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week 10

Weekly Topics

Week 1 - Basics – variables, arrays, matrices, plotting (ch. 2 & 3)
Week 2 - Basics – operators, functions, program flow (ch. 2 & 3)
Week 3 - Matrices (ch. 4)
Week 4 - Plotting – 2D and 3D plots (ch. 5)
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→ Week 10 - Symbolic math (ch. 11)
Week 11 - Numerical methods – data fitting (ch. 12)
Week 12 – Selected topics

Textbook: H. Moore, *MATLAB for Engineers*, 2nd ed., Prentice Hall, 2009

Symbolic Math Toolbox

- Creating and manipulating symbolic variables
- Factoring and simplifying algebraic expressions
- Solving symbolic equations
- Linear algebra operations
- Performing summation of infinite series
- Taylor series expansions, limits
- Differentiation and integration
- Solving differential equations
- Fourier, Laplace, Z-transforms and inverses
- Variable precision arithmetic

MATLAB Data Classes

Character

Logical

Numeric

Symbolic

Cell

Structure

Integer

signed

unsigned

Floating Point

single
precision

double
precision

More Classes

Java
classes

user-defined
classes

function
handles

Symbolic data types are
created with **sym, syms**

```
>> syms x y z

>> syms x y z real
>> syms x y z positive

>> x = sym('x');
```

```
>> f = x^6-1
f =
x^6 - 1

>> g = x^3 + 1
g =
x^3 + 1
```

```
>> help symbolic
>> doc symbolic
>> doc sym
>> doc syms
```

```
>> sym(sqrt(2))
ans =
2^(1/2)

>> sqrt(sym(2))
ans =
2^(1/2)

>> double(ans)
ans =
1.4142
```

```
>> a = [0, pi/6, pi/4, pi/2, pi];
```

```
>> cos(a)
```

```
ans =
```

```
1      0.8660      0.7071      0      -1
```

```
>> c = cos(sym(a))
```

```
c =
```

```
[ 1,  3^(1/2)/2,  2^(1/2)/2,  0,  -1]
```

```
>> symdisp(c)
```

display symbolic expression
using LaTeX – on sakai

$$\left(1 \quad \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \quad \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \quad 0 \quad -1 \right)$$

```
>> pretty(c)
```

```
+-+-----+-+
|      1/2  1/2
|      3    2
|  1,  ----, ----,  0,  -1
|      2    2
+-+-----+-+
```

```
>> f = x^6-1;  
>> g = x^3 +1;
```

```
>> r = f/g          % x^6-1 = (x^3-1)*(x^3+1)  
r =  
(x^6 - 1)/(x^3 + 1)
```

```
>> pretty(r)      % pretty print
```

```
  6  
x  - 1  
-----  
  3  
x  + 1
```

```
>> symdisp(r) →
```

$$\frac{x^6 - 1}{x^3 + 1}$$

Functions for factoring and simplification of algebraic expressions:

<code>simplify</code>	- Simplify.
<code>expand</code>	- Expand.
<code>factor</code>	- Factor.
<code>collect</code>	- Collect.
<code>simple</code>	- Search for shortest form.
<code>numden</code>	- Numerator and denominator.
<code>subs</code>	- Symbolic substitution.


```
>> simplify(r)
```

```
ans =
```

```
 $x^3 - 1$ 
```

```
>> factor(simplify(r))
```

```
 $\% x^3 - 1$ 
```

```
ans =
```

```
 $(x - 1)(x^2 + x + 1)$ 
```

```
>> factor(g)
```

```
 $\% x^3 + 1$ 
```

```
ans =
```

```
 $(x + 1)(x^2 - x + 1)$ 
```

```
>> factor(f)
```

```
 $\% x^6 - 1$ 
```

```
ans =
```

```
 $(x - 1)(x + 1)(x^2 + x + 1)(x^2 - x + 1)$ 
```

```
>> syms x a b;
```

```
>> expand((x+1)*(x+2))
```

```
ans =
```

```
 $x^2 + 3x + 2$ 
```

```
>> expand(exp(a+b))
```

```
ans =
```

```
 $\exp(a) \cdot \exp(b)$ 
```

```
>> expand(cos(a+b))
```

```
ans =
```

```
 $\cos(a) \cdot \cos(b) - \sin(a) \cdot \sin(b)$ 
```

```
>> expand(cosh(a+b))
```

```
ans =
```

```
 $\sinh(a) \cdot \sinh(b) + \cosh(a) \cdot \cosh(b)$ 
```

expand

```
>> A = [sin(2*x), sin(3*x)  
        cos(2*x), cos(3*x)]
```

```
A =  
[ sin(2*x), sin(3*x)]  
[ cos(2*x), cos(3*x)]
```

```
>> B = expand(A)
```

```
B =  
[2*cos(x)*sin(x),      3*cos(x)^2*sin(x)-sin(x)^3]  
[cos(x)^2-sin(x)^2,  cos(x)^3-3*cos(x)*sin(x)^2]
```

```
>> expand((a+b)*(a^2+2*a*b+b^2))
```

```
ans =  
a^3 + 3*a^2*b + 3*a*b^2 + b^3
```

```
>> collect((x+1)*(x+2))
```

collect

```
ans =
```

```
x^2 + 3*x + 2
```

```
>> collect((a+b)*(a^2 + 2*a*b + b^2), a)
```

```
ans =
```

```
a^3 + (3*b)*a^2 + (3*b^2)*a + b^3
```

```
>> collect((a+b)*(a^2 + 2*a*b + b^2), b)
```

```
ans =
```

```
b^3 + (3*a)*b^2 + (3*a^2)*b + a^3
```

```
>> factor(a^3 + 3*a^2*b + 3*a*b^2 + b^3)
```

```
ans =
```

```
(a + b)^3
```

```
>> simplify(a^3 + 3*a^2*b + 3*a*b^2 + b^3)
```

```
ans =
```

```
(a + b)^3
```

```
>> simplify(cos(b)*sin(a) - cos(a)*sin(b))
```

```
ans =
```

```
sin(a - b)
```

```
B =
```

```
[2*cos(x)*sin(x),      3*cos(x)^2*sin(x)-sin(x)^3]
```

```
[cos(x)^2-sin(x)^2, cos(x)^3-3*cos(x)*sin(x)^2]
```

```
>> simplify(B)
```

```
ans =
```

```
[ sin(2*x), sin(3*x) ]
```

```
[ cos(2*x), cos(3*x) ]
```

```
>> [num,den] = numden(1 + 2*x + 3/(x^2+5))
```


```
num =
```

```
2*x^3 + x^2 + 10*x + 8
```


```
den =
```

```
x^2 + 5
```

```
>> symdisp(1 + 2*x + 3/(x^2+5))
```


$$2x + \frac{3}{x^2 + 5} + 1$$

```
>> symdisp(num/den)
```


$$\frac{2x^3 + x^2 + 10x + 8}{x^2 + 5}$$

subs

```
>> syms x a b
```

← **x,a,b** class sym

```
>> y = a*x+b
```

```
y =
```

```
b + a*x
```

```
>> y1 = subs(y,a,3)
```

```
y1 =
```

```
b + 3*x
```

```
>> y2 = subs(y,b,5)
```

```
y2 =
```

```
a*x + 5
```

```
>> y3 = subs(y,{a,b},{3,5})
```

```
y3 =
```

```
3*x + 5
```

a,b taken from workspace

```
>> a=2; b=4; y4 = subs(y)
```

```
y4 =
```

```
2*x + 4
```

← **a,b** class double

Functions for solving algebraic and differential equations:

<code>solve</code>	- solve algebraic equations.
<code>dsolve</code>	- solve differential equations.
<code>finverse</code>	- Functional inverse.
<code>compose</code>	- Functional composition.

Solving symbolic equations

```
>> syms x a b c;
```

```
>> f = a*x^2 + b*x + c;
```

```
>> xsol = solve(f)
```

```
xsol =
```

```
-(b + (b^2 - 4*a*c)^(1/2))/(2*a)
```

```
-(b - (b^2 - 4*a*c)^(1/2))/(2*a)
```

```
>> xsol(1), xsol(2)
```

```
ans =
```

```
-(b + (b^2 - 4*a*c)^(1/2))/(2*a)
```

```
ans =
```

```
-(b - (b^2 - 4*a*c)^(1/2))/(2*a)
```

```
symsdisp(xsol(1));
```

→

$$-\frac{b + \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

```
>> g = a*(x-xsol(1))*(x-xsol(2))
g =
a*(x + (b + (b^2 - 4*a*c)^(1/2))/(2*a))*(x +
(b - (b^2 - 4*a*c)^(1/2))/(2*a))
```

```
>> simplify(g)
```

```
ans =
a*x^2 + b*x + c
```

```
>> a*xsol(1)^2 + b*xsol(1) + c
```

```
ans =
c + (b + (b^2 - 4*a*c)^(1/2))^2/(4*a) -
(b*(b + (b^2 - 4*a*c)^(1/2)))/(2*a)
```

```
>> simplify(a*xsol(1)^2 + b*xsol(1) + c)
```

```
ans =
0
```

some variations



solving equations

```
>> xsol = solve('a*x^2 + b*x + c');  
>> xsol = solve('a*x^2 + b*x + c=0');  
>> xsol = solve('a*x^2 + b*x + c','x');  
>> xsol = solve(a*x^2 + b*x + c, x);
```

```
>> syms z;
```

```
>> xsol = solve(a*z^2 + b*z + c)
```

```
xsol =
```

```
-(b + (b^2 - 4*a*c)^(1/2))/(2*a)
```

```
-(b - (b^2 - 4*a*c)^(1/2))/(2*a)
```

```
>> bsol = solve(a*x^2 + b*x + c, b)
```

```
bsol =
```

```
-(a*x^2 + c)/x
```

```
>> syms a b p u w y z
>> solve(a+b+p), solve(a+b+w)
ans =
- a - b
>> solve(u+w+z)
ans =
- u - z
>> solve(w+y+z)
ans =
- w - z
```

how does it know
which variable
to solve for?

```
>> syms x a b c;
>> f = a*x^2 + b*x + c;

>> xsol = solve(f)
xsol =
-(b + (b^2 - 4*a*c)^(1/2))/(2*a)
-(b - (b^2 - 4*a*c)^(1/2))/(2*a)
```

```
>> f1 = subs(f,{a,b,c},{1,1,-1})  
f1 =  
x^2 + x - 1
```

solving equations

```
>> x1 = solve(f1)  
x1 =  
5^(1/2)/2 - 1/2  
- 5^(1/2)/2 - 1/2
```

← x1 class sym

```
>> xsol = subs(x1,{a,b,c},{1,1,-1})  
ans =  
-1.6180  
0.6180
```

← class double

```
>> phi = simplify(1./x1)  
phi =  
5^(1/2)/2 + 1/2  
1/2 - 5^(1/2)/2
```

← golden ratio

Fibonacci numbers, $F(n) = F(n-1) + F(n-2)$
= [0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, ...]

```
>> syms n
```

```
>> F = (phi(1)^n - phi(2)^n)/(phi(1)-phi(2));
```

```
>> simplify(F - subs(F,n,n-1) - subs(F,n,n-2))
```

```
ans =
```

```
0
```

```
>> limit(F/subs(F,n,n-1), n, inf)
```

```
ans =
```

```
2/(5^(1/2) - 1)
```

```
>> simplify(limit(F/subs(F,n,n-1), n, inf))
```

```
ans =
```

```
5^(1/2)/2 + 1/2
```

← golden ratio

```
>> eq1 = 'x^2 + x -1=0';
```

```
>> solve(eq1)
```

```
ans =
```

```
    5^(1/2)/2 - 1/2  
- 5^(1/2)/2 - 1/2
```

```
>> eq2 = '1/x = x/(1-x)';
```

```
>> solve(eq2)
```

```
ans =
```

```
    5^(1/2)/2 - 1/2  
- 5^(1/2)/2 - 1/2
```

```
>> solve('1/x = x/(1-x)');
```

```
>> eq1 = 'x^2 + y - 1=0';  
>> eq2 = 'x+y=0';  
>> [x,y] = solve(eq1,eq2)
```

```
x =  
    5^(1/2)/2 + 1/2  
    1/2 - 5^(1/2)/2  
y =  
    - 5^(1/2)/2 - 1/2  
    5^(1/2)/2 - 1/2
```

```
>> eval(x)      % or, double(x)  
ans =  
    1.6180  
   -0.6180
```



```
>> [x,y] = solve('x+y=1', 'x^2+y^2=1');
```

```
>> [x,y]
```

```
ans =
```

```
[ 1, 0]
```

```
[ 0, 1]
```

```
>> S = solve('x+y=1', 'x^2+y^2=1')
```

```
S =
```

```
    x: [2x1 sym]
```

```
    y: [2x1 sym]
```

← returned as a
structure of syms

```
>> [S.x, S.y]
```

```
ans =
```

```
[ 1, 0]
```

```
[ 0, 1]
```

```
>> A = [ 5  1  3  0  
        1  4  1  1  
       -1  2  6 -2  
        1 -1  1  4];
```

← from homework-9

```
>> A = sym(A)
```

A =

```
[ 5, 1, 3, 0]  
[ 1, 4, 1, 1]  
[-1, 2, 6, -2]  
[ 1, -1, 1, 4]
```

```
>> inv(A)
```

ans =

```
[ 53/274, -2/137, -12/137, -11/274]  
[-21/548, 34/137, -3/274, -37/548]  
[ 13/548, -8/137, 41/274, 49/548]  
[-35/548, 11/137, -5/274, 121/548]
```

```
>> b = [12; -3; 11; 10];
```

```
>> x = inv(A)*b      % or, A\b
```

```
x =
```

```
    1
```

```
   -2
```

```
    3
```

```
    1
```

```
>> class(x)
```

```
ans =
```

```
sym
```

```
>> f = 5*x^4 - 2*x^3 + x^2 + 4*x + 3
```

```
f =
```

```
5*x^4 - 2*x^3 + x^2 + 4*x + 3
```

```
>> p = sym2poly(f)
```

```
p =
```

```
5      -2      1      4      3
```

```
>> poly2sym(p)
```

```
ans =
```

```
5*x^4 - 2*x^3 + x^2 + 4*x + 3
```

```
>> poly2sym(p, 't')
```

```
ans =
```

```
5*t^4 - 2*t^3 + t^2 + 4*t + 3
```

polynomials

poly2sym

sym2poly

coeffs

quorem

roots

poly

```
>> [q,mono] = coeffs(f)
```

```
q =
```

```
[ 5, -2, 1, 4, 3]
```

```
mono =
```

```
[ x^4, x^3, x^2, x, 1]
```

```
>> p = sym2poly(f)
```

```
p =
```

```
      5      -2      1      4      3
```

```
>> z = roots(p)
```

```
z =
```

```
0.7393 + 0.8967i
```

```
0.7393 - 0.8967i
```

```
-0.5393 + 0.3916i
```

```
-0.5393 - 0.3916i
```

polynomials

poly2sym

sym2poly

coeffs

quorem

roots

poly

```
>> p = sym2poly(f)
```

```
p =
```

```
      5      -2      1      4      3
```

```
>> z = roots(p)
```

```
z =
```

```
    0.7393 + 0.8967i
```

```
    0.7393 - 0.8967i
```

```
   -0.5393 + 0.3916i
```

```
   -0.5393 - 0.3916i
```

```
>> P = poly(z)
```

```
P =
```

```
      1.0      -0.4      0.2      0.8      0.6
```

```
>> 5*P
```

```
ans =
```

```
      5      -2      1      4      3
```

polynomials

poly2sym

sym2poly

coeffs

quorem

roots

poly

```
>> f = 5*x^4 - 2*x^3 + x^2 + 4*x + 3;
```

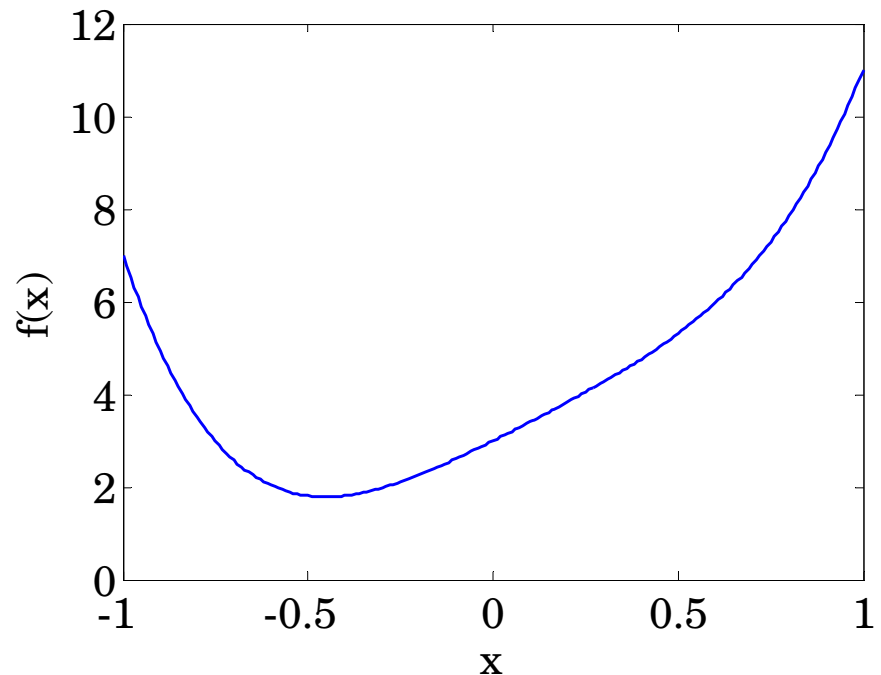
```
>> x1 = linspace(-1,1,201);
```

```
>> f1 = subs(f,x1);    % or, f1 = subs(f,x,x1);
```

```
>> plot(x1,f1,'b');
```

```
>> xlabel('x');
```

```
>> ylabel('f(x)');
```



$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} = \frac{\pi^2}{6}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^4} = \frac{\pi^4}{90}$$

```
>> syms n
```

```
>> symsum(1/n^2, n, 1, inf)
```

```
ans =
```

```
pi^2/6
```

```
>> symsum(1/n^4, n, 1, inf)
```

```
ans =
```

```
pi^4/90
```



```
>> syms x n N
```

```
>> symsum(x^n, n, 0, N-1)
```

```
piecewise([x = 1, N], [x <> 1,...  
    (x^N - 1)/(x - 1)])
```

finite & infinite
geometric series



```
>> symsum(x^n, n, 0, inf)
```

```
piecewise([1 <= x, Inf],...  
[abs(x) < 1, -1/(x - 1)])
```

```
>> symsum(x^n/sym('n!'), n, 0, inf)
```

```
ans =
```

```
exp(x)
```

```
>> symsum(n^2, n, 1, N)
```

```
ans =
```

```
(N*(2*N + 1)*(N + 1))/6
```

```
>> syms x
```

```
>> taylor(exp(x))
```

```
ans =
```

```

$$x^5/120 + x^4/24 + x^3/6 + x^2/2 + x + 1$$

```

```
>> taylor(exp(x),4)
```

```
ans =
```

```

$$x^3/6 + x^2/2 + x + 1$$

```

```
>> taylor(sin(x),4)
```

```
ans =
```

```

$$x - x^3/6$$

```

```
>> taylor(sin(x)/x)
```

```
ans =
```

```

$$x^4/120 - x^2/6 + 1$$

```

```
>> syms x
```

```
>> limit(exp(-x), x, inf)
```


```
ans =
```

```
0
```

```
>> limit(sin(x)/x, x, 0)
```

```
ans =
```

```
1
```


$$\frac{\cos\left(\frac{\pi \cos(x)}{2}\right)}{x}$$

```
>> limit(cos(pi*cos(x)/2)/x, x, 0)
```

```
ans =
```

```
0
```

```
>> taylor(cos(pi*cos(x)/2)/x, 2)
```

```
ans =
```

```
(pi*x)/4
```

```
>> syms x
```

```
>> diff(x^2)
```

```
ans =
```

```
2*x
```

```
>> diff(x^3)
```

```
ans =
```

```
3*x^2
```

```
>> diff(cos(x))
```

```
ans
```

```
-sin(x)
```

```
>> syms x
```

```
>> int(x^2)
```

```
ans =
```

```
x^3/3
```

```
>> int(cos(x))
```

```
ans =
```

```
sin(x)
```

```
>> int(cos(x)^2, 0, pi)
```

```
ans =
```

```
pi/2
```

simple calculus

differentiation

integration

$$\int_0^{\pi} \cos^2(x) dx = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\frac{dv(t)}{dt} = a - C v^2(t)$$

← acceleration
with air drag

dsolve

$$v_a = \sqrt{\frac{a}{C}}, \quad \tau_a = \frac{1}{\sqrt{aC}}$$

← terminal velocity
and time constant

$$\frac{dv(t)}{dt} = \frac{v_a}{\tau_a} \left[1 - \frac{v^2(t)}{v_a^2} \right]$$

← solve with initial
velocity $v(0) = v_0$

$$v(t) = v_a \frac{v_0 + v_a \tanh(t/\tau_a)}{v_a + v_0 \tanh(t/\tau_a)}$$

← exact solution

$$v(t) = v_a \tanh \left[\frac{t}{\tau_a} + a \tanh \left(\frac{v_0}{v_a} \right) \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} v(0) &= v_0 \\ v(\infty) &= v_a \end{aligned}$$

```
>> syms v t va ta v0
```

D = derivative

dsolve



```
>> diffeq = 'Dv=va/ta*(1-v^2/va^2)';
```

```
>> v = dsolve(diffeq, 'v(0)=v0')
```

```
v =
```

```
-va*tan(-va*(- t/(ta*va) +  
(atan((v0*i)/va)*i)/va)*i)*i
```

```
>> v = simplify(v)
```

```
v =
```

```
va^2/v0 +  
(va*(v0^2 - va^2))/(v0*(va + v0*tanh(t/ta)))
```

```
>> [num,den] = numden(v);
```

```
>> v = num/den
```

```
v =
```

```
(tanh(t/ta)*va^2 + v0*va)/(va + v0*tanh(t/ta))
```

```
>> symdisp(v);
```

$$\longrightarrow \frac{\tanh\left(\frac{t}{\tau_a}\right) v_a^2 + v_0 v_a}{v_a + v_0 \tanh\left(\frac{t}{\tau_a}\right)}$$

```
>> u = va*tanh(t/ta + atanh(v0/va));
```

```
>> simplify(v-u)
```

```
ans =
```

```
0
```

$$v(t) = v_a \frac{v_0 + v_a \tanh(t/\tau_a)}{v_a + v_0 \tanh(t/\tau_a)}$$

$$v(t) = v_a \tanh \left[\frac{t}{\tau_a} + \operatorname{atanh} \left(\frac{v_0}{v_a} \right) \right]$$

```
>> subs(v,t,0)
```

```
ans =
```

```
v0
```

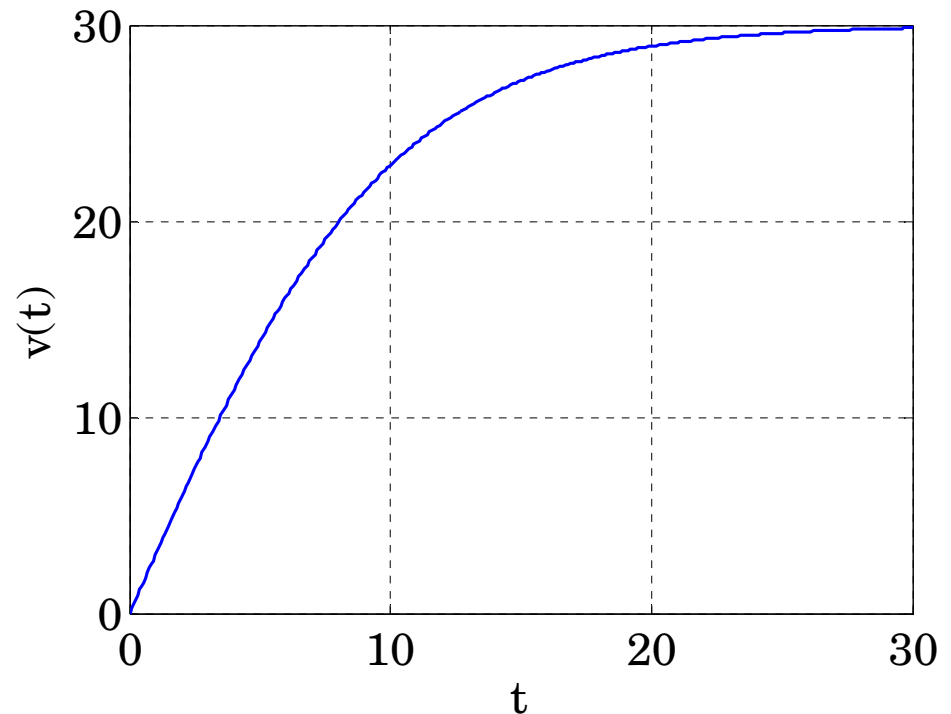
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>> t1 = linspace(0,30,301);
```

```
>> v1 = subs(v, {va,ta,v0,t}, {30,10,0,t1});
```

```
>> plot(t1,v1,'b');
```

```
>> xlabel('t');
```

```
>> ylabel('v(t)');
```




```
v0 = 0; va = 30; ta = 10;
```

```
tspan = [0,30];
```

```
vdot = @(t,v) va/ta * (1 - v.^2/va^2);
```

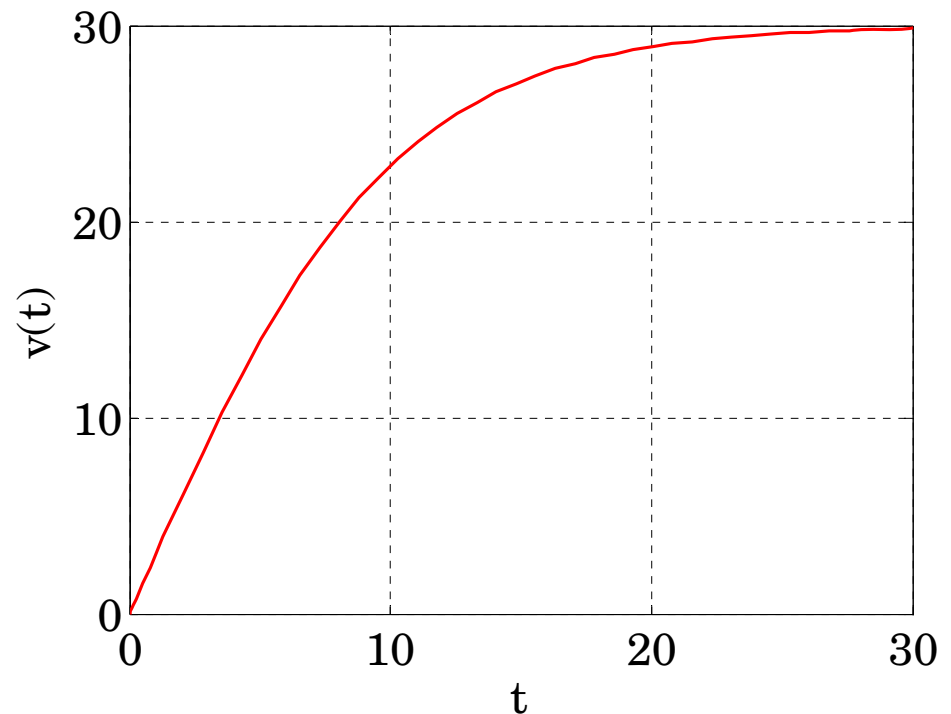
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[t2,v2] = ode45(vdot, tspan, v0);
```

```
plot(t2,v2,'r-')
```

```
xlabel('t');
```

```
ylabel('v(t)');
```

compare exact and
numerical solutions
using **ode45**



compare exact and numerical solutions using
forward Euler method, which replaces derivatives
by forward differences

dsolve

$$\frac{v(n+1) - v(n)}{T} = \frac{v_a}{\tau_a} \left[1 - \frac{v^2(n)}{v_a^2} \right]$$

$$v(n+1) = v(n) + T \frac{v_a}{\tau_a} \left[1 - \frac{v^2(n)}{v_a^2} \right]$$

```
Tspan = 30; N = 60; T = Tspan/N;  
tn = 0:T:Tspan;  
vn(1) = v0;  
  
for n=1:N,  
    vn(n+1) = vn(n) + T*va/ta*(1-vn(n)^2/va^2);  
end  
  
plot(t1,v1,'b');  
hold on;  
plot(tn,vn,'r--')
```

compare exact and
numerical solutions
using forward Euler

