

# CISC 3250

## Systems Neuroscience

### Scilab: Vectors and Matrices

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### Reviewing vectors

`a=[ 2.2 1.4 -5 3.5 -7.8 ];`

- `name` accesses full vector  
`a`
- `name(index)` accesses single element  
`a(4)` returns 3.5
- `name(index1:index2)` accesses set of elements  
`a(3:$)` returns [-5 3.5 -7.8]

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### Matrices: rows and columns

`B=[ 2.2 1.4; -5 3.5; -7.8 4.3];`

- Spaces/commas separate columns      
$$\begin{bmatrix} 2.2 & 1.4 \\ -5 & 3.5 \\ -7.8 & 4.3 \end{bmatrix}$$
- Semi-colons (;) separate rows
- `name(row,col)` accesses single element  
`B(2,1)` returns -5
- `name(:,col)` accesses all elements in column  
`B(:,2)` returns [1.4; 3.5; 4.3]

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### Functions

`c=[ 0 3 -2 4];`

Data are analyzed through functions

`function_name(input_variable)`

- `sum(c)` -> 5
- `min(c)` ->
- `max(c)` ->
- `plot(spike_record)`

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### Non-native functions

- Import a function into SciLab with  
`exec('functionName.sci');`
- Examples:
  - `spikeShow` shows spikegram
  - `disp2d` shows heatmap of 2D matrix
- Save graphics with File -> Export -> [PNG, JPG, GIF, PNG]

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### Finding desired values

`find(vector<number>)`      `find(c<2)`

Comparisons

- `d<2, d>2` strict inequality
- `d<=2, d>=2` semi-inequality
- `d==2` equality

Logic combinations

- `d>5 & d<8` the AND operation
- `d<5 | d>8` the OR operation

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## Creating new vectors and matrices

- `zeros(nRow, nCol)`
- `ones(nRow, nCol)`
- `rand(nRow, nCol)` random numbers between 0 and 1