CS 105

Introduction to Scientific Computing
Exam 1 Review

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FORMAT

- Closed Book
- Regular Time/Place
- You may bring 1 page of hand written notes, both sides
 - MUST BE HAND WRITTEN

TOPICS

- General Knowledge:
 - Data types
 - Valid variable names

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- Skills:
 - Tracing an algorithm
 - Writing formulae in MATLAB format
 - Plotting equations
 - Assignment in MATLAB
 - Accessing elements in vectors and matrices
 - Command-line I/O in MATLAB
 - disp
 - input
 - Evaluating complex boolean expressions
 - Writing scripts
 - Writing scripts with branching
 - If/Else
 - If/Elseif
 - Input verification

DATA TYPES

- What are the different common/basic data types in computer science?
 - What's an example of each?

VARIABLE NAMES

- What are the rules in MATLAB for variable names?
 - Examples of valid and invalid?

FORMULAE/OPERATORS IN MATLAB

- Write 2x³/y in MATLAB
- What's the difference between * and .*?

VECTORS/MATRICES

- Creating
 - Colon operator
 - Creation functions
 - zeros
 - ones
 - rand
- Accessing
 - end keyword
- Querying Functions
 - length
 - size

COMMAND-LINE I/O

- Input
 - Numeric
 - Text
- Display
 - Concatenation

EVALUATE BOOLEAN EXPRESSIONS

- Deference between = and ==
- How to write "not", "and" and "or" in MATLAB
 - How to write 0<=x<=5 in MATLAB
- Determining boolean values of expressions

SCRIPTS

- Potting functions over a set of values
- Interactive computation scripts
 - Get input, do computation, display output
- Scripts that decide what to do based on branching statements