# Lecture 03 <br> Branches, Loops 

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## Before we begin

QZ1 Online quiz on CMS<br>HW1 Due June 5, 6pm<br>OH Office hours time \& location

## Today

- Branching using if/else/end
- Looping using while
- Initialization
- Rounding numbers
- Random numbers
- Formatted print


## Branching

- if/else/end


## if-else-end

if/else/end
Based on conditions different code fragments are executed

Usage

```
if %<condition>
    %<statements executed when
    % the condition is TRUE>
else
    %<statements executed when
    % the condition is FALSE>
end
```


## Number Game

## numbergame.m

```
number = fix(10*rand);
guess = input('enter a digit: ');
if number == guess
    disp('that is my number!');
else
    if number > guess
        disp('my number is greater');
    else
        disp('my number is smaller');
    end
end
```


## More Conditions

## Usage

```
if %<condition1>
    %<statements executed when
    % conditionl is TRUE>
else
    if %<condition2>
        %<statements executed when
        % condition1 is FALSE and
        % condition2 is TRUE>
    else
        %<statements executed when
        % condition1 is FALSE and
        % condition2 is FALSE>
    end
end
```


## if-elseif-else-end

## Usage

```
if %<condition1>
    %<statements executed when
    % the condition1 is TRUE>
elseif %<condition2>
    %<statements executed when
    % the condition1 is FALSE
    % and condition2 is TRUE>
else
    %<statements executed when
    % the condition1 is FALSE
    % and condition2 is FALSE>
end
```


## Loops

- while


## While Loop

while
the condition is true, keep executing the same code block

Usage

```
while %<condition>
    %<this code block will be executed
    % while the condition is true, until
    % it turns into false>
end
```


## Compute the sum : $1+\ldots+n$

What is the sum of numbers from 1 to $n$ ?
sum $=1+2+\ldots+n=\frac{n(n+1)}{2}$
Let's sum these numbers using while-loop

## Compute the sum : $1+\ldots+n$

## sum_numbers.m

```
n = input('enter n: '); % Get the maximum number
j = 1; s = 0; % Initialize counter and sum variables
if n >= 1
    while j <= n
        s=s + j;
        j = j + 1;
    end
else
    error('n should be positive');
end
fprintf('The sum is %d \n', s);
```


## Number Guessing - Revisited

## numbergame.m

```
number = fix(10*rand);
guess = -1;
while guess *}= numbe
    guess = input('enter a digit: ');
    if number == guess
        disp('that is my number!');
    else
        if number > guess
            disp('my number is greater');
        else
            disp('my number is smaller');
            end
    end
end
```


## Is it a prime number?

Prime number
A positive integer that has no positive divisor other than 1 and itself. If $x$ is prime and $x=a * b$, where $a, b$ are positive integers, $a$ and $b$ have to be either 1 or $x$.

## Fact

If $x$ is not a prime, it should have a divisor less than or equal to $\sqrt{x}$ and greater than 1. (Why?)
isprime
Let's write a function to check if a number is prime or not.

## isprime function

isprime.m

```
function p = isprime(n)
% Returns true if n is prime, otherwise returns false.
% Assumes n is a positive integer.
if n == 1, p = false; return; end
m=floor(sqrt(n));
j = 2; p = true;
while j <= m
    if rem(n,j) == 0, p = false; end
    j = j + 1;
end
```

