

# **Week 2:**

# **Matrices and programming in MATLAB**

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Given

`R = [1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13]`

Which of the following commands will return

`result = [3, 5, 8]`

a) `result = R([3, 5, 8])`

b) `result = R(3, 5, 8)`

c) `result = R([4, 5, 6])`

d) `result = R(4, 5, 6)`

Given the following

$$A = [1; 2; 3]$$

$$B = [4; 5; 6]$$

Which of the following commands will return

$$C = [1; 2; 3; 4; 5; 6]?$$

a)  $C = [A \ B]$

b)  $C = (A; B)$

c)  $C = A + B$

d)  $C = [A; B]$

$$R = [1, 2, 3, 4]$$

Which TWO commands below will give an error?

a)  $R(1:3) = 1$

b)  $R(1:3) = [5\ 6]$

c)  $R(1:3) = [5\ 6\ 7\ 8]$

d)  $R(1:3) = [5\ 6\ 7]$

e)  $R(\text{end} + 1) = 8$

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# Learning goals

- Matrices (continued from last week)
  - Size and number of elements
  - Indexing a sub-matrix
  - Performing matrix arithmetic operations
  - Performing element-wise operations
- Programming in MATLAB
  - Writing and running (“executing”) a script
  - Commenting your code

# Matrix size

Matrix size is defined as

Number of rows by Number of columns

To get the size of a matrix use function `size()`

Example:

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 3 & 5 \\ 8 & 6 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
>> size(M)
```

```
= [3, 2] ("3-by-2 matrix")
```

# Number of elements

- To count the number of elements in a matrix, use `numel()`
- Example:

```
>> numel(M)
```

`numel` = number of rows x number of columns

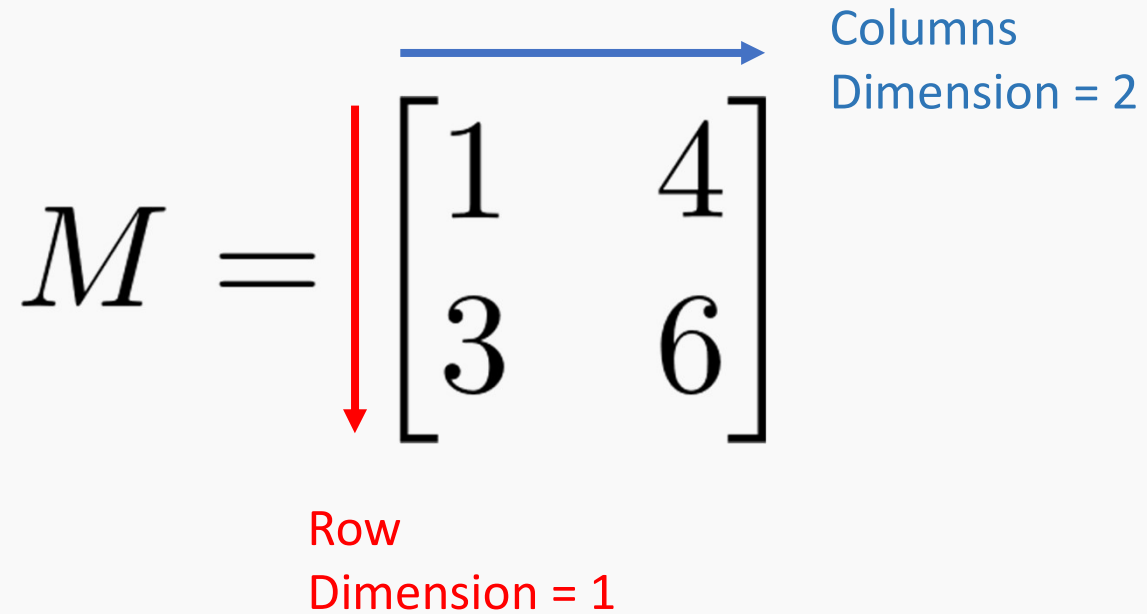


# Order of matrix dimensions in MATLAB

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

Row  
Dimension = 1

Columns  
Dimension = 2

The diagram shows a 2x2 matrix M with elements 1, 4, 3, and 6. A red vertical arrow points downwards from the top-left element to the bottom-left element, indicating the row dimension. A blue horizontal arrow points from the top-left element to the top-right element, indicating the column dimension.

The order of dimensions is defined in MATLAB (a.k.a. you just need to know this)

# Subscripts

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$M_{i,j} = M_{ij} = M(i, j) = i\text{-th row, } j\text{-th column}$

Example:

Corresponding MATLAB syntax:

$M_{11}$

`>> M(1, 1)`

$M_{21}$

`>> M(2, 1)`

## Modifying elements in a matrix

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 3 & 5 \\ 8 & 6 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

How would you replace the element 5 above with the value 9?

a)  $M = [10, 3, 8; 8, 6, 3; 1, 2, 1]$

b)  $M(1, 3) = 9$

c)  $M(3, 1) = 9$

# Indexing a range of elements

How would you retrieve just the first row of the matrix below?

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 3 & 5 \\ 8 & 6 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

a) `M(1, 1:3)`

b) `M(1:3, 1)`

c) `M(1,1), M(1, 2), M(1, 3)`

# The colon operator = all elements in dimension

- The colon operator on its own specifies **ALL ELEMENTS** in that dimension

An alternative way of getting just the first row

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 3 & 5 \\ 8 & 6 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$M(1, :)$$

## More examples of indexing

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 3 & 5 \\ 8 & 6 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- What is the command to retrieve the first column instead?

$$M(:, 1)$$

- What is the command to retrieve the first TWO rows?

$$M(1:2, :)$$

- What is the command to retrieve the LAST two rows?

$$M(2:3, :) \quad \text{or} \quad M(\text{end} - 1:\text{end}, :)$$

\*The second command works no matter matrix size

## Modifying multiple elements in a matrix

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 3 & 5 \\ 8 & 6 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

What is the command to replace row 1 with the following vector?

$$r = [5, 4, 3]$$

```
>> M(1, :) = r
```

- Note: The sizes must match during reassignment

$r = [5, 4, 3, 2]$  will cause an error

# Indexing values using linear indices

Elements arranged  
linearly

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 3 & 5 \\ 8 & 6 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

10  
8  
1  
3  
6  
2  
5  
3  
1



## Examples of linear indexing

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 3 & 5 \\ 8 & 6 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

What is the linear index of  $M(2, 2)$ ?

- a) 5
- b) 4
- c) 6
- d) 1

## Examples of linear indexing

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 3 & 5 \\ 8 & 6 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

What is the value of  $M(8)$ ?

- a) 2
- b) 3
- c) 10
- d) 5

## Examples of linear indexing

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 3 & 5 \\ 8 & 6 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

What is the output of the command `M(end)`?

- a) 1
- b) 5
- c) 3
- d) Nothing. An error occurs

## Examples of linear indexing

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 3 & 5 \\ 8 & 6 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

What is the value of  $M(1:4)$ ?

$$[10, 8, 1, 3]$$

Indexing multiple elements of a matrix linearly combines the output into a row vector

## Mean of matrix values

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 3 & 5 \\ 8 & 6 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Compute the mean of all numbers in M using the function `mean()`

```
>> mean(M)
```

```
ans =
```

```
    6.3333    3.6667    3.0000
```

Computes the mean of **each row**

```
>> mean(mean(M))
```

```
ans =
```

```
    4.3333
```

## Mean of matrix values

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 3 & 5 \\ 8 & 6 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Compute the mean of all numbers in M using the function `mean()`

```
>> mean(M(:))  
ans =  
4.3333
```

Computes the mean of **every element** in M

# Summary

- Declaring matrices
- The order of dimensions
- Getting the size of a matrix
- Retrieving elements using matrix notation and linear indexing

# Arithmetic operations on matrices

Two types of operations:

1. Matrix and scalar (number) – scalar operation
2. Matrix and matrix – matrix operation

We will look at examples for both for each operator



# Addition and subtraction

Matrix and scalar

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} + 2 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\gg C = [1, 2; 3, 4] + 2$$

# Addition and subtraction

Matrix and matrix

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
>> A = [1, 2; 3, 4]
```

```
>> B = [2, 1; 1, 2]
```

```
>> C = A + B
```

# Quick caveat

Matrix and matrix

```
>> A = [1, 2; 3, 4]
>> B = [2, 1; 1, 2; 3, 4]
>> C = A + B
```

Matrix dimensions must agree.

Matrices must have the **same size**

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \text{operation undefined}$$

# Multiplication

- Matrix and scalar

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \times 2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 6 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
>> A = [1, 2; 3, 4]
```

```
>> B = 2
```

```
>> C = A * B
```

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Matrix and matrix

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$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 6 \\ 14 & 14 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
>> A = [1, 2; 3, 4]
```

```
>> B = [2, 2; 2, 2]
```

```
>> C = A * B
```

Matrix multiplication (Linear algebra)

# Element-wise multiplication

- To multiply the elements from each matrix, use the element-wise multiplication operator (`.*`)

```
>> C = A .* B
```

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} .* \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 6 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

Also known as array multiplication

# Division

Matrix and scalar

```
>> A = [1, 2; 3, 4]
```

```
>> B = 2
```

```
>> C = A / B
```

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \div 2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 & 1 \\ 1.5 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Division

Matrix and matrix

```
>> A = [1, 2; 3, 4]
>> B = [2, 2; 2, 2]
>> C = A / B
```

Linear algebra matrix  
division:

$$AB = C$$
$$A = CB^{-1}$$

$B^{-1}$  = inverse matrix

Warning: Matrix is close to singular or badly scaled.  
Results may be inaccurate. RCOND = 4.432558e-17.

```
C =
 1.0e+15 *
 -2.8200  2.8200
 -2.8200  2.8200
```

## Element-wise division

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} ./ \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 & 1 \\ 1.5 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
>> C = A ./ B
```

# Power

```
>> A = [1, 2, 3, 4]
```

```
>> A ^ 2
```

What is the output of the command above?

$A ^ 2 = A * A$  (A matrix operation)

What is the command if we want the square of each element in A instead?

```
A .^ 2
```

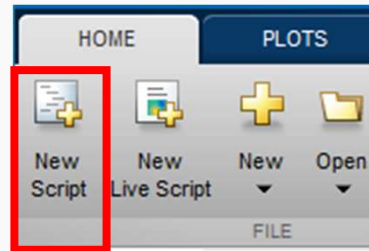
# Programming in MATLAB

- Code in MATLAB are written in plain text and saved with the extension **.m** (they are also often called m-files)
- Two types of m-files:
  - Scripts
  - Functions – we will look at this in another lecture
- Scripts contain lines of commands (basically, copy and paste from the command window)

# Creating a script

Two ways to create a script:

1. Click on **New Script**



2. Using the function `edit <scriptname>`

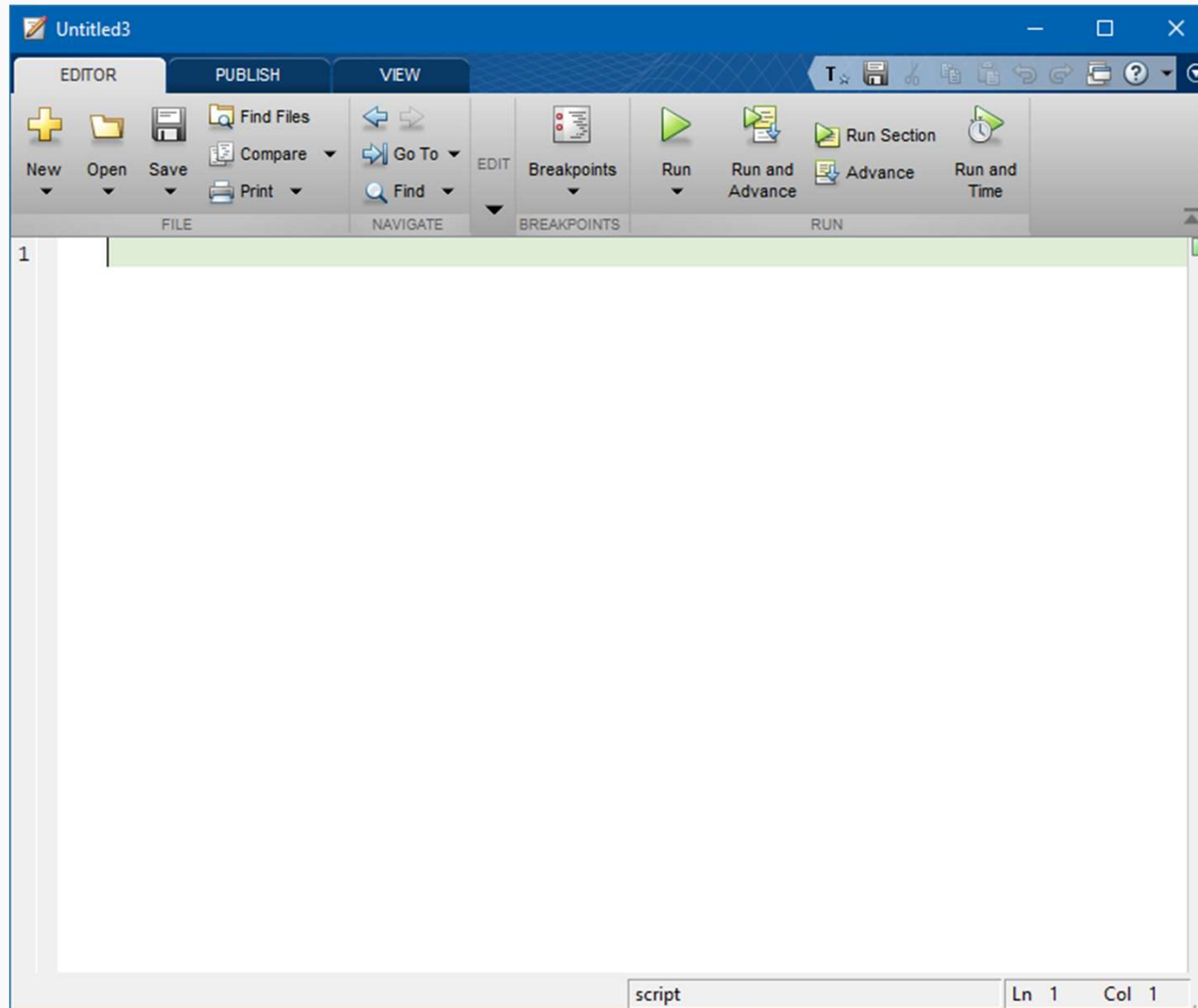
Example:

```
>> edit myNewScript.m
```

The script will be created in the current directory

- Restrictions on script names are similar to variable names
  - Filenames must start with a letter
  - Cannot have operators (letters, numbers and underscores only)

# The Editor window



# Two ways to run (“call”) a script

1. Click the **Run** button in the Editor window



2. Type the script name (without the .m) in the Command Window

```
>> calcare
```

- Your file must be in the MATLAB search path – the easiest way is to have it in the current working directory

# Commenting your code

- Comments are lines of code that are not executed by MATLAB
- Comments in MATLAB start with a percent sign (%)
- Examples:

```
height = 10;  % Everything after is ignored  
width = 20;   % meters
```

```
%Compute the area  
area = height * width;
```

Whitespace is free – please use it!



# Suppressing the output from assignments

- Notice that whenever you assign a variable, MATLAB will print its value

```
>> width = 10  
width =  
      3
```

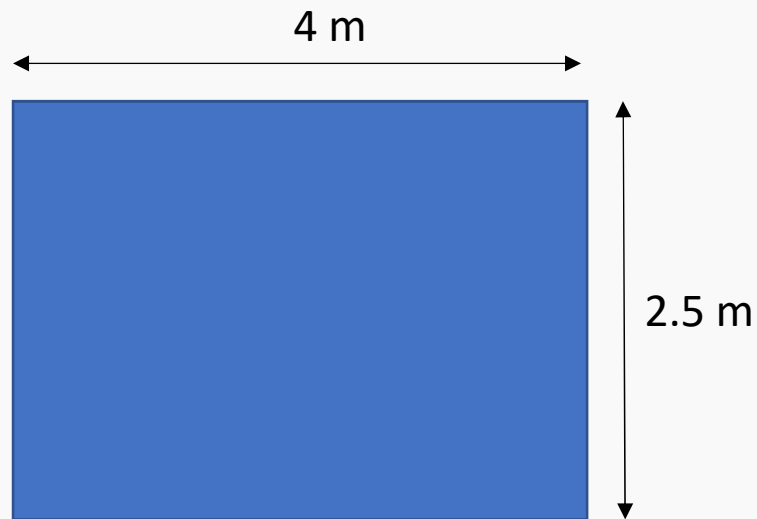
- You can suppress this output by adding a semicolon (;) at the end of the command

```
>> width = 10;
```

- This becomes useful when running multiple lines of code

# Exercise

Write a script called `calcarearea.m` to compute the area of the rectangle below.



- Defining values (e.g. `height` and `width`) as variables will make it easier to remember what they are
- It is usually a good idea to start your script by clearing existing variables
- Also generally want to suppress output after each line

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