- Previous Lecture:
  - Iteration using for
- Today's Lecture:
  - Details on for-loop
  - Iteration using while
  - Review loop & conditionals using graphics
- Announcements:
  - P2 will be due Thurs Sept 18 at 11pm
  - We do not use break in this course

## Syntax of the **for** loop



Loop header specifies all the values that the index variable will take on, one for each pass of the loop.

E.g, k= 3:1:7 means k will take on the values 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, one at a time.

Pattern for doing something n times



```
% What will be printed?
for k= 10:-1:14
    fprintf(`%d ', k)
end
fprintf(`!')
```

What will be displayed when you run the following script?



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With this loop header, k "promises" to be these values, one at a time



k 4



With this loop header, k "promises" to be these values, one at a time



k 4























k

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k

6















k





















## for-loop <u>header</u> is executed only once! (Loop body is may be executed multiple times)

## Example: *n*-gon $\rightarrow$ circle



As *n* approaches infinity, the inscribed and circumscribed areas approach the area of a circle. When will |OuterA – InnerA| <= .000001?

First, itemize the tasks:

- define how close is close enough
- select an initial n
- calculate innerA, outerA for current n
- diff= outerA innerA
- close enough?
- if not, increase n, repeat above tasks

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Repeat until difference is small: increase n calculate innerA, outerA for current n diff= outerA - innerA

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n gets initial value calculate innerA, outerA for current n while <difference is not small enough> increase n calculate innerA, outerA for current n Indefinite iteration diff= outerA - innerA end

areaCircle.m

Guard against infinite loop

Use a loop guard that guarantees termination of the loop. Or just limit the number of iterations.

#### while (B\_n-A\_n >delta && n<nMax)

Another use of the while-loop: user interaction

- Example: Allow a user to repeatedly calculate the inscribed and circumscribed areas of n-gons on a unit circle.
- Need to define a "stopping signal"

# Common loop patterns



Important Features of Iteration

- A task can be accomplished if some steps are repeated; these steps form the loop body
- Need a starting point
- Need to know when to stop
- Need to keep track of (and measure) progress

In Matlab, which claim is true? (without break)



for-loop can do anything while-loop can do

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while-loop can do anything for-loop can do



for- and while-loops can do the same things

# Common loop patterns



## Pattern to do something n times





for-loop or while-loop: that is the question

 for-loop: loop body repeats a fixed (predetermined) number of times.

while-loop: loop body repeats an indefinite number of times under the control of the "loop guard."

# Review loops/conditionals using user-defined graphics function

Draw a black square;

then draw a magenta disk;

then draw a yellow star.







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# **Color Options**

White	<b>`w′</b>	
Black	`k <i>'</i>	
Red	`r'	
Blue	<b>`b</b> ′	
Green	`g′	
Yellow	`Y″	
Magenta	`m′	
Cyan	`c′	

# A simple 3-line script

DrawRect(...) DrawDisk(...) DrawStar(...)



## % drawDemo

close all figure axis equal off hold on

hold off

A general graphics framework

% drawDemo
close all
figure
axis equal off
hold on

Code fragment to draw the objects (rectangle, disk, star)

hold off

#### Example: Nested Stars

