

Introduction to MATLAB

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What is MATLAB

MATLAB - The Language Of Technical Computing

 MATLAB® is a high-level language and interactive environment that enables you to perform computationally intensive tasks faster than with traditional programming languages such as C, C++, and Fortran.

See http://www.mathworks.com/products/matlab/ .

Latest version: 7.7 (R2008b, released in Oct. 2008)

Launch MATLAB on LONI Clusters

- MATLAB is available on Poseidon & Eric
 - MATLAB on Poseidon: version 7.6 (R2008a) (Licensed to UNO users only)
 - MATLAB on Eric: version 7.5 (R2007b) (Licensed to LSU users only)
- Login poseidon.loni.org or eric.loni.org

Launch MATLAB on LONI Clusters

- □ For the first run, configure your .soft file
 - Run the following command to find the key for MATLAB
 - \$ softenv | grep matlab
 - The key on Poseidon: +matlab
 - The key on Eric: +matlab-r2007b
 - Edit your .soft file to add the key in a new line above the "@default" line
 - \$ cd ~
 - \$ vim .soft
 - Run the following command to save your software environment \$ resoft
- Run the following command to launch MATLAB
 \$ matlab

The MATLAB UIs

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To get started, type one of these: helpwin, helpdesk, or demo. For product information, visit www.mathworks.com.

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To use MATLAB, type a command or code and hit <ENTER>
 To exit MATLAB, type *exit* and hit <ENTER>

The MATLAB UIs

- The MATLAB GUI
 - To run the GUI, make sure (1) an X11 server is running, and
 (2) your ssh connection is enabled for X11 forwarding.
 - Launch MATLAB by running the following command: \$ matlab

The MATLAB UIs

The MATLAB GUI

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Get Help in MATLAB

To get help in the Command Window

- **Type one of the following commands:**
 - To get a list of help topics
 - >> help

To get help on a specific topic

- >> *help* topic
- E.g.: *help* matlab/general shows a list of general purpose commands.

To get help on a specific command

- >> help command
- E.g.: *help* plot gives information about how to use the MATLAB function "plot".

Get Help in MATLAB

- To open the MATLAB Help Browser
 - In the MATLAB GUI, press F1 or select "Product Help" in

the Help menu



Data Representation, Access and Storage

- Fundamental data types
 - double (the default numeric type), single, int8, uint8, int16, uint16, int32, uint32, int64, uint64, logical, char, cell, structure, function handle
- Variable definition and assignment
 - varName = val; % the default type is double
 - varName = type(val); % "type" is a specific data type

Data Representation, Access and Storage

Examples of variable definition and assignment

i= 3;% a double scalarj = complex(2,-3);% a double complexv = single([1 2 3]);% a single row vector or a 1-d arraym = uint8([1 2 3; 4 5 6; 7 8 9]);% a 3 by 3 matrixmd = cat(3, [1 2; 3 4], [5 6; 7 8]);% a 2 by 2 by 2 3-d arrayl = logical([true false i > 0 0 5]);% a vector of logical valuesch = 'A';% a characterstr= 'abc';% a string i.e. a character vectorc = {i v m; l ch str};% a 2 by 3 cell arrayperson.name = 'Peter'; person.age = 25;% a structure with two fieldsfh = @sin;% a function handle i.e. a pointer to the sin() function

For more information: type *help* datatypes in the Command Window or enter index term "data types" in the Help Browser

Data Representation, Access and Storage

Examples of data access

i	% the value of variable i				
j	% the value of variable j				
real(j)	% the real part of j				
imag(j)	% the imaginary part of j				
m	% the value of variable m				
m(1,2)	% the element in the first row and second column of matrix m				
m(1, :)	% the first row of matrix m				
m(1:2, 2:3)	% rows 1 through 2 and columns 2 through 3 of matrix m				
c(2,3)	% the element in the first row and second column of cell array c				
c(:, 2)	%the second column of cell array c				
person.name	% the name field of structure person				
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Note: array subscripts start from 1, not 0

Data Representation, Access and Storage

Save variables

save filename var1 var2 var3 ... % save variables in a file
 save filename % save all variables in the current workspace

Note: the default extension name of a MATLAB data file is .mat.

Load saved variables

load filename var1 var2 var3 ...% load variables from a file*load* filename% load all variables from a file

Data Representation, Access and Storage

- Clear variables in the current workspace clear var1 var2 var3 ... % delete variables
 - *clear all* % delete all variables in the current workspace
- Import data from user files
 - Select "Import Data" from the File menu
 - Open your file in the "Import Data" dialog box
 - Follow the instructions to import your data
 - When you are finished, imported variables will be displayed in the Workspace Browser (see the next slide).

Data Representation, Access and Storage

Manipulate variables in the GUI

The MATLAB Workspace Browser and the Variable Editor

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Data Representation, Access and Storage

- Useful constants
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 - i (or j): imaginary unit
 - eps: floating-point relative precision ($\varepsilon = 2^{-52}$)
 - realmin: smallest floating-point number (= 2⁻¹⁰²²)
 - **•** realmax: largest floating-point number (= $(2 \varepsilon)^{1023}$)
 - Inf: infinity
 - NaN: not-a-number

Variables, Operators and Expressions

- Variables
 - Variable name: a letter followed by letters, digits or underscores

Note: MATLAB is case sensitive.

No need for declarations or dimension statements
 E.g.:

m = [1 2 3; 4 5 6; 7 8 9]; % a 3 by 3 matrix of double values

Data type of a variable can be changed dynamically E.g.: m = [1 2 3; 4 5 6; 7 8 9]; m = 'abc'; % This is legal.

Variables, Operators and Expressions

- Arithmetic operators
 - + : Addition
 - : Subtraction
 - * : Multiplication
 - .* : Array multiplication (element-by-element multiplication)
 - Division or matrix right division
 - Array right division
 - □ \ : Matrix left division
 - □ .\ : Array left division

Variables, Operators and Expressions

- Arithmetic operators
 - A : Matrix power
 - Array power
 - ': Matrix transpose
 - .' : Array transpose
 - **c** : Colon operator
 - (): Specify evaluation order

For more information, enter index term "operators" in the Help Browser.

Variables, Operators and Expressions

- Logical operators and functions
 - && : Logical AND
 - □ || : Logical OR
 - □ ~ : NOT
 - & : Element-wise AND
 - **Element-wise OR**
 - Bit-wise functions: bitand, bitor, bitcmp, bitxor
- Relational operators

<, >, <=, >=, == (equal to), ~= (not equal to)

For more information, enter index term "operators" in the Help Browser.

Control Statements

Conditional
 if cond1

...

...

elseif cond2

else

... end

Control Statements

Conditional
 switch expression
 case val1
 ...
 case val2

otherwise

end

...

For more information, enter index term "control statements" in the Help Browser.

Control Statements

- Loop
 - *for* expression % E.g.: for i = 1 : 5
 - end

...

- while cond
 - end

...

- break
- continue

Control Statements

- Error control
 - try

catch

...

end

Program termination

return

For more information, enter index term "control statements" in the Help Browser.

Function Calls and Definitions

- To define a function
 - Basic structure of a function:
 - **function** [out1, out2, ...] = funcName (in1, in2, ...)
 - % Function body

Note: in MATLAB a function can return zero to multiple output variables

Function Calls and Definitions

- To call a MATLAB function or a user defined function
 - Syntax:
 - [out1, out2, ...] = funcName (in1, in2, ...) % for functions with both input and output variables funcName (in1, in2, ...) % for functions with only input variables
 - funcName % for functions with no input and output variables

Using M-Files

- MATLAB source codes can be saved in text files with .m extension
- Create a new M-file
 - In the "File" menu, click on "New" and select "M-File"
 - Type your MATLAB code (expressions, statements, function definitions and calls, etc) in the Editor Window
 - Save your M-file

Using M-Files

The Editor Window



Using M-Files

Open an M-file for editing or execution

In the "File" menu, click on "Open", locate your file and click on an "Open" button in the Open Dialog box

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Using M-Files

Open an M-file for editing or execution

To run a M-file when it is open in the Editor Window, select "Run" in the "Debug" menu.



Generating Text Output

- Generating text output in the Command Window
 - Displaying the value of an expression
 E.g.:
 - a b + c m(1:2; 2:3) abs(d) date.month

Note: to suppress the text output of an expression, end it with a ";".

Generating Text Output

Generating text output in the Command Window

- Displaying text or array
 - *disp* (text or array) % *help* disp for more information

Displaying formatted text

disp (sprintf(...)) % help sprintf for more information

Generating Text Output

Saving text output in a file

- Using the *diary* command
 - *diary* on % turn the diary mode on

diary off% turn the diary mode off

diary filename % save all the subsequent text output in a file. If the file exists, output is appended to the end of that file.

Generating Text Output

Saving text output in a file

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Generating Graphical Output

- Basic plotting functions
 - 2-D plotting: *plot*
 - 3-D plotting: *plot3*
 - Creating a new figure window: *figure*
 - Creating sub plots in one figure: *subplot*
 - Adding plots to an existing figure: *hold*
 - Controlling axes and grid lines: axis, grid
 - Adding axis labels, title, legend and text: *xlabel*, *ylabel*, *zlabel*, *title*, *legend*, *text*
 - Creating mesh and surface plots: *mesh*, *surf*
 - Reading, writing and plotting images: *imread*, *imwrite*, *image*

Generating Graphical Output

Use plotting tools for interactive plotting

Type *plottools* in the Command Window



Generating Graphical Output

- Save a figure
 - Select "Save", "Save As" or "Generate M-File" in the File menu of the Figure Window.
 - Calling the saveas function
- For more information, search graphical function names in the Help Browser.

Lab 1

- Write an M-file for function [Y] = plotXSinX (X) which plots the value of X*sin(X) for input X, where X is a scalar, vector or matrix.
 - Create a new M-file keep it open in the Editor Window
 - Implement function [Y] = plotXSinX (X) (answer in the next slide). The function does the following things:
 - Display X
 - Calculate and display Y (Hint: sin(X) calculates the sine value of each element of X and outputs a variable with the same size of X. Use X .* sin(X) to calculate the element-by-element product of X and sin(X).)
 - Plot the curve with X as the X-axis and Y as the Y-axis (Hint: type *help plot* in the command window for the syntax of plot.)

Lab 1

- Write an M-file for function [Y] = plotXSinX (X) which plots the value of X*sin(X) for input X, where X is a scalar, vector or matrix.
 - Save the file as plotXSinX.m
 - In the MATLAB Command Window, make the current directory as where your file is saved, run the following commands and observe their output:
 - >> plotXSinX(pi/4)
 - >> plotXSinX(0:0.1:2*pi)
 - >> plotXSinX([-2:0.1:2; 3:0.1:7; 8:0.1:12]')

Answer to Lab 1

plotXSinX.m
 function [Y] = plotXSinX(X)
 X
 Y = X .* sin(X)
 figure
 plot (X, Y)

Answer to Lab 1 Figures generated by plotXSinX.m



Debugging M-Files

Check compilation warnings / errors in the Editor Window



Debugging M-Files

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Debugging M-Files

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Debugging M-Files

Run an M-file from the Command Window

>> fileName

or

>> [out1, out2, ...] = funcName(in1, in2, ...)

Note: make sure the current directory is where the file is saved.

Debugging M-Files

Run an M-file from the Editor Window



Debugging M-Files

Configure runtime arguments in the Editor Window



Debugging M-Files

Configure runtime arguments in the Editor Window



Debugging M-Files

Debug an M-file at runtime



Debugging M-Files

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Parallel and Distributed Programming with MATLAB

- Enabling multithreaded computation
 - Select "Preferences" in the File menu of the MATLAB GUI
 - In the "General" category, select "Multithreading".
 - Check "Enable multithreaded computation".



Parallel and Distributed Programming with MATLAB

- Functions that automatically support multithreaded computation
 - Linear algebra functions that call the BLAS library (e.g. matrix multiplication, QR decomposition)
 - Element-by-element functions (e.g. sin, log)

Lab 2

- If your MATLAB is running on a multi-CPU machine, create an M-file with the following code, run the file and observe its output.
 - A = rand (1000, 1000);
 - B = rand (1000, 1000);
 - to 1
- % Generate a random square matrix
- % Generate a random square matrix
- maxNumCompThreads(1); % Set the maximum number of threads
- C = A * B; % Do not count the time of the first run
- tic % Start a timer
- C = A * B; % Calculate the product of two matrices

(Continued on the next slide)

Lab 2

If your MATLAB is running on a multi-CPU machine, create an M-file with the following code, run the file and observe its output.

t1 = toc % Stop the timer and save the time value

- maxNumCompThreads('automatic'); % Set the maximum number of threads to the number of CPUs available
- n = maxNumCompThreads % Get the number of threads tic

C = A * B;

 $t^2 = toc$

speedUP = t1/t2

Note: You may need to run the code multiple times to get a speedup value closer to n, its theoretic value.

Parallel and Distributed Programming with MATLAB

Commercial products

- Parallel computing toolbox
 - Perform parallel computations on multicore computers and computer clusters

http://www.mathworks.com/products/parallel-computing/

Distributed computing server

Perform MATLAB and Simulink computations on computer clusters and server farms

http://www.mathworks.com/products/distriben/

Parallel and Distributed Programming with MATLAB

Other resources

 See Parallel Matlab Survey at <u>http://www.interactivesupercomputing.com/reference/parall</u> <u>elMatlabsurvey.php</u>

An easy-to-use package: MatlabMPI

http://www.ll.mit.edu/mission/isr/matlabmpi/matlabmpi.ht ml

Lab 3

□ If your MATLAB is running on Poseidon or Eric:

- Download MatlabMPI 1.2 to your work directory
 - \$ cd /work/username
 - \$ wget

http://www.ll.mit.edu/mission/isr/matlabmpi/MatlabMPI_v1. 2.tar.gz

- Untar the package
 - \$ tar –xvzf <u>MatlabMPI_v1.2.tar.gz</u>

Lab 3

If your MATLAB is running on Poseidon or Eric:

- A new directory "MatlabMPI" should have been created. List the source code files in its "src" subdirectory.
 - \$ Is MatlabMPI/src

You should see a list of .m files:

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[sylvia@poseidon2 sylvia]$
```

Lab 3

- Add the path of MATLABMPI source files in the MATLAB environment
 - Create a "matlab" directory in your home directory
 \$ cd ~
 - \$ mkdir matlab
 - Create a "startup.m" file in the "matlab" directory
 \$ cd matlab
 - \$ vim startup.m
 - Add the following two lines in your startup.m and save it. addpath /work/username/ MatlabMPI/src/ cd /work/username/

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- Edit file "MatMPI_Comm_settings.m" to set ssh as the command to logon other compute nodes
 - \$ cd /work/username/MatlabMPI/src
 - \$ vim MatMPI_Comm_settings.m
 - Go to a commented line that says
 - "machine_db_settings.remote_launch = ' ssh ';", uncomment it, and comment the next line which sets the command to rsh. Save the file.

Lab 3

Copy an example M-file from the example directory of MATLABMPI

\$ cd /work/username/

\$ cp MatlabMPI/examples/xbasic.m .

Launch your MATLAB

\$ matlab

Lab 3

Make sure /work/username is the current directory and run the following command in the MATLAB Command Window

>> MPI_Run ('xbasic' , 2, { 'machine0' 'machine1' }); % 'machine0' and 'machine1' should be machine names on which you want to run the example code.

You should see MATLAB output like this:

```
>> MPI_Run('xbasic',2,{'poseidon100' 'poseidon101'});
Launching MPI rank: 1 on: poseidon101
Launching MPI rank: 0 on: poseidon100
unix_launch =
  ssh poseidon101 -n 'cd /work/sylvia; /bin/sh ./MatMPI/Unix_Commands.poseidon101.1.sh &' &
    ssh poseidon100 -n 'cd /work/sylvia; /bin/sh ./MatMPI/Unix_Commands.poseidon100.0.sh &' &
```

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A new directory named "MatMPI" should have been created in your /work/username directory.

Check output files

\$ cd /work/username/MatMPI

\$ Is

You should see a list of files like this:

```
[sylvia@poseidon2 sylvia]$ ls
MatlabMPI MatlabMPI_v1.2.tar.gz MatMPI training xbasic.m
[sylvia@poseidon2 sylvia]$ cd MatMPI/
[sylvia@poseidon2 MatMPI]$ ls
MatMPIdefs0.m pid.poseidon101.16453 xbasic.0.out
MatMPIdefs1.m Unix_Commands.poseidon100.0.sh xbasic.1.out
MPI_COMM_WORLD.mat Unix_Commands.poseidon101.1.sh
pid.poseidon100.9504 Unix_Commands.sh
[sylvia@poseidon2 MatMPI]$
```

Lab 3

Check output files

\$ cat xbasic.0.out # This is the output file of machine0

You should see "my_rank: 0" at the beginning of the file and "SUCCESS" at the end of the file.

\$ cat xbasic.1.out # This is the output file of machine1

You should see "my_rank: 1" at the beginning of the file and "SUCCESS" at the end of the file.

Note: If you get the above result, your MATLAB has been properly configured for MatlabMPI.

Interfaces between MATLAB and C/C++/Fortran

 You can call MATLAB engine functions in a C/C++/Fortran program

For more information, enter index term "engine example" in the Help Browser.

You can create and read MAT files a in C/C++/Fortran program

Note: a MAT file is used by MATLAB to store workspace variables.

For more information, enter index term "**MAT-file example**" in the Help Browser.

Interfaces between MATLAB and C/C++/Fortran

You can call MEX functions written with C/C++/Fortran in MATLAB

Note: a MEX function is a C/C++/Fortran program that can be called in MATLAB.

For more information, enter index term "**MEX-file**" in the Help Browser.

 You can call MATLAB built-in functions, user-defined functions and other binary MEX files in a C/C++ MEX file

For more information, enter index term "**MEX-file**" in the Help Browser and then select "**examples** [1][2]".

GUI Design

To start GUI design, type the following command in the MATLAB Command Window

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For more information on GUI design, enter index term "**guide**" in the Help Browser.
Deploying MATLAB Applications

The MATLAB Compiler must have been installed

Note: This is a commercial product of the MathWorks.

- The latest version: 4.9
- With the MATLAB Compiler, you can build standalone executables or C/C++ shared libraries

Deploying MATLAB Applications

- With Compiler add-ons, you can build software components
 - Use MATLAB Builder EX to deploy MATLAB programs as MS Excel add-ins
 - Use MATLAB Builder JA to deploy MATLAB programs as Java classes
 - Use MATLAB Builder NE to deploy MATLAB programs as .NET and COM components

Note: all these are commercial products of the MathWorks.

For more information about the MATLAB Compiler and add-ons, visit <u>http://www.mathworks.com/products/product_listing/index.html</u>.

For online demos and tutorials, visit http://www.mathworks.com/products/compiler/demos.html .

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Thank you!

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