

MATLAB

Unit 6-Lecture 23

“for ... end” structure

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Control Flow and Operators

- 1) relational and logical operators
- 2) “if ... end” structure
- 3) “for ... end” loop
- 4) “while ... end” loop
- 5) other flow structures
- 6) operator precedence
- 7) saving output to a file



Question

Loop through the matrix and assign each element a new value. Assign 2 on the main diagonal, -1 on the adjacent diagonals and 0 everywhere else.

Given: `nrows=4; nclos=6; A=ones(nrows,nclos);`

```
for c = 1:ncols
    for r = 1:nrows

        if r == c
            A(r,c) = 2;
        elseif abs(r-c) == 1
            A(r,c) = -1;
        else
            A(r,c) = 0;
        end
    end
end
A
```

A = 4x6

2	-1	0	0	0	0
-1	2	-1	0	0	0
0	-1	2	-1	0	0
0	0	-1	2	-1	0



example using “any”

```
limit = 0.75;  
A = rand(10,1)
```

A = 10x1

```
0.8147  
0.9058  
0.1270  
0.9134  
0.6324  
0.0975  
0.2785  
0.5469  
0.9575  
0.9649
```

```
if any(A > limit)  
    disp('There is at least one value above the limit.')else  
    disp('All values are below the limit.')end
```

There is at least one value above the limit.



example using “isequal”

Test Arrays for Equality

Compare arrays using `isequal` rather than the `==` operator to test for equality, because `==` results in an error when the arrays are different sizes.

Create two arrays.

```
A = ones(3,4)
B = rand(3,4)
```

If `size(A)` and `size(B)` are the same, concatenate the arrays; otherwise, display a warning and return an empty array.

```
if isequal(size(A),size(B))
    C = [A; B]    % append
else
    disp('A and B are not the same size.')
    C = [];
end
```

A = 3×4

1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1

B = 3×4

0.8055	0.2399	0.4899	0.7127
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C = 6×4

1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
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1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
0.8055	0.2399	0.4899	0.7127
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Evaluate multiple condition in an expression

Q: Determine if a value falls within a specified range.

```
x = 10;  
minVal = 2;  
maxVal = 6;  
  
if (x >= minVal) && (x <= maxVal)  
    disp('Value within specified range.')  
elseif (x > maxVal)  
    disp('Value exceeds maximum value.')  
else  
    disp('Value is below minimum value.')  
end
```

Value exceeds maximum value.



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Compare Vectors Containing NaN Values

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The result is logical 1 (true) because `isequaln` treats the NaN values as equal to each other.

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The “for” loop

The general form of the for loop is:

```
for loopvar = range
    action
end
```

where *loopvar* is the loop variable, “range” is the range of values through which the loop variable is to iterate, and the action of the loop consists of all statements up to the end. Just like with if statements, the action is indented to make it easier to see. The range can be specified using any vector, but normally the easiest way to specify the range of values is to use the colon operator.



The “for” loop: Question

How could you print this column of integers (using the programming method):

0
50
100
150
200

Answer: In a loop, you could print these values starting at 0, incrementing by 50 and ending at 200. Each is printed using a field width of 3.

```
>> for i = 0:50:200  
    fprintf('%3d\n', i)  
end
```



The “for” loop that don’t use iterator

```
for i = 1:3
    fprintf('I will not chew gum\n')
end
```

produces the output:

```
I will not chew gum
I will not chew gum
I will not chew gum
```

The variable *i* is necessary to repeat the action three times, even though the value of *i* is not used in the action of the loop.

What would be the result of the following for loop?

```
for i = 4:2:8
    fprintf('I will not chew gum\n')
end
```

Answer: Exactly the same output as above! It doesn’t matter that the loop variable iterates through the values 4, then 6,

then 8 instead of 1, 2, 3. As the loop variable is not used in the action, this is just another way of specifying that the action should be repeated three times. Of course, using 1:3 makes more sense!



Input for “for” loop

forecho.m

```
% This script loops to repeat the action of  
% prompting the user for a number and echo-printing it  
  
for iv = 1:3  
    inputnum = input('Enter a number: ');  
    fprintf('You entered %.1f\n', inputnum)  
end
```

>> *forecho*

Enter a number: 33

You entered 33.0

Enter a number: 1.1

You entered 1.1

Enter a number: 55

You entered 55.0



Find sum and product

sumnnums.m

```
% sumnnums calculates the sum of the n numbers
% entered by the user

n = randi([3 10]);
runsum = 0;
for i = 1:n
    inputnum = input('Enter a number: ');
    runsum = runsum + inputnum;
end
fprintf('The sum is %.2f\n', runsum)
```

```
>> sumnnums
```

```
Enter a number: 4
```

```
Enter a number: 3.2
```

```
Enter a number: 1.1
```

```
The sum is 8.30
```



Preallocating vector

forgenvec.m

```
% forgenvec creates a vector of length n
% It prompts the user and puts n numbers into a vector

n = randi([4 8]);
numvec = zeros(1,n);
for iv = 1:n
    inputnum = input('Enter a number: ');
    numvec(iv) = inputnum;
end
fprintf('The vector is: \n')
disp(numvec)
```

```
>> forgenvec
```

```
Enter a number: 44
```

```
Enter a number: 2.3
```

```
Enter a number: 11
```

```
The vector is:
```

```
44.0000    2.3000   11.0000
```

It is very important to notice that the loop variable `iv` is used as the index into the vector.



Question

QUICK QUESTION!

If you need to just print the sum or average of the numbers that the user enters, would you need to store them in a vector variable?

Answer: No. You could just add each to a running sum as you read them in a loop.

QUICK QUESTION!

What if you wanted to calculate how many of the numbers that the user entered were greater than the average?

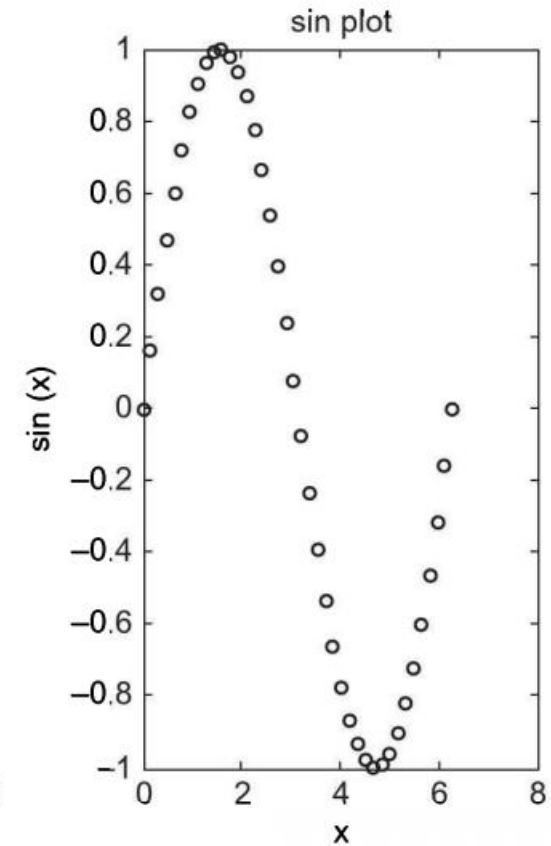
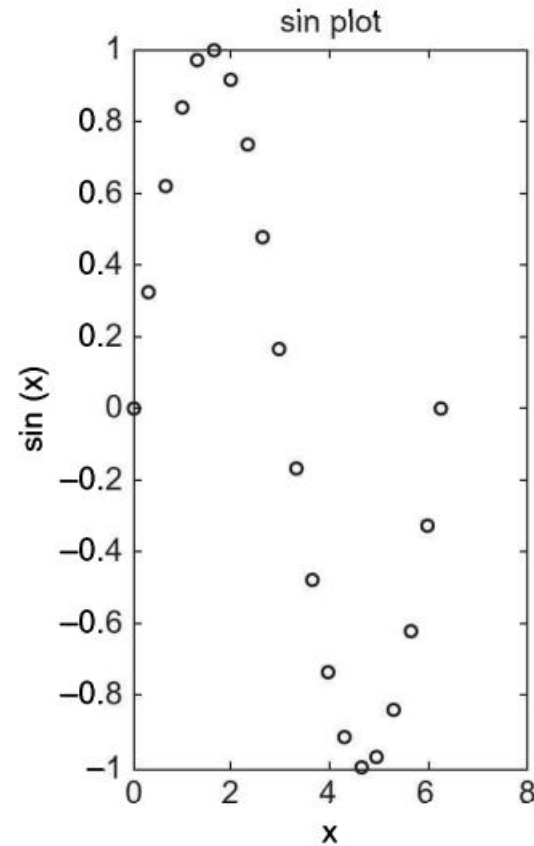
Answer: Yes, then you would need to store them in a vector because you would have to go back through them to count how many were greater than the average (or, alternatively, you could go back and ask the user to enter them again!!).



“for” loop-subplot

subplotex.m

```
% Demonstrates subplot using a for loop
for i = 1:2
    x = linspace(0,2*pi,20*i);
    y = sin(x);
    subplot(1,2,i)
    plot(x,y,'ko')
    xlabel('x')
    ylabel('sin(x)')
    title('sin plot')
end
```





Nested “for” loop

The general form of a nested for loop is as follows:

```
for loopvarone = rangeone      ← outer loop
    % actionone includes the inner loop
    for loopvartwo = rangetwo   ← inner loop
        actiontwo
    end
end
```



Nested “for” loop

- For every row of output:
 - Print the required number of stars
 - Move the cursor down to the next line (print '\n')

printstars.m

```
% Prints a box of stars
% How many will be specified by two variables
% for the number of rows and columns

rows = 3;
columns = 5;
% loop over the rows
for i=1:rows
    % for every row loop to print '*'s and then one \n
    for j=1:columns
        fprintf('*')
    end
    fprintf('\n')
end
```

Executing the script displays the output:

```
>> printstars
*****
*****
*****
```



Nested “for” loop

How could this script be modified to print a triangle of stars instead of a box such as the following:

```
*  
**  
***
```

Answer: In this case, the number of stars to print in each row is the same as the row number (e.g., one star is printed in row 1, two stars in row 2, and so on). The inner for loop does not loop to columns, but to the value of the row loop variable (so we do not need the variable *columns*):

printtristars.m

```
% Prints a triangle of stars  
% How many will be specified by a variable  
% for the number of rows  
rows = 3;  
for i=1:rows  
    % inner loop just iterates to the value of i  
    for j=1:i  
        fprintf('*')  
    end  
    fprintf('\n')  
end
```



Nested “for” loop

```
printloopvars.m
```

```
% Displays the loop variables
for i = 1:3
    for j = 1:2
        fprintf('i=%d, j=%d\n', i, j)
    end
    fprintf('\n')
end
```

```
>> printloopvars
```

```
i=1, j=1
```

```
i=1, j=2
```

```
i=2, j=1
```

```
i=2, j=2
```

```
i=3, j=1
```

```
i=3, j=2
```



Nested “for” loop

multtable.m

```
function outmat = multtable(rows, columns)
% multtable returns a matrix which is a
% multiplication table
% Format: multtable(nRows, nColumns)

% Preallocate the matrix
outmat = zeros(rows, columns);
for i = 1:rows
    for j = 1:columns
        outmat(i,j) = i*j;
    end
end
end
```

`>> multtable(3,5)`

ans =

1	2	3	4	5
2	4	6	8	10
3	6	9	12	15



Nested “for” loop

createmulttab.m

```
% Prompt the user for rows and columns and  
% create a multiplication table to store in  
% a file "mymulttable.dat"  
  
num_rows = input('Enter the number of rows: ');  
num_cols = input('Enter the number of columns: ');  
multmatrix = multtable(num_rows, num_cols);  
save mymulttable.dat multmatrix -ascii
```

```
>> createmulttab
```

```
Enter the number of rows: 6
```

```
Enter the number of columns: 4
```

```
>> load mymulttable.dat
```

```
>> mymulttable
```

```
mymulttable =
```

1	2	3	4
2	4	6	8
3	6	9	12
4	8	12	16
5	10	15	20
6	12	18	24