B0B17MTB – Matlab

Part #5



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Learning how to ...

Loops

Program branching





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Program branching – loops

- repeating certain operation multiple-times, one of the basic programming techniques
- There are 2 types of cycles in Matlab:
 - for the most used one, number of repetitions is known in advance
 - while condition is known ensuring cycle (dis)continuation as long as it remains true
- essential programing principles to be observed:
 - memory allocation (matrix-related) of sufficient size /see later.../
 - cycles should be properly terminated /see later.../
 - to ensure terminating condition with while cycle /see later.../
- frequently is possible to modify the array $(1D \rightarrow 2D, 2D \rightarrow 3D \text{ using function repmat}$ and carry out a matrix-wise operation, under certain conditions the vectorized code is faster and more understandable, possibility of utilization of GPU)
- we always ask the question: is a cycle really necessary?



for loop

for loop is applied to known number of repetitions of a group of commands

```
for m = expression
    commands
end
```

• expression is a vector / matrix; columns of this vector / matrix are successively assigned to n / m

for n = 1:4	<pre>for m = magic(4)</pre>
n	m
end	end

- frequently, expression is generated using linspace or using ,,:", with the help of length, size, numel, etc.
- instead of m it is possible to use more relevant names like mPoints, mRows, mSymbols, ...
 - for clarity, it is suitable to use e.g. mXX for rows and nXX for columns





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- create a script to calculate factorial *N*!
 - use a cycle, verify your result using Matlab factorial function

```
%% script calculates factorial of N
clear;
...
...
...
...
...
...
...
...
```

• can you come up with other solutions? (e.g. using vectorising...)

• compare all possibilities for decimal input *N* as well



Memory allocation

- allocation can prevent perpetual increase of the size of a variable
 - Code Analyser (M-Lint) will notify you about the possibility of allocation by underlining the matrix's name
 - whenever you know the size of a variable, allocate!
 - sometimes, it pays off to allocate even when the final size is not known then the worst-case scenario size of a matrix is allocated and then the size of the matrix is reduced
 - allocate the variables of the largest size first, then the smaller ones
- example:
 - try...

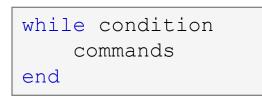
```
%% WITHOUT allocation
tic;
for m = 1:1e7
        A(m) = m + m;
end
toc;
% computed in 0.45s
```

```
%% WITH allocation
tic;
A = nan(1,1e7);
for m = 1:1e7
        A(m) = m + m;
end
toc;
% computed in 0.06s
```

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while loop

• keeps on executing commands contained in the body of the cycle (commands) depending on a logical condition



- keeps on executing commands as long as <u>all</u> elements of the expression (condition can be a multidimensional matrix) are <u>non-zero</u>
 - the condition is converted to a relational expression, i.e. till all elements are true
 - logical and relational operators are often used for condition testing
- if condition is not a scalar, it can be reduced using functions any or all



Typical application of loops

```
%% script generates N experiments with M throws with a coin
clear;
mThrows = 1e3;
nTimes = 1e2;
results = nan(mThrows, nTimes);
for iTime = 1:nTimes % however, can be even further vectorized!
    results(:, iTime) = round(rand(mThrows, 1)); % vectorized
end
```

```
%% script finds out the number of lines in a file
clear;
fileName = 'sin.m';
fid = fopen(fileName, 'r');
count = 0;
while ~feof(fid)
    line = fgetl(fid);
    count = count + 1;
end
disp(['lines: ' num2str(count)])
fclose(fid);
```





- calculate the sum of integers from 1 to 100 using while cycle
 - apply any approach to solve the task, but use while cycle

• are you able to come up with another solution (using a Matlab function and without cycle)?



while cycle - infinite loop

- <u>pay attention</u> to conditions in while cycle that are always fulfilled ⇒ danger of infinite loop
 - mostly, not always however(!!) it is a semantic error
- trivial, but good example of a code...

```
while 1 == 1
    disp('ok');
end
```

```
while true
    disp('ok');
end
```

... that "never" ends (shortcut to terminate: CTRL+C)



Interchange of an index an complex unit

- <u>be careful</u> not to confuse complex unit (i, j) for cycle index
 - try to avoid using i and j as an index
 - overloading can occur (applies generally, e.g. >> sum = 2 overloads the sum function)
- find out the difference in the following pieces of code:

A = 0;	A = 0;	A = 0;
for i = 1:10	for i = 1:10	for i = 1:10
A = A + 1i;	A = A + i;	A = A + j;
end	end	end

• all the commands, in principle, can be written as one line

A = 0; for i = 1:10, A = A + 1i; end

• usually less understandable, not even suitable from the point of view of the speed of the code



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Nested loops, loop combining

- quite frequently there is a need for nested loops
 - consider vectorising instead
 - consider loop type
- loop nesting usually rapidly increases computational demands

```
%% script generates N experiments with M throws with a coin
clear;
mThrows = 1e3;
nTimes = 1e2;
results = nan(mThrows, nTimes);
for iThrow = 1:mThrows
    for iExperiment = 1:nTimes % not vectorized (30 times slower!!)
        results(iThrow, iExperiment) = round(rand(1));
    end
end
```



Loops #3

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- fill in the matrix using loops $\mathbf{A}(m,n) = \frac{mn}{4} + \frac{m}{2n}$
- consider $m \in \{1, ..., 100\}$, $n \in \{1, ..., 20\}$, allocate matrix first
- create a new script

• to plot the matrix A use for instance the function pcolor (A)





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- in the previous task the loops can be avoided entirely by using vectorising
 - it is possible to use meshgrid function to prepare the matrices needed

• it is possible to use vectors with compatible sizes





Program flow

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• visualize current distribution of a dipole antenna described as $I(x,t) = I_0(x)e^{-j\omega_0 t}, \quad I_0(x) = \cos(x), \quad \omega_0 = 2\pi$

• in the interval
$$t \in (0, 4\pi)$$
, $x \in \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ choose N = 101

for visualization inside the loop use following piece of code:

```
% ... your code
figure(1);
plot(x, real(I));
axis([x(1) x(end) -1 1]);
pause(0.1);
% ... your code
```





Program flow

• try to write moving average code applied to following function $f(x) = \sin^2(x)\cos(x) + 0.1r(x),$

where r(x) is represented by function of uniform distribution (rand())

• use following parameters

```
clear; clc;
signalSize = 1e3;
x = linspace(0, 4*pi, signalSize);
f = sin(x).^2.*cos(x) + 0.1*rand(1, signalSize);
windowSize = 50;
% your code ...
```

• and then plot:

plot(x, f, x, my_averaged);

• try to make the code more efficient

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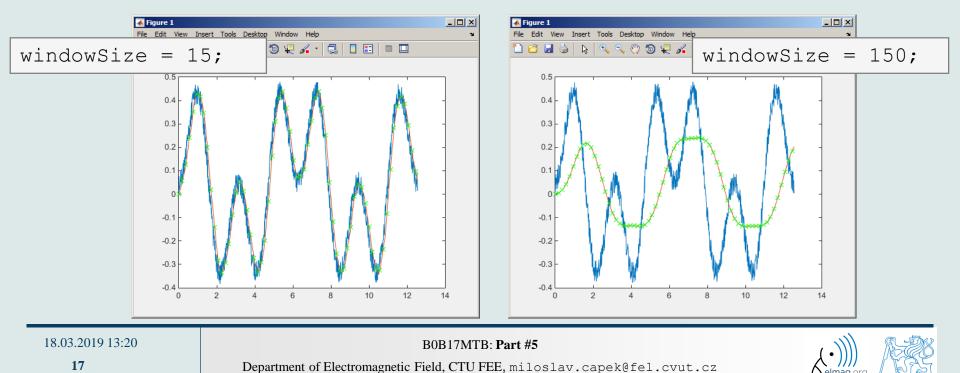




• for comparison it is possible to use Matlab built-in function filter

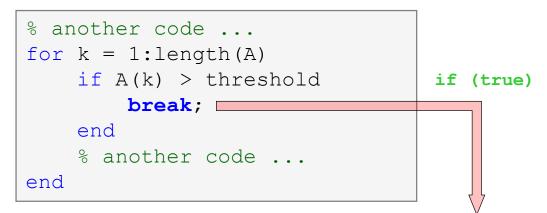
```
F = ones(1, windowSize)/windowSize;
filtered_f = filter(F, 1, f);
hold on;
plot(x(1:15:end), filtered_f(1:15:end), 'xg');
```

• check how the result is influenced by parameter windowSize

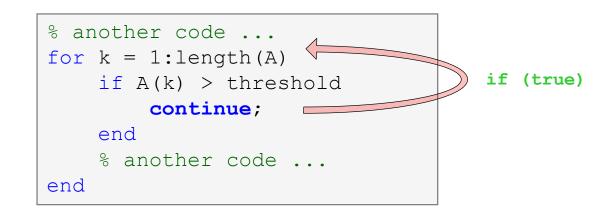


break, continue

• function break enables to terminate execution of the loop



• function continue passes control to next iteration of the loop





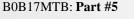
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Loops vs. vectorizing #1

- since Matlab 6.5 there are two powerful hidden tools available
 - *Just-In-Time accelerator* (JIT accelerator)
 - *Run-Time Type Analysis* (RTTA)
- JIT enables partial compilation of code segments
 - precompiled loops are even faster than vectorizing
 - following rules have to be observed with respect to loops:
 - scalar index to be used with for loop
 - only built-in functions are called inside the body of for loop
 - the loop operates with scalar values only
- RTTA assumes the same data types as during the previous course of the code significant speed up for standardized calculations
 - when measuring speed of the code, it is necessary to carry out so called warm-up (first run the code 2 or 3 times)





Loops vs. vectorizing #2

- the motivation for introduction of JIT was to catch up with 3. generation languages
 - when fully utilized, JIT's computation time is comparable to that of C or Fortran
- highest efficiency (the highest speedup) in particular
 - when loops operate with scalar data
 - when no user-defined functions are called (i.e. only build-in functions are called)
 - when each line of the loop uses JIT
- as the result, some parts of the code don't have to be vectorized (or should not even be!)
- the whole topic is more complex (and simplified here)
 - for more details see <u>JIT_accel_Matlab.pdf</u> at the webpage of this course



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Loops vs. vectorizing #3

- previous statement will be verified using a simple code filling a band matrix
- conditions for using JIT are fulfilled ...
 - working with scalars only, calling built-in functions only
 - HW and Matlab ver. dependent!
- try it yourself...

```
clear; clc;
N = 5e3;
tic,
mat = diag(ones(N, 1)) + ...
2*diag(ones(N-1, 1), 1) + ...
3*diag(ones(N-1, 1), -1);
toc,
% computed in 0.20s (2016b)
```

```
clear; clc;
    = 5e3;
Ν
mat = nan(N, N);
tic,
for n1=1:N
    for n2=1:N
        mat(n1, n2) = 0;
    end
end
for n1 = 1:N
    mat(n1, n1)=1;
end
for n1 = 1: (N-1)
    mat(n1, n1+1)=2;
end
for n1 = 2:N
    mat(n1, n1-1) = 3;
end
toc,
% computed in 0.49s
(2016b)
```



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Program branching

- if it is needed to branch program (execute certain part of code depending on whether a condition is fulfilled), there are two basic ways:
 - if-elseif-else-end
 - switch case otherwise end

```
if condition
    commands
elseif condition
    commands
elseif condition
    commands
else
    commands
else
    commands
end
```

```
switch variable
case value1
   commands
case {value2a, value2b, ...}
   commands
case ...
   commands
otherwise
   commands
end
```



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if-elseif-else-end	switch-otherwise-end		
it is possible to create very complex structure $(\&\&/)$	simple choice of many options		
<pre>strcmp is used to compare strings of various lengths</pre>	test strings directly		
test equality / inequality	test equality only		
great deal of logical expressions is needed in the case of testing many options	enables to easily test one of many options using { }		



Program branching - if / else / elseif

- the most probable option should immediately follow the *if* statement
- only the *if* part is obligatory
- the else part is carried out only in the case where other conditions are not fulfilled
- if a M×N matrix is part of the condition, the condition is fulfilled only in the case it is fulfilled for each element of the matrix
- the condition may contain calling a function etc.
- conditions if may be nested

```
c = randi(1e2)
if mod(c, 2)
    disp('c is odd');
elseif c > 10
    disp('even, >10');
else
    disp('even, <=10');
end</pre>
```



Program branching - if / else / elseif

• generate random numbers r = 2*rand(8, 1)-1;

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• save the numbers in vectors Neq and Pos depending on whether each number is negative or positive; use for cycle, if-else statement and indexing for storing values of r

% your code
•••
•••
••••
•••
•••
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•••
•••

- pay attention to growth in size of vectors Pos and Neq how to solve the problem?
- can you come up with a more elegant solution? (for cycle is not always necessary)

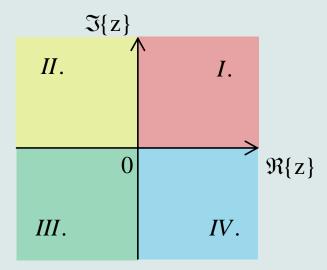
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Program branching - if / else / elseif

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• write a script generating a complex number and determining to what quadrant the complex number belongs to





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Program branching - switch / case

- does a variable correspond to one of (usually many) values?
- the commands in the part otherwise are carried out when none of the cases above applies (compare to else in the if statement)
- suitable to evaluate conditions containing strings
 - if you want to learn more details on when to use if and when to use switch, visit pages blogs.mathworks.com
- it is appropriate to always terminate the statement by otherwise part

```
c = 0.5*randi(1e2)
switch mod(c, 2)
case 1
    disp('c is odd integer');
case 0
    disp('c is even integer');
otherwise
    disp('c is decimal number');
end
```



Program branching - switch / case

450 s

• create a script that, given name of a country, displays its capital (limit the number of countries to just few)

```
%% HINT
% select country
switch country
case thisCountry
% dispCapitalCity
case thisCountry2
% dispCapitalCity2
otherwise % unknown type
% dispUnknownCity
end
```



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Program branching - switch / case

- create a script that, given lengths of two sides of a right triangle, calculates the length of the third side (Pythagorean theorem)
 - two sides are known together with string marking the type of unknown side ('leg' for leg or 'hyp' for hypotenuse)

```
%% HINT:
% input variables will be here
%(including type of unknown side)
switch aaa % aaa denotes the type of unknown side
case 'leg' % calculation for the first type of side
% calculation1
case 'hyp' % calculation for the second type of side
% calculation2
otherwise % unknown type
% return empty (default) values
end
```



- try to estimate what does the script below assign to logResult variable depending on input variable vec (a vector)
 - are you able to decide whether there is a Matlab function doing the same?



- try to estimate what does the script below assign to logResult variable depending on input variable mat (a matrix)
 - are you able to decide whether there is a Matlab function doing the same?

```
% mat is a given matrix
count = 0;
[mRows, nColumns] = size(mat);
for m = 1:mRows
    for n = 1:nColumns
        if mat(m,n) ~= 0
            count = count + 1;
        end
        end
end
logResult = count == numel(mat);
```



Example of listing more options

- switch supports options listing
 - evaluation of options A1 a A2 in the same way:

Inifinite loop – for cycle (a riddle)

- in the last lecture we learned how to construct the infinite loop with the while command (>> while true, 'ok', end)
 - Do you think, that the infinite loop can be constructed with the for cycle as well?
 - How?
 - Are there any restrictions? How many cycles will be performed and why?



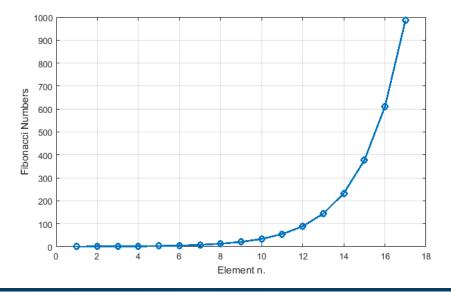
cell	create cell array	•
factorial	calculate factorial	
switch-case-otherwise-end	condition statement	٠
for-end	loop over distributed range	•
while-end	repeat loop while condition is true	٠
break, continue	terminate loop, pass control to next iteration of loop	•
if-elseif-else-end	branching statement	•



Exercise #1

- draft a script to calculate values of Fibonacci sequence up to certain value limit
 - have you come across this sequence already?
 - if not, find its definition
 - implementation:
 - what kind of loop you use (if any)?
 - what matrices / vectors do you allocate?

plot the resulting series using function plot (f, '-o')

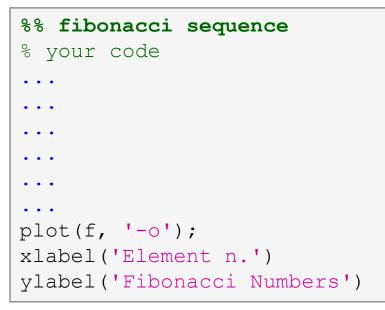


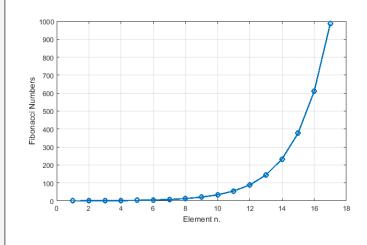


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• rate of reproduction of rabbits:

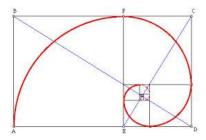




- try to find out the relation of the series to the value of golden ratio
- try to calculate it:

>> f(end)/f(end-1)

$$\varphi = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \approx 1.618033...$$





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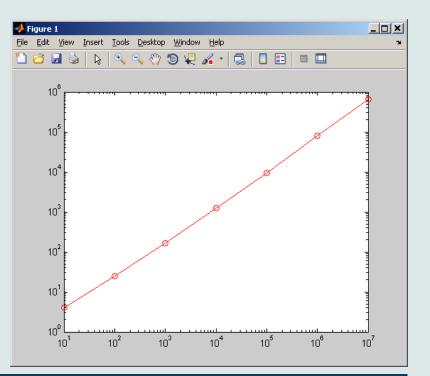
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Exercise #3

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- try to determine the density of prime numbers
 - examine the function primes generating prime numbers
 - for the orders 10¹ 10⁷ determine the primes density (i.e. the number of primes up to 10, to 100, ..., to 10⁷)

- outline the dependence using plot
- use logarithmic scale (function loglog)
 - how does the plot change?





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- did you use loop?
- is it advantageous (necessary) to use a loop?
- do you allocate matrices?
- what does, in your view, have the dominant impact on computation time?



Exercise #5

- the script can be further speeded-up
 - function primes is costly and can be run just once:

• would you be able to speed-up the script even more?





• following expansion holds true:

$$\arctan\left(x\right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(-1\right)^n \frac{\left(x\right)^{2n+1}}{2n+1} = x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \frac{x^7}{7} + \frac{x^9}{9} - \dots$$

• based on the expansion for x = 1 estimate value of π :

$$\arctan(1) = \frac{\pi}{4} = 1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{9} - \dots$$

• determine the number of elements of the sum and computational time required to achieve estimation accuracy better than $1 \cdot 10^{-6}$





• estimate value of π using following expansion

$$\frac{\pi}{8} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(4n+1)(4n+3)} = \frac{1}{1\cdot 3} + \frac{1}{5\cdot 7} + \frac{1}{9\cdot 11} + \dots$$

• determine the number of elements of the sum and computational time required to achieve estimation accuracy better than $1 \cdot 10^{-6}$





• use following expression to approximate π :

$$\frac{\pi}{4} = 6 \arctan\left(\frac{1}{8}\right) + 2 \arctan\left(\frac{1}{57}\right) + \arctan\left(\frac{1}{239}\right)$$

• use following expression to implement the arctan function :

$$\arctan\left(x\right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(-1\right)^n \frac{\left(x\right)^{2n+1}}{2n+1} = x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \frac{x^7}{7} + \frac{x^9}{9} - \dots$$

 determine the number of elements of the sum and computational time required to achieve estimation accuracy better than 1·10⁻⁶ and compare the solution with previous solutions



Thank you!



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