## 1-1 Entering Matrix

The best way for you to get started with MATLAB is to learn how to handle matrices. You only have to follow a few basic conventions:

- Separate the elements of a row with blanks or commas.
- Use a semicolon (; ) to indicate the end of each row.
- Surround the entire list of elements with square brackets, [ ].

For Example

$$
\gg A=[1631213 ; 510118 ; 96712 ; 415141]
$$

MATLAB displays the matrix you just entered.

$A=$|  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 16 | 3 | 2 | 13 |
| 5 | 10 | 11 | 8 |
| 9 | 6 | 7 | 12 |
| 4 | 15 | 14 | 1 |

Once you have entered the matrix, it is automatically remembered in the MATLAB workspace. You can refer to it simply as $\mathbf{A}$. Also you can enter and change the values of matrix elements by using workspace window.

## 1-2 Subscripts

The element in row $\mathbf{i}$ and column $\mathbf{j}$ of $\mathbf{A}$ is denoted by $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{j})$. For example, $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{4}, \mathbf{2})$ is the number in the fourth row and second column. For the above matrix, $\mathbf{A}(4,2)$ is $\mathbf{1 5}$. So to compute the sum of the elements in the fourth column of $\mathbf{A}$, type

```
>> A(1,4) + A(2,4) + A(3,4) + A (4,4)
ans =
34
```

You can do the above summation, in simple way by using sum command.
If you try to use the value of an element outside of the matrix, it is an error.

```
>>t = A(4,5)
??? Index exceeds matrix dimensions.
```

On the other hand, if you store a value in an element outside of the matrix, the size increases to accommodate the newcomer. The initial values of other new elements are zeros.

```
>> X = A;
>> X(4,5) = 17
X =
16 3 2 13 0
5
9
4
```


## 1-3 Colon Operator

The colon " $\mathbf{~ : ~ " ~ i s ~ o n e ~ o f ~ t h e ~ m o s t ~ i m p o r t a n t ~ M A T L A B ~ o p e r a t o r s . ~ I t ~ o c c u r s ~ i n ~ s e v e r a l ~}$ different forms. The expression

```
>> 1:10
```

is a row vector containing the integers from 1 to 10

```
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
```

To obtain nonunit spacing, specify an increment. For example,

```
>> 100:-7:50
100 93 86 79 72 65 58 51
```

Subscript expressions involving colons refer to portions of a matrix.

```
>>A(1:k,j)
```

is the first k elements of the jth column of A .

The colon by itself refers to all the elements in a row or column of a matrix and the keyword end refers to the last row or column. So

```
>>A(4,:) or >> A(4,1:end) give the same action
ans =
4 15 14 1
>> A (2, end)
ans =
8
```


## 1-4 Basic Matrix Functions

| Command | Description |
| :---: | :---: |
| ```sum(x) >> x=[lllll 4 6]; >> sum(x) ans = 5 7 >> sum(x,2) ans= 6 1 5 >>sum(sum(x)) ans = 2 1``` | The sum of the elements of x . For matrices, $\operatorname{sum}(x)$ is a row vector with the sum over each column. <br> sum ( $\mathrm{x}, \mathrm{dim}$ ) sums along the dimension dim. <br> In order to find the sum of elements that are stored in matrix with $n$ dimensions, you must use sum command $n$ times in cascade form, this is also applicable for max, min, prod, mean, median commands. |


| Command | Description |
| :---: | :---: |
| ```mean (x) x=[1 2 3; 4 5 6]; >> mean(x) ans = 2.5 3.5 4.5 >> mean (x,2) ans = 2 5 >>mean(mean(x)) ans = 3.5000``` | The average of the elements of $x$. For matrices, mean $(x)$ is a row vector with the average over each column. mean ( $\mathrm{x}, \mathrm{dim}$ ) averages along the dimension dim. |
| $\begin{aligned} & \operatorname{zeros}(\mathbf{N}) \\ & \operatorname{zeros}(\mathbf{N}, \mathbf{M}) \\ & \gg \operatorname{zeros}(2,3) \\ & \operatorname{ans}= \end{aligned}$ | Produce N by N matrix of zeros. <br> Produce N by M matrix of zeros. |
| ones (N) <br> ones ( $\mathrm{N}, \mathrm{M}$ ) <br> $\gg$ ones $(2,3)$ $\text { ans }=$ | Produce N by N matrix of ones. <br> Produce N by M matrix of ones. |


| Command | Description |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { size (x) } \\ & \gg x=\left[\begin{array}{lll} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{array}\right] ; \\ & \gg \operatorname{size}(x) \\ & \text { ans }= \\ & 2 \end{aligned}$ | return the size (dimensions) of matrix x . |
| $\left.\begin{array}{l} \text { length (v) } \\ \gg \text { v=[llll} 123 \end{array}\right] ; ~ \begin{aligned} & \text {; length (v) } \\ & \text { ans }= \\ & 3 \end{aligned}$ | return the length (number of elements) of vector v . |
| ```numel (x) >> v =[l[55 63 34]; >> numel(v) ans = 3 >> x=[lll} 45 7 ]; >> numel(x) ans = 6``` | returns the number of elements in array x . |


| Command | Description |
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| single quote ( ' ) | Matrix transpose. It flips a matrix about its main diagonal and it turns a row vector into a column vector. |
| ```max (x) >> x=[lllll} 4 6]; >> max (x) ans = 4 5 6 >> max(max(x)) ans = 6``` | Find the largest element in a matrix or a vector. |


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|  | Find the smallest element in a matrix or a vector. |
|  | produce N Magic square. This command produces valid magic squares for all $\mathrm{N}>0$ except $\mathrm{N}=2$. |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { inv (x) } \\ & \begin{array}{ll} \gg x=\left[\begin{array}{ll} 1 & 4 ; \\ 5 & 8 \end{array}\right] ; \\ \gg \operatorname{inv}(x) \end{array} \\ & \text { ans }= \\ & -0.6667 \end{aligned}$ | produce the inverse of matrix x . |


| Command | Description |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { diag (x) } \\ & \gg \mathrm{x}=\left[\begin{array}{lll} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9] ; \end{array}\right. \\ & \gg \text { diag (x) } \\ & \text { ans }= \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | Return the diagonal of matrix x . if x is a vector then this command produce a diagonal matrix with diagonal x . |
| $\left.\begin{array}{l} \text { prod (x) } \\ \gg x=\left[\begin{array}{llll} 1 & 2 & 3 & \\ & & 4 & 5 \end{array}\right] \\ \gg \operatorname{prod}(x) \end{array}\right] \begin{aligned} & \text { ans }=18 \\ & \gg \operatorname{prod}(\operatorname{prod}(x)) \\ & \text { ans }= \\ & 720 \end{aligned}$ | Product of the elements of x. For matrices, $\operatorname{Prod}(\mathrm{x})$ is a row vector with the product over each column. |


| Command | Description |
| :---: | :---: |
| ```median(x) x=[\begin{array}{lll}{4}&{6}&{8}\end{array}] 10 9 1 8 5]; >> median(x) ans = 8 6 5 >> median(x,2) ans = 6 9 5 >> median(median(x)) ans = 6``` | The median value of the elements of $x$. For matrices, median (x) is a row vector with the median value for each column. <br> median(x,dim) takes the median along the dimension dim of x . |
| ```sort(x,DIM,MODE) >> x = [\begin{array}{lll}{3}&{7}&{5}\end{array}] 0 4 2]; >> sort(x,1) ans =```  ```>> sort(x,2,'descend') ans= 7``` | Sort in ascending or descending order. <br> - For vectors, sort(x) sorts the elements of $x$ in ascending order. <br> For matrices, $\operatorname{sort}(\mathrm{x})$ sorts each column of x in ascending order. <br> DIM $=1$ <br> by default <br> MODE $=$ 'ascend' by default |



## Note

When we are taken away from the world of linear algebra, matrices become two-dimensional numeric arrays. Arithmetic operations on arrays are done element-byelement. This means that addition and subtraction are the same for arrays and matrices, but that multiplicative operations are different. MATLAB uses a dot (.),or decimal point, as part of the notation for multiplicative array operations.

Example: Find the factorial of 5

```
>> x=2:5;
>> prod(x)
```

Example: if $x=[1,5,7,9,13,20,6,7,8]$, then
a) replace the first five elements of vector $x$ with its maximum value.
b) reshape this vector into a $3 \times 3$ matrix.
solution
a)

```
>> x(1:5) =max(x)
```

b)

```
>> y(1,:)=x(1:3);
>> y(2,:)=x(4:6);
>> y(3,:)=x(7:9);
>> y
```

Example: Generate the following row vector $\mathrm{b}=[1,2,3,4,5$, $\qquad$ 9,10], then transpose it to column vector.
solution

```
>> b=1:10
b =
    1 
>> b=b';
```


## Exercises

1- If $x=\left[\begin{array}{lll}1 & 4 ; 8 & 3\end{array}\right]$, find:
a) the inverse matrix of $x$.
b) the diagonal of $x$.
c) the sum of each column and the sum of whole matrix $x$.
d) the transpose of $x$.

2- If $x=\left[\begin{array}{llll}2 & 8 & 5 & 7 \\ 1\end{array}\right], b=\left[\begin{array}{lll}2 & 4 & 5\end{array}\right]$ find:
a) find the maximum and minimum of $x$.
b) find median value over each row of $x$.
c) add the vector $\mathbf{b}$ as a third row to x .

3- If $x=\left[\begin{array}{lllllll}2 & 6 & 12 ; & 15 & 6 & 3 ; & 10 \\ 11 & 1\end{array}\right]$, then
a) replace the first row elements of matrix $x$ with its average value.
b) reshape this matrix into row vector.

4- Generate a 4 x 4 Identity matrix.
5- Generate the following row vector $b=[5,10,15,20 \ldots \ldots . .95,100]$, then find the number of elements in this vector.

