



# Programming with MATLAB

## Operations with matrices

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# Creating a matrix

**Create a matrix with zeros, ones, or threes :**

<code>a = zeros(3, 5)</code>	% matrix <b>a</b> has 3 rows, 5 columns, all zeros
<code>a = ones(2, 4)</code>	% 2 rows, 4 columns, all ones
<code>a = ones(2, 5) * 3</code>	% 2 rows, 5 columns, all threes

**Create a matrix with pseudorandom elements:**

<code>a = rand(5, 3)</code>	% 5x3 matrix of uniform random values
<code>a = randn(5, 3)</code>	% 5x3 matrix of normal random values
<code>a = randi( [3, 9], 4, 6)</code>	% 4x6 matrix with random integers between 3 and 9

**Look up the *help* for three above-mentioned functions to get more insights and details about how they work**

# Creating a matrix

## Reset the seed generation

The “random” values that MATLAB presents, are not really random. They are chosen from a pre-defined set of “random” numbers, so if you call, say, **randi(1, 5)** three times every time you start up your computer, you will be getting the same three sequences of five numbers.

To re-set the “seed” that generates these “random” values, use **rng**  
**rng(1)**                      % will re-set the seed generator so your rand, randn,  
                                  randi commands will produce the same order of  
                                  outputs.  
                                  You can also use other integers in the brackets

***help rng***

# Creating a matrix

Create your own matrix with elements of different values:

<code>m1 = [1, 2; 3, 4]</code>	% values 1, 2 in row 1, values 3, 4 in row 2
<code>m2 = [10, 20; 30, 40]</code>	% similarly to the previous command
<code>m3 = [2:2:12; 14:2:24]</code>	% a range of numbers in each row
<code>m4 = repmat(m3, 1, 3)</code>	% copies 3 times the matrix <b>m3</b> and puts these copies next to each other
<code>m5 = repmat(m3, 2, 1)</code>	% copies 2 times the matrix <b>m3</b> and puts these copies below each other

# Creating a matrix

Find out the size of your matrix:

`[r, c] = size(m3)`

% will return two values about matrix **m3**  
one for the number of rows (r), and  
one for the number of columns (c)

`length(m3)`

% will give you the length (one dimension)  
this will be the length of the **largest** dimension!

`numel(m3)`

`length( m3(:) )`

% number of elements in matrix **m3**  
% same as *numel*, because operation (:) will  
convert matrix to a single column vector  
This will be done by adding each column  
below each other

# Operations with matrices

You can add and subtract matrices

$m1 + m2$

% will perform an element-by-element addition

$m1 - m2$

% will perform an element-by-element subtraction

MATLAB considers a scalar (single value) as a 1x1 matrix, so:

$m1 + 5$

% will add the value of 5 to each element of **m1**

$m2 - 3$

% will add the value of 5 to each element of **m1**

# Operations with matrices

## Multiplication and division of matrices

`m1 * m2`      % will do a matrix multiplication based on rules of linear algebra

Optional and short:

In the above operation, the result will be [70, 100; 150, 220] because:

$$1*10 + 2*30 = \mathbf{70}$$

$$1*20 + 2*40 = \mathbf{100}$$

$$3*10 + 4*30 = \mathbf{150}$$

$$3*20 + 4*40 = \mathbf{220}$$

You can read more about matrix multiplication by executing:  
*help mtimes*

Understanding this is beyond the scope of this seminar

# Operations with matrices

## Element-by-element multiplication of two matrices

`m1 .* m2`      % make sure you use the **dot** before the multiplication sign

`m1 ./ m2`      % for division

`m1 .^ m2`      % to raise each element of **m1** to the power of each element of matrix **m2**

`m1 .^ 3`      % to raise each element of matrix **m1** to the power of 3 (compare to **m1 ^ 3** –without the dot...)



# Access elements

## Choose elements of your matrix

Basic rules:

1. Open normal brackets after typing variable name
2. Within brackets, provide two inputs, separated by a comma:  
First input requests the row(s)  
Second input requests the column(s)
3. Each input can be a scalar or a vector (*which requires additional square brackets!*)

For a simple example:

<code>m1(1, 2)</code>	% chooses element in row 1, column 2
<code>m1(2, 1)</code>	% element in row 2, column 1

# Access elements

## Choose elements of your matrix

`m1(:, 1)`                % all rows from column 1 (so, complete column 1)  
`m1(2, :)`               % all columns from row 2 (so, complete row 2)

You can also use a ***vector*** as input. For this, provide the desired vector (within square brackets) as input to chooses rows and/or columns.

`m3(1, [2, 3, 5])`    % row 1, columns 2, 3 and 5  
`m3(1, [2:2:end])` % row 1, columns 2 till the end, in steps of 2

`m3(2, end) = NaN` % will replace the last element of row 2 with a NaN

# Edit matrices

Create a new 4x3 matrix **M**

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M = [1, 2, 3; 4, 5, 6; 7, 8, 9; 10, 11, 12]
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Create new variables consisting of a selection of matrix **M**

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S1 = M([2, 3], :)
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% **S1** has the elements of **M** that are in all columns of rows 2 and 3

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S2 = M(2, [1, 3])
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% **S2** has the elements of **M** that are in row 2 but only in columns 1 and 3

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new_M = M([2 1 4 3], :)
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% **new\_M** has the values of **M** but with the rows rearranged (row 1 of **new\_M** has the values that are in row 2 of **M**, etc.)

# Merge matrices

Combine matrices next to each other, or on top of each other

[M, new\_M]      % next to each other (use comma or space)

[M; new\_M]      % on top of each other (use semicolon)

When doing so, the to-be-combined matrices need to have the same number of elements along the 'critical' dimension

You canNOT do

[m1; m3]      % because **m3** has more columns than **m1**

But, you can do

[m1, m3]

# Calculate max values

Calculate the maximal value of matrix **m3**

`max(m3)`            % will give the maximal value of each column

`max(m3, [], 2)`    % ...and of each row

`[M, I] = max( m3(:) )`        % converts **m3** to a column vector and then takes the maximal value of this vector. The output **M** is a single value (the maximal value), the output **I** is the index of this value within this column vector

`[row, column] = ind2sub ( size(m3), I)`        % convert the previously calculated linear index to a subscript for a matrix. Variables **row** and **column** will output the row and column of this linear index in your matrix **m3**

**Note:** the variables **M**, **I**, **row**, **column** can have any valid name!

# Good luck!

**Tips:**

- Try out the commands and observe what happens
- Change the commands and try to make MATLAB give you errors:  
Try to understand what and why causes this error.