# For-loop comparisons (1)

Matlab
for k = 1:n
% ...
end
Python
for k in range(1, n + 1):
# ...

```
Fortran 77

INTEGER k

DO 10 k = 1, n

C

10 CONTINUE

Ada

for k in 1 ... n loop

end loop;
```

# For-loop comparisons (2)

Matlab **for** k = 1:n % ... end Scala **for** (k ← 1 to n) { // ... } Rust **for** k **in** 1..=n { // ... }

**OCaml** for k = 1 to n do (\* ... \*) done LISP (loop for k from 1 to n do ; ... Perl foreach my \$k (1...n) { # ... }

# Announcements/Agenda

 Assignment 1 posted; due Sep 13

Su	Μ	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

- (review) How to make decisions
  - if/elseif/else, relational & Boolean operators
- How to repeat until something happens
  - while
- How to see what you're doing
- plot
- How to make lists
- Vectors

# fprintf()

- Format specifiers: %f, %e, %s
- Fixed point: %8.3f
  - 8 columns, right-aligned
  - Tenths, hundredths, & thousandths decimal places
  - Fits up to -999.999
- Floating-point: %.3e
  - 4 sig-figs
- New line: n

If your output will be read by both people and machines, *always* use

%.17g

Otherwise, Chaos could ensue.

### Boolean expressions: relational operators

- A boolean value is either true (1) or false (0)
- Obtain boolean values by comparing things
- Operators only act on two things at once don't try to chain them

Symbol	Comparison
<	Less than
>	Greater than
<=	Less than or equal to
>=	Greater than or equal to
==	Equal to
~=	Not equal to

#### a < x < b does *not* do what it looks like

#### Logical operators "short-circuit"

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Entire expression is false since the first part is false

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A A expression short-circuits to if

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A expression short-circuits to true if the left operand evaluates to true.

# Why short-circuit?

- Right-hand Boolean expression may be *expensive* or potentially *invalid*
- Much clearer than alternatives

```
if (x < 0.5) | (tan(x) < 1)
  % . . .
end
if (x \sim = 0) & (y/x > 1e-8)
   %
end
```

#### Last time: Monte Carlo estimator for $\pi$

for N<sub>darts</sub> trials:

• Goal: draw blue hits, red misses

generate random dart location

*if dart is in circle:* 

count as a hit

estimate  $\pi$  as 4 N<sub>hits</sub> / N<sub>darts</sub>

*if dart is in circle:* 

draw blue dot

otherwise:

draw red dot

#### Application 1: Draw blue and red darts

- Draw red star: plot(x, y, 'r\*')
- Draw blue star: plot(x, y, 'b\*')
- Don't erase old points: hold on
- Preserve geometry: axis equal

#### Application 2: Estimate $\pi$ via annulus

• New math

 $P \approx N_{hits}/N_{darts}$  $\pi = P/(\frac{1}{4} - (r/L)^2)$ 

New condition

 $(x^2 + y^2 < (L/2)^2) \&\& ...$  $(x^2 + y^2 > r^2)$  $\sim((x^2 + y^2 > (L/2)^2) || ...$  $(x^2 + y^2 < r^2))$ 



## Application 3: Stop when we're close

- A for-loop always repeats a fixed number of times
  - There are ways to leave a loop early, but they're not used in this class
- Want to stop repeating when a Boolean expression changes value
  - "Are we there yet?"
  - Matlab can do this: while-loop
- BUT a for-loop gave us a counter for free
  - Need to make our own

### While-loops in place of for-loops

```
N= ___; L= ___; hits= 0;
                                            N= ___; L= ___; hits= 0;
                                            k= 1;
                                            while k <= N
for k = 1:N
  % Throw kth dart
                                               % Throw kth dart
   x = rand*L - L/2;
                                               x = rand*L - L/2;
   y = rand*L - L/2;
                                               y = rand*L - L/2;
  % Count if in circle
                                               % Count if in circle
   if x^2 + y^2 <= (L/2)^2
                                               if x^2 + y^2 <= (L/2)^2
      hits= hits + 1;
                                                  hits= hits + 1;
   end
                                               end
                                               k= k + 1;
end
                                            end
                                            myPi= 4*hits/N;
myPi= 4*hits/N;
```

# Repeating something N times



# Common loop patterns



# Storing dart positions

- Don't want to declare *N* different variables
  - What if *N* changes? Comes from user input?
  - How to change variable name in each loop iteration?
- Need a list

# Arrays

The basic variable in Matlab is a matrix

- Scalar: 1×1 matrix
- 1-D array of length 4:
  - 1×4 matrix (row vector) or 4×1 matrix (column vector)
- 2-D array: a matrix, naturally

# Array indexing: starts at 1

X	5	0.4	.91	-4	-1	7
	1	2	3	4	5	6

Let x be a vector and k be an index. Then:

- k must be a positive integer
- 1 <= k && k <= length(x)
- To access the k<sup>th</sup> element: x(k)
  - Read: y = x(k)
  - Write: x(k) = y

#### Creating vectors

- count= zeros(1,6)
- a= linspace(12,24,5)
- b= 7:-2:0
- c= [3 7 2 1]
- d= [3; 7; 2]

count		0	0	0	0	0	0
а	12	15	18	21	24		
b	7	5	3	1			
С	3	7	2	1			
d	3						
	7						
	2						

# Example: cumulative sum

- Write a program fragment that calculates the cumulative sums of a given vector v.
- The cumulative sums should be stored in a vector of the same length as v.

1, 3, 5, 0 v 1, 4, 9, 9 cumulative sums of v

> csum(1) = v(1); csum(2) = ? csum(k) = ?