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% Zigzag scan of a matrix
% Argument is a two-dimensional matrix of any size,
% not strictly a square one.
% Function returns a 1-by-(m*n) array,
% where m and n are sizes of an input matrix,
% consisting of its items scanned by a zigzag method.
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function output = zigzag(in)

% initializing the variables
%-----
h = 1;
v = 1;

vmin = 1;
hmin = 1;

vmax = size(in, 1);
hmax = size(in, 2);

i = 1;

output = zeros(1, vmax * hmax);
%-----

while ((v <= vmax) & (h <= hmax))

    if (mod(h + v, 2) == 0)                % going up

        if (v == vmin)
            output(i) = in(v, h);          % if we got to the first line

            if (h == hmax)
                v = v + 1;
            else
                h = h + 1;
            end;

            i = i + 1;

        elseif ((h == hmax) & (v < vmax))    % if we got to the last column
            output(i) = in(v, h);
            v = v + 1;
            i = i + 1;

        elseif ((v > vmin) & (h < hmax))    % all other cases
            output(i) = in(v, h);
            v = v - 1;

    end
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        h = h + 1;
        i = i + 1;
    end;

    else % going down

        if ((v == vmax) & (h <= hmax)) % if we got to the last line
            output(i) = in(v, h);
            h = h + 1;
            i = i + 1;

            elseif (h == hmin) % if we got to the first column
                output(i) = in(v, h);

                if (v == vmax)
                    h = h + 1;
                else
                    v = v + 1;
                end;

                i = i + 1;

            elseif ((v < vmax) & (h > hmin)) % all other cases
                output(i) = in(v, h);
                v = v + 1;
                h = h - 1;
                i = i + 1;
            end;

        end;

        if ((v == vmax) & (h == hmax)) % bottom right element
            output(i) = in(v, h);
            break
        end;

    end;

    Error using zigzag (line 22)
    Not enough input arguments.

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