

MATLAB EXERCISE -3

Basic Syntax and Command-Line Exercises

The following exercises are meant to be answered by a single MATLAB command. The command may be involved (i.e., it may use a number of parentheses or calls to functions) but can, in essence, be solved by the execution of a single command. If the command is too complicated, feel free to break it up over two or more lines.

1. Create a vector of the even whole numbers between 31 and 75.
2. Let $x = [2 \ 5 \ 1 \ 6]$.
 - a. Add 16 to each element
 - b. Add 3 to just the odd-index elements
 - c. Compute the square root of each element
 - d. Compute the square of each element
3. Let $x = [3 \ 2 \ 6 \ 8]'$ and $y = [4 \ 1 \ 3 \ 5]'$ (NB. x and y should be column vectors).
 - a. Add the sum of the elements in x to y
 - b. Raise each element of x to the power specified by the corresponding element in y .
 - c. Divide each element of y by the corresponding element in x
 - d. Multiply each element in x by the corresponding element in y , calling the result "z".
 - e. Add up the elements in z and assign the result to a variable called "w".
 - f. Compute $x'*y - w$ and interpret the result
4. Evaluate the following MATLAB expressions by hand and use MATLAB to check the answers
 - a. $2 / 2 * 3$
 - b. $6 - 2 / 5 + 7 ^ 2 - 1$
 - c. $10 / 2 \ \backslash \ 5 - 3 + 2 * 4$
 - d. $3 ^ 2 / 4$
 - e. $3 ^ 2 ^ 2$
 - f. $2 + \text{round}(6 / 9 + 3 * 2) / 2 - 3$
 - g. $2 + \text{floor}(6 / 9 + 3 * 2) / 2 - 3$
 - h. $2 + \text{ceil}(6 / 9 + 3 * 2) / 2 - 3$
5. Create a vector x with the elements ...
 - a. 2, 4, 6, 8, ...
 - b. 10, 8, 6, 4, 2, 0, -2, -4
 - c. 1, 1/2, 1/3, 1/4, 1/5, ...
 - d. 0, 1/2, 2/3, 3/4, 4/5, ...

6. Create a vector x with the elements,

$$x_n = (-1)^{n+1}/(2n-1)$$

Add up the elements of the version of this vector that has 100 elements.

7. Write down the MATLAB expression(s) that will

- a. ... compute the length of the hypotenuse of a right triangle given the lengths of the sides (try to do this for a vector of side-length values).
- b. ... compute the length of the third side of a triangle given the lengths of the other two sides, given the cosine rule

$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2(a)(b)\cos(t)$$

where t is the included angle between the given sides.

8. Given a vector, t , of length n , write down the MATLAB expressions that will correctly compute the following:

- a. $\ln(2 + t + t^2)$
- b. $e^t(1 + \cos(3t))$
- c. $\cos^2(t) + \sin^2(t)$
- d. $\tan^{-1}(1)$ (this is the *inverse tangent* function)
- e. $\cot(t)$
- f. $\sec^2(t) + \cot(t) - 1$

Test that your solution works for $t = 1:0.2:2$

9. Plot the functions x , x^3 , e^x and e^{x^2} over the interval $0 < x < 4$...

- a. on rectangular paper
- b. on semilog paper (logarithm on the y-axis)
- c. on log-log paper

Be sure to use an appropriate mesh of x values to get a smooth set of curves.

10. Make a good plot (i.e., a non-choppy plot) of the function

$$f(x) = \sin(1/x)$$

for $0.01 < x < 0.1$. How did you create x so that the plot looked good?

11. In polar coordinates (r,t) , the equation of an ellipse with one of its foci at the origin is

$$r(t) = a(1 - e^2)/(1 - (e)\cos(t))$$

where a is the size of the semi-major axis (along the x -axis) and

e is the eccentricity. Plot ellipses using this formula, ensuring that the curves are smooth by selecting an appropriate number of points in the angular (t) coordinate. Use the command **axis equal** to set the proper axis ratio to see the ellipses.

12. Plot the expression (determined in modelling the growth of the US population)

$$P(t) = 197,273,000 / (1 + e^{-0.0313(t - 1913.25)})$$

where t is the date, in years AD, using $t = 1790$ to 2000 . What population is predicted in the year 2020?