

Transition to Matlab

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Today's agenda

- Course goals
- Organization and requirements
- Logistics
- Matlab desktop
- Script vs. function

Course Goal

Learn how to program in **Matlab!**

Topics:

- Matlab basics (environment, built-in functions)
- Arrays (vector, matrix)
- Vectorized computation
- 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 – Lecture course

- Course ends after 5 weeks: Oct 4th
- 1 credit, S/U
- 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, allowed, re-submission incurs a 10% deduction.
 - Late (re)submission allowed up to 24 hrs for a 10% penalty
 - Penalties accumulate from (re)submission to resubmission
- Tests
 - You may take each test a second time if you wish—a different version will be given
 - Final score is the **most recent score** for each test

Course staff and help

- See office hours listed on the syllabus
- Consulting available SMTWVR 5-10pm in Green Rm of ACCEL (Carpenter Hall, former Engineering Library)
- Some of the lab sessions will be “help sessions” for assignments
- Review session will be given during class time before each test

Academic integrity

- Electronic submission does 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

What to do now (very soon)?

- Check course website
- Log on CMS (start from course website). If CSI I32 LECI is not listed under “*My courses*,” then you need to be added to the system. Email Yue Gao <ygao@cs.cornell.edu> to request this and indicate your **Cornell NetID**.

Now we demonstrate...

- Course website
- Matlab environment
- Example script
- CMS

Input & output

- `variable = input ('prompt ')`

```
r= input ( 'Enter radius: ' )
```

- `fprintf ('message to print ')`

```
fprintf ( 'Increase ' )
```

```
fprintf ( 'is %f inches\n' , x)
```

```
fprintf ( 'Position (%d,%d)\n' , x,y)
```

Substitution sequences (conversion specifications)

%f fixed point (or floating point)

%d decimal—whole number

%e exponential

%g general—Matlab chooses a format

%c character

%s string

Examples: **%f** **%15.2f**

General form of a user-defined function

```
function [out1, out2, ...]= functionName (in1, in2, ...)  
% 1-line comment to describe the function  
% Additional description of function
```

*Executable code that at some point assigns values to output parameters *out1*, *out2*, ...*

- *in1*, *in2*, ... are defined when the function begins execution. Variables *in1*, *in2*, ... are called function *parameters* and they hold the function *arguments* used when the function is invoked (called).
- *out1*, *out2*, ... are not defined until the executable code in the function assigns values to them.

Function header is the “contract” for how the function will be used (called)

You have this function:

```
function [x, y] = polar2xy(r, theta)
% Convert polar coordinates (r, theta) to
% Cartesian coordinates (x,y). Theta in degrees.
...
```

Code to call the above function:

```
% Convert polar (r1,t1) to Cartesian (x1,y1)
r1 = 1; t1 = 30;
[x1, y1] = polar2xy(r1, t1);
plot(x1, y1, 'b*')
...
```