



# MATLAB Programming

## More Flow Control



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Functions

encapsulation

logical independence

Program is a set of tasks:

Load data

Perform calculation

Display result

Program is a set of tasks:

Load data

Get file name

Read

Test for correct format

Perform calculation

Prepare for computation

Perform several independent subtasks

Combine into a result

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## Main Workspace

### Variables

$X = 2$

$data = [2 \ 3; 4 \ 5];$

$Z = \text{file.txt}$

$\tilde{0}$

$\text{cleanMyData}(data);$

function cleanData =  
cleanMyData(data)

### Variables

$data = [2 \ 3; \tilde{0} \ ];$

$size = [4 \ 2];$

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cleanData

Example:

The eigenvectors and eigenvalues of a square matrix are the set of vectors and associated scalars that satisfy the following equation:

$$M * v = \lambda * v$$

Matrix M times  
vector v

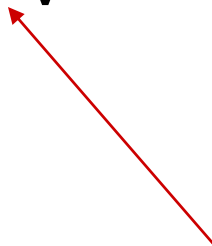


Example:

The eigenvectors and eigenvalues of a square matrix are the set of vectors and associated scalars that satisfy the following equation:

$$M * v = \lambda * v$$

Scalar times  
vector v





## Eigenvectors in MATLAB:

```
A = [1 2; 3 4];
```

```
U = eig(A)
```

```
U =
```

```
    -0.3723
```

```
     5.3723
```

# Eigenvalues and eigenvectors:

```
[U V] = eig(A)
```

U

```
-0.8246    -0.4160
```

```
0.5658    -0.9094
```

V

```
-0.3723
```

```
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Is this a good idea?

Two special functions:

`nargin()` # How many parameters were passed?

`nargout()` # How many return values are expected?

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$\text{cleanMyData}(\text{data});$

$\text{nargout} = 1$

function  $\text{cleanData} =$   
 $\text{cleanMyData}(\text{data})$

### Variables

$\text{data} = [2 \ 3; \tilde{0} \ ];$

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$\text{cleanData}$

Interpolation example:

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That are either 0.0 or (optionally) user specified  $\tilde{o}$

$\tilde{o}$  and that could be greater than an optional max.

Report the number of values that are replaced.

Report the locations of all values that are replaced.

MATLAB programming convention:

The first return value should be the **result** of the calculation

Subsequent, optional return values **status** variables.

Example:

max/min - return the actual max or min and the optional index.

ode45 (differential equation solver) - return the time points and the actual solution then optional trajectory information.

```
function clean_data = interpolate(data)
```

```
function [clean_data, num_replaced,  
         replace_locs]  
    = interpolate(data, min, max)
```

result, status1  $\xrightarrow{\text{Increasing detail}}$  statusN



```
function [clean_data, num_replaced,
        replace_locs]
    = interpolate(data, min, max)

if nargin() < 2
    min = 0;
end

[I, J] = find( data < min );
```

```
function [clean_data, num_replaced,
        replace_locs]
    = interpolate(data, min, max)
if nargin() < 2
    min = 0;
end
[I, J] = find( data < min );
if nargin() == 3
    [Imax, Jmax] = find(data > max);
    I = [I ; Imax];
    J = [J ; Jmax];
end
```

( Clean the data and put it in clean\_data)

```

if nargout() >= 2
    num_replaced = length(I);
end
if nargout() == 3
    replaced_locations = [I J];
end

clean_data = data;

```

Functions encapsulate things:

- Separate logical unit from the rest of the code

- Separate variable names to avoid confusion

Multiple parameters and returns.

- nargin()

- nargout()



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