

>>> Introduction to Programming with Julia

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>>> Schedule

- * Monday to Friday, 9am-12pm and 2pm-5pm
 - * Theoretical explanations
 - * Live programming of small programs
 - * Independent work on exercise sheet tasks
 - * Open format with room for questions

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>>> Why Numerical Analysis?

- * Many analytical problems cannot be solved explicitly or
- * explicit representation of the solution is not suitable for fast computation.

Examples:

$$\int_{-1}^1 e^{-x^2} dx = ? \qquad \frac{\pi}{4} = 1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7} \pm \dots$$

>>> Why Numerical Analysis?

Numerical Mathematics / Numerical Analysis:

- * Construction of algorithms for (approximate) computation of solutions to continuous problems
- * Analysis of the accuracy of the computed solution (error analysis)

>>> Numerical Analysis and Programming?

- * **Algorithm:** Unambiguous set of instructions for solving a problem; consists of finitely many well-defined individual steps. Example:

Input: A number x

Instruction 1: Add 3 to the number

Instruction 2: Multiply the result by 2

Output: ?

- * Mathematically formulated algorithms are translated into programming language.

>>> What Does Programming Mean?

- * Translating colloquial instructions into computer language
- * Creating computer programs

Julia ...

- * ... is a programming language in which algorithms are implemented
- * ... can be used for various different things but has a scientific/mathematical and HPC focus
- * ... provides a vast number of packages with pre-built algorithms

>>> Installing Julia

You can go to Juliaup's github page: <https://github.com/JuliaLang/juliaup>

Windows

On Windows Julia and Juliaup can be installed directly from the Windows store [here](#). One can also install exactly the same version by executing

```
winget install --name Julia --id 9NJNWW8PVKMN -e -s msstore
```



on a command line.

If the Windows Store is blocked on a system, we have an alternative [MSIX App Installer](#) based setup. Note that this is currently experimental, please report back successes and failures [here](#). To use the App Installer version, download [this](#) file and open it by double clicking on it.

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Mac, Linux, and FreeBSD

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```
curl -fsSL https://install.julialang.org | sh
```



in a shell.

>>> (Optional) Install VSCode + Julia Extension

<https://code.visualstudio.com/download>

Download Visual Studio Code

Free and built on open source. Integrated Git, debugging and extensions.



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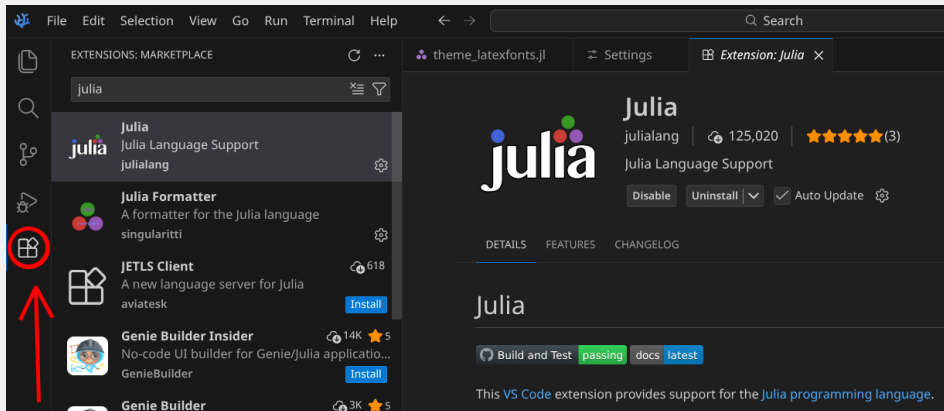
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Click on the Extensions tab on the left side bar
(or Ctrl/Cmd+Shift+X) and search for Julia



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```
❏ > ❏ ~/Dow/w/I/slides/Introduction to Programming/scripts ➤ julia hello_world.jl
```

The latest version of Julia in the `release` channel is 1.11.5+0.x64.linux.gnu. You currently have `1.11.3+0.x64.linux.gnu` installed. Run:

```
juliaup update
```

in your terminal shell to install Julia 1.11.5+0.x64.linux.gnu and update the `release` channel to that version.

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```
julia> include("hello_world.jl")
Hello World
```

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Jupyter allows one to write and style text (and images) in between code.

It uses Markdown, which is a language to format text, and supports *L^AT_EX* and HTML.

```
[2]: i = 1
      while true
        i += 1
        if i >= 10
          break
        end
      end
      println(i)

      10
```

>>> Do it yourself!

Exercise 0

- * Start the Julia REPL.
 - * For VSCode, either click on View>Terminal or press Ctrl/Cmd + `.
 - * Then write julia and press Enter.
- * Enter the command `println("Hello world")` in the REPL. What happens?

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>>> Syntax

- * **Syntax:** Rule system for composing elementary characters.
- * Computers cannot understand natural language.
- * Unlike (most) humans, computers cannot understand sentences with incorrect structure.
- * Syntax defines rules about permissible language elements of the programming language.

>>> Syntax

- * For a programming command to be executed, the correct syntax must be used.

- * Example multiplication:

a = 3

b = 2

c = ab $\Leftarrow$ Not executable!

Multiplication sign * must be used.

- * Example sine function:

x = 3.1415

y = sin x $\Leftarrow$ Not executable. Parentheses must be used.

y = sin(x) $\Leftarrow$ Executable.

>>> Syntax

- * When executing a sequence of commands, often only the final result is desired.
- * Each command is typically terminated with a semicolon to suppress the output of the result in the REPL .
- * Comments can be added to your program using the hashtag sign:
`p = 3.14; # p is an approximation for pi`
⇒ Everything from the hashtag sign to the end of the line is ignored by Julia during program execution.

If one writes a script or a function, only the last assignment/operation will be shown.

>>> Do it yourself!

Exercise 1

- (a) Start the Julia REPL.
- (b) Declare some variables, e.g., $n=3$ and $m=5$.
- (c) Enter the following commands: $n+m$, $n+m;$, and $k=n+m$. Understand the differences by noting which values are returned and which are stored.

>>> Syntax

- * Predefined constants, e.g., **pi**, **eps()** (machine epsilon), **im** (imaginary unit).
Not: **e** (use **exp(1)**).
- * Predefined functions, e.g., **sin**, **exp**, etc.
- * Strings (character sequences) are enclosed in double quotes:
`string = "Hello."`
- * Code can be spread across multiple lines with some care, parentheses are recommended yet not necessary.
`sum = (1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5 +
+ 6 + 7 + 8 + 9 + 10);`

>>> Variables

- * Variables and operators (+, -, *, /, %...) are the most important building blocks in programming.
- * Variables are declared through expressions like `a = 3 + 5`, `v = [1 2 3]`, etc.
- * The equals sign should be understood like `:=` in mathematical texts: The expression on the right is evaluated (if possible) and then stored as a variable with the name on the left.
⇒ `n = n+1` increases the value of the variable `n` by 1.
- * The equal sign is known as the assignment operator.

>>> Rules for Variable Names

- * Variable names may consist of lowercase and uppercase letters, numbers, underscores and some special characters and should be one continuous sequences of characters without a break (i.e. a space).
- * Variable names **cannot** start with a number or have symbols with predefined operations (e.g. +).
- * Variable names **cannot** have a dot (.) in them as this has a special meaning in Julia (later).
- * Almost all programming languages distinguish between uppercase and lowercase letters!
- * Good programming style involves using largely self-explanatory, intuitive, and as short as possible variable names.
- * Try to follow conventions you know from mathematics: e.g., $n, m, \dots$ for natural numbers, v, w for vectors, and A for matrices, etc.

>>> Do it yourself!

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(b) Variable 1

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>>> Scripts

- * Simple Julia programs consist of scripts and functions.
- * A function bundles a series of commands.
- * A script bundles a series of functions and commands.
- * A function is part of a script, and should do one thing (e.g. add argument a with b).
- * A script uses the collection of functions to deal with a larger problem.
- * When executing the script or a function, the commands entered there are executed in order.

>>> Scripts

- * Julia can access any file if provided the exact path to it,
e.g. `"/home/User/Documents/directory/"` - Linux
or `"C:\\Users\\User\\Documents\\directory"` - Windows.
- * Tip: Create a separate folder for each programming problem, each project.

>>> Do it yourself!

Exercise 3

- (a) Open VSCode, click on the topmost icon in the left bar and then click on Open Folder.
- (b) Navigate to whichever place you feel suits you the best, and create a new folder called Intro2Julia, and use that one.
- (c) If you hover your mouse on the name of the folder (top-left bar with all the files), and you then hover it over the icons that will appear, the first one from the left will create a new file.
- (d) Call it new.jl, and then click on it, it will be empty.
- (e) Declare three variables a, b, and c with values of your choice, then enter `sum=a+b+c` and `prod=a*b*c`.
- (f) Press `Ctrl + `` to open the terminal, then type `"julia new.jl"` and press Enter.
- (g) Change the values of a, b, and c and execute the script again.

>>> Relational Operators

- * Besides the assignment operator = and the arithmetic operators + - * / ^, there are other operators.
- * The relational operators are == != > >= < <=.
n = (3 != 4);
println(n); # Output: true
- * These are typically used to query certain conditions.
- * Here too: The operation to the right of the assignment operator, here the query whether $3 \neq 4$ holds, is performed first. The result true is stored in n.

>>> Logical Operators

- * Besides relational operators, there are also logical operators: `&&` `||` `~` stand for and, or, and not, respectively.
- * Logical operators link logical variables (i.e., true and false). `||` is an inclusive or.

Example:

```
x = 5;  
y = (x < 6) || (x > 4);  
println(y); # Output true  
z = (x > 0) && ~(x > 3);  
println(z); # Output false
```

>>> Do it yourself!

Exercise 4

1. Define a variable `z` that queries whether a number `x` is greater than 5 and less than 7. Do this for several values of `x`. Display the result in the REPL.
2. Try some additional logical queries in your script.

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>>> if statements

- * In many programs, there are individual steps that are only performed under certain conditions.
- * For this, if statements paired with logical expressions are used. The structure is always as follows:

```
if condition_1
    Instruction(s)
else if condition_2
    Instruction(s)
:
else
    Instruction(s)
end
```

>>> if statements

- * The last else must not have a logical expression.
- * The lines with `if`, `elseif`, `else`, and `end` are **not** terminated with a semicolon!
- * `elseif` and `else` are not required:

```
if x != 0
    y = 1/x;
end
```

⇒ Since no alternative with else is given, these lines are simply skipped if $x = 0$.

- * if-else structures can be nested arbitrarily. One indents the instructions between `if` and `else` by four spaces. Maintain this indentation! It makes the code more readable.

>>> **Do it yourself!**

Exercise 5

Write a script in which you declare two numbers x and y . The program should calculate $z = \frac{x}{y}$ if $y \neq 0$ and println an error message if $y = 0$.

Exercise 6

Write a script in which you declare two numbers x and y . The program should output whether $x > y$, $x = y$, or $x < y$.

>>> Practice Exercises!

1. Work on exercises 1 to 7 on the exercise sheet. Ask questions if needed—I'll come around!

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>>> Loops

- * For repeated, iterative execution of certain operations, e.g., for:
 - * Partial sums
 - * Integration with Riemann sums
 - * Gaussian elimination
- * Loops, along with if queries, are the most important control structures in programming.

>>> for Loops

- * for loops have the structure

```
for variable in Iterable (e.g. start:step:end)
    Instruction(s)
end
```

- * Example: Calculation of $S = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(-1)^k}{2k+1}$ for given n, e.g., n = 5:

```
1: let1
2:     n = 5;
3:     S = 0; # Variable for the sum
4:     for k in 0:n
5:         S = S + (-1)^k / (2*k+1);
6:     end
7: end
```

¹This is to avoid anything be defined in the global memory scope.

>>> Explanations

- * In line 2, the index n up to which the partial sum is to be calculated is first declared.
- * In line 3, a variable S is declared that should contain the value of the sum at the end. This is necessary because the individual summands in line 5 must be added to an already existing variable.
(For products, one would initialize with the value 2.)

>>> for Loops

Explanation:

- * In line 4, a variable `k=0` is first defined.
- * All instructions between this line and line 5 (end) are executed one after the other, with the variable `k` starting with the value 0.
- * Then `k` is increased by 1, so it now has the value 1.
- * All instructions are executed one after the other, this time with `k=1`
- * Then `k` is increased by 1 and the instructions are executed again
- * ...until `k=6`, where the instructions of the for loop are executed one last time.

>>> for Loops

- * Sometimes you don't want the loop variable to be increased by 1 in each step.
- * Example: Calculation of $7! = 7 \cdot 6 \cdots 2 \cdot 1$

```
let
  n = 7;
  x = n;
  for i ∈ (n-1):-1:1
    x = x*i;
  end
end
```

- * Explanation: i initially has the value $n-1 = 6$ and is increased by -1 in each loop iteration until the loop is executed for the last time with $i = 1$. The step doesn't need to be positive, but if the starting value plus the step is larger than the stopping value then the loop isn't executed.

>>> Do it yourself!

Exercise 7

- (a) Write a script in which you define two integers n and N . The program should output all integers from n up to and including N .
- (b) What happens if you choose n greater than N ?
- (c) Improve your program so that it outputs an error message and the loop is not called if $n > N$.

Exercise 8

Write a script that calculates the double factorial $n!!$ for a given number n .

>>> while Loops

- * Sometimes it's not clear beforehand, how many repetitions are needed.
- * Example: It can be shown that the recursively defined sequence

$$x_{k+1} = \frac{1}{2} \left(x_k + \frac{2}{x_k} \right), \quad x_1 = 2$$

converges to $\sqrt{2}$ (Heron's method).

- * To implement this method, one computes this sequence successively until two consecutive terms no longer differ significantly, i.e., until $|x_{k+1} - x_k| < \text{tol}$ with a given tolerance tol .
 $\Rightarrow$ It is not clear how many iterations are required.

>>> while Loops

- * A while loop has the structure

```
while condition
    Instruction(s)
end
```
- * Before each loop iteration, it is checked whether logical expression returns true. If yes, the instructions between while and end are executed and logical expression is checked again.
- * **Warning:** It is possible for logical expression to always return true. In this case, the loop does not terminate. This is called an **infinite loop**.

This is also possible with any type of loop and is a programming error.

>>> while Loops

* Example: Calculation of $7! = 7 \cdot 6 \cdots 2 \cdot 1$

```
let
  n = 7;
  factorial = 1;
  count = 1;
  while count <= n
    factorial = factorial * n;
    n = n - 1
    count = count + 1
  end
end
```

Exercise 9

Write a program that calculates the recursive sequence $x_{k+1} = \frac{1}{2}(x_k + \frac{2}{x_k})$ with starting value $x_1 = 2$ until the difference between two consecutive values is smaller than a given tolerance tol . Use tolerances smaller than 10^{-2} .

In a while loop, a x_{New} should be calculated from x_{Old} according to the above formula.

>>> break and continue in Loops

- * **continue**: The current loop iteration is interrupted, and the program jumps back to the start of the loop.
- * **break**: The entire loop is interrupted, and execution continues after the loop.

```
for i=1:6
    if i == 2
        continue
    end
    if i == 4
        break
    end
    println(i)
end
```

Which numbers does the program output?

Practice Exercises

1. Work on exercises 8 to 12 on the exercise sheet. Ask questions if needed—I'll come around!

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>>> Functions

- * Functions are a collection of commands to compute something.
- * Functions typically receive input parameters (**variables**) and return output parameters (**function values**) as results.
- * Functions create their own local (memory) scope. This means:
 - * When a function is called, it does not know the variables already declared elsewhere and therefore cannot modify them (almost).
 - * If new variables are defined in a function, they are not accessible after the function is evaluated, if not returned.

>>> Example Function

The following function calculates the area and perimeter of a rectangle:

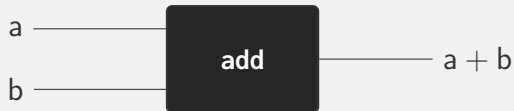
```
"""
Calculate area and perimeter
of a rectangle with side lengths a,b.
"""
function rectangle_area(a,b)
    area = a*b;
    perim = 2*a+2*b;
    return area, perim
end
rect_area, rect_perim = rectangle_area(1,2)
```

Here, **a** and **b** are the input parameters, and **area** and **perim** are the output parameters, which when called, can be stored in any other variable named with a different way like **rect_area** and **rect_perim**.

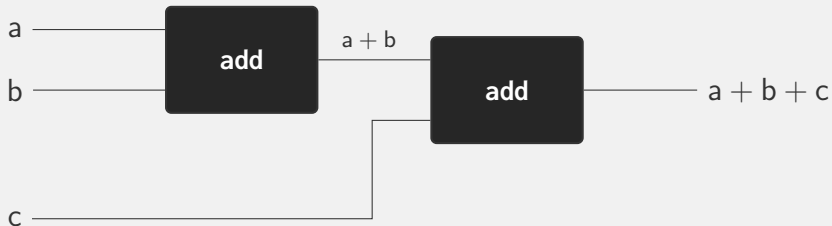
>>> Important Notes About Functions

- * If a function requires no input values, the parentheses after the function name are empty: `()`.
- * It is a good programming habit to have your functions do one thing and not a hundred.
- * Think of functions as black boxes that abstract some operations, keep them simple and then use them together for further abstractions.

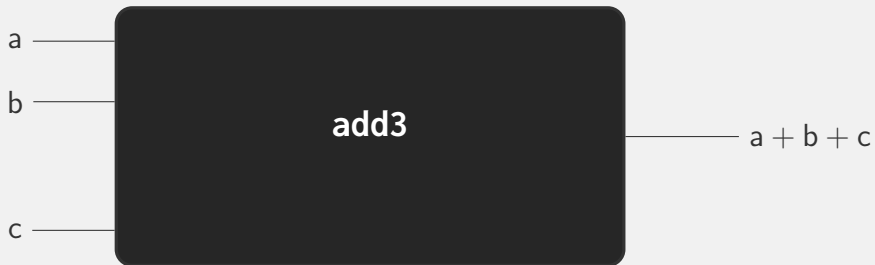
>>> Function Abstraction



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>>> Exercises

Exercise 10

Write a **function** `circ_geom(r)`, which returns the area and the perimeter of a circle with radius `r`.

Then call the function (in the REPL) in different ways.

```
* circ_area, circ_perim = circ_geom(r)
```

```
* x = circ_geom(r)
```

What value does `x` get? Understand the different meanings of the calls.

>>> Important Functions in Julia

- * Trigonometric functions: **sin**, **cos**, **tan**
- * Exponential function and natural logarithm: **exp**, **log**
- * Square root function **sqrt**
- * Absolute value **abs**
- * Property querying **length**, **size**
- * Loading, saving **load**, **save** (not covered)
- * Graphical functions **plot** (later)
- * More powerful functions **lu**, **qr**, **norm...**(not covered)

>>> Scripts - Summary

- * A script bundles a series of functions and commands.
- * Executing a script is equivalent to entering each line written in it one after the other in the REPL. This means in particular:
 - * It has access to the global (memory) scope, i.e. it knows the variables that were declared before it was executed.
 - * If existing variables are modified or new ones are declared, these changes are present after the script is executed.

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>>> What Is a Type?

A **type** describes what kind of value something is and what you can do with it.

Value	Type	Legal operations
42	Integer	+ - × ÷
3.14	Float	+ - × ÷
"hello"	String	concatenate, slice, search
true	Boolean	and, or, not
[1,2,3]	List	index, append, sort

Types are a **contract**:

- * An integer can be added to another integer. ✓
- * A string can be searched or sliced. ✓
- * Dividing a string by a number? **Nonsense**. Types catch that.

>>> Static vs. Dynamic Typing

Static Typing (C)

Types checked **before** the program runs.

```
int x = 5;
char *name = "Alice";
int bad = x + name;
// COMPILE ERROR -- caught at compilation
++ Bugs caught early
-- Less flexible
```

Dynamic Typing (Julia)

Types checked **while** the program runs.

```
x = 5
x = "hello"
result = x + 3
# MethodError -- only at RUNTIME
++ Flexible, quick to write
-- Bugs hide until execution
```

>>> Type System

- * Julia is a dynamically typed language, this means that you do not have to specify the type of variable you declare explicitly, but Julia will take care of it and infer its type.
- * Which is good if you want ease of coding but makes things slow because Julia still has to run something to infer the type.
- * E.g. `x = 1; typeof(x)` (you can try it yourselves), returns `Int64` but `x=1.0` would return `Float64`.

>>> Exercise

Type Tree for Numbers

```
using AbstractTrees
AbstractTrees.children(d::DataType) = subtypes(d)
print_tree(Number)
```

>>> Exercise

Type Tree for Arrays

```
using AbstractTrees
AbstractTrees.children(d::Type) = subtypes(d)
print_tree(AbstractArray)
```

>>> Types

- * Types are abstractions which help programmers to provide certain information to the computer about the variables, so that they can write specialized code for each specific type.
- * Julia's type system plays an important role in how one develops their code.
- * We can specify the type we want in the following way: **`x::Int8 = 1`**.

>>> Vectors and Matrices

- * Scalars (numbers) are subtypes of Number.
- * Vectors are subtypes of AbstractArray. Specifically the Vector type is just an alias for `Array{eltype,1}`.
- * Likewise, matrices are also subtypes of AbstractArray and are an alias for `Array{eltype,2}`.
- * Try running just Vector or Matrix to verify.

>>> Vectors: Creation

- * Vectors are declared in square brackets [].
- * Columns are separated by commas, or semicolons.
- * `a = [1, 2, 3, 4];` creates a vector of with 4 elements.
- * `c = [1;2;3;4];` is the same as `a`.
- * `d = start:step:end;` creates a range, which we can access as a vector with `collect(d)`.
- * `e = [];` creates an empty vector.
- * `f = zeros(10);` creates a 10-element vector filled with zeros of type `Float64`.
- * `h = zeros(ComplexF64,10);` creates a 10-element vector filled with zeros of type `ComplexF64`.

>>> Vectors: Access

- * `a = Float64[1, 2, 5, 9, 3, 7,];` creates a vector with Float64 type elements.
- * `a = Int32[i for i in 1:7];` creates a vector with Int32 type elements.
- * Element-wise access:
 - `g = a[1];` creates a scalar with the value $a_1 = 1$.
 - `i = 3; g = a[i];` creates a scalar with the value $a_i = a_3 = 5$.
 - `g = a[end];` creates a scalar with the last value of `a`, i.e., $g = 7$, we can do the same with `begin`.
- * Range selection:
 - `g = a[1:3];` contains the first three values of `a`.
 - `v = [1, 2, 4]; g = a[v];` $\Rightarrow$ What is `g`?
- * Unlike other programming languages, Julia starts indexing at 1, not 0.

>>> Vectors: Operations

Warning: Indexing calls a `get_index` function, and for normal indexing only input parameters of type `Int` are accepted!

- * Transpose: If c is a column vector, then $d = c'^2$ is a row vector and vice versa.
- * By default all vectors are column vectors.
- * Determine the length of a vector, e.g., for loops:

```
n = length(a);
for i = 1:n
    println(a[i]);
end
```

²the prime operator also provides the complex conjugate, which for real numbers doesn't matter.

>>> Vectors: Operations

Operators may work differently on vectors than on scalars.

- * Assignment operator: =

$a = b:$ $a[i] = b[i]$ for all i .

- * Addition and Subtraction operators: + -

$a + b:$ $a[i] + b[i]$ for all i .

- * Multiplication operator: *

$a * b$ only works if a is a row vector and b is a column vector (dot product) or vice versa (dyadic product).

⇒ Corresponds to matrix multiplication.

>>> Broadcasting

- * Julia has a specific syntactic sugar, which allows an operation to be applied to all of the elements of a vector (or an iterable in general).
- * Writing a dot before any function e.g. `.*` applies the operation in an element-wise manner. For example:

```
a = 2;
```

```
b = [1, 2, 3];
```

```
c = [4, 5, 6];
```

```
a * b # returns [2, 4, 6]
```

```
b * c
```

```
b .* c
```

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c = [4, 5, 6];
```

```
a * b # returns [2, 4, 6]
```

```
b * c # return an error
```

```
b .* c # returns [4, 10, 18]
```

Exercise 11

Write a function `function add(a,b)`, which adds two vectors `a` and `b`. The addition should be implemented in all three ways, i.e. element-wise using a **for** loop, using broadcasting and using the syntactic sugar available. Hint for the first implementation: determine the lengths of the vectors `a` and `b` before you move on with the addition part.

>>> Vectors: Operations

- * Relational operators are applied either element-wise: `a == b` and get a vector whose entries are true or false, or to the whole vector as an object `a == b`:

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

```
b = [1, 9, 3, 4];
```

```
c = (a == b);
```

```
d = (a .== b);
```

- * The same applies to `>`, `>=`, etc.

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```

```
b = [1, 9, 3, 4];
```

```
c = (a == b); # c = false
```

```
d = (a .== b); # d = [1, 0, 1, 1]
```

- * The same applies to `>`, `>=`, etc.

>>> Matrices: Creation of Special Matrices

We know how to separate columns, for rows one uses just a empty space between the elements.

```
* A = [1 2 3 4; 5 6 7 8]; # 2 x 4 - Matrix{Int64}
```

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \end{pmatrix}$$

```
* B = [1 5; 2 6; 3 7; 4 8]'; # identical to A (!)
```

```
* B[2,3] = 15; # changes an element of B
```

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 & 15 & 8 \end{pmatrix}$$

>>> Matrices: Creation

- * `Id = I(n);` # `n x n` - Identity matrix
- * `A = zeros(n,m);` # `n x m` - Matrix with Float64 zeros
- * `B = ones(Int8,n,m);` # `n x m` - Matrix with Int8 ones
- * `v = [1, 2, 3]; D = diagm(v);` creates the matrix

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

- * `M = diagm(1 => v);` creates the matrix

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Needs the LinearAlgebra package which comes with Julia.

>>> Matrices: Access

- * As a whole: $B = A;$

- * Element-wise:

```
b = A[3,1];
```

```
i = 2; j = 3; g = A[i,j];
```

```
g = A[end,begin];
```

g is a scalar containing the **first** element from the **last row** of A .

- * Range selection:

```
B = A[2:4,2:4];
```

is a (3×3) submatrix

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} a_{22} & a_{23} & a_{24} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} & a_{34} \\ a_{42} & a_{43} & a_{44} \end{pmatrix}$$

For vectors v, w with positive integers, $A[v, w]$ returns the matrix with entries a_{v_i, w_j} (advanced).

>>> Matrices: Operations

- * Transpose:

```
B = A'; % B is the transpose of A
```

- * Determine size:

```
n, m = size(A); # n rows, m columns  
(according to the notation  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$ )
```

Exercise 12

Write a function `function addMat(A,B)`, which adds two matrices A and B. First, determine the sizes of A and B, and implement the addition using two nested for loops.

>>> Matrices: Arithmetic Operations

- * $A \pm B$ computes the matrix with entries $A[i,j] \pm B[i,j]$.
- * $A * B$ has three meanings:
 1. If A and B are matrices, then $A*B$ corresponds to standard matrix multiplication (if dimensions match).
 2. If A is an $(m \times n)$ -matrix and B is an $(n \times 1)$ -column vector, then $A*B$ is a matrix-vector multiplication (falls under (1)).
 3. If A is a matrix and B is a scalar, then $A * B$ is the matrix with entries $A[i,j]*B$.

Practice Exercises

1. Work on exercises 15 to 21 on the exercise sheet. Ask questions if needed—I'll come around!

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>>> 2D Plots

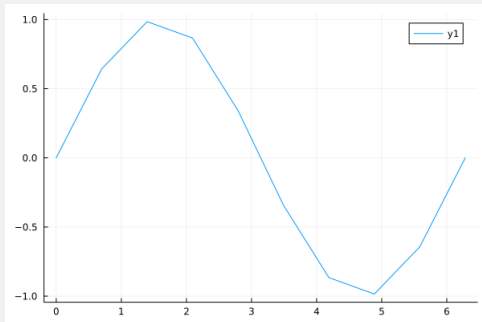
- * Julia doesn't come with a plotting functions, so we'll use the simplest package for the course.

using Plots

```
x = LinRange(0,2*pi,10);
```

```
y = sin(x);
```

```
plot(x,y); # Plots vectors
```



>>> Plotting Procedure

Given a function $f: [a,b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ to plot:

1. Create vector x with support points (evaluation points). Example:
 $x = -1:0.1:1;$
 % Interval $[-1,1]$, with stepsize 0.1
 $x2 = \text{LinRange}(-1,1,21);$ % equivalent to x
2. Evaluate the function at all support points, e.g., with a loop or broadcasting.
 $y = f.(x)$
3. The point set is passed to Julia for plotting
 $\text{plot}(x,y,\text{marker}=(x,6))$
4. Optionally, various settings can be adjusted on the plot.

>>> Plotting: Example

```
1 # Plot sin(x) for x in [0,2pi]
2
3 using Plots
4 using LaTeXStrings
5 # Create vector with 50 equidistant support points
6 x = LinRange(0,2*pi,50);
7 y = zeros(50); # Initialization
8
9 # Calculate sin(x(i)) for all x(i)
10 for i ∈ 1:length(x)
11     y[i] = sin(x[i]);
12 end
13
14 # Plot in red color
15 # Points (x[i],y[i]) are marked with a circle
16 p=plot(x,y,marker=:circle,"red");
```

>>> Plotting: Example

```
18 # Title and axis labels! Julia can also handle LaTeX
19 title!(p, "My first plot");
20 xlabel!(p, L" $0 \leq x \leq 2 \pi$ ");
21 ylabel!('sin(x)');
22
23 # Set axes
24 xlims!(p, 0, 2pi)
25 ylims!(p, -1, 1)
26 # Save plot as png file
27 savefig(p, "sin.png");
```

with some extra help from the LaTeXStrings package.

>>> Multiple Plots in One Figure

```
# x1, y1 vectors with n elements  
# x2, y2 vectors with m elements  
p1 = plot(x1,y1,label="first");  
plot!(p1,x2,y2,label="second");
```

Practice Exercises

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>>> Structure of a Julia Program

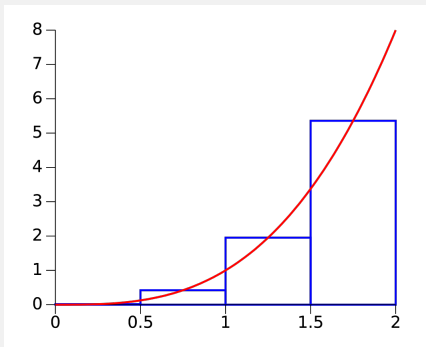
- * We have learned how to work with scripts and functions.
- * A program typically consists of one script and several functions and can be divided into three blocks:
 1. **Initialization:** Here, we prepare our variables and our vectors/matrices so that we can use them.
 2. **Processing:** This part of the code handles the operations that use our variables in some way.
 3. **Postprocessing:** Output, storage, visualization of results.

>>> Structure of a Julia Program

- * It is a matter of style how many and how large functions are used. That being said, programming is the art of controlling complexity.
- * In a finished program, the user should only need to enter the input parameters in the script and execute it. The processing and postprocessing should then run completely automatically.

>>> Numerical Integration

The integral $\int_a^b f(x)dx$ of a function is by definition the limit of Riemann sums. Thus, an integral can be approximately calculated by computing Riemann sums.



>>> Numerical Integration

Procedure:

- * Divide the interval $[a, b]$ into N subintervals with boundaries

$$a < a + h < a + 2h < \dots < a + Nh = b,$$

i.e., $h = \frac{b-a}{N}$.

- * It holds that

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \int_{a+kh}^{a+(k+1)h} f(x)dx.$$

>>> Numerical Integration

The idea is that on a small interval $[c, c + h]$

$$\int_c^{c+h} f(x) dx \approx hf(c).$$

This yields the (left) **Rectangle Rule**

$$I := \int_a^b f(x) dx \approx \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} hf(a + kh) =: I(h).$$

The value $I(h)$, which depends on h , is an approximation of the exact value I of the integral.

>>> Numerical Integration

Numerical aspects:

- * Does the approximated value converge to the exact value for $h \rightarrow 0$, i.e., does $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} I(h) = I$ hold?
- * Does the approximated value converge for every (integrable) function?
- * If yes, how fast does $I(h)$ converge to I , i.e., can something be said about $|I(h) - I|$?

→ This is covered in Numerics 1, but the ideas carry over to the other courses too!

>>> Numerical Integration: Program Planning

- * What are the input parameters? The function f , the interval boundaries a, b , and the number N of subintervals. $\Rightarrow$ Initialization.
- * What must the algorithm compute? Function evaluations $f(a + kh)$ for $k = 0, \dots, N-1$ and the sum $\sum hf(a + kh)$. $\Rightarrow$ Processing.
- * What results should the algorithm provide and how should they be visualized? Here only the approximated result $I(h)$. $\Rightarrow$ Postprocessing.

>>> Numerical Integration: Pseudocode

1. Input: f , a , b , N .
2. Compute the function values $f_k = f(a + kh)$ for $k = 0, \dots, N-1$.
3. Compute the products hf_k .
4. Form the sum $I(h) = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} hf_k$.
5. Output the result $I(h)$.

>>> Logarithmic Error Plots

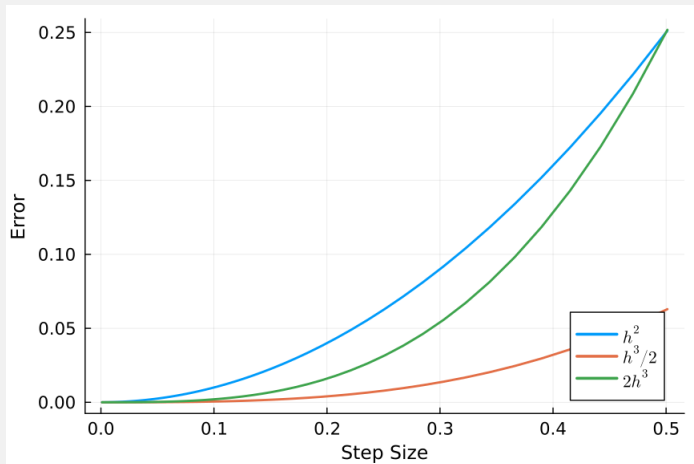
- * Numerical results often depend on the chosen step size h .
- * Examples: Width h of rectangles in integration; difference quotient, step size in differential equations ...
- * One wants to know whether the approximated value converges to the exact value.
- * For integrals: Does $I(h) \rightarrow I$ hold for $h \rightarrow 0$ or $|I(h) - I| \rightarrow 0$?
- * If $I(h)$ is the approximated value depending on h , one can often show that $|I(h) - I| \leq ch^k$ with a natural number k (for the rectangle rule, $k = 1$).

>>> Logarithmic Plots in One Figure

- * Logarithmic plots are very important in numerical analysis. For example, errors of algorithms are often given in terms of a step size h , $\text{Error} \leq h^2$. This means that halving the step size h reduces the error by a factor of $\frac{1}{2}^2 = \frac{1}{4}$.
- * Question: How can we recognize this in Julia plots?

>>> Logarithmic Error Plots

- * Here are three error curves given. How do the errors behave? Like h^2 , h^3 , h^4 , ... ?



>>> Logarithmic Error Plots

- * If $I(h)$ is the approximated value depending on h , one can often show that $|I(h) - I| \leq ch^k$ with a natural number k (for the rectangle rule, $k = 1$).
- * k is called the convergence order. The larger k , the faster the method converges.

- * Because

$$\log(ch^k) = \log c + k \log h$$

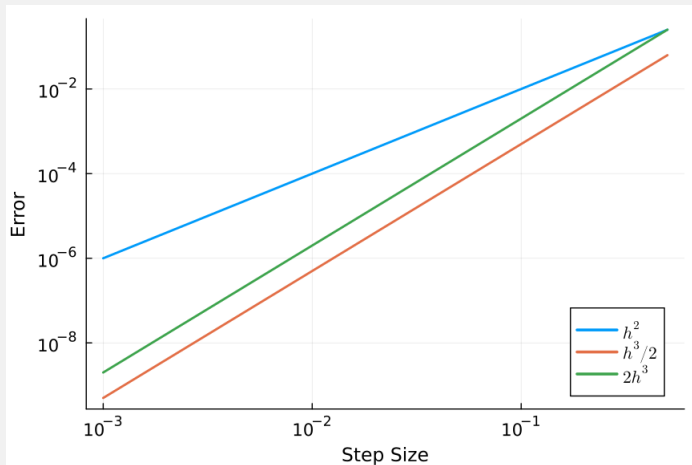
the function $h \mapsto ch^k$ becomes a straight line with slope k after taking the logarithm.

- * With a (doubly) logarithmic plot, the order of the method can be read from the slope of the "line" $h \mapsto |I(h) - I|$.

- * The arguments `xscale=:log10` and `yscale=:log10` transform each scale to logarithmic.
- * Everything else is kept the same!
- * The x- and y-axes are then scaled logarithmically, not linearly.
- * This allows verification that the method has the correct order.

>>> Logarithmic Error Plots

- * It is very easy to read this in a loglog plot! Error curves with the same exponent are parallel to each other in loglog plots.



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>>> Error Finding

- * When finishing writing a code, it will not work correctly, in most cases, on the first try.
- * It is normal to spend a significant amount of time on debugging.
- * There are different types of errors:
 - * Syntax errors, e.g., `A = * A`: Easy to fix since Julia tells you what's wrong.
 - * Logical errors: Hard to find because the program is error-free from the computer's perspective but doesn't produce the correct result.

>>> Typical Error Sources

- * Wrong syntax, e.g., `y = xy+1;`
- * Incomplete program, e.g., not considering negative numbers, wrong dimensions, row and column vectors, etc.
- * Unexpected arguments for functions, e.g., passing vectors to a function that expects scalars.
- * Unexpected data state, e.g., a variable needed later is accidentally overwritten.
- * Logical errors, e.g., wrong conditions in if statements.

>>> Error Finding

Some tips:

- * Stay calm: Errors in programming are absolutely normal.
- * Systematic approach: Proceed slowly and methodically!
- * Error messages: Read the error messages! At least the line numbers are understandable. Many errors can be fixed easily this way.
- * Error assessment: Is it more likely a simple syntax error?
- * Error isolation: Isolate the error:
 - * Comment out parts of the code that aren't strictly necessary. Does the error still occur?
 - * Did the code work before? What exactly did you change?
- * **Ask others!** This is usually the fastest method.

>>> Performance

- * Performance refers to the time behavior of a program.
- * The faster a program runs and the less memory it requires, the better.
- * Here: Performance is important when explicitly required in the programming task.
- * Performance can be measured with the amount of memory allocations, or how much compiling is done or just by timing the entire execution of the code.

>>> Performance and Efficiency

- * There is no uniform definition of when a program is called efficient enough.
- * Often, the runtime or number of required computations depends on a size N :
 - * (Quadratic) equation systems with $(N \times N)$ -matrices,
 - * Numerical integration with N subintervals,
 - * Calculation of the first N terms of a (recursive) sequence.
- * The goal is that the runtime of the program depending on N does not grow too quickly with N .

>>> Performance and Efficiency

- * Sometimes an algorithm is called efficient if it has polynomial runtime, i.e., if the runtime is roughly proportional to cN^k with a constant c and an exponent k .
- * Example (Numerics 1): Computational effort for calculating the LU decomposition (= Gaussian elimination) of an $(N \times N)$ -matrix $\approx \frac{1}{3}N^3$.
- * The above definition is useless if k is large, but it excludes algorithms whose runtime grows exponentially.

>>> Example: Fibonacci Sequence

The Fibonacci sequence is defined by

$$f_{n+2} = f_{n+1} + f_n, \quad f_1 = f_2 = 1.$$

A recursive function can be easily written:

```
1 function fib_recursive(n)
2 # Calculates the n-th element of the Fibonacci sequence recursively
3 if n <= 2
4     fn = 1;
5 else
6     fn = fib_recursive(n-1)+fib_recursive(n-2);
7 end
```

>>> Example: Fibonacci Sequence

- * If you call the above function with $n = 3$, the if block is skipped and line 6 is executed.
- * The function calls itself twice with $n = 2$ and $n = 1$.
- * In these calls, $fn = 1$ is returned.
- * In the original function call, $fn = 1+1$ is then calculated with the returned values.

>>> Example: Fibonacci Sequence

The above program already takes about a minute to compute f_{45} . Do you think the Fibonacci sequence is complicated enough to justify this?

Why is this program so slow? Hint: Think about how often the above function is called with an $n \in 1, 2$ when you want to compute f_4, f_5, f_6 , etc.!

>>> Example: Fibonacci Sequence

Explanation: Only for $n = 1$ and $n = 2$ can the function directly return a result; otherwise, it must call itself. For example, f_6 is calculated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}f_6 &= f_5 + f_4 \\&= (f_4 + f_3) + (f_3 + f_2) \\&= ((f_3 + f_2) + (f_2 + f_1)) + ((f_2 + f_1) + f_1) \\&= (((f_2 + f_1) + 1) + (1 + 1)) + ((1 + 1) + 1) \\&= (((1 + 1) + 1) + 2) + (2 + 1) \\&= ((2 + 1) + 2) + 3 \\&= (3 + 2) + 3 = 5 + 3 = 8\end{aligned}$$

This leads to an unnecessarily high number of function calls, and sequence terms are computed multiple times (e.g., f_3 is computed three times).

⇒ An iterative program is more efficient (exercise).

>>> Performance and Efficiency

- * The performance of a program should generally only be optimized once the program already works.
- * Julia provides a package BenchmarkTools, which contains the macro `@benchmark` or `@btime` that precisely measures the execution time and number of memory allocations that a function call needs.
- * Rather irrelevant for Numerical Analysis, important for larger programs.

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>>> Key Takeaways

- * Julia is a dynamically typed language.
- * With an =, the expression on the right is evaluated and stored in the variable on the left.
- * Loops (for and while) and if-statements.
- * **Not helpful:** Memorizing all commands.
Instead: Know what possibilities exist and use Google when needed!

Practice Exercises

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Questions?