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Introduction to Computers for Engineers

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Lecturely Topics

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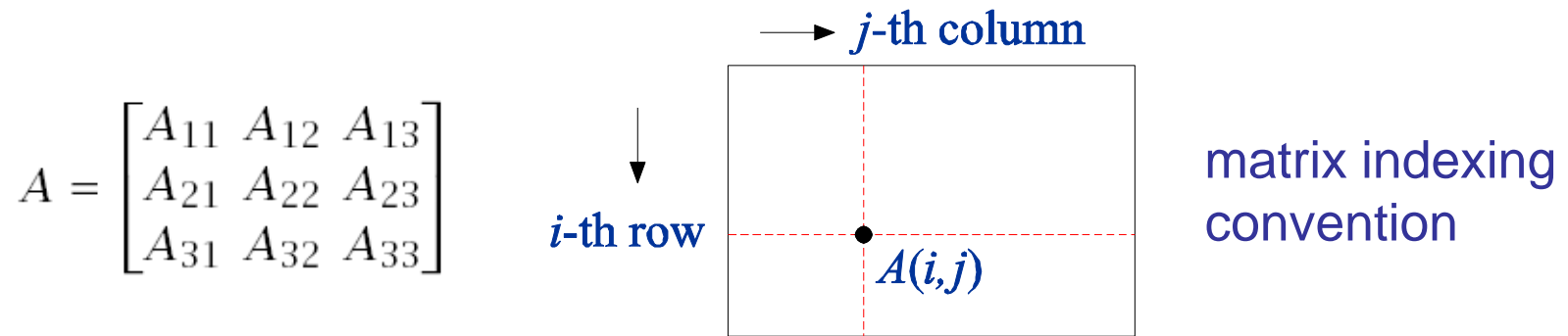
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Arrays and Matrices

arrays and matrices are the most important data objects in MATLAB

Last week we discussed one-dimensional arrays, i.e., column or row vectors.

Next, we discuss matrices, which are two-dimensional arrays.



```
>> A = [1 2 3; 2 0 4; 0 8 5]
```

```
A =
```

```

1      2      3
2      0      4
0      8      5
```

```
>> size(A)
```

```
% [N,M] = size(A) , NxM matrix
```

```
ans =
```

```

3      3
```

accessing matrix elements:

```
>> A(1,1)      % 11 matrix element  
ans =  
    1
```

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \textcircled{1} & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 8 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
>> A(2,3)      % 23 matrix element  
ans =  
    4
```

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 0 & \textcircled{4} \\ 0 & 8 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
>> A(:,2)      % second column  
ans =  
    2  
    0  
    8
```

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \textcircled{2} & 3 \\ 2 & \textcircled{0} & 4 \\ 0 & \textcircled{8} & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
>> A(3,:)      % third row  
ans =  
    0    8    5
```

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 0 & 4 \\ \textcircled{0} & \textcircled{8} & \textcircled{5} \end{bmatrix}$$

transposing a matrix:
rows become columns and vice versa

```
>> A = [1 2 3 4; 2 0 5 6; 0 8 7 9] % size 3x4
```

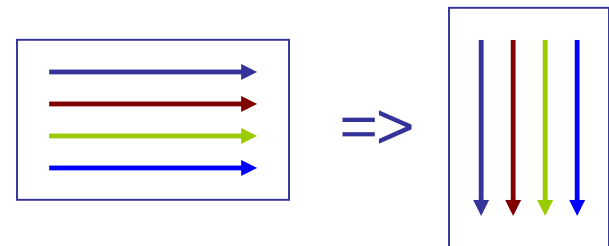
```
A =
```

1	2	3	4
2	0	5	6
0	8	7	9

```
>> A' % size 4x3
```

```
ans =
```

1	2	0
2	0	8
3	5	7
4	6	9



transposition operation

For more information on elementary matrices see:

```
>> help elmat
```

Elementary matrices and matrix manipulation.

Elementary matrices:

zeros	- matrix of zeros
ones	- matrix of ones
eye	- identity matrix
repmat	- replicate and tile an array
linspace	- linearly spaced vector
logspace	- logarithmically spaced vector

etc.

7. Operators and Expressions

operation	element-wise	matrix-wise
addition	+	+
subtraction	-	-
multiplication	.*	*
division	./	/
left division	.\	\
exponentiation	.^	^
transpose w/o complex conjugation		.'
transpose with complex conjugation		'

these must
follow the
rules of linear
algebra

```
>> help /  
>> help precedence
```



```
>> a = [1 2 5];
```

```
>> b = [4 -5 1];
```

```
>> a+b
```

```
ans =
```

```
5 -3 6
```

```
>> a.*b
```

```
ans =
```

```
4 -10 5
```

```
>> a./b
```

```
ans =
```

```
0.2500 -0.4000 5.0000
```

```
>> a.\b
```

```
ans =
```

```
4.0000 -2.5000 0.2000
```

```
% note: (a./b) .* (a.\b) = [1,1,1]
```

```
>> a = [2 3 4 5];
```

```
>> a.^2                                % [2^2, 3^2, 4^2, 5^2]
```

```
ans =
```

```
     4     9    16    25
```

```
>> 2.^a                                % [2^2, 2^3, 2^4, 2^5]
```

```
ans =
```

```
     4     8    16    32
```

```
>> a+10
```

```
ans =
```

```
    12    13    14    15
```

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

```
A =
```

```
    1    2
    3    4
```

```
>> [A, A.^2; A^2, A*A] % form sub-blocks
```

```
ans =
```

```
    1    2    1    4
    3    4    9   16
-----
    7   10    7   10
   15   22   15   22
```

```
% note A^2 = A*A
```

```
>> B = 10.^A;
```

```
>> [B, log10(B) ]
```

```
ans =
```

```
    10    100
  1000 10000
```

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 10^1 & 10^2 \\ 10^3 & 10^4 \end{bmatrix}$$

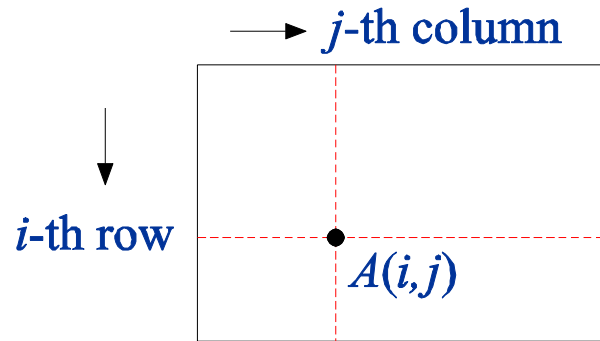
```
    1    2
    3    4
```

Matrix Manipulation

- defining matrices
- accessing matrix elements
- colon operator, submatrices
- transposing a matrix
- changing/adding/deleting entries
- concatenating matrices
- special matrices
- diagonals, block-diagonal matrices
- replicating and reshaping matrices
- element-wise operations
- functions of matrices (element & column operations)
- meshgrid, ndgrid
- examples: DTMF keypad, Taylor series, polynomials

defining matrices

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & A_{13} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} & A_{23} \\ A_{31} & A_{32} & A_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

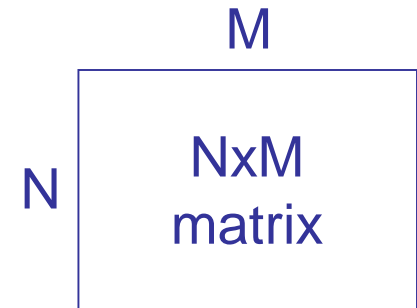


matrix indexing
convention

```
>> A = [1 2 3; 2 0 4; 0 8 5]
```

```
A =
```

```
    1    2    3
    2    0    4
    0    8    5
```



```
>> size(A)
```

```
ans =
```

```
    3    3
```

```
% [N,M] = size(A), NxM matrix
```

column dimension no. rows	row dimension no. columns
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accessing matrix elements

```
>> A(1,1)      % 11 matrix element  
ans =  
    1
```

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \textcircled{1} & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 8 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
>> A(2,3)      % 23 matrix element  
ans =  
    4
```

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 0 & \textcircled{4} \\ 0 & 8 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
>> A(:,2)      % second column  
ans =  
    2  
    0  
    8
```

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \textcircled{2} & 3 \\ 2 & \textcircled{0} & 4 \\ 0 & \textcircled{8} & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
>> A(3,:)      % third row  
ans =  
    0    8    5
```

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 0 & 4 \\ \textcircled{0} & \textcircled{8} & \textcircled{5} \end{bmatrix}$$

concatenating
columns

```
>> A = [1 2 3; 2 0 4; 0 8 5]
```

```
A =
```

```
1      2      3
2      0      4
0      8      5
```

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 8 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
>> A(:)      % concatenate columns
```

```
ans =
```

```
1
2
0
2
0
8
3
4
5
```

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 8 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

column-wise indexing

concatenating rows

```
B = A' ; B(:)
```

see also the built-in functions:
sub2ind, ind2sub

building a matrix column-wise

```
>> A = zeros(3,3);
```

define desired size

```
>> A(:) = [1 2 0 2 0 8 3 4 5]
```

A =

1	2	3
2	0	4
0	8	5

enter elements in a
row (or column)

elements are re-arranged
column-wise

sub-matrices

```
A = [ 2      4      1      3      5  
      8      6      7      4      9  
      3      2      5      2      1  
      5      6      1      8      4 ] ;
```

```
A(3:4, 2:4)
```

```
ans =
```

2	5	2
6	1	8

```
A(1:3, [1,5])
```

```
ans =
```

2	5
8	9
3	1

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 8 & 6 & 7 & 4 & 9 \\ 3 & 2 & 5 & 2 & 1 \\ 5 & 6 & 1 & 8 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 8 & 6 & 7 & 4 & 9 \\ 3 & 2 & 5 & 2 & 1 \\ 5 & 6 & 1 & 8 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

transposing a matrix

```
>> A = [1 2 3 4; 2 0 5 6; 0 8 7 9]    % size 3x4
```

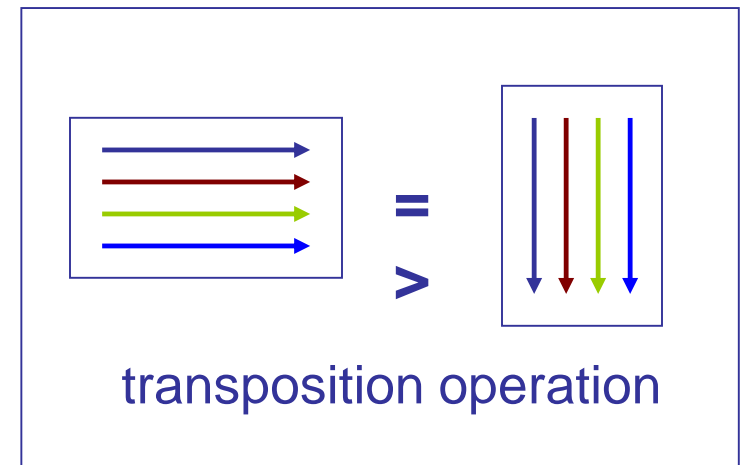
```
A =
```

1	2	3	4
2	0	5	6
0	8	7	9

```
>> A'                                     % size 4x3
```

```
ans =
```

1	2	0
2	0	8
3	5	7
4	6	9



adding / deleting
rows or columns

```
>> A = [1 2 3; 2 0 4; 0 8 5]
```

```
>> A(5,:) = [7 8 9]      % add a fifth row
```

A =

1	2	3
2	0	4
0	8	5
0	0	0
7	8	9

4th row is automatically
allocated

```
>> A(:,2) = []           % delete second column
```

A =

1	3
2	4
0	5
0	0
7	9

[] denotes an empty 0x0 matrix

alternatively, redefine A by
omitting its second column:

```
>> A = A(:, [1,3]);
```

replacing rows
or columns

```
>> A = [1 2 3; 2 0 4; 0 8 5]
```

```
A =
```

1	2	3
2	0	4
0	8	5

```
>> A(:,2) = [20 30 40] ' % replace second column
```

```
A =
```

1	20	3
2	30	4
0	40	5

```
>> A(3,:) = [50 60 70] % replace third row
```

```
A =
```

1	20	3
2	30	4
50	60	70

```
>> A = [1 2 3; 2 0 4; 0 8 5]
```

```
A =
```

1	2	3
2	0	4
0	8	5

inserting rows
or columns

```
% insert new column between columns 2 & 3
```

```
A = [A(:,1:2), [10 20 30]', A(:,3)]
```

```
A =
```

1	2	10	3
2	0	20	4
0	8	30	5

```
% insert new row between rows 1 & 2
```

```
A = [A(1,:); [60 70 80 90]; A(2:3,:)]
```

```
A =
```

1	2	10	3
60	70	80	90
2	0	20	4
0	8	30	5

concatenating matrices

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

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$


$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
>> C = [A, B]
```

C =

1	2	5	6
3	4	7	8

A,B must have same
number of rows




```
>> C = [A; B]
```

C =

1	2
3	4
5	6
7	8

A,B must have same
number of columns



appending columns or rows

```
>> A = [1 2; 3 4; 5 6];  
>> b = [7; 7; 7];  
>> c = [8 8 8]';
```

```
>> B = [A,b,c]
```

B =

1	2	7	8
3	4	7	8
5	6	7	8

```
>> C = [b,A,c]
```

C =

7	1	2	8
7	3	4	8
7	5	6	8

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 7 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{c} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 8 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
>> D = [A; [7 7];]
```

```
>> E = [[8 8]; A]
```

D =

1	2
3	4
5	6
7	7

E =

8	8
1	2
3	4
5	6

```
eye(3)      % 3x3 identity matrix
ans =
     1     0     0
     0     1     0
     0     0     1
```

special matrices

```
>> help eye
>> help zeros
>> help ones
```

```
zeros(3)    % 3x3 matrix of zeros
ans =
     0     0     0
     0     0     0
     0     0     0
```

```
ones(3)     % 3x3 matrix of ones
ans =
     1     1     1
     1     1     1
     1     1     1
```

general usage:

eye(N,M)

zeros(N,M)

ones(N,M)

see also:

rand(N,M)

randn(N,M)

randi(I,N,M)

for more information on elementary matrices see:

```
>> help elmat
```

```
Elementary matrices and matrix manipulation.
```

```
Elementary matrices.
```

```
zeros          - Zeros array.  
ones           - Ones array.  
eye            - Identity matrix.  
repmat         - Replicate and tile array.  
linspace       - Linearly spaced vector.  
logspace       - Logarithmically spaced vector.
```

```
etc.
```

```
>> help gallery      % various test matrices
```

diagonals

```
>> A = [1 2 3; 4 5 6; 7 8 9]
```

```
A =
```

```
    1    2    3
    4    5    6
    7    8    9
```

```
>> help diag
```

```
>> d = diag(A)           % main diagonal
```

```
d =
```

```
    1
    5
    9
```

```
diag(diag(A)) = what does it do?
```

```
>> d = diag(A,-1)       % first sub-diagonal
```

```
d =
```

```
    4
    8
```

how to make a diagonal matrix

```
>> d = [4 5 6];           % or, column d = [4 5 6]';
```

```
A = diag(d)               % d is main diagonal
```

```
A =
```

```
    4    0    0
    0    5    0
    0    0    6
```

```
>> d = [4 5];
```

```
A = diag(d,1)             % d is first upper-diagonal
```

```
A =
```

```
    0    4    0
    0    0    5
    0    0    0
```

```
>> A = [1 2; 3 4]; B = [5 6; 7 8];
>> C = [9 8 7; 6 5 4; 3 2 1];
```

```
>> blkdiag(A,B)
```

```
ans =
```

1	2	0	0
3	4	0	0
0	0	5	6
0	0	7	8

how to make
block-diagonal
matrices

```
>> blkdiag(A,B,C)
```

```
ans =
```

1	2	0	0	0	0	0
3	4	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	5	6	0	0	0
0	0	7	8	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	9	8	7
0	0	0	0	6	5	4
0	0	0	0	3	2	1

matrix dimensions expand
as necessary

replicating matrices – using repmat

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

```
A =
```

```
    1    2
    3    4
```

repmat works also
with other data types,
such as strings or cell
arrays

```
>> repmat(A,3,4)
```

```
ans =
```

1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2
3	4	3	4	3	4	3	4
1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2
3	4	3	4	3	4	3	4
1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2
3	4	3	4	3	4	3	4

```
>> s = repmat('%7.4f ', 1, 4)
```

```
s =
```

```
%7.4f    %7.4f    %7.4f    %7.4f
```

← replicated
string

reshaping a matrix or a vector

B = reshape(A,P,Q)

reshapes an NxM matrix into a PxQ matrix (must have PxQ=NxM)

B is formed **column-wise** from the elements of A

```
>> a = [1 2 3 4 5 6];
```

```
>> reshape(a,2,3)
```

```
ans =
```

1	3	5
2	4	6

```
>> reshape(a,3,2)
```

```
ans =
```

1	4
2	5
3	6

```
>> reshape(a,6,1)
```

```
ans =
```

1
2
3
4
5
6

reshaping a matrix
or a vector

```
A = [1    5    9  
     2    6    5  
     3    7    0  
     4    8    4];
```

```
>> reshape(A,3,4)
```

```
ans =
```

```
     1     4     7     5  
     2     5     8     0  
     3     6     9     4
```

```
>> reshape(A,2,6)
```

```
ans =
```

```
     1     3     5     7     9     0  
     2     4     6     8     5     4
```

```
>> reshape(A,6,2)
```

```
ans =
```

```
     1     7  
     2     8  
     3     9  
     4     5  
     5     0  
     6     4
```

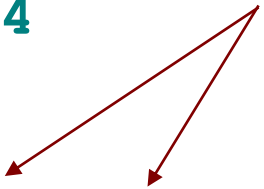
element-wise
matrix operations

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

```
A =
```

```
    1    2  
    3    4
```

element-wise operation
matrix-wise operation



```
>> [A, A.^2; 2.^A, A^2]
```

```
% form sub-blocks
```

```
ans =
```

1	2	1	4
3	4	9	16
2	4	7	10
8	16	15	22

```
% note A.^2 ~= A^2
```

```
>> B = 10.^A;
```

```
>> [B, log10(B)]
```

```
ans =
```

10	100	1	2
1000	10000	3	4

element-wise
matrix operations

```
>> A=[1 4; 8 2], B=[1 2; 2 1]
```

```
A =
```

```
    1    4
    8    2
```

```
B =
```

```
    1    2
    2    1
```

```
>> A./B
```

```
ans =
```

```
    1    2
    4    2
```

```
>> A.\B
```

```
ans =
```

```
    1.0000    0.5000
    0.2500    0.5000
```

But note the matrix
operations:

```
>> sym(A/B)      % A*inv(B)
```

```
ans =
```

```
    7/3, -2/3
   -4/3, 14/3
```

```
>> A\B           % inv(A)*B
```

```
ans =
```

```
    0.2    0.0
    0.2    0.5
```

element-wise
matrix operations

```
>> A=[1 4; 8 2], B=[1 2; 2 1]
```

```
A =
```

```
    1    4
    8    2
```

```
B =
```

```
    1    2
    2    1
```

```
>> A.*B
```

```
ans =
```

```
    1    8
   16    2
```

```
>> A.^B
```

```
ans =
```

```
    1   16
   64    2
```

```
>> B.^A
```

```
ans =
```

```
    1   16
  256    1
```

functions of matrices

```
>> X = [pi/2, pi/3; pi/4, pi/8]
```

```
X =
```

```
    1.5708    1.0472  
    0.7854    0.3927
```

```
>> sin(X)
```

```
ans =
```

```
    1.0000    0.8660  
    0.7071    0.3827
```

```
>> sin(sym(X))
```

```
ans =
```

```
[          1,          3^(1/2)/2]  
[ 2^(1/2)/2, (2 - 2^(1/2))^(1/2)/2]
```

many functions operate
element-wise on matrices
e.g., trig, exp, log functions

others operate column-wise
e.g., min, max, sort, diff,
mean, std, median,
sum, cumsum, prod, cumprod


functions of matrices

```
A = [8      5      8
      9      1      3
      2      4      5
      6      2      2];
```

```
>> sum(A)
ans =
    25    12    18
```

```
>> cumsum(A)
ans =
     8     5     8
    17     6    11
    19    10    16
    25    12    18
```

functions that operate column-wise
can also operate **row-wise** by using
a second argument



```
>> sum(A, 2)
ans =
    21
    13
    11
    10
```

```
>> cumsum(A, 2)
ans =
     8    13    21
     9    10    13
     2     6    11
     6     8    10
```

functions of matrices

```
A = [8      5      8
      9      1      3
      2      4      5
      6      2      2];
```

```
>> mean(A) , mean(A,2)
```

```
ans =
    6.25    3.00    4.50
```

```
ans =
    7.0000
    4.3333
    3.6667
    3.3333
```

means computed
down each column

means computed across rows

```
>> [m,i]=min(A)
```

```
m =
     2     1     2
```

```
i =
     3     2     4
```

```
>> [m,i]=min(A, [], 2);
```

```
>> [m,i]
```

```
ans =
     5     2
     1     2
     2     1
     2     2
```

min, **max** require a
slightly different syntax
for row-wise operation,
similarly for **diff**, **std**

functions of matrices

```
A = [8      5      8  
     9      1      3  
     2      4      5  
     6      2      2];
```

```
>> fliplr(A)
```

```
ans =
```

```
8      5      8  
3      1      9  
5      4      2  
2      2      6
```

```
>> flipud(A)
```

```
ans =
```

```
6      2      2  
2      4      5  
9      1      3  
8      5      8
```

```
>> rot90(A)
```

```
ans =
```

```
8      3      5      2  
5      1      4      2  
8      9      2      6
```

rotate by 90 degrees
reverse each row
reverse each column

`flipud(rot90(A))` and
`rot90(fliplr(A))`
are the same as **A'**

Strings, Cell Arrays, fprintf

- characters and strings
- concatenating strings
- using **num2str**
- comparing strings with **strcmp**
- cell arrays
- cell vs. content indexing
- **fprintf** – summary & examples

MATLAB Data Classes

Character

Logical

Numeric

Symbolic

Cell

Structure

Integer

signed

unsigned

Floating Point

single
precision

double
precision

More Classes

Java
classes

user-defined
classes

function
handles

Cell and Structure arrays
can store different types
of data in the same array

Characters and Strings

```
>> c = 'A'
```

```
c =
```

```
A
```

```
>> x = double(c)
```

```
x =
```

```
    65      % ASCII code for 'A'
```

```
>> char(x)
```

```
ans =
```

```
A
```

```
>> class(c)
```

```
ans =
```

```
char
```

Strings are arrays of characters.

Characters are represented internally by standardized numbers, referred to as ASCII (American Standard Code for Information Interchange) codes. see Wikipedia link: [ASCII table](#)

char() creates a character string

```
>> doc char
```

```
>> doc class
```

```
>> s = 'ABC DEFG'
```

```
s =
```

```
ABC DEFG
```

```
>> x = double(s)
```

```
x =
```

```
65 66 67 32 68 69 70 71 ← ASCII codes
```

```
>> char(x)
```

← convert ASCII codes to characters

```
ans =
```

```
ABC DEFG
```

```
>> size(s)
```

```
ans =
```

```
1      8
```

```
>> class(s)
```

```
ans =
```

```
char
```

s is a row vector of 8 characters

```
>> s(2), s(3:5)
```

```
ans =
```

```
B
```

```
ans =
```

```
C D
```

Concatenating Strings

```
s = ['Albert', 'Einstein']
```

```
s =
```

```
AlbertEinstein
```

```
>> s = ['Albert', ' Einstein']
```

```
s =
```

```
Albert Einstein
```

preserve leading and trailing spaces



```
>> s = ['Albert ', 'Einstein']
```

```
s =
```

```
Albert Einstein
```

```
>> size(s)
```

```
ans =
```

```
1      15
```

```
>> doc strcat
```

```
>> doc strvcat
```

```
>> doc num2str
```

```
>> doc strcmp
```

```
>> doc findstr
```

Concatenating Vertically

```
s = ['Apple'; 'IBM'; 'Microsoft'];
```

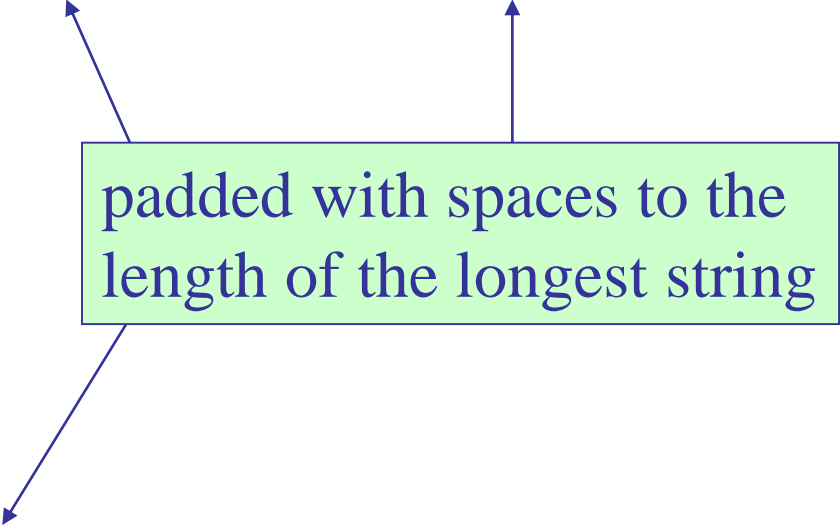
??? Error using ==> vertcat

CAT arguments dimensions are not consistent.

```
s = ['Apple      '; 'IBM      '; 'Microsoft']
```

```
s =  
Apple  
IBM  
Microsoft
```

padded with spaces to the
length of the longest string



```
>> size(s)  
ans =  
      3      9
```

Concatenating Vertically

```
s = strvcat('Apple', 'IBM', 'Microsoft');
```

```
s = char('Apple', 'IBM', 'Microsoft');
```

```
s =
```

```
Apple
```

```
IBM
```

```
Microsoft
```

strvcat, char

both pad spaces as necessary

```
>> size(s)
```

```
ans =
```

```
3
```

```
9
```

Recommendation:

use **char** to concatenate vertically,
and **[]** to concatenate horizontally

```
a = [143.87, -0.0000325, -7545]';
```

num2str

```
>> s = num2str(a)
```

```
s =  
    143.87  
-3.25e-005  
   -7545
```

```
s = num2str(A)  
s = num2str(A, precision)  
s = num2str(A, format)
```

```
>> s = num2str(a,4)
```

```
s =  
    143.9  
-3.25e-005  
   -7545
```

↑
max number of digits

```
>> s = num2str(a, '%12.6f')
```

```
s =  
  143.870000  
   -0.000032  
 -7545.000000
```

↑
format spec

Comparing Strings

Strings are arrays of characters, so the condition **s1==s2** requires both **s1** and **s2** to have the same length

```
>> s1 = 'short'; s2 = 'shore';
```

```
>> s1==s1
```

```
ans =
```

```
    1    1    1    1    1
```

```
>> s1==s2
```

```
ans =
```

```
    1    1    1    1    0
```

```
>> s1 = 'short'; s2 = 'long';
```

```
>> s1==s2
```

```
??? Error using ==> eq
```

```
Matrix dimensions must agree.
```

Comparing Strings

Use **strcmp** to compare strings of unequal length, and get a binary decision

```
>> s1 = 'short'; s2 = 'shore';
```

```
>> strcmp(s1,s1)
```

```
ans =
```

```
1
```

```
>> strcmp(s1,s2)
```

```
ans =
```

```
0
```

```
>> s1 = 'short'; s2 = 'long';
```

```
>> strcmp(s1,s2)
```

```
ans =
```

```
0
```

```
>> doc strcmp
```

```
>> doc strcmpi
```

case-insensitive



Useful String Functions

sprintf	- write formatted string
sscanf	- read formatted string
deblank	- remove trailing blanks
strcmp	- compare strings
strcmpi	- compare strings
strmatch	- find possible matches
upper	- convert to upper case
lower	- convert to lower case
blanks	- string of blanks
strjust	- left/right/center justify string
strtrim	- remove leading/trailing spaces
strrep	- replace strings
findstr	- find one string within another

Cell Arrays

Cell arrays are containers of all kinds of data: vectors, matrices, strings, structures, other cell arrays, functions.

A cell is created by putting different types of objects in curly brackets { }, e.g.,


```
c = {A, B, C, D};           % 1x4 cell
c = {A; B; C; D};           % 4x1 cell
c = {A, B; C, D};           % 2x2 cell
```

where **A,B,C,D** are arbitrary objects

c{i,j} accesses the data in **i,j** cell
c(i,j) is the cell object in the **i,j** position

(see text Ch.11)

cell vs.
content
indexing



```

A = {'Apple'; 'IBM'; 'Microsoft'};    % cells
B = [1 2; 3 4];                      % matrix
C = @(x) x.^2 + 1;                   % function
D = [10 20 30 40 50];               % row

```

```

c = {A,B;C,D}    % define 2x2 cell array

```

```

c =
{3x1 cell}    [2x2 double]
@(x)x.^2+1    [1x5 double]

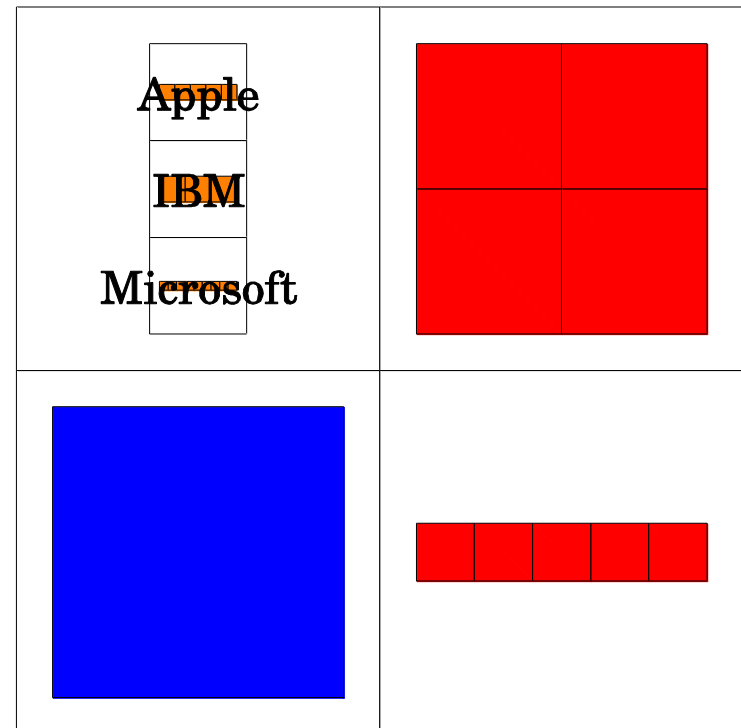
```

```

>> cellplot(c);

```

visual representation of
the cell array



```
>> celldisp(c)
```

```
c{1,1}{1} =
```

```
Apple
```

```
c{1,1}{2} =
```

```
IBM
```

```
c{1,1}{3} =
```

```
Microsoft
```

```
c{2,1} =
```

```
@(x) x.^2+1
```

```
c{1,2} =
```

```
1      2
```

```
3      4
```

```
c{2,2} =
```

```
10      20      30      40      50
```

content indexing with { }

```
>> c{1,1}
```

```
ans =
```

```
'Apple'
```

```
'IBM'
```

```
'Microsoft'
```

```
>> c{2,1}
```

```
ans =
```

```
@(x) x.^2+1
```

content indexing with { }

```
>> c{1,1}{3}
```

```
ans =
```

```
Microsoft
```

```
>> c{1,1}{3}(6)
```

```
ans =
```

```
s
```

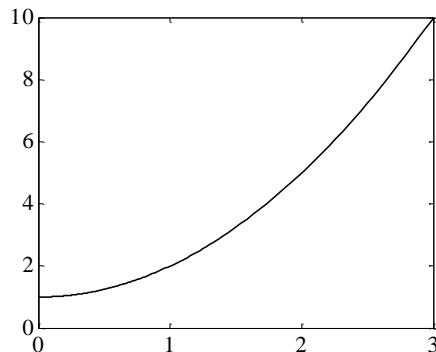
```
>> x = [1 2 3];
```

```
>> c{2,1}(x)
```

```
ans =
```

```
2      5     10
```

```
>> fplot(c{2,1},[0,3]);
```



```
>> c{1,2}(2,:)
```

```
ans =
```

```
3      4
```

```
>> c{1,2}(1,2)
```

```
ans =
```

```
2
```

```
>> c{2,2}(3)
```

```
ans =
```

```
30
```

cell indexing ()
content indexing { }

```
>> c(2,2) ← cell  
ans =  
[1x5 double]
```

```
>> class(c(2,2))  
ans =  
cell
```

```
>> c{2,2} ← cell contents  
ans =  
10 20 30 40 50
```

```
>> class(c{2,2})  
ans =  
double
```

num2cell - converts numerical array into cell array
cell2mat - converts cell array into numerical array

```
>> D = cell2mat(c(1,2))
```

```
D =
```

```
    1    2  
    3    4
```

```
>> class(D)
```

```
ans =
```

```
double
```

```
>> E = num2cell(D)
```

```
E =
```

```
    [1]    [2]  
    [3]    [4]
```

```
>> size(E)
```

```
ans =
```

```
    2    2
```

```
>> size(c(1,2))
```

```
ans =
```

```
    1    1    % why?
```

fprintf – summary & examples

```
fprintf('format_specs', variables);
```

↑
print format
specifications

↑
list of variables,
arrays, or matrices
to be printed

```
>> doc fprintf  
>> doc sprintf
```

see Sect.7.2 of text

Example 1

```
>> fprintf('%10.6f\n', 100*pi)
>> fprintf('% 10.6f\n', 100*pi)
>> fprintf('%-10.6f\n', 100*pi)
>> fprintf('%+10.6f\n', 100*pi)
>> fprintf('%10.0f\n', 100*pi)
>> fprintf('%#10.0f\n', 100*pi)
>> fprintf('%010.0f\n', 100*pi)
```

314.159265

314.159265

314.159265

+314.159265

314

314.

0000000314

┌ 10 spaces ─┐

different ways of printing 100*pi

`%10.6f`

`% 10.6f`

`%-10.6f`

`%+10.6f`

`%10.0f`

`%#10.0f`

`%010.0f`

`%` width 10, 6 decimal places

`%` leave space before field

`%` left-justify field

`%` print + or - signs

`%` no decimals

`%` print decimal point

`%` pad with zeros

flag

field width
& precision

conversion character:

<code>d, i</code>	integer format
<code>f</code>	fixed-point format
<code>e, E, g</code>	exponential format
<code>c, s</code>	character or string
<code>x</code>	hexadecimal format

Example 2

```
a = [1; -2; 3; 4];  
b = [10; 20; -30; 40];  
c = [100; 200; 300; -400];
```

need at least %6.3f
to align first column

```
>> [a, b, c]  
  
ans =  
     1     10    100  
    -2     20    200  
     3    -30    300  
     4     40   -400
```

```
fprintf('%9.3f %9.3f %9.3f\n', [a, b, c]');
```

1.000		10.000		100.000
-2.000		20.000		200.000
3.000		-30.000		300.000
4.000		40.000		-400.000

↑
vectorized version

↓
loop version

```
for i=1:4,  
    fprintf('%9.3f %9.3f %9.3f\n', a(i), b(i), c(i));  
end
```

Example 3 - text & numbers

```
a = [1; -2; 3; 4;];  
b = [10; 20; -30; 40];  
s = {'a', 'bb', 'ccc', 'dddd'}; ← cell array of strings  
  
for i=1:4,  
    fprintf('%9.3f %9.3f %4s\n', a(i), b(i), s{i});  
end
```

```
  1.000    10.000    a  
 -2.000    20.000   bb  
  3.000   -30.000   ccc  
  4.000    40.000  dddd
```

note curly brackets

max 4 characters

```
N = [num2cell([a';b'])]; s];  
fprintf('%9.3f %9.3f %-4s\n', N{:});
```

```
  1.000    10.000    a  
 -2.000    20.000   bb  
  3.000   -30.000   ccc  
  4.000    40.000  dddd
```

left-justified

using
a single
fprintf
command

```
>> N{:}
```

```
ans =
```

```
1
```

```
10
```

```
a
```

```
-2
```

```
20
```

```
bb
```

```
3
```

```
-30
```

```
ccc
```

```
4
```

```
40
```

```
dddd
```

```
% fprintf('%9.3f %9.3f %-4s\n', N{:});
```

use the three format specs to print
each group of three entries in new row

1.000	10.000	a
-2.000	20.000	bb
3.000	-30.000	ccc
4.000	40.000	dddd

```
>> N
```

```
N =
```

[1]	[-2]	[3]	[4]
[10]	[20]	[-30]	[40]
'a'	'bb'	'ccc'	'dddd'