



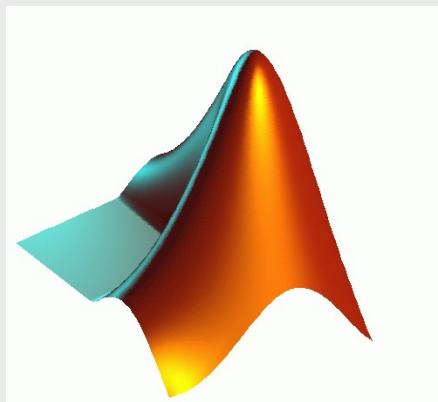
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**Interactive**



**Batch**

Type in and get an answer

Submit job and fetch results

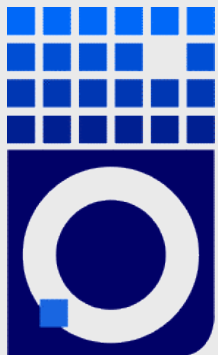
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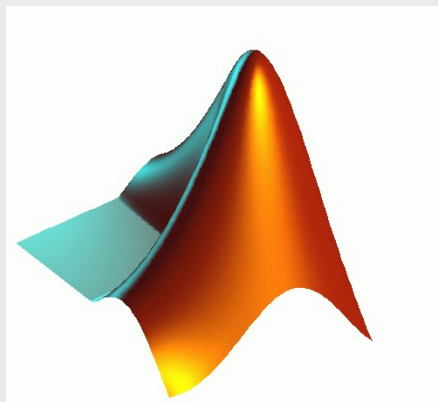
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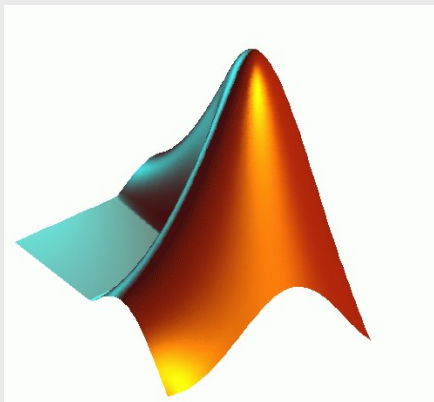


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## MATLAB 7.11

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# Parallel Matlab on the cluster

## Using Matlab in batch mode

With Matlab (e.g. your computer or CeSAM)

Without Matlab (e.g. the clusters)

## Using Matlab in parallel

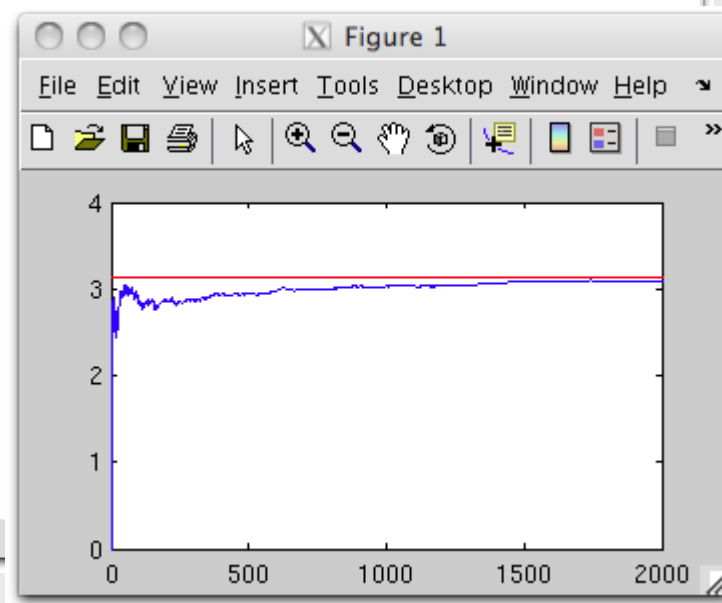
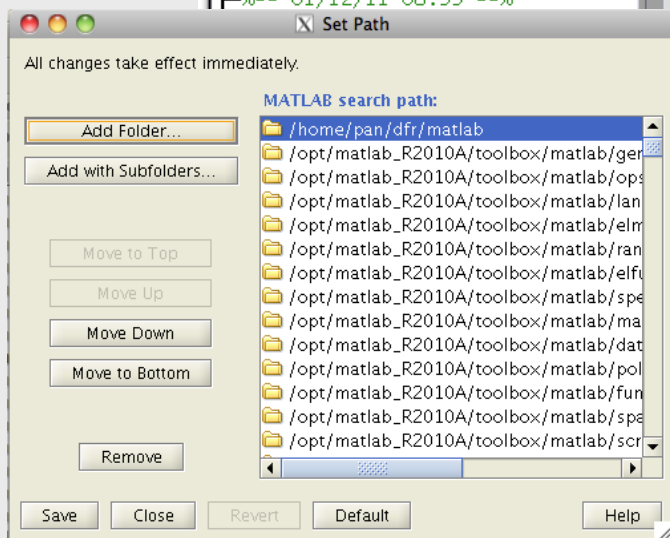
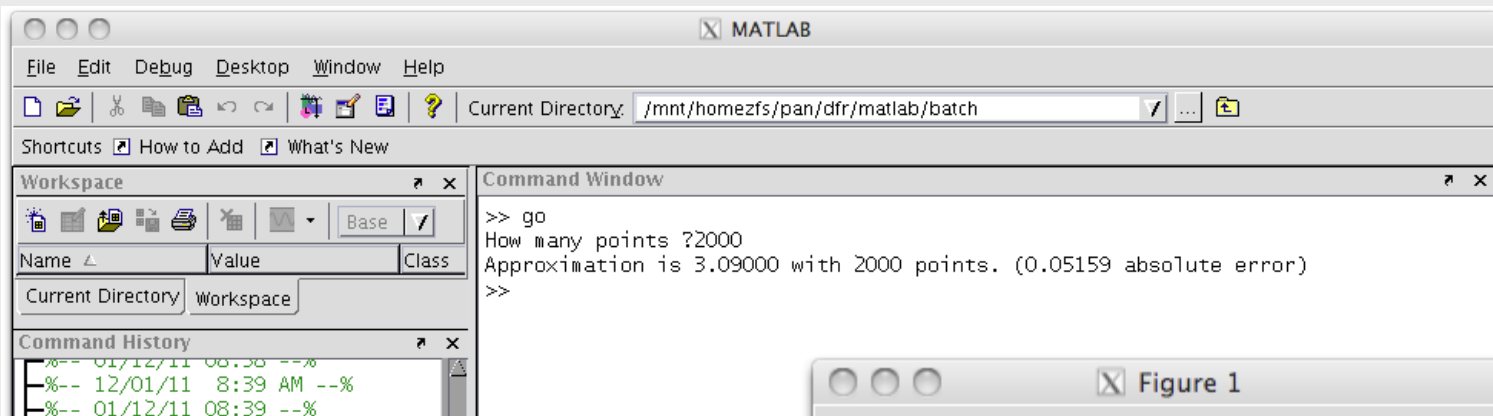
With no effort

With little effort

With a lot of effort

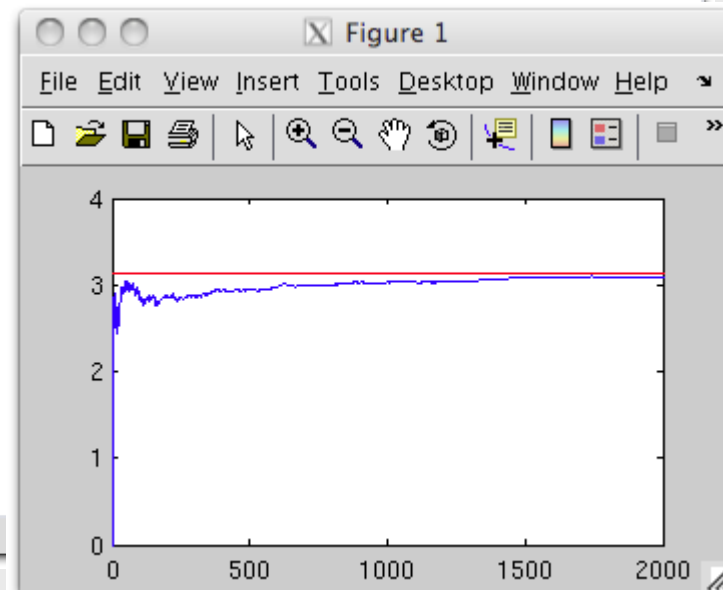
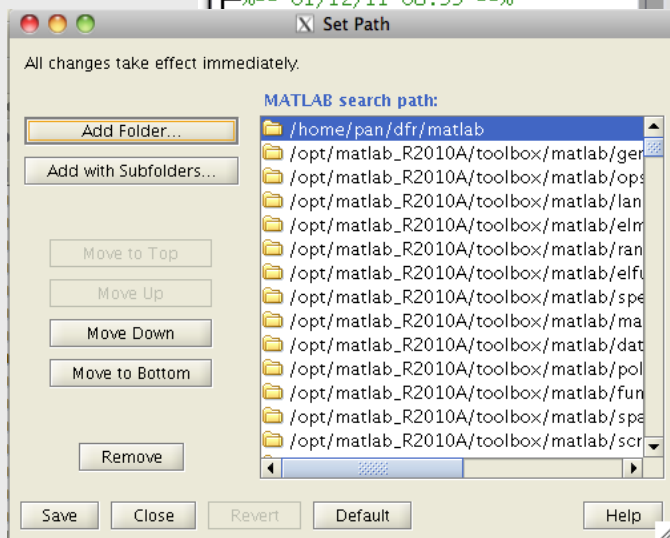
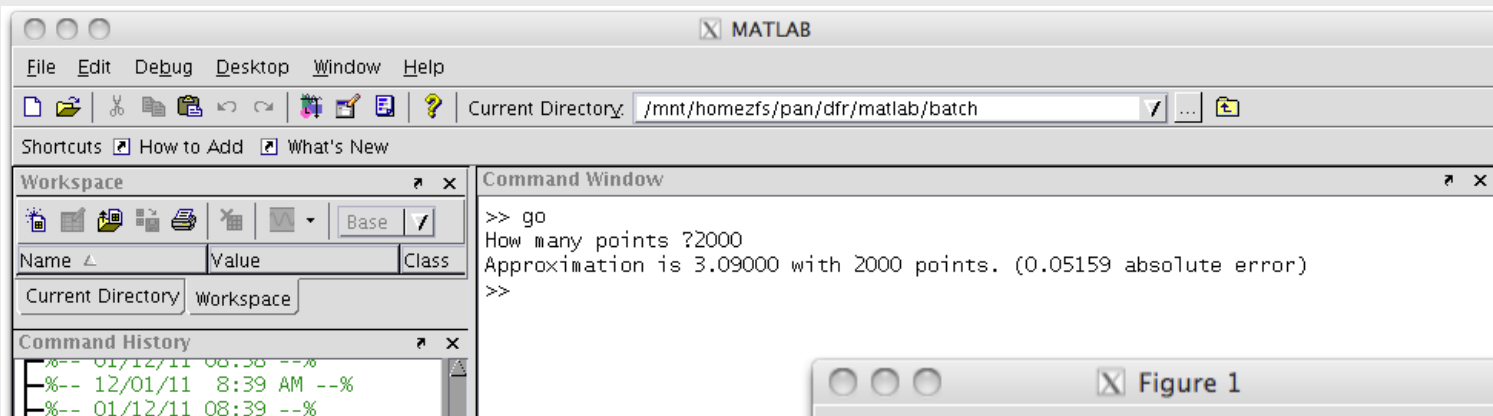


You might be used to ...





... but no GUI in batch mode !





## Two methods for launching a script:

You have a script `myscript.m`:

```
matlab < myscript.m
```

You have a function `"function a = myfun(x,y) ..."`

```
matlab -r "myfun(3,5); exit;"
```





## You need to adapt your Matlab script

No more clicks!

```
addpath('./myTools/');  
% or  
addpath ./myTools/  
% NOT addpath('c:\Program Files\Matlab\Workdir') !!  
  
load('./data.mat');  
% or  
load data  
% NOT load('c:\Program Files\Matlab\Workdir\data.mat') !!  
  
save('./results/res.mat', res);  
% or  
save ./results/res.mat res
```

Paths

Data

Prompts

Figures

GUI

Make sure to automate any setup that you usually do by hand: adding paths, loading data, saving results, etc.



## You need to adapt your Matlab script

Put all 'configuration' values in a file and load it

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```
# In an interactive session:
```

```
A = 65;  
save param A
```

```
# Some initialization up here
```

```
load param  
fprintf('\nA was set to %d\n', A);  
# Remaining of the script
```



## You need to adapt your Matlab script

```
x = -pi:pi/10:pi;  
y = tan(sin(x)) - sin(tan(x));  
plot(x,y,'--rs','LineWidth',2,...  
      'MarkerEdgeColor','k',...  
      'MarkerFaceColor','g',...  
      'MarkerSize',10)  
print -dpng plot.png
```

Paths

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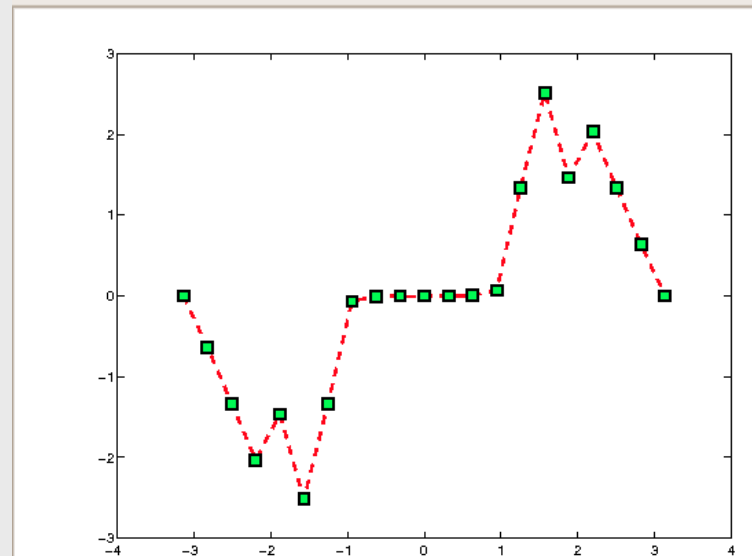
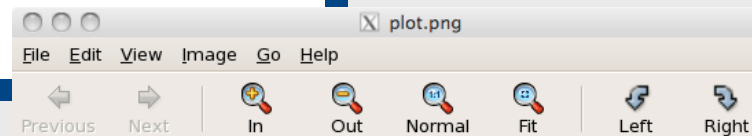
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Use 'print' to put your graphics to a file.

Or avoid plotting at all and do that interactively at postprocess time





You need to adapt your Matlab script

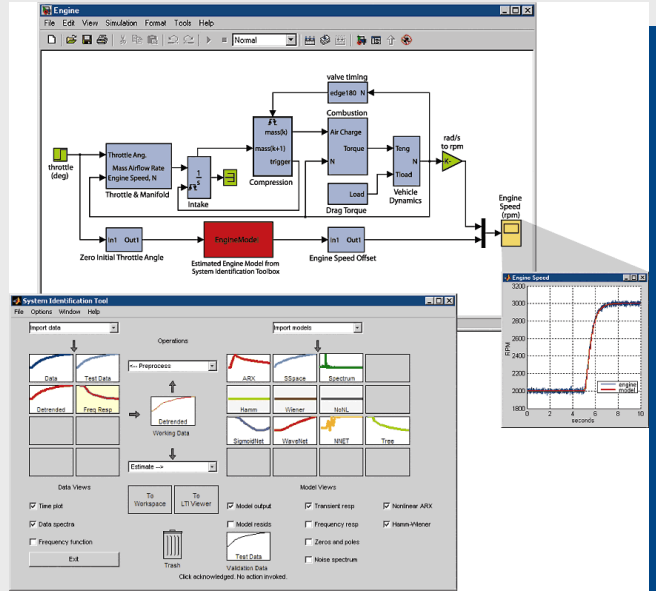
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GUI



Function Reference (System Identification Toolbox™)

<http://www.mathworks.com/help/toolbox/ident/ref/f3-8911.html>

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Nonlinear Black-Box Model Identification	Estimate nonlinear ARX and Hammerstein-Wiener models
ODE Parameter Estimation	Estimate parameters of linear and nonlinear ordinary differential or difference equations (grey-box models)
Recursive Model Identification	Recursively estimate input-output linear models, such as AR, ARX, ARMAX, Box-Jenkins, and Output-Error models
Model Analysis	Validate and analyze models by comparing model output, computing parameter confidence intervals and prediction errors, and getting advice on estimated models
Simulation and Prediction	Simulate and predict linear and nonlinear model output, and estimate initial states
System Identification Tool GUI	Start System Identification Toolbox GUI and customize preferences

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**Data Import and Processing**

advice Analysis and recommendations for data or estimated linear polynomial and state-space models

covf Estimate covariance functions for time-domain iddata object

Simplest solution: avoid GUI's and use command line version



And then launch it !

```
# If you have something like "function a = myfun(x,y) ..." in myfun.m  
matlab -nodisplay -nodesktop -nojvm -nosplash -r myfun(4,3)  
# If you have a script in myscript.m  
matlab -nodisplay -nodesktop -nojvm -nosplash < myscript.m
```

Options

Launch

- nodisplay: do not try to display plots
- nodesktop: do not launch full GUI
- nojvm: do not launch Java support  
(do not use in recent versions of Matlab)
- nosplash: do not display splashscreen



Use 'screen' for unattended execution

```
1. dfr@lm9 (ssh)
dfr@ncois:~ $ ssh lm9
Last login: Fri Nov 9 09:41:16 2012 from 01012313.cism.ucl.ac.be
dfr@lm9:~ $ screen
```

As soon as you press ENTER, the screen is cleared and you are in a 'screen' session



Use 'screen' for unattended execution

The image shows a terminal window titled "1. dfr@lm9 (ssh)". The prompt is "dfr@lm9:~ \$". A light blue callout bubble points to the prompt area and contains the text "We are now in a 'screen' session".

```
1. dfr@lm9 (ssh)
dfr@lm9:~ $
```



Use 'screen' for unattended execution

```
1. dfr@lm9 (ssh)
dfr@lm9:~ $ cd batch
/home/pan/dfr/batch
dfr@lm9:~/batch $ module load matlab/R2010a
dfr@lm9:~/batch $ matlab -nodisplay -nodesktop -nosplash -r "go_f();exit;"
Warning: No window system found. Java option 'MWT' ignored

MATLAB (R) >
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```

We launch Matlab  
and we 'detach' with  
CTRL-a d





Use 'screen' for unattended execution

```
1. dfr@ncois (bash)
dfr@ncois:~ $ ssh lm9
Last login: Fri Nov  9 09:41:16 2012 from 01012313.cism.ucl.ac.be
dfr@lm9:~ $ screen
[detached]
dfr@lm9:~ $ logout
Connection to lm9 closed.
dfr@ncois:~ $
```

We are now detached and disconnected.



Use 'screen' for unattended execution

```
1. dfr@lm9 (ssh)
dfr@ncois:~ $ ssh lm9
Last login: Fri Nov 9 09:43:23 2012 from 01012313.cism.ucl.ac.be
dfr@lm9:~ $ screen -r
```

We connect back to lm9 and 'reattach' to the 'screen' session



Use 'screen' for unattended execution

```
1. dfr@lm9 (ssh)
dfr@lm9:~/batch $ module load matlab/R2010a
dfr@lm9:~/batch $ matlab -nodisplay -nodesktop -nosplash -r "go_f();exit;"
Warning: No window system found. Java option 'MWT' ignored

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>> Approximation is 3.14167 with 600000000 points. (0.00008 absolute error)
dfr@lm9:~/batch $
```

And we find our result

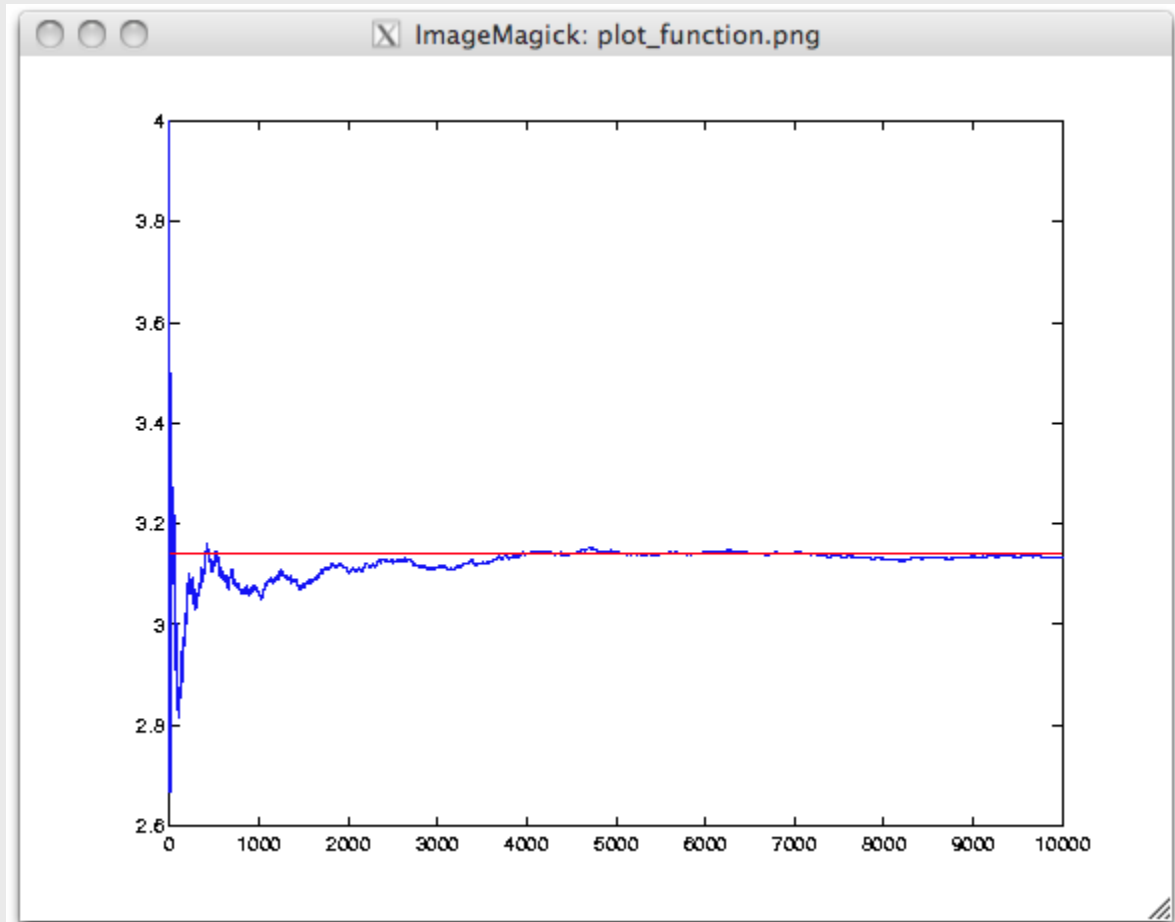


1. Connect to  
cesam.cism.ucl.ac.be, or  
brufence.cism.ucl.ac.be with your CISM login (or ask 'tuto' login)  
with X11 forwarding
2. Copy directory ~dfr/matlab/batch to your directory and "cd" there
3. Load the Matlab module (matlab or Matlab or MATLAB, please check)
3. Launch Matlab
4. Run 'go' to see what it does  
(you might have to set the paths: File > Set Paths  
or Home > Environment > Set Path)
5. Edit go.m so as to be able to run it in batch
6. Quit Matlab
7. Test your Matlab script in 'batch mode'
8. Make a longer test with "screen"



```
Editor - /mnt/homezfs/pan/dfr/matlab/Material/go.m
File Edit Text Go Cell Tools Debug Desktop Window Help
[Icons] Stack: Base [Grid] [Zoom]
- 1.0 + ÷ 1.1 × % % !
1 % Compute an approximation of pi based on
2 % Monte Carlo sampling and display convergence.
3
4 % Prompt for number of random points to use
5 - N = input('How many points?');
6
7 % Call pimc function to compute approximation
8 - [piapprox, points] = pimc(N);
9
10 % Report precision
11 - fprintf('Approximation is %.5f with %d points. (%.5f absolute error)\n', ...
12     piapprox, N, abs(pi-piapprox));
13
14 % Plot result
15 - plot(4.*cumsum(points)./(1:N))
16 - line([0,N],[pi,pi], 'color', 'r')
```

script Ln 1 Col 1 OVL





# Parallel matlab on the cluster

## Using Matlab in batch mode

With Matlab (e.g. your computer or CeSAM)

Without Matlab (e.g. the clusters)

## Using Matlab in parallel

With no effort

With little effort

With a lot of effort



## Number of licenses is limited!

```
[dfr@cesam ~]$ lmstat -a | grep ^Users
Users of MATLAB: (Total of 120 licenses issued; Total of 64 licenses in use)
Users of SIMULINK: (Total of 25 licenses issued; Total of 2 licenses in use)
Users of Communication_Toolbox: (Total of 10 licenses issued; Total of 2 licenses in use)
Users of Control_Toolbox: (Total of 25 licenses issued; Total of 2 licenses in use)
Users of Curve_Fitting_Toolbox: (Total of 5 licenses issued; Total of 2 licenses in use)
Users of Signal_Blocks: (Total of 10 licenses issued; Total of 2 licenses in use)
Users of Data_Acq_Toolbox: (Total of 5 licenses issued; Total of 0 licenses in use)
Users of Neural_Network_Toolbox: (Total of 5 licenses issued; Total of 0 licenses in use)
Users of Econometrics_Toolbox: (Total of 5 licenses issued; Total of 0 licenses in use)
Users of RTW_Embedded_Coder: (Total of 1 license issued; Total of 1 license in use)
Users of Financial_Toolbox: (Total of 5 licenses issued; Total of 1 license in use)
Users of Fixed_Point_Toolbox: (Total of 5 licenses issued; Total of 0 licenses in use)
Users of Fuzzy_Toolbox: (Total of 5 licenses issued; Total of 0 licenses in use)
Users of GADS_Toolbox: (Total of 1 license issued; Total of 1 license in use)
Users of Image_Toolbox: (Total of 14 licenses issued; Total of 4 licenses in use)
Users of Instr_Control_Toolbox: (Total of 4 licenses issued; Total of 4 licenses in use)
Users of MATLAB_Coder: (Total of 7 licenses issued; Total of 1 license in use)
Users of MATLAB_Builder_for_Java: (Total of 9 licenses issued; Total of 0 licenses in use)
Users of Compiler: (Total of 9 licenses issued; Total of 0 licenses in use)
Users of MAP_Toolbox: (Total of 4 licenses issued; Total of 2 licenses in use)
Users of MPC_Toolbox: (Total of 5 licenses issued; Total of 0 licenses in use)
Users of Optimization_Toolbox: (Total of 21 licenses issued; Total of 3 licenses in use)
Users of Distrib_Computing_Toolbox: (Total of 17 licenses issued; Total of 14 licenses in use)
```





## Option 1 : Compile Matlab to C...

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## Option 1 : Compile Matlab to C...

Within Matlab:

```
>> mcc -m myfunction
```

myfunction must be a function, not a script

Use -a to add resources (additional code or mat files)

```
>> mcc -m myfunction -a mydir/
```

Addpath are forbidden in compiled code. Protect them with  
if ~isdeployed  
  addpath(...)  
end

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## Option 1 : Compile Matlab to C...

```
1. dfr@lm9 (ssh)
dfr@lm9:~/compile $ module load matlab
dfr@lm9:~/compile $ matlab
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>> mcc -a myTools/ -m go_f.m
```



## Option 1 : Compile Matlab to C...

```
1. dfr@lm9 (ssh)
>> mcc -a myTools/ -m go_f.m
Warning: No display specified. You will not be able to display graphics on
the screen.

Warning: You are using gcc version "4.4.4". The version
currently supported with MATLAB Compiler is "4.2.3".
For a list of currently supported compilers see:
http://www.mathworks.com/support/compilers/current\_release/

>> exit
dfr@lm9:~/compile $ ls
go_f          go_f_mcc_component_data.c  myTools      run_go_f.sh
go_f.m        go_f.prj                   params.mat
go_f_main.c   mccExcludedFiles.log      readme.txt
dfr@lm9:~/compile $
```



## Option 1 : Compile Matlab to C...

```
1. dfr@lm9 (ssh)
go_f.m      go_f.prj      params.mat
go_f_main.c  mccExcludedFiles.log  readme.txt
dfr@lm9:~/compile $ ./run_go_f.sh
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Usage:
./run_go_f.sh <deployedMCRroot> args
dfr@lm9:~/compile $ ./go_f
Warning: No display specified. You will not be able to display graphics on
the screen.
Approximation is 3.14167 with 600000000 points. (0.00008 absolute error)
dfr@lm9:~/compile $ ls
go_f      go_f_mcc_component_data.c  myTools      readme.txt
go_f.m    go_f.prj      params.mat   res.mat
go_f_main.c  mccExcludedFiles.log      plot.png     run_go_f.sh
dfr@lm9:~/compile $
```



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## Option 1 : Compile Matlab to C...

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### Compiling MATLAB and Toolboxes

MATLAB Compiler supports the full MATLAB language and almost all toolboxes based on MATLAB. However, some limited MATLAB and toolbox functionality is not licensed for compilation.

- Most of the prebuilt graphical user interfaces included in MATLAB and its companion toolboxes will not compile.
- Functionality that cannot be called directly from the command line will not compile.
- Some toolboxes, such as Symbolic Math Toolbox™, will not compile.



## Option 1 : ... and deploy with MCR

### Working with the MCR

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### About the MATLAB Compiler Runtime (MCR)

MATLAB Compiler uses the MATLAB Compiler Runtime (MCR), a standalone set of shared libraries that enables the execution of MATLAB files on computers without an installed version of MATLAB.

If you do not have MATLAB installed on the target machine and you want to run components created by MATLAB Compiler, you still need to install the MCR on the target machine, whether you are a developer or end user. You have to install the MCR only once. There is no way to distribute your application with any subset of the files that are installed by `MCRInstaller.exe`.

See [Deploying to End Users](#) for more information about the general steps for installing the MCR as part of the deployment process.

See also [Using MCR Installer Command Line Options](#) for more information.

### How is the MCR Different from MATLAB?

This MCR differs from MATLAB in several important ways:

- In the MCR, MATLAB files are securely encrypted for portability and integrity.
- MATLAB has a desktop graphical interface. The MCR has all of MATLAB's functionality without the graphical interface.
- The MCR is version-specific. You must run your applications with the version of the MCR associated with the version of MATLAB Compiler with which it was created. For example, if you compiled an application using version 4.10 (R2009a) of MATLAB Compiler, users who do not have MATLAB installed must have version 7.10 of the MCR installed. Use `mcrversion` to return the version number of the MCR.



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```
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>> mcrinstaller
The GLNXA64 MCR Installer, version 7.13, is:
    /opt/matlab_R2010A/toolbox/compiler/deploy/glnxa64/MCRInstaller.bin

MCR installers for other platforms are located in:
```





## Option 1 : ... and deploy with MCR

```
1. dfr@lm9 (ssh)
dfr@lm9:~ $ scp /opt/matlab_R2010A/toolbox/compiler/deploy/glnxa64/MCRInstaller.bin dfr@130.104.72.97:
dfr@130.104.72.97's password:
MCRInstaller.bin          100% 209MB  6.2MB/s  00:34
dfr@lm9:~ $
```



## Option 1 : ... and deploy with MCR

```
1. dfr@01012172 (ssh)
dfr@lm9:~ $ ssh 130.104.72.97
dfr@130.104.72.97's password:
Last login: Fri Nov  9 14:59:12 2012 from 01012313.cism.ucl.ac.be
dfr@97:~ $ ./MCRInstaller.bin
```



## Option 1 : ... and deploy with MCR

```
1. dfr@01012172 (ssh)

Welcome to the InstallShield Wizard for MATLAB(R) Compiler Runtime 7.13

The InstallShield Wizard will install MATLAB(R) Compiler Runtime 7.13 on yo
ur
computer.
To continue, choose Next.

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Press 1 for Next, 3 to Cancel or 5 to Redisplay [1]
```



## Option 1 : ... and deploy with MCR

```
1. dfr@01012172 (ssh)
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Press 1 for Next, 3 to Cancel or 5 to Redisplay [1] 1
-----
----
MATLAB(R) Compiler Runtime 7.13 - InstallShield Wizard
MATLAB(R) Compiler Runtime 7.13 Install Location
Please specify a directory or press Enter to accept the default directory.
Destination Directory [/opt/MATLAB/MATLAB_Compiler_Runtime] /home/dfr/MCR
```



## Option 1 : ... and deploy with MCR

```
1. dfr@lm9 (ssh)
dfr@lm9:~ $ scp -r compile/ dfr@130.104.72.97:
dfr@130.104.72.97's password:
params.mat          100% 175      0.2KB/s   00:00
run_go_f.sh        100% 1021     1.0KB/s   00:00
readme.txt         100% 3741     3.7KB/s   00:00
pimc.m             100% 1199     1.2KB/s   00:00
go_f               100% 49KB    49.2KB/s  00:00
go_f.m            100% 725      0.7KB/s   00:00
dfr@lm9:~ $
```



## Option 1 : ... and deploy with MCR

```
1. dfr@01012172 (ssh)
dfr@97:~/compile $ ./run_go_f.sh /home/dfr/MCR/
_jvm/      _uninst/ v713/
dfr@97:~/compile $ ./run_go_f.sh /home/dfr/MCR/v713/
-----
Setting up environment variables
---
LD_LIBRARY_PATH is ./home/dfr/MCR/v713//runtime/glnxa64:/home/dfr/MCR/v713
//bin/glnxa64:/home/dfr/MCR/v713//sys/os/glnxa64:/home/dfr/MCR/v713//sys/ja
va/jre/glnxa64/jre/lib/amd64/native_threads:/home/dfr/MCR/v713//sys/java/jr
e/glnxa64/jre/lib/amd64/server:/home/dfr/MCR/v713//sys/java/jre/glnxa64/jre
/lib/amd64/client:/home/dfr/MCR/v713//sys/java/jre/glnxa64/jre/lib/amd64
Warning: No display specified. You will not be able to display graphics on
the screen.
Approximation is 3.14253 with 60000 points. (0.00094 absolute error)
dfr@97:~/compile $
```



1. Connect to CeSAM or Brufence
2. Copy directory `~dfr/matlab/compile` to your directory and “cd” there
3. Load module `matlab` and launch Matlab
4. Compile `go_f.m` (note if `~isdeployed` )  
`mcc -a myTools/ -m go_f.m`
5. Connect to Lemaitre3 with your CÉCI login
6. Copy your 'compile' directory from CeSAM or Brufence
7. Load MCR module (`!version`)
9. Run `go_f` (no need for `run_go_f.sh`)



## Option 1 : ... and deploy with MCR

Matlab is not installed on Manneback but the MCR is

```
1. dfr@manneback (ssh)
dfr@manneback:~ $ module load mcr/v713
dfr@manneback:~ $ cd compile/
/home/pan/dfr/compile
dfr@manneback:~/compile $ ./go_f
Warning: No display specified. You will not be able to display graphics on
the screen.
Approximation is 3.14253 with 60000 points. (0.00094 absolute error)
dfr@manneback:~/compile $ ls
go_f          go_f_mcc_component_data.c  myTools      readme.txt
go_f.m        go_f.prj                   params.mat    res.mat
go_f_main.c   mccExcludedFiles.log      plot.png     run_go_f.sh
dfr@manneback:~/compile $
```





## Option 2 : Develop with Matlab, run with Octave

Why

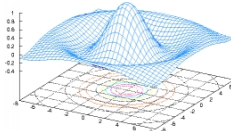
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GNU Octave is a high-level language, primarily intended for numerical computations. It provides a convenient command line interface for solving linear and nonlinear problems numerically, and for performing other numerical experiments using a language that is mostly compatible with Matlab. It may also be used as a batch-oriented language.



For more information, see the page [about Octave](#).

#### Current News

**October 19, 2010**  
A new snapshot of the current development version of Octave is available for ftp (3.3.53). You should only be using this version if you are interested in testing the latest features and don't mind hitting the occasional bug.

**August 1, 2010**  
A new snapshot of the current development version of Octave is available for ftp (3.3.52). You should only be using this version if you are interested in testing the latest features and don't mind hitting the occasional bug.

**March 24, 2010**  
A new snapshot of the current development version of Octave is available for ftp (3.3.51). You should only be using this version if you are interested in testing the latest features and don't mind hitting the occasional bug.

**March 24, 2010**  
We are now using the [a bug tracker](#) to manage bug reports instead of the [bug@octave.org](#) mailing list. For now, the list will continue to function, but you are strongly encouraged to use the tracker instead.

**January 28, 2010**  
Version 3.2.4 has been released and is now available for ftp. Octave 3.2.4 is a bug-fixing release [NEWS](#) file for a list of user-visible changes in the 3.2.x series.

For older news, see the [news archive](#).

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## Option 2 : Develop with Matlab, run with Octave

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You have a script `myscript.m`. Rather than:

```
matlab < myscript.m
```

Simply write

```
octave < myscript.m
```

The other option `'-r'` becomes `'--eval'`



## Option 2 : Develop with Matlab, run with Octave

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The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL [http://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/MATLAB\\_Programming/Differences\\_between\\_Octave\\_and\\_Matlab](http://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/MATLAB_Programming/Differences_between_Octave_and_Matlab). The page title is "MATLAB Programming/Differences between Octave and MATLAB". The main content area contains the following text:

Octave has been mainly built with MATLAB compatibility in mind. It has a lot of features in common with MATLAB:

1. Matrices as fundamental data type.
2. Built-in support for complex numbers.
3. Powerful built-in math functions and extensive function libraries.
4. Extensibility in the form of user-defined functions.

Some of the differences that do exist between Octave and MATLAB can be worked around using "user preference variables."<sup>[1]</sup>

GNU Octave is mostly compatible with Matlab. However, Octave's parser allows some (often very useful) syntax that Matlab's does not, so programs written for Octave might not run in Matlab. For example, Octave supports the use of both single and double quotes. Matlab only supports single quotes, which means parsing errors will occur if you try to use double quotes (e.g. in an Octave script when run on Matlab). Octave and Matlab users who must collaborate with each other need to take note of these issues and program accordingly.

*Note:* Octave can be run in "traditional mode" (by including the `--traditional` flag when starting Octave) which makes it behave in a slightly more Matlab-compatible way.

This chapter documents instances where Matlab's parser will fail to run code that will run in Octave, and instances where Octave's parser will fail to run code that will run in Matlab. This page also contains notes on differences between things that are different between Octave (in traditional mode) and Matlab.

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Plots

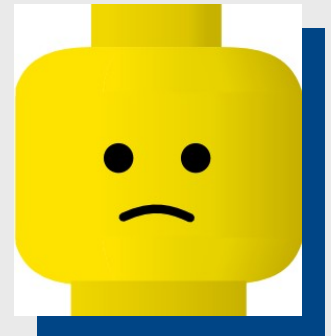
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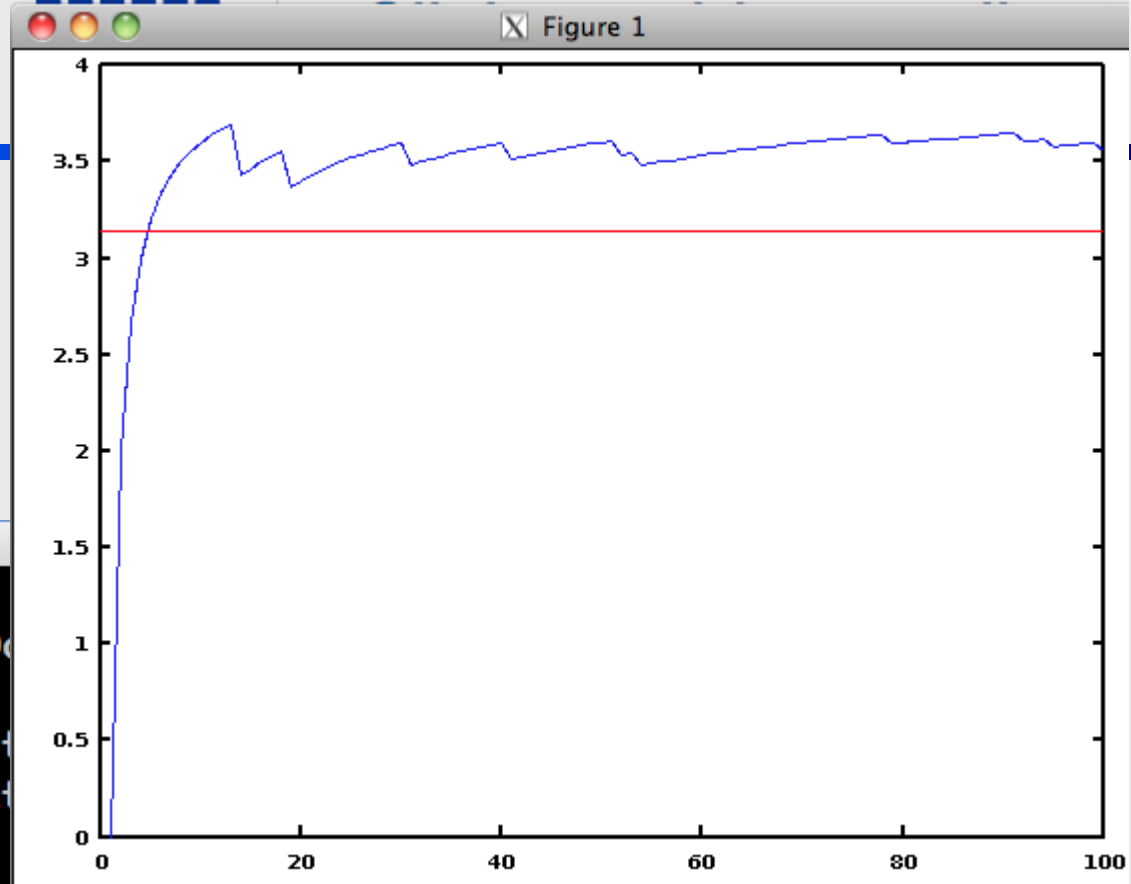
Not as good as Matlab's





1. Connect to Lemaitre3
2. Copy your 'compile' directory into 'octave' : `cp -r compile octave`  
(and remove everything except `go_f.m`, `myTools/` and `params.mat`)
3. Go to your 'octave' directory
4. Load the octave module if needed
5. Launch octave
6. Run `go_f`
7. `exit octave`
- 8 Launch “`octave --eval go_f`”

# CISM



```
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For more information, visit http://www.octave.org/bugs

Read http://www.octave.org/bugs/51,1457, 2,34061

For information about changes from previous versions, type `news'.

octave:1> addpath myTools/
octave:2> go
How many points ?100
Approximation is 3.56000 with 100 points. (0.41841 absolute error)
octave:3> 
```



# Parallel matlab on the cluster

## Using Matlab in batch mode

- Launch a script, get results
- Deal with licenses

## Using Matlab in parallel

- With no effort**

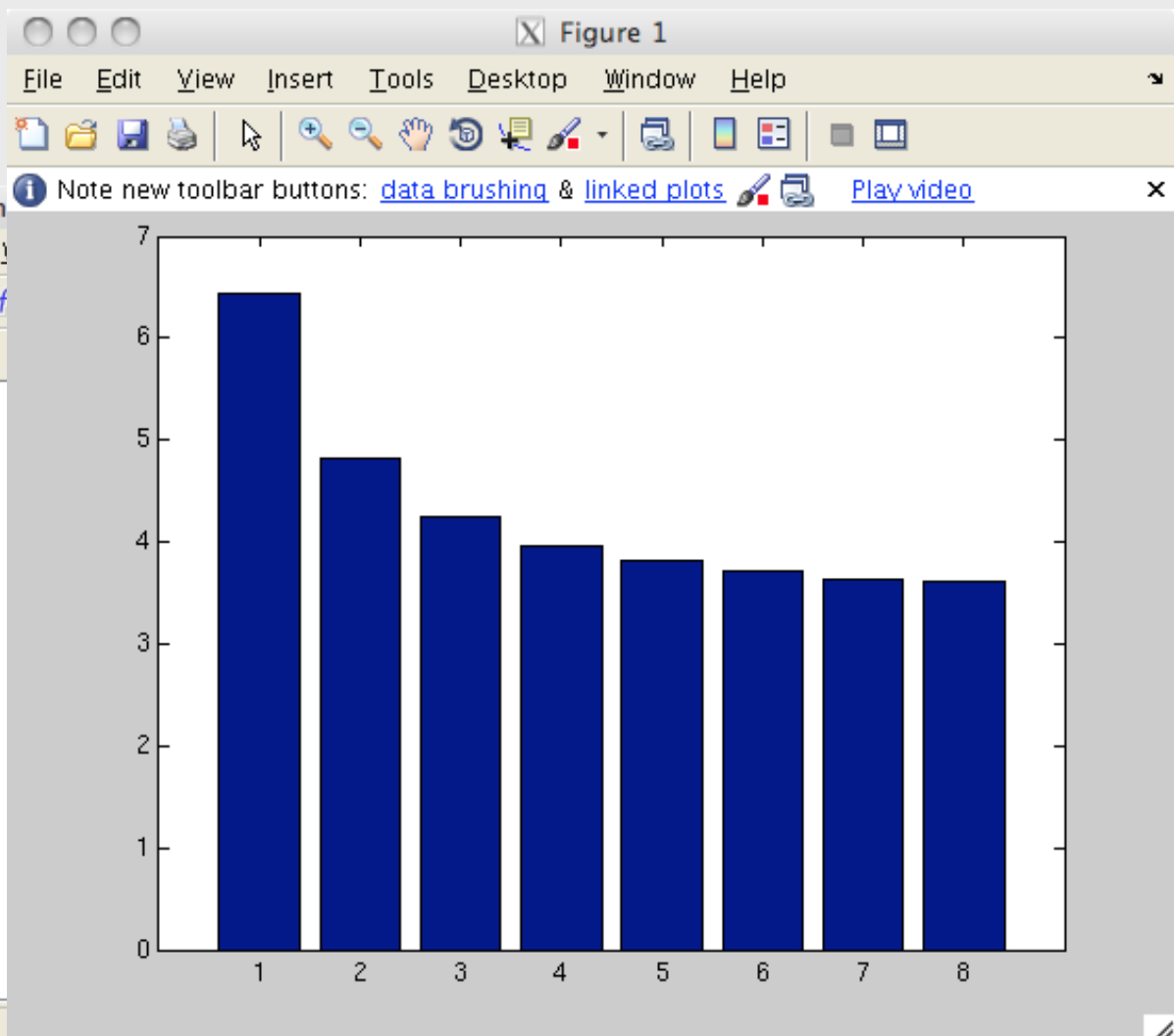
- With little effort

- With a lot of effort



```

Editor - /mnt/homezfs/pan/dfr/Formation
File Edit Text Go Cell Tools Debug Desktop
- 1.0 + ÷ 1.1 x % %
1 function multithread_test
2
3 N = 100000000;
4 THREADS = 1:8;
5
6 res = zeros(1,length(THREADS));
7 y = zeros(N,1);
8 for threadnum = THREADS
9     maxNumCompThreads(threadnum);
10
11     tic;
12     y = sin(rand(N,1));
13     res(threadnum) = toc;
14
15 end
16 bar(res)
17
multithread_test
    
```







## Element wise operations and linear algebra

### Element Wise Functions and Expressions:

---

Functions that speed up for double arrays > 20k elements

1) Trigonometric: ACOS(x), ACOSH(x), ASIN(x), ASINH(x), ATAN(x), ATAND(x), ATANH(x), COS(x), COSH(x), SIN(x), SINH(x), TAN(x), TANH(x)

2) Exponential: EXP(x), POW2(x), SQRT(x)

3) Operators: x.^y

For Example: 3\*x.^3+2\*x.^2+4\*x +6, sqrt(tan(x).\*sin(x).\*3+8);

Functions that speed up for double arrays > 200k elements

4) Trigonometric: HYPOT(x,y), TAND(x)

5) Complex: ABS(x)

6) Rounding and remainder: UNWRAP(x), CEIL(x), FIX(x), FLOOR(x), MOD(x,N), ROUND(x)

7) Basic and array operations: LOGICAL(X), ISINF(X), ISNAN(X), INT8(X), INT16(X), INT32(X)

### Linear Algebra Functions:

---

Functions that speed up for double arrays > 40k elements (200 square)

1) Operators: X\*Y (Matrix Multiply), X^N (Matrix Power)

2) Reduction Operations : MAX and MIN (Three Input), PROD, SUM

3) Matrix Analysis: DET(X), RCOND(X), HESS(X), EXPM(X)

4) Linear Equations: INV(X), LSCOV(X,x), LINSOLVE(X,Y), A\b (backslash)

5) Matrix Factorizations: LU(X), QR(X) for sparse matrix inputs

6) Other Operations: FFT and IFFT of multiple columns of data, FFTN, IFFTN, SORT, BSXFUN, GAMMA, GAMMALN, ERF,ERFC,ERFCX,ERFINV,ERFCINV, FILTER

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## Element wise operations and linear algebra

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```
>> version('-blas')
```

```
ans =
```

```
'Intel(R) Math Kernel Library Version 2018.0.3 Product Build 20180406 for Intel(R) 64 architecture applications, CNR branch AVX2'
```



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Key functions in several MathWorks products offer built-in ability to take advantage of parallel computing resources without requiring any extra coding. To take advantage of built-in parallel computing functionality on your multicore desktop, you need Parallel Computing Toolbox. To use this functionality on larger resources such as computer clusters, you need MATLAB Distributed Computing Server in addition to the toolbox.

Product Name	Support Summary	Additional Resources
<b>Bioinformatics Toolbox</b>	Ability to distribute pairwise alignments to a computer cluster using functions for progressive alignment of multiple sequences ( <code>multialign</code> ) and pairwise distance between sequences ( <code>seqpdist</code> )	Documentation: <a href="#">Multiple Sequence Alignment</a>
<b>Communications Toolbox</b>	Option to use Parallel Computing Toolbox with Error Rate Test Console for simulation acceleration without code changes  Generation of independent channels on multiple workers using the channel objects <code>rayleighchan</code> , <code>ricianchan</code> , and <code>mimochan</code> , enabling the running of multiple simulations using Parallel Computing Toolbox	Documentation: <a href="#">Attaching a System to the Error Rate Test Console and Running Simulations (Running Simulations)</a>
<b>Global Optimization Toolbox</b>	Simultaneous exploration of local solution space in genetic algorithm and pattern search solvers	Documentation: <a href="#">Global Optimization Toolbox</a> Documentation: <a href="#">Pattern Search Demo: Using Genetic Algorithm with Parallel Computing Toolbox</a>

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# Matlab on the cluster

## Using Matlab in batch mode

Launch a script, get results  
Deal with licenses

## Using Matlab in parallel

With no effort  
**With little effort**  
With a lot of effort



### Outer-loop splitting with Slurm's srun

```
for i=1:1000  
    % do some computation  
end
```

```
for i=1:10  
    for j = 1:100  
        %do some computation  
    end  
end
```

```
i = str2num(getenv('SLURM_PROCID'));  
for j=1:100  
    % do some computation  
end
```



## Outer-loop splitting with Slurm's srun

```
% Compute an approximation of pi based on
% Monte Carlo sampling and display convergence.

function go_f()

% Add path to pimc function
if ~isdeployed
    addpath('./myTools');
end

% Load value from file
load params.mat

% Get rank from Slurm
i = str2num(getenv('SLURM_PROCID'));

% Call pimc function to compute approximation
[piapprox, points] = pimc(N);

MaxN = min(1000,N);
points = points(1:MaxN);

% Report precision
fprintf('Approximation is %.5f with %d points. (%.5f absolute error)\n', ...
        piapprox, N, abs(pi-piapprox));

% Save results to file
save (sprintf('res%d.mat', i))
```



## Outer-loop splitting with Slurm's srun

```
% Compute an approximation of pi based on
% Monte Carlo sampling and display convergence.

function merge_script(Ntasks)

% Add path to pimc function
addpath('./myTools');

% Load value from file
load params.mat

piapproxmerged = 0;
for procid=0:(Ntasks-1)
    load (sprintf('res%d.mat', i));
    piapproxmerged = piapproxmerged + piapprox/Ntasks;
end

% Plot result
plot(4.*cumsum(points)./(1:MaxN)')
line([0,MaxN],[pi,pi], 'color', 'r')

% Save plot to file
print -dpng plot.png

% Report precision
fprintf('Approximation is %.5f with %d points. (%.5f absolute error)\n', ...
    piapprox, N*Ntasks, abs(pi-piapprox));
```



### Outer-loop splitting with Slurm's srun

```
for i=1:1000
    % do some computation
end
```

```
for i=1:10
    for j = 1:100
        %do some computation
    end
end
```

```
i = str2num(getenv('SGE_TASK_ID'))
for j=1:100
    % do some computation
end
```

Requires one license per task !

But we know what to do, don't we ?





### Outer-loop splitting with Slurm's srun

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH --time=10:00
#SBATCH --ntasks=2

module load octave

# Launch parallel computations
srun octave --eval go_f

# Merge everything
octave --eval "merge_script($SLURM_NTASKS)"
```

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH --time=10:00
#SBATCH --ntasks=2

module load mcr/v713

# Launch parallel computations
srun ./go_f

# Merge everything
./merge_script $SLURM_NTASKS
```



```
-rwxr-xr-x 1 dfr grppan 175 Nov 13 10:58 params.mat
-rw-r--r-- 1 dfr grppan 20305 Nov 15 11:49 plot.png
-rw-r--r-- 1 dfr grppan 3286 Nov 15 11:48 res0.mat
-rw-r--r-- 1 dfr grppan 3286 Nov 15 11:48 res1.mat
-rw-r--r-- 1 dfr grppan 3286 Nov 15 11:48 res2.mat
-rw-r--r-- 1 dfr grppan 3286 Nov 15 11:48 res3.mat
-rw-r--r-- 1 dfr grppan 3286 Nov 15 11:48 res4.mat
-rw-r--r-- 1 dfr grppan 4602 Nov 15 11:49 slurm-32531.out
-rw-r--r-- 1 dfr grppan 196 Nov 15 11:42 submit.octave.sh
dfr@manneback:~/embpar_octave $ tail -25 slurm-*
warning: unable to open X11 DISPLAY
Approximation is 3.13680 with 10000 points. (0.00479 absolute error)
Approximation is 3.14440 with 10000 points. (0.00281 absolute error)
Approximation is 3.14760 with 10000 points. (0.00601 absolute error)
Approximation is 3.15880 with 10000 points. (0.01721 absolute error)
Approximation is 3.11280 with 10000 points. (0.02879 absolute error)
GNU Octave, version 3.6.1
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Octave was configured for "x86_64-unknown-linux-gnu".

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Read http://www.octave.org/bugs.html to learn how to submit bug reports.

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warning: unable to open X11 DISPLAY
Approximation is 3.14008 with 50000 points. (0.00151 absolute error)
```



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### Parallel Computing Toolbox

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Parallel Computing Toolbox™ lets you solve computationally and data-intensive problems using multicore processors, GPUs, and computer clusters. High-level constructs—parallel `for`-loops, special array types, and parallelized numerical algorithms—let you parallelize MATLAB® applications without CUDA or MPI programming. You can use the toolbox with Simulink® to run multiple simulations of a model in parallel.

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#### Key Features

- Parallel `for`-loops (`parfor`) for running task-parallel algorithms on multiple processors
- Support for CUDA-enabled NVIDIA GPUs
- Ability to run eight workers locally on a multicore desktop
- Computer cluster and grid support (with MATLAB Distributed Computing Server)
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# Parallel Computing Toolbox

## parfor

Execute code loop in parallel

### Syntax

```
parfor loopvar = initval:endval, statements, end
parfor (loopvar = initval:endval, M), statements, end
```

### Description

`parfor loopvar = initval:endval, statements, end` allows you to write a loops for a statement or block of code that executes in parallel on a cluster of workers, which are identified and reserved with the `matlabpool` command. `initval` and `endval` must evaluate to finite integer values, or the range must evaluate to a value that can be obtained by such an expression, that is, an ascending row vector of consecutive integers.

The following table lists some ranges that are not valid.

Invalid parfor Range	Reason Range Not Valid
<code>parfor i = 1:2:25</code>	1, 3, 5, ... are not consecutive.
<code>parfor i = -7.5:7.5</code>	-7.5, -6.5, ... are not integers.
<code>A = [3 7 -2 6 4 -4 9 3 7];</code> <code>parfor i = find(A&gt;0)</code>	The resulting range, 1, 2, 4, ..., has nonconsecutive integers.
<code>parfor i = [5;6;7;8]</code>	[5;6;7;8] is a column vector, not a row vector.

You can enter a `parfor`-loop on multiple lines, but if you put more than one segment of the loop statement on the same line, separate the segments with commas or semicolons:

```
parfor i = range; <loop body>; end
```

`parfor (loopvar = initval:endval, M), statements, end` uses `M` to specify the maximum number of MATLAB workers that will evaluate statements in the body of the `parfor`-loop. `M` must be a nonnegative integer. By default, MATLAB uses as many workers as it finds available. If you specify an upper limit, MATLAB employs no more than that number, even if additional workers are available. If you request more resources than are available, MATLAB uses the maximum number available at the time of the call.

If the `parfor`-loop cannot run on workers in a MATLAB pool (for example, if no workers are available or `M` is 0), MATLAB executes the loop on the client in a serial manner. In this situation, the `parfor` semantics are preserved in that the loop iterations can execute in any order.



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Can be compiled !

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parfor i = range; <loop body>; end
```

`parfor (loopvar = initval:endval, M), statements, end` uses `M` to specify the maximum number of MATLAB workers that will evaluate statements in the body of the `parfor`-loop. `M` must be a nonnegative integer. By default, MATLAB uses as many workers as it finds available. If you specify an upper limit, MATLAB employs no more than that number, even if additional workers are available. If you request more resources than are available, MATLAB uses the maximum number available at the time of the call.

If the `parfor`-loop cannot run on workers in a MATLAB pool (for example, if no workers are available or `M` is 0), MATLAB executes the loop on the client in a serial manner. In this situation, the `parfor` semantics are preserved in that the loop iterations can execute in any order.



# Parallel Computing Toolbox

## parfeval

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Execute function asynchronously on parallel pool worker

### Syntax

```
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### Examples

Submit a single request to the parallel pool and retrieve the outputs.

```
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```

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## Matlab 3<sup>rd</sup> party peval : Multicore

### Multicore - Parallel processing on multiple cores

by Markus Buehren

26 Jan 2007 (Updated 10 Mar 2010)

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On the slaves: `>> startmulticoreslave`

On the master: `>> for i=1:10; a{i} = rand(100,100);end`

`>> cellRes = startmulticoreslave(@eig, a)`

Compilable  
uses file system  
multinode





## Matlab 3<sup>rd</sup> party peval : Multicore

```
>> for i=1:10; a{i} = rand(100,100) ;end  
>> a
```

a =

Columns 1 through 4

```
[100x100 double] [100x100 double] [100x100 double] [100x100  
double]
```

Columns 5 through 8

```
[100x100 double] [100x100 double] [100x100 double] [100x100  
double]
```

Columns 9 through 10

```
[100x100 double] [100x100 double]
```



## Matlab 3<sup>rd</sup> party peval : Multicore

```
>> cellRes = startmulticoremaster(@eig, a)
```

```
cellRes =
```

```
Columns 1 through 4
```

```
[100x1 double] [100x1 double] [100x1 double] [100x1 double]
```

```
Columns 5 through 8
```

```
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```

```
Columns 9 through 10
```

```
[100x1 double] [100x1 double]
```

```
cellRes{i} = eig(a{i})
```



```
function go_f_multicore(nbslaves, path)

%addpath('./myTools');
nbslaves = str2num(nbslaves);

if ~isdeployed
    addpath('./myTools');
end

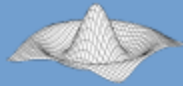
%N = input('How many points ?');
load params.mat

%[piapprox, points] = pimc(N);
tic
for i=1:nbslaves
    parameterCell{1,i} = {N};
end
settings.useWaitbar=false;
settings.multicoreDir=path;
[resultCell] = startmulticoremaster(@pimc, parameterCell, settings);

toc
piapprox = 0;
for i = 1:nbslaves
    piapprox = piapprox+resultCell{i}/nbslaves;
end
fprintf('Approximation is %.5f with %d points in parallel. (%.5f absolute error)\n', ...
        piapprox, N*nbslaves, abs(pi-piapprox));
```



## Octave peval: parcellfun, pararrayfun



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**Function File:** [*o1*, *o2*, ...] = parcellfun (*nproc*, *fun*, *a1*, *a2*, ...)

**Function File:** parcellfun (*nproc*, *fun*, ..., "UniformOutput", *val*)

**Function File:** parcellfun (*nproc*, *fun*, ..., "ErrorHandler", *errfun*)

**Function File:** parcellfun (*nproc*, *fun*, ..., "VerboseLevel", *val*)

**Function File:** parcellfun (*nproc*, *fun*, ..., "ChunksPerProc", *val*)

Evaluates a function for multiple argument sets using multiple processes. *nproc* should specify the number of processes. A maximum recommended value is equal to number of CPUs on your machine or one less. *fun* is a function handle pointing to the requested evaluating function. *a1*, *a2* etc. should be cell arrays of equal size. *o1*, *o2* etc. will be set to corresponding output arguments.

```
A = {rand(100,100), rand(100,100), rand(100,100)}
```

```
Res = parcellfun(2, @eig, A)
```



## Octave peval: parcellfun, pararrayfun

```
% Compute an approximation of pi based on
% Monte Carlo sampling and display convergence.

% Add path to pimc function
addpath('./myTools');
% Load package containing parcellfun
pkg load general

% Load value from file
load params.mat
% Call pimc function to compute approximation
% [piapprox, points] = pimc(N);
tic
a = {N,N,N,N};
p=parcellfun(4, @pimc, a);
piapprox = mean(p);
toc
% Report precision
fprintf('Approximation is %.5f with %d points in parallel (%.5f absolute error)\n', ...
        piapprox, N, abs(pi-piapprox));

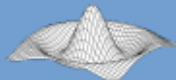
tic
p = parcellfun(1, @pimc, a);
piapprox = mean(p);
toc
% Report precision
fprintf('Approximation is %.5f with %d points with no parallelism (%.5f absolute error)\n', ...
        piapprox, N, abs(pi-piapprox));

% Save results to file
save res.mat
```

```
srun --ntasks=1 --cpus-per-task=4 octave < go_f_parcellfun.m
```



## Octave peval: parcellfun, pararrayfun



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C++ API

**Function File:** [*o1, o2, ...*] = `pararrayfun` (*nproc, fun, a1, a2, ...*)

**Function File:** `pararrayfun` (*nproc, fun, ..., "UniformOutput", val*)

**Function File:** `pararrayfun` (*nproc, fun, ..., "ErrorHandler", errfunc*)

Evaluates a function for corresponding elements of an array. Argument and options handling is analogical to `parcellfun`, except that arguments are arrays rather than cells. If cells occur as arguments, they are treated as arrays of singleton cells. `Arrayfun` supports one extra option compared to `parcellfun`: "Vectorized". This option must be given together with "ChunksPerProc" and it indicates that *fun* is able to operate on vectors rather than just scalars, and returns a vector. The same must be true for *errfunc*, if given. In this case, the array is split into chunks which are then directly served to *func* for evaluation, and the results are concatenated to output arrays.

```
A = rand(100,100,3)
```

```
Res = pararrayfun(2, @eig, A)
```



## Octave peval: multicore

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### multicore

Package Version: 0.2.15  
 Last Release Date: 2009-05-06  
 Package Author: Markus Buehren  
 Package Maintainer: Markus Buehren, Chuong Nguyen and the Octave Community  
 License: [GPL version 2 or later](#)

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[Function Reference](#)

#### Description

An Octave-forge package providing functions for parallel processing on multiple cores.

#### Details

Dependencies: [Octave](#) (>= 2.9.12)  
 Autoload: Yes

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multinode

On the slaves: `>> startmulticoreslaves`

On the master: `>> for i=1:10; a{i} = rand(100,100);end`

`>> cellRes = startmulticoremaster(@eig, a)`



## Octave peval: multicore

```
function go_octave_multicore(nbslaves, path)

addpath('./myTools');

pkg load multicore
%N = input('How many points?');
load params_octave.mat

%[piapprox, points] = pimc(N);
tic
for i=1:nbslaves
    parameterCell{1,i} = {N};
end
[resultCell] = startmulticoremaster(@pimc, parameterCell, path);

toc
piapprox = 0;
for i = 1:nbslaves
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```





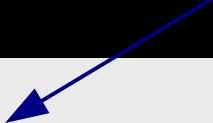
## Octave peval: multicore

```
#!/bin/bash

#SBATCH --time=10:00
#SBATCH --ntasks=1

module load octave

# Launch parallel computations
srun --multi-prog multi.conf
```



```
0 octave --eval go_octave_multicore(5, \'/home/pan/dfr/multicore_octave/\')
1-4 octave --eval startmulticoreslave(\'/home/pan/dfr/multicore_octave/\')
```

Try it ! ~dfr/matlab/multicore\_octave



## Octave peval: multicore

```
warning: unable to open X11 DISPLAY
warning: unable to open X11 DISPLAY
warning: unable to open X11 DISPLAY
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Warning: Removing old semaphore file parameters_20121115122709_0005.mat.semaphore.199708644555855438294029840657.mat.
Warning: Removing old semaphore file parameters_20121115122709_0005.mat.semaphore.515609268996336038094129840647.mat.
Warning: Removing old semaphore file parameters_20121115122709_0005.mat.semaphore.543208794326966538294129840848.mat.
First function evaluation (Nov 15, 12:27)
Warning: Removing old semaphore file parameters_20121115122709_0005.mat.semaphore.427363519056410437894229841793.mat.
Warning: Removing old semaphore file parameters_20121115122709_0005.mat.semaphore.515609268996336038094129840647.mat.
Warning: Removing old semaphore file parameters_20121115122709_0004.mat.semaphore.536683247234217343593330015148.mat.
First function evaluation (Nov 15, 12:27)
First function evaluation (Nov 15, 12:27)
Elapsed time is 1.6274 seconds.
Approximation is 3.14168 with 20000000 points in parallel. (0.00008 absolute error)
Elapsed time is 1.47908 seconds.
Approximation is 3.14158 with 20000000 points with no parallelism. (0.00001 absolute error)
Warning: No slave files found in last 10 seconds (Nov 15, 12:27).
srun: Job step aborted: Waiting up to 2 seconds for job step to finish.
srun: got SIGCONT
slurmd[mback21]: *** JOB 32538 CANCELLED AT 2012-11-15T12:29:44 ***
srun: forcing job termination
slurmd[mback21]: *** STEP 32538.0 CANCELLED AT 2012-11-15T12:29:44 ***
attempting to save variables to `octave-core'...
attempting to save variables to `octave-core'...
attempting to save variables to `octave-core'...
attempting to save variables to `octave-core'...
save to `octave-core' complete
save to `octave-core' complete
save to `octave-core' complete
save to `octave-core' complete
```



# Matlab on the cluster

## Using Matlab in batch mode

Launch a script, get results  
Deal with licenses

## Using Matlab in parallel

With no effort  
With little effort  
**With a lot of effort**



## Explicitly parallel programs

SPMD & MPMD

Communications handled explicitly by the user

Matlab not specifically good at it..



## Parallel Computing Toolbox

OpenMP-like construct based on MPI for distributed memory

### **spmd**

Execute code in parallel on MATLAB pool

#### **Syntax**

```
spmd, statements, end
spmd(n), statements, end
spmd(m, n), statements, end
```

#### **Description**

The general form of an `spmd` (single program, multiple data) statement is:

```
spmd
    statements
end
```

`spmd, statements, end` defines an `spmd` statement on a single line. MATLAB executes the `spmd` body denoted by `statements` on several MATLAB workers simultaneously. The `spmd` statement can be used only if you have Parallel Computing Toolbox. To execute the statements in parallel, you must first open a pool of MATLAB workers using `matlabpool`.

Inside the body of the `spmd` statement, each MATLAB worker has a unique value of `labindex`, while `numlabs` denotes the total number of workers executing the block in parallel. Within the body of the `spmd` statement, communication functions for parallel jobs (such as `labSend` and `labReceive`) can transfer data between the workers.

Values returning from the body of an `spmd` statement are converted to `Composite` objects on the MATLAB client. A `Composite` object contains references to the values stored on the remote MATLAB workers, and those values can be retrieved using cell-array indexing. The actual data on the workers remains available on the workers for subsequent `spmd` execution, so long as the `Composite` exists on the client and the MATLAB pool remains open.

By default, MATLAB uses as many workers as it finds available in the pool. When there are no MATLAB workers available, MATLAB executes the block body locally and creates `Composite` objects as necessary.

`spmd(n), statements, end` uses `n` to specify the exact number of MATLAB workers to evaluate `statements`, provided that `n` workers are available from the MATLAB pool. If there are not enough workers available, an error is thrown. If `n` is zero, MATLAB executes the block body locally and creates `Composite` objects, the same as if there is no pool available.

`spmd(m, n), statements, end` uses a minimum of `m` and a maximum of `n` workers to evaluate `statements`. If there are not enough workers available, an error is thrown. `m` can be zero, which allows the block to run locally if no workers are available.

For more information about `spmd` and `Composite` objects, see [Single Program Multiple Data \(spmd\)](#).



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### Parallel Programming with MatlabMPI

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#### I. INTRODUCTION

Matlab is the dominant programming language for implementing numerical computations and is widely used for algorithm development, simulation, data reduction, testing and system evaluation. Many of these computations could benefit from faster execution on a parallel computer. There have been many previous attempts to provide an efficient mechanism for running Matlab programs on parallel computers. These efforts have faced numerous challenges and none have received widespread acceptance.

In the world of parallel computing the Message Passing Interface (MPI) is the de facto standard for implementing programs on multiple processors. MPI defines C and Fortran language functions for doing point-to-point communication in a parallel program. MPI has proven to be an effective model for implementing parallel programs and is used by many of the world's most demanding applications (weather modeling, weapons simulation, aircraft design, etc.).

MatlabMPI is set of Matlab scripts that implement a subset of MPI and allow any Matlab program to be run on a parallel computer. The key innovation of MatlabMPI is that it implements the widely used MPI "look and feel" on top of standard Matlab file i/o, resulting in a "pure" Matlab implementation that is exceedingly small (~300 lines of code). Thus, MatlabMPI will run on any combination of computers that Matlab supports. In addition, because of its small size, it is simple to download and use (and modify if you like).

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pMatlab provides a set of Matlab data structures and functions that implement distributed Matlab arrays

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PC users should read the 1-page manual for running MatlabMPI on a PC (see [pMatlab/MatlabMPI/README.pc](#))

Additional documentation on how to write well-performing parallel Matlab programs can be found in the book:

*Parallel MATLAB for Multicore and Multinode Systems*  
by Jeremy Kepner, SIAM Press, 2009  
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Slowly but surely more and more MATLAB functions are becoming able to take advantage of multi-core processors. For example, in MATLAB 2009b, functions such as **sort**, **bsxfun**, **filter** and **erf** (among others) gained the ability to spread the calculational load across several processor cores. This is good news because if your code uses these functions, and if you have a multi-core processor, then you will get faster execution times without having to modify your program. This kind of parallelism is called **implicit parallelism** because it doesn't require any special commands in order to take advantage of multiple cores - MATLAB just does it automagically. Faster code for free!

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#### Description

MPI functions for parallel computing using simple MPI Derived Datatypes.

#### Details

Dependencies: [Octave](#) ( $\geq 3.2.4$ )  
 Autoload: Yes



- Scripts need adjustment
- Batch processing with Matlab
  - Use 'screen'
- Batch processing without Matlab
  - Compile with mcc
  - Dev. with Matlab, Prod. with Octave



- No effort: Matlab Multithreading
- Some effort: embarrassingly parallel
  - Matlab: Jpar, multicore
  - Octave: parcelllevel, multicore
- More (too much?) effort
  - Matlab: SPMD, MPI toolboxes
  - Octave: parallel, openmpi\_ext