

# MATLAB CHEAT SHEET for Numerical Analysis

Throughout this document  $x$  and  $y$  will be either row or column vectors and  $A$  will always be a matrix.

## Basics

<code>clc</code>	Clear command window
<code>clear</code>	Clear all variables
<code>clf</code>	Clear all plots
<code>close all</code>	Close all plots
<code>doc function name</code>	Open help page for function
<code>% This is a comment</code>	Comments
<code>Ctrl+c</code>	Abort the current operation
<code>format short</code>	Display 4 decimal places
<code>format long</code>	Display 15 decimal places
<code>disp('text')</code>	Print text
<code>fprintf('x=%1.2f',x)</code>	Formatted outputs
<code>whos</code>	List variables
<code>timeit</code> or <code>tic...toc</code>	Measure CPU time of codes
<code>profile on/viewer/off</code>	Profile execution time for functions

## Defining and Changing Variables

<code>a = 3</code>	Define variable $a$ to be 3
<code>x = [1, 2, 3]</code>	Set $x$ to be the row vector $[1, 2, 3]$
<code>x = [1; 2; 3]</code>	Set $x$ to be the column vector $[1, 2, 3]^T$
<code>A = [1, 2, 3, 4; 5, 6, 7, 8; 9, 10, 11, 12]</code>	Set $A$ to be a $3 \times 4$ matrix
<code>x(2) = 7</code>	Change $x$ from $[1, 2, 3]$ to $[1, 7, 3]$
<code>A(2,1) = 0</code>	Change $A_{2,1}$ from 5 to 0

## Basic Arithmetic and Functions

<code>3*4, 7+4, 2-6, 8/3</code>	multiply, add, subtract and divide
<code>3^7</code>	Compute $3^7$
<code>sqrt(5)</code>	Compute $\sqrt{5}$
<code>log(3)</code>	Compute $\ln(3)$
<code>log10(100)</code>	Compute $\log_{10}(100)$
<code>abs(-5)</code>	Compute $  -5  $
<code>sin(5*pi/3)</code>	Compute $\sin(5\pi/3)$
<code>floor(3.8)</code>	Compute $\lfloor 3.8 \rfloor$
<code>rem(23,5)</code>	Remainder of 23/5 after division
<code>integral(fun,a,b)</code>	Numerical integration of a function
<code>interp1(x,y,xp)</code>	1-D data interpolation
<code>polyfit(x,y,n)</code>	Polynomial curve fitting
<code>roots(p)</code>	Roots of a Polynomial
<code>fzero(fun,x0)</code>	Root of nonlinear function
<code>ode45/ode15s</code>	ODE solvers

## Constructing Matrices and Vectors

<code>zeros(12, 5)</code>	Make a $12 \times 5$ matrix of zeros
<code>ones(12, 5)</code>	Make a $12 \times 5$ matrix of ones
<code>eye(5)</code>	Make a $5 \times 5$ identity matrix
<code>eye(12, 5)</code>	Make a $12 \times 5$ identity matrix
<code>diag(A)</code>	Diagonal matrix or elements
<code>linspace(1.4, 6.3, 1004)</code>	Make a vector with 1004 elements evenly spaced between 1.4 and 6.3
<code>7:15</code>	Row vector of $7, 8, \dots, 14, 15$
<code>speye(n)</code>	Sparse identity matrix
<code>spdiags(A,d,m,n)</code>	Sparse matrix by columns of $A$ .

## Operations on Matrices and Vectors

<code>3 * x</code>	Multiply every element of $x$ by 3
<code>x + 2</code>	Add 2 to every element of $x$
<code>x + y</code>	Element-wise addition of two vectors $x$ and $y$
<code>A * y</code>	Product of a matrix and vector
<code>A * B</code>	Product of two matrices
<code>A .* B</code>	Element-wise product of two matrices
<code>A ^ 3</code>	Square matrix $A$ to the third power
<code>A .^ 3</code>	Every element of $A$ to the third power
<code>cos(A)</code>	Compute the cosine of every element of $A$
<code>abs(A)</code>	Compute the absolute values of every element of $A$
<code>A'</code>	Transpose of $A$
<code>inv(A)</code>	Compute the inverse of $A$
<code>det(A)</code>	Compute the determinant of $A$
<code>eig(A)</code>	Compute the eigenvalues of $A$
<code>size(A)</code>	Get the sizes of $A$
<code>length(x)</code>	Get the dimension of $x$

## Entries of Matrices and Vectors

<code>x(2:12)</code>	The 2 <sup>nd</sup> to the 12 <sup>th</sup> elements of $x$
<code>x(2:end)</code>	The 2 <sup>nd</sup> to the last elements of $x$
<code>x(1:3:end)</code>	Every third element of $x$ from the first to last
<code>A(5,:)</code>	Get the 5 <sup>th</sup> row of $A$
<code>A(:,5)</code>	Get the 5 <sup>th</sup> column of $A$
<code>A(5, 1:3)</code>	Get the first to third elements in the 5 <sup>th</sup> row

## 2D Plotting

<code>plot(x,y)</code>	Plot $y$ versus $x$ (must be the same length)
<code>loglog(x,y)</code>	Plot $y$ versus $x$ on a log-log scale (both axes have a logarithmic scale)
<code>semilogx(x, y)</code>	Plot $y$ versus $x$ with $x$ on a log scale
<code>semilogy(x, y)</code>	Plot $y$ versus $x$ with $y$ on a log scale
<code>axis equal</code>	Force the $x$ and $y$ axes to be scaled equally
<code>title('A Title')</code>	Add a title to the plot
<code>xlabel('x label')</code>	Add a label to the $x$ axis
<code>ylabel('y label')</code>	Add a label to the $y$ axis
<code>legend('foo', 'bar')</code>	Label 2 curves for the plot
<code>grid</code>	Add a grid to the plot
<code>hold on</code>	Multiple plots on single figure
<code>axis([xa, xb, ya, yb])</code>	Set the $x$ and $y$ ranges
<code>figure</code>	Start a new plot
<code>subplot(2,2,index)</code>	Split the graph into $2 \times 2$ parts
<code>print(filename,'-djpeg')</code>	Save figure to jpeg format

## Special Constants

<code>pi, exp(1)</code>	$\pi = 3.141592653589793, e = 2.718281828459046$
<code>Nan</code>	Not a number (i.e. $0/0$ or $\infty/\infty$ )
<code>Inf</code>	Infinity (e.g., $1/0$ )
<code>realmax</code>	Largest positive floating-point number ( $1.7977e+308$ )
<code>realmin</code>	Smallest positive floating-point number ( $2.2251e-308$ )
<code>eps</code>	Floating-point relative accuracy ( $2.2204e-16$ )

## For loops

```
1 for k = 1:5:100 %start:step:end
2     disp(k);
3 end
4 tic %starting timer
5 A=zeros(1000,1000);%define A for storage
6 for i=1:1000 %nested loop
7     for j=1:1000
8         A(i,j)=1/(i+j); %A changes size if not predefined.
9     end
10 end
11 cpu=toc %measure CPU time about 0.0343 Seconds
```

## While loops

```
1 k = 0;
2 while k < 7
3     k = k + 1;
4     if(k > 5)
5         break; %Terminate execution of for or while loop
6     end
7 end
```

## Logicals

```
1 a = 10; % Assign a the value of 10
2 a == 5 % Test if a is equal to 5
3 false
4 a == 10 % Test if a is equal to 10
5 true
6 a >= 5 % Test if a is greater than or equal to 5
7 true
8 a < 11 % Test if a is less than 11
9 true
10 a ~= 4 % Test if a is not equal to 4
11 true
12 a > 1 && a ~= 10 % Test if a is greater than 1 AND
13 false % not equal to 10
14 a > 1 || a ~= 10 % Test if a is greater than 1 OR
15 true % not equal to 10
```

## If Conditional Statements

```
1 if a > 10
2     disp('Greater than 10');
3 elseif a == 5 %optional
4     disp('a is 5');
5 else %optional
6     disp('Neither condition met');
7 end
```

## Switch-Case Statements

```
1 method='Newton';
2 switch method
3 case 'Newton'
4     % Call Newton codes
5 case 'Secant'
6     % Call Secant codes
7 otherwise %optional
8     % Run this only when no case is true
9 end
```

## Functions (save as addNumbers.m)

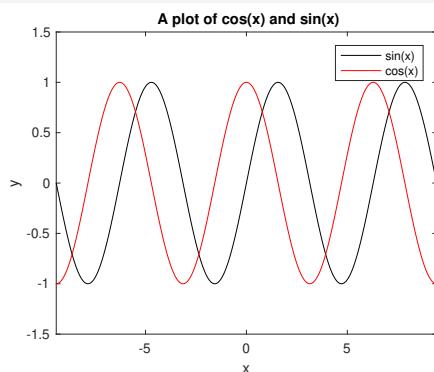
```
1 %function name matches with file name
2 function output = addNumbers(x, y)
3     output = x + y;
4 end
5 >> addNumbers(10, -5) %Call function in Command Window
```

## Anonymous Function Handles

```
1 >> f = @x sin(x.^2)./(5*x); %vectorized in Element-wise operations
2
3 >> f(pi/2)
4     0.0795
5 >> f([-pi/2, 0, pi/2])
6     -0.0795 NaN 0.0795
7 >> integral(f,0,pi/2) %integral of f from 0 to pi/2
8     0.1770
```

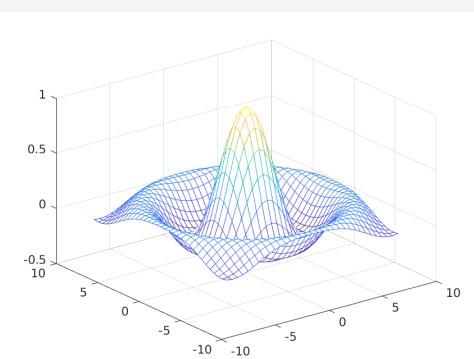
## 2D Plotting

```
1 x = linspace(-3*pi, 3*pi, 1000);
2 y1 = sin(x); y2 = cos(x);
3
4 plot(x, y1, 'k-'); % Plot sin(x) as a black line
5 hold on % Now we can add another curve
6 plot(x, y2, 'r-'); % Plot cos(x) as a red line
7
8 axis([-3*pi, 3*pi, -1.5, 1.5]) % Set the axis limits
9 xlabel('x'); ylabel('y'); % Add axis labels
10 title('A plot of cos(x) and sin(x)'); % Add a title
11 legend('sin(x)', 'cos(x)'); % Add a legend in order
```



## 3D Plotting

```
1 [X,Y] = meshgrid(-8:.5:8);
2 R = sqrt(X.^2 + Y.^2) + eps;
3 Z = sin(R)./R;
4 mesh(X,Y,Z)
```



## MATLAB Reserved Syntax Keywords (can not be redefined by you)

```
1 break,case,catch,classdef,continue,
2 else,elseif,end,for,function,global,
3 if,otherwise,parfor,persistent,return,
4 spmd,switch,try,while
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