Introduction to MATLAB

Week 2 Lecture 1

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Rules for naming variables

- A valid variable name starts with a letter, followed by letters, digits, or underscores. e.g. variable_name, var1,
- MATLAB® is case sensitive. So Var_1 and var_1 are different variables
- Variable name cannot start with a number
- Variable name cannot have special characters (like !, $, &, ^, %)
- Cannot use spaces
- Cannot use keywords (try iskeyword in command window)

Which of these is an acceptable MATLAB variable name?

variablename

variable_name

1_variable_name

variable name

for

variable_name$

variable_name_1

Variablename

Which of these is an acceptable MATLAB variable name?

Acceptable	**Unacceptable**
variablename	variable name
variable_name	for
Variablename	1_variable_name
variable_name_1	variable_name$

Variable naming best practices

1) Name should be descriptive
- Bad: a, var, x, y
- Good: length_vector, stimulus_threshold

2) By convention, start with lowercase
- Bad: Length_vector, Stimulusthreshold
- Good: length_vector

3) Use capitalization or underscores for readability
- Bad: stimulusabovethreshold
- Good: stimulus_above_threshold, or stimulusAboveThreshold

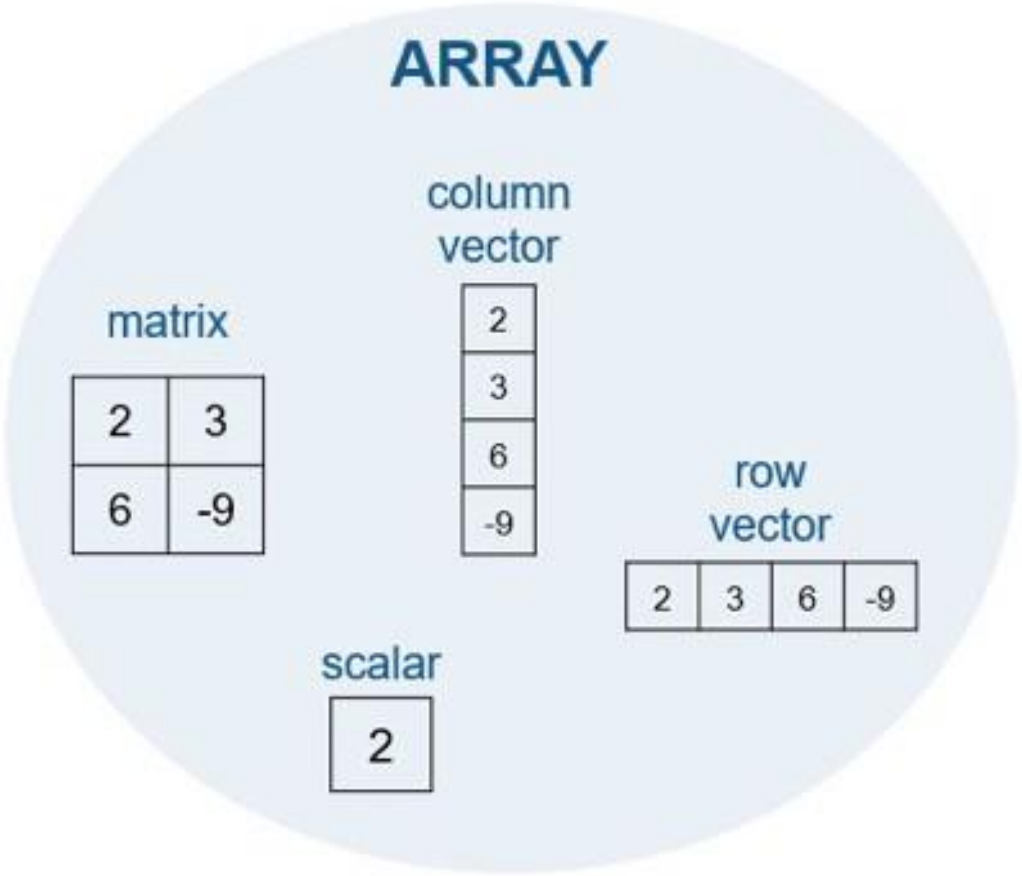
Variable types

- Great thing about MATLAB is that we do not need to initialize variables

- Variable types:
  - Numbers, e.g. 5
  - Characters, e.g. 'Hello world’
  - Collection of numbers e.g. [1, 2, 3]
  - Collection of numbers and strings

Arrays

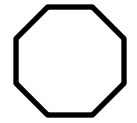
- Very helpful and powerful!



In MATLAB, can also have cell arrays:

```
cell_array =

  1×4 cell array

    {[3 4 5]}    {'hey'}    {[25]}    {3×2 double}
```

Defining arrays



```
row_vector = [11 12 13 14 15 16];

col_vector = [11; 12; 13; 14; 15; 16];

matrix_3x2 = [11 12; 13 14; 15 16];

cell_array = {row_vector, matrix_3x2, [1 2 3; 4 5 6], ‘matlab’, 5}
```

Selecting an element by index in a row/column vector

```
row_vector=[11 12 13 14 15 16];
```

```
>> row_vector(2)

ans =

12
```

```
>> row_vector(1:4)

ans =

11 12 13 14
```

```
>> row_vector(1:2:6)

ans =

11 13 15
```

Selecting an element by index in a row/column vector

```
row_vector=[11 12 13 14 15 16];
```

```
>> row_vector(6:-2:1)

ans =

16 14 12
```

```
>> row_vector(1:2:end)

ans =

11 13 15
```

```
>> row_vector(1:1:end-1)

ans =

11 12 13 14 15
```

Matrices

	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
Row 1	1	2	3	4
Row 2	5	6	7	8
Row 3	9	10	11	12

```
big_mat_eg=[1 2 3 4; 5 6 7 8; 9 10 11 12];
```

Defining matrices in MATLAB

To define a matrix:

matrix_name=[1 2 3 4 5 6]

matrix_name=[start_value : step_value : end_value];

```
>> vector_1=[2:7]

vector_1 =

     2     3     4     5     6     7

>> only_odd_numbers=[1:2:13]

only_odd_numbers =

     1     3     5     7     9    11    13

>> descending_even_numbers=[14:-2:2]

descending_even_numbers =

    14    12    10     8     6     4     2
```

Length and size of the matrix

big_mat_eg=[1 2 3 4; 5 6 7 8; 9 10 11 12];

	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
Row 1	1	2	3	4
Row 2	5	6	7	8
Row 3	9	10	11	12

```
>> length(big_mat_eg)

ans =

4
```

```
>> size(big_mat_eg)

ans =

3    4
```

Selecting an element by index in a 2D matrix

```
big_mat_eg=[1 2 3 4; 5 6 7 8; 9 10 11 12];
```

	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Row 1	1 1	2 4	3 7	4 10
Row 2	5 2	6 5	7 8	8 11
	9 3	10 6	11 9	12 12

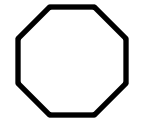
```
>> big_mat_eg(:,1)

ans =

     1
     5
     9
```

```
>> big_mat_eg(2,:)

ans =

     5     6     7     8
```

```
>> big_mat_eg(:,3:end)

ans =

     3     4
     7     8
    11    12
```

```
>> big_mat_eg(2)

ans =

     5
```

Selecting an element by index in a 2D matrix



matrix_example=[31 32 33; 34 35 36];

	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Row 1	31 1	32 3	33 5
Row 2	34 2	35 4	36 6

```
>> matrix_example(1:3)

ans =

31 34 32
```

```
>> matrix_example(1:2:end)

ans =

31 32 33
```

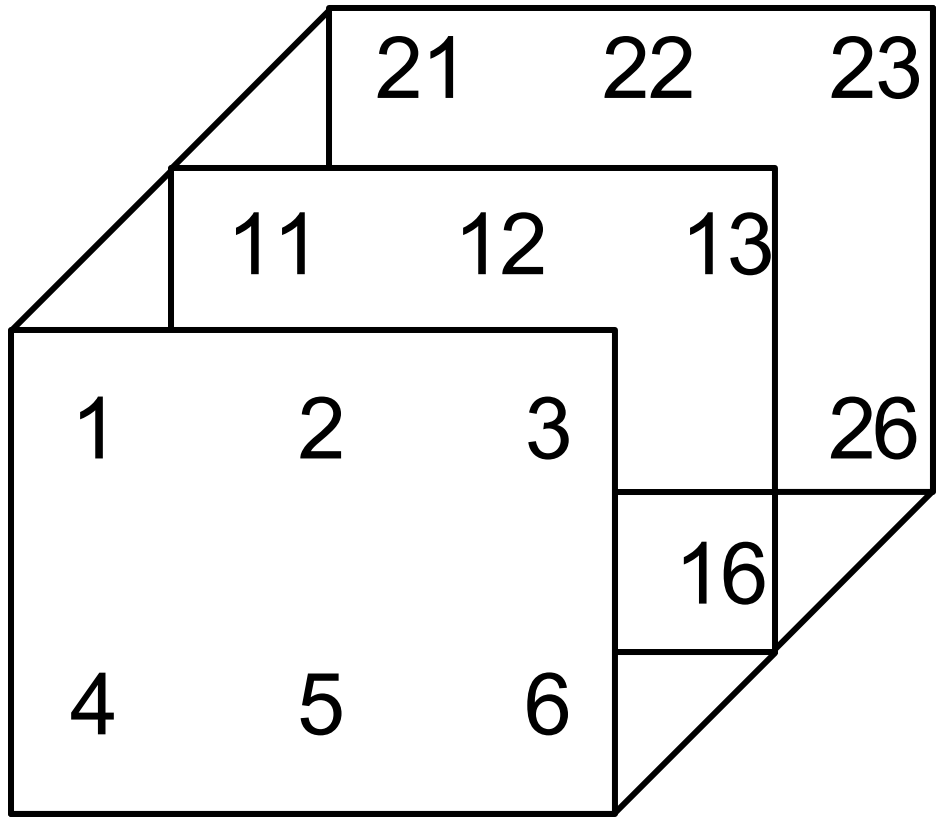
```
>> matrix_example(end:-1:1)

ans =

36 33 35 32 34 31
```

3 Dim matrix (can then be generalized to N Dim)

```
three_dim_mat(:,:,1)=[1 2 3; 4 5 6];
three_dim_mat(:,:,2)=[11 12 13; 14 15 16];
three_dim_mat(:,:,3)=[21 22 23; 24 25 26];
```

```
>> three_dim_mat(4)

ans =

5
```

```
>> three_dim_mat(9)

ans =

12
```

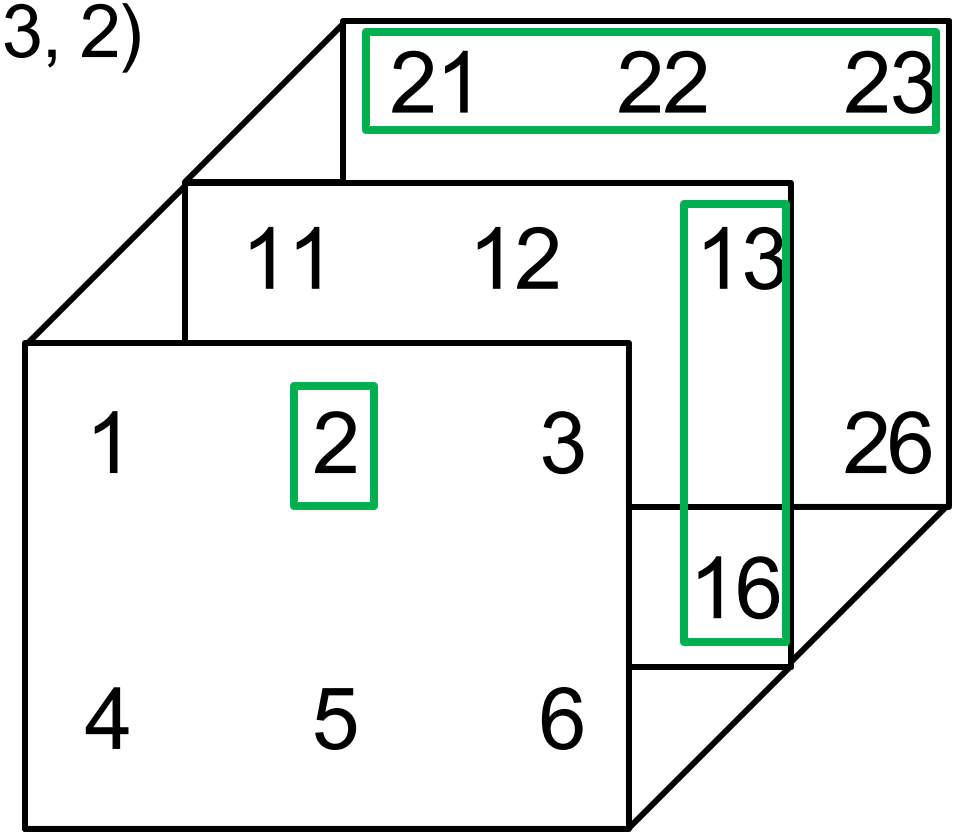


3 Dim matrix (can then be generalized to N Dim)

>>three_dim_mat(1, 2, 1)

>> three_dim_mat(1, :, 3)

>> three_dim_mat(:, 3, 2)



Defining matrices in MATLAB

You can use built-in functions to define matrices. For e.g.

1. To generate matrix with all 1s: ones(num_row, num_column)
2. To generate matrix with all 0s: zeros(num_row, num_column)
3. To generate matrix with all NaNs: nan(num_row, num_column)

```
>> ones(2,3)

ans =

1 1 1
1 1 1
```

```
>> zeros(2,4)

ans =

0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0
```

```
>> nan(2,2)

ans =

NaN NaN
NaN NaN
```

Defining matrices in MATLAB

- To generate matrix with random numbers: rand(num_row, num_col)

```
>> rand(2,3)

ans =

0.0782 0.1067 0.0046
0.4427 0.9619 0.7749
```

```
>> rand(2)

ans =

0.8173 0.0844
0.8687 0.3998
```

- To generate matrix with random integers: randi(max_integer,num_row, num_col)

```
>> randi(9,2,3)

ans =

3 4 2
8 9 3
```

Matrix operations: Addition and subtraction

```
>> mat_1=[6:2:10;20:-2:16]
   mat_2=[3:5;-5:-3]
```

```
mat_1 =

 6    8  10
20 18 16
```

```
mat_2 =

 3   4  5
-5 -4 -3
```

```
>> mat_add=mat_1+mat_2
```

```
mat_add =

 9 12 15
 15 14 13
```

```
>> mat_sub=mat_1 - mat_2
```

```
mat_sub =

  3    4    5
 25 22 19
```

Matrix operations: Scalar multiplication

```
>> mat_3 = [1:2:5; 5:-2:1]
>> scalar_3 = 5
>> scalar_mult = mat_3 * scalar_3
```

```
>> mat_3=[1:2:5; 5:-2:1]
scalar_3=5
scalar_mult=mat_3*scalar_3

mat_3 =

     1     3     5
     5     3     1


scalar_3 =

     5


scalar_mult =

     5    15    25
    25    15     5
```

Matrix operations: Matrix (or vector) multiplication

Keep in mind the dimension of the two matrices for vector multiplication

$$[A]_{mxn} X [B]_{nxm} = [C]_{mxm}$$

For example:

```
>> mat_4=[3:5; 5:7]
>> mat_5=[2:3; 4:5; 6:7]
>> vector_mult=mat_4*mat_5
```

```
>> mat_4 =

   3   4   5
   5   6   7
```

```
>> mat_5 =

   2   3
   4   5
   6   7
```

```
>> vector_mult =

   52   64
   76   94
```

Matrix operations: Element-wise multiplication

Both the matrices should be of the same size.

For example:

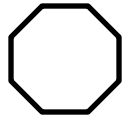
```
>> mat_6=[3:5; 5:7]
>> mat_7=[2:4; 4:6]
>> element_by_element_mult=mat_6.*mat_7
```

```
>> mat_6 =

   3   4   5
   5   6   7
```

```
>> mat_7 =

   2   3   4
   4   5   6
```

```
>> element_by_element_mult =

    6    12    20
   20    30    42
```

Matrix operations: Transpose of a matrix



Flips the dimensions of the matrix

$$[A]_{mxn} \rightarrow [B]_{nxm}$$

```
>> mat_8=[3:5; -7:-5]
>> mat_9=mat_8'
```

```
>> mat_8 =

     3     4     5
    -7    -6    -5
```

```
>> mat_9 =

     3    -7
     4    -6
     5    -5
```

Splitting matrices

- Sometimes you might want to split the matrix and work on a subset of the matrix (for e.g. just a row or column)

```
>> original_mat=[1:7; 21:27; 51:57]
>> split_row=original_mat(2,:)
>> split_column=original_mat(:,4)
```

```
>> split_row =

21   22   23   24   25   26   27
```

```
>> split_column =

4
24
54
```

Concatenating matrices: Horizontal

- Combine two matrices horizontally
- If you have 2 matrices A and B then to horizontally concatenate them:

  C=[A B] or C=horzcat(A, B)

```
>> mat_10=ones(3,2)*4
>> mat_11=randi(7,3,2)
>> horz_cat_1=[mat_10 mat_11]
>> horz_cat_2=horzcat(mat_10,mat_11)
```

```
>> mat_10 =

     4     4
     4     4
     4     4
```

```
>> mat_11 =

     6     7
     7     5
     1     1
```

```
>> horz_cat_1 =

     4     4     6     7
     4     4     7     5
     4     4     1     1
```

```
>> horz_cat_2 =

     4     4     6     7
     4     4     7     5
     4     4     1     1
```

Concatenating matrices: Vertical

- Combine two matrices vertically
- If you have 2 matrices A and B then to horizontally concatenate them:

  C=[A; B] or C=vertcat(A, B)

```
>> mat_12=ones(2,3)*4
>> mat_13=randi(7,2,3)
>> vert_cat_1=[mat_12; mat_13]
>> vert_cat_2=vertcat(mat_12,mat_13)
```

>> mat_12 =

4 4 4
4 4 4

>> mat_13 =

7 6 3
4 1 7

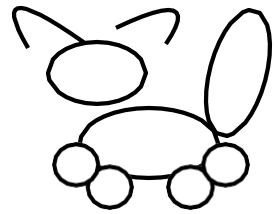
>>vert_cat_1 =

4 4 4
4 4 4
7 6 3
4 1 7

>>vert_cat_2 =

4 4 4
4 4 4
7 6 3
4 1 7

cat(DIM, A,B)



mean of an array

```
>> new_matrix= [2:2:16; 10:-2:-5; 3:3:24];
```

```
>> new_matrix =

2    4   6   8   10  12  14  16
10   8   6   4   2   0   -2  -4
3    6   9   12  15  18  21  24
```

By default, MATLAB takes mean across each column

2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16
10	8	6	4	2	0	-2	-4
3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24

```
mean(new_matrix)

ans =

5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12
```

What if you want to find the mean across each row?

2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16
10	8	6	4	2	0	-2	-4
3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24

```
mean(new_matrix,2)

ans =

9
3
13.5
```

2=across each row

1=across each column

sort

- To sort an array, you can use the inbuilt MATLAB function sort

- mat_14 = [10 5 2 3 6 7 0 -1 -12 7 6]
- sort(mat_14)

ans =

[-12 -1 0 2 3 5 6 6 7 7 10]

Can sort in descending order with: sort(mat_14, ‘descend’)

unique

- Sometimes your goal is to find the unique elements in an array
- For e.g. in the previous example 6 and 7 appeared twice.
- To find the unique elements, use the function ‘unique’.

- mat_14=[10 5 2 3 6 7 0 -1 -12 7 6]
- unique(mat_14)
- ans =

  -12 -1 0 2 3 5 6 7 10

Note that the ‘unique’ function also sorts the output

reshape

- Using reshape function, we can reshape a matrix to another size

- to_reshape_array=[1:10]

- reshape(to_reshape_array, [5, 2])

- ans =

  1 6
  2 7
  3 8
  4 9
  5 10