

## BA - Discussion #7, 2020-10-16

### Announcements

- Homework #3 will be posted today → must be done individually as it will get you ready for the C portion of the course
- Exam #2 is two weeks from today! → Friday, 10/30
- Quiz #4 is this afternoon 4<sup>00</sup>pm (Boston Time); tomorrow @ 7am for other time zones
  - 15 min, 5 min to upload
  - due by 5 pm

### Review Last week's Quiz #3

### Additional Notes for This Week

- the + operator cannot be used to concatenate 2 character vectors
- iscellstr() is determining whether or not a cell array contains only character vectors, not strings (old function, ignore name)
- When creating structures using struct(), as of version R2018b, strings can be used for field names (before they could only be char. vectors)
- make sure you know how structs are displayed (field name: value on separate lines)

### Review of Material

- cell arrays
- structures
- when to use cell array vs. structures
- vectors of structures
- nested structures
- text manipulation

### Cell arrays + Structures

- examples of calling in Devin's example
- see attached .m file

### Text Manipulation

sports = ["baseball" "football" "track and field"]

\*not sequential commands

>> sports(1:2)  
1 x 2 string array  
"baseball" "football"

>> sports{2} = []  
1 x 3 string array  
"baseball" <missing> "track and field"

>> sports{1:2}  
ans =  
"baseball"  
ans =  
"football"

>> "I love-" + sports  
["I love baseball" "I love football" etc...]

>> sports{2}(1:3)  
'foo' (sports(2){1}(1:3))  
also works

>> sports(2) = []  
1 x 2 string array  
"baseball" "track and field"

>> sports(3)  
"track and field"  
↑  
1 x 1 string scalar

## Text Manipulation Functions

`strtok()`

ex. `strtok(strvar, delimiter)`

note that default delimiter is always a space

ex. `example = 'Well hello'`  
`[f, l] = strtok(example)`

`f = 'Well'`

`l = '_hello'`

note that `l` includes delimiter (space)

`strcat()`

ex. `strcat(var1, var2)`

ex. `strcat('Well', 'hello')`  
ans =  
`'Wellhello'`

ex. `strcat('Well', '_hello')`  
ans =  
`'Well_hello'`

`strrep()`

ex. `strrep(string, oldstring, newstring)`

ex. `strrep('hello', 'lo', 'p')`  
ans =  
`'help!'`

→ `strrep('hello', 'lo', 'lp-me!')`  
ans =  
`'help me!'`

`sprintf()`

ex. `var = sprintf( )`  
`input(var)`

Functions need to know that work on strings but not char. vectors

+ `stringpr()` `strjoin()` `strsplit()` `join()`