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# MATLAB

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## Introduction:

Matrices are the basic elements of the MATLAB environment. A matrix is a two-dimensional array consisting of  $m$  rows and  $n$  columns. Special cases are column vectors ( $n = 1$ ) and row vectors ( $m = 1$ ). In this section we will illustrate how to apply different operations on matrices. The following topics are discussed: vectors and matrices in MATLAB, the inverse of a matrix, determinants, and matrix manipulation. MATLAB supports two types of operations, known as matrix operations and array operations. Matrix operations will be discussed first.

## Matrix generation :

Matrices are fundamental to MATLAB. Therefore, we need to become familiar with matrix generation and manipulation. Matrices can be generated in several ways

## Entering a vector:

A vector is a special case of a matrix. The purpose of this section is to show how to create vectors and matrices in MATLAB. As discussed earlier, an array of dimension  $1 \times n$  is called a row vector, whereas an array of dimension  $m \times 1$  is called a column vector. The elements of vectors in MATLAB are enclosed by square brackets and are separated by spaces or by commas. For example, to enter a row vector,  $v$ , type

```
>> v = [1 4 7 10 13]
```

```
v =
```

```
1 4 7 10 13
```

Column vectors are created in a similar way, however, semicolon (;) must separate the components of a column vector,

```
>> w = [1;4;7;10;13]
```

```
w =
```

1  
4  
7  
10  
13

On the other hand, a row vector is converted to a column vector using the transpose operator. The transpose operation is denoted by an apostrophe or a single quote (').

```
>> w = v'
```

```
w =  
1  
4  
7  
10  
13
```

Thus,  $v(1)$  is the first element of vector  $v$ ,  $v(2)$  its second element, and so forth. Furthermore, to access blocks of elements, we use MATLAB's colon notation (:). For example, to access the first three elements of  $v$ , we write,

```
>> v(1:3)
```

```
ans =
```

```
1 4 7
```

Or, all elements from the third through the last elements,

```
>> v(3,end)
```

Ans=

7 10 13

where end signifies the last element in the vector. If v is a vector, writing

```
>> v(:)
```

produces a column vector, whereas writing

```
>> v(1:end)
```

produces a row vector

### Entering a matrix

A matrix is an array of numbers. To type a matrix into MATLAB you must

- begin with a square bracket, [
- separate elements in a row with spaces or commas (,)
- use a semicolon (;) to separate rows
  - end the matrix with another square bracket, ].

Here is a typical example. To enter a matrix **A**, such as,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \quad (2.1)$$

type,

```
>> A = [1 2 3; 4 5 6; 7 8 9]
```

MATLAB then displays the  $3 \times 3$  matrix as follows,

```
A =
    1    2    3
    4    5    6
    7    8    9
```

Note that the use of semicolons (;) here is different from their use mentioned earlier to suppress output or to write multiple commands in a single line.

Once we have entered the matrix, it is automatically stored and remembered in the *Workspace*. We can refer to it simply as matrix **A**. We can then view a particular element in a matrix by specifying its location. We write,

```
>> A(2,1)
ans =
    4
```

**A(2,1)** is an element located in the second row and first column. Its value is 4.

### 2.5.3 Matrix indexing

We select elements in a matrix just as we did for vectors, but now we need two indices. The element of row  $i$  and column  $j$  of the matrix **A** is denoted by **A(i,j)**. Thus, **A(i,j)** in MATLAB refers to the element  $A_{ij}$  of matrix **A**. The *first* index is the *row* number and the *second* index is the *column* number. For example, **A(1,3)** is an element of *first* row and *third* column. Here, **A(1,3)=3**.

Correcting any entry is easy through indexing. Here we substitute **A(3,3)=9** by **A(3,3)=0**. The result is

```
>> A(3,3) = 0
A =
    1    2    3
    4    5    6
    7    8    0
```

