

## EOSC 211 – Week 8 - Worksheet 1 - Functions

**Exercise 1:** Write a function called `sqrtsum` that takes as input two arbitrary real numbers, `x1` and `x2` and returns two parameters: the sum of `x1` and `x2` and the square root of the sum of `x1` and `x2` (use the built-in matlab function `sqrt`). Include help lines that specify what the function does, and what the input and output arguments are.

Write the function definition line:

Write the help lines:

Write the body of the function:

**Exercise 2:** Write down the function call from the main script if you want to find the “`sqrtsum`” of 255 and 73.5

**Exercise 3:** Now implement a check within the function that causes the program to terminate if the sum of `x1` and `x2` is negative. You can use `error('hello')` to cause the function to stop and print an error message with the word ‘hello’.

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**Exercise 4:** Now change your code in (3) to be a subfunction called `checkinput` that does the exact same thing as in (3) and is called by your main function `sqrtsun`. `checkinput` should take *all* the input parameters passed to `sqrtsun`.

Function call inside `sqrtsun`:

Function definition line and body (no need for help lines in this one this time!):

**Exercise 5:** Continue writing the body of a function `addn` that takes three parameters `n`, `summax` and `maxiter` and adds `n` to itself while the sum is less than or equal to `summax` or if the number of iterations is less than or equal to `maxiter` and then returns the sum.

```
function sumn = addn(n,summax,maxiter)
% sumn(n,summax,maxiter) adds the n to itself until one of the
% two conditions is reached:
% 1. Either sumn reaches summax, or
% 2. maxiter iterations is reached
%
counter = 0;
sumn = n;
while sumn <=(summax-n)
```

```
end
```

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### Exercise 6: What's the problem?

Command window:

```
>> x = 5.1;  
>> y=myfracpart(x)  
Undefined function or variable 'x'.  
  
Error in myfracpart (line 3)  
y=x-fix(x)  
>>
```

File myfracpart.m:

```
function out=myfracpart(in)  
% MYFRACPART returns fractional part of number  
  
y=x-fix(x);
```