CNBC Matlab Mini-Course

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Day 3: The Really Cool Stuff
Multidimensional Arrays

Matlab supports arrays with more than 2 dimensions.

\[ m = \text{rand}(4, 3, 2) \]

\texttt{whos m}

\texttt{size(m)}

Matrix multiplication does not apply to higher dimensional arrays.
Array Concatenation

Array concatenation can't be done with [ ] for higher dimensional arrays, so use `cat(dim, A, B)` instead.

```plaintext
d1 = cat(1, m, m)
d2 = cat(2, m, m)
d3 = cat(3, m, m)
```
Sparse Matrices

Sparse matrices provide an efficient means to store matrices that are mostly empty.

\[
s = \text{sparse}(1000, 1000)
\]
\[
s(2, 11) = 2
\]
\[
s(992, 875) = 3
\]
\[
s(875, 992) = 4.7
\]

\text{whos s}
Math on Sparse Matrices

All arithmetic operations work on sparse as well as full matrices.

\begin{align*}
\text{s} \times 10 \\
\text{s}' \times \text{s} \\
\text{s} \times \text{s}' \\
\end{align*}

Why is $\text{s}+10$ a bad idea?
Cell Arrays

A “cell” is a container that holds both data and type information. Arrays of cells (“cell arrays”) can contain objects of heterogeneous types:

\[
\begin{align*}
 b &= 5 \\
 c &= \text{num2cell}(5) \\
 \text{whos} \\
 b(3) &= 3.5 \\
 c(3) &= 3.5 \quad \text{\textcolor{red}{Error: 3.5 is not a cell}} \\
 c(3) &= \text{num2cell}(3.5) \\
 \text{whos} \\
 c(4) &= \text{cellstr('rutabaga')} \\
\end{align*}
\]
Constructor Makes Cell Arrays

d = { 10 20 ; 30 40 }

c(2,1) = {3}
c(2, 2:4) = { 'parsnip' -5.1 2+sqrt(-9) }

Transpose works:
{ 1  rand(5,3)  sqrt(-2) } '

Arithmetic doesn't:
{ 1 2 3 } + { 4 5 6 }
Displaying and Concatenating Cells

Individual cells are always displayed enclosed either in brackets [ ] or quotes " ".

foo = { 3.4  'green'  -9 }
bar = { 2 rand(5) 3 }

[foo bar]  \textit{Concatenating arrays of cells}

[foo ; bar]

\{ 'a'  'bcd'  'ef' \}  \textit{An array of cells}

[ 'a' 'bcd' 'ef' ]  \textit{Strings are arrays of chars}
And Assignment

When `{ }` indexing is used on the left hand side of an assignment, the data is converted to a cell first.

foo(4) = `{ 7 }`

foo{5} = 11
Cell Arrays Require More Storage

ra = [ 1 2 3 4 ]
ca = { 1 2 'three' 4 }
whos ra ca

*Each cell in the array requires separate type and shape information.*
{ } Indexing Gives Cell Contents

a = { 10 20 'thirty' 40i }
a(2) \textit{parens}
a{2} \textit{braces}

Slicing returns an array:
a(2:3)

Slicing with { } returns multiple values:
a{2:3}
Extracting Cell Contents

c\(\text{a} = \{1 \ 2 \ 3\}\)

5 + ca \hspace{1cm} \textbf{Error: can't do arithmetic on cells.}

5 + ca{ : }

\textbf{Error: too many arguments.}

\text{plus}(5, 1, 2, 3)

5 + [ ca{ : } ]

lookfor cell

5 + cell2mat(ca)

\[cx, cy\] = ca{2 : 3}\}
Property Arguments

The `plot` function and many other graphics functions accept property/value pairs as extra arguments.

```matlab
props = {'Color', [0 0.5 0.8], 'LineWidth', 8, ...
         'LineStyle', '-' } 

plot(rand(5,3), props{ : } )
```
Structure Arrays

Matlab provides “structure arrays” with named fields.

```matlab
clear a
a.name = 'John Smith'
a.age = 35
a.department = 'Accounting'
whos a
```

The array `a` is a scalar (1x1) structure array.

```matlab
f = fieldnames(a)
f{1}
```
Returning Structure Arrays

The **what** and **get** functions return structure arrays.

\[
\begin{align*}
w &= \text{what} & \text{Value is a structure array} \\
mfiles &= w.m & \text{Value is a cell array} \\
\text{whos} & \\
p &= \text{get(gcf)}
\end{align*}
\]
Multi-Element Structure Arrays

All elements have the same set of field names. Some fields may be empty.

a(2).name = 'Mary Brown'

a(2).seniority = 8

whos a

a(1)

a(2)

a.age

{ a.age }
Call-by-Value Semantics

MATLAB uses call-by-value semantics, making it impossible for functions to modify their arguments.

In C, integers and floats are passed by value, but arrays and strings are passed by reference, making them modifiable.
Call-by-Value (cont.)

The following doesn't work:

```plaintext
function birthday(employee)
    employee.age = employee.age + 1
end
```

Try it and see:

```plaintext
birthday(a(1))
a(1)
```
Returning Modified Structures

Modified arrays or structures must be returned, and assigned back to the original variable. Otherwise the modifications are lost.

```matlab
function employee = birthday(employee)
    employee.age = employee.age + 1
end
```

```matlab
a(1) = birthday(a(1)) ;
a(1)
```
Efficiency Considerations

When an array or structure is passed as an argument, MATLAB doesn't necessarily copy it. Objects are passed to functions by reference, but are copied if the function modifies the argument. The modify-and-return approach is not an efficient way to maintain large objects, due to excessive copying.

Alternative solution: store values in a global variable and let the functions modify that variable directly instead of passing values as arguments.
GUI Facility

UIControl objects include pushbuttons, sliders, pop-up menus, and radio buttons.

clf

hb = uicontrol('Style', 'pushbutton')
set(hb, 'String', 'Foo')
set(hb, 'BackgroundColor', [0.2 0.6 1])
GUI Facility (cont.)

c = 0;

set(hb, 'Callback', 'c=c+1, datestr(now)')

*click the button several times*

set(hb, 'Style', 'checkbox')
Units Property

The Units property controls whether certain subsequent properties are interpreted as pixels, points, or percentage of screen size ("normalized" units):

```
set(hb, 'Units', 'pixels', 'Position', [100 100 80 25])
```

```
set(hb, 'Units', 'normalized', ...
    'Position', [0.5 0.5 0.25 0.25])
```
Pop-Up Menus and List Boxes

Put this in a script:

```matlab
clf

hp = uicontrol('Style', 'popup', ...
    'String', {'eeny', 'meeny', 'miney', 'moe'}, ...
    'Units', 'normalized', ...
    'Position', [0.2 0.2 0.3 0.1], ...
    'BackgroundColor', [0.8 0.8 0.5], ...
    'ForegroundColor', [0.1 0 0.95])

set(hp, 'Callback', 'get(gcbo, 'Value')')
```

The `gcbo` function returns the object whose callback function is currently executing.
Sliders

hs = uicontrol('Style', 'slider', ...
    'Position', [200 200 150 20], ...
    'Callback', 'get(gcbo, 'Value'))'

After trying the above, try this:

set(hs, 'Callback', ...
    'set(gcf, 'Color', [0 0 get(gcbo, 'Value')])')

In practice, the callback string is usually a call to some user-written function with gcbo as the argument. All the work is done inside the function.
HHsim's GUI Interface

cd /afs/andrew/usr/dst/matlab/hhsim
hhsim

Click on the stim1 button.

cd ~
GUIDE

GUIDE is the GUI Design Environment Tool that allows interactive layout of a GUI window, including menus, graphics, text boxes, etc., using “drag and drop” techniques.

doc guide
guide

Creates a .fig file to store layout information

Creates an editable .m file to load the .fig file and hold associated callback routines.
Reading Image Files

cd ~
!wget www.cs.cmu.edu/~dst/Tutorials/Matlab/brain.jpg
brain = imread('brain.jpg');
whos brain

The uint8 datatype holds unsigned bytes.

image(brain)
colormap(bone)
axis image
colormap(bone(256))
zoom on
Mouse Input

getline('closed')

Click the left button to enter points. Click the right button to end. Return value is a matrix of points defining the polygon.

    p1 = getptr(gcf)
    setptr(gcf, 'hand')

    p2 = getptr(gcf)
    set(gcf, p1{:})

The p1{:} notation expands the contents of the cell array p1 into multiple arguments to set.
function bmap(im)
    clf
    colormap([bone(256); autumn(256)])
    d = double(im);
    image(d), axis image, axis off
    coords = getline('closed');
    [x,y] = meshgrid(1:size(im,2), 1:size(im,1));
    z = inpolygon(x, y, coords(:,1), coords(:,2));
    d(z) = d(z) + 256;
    image(d), axis image, axis off
end

Call it like this:
  bmap(brain)
  or  bmap(X)
Toolboxes

Toolboxes contain collections of related functions that extend the basic Matlab language.

The **matlab** toolbox contains a variety of libraries that implement Matlab features such as graphing and matrix functions

```
  doc graph2d
  doc stats
```

The **images** and **stats** toolboxes contain routines for image processing and statistical calculations.
Version Info

The `ver` command displays version information for Matlab and all the toolboxes currently installed. This is especially useful when reporting a bug in Matlab or checking whether the version you are running is the latest one.

```
ver
```

```
a = ver('stats')
```
Search Path

You can control the search path Matlab uses to search for functions and data files.

```
path
!mkdir mystuff
!mv bmap.m mystuff
bmap(brain)    Matlab can't find it anymore
addpath('mystuff')
what mystuff
bmap(brain)
```
Where Do You Go From Here?

- Pick a dataset of interest and explore various ways to plot it.
- Try some data analysis examples in next week's class.
- Try out some of the built-in demos.
- Spend some time browsing the documentation to learn more about the statistics toolbox or the handle graphics system.
- Purchase a Matlab book and work through the examples.