Boolean algebra, conditional statements, loops.

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Lecture 03

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Often it is more elegant to use built in Matlab matrix operators

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- use of the *choose elements* construct
- built in `sum` function

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$$M_2 = 1 * (1 + x/2) * (1 + x/2) = 1 * (1 + .5/2)^2 = 1.5625$$

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Bonus question: can you calculate `M` without use of loops?

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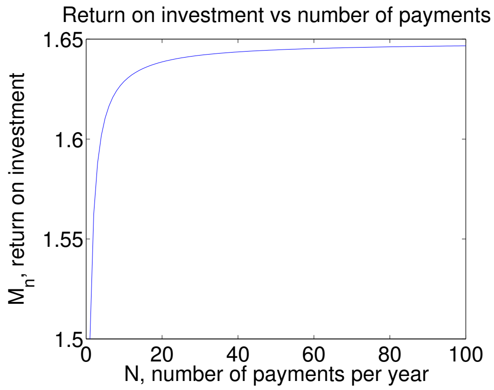

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