## MATLAB Basic Commands

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| 1 | + | Addition | 3+4 | 7 | In case of matrix addition or subtraction, both matrices have to have same dimensions |
|  |  | Subtraction | $\left[\begin{array}{lll}1 & 2 & 3\end{array}\right]+\left[\begin{array}{lll}4 & 5 & 6\end{array}\right]$ | [5 7 7 9 ] |  |
|  | - |  | 7-3 | 4 |  |
|  |  | - Unary Multiplication | 2*4 | 8 |  |
| 2 | * | - Matrix Multiplication | $\begin{array}{rrr} {\left[\begin{array}{lll} 1 & 2 & 3 \end{array}\right]} & *\left[\begin{array}{l} 4 \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ 6 \end{array}\right] \end{array}$ | 32 | - $(1 \times 4)+(2 \times 5)+(3 \times 6)=32$ <br> - For more info about the brackets [], See example \# 7 <br> - Refer to Matrices multiplication for more information |
| 3 | 1 | Division | 8/2 | 4 | You can use the brackets () as$(2+3) \wedge 2 / 5$ |
| 4 | $\wedge$ | Power (exponent) | $2^{\wedge} 3$ | 8 |  |
| 5 | $=$ | - Assign a value to a variable | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{a}=10 \\ & \mathrm{~b}=3+2 \\ & \mathrm{My} \text { _var=a/b } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{a}=10 \\ & \mathrm{~b}=5 \\ & \text { My_var=2 } \end{aligned}$ | - Wherever you enter the variables ( a or b or My_var ) in your code, they will represent their values. <br> - You can name the variable by any name, but be aware that variables are case sensitive and have some restrictions, so any mismatch will cause an error. |
| 6 | $\begin{aligned} & \sin () \\ & \cos () \end{aligned}$ | trigonometric functions | $\begin{aligned} & y=\sin (0) \\ & y 2=\sin (p i / 2) \\ & y 3=\cos (0) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & y=0 \\ & y 2=1 \\ & y 3=1 \end{aligned}$ | - The input argument has to be in radian <br> - pi is a constant equal to $\pi$ |
| 7 | [ ] | Define a new matrix | MyMatrix $=$ [ 2 5 3 $]$ | MyMatrix $=\left[\begin{array}{lll}2 & 5 & 3\end{array}\right]$ | - Here we defined a matrix named MyMatrix has 1 row and 3 coulomns. <br> - You can use space to separate between matrix's element |
| 8 | , | Define a new columns | MyMatrix= [2, 5, 3] | MyMatrix $=$ [ 2 5 3 $]$ | Same as the previouse example but here we used comma instead of space |
| 9 | ; | - Define a new row | $\begin{aligned} & \text { MyMatrix }=[1,2,3 ; 4, \\ & 5,6 ; 7,8,9] \end{aligned}$ | MyMatrix $=\left[\begin{array}{lll}1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9\end{array}\right]$ | you can use enter instead as MyMatrix $=\left[\begin{array}{lll}1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9\end{array}\right]$ |
|  |  | - Used at the end of command line to avoid presenting the outcome in command window | $A=\left[\begin{array}{ll}1 & 2\end{array}\right] ;$ | Nothing will appear in command window, but the matrix A will be defined. | It's very useful to boost the speed of your code's execution as well as to avoid redundant outcomes |
| 10 | : | Create a vector of serial numbers | 1:5 | $\left[\begin{array}{lllll}1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5\end{array}\right]$ |  |
| 11 | : : | Create a vector with certain increment step | 1:2:9 | $\left[\begin{array}{lllll}1 & 3 & 5 & 7 & 9\end{array}\right]$ | Increment value |
|  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & a=-0.6 ; b=0 ; c=0.2 ; \\ & a: c: b \end{aligned}$ | $\left[\begin{array}{llll}-0.6 & -0.4 & -0.2 & 0\end{array}\right]$ |  |
| 12 | , | Matrix transpose. i.e. change the rows to be columns and vice versa | [ $\left.\begin{array}{llll}1 & 2 & 3\end{array}\right]^{\prime}$ | $\left[\begin{array}{l}1 \\ 2 \\ 3\end{array}\right]$ | It can be used after matrix's name e.g. MyMatrix' <br> i.e. in all examples you can use the matrix's name instead of matrix itself |
|  |  |  | [1 2 ; 3 4]' | $\left[\begin{array}{ll}1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4\end{array}\right]$ |  |
| 13 | .* | Array Multiplication | $\left[\begin{array}{lll}1 & 2 & 3\end{array}\right] . *\left[\begin{array}{lll}3 & 4 & 5\end{array}\right]$ | [ $\left.\begin{array}{lll}3 & 8 & 15\end{array}\right]$ | In arry multiplication each element in the matrix is multiplied by the corresponding one in the other matrix, thus the diamensions both matricies must agree. |
| 14 | . ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | Array Power | $\left[\begin{array}{lll}1 & 2 & 3\end{array}\right] \cdot{ }^{\wedge} 2$ | [149] |  |


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| 15 | ( , ) | Used after the matrix's name to return a specific element in that matrix | $\begin{aligned} & \left.\hline A=\begin{array}{rrl} 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 7 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 & 5 \end{array}\right] ; \\ & A(3,2) \end{aligned}$ | 1 | Return the element in row number 3 and column number 2 in the matrix $A$ |
| 16 | $\begin{aligned} & \max (~) \\ & \min (~) \end{aligned}$ | Find the maximum and minimum values | $\begin{aligned} & x=\left[\begin{array}{llll} 2 & 5 & 10 & 4 \end{array}\right] ; \\ & \max (x) \\ & \min (x) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 10 \\ & 2 \end{aligned}$ | - Many useful ways to use max () and min(). See MATLAB help |
|  |  |  | sum([ 1503$])$ | 9 | - It can be used an integral |
| 17 | sum ( ) | Gives the addition result | $\begin{aligned} & A=\left[\begin{array}{lllllll} 1 & 2 & 3 ; & 4 & 5 & 6 \end{array}\right] ; \\ & \text { sum (A) } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{lll}5 & 7 & 9\end{array}$ | - In case of matrix has more than one row, it adds each colum's elements separately. |
| 18 | find ( ) | Fine elements that satisfy a certain condition and return its index | $\begin{aligned} & A=\left[\begin{array}{lll} 1 & 4 & 6 \end{array}\right] ; \\ & C 1=\text { find }(A>4) \end{aligned}$ | $C 1=3$ | - The condition $A>4$ i.e. all elements in the matrix A greater than 4. <br> - \& means both condition have to be satisfied. <br> - Use MATLAB help to find more info. |
|  |  |  | A (C1) | 6 |  |
|  |  |  | C2=find ( $\mathrm{A}>1$ \& $\mathrm{A}<6$ ) | $\mathrm{C} 2=2$ |  |
|  |  |  | A (C2) | 4 |  |
| 19 | \% | Comment | ```% add any comment % or explanation % for your code``` | No execution will be carried out, any command or line begin with \% will be ignored | Note that each (\%) will eleminate anything on its right for one line only. i.e. if your comments are more than one line you have to add \% for each line as in this example. |
| 20 | Plot (x,y) | Locate a point in the coordinates $x$ and $y$ on xy plane and connect then with a straight line | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{x}=\left[\begin{array}{lll} 1 & 2 & 3 \end{array}\right] ; \\ & \mathrm{y}=\left[\begin{array}{lll} 1 & 4 & 2 \end{array}\right] ; \\ & \mathrm{Plot}(\mathrm{x}, \mathrm{y}) \end{aligned}$ |  | - You can change the color of the curve and the line's width, many properties can be found in MATLAB help <br> - To add title and labels for the axes see example |
| 21 | stem( ) | Same as plot but without connecting the points with each other | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{x}=\left[\begin{array}{lll} 1 & 2 & 3 \end{array}\right] ; \\ & \mathrm{y}=\left[\begin{array}{lll} 1 & 4 & 2 \end{array}\right] ; \\ & \text { stem }(\mathrm{x}, \mathrm{y}) \end{aligned}$ |  | It is useful to represent an impulse response of a system |
| 22 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Subplot } \\ & (m, n, p) \end{aligned}$ | To add subplots to a figure. i.e. divide the figure plane into subplots | Subplot (2, 1, 1) |  | Type this command before the plot command, because this command just creates a new subplot, and make it as the current plot plane. Learn more about it in MATLAB help |
| 23 | , ' | Defined a string (text) variable i.e. As letters not numbers | ```x=[0:0.1:2*pi]; y=sin(x); plot(x,y); title('One Cycle Sinusoidal Wave') legend('Sin(x)'); xlabel('Angel (radian)') ylabel('Amplitude')``` |  | - All of these properties can be used in any figure either you used plot or stem or any MATLAB plotting commands. <br> - To change the curve's color of width, search for plot in MATLAB help |
|  | legend('txt') | Add text to depicts the curve |  |  |  |
| 24 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { xlabel ('txt') } \\ & \text { ylabel ('txt') } \end{aligned}$ | Add labels to x and y axes |  |  |  |
| 25 | title('txt') | Add title to the current plot |  |  |  |
| 26 | grid | Show the grid of the plot |  |  |  |

- In all above examples we can use the matrix's name instead of the matrix itself.
- Whenever you want to know more about any symbol, operation, or function, type in the command window "help" followed by the symbol or the name of the command that you want to know more about it. Alternatively, select the required word and then press "F1" to give you a quick help. Also you can use "lookfor" in command to search for any MATLAB command.

