

MatLab introduction

Risk analysis

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Agenda

- Introduction, architecture
- Data types
- Basic arithmetic operations and functions
- Random number generation
- Plotting
- Work with external data files
- Programming fundamentals
- „Hello, World!”

Introduction

- Cleve Moler (University of New Mexiko) started developing in the late '70s
  - Recent versions: new release in every half year (R201x[a|b])
- Goal: to perform **numerical calculations**, mostly in engineering and research applications
  - Besides being a tool, MatLab is also a programming language and a software platform
  - Some application requires symbolic calculations (for those use Mathematica for example)

Architecture

- Platform
  - Built-in functions
  - Toolboxes (e.g. neural networks, image and sound processing, financial, bioinformatics, …)
    - Both command line and GUI interfaces
  - Custom modules (programming language)
  - Data handling framework
    - File I/O
    - Database connections
- Advantages
  - Rapid prototype developing
  - No need to hassle with low level issues
  - Fast computation, optimized to the latest hardwares (e.g. GPGPU support)

Data representation

- Dynamic typing
  - No need to declare types
  - Type is assigned based on the right hand operand
- MATrix LABoratory
  - Numerical data are represented as complex matrices
    - Scalar values (1x1), vectors (1xN)
- Structs
  - {'field1', value1, 'field2', value2, …}
- Object oriented types
  - Strong connection with Java language
- Other types: e.g. strings, database connections

Basic operations (syntax)

- Defining constant values

```
A = [a11 a12; a21 a22];
```
(row-wise)

```
row_vector = [v1 v2];
column_vector = [v1; v2];
```

- Calling functions

```
result = myfunc(0);
[a, b, c] = myfunc(0);
```
(optional number of return values)

- Indexing

```
v2 = v(2); a12 = a(1, 2);
```

  - Starts from 1

Basic operations

- Initializing matrices (faster than the dynamic case)
  - `A = zeros(n, [m]);`
  - `A = ones(n, [m]);`
  - `A = eye(n, [m]);`
- `N = length(v); [N, M] = size(A);`
- `+, -, *, /, ^` operators
  - No C stlye operators are provided like `+=` or `++`
  - `A/B` = AB^{-1}
  - `A\B` = $A^{-1}B$ (solves `Ax = b` linear equation system)
- Logical expressions
  `<, <=, ==, ~=` (not `!=` or `<>`), `>=, >, ~, &, |`

Basic operations

- Transpose a matrix

  `a = a.';`

  `a = a';` (transpose & complex conjugate)

- Element-wise operations (dot)

  `c = a ./ b; % c(i) = a(i)/b(i);`

- Series: `v = 0:2:200;`

- Select submatrices

  - `a = a(1:2, 1:2);`
  - `row1 = a(1, :);`
  - `column1 = a(:, 1);`

- Append: `v = [1 2]; v = [v 3];`

Basic operations

- Comments
  - `a = 1; % one line comment`
  - Multi-line comments: between `%{` and `%}` (separate line)
- Semicolon at the end of the command
  - If presented: perform the operation
  - If not presented: perform the operation and output the result to the console
- sin(), cos(), abs(), sqrt(), exp(), floor(), ceil(), log(), eig()
- min(), max(), mean(), sum(), prod(), std()
- ...

Handling complex values (*)

- Algebraic representation: `z = a + b*i;`
  - `a = real(z);`
  - `b = imag(z);`
- Trigonometric representation: `z = r * exp(fi*i);`
  - `r = abs(z);`
  - `fi = angle(z);`

Handling polinoms (*)

- Coefficient vectors

  e.g. $4x^4 + 3x^3 - x^2 + 1 \rightarrow$ `l = [4 3 -1 0 1];`

- Roots

  - `r = roots(l);`

- Characteristic polynom

  - `l = poly(r);` (normalized, first coeff. will be unit)

Random number generation

- Uniformly distributed pseudorandom numbers in the open interval (0,1)
  - `rand(n, [m])`
  - How to use it on an arbitrary interval?
- Normally distributed numbers (standard normal)
  - `randn(n, [m])`
  - How to use it with an arbitrary mean and std. deviation?
- Other distributions
  - `random(name, param1, [param2], n, [m])`
    - `'Binomial', n, p`
    - `'Exponential', mean`
    - `'Geomteric', p`
    - `'Poisson', lambda`
    - `'Normal', mean, stddev`
    - `..`

Plotting

- New plot window: `figure(n);`
- `plot(x, y, [x2, y2, …], [params]);`
  - x → D, y → R
  - Interpolation (default)
  - Only dots: `plot(x, y, '*');`
  - Multiple curves in one plot: `hold on; plot(...); hold off;`
- `bar(x); hist(x);`
- Adding features
  - Grid: `grid;`
  - Titles: `title('abc'); xlabel('x'); ylabel('y'); legend('a', 'b', 'c');`
  - Until opening a new window
  - Graphical editor
- File format: `.fig` (remains editable, stores the numerical data)
  - Also exportable to static image files of various formats

Work with data files

- Binary format for storing variables: `.mat`
  - Global variables can be saved from / loaded to workspace
  - From command line

```
save('data.mat', 'a1', 'a2');
load 'data.mat';
```

  - Remove all variables: `clear;`
    (scripts should start with this to avoid „interference”)
- Loading data from `.csv` or `.xls` format
  - Manually in the variable editor (CTRL-C/V)
  - Import wizard
  - Programatically (repeatable)

```
textscan(), textread(),
xlsread(), xlswrite(), …
```

Getting help

- Console
  - `help command`
  - `helpdesk`
- On-line
  - Detailed toolbox documentation, function reference and forums on mathworks.com

Programming fundamentals

- Scripts
  - Series of commands
  - `.m` extension
  - Executed by its filename (without extension)
  - All variables will be global (workspace)
  - Must be in the current folder
- Functions
  - `.m` extension (must have the same name)
  - Invoked by its name with providing the input variables
  - All variables (including the input variables) will be local
  - Must be in the current folder
- Best practice: in order to provide maximal maintainability and reusability put every functionality into separate functions and use a script as a „main” function

Programming fundamentals

- Function declaration

```
function [r1 r2 r3] = myfunction(a, b, c)
   …
end
```

(multiple and named return values →
no return statement needed, simply assign values to them)

Programming fundamentals

Conditionals

```
if expression1
   …]
[elseif expression2
   …]
[else
   …]
end
```

```
switch
    case expression1
       …
    [otherwise
       …]
end
```

Programming fundamentals

Loops

Count-controlled loop

```
v = 1:10;
for i = v
   …
end
```

Condition-controlled loop

```
while expression
   …
end
```

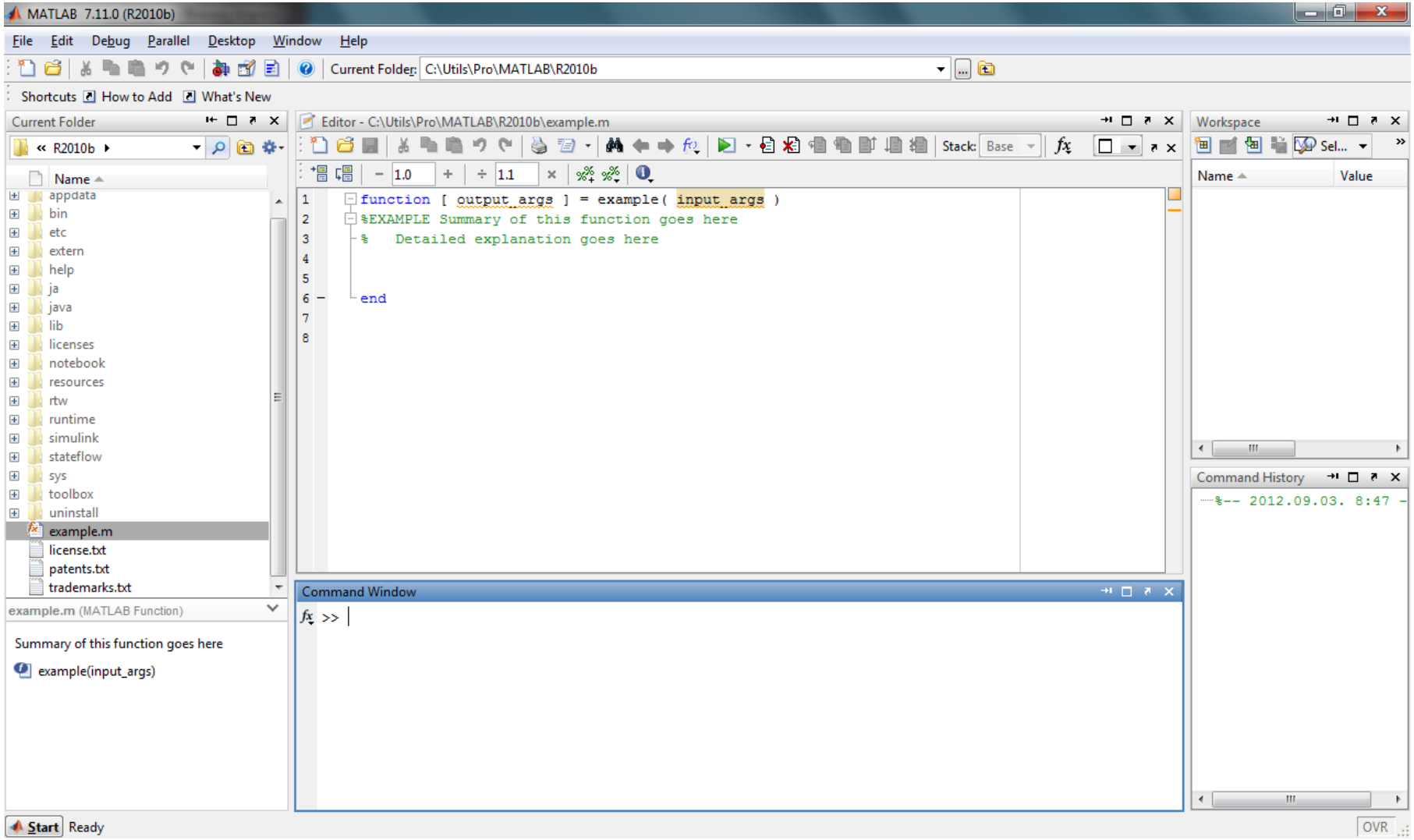
(no do-while loop)

Terminate the loop: `break;`
Continue with the next cycle: `continue;`

Further features (*)

- Handling strings
- Object oriented programming
- Using Java packages
- Creating GUI
- Using SQL databases
- ...

Window layout



„Hello, World!”

- Task #1
  - Create a new script (`lab1a.m`)
  - Generate `M` binary vectors using the random generator, containing `N` independently drawn element with `pi` probability of being 1
  - Display the vectors together with their probability
    Make a helper function: `function p = prob(y, pi)`

    Hint: `fprintf('format', v1, …)`
    (→ `%d %f \n \t`)
  - Run from console (`> lab1;`), check global variables
- Task #2 (`lab1b.m`)
  - Generate all possible binary vectors with `N` element (try to solve it if we need to store them, and if we don't)
  - Display them similarily

Useful links

MatLab function reference

http://www.mathworks.com/help/techdoc/ref/f16-6011.html

MatLab Central (forums, file exchange)

http://www.mathworks.com/matlabcentral

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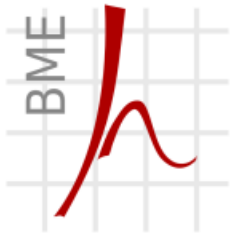

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