Linear algebra & Numerical Analysis

Introduction to MATLAB

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What is it MATLAB?

- MATLAB = “MATrix LABoratory”
- a high-performance language for technical computing
  - computation, visualization, and programming environment
- a modern programming language environment
  - sophisticated data structures
  - built-in editing and debugging tools
  - support of object-oriented programming

→ an excellent tool for teaching and research
Matlab tools

- powerful **built-in routines** enable a very wide variety of computations
- easy to use **graphics commands** that make the visualization of results immediately available
- specific applications are collected in **toolboxes**:
  - signal processing
  - symbolic computation
  - control theory
  - simulation
  - optimization
  - parallel computing
  - and several other fields of applied science and engineering
Real world problem: Mining industry

Steel support

Clamp joint

Overlap

Von Mises stress [MPa]
MATLAB Environment
Use the Command Window to enter variables and to run MATLAB functions and scripts. MATLAB displays the results.

Press the up arrow key ↑ to recall a statement you previously typed. Edit the statement as needed, and then press Enter to run it.
Statements you enter in the Command Window are **logged** in the Command History.

You can **view and search** for previously run statements, as well as copy and execute selected statements.

You can also **create a file** from selected statements.
MATLAB limits where it looks for files so it can locate them more quickly.

The file must be in one of these locations:
- MATLAB current folder
- A folder that is on the MATLAB search path

The Current Folder browser is a tool for managing files.
The Workspace consists of the set of variables stored in memory.

You add variables to the workspace by using functions, running function and script files, and loading saved workspaces.
There are different ways to get help, depending on your needs.

- Help and Documentation

- MATLAB release notes
  - Summarizes new features, bug fixes, upgrade issues, etc.

- General release notes for R2011a
  - For all products, highlights new features, installation notes, bug fixes, and compatibility issues

- Documentation set
  - Getting Started
  - User Guides
  - Getting Help
    - Provides instructions for using help functions, the Help browser, and other resources
  - Examples in Documentation
    - Lists major examples in the MATLAB documentation
Look for getting started guides, code examples, demos, and more.
In the Help browser **Search** field, enter the words you want to look for.
From command window

```matlab
>> help spones
SPOONES Replace nonzero sparse matrix elements with ones.
   R = SPOONES(S) generates a matrix with the same sparsity structure as S, but with ones in the nonzero positions.

See also spfun, spalloc, nnz.
```

Reference page in Help browser
```
doc spones
```
Matrices and vectors

Run in MATLAB Command Window

```matlab
>> echodemo vectors_matrices
```
Useful matrix functions

- **A’** – transpose of matrix A. Also transpose(A).
- **det(A)** – determinant of A
- **eig(A)** – eigenvalues and eigenvectors
- **inv(A)** – inverse of A
- **svd(A)** – singular value decomposition
- **norm(A)** – matrix or vector norm
- **find(A)** – find indices of elements that are nonzero. Can also pass an expression to this function, e.g. find(A > 1) finds the indices of elements of A greater than 1.
A few other useful matrices are:

- **zeros** – *create a matrix of zeros*
- **ones** – *create a matrix of ones*
- **rand** – *create a matrix of random numbers*
- **eye** – *create an identity matrix*
Sparse matrices

Sparse matrix have the large number of zero elements

The sparse attribute allows MATLAB to:

- Store only the nonzero elements of the matrix, together with their indices.
- Reduce computation time by eliminating operations on zero elements.
Sparse matrices

Example

\[
A = \begin{pmatrix}
1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\
0 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 4 & 5 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 6 & 7 & 0
\end{pmatrix}
\]

\[i = [1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4 \ 1 \ 3]'; \quad \text{%indices of rows}\]
\[j = [1 \ 2 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4 \ 4]; \quad \text{%indices of columns}\]
\[v = [1 \ 3 \ 4 \ 6 \ 2 \ 7]'; \quad \text{%values}\]

\[A=\begin{bmatrix}
1 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0; \\
0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1; \\
2 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0; \\
3 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 0
\end{bmatrix} \quad \text{%saved as full}\]
\[B = \text{sparse}(A) \quad \text{% B saved as sparse}\]
\[C = \text{full}(B) \quad \text{% C saved as full}\]
n=5; e=ones(n,1); %vector of ones
A = spdiags([-e 2*e -e], -1:1, n, n); %sparse matrix nxn with
% 2’s on diagonal and -1 on subdiagonale and superdiagonale

[I,J,V]=find(S); %returns a vector V containing the values
% that correspond to the row and column indices I and J.

I=[1 1 2 3]; J=[1 3 2 4]; V=[1 1.5 2 3.7]; m=5; n=6;
S=sparse(I,J,V,m,n); %generate mxn sparse matrix from I,J,V

spy(S) %plots the sparsity pattern of the matrix S.
speye(5,4); %sparse identity
nnz(S) %number of nonzero elements

sprand, sprandn, sprandsym
Strings

str = 'Dr. John Doe';  %create string

%join 2 strings
str1 = strcat(str, ',', ',', '1970')  %ignore spaces
str2 = [str, ',', ',', '1970']  %do not ignore the spaces

T=1323.56;
sprintf('Temperature T=%10.4fK', T)  %format data to string
ans =
Temperature T= 1323.5600K

strcmp('hello','Hello')  %compare 2 strings
ans =
    0
Scripts

- external files, have a filename extension of .m
- the simplest MATLAB programs, a sequence of statements and comments
- useful for automating blocks of MATLAB commands, such as computations you have to perform repeatedly from the command line
- operate on existing data in the workspace
- do not return output arguments – any variables that they create remain in the workspace

```
goniom.m

% Script example:
% Evaluating goniometric functions in pi/2
x=pi/2;
s=sin(x); c=cos(x);
t=tan(x); co=cot(x);
disp([s,c,t,co]); %show results

>> goniom
    1.0e+016 *
    0.0000  0.0000  1.6331  0.0000
```
function [mean, stdev] = stat2(x)

%% Example of function

% [mean, stdev] = stat2(x) returns mean
% and standard deviation of x

n = length(x);
mean = avg(x, n);

stdev = sqrt(sum((x-avg(x,n)).^2)/n);

function mean = avg(x, n)

mean = sum(x)/n;
Functions

- external files, have a filename extension of .m
- First line: function declaration with **input and output** arguments
  
  function [out1, out2, ...] = myfun(in1, in2, ...)

- The variables within the body of the function are **all local** variables.

Anonymous Functions

Primary and Subfunctions

Nested Functions

```matlab
function [mean, stdev] = stat(x)
n = length(x);
mean = sum(x)/n;
stdev = sqrt(sum((x-mean).^2/n));
```

```matlab
>> [mean stdev] = stat([52/4 5.2 7.9])
mean =
 8.7000
stdev =
 3.2342
```
Anonymous Functions

- a simple form of the MATLAB function that is defined within a single statement.
- You can define an anonymous function right at the command line, or within a function or script.

```matlab
>> sqr = @(x) x.^2;
>> sqr(7)
ans =
    49

>> f = @(x) 5*x^2 + 3*x + 5;
>> f(0)
ans =
     5
```
Functions

Primary and Subfunctions

- Any function (except anonymous) must be defined within a file.
- Each such function file contains a required primary function that appears first, and any number of subfunctions that may follow the primary.
- Primary functions can be called from outside of the file that defines them, while subfunctions cannot. Subfunctions are visible only to the primary function and other subfunctions within their own file.

```matlab
function [mean, stdev] = stat2(x)
    n = length(x);
    mean = avg(x,n);
    stdev = sqrt(sum((x-avg(x,n)).^2)/n);
end

function mean = avg(x,n)
    mean = sum(x)/n;
end
```

```matlab
>> [mean stdev] = stat2([1 2 5])
mean =
    2.6667
stdev =
    1.6997
```
Nested Functions

- You can define functions within the body of another function. These are said to be *nested* within the outer function.
- A nested function has **access to the workspaces of all functions inside of which it is nested**. A variable that has a value assigned to it by the primary function can be read or overwritten by a function nested at any level within the primary.

```matlab
function x = A(p1, p2)
    ...
    function y = B(p3)
        ...
        end
    end
    ...
end
```
% Generate a random number
a = randi(100, 1);
% If it is even, divide by 2
if rem(a, 2) == 0
    disp('a is even')
    b = a/2;
end

a = randi(100, 1);
if a < 30
    disp('small')
elseif a < 80
    disp('medium')
else
    disp('large')
end
mynumber = input('Enter a number:');

switch mynumber
  case -1
    disp('negative one');
  case 0
    disp('zero');
  case 1
    disp('positive one');
  otherwise
    disp('other value');
end
The `for` loop repeats a group of statements a fixed, predetermined number of times. A matching end delineates the statements.

```matlab
for n = 3:32
    r(n) = rank(magic(n));
end
r
```

It is a good idea to indent the loops for readability, especially when they are nested:

```matlab
for i = 1:m
    for j = 1:n
        for k = 1:n
            H(i,j) = 1/(i+j);
        end
    end
end
```
The **while** loop repeats a group of statements an indefinite number of times under control of a logical condition. A matching end delineates the statements.

```plaintext
n = 5;
fact = 1;
while (n>1)
    fact = fact*n;
    n = n-1;
end
```
2D graphics: plot

```matlab
x = -pi:.1:pi;
y = sin(x);
plot(x,y)

plot(x,y,'ko:')</n
set(gca,'XTick','-pi:pi/2:pi')
set(gca,'XTickLabel',...{'-pi','-pi/2','0','pi/2','pi'})

hold on
z = cos(x);
plot(x,z,'r-*')
```
3D graphics: \texttt{mesh}, \texttt{surf}

figure

\[ [X,Y] = \text{meshgrid}(-8:.5:8); \]
\[ R = \sqrt{X.^2 + Y.^2} + \text{eps}; \]
\[ Z = \frac{\sin(R)}{R}; \]
\texttt{mesh}(X,Y,Z)

figure

\[ [X,Y,Z] = \text{peaks}(30); \]
\texttt{surf}(X,Y,Z) \hspace{1cm} \% \texttt{surfc}(X,Y,Z) \text{ with contours}
\texttt{colormap hsv}
\texttt{axis}([-3 3 -3 3 -10 5])
GUIDE, the MATLAB Graphical User Interface Development Environment, provides a set of tools for creating graphical user interfaces (GUIs). These tools greatly simplify the process of laying out and programming GUIs.

When you open a GUI in GUIDE, it is displayed in the Layout Editor, which is the control panel for all of the GUIDE tools. The following figure shows the Layout Editor with a blank GUI template.
Creating GUI with GUIDE

- video file (11 min):

>> moje_gui
References

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