



Octave Tutorial

5 questions

1. Suppose I first execute the following Octave commands:

```
A = [1 2; 3 4; 5 6];  
B = [1 2 3; 4 5 6];
```

Which of the following are then valid Octave commands?
Check all that apply and assume all options are written in an Octave command. (Hint: A' denotes the transpose of A.)

☐ C = A * B;

☐ C = B' + A;

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2. Question text

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{bmatrix} 16 & 2 & 3 & 13 \\ 5 & 11 & 10 & 8 \\ 9 & 7 & 6 & 12 \\ 4 & 14 & 15 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Which of the following indexing expressions gives

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 16 & 2 \\ 5 & 11 \\ 9 & 7 \\ 4 & 14 \end{bmatrix} \text{ ? Check all that apply.}$$

- ☐ `B = A(:, 1:2);`
- ☐ `B = A(1:4, 1:2);`
- ☐ `B = A(0:2, 0:4)`
- ☐ `B = A(1:2, 1:4);`

3. Let A be a 10x10 matrix and x be a 10-element vector. Your friend wants to compute the product Ax and writes the following code:

```
v = zeros(10, 1);
for i = 1:10
    for j = 1:10
        v(i) = v(i) + A(i, j) * x(j);
    end
end
```

How would you vectorize this code to run without any FOR loops? Check all that apply.

- ☐ `v = A * x;`
- ☐ `v = Ax;`
- ☐ `v = A .* x;`
- ☐ `v = sum (A * x);`

4. Say you have two column vectors v and w , each with 7 elements (i.e., they have dimensions 7x1). Consider the following code:

```

z = 0;
for i = 1:7
    z = z + v(i) * w(i)
end

```

Which of the following vectorizations correctly compute z ?
Check all that apply.

☐ $z = \text{sum}(v .* w);$

☐ $z = v' * w;$

☐ $z = v * w';$

☐ $z = v .* w;$

5. In Octave, many functions work on single numbers, vectors, and matrices. For example, the `sin` function when applied to a matrix will return a new matrix with the `sin` of each element. But you have to be careful, as certain functions have different behavior. Suppose you have an 7×7 matrix X . You want to compute the log of every element, the square of every element, add 1 to every element, and divide every element by 4. You will store the results in four matrices, A, B, C, D . One way to do so is the following code:

```

for i = 1:7
    for j = 1:7
        A(i, j) = log(X(i, j));
        B(i, j) = X(i, j) ^ 2;
        C(i, j) = X(i, j) + 1;
        D(i, j) = X(i, j) / 4;
    end
end

```

Which of the following correctly compute A, B, C , or D ?
Check all that apply.

☐ $C = X + 1;$

☐ $D = X / 4;$ ☐ $A = \log(X);$ ☐ $B = X ^ 2;$

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