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# *Introduction to Matlab*

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## Suggested lectures

- HELP
- R. J. Braun, "Beginning Matlab Exercises", Department of Mathematical Sciences, University of Delaware, [http://www.math.udel.edu/~braun/M349/Matlab\\_probs2.pdf](http://www.math.udel.edu/~braun/M349/Matlab_probs2.pdf)

## Examples of n-dimensional graphs

Load the file `penny.mat` (Matlab libraries). This file describes the surface of a penny.

Try these functions:

- `imshow()`
- `surf()`
- `mesh()`
- `plot3()`
- `pcolor()`
- `contour()`

Other interesting functions:

- `sphere()`
- `streamribbon()`
- `coneplot()`

## Example of fitting function

Exercise:

- simulation of a sinusoidal signal  $x(n)$
- estimation of the sequence  $x(m)$  obtained by sampling the signal  $x(n)$
- computation of the signal  $x(m+k)$ , obtained by linear approximation
- accuracy evaluation

First, a sinusoidal signal is simulated.

```
fs = 10000;           % sampling frequency Hz
T = 1/fs;             % sampling period
tMax = 0.05;          % total time
t = [0:T:tMax];       % time vector
amplitude = 1;        % MAX 1
f1 = 50;              % signal frequency Hz
omegal = 2*pi*f1;     % angular frequency (rad)
phi = 2*pi*0.75;      % offset
signal1 = cos(omegal*t + phi) * amplitude; % sinusoidal signal
```

### Sampling

```
TS = T*10;
tS = t(1:10:size(t,2));
signalS = signal1(1:10:size(signal1,2));
```

### Plot results

```
figure
plot(t, signal1)      % continuous
hold on
plot(tS, signalS, 'xr') % sampled
xlabel('Time (ms)');
ylabel('x');
title 'Input signal';
legend('Input signal', 'Sampled signal')
```

### Linear interpolation

```
% New time axis
tNewMom = tS(1: size(tS,2)-1);
tNew = tNewMom + 0.5 * TS;

% Linear interpolation
signalNew = interp1(tS, signalS, tNew );
```

### Plot results

```
figure
plot(t, signal1)           % input signal
hold on
plot(tS, signalS, 'xr')    % sampled signal
plot(tNew, signalNew, 'ok') % fitted signal
xlabel('Time (ms)');
ylabel('x');
title 'Results';
legend('Input signal', 'Sampled signal', 'Fitted signal')
```

### Accuracy evaluation

```
% points of the input signal in the sampling instants
eElements = 5:10:size(t,2)-1;

% error vector
errorV = abs(signal1(eElements) - signalNew);

% mean
meanE = mean(errorV);

% standard deviation
stdE = std(errorV);
```

### Print results

```
% print
fprintf('\nRESULTS\n');
fprintf('Mean error = %f\n', meanE);
fprintf('Standard deviation of the error = %f\n', stdE);
```

### Visual analysis

```
% show error
figure
bar(tNew, errorV, 'r')
title 'Error'
xlabel('Time (ms)');
ylabel('\Delta_x');
```

## Classification of rectangles in a binary image

Treated arguments:

- Segmentation of a binary image;
- Feature extraction related to the area of the segmented objects;
- Classification of the computed features (3 classes: small, medium, big);
- visualization of the obtained results (textual and graphical representations).

The used classes are defined

```
smallLimit = 1500;  
mediumLimit = 5000;
```

The image is loaded

```
img = imread('testRectangles.bmp');  
% show the binary image  
figure  
imshow(img)  
title('Input image');
```

Segmentation

```
% Searching of the 8-connected regions (white blobs) in a binary image.  
% The resulting image represents every segmented object with a different  
% intensity value.  
L = bwlabel(img);  
figure  
imshow(L, [])  
colormap jet  
title('Segmented rectangles')
```

Feature extraction

```
% Computation of the areas  
nEl = max(L(:)); % number of rectangles in L  
areas = zeros(1,nEl); % vector composed by nEl elements  
for i = 1 : nEl  
    elementIndexes{i} = find(L == i); % Very useful function! help find  
    areas(i) = size(elementIndexes{i},1);  
end
```

Classification

```
% Classification  
smallIndexes = find(areas <= smallLimit);  
mediumIndexes = find(smallLimit < areas & areas <= mediumLimit);  
bigIndexes = find(areas >= mediumLimit);  
  
% Number of elements appertaining to every class
```

```

smallN = size(smallIndexes,2);
mediumN = size(mediumIndexes,2);
bigN = size(bigIndexes,2);

```

### Visualization of the obtained results

```

% Textual visualization of the obtained result
fprintf('\nRESULTS\n')
fprintf('Number of small rectangles = %i\n', smallN)
fprintf('Number of medium rectangles = %i\n', mediumN)
fprintf('Number of big rectangles = %i\n', bigN)

% Graphical visualization of the obtained result
imgClasses = zeros(size(img));
for i = 1: smallN
    imgClasses(elementIndexes{smallIndexes(i)}) = 1;
end
for i = 1: mediumN
    imgClasses(elementIndexes{mediumIndexes(i)}) = 2;
end
for i = 1: bigN
    imgClasses(elementIndexes{bigIndexes(i)}) = 3;
end

figure
imshow(imgClasses, [])
colormap jet
title('Classified rectangles');

```

## Feature extraction from images

From Image Processing Toolbox.

Steps:

- load a color image;
- image segmentation;
- feature extraction (roundness).

Read the input image

```
RGB = imread('pillsetc.png');  
imshow(RGB);
```

Image segmentation

```
% Thresholding  
I = rgb2gray(RGB);  
threshold = graythresh(I);  
bw = im2bw(I,threshold);  
imshow(bw)  
  
% morphological opening operation for removing objects with size < 30 pixels  
bw = bwareaopen(bw,30);  
  
% morphological closing operation for improving the boundaries  
se = strel('disk',2);  
bw = imclose(bw,se);  
  
% morphological fill  
bw = imfill(bw,'holes');  
  
imshow(bw)
```

Boundary estimation

```
% boundary estimation  
[B,L] = bwboundaries(bw,'noholes');  
  
% Plot  
imshow(label2rgb(L, @jet, [.5 .5 .5]))  
hold on  
for k = 1:length(B)  
    boundary = B{k};  
    plot(boundary(:,2), boundary(:,1), 'w', 'LineWidth', 2)  
end
```

## Feature extraction and visual results

```
stats = regionprops(L, 'Area', 'Centroid');

threshold = 0.94;

% for all the objects
for k = 1:length(B)

    % boundary of the object k
    boundary = B{k};

    % perimeter
    delta_sq = diff(boundary).^2;
    perimeter = sum(sqrt(sum(delta_sq,2)));

    % area
    area = stats(k).Area;

    % roundness index
    metric = 4*pi*area/perimeter^2;

    % results
    metric_string = sprintf('%2.2f',metric);

    % black circles on the objects
    if metric > threshold
        centroid = stats(k).Centroid;
        plot(centroid(1),centroid(2),'ko');
    end

    text(boundary(1,2)-35, boundary(1,1)+13, metric_string, 'Color', 'y', ...
        'FontSize', 14, 'FontWeight', 'bold');

end

title(['Metrics closer to 1 indicate that ', ...
    'the object is approximately round']);
```

## Other exercises

<http://www.facstaff.bucknell.edu/maneval/help211/exercises.html>