

Octave/Matlab Tutorial

Question 1

Suppose I first execute the following Octave/Matlab commands:

```
A = [ 1 2; 3 4; 5 6];  
B = [1 2 3; 4 5 6];
```

Which of the following are then valid commands? Check all that apply. (Hint: A' denotes the transpose of A.)

- ☒ **C = A' + B;**
 - ☐ C = A + B;
 - ☐ C = B' * A;
 - ☒ **C = B * A;**
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Question 2

Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 16 & 2 & 3 & 13 \\ 5 & 11 & 10 & 8 \\ 9 & 7 & 6 & 12 \\ 4 & 14 & 15 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Which of the following indexing expressions gives $B = \begin{bmatrix} 16 & 2 \\ 5 & 11 \\ 9 & 7 \\ 4 & 14 \end{bmatrix}$? Check all that apply.

- ☒ **B = A(:, 1:2);**
 - ☐ B = A(0:2, 0:4);
 - ☒ **B = A(1:4, 1:2);**
 - ☐ B = A(1:2, 1:4);
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Question 3

Let A be a 10x10 matrix and xx be a 10-element vector. Your friend wants to compute the product Ax and writes the following code:

```
v = zeros(10, 1);
for i = 1:10
    for j = 1:10
        v(i) = v(i) + A(i, j) * x(j);
    end
end
```

How would you vectorize this code to run without any FOR loops? Check all that apply.

- ☐ $v = Ax;$
- ☐ $v = x' * A;$
- ☒ $v = A * x;$
- ☐ $v = \text{sum}(A * x);$

Question 4

Say you have two column vectors v and w , each with 7 elements (i.e., they have dimensions 7×1). Consider the following code:

```
z = 0;
for i = 1:7
    z = z + v(i) * w(i)
end
```

Which of the following vectorizations correctly compute z ? Check all that apply.

- ☒ $z = \text{sum}(v .* w);$
- ☐ $z = v * w;$
- ☐ $z = v .* w;$
- ☒ $z = v' * w;$

Question 5

In Octave/Matlab, many functions work on single numbers, vectors, and matrices. For example, the `sin` function when applied to a matrix will return a new matrix with the `sin` of each element. But you have to be careful, as certain functions have different behavior. Suppose you have an 7×7 matrix X . You want to compute the log of every element, the square of every element, add 1 to every element, and divide every element by 4. You will store the results in four matrices, A , B , C , D . One way to do so is the following code:

```
for i = 1:7
    for j = 1:7
        A(i, j) = log(X(i, j));
        B(i, j) = X(i, j) ^ 2;
        C(i, j) = X(i, j) + 1;
        D(i, j) = X(i, j) / 4;
    end
end
```

Which of the following correctly compute A , B , C , or D ? Check all that apply.

- ☒ **C = X + 1;**
- ☐ **B = X ^ 2;**
- ☒ **B = X .^ 2;**
- ☒ **D = X / 4;**