

# The Matrix Laboratory: MATLAB

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You have all been using functions already.

3 reasons:

- 1) You are learning programming principles not Python alone
- 2) MATLAB is better at some things than Python and vice versa
- 3) The UNM engineering school uses MATLAB

# Origins



Cleve Moler, UNM  
Professor  
Started in 1983 and now  
a billion dollar/yr  
company

# Logistics

Look for the email Mathworks sent you  
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There are only 4 problems assigned

Office hours if you have a UNM approved  
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Returning exams on Monday

# MATLAB

Most programming languages support variables, operators, iteration, and functions.

You have already seen examples of these in Python

MATLAB supports all these too but the **syntax** is different



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# MATLAB Syntax – Homework

Link to the MATLAB homework is on the course syllabus

<http://fricke.co.uk>

## 4.2.2 MATLAB

The MATLAB assignments will be managed through MATLAB Grader. I will announce MATLAB readings during the course.

<https://grader.mathworks.com/courses/11316-cs151-computer-science-fundamentals>

## 4.3 Abby's QuickBytes

Lab Instructor Abby Pribisova has created useful [cs151 review videos](#).

# MATLAB Numeric Types

double Double-precision Floating point

single Single-precision Floating point

int8 8-bit signed integer -- minus  $2^7$  to  $2^7-1$

int16 16-bit signed integer -- minus  $2^{15}$  to  $2^{15}-1$

int32 32-bit signed integer -- minus  $2^{31}$  to  $2^{31}-1$

int64 64-bit signed integer -- minus  $2^{63}$  to  $2^{63}-1$

uint8 8-bit unsigned integer -- zero to  $2^8-1$

uint16 16-bit unsigned integer -- zero to  $2^{16}-1$

uint32 32-bit unsigned integer -- zero to  $2^{32}-1$

uint64 64-bit unsigned integer -- zero to  $2^{64}-1$



# MATLAB Syntax – Flow Control: Types

## MATLAB Syntax in Yellow

```
x = 3; y = 3.4,  
z = "some text; a= 'some text'  
whos x  
whos y  
whos z  
whos a
```

Name	Size	Bytes	Class
x	1x1	8	double
Name	Size	Bytes	Class
y	1x1	8	double
Name	Size	Bytes	Class
z	1x1	156	string
Name	Size	Bytes	Class
a	1x9	18	char

## Python Syntax in Green

```
>>> type(3)  
<class 'int'>  
>>> type(3.4)  
<class 'float'>  
>>> type("some text")  
<class 'str'>  
>>> type('some text')  
<class 'str'>
```

# MATLAB Syntax – Array/Vector Indexing

## MATLAB Syntax in Yellow

Array

```
x = [1,2,3,4]
```

```
x(1)
```

```
ans =
```

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## Python Syntax in Green

Array

```
x = [1,2,3,4]
```

```
x[1]
```

```
>>> 2
```

# MATLAB Syntax – Slicing Arrays

## MATLAB Syntax in Yellow

### Slicing

```
x = [5,6,7,8,9]
```

```
>> x(2:4)
```

```
ans =
```

```
6 7 8
```

## Python Syntax in Green

### Array

```
x = [1,2,3,4]
```

```
>>> x[1:4]
```

```
[6, 7, 8]
```

# MATLAB Syntax – Flow Control: IF ... Else...

## MATLAB Syntax in Yellow

```
if <Boolean expression>  
    statements  
elseif < Boolean expression >  
    statements  
else  
    statements  
end
```

## Python Syntax in Green

```
if <Boolean expression>:  
    statements  
elif < Boolean expression >  
    statements  
else  
    statements
```

# MATLAB Syntax – Flow Control: IF ... Else...

## MATLAB Syntax in Yellow

```
if x < 5
    display("Yes")
elseif x > 10
    display("No")
else
    display("Maybe")
end
```

## Python Syntax in Green

```
if x < 5:
    print("Yes")
elif x > 10 :
    print("No")
else:
    print("Maybe")
```

# MATLAB Syntax – Flow Control: For Loops

MATLAB Syntax in Yellow

```
total = 0
for i = 1:10
    total = total+i
end
```

Python Syntax in Green

```
total = 0
for i in
range(1,10):
    total = total+i
```

# MATLAB Syntax – Flow Control: For Loops

## MATLAB Syntax in Yellow

```
total = 0
for i = 1:10
    total = total+i
end

display(total)
```

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## Python Syntax in Green

```
total = 0
for i in
range(1,10):
    total = total+i

print(total)
```

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# MATLAB Syntax – Flow Control: While Loops

## MATLAB Syntax in Yellow

```
n = 10;  
f = n;  
while n > 1  
    n = n-1;  
    f = f*n;  
end
```

## Python Syntax in Green

```
n = 10  
f = n  
while n > 1:  
    n = n-1  
    f = f*n  
end
```



# MATLAB Syntax – Flow Control: While Loops

## MATLAB Syntax in Yellow

```
n = 10;  
f = n;  
while n > 1  
    n = n-1;  
    f = f*n;  
end
```

```
display(['n! = ', num2str(f)])
```

n! = 3628800

## Python Syntax in Green

```
n = 10  
f = n  
while n > 1:  
    n = n-1  
    f = f*n  
end
```

```
print('n! = ' + str(f))
```

n! = 3628800

# MATLAB Syntax – Functions

## MATLAB Syntax in Yellow

```
function value = function_name( args )  
statement;  
Statement;  
end
```

## Python Syntax in Green

```
def function_name( args ):  
    statement  
    statement  
    return value
```

# MATLAB Syntax – Functions

## MATLAB Syntax in Yellow

```
function f=myfact( n )  
    n = 10;  
    f = n;  
while n > 1  
    n = n-1;  
    f = f*n;  
end
```

Saved in a  
file called  
myfact.m

## Python Syntax in Green

```
def myfact( n ):  
    f = n  
    while n > 1:  
        n = n-1  
        f = f*n  
    return f
```

Saved in a  
file called  
myfact.py

# MATLAB Syntax – Functions

## MATLAB Syntax in Yellow

```
function f=fact( n )  
    n = 10;  
    f = n;  
while n > 1  
    n = n-1;  
    f = f*n;  
end  
  
>> myfact(10)  
  
ans = 3628800
```

## Python Syntax in Green

```
def myfact( n ):  
    f = n  
    while n > 1:  
        n = n-1  
        f = f*n  
    return f  
  
>> import myfact  
>> myfact(10)  
3628800
```