Lecture III - Packages and Data Management

Applied Optimization with Julia

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Quick Recap from last Week

Variables and Data Types

- · Variables are used to store values
- Assign a value to a variable using the = operator
- · You can use different data types for variables
- · You can change the value of a variable



You can use the typeof function to check the type of a variable.

Vectors and Matrices

- Vectors and matrices are used to store multiple values
- You can create a them using the [and] operators
- · Access their elements using square brackets



You can use the push! function to add elements to a vector or the pop! function to remove elements from a vector.

Comparisons and Logic

- · Comparisons are used to compare values
- == checks if two values are equal
- != checks if two values are not equal
- < checks if one value is smaller than the other
- · >= checks if one value is greater than or equal to the other
- && checks if two values are true
- || checks if at least one of two values is true

Loops

- · Loops are used to repeat code
- · for loop repeats code for a fixed number of times
- while loop repeats code until a condition is met
- · if statement checks if a condition is true
- else executes code if a condition is false
- · elseif checks if a condition is true and executes if it is

Scope

- · Scope determines where a variable is defined and lives
- global keyword defines a global variable
- local keyword defines a local variable
- let keyword defines a local variable



Global variables usually make your code much slower, if they are not defined as constants. But for this leeture this is not that important.

Solutions from last Week

- · The tutorials from last week will be available on Friday
- · You can access them in the project folder on Github
- · Click on the little cat icon on the bottom right



You can ask questions anytime in class or via email!

Five Tutorials for this Week

Topics of the Tutorials

- Functions: Learn how to define and use functions
- Packages: Learn how to install and use packages
- · DataFrames: Learn how to work with tabular data in Julia
- · IO: Learn how to read and write data in Julia
- · Plots: Learn how to create plots in Julia

Get started with the tutorials

- · Download this weeks tutorials and start with the first one
- · Remember, you can ask questions anytime!

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Note

And that's it for this lecture!

The remaining time we will already start working on the problems of the third lecture.

Literature

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- Lauwens, B., & Downey, A. B. (2019). Think Julia: How to think like a computer scientist (First edition). O'Reilly®. Link to the free book website.
- · Julia Documentation

For more interesting literature to learn more about Julia, take a look at the literature list of this course.