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Lab 03: Functions and Control Flows







Relational Operators

Symbol	Meaning
#	equal to
~=	not equal
> 8	greater than
< 8	less than
>=	greater than or equal to
<=	less than or equal to
logical 1	true
logical 0	false



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- num1 <= num2 or le(num1, num2): logical 1 if num1 is less than or equal to num2, otherwise logical 0.



Example: Compare two scalars:

```
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Example: Compare a vector to a scalar:



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Example: Compare two vectors:



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&	element-wise logical AND
	element-wise logical OR
&&	short-circuit logical AND
11	short-circuit logical OR
~	logical NOT



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- condition1 || condition2: same as condition1 & condition2 but condition2 will be skipped if condition1 is logical 1.



Conditional Branch

This kind of control flow executes a set of statements only if some condition is met. There are if statements and switch statements in MATLAB.



Conditional Branch: if Statements

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Single branch

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 - if conditionIsMet
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 end
- Two branches

end

if conditionIsMet
 blockStatements1
else
 blockStatements2



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 \bullet N branches

```
conditionIsMet1
    blockStatements1
elseif conditionIsMet2
    blockStatements2
elseif conditionIsMet3
    blockStatements3
else
    blockStatementsN
end
```



Conditional Branch: if Statements

Example: Check whether n is even.

```
n = 5;
if mod(n, 2) == 0
    disp('n = 5 is an even number');
else
    disp('n = 5 is an odd number');
end
```



Conditional Branch: if Statements

Example: Check whether year is a leap year.

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year = 2020;
if mod(year, 400) == 0
    is_leap_year = true;
elseif mod(year, 4) == 0 && mod(year, 100) ~= 0
    is_leap_year = true;
else
    is_leap_year = false;
end
```



Conditional Branch: if Statements

Example: Check whether year is a leap year.

Combining the first and second branches:

```
year = 2020;
if mod(year, 400) == 0 || ...
    (mod(year, 4) == 0 && mod(year, 100) ~= 0)
    is_leap_year = true;
else
    is_leap_year = false;
end
```



Conditional Branch: switch Statements

switch statements switch among several cases based on expression. The general form of the switch statement is

```
switch switch expr
    case case_expr1,
        blockStatements1
    case {case expr2, case expr3,
                                    ..., case exprN}
        blockStatements2
    otherwise,
        blockStatementsN
end
```



Conditional Branch: switch Statements

```
Example: Check whether day is weekday.
day = 'Monday';
switch day
    case {'Monday', 'Tuesday', 'Wednesday', ...
             'Thursday', 'Friday'}
        fprintf('%s is weekday.\n', day);
    otherwise
        fprintf('%s is weekend.\n', day);
end
Bug: What about day = 'Sunnyday'?
```



Conditional Branch: switch Statements

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Example: Check whether day is weekday.
Fix our first bug by adding a new case:
day = 'Monday';
switch day
    case {'Monday', 'Tuesday', 'Wednesday', ...
           'Thursday', 'Friday'}
        fprintf('%s is weekday.\n', day)
    case {'Saturday', 'Sunday'}
        fprintf('%s is weekend.\n', day)
    otherwise
        fprintf('Error!\n')
end
```



Loop

A loop executes a set of statements zero or more times, until some condition is met. There are for and while loops in MATLAB.



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Loop

```
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```



A for-loop repeats statements a specific number of times. The general form of a for statement is:

```
for loopCounter = expr
    blockStatements
end
```



Example: Loop over an array and display the value of each entry:

```
array = [1,3,5,7]
for i = 1:length(array)
    disp(array(i))
end
or
array = [1,3,5,7]
for i = array
    disp(i)
end
```



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for i = 1:2:7
    disp(i)
end
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Question: What should we do if we want to disp('Repeating is
BORING!') for 100 times?
Use a for-loop:

for i = 1:100
    disp('Repeating is BORING!')
end
```



Loop: while-loop

A while-loop repeats statements an indefinite number of times. The general form of a while statement is:

while conditionIsMet blockStatements end



Loop: while-loop

```
Question: What should we do if we want to disp('Repeating is
BORING!') for 100 times?
Use a while-loop:
i = 1;
while i <= 100
    disp('Repeating is BORING!')
    i = i + 1;
end</pre>
```







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- Except for the cases when the function is meant to perform matrix operations, the operators in the expression would usually be element-wise operators, e.g., .*, ./, .^. We usually assume that the inputs are arrays rather than just scalars.



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- Composition of anonymous functions:
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$$h(x) = \begin{cases} f(x) = x + 2 & \text{if } x < 3, \\ g(x) = 6 - x & \text{if } x \ge 3. \end{cases}$$

$$h = Q(y) (y + 2) .* (y < 3) + (6 - y) .* (y >= 3)$$

 $hx2 = h(x)$ % same as $hx1$



Function Files

Defining functions can save you from writing the same code over and over again. Here is the syntax to define a function:

```
function [outputList] = functionName(inputList)
%FUNCTIONNAME Summary of the function
% Details of the function goes here such as
% syntax, author, date, copyright info, and etc.
```

```
% function body goes here
```

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end



Function Files: Naming Convention

The naming convention of function files is similar to that of script files. However, it is strongly recommended that the function name of function definition should be same as the filename.

For example, if we define a function with header

function thisIsAFunction(a, b, c)

then it should be store to a file named thisIsAFunction.m. If the function name and the file name are not consistent, MATLAB would take the file name as the function name.



Function Files: sumProd

```
function [summation, product] = sumProd(x)
%SUMPROD Calculate the summation and product of
% all elements in x
% Syntax:
    [summation, product] = sumProd(x)
    summation = sumProd(x)
% Initialize variables summation and product
summation = 0;
product = 1;
for i = 1:length(x)
    summation = summation + x(i);
    product = product * x(i);
end
```



Function Files: isEven

Recall the script for the example: Check whether n is even.

```
n = 5;
if mod(n, 2) == 0
    disp('n = 5 is an even number');
else
    disp('n = 5 is an odd number');
end
```



Function Files: isEven

We can convert the script to a function as below:

```
function isNEven = isEven(n)
%ISEVEN Check whether n is even
isNEven = mod(n, 2) == 0;
if isNEven
    fprintf('n = %d is an even number', n);
else
    fprintf('n = %d is an odd number', n);
end
end
```

Then we can call the function: is4Even = isEven(4).



Function Files: isLeapYear

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    is_leap_year = false;
end
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Function Files: isLeapYear

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```
function is_leap_year = isLeapYear(year)
%ISLEAPYEAR: Check whether year is a leap year.
if mod(year, 400) == 0
    is_leap_year = true;
elseif mod(year, 4) == 0 \&\& mod(year, 100) \sim= 0
    is_leap_year = true;
else
    is leap year = false;
end
end
```

Then we can call $is_2020_{leap_year} = is_{leap_Year}(2020)$.



Function Files: isWeekday

Recall the script for the example: Check whether day is weekday.



Function Files: isWeekday

We can convert it to a function as below:

```
function is Weekday (day)
%ISWEEKDAY Check whehter day is a weekday.
switch day
    case {'Monday', 'Tuesday', 'Wednesday', ...
          'Thursday', 'Friday'}
        fprintf('%s is weekday.\n', day)
    case {'Saturday', 'Sunday'}
        fprintf('%s is weekend.\n', day)
    otherwise
        fprintf('Error!\n')
end
```

Anonymous Function vs. Function File

- Anonymous functions are helpful when you are using functions with a simple definition.
- Otherwise, writing a function file is recommended.

