

## Matlab Review

Lecture 14 (Mar 9)  
CS100M - Spring 2006

## Announcements

- Project 3
  - Due today
- Prelim II
  - Thursday, March 16, 7:30pm
  - You *must* contact Kelly Patwell (see website) if you have any scheduling difficulties
  - Room assignments: announced next week and on the Web
  - Prelim 2 topics: Everything through today
    - Material introduced next week will not appear on the prelim
  - Review session
    - This Sunday (see website)
    - Review problems will be online soon

## Topics

- Reading: No new reading
  - We have read online Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 9
- Recall recent topics
  - 1-dimensional arrays (vectors)
  - 2-dimensional arrays (matrices)
  - Characters and strings
  - Simulation and use of random number generator
  - Vectorized code
  - Simple plotting
  - Logical arrays

## Neighborhood of a Cell

- We define the *neighborhood of a cell* to be the cell itself and all adjacent cells (including diagonally adjacent)

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

The neighborhood of cell(2,4)

The neighborhood of cell(5,2)

## Min of a Neighborhood

- Goal:  
Write a function `minInNeighborhood(M, row, col)` that reports the minimum value in neighborhood of `cell(row, col)` in matrix `M`
- Function header  

```
Function val = minInNeighborhood(M, row, col)
% Return min in neighborhood of (row, col) in M
```

## Ask Yourself Questions

- Do we know how to solve a similar problem?
  - Yes, we already have code to find the min of a matrix
- Can we make a neighborhood into a matrix?
  - Yes, Matlab makes it easy to do submatrices
  - Neighborhood of `M(row, col)` is `M(row-1:row+1, col-1:col+1)`
- What happens near the edges?
  - Doesn't work near the edges: we "fall off"
- What can we do to fix up the edges?
  - We can make the code more complicated, or...
  - We can modify the matrix so we *can't* fall off
- If we add a border around `M`, what goes in the border?
  - `realmax`

## Example: Random Walk

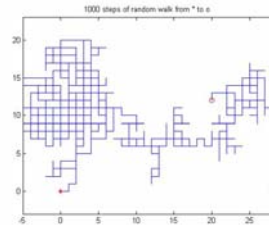
- Write a function `randomWalk(n)` to perform  $n$  steps of a random walk in the plane starting from (0,0)
  - Function header: `function randomWalk(n)`
- At each step, possible moves are up, down, left, or right
- Display the walk
  - This part turns out to be easy
  - `plot(x, y, '-')` where  $x$  and  $y$  are vectors draws connecting lines from  $(x(0), y(0))$  to  $(x(1), y(1))$  to  $(x(2), y(2))$  to...

## Ask Yourself Questions

- How do we know what to do at each step?
  - We use `rand()`; there are 4 equally likely directions
- How can we draw the random path?
  - `Plot()` makes this easy
  - We need to know all the  $x$ -values and all the  $y$ -values
  - Note: It's easier to draw the entire path than to draw one piece at a time
- How do we store the random path?
  - We can use a single  $n$ -by-2 matrix, or
  - We can use an  $n$ -vector of  $x$ -values and a separate  $n$ -vector of  $y$ -values
- Does this make sense for one step?
  - No, for one step we need...
    - ♦ The starting position (0,0)
    - ♦ And one step to either (1,0), (0,1), (-1,0), or (0,-1)
  - Thus, we should be using  $n+1$  instead of  $n$

## Random Walk Algorithm

- Pseudocode
  - Load  $x$  and  $y$  with  $n+1$  zeros for each step  $k$
  - Choose a random direction
  - Update  $x(k+1)$  and  $y(k+1)$
  - Draw the result



## Vectorized-Code Examples

- Write code to reverse a string
  - `s = s(end:-1:1);`
- Write code to modify an integer matrix so that all even values are set to 4 and all odd values are set to 3
  - `L = (mod(A,2) == 0);`
  - `A(L) = 4; A(~L) = 3;`
- Write code to produce a random sequence of H's and T's (for Heads and Tails)
  - `L = (rand(1, 50) < 0.5);`
  - `s(L) = 'H';`
  - `s(~L) = 'T';`
- Write code to "rotate" a matrix clockwise
  - `B = A';`
  - `A = B(:, end:-1:1);`

## Recall: Capitalize First Letters

- We did this before with iteration (i.e., loops)
- Can use vectorized code instead
  - It's not clear that this is better
- Idea: Everything after a blank should be capitalized
  - `L = (s == ' ');` % Find all the blanks
  - `L = [ true L(1:end-1) ]` % Shift each blank to right
  - `S = upper(s);` % This capitalizes everything
  - `s(L) = S(L);` % Copies just parts of S into s

## Plotting Examples

- Plot two cycles of the sine function
  - `x = 4 * pi * (0:0.01:1);` % Choose 100 x-values
  - `y = sin(x);` % Find sine for each x
  - `plot(x, y);` % Plot sin(x) using default colors
- Plot two cycles of the cosine function on the same graph
  - `z = cos(x);` % Find cosine of each x
  - `plot(x, y, x, z);` % Plot both sin(x) and cos(x)
- Same, but use dotted lines
  - `plot(x, y, 'd', x, z, 'd')`