



# Computer II (MATLAB)

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## Lecture 3

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# Learning Objectives

- Understand how to write and execute basic MATLAB expressions.
- Learn how to create and manipulate matrices in MATLAB.
- Work with variables and apply assignment statements.
- Familiarize yourself with MATLAB syntax and the use of operators.
- Use comments effectively to document your code.
- Learn commands to manage the workspace, including `clc`, `clear`, and `clear all`





# Comments in MATLAB

- Comments are lines of text in your code that MATLAB ignores during execution.
- They are used to explain code, make it more readable, and provide context for yourself and others.
- In MATLAB, comments are written using the percent sign %
- Example:
  - % This is a comment
  - x = 5; % This is another comment





# Understanding MATLAB Syntax

- MATLAB Syntax refers to the set of rules that define the structure of valid MATLAB commands.
- Key Components of MATLAB Syntax:
  - Commands and functions.
  - Variables and operators.
  - MATLAB is case-sensitive (e.g., A is different from a)





# Common Operators in MATLAB

- Arithmetic Operators.
  - + Addition, - Subtraction, \* Multiplication, / Division, ^ power.
- Relational Operators.
  - == Equal to, ~= Not equal to, > Greater than, < Less than.
- Logical Operators.
  - && Logical AND, || Logical OR, ~ Logical NOT.





# Common Operators in MATLAB

- Example:

`x = 3 + 4;`      % Arithmetic

`y = x > 5;`      % Relational (True/False)

`z = x && y;`      % Logical (True/False)





# Basic Arithmetic Operators

- MATLAB supports basic arithmetic operators:
  - + : Addition
  - : Subtraction
  - \* : Multiplication
  - / : Division
  - ^ : Power
- Examples:
  - $x = 3 + 5;$
  - $y = 10 - 2;$
  - $z = 4 * 7;$
  - $w = 8 / 2;$
  - $p = 3^2;$





# Operator Precedence in MATLAB

- Order of Operations:
  - MATLAB follows the PEMDAS rule:
  - Parentheses
  - Exponents (Power ^)
  - Multiplication and Division (\*, /)
  - Addition and Subtraction (+, -)

- Examples:

`result1 = 3 + 5 * 2;`

`result2 = (3 + 5) * 2;`

`result3 = 5^2 - 2 * 3;`







# Evaluating Expressions in MATLAB

- Examples:

`a = 5;`

`b = 3;`

`result = a + b * 2;`

- Combining Variables and Functions:

`result = sqrt(a^2 + b^2);`

- Note: MATLAB evaluates from left to right, adhering to the order of precedence.





# Using Parentheses in MATLAB Expressions

- Purpose of Parentheses:

- To control the order of operations in complex expressions.

- Example:

- ```
result = (5 + 3) * (10 - 2); % Forces addition and subtraction first
```

- Without Parentheses:

- ```
result = 5 + 3 * 10 - 2; % MATLAB uses its default precedence rules
```





# Common Syntax Errors and How to Avoid Them

- Missing or Extra Parentheses:

```
result = (5 + 3 * 2; % Missing closing parentheses
```

- Incorrect Use of Operators:

```
result = 5 + * 3; % Multiplication operator misplaced
```

- Case Sensitivity::

```
a = 5;
```

```
A = 10; % 'a' and 'A' are different variables
```



# Try on your machine

- `Z = zeros(3, 3);`

```
>> Z = zeros(3, 3)
```

Z =

```
0 0 0
0 0 0
0 0 0
```

```
>> Z = zeros(1,4)
```

Z =

```
0 0 0 0
```

```
>> Z = zeros(4,1)
```

Z =

```
0
0
0
0
```

# Try on your machine

- `O = ones(2, 4);`

```
>> O = ones(2, 4)
```

O =

1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1

```
>> O = ones( 4,2)
```

O =

1	1
1	1
1	1
1	1

```
>> O = ones(5)
```

O =

1	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1

# Try on your machine

- `U = randi(5, [3, 3]);`

```
>> U = randi(5, [3, 3])
```

U =

5	5	1
1	3	3
5	5	5

```
>> U = randi(1000, [3, 3])
```

U =

793	36	679
960	850	758
656	934	744

```
>> U = randi(15, [4])
```

U =

10	15	12	14
3	6	4	15
2	9	8	9
8	4	11	3

# Try on your machine

- `I = eye(4);`

```
>> I = eye(4)
```

```
I =
```

```
1 0 0 0
0 1 0 0
0 0 1 0
0 0 0 1
```

```
>> I = eye(5,3)
```

```
I =
```

```
1 0 0
0 1 0
0 0 1
0 0 0
0 0 0
```

```
>> I = eye(5,1)
```

```
I =
```

```
1
0
0
0
0
```



# The clear all Command

- Definition: **clear all** removes all variables, functions, and MEX files from the workspace.
- Purpose:
  - To completely reset the workspace.
  - Useful when starting a fresh session or avoiding conflicts.
- Usage:  
**clear all;**
- Note: It's more comprehensive than **clear** since it also clears functions and variables.







# The `clc` Command

- Definition: `clc` clears the Command Window, removing all previous output.
- Purpose:
  - To clean up the Command Window when starting a new calculation or experiment.
- Usage:  
`clc`
- Example:  
`x = 10;`  
`disp(x);`
- After:  
`clc`





# Commands Review

- `clc`:
  - Clears the Command Window.
  - Does not affect variables or the workspace.
- `clear`:
  - Removes specific variables or all variables if no argument is given.
  - Does not affect functions or the Command Window.
- `clear all`:
  - Clears everything (variables, functions, MEX files).
  - Resets the entire workspace.





# Review of Key Concepts

- Basic MATLAB Expressions.
- Matrix Creation.
- Variables and Assignment.
- MATLAB Syntax & Operators.
- Comments %.
- clc, clear and clear all.





# Practice Exercise 1

- Assign the variable x a value of 15 and y a value of 5.
- Calculate the result of  $(x^2 + y^2)$  and store it in a variable called result.
- Use the disp function to display the value of result.





## Practice Exercise 2

- Assign values to variables a, b, and c.
- Compute the quadratic equation  $a*x^2 + b*x + c = 0$  for  $x = 3$ .
- Use the disp function to show the result.
- Add comments to explain each step.





# Practice Exercise 3

- Create a 3x3 matrix with random integers between 1 and 20.
- Create a 3x3 matrix with values from 1 to 9.
- Use addition operation to sum the arrays.
- Clear all variables and use `clc` to clear the Command Window.





# Let's try MATLAB

Launch MATLAB and work towards the exercises

