

OPERATION OCEAN STATE: Zombie Outbreak Simulator

Phase-Based MATLAB Protocol: Introduction to Matlab

Mission:	Contain the Spread
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Solution: Arrays (Vectors) & Built-in Functions

1. Defining Variables

Assign values using the = sign.

End with ; to hide output.

■ Scalars (Single Numbers)

```
x = 10;           % Hides output
```

```
y = 20           % Shows output
```

■ Vectors (Lists of Numbers)

```
% Row Vector (Spaces or Commas)
```

```
r = [1, 2, 3, 4];
```

```
% Column Vector (Semicolons)
```

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

2. Indexing (Modify Data)

Access specific items using parenthesis ().

```
v = [10; 20; 30];
```

```
val = v(2);       % Gets 20
```

```
v(3) = 100;       % Changes 30 to 100
```

3. Analysis Functions

```
data = [10; 5; 20];
```

```
total = sum(data); % Result: 35
```

```
[highest, index] = max(data); %Result: 20, 3
```

4. Saving Data

```
data = [12; 1; 2];
```

```
save("file_name.mat", 'data')
```

Mission Execution: Initialize Map

Task: Open your script `phase1.m`.

We need to store the zombie population for Rhode Island in a **Column Vector** (5x1) and analyze the threat.

The Order: [Providence; Kent; Washington; Bristol; Newport]

```
%% PHASE 1: THE SITUATION ROOM (Vectors & Indexing)
fprintf('--- PHASE 1: INITIALIZING RI DATA ---\n');

% 1. Define County Populations (Zombies)
% TODO: Create a COLUMN vector with values: 1000, 50, 10, 0, 5
zombie_pop = [___];

% 2. Indexing: Update specific counties
% TODO: Double the infection count in Washington County (3rd element)
zombie_pop(3) = ___ * 2;

% 3. Basic Stats
% TODO: Calculate sum and find the maximum value
total_threat = sum(___);
[max_zombies, worst_county_idx] = max(___);
fprintf('Total Zombies in RI: %d\n', total_threat);
fprintf('Worst County Index: %d (Count: %d)\n\n', worst_county_idx, max_zombies);

% 4. Save zombie population matrix
% TODO: Save edited zombie_pop for next phase
save('____.mat', '__')
```

Mission Execution: Solution

Correct Output:

Total Zombies in RI: 1075

Worst County Index: 1 (Count: 1000)

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save("zombiepop.mat", 'zombie_pop')
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The Math: Linear Algebra

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Training Module: Matrices in MATLAB

1. Loading Data

```
load("file_name.mat")
```

2. Defining Matrices (2D)

Use ; to start a new row.

```
% A 2x2 Matrix
```

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

```
% A 3x3 Identity Matrix
```

```
I = eye(3);
```

3. Checking Dimensions

```
sz = size(A); % Returns [2 2]
```

4. The Golden Rule

MATLAB is sensitive to operators!

Warning: * vs .*

- $A * B \rightarrow$ **Matrix Math** (Linear Algebra / Dot Product).
- $A .* B \rightarrow$ **Element-wise** (Mult matching spots).

Micro-Task (1 min)

1. Define $M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
2. Define $v = \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 20 \end{bmatrix}$
3. Calculate $v1 = M * v$
4. Calculate $v2 = M .* v$
5. Compare $v1$ and $v2$

Mission Execution: Predict Movement

Task: Open your script `phase2.m`.

- 1 Review the provided Migration Matrix **M**.
- 2 Calculate `next_day_pop` using Matrix Multiplication.

```
%% PHASE 2: MIGRATION (Matrix Math: A*x)
% Goal: Predict movement using Linear Algebra (Matrix Multiplication)
% 1. Load zombie population matrix
% TODO: Load edited zombie_pop for next phase
load("_____.mat")
fprintf('--- PHASE 2: TRACKING MIGRATION ---\n');
% Check to see if loaded data is edited from phase1
% 2. Create Migration Matrix (5x5) provided by Intel
M = [0.90, 0.05, 0.00, 0.00, 0.00;
     0.10, 0.90, 0.10, 0.00, 0.00;
     0.00, 0.05, 0.80, 0.10, 0.00;
     0.00, 0.00, 0.05, 0.90, 0.05;
     0.00, 0.00, 0.05, 0.00, 0.95];
% 3. Predict Tomorrow's location
% TODO: Multiply Matrix M by Vector zombie_pop (Hint: Use * not .*)
next_day_pop = __;
disp('Projected Zombie Count for Tomorrow (By County):');
disp(next_day_pop);
```

Mission Execution: Solution

Analysis: The population has shifted. Providence (Row 1) received overflow from Kent (Row 2).

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% Rows = Destination, Columns = Origin
M = [0.90, 0.05, 0.00, 0.00, 0.00; % To Providence
     0.10, 0.90, 0.10, 0.00, 0.00; % To Kent
     0.00, 0.05, 0.80, 0.10, 0.00; % To Washington
     0.00, 0.00, 0.05, 0.90, 0.05; % To Bristol
     0.00, 0.00, 0.05, 0.00, 0.95]; % To Newport

% 3. Predict Tomorrow's location
next_day_pop = M * zombie_pop;

disp('Projected Zombie Count for Tomorrow (By County):');
disp(next_day_pop);
```

Console Output: 902.50, 147.00, 18.50, 1.25, 5.75

Phase 3: Medical Response

The Situation:

The zombie infection is overwhelming the medical infrastructure. We have two distinct operational orders:

- 1 Operation Vax:** Deliver supplies to a specific list of 3 clinics.
- 2 Operation Clear:** Treat ER patients until the waiting room is empty OR supplies run out.

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Solution: Control Flow (For/While) & Scope

1. The FOR Loop

Iterate through a set range.

```
% Count 1 to 3
for k = 1:3
    disp(k);
end
```

2. The WHILE Loop

Run as long as condition is TRUE.

```
x = 10;
while x > 0
    x = x - 2;
end
```

3. Logical Operators

Essential for complex conditions.

- && (AND): Both must be true.
- || (OR): One must be true.

Micro-Task (1 min)

Write a loop that runs while $A > 0$ **AND** $B > 0$.

```
while A > 0 && B > 0
    % do something
end
```

Mission Execution: Hospital Triage

Task: Open your script phase3.m.

Complete the loops. Pay attention to the **function inputs!**

```
% --- SCENARIO A: Vax Drive ---
clinics = [1, 2, 3];
risk_level = 0.3;
fprintf('Inspecting Clinics...\n');

% TODO: Loop k from 1 to length(clinics)
for k = ___:___

    % TODO: Call 'inspect_clinic_safety'
    % MUST pass 'k' and 'risk_level'
    is_safe = inspect_clinic_safety(__, __);

    if is_safe
        fprintf('Clinic %d: SECURE.\n', k);
    else
        fprintf('Clinic %d: UNSAFE.\n', k);
    end
end
```

```
% --- SCENARIO B: ER Overflow ---
patients = 200;
supplies = 500;
hour = 0;

% TODO: Loop while patients > 0
% AND supplies > 0
while ___ > 0 && ___ > 0
    hour = hour + 1;

    % TODO: Call 'treat_batch'
    % Pass 'supplies' as input
    [cured, used] = treat_batch_of_patients(
        ___);

    % Update State
    patients = patients - cured;
    supplies = supplies - used;

    fprintf('Hour %d: Pats: %d\n', hour,
        patients);
end
```


Phase 3: The Backend Logic (Local Functions)

Analysis: These functions live at the bottom of the script. They handle the “dirty work” so the main loops remain clean and readable.

1. Resource Management Logic

```
function [cured, cost] = treat_batch_of_patients(  
    medicine_available)  
    % Calculates cures based on supplies  
    max_capacity = 40;  
    cost_per_person = 2;  
  
    people_waiting = floor(rand() * max_capacity)  
        ;  
    cost = people_waiting * cost_per_person;  
  
    % Check affordability  
    if cost > medicine_available  
        cured = floor(medicine_available /  
            cost_per_person);  
        cost = medicine_available;  
    else  
        cured = people_waiting;  
    end  
end
```

2. Safety Check

```
function is_secure =  
    inspect_clinic_safety(id, threshold  
    )  
    val = rand();  
    if val > threshold  
        is_secure = true;  
    else  
        fprintf(' [ALERT]: Breach at  
            Site %#d.\n', id);  
        is_secure = false;  
    end  
end
```

3. Mission Status

```
function check_mission_status(  
    patients_remaining)  
    if patients_remaining <= 0  
        disp(' Result: SUCCESS.');    else  
        disp(' Result: FAILURE.');    end  
end
```

Mission Execution: Solution

Analysis: Notice how we must pass variables like `risk_level` inside the parentheses so the function can “see” them.

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    end
end
```

```
% --- SCENARIO B: ER Overflow ---
patients = 200;
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hour = 0;

% Keep going while BOTH are valid
while patients > 0 && supplies > 0
    hour = hour + 1;

    % Pass 'supplies'
    [cured, used] = treat_batch_of_patients(
        supplies);

    patients = patients - cured;
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Phase 4: Satellite Scan (Vectorization)

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Solution: Vectorization (Logical Indexing)

1. Creating a Mask

Compare a whole array to a number.

```
data = [10, 2, 50, 5];  
  
% Ask: Which are less than 10?  
mask = data < 10;
```

Result (Logical Array):

[0, 1, 0, 1]
(0=False, 1=True)

2. counting "True" Hits

Use sum.

```
% Summing a logical array counts  
% the number of "True" items.  
  
count = sum(mask);  
% Result: 2
```

2D Matrices

If data is a matrix (2D), use:
`sum(mask, 'all')`

Micro-Task (1 min)

1. temps = [98, 5, 102]
2. Find zombies: is_zom = temps < 10
3. Count them.

Mission Execution: Thermal Scan

Task: Open your script phase4.m.

Find the zombies in the 100x100 grid without using a loop.

- 1 Create the mask (zombie_mask).
- 2 Count the total threats using `sum(..., 'all')`.

```
%% PHASE 4: SATELLITE SCAN (Vectorization)
% Goal: Process large arrays instantly (No Loops)
fprintf('--- PHASE 4: SATELLITE THERMAL SCAN ---\n');

% 1. Simulate 100x100 thermal grid
thermal_map = rand(100, 100) * 100;

% 2. Create Mask: Zombies are Cold (< 10 deg)
% TODO: Create a Logical Array (True/False) where thermal_map < 10
zombie_mask = ___;

% 3. Count instantly
% TODO: Sum all the 'True' values in zombie_mask
total_detected = sum(___, 'all');

fprintf('Satellite Scan Complete. Cold Signatures: %d\n\n', total_detected);
```

Analysis: This operation happens in nanoseconds, regardless of grid size.

```
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fprintf('--- PHASE 4: SATELLITE THERMAL SCAN ---\n');

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thermal_map = rand(100, 100) * 100;

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zombie_mask = thermal_map < 10;

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total_detected = sum(zombie_mask, 'all');

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```

Satellite Recon: Visual Confirmation

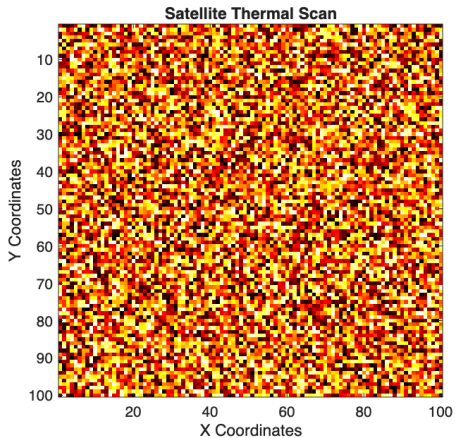


Figure 1: Raw Thermal Scan

(Red/Yellow = Warm, Dark = Cold)

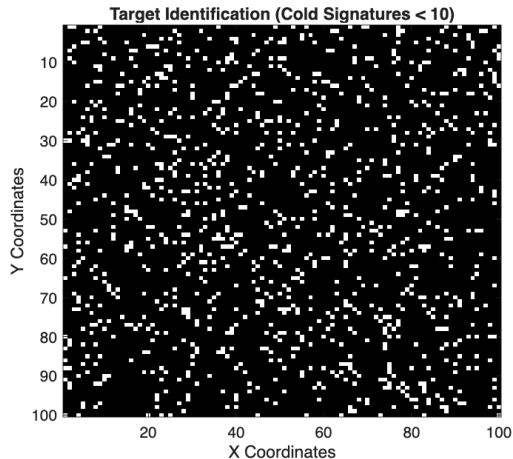


Figure 2: Target Acquisition

(White = Zombies, Black = Empty)

Phase 5: The 30-Day Forecast (ODEs)

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- Susceptible (Healthy)
- Infected (Zombies)
- Recovered (Immune/Dead)

The Math (Differential Equations):

$$\frac{dS}{dt} = -\beta SI$$

$$\frac{dI}{dt} = \beta SI - \gamma I$$

$$\frac{dR}{dt} = \gamma I$$

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Solution: ODE Solver (ode45) & Anonymous Functions

1. Anonymous Functions

Creating a quick function without a separate file. Syntax: @(inputs) formula

```
% A simple square function
sq = @(x) x.^2;

ans = sq(5); % Returns 25
```

2. The Solver: ode45

The workhorse of engineering integration.

```
[t, y] = ode45(func, time, initial_state);
```

3. Setup Checklist

- 1 Function:** Define the equations (dydt).
- 2 Time:** How long to run? [0 30]
- 3 Initial State:** Where do we start? y0

Micro-Task (1 min)

Define a function that doubles a number:

```
f = @(x) x * 2;
f(10) % Should be 20
```

Mission Execution: SIR Prediction

Task: Open your script `phase5.m`.

Fill in the missing physics for dI/dt and call the solver.

- 1 Complete the differential equation for Infected (Line 2 of vector).
- 2 Execute `ode45` with the correct arguments.

```
fprintf('--- PHASE 5: SIR MODEL PREDICTION ---\n');

% 1. Setup Time and Initial Conditions
tspan = [0 30];
y0 = [0.99; 0.01; 0]; % 99% Susceptible (S), 1% Infected (I), 0% Recovered (R)
beta = 0.5; gamma = 0.1;

% 3. Define the System (Anonymous Function)
% TODO: Complete the dI/dt equation (Line 2)
% dS/dt = -beta * S * I
% dI/dt =  beta * S * I - gamma * I
% dR/dt =                gamma * I
dydt = @(t, y) [ -beta * y(1) * y(2);
                ___ * y(1) * y(2) - ___*y(2);
                gamma * y(2) ];

% 4. Solve using ODE45
% TODO: Call ode45(function, time, initial_state)
[t, y] = ode45(___, ___, ___);

% 5. Visualize
```

Mission Execution: Solution

Analysis: The Blue line (Susceptible) drops as the Red line (Infected) spikes. Eventually, the Yellow line (Recovered) dominates.

```
%% PHASE 5: THE 30-DAY FORECAST (ODEs)
% Goal: Solve the SIR Model
fprintf('--- PHASE 5: SIR MODEL PREDICTION ---\n');

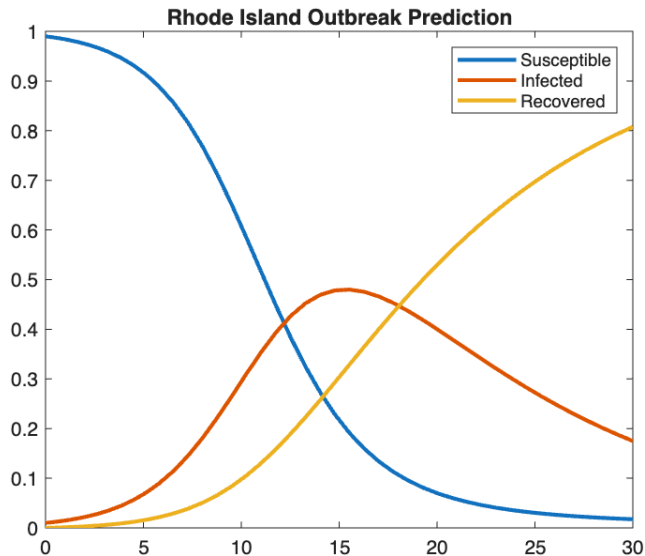
% 1. Setup
tspan = [0 30];
y0 = [0.99; 0.01; 0]; % S, I, R

% 2. Parameters & System
beta = 0.5; gamma = 0.1;
dydt = @(t, y) [ -beta * y(1) * y(2);           % dS/dt
                  beta * y(1) * y(2) - gamma*y(2); % dI/dt
                  gamma * y(2) ];                % dR/dt

% 3. Solve
[t, y] = ode45(dydt, tspan, y0);

% 4. Visualize
figure;
plot(t, y, 'LineWidth', 2);
legend('Susceptible', 'Infected', 'Recovered');
title('Rhode Island Outbreak Prediction');
grid on; xlabel('Days');
```

Phase 5 Analysis: The 30-Day Forecast



Strategic Forecast

This model predicts the course of the outbreak over 30 days:

- **Susceptible (Blue):**
- **Infected (Red):**
- **Recovered (Yellow):**

The Situation:

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Raw Intel

1. Grid: 100×100
2. Source: Thermal Satellite

Two questions we need to answer:

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Solution: Surface Plots and Contour Maps

1. Building Grid using Meshgrid

Given two vectors **x** and **y**, we can create a grid with elements (x, y) .

```
x = 1:4;  
y = 5:7;  
[X,Y] = meshgrid(x,y)
```

ans

```
X =  
  
    1    2    3    4  
    1    2    3    4  
    1    2    3    4  
  
Y =  
  
    5    5    5    5  
    6    6    6    6  
    7    7    7    7
```

2. Surface Plot

The workhorse of engineering integration.

Syntax: `surf(x, y, z);`

3. Level Curves or Contour Maps

- 1 Array Definition:** Define three arrays.
- 2 Syntax:** `contour(X, Y, Z, 10);`
- 3** What do you observe when you change 10 to 5 or 20?

Mission Execution

Task: Open your script `phase_advanced.m`.

Build the maps needed by the air support to locate extraction zones: The height of the contours show the magnitude of the peaks in the surface plot.

```
% 1. Define grid vectors
x = linspace(-5, 5, 100);
y = linspace(-5, 5, 100);

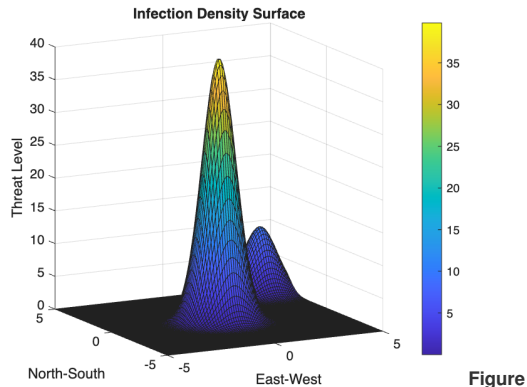
% 2. Build the coordinate grid
[X, Y] = meshgrid(x, y);

% 3. Compute Infection Surface (two overlapping hotspots)
Z = 40 * exp(-((X).^2 + (Y).^2)) + 10 * exp(-((X-4).^2 + (Y-4).^2));

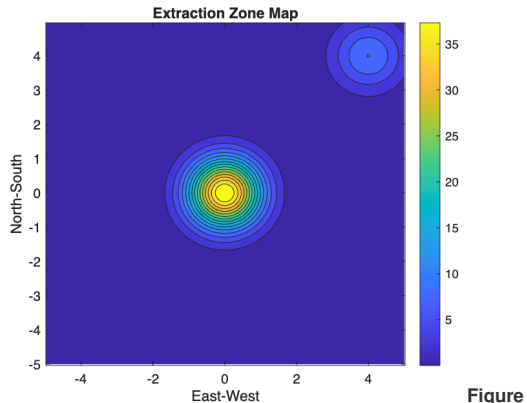
% 4. Plot the terrain
figure;
surf(X, Y, Z);
colorbar;
title('Infection Density Surface'); xlabel('East-West'); ylabel('North-South');
zlabel('Threat Level');

% 5. Locate safe zones
figure;
contourf(X, Y, Z, 15);
colorbar;
title('Extraction Zone Map'); xlabel('East-West'); ylabel('North-South');
fprintf('Prediction Complete. Check Figures.\n');
```

Classified Clearance: 3D Terrain Analysis



1: Threat Topology (3D)



2: Aerial Extraction Zones

Analysis Complete.

Save all variables and report to the Governor.

