

Introduction to MATLAB

MATLAB

- A program for doing numerical computation
- Originally designed for solving linear algebra type problems using matrices
- The name is derived from MATrix LABoratory.
- Uses extensively for data analysis, signal processing, optimization, and several other types of scientific computations
- Also contains functions for 2-D and 3-D graphics and animation.

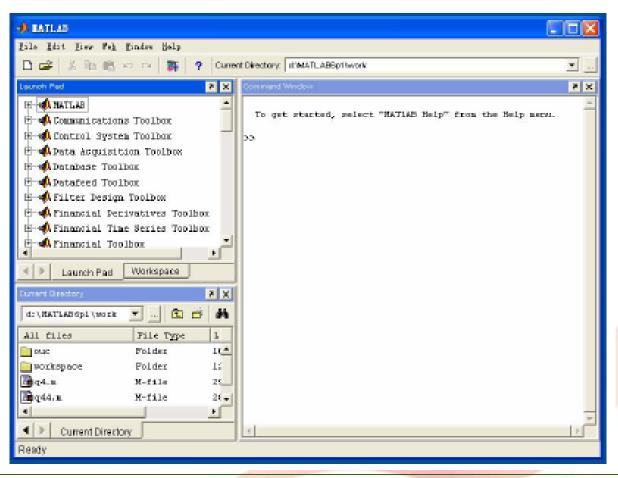


The MATLAB environment

- Command oriented somewhat like UNIX.
- A prompt appears on the screen and a MATLAB statement can be entered.
- When the <ENTER> key is pressed, the statement is executed, and another prompt appears.
- If a statement is terminated with a semicolon (;), no results will be displayed. Otherwise results will appear before the next prompt.



Starting MATLAB





To get started, type one of these commands: helpwin, helpdesk, or demo

2.5000



MATLAB Variable Names

Variable names ARE case sensitive

- Variable names can contain up to 63 characters (as of MATLAB 6.5 and newer)
- Variable names must start with a letter followed by letters, digits, and underscores.



MATLAB Special Variables

ans Default variable name for results

pi Value of π

eps Smallest incremental number

inf Infinity

NaN Not a number e.g. 0/0

i and j i = j = square root of -1

realmin The smallest usable positive real number

realmax The largest usable positive real number



MATLAB Math & Assignment Operators



MATLAB Operators: Example

$$>> x = 6$$
;

Variables in MATLAB follow the usual naming conventions. Any combination of letters, numbers and underscore symbols ('_') can be used, as long as the first character is a letter.

All of the expected scalar arithmetic operators are available:

```
>> 3*x
ans =
18
>> x^2
ans =
36
```



Other MATLAB symbols

```
prompt
continue statement on next line
separate statements and data
start comment which ends at end of line
(1) suppress output
(2) used as a row separator in a matrix specify range
```



- MATLAB treats all variables as matrices.
 - Contains rows and columns
 - Vectors are special forms of matrices and contain only one row OR one column.
 - Scalars are matrices with only one row AND one column



- **A matrix with only one row AND one column is a scalar.**
 - A scalar can be created in MATLAB as follows:

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- **A** matrix with only one row is called a row vector.
 - A row vector can be created in MATLAB as follows (note the commas):

$$>$$
 rowvec = [12, 14, 63]

Columns 1 through 16

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

Columns 17 through 20

17 18 19 20



- A matrix with only one column is called a column vector.
 - A column vector can be created in MATLAB as follows (note the semicolons):

$$\Rightarrow$$
 colvec = [13; 45; -2]

13

45

-2



- A matrix can be created in MATLAB as follows
 - (note the commas AND semicolons):

$$\Rightarrow$$
 matrix = [1, 2, 3; 4, 5, 6; 7, 8, 9]

- 1 2 3
- 4 5 6
- 7 8 9



Extracting a Sub-Matrix

- ♦ A portion of a matrix can be extracted and stored in a smaller matrix by specifying the names of both matrices and the rows and columns to extract.
 - The syntax is:

```
sub_matrix = matrix ( r1 : r2 , c1 : c2 ) ;
```

where r1 and r2 specify the beginning and ending rows and c1 and c2 specify the beginning and ending columns to be extracted to make the new matrix.



A column vector can be extracted from a matrix. As an example we create a matrix below:

» matrix=[1,2,3;4,5,6;7,8,9]

matrix =

1 2 3

4 5 6

7 8 9

Here we extract column 2 of the matrix and make a column vector:

» col_two=matrix(:, 2)

col_two =

2

5

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As an example we create a matrix below:

» matrix=[1,2,3;4,5,6;7,8,9]

matrix =

1 2 3

4 5 6

7 8 9

Here we extract row 2 of the matrix and make a row vector.

» rowvec=matrix(2:2,1:3)

rowvec =

4 5 6



Plotting with MATLAB

MATLAB will plot one vector vs. another.

The first one will be treated as the abscissa (or x) vector and the second as the ordinate (or y) vector. The vectors have to be the same length.

MATLAB will also plot a vector vs. its own index.

The index will be treated as the abscissa vector. Given a vector "time" and a vector "dist" we could say:

>> plot (time, dist) % plotting versus time

>> plot (dist) % plotting versus index



Plotting with MATLAB

There are commands in MATLAB to "annotate" a plot to put on axis labels, titles, and legends. For example:

- >> % To put a label on the axes we would use:
- >> xlabel ('X-axis label')
- >> ylabel ('Y-axis label')
- >> % To put a title on the plot, we would use:
- >> title ('Title of my plot')



Some Useful MATLAB commands

who List known variables

whos List known variables plus their size

help >> help sqrt Help on using sqrt

lookfor >> lookfor sqrt Search for

keyword sqrt in m-files

what >> what a: List MATLAB files in a:

clear Clear all variables from work space

clear x y Clear variables x and y from work space

Clear the command window



clc

Some Useful MATLAB commands

what List all m-files in current directory

dir List all files in current directory

ls Same as dir

type test Display test.m in command window

delete test
Delete test.m

cd a: Change directory to a:

chdir a: Same as cd

pwd Show current directory

• which test Display directory path to 'closest'

test.m



MATLAB Relational Operators

MATLAB supports six relational operators.

Less Than < Less Than or Equal <= Greater Than > Creater Than or Equal >= Equal To == Not Equal To ~=



MATLAB Logical Operators

MATLAB supports three logical operators.

```
not ~ % highest precedence
and & % equal precedence with or
or | % equal precedence with and
```



MATLAB Logical Functions

MATLAB also supports some logical functions.

xor (exclusive or) Ex: xor (a, b)

Where a and b are logical expressions. The xor operator evaluates to true <u>if and only if</u> one expression is true and the other is false. True is returned as 1, false as 0.

any (x) returns 1 if any element of x is nonzero

all (x) returns 1 if all elements of x are nonzero

isnan (x) returns 1 at each NaN in x

isinf (x) returns 1 at each infinity in x

finite (x) returns 1 at each finite value in x



MATLAB: Some built-in functions

Some often used built-in functions are listed below:

```
\sin - \sin
cos - cosme
tan – tangent
asin – arcsin
acos – arccosm
atan – arctangent
abs – absolute value or complex magnitude
angle - phase angle
sqrt - square
real - real part
imag – imaginary
sign - signum function
exp - exponential base e
log - natural logarithm
```



Matlab Selection Structures

An if - elseif - else structure in MATLAB.
Note that elseif is one word.

```
if expression1 % is true
% execute these commands
elseif expression2 % is true
% execute these commands
else % the default
% execute these commands
end
```



MATLAB Repetition Structures

A while loop in MATLAB while expression while x <= 10
 % execute these commands end



Scalar - Matrix Addition

```
» a=3;
» b=[1, 2, 3;4, 5, 6]
b =
                  % Add a to each element of b
> c = b + a
\mathbf{c} =
```

Scalar - Matrix Subtraction

```
\gg a=3;
b=[1, 2, 3; 4, 5, 6]
b =
» c = b - a %Subtract a from each element of b
\mathbf{c} =
```



Scalar - Matrix Multiplication

```
\gg a=3;
» b=[1, 2, 3; 4, 5, 6]
b =
» c = a * b % Multiply each element of b by a
\mathbf{c} =
   3 6 9
  12 15 18
```



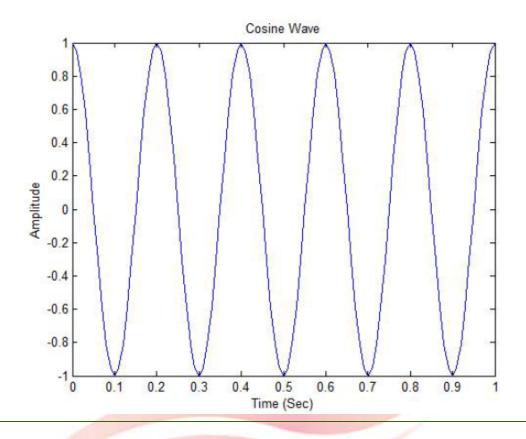
Scalar - Matrix Division

```
\gg a=3;
» b=[1, 2, 3; 4, 5, 6]
b =
\mathbf{a} \mathbf{c} = \mathbf{b} / \mathbf{a} % Divide each element of \mathbf{b} by \mathbf{a}
\mathbf{c} =
   0.3333 0.6667 1.0000
   1.3333 1.6667 2.0000
```



MTLAB: Example

```
t = 0:0.01:1;
f = 5;
y = cos(2*pi*f*t);
plot( t, y)
title('Cosine Wave');
xlabel('Time (seconds)');
ylabel('Amplitude');
```





MTLAB: Example

Plot sin() and cosine() functions in one figure:

```
t = 0:0.01:1;

f = 5;

y1 = sin(2*pi*f*t);

y2 = cos(2*pi*f*t);

figure

subplot(2, 1, 1)

plot(t, y1)

subplot(2, 1, 2)

plot(t, y2)

title('Cosine Wave');

xlabel('Time (seconylabel('Amplitude');
```

