

MATLAB

String Handling

string

- strings are sequence of characters.
- In Matlab, string can be represented as:
 - character array ('Hello')
 - string objects ("Hello") — scalar
- characters can be letter, number, symbols or even spaces.
- In programming (matlab), string are used to store and manipulate text.

Why are strings Important?

- strings are used to;
- Display message
 - Handle user inputs
 - work with text data
 - Read & process text files
 - Analyze language data

Creation of strings in Matlab;

using single
Quotes

`[' ? ']`

character
array

using Double
Quotes

`[" ee "]`

string scalar

String Handling

- string handling in matlab means creating, modifying, processing and analyzing text (string) using matlab's built-in function & operation.
- In matlab, strings are a special data type used to store and manage text easily.
- It supports both string array and string scalar (' ', " ").

Why is string handling important?

- It includes text data.
- In D-S, machine learning & automation, we often process and clean text.
- matlab provides many tools to efficiency handling and manipulating strings like:-
 - text cleaning
 - searching for words
 - Replacing text
 - Formatting outputs.

Key operations in string handling (with exam)

<u>operation</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>matlab example</u>
• create string	Make a text string	str = "Hello world";
• find length	No. of character	len = strlen(str);
• change case	uppercase / lowercase.	upper(str), lower(str).
• concatenate	join multiple str.	strjoin(["data", "science"], ",")
• split string	Break string into words	split(str)
• Replace text	change part of the string	replace(str, "world", "matlab") "old", "new"

Basic Operations in strings (matlab)

1) Creating string

a) Character array

```
Str1 = ['Hello world;'] % single quotes
```

- Traditional method
- Each character occupies a single element in array.

b) String array

```
Str2 = "Hello world"; % double quotes
```

- Newer method
- Easier & better for working with text.

2) String Array

```
names = ["Alice", "Bob", "Charlie"];
```

- A string array is an array where each element is string.

3) Basic string function

a) strlength()

strlength("hello")

b) upper()

upper("matlab") → "MATLAB"

c) lower()

lower("MATLAB") → "matlab"

d) reverse()

reverse("abc") → "cba"

e) isstring()

isstring("Hello") — checks input.

4) String Comparison

a) Compare two strings

```
str1 = "cat" ;  
str2 = "dog" ;  
isequal (str1, str2) % return false
```

b) Case-insensitive Comparison

```
strcmpi ("Hello", "Hello") % Return false
```

5) String Concatenation

```
first = "Good" ;  
second = "Morning" ;  
greeting = first + " " + second ;
```

a) using + operator

b) using strcat() function

```
str = strcat ("Data", "science") ;
```

6) Extracting & modifying Strings

a) extract substring

```
str = "data science" ;  
substr = extractBetween (str, 6, 12) ; % "science"
```

b) Replace Text

```
newstr = replace ("I love coding", "coding", "MATLAB"  
% output "I love Matlab"
```


c) find substring
`contains("Hello world", "world") % Returns true.`

d) Joining and splitting strings

```
words = ["Data", "science", "project"];  
sentence = strjoin(words, " ");  
% "Data science project"
```

```
splitwords = split(sentence);  
% ["Data", "science", "project"]
```

* Conclusion

- Matlab provides powerful tools for string handling
- The new string data type is easier & faster for text operations
- mastery of string functions helps in data processing, analysis and automation.

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