

Scope :

The scope of a variable is the part of the code where that variable is defined.

Ex: (myvar not defined before)

```
for k=1:5  
    myvar = k; } only defined in the loop.  
end  
myvar is defined = 5  
(myvar still not defined!!)
```

Ex: $total = 0;$ ← very important!
for k=1:10
 total = total + k; ← otherwise total goes away
end
← not even defined before we use it!

Functions :

```
function result = square(x)  
    tmp = x * x;  
    result = tmp;  
end
```

When I run this function, the variable tmp is not part of workspace. The scope of the variable is just the body of the function!

Why is scope Good.

- keeps the workspace cleaner and less polluted
- makes sure variables we've already defined don't accidentally change the function's behavior

Ex: FILE temp_celsius2kelvin.m

```
function tempk = temp_celsius2kelvin(tempc)
    dtemp = 273.15;
    tempk = tempc + dtemp;
end
```

Cool program:

```
>> temp = 39
>> dtemp = 273.15
>> tempk = temp_celsius2kelvin(temp);
```

To understand behavior of functions,
I need to understand scope.

FILE: myfunction.m

```
function z = myfunction(x)
    z = 5;
    y = x;
    z = y;
end
```

Annotations: Red arrows point from 'z' in the function signature to the 'z' in 'z = 5;' and the 'z' in 'z = y;'. A red circle highlights 'z = 2' in the output, with an arrow pointing to it from the word 'output'.

```
>> x = 1;
>> y = 2;
>> z = 3;
>> x = myfunction(y);
```

this is the end

Quest: What are
the values of
x, y, z at the end?

Sergio: y = 2
z = 3

x = myfunction(2)

x = 2

More loop practice :

```
x1 = 1;  
x2 = 1;
```

```
for k = 1:5  
    tmp = x2;  
    x2 = x2 + x1;  
    x1 = tmp;  
end
```

Quest:

What is $x1$, $x2$
at the end of the code?

loop $k=1$

$tmp = 1$

$x2 = 1 + 1 = 2$

$x1 = 1$

$x1=1, x2=2$

loop $k=2$

$tmp = 2$

$x2 = 1 + 2 = 3$

$x1 = 2$

$x1=2, x2=3$

loop $k=3$

$tmp = 3$

$x2 = 2 + 3 = 5$

$x1 = 3$

$x1=3, x2=5$

loop $k=4$

$tmp = 5$

$x2 = 3 + 5 = 8$

$x1 = 5$

$x1=5, x2=8$

loop $k=5$

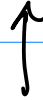
$tmp = 8$

$x2 = 5 + 8 = 13$

$x1 = 8$

$x1=8, x2=13$

5 ≠ '5'



number



word with
one character (5)

'apple' , 'banana3'

"Cool expression"