

lecture_05

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```
In [1]: %plot --format svg
```

0.1 Questions from last class

When you execute the given function
my_function.m:

```
function [x,y] = my_function(max_time)
    N=100;
    t=linspace(0,max_time,N);
    x=t.^2;
    y=2*t;
end
```

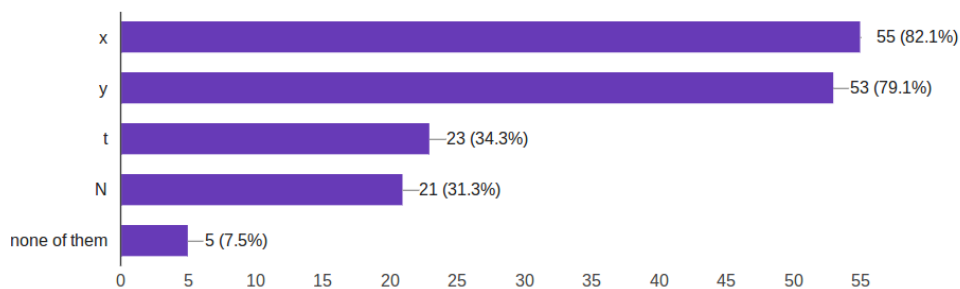
as

```
>> [x,y] = my_function(20);
```

What variables are saved to your workspace?

When using the function shown above (`>>[x,y]=my_function(20);`), what variables will be saved to your workspace?

(67 responses)



responses

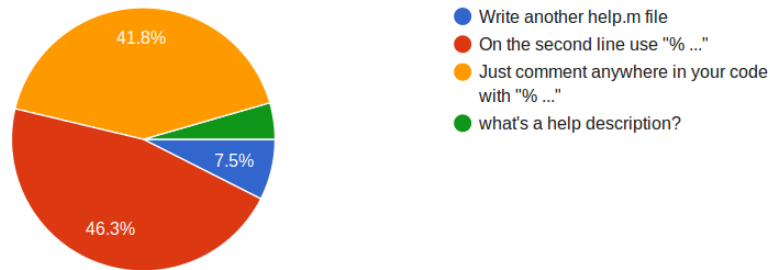
How do you write a help description for a function?

How to keep our forked ME3255S page up to date with the original pretty tired this morning

How do I use the Github Desktop?

whats your favorite football team?

How do you write a help description for a function? (67 responses)



responses to question 2

Will UConn's github get updated to the newest version of github? As u said in class trail and error is the best way of learning.

I believe the % is the same as matlab where it de-links your code into text

Does the @ symbol designate a pointer?

Given the change of air pressure as altitude increases, how fast would a frisbee have to travel (and spin) to hit an airplane?

What is a gui?

could you go over a nested for loop example

Can't seem to get this function to produce any graph and am not sure why

When are these google forms due?

how do I create a new function using Github on my desktop?

Can you explain the first question more in class?

What is the meaning of life?

Should I just know how or what these topics are or will we learn them in the future?

```
In [2]: f = @(x) x.^2
```

```
f =
```

```
@(x)x.^2
```

```
In [3]: f([1:2:10])
        f(4)
```

```
ans =
```

```
1      9      25      49      81
```

```
ans =
```

```
16
```

```
In [4]: % nested for loop example
        for i = [1:6]
            for j = [1:3]
                fprintf('i=%i and j=%i\n',i,j)
            end
        end
```

```
i=1 and j=1
i=1 and j=2
i=1 and j=3
i=2 and j=1
i=2 and j=2
i=2 and j=3
i=3 and j=1
i=3 and j=2
i=3 and j=3
i=4 and j=1
i=4 and j=2
i=4 and j=3
i=5 and j=1
i=5 and j=2
i=5 and j=3
i=6 and j=1
i=6 and j=2
i=6 and j=3
```

1 From last class

```
In [5]: help my_function
```

Help documentation of "my_function"

```
This function computes the velocity in the x- and y-directions given
three vectors of position in x- and y-directions as a function of time
x = x-position
y = y-position
t = time
output
vx = velocity in x-direction
vy = velocity in y-direction
```

```
In [6]: help my_caller
```

Help documentation of "my_caller"

```
This function computes the acceleration in the x- and y-directions given
three vectors of position in x- and y-directions as a function of time
x = x-position
```

```

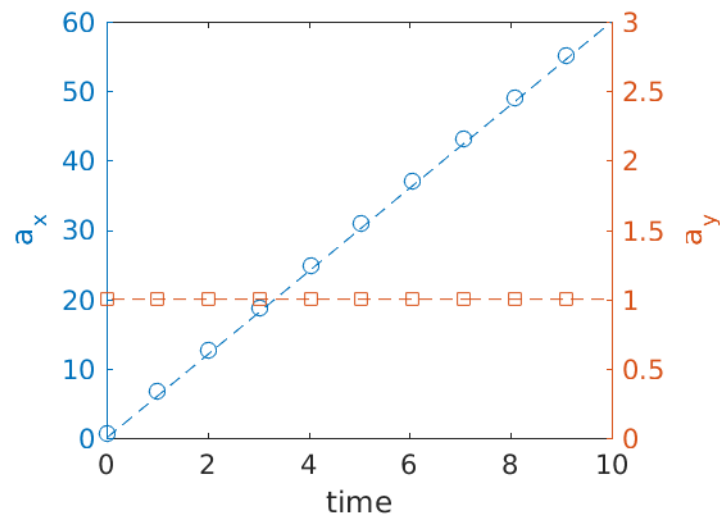
y = y-position
t = time
output
ax = acceleration in x-direction
ay = acceleration in y-direction

```

```

In [7]: t=linspace(0,10,100)';
        x=t.^3; % vx = 3*t^2
        y=t.^2/2; % vy = t
        [vx,vy]=my_function(x,y,t);
        [ax,ay]=my_caller(x,y,t);
        yyaxis left
        plot(t(1:10:end),ax(1:10:end),'o',t,6*t)
        ylabel('a_{x}')
        yyaxis right
        plot(t(1:10:end),ay(1:10:end),'s',t, 1*t./t)
        ylabel('a_{y}')
        xlabel('time')
        axis([0,10,0,3])

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In [8]: diff_match_dims(x,t)

```

Undefined function 'diff_match_dims' for input arguments of type 'double'.

2 Good coding habits

2.1 naming folders and files

[Stanford file naming best practices](#)

1. Include information to distinguish file name e.g. project name, objective of function, name/initials, type of data, conditions, version of file,
2. if using dates, use YYYYMMDD, so the computer organizes by year, then month, then day
3. avoid special characters e.g. !, #, \$, ...
4. avoid using spaces if not necessary, some programs consider a space as a break in code use dashes - or underscores _ or CamelCase

2.2 Commenting your code

It's important to comment your code to mention what a variable's units are, what the function is supposed to do, etc.

```
In [9]: function i=code(j)
        % Example of bad variable names and bad function name
        for w=1:j
            i(w)=w;
        end
    end
```

Error: Function definitions are not permitted in this context.

```
In [10]: help code
```

code not found.

Use the Help browser search field to search the documentation, or type "help help" for help command options, such as help for methods.

2.3 Choose variable names that describe the variable

```
In [1]: function count_vector=counting_function(max_value)
        % Good variable names and better help documentation
        %
        % counting function creates a vector from 1 to max_value where each index, i, is
        % stored in each vector spot
        for i=1:max_value
            count_vector(i)=i; % set each element in count_vector to i
        end
    end
```

```
In [2]: help counting_function
```

'counting_function' is a command-line function

Good variable names and better help documentation

counting function creates a vector from 1 to max_value where each index, i, is stored in each vector spot

Additional help for built-in functions and operators is available in the online version of the manual. Use the command 'doc <topic>' to search the manual index.

Help and information about Octave is also available on the WWW at <http://www.octave.org> and via the help@octave.org mailing list.

2.4 Putting it all together

1. Clone your homework_1 to your computer
2. open Matlab (cli, jupyter or gui)
3. Change working directory to homework_1 *e.g.* Win-
dows:
`cd('C:\Users\rcc02007\Documents\Github\homework_1')`
Mac:
`cd('/Users/rcc02007/Documents/Github/homework_1')`
4. You have already created your first script `setdefaults.m` (if not see lecture_4)
5. Run `>> setdefaults.m`
6. Create a new m-file called `nitrogen_pressure.m`
7. Create a function based upon the ideal gas law for nitrogen, $Pv=RT$
 1. $R=0.2968 \text{ kJ}/(\text{kg}\cdot\text{K})$
 2. inputs to function are v (specific volume m^3/kg), and T , temperature (K)
 3. output is P , pressure (kPa)
8. Once the function works, commit the change to the repository (add a message, like 'added file `nitrogen_pressure.m`')
9. After file is 'committed', 'push' the changes to your github account

for the command-line git user, this is steps 8 and 9: 1. `$ git add *` 2. `$ git commit -m 'added file nitrogen_pressure.m'` 3. `$ git push -u origin master`
Username for 'https://github.uconn.edu':rcc02007 <enter> Password for 'https://rcc02007@github.uconn.edu':

Now, use this function to plot the range of pressures that a pressure vessel would experience if it is 1000 gallons (3.79 m^3) with 10-20 kg of Nitrogen and temperatures range from -10 to 35 degrees C.

```
v=0.379./linspace(50,20,10);
T=273.15+linspace(-10,35,10);
[v_grid,T_grid]=meshgrid(v,T);
P = nitrogen_pressure(v,T);
pcolor(v_grid,T_grid,P)
```

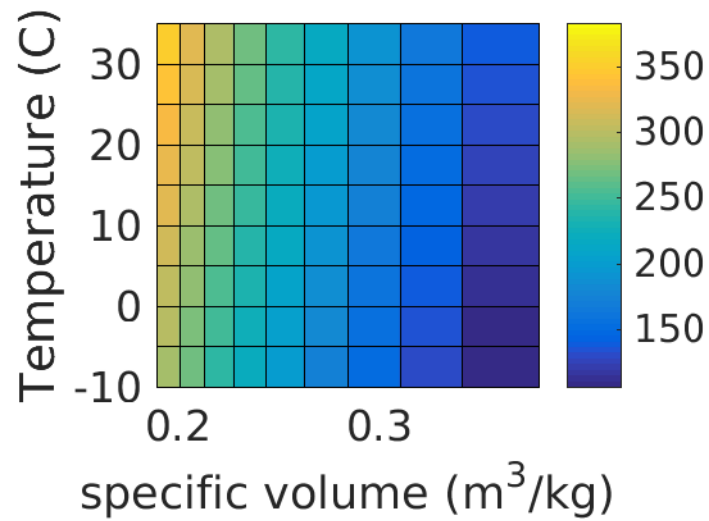
```
In [13]: setdefaults;
         v=3.79./linspace(10,20,10);
         T=273.15+linspace(-10,35,10);
         [v_grid,T_grid]=meshgrid(v,T);
```

```

P = nitrogen_pressure(v_grid,T_grid);
pcolor(v_grid,T_grid-273.15,P-100)
xlabel('specific volume (m^3/kg)')
ylabel('Temperature (C)')
%zlabel('Pressure (kPa)')

%colormap winter
%colormap summer
%colormap jet
colorbar()

```



In []: