000); % calling from command prompt
>> plot(f); grid on;
```

```
function f = fibonacci(limit)
%% Fibonacci sequence
f = [1 1]; pos = 1;
while f(pos) + f(pos+1) < limit
    f(pos+2) = f(pos) + f(pos+1);
    pos = pos + 1;
end
end
```



- Matlab carries out commands sequentially
  - input parameter: limit
  - output variable: Fibonacci series f
  - drawbacks:
    - input is not treated (any input can be entered)
    - matrix f is not allocated, i.e. matrix keeps growing (slow)





- any function in Matlab can be called with <u>less input parameters</u> than stated in the header
- any function in Matlab can be called with <u>less output parameters</u> than stated in the header
  - for instance, consider following function:

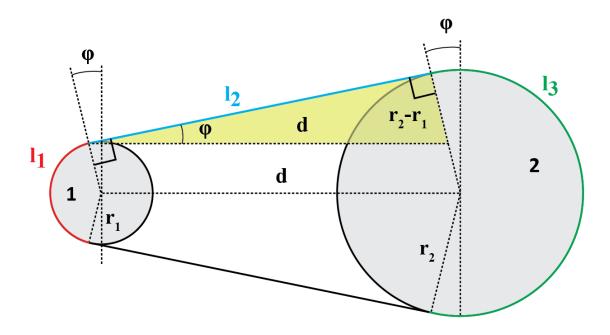
```
function [parOut1, parOut2, parOut3] = functG(parIn1, parIn2, parIn3)
%FUNCTG - 3 inputs, 3 outputs
```

#### all following calling syntaxes are correct

```
>> [par01, par02] = functG(pIn1, pIn2, pIn3)
>> [par01, par02, par03] = functG(pIn1)
>> functG(pIn1,pIn2,pIn3)
>> [par01, par02, par03] = functG(pIn1, pIn2, pIn3)
>> [par01, ~, par03] = functG(pIn1, [], pIn3)
>> [~, ~, par03] = functG(pIn1, [], [])
>> functG inputStr1 inputStr2
```



- propose a function to calculate length of a belt between two wheels
  - diameters of both wheels are known as well as their distance (= function's inputs)
  - sketch a draft, analyze the situation and find out what you need to calculate
  - test the function for some scenarios and verify results
  - comment the function, apply commands doc, lookfor, help, type

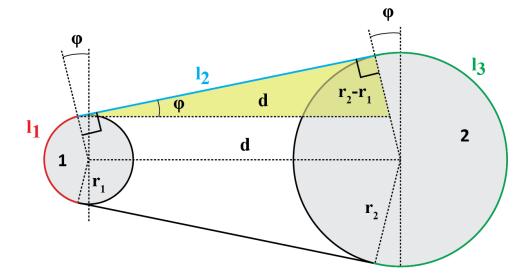




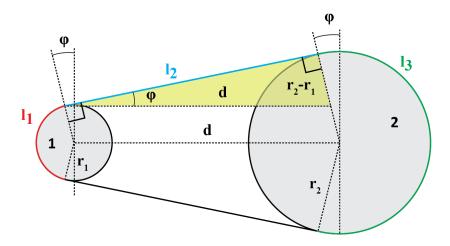
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- total length is
- known diameters  $\rightarrow$  recalculate to radiuses
- $l_2$  to be determined using Pythagorean theorem :
- Analogically for  $\varphi$ :
- and finally:

verify your results using









#### Comments inside a function

function help, displayed upon:

>> help myFcn1

1<sup>st</sup> line (so called H1 line), this line is searched for by lookfor. Usually contains function's name in capital characters and a brief description of the purpose of the function

```
function [dataOut, idx] = myFcn1(dataIn, method)
%MYFCN1: Calculates...
% syntax, description of input, output,
% expamples of function's call, author, version
% other similar functions, other parts of help
matX = dataIn(:, 1);
sumX = sum(matX); % sumation
%% displaying the result:
disp(num2str(sumX));
```

```
function pdetool(action, flag)
%PDETOOL PDE Toolbox graphical user interface (GUI).
   PDETOOL provides the graphical user ...
```

#### DO COMMENT!

% Comments significantly improve

% transparency of functions' code !!!





## Function documentation – example

```
function Z = impFcn(f,MeshStruct,Zprecision)
3% impFcn: Calculates the impedance matrix
      Z = impFcn(f,MeshStruct,Zprecision)
  impFcn version history:
           default option (if nargin == 2) is Zprecision = true
 % Notes:
  A) (contains rwg3.m): Calculates the impedance matrix (includes infinite
                         groud plane)
 % B)
    RHO M(3,9,edgTotal)
    RP(3,9,EdgesTotal)
 % C) See: [1] Sergey N. Makarov: Antenna and EM Modeling with MATLAB
     Copyright 2002 AEMM. Revision 2002/03/05 and ČVUT-FEL 2007-2010
 % D) This function is used by preTCM software!
 % Author(s): Sergey N. Makarov, Copyright 2002 AEMM. Revision 2002/03/05
              Miloslav Čapek, capekm6@fel.cvut.cz, 2010-2013
  See also impBsxFcn, impGndFcn, preTCM, prepTCMinput, TCM RUN solver
```



#### Function publish

- serves to create script, function or class documentation
- provides several output formats (html, doc, ppt, LaTeX, ...)
- help creation (>> doc my fun) directly in the code comments!
  - provides wide scale of formatting properties (titles, numbered lists, equations, graphics insertion, references, ...)
- enables to insert print screens into documentation
  - documented code is implicitly launched on publishing
- supports documentation creation directly from editor menu:





#### Function publish - example

```
%% Solver of Quadratic Equation
% Function *solveQuadEq* solves quadratic equation.
%% Theory
% A quadratic equation is any equation having the form
%  $ax^2+bx+c=0$
% where |x| represents an unknown, and |a|, |b|, and |c|
% represent known numbers such that |a| is not equal to 0.
%% Head of function
% All input arguments are mandatory!
function x = solveQuadEq(a, b, c)
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% Input arguments are:
                                                publish
% * |a| - qudratic coefficient
% * |b| - _linear coefficient
% * |c| - free term
%% Discriminant computation
% Gives us information about the nature of roots.
D = b^2 - 4*a*c;
%% Roots computation
% The quadratic formula for the roots of the general
% quadratic equation:
\$ \$x \{1,2\} = \frac{-b \pm 0}{2a}.\$
% Matlab code:
x(1) = (-b + sqrt(D))/(2*a);
x(2) = (-b - sqrt(D))/(2*a);
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% For more information visit <a href="http://elmag.org/matlab">http://elmag.org/matlab</a>.
```

#### Solver of Quadratic Equation

Function solveQuadEq solves quadratic equation.

#### Contents

- Theory
- Head of function
- Discriminant computation
- · Roots computation

#### Theory

A quadratic equation is any equation having the form  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$  where x represents an unknown, and a, b, and c represent known numbers such that a is not equal to 0.

#### Head of function

All input arguments are mandatory!

```
function x = solveQuadEq(a, b, c)
```

Input arguments are:

- a qudratic coefficient
- b linear coefficient
- c free term

#### Discriminant computation

Gives us information about the nature of roots

$$D = b^2 - 4*a*c;$$

#### Roots computation

The quadratic formula for the roots of the general quadratic equation:

$$x_{1,2} = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{D}}{2a}.$$

Matlab code:

$$x(1) = (-b + sqrt(D))/(2*a);$$
  
 $x(2) = (-b - sqrt(D))/(2*a);$ 

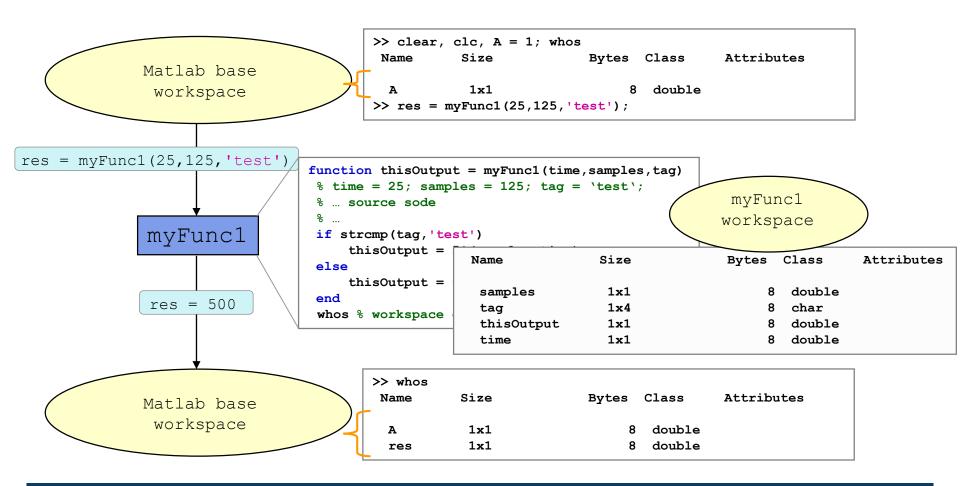
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## Workspace of a function

• each function has its own workspace



#### Data space of a function #1

- on a function being called, input variables are not copied into workspace of the function, just their values are made accessible for the function (*copy-on-write technique*)
  - if an input variable is modified by the function, however, it is copied to the function's work space
  - with respect to memory saving and calculation speed-up it is advantageous to take corresponding elements out of a large array first and modify them rather than to modify the array directly and therefore evoke its copying in the function's workspace
- if the same variable is used as an input and output parameter it is immediately copied to the function's workspace
  - (provided that the input is modified in the script, otherwise the input and output variable is a reference to the same data)



#### Data space of a function #2

- all principles of programming covered at earlier stages of the course (operator overloading, data type conversion, memory allocation, indexing, etc.) apply to Matlab functions
  - in the case of overloading a built-in function, builtin is still applicable
- in the case of recursive function calling, own work space is created for each calling
  - pay attention to excessive increase of work spaces
- sharing of variables by multiple work spaces
  - → global variables
  - by careful with how you use them (utilization of global variables is not recommended in general) and they are usually avoidable



#### **Function execution**

- when is function terminated?
  - Matlab interpreter reaches last line
  - interpreter comes across the keyword return
  - interpreter encounters an error (can be evoked by error as well)
  - on pressing CTRL+C

```
function res = myFcn2(matrixIn)

if isempty(matrixIn)
    error('matrixInCannotBeEmpty');
end
normMat = matrixIn - max(max(matrixIn));

if matrixIn == 5
    res = 20;
    return;
end
end
```



# Number of input and output variables

- number of input and output variables is specified by functions nargin a nargout
- these functions enable to design the function header in a way to enable variable number of input/output parameters

```
function [out1, out2] = myFcn3(in1, in2)
nArqsIn = narqin;
if nArqsIn == 1
    % do something
elseif nArgsIn == 2
    % do something
else
    error('Bad inputs!');
end
% computation of out1
if nargout == 2
    % computation of out2
end
end
```

## Number of input and output variables

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- modify the function fibonacci.m to enable variable input/output parameters:
  - it is possible to call the function without input parameters
    - the series is generated in the way that the last element is less than 1000
  - it is possible to call the function with one input parameter in1
    - the series is generated in the way that the last element is less than in1
  - it is possible to call the function with two input parameters in1, in2
    - the series is generated in the way that the last element is less than in1 and at the same time the first 2 elements of the series are given by vector in2
  - it is possible to call the function without output parameters or with one output parameter
    - the generated series is returned
  - it is possible to call the function with two output parameters
    - the generated series is returned together with an object of class Line, which is plotted in a graph

hndl = plot(f);





# Number of input and output variables



# Syntactical types of functions

Function type	Description		
main	header on the first line, above principles apply, the only one in the m-file visible from outside		
local	all functions in the same file except the main function, accessed by the main function, has its own workspace, can be placed into [private] folder to preserve the private access		
nested	the function is placed inside the main function or local function, sees the WS of all superior functions		
handle	<pre>function reference (mySinX = @sin)</pre>		
anonymous	similar to handle functions (myGoniomFcn = $@(x) \sin(x) + \cos(x)$ )		
OOP	class methods with specific access, static methods		

- any function in Matlab can launch a script which is then evaluated in the workspace of the function that launched it, not in the base workspace of Matlab (as usual)
- the order of local functions is not important (logical connection!)
- help of local functions is not accessible using help



#### **Local functions**

- local functions launched by main functions
  - all these functions can (should) be terminated with keyword end
  - are used for repeated tasks inside the main function (helps to simplify the problem by decomposing it into simple parts)
  - local functions "see" each other and have their own workspaces
  - are often used to process graphical elements events (callbacks) when developing GUI

```
function x = model_ITUR901(p,f)
% main function body
% ...
% ...
end

function y = calc_parTheta(q)
% function body
end
```



#### **Local functions**

- local functions launched by script (new from R2016b)
  - functions have to be at the end of file
  - all these functions have to be terminated with keyword end
  - local functions "see" each other and have their own workspaces

```
clear;
% start of script
r = 0.5:5; % radii of circles
areaOfCirles = computeArea(r);

function A = computeArea(r)
% local function in script
A = pi*r.^2;
end
```



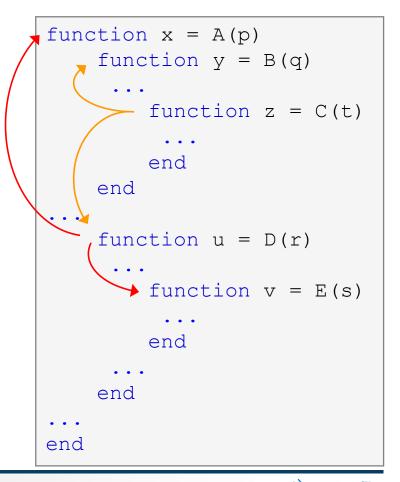
#### **Nested functions**

- nested functions are placed inside other functions
  - it enables us to use workspace of the parent function and to efficiently work with (usually small) workspace of the nested function
  - functions can not be placed inside conditional/loop control statements (if-else-elseif/switch-case/for/while/try-catch)

```
function x = A(p)
                       function x = A(p)
                                               function x = A(p)
                                               % multiple
% single
                       % more
% nested function
                       % nested functions
                                               % nested function
    function y = B(q)
                           function y = B(q)
                                                   function y = B(q)
    end
                            end
                                                       function z = C(r)
                            function z = C(r)
end
                                                      end
                            end
                                                   end
                       end
                                               end
```

# **Nested functions: calling**

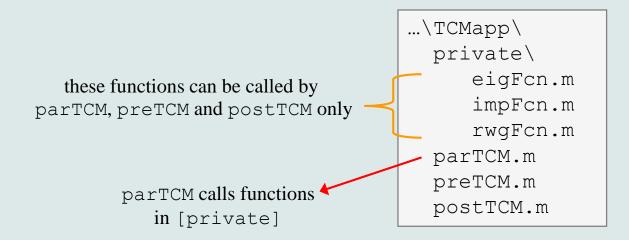
- apart from its workspace, nested functions can also access workspaces of all functions it is nested in
- nested function can be called from:
  - its parent function
  - nested function on the same level of nesting
  - function nested in it
- it is possible to create handle to a nested function
  - see later





#### **Private functions**

- they are basically the local functions, and they can be called by all functions placed in the root folder
- reside in subfolder [private] of the main function
- private functions can be accessed only by functions placed in the folder immediately above that private subfolder
  - [private] is often used with larger applications or in the case where limited visibility of files inside the folder is desired





#### **Handle functions**

- it is not a function as such
- handle = reference to a given function
  - properties of a handle reference enable to call a function that is otherwise not visible
  - reference to a handle (here fS) can be treated in a usual way
- typically, handle references are used as input parameters of functions

```
>> fS = @sin; % handle creation
>> fS(pi/2)
ans =
1
```

>> whos Name	Size	Bytes Class	Attributes
ans	1x1	8 double	
fS	1x1	32 <b>function_handle</b>	



## **Anonymous functions**

- anonymous functions make it possible to create handle reference to a function that is not defined as a standalone file
  - the function has to be defined as one executable expression

```
>> sqr = @(x) x.^2; % create anonymous function (handle)
>> res = sqr(5); % x \sim 5, res = 5^2 = 25;
```

anonymous function can have more input parameters

```
>> A = 4; B = 3; % parameters A,B have to be defined
>> sumAxBy = @(x, y) (A*x + B*y); % function definition
>> res2 = sumAxBy(5,7); % x = 5, y = 7
% res2 = 4*5+3*7 = 20+21 = 41
```

- anonymous function stores variables required as well as prescription
- >> doc Anonymous Functions

```
>> Fcn = @(hndl, arg) (hndl(arg))
>> res = Fcn(@sin, pi)
```

```
>> A = 4;

>> multAx = @(x) A*x;

>> clear A

>> res3 = multAx(2);

% res3 = 4*2 = 8
```



## **Anonymous functions – Example**

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• create anonymous function  $\mathbf{A}(p) = \begin{bmatrix} A_1(p) & A_2(p) & A_3(p) \end{bmatrix}$  so that

$$A_{1}(p) = \cos^{2}(p)$$

$$A_{2}(p) = \sin(p) + \cos(p)$$

$$A_{3}(p) = 1$$

• calculate and display its components for  $p = [0, 2\pi]$ 

• check the function  $\mathbf{A}(p)$  with Matlab built-in function functions, *i.e.*, functions (A)

# Taylor series – script

- expand exponential function using Taylor series:
  - in this case it is in fact McLaurin series (expansion about 0)

$$e^{x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{n}}{n!} = 1 + x + \frac{x^{2}}{2} + \frac{x^{3}}{6} + \frac{x^{4}}{24} + \cdots$$

- compare with result obtained using exp (x)
- find out the deviation in [%] (what is the base, i.e. 100%?)
- find out the order of expansion for deviation to be lower than 1%
- implement the code as a script, enter:
   x (function argument)
   N (order of the series)





# Taylor series – function

$$e^{x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{n}}{n!} = 1 + x + \frac{x^{2}}{2} + \frac{x^{3}}{6} + \frac{x^{4}}{24} + \cdots$$

- implement as a function
  - choose appropriate name for the function
  - input parameters of the function are x and N
  - Output parameters are values f1, f2 and err
  - add appropriate comment to the function (H1 line, inputs, outputs)
  - test the function



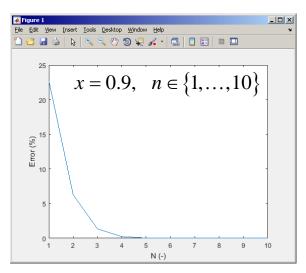


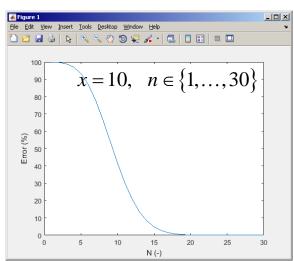
# Taylor series – calling function

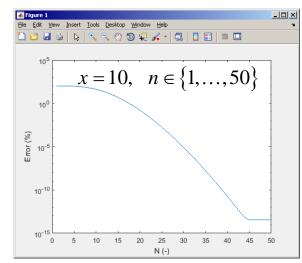
- create a script to call the above function (with various N)
  - find out accuracy of the approximation for x = 0.9,  $n \in \{1, ..., 10\}$
  - plot the resulting progress of the accuracy (error as a function of *n*)



## **Taylor series – results**









## Functions – advanced techniques

- in the case the number of input or output parameters is not known one can use varargin and varargout
  - function header has to be modified
  - input / output variables have to be obtained from varargin / varargout

```
function [parOut1, parOut2] = funcA(varargin)
%% variable number of input parameters
```

```
function varargout = funcB(parIn1, parIn2)
%% variable number of output parameters
```

```
function varargout = funcC(varargin)
%% variable number of input and output parameters
```

```
function [parOut1, varargout] = funcC(parIn1, varargin)
%% variable number of input and output parameters
```



## varargin function

- typical usage: functions with many optional parameters / attributes
  - e.g. GUI (functions like stem, surf etc. include varargin)
- variable varargin is always of type cell, even when it contains just a single item
- function nargin in the body of a function returns the number of input parameters upon the function's call
- function nargin(fx) returns number of input parameters in function's header
  - when varargin is used in function's header, returns negative value

```
function plot_data(varargin)

nargin
celldisp(varargin)

par1 = varargin{1};
par2 = varargin{2};
% ...
end
```



## **Advanced Anonymous functions**

• inline conditional:

```
>> iif = @(varargin) varargin{2*find([varargin{1:2:end}], ...
1, 'first')}();
```

usage:

```
>> min10 = @(x) iif(any(isnan(x)), 'Don''t use NaNs', ...

sum(x) > 10, 'This is ok', ...

sum(x) < 10, 'Sum is low')
```

```
>> min10([1 10]) % ans = 'This is ok'
>> min10([1 nan]) % ans = 'Don't use NaNs'
```

• map:

```
>> map = @(val, fcns) cellfun(@(f) f(val{:}), fcns);
```

usage:

```
>> x = [3 4 1 6 2];
>> values = map({x}, {@min, @sum, @prod})
>> [extrema, indices] = map({x}, {@min, @max})
```



## Variable number of input parameters

- input arguments are usually in pairs
- example of setting of several parameters to line object
- for all properties see>> doc line

property	value
Color	[R G B]
LineWidth	0.1 –
Marker	'o', '*', 'x',
MarkerSize	0.1 –
and others	



### varargout function

- variable number of output variables
- principle analogical to varargin function
  - bear in mind that function's output variables are of type cell
- used sporadically

```
function [s, varargout] = sizeout(x)
nout = max(nargout, 1) - 1;
s = size(x);
for k = 1:nout
  varargout{k} = s(k);
end
end
```

```
>> [s, rows, cols] = sizeout(rand(4, 5, 2))
% s = [4 5 2], rows = 4, cols = 5
```



### Output parameter varargout

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• modify the function fibonacciFcn.m so that it had only one output parameter varargout and its functionality was preserved



### **Expression evaluation in another WS**

- function evalin ("evaluate in") can be used to evaluate an expression in a workspace that is different from the workspace where the expression exists
- apart from current workspace, other workspaces can be used as well
  - 'base': base workspace of Matlab
  - 'caller': workspace of parent function (from which the function was called)
- can not be used recursively

```
>> clear; clc;
>> A = 5;
>> vysl = eval_in
% res = 12.7976

k = rand(1,1);
out = evalin('base', ['pi*A*', num2str(k)]);
end
```





- Matlab supports recursion (function can call itself)
  - recursion is part of some useful algorithms (e.g. Adaptive Simpsons Method of integration)
- ver. R2014b and older:
  - the number of recursion is limited by 500 by default
  - the number of recursions can be changed, or get current setting:

```
>> set(0, 'RecursionLimit', 200)
>> get(0, 'RecursionLimit')
% ans = 200
```

- ver. R2015b and newer: recursion calling works until stack memory is not full
  - every calling creates new function's workspace!



## Number of recursion steps

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- write a simple function that is able to call itself; input parameter is
   rek = 0 which is increased by 1 with each recursive step
  - display the increase of the value of rek
  - at what number does the increase stop
  - think over in what situations the recursion is necessary...

```
>> test_function(0)
```

File D:\Data\Matlab\Integration\_routines\myFun.m is not found in

To run this file, you can either change the MATLAB current folder or add its

the current folder or on the MATLAB path.

### Matlab path

- list of directories seen by Matlab: >> path
- for more see >> doc path
- addpath: adds folder to path
- rmpath: removes folder from path



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## Calling a function – order

- how Matlab searches for a function (simplified):
  - it is a variable
  - function imported using import
  - nested or local function inside given function
  - private function
  - function (method) of a given class or constructor of the class
  - function in given folder
  - function anywhere within reach of Matlab (path)
- Inside a given folder is the priority of various suffixes as follows:
  - built-in functions
  - mex functions
  - p-files
  - m-files
- doc Function Precedence Order



## **Function vs. Command Syntax**

• In Matlab exist two basic syntaxes how to call a function:

```
>> grid on % Command syntax
>> % vs.
>> grid('on') % Function syntax
```

```
>> disp 'Hello Word!' % Command syntax
>> % vs.
>> disp('Hello Word!') % Function syntax
```

- Command syntax
  - all inputs are taken as characters
  - outputs can't be assigned
  - input containing spaces has to be closed in single quotation marks

```
>> a = 1; b = 2;

>> plus a b % = 97 + 98

ans =

195

>> p = plus a b % error

>> p = plus(a, b);
```



### Class inputParser #1

- enables to easily test input parameters of a function
- it is especially useful to create functions with many input parameters with pairs 'parameter', value
  - very typical for graphical functions

```
>> x = -20:0.1:20;

>> fx = sin(x)./x;

>> plot(x, fx, 'LineWidth', 3, 'Color', [0.3 0.3 1], 'Marker', 'd',...

'MarkerSize', 10, 'LineStyle', ':')
```

- method addParameter enables to insert optional parameter
  - initial value of the parameter has to be set
  - the function for validity testing is not required
- method addRequired defines name of mandatory parameter
  - on function call it always has to be entered at the right place



### Class inputParser #2

 following function plots a circle or a square of defined size, color and line width

```
function drawGeom(dimension, shape, varargin)
p = inputParser; % instance of inputParser
p.CaseSensitive = false; % parameters are not case sensitive
defaultColor = 'b'; defaultWidth = 1;
expectedShapes = {'circle', 'rectangle'};
validationShapeFcn = @(x) any(ismember(expectedShapes, x));
p.addRequired('dimension', @isnumeric); % required parameter
p.addRequired('shape', validationShapeFcn); % required parameter
p.addParameter('color', defaultColor, @ischar); % optional parameter
p.addParameter('linewidth', defaultWidth, @isnumeric) % optional parameter
p.parse(dimension, shape, varargin{:}); % parse input parameters
switch shape
   case 'circle'
      figure;
      rho = 0:0.01:2*pi;
      plot(dimension*cos(rho), dimension*sin(rho), ...
         p.Results.color, 'LineWidth', p.Results.linewidth);
      axis equal;
   case 'rectangle'
      figure;
      plot([0 dimension dimension 0 0], ...
         [0 0 dimension dimension 0], p.Results.color, ...
         'LineWidth', p.Results.linewidth)
      axis equal;
end
```

#### Function validateattributes

- checks correctness of inserted parameter with respect to various criteria
  - it is often used in relation with class inputParser
  - check whether matrix is of size 2x3, is of class double and contains positive integers only:

```
A = [1 2 3;4 5 6];
validateattributes(A, {'double'}, {'size',[2 3]})
validateattributes(A, {'double'}, {'integer'})
validateattributes(A, {'double'}, {'positive'})
```

• it is possible to use notation where all tested classes and attributes are in one cell:

```
B = eye(3)*2;
validateattributes(B, {'double', 'single', 'int64'},...
{'size',[3 3], 'diag', 'even'})
```

for complete list of options >> doc validateattributes



## Original names of input variables

- function inputname makes it possible to determine names of input parameters ahead of function call
  - consider following function call:

```
>> y = myFunc1(xdot, time, sqrt(25));
```

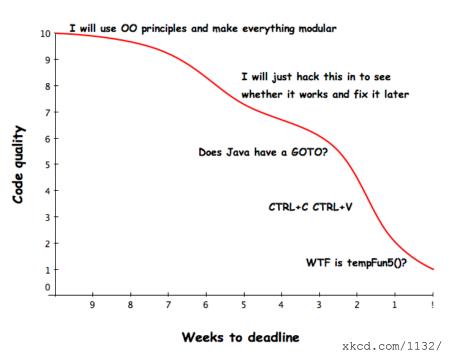
and then inside the function:

```
function output = myFunc1(par1, par2, par3)
% ...
plstr = inputname(1); % plstr = 'xdot';
p2str = inputname(2); % p2str = 'time';
P3str = inputname(3); % p3str = '';
% ...
```

#### Function creation – advices

- <u>viewpoint of efficiency</u> the more often a function is used, the better its implementation should be
  - code scaling
  - it is appropriate to verify input parameters
  - it is appropriate to allocate provisional output parameters
  - debugging
  - optimization of function time

• principle of code fragmentation — in the ideal case each function should solve just one thing; each problem should be solved just once





## Selected advices for well arranged code

- ideally just one degree of abstraction
- code duplicity prevention
- function and methods should
  - solve one problem only, but properly
  - be easily and immediately understandable
  - be as short as possible
  - have the least possible number of input variables (< 3)
- further information:
  - Martin: Clear Code (Prentice Hall)
  - McConnell: Code Complete 2 (Microsoft Press)
  - Johnson: The Elements of Matlab Style (Cambridge Press)
  - Altman: Accelerating Matlab Performance (CRC)

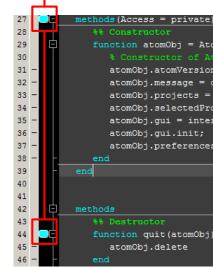


## **Useful tools for long functions**

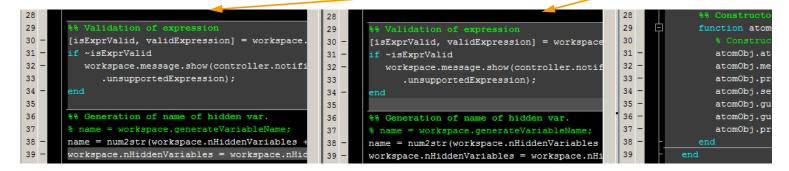
- bookmarks
  - CTRL+F2 (add / remove bookmark)
  - F2 (next bookmark)
  - SHIFT+F2 (previous bookmark)
- Go to...
  - CTRL+G (go to line)
- long files can be split
  - same file can be opened e.g. twice















#### **Discussed functions**

function key word to create Matlab function

(handle, anonymous function)

variable number of input / output variables

evaluation of a command / assignment in another workspace

inputname input variables in parent's workspace

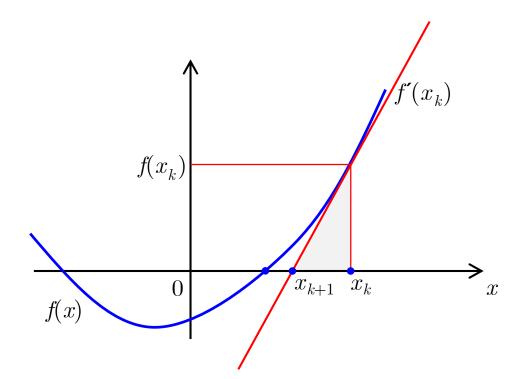


#### Exercise #1 - notes

- find the unknown x in equation f(x) = 0 using Newton's method
- typical implementation steps:
  - (1) mathematical model
    - seize the problem, its formal solution
  - (2) pseudocode
    - layout of consistent and efficient code
  - (3) Matlab code
    - transformation into Matlab's syntax
  - (4) testing
    - usually using a problem with known (analytical) solution
    - try other examples...



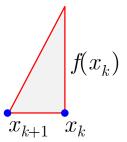
- find the unknown x in equation of type f(x) = 0
  - use Newton's method
- Newton's method:



$$f'(x_k) = \frac{\Delta f}{\Delta x} \approx \frac{\mathrm{d}f}{\mathrm{d}x}$$

$$f'(x_k) = \frac{\Delta f}{\Delta x} = \frac{f(x_k) - 0}{x_k - x_{k+1}}$$

$$x_{k+1} = x_k - \frac{f(x_k)}{f'(x_k)}$$



- find the unknown x in equation f(x) = 0 using Newton's method
- pseudocode draft:
  - (1) until  $|(x_k x_{k-1})/x_k| \ge err$  and simultaneously k < 20 do:

(2) 
$$x_{k+1} = x_k - \frac{f(x_k)}{f'(x_k)}$$

- (3)  $\operatorname{disp}([k \ x_{k+1} \ f(x_{k+1})])$
- (4) k = k + 1
- pay attention to correct condition of the (while) cycle
- create a new function to evaluate  $f(x_k)$ ,  $f'(x_k)$
- use following numerical difference scheme to calculate  $f'(x_k)$ :

$$f'(x_k) \approx \Delta f = \frac{f(x_k + \Delta) - f(x_k - \Delta)}{2\Delta}$$



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- find the unknown x in equation f(x) = 0 using Newton's method
  - implement the above method in Matlab to find the unknown x in  $x^3 + x 3 = 0$
  - the method comes in the form of a script calling following function:

```
function fx = optim fcn(x)
clear; close all; clc;
                                       fx = x^3 + x - 3;
% enter variables
% xk, xkl, err, k, delta
while cond1 and simultaneously cond2
    % get xk from xk1
    % calculate f(xk)
    % calculate df(xk)
    % calculate xk1
    % display results
    % increase value of k
end
```



```
function fx = optim_fcn(x)

fx = x^3 + x - 3;
```

- what are the limitations of Newton's method
  - in relation with existence of multiple roots
- is it possible to apply the method to complex values of x?



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• using integral function calculate integral of current  $Q = \int I(t)dt$  in the interval  $t \in \langle 0,1 \rangle$ s. The current has following time dependency, where f = 50 Hz

$$I t = 10\cos 2\pi ft + 5\cos 4\pi ft$$

solve the problem using handle function

using anonymous function





# Thank you!



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