

A Short Matlab/Octave Tutorial through Examples

General instructions:

Matlab:

- Log onto your SEAS account, and bring up the Matlab application
- This brings a Matlab window that has a ">>" prompt

Octave:

- Octave is a public-domain equivalent to Matlab
- You can download Octave to your PC/laptop, and run the app; or you can access Octave in the cloud at <https://octave-online.net>

Guidelines:

- Enter of the commands below, one after another, to learn about the system by example
- Pay attention to the comments (after each %), as they provide valuable information

A- Matrix constructions and operations

- `A=[2 3 5 3 2 9 -13 14]` % assigns to A a row vector
- `B=[5 7 3 10 -4 8 9 1 3]`
- `C=A+B` % adds the two vectors A and B, and puts the result in C
- `D=A-B;` % subtracts the two vectors, putting the result in D
- `E=2*A` % multiplies each component of vector A by 2
- `F=A+5` % adds 5 to each component of A
- `sum(A)` % returns the sum of all the elements of A
- `mean(A)` % returns the mean, that is, average value of vector A
- `length(A)` % returns the length of vector A
- `help sum` % gives you a description of the command "sum"
- `help mean` % gives you a description of the command "mean"
- `size(A)` % returns the dimensions of matrix A
- `[n,m]=size(A)` % assign to n the # of rows in A, and to m the # of columns
- `M=[2 3; 4 7; 8 5]` % assigns to M a 3x2 matrix
- `M'` % transpose of M
- `P=[3 6 9 10 -5; 1 2 4 6 9]` % P is a 2x5 matrix
- `M*P`
- `size(M)`
- `I=eye(3);` % creates and stores in I the 3x3 identity matrix

- `I` % displays I; with a “;”, the variable is not displayed
- `ones(3,2)` % displays a 3x2 matrix of all 1's
- `zeros(3,6)` % displays a 3x6 matrix of all 0's
- `M*M'` % multiplies the two matrices M and M'
- `A*B` %error. The matrix dimensions are not right
- `A.*B` % works. It does pointwise multiplication
- `A./B` % it computes pointwise division
- `A.^3` % raises every element of A to the 3rd power
- `M=rand(7,7);` % generates a 7x7 random matrix
- `M^3` % computes M*M*M (note that $M^3 \neq M.^3$)
- `MI=inv(M);` % computes the inverse of M, and stores it in MI
- `det(M)` % computes the determinant of matrix M
- `floor(M)` % computes the floor value of every entry in M
- `ceil(M)` % computes the ceiling value of every entry in M
- `round(M)` % computes the nearest integer of every entry in M
- `Q=M(2:5,3:6)` % Selects and assign to Q the window (submatrix) that falls
% between rows 2 and 5, and between columns 3 and 7
- `M(2:4,3:5)=0` % assigns 0 to M(i,j) for all i=2,3,4 and all j=3,4,5
- `G=floor(10*rand(3,3));` % creates a 3x3 random matrix where $0 < G(i,j) < 10$
- `M(2:4,3:5)=G` % assigns G to the submatrix M(2:4,3:5)
- `J=1:5` % creates a row vector [1 2 3 4 5]
- `J=2:3:15` % creates a row vector [2 5 8 11 15]
- `J=1:0.1:2` % creates the vector [1 1.1 1.2 1.3 1.4 1.5 1.6 1.7 1.8 1.9 2]
- `J=10:-2:1` % creates the vector [10 8 6 4 2]

B- Graphing

- `X=1:30; Y=X.^2; plot(X,Y)`
- `plot(X,Y, '--');`
- `X=0:0.1:2`
- `plot(X,X.^2, '-', X,X.^3-2*X.^2+1, '--')`
- `X=0:0.01:4*pi;`
- `plot(X, sin(X), '-', X, cos(X), '--')`
- `legend('sin','cos')` % you can use the GUI of the figure to write legend – click on **insert**
- `xlabel('time')` % you can use the GUI of the figure to label the axes – click on **insert**
- `ylabel('Y')`
- `plot(X, sin(X), '-', X, X.^2/(16*pi*pi), '--')`
- `plot(X, sin(X), '-')`

- hold
- plot(X, cos(X), '--')
- hold
- plot(X, sin(X), '-', X, X.^2/(16*pi*pi), '--')
- fplot(@(x) sin(x), [0 4*pi]) % alternatively, do: x=0:0.01:4*pi; plot(x, sin(x));
- ylim([-1.2 1.2])
- Graphical editing of figures: Use the icons and menus in top of the figure window
- help plot
- help fplot % fplot is used later in this tutorial
- check also: xlim, ylim, title, subplot
- Though not needed here, check: plot3, polar, errorbar, loglog, semilogx, semilogy.

C- Image processing

- [L,mapL]=imread('http://www2.seas.gwu.edu/~ayoussef/cs6351/lena512.gif');
% reads into L an image, and into mapL the color map of the image
- imagesc(L) % displays the image poorly
- colormap(mapL) % sets the color map to mapL, and results in
% a well-displayed image
- [I,mapi]=imread('http://www2.seas.gwu.edu/~ayoussef/cs6351/sky-and-birds448x640.gif'); % reads a color image
- Imagesc(I) % displays the image poorly
- colormap(mapi) % sets the color-map to map
- GL=ind2gray(L,mapL); % converts L from an indexed image to true pixel values
- GI=ind2gray(I,map) % converts I from an indexed image to true pixel values
- You can edit images much like you edit plots

D- Transforms

- A=[1 3 5 4.3 4 3 2.8 3.2 3.6 4 4.3]';
- F=fft(A) % the Fourier transform
- plot(abs(F)) % plots the magnitudes of the components of F
- D=dct(A) % the discrete cosine transform
- plot(D)
- FL=fft2(GL); % 2D FFT of GL (which was created in section C)
- DL=dct2(GL); % 2D DCT
- Lr=idct2(DL); % inverse dct2
- H = hadamard(n) % returns the Hadamard matrix of order n. H'*H=n*eye(n)
- HA=H*A; % the Hadamard transform of column vector A

E- Defining functions, applying and plotting them

- `f = @(x) 3*x^2-2*x+10` % defines the function $f(x) = 3x^2 - 2x + 10$.
- `f(3)` % returns 31, derived by evaluating $3 * 3^2 - 2 * 3 + 10$
- `fplot(@(x) f(x),[-5,5])` % Intended to plot $f(x)$ where x ranges from -5 to 5; but it
% gives an error message. Need to redefine f to work on arrays.
- `f = @(x) 3*x.^2-2*x+10` % redefines f so it applies on arrays pointwise
- `fplot(@(x) f(x),[-5,5])` % now it works! It plots $f(x)$ where x ranges from -5 to 5.
- `g=@(A) sum(A.^2)` % function of an array: $g(A) = A(1)^2 + A(2)^2 + \dots + A(n)^2$
- `h=@(A, z) sum (A .* (z .^ (0:length (A) - 1)))` % a function of two variables A (array) and z
% $h(A, z) = A(1) + A(2)z + A(3)z^2 + A(4)z^3 + \dots + A(n)z^{n-1}$.
% that is, h is a polynomial, specified by the array of coefficients A .
- `h(1:10,2)` % returns 9217
- `u=@(x) abs (h (A, exp (i * x)))` % here A is assumed to have been defined.

$$\% u(x) = |h(A, e^{ix})| = |A(1) + A(2)e^{ix} + A(3)e^{2ix} + \dots + A(n)e^{i(n-1)x}|$$

- `A=ones(1,5)/5;` % $A=[1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1]/5$
- `B=arrayfun(u,0:0.1:pi);` % applies function $u(x)$ at every element of array $0:0.1:\pi$
- `plot(0:0.1:pi,B)` % plots u for $A=[1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1]/5$
- `A=[1 -1]; u=@(x) abs (h (A, exp (i * x))); B=arrayfun(u,0:0.1:pi); plot(0:0.1:pi,B)`
% plots u for $A=[1 \ -1]$
- `A=[-.5 1 -0.5]; u=@(x) abs(h(A,exp(i*x)));B=arrayfun(u,0:0.1:pi); plot(0:0.1:pi,B)`
% plots u for $A=[-.5 \ 1 \ -0.5]$
- `A=[0.02674876 -0.01686412 -0.07822327 0.26686412 0.60294902 0.26686412`
`-0.07822327 -0.01686412 0.02674876]; u=@(x) abs(h(A,exp(i*x)));`
`B=arrayfun(u,0:0.1:pi); plot(0:0.1:pi,B)` % plots u for this new A
- `A=[0.04563588 -0.02877176 -0.29563588 0.55754353 -0.29563588 -0.02877176`
`0.04563588]; u=@(x) abs(h(A,exp(i*x))); B=arrayfun(u,0:0.1:pi); plot(0:0.1:pi,B)`
% plots u for this new A