

# MATLAB

relational and logical operators

## Topics



- Use relational operators to test two values
- Compare relationships using logical operators
- Use logical expressions to find specific elements in an array
- Searching



## Logical data type

- MATLAB has a logical data type, with the possible values:
  - 1, representing true,
  - 0, representing false.
- Logicals are produced by relational and logical operators/functions and by the functions `true` and `false`, or the `logical` class cast
  - `a = true`
  - `b = false`
  - `c = logical(variable)`



## is\* logical functions

- many useful logical functions whose names begin with `is` (check with tab)

<code>isempty</code>	Test for empty array
<code>isequal</code>	Test if arrays are equal
<code>isinf</code>	Detect infinite array elements
<code>isinteger</code>	Test for integer array
<code>islogical</code>	Test for logical array
<code>isscalar</code>	Test for scalar array
<code>isorted</code>	Test for sorted vector



# Relational Operators

- Used to compare two numeric values
- Returns a value of true or false.
- In MATLAB,
  - 1 = true (any non-zero number);
  - 0 = false;
  - Logical data type

Relational Operators	
<	less than
<=	less than or equal to
>	greater than
>=	greater than or equal to
==	equals to
~ =	not equal to



# Relational Operators

- Comparisons between scalars produce logical 1 if the relation is true and logical 0 if it is false.
- Comparisons are also defined between arrays of the same dimension and between an array and a scalar.
- For array-array comparisons corresponding pairs of elements are compared, while for array-scalar comparisons the scalar is compared with each array element.



# Relational Operators

- The MATLAB relational operators compare corresponding elements of arrays with equal dimensions.
- Relational operators always operate element-by-element.
- example

```
A = [2 7 6; 9 0 5; 3 0.5 6];  
B = [8 7 0; 3 2 5; 4 -1 7];  
A == B  
ans =  
0 1 0  
0 0 1  
0 0 0
```



# Operator Precedence

1. Parentheses ()
2. Transpose (.'), power (.^), complex conjugate transpose ('), matrix power (^)
3. Unary plus (+), unary minus (-), logical negation (~)
4. Multiplication (.\*), right division (./), left division (.\), matrix multiplication (\*), matrix right division (/), matrix left division (\)
5. Addition (+), subtraction (-)
6. Colon operator (:)
7. Less than (<), less than or equal to (<=), greater than (>), greater than or equal to (>=), equal to (==), not equal to (~=)
8. Element-wise AND (&)
9. Element-wise OR (|)
10. Short-circuit AND (&&)
11. Short-circuit OR (||)

**Good Practice:** use parentheses to make the intention completely clear



# Operator Precedence

- When relational operators are present:
  - All arithmetic operations are performed first (in their particular order)
  - Then the relational operators are evaluated.

- Example 1

`(2*3) > (4+1);`

- The multiplication and addition are first:

`6 > 5`

- The relational operator is evaluated:

`6 is greater than 5, so this returns 1 (true)`

- Result is the logical value, 1, is returned



# Logical Operators

- Logical Operators:
  - Provide a way to combine results from Relational Expressions or between logical values
  - Returns a value of true or false.
- Evaluated after all other operators have been performed (lowest precedence priority)

Logical Operators		
&	AND	true if and only if its arguments are true
	OR	true if and only if either argument is true
~	NOT	inverse
xor	XOR	true if and only if its arguments differ



## Truth table

a	b	T <sub>AND</sub>
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

AND  
Operation

a	b	T <sub>OR</sub>
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	1

OR  
Operation

a	b	T <sub>xor</sub>
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

XOR  
Operation

a	T <sub>NOT</sub>
0	1
1	0

NOT Operation



## Logical Operators

- AND: &
  - Returns true if two expressions being compared are true.
  - Returns false if any of the two is false.
- OR: |
  - Returns true if any of the two expressions is true.
  - Returns false only if the two are both false.
- NOT: ~
  - Returns true if the single expression is false.
  - Returns false if the single expression is true.



## Examples:

- Assume: `a=7; b=4; c=3;`
- `~(a==3*b)`
  - Evaluates: `3*b = 12`
  - Evaluates: `(a==12)` and result is `false`
  - Evaluates `~(false)` and result is `true`
  - Returns `ans = 1 (true)`
- `a > 5 & b > 5`
  - Evaluates `(a>5)` and `(b>5)` separately.
  - One returns `true`, the other returns `false`.
  - Since both are not true, the expression returns `false`.
- `a == 7 | b == 1`
  - Evaluates `(a==7)` and `(b==1)` separately
  - One returns `true` and the other returns `false`
  - Since at least one is true, the expression returns `true`



## Logical Operators: more

### Short-Circuit Operators

- They are *short-circuit* operators in that they evaluate their second operand only when the result is not fully determined by the first operand.
- Works only with scalar logical values.

Operator	Description
<code>&amp;&amp;</code>	Returns logical 1 ( <code>true</code> ) if both inputs evaluate to true, and logical 0 ( <code>false</code> ) if they do not.
<code>  </code>	Returns logical 1 ( <code>true</code> ) if either input, or both, evaluate to true, and logical 0 ( <code>false</code> ) if they do not.



## A Common Mistake

- You will not get into trouble if you make sure that Logical Operators are always used with logical values.
- `A > B & C` (where `A=10`, `B=5`, `C=0`)
  - This looks like a relational expression asking if `A` is greater than both `B` and `C` which should be true for these values.
  - Here is what really happens:
    - `A>B` is evaluated as true
    - result (**true**) is logically **AND**ed with `C`
    - Since MATLAB treats any zero numeric as false, it will mistakenly treat `C` as a logical and the result will be **false**
  - The CORRECT form is: `(A > B) & (A > C)` and this returns a **true** result.



## Logical Values in Assignments

- True/False values can be assigned to variables and then treated numerically in MATLAB.
- The variables will be assigned the value that is returned from relational and/or logical operators.
- The variables will thus have a value of 1 or 0.

Example: `a=7; b=4; c=3;`

- `x = a > 2;`
  - Then `x = 1;`
- `y = b==5;`
  - `Y` will be equal to 0.





## Some Other Warnings...

- Using numeric values to represent logicals can have some strange repercussions...
- Never try to use NaN in a relational or logical expression because NaN has no value (can be considered to have all values)

```
aa = [ 10 16 16 16 16 17 9 11]
>> aa > 15
ans =
     0     1     1     1     1     0     0
>> aaa = ans
>> aa(aaa)
ans =
    16    16    16    17
>> aaai = uint16(aaa)
aaai =
     0     1     1     1     1     0     0
>> aa(aaai)
??? Subscript indices must either be real positive
integers or logicals.
```

```
>> nan==nan
ans =
     0
>> inf==inf
ans =
     1
```



## Reduce Logical Arrays to a Single Value

- Aggregating logical values
  - `any( )`
  - `all( )`
- `all`:
  - returns 1 if all the elements of the vector are nonzero and 0 otherwise
  - `matrix`:
    - operates on columns of `A`, returning a row vector of 1s and 0s
    - returns 1 if all elements of the column are logical true
- `any`:
  - returns 1 if at least 1 element in the vector is nonzero
  - `matrix`:
    - operates on columns of `A`, returning a row vector of 1s and 0s
    - Returning logical true if any element of that column is true.



## Logical Operators: more

```
ages = [10 62 18 27]
anyKids = any(ages <= 12)
anySeniors = any(ages >= 65)
anyKids =
```

1

```
anySeniors =
```

0

```
allAdults = all(ages >= 18)
noSeniors = all(ages <= 65)
allAdults =
```

0

```
noSeniors =
```

1



## Logical Conditions and arrays

- **Find Array Elements That Meet a Condition**
- filter the elements of an array by applying one or more conditions to the array

```
>> rng(0)
A = randi(15,3)

A =

    13    14     5
    14    10     9
     2     2    15

>> A > 5

ans =

     1     1     0
     1     1     1
     0     0     1

>> A(A>5)

ans =

    13
    14
    14
    10
     9
    15
```



## Logical Conditions and arrays

- `find( )`
- `find` returns the indices corresponding to the nonzero elements of a vector.
- `find` applied to a matrix `A`, the index vector corresponds to `A` regarded as a vector of the columns stacked one on top of the other (that is, `A(:)`), and this vector can be used to index into `A`
- information about the **locations** of the array elements that meet a condition rather than their actual values.

```
>> A
A =
    13    14     5
    14    10     9
     2     2    15

>> find(A>5)
ans =
     1
     2
     4
     5
     8
     9
```



## Searching

- The `find` command “finds” members of an array that meet a criteria. The result of the command is a list of element numbers.
- <http://blogs.mathworks.com/loren/2009/01/20/more-ways-to-find-matching-data/>

```
>> grades = -5:10:105
grades =
    -5     5    15    25    35    45    55    65
    75    85    95   105

>> set1 = find(grades>100 | grades<0)
set1 =
     1    12

>> set2 = find(grades>=0 & grades<=100)
set2 =
     2     3     4     5     6     7     8     9
    10    11

>> grades(set1)
ans =
    -5   105

>> grades(set2)
ans =
     5    15    25    35    45    55    65    75
    85    95
```



# Sorting

- Sort array elements in ascending or descending order
- Syntax
  - `B = sort(A)`
  - `B = sort(A,dim)`
  - `B = sort(...,mode)`
  - `[B,IX] = sort(...)`
- `B = sort(A)` sorts the elements along different dimensions of an array, and arranges those elements in ascending order.
- If A is a ...`sort(A)` ...
  - Vector: Sorts the elements of A.
  - Matrix: Sorts each column of A.

```
>> a = randperm(8)
a =
     8     2     7     4     3     6     5     1

>> b = sort(a)
b =
     1     2     3     4     5     6     7     8

>> A
A =
     3     7     5
     0     4     2

>> sort(A)
ans =
     0     4     2
     3     7     5

>> sort(A,1)
ans =
     0     4     2
     3     7     5

>> sort(A,2)
ans =
     3     5     7
     0     2     4
```



# Demo / recap

- File: `arrays_logical.mlx`
- logical expressions on arrays

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