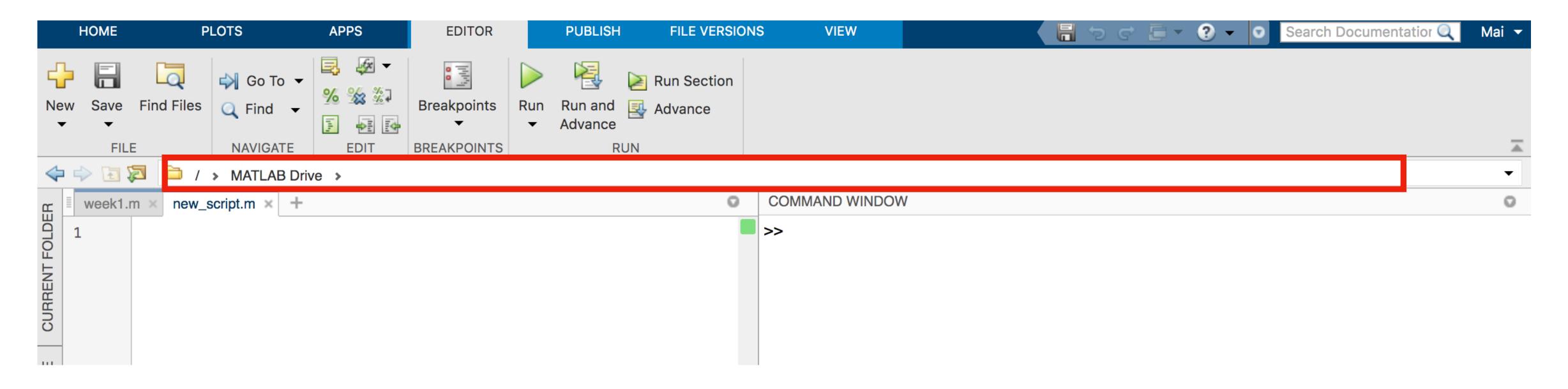
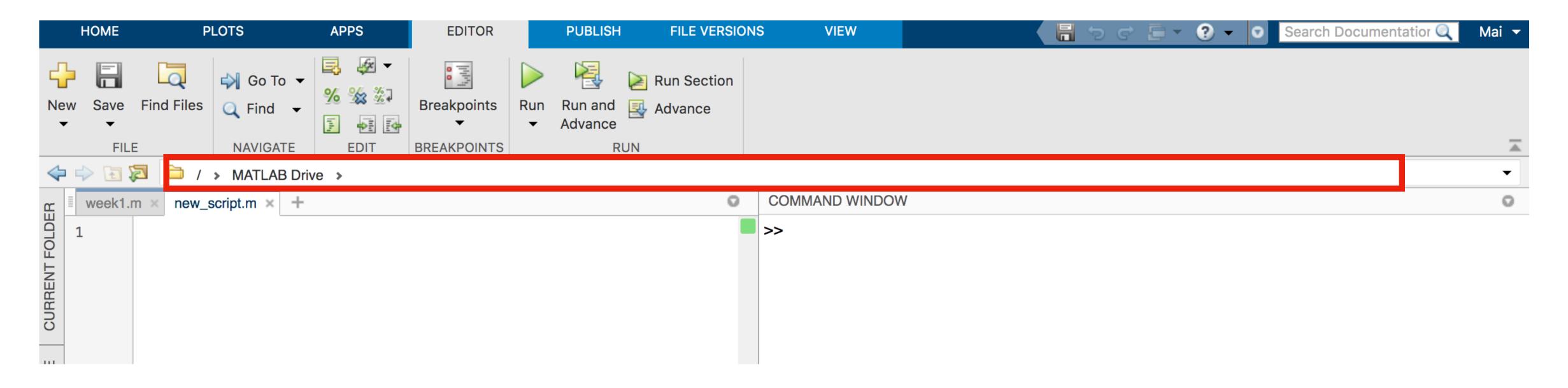
Data types, variables, and selection

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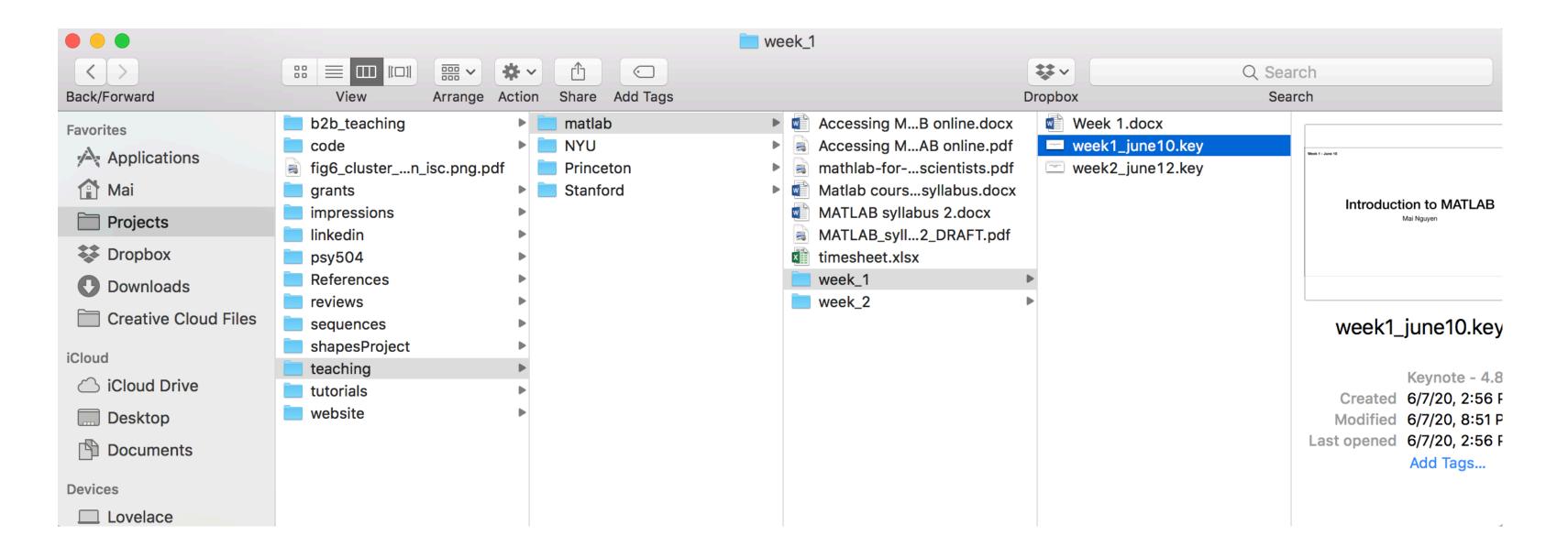


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• This is where "you" are located in the file tree hierarchy. Files are saved here and MATLAB only "knows" what's in the directory its currently in

Probably most used to navigating in file window, like Finder



Navigate using commands (not strictly necessary but easier + same as unix/bash)

1. Print working directory: pwd

```
>> pwd
ans =
   '/MATLAB Drive'
```

2. Print files in directory: Is

```
>> ls
new_script.m Published week1.m
```

3. Make a new directory: makedir()

```
>> mkdir('week_1')
>> ls
new_script.m Published week_1
```

4. Navigate to new directory: cd cd directoryName to enter directory cd .. to go up a directory

```
>> cd week_1/
>> pwd

ans =
   '/MATLAB Drive/week_1'
```

5. Make a new script: edit filename (also use to open existing file)

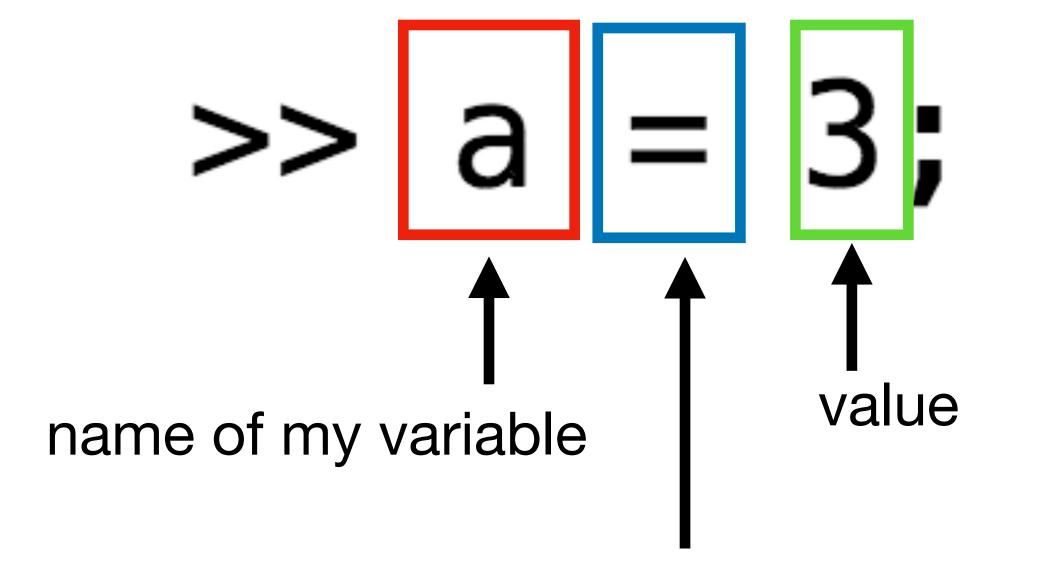
```
>> edit lecture2_script.m
>> ls
lecture2_script.m
```

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- Navigating MATLAB, part II
- More on variables
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 - Characters: strings
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More on variables

Can use variables to hold values



assigns the value (3) to the variable (a)

3

a

More on variables: naming rules

- Cannot start with a number
 - Valid variables: day1, score_0
 - Invalid variables: 4elements, 100_years_ago
- Can only include letters, numbers, and underscores
 - Valid variables: sokka, f1re_nat10n, appa_the_flying_bison
 - Invalid variables: anng!, me@gmail.com,
- Can't use reserved keywords: e.g. end, if, else, for
- Can't use spaces

More on variables: naming rules

Exercise 1: Which are valid variable names?

i_write_lots_and_lots_of_comments

my variable

a10

apples&bananas

1stBase

counter_1

More on variables: naming guidelines

Descriptive!!

- Bad: a, var, x, y
- Good: pretest_score, count, min_temp, v1_timeseries
- By convention, start with lowercase (because lazy)
 - Bad: NumPeanuts, Balloons_found
 - Good: numPeanuts, balloons_found
- Use capitalization or underscores for readability
 - Bad: numgoodvoxinroi
 - Good: numGoodVoxInRoi, or num_good_vox_in_roi

Data Types: things you can store in variables

- Text/characters
- Numbers
- Groups of numbers
- Data Types II: structs, cell arrays

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Storing text

- Data type: strings, made up of chars
- Syntax: Surround text with single quotation marks
- Examples

```
>> my_name = 'Mai';
>> class_name = 'intro_matlab';
>> moby_dick = 'Call me Ishmael.';
```

Storing Numbers

- Data types: int, float (single, double). By default all numbers are stored as doubles in MATLAB
- Examples:

```
>> year = 2020;
>> annual_salary = 30000;
>> monthly_salary = annual_salary / 12;
```

Storing groups of numbers: arrays

- Vector: 1-dimensional array
 - Syntax 1: var_name = [val1 val2 val3 val4];
 - Syntax 2: var_name = [val1, val2, val3, val4];

Examples:

Storing groups of numbers: arrays

Previously: a variable is a box containing a value

$$>> a = 3;$$

3

Storing groups of numbers: arrays

Array: sequential series of boxes containing values

• Number of boxes (values) is the **length** of the array. Use length(var) fx to get length of the array.

```
>> length(ex_vector)
ans =
```

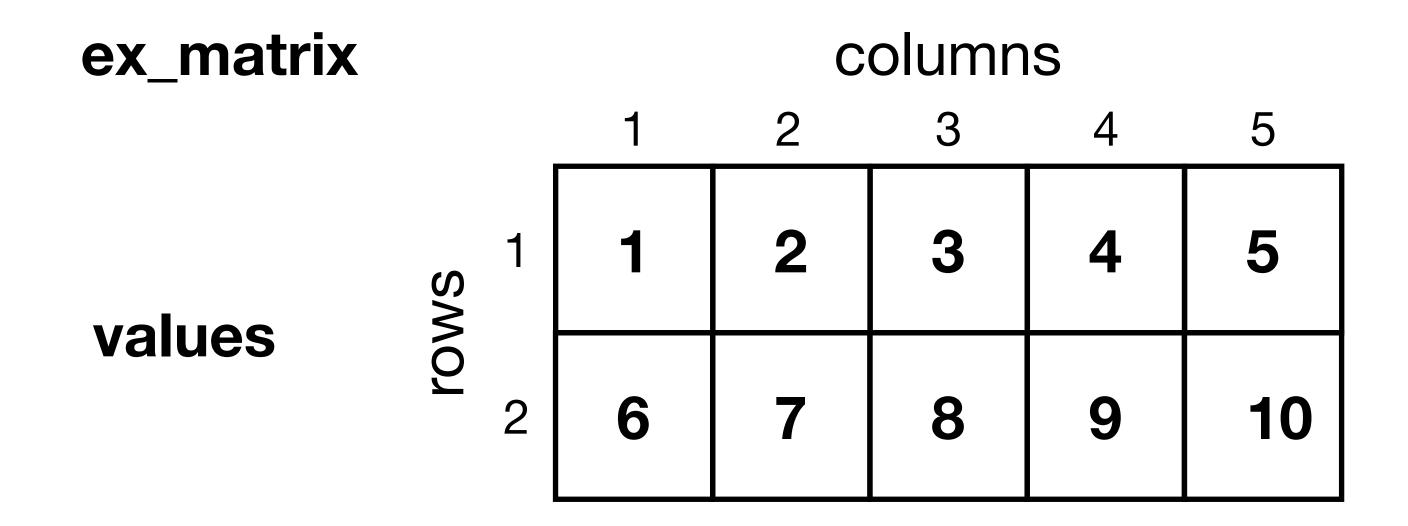
Storing groups of numbers: matrices

- Matrix: 2-dimensional array
 - Syntax: var_name = [val1 val2 val3; val4 val5 val6];

Examples

Storing groups of numbers: matrices

Same idea as vectors with with 2 dimensions now



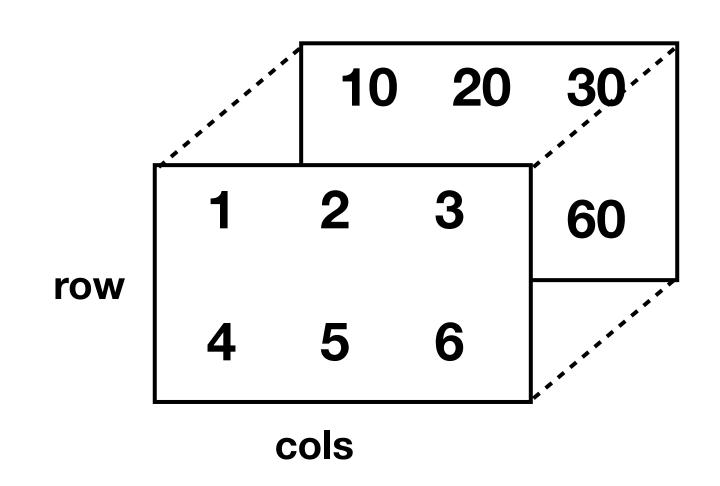
Matrices have length (longest dimension) and size (rows x cols)

```
>> length(ex_matrix) >> size(ex_matrix)
ans = ans = 
5 2 5
```

Storing groups of numbers: matrices

• Matrices can have more than 2 dimensions (e.g. 3D brain data)

```
>> z1 = [1 2 3; 4 5 6];
z2 = [10 \ 20 \ 30; \ 40 \ 50 \ 60];
z1(:,:,2) = z2;
>> size(z1)
ans =
    rows (x) cols (y)
                  layers (z)
```

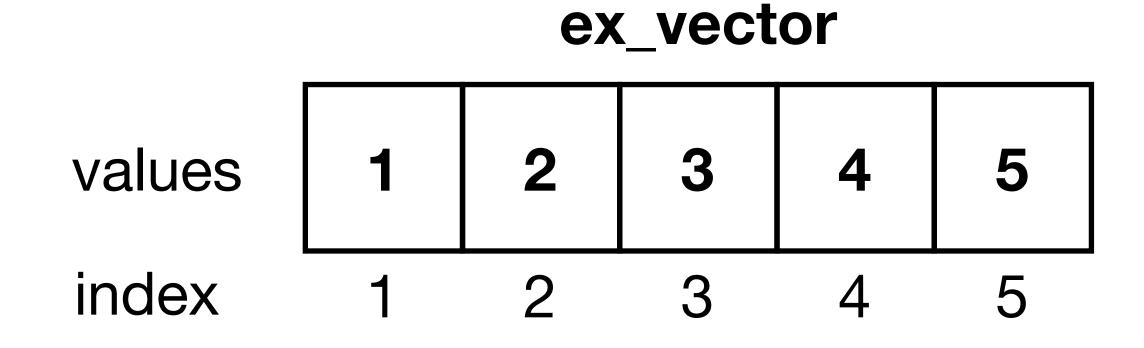


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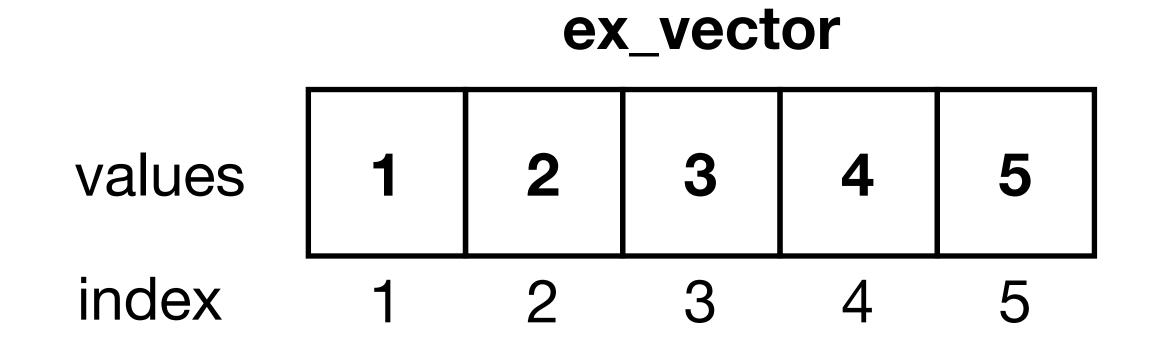
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$$>> ex_vector = [1 2 3 4 5];$$



- Indexing is a way of accessing specific values in an array based on their position
- Get value at an index using syntax: ex_vector(index)

$$>> ex_vector = [1 2 3 4 5];$$

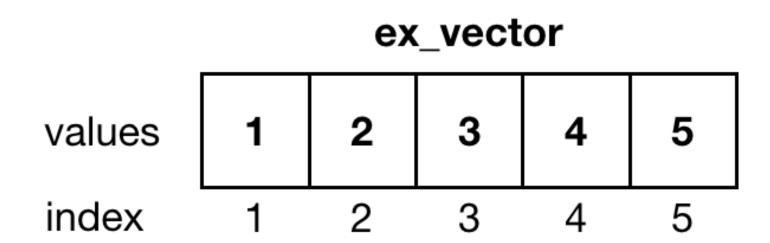


- Ex 1: Get single value
- Syntax: ex_vector(index)

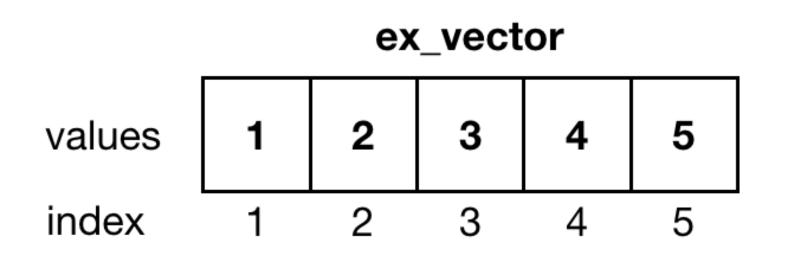
```
>> ex_vector(3)
```

ans =

3



- Ex 2: Get must values using colon operator
- Syntax: ex_vector(startInd:stepSize:stopInd)



>> ex_vector(4:-1:2)

ans =

3

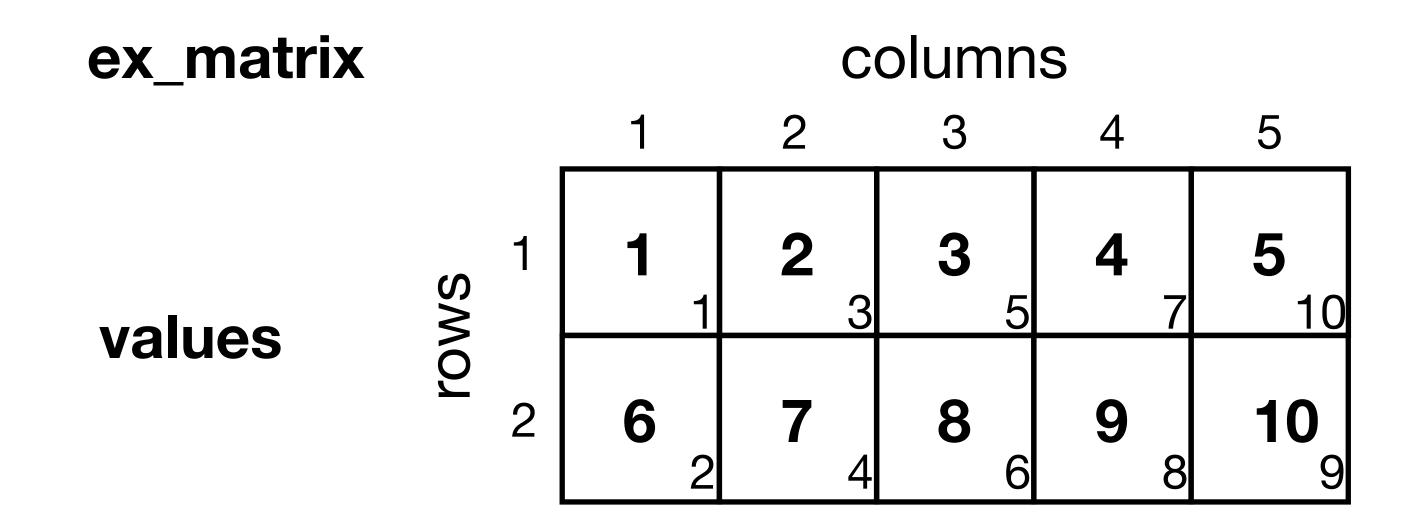
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Exercises: vector indexing

- 1. Create a vector with values 1-10
- 2. Get the length of the vector
- 3. Return the value at index position 5
- 4. Return all the even numbers
- 5. Return values in decreasing order from 9 to 4 inclusive

2D Matrices: selection

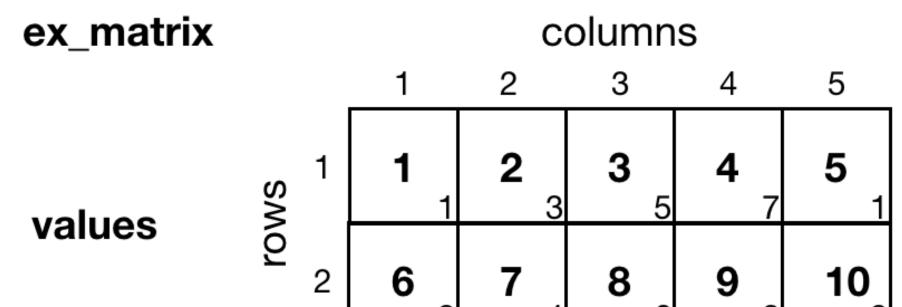
Indexing 2D matrix gets a little more complicated



2D Matrices: selection by index

Option 1: Select by index as before

```
>> ex_matrix(1:5)
ans =
>> ex_matrix(10:-2:1)
ans =
    10
```



2D Matrices: selection by row/col

- Option 2: Select by row and column
- Syntax: ex_matrix(rows, cols)

```
>> ex_matrix(1,1:3)
>> ex_matrix(1,1)
                          ans =
ans =
>> ex_matrix(2,4)
                          >> ex_matrix(1:2, 1:3)
ans =
```

ex_matrix

values

columns

1 2 3 4 5

1 2 3 4 5

1 2 3 4 5

2 6 7 8 9 10

2D Matrices: selection by row/col

• Option 3: Select entire row with colon

Syntax: ex_matrix(row,:)

```
>> ex_matrix(1,:)
ans =
>> ex_matrix(2,:)
ans =
   6 7 8 9 10
```

ex_matrix

values

columns

1 2 3 4 5

1 2 3 4 5

1 2 3 4 5

2 4 8 9 10

2D Matrices: selection by row/col

- Option 4: Select entire col with colon
- Syntax: ex_matrix(:, col)

ex_matrix

values

columns

1 2 3 4 5

1 2 3 4 5

1 2 3 4 5

2 4 8 9 10

Mostly same as 2D matrices

Selection by index

ans =

4

>> z1(10)

ans =

50

Selection by x,y,z

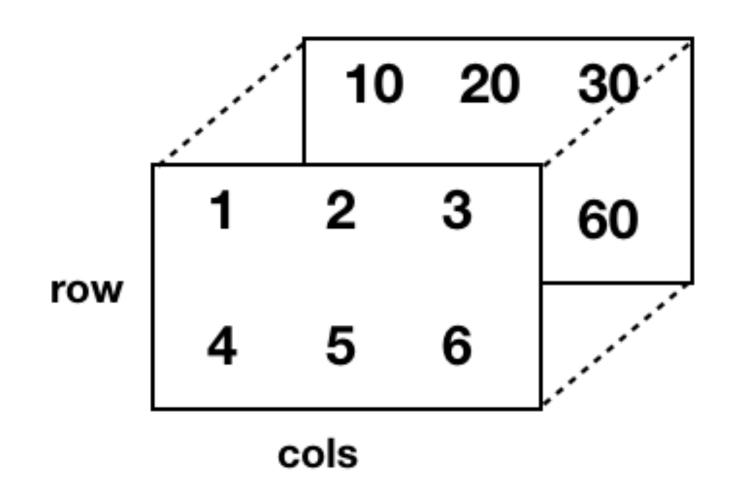
ans =

2

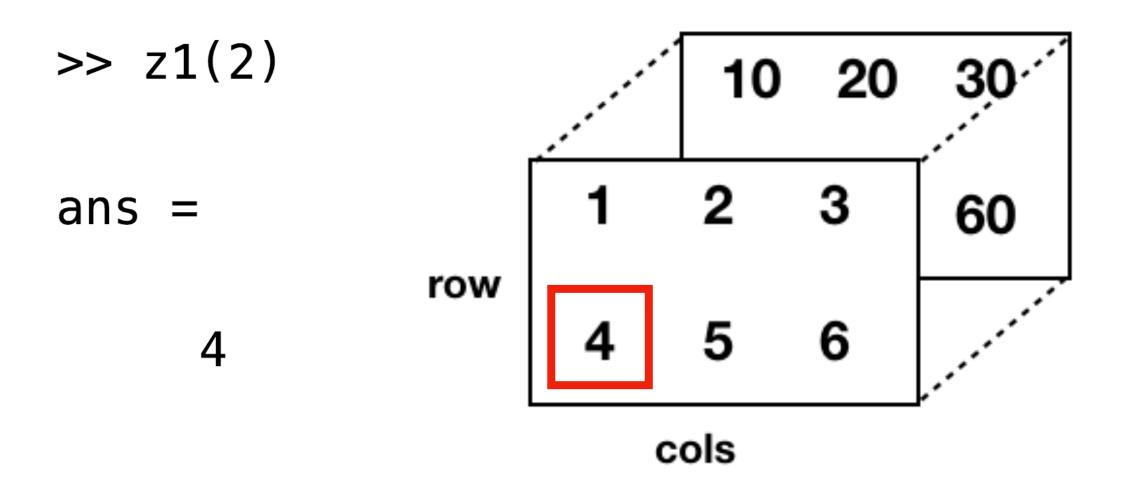
>> z1(1,2,2)

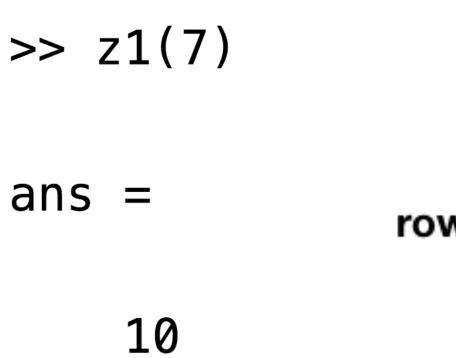
ans =

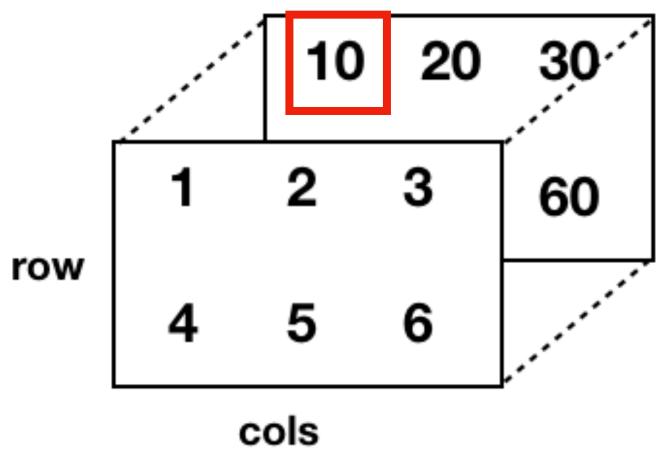
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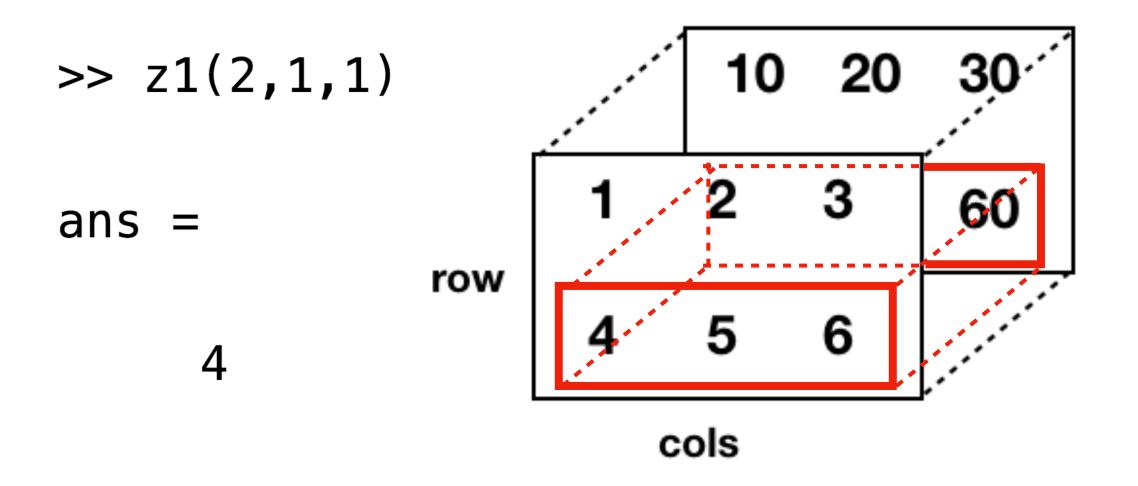
Mostly same as 2D matrices: selection by index



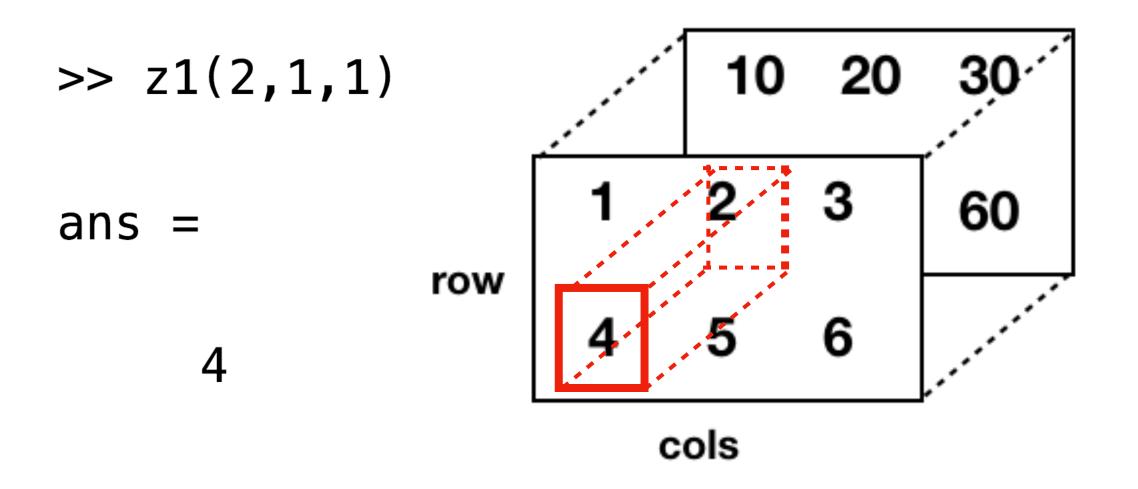




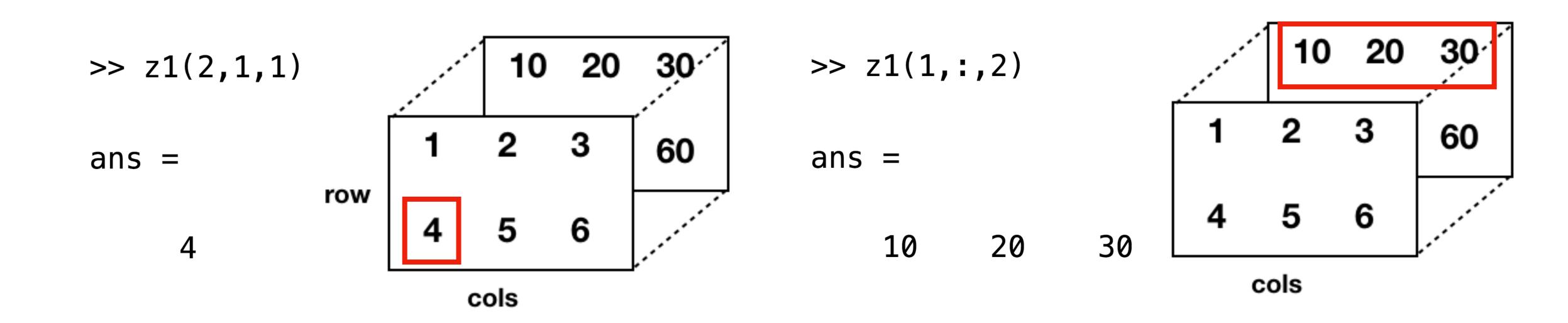
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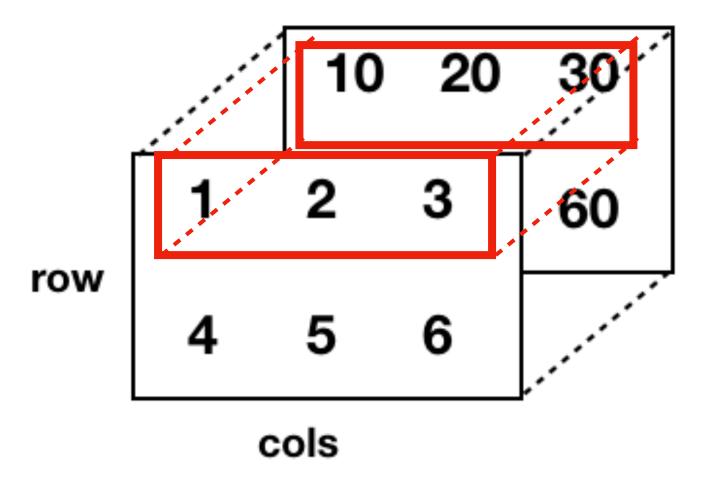
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ND matrices

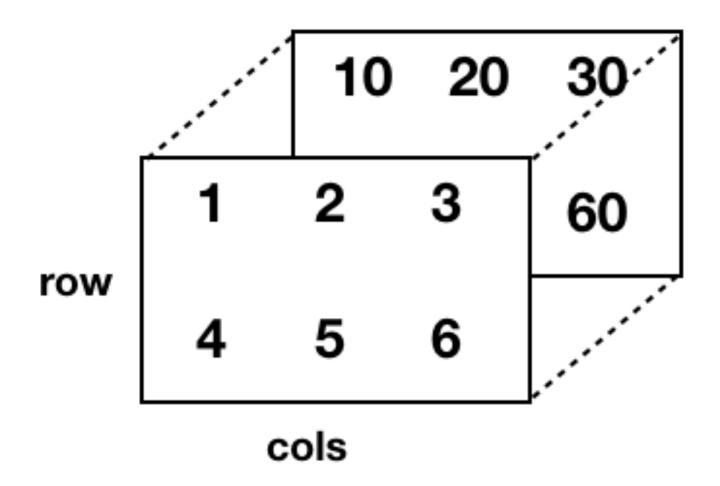
Tricky: selecting "slices" from the ND matrix

```
>> z1(1,:,:)
                             >> squeeze(z1(1,:,:))
ans(:,:,1) =
                              ans =
     1
           2
                 3
                                        10
                                        20
                                   3
                                        30
ans(:,:,2) =
                             >> size(squeeze(z1(1,:,:)))
    10
          20
                30
                              ans =
>> size(z1(1,:,:))
ans =
```



ND matrices

When selecting across



Exercises: matrix selection

- 1. Create a 3x4 matrix (3 rows, 4 columns). The first row should contain values 1-4, the second 5-9, etc. Print the matrix
- 2. Get the length and size of the matrix
- 3. Select the number 4 using indexing. Repeat but use row/column selection
- 4. Print all the numbers in order (1-12)
- 5. Print all the numbers in row 2. Print all the numbers in col 3.
- 6. Print all the numbers in row 1 and row 2

1. Create manually (as before)

```
>> example_matrix = [1 2 3 4; 5 6 7 8]
example_matrix =
```

```
    2
    3
    4
    5
    6
    7
    8
```

2. Colon operator

- -Syntax: matrix = [startNum : stepSize : stopNum]
- -Can omit stepSize, default = 1

Example 1: vector from 1-4

1 2 3 4

Example 2: Every other number from 1-10

L 3 5 7 9

2. Colon operator

- -Syntax: matrix = [startNum : stepSize : stopNum]
- -Can omit stepSize, default = 1

Example 3: decreasing from 6 to 2

```
>> dec_vector = [6:-1:2]
```

6 5 4 3 2

3. Built-in functions (can do any ndim matrix)

- ones(row, col)
- zeros(row, col)
- nans(row, col)
- diag(row, col)
- rand(row, col)
- randi(row, col)

Changing values in a matrix

• Option 1: Change a specific position by index or row/col

Changing values in a matrix

• Option 2: Sclar addition, subtraction, multiplication, division

Exercises

- 1. Use the colon operator to create a 2x5 matrix with numbers 1-5 in row1 and 6-10 in row 2
- 2. Replace the value at index 3 with 100.
- 3. Replace all the values in row 2 with -10.
- 4. Multiple the resulting vector by 0.5

• Addition, subtraction: add or subtract values at same index

Make two matrices

Add

 Scalar multiplication: multiply everything by same value

```
>> a * 2

ans =

2     4     6

8     10     12
```

• Matrix multiplication: multiply matrices (#cols a must match #rows in b)

```
>> a * b

ans =

14 14
32 32
```

 Element-wise matrix multiplication: multiply values at the same index. Matrices must be same size

2.0000

40.0000

2.0000

• Transpose: flip dimensions

$$>> a = [1:3; 4:6]$$

```
1 4
2 5
3 6
```

Split up matrices

 You often might need to split up matrices into smaller matrices in sensible ways. You can do this by indexing and storing the output to a variable

```
\Rightarrow a = [1 1 1 1; 2 2 2 2];
>> a_row1 = a(1,:)
a row1 =
>> a_row2 = a(2,:)
a_row2 =
```

Concatenating matrices

- You might also want to do the opposite and combine multiple matrices. There are several ways to to this:
- Horizontal concatenation: [] with, or horzcat

```
a = b = 1 1 1 3 3 3 3 2 4 4 4
```

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a = b = 1 1 1 1 3 3 3 4 4

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- Horizontal concatenation: [] with comma or horzcat
- Vertical concatenation: [] with semicolon or vertcat
- Concatenate along new dimension:
 with [] or cat

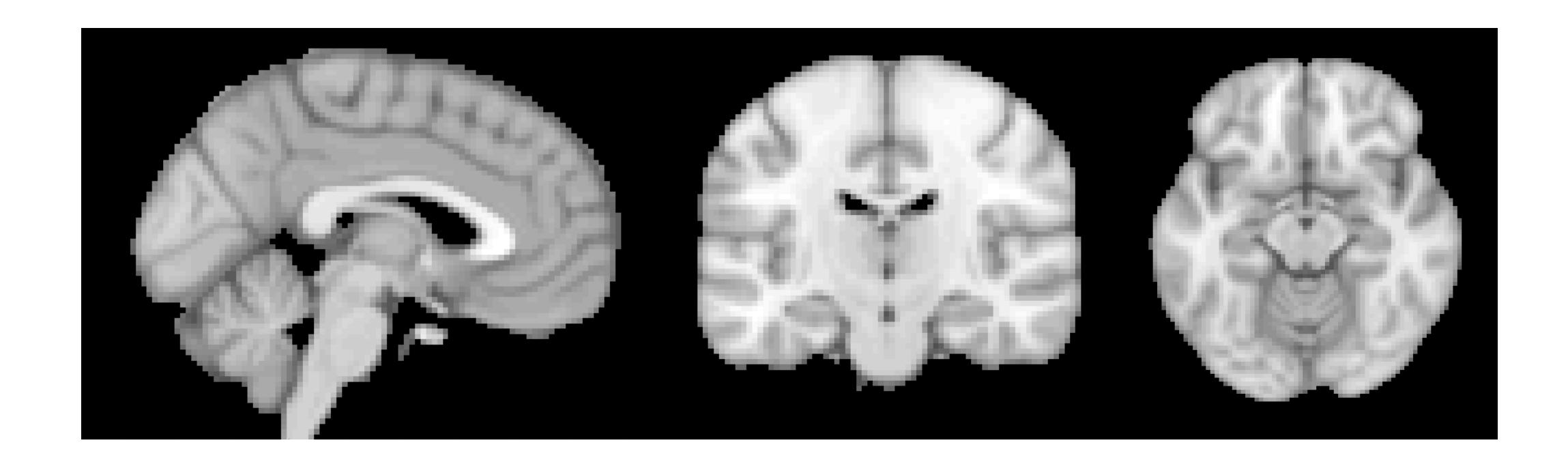
```
b = 1
1
1
2
2
2
2
4
4
```

Exercises

- 1. Create a 3x2 matrix A of 3s. Create a second 3x2 matrix B with the numbers 1-6. Add the two matrices together. Multiple the two matrices by elements.
- 2. Try multiplying matrix A by matrix B. Why didn't it work? Use transpose to modify one of the matrices and try again.
- 3. Create a 2x2 matrix of ones, a 2x2 matrix of twos, and a 2x2 matrix of threes. Concatenate the three matrices in order vertically and then horizontally using square brackets and commas/semicolons. Repeat using the horzcat and vertcat functions.
- 4. Concatenate the matrices from (3) in a 2x2x3 matrix

HW #1

- Posted Friday afternoon on GitHub, due Tuesday by midnight
- Not graded, but will receive feedback



Review

current/working directory valid variable naming good variable naming practices strings, vectors, matrices

Making a matrix

Manually
Colon operator
built-in functions
Modifying values

Selecting from array

By index
By row/col
Colon operator

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Matrix operations concatenating splitting reshaping

Functions

Navigation pwd cd ls makedir()

Matrices
length()
size()
ones()
zeros()
nans()
diag()
rand()
randi()

Concatenation vertcat() horzcat()