

# Computing Fundamentals

Salvatore Filippone

`salvatore.filippone@uniroma2.it`

2012–2013



# Derived data types

- Collection of other data types, primitive or derived;
- Expand the set of representable objects;
- May have specific operators



The first *derived* data type is the

**Array:** An ordered collection of items, all of the same type, identified by numeric indices.

- May have one or more indices;
- Has size;
- May be created dynamically

Most common cases: vectors and matrices.

Entries in a vector are identified by a *position*.

```
a = [1 , 4 , 9 , 16];
```

```
a(1)
```

```
a(3)
```

```
a(0)
```

```
a(5)
```



## Rules:

- The first entry is located at index 1;
- Attempting to read out of bounds causes an error;
- Attempting to write below 1 causes an error;
- Attempting to write above upper bound causes the vector to be automatically extended;
- Vectors can be empty;

Vectors can be empty

```
v = [];
```

and can be shortened

```
v = [1 , 2 , 3 , 4];
```

```
v ( 3 ) = [];
```

They can be concatenated

```
v1 = [1 , 2 , 3 , 4];
```

```
v2 = [5 , 6 , 7 , 8];
```

```
v = [v1 , v2];
```

and they can be indexed with other (integer) vectors

```
v = [1 , 4 , 9 , 16 , 25 , 36 , 49 , 64 , 81 , 100];
```

```
ix = [2 , 4 , 6 , 8 , 10];
```

```
v ( ix )
```



Array-valued functions:

- `zeros(1,n);`
- `ones(1,n);`
- `rand(1,n);`
- `linspace(a,b,n);`



Auxiliary operators on vectors:

- `find()`;
- `length()`;
- `size()`;
- `end`;
- Transpose ' `'`



Arithmetic operators on vectors:

- Unary minus - (change sign);
- Addition/subtraction by a scalar  $v+1$ ;
- Multiplication/division by a scalar  $\alpha*v$ ;
- Element-by-element operators `.* ./ .^`
- Comparison and logical operators `< > <= >= any find | &`

Vectors can be indexed with boolean vectors

`v(v>0)`



## Library function (and reductions)

- `sum()`;
- `mean()`;
- `max`;
- `min`;
- `round`, `ceil`, `floor`, `fix`;

The triplet notation:

$$n1 : str : n2$$

It is an array-valued function:

$$n1, n1+str, n1+2*str, n1+3*str, \dots, n1+k*str$$

where  $k$  is the largest value such that

$$n1+k*str \leq n2$$

It can be used to index other arrays.

$$v(1:2:\mathbf{end})$$
$$v(2:2:\mathbf{end})$$
$$v(\mathbf{end}:-1:1)$$

When  $str < 0$  the last constraint is  $n1+k*str \geq n2$

Arrays can be multidimensional:

```
A=[ 1, 2;  
   3, 4];
```

```
A(1,1)
```

```
A(3,4)
```

It is possible to select slices of a matrix:

```
A=[ 1, 2;  
   3, 4];
```

```
A(1,:) 
```

```
A(:,2)
```

Matrices have dimensions:

```
vsz=size(A)
```

```
[nr, nc] = size(A);
```

Predefined matrices:

```
A=zeros(m,n)
```

```
B=ones(m,n);
```

```
R=rand(m,n);
```

Matrices can grow and shrink dynamically like vectors

```
A(1,5)=6;
```

```
A(3,:) = [];
```

The reshape operator:

**reshape**(A, rows , cols )

rearranges the contents of the matrix to fit a different number of rows/columns.

Book examples

Arithmetic operators are to be intended as in linear algebra:

$$C=A*B$$

is a valid matrix expression if  $A$  is  $(m,k)$ ,  $B$  is  $(k,n)$  and  $C$  is  $(m,n)$ .