MATLAB Vocabulary

MATLAB – A programming language and computing environment used by engineers and scientists around the world to analyze data and model applications such as Mars rover, airplanes, playing music, and many more.

Command Window – The writing area in MATLAB that has the ">>" prompt. Single line commands can be executed directly from here.

Workspace – The area that contains all the variables you create and store in memory during a MATLAB session.

Numeric arrays – an ordered arrangement of numbers. Arrays are created within square brackets [].

Strings - A word or a sentence enclosed within double quotes " ".

Indexing – Extracting values from an array using parenthesis ()

Live Script – A script is code file that contains a sequence of MATLAB statements and commands but cannot take inputs or give outputs. Live Scripts are interactive documents that can contain formatted text and images along with code. The output of a live script is contained and displayed within the file.

Function – Similar to scripts, a function contains a sequence of MATLAB commands. Unlike scripts, a function can accept inputs and produce outputs.

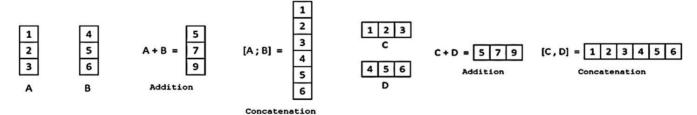
For loop – Executes a block of code repeatedly for a specific number of times (e.g., the following executes 10 times).

E.g. for
$$k = 1:10$$
 ... end

If-else-end – Checks whether a certain condition is true. If true, the code executes the block of code inside the if branch; otherwise it executes the block of code inside the else branch.

E.g. if
$$x < 0$$
 ... else ... end

Adding and concatenating vectors -



Figures and Callbacks – Figures are containers for your app's graphics. Figures and other graphics have some properties that correspond to specific user actions. Each of these properties can be associated with a user-defined function. Inside this callback function, you can specify what the app must do when the associated user action occurs. Graphics callback functions always take two inputs: source and event.

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