



# Computer Vision - Exercise 1

## Introduction to MATLAB

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## Outline

1. Obtain MATLAB
2. Basic usage
3. MATLAB is *different*
4. Speedup



## Got MATLAB?

- ▶ Numerical Programming Environment
- ▶ `http://www.matlab.rwth-aachen.de/`
- ▶ CampusLicense
  - ▶ RWTH intern/VPN
  - ▶ “borrowing”
  - ▶ `matlab.internal.licensing.BorrowUI(true)`
- ▶ CIP Pool (E1 & E2 building)
- ▶ Use for exercise MATLAB 2014a +



## Important Commands

<b>help</b>	guess. . .
<b>doc</b>	Open help browser
<b>lookfor</b>	Search for keyword
<b>clear</b>	Clears variable(s)
<b>close</b>	Closes current/all figures
<b>clc</b>	Clear command window
<b>whos</b>	List variables in current workspace
<b>save</b>	Save the current workspace
<b>load</b>	Load a saved workspace
<b>keyboard</b>	Enter debugging mode (until <b>dbquit</b> )



## Useful things you should remember

- ▶ Index starts at **1** not **0**
- ▶ Comments start with **%** not **#** or **//**
- ▶ Continue long lines with **...**
- ▶ Semicolon **;** suppresses output (no error)



## Basic Operations

```
1 % Scalars
2 L = 2;
3 C = 3;
4
5 % basic operators
6 sum_ = L + C;
7 prod_ = L * C;
8
9 % functions
10 T = tan(L/C);
11 E = exp(L-C);
```

```
1 % For loop
2 sum_ = 0
3 for i = 1:100
4     sum_ = sum_ + i;
5 end
6
7 % If statement
8 number = 13;
9 if isprime(number)
10     disp('prime number');
11 else if odd(number)
12     disp('odd number');
13 else
14     disp('none of the above');
15 end
```



## Everything is a Matrix

```
1 % Line vector
2 lv = [1 2 3];
3 lv = [1,2,3];
4 lv = 1:3; % from 1 to 3
5 lv = 1:1:3 % step size 1
6 lv = linspace(1, 3, 3);
7
8 % Column vector
9 cv = [1;2];
10 cv = (1:2)'; % transpose
11 size(cv)
12 ans =
13     2     1
14 lv =
15     1     2     3
16 cv =
17     1
18     2
```

```
1 % Different ways of
   defining the same
   matrix:
2 M = [1 2 3; 4 5 6];
3
4 L = 2;
5 C = 3;
6 M = zeros(2,3);
7 for l=1:L
8     for c=1:C
9         M(l,c) = ((l-1)*3)+c;
10    end
11 end
12
13 M = reshape(1:L*C, C, L)';
14 M =
15     1     2     3
16     4     5     6
```



## Accessing Elements

```
1 M = [1 2 3; 4 5 6]
2 M =
3     1     2     3
4     4     5     6
5
6 % M(line, column)
7 M(1,3)
8 ans =
9     3
10 M(1,end)
11 ans =
12     3
13 M(5)
14 ans =
15     3
16 M(1,end:-1:1)
17 ans =
18     3     2     1
```

```
19 M(1,1:3)
20 ans =
21     1     2     3
22 M(1,1:end)
23 ans =
24     1     2     3
25 M(1,:)
26 ans =
27     1     2     3
28 M(1:2,1:2)
29 ans =
30     1     2
31     4     5
32 M(M > 4)
33 ans =
34     5
35     6
```





## Manipulating Matrices

```
1 A = [1 4;0 3]
2 A =
3     1     4
4     0     3
5 B = [1 0;0 -1]
6 B =
7     1     0
8     0    -1
9 % Matrix multiplication
10 A*B
11 ans =
12     1    -4
13     0    -3
14 % Elementwise
15 A.*B
16 ans =
17     1     0
18     0    -3
```

```
19 % Concatenation
20 C = [A B]
21 C =
22     1     4     1     0
23     0     3     0    -1
24 C = [A;B]
25 C =
26     1     4
27     0     3
28     1     0
29     0    -1
30 C = repmat(A, 1, 2)
31 ans =
32     1     4     1     4
33     0     3     0     3
```



## Manipulating Matrices (cont.)

```
1 A = [1 4;0 3]
2 A =
3     1     4
4     0     3
5 B = [1 0;0 -1]
6 B =
7     1     0
8     0    -1
9 A/B % same as A*inv(B)
10 ans =
11     1    -4
12     0    -3
13 % Elementwise division
14 % 1/0 = Inf, 0/0=NaN
15 R = A./B
16 R =
17     1    Inf
18    NaN    -3
```

```
19 isinf(R)
20 ans =
21     0     1
22     0     0
23 isnan(R)
24 ans =
25     0     0
26     1     0
27 % Replace NaN with 0
28 R(isnan(R))=0
29 R =
30     1    Inf
31     0    -3
32 % Find non-zero elements
33 find(R)
34 ans =
35     1
36     3
37     4
```



## Try to code in matrix ways

```
1 A = [1 2;3 4];
2 B = [1 1;2 2];
3
4 % With for loops
5 S = zeros(2);
6 for l = 1:2
7     for c = 1:2
8         S(l, c) = A(l, c)
9             + B(l, c);
10    end
11 end
12 % Better use matrix
13 C = A + B;
14 C =
15     2     3
16     5     6
```

```
17 % Matlab functions usually
    work on matrices, not
    only on scalars, for
    example:
18 C = A^2;
19 D = sqrt(B);
20 % Be careful which functions
    operate elementwise, on
    a line/column or on the
    whole matrix:
21 E = sum(A) % columnwise
22 E =
23     4     6
24 E = sum(sum(A))
25 E =
26    10
27 E = sum(A(:))
28 E =
29    10
```



## Scripts and Functions

```
1 function p = pressure(V, n, T)
2   R = 8.314462175 % gas constant, unit = J/(mol*K)
3   p = n*R*T/V
4 end
```

- ▶ \*.m files
- ▶ Can accept arguments
- ▶ Name of function **must** be the same as the filename (except local function)
- ▶ Execution by calling name of function

```
1 p = pressure(42, 18, 288.15)
2 p =
3   1.026776689596964e+03
```



## Image-specific functions

- ▶ `imshow` - Display an image
  - ▶ `imshow(img);`
  - ▶ `imshow(img, [low, high]);`
- ▶ **image** - Display a matrix as image
  - ▶ `image(mat);`
  - ▶ Elements of `mat` are indices to colormap
- ▶ **imagesc** - Display a matrix as scaled image
  - ▶ `imagesc(mat);`
  - ▶ scaling: full colormap is used
- ▶ **colormap** - Define the colormap to use
  - 1 `map = colormap;`
  - 2 `reversed_map = map(end:-1:1, :);`
  - 3 `colormap(reversed_map);`



## Some Nuisances

- ▶ Type issues
  - ▶ `imread` uses `uint8`
  - ▶ Use `im2double` to convert to double matrix
- ▶ Colormap issues
  - ▶ `colormap` works differently for different image formats!
- ▶ Functions can depend on return value!

```
1 m = min(abs(5-linspace(0, 10, 21)))
2 m =
3     0
4 [m, am] = min(abs(5-linspace(0, 10, 21)))
5 m =
6     0
7 am =
8    11
```



## Other Visualization Functions

- **figure** - Open a new window or select existing one

```
1 figure;  
2 figure(1);  
3 handle = figure;  
4 figure(handle);
```

- **plot** - Plots 2D graph

```
1 plot(y);  
2 plot(x, y);  
3 plot(x, y, 'b.-');  
4 plot(x1, y1, 'b.-', x2, y2, 'ro:');  
5  
6 figure;  
7 hold on;  
8 plot(x1, y1, 'b.-');  
9 plot(x2, y2, 'ro:');  
10 hold off;
```



## Other Visualization Functions (cont.)

- ▶ Variations on plots
  - ▶ `plot3` - Plots 3D graphs
  - ▶ `plotyy` - 2D graph with two y-axes
  - ▶ `semilogx`, `semilogy`, `loglog` - logarithmic axes
- ▶ `bar` - Bar graphs
  - ▶ `bar(x, y);`
- ▶ `scatter` - Display a scatter plot
  - ▶ `scatter(x, y);`
  - ▶ `scatter(x, y, s, c);`





## Advanced Functions

- ▶ Matrix operations
  - ▶ `inv`(M) - Create inverse of matrix
  - ▶ `ones`(m, n) - Create an  $m \times n$  matrix with values 1
  - ▶ `zeros`(m, n) - Create an  $m \times n$  matrix with values 0
  - ▶ `rand`(m, n) - Create an  $m \times n$  matrix with values sampled uniformly from  $[0, 1)$
  - ▶ `det`(M), `eye`(n), `norm`(x), `rank`(M), ...
- ▶ Common statistical functions
  - ▶ `mean`(x) - Arithmetic mean
  - ▶ `var`(x) - Variance
  - ▶ `hist`(x) - Create/plot a histogram of x
- ▶ Other useful functions
  - ▶  $[V, D] = \text{eig}(A)$  - Eigenvalues and eigenvectors
  - ▶ Pre-defined filters: gaussian, laplacian, sobel, ...



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3     A(n) = n  
4 end
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2 for n = 1:N  
3     A(n) = n  
4 end
```



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Trick question! This **actually works!**



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4 end
```

Trick question! This **actually works!**

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3     A(n) = n  
4 end
```

Memory will not be allocated  
in every iteration!



## MATLAB is different - Find the Mistake (3)

```
1 % #students in lectures
2 students = [20;40;20];
3 % #teachers in lectures
4 teachers = [1;4;2];
5 % #students per teacher
6 ratio = students/teachers
```





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```

This is probably **not** what you want!

```
ratio =
    0     5     0
    0    10     0
    0     5     0
```

$B/A$  solves  $xA = B$ .

$A \setminus B$  solves  $Ax = B$ .



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$A \backslash B$  solves  $Ax = B$ .

You have to use `./` for element-wise matrix operations!



## MATLAB is different - Find the Mistake (4)

```
1 figure;  
2 imshow(img);  
3 % mark detection  
4 plot(box(1,:), box(2,:));
```



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The image is gone!



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```

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```
1 figure;  
2 imshow(img);  
3 % mark detection  
4 hold on;  
5 plot(box(1,:), box(2,:))
```

You have to use **hold on** to draw several things in the same figure!



## MATLAB is different - Find the Mistake (5)

```
1 plot = figure;  
2 imshow(img);  
3  
4 % mark detection  
5 hold on;  
6 plot(x, y, 'g');  
7  
8 % save result figure  
9 imwrite(plot, 'plot.png');
```



## MATLAB is different - Find the Mistake (5)

```
1 plot = figure;  
2 imshow(img);  
3  
4 % mark detection  
5 hold on;  
6 plot(x, y, 'g');  
7  
8 % save result figure  
9 imwrite(plot, 'plot.png');
```

Index exceeds matrix  
dimensions!



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```

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```

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```
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2 imshow(img);  
3  
4 % mark detection  
5 hold on;  
6 plot(x, y, 'g');  
7  
8 % save result figure  
9 imwrite(plot, 'plot.png');
```

Index exceeds matrix  
dimensions!

```
1 detection = figure;  
2 imshow(img);  
3  
4 % mark detection  
5 hold on;  
6 plot(x, y, 'g');  
7  
8 % save result figure  
9 imwrite(detection, ...  
10 'detection.png');
```

You **can** overwrite functions!  
Better name variables appropriately!



## MATLAB is different - Find the Mistake (6)

```
1 lines = n/m;  
2 lines = int(lines);  
3 vector = zeros(lines, 1);
```



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Undefined function 'int' for input arguments of type 'double'.



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```

Undefined function 'int' for input arguments of type 'double'.

```
1 lines = n/m;  
2 lines = uint8(lines);  
3 vector = zeros(lines, 1);
```

Use uint8, uint16, uint32, int8, int16, int32 or int64 for conversion to (unsigned) int.



## MATLAB is different - Find the Mistake (7)

```
1 img = double( ...  
2   imread(filename));  
3 figure;  
4 imshow(img);
```



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```
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2     imread(filename));  
3 figure;  
4 imshow(img);
```

`imshow`, `image` and `imagesc`  
expect an image with type  
double to consist of values  
between 0 and 1.



## MATLAB is different - Find the Mistake (7)

```
1 img = double( ...  
2     imread(filename));  
3 figure;  
4 imshow(img);
```

`imshow`, `image` and `imagesc`  
expect an image with type  
double to consist of values  
between 0 and 1.

```
1 img = im2double( ...  
2     imread(name));  
3 figure;  
4 imshow(img);
```

```
4 % or rescale manually  
5 imshow(img/255);
```

Use `im2double` or rescale the  
image manually.





## MATLAB is different - Find the Mistake (8)

```
1  img = imread(name);  
2  
3  % compute center  
4  x = size(img, 1)/2;  
5  y = size(img, 2)/2;  
6  
7  % plot center  
8  imshow(img);  
9  hold on;  
10 plot(x, y, '.');
```



## MATLAB is different - Find the Mistake (8)

```
1 img = imread(name);  
2  
3 % compute center  
4 x = size(img, 1) / 2;  
5 y = size(img, 2) / 2;  
6  
7 % plot center  
8 imshow(img);  
9 hold on;  
10 plot(x, y, '.');
```

Matrices are accessed by (row,  
column) i.e. (y,x)!



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6  
7 % plot center  
8 imshow(img);  
9 hold on;  
10 plot(x, y, '.');
```

```
1 img = imread(name);  
2  
3 % compute center  
4 x = size(img, 2)/2;  
5 y = size(img, 1)/2;  
6  
7 % plot center  
8 imshow(img);  
9 hold on;  
10 plot(x, y, '.');
```

Matrices are accessed by (row,  
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## MATLAB is different - Find the Mistake (9)

```
1 for i = 1:n
2     for j = 1:m
3         A(i,j) = i*j;
4     end
5 end
```



## MATLAB is different - Find the Mistake (9)

```
1 for i = 1:n
2   for j = 1:m
3     A(i,j) = i*j;
4   end
5 end
```

$i$  and  $j$  are constants for the imaginary unit  $i$ .



## MATLAB is different - Find the Mistake (9)

```
1 for i = 1:n
2   for j = 1:m
3     A(i,j) = i*j;
4   end
5 end
```

*i* and *j* are constants for the imaginary unit *i*.

```
1 for row = 1:n
2   for col = 1:m
3     A(row, col) = row*col;
4   end
5 end
```

Better use appropriately named variables.



## Speed up MATLAB: Vectorization (1)

**slow:**

```
1 for row = 1:n
2     for col = 1:m
3         A(row, col) = ...
4             2*B(row, col);
5     end
6 end
```



## Speed up MATLAB: Vectorization (1)

**slow:**

```
1 for row = 1:n
2     for col = 1:m
3         A(row, col) = ...
4             2*B(row, col);
5     end
6 end
```

**faster:**

```
1 A = 2*B
```





## Speed up MATLAB: Vectorization (2)

**slow:**

```
1 i = 0;  
2 for t = 0:.01:10  
3     i = i + 1;  
4     y(i) = sin(t);  
5 end
```



## Speed up MATLAB: Vectorization (2)

**slow:**

```
1 i = 0;  
2 for t = 0:.01:10  
3     i = i + 1;  
4     y(i) = sin(t);  
5 end
```

**faster:**

```
1 t = 0:.01:10;  
2 y = sin(t);
```



## Speed up MATLAB: Vectorization (3)

**slow:**

```
1 for n = 1:size(V,1)
2     V(n) = pi*(D(n)^2)*H(n);
3 end
```



## Speed up MATLAB: Vectorization (3)

**slow:**

```
1 for n = 1:size(V,1)
2     V(n) = pi*(D(n)^2)*H(n);
3 end
```

**faster:**

```
1 V = pi*(D.^2).*H;
```



## Speed up MATLAB: Vectorization (4)

**slow:**

```
1 % clip data
2 for row = 1:n
3     for col = 1:m
4         if A(row, col) > 255
5             A(row, col) = 255;
6         end
7     end
8 end
```



## Speed up MATLAB: Vectorization (4)

**slow:**

```
1 % clip data
2 for row = 1:n
3     for col = 1:m
4         if A(row, col) > 255
5             A(row, col) = 255;
6         end
7     end
8 end
```

**faster:**

```
1 % clip data
2 A(A > 255) = 255;
```



## Some more useful stuff

- ▶ `tic`, `toc` for timing measurement
- ▶ `ls` also works within matlab environment
- ▶ Cell arrays
  - ▶ `c = cell(n)` creates an  $n \times n$  cell array of empty matrices
  - ▶ `c = cell(m, n)`  $m \times n$  cell array
  - ▶ access via `c{idx}`
  - ▶ elements of cell array can be of different size and type
- ▶ Structs
  - ▶ `st = struct('field1', values1, 'field2', values2, ...)`
  - ▶ `st.field1 = values1; st.field2 = values2; ...`
- ▶ Cell arrays and structs can be combined
  - `c{1}.field1 = values1; c{1}.field2 = values2;`



## Useful MATLAB resources

- ▶ **MATLAB documentation**  
<https://www.mathworks.com/help/index.html>
- ▶ **File Exchange**  
<https://www.mathworks.com/matlabcentral/fileexchange/>
- ▶ **Code Vectorization Guide**  
<https://www.mathworks.com/support/tech-notes/1100/1109.html>
- ▶ **Writing Fast MATLAB code**  
<https://www.mathworks.com/matlabcentral/fileexchange/5685>
- ▶ **MATLAB array manipulation tips and tricks**  
<http://home.online.no/~pjacklam/matlab/doc/mtt/index.html>