Lecture 1
Introduction to MATLAB

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Intended Learning Outcomes

At the end of this lecture, students will be able to:

- Understand Matlab desktop environment
- Understand basic syntaxes in Matlab
- Do calculations at the command window
- Define & manipulate variables and characters
- Use built-in functions and define new functions
- Use script files
- Plot simple graphs

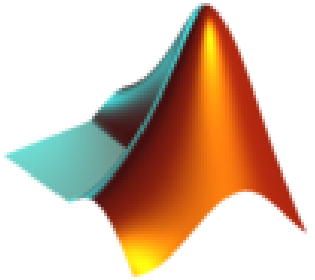
Topics

- MATLAB Features
- MATLAB Environment
- Basic syntax
- Basic operators
- MATLAB In-built and user-defined functions
- Programming and Script
- Basic: Matrix
- Plotting of functions

MATLAB

- MATLAB – MAT-rix LAB-orartory
- High-level language and interactive environment for numerical computation, visualization, and programming
- Developed by: Cleve Moler (Univ. of New Mexico, 1970)
- Proprietary commercial software developed by MathWorks (USA)
- Initial release: 1984
- Present stable release: 2015, R2015a
- Operating system: Cross-platform
    - Linux
    - Microsoft Windows
    - Mac OS X

MATLAB LOGO

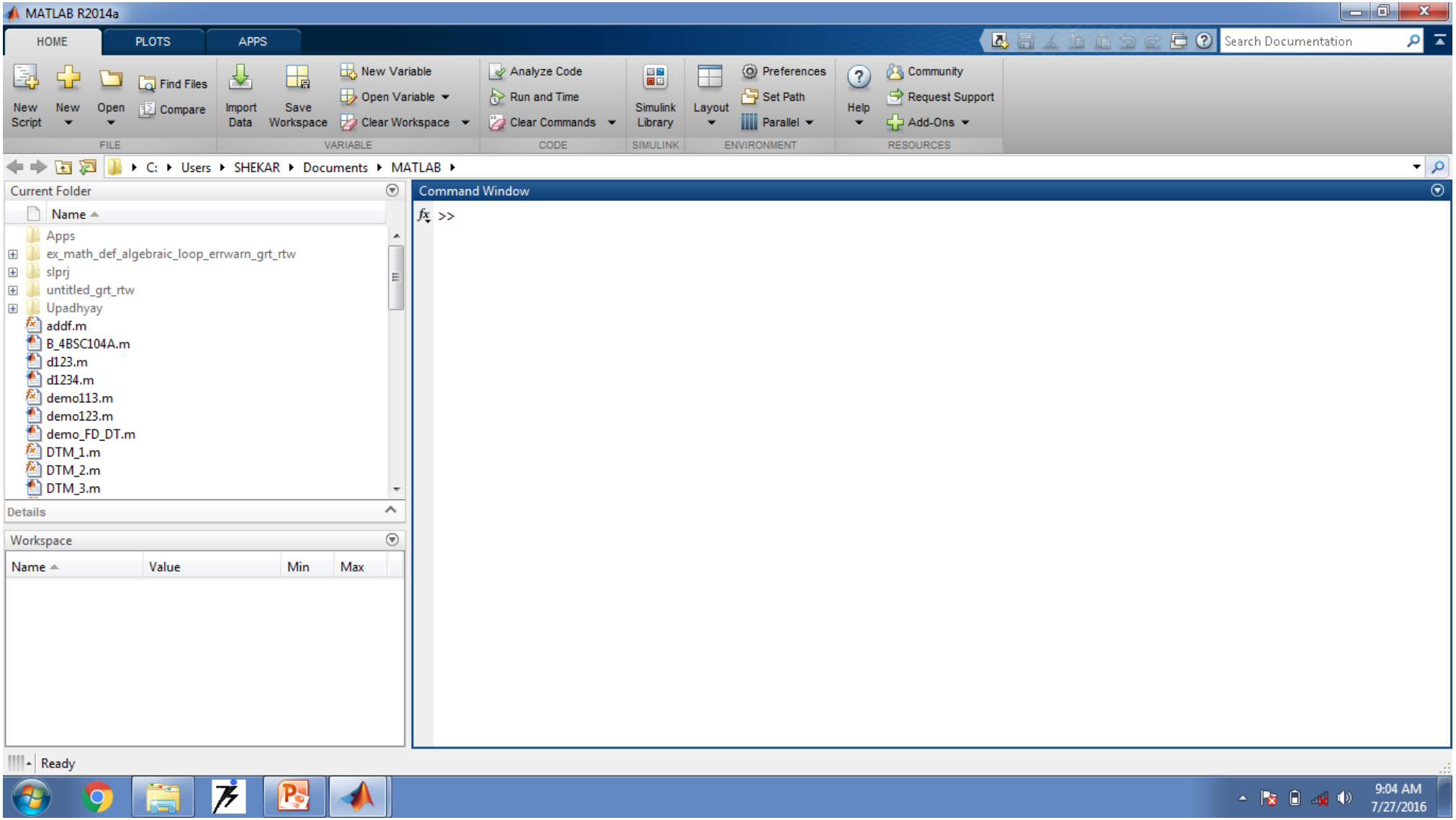


The logo is an eigenfunction of the wave equation and represents the first vibrational mode of a thin L-shaped membrane, clamped at the edges.

MATLAB Features

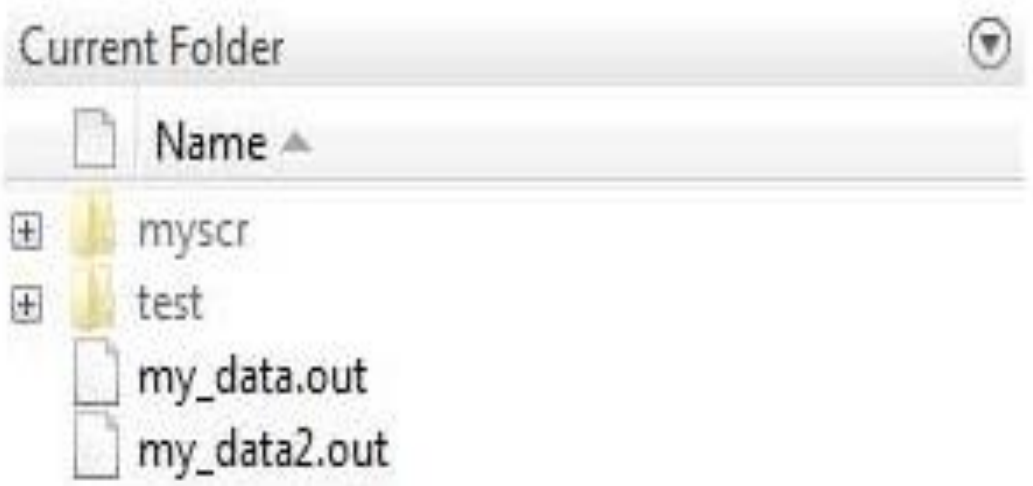
- Matrices and Arrays
- Calculus and Differential Equations
- Numerical Calculations
- Differentiation and Integration
- 2-D and 3-D Plotting and graphics
- Linear Algebra
- Algebraic Equations
- Non-linear Functions
- Statistics
- Data Analysis
- Develop algorithms, and create models and applications
- Signal Processing
- Image and Video Processing
- Interfacing with programs written in other languages, including C, C++, Java, Fortran and Python
- Many more ….

Understanding the MATLAB Environment



Understanding the MATLAB Environment

- **Current Folder** - This panel allows you to access your project folders and files.



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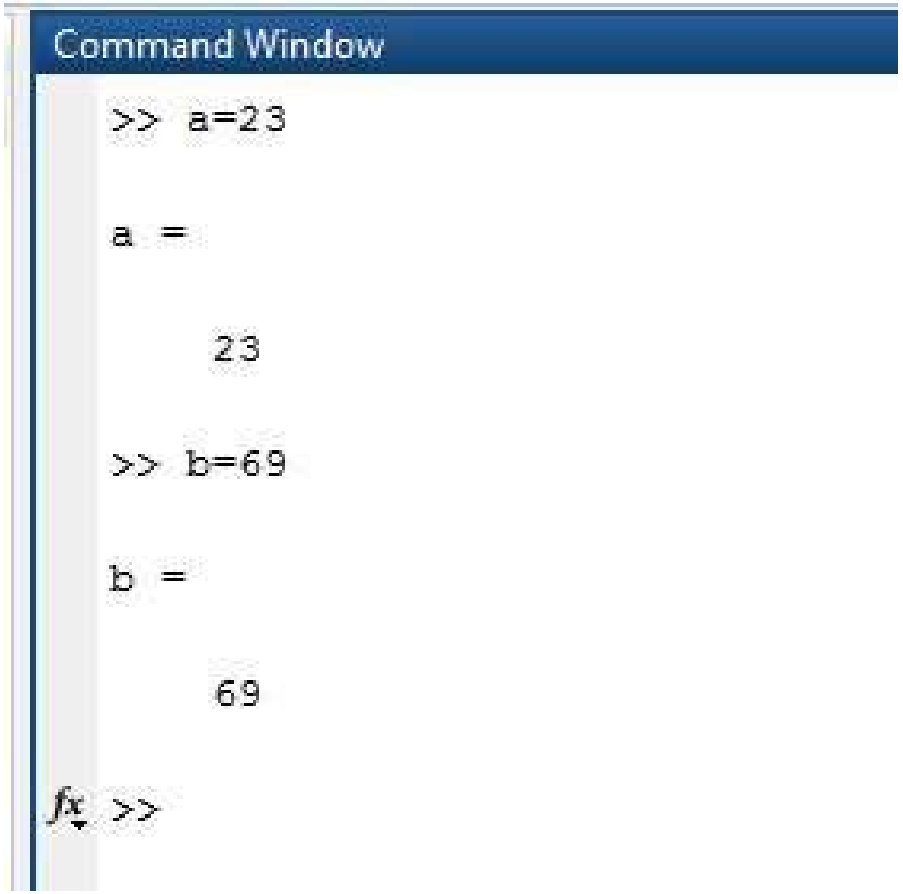
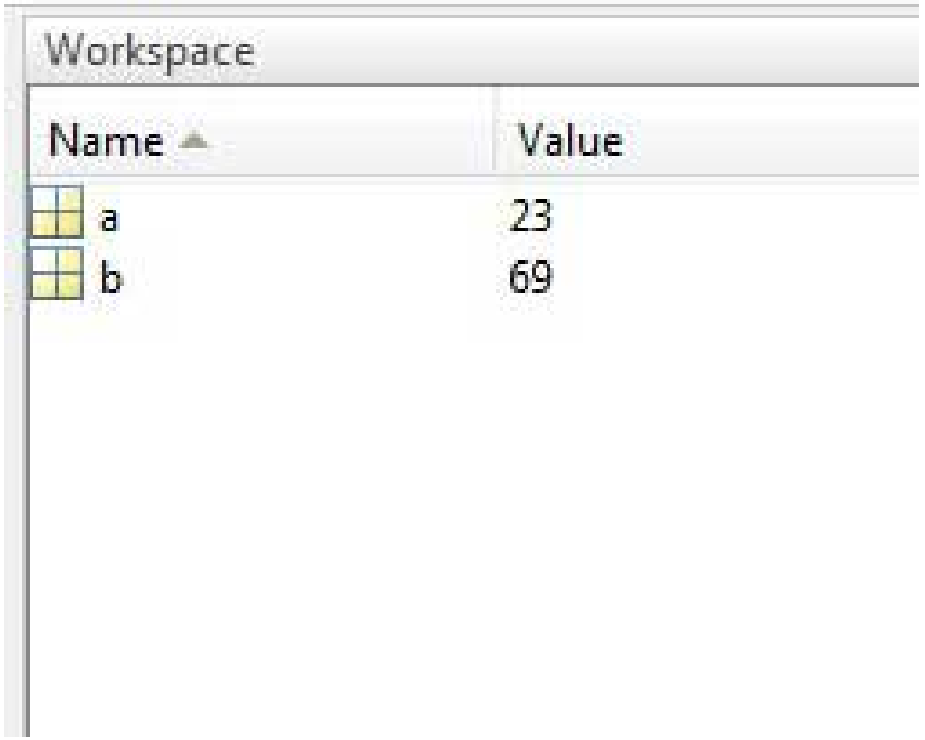
- **Command Window** - This is the main area where you enter commands at the command line, indicated by the command prompt (>>).



Understanding the MATLAB Environment

- **Workspace** - The workspace shows all the variables you create and/or import from files.



Understanding the MATLAB Environment

- **Command History** - This panels shows or rerun commands that you entered at the command line.

```
%-- 7/14/2013 5:58 PM --%
%-- 7/15/2013 9:01 AM --%
    simulink
%-- 7/15/2013 6:09 PM --%
    simulink
%-- 7/25/2013 7:57 AM --%
%-- 7/25/2013 7:58 AM --%
    chdir test
    prog4
%-- 7/29/2013 8:55 AM --%
    a=23
    b=69
```

Basic Syntax - Using MATLAB as a Calculator

- MATLAB environment behaves like a highly advanced calculator
- Enter your commands at the >> (command prompt) and press ENTER key (↲)
- Examples:

$\gg 5 + 5$ $ans = 10$ $\gg 6 * 30$ $ans = 180$	$\gg 3\text{^}2$ $ans = 9$ $\gg pi$ $ans = 3.1416$ $\gg \sin(pi/2)$ $ans = 1$

Basic Operators

+	Plus; addition operator.
–	Minus; subtraction operator.
*	Scalar and matrix multiplication operator.
^	Scalar and matrix exponentiation operator.
/	Right-division operator.

In-built Basic Functions

Exponential and Logarithmic Functions

`exp(x)`	Exponential; e^x.
`log(x)`	Natural logarithm; ln(x).
`log10(x)`	Common (base 10) logarithm; log(x)= $\log_{10}(x)$.
`sqrt(x)`	Square root; $\sqrt{x}$.

In-built Functions

Trigonometric Functions

`acos(x)`	Inverse cosine; arcos x = $\cos^{-1}(x)$.
`acot(x)`	Inverse cotangent; arccot x = $\cot^{-1}(x)$.
`acsc(x)`	Inverse cosecant; arcs x = $\csc^{-1}(x)$.
`asec(x)`	Inverse secant; arcsec x = $\sec^{-1}(x)$.
`asin(x)`	Inverse sine; arcsin x = $\sin^{-1}(x)$.
`atan(x)`	Inverse tangent; arctan x = $\tan^{-1}(x)$.
`cos(x)`	Cosine; cos(x).
`cot(x)`	Cotangent; cot(x).
`csc(x)`	Cosecant; csc(x).
`sec(x)`	Secant; sec(x).
`sin(x)`	Sine; sin(x).
`tan(x)`	Tangent; tan(x).

- In the above commands, angle X is in radians.
- For angles in degrees use: sind(), cosd(),…

In-built Functions

Hyperbolic Functions

`acosh(x)`	Inverse hyperbolic cosine; $\cosh^{-1}(x)$.
`acoth(x)`	Inverse hyperbolic cotangent; $\coth^{-1}(x)$.
`acsch(x)`	Inverse hyperbolic cosecant; $\mathrm{csch}^{-1}(x)$.
`asech(x)`	Inverse hyperbolic secant; $\mathrm{sech}^{-1}(x)$.
`asinh(x)`	Inverse hyperbolic sine; $\sinh^{-1}(x)$.
`atanh(x)`	Inverse hyperbolic tangent; $\tanh^{-1}(x)$.
`cosh(x)`	Hyperbolic cosine; cosh(x).
`coth(x)`	Hyperbolic cotangent; cosh(x)/sinh(x).
`csch(x)`	Hyperbolic cosecant; 1/sinh(x).
`sech(x)`	Hyperbolic secant; 1/cosh(x).
`sinh(x)`	Hyperbolic sine; sinh(x).
`tanh(x)`	Hyperbolic tangent; sinh(x)/cosh(x).

Basic Syntax - Complex Numbers

- To represent the imaginary part of complex numbers, use either i or j

$$\gg i$$
$$ans = 0 + 1.0000\ i$$

$$\gg j$$
$$ans = 0 + 1.000\ i$$

$$\gg (5 + 6i) * (2 + 9i)$$
$$ans = -44.0000\ + 57.0000i$$

In-built Functions

Complex Functions

`abs(x)`	Absolute value; |x|.
`angle(x)`	Angle of a complex number x.
`conj(x)`	Complex conjugate of x.
`imag(x)`	Imaginary part of a complex number x.
`real(x)`	Real part of a complex number x.

help function

- If you type help followed by the name of a Matlab command, you'll get details about that command
- Very useful to see how a function works or what type of input it expects
- Syntax:

≫ help command_name

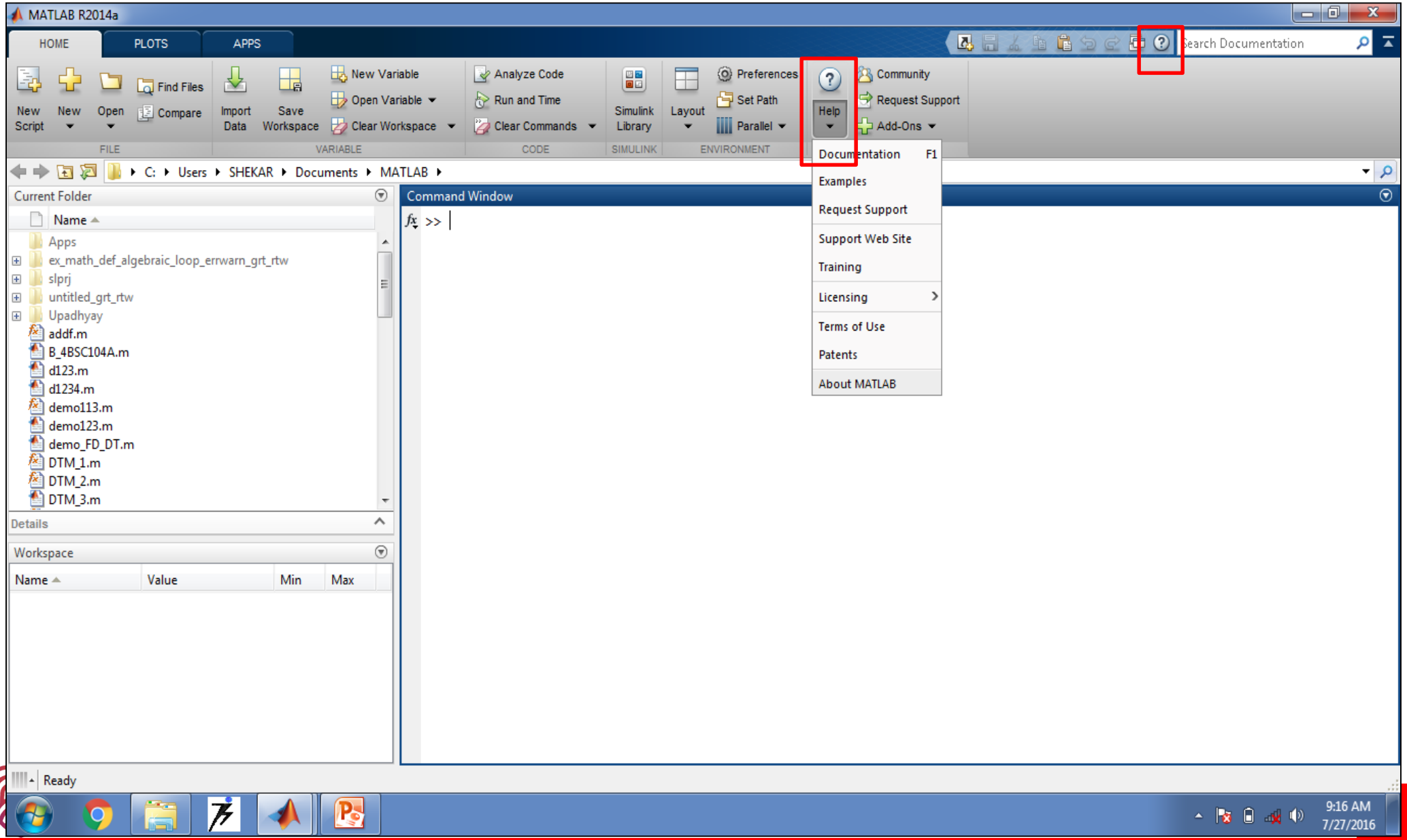
- Examples:

≫ help sin

≫ help round

≫ help nthroot

Help Using the Help Menu



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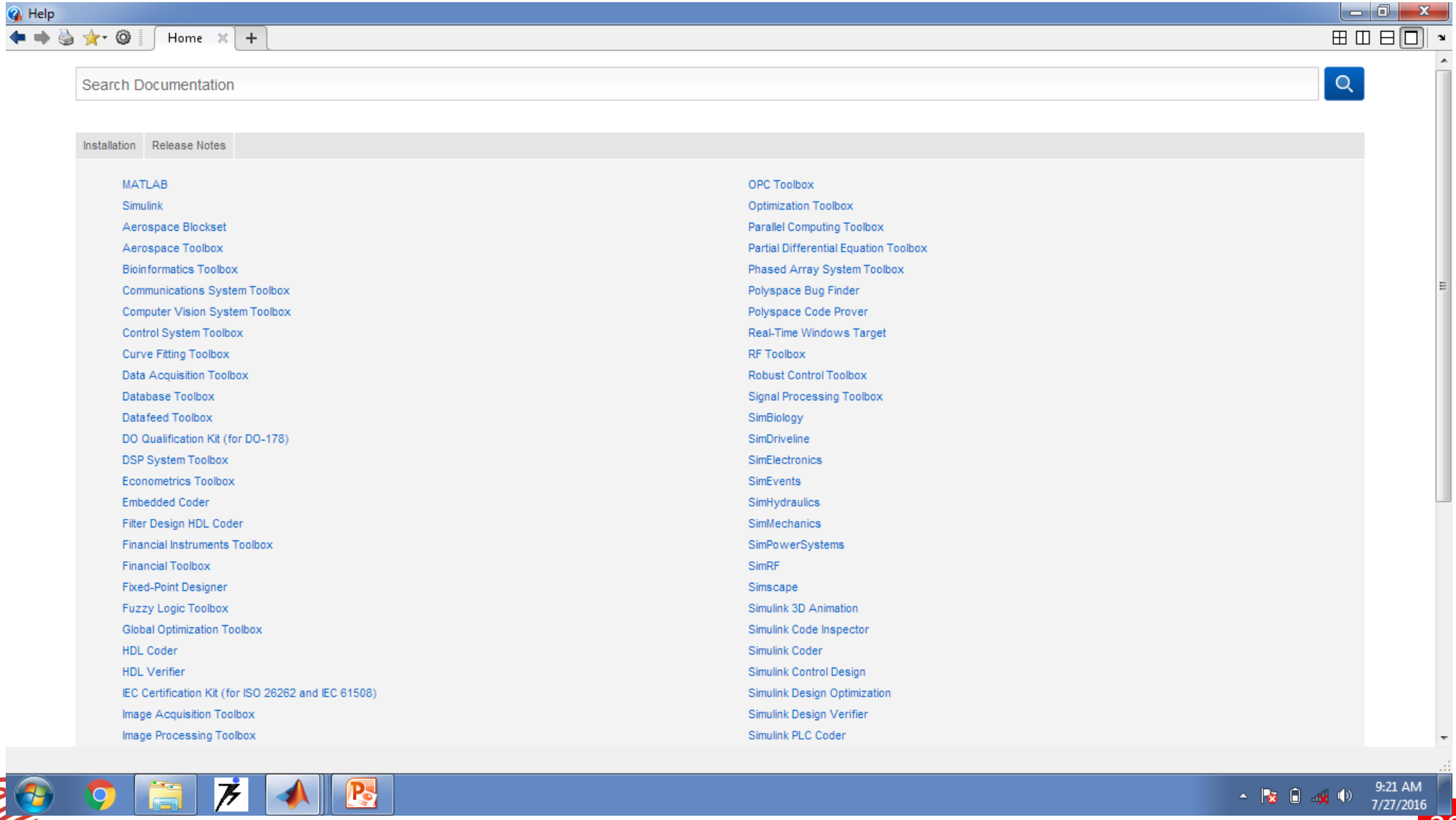


Basic Syntax - Assigning Values to Variables

- For example, create a variable named b by typing this statement at the command line and press ENTER:

$$\gg b = 5.5$$

- MATLAB adds variable b to the workspace and displays the result in the Command Window:

$$b = 5.5000$$

- Once a variable is entered into the system, you can refer or call it later (unless you quit without saving the file).
- For eg. type b at the command prompt. MATLAB will return the value of b at the prompt.

Basic Syntax – Assigning Values to Variables

- In MATLAB every variable is an array or a matrix.
- For eg., the above statement $b = 5.5$, creates a 1×1 matrix named b and stores the value 5.5 in it.
- Variable name is case sensitive
- Any name can be used – but do not use pre-defined constant/function names like i, j, pi, sin,…
- Do not begin variable name with numerical
- Do not add space in between variable name, rather use under-score(_) for large variable name

Examples

$$\gg bb = 2.45$$
$$bb = 2.4500$$

$$\gg df = \sin(15)$$
$$df = 0.65029$$

$$\gg zx = bb * df$$
$$zx = 1.5932$$

$$var1 = \exp(bb/df)$$
$$var1 = 43.274$$

Semi-colon (;)

- To suppress and hide the output after the execution of a command, add a semicolon (;) after the command
- If a semi-colon is present after an expression, MATLAB will execute the command, but the result will not be displayed on the screen
- Example:

$$\gg x = 5.7;$$
$$\gg y = \cos(12.3)\,;$$
$$\gg new = x * \exp(y)$$
$$new = 14.957$$
$$\gg y$$
$$y = 0.96473$$

Comment (%)

- One can add short descriptions in the code by using the % symbol called comment
- Anything written right to % is ignored by MATLAB and will not be executed

$$\gg g = 9.8;\ \%\ \text{acceleration due to gravity}$$

$$\gg eng = 2.3 * 1.6 * 10^{-19};\ \%\ \text{energy in Joules}$$

- Increases the readability of the program
- Useful tool for debugging (fixing problems) programs
- To eliminate a few lines of code temporarily, you can 'comment them out' rather than cutting and pasting them into and out of your program.

clc, clear, clear all

- clc – Clear Command Window

  ≫ clc

- Clears all input and output from the Command Window display, giving a "clean screen."
- clc only clears the command window, the variables defined are not cleared/deleted
- clear - Deletes variables from workspace/memory

  ≫ clear

- clear all - Clears all objects (variables, functions)

  ≫ clear all

- To clear a particular variable say x1, type

  ≫ clear x1

save and load

- Variables defined at the command prompt (workspace variables) gets deleted once you quit or exit MATLAB
- Variables can be saved for later use using save command

≫ save file_name

- Saving preserves the workspace in your current working folder in a compressed file with a .mat extension, called a MAT-file.
- To restore data from the saved file to the workspace use the load command

≫ load file_name

Character Strings

- Strings can be concatenated using strcat
- strcat(s1,...,sN) - concatenates strings s1,...,sN.
- Strings can also be concatenated using square brackets

≫ aa = ‘good’;

≫ bb = ‘morning’;

≫ cc = strcat(aa,bb)

cc = goodmorning

≫ my_string = [aa bb]

≫ my_string = goodmorning

Character Strings

≫ aa = ‘name’;

≫ bb = ‘mail’;

≫ cc = ‘com’;

≫ id = [aa,’@’,bb,’.’cc]

≫ id = name@mail.com

- num2str or int2str - convert numeric values to strings

≫ g = 9.8;

≫ f = 2*g;

≫ f_value = [‘force on the particle is’,num2str(f),’ Newton’]

f_value = force on the particle is 19.6 Newton

Anonymous Functions

- Anonymous functions provide an easy way to specify a function.
- It lets you develop an analytical expression of one or more inputs and either assign that expression to a variable or pass it as an argument to a function.
- The basic syntax is

  ≫ function_name = @(variables) matlab_expression;

- Function_name is called the function handle.
- @ operator creates the handle
- Parentheses () immediately after the @ operator include the function input arguments
- matlab_expression is the expression to be evaluated

Anonymous Functions

```
>>  myfunc = @(x) sin(x)/x;
>>  myfunc(2)
ans =  0.45465

>>  cube = @(x,y) x^3+y^3;
>>  cube(3,2)
ans = 35

>> a = 1.3;
>> b = .2;
>> c = 30;
>> parabola = @(x) a*x.^2 + b*x + c;
>> parabola(1)
```

Programming and Scripts

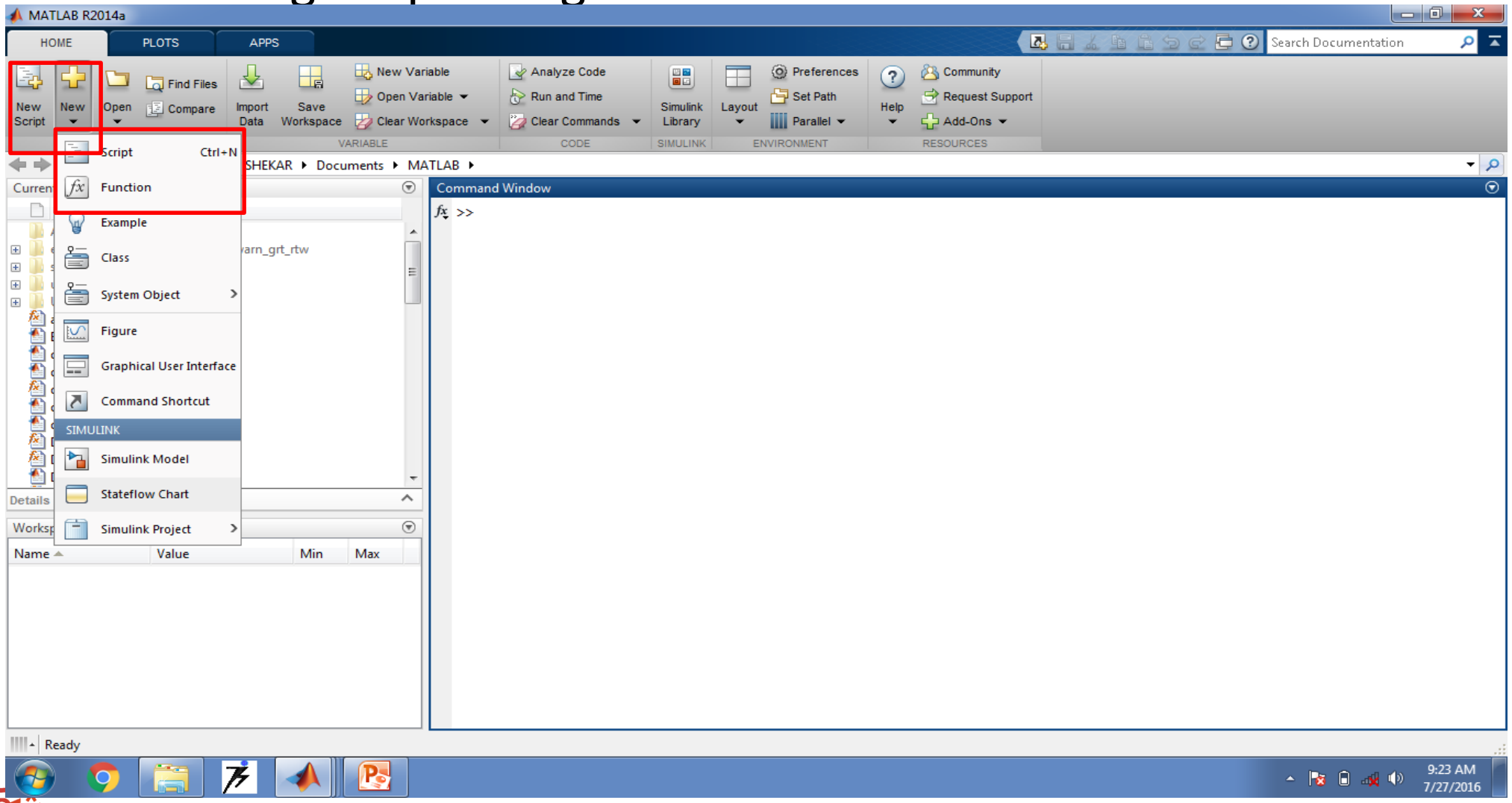
- The simplest type of MATLAB program is called a script.
- A script is a file with a .m extension that contains multiple sequential lines of MATLAB commands and function calls.
- You can run a script by typing its name at the command line.
- To create a script, use the edit command

≫ edit file_name

- This opens a blank file with .m extension in MATLAB editor
- Enter the code and then save

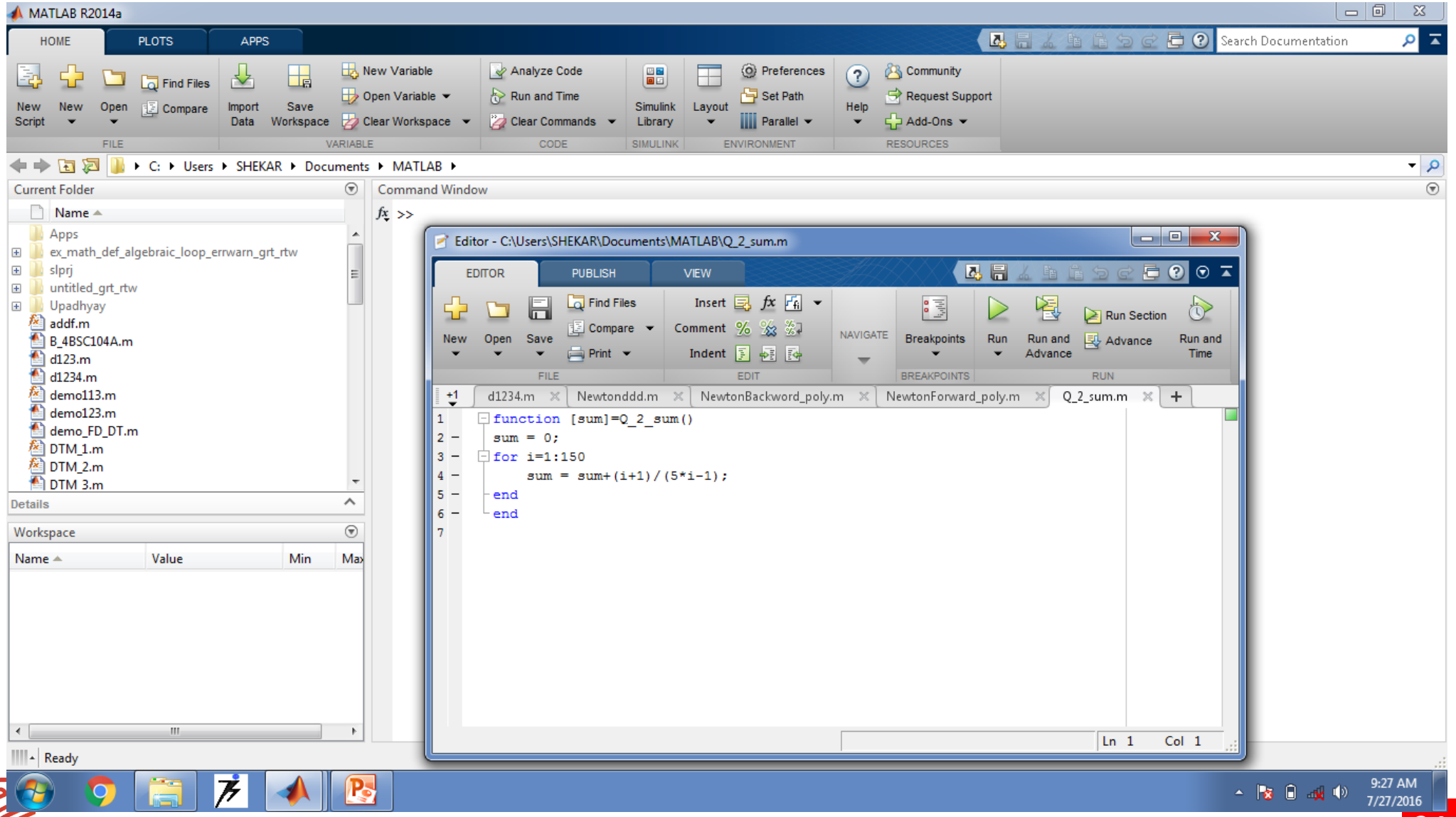
Programming and Scripts

- Creating script using GUI



- You can also use CTRL+N

Programming and Scripts



Programming and Scripts

- Example: Create a script file named tarea to calculate area of a triangle
- First create blank script file and enter the following commands in the script file:

```
b = 10; % base of the triangle
h = 4; % height of the triangle
area = 0.5*(b*h)
```

- Now save the script file using the save button (or file menu) in the script editor.
- Enter the file name as tarea when you save the file
- Extension .m would be added automatically

Programming and Scripts

- To run the script, type the file name at command prompt

```
>> tarea
area = 20
```

- One can also click the run icon  in the MATLAB editor to run the script
- Whenever you write code, it is a good practice to add comments that describe the code
- Comments allow others to understand your code, and can refresh your memory when you return to it later

input and fprintf - example

- Calculating area of triangle. Type code in script, save and run.

```
b = input('Base of the triangle, b: ')
h = input('Height of the triangle, h: ')
area = 0.5*(b*h);
fprintf('The area of the triangle with base %f and height %f is %f\n', b, h, area)
```

Basics: Matrix

- How to define a matrix/vector
  - A = [1 2 3 4; 4 5 6 7] ~~ [1:4; 4:7] (!!! Comma, colon, semicolon bracket)
- Special matrix
  - zeros(m,n)
  - ones(m,n)
- diag(vec)
- Matrix operation
  - Basic arithmetic operation (!!! Period & dimensions)
  - Inverse (inv) and transpose (apostrophe)
  - Read/change matrix component (!!! parenthesis)
  - Stacking and breaking
  - Size(), length(), eig()

Array, Matrix

- a vector

```
x = [1 2 5 1]

x =
     1     2     5     1
```

- a matrix

```
x = [1 2 3; 5 1 4; 3 2 -1]

x =
     1     2     3
     5     1     4
     3     2    -1
```

- transpose

```
y = x'

y =
     1
     2
     5
     1
```

Long Array, Matrix

- `t =1:10`

```
t =
     1    2    3    4    5    6    7    8    9    10
```

- `k =2:-0.5:-1`

```
k =
    2   1.5   1   0.5   0   -0.5   -1
```

- `B = [1:4; 5:8]`

```
x =
     1     2     3     4
     5     6     7     8
```

Generating Vectors from functions

- zeros(M,N) MxN matrix of zeros

```
x = zeros(1,3)
x =
   0     0     0
```

- ones(M,N) MxN matrix of ones

```
x = ones(1,3)
x =
   1     1     1
```

- rand(M,N) MxN matrix of uniformly distributed random numbers on (0,1)

```
x = rand(1,3)
x =
  0.9501   0.2311  0.6068
```

Matrix Index

- The matrix indices begin from 1 (not 0 (as in C))
- The matrix indices must be positive integer

Given:

```
A =

     3     5     3
     6     8     2
     2     7     3
```

```
>> A(6)

ans =

     7
```

```
>> A(3,2)

ans =

     7
```

```
>> A(2,:)

ans =

     6     8     2
```

```
>> A(1:2,2)

ans =

     5
     8
```

A(-2), A(0)

Error: ??? Subscript indices must either be real positive integers or logicals.

A(4,2)
Error: ??? Index exceeds matrix dimensions.

Concatenation of Matrices

- `x = [1 2], y = [4 5], z=[ 0 0]`

```
A = [ x y]

     1   2   4   5

B = [x ; y]

     1 2
     4 5
```

```
C = [x y ;z]
Error:
??? Error using ==> vertcat CAT arguments dimensions are not consistent.
```

Operators (arithmetic)

+ addition

- subtraction

* multiplication

/ division

^ power

‘ complex conjugate transpose

Matrices Operations

Given A and B:

```
>> A = [1 2 3;4 5 6;7 8 9]

A =

     1     2     3
     4     5     6
     7     8     9
```

```
>> B = [3 5 2; 5 2 8; 3 6 9]

B =

     3     5     2
     5     2     8
     3     6     9
```

Addition

```
>> X = A + B

X =

     4     7     5
     9     7    14
    10    14    18
```

Subtraction

```
>> Y = A - B

Y =

    -2    -3     1
    -1     3    -2
     4     2     0
```

Product

```
>> Z = A * B

Z =

    22    27    45
    55    66   102
    88   105   159
```

Transpose

```
>> T = A'

T =

     1     4     7
     2     5     8
     3     6     9
```

Operators (Element by Element)

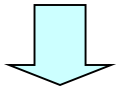
.* element-by-element multiplication

./ element-by-element division

.^ element-by-element power

The use of "." – "Element" Operation

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

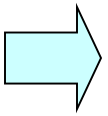


```
x = A(1,:)

x=
     1   2   3
```

```
y = A(3 ,:)

y=
     3  4  -1
```



```
b = x .* y

b=
     3  8 -3
```

```
c = x . / y

c=
   0.33   0.5   -3
```

```
d = x .^2

d=
     1    4    9
```

```
K= x^2
Erorr:
 ??? Error using ==> mpower  Matrix must be square.
B=x*y
Erorr:
??? Error using ==> mtimes Inner matrix dimensions must agree.
```

Creating Matrices

- `zeros(m, n)`: matrix with all zeros
- `ones(m, n)`: matrix with all ones.
- `eye(m, n)`: the identity matrix
- `rand(m, n)`: uniformly distributed random
- `randn(m, n)`: normally distributed random
- `magic(m)`: square matrix whose elements have the same sum, along the row, column and diagonal.
- `pascal(m)` : Pascal matrix.

Matrix operations

- `^`: exponentiation
- `*`: multiplication
- `/`: division
- `\`: left division. The operation `A\B` is effectively the same as `INV(A)*B`, although left division is calculated differently and is much quicker.
- `+`: addition
- `-`: subtraction

Array Operations

- Evaluated element by element
  - `.'` : array transpose (non-conjugated transpose)
  - `.^` : array power
  - `.*` : array multiplication
  - `./` : array division
- Very different from Matrix operations

```
>> A=[1 2;3 4];
>> B=[5 6;7 8];
>> A*B
    19    22
    43    50
```

But:

```
>> A.*B
     5    12
    21    32
```

Some Built-in functions

- `mean(A)`: mean value of a vector
- `max(A), min (A)`: maximum and minimum.
- `sum(A)`: summation.
- `sort(A)`: sorted vector
- `median(A)`: median value
- `std(A)`: standard deviation.
- `det(A)` : determinant of a square matrix
- `dot(a,b)`: dot product of two vectors
- `Cross(a,b)`: cross product of two vectors
- `Inv(A)`: Inverse of a matrix A

Indexing Matrices

Given the matrix:

```
A =          n
        0.9501    0.6068    0.4231
m       0.2311    0.4860    0.2774
```

Then:

```
A(1,2) = 0.6068
```

$\longrightarrow A_{ij}, i = 1..m, j = 1..n$

```
A(3) = 0.6068
```

$\longrightarrow index = (i-1)m + j$

```
A(:,1) = [0.9501
  1:m
          0.2311 ]

A(1,2:3)=[0.6068    0.4231]
```

Adding Elements to a Vector or a Matrix

```
>> A=1:3
A=
    1   2   3
>> A(4:6)=5:2:9
A=
    1   2   3   5   7   9

>> B=1:2
B=
    1   2
>> B(5)=7;
B=
    1   2   0   0   7
```

```
>> C=[1  2; 3  4]
C=
    1   2
    3   4
>> C(3,:)=[5  6];
C=
    1   2
    3   4
    5   6

>> D=linspace(4,12,3);
>> E=[C  D']
E=
    1   2   4
    3   4   8
    5   6   12
```

Solutions to Systems of Linear Equations

- Example: a system of 3 linear equations with 3 unknowns (x_1, x_2, x_3):

$$\begin{aligned} 3x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 &= 10 \\ -x_1 + 3x_2 + 2x_3 &= 5 \\ x_1 - x_2 - x_3 &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

Let :

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \qquad x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} \qquad b = \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 5 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then, the system can be described as:

$$Ax = b$$

Solutions to Systems of Linear Equations (con't…)

- Solution by Matrix Inverse:

  $Ax = b$

  $A^{-1}Ax = A^{-1}b$

  $x = A^{-1}b$

- MATLAB:

```
>> A = [ 3 2 -1; -1 3 2; 1 -1 -1];
>> b = [ 10; 5; -1];
>> x = inv(A)*b
x =
   -2.0000
    5.0000
   -6.0000
```

Answer:
$x_1 = -2, x_2 = 5, x_3 = -6$

- Solution by Matrix Division:

  The solution to the equation

  $Ax = b$

  can be computed using left division.

- MATLAB:

```
>> A = [ 3 2 -1; -1 3 2; 1 -1 -1];
>> b = [ 10; 5; -1];
>> x = A\b
x =
   -2.0000
    5.0000
   -6.0000
```

Answer:
$x_1 = -2, x_2 = 5, x_3 = -6$

NOTE: left division: A\b ➔ b ÷ A right division: x/y ➔ x ÷ y

plot

- plot – command for plotting graphs
- To plot a graph the following steps are required:

1. Specify the x-axis, by specifying the range of values for the variable x, for which the function is to be plotted
2. Define the function, y = f(x), the function to be plotted
3. Use the plot(x, y) command to plot the function y against x

plot - examples

```
x = [0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10];
y = exp(x);
plot(x,y)
```

plot – x-axis

To create a large range of x-axis use : operator or linspace:

x = initial value : increment : final value

If increment is not specified, default increment is 1

x = 1:100 % (produces x=[1 2 3 …… 100])

x = 1:.1:10 %(produces x = [1 1.1 1.2 …… 100])

x = 0:pi/50:2*pi %(produces x = $\left[0 \ \frac{\pi}{50} \frac{2\pi}{50} \ \ldots\ldots 2\pi \right]$)

linspace(a,b,n) – generates linearly spaced grid of length n from a to b

x = linspace(0,20,5) generates x = [0 5 10 15 20]

x = linspace(a,b,n) is same as x = a : (b-a)/(n-1) : b

plot- examples

```
x = 0:.1:10;
y = exp(x);
plot(x,y)
```

```
x = linspace(0,10,11);
y = exp(x);
plot(x,y)
```

Also see: plot(x,y,'r--'), plot(x,y,'r*')

Plot – labelling the axes

- Use xlabel and ylabel command

```
x = linspace(0,2*pi,100);
y = sin(x);
plot(x,y)
xlabel('x')
ylabel('sin(x)')
```

Plot – adding title

- Use title command

```
x = linspace(0,2*pi,100);
y = sin(x);
plot(x,y)
xlabel('x')
ylabel('sin(x)')
title('Graph of Sine Function')
```

Basic Task: Plot the function sin(x) between $0 \leq x \leq 4\pi$

- Create an x-array of 100 samples between 0 and 4π.

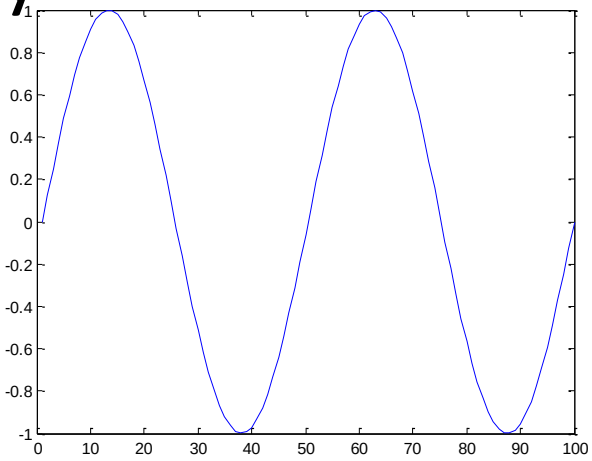
```
>>x=linspace(0,4*pi,100);
```

- Calculate sin(.) of the x-array

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

- Plot the y-array

```
>>plot(y)
```



Plot the function $e^{-x/3}\sin(x)$ between $0 \leq x \leq 4\pi$

- Create an x-array of 100 samples between 0 and 4π.

```
>>x=linspace(0,4*pi,100);
```

- Calculate sin(.) of the x-array

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

- Calculate $e^{-x/3}$ of the x-array

```
>>y1=exp(-x/3);
```

- Multiply the arrays y and y1

```
>>y2=y*y1;
```

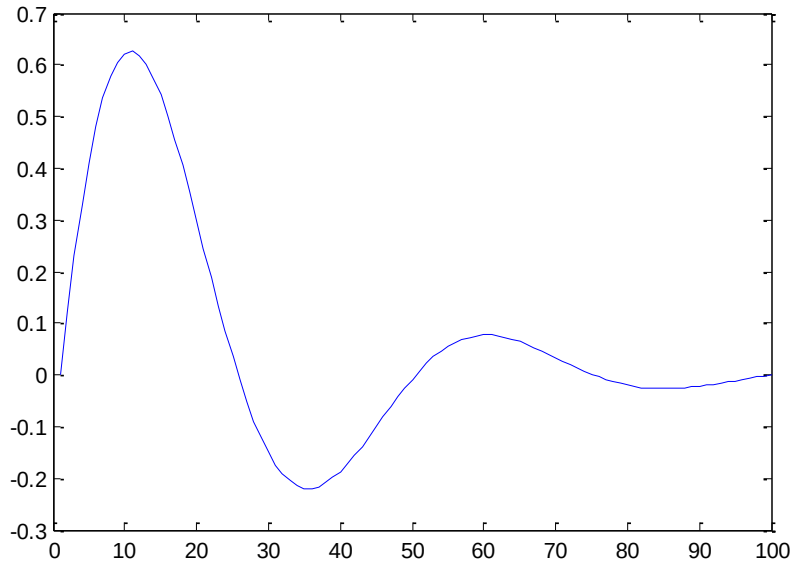
Plot the function $e^{-x/3}\sin(x)$ between $0 \leq x \leq 4\pi$

- Multiply the arrays y and y1 correctly

```
>>y2=y.*y1;
```

- Plot the y2-array

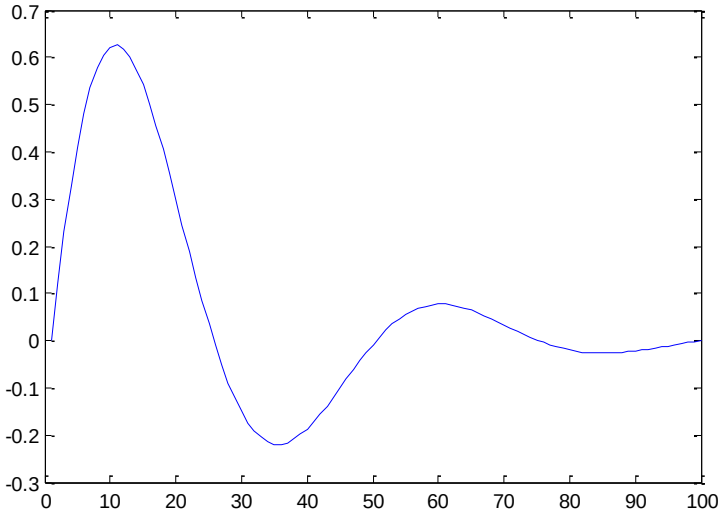
```
>>plot(y2)
```



Display Facilities

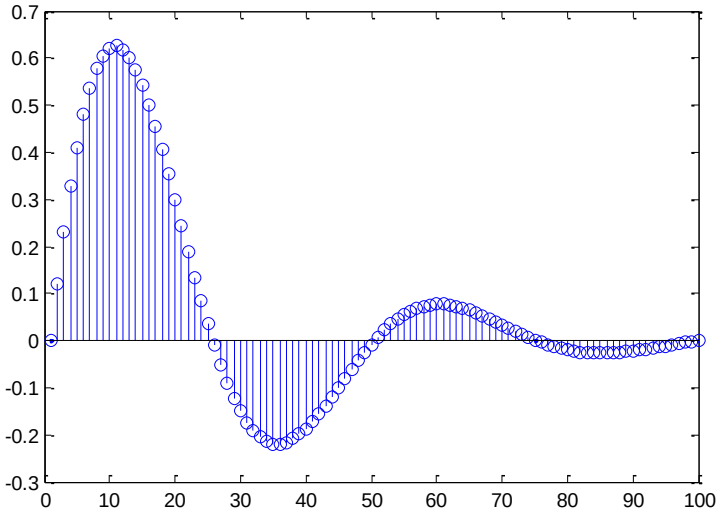
- plot(.)

Example:
>>x=linspace(0,4*pi,100);
>>y=sin(x);
>>plot(y)
>>plot(x,y)



- stem(.)

Example:
>>stem(y)
>>stem(x,y)



Display Facilities

- title(.)

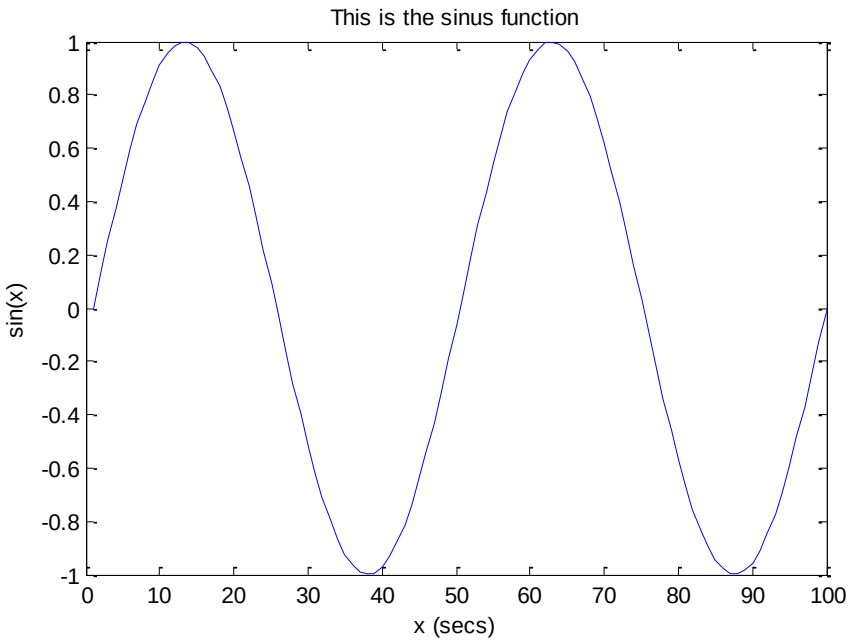
```
>>title('This is the sinus function')
```

- xlabel(.)

```
>>xlabel('x (secs)')
```

- ylabel(.)

```
>>ylabel('sin(x)')
```



Operators (relational, logical)

- == Equal to
- ~= Not equal to
- < Strictly smaller
- > Strictly greater
- <= Smaller than or equal to
- >= Greater than equal to
- & And operator
- | Or operator

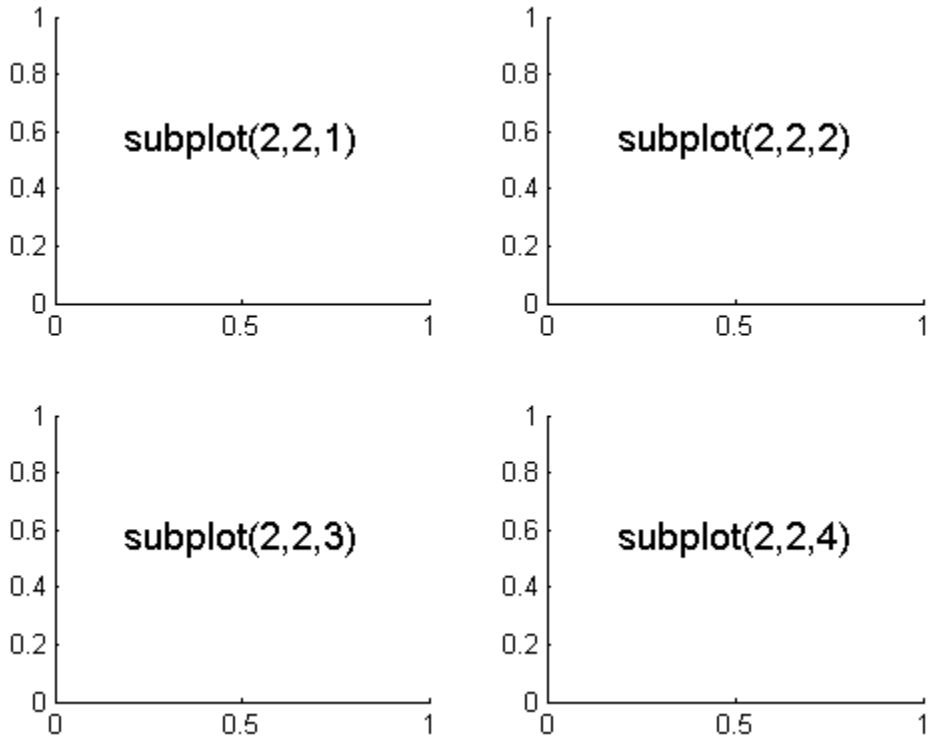
Plot – adding more graphs

- Use hold on command

```
x = 0:pi/100:2*pi;
y = sin(x);
plot(x,y)
hold on
y2 = cos(x);
plot(x,y2,':')
legend('sin', 'cos')
```

subplot

```
x=linspace(-5,5);
y1=sin(x);
subplot(2,2,1)
plot(x,y1)
title('first subplot')
y2=sin(2*x);
subplot(2,2,2)
plot(x,y2)
title('second subplot')
y3=sin(3*x);
subplot(2,2,3)
plot(x,y3)
title('third subplot')
y4=sin(4*x);
subplot(2,2,4)
plot(x,y4)
title('fourth subplot')
```



Session Summary

- MATLAB environment behaves like a highly advanced scientific calculator
- In MATLAB every variable is an array or a matrix
- The simplest type of MATLAB program is called a script
- A script is a file with a .m extension that contains multiple sequential lines of MATLAB commands and function calls
- ^ exponentiation, *multiplication, / division, \ left division (The operation A\B is effectively the same as INV(A)*B, although left division is calculated differently and is much quicker)