

A Crash Course in MatLab

For Masters and other students

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Today's objective

Get comfortable playing with Matlab...

- Interacting with Matlab
- Enter Data
- Operations
- Some Commonly Used Functions
- Making Pretty Pictures
- M-Files and Scripts
- For, While, and If
- Solving ODEs



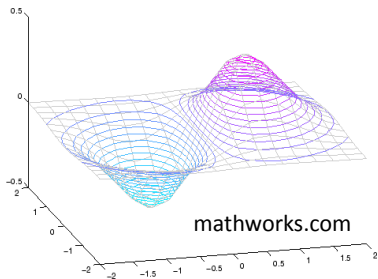
What is Matlab?

- Matlab = **M**atrix **L**aboratory
- Problem-solving environment
- Designed for convenient *numerical* computations (e.g. matrix manipulation, differential eqns, stats, and graphics)
- Developed by Cleve Moler in 1970s as a teaching tool
- Now ubiquitous in education and industry



Why Matlab?

- Great tool for simulation and data analysis
- User-friendly interface
- Many easy to use built-in functions and tool boxes
- Easy visualization
- Easy to get help:
 - `help function_name`
 - `lookfor topic`
 - www.mathworks.com



Interacting with Matlab

The screenshot displays the MATLAB 7.6.0 (R2008a) environment. Three windows are highlighted with red boxes:

- Workspace:** Displays the text "VARIABLES" in large blue letters, indicating the current state of the workspace.
- Command Window:** Displays the text "INPUT AND OUTPUT" in large blue letters, indicating the current state of the command window.
- Command History:** Shows a list of commands entered in the Command Window, including:

```
plot(x, y1, 'b', x, y2, 'b', x, y3, 'b', 'a')
tick off
ticks off
set(gca, 'XTick', 'none')
set(gca, 'XTick', ())
a = []:
set(gca, 'XTick', a)
set(gca, 'yTick', a)
box off
xlim([-1 5])
ylim([-1 5])
ylim([-1 1])
```

The Command History window also shows the date and time: 9/17/09 3:43 PM.

Entering Data

The image shows the MATLAB 7.6.0 (R2008a) interface. The workspace window displays the following variables:

Name	Value	Min	Max
A	[4,1,5,6]	1	6
B	[1,2,3,4]	1	4
ans	11	11	11
t	<1x21 double>	0	10

The Command Window shows the following input and output:

```
>> 5+6
ans =
    11
>> A = [4, 1, 5, 6];
>> A
A =
     4     1     5     6
>> B = [1 2; 3 4]
B =
     1     2
     3     4
>> t = 0:0.5:10
t =
Columns 1 through 7
     0     0.5000     1.0000     1.5000     2.0000     2.5000     3.0000
Columns 8 through 14
     3.5000     4.0000     4.5000     5.0000     5.5000     6.0000     6.5000
Columns 15 through 21
     7.0000     7.5000     8.0000     8.5000     9.0000     9.5000    10.0000
```

Annotations in the image include:

- input** (orange text) pointing to the command prompt `>>`.
- output** (orange text) pointing to the result `ans = 11`.
- Semi-colon to suppress output** (red text) pointing to the semicolon in `A = [4, 1, 5, 6];`.
- Try 'help linspace', or google 'matlab linspace'** (black text) pointing to the `t = 0:0.5:10` command.

The Command History window shows the following commands:

```
ticks off
set(gca,'XTick','none')
set(gca,'XTick',{})
a = [];
set(gca,'XTick',a)
set(gca,'yTick',a)
box off
xlim([-1 5])
ylim([-1 5])
ylim([-1 1])
9/17/09 3:43 PM --
clc
5+6
A = [4, 1, 5, 6];
A
B = [1 2; 3 4]
t = 0:0.5:10
```

Name	Value	Min	Max
A	[4,1,5,6]	1	6
B	[1,2;3,4]	1	4
ans	[1;3]	1	3
r	<1x400 double>	0	100
t	<1x21 double>	0	10

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```

c1c
5+6
A = [4, 1, 5, 6];
A
B = [1 2; 3 4]
t = 0:0.5:10
c1c
r = linspace(0,100,400);
r(5)
r(5:10)
B(1,2)
B(:,1)

```

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```

>> r = linspace(0,100,400); 400 linearly spaced entries from 0
>> r(5) obtain the 5th entry of r to 100
ans =
    1.0025

>> r(5:10)
ans =
    1.0025    1.2531    1.5038    1.7544    2.0050    2.2556

>> B(1,2) (row, column)
ans =
    2

>> B(:,1) the 1st column of B
ans =
    1
    3

>>

```

Some Frequently Used Commands

- ▶ To show variable: `who` and `whos`
- ▶ To get help on any command: `help any_command`
- ▶ To get documentation of any command: `doc any_command`
- ▶ For clearing screen: `cls`
- ▶ For removing variables from memory: `clear variable_name`

Entering data (in workspace/command line):

- ▶ Quite simple `0 : a = 2`
- ▶ Semicolon, stops printing values for variables. `: a = 2;`
- ▶ Vectors in brackets `[]`: `vec = [1 2 3];`
- ▶ Matrices, as combination of vectors:`mat = [1 2 3;4 5 6;7 8 9]`
- ▶ Using existing arrays(vectors and matrices); for e.g. using first row of above matrix `mat(1, :)`

Some Functions:

- ▶ To get vectors(or matrices) of elements 0 : `zeros(m,n)`
- ▶ To get vectors(or matrices) of elements 1 : `ones(m,n)`
- ▶ Sum, Subtract, Multiplication and Division : `+`, `-`, `*`, `/` for all objects.
- ▶ Point-wise operations: `.*` , `./` and so on
- ▶ Exponential, Logarithm and other functions: `exp`, `log`,
- ▶ Formatting numbers: for e.g. `format short`, `format long`, and others

Name	Value	Min	Max
a	[1,1,1,1,1]	1	1
b	[0,0,0]	0	0
c	[1,1,1,1,1,0,0,0]	0	1
d	[0,0;0,0]	0	0

```

>> clc
>> a = ones(1,5)
>> b = zeros(1,3)
>> c = [a b]
>> d = zeros(2)

```

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```
>> a = ones(1,5) create a row vector filled with 1's
```

```
a =
    1    1    1    1    1
```

```
>> b = zeros(1,3) create another row vector filled with 0's
```

```
b =
    0    0    0
```

```
>> c = [a b] merge the two
```

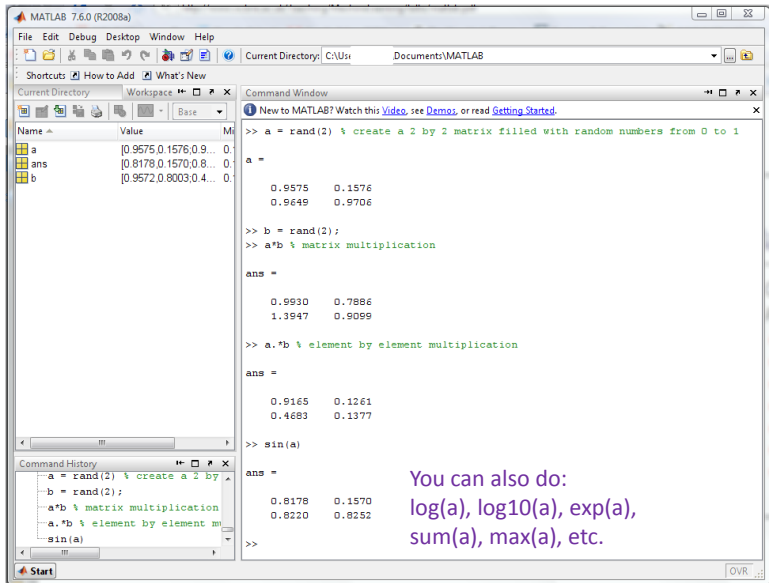
```
c =
    1    1    1    1    1    0    0    0
```

```
>> d = zeros(2)
```

```
d =
    0    0
    0    0
```

```
>> try out: eye, rand, randn
```

Operations



The image shows the MATLAB 7.6.0 (R2008a) interface. The Command Window displays the following code and output:

```
>> a = rand(2) % create a 2 by 2 matrix filled with random numbers from 0 to 1
a =
    0.9575    0.1576
    0.9649    0.9706

>> b = rand(2);
>> a*b % matrix multiplication
ans =
    0.9930    0.7886
    1.3947    0.9099

>> a.*b % element by element multiplication
ans =
    0.9165    0.1261
    0.4683    0.1377

>> sin(a)
ans =
    0.8178    0.1570
    0.8220    0.8252

>>
```

The Workspace window shows the following variables:

Name	Value	Memory
a	[0.9575 0.1576; 0.9649 0.9706]	0.0001 MB
ans	[0.8178 0.1570; 0.8220 0.8252]	0.0001 MB
b	[0.9572 0.8003; 0.4111 0.8167]	0.0001 MB

The Command History window shows the following commands:

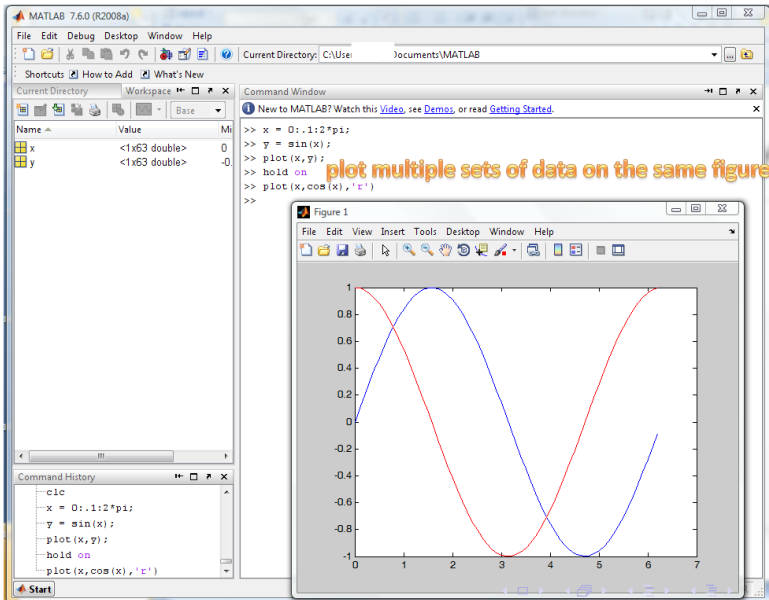
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b = rand(2);
a*b % matrix multiplication
a.*b % element by element multiplication
sin(a)
```

You can also do:
log(a), log10(a), exp(a),
sum(a), max(a), etc.

Plotting :

- ▶ To start blank figure : `figure`
- ▶ `plot(y,x,'OPTIONS')`, where `y` and `x` are vectors(or matrices) and options are like line style, line color, etcetera.

Plotting Data / Making Pretty Pictures



Shortcuts How to Add What's New

Current Directory

Workspace

Base

Name	Value	Size
x	<1x63 double>	0
y	<1x63 double>	0

Command Window

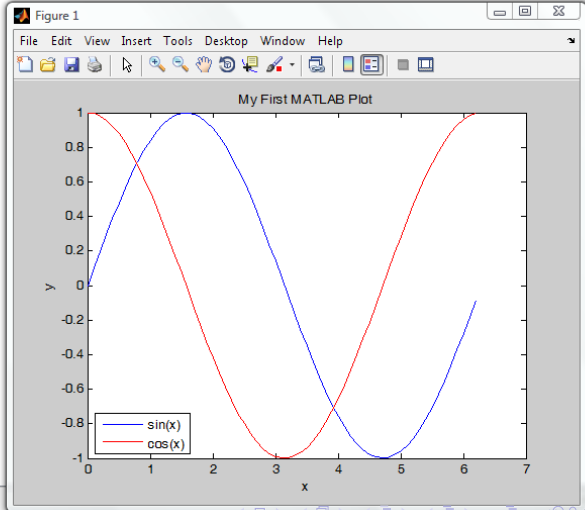
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```
>> xlabel('x')
>> ylabel('y')
>> title('My First MATLAB Plot')
>> legend('sin(x)', 'cos(x)', 'Location', 'SouthWest')
>>
```

Try 'help plot',
'help title',
'help legend',
and 'help axis'
for more info

Command History

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```



More About Plotting

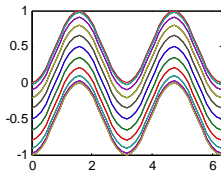
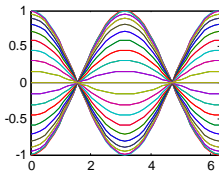
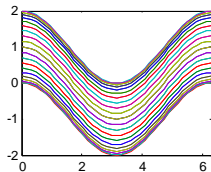
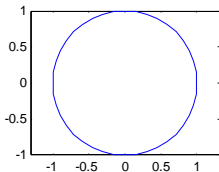
```
t = 0:pi/20:2*pi;  
[x,y] = meshgrid(t); % look up meshgrid
```

```
subplot(2,2,1) % creates a 2x2 array of plots, and plot in the first subplot  
plot(sin(t),cos(t))  
axis equal % this is a parametric plot
```

```
subplot(2,2,2)  
z = sin(x)+cos(y); % z is a matrix  
plot(t,z)  
axis([0 2*pi -2 2]) % plotting each column of z  
% versus t
```

```
subplot(2,2,3)  
z = sin(x).*cos(y);  
plot(t,z)  
axis([0 2*pi -1 1])
```

```
subplot(2,2,4)  
z = (sin(x).^2)-(cos(y).^2);  
plot(t,z);  
axis([0 2*pi -1 1])
```



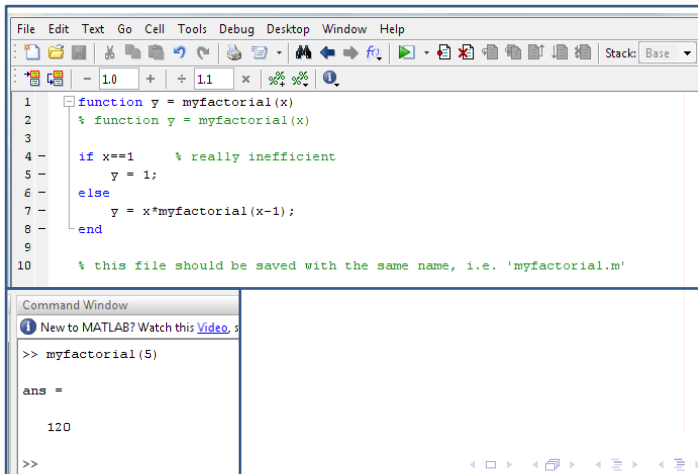
% for 3-D plotting, try mesh, surf, surfl, waterfall, etc

Creating files and M-Files :

- ▶ creat files in editor : `edit newfile.m`
- ▶ Functions in m-files : `ones(m,n)`

M-Files and Functions

- Let's make our own functions
- To start the editor, type 'edit'



The screenshot shows the MATLAB environment. The main editor window displays the following code:

```
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2     % function y = myfactorial(x)
3
4     if x==1     % really inefficient
5         y = 1;
6     else
7         y = x*myfactorial(x-1);
8     end
9
10    % this file should be saved with the same name, i.e. 'myfactorial.m'
```

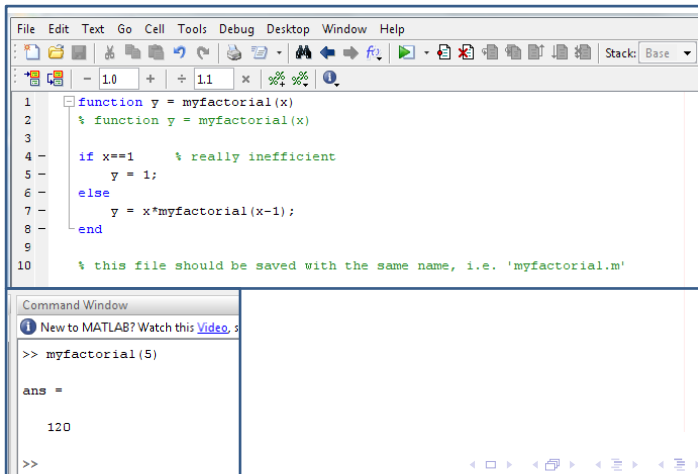
The Command Window below shows the execution of the function:

```
>> myfactorial(5)
ans =
    120
>>
```

At the bottom of the image, there are navigation icons for a presentation slide, including arrows and symbols for back, forward, and search.

M-Files and Functions

- Local workspace and Scoping
- To make variables global: *global variable_name*



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Navigation icons are visible at the bottom right of the Command Window.

For, if and while loops :

- ▶ Several built-in functions for e.g. : `ode23`, `ode45`, `ode23s`, `ode113` etcetera
- ▶ Lot of other ode solver function in external libraries.

For, While, and If

```
for m = 1:100
    num = 1/(m+1)
end
```

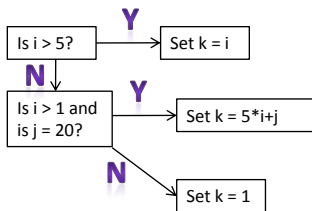
A for loop

```
% find all the powers
% of 2 below 10000
while num < 10000
    num = 2^i;
    v = [v; num];
    i = i+1;
end
```

A while loop

```
i = 6; j = 21;
if i > 5
    k = i;
elseif (i > 1) & (j == 20)
    k = 5*i+j;
else
    k = 1;
end
```

- And: $a \& b$
- Or: $a | b$
- Not-equal: $a \neq b$
- Equal: $a == b$



Solving Differential Equations numerically :

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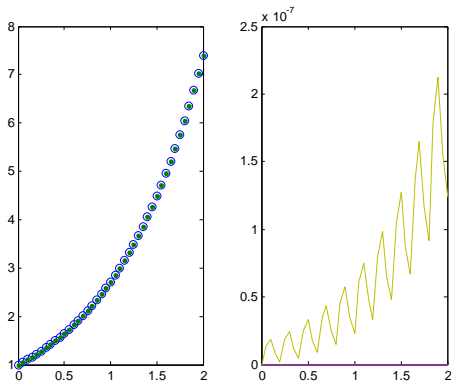
Solving ODEs

- A very simple case: $\frac{dy}{dt} = y(t)$ $0 \leq t \leq 2$ $y(0) = 1$

```
function dy = simpleode(t,y)
dy = y; % save as simpleode.m
```

- Type in command line:

```
[t y] = ode45(@simpleode, [0, 2], [1]);
subplot(1,2,1),plot (t,y,'o',t,exp(t),'-')
subplot(1,2,2),plot(t,(y-exp(t))/exp(t))
```



Solving ODEs

- A system of eqns:
$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 2x - y + 3(x^2 - y^2) + 2xy \quad 0 \leq t \leq \frac{1}{2}$$
$$\frac{dy}{dt} = x - 3y - 3(x^2 - y^2) + 3xy \quad y(0) = 3, x(0) = 5$$

```
function xdot = aode(t,y)
```

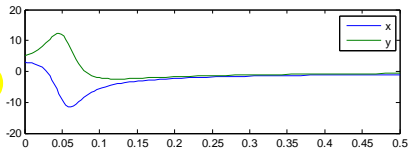
```
% y(1) = x
```

```
% y(2) = y
```

```
xdot = zeros(2,1); % initialize the xdot vector
```

```
xdot = [2*y(1)-y(2)+3*(y(1)^2-y(2)^2)+2*y(1)*y(2);  
        y(1)-3*y(2)-3*(y(1)^2-y(2)^2)+3*y(1)*y(2)];
```

```
%save as aode.m
```

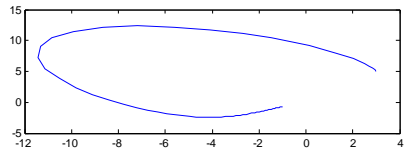


- Type in command line:

```
[t,y] = ode45(@aode,[0,.5],[3;5]);
```

```
subplot(2,1,1),plot(t,y)
```

```
subplot(2,1,2),plot(y(:,1),y(:,2)) % plot the phase portrait
```



Solving ODEs

- A second order system: $\ddot{\theta} + \omega^2 \sin \theta = 0$ $\theta(0) = 1$
 $\dot{\theta}(0) = 0$
- First, convert to a system of two first-order equations, *by hand*.

let $u_1 = \theta$, then $\begin{bmatrix} \dot{u}_1 \\ \dot{u}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u_2 \\ -\omega^2 \sin(u_1) \end{bmatrix}$
 $u_2 = \dot{\theta}$

```
function udot = pend(t,u,omega)
udot = zeros(2,1)
udot = [u(2); omega^2*sin(u(1))];
%save as pend.m
```

- Type in command line:

```
%omega = 1.56
[t, y] = ode45(@pend,[0 20],[1;0],[],1.56);
subplot(2,1,1),plot(t,y)
subplot(2,1,2),plot(y(:,1),y(:,2)) % plot the phase portrait
```

