

# Matlab 101

## a.k.a. “The Matlabomicon”

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“General Matlabissimo,” and “Matlab-sensei”

# What you will learn

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- MATLAB

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- Strategy: Pick the most common #, and re-roll dice that don't match



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Sample from uniform distribution

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In the range (0,6)

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Compute for a 5 x 1 matrix

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Round down to get {0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5}



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Increment by 1 to match die #'s

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Suppress output from command

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What is the value of y?

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y =

5

6

1

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4

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Initialize  $y$  to  $5 \times 1$  matrix

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Roll dice indexed by  
rollidx

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Updated to indices of  
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Count # of times each  
number occurs

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Record '1' if all y are  
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What is this called?

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Simplifying through  
built-in commands

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# Matlab is column-major!

1	4	7
2	5	8
3	6	9

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<del>4</del>	<del>5</del>	<del>6</del>
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# Vectorization



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```
sum_v = 0
for i = 1:10
    sum_v = sum_v + v(i)
end
```

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<https://alliance.seas.upenn.edu/~cis520/wiki/index.php?n=Recitations.MatlabTutorial>