

MATLAB Programming (Lecture 5)

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5.1 Review

→ We have already introduced :

```
1. var = input('prompt string')
```

- 2. disp('the string to be displaied')
- 3. save or load matlab.mat file.
- 4. fprintf() formatted print out.

5.1.1 save

Command format:

Save filename [list of variables] [options]

→ The default filename is *matlab.mat*

→ Option:

mat Save data in MAT-file format (default)
ascii Save data in space-separated ASCII format.
append Adds the specified variables to an existing
MAT-file.

See example chpt5_save.m.

5.1.2 load

Command format :

Load filename [list of variables] [options]

Option: mat Treat file as a MAT_file (default, if file extent is mat)

ascii Treat file as a space-separated ASCII file.

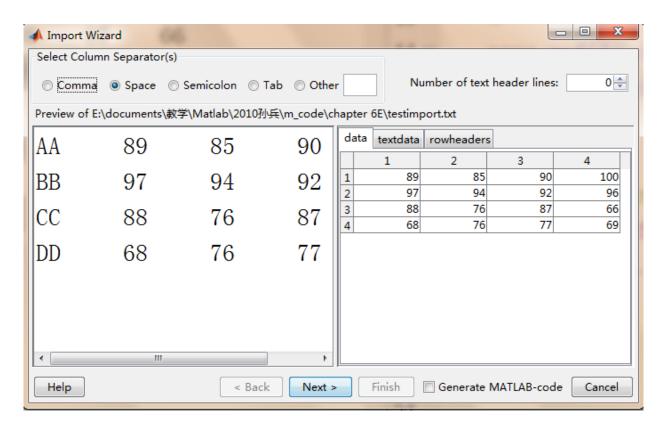
> load can import ascii data file to workspace or to a variable. ASCII files must be organized as a rectangular table of numbers, with each number in a row separated by a blank, comma, or tab character, and with an equal number of elements in each row.

```
Load datafile.dat
Var = load('datafile.dat')
```

See example chpt5_load.m

5.2 Import Wizard

Click the selection 'File'->'import data ...' to open import wizard window, and follow the wizard to specify the data file and step by step operate it.



5.2 Import Wizard

Using uiimport function

```
>> uiimport; OR
>> var = uiimport;
```

- Import data from data file or clipboard selected by user.
- The first case, The imported data is directly inserted into the current MATLAB workspace.
- The second case, the data is converted into a structure and saved in the variables var.
- The data file can be a .mat file or a text data file which can have a column or row header.

5.3 Text Files Processing

csvread	Read comma-separated value file	
csvwrite	Write comma-separated value file	
dlmread	Read ASCII-delimited file of numeric data into matrix	
dlmwrite	Write matrix to ASCII-delimited file	
fileread	Read contents of file into string	
textread	Read data from text file; write to multiple outputs	
textscan	Read formatted data from text file or string	

5.3.1 csvread() function

Read comma-separated value file

```
M = csvread(filename)
M = csvread(filename, row, col)
M = csvread(filename, row, col, range)
```

- M = csvread(filename) reads a comma-separated value formatted file, filename. The filename input is a string enclosed in single quotes. The result is returned in M. The file can only contain numeric values.
- M = csvread(filename, row, col) reads data from the comma-separated value formatted file starting at the specified row and column. The row and column arguments are zero based, so that row=0 and col=0 specify the first value in the file.
- M = csvread(filename, row, col, range) reads only the range specified.
 Specify range using the notation [R1 C1 R2 C2] where (R1,C1) is the upper left corner of the data to be read and (R2,C2) is the lower right corner. You can also specify the range using spreadsheet notation, as in range = 'A1.B7'

See example chpt5_csvread.m

5.3.2 csvwrite() function

→ Write comma-separated value file

```
csvwrite(filename, M)
csvwrite(filename, M, row, col)
```

- csvwrite(filename, M) writes matrix M into filename as comma-separated values. The filename input is a string enclosed in single quotes.
- csvwrite(filename, M, row, col) writes matrix M into filename starting at the specified row and column offset.
 The row and column arguments are zero based, so that R=0 and C=0 specify the first value in the file.

5.3.3 dlmread() function

Read ASCII-delimited file of numeric data into matrix

```
M = dlmread(filename)
M = dlmread(filename, delimiter)
M = dlmread(filename, delimiter, R, C)
M = dlmread(filename, delimiter, range)
```

- M = dlmread(filename) reads from the ASCII-delimited numeric data file filename to output matrix M. The filename input is a string enclosed in single quotes. The delimiter separating data elements is inferred from the formatting of the file. Comma (,) is the default delimiter.
- M = dlmread(filename, delimiter) reads numeric data from the ASCII-delimited file filename, using the specified delimiter. Use \t to specify a tab delimiter.

5.3.4 dlmwrite () function

Write matrix to ASCII-delimited file

 dlmwrite(filename, M) writes matrix M into an ASCII format file using the default delimiter (,) to separate matrix elements. The data is written starting at the first column of the first row in the destination file, filename. The filename input is a string enclosed in single quotes.

5.3.5 fileread () function

Read contents of file into string

```
text = fileread(filename)
```

 text = fileread(filename) returns the contents of the file filename as a MATLAB string.

5.3.6 textread() function

Read data from text file; write to multiple outputs

```
[A,B,C,...] = textread(filename, format)
[A,B,C,...] = textread(filename, format, N)
```

- [A,B,C,...] = textread(filename, format) reads data from the file filename into the variables A,B,C, and so on, using the specified format, until the entire file is read. The filename and format inputs are strings, each enclosed in single quotes. textread is useful for reading text files with a known format. textread handles both fixed and free format files.
- The format conversion specifiers are shown in the next slide.

See example chpt5_textread.m

Parts of format conversion specifier

Format	Action	Output
%d	Read a signed integer value.	Double array
%u	Read an unsigned integer value.	Double array
%f	Read a floating-point value.	Double array
%s	Read a white-space or delimiter-separated string.	Cell array of strings
%c	Read characters, including white space.	Character array
%*	instead of % Ignore the matching characters specified by	* No output

5.3.7 textscan() function

Read formatted data from text file or string

```
C = textscan(fid, 'format')
C = textscan(fid, 'format', N)
C = textscan(fid, 'format', param, value, ...)
C = textscan(fid, 'format', N, param, value, ...)
```

- C = textscan(fid, 'format') reads data from an open text file identified by file identifier fid into cell array C. The format input is a string of conversion specifiers enclosed in single quotation marks. The number of specifiers determines the number of cells in the cell array C.
- C = textscan(fid, 'format', N) reads data from the file, using the format N times, where N is a positive integer.

help textscan

5.4 Data Files Processing

MATLAB has a very flexible methods for reading and writing disk data file. The file processing procedure is

- (1) open file and get file id;
- (2) read data from or write data to file;
- (3) close file.

File id(or fid) is a mechanism which is a number assigned to a file when it is opened. For example fid=1 is standard output device (stdout).

5.4.1 file opening

→ Before reading or writing a text or binary file, you must open it with the fopen command.

```
fid = fopen(filename, permission)
[fid, message] = fopen(filename, permission)
```

- If successful, fopen returns a nonnegative integer fid
- The permission string specifies the kind of access to the file you require.

```
'r' for reading only
'w' for writing only
'a' for appending only
'r+' for both reading and writing
```

5.4.2 file closing

→ When finish reading or writing, use fclose to close the file.

→ The form of Close file function

```
stature = fclose(fid)
stature = fclose('all')
```

 Both forms return 0 if the file or files were successfully closed

5.4.3 Binary I/O functions

- → There two functions: fwrite() & fread()
- The fwrite() function

 count = fwrite(fid, array, precision)

Where:

fid: file id of the file opened with the fopen() function.

array: the array of values to write out to the file.

precision: the string specifies the format in which the data will be output. (see below Table)

count: the number of values written to the file in column order.

Part of Precision String

'int8'

8 bits integer

'int16'

16 bits integer

• 'int32'

32 bits integer

'int64'

64 bits integer

'float32'

32 bits floating point

'float64'

64 bits floating point

See example bin_ascii.m

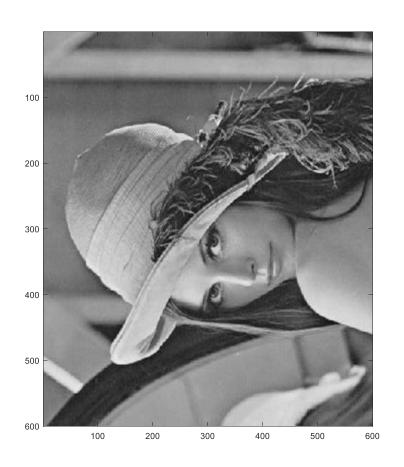
The fread() function

array.

```
[array, count] = fread( fid, size, precision)
Where:
   count: number of values read from the file.
   array: an array to contain the data.
size:
   n: read exactly n values. After reading, array is a
     column vector containing n values read from the file.
   inf: read until the end of the file.
   [n m] : read n×m values, and format the data as an n \times m
```

The fread() & fwrite() function





See example fileio_fread.m

5.4.4 Formatted I/O Functions

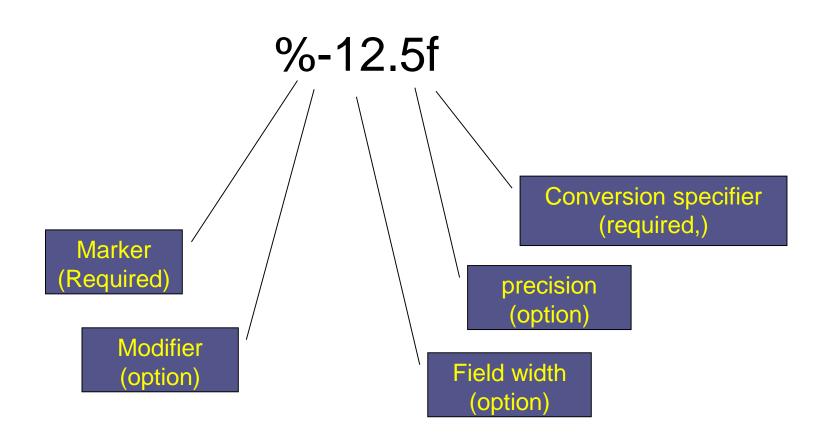
```
count = fprintf(fid, format, varlist)
fprintf(formt, varlist)
```

Where:

count: the number of bytes that are successfully written to the file.

format: the format string specifies the output format.

The components of a format specifiers



The Conversion specifiers for fprintf

```
Single character
%C
%d
      Decimal notation(signed)
      Exponential notation (Using lower case e)
%e
      Exponential notation (Using Upper Case E)
%E
%f
      Fixed-point notation
%g
      The more compact of %e and %f; insignificant zeros do
      not print
%s
      String of characters
%u
      Decimal notation (unsigned)
%X
      Hexadecimal notation (Using lower case letters a-f)
      Hexadecimal notation (Using upper case letters A-F)
%X
```

Format Flags

→ Minus sign (-)

Left-justifies the converted arguments in its field. If this flag is not present, the argument is right-justified

- + Always print a + for positive number
- → 0 Pad argument with leading zero instead of blanks.

Examples:

```
fprintf('%-12.5f\n',pi)
3.14159
```

Escape characters in format strings

```
\n New line
\t Horizontal tab
\\ Print an ordinary backslash (\) symbol
'' Print an apostrophe or single quote
\% Print an ordinary percent (\%) symbol
```

The fscanf() function

```
array = fscanf(fid, format)
[array, count] = fscanf(fid, format, size)
```

Size: same as previous.

```
See examples:
```

```
file_fw.m & file_fr.m
chpt5_fscanf.m ( reading a data file text_fsacn.dat)
```

The fgetl() function

Read line from file, removing newline characters

```
tline = fgetl(fileID)
```

- fileID is an integer file identifier obtained from fopen.
- tline is a text string unless the line contains only the endof-file marker. In this case, tline is the numeric value -1.
- fget1 reads characters using the encoding scheme associated with the file. To specify the encoding scheme, use fopen.

See example: fgetl_fgets.m

The fgets() function

Read line from file, keeping newline characters

```
tline = fgets(fileID)
tline = fgets(fileID, nchar)
```

- fileID is an integer file identifier obtained from fopen.
- tline is a text string unless the line contains only the end-offile marker. In this case, tline is the numeric value -1.
- fgets reads characters using the encoding scheme
 associated with the file. To specify the encoding scheme, use
 fopen.
- tline = fgets(fileID, nchar) returns at most nchar
 characters of the next line.

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5.4.5 Example programs

→ Binary I/O

- (1) Write to file in Binary. (fileio_w.m)
- (2) Read in from Binary file. (file_r.m)

Formatted I/O

- (1) Write to the file with formatted function fprintf()
 (file_fw.m)
- (2) read in from the file with formatted function fscanf() (file_fr.m).

5.5 Comparing Formatted and Binary I/O Function

Formatted Files	Unformatted Files
Can display data on output devices.	Cannot display data on output devices.
Can easily transport data between different computers.	Cannot easily transport data between computers with different internal data representations.
Require a relatively large amount of disk space.	Require relatively little disk space.
Slow: requires a lot of computer time.	Fast: requires little computer time.
Truncation or rounding errors possible in formatting.	No truncation or rounding errors.

5.6 File Positioning and Status Functions

- The exsit function
- The ferror function
- The feof function
- The ftell function
- The frewind function
- The fseek function

5.6.1 The exsit () function

Check existence of variable, function, directory, or class

exist name kind

The kind argument

builtin	Checks only for built-in functions.
class	Checks only for classes.
dir	Checks only for directories.
file	Checks only for files or directories.
var	Checks only for variables.

Order of Evaluation	Return Value	Type of Entity
1	1	Variable
2	5	Built-in
3	7	Directory
4	3	MEX or DLL-file
5	4	MDL-file
6	6	P-file
7	2	M-file
8	8	Class

5.6.2 The ferror () function

Information about file I/O errors

```
message = ferror(fileID)
[message, errnum] = ferror(fileID)
[...] = ferror(fileID, 'clear')
```

- message = ferror (fileID) returns the error message for the most recent file I/O operation on the specified file. If the operation was successful, message is an empty string. fileID is an integer file identifier obtained from fopen, or an identifier reserved for standard input (0), standard output (1), or standard error (2).
- [message, errnum] = ferror(fileID) returns the error number. If the most recent file I/O operation was successful, errnum is 0. Negative error numbers correspond to MATLAB error messages. Positive error numbers correspond to C library error messages for your system.
- [...] = ferror(fileID, 'clear') clears the error indicator for the specified file.

5.6.3 The feof () function

→ Test for end-of-file

```
status = feof(fileID)
```

- status = feof(fileID) returns 1 if a previous operation set the endof-file indicator for the specified file. Otherwise, feof returns 0. fileID is an integer file identifier obtained from fopen.
- Opening an empty file does not set the end-of-file indicator. Read operations, and the fseek and frewind functions, move the file position indicator.

5.6.4 The ftell() function

Position in open file

```
position = ftell(fileID)
```

position = ftell(fileID) returns the current position in the specified file. position is a zero-based integer that indicates the number of bytes from the beginning of the file. If the query is unsuccessful, position is -1. fileID is an integer file identifier obtained from fopen.

5.6.5 The frewind () function

→ Move file position indicator to beginning of open file frewind (fileID)

- frewind (fileID) sets the file position indicator to the beginning of a file. fileID is an integer file identifier obtained from fopen.
- If the file is on a tape device and the rewind operation fails, frewind does not return an error message.

5.6.6 The fseek () function

→ Move to specified position in file

```
fseek(fileID, offset, origin)
status = fseek(fileID, offset, origin)
```

- fseek(fileID, offset, origin) sets the file position indicator offset bytes from origin in the specified file.
- status = fseek(fileID, offset, origin) returns 0
 when the operation is successful. Otherwise, it returns -1.

origin Starting location in the file:

'bof' or -1	Beginning of file		
'cof' or 0	Current position in file		
'eof' or 1	End of file		

- pathsep: path separator for this platform
- filesep: directory separator for this platform
- fullfile: build full file name from parts
- fileparts: returns the path, file name, and file name extension
- **which:** locate functions and files
- dir: directory_name lists the files in a directory
- cd: change current working directory
- pwd: Show (print) current working directory
- what: List MATLAB-specific files in directory
- addpath: add directory to search path
- rmpath: remove directory from search path
- mkdir: make new directory
- rmdir: remove directory
- copyfile: copy file or directory
- delete: delete file or graphics object

pathsep: path separator for this platform Windows: ';'

filesep: directory separator for this platform

Windows: '\'

Linux: '/'

Linux: ':'

→ fullfile

Examples:

- % To build platform dependent paths to files: fullfile(matlabroot,'toolbox','matlab','general','Contents.m')
- % To build platform dependent paths to a folder: fullfile(matlabroot,'toolbox','matlab',filesep)
- % To build a collection of platform dependent paths to files: fullfile(toolboxdir('matlab'),'iofun',{'filesep.m';'fullfile.m'})

fileparts: [pathstr,name,ext] = fileparts(file) returns the path, file name, and file name extension for the specified file.

dir: D = dir('directory_name') returns the results in an M-by-1 structure with the fields:

```
name -- Filename
date -- Modification date
bytes -- Number of bytes allocated to the file
isdir -- 1 if name is a directory and 0 if not
```

datenum -- Modification date as a MATLAB serial date number.

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→ which

Examples:

% Return the results of which in the string S. (If which is called on a variable, then S is the string 'variable'.):

S = which(...)

% Return the results of the multiple search version of which in the cell array C. Each row of cell array C identifies a function and the functions are in order of precedence:

C = which(..., '-ALL')

% Display the pathname to function FUN1 in the context of program file FUN2. While debugging FUN2, which FUN1 does the same thing:

D = which FUN1 IN FUN2

- → cd: change current working directory
 cd directory-spec sets the current directory to the one specified
- cd.. moves to the directory above the current one

pwd: show (print) current working directory pwd = cd, by itself

→ what

W = what('directory') returns the results of what in a structure array with the fields:

```
-- path to directory
path
          -- cell array of MATLAB program file names.
m
          -- cell array of mat-file names.
mat
          -- cell array of mex-file names.
mex
          -- cell array of mdl-file names.
mdl
slx
          -- cell array of slx-file names.
          -- cell array of p-file names.
p
classes -- cell array of class directory names.
packages -- cell array of package directory names.
```

→ addpath: add directory to search path addpath DIR1 DIR2 DIR3 ... prepends all the specified directories to the path.

→ rmpath: remove directory from search path rmpath DIR1 DIR2 DIR3 ... removes all the specified directories from the path.

mkdir: make new directory

[SUCCESS,MESSAGE,MESSAGEID] = mkdir(PARENTDIR,NEWDIR)

SUCCESS: defining the outcome of mkdir.

1 : mkdir executed successfully. 0 : an error occurred.

MESSAGE: defining the error or warning message.

MESSAGEID: defining the error or warning identifier.

rmdir: remove directory

[SUCCESS,MESSAGE,MESSAGEID] = rmdir(DIRECTORY)

copyfile: copy file or directory

[SUCCESS,MESSAGE,MESSAGEID] = copyfile(SOURCE,DESTINATION,MODE)

SOURCE: defining the source file or directory.

DESTINATION: defining destination file or directory. The default is the current directory.

MODE: character scalar defining copy mode.

'f': force SOURCE to be written to DESTINATION. If omitted, copyfile respects the current writable status of DESTINATION.

→ delete: delete file or graphics object
delete file_name deletes the named file from disk:

% deletes all P-files from the current directory

delete *.p

delete(H) deletes the graphics object with handle H. If the object is a window, the window is closed and deleted without confirmation.

- uigetdir-Standard open directory dialog box
- uigetfile-Standard open file dialog box.
- uiputfile-Standard save file dialog box
- → xlswrite
- →xlsread
- → xmlwrite
- xmlread

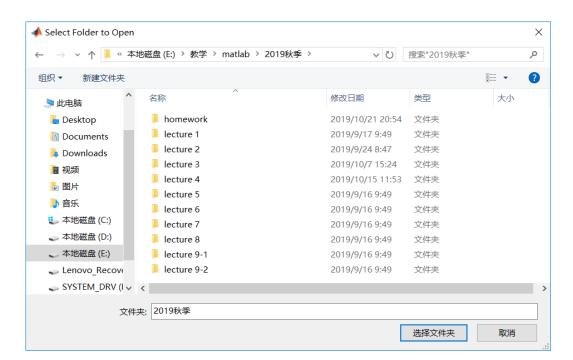
[FileName, Path Name, FilterIndex] = uigetfile(..., 'MultiSelect', selectmode) 5.8 Some useful functions

uigetdir: folder selection dialog box

```
folder_name = uigetdir
```

folder_name = uigetdir(start_path)

folder_name = uigetdir(start_path,dialog_title)



uigetfile: Open file selection dialog box

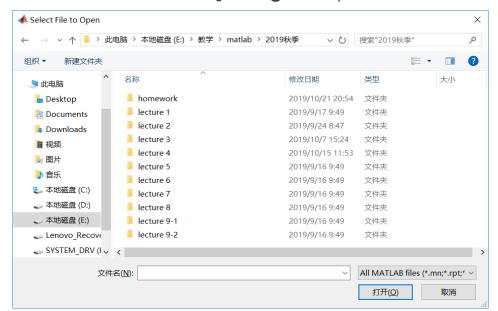
filename = uigetfile

[FileName,PathName,FilterIndex] = uigetfile(FilterSpec)

[FileName,PathName,FilterIndex] = uigetfile(FilterSpec,DialogTitle)

[FileName,PathName,FilterIndex] = uigetfile(FilterSpec,DialogTitle,DefaultName)

[FileName,PathName,FilterIndex] = uigetfile(...,'MultiSelect', selectmode)



uiputfile: Open dialog box for saving files.

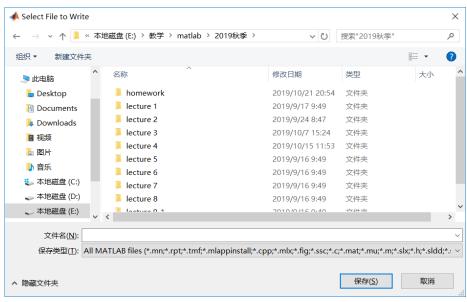
FileName = uiputfile

[FileName,PathName] = uiputfile

[FileName,PathName,FilterIndex] = uiputfile(FilterSpec)

[FileName,PathName,FilterIndex] = uiputfile(FilterSpec,DialogTitle)

[FileName,PathName,FilterIndex] = uiputfile(FilterSpec,DialogTitle,DefaultName)



xIsread: Read Microsoft Excel spreadsheet file.

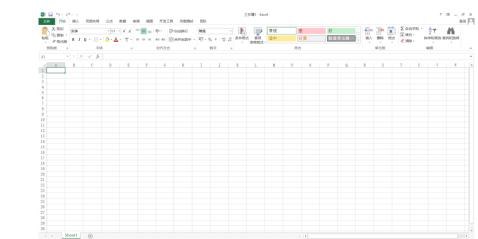
```
num = xlsread(filename)
num = xlsread(filename,sheet)
num = xlsread(filename,xlRange)
num = xlsread(filename,sheet,xlRange)
num = xlsread(filename,sheet,xlRange,'basic')
```

xlswrite: Write Microsoft Excel spreadsheet file.

```
xlswrite(filename,A)
xlswrite(filename,A,sheet)
xlswrite(filename,A,xlRange)
xlswrite(filename,A,sheet,xlRange)
```

See example:

testxls.m



> xmlread: Read Read XML document and return Document Object Model node.

```
DOMnode = xmlread(filename)
```

xmlwrite: Write XML Document Object Model node

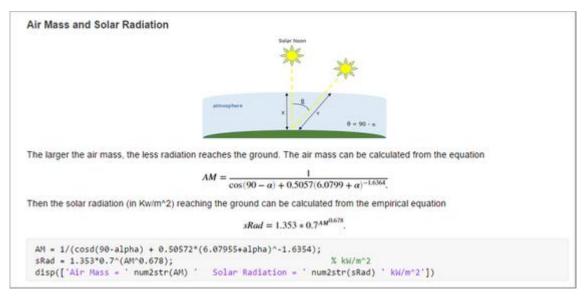
```
xmlwrite(filename,DOMnode)
chr = xmlwrite(DOMnode)
```

See example:

```
testxml.m
```

5.9 Live Script

- → A MATLAB live script is an interactive document that combines MATLAB code with embedded output, formatted text, equations, and images in a single environment called the Live Editor.
- → Live scripts are stored using the Live Script file format in a file with a .mlx extension.



5.9 Live Script

	Live Scripts and Functions	Plain Code Scripts and Functions			
File Format	Live Code file format. For more information, see <u>Live Code File Format (.mlx)</u>	Plain Text file format			
File Extension	.mlx	.m			
Output Display	With code in the Live Editor (live scripts only)	In Command Window			
Internationalizat ion	Interoperable across locales	Non-7-bit ASCII characters are not compatible across all locales			
Text Formatting	Add and view formatted text in the Live Editor	Use publishing markup to add formatted text, publish to view			
Visual Representation	Viewing a Penny This example shows four techniques to visualize the surface data of a penny. The file PENNY MAT contains measurements made at the National Institute of Standards and Technology of the depth of the mold use to mint a U. S. penny, sampled on a 128-by-128 gird. 1	1 %% Viewing a Penny 2 % This example shows four techniques to visualize the surface data of a 3 % penny. The file PENNY.MAT contains measurements made at the National 4 % Institute of Standards and Technology of the depth of the mold used to 5 % mint a U. S. penny, sampled on a 128-by-128 grid. 6 7 % Copyright 1984-2014 The MathWorks, Inc. 8 9 % Drawing a Contour Flot 10 % Draw a contour plot with 15 copper colored contour lines. 11 12 - load penny.mat 13 - contour(P.15) 14 - colormap(copper) 15 - axis i; square 16 17 18 % Drawing a Pseudocolor Plot 19 % Draw a pseudocolor plot with brightness proportional to height. 20 21 - poolor(F) 22 - axis i; square 23 - sheding flat			

Homework 4

HW4-1. Following is yearly average temperature of Beijing

	Beijing Average Temperature					
Season	Months	Temperature in Centigrade	Temperature in Fahrenheit			
Spring	Apr	13	55.4			
	May	18	64.4			
Summer	June	25	77			
	July	28	82.4			
	August	26	78.8			
Autumn	Sept	26	78.8			
	Oct	14	57.2			
Winter	Nov	6	42.8			
	Dec	-2	28.4			
	Jan	-4	24.8			
	Feb	-3	26.6			
	Mar	5	41			

- 1. Write a MATLAB program that creates a text file named BJAvgTemp.txt (table of the Beijing Average Temperatures). The text file should be organized as shown below
- 2. After creating the text file, read the text file 'BJAvgTemp.txt' and display all the data

Beijing Average Temperature

	Month Temperature	in Centigrade Temperatur	e in Fahrenheit
Spring :	Apr	13	55.40
	May	18	64.40
Summer :	Jun	25	77.00
	July	28	82.40
	Aug	26	78.80
Autumn :	Sept	26	78.80
	Oct	14	57.20
Winter :	Nov	6	42.80
	Dec	-2	28.40
	Jan	-4	24.80
	Feb	-3	26.60
	Mar	5	41.00

Homework 4

HW4-2.

- 1. Create a new directory named 'Myfiles' by mkdir, in which all the following files will be stored.
- 2. Call the Binomial_Coefficient function (from your last assignment) to generate values (where k=0-5, n=5 and p=0.1, 0.2, 0.3, ... 0.9) and store each array into seperate Binary files and name them as 'Binary_1. dat', 'Binary_2. dat', 'Binary_3. dat'...'Binary_9. dat' [* for example: Probability values (for k=0-5, n=5, p=0.1) will be stored in Binary_1. dat. Table is shown below]
- 3 Rename the nine Binary files named 'Binary_i.dat' (i=1,2,...,9) with new names 'newfile_i.dat' (i=1,2,...,9).
- 4. Find the maximum value in each file ('newfile_i.dat' (i=1,2,...,9)) and store the maximum value in 'Max_i.txt' (i=1,2,...,9). [* Do not use built-in functions for finding the maximum value]
- 5. Read the result from 'Max_i.txt' and sort them (increasing order) into a 9*1 matrix. [* Do not use built-in functions for sorting]
- 6. Write the sorted matrix into an ASCII file named 'sort.dat'.

	n=5								
k	p=0.1	p=0.2	p=0.3	p=0.4	p=0.5	p=0.6	p=0.7	p=0.8	p=0.9
0	0.5905	0.3277	0.1681	0.0778	0.0313	0.0102	0.0024	0.0003	0.0000
1	0.3281	0.4096	0.3601	0.2592	0.1563	0.0768	0.0284	0.0064	0.0005
2	0.0729	0.2048	0.3087	0.3456	0.3125	0.2304	0.1323	0.0512	0.0081
3	0.0081	0.0512	0.1323	0.2304	0.3125	0.3456	0.3087	0.2048	0.0729
4	0.0005	0.0064	0.0284	0.0768	0.1563	0.2592	0.3601	0.4096	0.3281
5	0.0000	0.0003	0.0024	0.0102	0.0313	0.0778	0.1681	0.3277	0.5905



Thanks