#### **Matlab Fundamentals**

**Programming Lecture 1** 

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#### **Text Files**

Computer code is written in text files. A text file often has the extension \*.txt.

Computer code text files often have other extensions:

These extensions indicate the language

- \*.m matlab file
- \*.c c file
- \*.cpp c plus plus file
- \*.js javascript
- \*.html = webpage

Note: \*.doc is not a text file

#### **Comments**

A comment starts with the % symbol.

A comment does absolutely nothing. It's just a note from the programmer

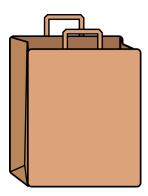
Ex:

% Hi fellow coder, this is a comment

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#### **Variables**

A variable is a container that you can hold values.



Variables have names. You can put a value in the container with the equal sign.



$$x = 8;$$

The thing on the left gets the value on the right.

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## **Types of Variables**

Numbers: x = 8;

**Arrays:** X = [2,3,5,7,9,11,13,17];

**Characters:** x = 'a';

X = 'X';

**Strings:** x = 'This is a string';

Note: a string is an array of characters;

We can then use that variable in expressions

$$x = 8;$$
  
 $y = x + 2;$ 

In the above example, y gets the value 10.

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## **Arrays**

**Arrays:** X = [2,3,5,7,9,11,13,17];

An array is an ordered list of numbers. You can get individual elements by using ().

The value of x(1) is 2.

The value of x(2) is 3.

The value of x(6) is 11.

x = 1:8; Makes the array [1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8]

## **Making Arrays**

x = [2,3,5,7,9,11,13,17]; Make the array explicitly.

x = 1:8; Makes the array [1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8]

x = zeros(10,1); Makes an array of 10 elements,

all values are zero.

x = ones(10,1); Makes an array of 10 elements, all values are one.

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#### **Functions**

A function is a programming machine You input stuff You get something out

To define a function in Matlab: variables

function [out1,...,outN] = myFunction( in1, in2, ..., inM )

output
variables

#### **Function Files**

Each function you create will be a separate file.

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Ex: Printing a phrase to the screen:

disp('Hello World!');

The name of the function is disp

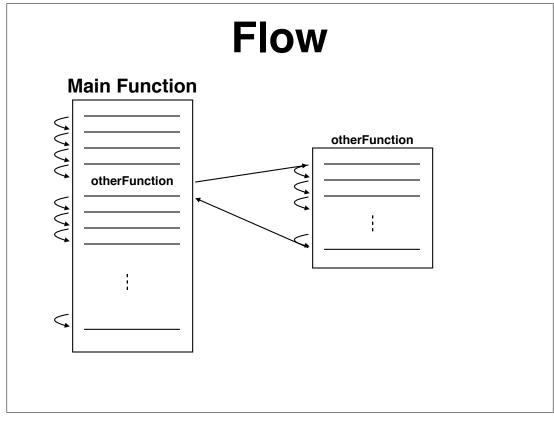
Meant to be short for display

The input to the function is a string: 'Hello World'

This function has no output

# **Calling a Function**

$$x = 8;$$
  
 $y = x + 2;$   
 $disp(y);$ 



#### Scope

A variable only exists inside the function where it is created.

```
function main() function out = myFunc( a, b)

x = 10; disp(x);

y = 20; out = a + b;

z = myFunc(x, y); end

disp(z);

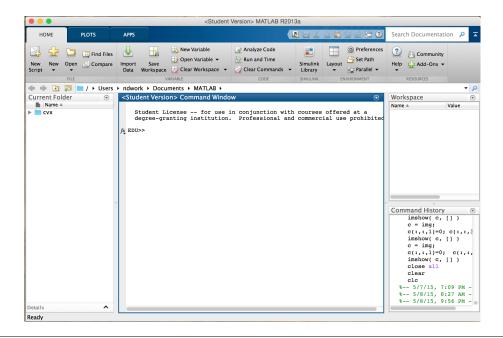
end
```

The value displayed is 30.

The slashed line causes an error; x does not exist there.

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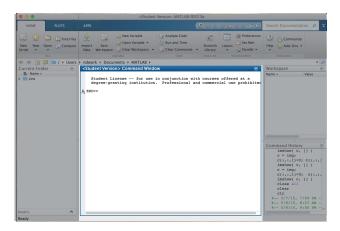
#### **Matlab Programming Environment**



#### **Command Window**

Can run single lines of code (including your own functions) into the command window.

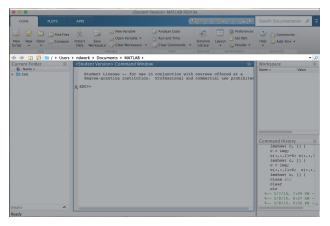
Things that are displayed get displayed here.



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#### **Current Working Directory**

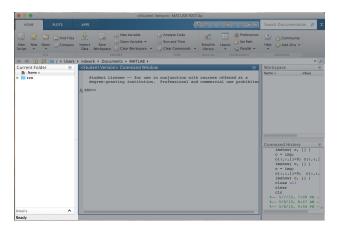
You can use any functions in files that are located in this directory.



Make a new directory for any program you create.

## **Navigator Window**

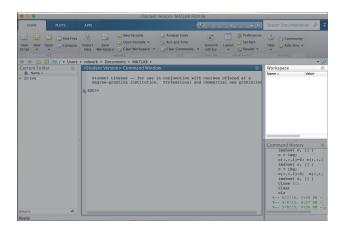
Shows files and directories.



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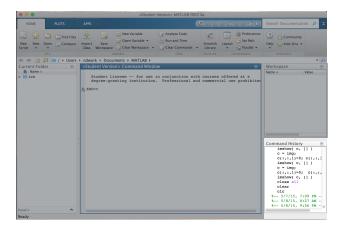
#### Workspace

Shows variables that currently exist and their values.



#### **Command History**

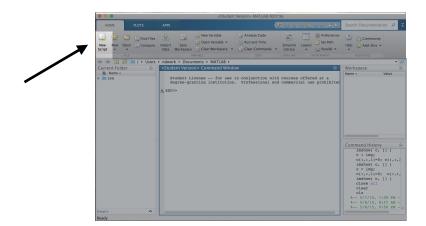
Shows recent commands that you've written into the command window.



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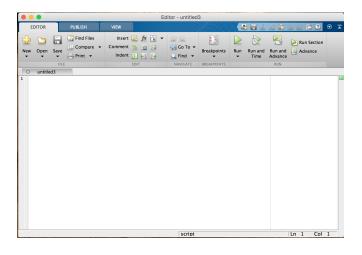
#### **New Function File**

To create a file for a new function, hit the "New Script" button.



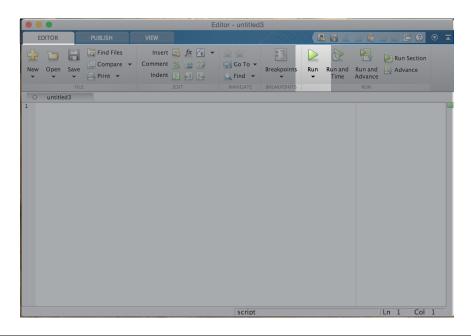
#### **The Editor Window**

You can write new functions using the editor window. You also debug in the editor window (discussed later).

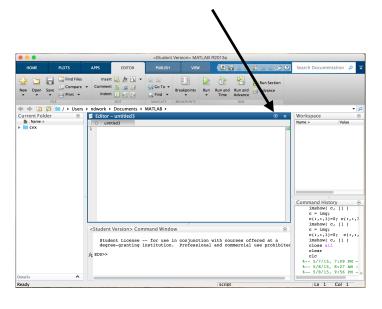


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#### Hitting "Run" runs the current file shown.



The editor window can be combined with the Development Environment. Select "Dock" from this drop down menu.



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## The Debugger

Allows the coder to stop the code in the middle and investigate.

Comment % New Open Save Indent 🛐 🖥 Print ▼ In the editor window, click here to add a testFunction.m p function testFunction "break point" height = 3;area = base \* height; When you hit run, end the program will stop at the break point.

The arrow indicates the next line to be executed.

Can print variable values in the command window.

```
testFunction.m

testFunction

testFunction

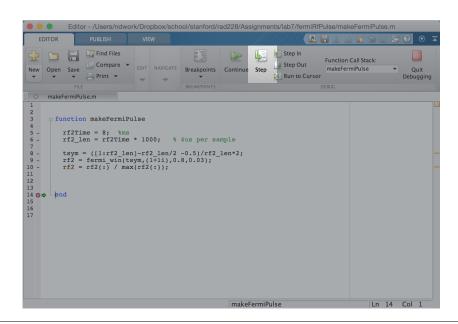
testFunction

base = 4;
height = 3;
area = base * height;

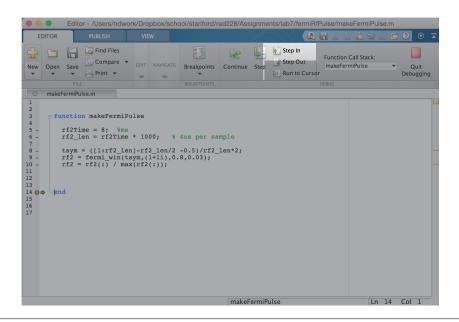
area = base * height;
```

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Hit "Step" to advance one line.



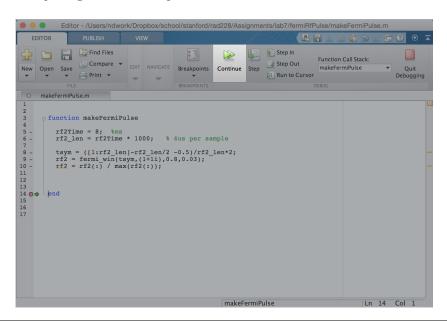
Hit "Step Into" if the next line is a function, and you would like to go through the function.



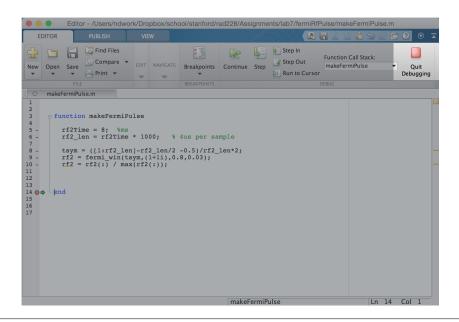
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Hit "Continue" to run until the next breakpoint.

If there are no more breakpoints, it will run until
the program completes.



Hit "Quit" to exit the debugger.



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## **Getting Help**

If you know the function name:

Type help function\_name on command line Simple text help

Type doc function\_name on command line More complete help document

Type matlab function\_name into Google
All of Matlab's help documents are online

#### **Getting Help**

If you don't know the function name:

Use a web search engine (e.g. Google).

There's a giant vibrant community of Matlab users helping each other out though the web.

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## **Comparison Operators**

Return 1 if true, and 0 otherwise

- == Tests to see if two expressions are equal Ex: a == b
- ~= Tests to see if two expressions are not equal Ex: a ~= b

#### Return 1 if true, and 0 otherwise

> Tests to see if the thing on the left is greater than the thing on the right.

**Ex:** a > b

>= Tests to see if the thing on the left is greater than or equal to the thing on the right.

**Ex:** a >= b

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#### **Matrices**

x = [1, 2, 3; 4, 5, 6; 7, 8, 9];

**x** becomes the following matrix:

 $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$ 

Matrices are two dimensional arrays

#### **Accessing Values**

```
x = [1, 2, 3; 4, 5, 6; 7, 8, 9];
x21 = x(2,1);
disp(x21); % displays 5 to the screen
x2 = x(2,:);
disp(x2); % displays [4;5;6] to the screen
```

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## **Manipulating Matrices**

```
x = [ 1, 2, 3; 4, 5, 6; 7, 8, 9];
y = [ 10, 0, 0; 0, 10, 0; 0, 0, 10];
addResult = x + y;
subtractResult = x - y;
multiplyResult = x * y;
pointwiseMultiplication = x .* y;
```

#### **Matrix Inversion**

$$Ax = b$$

How do we solve for x?  $x = A^{-1}b$ 

In Matlab:  $x = A \setminus b$ ;

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#### If ... Then ... Else

```
if a==1
    disp('a is equal to 1');
else
    disp('a is not equal to 1');
end
```

Only branch satisfying condition is executed.

### For Loops

```
for i = first : last
% do something here
end
```

For each value of i, the code inside the loop gets executed.

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```
x = [1, 2, 3; 4, 5, 6; 7, 8, 9];
for i=1:3
disp(x(i,:))
end
```

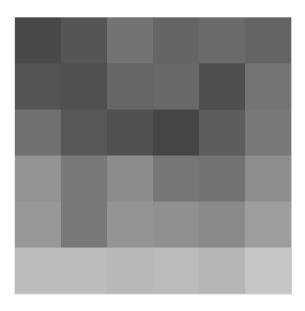
This code displays [1;2;3] then [4;5;6] then [7;8;9].

# 2D Array

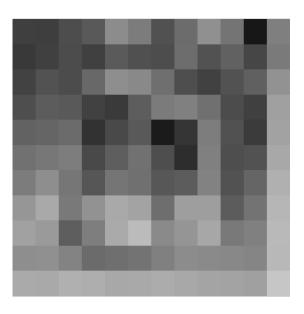
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66	63	83	85	62	98
94	70	64	53	75	102
129	102	121	99	96	123
133	102	129	125	119	140
174	174	170	172	166	184

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Rather than showing the numbers, we can show corresponding colors. 0=black, and 255=white.



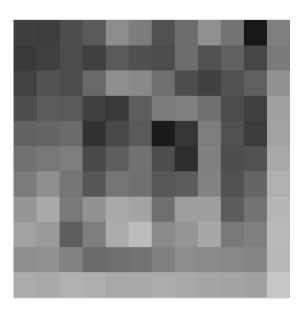




#### We can always go back to the array of numbers.

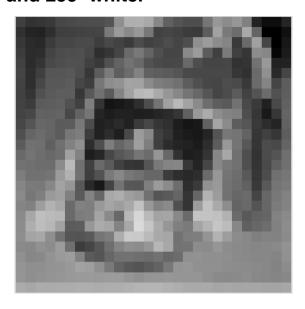
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```

Here's a larger array. 0=black, and 255=white.



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Here's an even larger array. Now we have too many numbers to display on this screen. 0=black, and 255=white.



And larger ... 0=black, and 255=white.



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And larger 0=black, and 255=white.

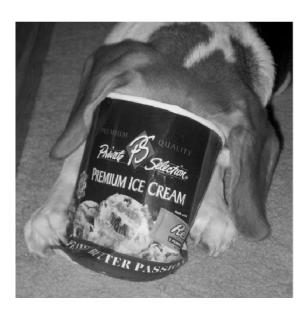


Still larger. At this point, our eye can no longer discern most of the individual pixels. 0=black, and 255=white.



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Largest. 0=black, and 255=white.



# **Images**

Big Conclusion: Images are just 2D arrays that are displayed in an interesting way!

At some point, your eye can no longer distinguish the individual pixels.

In Matlab, images and matrices are exactly the same.

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## **Color Image**

A color image is three different arrays. The computer displays one of the arrays for red, one for green, and one for blue.



## **Image Files**

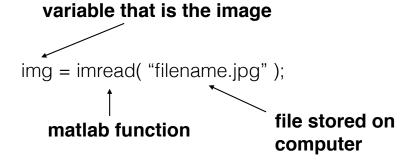
\*.jpg, \*.png, \*.gif, \*.bmp are all types of image files

We'll discuss the differences between these file types later in the class.

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## Loading an Image

To load an image into data:



#### **Color Image Components**

img(:,:,1) % the red 2D array

img(:,:,2) % the green 2D array

img(:,:,3) % the blue 2D array

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## Making a Gray Image

The function rgb2gray converts a color image (3D array) into a grayscale image (2D array).

grayImage = rgb2gray( colorImage );

# Displaying an Image

The function imshow displays an image on the screen.

imshow( mylmage, [] );

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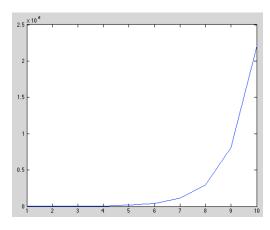
## **Plotting**

```
x = 1:10;

y = \exp(x);

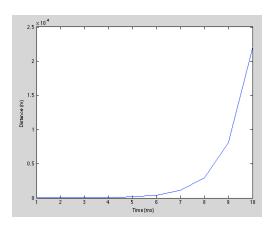
plot(x, y);
```

Makes the figure on the right.



## **Adding Labels**

```
x = 1:10;
y = exp( x );
plot( x, y );
xlabel( 'Time (ms)');
ylabel( 'Distance (m)');
```



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#### **Plotting Multiple Functions**

```
x = 1:10;
y1 = exp( x );
y2 = exp( 0.9*x );
plot( x, y1 );
hold on;
plot( x, y2 );
hold off;
xlabel( 'Time (ms)');
ylabel( 'Distance (m)');
```

