

Transition to Matlab

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Today's meeting

- Course goals
- Organization and requirements
- Logistics
- Scheduling

Course Goal

Learn how to program in Matlab!

Topics:

- Matlab basics (environment, built-in functions)
- Arrays (vector, matrix)
- Vectorized code
- Control flow (if-else, loops)
- User-defined functions
- Strings and cell arrays
- Graphics
- Basic I/O (including file I/O)

Programming Fundamentals ...

... that you should practice

- Top-down design
- Modular program development
 - Reduce redundancy
- Concise documentation
- Thorough testing

Must-know facts about CSI 132

- Course ends after 10 weeks: April 18th
- 1 credit (equivalent to 4-5 weeks); S/U
- Auto-tutorial and requires **mastery of material**
 - An average of B (85%) is required to pass the course
 - Average based on four items: Assignments 1 & 2 and Tests 1 & 2
- Assignments
 - If first submission is not perfect, one re-submission is allowed without penalty. Any additional **re**-submission incurs a 10% deduction.
 - Assignment **1a** deadline: **Feb 12th**
 - Assignment **1b** deadline: **Mar 5th**
 - Assignment **2** deadline: **Apr 16th**
 - Late (re)submission allowed up to 24 hours for a 10% penalty

Must-know facts about CS1132 (cont'd)

■ Tests

- Take **Test 1** after submission of Assignment 1 (parts a & b)
 - Deadline is **Mar 7th**
- Take **Test 2** after submission of Assignment 2
 - Deadline is **Apr 18th**
- Multiple attempts are allowed, but only once a week
- Final score is the most recent score

- All course materials are online and in the textbook
- **The website is the course**
- Consulting available SMTWVR 5-10pm in Green Rm of ACCEL (Carpenter Hall) starting Jan 29th
- Occasional assignment-focused help sessions and exam review sessions will be announced

How to submit homework

- Submit your homework files on **CMS**
- **Resubmitting** a homework:
 - Carefully consider the grader's comments, but the final correctness of your homework is your responsibility.
 - Submit all (corrected) files related to the same question
 - Click the “**Regrade Request**” button
- Submit a homework **anytime before its deadline**. In any week before the deadline, the grading cut-off time is **Wednesday 11:59pm**:
 - Submit on Tues? Get feedback by Saturday of the same week.
 - Submit on Wed? Get feedback by Saturday of the same week.
 - Submit on Thurs? Get feedback by Saturday of the following week.

How to sign up for a test

- Take Test 1 **after** you submit Assignment 1 parts a & b
- Take Test 2 **after** you submit Assignment 2
- You can sign up after submitting the relevant assignment(s)—no need to wait for grading result
- For each test, sign up for a spot in one of the test sessions listed in CMS.
 - If you have an unsuccessful attempt, sign up for another attempt the following week. Occupy only **one test slot at a time**.
 - Review your test with the TA during office hour before your next attempt!
 - If we see you making repeated attempts without improvement, you *will not be allowed to write the test again* without reviewing with a TA first.
 - We add test sessions throughout the semester, a couple weeks in advance.

Academic integrity

- Electronic submission and the self-paced nature of the course do not alter the University standards on academic integrity
- Your individual work is required
 - Do not copy code from any source (friend, published work, Internet, ...)
 - You can discuss general strategy with others, but do not share any code, whether written, electronic, or verbally
 - We use MOSS or similar software to check your submitted programs

Piazza – online discussion forum

- Active by this weekend
- Use it for clarification only
- Do not ask how to do an assignment! See course staff for in-person help in this case!
- Do not give hints on an assignment
- Do not post any code snippets
- If you need help please see a consultant or TA

What to do now?

- Check course website!
- Start studying the course material
- Log on CMS (start from course website). If **CSI 132** is not listed under “*My courses*,” then you need to be added to the system. Email **Yue Gao** <yg255@cornell.edu> to request this and indicate your **Cornell NetID**.

Recap... deadlines in the auto-tutorial course

■ Module 1

- Feb 12th (W) Last day to (re)submit Assignment 1a
- Mar 5th (W) Last day to (re)submit Assignment 1b
- Mar 7th (F) Last day to (re)take Test 1

■ Module 2

- Apr 16th (W) Last day to (re)submit Assignment 2
- Apr 18th (F) Last day to (re)take Test 2