

W1005

Intro to CS and Programming in MATLAB

Control Flow

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Outline

- Array Manipulation
- Control Flow

Array Manipulation

- Special functions for arrays:
 - `sum()`, `prod()`, `mean()`, `max()`, `min()`
 - First argument we pass to each function is the array
 - What if array is a matrix, what does `sum(X)` mean?
- Useful routines:
 - `sort()`, `find()`, `sortrows()`, `any()`
 - Same issue as above, what does `sort` a matrix mean?

Array Manipulation

- Special functions for arrays:
 - `sum()`, `prod()`, `mean()`, `max()`, `min()`
- Suppose M is a matrix, then:
 - `TScol = sum(M);` TScol is a row vector, each element is the column sum
 - `TSrow = sum(M,2);` TSrow is a column vector, each element is the row sum
 - `TS = sum(sum(M));` TS is the total sum of all elements in the matrix
 - Can also obtain the location of the max/min value (if argument is a vector):
`[val, loc] = min(M);`

Array Manipulation

- Useful routines:
 - `sort()`, `find()`, `sortrows()`, `any()`
- Function `sort()` sorts elements in *ascending* (default) order. Can specify the order explicitly:
 - `sort_list = sort(M, 'descend');`
 - If M is a matrix, sorts each column independently
 - As above, can sort across columns: `sort(M,2, 'ascend')`
 - If consistency between rows is required, use `sortrows()`

Array Manipulation

- Function `find()` returns indices of elements which satisfy some condition:
 - `find(M)` Return indices of nonzero elements of M (default)
 - `find(M == 1)` Return indices of elements of M equal to one
 - `find(M >= 2 & M < 6)` Return indices that satisfy both conditions
- If M is a matrix, the returned index is a single value which is a bit annoying. Solution: use `ind2sub()`, `sub2ind()` to convert between indices
- `[r,c] = ind2sub(size(M),index)`

Control Flow

- Without flow, the scripts have no life
- In general: a control flow statement begins with some keyword and ends with the keyword **end**

- General Form (**if**):

```
if (conditional statement)
    body
end
```

- Example:

```
if x == 1
    y = 5;
end
```

Control Flow – Cond. Statement

- General Form (**if**):

```
if (conditional statement)
    body
end
```

- Conditional statements can be with or without ()
- Typically use logical and relational operators in the condition:
 - | (OR), & (and), ~ (NOT)
- Good idea to use () when the statement is a long one
- Alternative: define a variable in the previous line
 - `T = (x == 2 || y == 3) & x > 5;`
 - `if (T) ...`

Control Flow (if – else)

- General Form (if - else):
- Example:

```
if (conditional statement)
    body1
else
    body2
end
```

```
if x == 1
    y = 5;
else
    y = 2;
end
```

Control Flow (if – elseif)

- General Form (if – elseif):
- Example:

```
if (cond. statement1)
    body1
elseif (cond. statement2)
    body2
else
    body3
end
```

```
if x == 1
    y = 5;
elseif x == 2
    y = 3;
else
    y = 2;
end
```

Control Flow – Loops (for)

- Used for repetition
- General Form (**for**):

```
for "iteration variable"  
    body  
end
```

- Notice how the iteration variable is iterated over a row vector
- Example:

```
for i = 1:5  
    disp(i+1);  
end
```

Control Flow – Loops (while)

- General Form (**while**):

```
while (cond. statement)
    body
end
```

- Example:

```
x = 0;
while x < 5
    x = x + 1;
    disp(x);
end
```

Control Flow – Loops (break)

- Example (**continue**):

```
y = 0;  
for x = 1:10  
    if (x == 3)  
        continue;  
    end  
    y = y + 1;  
end
```

- What is $y = ?$

- Example (**break**):

```
y = 0;  
for x = 1:10  
    if (x == 3)  
        break;  
    end  
    y = y + 1;  
end
```

- What is $y = ?$

Control Flow – Caveat

- Loops are extremely inefficient in MATLAB, avoid them like the plague!
- Alternatives?
 - Built-in functions (find, sort, rand)
 - Pre-allocate memory (initialize array before entering loop)

Exercise (In Class)

- Control flow & array manipulation
- Write a script that takes two (hard-coded) vectors $\{A, B\}$. For every element of A, print the element of B at the corresponding index (index = element of A). At the end of the procedure, print the sum and product of the printed elements

Switch Statement – Usage

■ When?

- More than 2-3 choices
- Choice is based on a common expression

■ How?

```
switch switch_expr           % Expression is a scalar or a string
    case case_expr           % Match 'case_expr'
        statement(s)
    case {case_expr1,case_expr2} % Match any case in the array
        statement(s)
    otherwise
        statement(s)
end
```


Switch Statement – Usage

- Brackets {} are not required unless you wish to execute the same code for more than one case
- 'break' statements are redundant. Unlike C++ for example, there is no 'falling through'
- 'otherwise' is optional