

# Introduction to MATLAB

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# The format of this short course

- I'll use these PowerPoint slides as a guideline
- Will run the scripts in MATLAB here for you to see
- There will be a 90-min tutorial by the TAs right after my lecture so you can try things on your own
- There is a second short course tomorrow at 6:30 PM
- My slides and demos will be posted on Blackboard

# Getting started

- To install: <http://www.princeton.edu/software/licenses/software/matlab/>

**Tip:** make sure you install the offline version so you can access it when off campus.

The screenshot shows the MATLAB R2013a interface with several key components highlighted by orange boxes and arrows:

- New script or function:** An arrow points to the 'New Script' button in the 'HOME' tab of the ribbon.
- Current directory:** An arrow points to the 'Current Folder' browser on the left, which shows a list of folders and files.
- To navigate to other directories:** An arrow points to the 'Current Folder' browser.
- Command input zone:** An arrow points to the central command window where the code `x=[1,2]` has been entered and executed, showing the output `x = 1 2`.
- Variables available in the work space:** An arrow points to the 'Workspace' browser on the right, which shows the variable `x` with its value `[1,2]`.
- Previous commands used:** An arrow points to the 'Command History' browser on the right, which shows a list of previously executed commands.

# Scalar variables and assignments

```
>> 2+2
```

```
ans =
```

```
4
```

- Scalar assignments:

```
>> a=1.23
```

- Ending semicolon

```
>> a=1.23;
```

The ending semicolon is important. If you omit it, MATLAB gives an echo response.

```
>> a=1.23456789
```

```
a =
```

```
1.2346
```

```
>> format short
```

```
>> pi
```

```
>> format long
```

```
>> pi
```

# Basic mathematical functions

- Basic operations:

`+, -, *, /, ^`

- Trigonometric functions:

`sin, cos, tan, atan, ...`

- Exponential functions:

`exp, log, log10, sqrt, ...`

- Other basic functions that come in handy:

`floor, ceil, round, mod, sign, nchoosek, ...`

`help elfun`

# What is more useful than my lecture

```
>> help nchoosek
```

```
>> doc nchoosek
```



# Management functions

- Checking your variables:

```
who, whos
```

- Clearing stuff...

```
clc, clear, clear all, close all, clearvars -except, ...
```

- Saving variables:

```
save filename a b c
```

```
load filename
```

# Vector and matrix manipulation (1/2)

- Defining a vector/matrix:

```
>> a=[1;2;3]
```

```
>> A=[1 2; 3 4; 5 6]      >> A=[1,2;3,4;5,6]
```

- Size of the data (row, then column) / length

```
>> size(A)      >> length(A)
```

- Matrix/vector operations:

+	-	*	^	.	*	.	^
standard				component-wise			

```
>> A^-1      >> inv(A)      >> A'
```

- Commonly used matrices:

```
>> A=ones(2,2)      >> A=zeros(2,2)      >> A=eye(2,2)
```



# Vector and matrix manipulation (2/2)

## ▪Concatenating matrices:

```
>> a=[1;2;3]    >> b=[4;5;6]
```

```
>> A=[a b]     >> A=[a';b']
```

## ▪Random matrices:

```
>> A=rand(10,10)    >> A=randn(10,5)
```

```
>> A=randi([-5,5],10,10)    >> randn('seed',0)
```

## ▪Submatrices and elements:

```
>> A(2,2)    >> A(2,:)    >> A(1:2,1:2)
```

```
>> A(5:end,6:end-1)    >> A([1 3],[2 4])
```

MATLAB indexing starts at 1

# Logical operations

- Logical tests:

```
>> A>0    >> A==1    >> A~=0    >> A<=0
```

Returns a matrix of same size as A with 0s and 1s : 1 is the condition is met for that entry, 0 is the condition is not met for that entry

- Find function:

```
>> find(A>=0)
>> [row, col]=find(A>=0);
>> [row col]
```

- Some other basic operations: >> b=[2 7 3]

```
>> [a, c]=max(b)    >> [a, c]=min(b)    >> sum(b)
```

```
>> mean(b)
```

# Symbolic computation

- Useful for quick differentiation, integration, evaluation, plotting, etc.

```
>> syms x y t
```

```
>> f1=sin(x)*y^2+exp(y*x)
```

```
>> diff(f1,y)
```

```
>> diff(diff(f1,y),x)
```

```
>> f2=cos(t)+t^3;
```

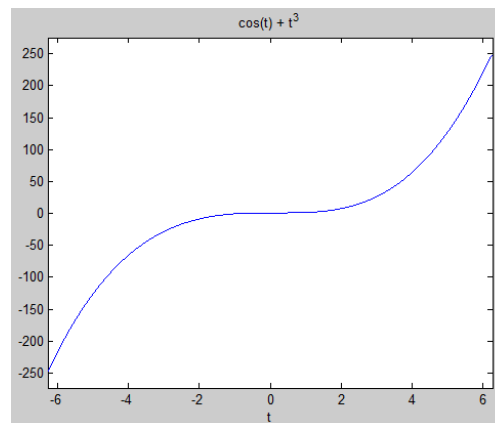
```
>> int(f2)
```

```
>> int(f2,1,4)
```

```
>> double(ans)
```

```
>> subs(f2,t,4)
```

```
>> ezplot(f2)
```



# Writing a MATLAB script

```
Editor - C:\Users\amiral\Dropbox\Research_files\AAA_GH\MATLAB_lecture_2016\script_example_eigenvalues_of_inverse.m
script_example_eigenvalues_of_inverse.m x +
1  %This is my first script!
2  clear all %good idea usually (but make sure you don't lose your vars)
3  n=3; %good idea to start with your parameters
4
5  %%
6  A=rand(3);
7  B=A*A';
8  eig_B=eig(B)
9
10 %%
11 C=inv(B)
12 eig_C=eig(C);
13
14 [eig_B 1./eig_C]
15
```

- Easy debugging, access to variables
- Running the whole script, running sections

# Writing a MATLAB function

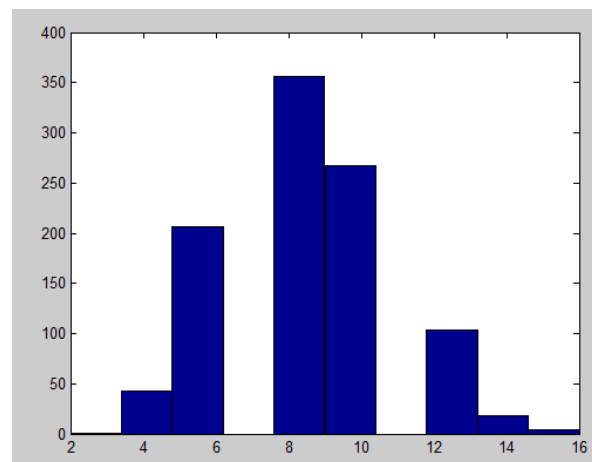
```
Editor - Untitled9*
script_example_eigenvalues_of_inverse.m x Untitled9* x +
1 function [ output_args ] = Untitled9( input_args )
2 %UNTITLED9 Summary of this function goes here
3 % Detailed explanation goes here
4
5
6 end

Editor - C:\Users\amirali\Dropbox\Research_files\AAA_GH\MATLAB_lecture_2016\num_real_eigenvalues.m
script_example_eigenvalues_of_inverse.m x num_real_eigenvalues.m x hist_num_real_evals.m x +
1 function [m,b] = num_real_eigenvalues(A)
2 %Computes the eigenvalues of a matrix and returns the number
3 %of real ones
4 b=eig(A);
5 m=length(find(abs(imag(b))<1e-6));
6 end
```

- Easy to call multiple times (in a for loop e.g.)
- Essential for larger projects

# Typical call to a MATLAB function from a script

```
Editor - C:\Users\amirali\Dropbox\Research_files\AAA_GH\MATLAB_lecture_2016\hist_num_real_evals.m
script_example_eigenvalues_of_inverse.m x num_real_eigenvalues.m x hist_num_real_evals.m x +
1      %Count the number of real eigenvalues of a random mxm
2      %Gaussian matrix
3      clear all
4      close all
5      N=1000;
6      m=100;
7      vec=zeros(m,1);
8      for i=1:N
9          vec(i)=num_real_eigenvalues(randn(m));
10     end
11     hist(vec)
12     mean(vec)
```



# Function handles

- Quick way of creating a temporary (simple) function without making a new file

```
>> g=@(x,y) exp(x)*sin(y)
```

```
g =
```

```
    @(x,y)exp(x)*sin(y)
```

```
>> g(2,3)
```

```
ans =
```

```
1.042743656235905
```

# Plotting (1/2)

- Opening a new window for a figure:

```
>> figure
```

```
>> t=0:0.1:1
```

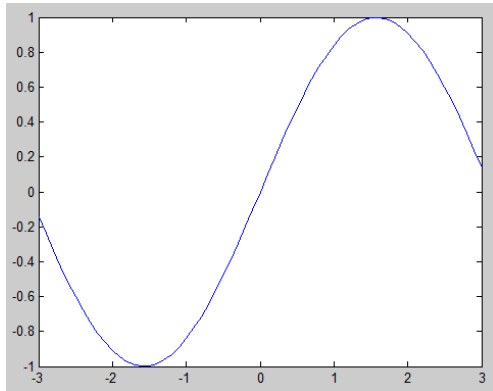
beginning step size end

- Plotting  $x$  vs  $y$ :

```
>> x=-3:0.1:3;
```

```
>> y=sin(x);
```

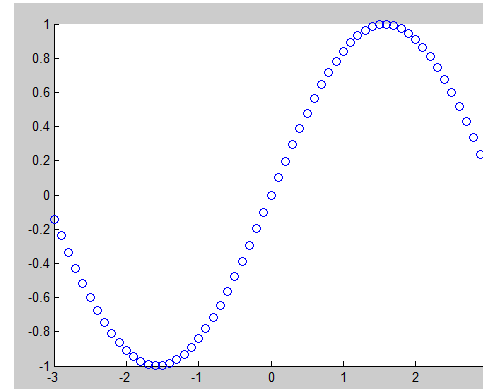
```
>> plot(x,y)
```



```
>> x=-3:0.1:3;
```

```
>> y=sin(x);
```

```
>> scatter(x,y)
```



```
>> plot(x,y,'color','red')
```



# Plotting (2/2)

- Multiple graphs on one figure:

```
>> hold on;  
>> hold off;
```

- ezplot (quick plotting, without defining a vector for input variables):

```
>> ezplot(sin(x))
```

- Can also be used to plot level sets:

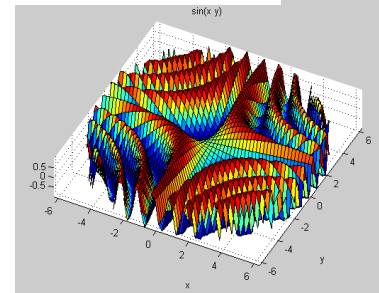
```
>> ezplot('(x-1)^4+(x*y-x^2)^2-1')  
>> hold on  
>> ezplot('(x-1)^4+(x*y-x^2)^2-4')
```

- Figure properties, grid, xlabel, ...

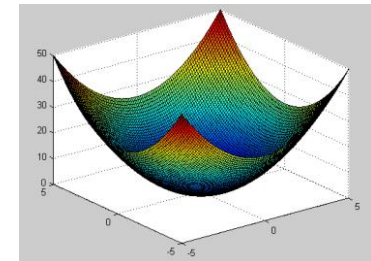
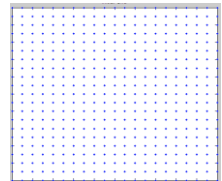
- Saving a figure

- Plotting a surface:

```
>> syms x y  
>> ezsurf(sin(x*y))
```



```
>> x=-5:0.1:5;  
>> y=-5:0.1:5;  
>> [X,Y]=meshgrid(x,y);  
>> Z=X.^2+Y.^2;  
>> surf(X,Y,Z)
```



# If/else statements

- If... then... else...

```
>> flag=0;
a=randn(1,1);
if a>=0 || a<=-2
    flag=1;
elseif a<=0 && a>=-1
    flag=2;
else
    flag=3;
end
a
flag
```

- Checking for equalities and inequalities

```
>> flagb=0;
b=2*rand;
if round(b)==1
    flagb=1;
elseif round(b)~=0
    flagb=2;
end
b
flagb
```

# for/while loops

## ■ For loops

```
>> s=0;
for i=1:100
    s=s+i;
end
s
```

## ■ Nested for loops

```
>> A=zeros(10);
for i=1:length(A)
    for j=1:length(A)
        A(i,j)=nchoosek(max(i,j),min(i,j));
    end
end
A
```

## ■ While loops

```
>> s=1;
while s<=100
    s=s*2;
end
s
```

# Practice with for loops

- Write a script that tests whether a given integer is prime

```
function [ y ] = isprime_myfun( a )
%The function takes as input a number and outputs 0 or 1
%is prime or not
y=1;
for i=2:ceil(sqrt(a))
    if mod(a,i)==0
        y=0;
        break
    end
end
if a==2
    y=1;
end
```

# Practice with for loops

- Write a script that lists all primes up to an integer N

```
function [nber_primes,vec_primes ] = allprimes(ub)
%Provides the number of primes and a list of the primes that are
nber_primes=0;
vec_primes=[];
for i=2:ub
    if isprime_myfun(i)==1
        nber_primes=nber_primes+1;
        vec_primes=[vec_primes; i];
    end
end
```

# Vectorized computation

- Whenever possible, replace for loops with vectorized computation

- More readable
- Less error prone
- Better performance

```
>> clear all
```

```
n=2000;
```

```
A=randn(n);
```

```
B=randn(n);
```

```
tic
```

```
for i=1:n
```

```
    for j=1:n
```

```
        C(i,j)=A(i,j)*B(i,j);
```

```
    end
```

```
end
```

```
toc
```

```
tic
```

```
C=A.*B;
```

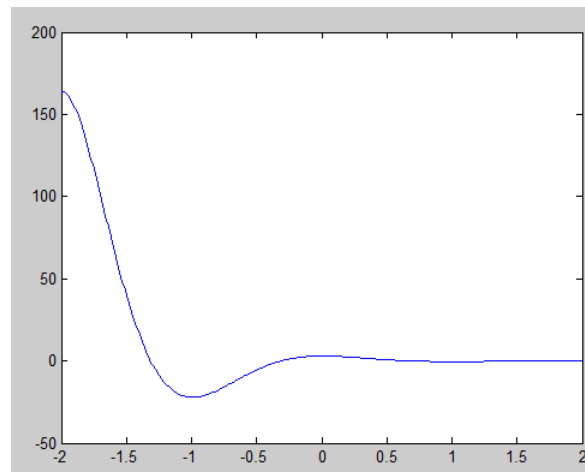
```
toc
```

# Vectorized computation

Task: Compute and plot the function:

$$y(t) = e^{-2t}(2 \sin(\pi t) + 3 \cos(\pi t))$$

```
>> t=-2:.01:2;  
>> y=exp(-2*t) .* (2*sin(pi*t)+3*cos(pi*t));  
>> plot(t,y, '-')
```



# MATLAB toolboxes

MATLAB  
Simulink  
Bioinformatics Toolbox  
Communications System Toolbox  
Computer Vision System Toolbox  
Control System Toolbox  
Curve Fitting Toolbox  
DSP System Toolbox  
Data Acquisition Toolbox  
Database Toolbox  
Datafeed Toolbox  
Econometrics Toolbox  
Embedded Coder  
Filter Design HDL Coder  
Financial Instruments Toolbox  
Financial Toolbox  
Fixed-Point Designer  
Fuzzy Logic Toolbox  
Global Optimization Toolbox  
Image Acquisition Toolbox  
Image Processing Toolbox  
Instrument Control Toolbox  
MATLAB Coder  
MATLAB Compiler  
MATLAB Compiler SDK  
MATLAB Report Generator  
Mapping Toolbox  
Multivariate Polynomial Toolbox  
Multivariate Polynomial Toolbox  
Neural Network Toolbox  
Optimization Toolbox  
Parallel Computing Toolbox  
Partial Differential Equation Toolbox  
Robotics System Toolbox  
Robust Control Toolbox

- Collection of m-files for a specific problem domain
- You will most likely come across some toolboxes depending on your interests



# Some basic image processing

## ■ Converting an image to black and white

```
1- close all
2- RGB = imread('tiger.JPG');
3- imshow(RGB)
4
5- I = rgb2gray(RGB);
6- figure
7- imshow(I)
8
9- imwrite(I, 'bwtiger.JPG')
```

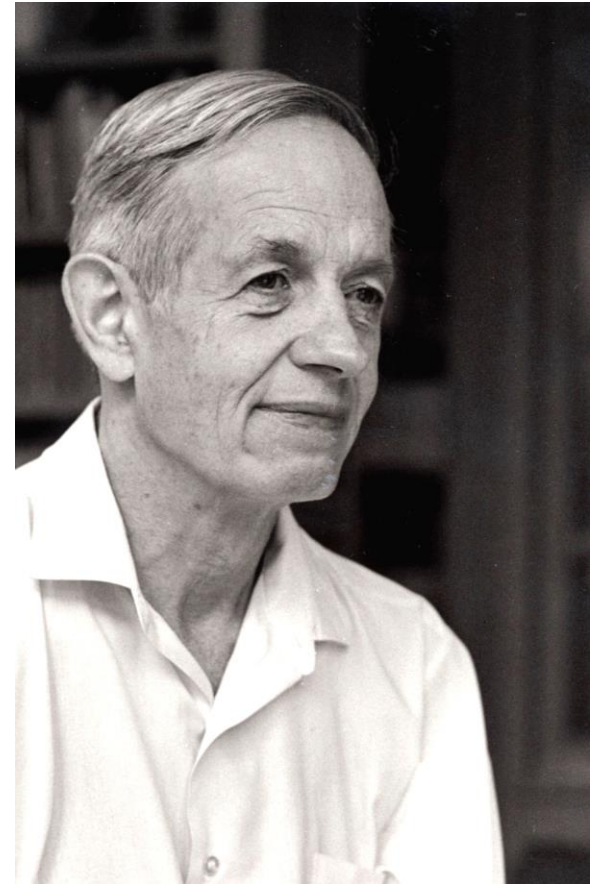


# Image compression

- Compressing an image using the singular value decomposition

```
close all
A=imread('nash.jpg');
A=im2double(A);
A=rgb2gray(A);
[m, n]=size(A);
figure, imshow(A)

k=100;
[U, Sigma, V]=svd(A);
Uk=U(:, 1:k);
Sigmak=Sigma(1:k, 1:k);
Vk=V(:, 1:k);
Ak=Uk*Sigmak*Vk';
figure, imshow(Ak)
pixels_saved=m*n-(n+m+1)*k
imwrite(I, 'compressed_nash.JPG')
```



# When stuck, you know where to go...

```
>> help functionname
```

```
>> doc functionname
```



(Can contribute back to the MATLAB community on MATLAB Central)