

Lecture 13: Other Concepts and Utilities in WOLFRAM MATHEMATICA.

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Export to a file.

- To save a part of an expression (intended to be used only in MATHEMATICA), you can use **Put**, resp. **>>**. To read the saved expression, use **Get**, resp. **<<**, *e.g.*

```
SetDirectory[NotebookDirectory[]];
expr = Table[RandomInteger[], 5, 2];
expr >> "outFile"; (*Put[expr,"outFile"]*)
<< "outFile"; (*Get["outFile"]*)
a1 = % (*set a1 to the expression from file*)
```

- To export an expression using a specific format, use

```
Export["dest.ext", expr], e.g.
SetDirectory[NotebookDirectory[] <> "data"];
im = Import["im03_desk.tiff"];
imData = ImageData[im]; (*2D matrix or Reals*)
thr[n_] := If[n > 0.34, 1, 0]; (*threshold function*)
thrImData = Map[thr, imData, {2}];
Image[thrImData] (*create image from the thresholded data*)
Export["im03_desk_thr.png", %]
```





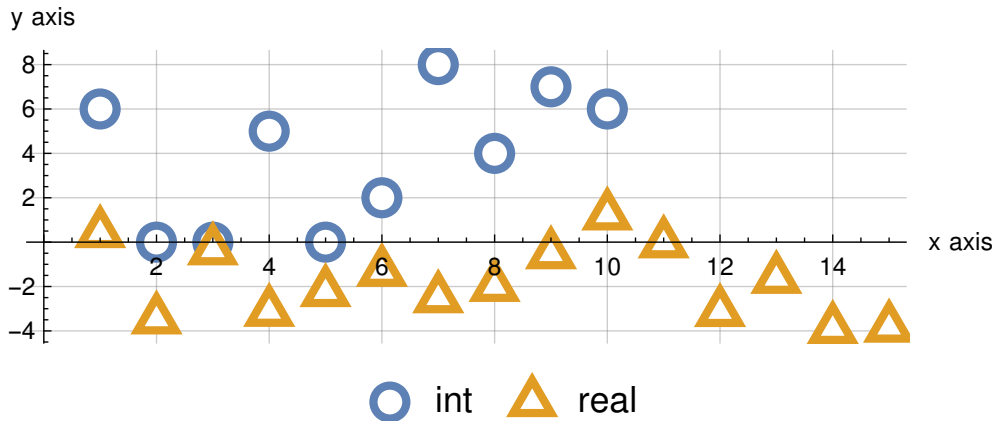
Plotting + Options.

- There are many plot commands: `Plot`, `Plot3D`, `CountourPlot`, `ListPlot`, `ListLinePlot`, `ParametricPlot`, `ParametricPlot3D`, `DensityPlot`, `DiscretePlot`, `ArrayPlot`, `MatrixPlot`, `Histogram`, `PolarPlot`, `RegionPlot`, `VectorPlot`, ...
- Some commands, especially plotting commands, usually have options. To get them, use `Options[symbolName]`, e.g. `Options[Plot]`
- Options are in the form of a rule. And have default values unless explicitly changed.
- Example of a plot:

```
ListPlot[{RandomInteger[{0, 8}, 10], RandomReal[{-5, 3}, 15]},
  PlotLegends -> {"int", "real"}, PlotMarkers -> {"OpenMarkers", 12},
  AspectRatio -> 1/3, AxesLabel -> {"x axis", "y axis"},
  GridLines -> Automatic]
```



Plotting + Options.



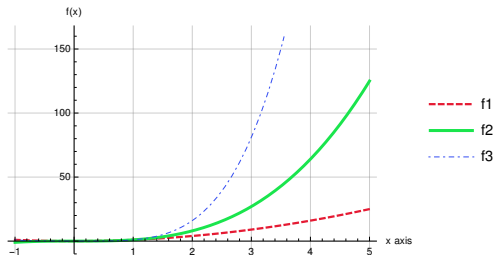
Example of using `ListPlot` from the previous slide. (exported to pdf with `Export`)



Plotting + Options.

- Try to get similar figure of functions $f_1(x) = x^2$, $f_2(x) = x^3$, $f_3(x) = x^4$ in range of $x \in (-1, 5)$. Use **Plot** command.
- Useful options are: **PlotLegends**, **AxesLabel**, **GridLines**, **PlotStyle**.
- **PlotStyle** substitutes for a list of line options, *e.g.*

PlotStyle→{**lineOptionList1**, **lineOptionList2**, **lineOptionList3**}, where **lineOptionList** is a list and can contain (a) color specification (*e.g.* **RGBColor**[**r**,**g**,**b**], or name of a color *e.g.* **Red**); (b) line thickness (*e.g.* **Thick**, **Thin**, **Thickness**[**ratio**]); (c) line style (*e.g.* **Dotted**, **DotDashed**, **Full**, **Dashed**)





Conditions

- ▶ `If[condition, t, f]` – evaluates `t` if `condition` is true otherwise evaluates `f`.
- ▶ `Which[test1, val1, test2, val2, ...]` – returns first `vali` for which `testi` evaluates true.
Useful *e.g.* for classification.
- ▶ `Switch[expr, form1, val1, form2, val2, ...]` – evaluates expression and checks a match with each `formi`, and returning `vali` of the first matched form.
- ▶ Composition of boolean expressions, see `And` (`&&`) and `Or` (`||`).
- ▶ Examples:

```

classif[x_] := Which[x<1, range1, 1<=x<3, range2, 3<=x<5, range3, True, otherRange];
RandomInteger[{-3, 9}, 10]
classif /@ %
expr = x^(-1 + 4);
Switch[expr, _^2, "square power", _^_, "power", _Plus, "sum", _, "dont know"]

```



Procedural Programming.

- MATHEMATICA has also commands for procedural programming, *e.g.* **For**, **While**, **Do**, **Break**, **Continue**, **Return**, (**Print**). They are not used much – usually, there is a simple, functional way to do the same, *e.g.*

```
v=RandomReal[{0,1},10]
```

```
For[i=1,i<Length[v],i++,If[v[i]]>0.6,Print["OK"],Print["notOK"]]
```

VS.

```
Scan[If[#>0.6,Print["OK"],Print["notOK"]]&,v]
```



Applying Functions Repeatedly

Besides **Map** and **Apply**, other commands are used to apply functions/symbols repeatedly/multiple times.

- ▶ **Nest**[*f*, *expr*, *n*] – *n*-times applies *f* to *expr*.
- ▶ **NestList**[*f*, *expr*, *n*] – gives all intermediate results of **Nest**[*f*, *ex*, *n*] in a list.
- ▶ **NestWhile**[*f*, *expr*, *test*] – applies *f* to *expr* while *test* yields true.
- ▶ **NestWhileList**[*f*, *expr*, *test*] – same as above with all intermediate results in list.
- ▶ **FoldList**[*f*, *x*, {*a*, *b*, ...}] – gives {*x*, *f*[*x*, *a*], *f*[*f*[*x*, *a*], *b*], ...}.
- ▶ **Fold**[*f*, *x*, *list*] – last element of **FoldList**[*f*, *x*, *list*].
- ▶ **FixedPoint**[*f*, *expr*] – similar to **Nest**[*f*, *expr*, *n*], but nesting stops when the result no longer changes. *E.g.*

Nest [<i>f</i> , <i>x</i> , 3]	<i>f</i> [<i>f</i> [<i>f</i> [<i>x</i>]]]
NestList [<i>f</i> , <i>x</i> , 3]	{ <i>x</i> , <i>f</i> [<i>x</i>], <i>f</i> [<i>f</i> [<i>x</i>]], <i>f</i> [<i>f</i> [<i>f</i> [<i>x</i>]]]}
NestWhileList [2#+1&, 6, Mod[#, 5] != 0&]	{6, 13, 27, 55}
mat ={{1, -0.75}, {0.4, 0.2}}; NestList [mat .#&, {1, 0}, 3]	{{1, 0}, {1., 0.4}, {0.7, 0.48}, {0.34, 0.376}}
FoldList [#1^2-15#2&, 2, {2, -3, 1}]	{2, -26, 721, 519826}



Applying Functions Repeatedly. Examples.

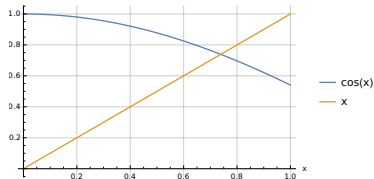
- Iteratively find minimum from each column of a matrix, get also intermediate results

```
mtx=RandomInteger[{-4,5},{4,5}];mtx//MatrixForm
min[11_List,12_List]:=Inner[Min,11,12,List];
FoldList[min,mtx]//MatrixForm
Last[%]
```

- ...other way with `Map (/@):`
`Min/@Transpose[mtx]`

- Fixed point¹. Solution to $\cos(x) = x$:

```
Plot[{Cos[x],x},{x,0,1}]
NestList[Cos[#]&,0.,20]
FixedPoint[Cos[#]&,0.]
```



Plot of the functions $\cos(x)$ and x .

- gradient search of a local maximum:

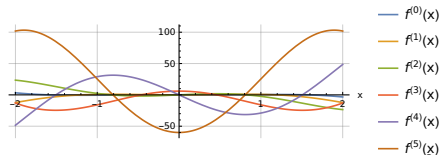
```
Cos[x] + y^2 - 1/z (*function of multiple variables*)
Grad[%, {x, y, z}] (*gradient*)
NestList[# + 0.05 %/.MapThread[Rule, {{x, y, z}, #}] &, {-0.1, 0.1, 0.2}, 5]
(*gradient search -- return 3D points*)
%% /. MapThread[Rule, {{x,y,z}, #}] & /@ % (*evaluate the function in the
points*)
```

¹[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fixed_point_\(mathematics\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fixed_point_(mathematics))

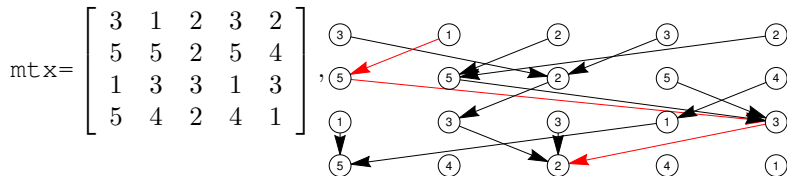


Applying Functions Repeatedly. Examples.

- Compute first 5 derivatives of the function $x^3 \cos(x)$ and plot the result. Use **NestList**, then plot them using **Plot** command.



- Assume a matrix of indices **mtx=RandomInteger[{1,n},{m,n}]** for **m=4,n=5**.



Each row corresponds to indices in the next row. Start at row 1, at position 2: $mtx_{1,2} = 1$, go to next row at the position 1 – there is number 5, and so on. What is the sequence of indices for a randomly generated matrix? (in this case it would be $\{2, 1, 5, 3, 2\}$) Start at the first row at position 2. You can use **FoldList**.



Applying Functions Repeatedly. Examples (2).

- Implement Heron's method² of approximate iterative computation of the square root of s : $\sqrt{s}$. $x_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2}(x_n + \frac{s}{x_n})$. Start with $x_0 = 1$. A) use **NestList** to compute 10 first x_n , B) then use **FixedPoint** to return just the result.

```
s = 5.0; (*number to take square root of*)
NestList ...
FixedPoint ...
Sqrt[s] - % (*compare the result with the true value*)
```

- Implement the discrete-time system: $y[n] = x[n] + \alpha y[n-1]$. For the given vector/sequence $x[n]$, $x = \{x[0], x[1], \dots, x[N_{\max} - 1]\}$ (and a specified value of α), compute $y[n]$. Use **FoldList**. Start with initial y /output-value 0 ($y[-1]$ assume 0).

```
alpha = 0.95; nOnes = 100; nZeros = 30;
x = Table[0.0, 20]~Join~Table[1.0, nOnes]~Join~Table[0.0, nZeros];
(*x=Table[0,20]~Join~Exp[-2.5/nOnes Range[nOnes]]~Join~Table[0,nZeros];*)
FoldList ...
ListPlot[{x, %}, PlotRange -> All, Filling -> Axis, ImageSize -> Large]
```

²https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Methods_of_computing_square_roots#Heron's_method



Module

- More complicated functions can be specified using `Module[{x,y,...}, expr]`, variables/symbols `x,y,...` are local. *E.g.*

```
g[vec_List,n_]:=Module[{idc},  
  idc=Position[vec,n];  
  Print[idc];  
  Join[vec,Flatten[idc]];  
g[RandomInteger[{0,6},10],2]
```



Trace – Debugging in MATHEMATICA.

- ▶ When writing a code, we iteratively adjust it to do what we originally intended. The process of looking for and correcting errors is called *debugging*³.
- ▶ Steps in the evaluation of an expression can be revealed by `Trace[expr]`, e.g.
`Trace[2^3 + 4^2 + 1] → {{2^3, 8}, {4^2, 16}, 8+16+1, 25}`

³Debugging <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Debugging>



Calculus

- ▶ MATHEMATICA allows users to solve problems in calculus, linear algebra, general algebra, and others, all symbolically and/or numerically.
- ▶ Useful commands are: **N** (numeric evaluation), **D** (derivative), **Integrate**, **NIntegrate** (numeric integration), **FindRoot**, **Roots**, **Solve**, **Limit**.
- ▶ The Final result can sometimes be simplified using additional rules. See **Simplify**, **FullSimplify**,
- ▶ In solutions we can help MATHEMATICA by assumptions (use **Assuming**), *e.g.*
`Integrate[x Exp[x^n], x]`
`Assuming[Element[n, Integers] && x > 0, % // Simplify]`

Calculus



Calculate following:

$$\int_0^{2\pi} e^{x \cos(\alpha)} d\alpha, \quad (1)$$

...

`2 Pi BesselI[0, x]`

$$\int_0^1 \cos(\sin(x)) dx, \quad \text{numerically}, \quad (2)$$

...

`0.86874`

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n, \quad (3)$$

`Limit[(1 + 1/n)^n, n -> Infinity]` `E`

$$\cos(\tan(e^x))'. \quad (4)$$

`D[Cos[Tan[Exp[x]]], x]` `-E^x Sec[E^x]^2 Sin[Tan[E^x]]`



Array shaping

- ▶ When working with multidimensional arrays/expressions, we often need to rearrange shapes. In MATLAB, we can use `reshape(mat,dims)`. In MATHEMATICA, we have `ArrayReshape[mat,dims]`.

- ▶ Additionally, very useful are `Flatten` and `Partition`, *e.g.*

```
Table[{i, j, i - j}, {i, 3}, {j, 4}]
```

```
Flatten[%, 1]
```

```
RandomInteger[{1, 5}, 10]
```

```
Partition[%, 3] // MatrixForm
```

```
Partition[%%, 3, 1] // MatrixForm
```



Array shaping, examples

- Show digits of π in 7 rows. – From a list of digits, create a matrix of 7 rows. Digits should be written in columns. Use **Partition**

3	6	9	2	2	8	9	1	7	2	4	0	8	3
1	5	3	6	7	4	3	0	4	3	0	8	0	4
4	3	2	4	9	1	9	5	9	0	6	9	3	2
1	5	3	3	5	9	9	8	4	7	2	9	4	1
5	8	8	3	0	7	3	2	4	8	8	8	8	1
9	9	4	8	2	1	7	0	5	1	6	6	2	7
2	7	6	3	8	6	5	9	9	6	2	2	5	0

```
Pi
First@RealDigits@N[%, 100] (*list of digits*)
...
...
Grid[%, Frame -> All] (*show the matrix in a grid*)
```

- Do a block-wise permutation of a list of numbers. From a list of numbers, create a list of 2x3 matrices, transpose them and read by rows to a new list. Use **Partition** and **Flatten**.

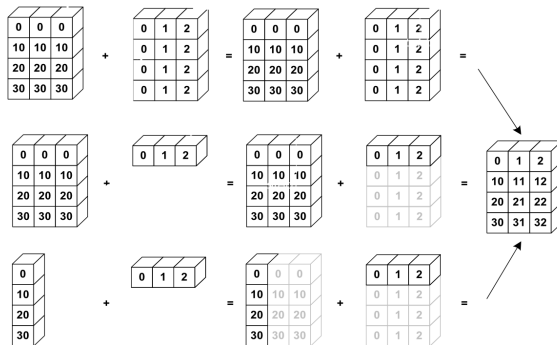
```
Range[24] (*list of numbers*)
... (*transform list of numbers*)
... (*to list of matrices*)
MatrixForm /@ %
... (*transpose matrices*)
MatrixForm /@ %
... (*read rows*)
```

```
{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12,
 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24}
{ {1 2 3}, {7 8 9}, {13 14 15}, {19 20 21}
  {4 5 6}, {10 11 12}, {16 17 18}, {22 23 24} }
{ {1 4}, {7 10}, {13 16}, {19 22}
  {2 5}, {8 11}, {14 17}, {20 23}
  {3 6}, {9 12}, {15 18}, {21 24} }
{1, 4, 2, 5, 3, 6, 7, 10, 8, 11, 9, 12,
 13, 16, 14, 17, 15, 18, 19, 22, 20, 23, 21, 24}
```

Array/Matrix Broadcasting (Python/MATLAB vs MATHEMATICA)



- Schematic illustration of broadcasting arrays in Python (numpy)/MATLAB⁴:



⁴source: <https://mathematica.stackexchange.com/questions/99171/how-to-implement-the-general-array-broadcasting-method-from-numpy>

Array/Matrix Broadcasting (Python/MATLAB vs MATHEMATICA)



- Define `mat=Table[10 i,{i,0,3},3]; v1={0,1,2}; v2={0,1,2,3};`. In MATLAB, we define `mat= repmat(10*(0:3)',1,3), v1=0:2, v2=0:3`

MATLAB	MATHEMATICA
<code>v1 + mat</code>	<code>(# + v1) & /@ mat</code>
<code>v1 .* mat</code>	<code>(# v1) & /@ mat</code>
<code>v2'+ mat</code>	<code>v2 + mat</code>
<code>v2' .* mat</code>	<code>v2 * mat</code> (note the difference with <code>v2 . mat</code>)
<code>v1 + v2'</code>	<code>(# + v1) & /@ v2</code> or <code>Outer[Plus, v2, v1]</code>
<code>v1 .* v2'</code>	<code>(# v1) & /@ v2</code> or <code>Outer[Times, v2, v1]</code>

- or you can explicitly replicate array with help of `ConstantArray` and `Join`.



Logical Indexing and multiple assignment.

- ▶ MATHEMATICA doesn't have logical indexing as MATLAB.
- ▶ ...but similar behaviour can be achieved by `ReplacePart` and `Position`⁵. Sometimes we can use a rule, *e.g.*

```
mat = RandomReal[{0, 1}, {5, 3}];
mat2 = ReplacePart[mat, Position[mat, pos_ /; pos < 0.7] -> -1];
mat3 = mat /. {x_ /; x < 0.7 -> -1};
MatrixForm /@ {mat, mat2, mat3}
```

in MATLAB it would be

```
mat=rand(5,3); mat2 = mat; mat2(mat<0.7)=-1;
mat,mat2
```

- ▶ Multiple assignment works, but the parts have to be of equal size, *e.g.*

```
mat = RandomInteger[5, {5, 3}]; mat // MatrixForm
mat[[1]] = Table[-1, 3];
mat[[2 ;; 5, 2]] = Table[10, 4];
{a1, a2} = {10, 11};
{a1, a2, mat // MatrixForm}
```

⁵<https://mathematica.stackexchange.com/a/2823/74293>



Manipulate

- Interactive manipulation with general expressions, *e.g.*

```
Manipulate[Plot[Sin[k x], {x, -10, 10}], {k, 0.1, 8.3}]
```

```
Manipulate[(x + y)^n // Expand, {{n, 2}, Range[10]}]
```

- *E.g.* electric field near two static charges:

```
1/Sqrt[(x + 2)^2 + y^2] - al 1/Sqrt[(x - 2)^2 + al y^2]
```

```
Grad[%, {x, y}]
```

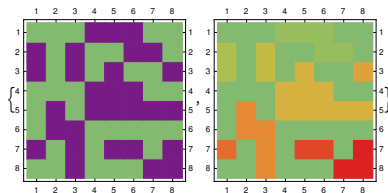
```
Manipulate[VectorPlot[%, {x, -5, 5}, {y, -5, 5}, VectorScale -> {Tiny, 1, 1 &},  
  VectorColorFunction -> "SunsetColors", VectorColorFunctionScaling -> False,  
  FrameLabel -> {"x", "y"}],  
  {{al, 1, "alpha"}, 0, 4, 0.1}]
```



Example of Code.

Create a square matrix of 0s and -1 s – the playground. -1 s are ground, 0s are water. An island is a set of places that meet by at least one side (of square). Find islands and denote each by a different number. Then, plot them.

```
n = 8; plgrnd = RandomInteger[{0, -1}, {n, n}];
listMeetQ[lst1:{{_, _} ..}, lst2:{{_, _} ..}] :=
  AnyTrue[Flatten[Outer[List, lst1, lst2, 1], 1],
    (Plus@@Abs[Subtract@@ #]) == 1 &];
rule={head___List, x:{{_, _} ..}, fill___List, y:{{_, _} ..},
  tail___List} /; listMeetQ[x, y] :> {head, Join[x, y], fill, tail};
pos = ({#} & /@ Position[plgrnd, -1]) //. rule;
plgrnd2 = ReplacePart[plgrnd, MapThread[Rule, {pos, Range[Length[pos]]}]];
MatrixPlot[#, ColorFunction -> "Rainbow"] & /@ {plgrnd, plgrnd2}
```



Questions?

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- Assume you have a matrix (a bitmap picture)

`n = 5; mat = RandomInteger[{-2, 4}, {n, n}];` Read the documentation of the command `Partition` and divide the matrix to submatrices of the size 3 x 3 with offset 1 in both directions. Compute the sums of the created submatrices.

$$\begin{pmatrix} -2 & 3 & -1 & 2 & 4 \\ 4 & 3 & 2 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & 4 & -1 \\ 0 & -2 & -1 & 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 & 0 & 4 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \left(\begin{pmatrix} -2 & 3 & -1 \\ 4 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 0 & 4 \\ 3 & 4 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \right. \\ \left. \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \\ -2 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 4 \\ 3 & 4 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right. \\ \left. \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 \\ -2 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 4 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \right) \begin{pmatrix} 14 & 18 & 17 \\ 11 & 13 & 14 \\ 3 & 14 & 16 \end{pmatrix}$$

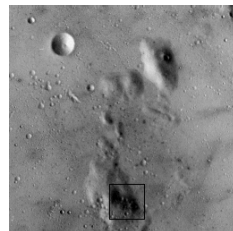
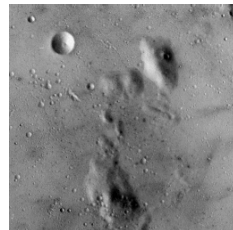
Example of the matrix, partitions/submatrices, and sums of submatrices.

Voluntary homework



Your code can be used to detect a part of an image. *E.g.* To detect a darkest $p \times p$ block.

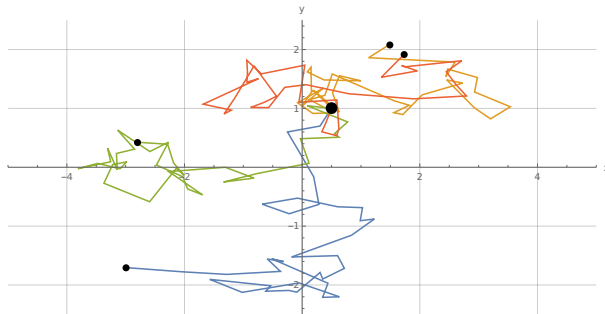
```
p = 40; (*partition size*)
SetDirectory[NotebookDirectory[] <> "data"];
mat = Import["im04_surface.tiff", "Data"]/255.;
n = Length@mat;
(*your code *)
(*goes here*)
ijFlat = First@Ordering[Flatten@%, 1]; (*find index of minimum*)
ij = With[{m=n-p+1}, {Quotient[#-1,m]+1, Mod[#-1,m]+1}]& @ ijFlat;
idc = Module[{i, j, iRng, jRng},
  i = First@%;
  j = Last@%;
  jRng = Range[j, j + p - 1];
  iRng = Range[i + 1, i + p - 2];
  Join[{i, #} & /@ jRng, {i + p - 1, #} & /@ jRng, {#, j} & /@
    iRng, {#, j + p - 1} & /@ iRng]
];
mat2 = ReplacePart[mat, idc -> 0];
GraphicsGrid[{{Image[mat], Image[mat2]}}], ImageSize -> Medium]
```





Voluntary homework (2) – Random walk

Generate a random walk⁷ in 2 dimensions ($\mathbb{R}^2$). Assume the step in the x direction from $\mathcal{N}(0, 0.5)$; the step in the y direction from $\mathcal{N}(0, 0.25)$ ⁸ Start from the point $[0.5, 1]$ and generate a list of 2-D points (2-element lists) – the path. Try to use **NestList** even though using **Accumulate** could be faster. To generate more paths, you can use **Table**[(*code for one path*), {**nPaths**}]. Plot the path(s) using **ListLinePlot**.



⁷https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Random_walk

⁸ $\mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma)$ denotes a random number from normal distribution with mean μ and standard deviation σ .

Voluntary homework (3) – CORDIC algorithm



- In CORDIC algorithm for computation of sine and cosine⁹ there is a sequence $K(n)$ that can be defined iteratively as $K(n+1) = K(n) \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+2^{-2n}}}$, $K(0) = 1$. Numerically compute the limit of the sequence (**Limit** will not help). Define a function that takes a two-element vector/list $\{K(n), n\}$ and returns also two-element vector $\{K(n+1), n+1\}$. Use the function with **Nest** or **NestList**. Then evaluate the result using **N** to 40 digits.
- Implement CORDIC algorithm for computation of sine and cosine of an angle α . Define a function for one-iteration $f(\{x_n, y_n, \theta_n, n, \alpha\}, \gamma)$ that returns $\{x_n - \sigma y_n 2^{-n}, \sigma 2^{-n} x_n + y_n, \theta_n + \sigma_n \gamma, n+1, \alpha\}$, where $\sigma = \text{sign}(\alpha - \theta_n)$. Values of θ_n are precomputed in a list. $x_0 = 1.0, y_0 = 0.0, \gamma_0 = 0.0$, start from $n = 0$. Use **Fold** or **FoldList**; **With** may help. Compute the error w.r.t. the correct values. Result needs to be scaled by K (**kN**).

```
nIters = 20; alpha = 0.8; (*angle to compute sine and cosine of*)
gammaList = ArcTan[2^#, 1] &@Range[0, nIters - 1] // N; (*{x,y,theta,n,alpha}*)
f[{x_, y_, theta_, n_, alpha_}, gamma_] ...
(*f[{1.0,0.0,0.0,0,alpha},gammaList//First] -- run for a single gamma value*)
kN = 0.60725293500888125616944675250492826;
... (*Fold or FoldList with f and gammaList*)
(kN*(*result: {x_n, y_n}*)) - ({Cos@#, Sin@#} &@alpha) (*error*)
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⁹https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/CORDIC#Modes_of_operation

Voluntary homework (4) – Discrete-time system (DtS)



- Compute output sequence/vector – a response of a DtS – to a given input vector. The DtS is given by the input-output relation

$y[n] = b_0x[n] + b_1x[n-1] + a_1 \sin\left(\frac{2\pi n}{N_{\max}}\right) y[n-1] + a_2y[n-2]$. Coefficients are $\mathbf{a} = \{a_1, a_2\} = \{0.5, -0.2\}$, $\mathbf{b} = \{b_1, b_2\} = \{1, -0.4\}$, $N_{\max} = 35$. Define a function $f[\{y_{n-1}, y_{n-2}\}, \{x_n, x_{n-1}, n\}]$ that returns the vector $\{y_n, y_{n-1}\}$. Assume a list of x -values; partition it to pairs, with offset one. Add a third column – a range of numbers $\{\{0\}, \{1\}, \dots\}$ (use **Join**) and use together with f in **FoldList**. You will get a list of pairs $\{y_i, y_{i-1}\}$; extract the first column. Compute such an output vector $\mathbf{y}_1$ for input $\mathbf{x}_1$, and $\mathbf{y}_2$ for input $\mathbf{x}_2$.

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alpha = -2.5; nOnes = 100; nZeros = 30;
xx1 = Table[0, 20]~Join~Table[1, nOnes]~Join~Table[0, nZeros];
xx2 = Table[0, 20]~Join~Exp[alpha/nOnes Range[nOnes]]~Join~Table[0, nZeros];
nMax = 35; aVec = {0.5, -0.2}; bVec = {1, -0.4}; (*{a1,a2}, {b1,b2}*)
f[{y1_, y2_}, {x0_, x1_, n_}] ...
yy1 ...
yy2 ...
ListLinePlot[{xx1, xx2, yy1, yy2}, PlotRange -> All, ImageSize -> Full,
  GridLines -> Automatic, AxesLabel -> {"x[n]", "y[n]"},
  PlotStyle -> {Full, Dashed, Dotted, DotDashed}, AspectRatio -> 0.4,
  PlotLegends -> Placed[{"x1[n]", "x2[n]", "y1[n]", "y2[n]"}, {Right, Center}]]
    
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