

CS368 MATLAB Programming

Lecture 10

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Indicator Variables

Math

- If the same task is performed for different values of a variable, use an indicator variable and vectorize.
- If different tasks are performed for different values of a variable, use a switch conditional.
- If different tasks are performed under different conditions, use an if conditional.

Switch

Code

- Different tasks are performed for $x = v_1$, for $x = v_2$ or v_3 , and for every other value of x .

```
1 switch x  
2   case v1  
3     ...  
4   case {v2, v3}  
5     ...  
6   otherwise  
7     ...  
8 end
```

If Else

Code

- Different tasks are performed if $x \neq 0$, if $x = 0$ but $y \neq 0$, and if $x = 0$ and $y = 0$.

```
1 if  $x \neq 0$ 
2   ...
3 elseif  $y \neq 0$ 
4   ...
5 else
6   ...
7 end
```

Condition for If

Code

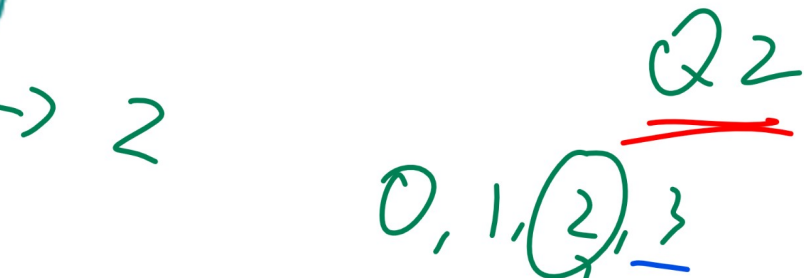
- if x and if x \neq 0 represent the same condition. The expression x \neq 0 should be treated as a variable whose value is
$$\begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$$
.
- while x and while x \neq 0 represent the same loop for the same reason.

Conditionals, Switch

Quiz

```
1 x = 10; switch mod(x, 4)  
2   case 0  
3     x + 1  
4   case {1, 2}  
5     x * 2  
6   otherwise  
7     x ^ 3  
8 end
```

- A : 11
- B : 20
- C : 1000



$x = 8$

case 0 \Rightarrow 9

$x = 7$
case otherwise $\Rightarrow 7^3$

Conditionals, If

Quiz

1 `x = 10;`

2 `if x < 10 && ~mod(x, 2)`

3 ~~`x + 1`~~

4 `elseif ~mod(x, 3)`

5 `x * 2`

6 `else`

7 `x ^ 3`

8 `end`

• A : 11

• B : 20

• C : 1000

Q3

not

and

$1 \Rightarrow 0$

else if $\frac{0}{\uparrow}$
false

`mod(x, 3) == 0`

Conditionals, Variable as Condition

Quiz

1 `x = 0; y = 1; z = 2;`

2 `if x && ~y && z`

3 `x`

4 `elseif x || ~y || z`

5 `y`

6 `else`

7 `z`

8 `end`

• A : 0

• B : 1

• C : 2

Q4

Handwritten notes:
false
false false true
2 not 0

Handwritten expression:
 $x \neq 0 \ || \ y = 0 \ || \ z \neq 0$

Number of Input Arguments

Code

- When the function *function* $z = f(x, y)$ is called, 0, 1 or 2 arguments can be provided.
- *switch* can be used here to perform different tasks when different number of arguments are given.
- *nargin* is the number of input arguments provided when the function is called.

Log with Optional Input Arguments

Code

- For example, a new log function can be defined by $\log()$ returns 1, $\log(x)$ returns natural $\log(x)$, and $\log(n, x)$ returns $\log_n(x)$.

```

1 function z = log(x, y)
2     switch nargin
3         case 1
4             z = log(x);
5         case 2
6             z = log(y) / log(x);
7         otherwise
8             z = 1;
9     end; end
    
```

Variable Length Input Argument

Code

- *varargin* represents an arbitrary number of input variables.
- It can only be used as the last argument of a function, for example, *function y = f(x1, x2, x3, varargin)*.
- The *i*-th argument can be accessed by *varargin*{*i*}.

varargin

~~varargin~~

varargin{*i*}

at the end

cell array

Log with Variable Length Argument

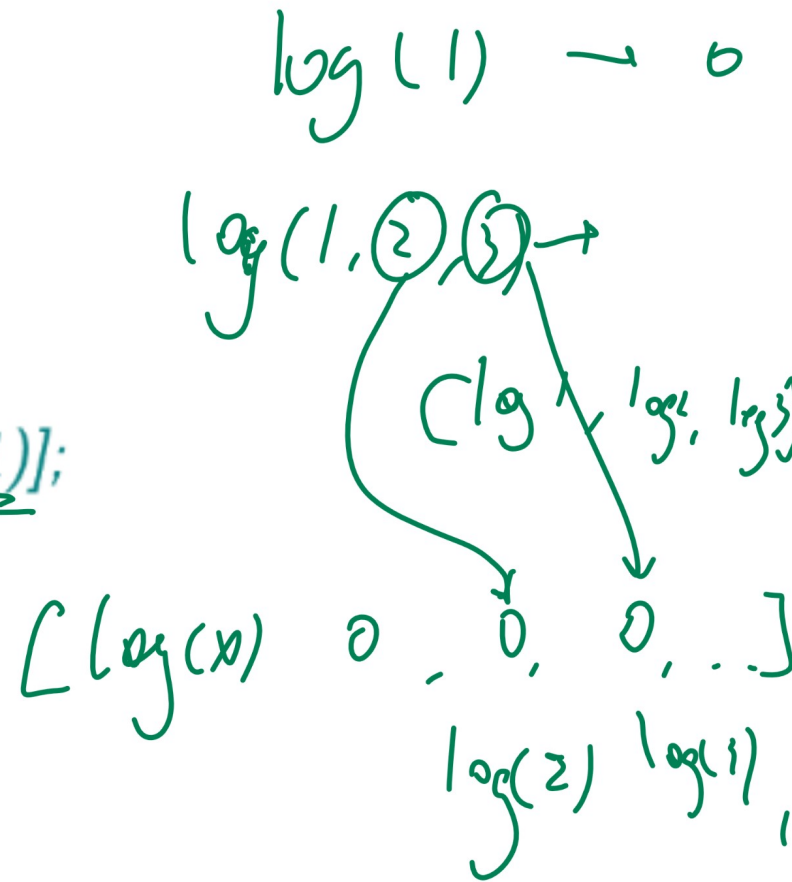
Code

- For example, a new log function can be defined so that it returns a vector if more than one input is provided.

```

1 function z = log(x, varargin)
2   if nargin == 1
3     z = log(x);
4   else
5     z = [log(x) zeros(1, nargin - 1)];
6     for t = 2:nargin
7       z(t) = log(varargin{t - 1});
8     end; end; end
  
```

end
ends



Output Arguments

Code

$$\text{function } [y, \underline{\text{varargout}}] = f(x, y_{\dots})$$

- varargout represents an arbitrary number of output variables.
- nargout represents the number of output variables assigned when the function is called.
- For example, $x = \underline{\text{size}}([1 \ 2; 3 \ 4])$ assigns x the value **2 2** and $[x, y] = \underline{\text{size}}([1 \ 2; 3 \ 4])$ assigns x the value **2**.

Recursion

Math

- A function that uses itself in the body is called a recursive function.

```
1 function z = f(x)
2 if x ... % base case
3     z = ...
4 else % recursion
5     z = ... f(x') ...
6 end
```

Recursion Example, Factorial

Code

$$n! = n(n-1)(n-2) \dots 1$$

- To compute the factorial of $n \geq 0$:

```

1 function z = f(x)
2   if x x == 0
3     z = 1;
4   else
5     z = x * f(x - 1);
6   end
7 end

```

$$f(0) = 0! = 1$$

$$f(n) = n! = n \cdot \underbrace{(n-1)!}_{f(n-1)}$$

$$= n \cdot f(n-1)$$

$$\underbrace{f(3)}_{x=3} = 3 \cdot f(2) = 3 \cdot 2 \cdot \underbrace{f(1)}_{x=1}$$

$$= 3 \cdot 2 \cdot \underbrace{1 \cdot \underbrace{f(0)}_{x=0}}$$

Recursion Example, Vector Sum

Code

- To compute the sum of the values in a vector v:

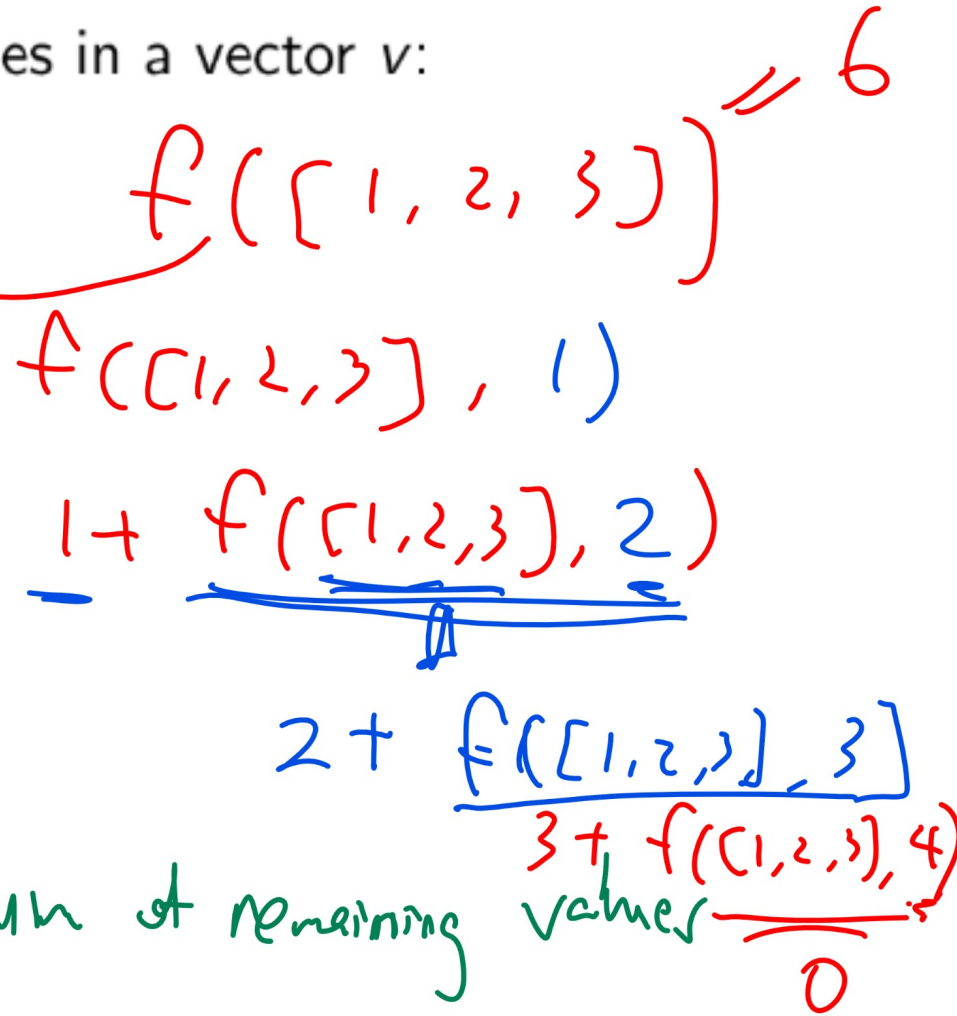
```

1 function z = f(x, t)
2   if nargin == 1
3     z = f(x, 0);
4   elseif t > length(x)
5     z = 0;
6   else
7     z = x(t) + f(x, t + 1);
8   end
9 end

```

Annotations on code:

- Line 1: `function z = f(x, t)` is circled in green.
- Line 2: `if nargin == 1` is circled in green.
- Line 3: `z = f(x, 0);` is circled in red. A blue arrow points to the `0`.
- Line 4: `elseif t > length(x)` is circled in red. A blue arrow points to the `t`.
- Line 5: `z = 0;` is circled in green.
- Line 6: `else` is circled in green.
- Line 7: `z = x(t) + f(x, t + 1);` is circled in green. A blue arrow points to `x(t)` with the label "current value".
- Line 8: `end` is circled in green.
- Line 9: `end` is circled in green.



Recursion, Fibonacci

Quiz

1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, ...

Q5

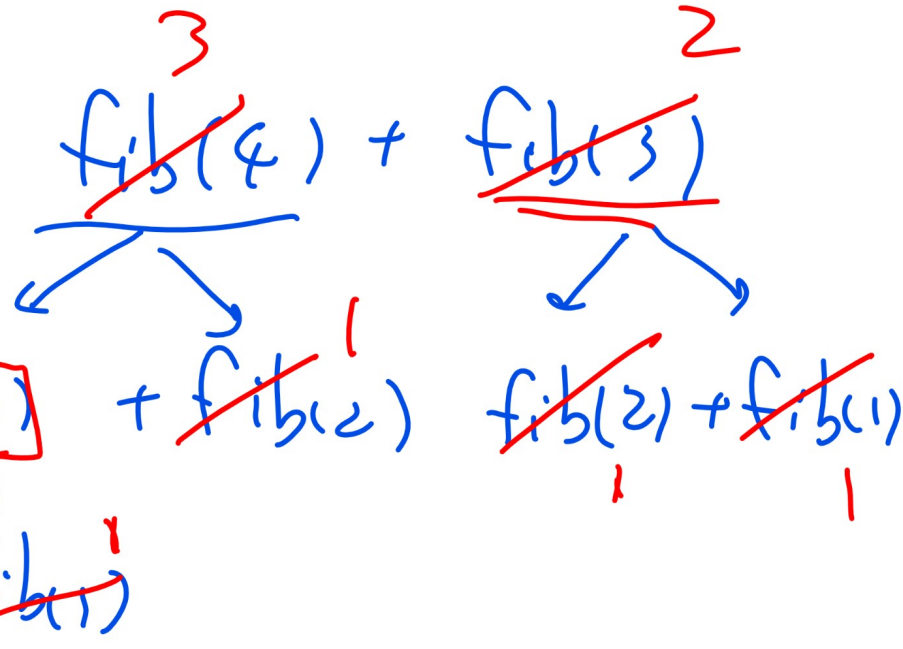
~~fib(5)~~ 5

```

1 function z = fib(x)
2   if x < 3
3     z = 1;
4   else
5     z = fib(x - 1) + fib(x - 2);
6   end
7 end
8 fib(5)

```

base case



- A: 5
- B: 7

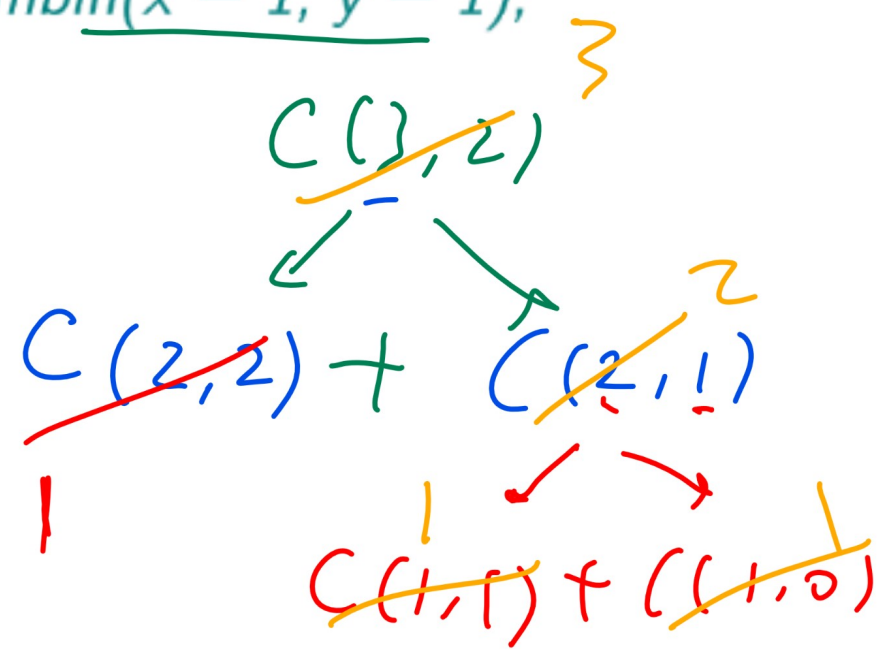
Recursion, Binomial

Quiz

Q6

```
1 function z = combin(x, y)
2   if y2 == 0 || y == x3
3     z = 1;
4   else
5     z = combin(x - 1, y) + combin(x - 1, y - 1);
6   end
7 end
8 combin(3, 2)
```

- A: 3
- B: 6



Recursion, Greatest Common Divisor

Quiz

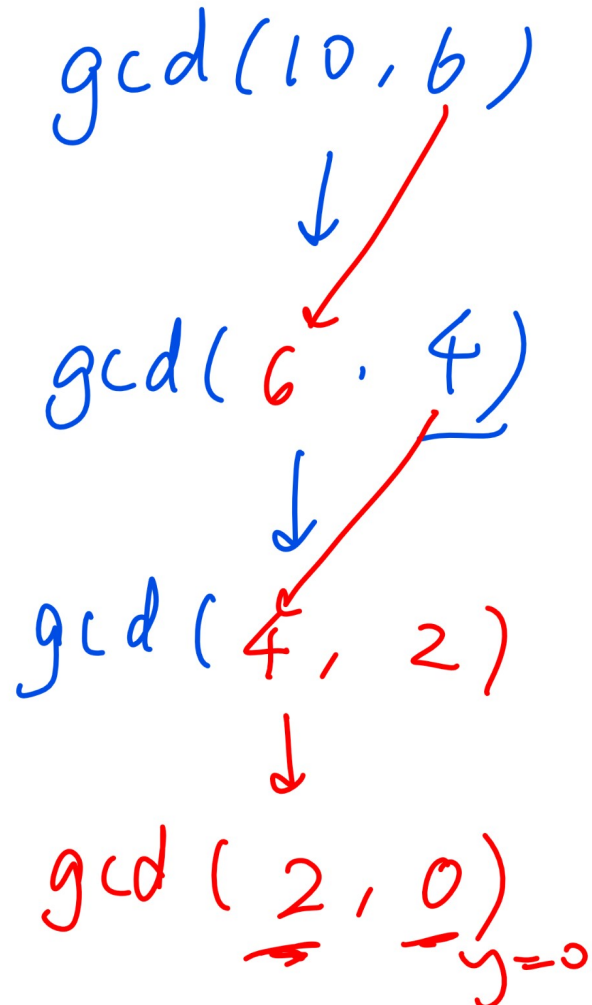
Q7

```
1 function z = gcd(x, y)
2   if y == 0
3     z = x;
4   else
5     z = gcd(y, mod(x, y));
6   end
7 end
```

8 gcd(10, 6) → 2

• A: 2

• B: 6



Recursion, Greatest Common Divisor Again

Quiz

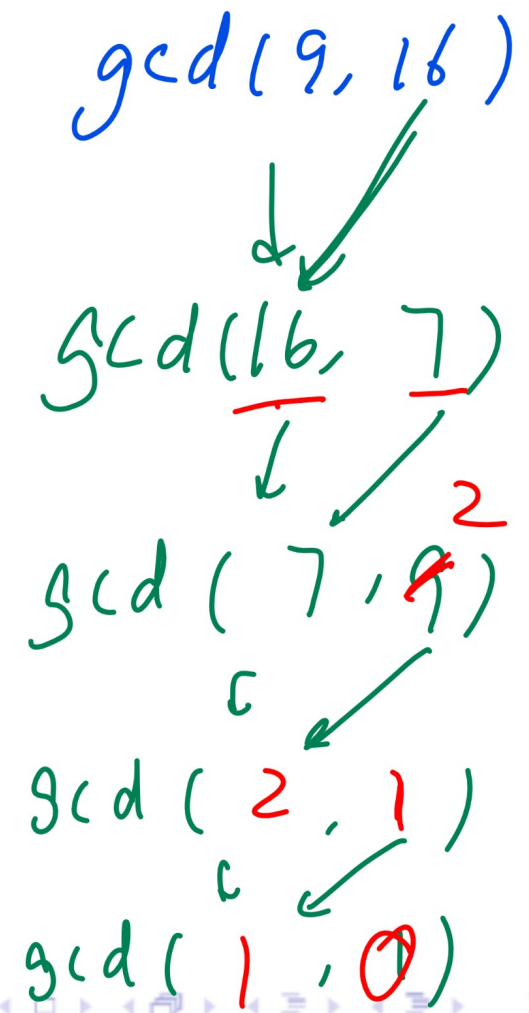
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1 function z = gcd(x, y)
2   if y == 0
3     z = x;
4   else
5     z = gcd(y, mod(x, y));
6   end
```

```
7 end
8 gcd(9, 16)
```

- A: 1
- C: 9



Q8



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