

# Chapter 1

## - Getting Started with Your MATLAB -

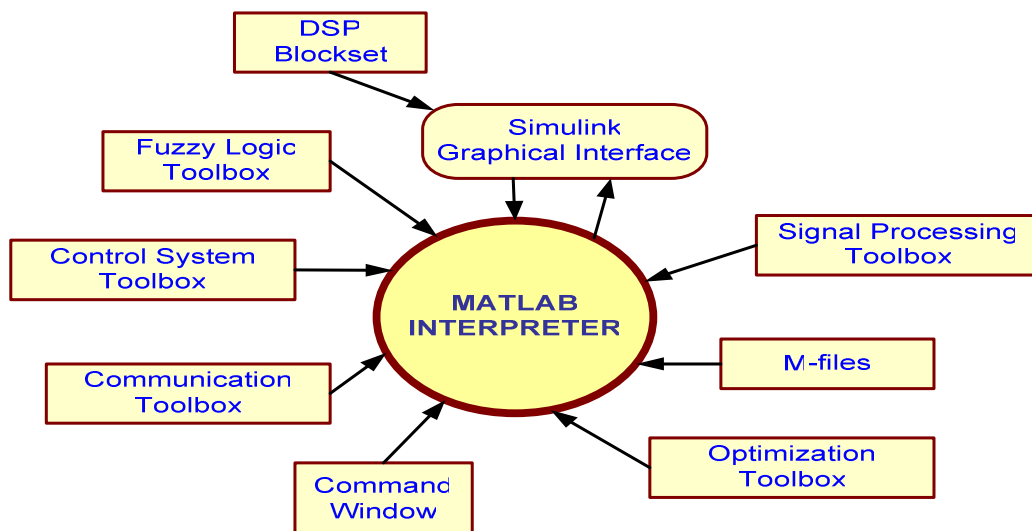
### Introduction

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MATLAB, short for **MAT**rix **LAB**oratory, is a multi-purpose application developed by the MathWorks, Inc. It provides a single platform for computation, visualization, programming and software development. The MATLAB family of programs consists of the main program, namely, MATLAB, and add-on **toolboxes**, which extend the functionality of MATLAB. MATLAB is available in the School of Engineering and Applied Science (SEAS) on the PC-platform. As of this writing, the following toolboxes are supported:

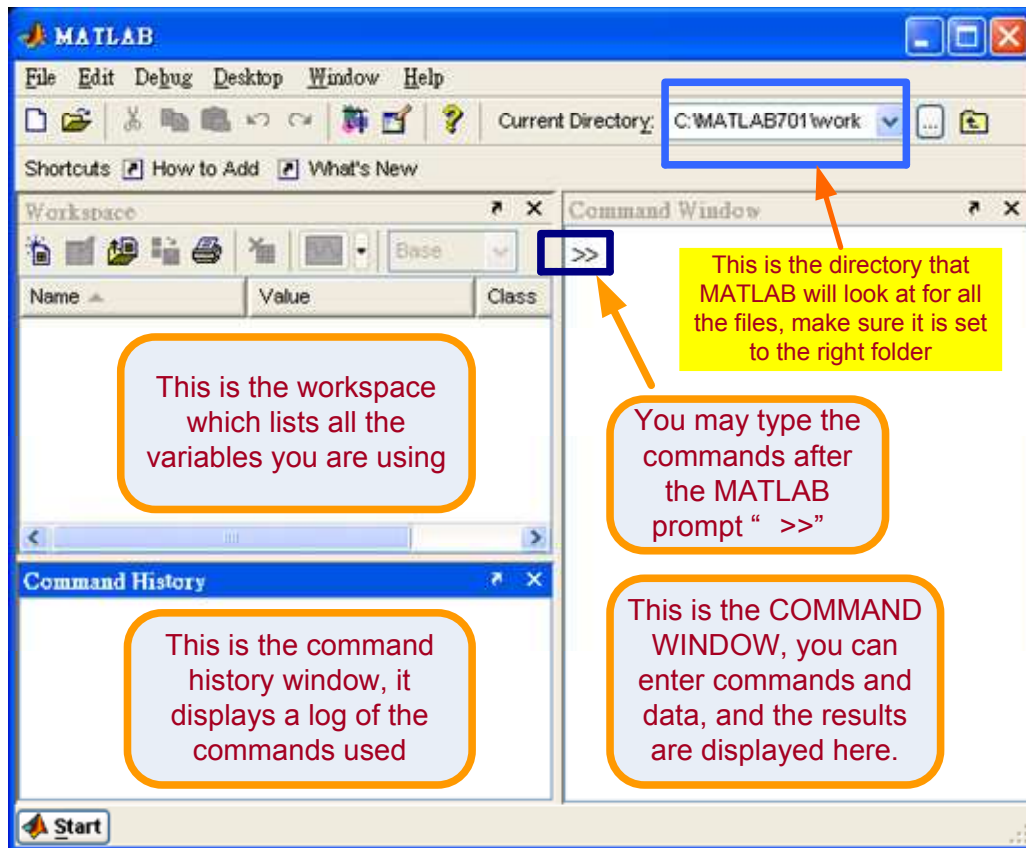
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➤ Symbolic math	➤ Statistics	➤ Stateflow
➤ MATLAB compiler		

### MATLAB Environment



## How to get started?

Locate the MATLAB program icon on the desktop of your computer and double click it to launch the program. This action opens the **Command window**, showing the prompt on the left corner (>>or EDU>>). Once MATLAB has been started, the program interpreter is ready to execute MATLAB commands.



A session may be terminated by simply typing **quit** or **exit** at the MATLAB prompt, followed by the “**enter**” key, i.e.,

```
>>quit <enter>
```

## Evaluating Mathematical Expressions

*- The most basic way to get started : BASIC COMPUTATION-*

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MATLAB can be used as an expression evaluator. You simply enter the expression much like a high powered hand calculator without specifying variables. Command lines are evaluated as soon as they have been concluded by pressing the **Enter** key. Let's start with some simple math. In the MATLAB command window type in the following expression:

### Example

**- Execute a computation by pressing Enter -**

```
>>7/3 <enter>
```

To which MATLAB responds with

```
ans =  
2.3333
```

Since no variable was defined, MATLAB assigns the result to the generic variable called “**ans**” that stands for “answer”. Try the following examples:

### Practice

**- “ans” stands for “answer”-**

```
>>12.5*(11.63+9.72)/3.3 <enter>  
>>1+sin(pi/3)/(2+cos(pi/12)) <enter>  
>>sqrt(1+tan(pi/12)/(1+sin(pi/2))) <enter>  
>>2^(log2(8)) <enter>
```

## Format Command

*- “format” and “format long” Command*

All computations in MATLAB are done in double precision (8 bytes to represent a number). However, the screen output can be displayed in several formats. The command **format** provides control over the display of the answers. **short format**, the default, displays numerical data with four digits after the decimal point. While **long format** display fourteen digits.

### Example

#### - The “format” command-

>>format long <enter> → changes a current format to the format long

>>7/3 <enter>

MATLAB returns

ans =

2.33333333333333

The single command **format** will revert the display back to default. You simply need to enter “format” and press “enter”:

>>format <enter>

## Basic Mathematical Operation

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### The Primary Mathematical Operators

In MATLAB, the standard arithmetic operations are denoted as follows:

SYMBOL	MEANING
+	Addition
-	Subtraction
*	Multiplication
/	Division
^	Exponentiation

### MATLAB Variables

Like most programming languages, MATLAB allows you to create variables, and assign values to them. Variables can represent “scalars”, “vectors”, “matrices”, or “strings”. Variables in MATLAB can have any names **except reserved names** used

for MATLAB functions, so you would not want to name a variable “mean” or “std”- the program will not allow this. It is a good practice to use variable names that describe the quantity they represent. The names of variables should begin with a letter but may be followed by any combination of letters, digits or underscores (don’t use space). MATLAB recognizes only the first 31 characters of a variable name. Thus, xab, x12c, and x12\_c are all legal names. MATLAB variables are created when they appear on the left of an equal sign. The generic statement “variable=expression” creates the “variable” and assigns to it the value of the “expression” on the right hand side.

Real scalars may be entered by a simple assignment of the form,

```
>>total=9+11;
```

The statement above will cause the expression to the right of “=” to be evaluated. The result (in this case 20) is stored in the variable **total**.



□□**NOTE**□□

*All variables used in the current MATLAB session are saved in the Workspace. Once you exit MATLAB, all values of the variable are lost.*

## Usage of Semicolon

Looking at the example above, the semicolon at the end of the statement has the effect of suppressing the output, so that nothing is printed on the screen. Without the semicolon, the result will be printed out immediately. In fact, when a statement is followed by a semicolon (;), the statement is executed, but the result is just not printed in the command window. The value of any variable is printed by simply typing its name, and hitting <enter>. Thus,

```
>>total <enter>
```

results in

```
total =  
      20
```

## Character strings

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### What Are Strings?

So far, all the variables we have dealt with assume numerical values, but it is often useful to be able to manipulate other types of data. Strings are the form of data used in programming languages for storing and manipulating text, such as words, names, and sentences. An example of a string is,

```
>>s='Too much of any one thing becomes drudgery'
```

### Strings in MATLAB

The single quotation marks are not part of the string. They are there to mark off the string. In MATLAB, string constants are surrounded by single quotation marks; this is how MATLAB recognizes a string. **To insert an apostrophe inside a string, a double apostrophe must be used.** Strings can be assigned to a variable just like a number, as long as the text is put within single quotes.

```
>>firstname='Valerie';  
>>lastname='Mollo';
```

Strings can be joined together just like two vectors could, though it looks nicer to put a space between using ' '.

```
>>fullname=[firstname,' ',lastname]  
          'Valerie Mollo'  
>>age=37;  
>>agestring=[fullname,' is ',num2str(age),' years old ']
```

### String Command

- *“strcmp and findstr”*

MATLAB has a set of string manipulation functions, namely, **strcmp** and **findstr**. The first one is a logical operator.

□ **Syntax**

<b>Strcmp</b>	<b>Findstr</b>
<pre>&gt;&gt; strcmp (x,y)</pre> <p>returns a value of 1 if the strings x and y are identical; otherwise it returns a value of zero</p>	<pre>&gt;&gt;findstr (x,y)</pre> <p>finds the first occurrence of string x within string y</p>

**Practice**  
**-String Command-**

```
>>x='Programming with MATLAB is fun';  
>>y='Programming with MATLAB is simple';  
>>strcmp(x,y)  
  
ans =  
      0  
  
>>findstr(x,'u')  
  
ans =  
     29
```

MATLAB also offers **other string commands**:

The functions **num2str** and **int2str** will convert a numeric variable to its string representation. This is particularly useful for including values of a parameter in either title or axes labels.

<b>COMMAND</b>	<b>MEANING</b>
int2str(a)	Turn the integer 'a' into a character string
num2str(a)	Turn the number "a" into a string
str2num(s)	Turn a string "s" into a number
str2mat	Groups different strings into a matrix

## More You Should Know

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### Case Sensitivity

*- and the “casesen” command*

As in C programming language, MATLAB is case (upper and lower case) sensitive (upper and lowercase letters are not interchangeable). In other words, **student**, **Student**, and **STUDENT** are three distinct variables. If this proves to be an annoyance, the command **casesen** will toggle the case sensitivity off and on. It is useful to keep all your writing in lower case to avoid errors associated with case sensitivity.

### Precedence of Operators

All operators in MATLAB are ranked according to their precedence. Exponentiation has the highest precedence, followed by multiplication and division, and finally addition and subtraction. Operations are evaluated from left to right. Parenthesis can be used to over-ride these usual rules of precedence.

Precedence Ranking
1. Exponentiation
2. Multiplication & Division
3. Addition and Subtraction

### Comments

Every computer language provides a facility for documenting a program. This optional facility lets you describe statements in the source program to make it clear to the reader what is going on. Your code must be commented and it should be written in such a way as if someone else is going to have to understand the program without your help. Include comments that clearly explain the logic of what you are doing. There are several ways to include comments. Any statement that begins with a percentage sign (%) is considered to be a comment and ignored by MATLAB. Comments could either start at the beginning or anywhere in a line. Here is an example:

```
>>% This line is a comment
```



Second, you can add a comment to the end of a statement by prefacing the comment with a percentage sign (%). Here is an example:

```
>> [z,p,k]=butter(4);           % Here is a comment
```

## Build-in Math Functions & Variables

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### Elementary Mathematical Functions

MATLAB has a very large library of built-in functions for mathematical and scientific computations. Here is a summary of some relevant functions.

#### A. Trigonometric

Symbol	Meaning	Symbol	Meaning
sin	- Sine	sec	- Secant
sinh	- Hyperbolic sine	sech	- Hyperbolic secant
asin	- Inverse sine	asec	- Inverse secant
asinh	- Inverse hyperbolic sine	asech	- Inverse hyperbolic secant
cos	- Cosine	csc	- Cosecant
cosh	- Hyperbolic cosine	csch	- Hyperbolic cosecant
acos	- Inverse cosine	acsc	- Inverse cosecant
acosh	- Inverse hyperbolic cosine	acsch	- Inverse hyperbolic cosecant
tan	- Tangent	cot	- Cotangent
tanh	- Hyperbolic tangent	coth	- Hyperbolic cotangent
atan	- Inverse tangent	acot	- Inverse cotangent
atan2	- Four quadrant inverse tangent	acoth	- Inverse hyperbolic cotangent
atanh	- Inverse hyperbolic tangent		

## B. Exponential

Symbol	Meaning
exp	- Exponential
log	- Natural logarithm
log10	- Common (base 10)
log2	- Base 2 logarithm and dissect floating point number
pow2	- Base 2 power and scale floating point number
sqrt	- Square root
nextpow2	- Next higher power of 2

## C. Additional Math Functions

Symbol	Meaning
square(x)	- Generate a square wave with period $2\pi$
sawtooth(x)	- Generate a sawtooth wave with period $2\pi$
sign(x)	- Signum function of x
rem(x,y)	- Remainder when x is divided by y
sinc(x)	- $\sin(\pi x) / \pi x$
erf(x)	- Error function of x
erfc(x)	- Complementary error function of x
erfinv(x)	- Inverse Error function of x

## Predefined Variables

Predefined Variables	MEANING
pi	$\pi$ (ratio of circumference to diameter of a circle 22/7 )
Inf	$\infty$
NaN	Not-a-Number,e.g., $\frac{\infty}{\infty}, \frac{0}{0}, -\infty + \infty$ (obtained as a result of the mathematically undefined operations, such as, $\frac{0}{0}$ , or $\infty - \infty$ )
i,j	$\sqrt{-1}$
nargin	Number of function input arguments used
nargout	Number of function output arguments used
eps	Floating point precision



□□NOTE□□

Special variables can be assigned any value but when MATLAB is restarted or after execution of **clear** command, the original values are restored.

**Practice**

**-Build-in Functions & Predefined Variables-**

**(1)**

Use MATLAB to evaluate the following expressions:

- |     |               |         |
|-----|---------------|---------|
| 1.  | (7+3)=5       | <enter> |
| 2.  | (9-5)*6       | <enter> |
| 3.  | 3*cos(3*pi/4) | <enter> |
| 4.  | 3^2           | <enter> |
| 5.  | sqrt(5)       | <enter> |
| 6.  | exp(5)        | <enter> |
| 7.  | log(exp(2))   | <enter> |
| 8.  | 15/2          | <enter> |
| 9.  | 2\15          | <enter> |
| 10. | atan(pi/4)    | <enter> |
| 11. | log10(100)    | <enter> |
| 12. | 3+sqrt(7)     | <enter> |

**Practice**

**-Build-in Functions & Predefined Variables-**

**(2)**

Evaluate the following expression:

$$c^3 - \sqrt{rA} - 5B$$

>>c=2.3; r=5.1; A=3.4; B=1.5;

>>c^3-sqrt(r\*A)-5\*B <enter>

## Rounding to Integers

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A list of functions designed for rounding numbers to integers is given below:

SYMBOL	MEANING
floor(x)	Largest integer less than or equal to x
ceil(x)	Smallest integer greater than or equal to x
round(x)	Round x to the closet integer
fix(x)	Round x towards zero

To illustrate differences between these functions, let us consider the following example:

```
Practice  
-Rounding to Integers-  
(1)  
  
>>x=[-1.7 -0.3 3.6 5.8 7.2];  
>>ceil(x)  
  
ans =  
    -1     0     4     6     8  
  
>>floor(x)  
  
ans =  
    -2    -1     3     5     7  
  
>>fix(x)  
  
ans =  
    -1     0     3     5     7  
  
>>round(x)  
  
ans =  
    -2     0     4     6     7
```

**Practice**  
**-Rounding to Integers-**  
**(2)**

1. What is the integer closest to  $\sqrt{173}$  ?

```
>>x=sqrt(173); <enter>
```

```
>>round(x) <enter>
```

2. Between what consecutive integers does  $(\pi^2 + 1)^5$  lie?

```
>>x=(pi^2+1)^5; <enter>
```

```
>>lbound=floor(x) <enter>
```

```
>>ubound=ceil(x) <enter>
```

answer: lbound<x<ubound

## Base Conversions

It is often the case in computer engineering to convert numbers from one base to another. MATLAB has a number of functions tailored for that purpose. These functions are **bin3dec**, **dec2bin**, **hex2dec**, **dec2hex**, **dec2base**, and **oct2dec**. Table below provides a summary of these functions.

Function	Meaning
dec2bin	Convert decimal to a binary string
bin2dec	Convert binary string to decimal integer
dec2hex	Convert decimal to hexadecimal
hex2dec	Convert hexadecimal to decimal
dec2base	Convert dec numbers to octal numbers
oct2dec	Convert octal numbers to decimal numbers
hex2bin	Convert hexadecimal strings to binary strings

### Practice

#### **-Base Conversions-**

Make the following base conversions:

1.  $(723542)_8$  to decimal

```
>>oct2dec(723542)
```

ans: 239458

2.  $(8451)_{10}$  to binary

```
>>dec2bin(8451)
```

ans:10000100000011

3.  $(4E52B)_{16}$  to binary

```
>>dec2bin(hexdec('4E52B'))
```

ans: 1342453

4.  $(5C52B)_{16}$  to octal

```
>>dec2base(hex2dec('5C52B'),8)
```

ans =1342453

5.  $(1001011)_2$  to decimal

```
>>bin2dec('1001011')
```

ans: 75

## Commands & Help

### *-Commands You Have to Know-*

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#### **Basic commands**

The **who** command lists all the variables currently in workspace, and the **whos** command list the variables in workspace and gives extra information regarding memory allocation, class of the variables in memory, and size in bytes. Entering the **clear** command without arguments removes all the variables in the current workspace and clear followed by the name of any variable deletes only that variable in workspace leaving other ones intact. The **clc** command clears the command window and resets the command prompt at the top of the screen.

**Practice**  
**-Commands & Help-**  
**(1)**

```
>> x=1;
>> y=3;
>> d=[1 2; 4 5];
>> whos
```

Name	Size	Bytes	Class
ans	1x5	40	double array
d	2x2	32	double array
x	1x1	8	double array
y	1x1	8	double array

Grand total is 11 elements using 88 bytes

**Practice**  
**-Commands & Help-**  
**(2)**

1. Use MATLAB to find the area of a circle of radius equal to 3.5.

```
>>%Evaluation of the area of a circle
>>radius=3.5; <enter> % set radius to 3.5
>>area=pi*r^2 <enter> % compute the area of the circle
```

2. Create three variables **x**, **y**, and **z**, then use the **who**, and **whos** commands to display the variables in workspace. Afterwards clear all the variables and the MATLAB command window.

```
>>x=2*cos(pi/6); <enter> % define variable x
>>y=5*sin(pi/4); <enter> % define variable y
>>z=exp(pi*sqrt(23)) <enter> % define variable z
>>who <enter> % display the list of variables in workspace
>> whos<enter> % give the list of variables with additional attributes
>>clear x <enter> % clear variable x
>>clear <enter> % clear all remaining variables
>>clc <enter> % clear command line window
```



□□**NOTE**□□

*If a statement does not fit in the 80 spaces available on a line, you can split it over two (or more) lines by placing an ellipsis (three periods) at the end of the line and resume typing on the next line.*

```
>>x=sin(2*pi*3*t)+2*sin(2*pi*6*t)+7*sin(2*pi*9*t)+...
    3*sin(2*pi*12*t);
```

## On-screen Help

One of the nice features of MATLAB is its help system. There are many sources of help in MATLAB. During any MATLAB session, online help is available for a variety of topics. If you know the name of the command you want help on, you can use the MATLAB **help** command followed by the name of the command to determine its syntax.

```
>>help command name <enter>
>>help sin <enter> % provide the syntax for the sine function
```

### A. “lookfor” Command

If you are unsure about the spelling or existence of a command, you can try to find it using the **lookfor** command. The **lookfor** command searches the MATLAB files and returns the names containing a specific keyword.

```
>>lookfor hilbert <enter> % retrieve all commands containing the keyword Hilbert
```

### B. “help” Command

As soon as the command name is found, use the **help** command to retrieve its syntax.

If you type **help** with no parameters a list of main MATLAB topics appear on the screen, while **help *topic\_name*** returns all available commands on the specified topic.

```
>>help <enter> % return a list of the main MATLAB topics
>>help signal <enter> % return a list of functions of the signal processing toolbox
```



## Generation of vectors

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### Row Vector

A straightforward way to generate a **row vector** is to list its elements, surrounded by square brackets [ ]. Either commas or blanks may separate the elements of a vector. For example, to create a vector having as elements 3,5,7,9, and 11, just enter:

```
>>x=[3 5 7 9 11] <enter>           % define a row vector
```

MATLAB should return

```
x =  
    3     5     7     9    11
```

### Column Vector

Column vectors have similar constructs to row vectors, but semicolons separate the entries.

```
>>x=[3; 5; 7; 9; 11] <enter>         % define a column vector
```

### Row Vector → Column Vector

It is possible to turn a row vector into a column vector (and vice versa) via a process called transposing and defined using the prime operator (apostrophe), ['].

```
>>x=[3 5 7 9 11]; <enter>           % specify a row vector  
>>x' <enter>                         % convert a row vector into a column vector
```

### Evenly Spaced Vectors

This way of defining vectors becomes awkward for large data sets (this can be time consuming), moreover, common vectors are those of equally spaced numbers. MATLAB provides a more flexible way of constructing vectors of evenly spaced values over a given range. The colon operator [:] is used for this purpose. The colon will be used most often to generate vectors for creating x-y plots. The general form of

the statement is:

```
>>x=start:step:end;
```

where **start** and **end** are the lower and upper bounds of the interval and **step (increment)** is the step size.

**Practice**  
**-Evenly Spaced Vector-**  
**(1)**

```
x=0:0.1:1 <enter>    % generate 11 data pts from 0 through 1 in increments of 0.1
```

```
x = Columns 1 through 9
```

```
0    0.1000    0.2000    0.3000    0.4000    0.5000    0.6000    0.7000  
0.8000
```

```
Columns 10 through 11
```

```
0.9000    1.0000
```

You can reference individual items within the vector. To change the sixth element in the x vector, proceed as follows:

```
>>x(6)=0.45
```



□□**NOTE**□□

*It is just as easy to use negative increments.*

```
>>x=7:-1;2 <enter>    % generate an array with negative step size
```

*If the step size is omitted, a value of 1 is used.*

```
>>x=0:5 <enter>    % generate an array with step size of 1
```

### Practice

#### - Even Increment-

(2)

Compute the sum of the finite geometric series

$$s = 1 + r + r^2 + \dots + r^n$$

Where the common ratio is  $r=0.6$  and  $n=10$ .

```
>>n=0:10;           %define the running index n
>>r=0.6;             % specify the ratio of the geometric series
>>s=sum(r.*n) <enter> % evaluate the partial sum
```

### Practice

#### -Even Increment-

(3)

We are given a vector  $x=[0:0.2:3]$ .

1. Determine the seventh component of  $x$
2. Determine the length of  $x$

```
>>x=[0:0.2:3];       % specify vector x
>>x(7)               % specify the seventh component of x
>>length (x) <enter> % return the length of the vector x
```



□□**NOTE**□□

*In MATLAB, all arrays are indexed starting with 1, i.e.,  $x(1)$  is the first element of the array  $x$ . The notation  $x(1:12)$  means the first 12 elements of the vector  $x$ .*

*Length vs. size: The length of a vector is the number of values it holds. The size of a vector is the number of rows by the number of columns.*

## Product of Vectors

### Practice

#### **-Product of Vectors-**

Compute the dot product of the following vectors:

```
>>x=[1 2 3];  
>>y=[4 5 6];  
>>x*y' <enter>
```

## Commands for Generating Vectors

### *- linspace & logspace*

#### A. “linspace” Command

MATLAB has two built-in functions to generate vectors. The **linspace** function creates linearly spaced vectors of length **n** over the range from **start** to **end** (if the length is omitted, MATLAB assumes 100 points). The command structure is as follows:

```
>>x=linspace (start,end,n);
```

### Practice

#### **-“linspace” Command-**

Write a piece of code to convert temperatures from degrees Fahrenheit to degrees centigrade.

```
>>F=linspace(0,9,10); <enter>    % specify evenly spaced temperatures  
>>C=(F-32)*5/9; <enter>        % Fahrenheit to Centigrade conversion  
>>[F' C'] <enter>              % display both temperatures as column vectors
```

ans =

0	-17.7778	5.0000	-15.0000
1.0000	-17.2222	6.0000	-14.4444
2.0000	-16.6667	7.0000	-13.8889
3.0000	-16.1111	8.0000	-13.3333
4.0000	-15.5556	9.0000	-12.7778

## B. “logspace” Command

The function **logspace** generates a logarithmically spaced vector of length  $n$  ranging from  $10^{start}$  to  $10^{end}$ . The command structure is as follows:

```
>>x=logspace(start,end,n)
>>x=logspace(0,2,5) <enter> % create a vector of length 5 ranging from 1 to 100
```

## Term-by-term Operations

MATLAB has special operators, to carry out term-by-term multiplication, division, and exponentiation. An operator preceded by a dot (or period) causes the operation to be performed term-by-term. These operators are shown in the following table:

SYMBOL	TERM-BY-TERM OPERATION
.*	Multiplication
./	Division
.^	Exponentiation

Suppose that we have the vectors

$$x = [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n] \text{ and}$$

$$y = [y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n]. \text{ Then}$$

$$x.*y = [x_1y_1, x_2y_2, \dots, x_ny_n]$$

$$x./y = \left[ \frac{x_1}{y_1}, \frac{x_2}{y_2}, \dots, \frac{x_n}{y_n} \right]$$

$$x.^p = [x_1^p, x_2^p, \dots, x_n^p]$$

### Practice

#### **- Term-by-term Operations-**

**(1)**

```
>>% Term-by-term multiplication
>>x=[1 2 3];           % specify vector x
>>y=[2 4 1];           % specify vector y
>>z=x.*y <enter>       % compute the term by term product

>>%Term-by-term division
>>x=[1 2 3]            % specify vector x
>>y=[2 4 1];           % specify vector y
>>z=x./y <enter>       % compute the term by term division

>>%Term-by-term exponentiation
>>x=[1 2 3];           % specify vector x
>>y=[2 4 1];           % specify vector y
>>z=x.^y <enter>       % compute the term by term
                        exponentiation
```

### Practice

#### **- Term-by-term Operations -**

**(2)**

A supermarket conveyor belt holds an array of groceries.

Product	Quantity	Unit Price	Sub_total
A	4	1.5	4 x 1.5
B	3	0.5	3 x 0.5
C	2	2.5	2 x 2.5
D	5	0.95	5 x 0.95
		<b>Total</b>	<b>17.25</b>

The prices of each product (in pounds) are [1.5 0.5 2.5 0.95]; while quantities of each product are [4 3 2 5]. Use MATLAB to calculate the total bill.

```
>> price=[1.5 0.5 2.5 0.95];
>> quantity=[4 3 2 5];
>> sub_total= price.*quantity
>> total= sum(sub_total)
```

## Complex Numbers

### - Complex Arithmetic & Algebra

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MATLAB can handle both real as well as complex data. In this section, we shall explore the use of MATLAB for doing complex arithmetic and algebra.

#### Usage of Variable i or j

The number,  $\sqrt{-1}$ , is identified in MATLAB by the variables **i** or **j**. Using **j** (**i** is typically dedicated to electrical current), one can generate complex numbers. Therefore, a complex number, such as  $z=3+5j$ , may be input as  $z=3+7j$  or  $z=3+7*j$ . MATLAB always displays the imaginary unit as **i**.

#### Practice

##### - Usage of variable i or j-

```
>>z=2+3j;                                % define a complex number z
```

#### Commands for Complex Numbers

##### A. **real(z)** & **imag(z)**

MATLAB provides several built-in functions to work with complex numbers. We can extract the real and imaginary parts of an arbitrary complex number by the functions **real(z)** and **imag(z)**.

#### Practice

##### -Commands: **real(z)** & **imag(z)**-

```
>>z=3+5j; <enter>    % define a complex number z
>>x=real(z) <enter>  % extract the real part of z and store the result in x
>>y=imag(z) <enter> % extract the imaginary part of z and store the result in y
```

##### B. **abs(z)**, **angle(z)** & **conj(z)**

To convert to polar notation, the function **abs(z)** and **angle(z)** ( $-\pi < \text{angle}(z) \leq \pi$ ),

compute the modulus (magnitude) of the complex number and its phase in radians, respectively. Lastly, **conj(z)** returns the complex conjugate of the complex number z.

### Practice

#### **-Commands: abs(z), angle(z) & conj(z)-**

```
>>z=5+3j; % define a complex number z
>>mag=abs(z) <enter> % compute the magnitude of z
>>phase=angle(z) <enter> % compute the phase in radians
>>phase=angle(z)*180/pi <enter> % compute the phase in degrees
>>zbar=conj(z) <enter> % compute the complex conjugate of z
```

Summary of basic functions for manipulating complex numbers, where z is a complex number:

Matlab Command	Meaning
real(z)	Re(z)
imag(z)	Im(z)
abs(z)	z
angle(z)	$\angle z$
conj(z)	$z^*$

### **C. “cart2pol” & “pol2cart” Command**

It is often the case to convert a complex number from a Cartesian form to polar form and vice versa. MATLAB has built-in functions **cart2pol** and **pol2cart** that perform conversion from Cartesian to polar and polar to Cartesian, respectively.

#### Function Synopsis

```
>>z1=x+j*y; % define a complex number in Cartesian form
>>z2=mag*exp(j*theta); % define a complex number in polar form
>>[theta, mag]=cart2pol(x,y); % conversion from Cartesian to polar
>>[x,y]=pol2cart(theta, mag); % conversion from polar to Cartesian
```



### Practice

#### **-“cart2pol” Command-**

Express the given complex number in polar form

```
>> z=-2+0.5j;           % define a complex number in Cartesian form
>> [theta, mag]=cart2pol(-2,0.5) % provide polar form of z
```

```
theta =
      2.8966
```

```
mag =
      2.0616
```

$$\therefore z = -2 + 0.5j = 2.061e^{j2.8966}$$

### Practice

#### **-Complex Numbers-**

(1)

1. Use MATLAB to evaluate the magnitude and phase of the given complex numbers.

```
>> z1=2+3j;
```

```
>> z2=2+j;
```

```
>> z3=-2-3j;
```

```
>> z4=1-3j;
```

2. Express the numbers defined in part (1) in polar form
  3. Determine  $z1*z2$ , and  $z1/z2$
  4. Determine  $z3+z4$ , and  $z4-z3$
  5. Determine the real part of  $(z1)^2 \times (z2)^2$
  6. Determine the imaginary part of  $(z1)^4 / (z2)^3$
- Plot  $z1$  using `plot(z1,'x')`. This command will plot the imaginary part versus the real part.

**Practice**  
**-Complex Numbers-**  
**(2)**

Check the following identities:

1.  $e^{j\frac{\pi}{2}} = j$

2.  $e^{-j\frac{\pi}{2}} = -j$

3.  $e^{j\pi} = -1$

>> exp(j\*pi/2)

>>exp(-j\*pi/2)

>>exp(j\*pi)

**Practice**  
**- Complex Numbers-**  
**(3)**

Simplify the following expressions:

1.  $z = (1 - j)^5$

>>z=(1-j)^5

2.  $z = je^{j\frac{\pi}{3}}$

>>z=j\*exp(j\*pi/3)

3.  $z = \frac{(2+3j)(4-9j)}{(1+5j)(7-6j)}$

>>z=((2+3j)\*(4-9j)/((1+5j)\*(7-6j)))

4.  $z = e^{j\frac{\pi}{2}} + e^{-j\frac{\pi}{3}}$

>>z=exp(j\*pi/2)+exp(-j\*pi/3);

5.  $z = (1+j)e^{-j\frac{\pi}{3}}$

>> z=(1+j)\*exp(-j\*pi/3) <enter>

### Practice

#### **-Complex Numbers-**

(4)

Simplify the following complex-valued expressions and give the answers in both Cartesian form and polar form.

1.  $3e^{j\frac{2\pi}{3}} + 5e^{-j\frac{3\pi}{4}}$

4.  $\text{Im}\left(je^{-j\frac{\pi}{7}} + e^{j\frac{2\pi}{7}}\right)$

2.  $(\sqrt{7} + j5)^4$

5.  $\text{Re}\left(je^{-j\frac{\pi}{5}} - e^{j\frac{2\pi}{3}}\right)$

3.  $(\sqrt{5} - j7)^{-2}$

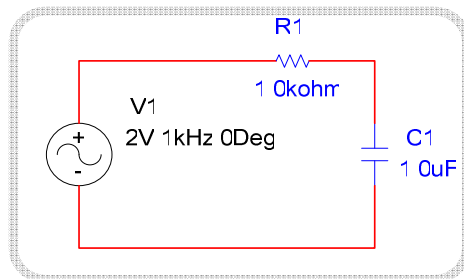
### Practice

#### **-Complex Numbers-**

(5)

The following circuit is driven by a source delivering a voltage of 2v with a frequency of 1kHz.

1. Determine the impedance of the circuit
2. Find the current through the circuit
3. Find the voltage across the resistor
4. Find the voltage across the capacitor



### Solution

```
>>>% Specify the values of components
>>>V=2; R=1e+3; C=1e-6; omega=2*pi*1e3;
>>>Z_C=-j/(C*omega);
>>>Z=R+Z_C;
>>>I=V/Z;
>>>V_R=I*R;
>>>V_C=I*Z_C;
```

```
% impedance of the circuit
% current through the circuit
% voltage across the resistor
% voltage across the capacitor
```

## Polynomials

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Polynomials are quite common in electrical engineering. Transfer functions characterizing linear systems are typically ratios of two polynomials (rational functions). MATLAB represents polynomials as row vectors containing the coefficients of the powers in descending order. For instance, the polynomial

$$P(s) = 2s^2 + 4s + 5 \text{ can be expressed as a vector by entering the statement } P=[2 \ 4 \ 5],$$

where the variable P is the name we have assigned to the polynomial. MATLAB can interpret a vector of length (n+1) as an n-th order polynomial. Missing coefficients must be entered as zero. MATLAB provides functions for standard polynomial operations, such as polynomial roots, evaluation, and differentiation.

### Basic Polynomial Commands

#### A. The “roots” Command

The **roots** function extracts the roots of polynomials. If **p** is a row vector containing the coefficients of a polynomial, **roots(p)** returns a column vector whose elements are the roots of the polynomial.

#### Practice

##### **-The “roots” Command-**

Find the roots of the polynomial  $p(s) = s^3 + 2s^2 + 3s + 4 \Leftrightarrow [1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4]$

```
>>p=[1 2 3 4];           % specify polynomial p(s)
>>roots(p) <enter>      % provide the roots of the polynomial p(s)
```

ans =

```
-1.6506
-0.1747 + 1.5469i
-0.1747 - 1.5469i
```

## B. The “poly” & “polyval” Commands

The **poly** command is used to recover a polynomial from its roots. If **r** is a vector containing the roots of a polynomial, **poly(r)** return a row vector whose elements are the coefficients of the polynomial.

The **polyval** command evaluates a polynomial at a specified value. If **p** is a row vector containing the coefficients of a polynomial, **polyval(p,s)** return the value of the polynomial at the specified value **s**.

### Practice

#### -The “poly” & “polyval” Commands-

The roots of a polynomial are -1, -2,  $-3 \pm j4$ . Determine the polynomial equation

```
>>r=[-1 -2 -3+4*j -3-4*j];           % define the roots of a polynomial
>>p=poly(r) <enter>                   % extract the polynomial p from its roots
```

**p =**

$$1 \quad 9 \quad 45 \quad 87 \quad 50 \Leftrightarrow p(s) = s^4 + 9s^3 + 45s^2 + 87s + 50$$

```
>>% Evaluation of polynomials
```

```
>>p=[1 2 3 4];                         % define a polynomial p(s)
>>val=polyval(p,1) <enter>             % evaluate the polynomial p(s) at s=1
```

### Practice

#### **-“roots” & “polyval” Command-**

A linear time-invariant (LTI) system is specified by its transfer function given by

$$H(s) = \frac{s^3 + 3s^2 + 2s + 5}{s^4 + 2s^3 + 5s^2 + 3s + 1}$$

1. Use MATLAB to evaluate its poles and zeros
2. Evaluate H(s) at s=2j
3. Find the magnitude of H(2j)
4. Find the phase of H(2j)

#### Solution

```
>>num=[1 3 2 5];           % specify numerator of H(s)
>>zero=roots(num);         % determine the zeros of H(s)
>>den=[1 2 5 3 1];         % specify denominator of H(s)
>> pole=roots(den);         % provide the poles of H(s)
>>H=polyval(num, 2j)/polyval(den,2j); %evaluate H(s) at s=2j
>> mag=abs(H);              % specify the magnitude
>>phase=angle(H)*180/pi;    % specify the phase in degrees
```

### **B. The “tf2zp” Command**

The zeros, poles, and gain of a transfer function can also be found via **tf2zp** command, as illustrated below.

### Practice

#### **-The “tf2zp” Command-**

```
>>num=[1 3 2 5];           % specify numerator of H(s)
>>den=[1 2 5 3 1];         % specify the denominator of H(s)
>>[z,p,k]=tf2zp(num,den);  % extract zero, poles and gain of H(s)
```



□□**NOTE**□□

z=zeros

p=poles

k=gain

#### D. The “zp2tf” Command

To find the numerator and denominator polynomials of a transfer function  $H(s)$  from the zeros(z), poles(p), and gain(k), we use the command **zp2tf**.

##### Practice

##### - The “zp2tf” Command-

(1)

```
>>z=[1+2j; 1-2j];           % zeros as a column vector
>>p=[-3; -2+5j; -2-5j];     % poles as column vector
>>k=1;                       % gain set equal to unity
>>[num,den]=zp2tf(z,p,k);    % provide the transfer function
```

##### Practice

##### - The “zp2tf” Command-

(2)

A system has zeros at -6, -5, 0 and poles at  $-3 \pm j4$ , -2, -1, and a gain of unity. Determine the system transfer function.

```
>>z=[-6; -5; 0];           % specify zeros
>>k=1;                       % specify the gain
>>p=[-3+4*j; -3-4*j; -2; 1]; %specify poles
>>[num,den]=zp2tf(z,p,k) <enter> % numerator &denominator of transfer function
```

```
num =
     0     1    11    30     0
den =
     1     7    29    13   -50
```

```
>>sys=tf(num,den) <enter>    % print the transfer function of the system
```

Transfer function:

```
      S^3+11 s^2+30s
-----
      S^4+9s^3+45s^2+87s+50
```

### E. “polyder” Command

Differentiation of polynomials is a straightforward procedure, one that MATLAB implements with the function **polyder**.

#### Function Synopsis

```
>>s=polyder(p);           % return the derivative of polynomial
>>s=polyder(p,q);        % give the derivative of the product p(x).q(x)
```

## Polynomial multiplication

### *-The Usage of the “conv” Command*

The product of two polynomial  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$  is found by taking the convolution of their coefficients. MATLAB makes use of the **conv** function to obtain the coefficients of the required polynomial product. The coefficients should be in the order of decreasing power. Multiplication of more than two polynomials requires repeated use of **conv**.

#### Practice

##### **- The “conv” Command-**

(1)

Consider the following two polynomials,

$$p(x) = 2x^2 + 3x + 2$$

$$q(x) = 4x^3 + 5x^2 + 7x + 1$$

Find the coefficients of the product polynomial  $y(x) = p(x) \times q(x)$

```
>>p=[2 3 2];           % define p(x) in vector form
>>q=[4 5 7 1];         % define q(x) in vector form
>>y=conv (p,q)          % compute the product polynomial in vector form
```

y =

8    22    37    33    17    2

The screen output displays the coefficients of the resultant product polynomial in descending order. This means that the product polynomial is given by

$$\therefore y(x) = 8x^5 + 22x^4 + 37x^3 + 33x^2 + 17x + 2$$



**Practice**  
**- The “conv” Command-**  
**(2)**

Find the product of the following three polynomials

$$p(x) = x + 5$$

$$q(x) = 2x + 3$$

$$r(x) = 7x + 8$$

```
>>p=[1 5];
```

```
>>q=[2 3];
```

```
>>r=[7 8];
```

```
>>product=conv(r,conv(p,q)) <enter>
```

```
product =
```

```
    14    107    209    120
```

$$\therefore product = 14x^3 + 107x^2 + 209x + 120$$

## Polynomial Division

### *- The Usage of the “deconv” Command*

Division of polynomials is achieved by the deconvolution function **deconv**. The **deconv** function will return the remainder as well as the result.

### Function Synopsis

```
>>[Q,R]=deconv(num,den);
```

This function returns two polynomials Q(s) (Quotient), and R(s) (remainder) such that  $num(s)=Q(s) den(s)+R(s)$ .

### Practice

#### **-The “deconv” Command-**

Consider the following improper rational function,

$$D(x) = \frac{B(x)}{A(x)} = \frac{x^3 + 3x - 5}{x^2 + 4x - 3}$$

which can be written as,

$$D(x) = Q(x) + \frac{R(x)}{A(x)}$$

where Q(x) is returned as zero if the order of B(x) is less than the order of A(x)

```
>>B=[1 0 3 -5];           % specify the polynomial B(x) in vector form
>>A=[1 4 -3];             % specify the polynomial A(x) in vector form
>>[Q,R]=deconv(B,A)       % perform division
```

Q =

1     -4

R =

0     0     22   -17

$$\therefore D(x) = \frac{x^3 + 3x - 5}{x^2 + 4x - 3} = (x - 4) + \frac{22x - 17}{x^2 + 4x - 3}$$

## Plotting and Graphics

### Basic Functions

The graph of function provides a tremendous insight into the function's behavior and can be of great help in the solution of a problem. MATLAB is capable of generating a wide range of graphics, from simple plot to 3-D plots. We shall focus on the most fundamental and most widely used of the MATLAB plotting capabilities. The basic functions are **plot**, **semilogx**, **semilogy**, **loglog**, **polar** and **stem**. These commands have similar basic form. The **plot(x,y)** command generates a plot of the values in the vector **y** versus the values in the vector **x** on a linear scales. The **x** values will appear on the horizontal axis and the **y** values on the vertical axis. The **semilogx(semilogy)**,

indicates that the x-axis (y-axis) is logarithmic, and the other axis is linear. In the **loglog** function both axes are logarithmic. The **polar** uses polar coordinates and **stem** works just like the **plot** command except that the plot created will have a vertical line at each value rather than a smooth curve, a type of plot that is very often used in signal processing for visualizing sequences. Sometimes it is necessary to plot two functions on the same graph even when the abscissa range and function values differ. This can be accomplished via the MATLAB command **plotyy**. The **plotyy** command puts the first function value range on the left-hand vertical axis, and the range of values for the second function on the right-hand vertical axis.

#### □ Syntax

```
>>plotyy(t1,y1,t2,y2)
```

Plots y1 versus t1 with y-axis labeling on the left and y2 versus t2 with y-axis labeling on the right.

```
>>plotyy(t1,y1,t2,y2,'function')
```

Uses the plotting function specified by the string 'function' instead of plot to produce each graph. The string 'function' can be plot, semilogx, semilogy, loglog, or stem. All plots generated by the plotting commands appear in a **figure window**.

#### Practice

##### - The "plotyy" Command-

```
>>t=0:pi/100:2*pi;  
>>y1=sin(t)  
>>y2=0.5*sin(t-1.5);  
>>plotyy(t,y1,t,y2,'stem')
```

## MATLAB's Polar Command

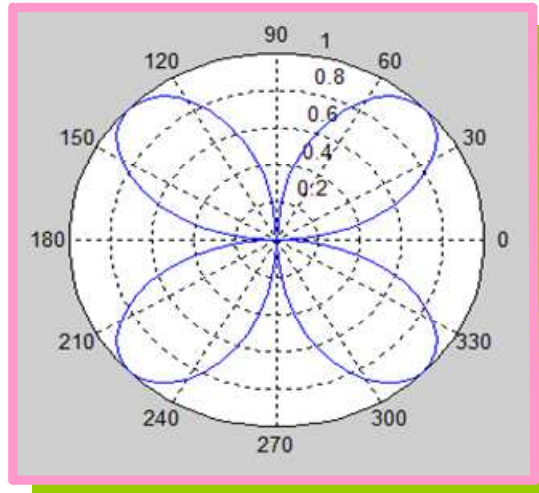
Some plots are better drawn in polar coordinates. Instead of the (x,y) Cartesian coordinates, we use an angle theta and radius r to locate a point in the plane. The MATLAB routine **polar** enables users to easily draw the graphs of polar equations having the form  $r=f(\theta)$

### Practice

#### **-MATLAB's Polar Command-**

Sketch the graph of  $r = \sin(2\theta)$

```
>>theta=linspace(0,2*pi,100);  
>>r=sin(2*theta);  
>>polar(theta,r);
```



### **Polar to Cartesian Transformations**

The polar to cartesian transformations

$$X = r \cos(\theta)$$

$$Y = r \sin(\theta)$$

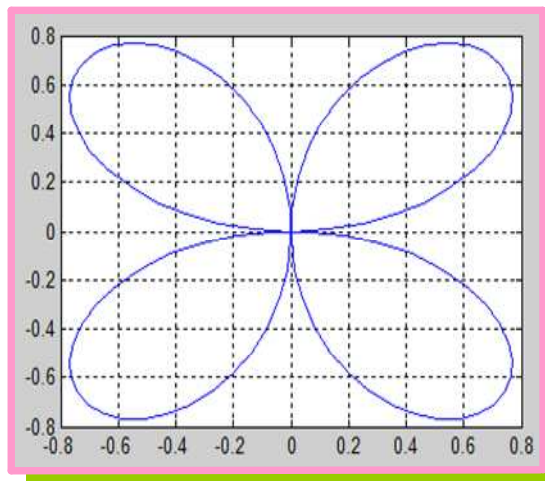
enable the user to employ MATLAB's plot command

### Practice

#### **-Polar to Cartesian Transformations-**

(1)

```
>>theta=linspace(0,2*pi,100);  
>>r=sin(2*theta);  
>>x=r.*cos(theta);  
>>y=r.*sin(theta);  
>>plot(x,y);grid
```



### Practice

#### **-Polar to Cartesian Transformations-**

(2)

The **plot** command, which directly plots vectors of magnitude and angle, is **polar**.

The equation of cardioid in polar form, with parameter  $a$  is given by

$$r = a(1 + \cos(\theta)), \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$$

```
>>a=1;  
>>theta=0:2*pi/200:2*pi;  
>>r=1+cos(theta);  
>>polar(theta,r)
```

### **Line, Marks and Colors**

#### **- Basic Functions**

When plotting multiple curves, it is desirable to vary the colors, plot symbols and line styles (dashed, dotted, etc.) associated with each line. This feature is accomplished by adding another argument to the plot command.



□ □ **NOTE** □ □

*Line styles and marks allow you to discriminate different data sets on the same plot when color is not available.*

#### □ **Syntax**

```
>>plot(x,y, 'linestyle_mark_color');
```

with no separators between the options. The options can be in any order.

### Practice

#### **-Lines, Marks & Colors-**

```
>>plot(t,y,':');           % plot y versus t using a dotted line
>>plot(t,y,'r:');         % plot y versus t using a dotted line in red
>>plot(t,y,'-ro');        % plot y versus t using a dash-dot line (-),
                           % colored red (r) and (o) at the data points

>>% and place places circular maker
```

### **Symbol of Lines, Marks & Colors**

The line styles and colors consist of character string whose first character specifies the color (optional) and second the line style, enclosed in single quotes. The options for line styles, marks, and color are depicted below.

#### **Symbols of Line:**

LINE	SYMBOL
Dash	--
Dashdot	-.
Dotted	:
Solid	-(default)

#### **Symbols of Mark:**

MARK	SYMBOL
Circle	O
Point	.
Plus	+
Star	*
X-mark	x
Square	s
Diamond	d
Pentagrom	p
Hexagram	h

#### **Symbols of Color:**

COLOR	SYMBOL
Blue	b
Black	k
Cyan	c
Green	g
Magenta	m
Red	r
Write	w
Yellow	y

### Practice

#### - Symbols of Lines & Color-

(1)

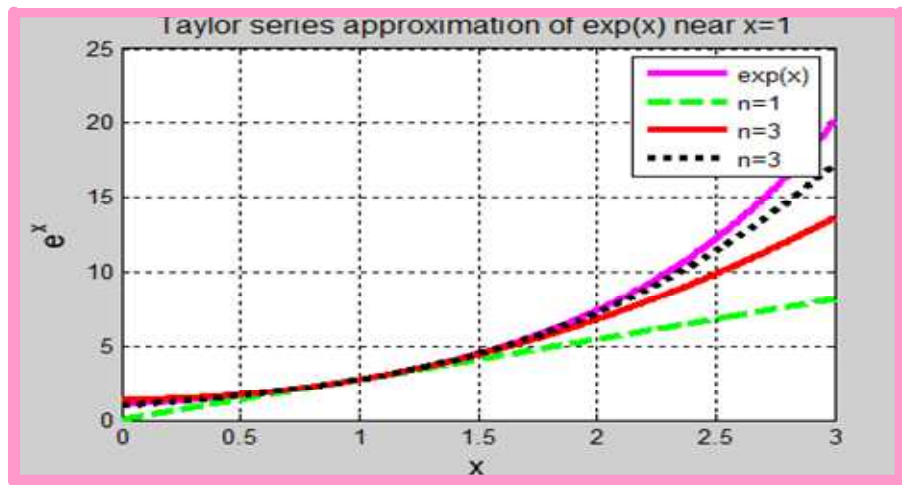
```
>>t=0:0.01:2          % define a time vector
>>y=cos(2*pi*4*t)      % define a vector y
>>plot(t,y,'*r')       % plot y versus t by (*) marks in red color
```

### Practice

#### - Symbols of Lines & Color-

(2)

```
>>%Taylor series approximation of exp(x) near x=1
>>x=0:0.01:3;
>>p1=exp(x);
>>p2=exp(1)+exp(1)*(x-1);
>>p3=exp(1)+exp(1)*(x-1)+exp(1)*(x-1).^2/2;
>>p4=exp(1)+exp(1)*(x-1)+exp(1)*(x-1).^2/2+exp(1)*(x-1).^3/6;
>>plot(x,p1,'m-',x,p2,'g--',x,p3,'r-',x,p4,'k:', 'LineWidth',3)
>>legend('exp(x)', 'n=1', 'n=3', 'n=3')
>>title('Taylor series approximation of exp(x) near x=1', 'FontSize',12)
>>xlabel('x','FontSize',13)
>>ylabel('e^{x}','FontSize',13)
>>grid
```



## Graphics Handles

When using the plotting command, MATLAB draws the graph using a number of graphics objects, such as line, text, and surfaces. All graphics objects have a set of properties that control the appearance and behavior of the object. For example a line is an object with properties such as line style, color, and thickness. It is possible, under MATLAB, to access and modify these properties.

### A. The Main Functions

MATLAB assigns a **unique identifier** to every object in the figure window. This number is called the **handle** of the object. The **handle** of the figure is an integer, and all other handles are floating-point numbers. You can use this handle to access the object's properties. The commands **xlabel**, **ylabel**, **title** and **text** return handles to the objects they create.

```
>>h1=plot(x,y,'mo');           % make a plot and return graphics object handle
>>h2=xlabel('time,[s]');       % label the horizontal axis and return handle
>>h3=ylabel                     % label the vertical axis and return handle
```

The variable h1, for example, holds information about the graph you generated and is called the handle graphics. You may view the list of properties and their values with command **get(handle)**.

### Practice

#### -“Graphics Handles: The Main Functions-

```
>>t=0:0.01:2;                  % define the time vector
>>y=sin(2*pi*3*t);             % specify the corresponding y-vector
>>h1=plot(t,y);                % generate a plot and return handle
>>h2=xlabel('time,[s]');       % label the time axis and return handle
>>h3=ylabel('Amplitude,[v]');  % label the voltage axis and return handle
>>h4=title('Sine wave');       % add title and return handle
>>get(h2)                      % list all properties of h2 and their values
```

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```
Color = [0 0 0]
EraseMode = normal
Editing =off
Extent = [0.87468-1.35849 0.234294 0.169811]
FontAngle = normal
FontName = Helvetica
Fontsize = [10]
FontUnits = points
FontWeight =normal
HorizontalAlignment = center
Position = [0.997436-1.22275 17.3205]
Rotation = [0]
String =time,[s]
Units=data
Interpreter = tex
VerticalAlignment = cap
BeingDeleted = off
ButtonDownFcn =
Children = []
Clipping = off
CreateFcn =
DeleteFcn =
BusyAction = queue
HandleVisibility = off
HitTest = on
Interruptible = on
Parent = [100.001]
Selected = off
SelectionHighlight = on
Tag =
Type = text
UIContextMenu =[]
UserData=[]
Visible = on
```

## B. Additional Functions

### - “gcf”, “gca” & “gco”

There are several functions that are useful for accessing handles of current objects. These are:

gcf(get current figure)	% return the handle of current figure
gca(get current axis)	% return the handle of current axes
gco(get current object)	% return the handle of current object

#### □ Syntax

```
>>h2=get(gca,'xlabel')      % provide handle of xlabel
>>h3=get(gca,'ylabel')     % provide handle of ylabel
>>h4=get(gca,'title')      % provide handle of title
```

The following commands provide the list of properties:

```
>>get(gcf)                  % list all properties of the figure
>>get(gca)                  % list all properties of the axes
>>get(gco)                  % list all properties of an object
```

## C. The “set” Command

The **set** function allows the setting of object’s property by specifying the object’s handle and any number of property name/property value pairs.

#### □ Syntax

```
>>set(handle,'property_name', property_value)
```

For instance, to change the color and width of the line, proceed as follows:

```
>>set(handle, 'color', [0 0.8 0.8], 'LineWidth', 3)
```

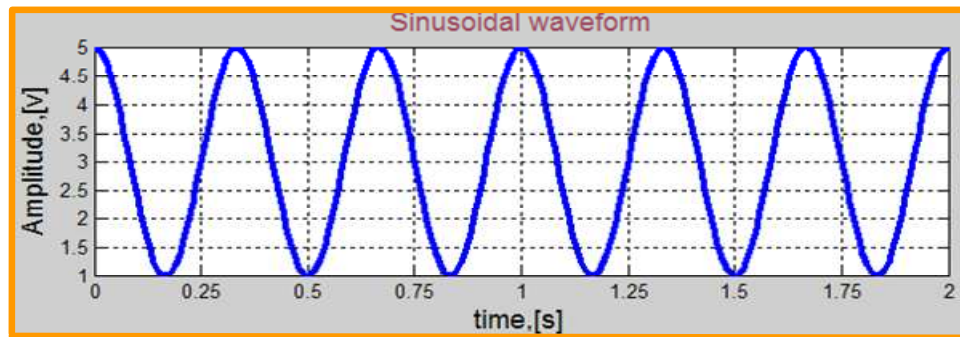
To obtain a list of all settable properties for a particular object, call set with the object’s handle.

```
>>set(handle)
```

### Practice

#### - Graphics Handles: Additional Functions & The “set” Command-

```
>>t=0:0.01:2; % define time vector
>>x=3+2*cos(2*pi*3*t); % define the dependent vector x
>>h1=plot(t,x); % plot and get handle
>>set(h1,'LineWidth',3); % set thickness to 3
>>h2=xlabel('time,[s]'); % label axis and get handle
>>set(h2,'FontSize',13); % set the font size of x-label to 13
>>set(gca,'Xtick',0:0.25:2); % set X-tick
>>h3=ylabel('Amplitude,[v]'); % label axis and get handle
>>set(gca,'Ytick',0:0.5:5); % set Y-tick
>>set(h3,'FontSize',13); % set font size of y-label to 13
>>h4=title('Sinusoidal waveform'); % add title and get handle
>>set(h4,'color',[0.6 0.3 0.4],'FontSize',13); %set color and font size of title
```



#### D. Additional Information

It is also possible to change the attributes of the line width and the marker colors with commands like:

LineWidth	Width (in points) of the line
MarkerEdgeColor	Color of the marker or the edge color four filled markers
MarkerFaceColor	Color of the face of filled markers
MakerSize	Size of the maker in points

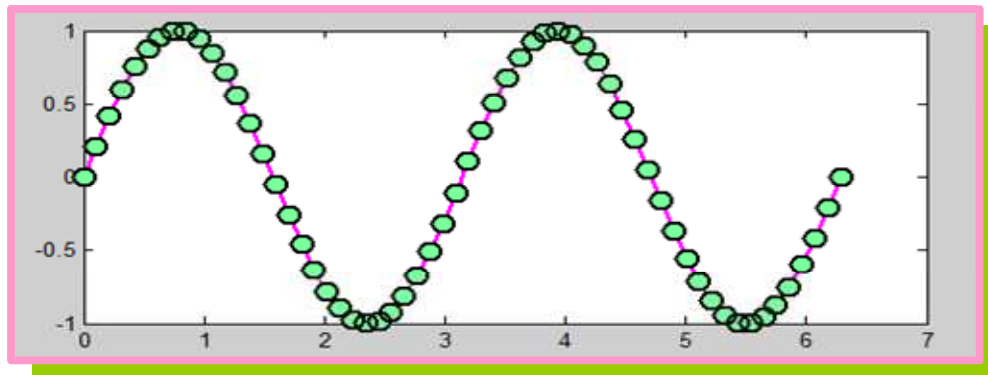
Once a waveform is plotted, one can change the style and feel by providing additional information.

### Practice

#### - Graphics Handles: Additional Information-

```
>> x=linspace(0,2*pi,60);  
>> y=sin(2*x);  
>> plot(x,y,'-mo','LineWidth',2,...  
        'MarkerEdgeColor','k',...  
        'MarkerFaceColor',[.48 1 .62],...  
        'MarkerSize',10)
```

This script produces a plot of  $\sin(2x)$  using a solid magenta line of width 2 point drawn with circular markers of size 10 point at the grid nodes which are colored mint green internally and have a black edge.



### Commands

#### A. “figure(n)” Command

When the plot command is executed, a graphics window appears automatically. It is possible to open as many figure windows as memory permits. To create a new window use the command **figure(n)**. MATLAB numbers figure windows starting at 1.

```
>>figure(2);           % pop up a new graphics window
```

#### B. “clf” & “close(n)” Commands

A Figure can be cleared using the **clf** command, and closed by entering **close(n)** when **n** is the number of the window to close.

## Overlaying Plots

It is often desirable to overlay two plots on the same set of axes. To overlay plots, you tell MATLAB to hold the previous plot using **hold on** and subsequent graphs will be on the same axes. The **hold** command will remain active until it is turned off, by entering **hold off**.

### Practice

#### **-Overlaying Plots-**

(1)

```
>>t=0:0.01:2;           % define a time vector
>>y=cos(2*pi*4*t);       % define vector y
>>plot(t,y);             % plot y versus t
>>z=sin(2*pi*3*t);       % define vector z
>>hold on                % hold the previous plot
>>plot(t,z)              % overlay plots
>>hold off               % turn off the hold function
```

Similarly, several signals with equal number of data points may be displayed in the same frame against the same axis as follows:

### Practice

#### **-Overlaying Plots-**

(2)

```
>>t=0:0.01:2             % define a time vector
>>x1=sin(2*pi*3*t);      % define vector x1
>>x2=cos(2*pi*2*t);      % define vector x2
>>x3=abs(x2);            % define vector x3
>>x=[x1;x2;x3];          % matrix of data
>>plot(t,x);             % plot 3 signals against time
```

If, on the other hand, the curves are plotted against different vectors, we use,

```
>>plot(t2,x2,t3,x3)
```

This command plots x1 versus t1, x2 versus t2, and x3 versus t3. In this case, t1,t2, and t3 may be of different sizes, provided that x1, x2, and x3 are of the same size as their corresponding time vector t1, t2, and t3, respectively.

### **Practice**

#### **-Overlaying Plots-**

**(3)**

```
>>plot(t1,x1,'r',t2,x2,'g')    % plot x1 in red and x2 in green
```

## **Plotting Practices**

### **Practice**

#### **- Plotting Practice-**

**(1)**

Plot the discrete-time signal specified by  $x[n] = \cos\left(2\frac{\pi}{13}n\right)$

```
>>n=0:1:24;                % define a vector n
>>x=cos(2*pi*n/13);        % define vector x
>>stem(n,x)                % plot x versus n
```

### **Practice**

#### **-Plotting Practice-**

**(2)**

We shall try now semilog plots.

```
>>t=linspace(0,2*pi,200);   % generate 200 linearly spaced points in [0,2π]
>>x=exp(-2*t)               % define the function x(t)
>>y=t;                       % define the function y(t)
>>semilog(x,y);grid         % provide a semilog plot of y versus x
```

The command **grid** will place grid lines on the current graph.

### Practice

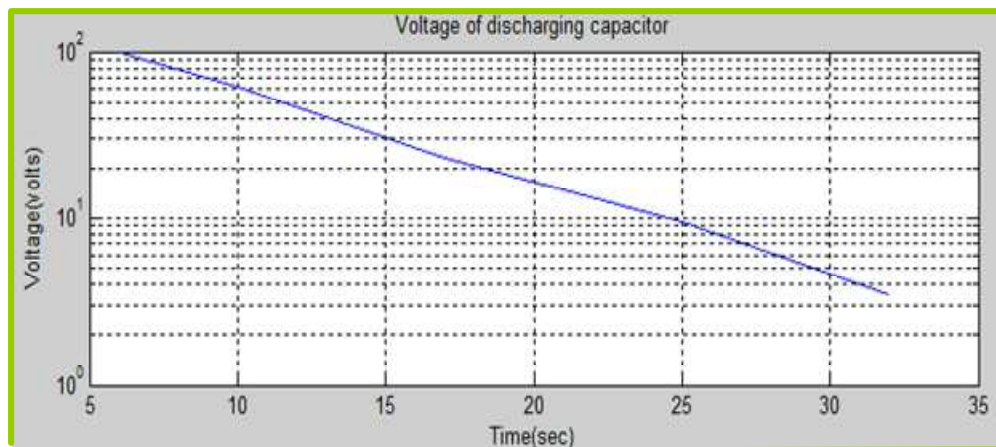
#### **-Plotting Practice-**

**(3)**

The voltage across a capacitor during discharge was recorded as a function of time.

<b>Time (s)</b>	6	10	17	25	32
<b>Voltage (volts)</b>	98	62	23	9.5	3.5

```
>>time=[6 10 17 25 32];           % time vector
>>voltage=[98 62 23 9.5 3.5];       % capacitor voltage
>>semilogy(time,voltage);grid       % plot voltage versus time
>>title('Voltage of discharging capacitor')
>>xlabel('Time (sec)')
>>ylabel('Voltage (volts)')
```

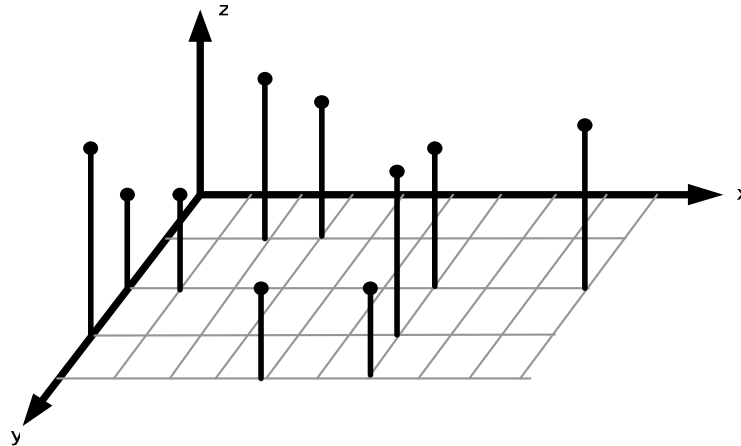


#### □□NOTE□□

It is very important to always label your axes with units. This is engineering, not mathematics – we deal with physical quantities.

### **3-D Plotting**

It is often desirable to plot functions of the form  $z=f(x,y)$ . As with two dimensional plots, we first define a two-dimensional grid in the xy plane, then evaluate the function at the grid points to determine points on the three dimensional surface.



A two-dimensional grid in the xy plane is defined in MATLAB by two vectors, one containing the x-coordinates at all points in the grid, and the other containing the y-coordinates. When you want x and y to vary over some range, you need a matrix (rather than a vector) for x and y to get a complete domain that covers all the different combinations of those x and y values over some range. The **meshgrid** function creates 2 matrices X and Y from the x and y vectors. The rows of the resulting matrix X are formed by repeating the vector x and the columns of the matrix Y are formed by repeating the vector y.

### Practice -3-D Plotting- (1)

```
x=-2:2;
```

```
y=-3:3;
```

```
[X,Y]=meshgrid(x,y)
```

X =

-2	-1	0	1	2
-2	-1	0	1	2
-2	-1	0	1	2
-2	-1	0	1	2
-2	-1	0	1	2
-2	-1	0	1	2
-2	-1	0	1	2

X(4,1)=-2

(X,Y)=(-2,0)

Y =

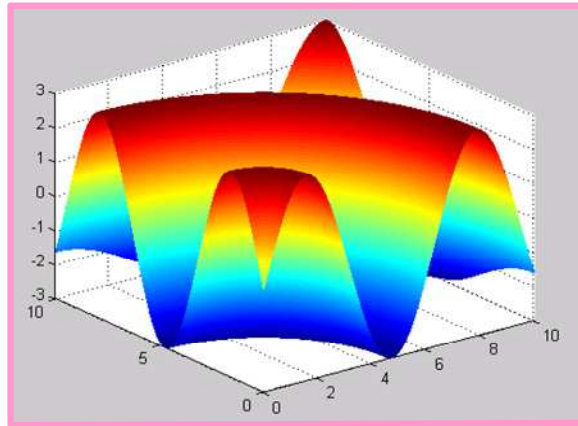
-3	-3	-3	-3	-3
-2	-2	-2	-2	-2
-1	-1	-1	-1	-1
0	0	0	0	0
1	1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2	2
3	3	3	3	3

Y(4,1)=0



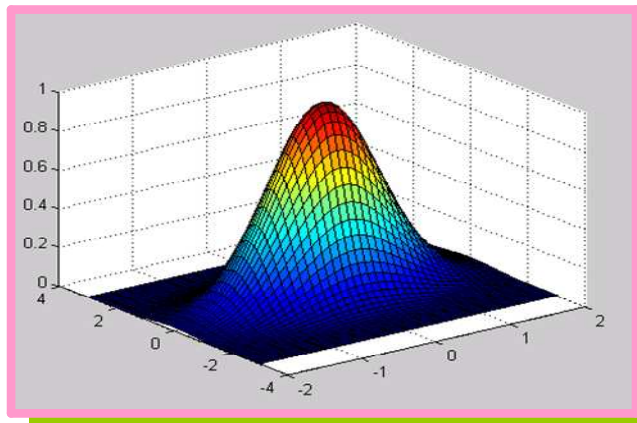
**Practice**  
**-3-D Plotting-**  
**(2)**

```
>>x=0:0.01:10;  
>>y=x;  
>>[X,Y]=meshgrid(x,y);  
>>Z=3*sin(sqrt(X.^2+Y.^2));  
>>mesh(X,Y,Z)
```



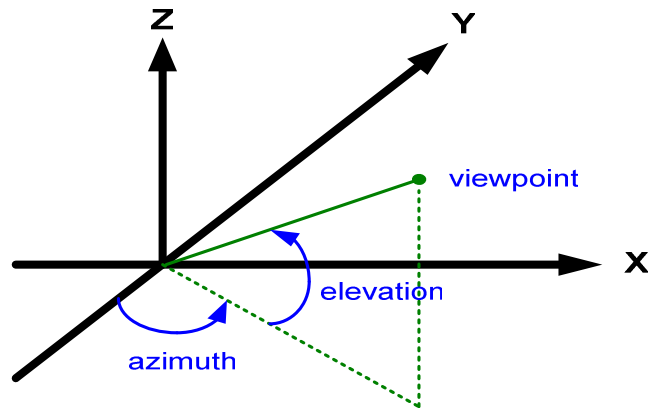
**Practice**  
**-3-D Plotting-**  
**(3)**

```
>>x=-2:0.1:2;  
>>y=-3:0.1:3;  
>>[X,Y]=meshgrid(x,y);  
>>Z=exp(-(X.^2+Y.^2));  
>>surf(X,Y,Z)
```



### Changing the Viewing Direction

Viewing the surface from different angles: The viewing angle is specified by the **view** command – `view(az,el)` where **az** is the azimuth in degrees, measured positive counterclockwise, and **el** is the elevation in degrees above the xy plane. The default view is (-37.5, 30).



### 3-D Plotting Table

The following Table summarizes the most popular 3D plotting functions.

3D Plotting Functions	
Matlab Command	Meaning
plot3	Simple x-y-z plot
contour	Contour plot
contourf	Filled contour plot
contour3	3D contour plot
mesh	Wireframe surface
meshc	Wireframe surface plus contours
meshz	Wireframe surface plus curtain
surf	Solid surface
surfc	Solid surface plus contour
waterfall	Unidirectional wireframe
bar3	3D Bar graph
bar3h	3D Horizontal bar graph
pie3	3D Pie chart
fill3	Polygon fill
comet3	3D Animated, comet-like plot
scatter3	3D Scatter plot
stem3	Stem plot

## Contour Plots

Both 2D and 3D contour plots can be produced. **contour(z)** produces a 2D plot of the matrix **z**, when the **z** values are treated as heights above the 2D plane. It is also possible to override the default number of contour lines (20) by choosing the number of lines required; for example, for integer **N**,

### Practice

#### **-Contour Plots-**

```
>>z=peaks(24);  
>>figure;  
>>subplot(1,2,1); contour(z);  
>>subplot(1,2,2); contour(z,10);
```

## Bar Graph

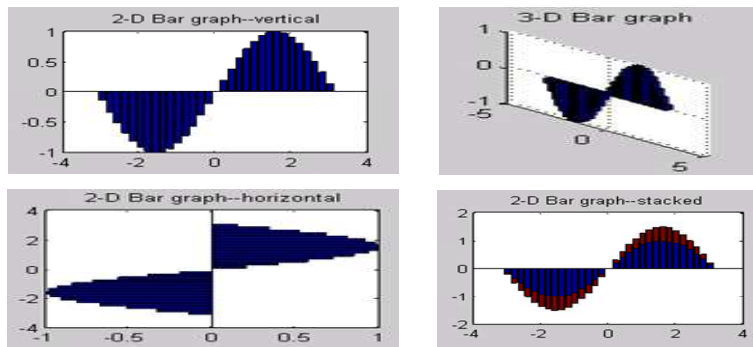
A bar graph is a diagram that compares bars of the same width but of different heights according to the data they represent. A bar graph may be horizontal or vertical. Bar graphs are one of the many techniques used to present data in a visual form in order to recognize patterns or trends.

### Practice

#### **-Bar Graph-**

(1)

```
>> x=-3:0.2:3;  
>> y1=sin(x); y2=sin(x)/2;  
>> subplot(2,2,1); bar(x,y1); title('2-D Bar graph--vertical')  
>> subplot(2,2,2); bar3(x,y1); title('3-D Bar graph')  
>> subplot(2,2,3); barh(x,y1); title('2-D Bar graph--horizontal')  
>> subplot(2,2,4); bar(x',[y1' y2'],'stacked'); title('2-D Bar graph--stacked')
```

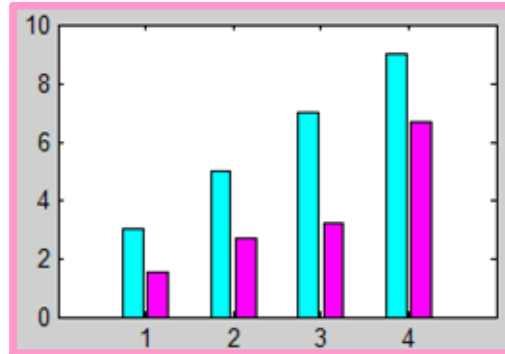


### Practice

#### **-Bar Graph-**

(2)

```
>>x=[1 2 3 4];  
>>b1=[3 5 7 9];  
>>b2=[1.5 2.7 3.2 6.7];  
>>b=[b1;b2];  
>>bar(x,b,'grouped'); colormap(cool)
```



## Pie Charts

A pie chart is a circle graph divided into pieces, each displaying the size of some related piece of information. A pie chart is produced with the command **pie(x)**; it is also possible to “explode” one or more segments of the pie for emphasis.

### Practice

#### **-Pie Charts-**

(1)

Enrollment data in the school of engineering at a local university is summarized in the following table:

Engineering Discipline	No. of Students	Fraction of Total
Civil	480	0.20
Electrical	908	0.38
Industrial	240	0.10
Mechanical	620	0.26
Chemical	140	0.06
Total	2388	1.00

Draw a pie chart of the distribution of students in the school of engineering.

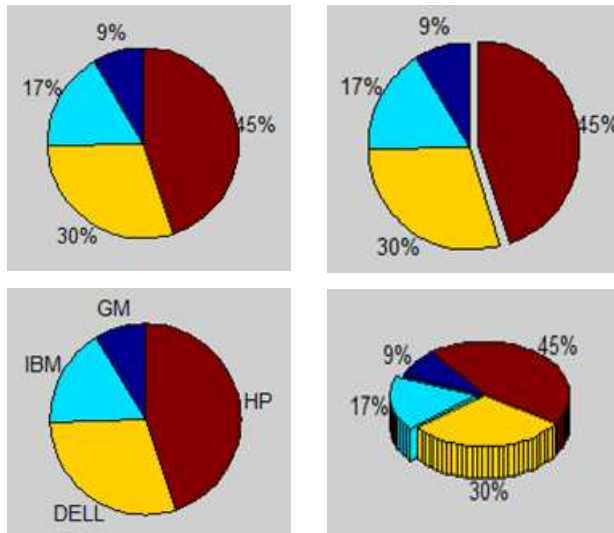
```
>>x=[480 908 240 620 140];  
>>y={'civil','Electrical','Industrial','Mechanical','Chemical'}  
>>pie(x,y)
```

### Practice

#### **-Pie Charts-**

(2)

```
>>x=[1.3 2.5 4.4 6.7];  
>> subplot(2,2,1);pie(x);  
>>subplot(2,2,2); pie(x,[0 0 0 1])  
>>subplot(2,2,3);pie(x,{'GM','IBM','DELL','HP'});  
>>subplot(2,2,4);pie3(x,[0 1 0 0])
```



### **Subplots**

MATLAB graphics window accommodates a single plot by default, but it is possible to create an array of subplots within the one figure. The **subplot** command allows a given figure window to be broken into a rectangular array of plots, each addressed with the standard plot commands.

```
>>subplot(r,c,w)
```

The arguments  $r$  and  $c$  are the number of rows and columns into which the graphics window is divided, respectively. The  $w$  designates the position of the graph. Windows are numbered from left to right and top to bottom within the figure. For example, `subplot(2,1,1)` partition the graphics window into two rows in a single column and fits the plot on the top cell. Figure 1 depicts two possible subplots arrangement.

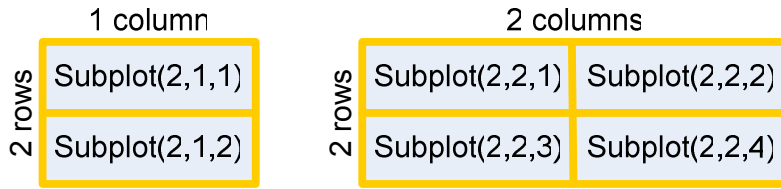


Figure 1: Subplots

## Customizing Plots

### A. Basic Functions

*-Commands: “title”, “xlabel”, “ylabel”, “grid” & “legend”*

MATLAB provides means to improve the appearance and clarity of the plots. Once a plot is on the screen, it may be given a title, axes labeled and text placed within the graph. The **title** command is used to place a title above the plot, **xlabel** writes text beneath the x-axis, and **ylabel** writes a text besides the y-axis of a plot. They each take a string variable, which must be in single quote. The **grid** command toggles a grid on and off in the current figure, the **legend** command adds a legend to an existing graph (movable with the mouse) that automatically uses the right symbols and colors and sticks the description in the legend command after them, and the **text** command allows a string of text to be placed at a particular x-y position on the graph.

#### □ Syntax

```
>>xlabel('label');           % write label beneath the x-axis
>>ylabel('label')           % write label besides the y-axis
>>title('label');           % place a title above the plot
>>text(x,y,'label');         % write label at the location(x,y)
>>grid                       % draw a grid on the graph area
>>legend('first plot', 'second plot'); % place a legend within a graphics window
```



□□Note□□

*It is very important to always label your axes with units. This is engineering, not mathematics – we deal with physical quantities.*

### Practice

#### **-Customizing Your Plots-**

(1)

```
>>t=-2*pi:0.02:2*pi;           % define a time vector
>>y=sin(t).*cos(t).^2;         % define a dependent vector y
>>plot(t,y);grid;              % plot y versus t
>>xlabel('time,[s]')           % annotate the t-axis
>>ylabel('amplitude,[v]');      % annotate the y-axis
>>legend('trig function')       % add a legend to plot
```

### **B. Interactive Labeling & Coordinates of Points**

#### ***-Commands: “gtext” & “ginput”***

The **gtext** command provides interactive labeling. After generating the plot, enter the following command:

```
>>gtext('label')
```

This command places text on the graph by showing a crosshair on the graphics window. After the crosshair is positioned where you want the text to appear, press the mouse button. The **ginput** command determines the coordinates of points on the graph.

```
>>[x,y]=ginput(n);              %provide coordinates of n points on a graph
```

Position the mouse cursor on a point of a graph for which you want to know the coordinates, and click the mouse button, then repeat the process for the remaining (n-1) points. When done, hit the carriage return (enter key), and the n-coordinates will be shown on the command window.

### **C. Redefine Your Axis**

#### ***-Commands: “axis”, “axis(‘square’), “axis off” & “axis on”***

MATLAB automatically selects the appropriate ranges and tick marks for the graph, but it is often necessary to redefine it. The **axis** command manually sets the axis limits. This command is implemented as follows:

```
>>axis([xmin xmax ymin ymax])
```

where **xmin xmax ymin ymax** are the desired maximum and minimum values for the x and y axes, respectively.

The command **axis('square')** ensures that the same scale is used on both axes. You can remove the axes from your graph and put them back via **axis off** and **axis on**, respectively.

The following Table shows a list of Matlab commands used to control the axes.

Some Matlab Commands for Controlling the Axes	
Mathematical notation:	Meaning:
axis([xmin xmax ymin ymax])	Set specified x- and y-axis limits
axis auto	Return to default axis limits
axis equal	Equalize data units on x-, y- and z-axes
axis off	Remove axes
axis on	Put axes back
axis square	Make axis box square (cubic)
axis tight	Set axis limits to range of data
xlim([xmin xmax])	Set specified x-axis limits
ylim([ymin ymax])	Set specified y-axis limits

### Practice

#### **-Customizing Your Plots-**

**(2)**

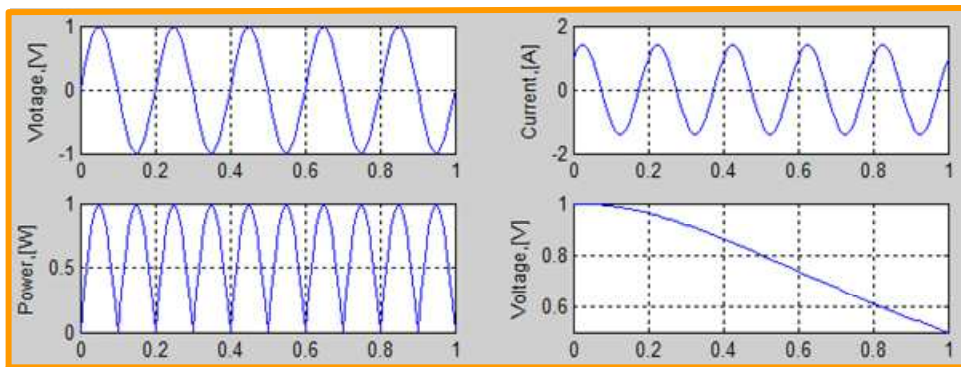
Use the plot command to draw a circle.

```
>>t=0:pi/100:2*pi;           % time base
>>plot(sin(t),cos(t));       % draw circle
>>axis('square')             % use same scale on both axes
```



**Practice**  
**-Customizing Your Plots-**  
**(3)**

```
>>t=0:0.01:1;           % generate a time vector t
>>y=sin(2*pi*5*t);       % define the dependent vector y
>>x=y+cos(2*pi*5*t);     % define the dependent vector x
>>z=abs(y);              % define the dependent vector z
>>w=1./(1+t.^2);        % define the dependent vector w
>>subplot(2,2,1);plot(t,y);grid; % split screen, plot y versus t, and apply grid lines
>>ylabel('Voltage,[V]'); % label the vertical axis
>>subplot(2,2,2);plot(t,x);grid; % plot x versus t, and apply grid lines
>>ylabel('Current, [A]'); % label the vertical axis
>>subplot(2,2,3);plot(t,z);grid; % plot z versus t, and apply grid lines
>>ylabel('Power,[W]');   % label the vertical axis
>>subplot(2,2,4);plot(t,w);grid; % plot w versus t
>>ylabel('Voltage,[V]'); % label the vertical axis
```



## Creek Letters, Subscripts, & Superscripts

### A. Greek Letters

When you add labels and titles on your plot, you may want to use Greek letters, subscripts and superscripts. To get Greek letters, simply type their names preceded by a backslash as follows:

\alpha	\beta	\gamma	\delta	\epsilon	\phi
\theta	\kappa	\lambda	\mu	\pi	\rho
\sigma	\tau	\xi	\zeta	\omega	

**Practice**  
**- Greek Letters-**

```
>>label('H(\omega)')
```

You can also use capital Greek letters, like this, \Gamma

### **B. Subscripts**

To put a subscript on a character use the underscore character on the keyboard:  $\mu_1$  is coded by typing \mu\_1. If the subscript is more than one character long, such as  $\mu_{12}$ , use this: \mu\_{12}.

### **C. Superscripts**

Superscript work the same way only use the ^ character: \theta^{10} to get  $\theta^{10}$ .

## **MATLAB Files**

### ***- Script Files and Function Files***

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### **Introduction**

MATLAB operates in two modes:

- ☐ The interactive mode
- ☐ The batch mode

Thus far we considered only the command-driven mode (interactive mode). Under this mode MATLAB processes the statement and display the result immediately. MATLAB is also able to execute (batch mode) programs that are saved in files. These files must be in ASCII format and have an extension **.m** (for example prog1.m). This is the reason why MATLAB files are called M-files. There are two types of M-files: script files and function files.

## Script Files

A script file is an ordinary text file that contains a sequence of MATLAB statements. Variables in a script file are global. These files offer a more effective working environment and allow files to be saved for future use. To execute a script file, simply type the filename (without the extension) at the MATLAB command window.

To make a script file, I suggest you create a temporary sub-directory for all your work, like **c:\myfiles**, start MATLAB and change its working directory to **c:\my files**, via the **cd** command, as you would in DOS and UNIX. To use a floppy disk as the storage location, which is an excellent idea since you can take your work with you when you leave the computer lab, put a formatted floppy disk in the computer and type **cd a:\** as follows:

```
>>cd a:\ <enter>           % change the current directory to a:
```

The following commands facilitate moving around directories:

```
>>! mkdir c:\mlab           % create a sub-directory named mlab
>>!rmdir c:\mlab           % remove the sub-directory mlab
>>cd c:\mlab               % change the working directory to mlab
>>pwd                     % show current working directory
>>dir                     % list the contents of the current directory
>>what                   % list only the M-files in the current directory
>>ls                     % show a list of files in the working directory
>>delete filename.m       % delete a specified file
>>type filename.m         % print a specific file to the screen
>>which filename.m        % find the current path
```

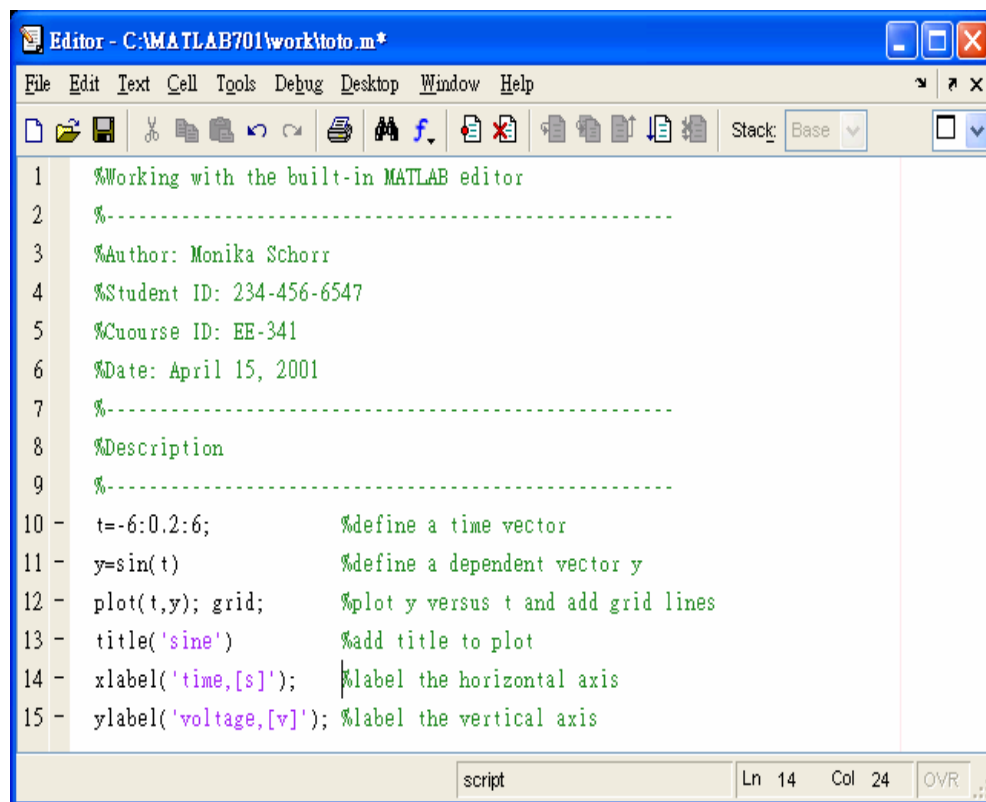


□□**NOTE**□□

*In the CAEC (or ECE labs) cluster, all directories on the hard disk are write protected, in order to avoid accumulation of files. The best practice is to use a floppy disk for your M-files.*

### Example **-Script Files-**

As an example, let us create a script file named, **toto.m**. The script file can be created and edited using any ASCII editor, such as **notepad** or the built-in MATLAB editor, which color codes reserved words and other program elements. You bring up the MATLAB text editor window by clicking the editor icon on the toolbar (or choose **New**, then **M-file** under the **File** pull-down menu or launch it by typing **edit** from within MATLAB environment). Then enter the script file in the editor window, as follows:



```
1 %Working with the built-in MATLAB editor
2 %-----
3 %Author: Monika Schorr
4 %Student ID: 234-456-6547
5 %Course ID: EE-341
6 %Date: April 15, 2001
7 %-----
8 %Description
9 %-----
10 - t=-6:0.2:6; %define a time vector
11 - y=sin(t) %define a dependent vector y
12 - plot(t,y); grid; %plot y versus t and add grid lines
13 - title('sine') %add title to plot
14 - xlabel('time,[s]'); %label the horizontal axis
15 - ylabel('voltage,[v]'); %label the vertical axis
```

After you have typed in the script file, you should save it in the newly created sub-directory. To do this, select **Save As** under the **File** menu item from the editor's menu bar. When the save dialog box opens, type in the name **toto.m** and click on save. Return to the MATLAB command window.

To run the script, simply type,

```
>>toto <enter>
```

If there are errors, MATLAB will beep and display error messages in the command window. Return to the MATLAB editor to debug the original script, save the changes and run it again. To open an existing M-file, choose **Open** under the **File** menu and select the file for editing.

## Function Files

MATLAB has many powerful built-in functions. MATLAB also allows for user to write their own functions. Functions are identical to script files, except that variable values may be passed into or out of the function file. The function file starts with the keyword **function** and defines the function name and input and output variables. The function file starts with the keyword **function** and defines the function name and input and output variables. The format of the first statement for a function named **toto** is of the form

Function [output1,output2,output3,...] = toto(input1,input2,input3,...)

There the input variables are enclosed within parentheses while output variables are within square brackets if there is more than one output variable.

### Example

#### - Function Files-

As an illustration, let us create the function **magphase.m**, which computes the magnitude and phase of a complex number **z** supplied by the user.

Invoke the built-in MATLAB editor and enter the following lines of code:

```
function [m,p]=magphase(z)           % specify a file as a function file
% z is a complex number supplied by the user (input variable)
% m and p are output variables representing the magnitude and phase of z
% magphase is the function name
m=abs(z);                           % compute the magnitude of z
p=angle(z)*180/pi;                   % compute the phase in degrees
```

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Save this function as **magphase.m**, and then leave the editor to return to the command window. Be careful not to save your M-file with the same name as one of the MATLAB's functions.

We are ready to run the created function file.

```
>>z=2+3j;                % specify and arbitrary complex number
>>magphase(z)            % provide the magnitude and phase of z.
```



□□**NOTE**□□

*Functions have many advantages over scripts, therefore, I recommend that you always use functions over scripts.*

## Sub-functions

A sub-function is local and visible only to other functions in the same file. Defining a new function with the **function** keyword, after the body of the preceding function, creates a sub-function.

### Practice

#### **-Sub-functions-**

```
function [mn, stdev]=stat(x)
```

```
% returns the mean and standard deviation of a supplied data vector
```

```
% mn=mean
```

```
% stdev=standard deviation
```

```
% x=data vector supplied by the user
```

```
n=length (x);
```

```
mn=avg(x,n)
```

```
stdev=sqrt(sum((x-avg(x,n)).^2)/(n-1))
```

```
function mn=avg(x,n)
```

```
mn=sum(x)/n;
```

## Creating Your Own Functions

### - inline functions

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You can create your own functions to use in MATLAB. If your function is simple enough (i.e.,  $f(x) = x^2 + 3x + 5$ ), then MATLAB has a command **inline** used to define the so-called inline functions in the command window. Let us say we want to define the function  $g(x) = xe^{-3x^2}$ , we can proceed as follows:

```
>>g=inline('x.*exp(-3*x.^2)','x');
```

You can evaluate this function in the usual way

```
>>g(1)
```

You can apply this function to a scalar or vector

```
>>g([0 1 2]) or
```

```
>>g([0:4])
```








Furthermore, the defined function can be plotted in a specified interval as follows:

```
>>fplot(g,[0 2]) % plot g(x) over  $0 \leq x \leq 2$ 
```

## Additional MATLAB Commands

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Commands going to be introduced in this section include:

 echo	 pause	 input	 zoom on
	 pause (n)	 find	 zoom off

There are some special functions that can be very helpful when included in M-files. The **echo** command display each command in your script on the MATLAB command window, as the script is being executed. The **pause** command causes a routine to stop executing. This last command gives you time to check your results. Striking any

key will cause the script file to resume operating. The command **pause(n)** will pause execution for n seconds. The **input** command prompts the user for a numeric or string input data from the keyboard during program execution. The **disp** command displays scalar, vector, matrix or a string on the command window without variable name. The function **find** returns a list of indices of the elements of a vector or matrix that satisfy some condition. The **zoom** command provides a means to zoom on any part of a 2-D graph and see it enlarged in the plot window. The statement **zoom on** turns on the zoom mode. Then, to zoom in about a particular point on the graph, move the cursor to the point and click with the mouse. This action expands the plot by a factor of 2 centered on that point. To zoom out by a factor of 2, click the right mouse button. The command **zoom off** turns off the zoom mode.

### Practice

#### **- Additional Commands-**

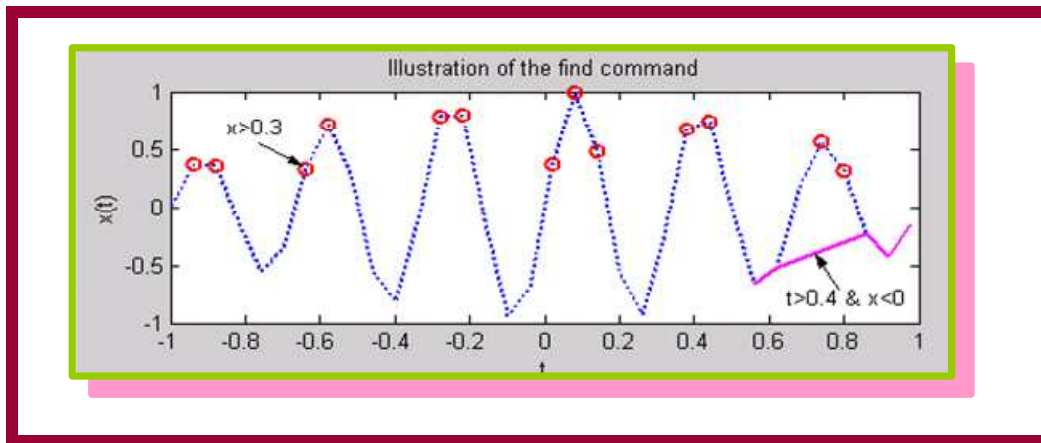
```

t=-1:0.06:1;                                % time base
f=input('Enter the frequency of the sine wave:'); % input from keyboard
disp(['frequency:',intstr(f)])                % print the value of frequency
x=sin(2*pi*f*t).*exp(-x.^2);                 % wave
plot(t,x,':', 'LineWidth',2);                 % plot wave
disp('Press any key to continue')
pause;                                        % pause execution
hold on                                       % hold previous plot
k=find(x>0.3)                                % find indices for which x>0.3
plot(t(k),x(k),'ro', 'LineWidth',2);          % plot x(k) vs t(k)
disp('Press any key to continue')
pause                                        % pause execution
m=find(t>0.4 & x<0)                          % find m's such that t>0.4 &
plot(t(m),x(m),'m-', 'LineWidth',2)           % plot x(m) vs t(m)
xlabel('t')                                   % label horizontal axis
ylabel('x(t)')                               % label the vertical axis
title('Illustration of the find function')      % add title
hold off

```

(The plot is shown on the next page)





□□**NOTE**□□

*A string input can be typed from the keyboard, as follows:*

```
>>str=input('what is the capital of Belgium?', 's');
```

*The argument  $s$  specifies that the input from the keyboard is a string.*

## Formatted Output

### Introduction

Output data can be written from the computer onto a standard output device using the function **fprintf**. The **fprintf** function has a unique format for printing constants and variables. The **fprintf** function is also vectorized. This enables printing of vectors and matrices with compact expression.

### The “fprintf” Command

#### A. Display the Character String

```
>>fprintf(character string, arg2, arg2,...,argn)
```

The **character string** refers to a string that contains formatting information, and **arg1,arg2,...argn** are arguments that represent the individual output data items. Note that **fprintf** function can have one or more arguments enclosed within

parentheses. A comma separates these arguments. The first argument to the **fprintf** routine is always the **character string** to be displayed.

## B. Display the Value of Variables

However, along with the display of the character string, we may frequently wish to have the value of certain program variables displayed as well.

```
fprintf('Programming in MATLAB is fun.\n')
```

What does the function **fprintf** do with the argument? Obviously, it looks at whatever lies between the single quotation marks and prints that on a terminal's screen. The characters `\n` included in the quotes does not get printed; it advances the screen position by one line.

```
num=1;  
fprintf('My favorite number is %d because it is first.\n', num);
```

The **fprintf** function takes the value of the variable on the right of the comma and plugs it into the string on the left. Where does it plug it in? Where it finds a format specifier such as **%d**. Format specifier tells **fprintf** where to put a value and what format to use in printing the value. The **%d** tells **fprintf** to print the value **1** as a decimal integer. Other specifiers could be used for the number **1**. For instance **%f** would cause the **1** to be printed as a floating-point number. In addition to specifying the type of conversion (e.g., **%d**, **%f**, **%e**) one can specify the width and precision of the result of the conversion.

### □ Syntax

**%wd**

**%w.pe**

**%w.pf**

w: the number of characters in the width of the final result

p: represents the number of digits to the right of the decimal point

### Illustration

#### **-Formatted Output-**

%12.3f use floating-point format to convert a numerical value to a string 12 characters wide with 3 digits after the decimal point.

The **fprintf** function can also be used to write formatted output into a file:

```
>>fprintf('file', 'area=%4.2f\n', area)
```

The following table provides a list of the conversion character.

CHARACTERS	DESCRIPTION
%s	Format as a string
%d	Format with no fractional (integer format)
%f	Format as a floating-point value
%e	Format as a floating-point value in scientific notation
%g	Format in the most compact form of either %f or %e
\n	Insert newline in output string
\t	Insert tab in output string

### **Practices of Formatted Output**

#### Practice

#### **-Formatted Output**

(1)

```
>> A=[1 2 3; 4 5 6; 7 8 9];
>>fprintf('%8.2f %8.2f %8.2f\n',A)
1.00 4.00 7.00
2.00 5.00 8.00
3.00 6.00 9.00
```

**Practice**  
**-Formatted Output**  
**(2)**

Write a MATLAB script that use a loop and the **fprintf** function to produce the following table:

	alpha	sin(alpha)	cos(alpha)
0	0.0000	0.0000	1.0000
$\pi/4$	0.7854	0.7071	0.7071
$\pi/3$	1.0472	0.8660	0.5000
$\pi/2$	1.5708	1.0000	0.0000
$2\pi/3$	2.0944	0.8660	-0.5000
$\pi$	3.1416	0.0000	-1.0000
$4\pi/3$	4.1888	-0.8660	-0.5000
$5\pi/3$	5.2360	-0.8660	0.5000
$2\pi$	6.2832	-0.0000	1.0000

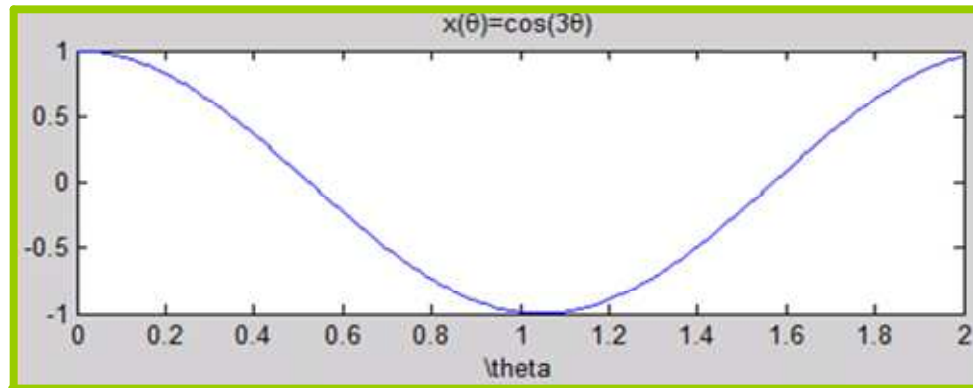
```
>>alpha=pi*[0 1/4 1/3 1/2 2/3 1 4/3 5/3 2];
>>fprintf('alpha      sin(alpha)      cos(alpha) \n')
>>for k=1:9
fprintf('%6.4f      %9.4f      %9.4f\n',alpha(k), sin(alpha(k)), cos(alpha(k)))
end
```

**Practice**  
**-Formatted Output-**  
**(3)**

One can build labels and titles that contain numbers you have generated, simply use MATLAB's **sprintf** function, which works just like **fprintf** except that it writes into a string variable instead of to the screen. You can then use this string variable as the argument of the command **xlabel**, **ylabel**, and **title**.

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```
>>theta=0:0.01:2;
>>x=cos(3*theta);
>>subplot(2,1,1);plot(theta,x)
>>s=sprintf('x(\theta)=cos(%i\theta)',3);
>>title(s)
>>xlabel('\theta')
```



## Loops and Control

MATLAB has control statements similar to those in most high-level computer languages. We shall begin with relational and logical operations. In this section you should think of 1 as **true** and 0 as **false**.

### Rational operators

Rational operators are used to assess if a statement is true or false. False is always represented by 0, and MATLAB will consider any non-zero value to be true.

<	less than
<=	less than or equal
>	greater than
>=	greater than or equal
=	equal
~=	not equal



□□NOTE□□

*“=” is used in an assignment statement while “==” is used in a relation.*

We illustrate the use of these operators in the following example;

```
Practice  
- Rational Operators-  
  
>> A=[ 1 2 3];  
>> B=[5 4 3];  
>> A<B  
answer:  1      1      0  
  
>> A~=B  
answer:  1      1      0  
  
>> A>=B  
answer:  0      0      1
```

## Logical Operators

You can join relational operators using the following logical operators

Operator	Function	Description
&	and	Returns 1 for every element location that is true (nonzero) in both arrays, and 0 for all other elements
	or	Returns 1 for every element location that is true (nonzero) in either one or the other, or both, arrays and 0 for all other elements.
~	not	Complements each element of input array, A.
xor	logical exclusive or	Returns 1 for every element location that is true (nonzero) in only one array, and 1 for all other elements.

### Practice

#### **-Logical Operators-**

```
>>A=[1 0 1 1];
```

```
>>B=[0 1 0 0];
```

```
>> A & B
```

```
answer: 0      0      0      0
```

```
>>A | B
```

```
answer: 1      1      1      1
```

```
>>~A
```

```
answer: 0      1      0      0
```

```
>>xor(A,B)
```

```
answer: 1      1      1      1
```

### **Logical Functions**

**- Commands: “find”, “any”& “all”**

#### **A. The “find” Command**

The **find** command is a powerful command that can be used to locate elements in a vector that satisfy a certain criterion.

### Practice

#### **- The “find” Command-**

**(1)**

```
>>x=[-3 0 7 5 -8 -9 0 4 5];
```

The find command will be used to locate two indices of all elements of x that satisfy the relation  $x < 0$ .

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```
>>index=find(x<0)
```

```
index = 1 5 6
```

```
>>x(index)
```

```
ans = -3 -8 -9
```

```
>>index2=find(x==0)
```

```
index2 = 2 7
```

```
>>x(index2)
```

```
ans = 0 0
```

```
>>index3=find(abs(x)<4)
```

```
index3 = 1 2 7
```

```
>>x(index3)
```

```
ans = -3 0 0
```

### Practice

#### - The “find” Command-

(2)

```
>>x=[-3 2 4 6];
```

```
>>disp(find(v>3))
```

```
4 6
```

```
>>disp(find(v>0))
```

```
2 4 6
```



## B. The “any” & “all” Commands

MATLAB offers several handy logical functions for analyzing the results of relational comparisons. These include **any** and **all**. The function **any** is used to determine if a matrix or vector has at least one nonzero entry and the function **all** checks if all the entries are nonzero. The output of these two functions is Boolean (‘1’ is true, and ‘0’ is false).

### Practice

#### - The “any” & “all” Commands-

```
>>A=[0 0 0 0];
```

```
>>any(A)
```

```
ans =
```

```
0
```

```
>>B=[1 1 1 1 1 1];
```

```
>>all(B)
```

```
ans = 1
```

## Loop Constructs

Programs for numerical simulation often involve repeating a set commands many times. All of the loop structures in MATLAB are started with a keyword such as “for”, or “while” and they all end with the word “end”.

### A. “for loop”

It is often the case in programming that one wants to do something a fixed number of times. The **for** loop can be used to execute a command or sequence of commands for a specified number of iterations. The form of a **for** loop that is most commonly used is:

```
>>for index= start : step : end  
    Command statements  
end
```

The index is increased from **start** to **end** in steps specified by **step**. The following example creates an array containing the squares of the numbers one through twelve.

**Practice**

**-Loop Constructs: “for loop”-**

**(1)**

```
>>for k=1:12
>>x(k)=k^2;
end
```

**Practice**

**-Loop Constructs: “for loop”-**

**Nested Loops**

**(2)**

```
>> for k=1:10
    for m=1:4
        x=0.005*k;
        y=30*m;
        z(k,m)=10*exp(-y*x)*cos(120*pi*x);
    end
end
```

**Practice**

**-Loop Constructs- “for loop”**

**(3)**

Find the sum of the following series

$s=1+3+5+7+\dots+99$

```
>>s=0.0;           % initialize the sum
>>for k=1:2:99     % running index
    s=s+k;         % update sum
end               % end for
>>s <enter>       % print value of sum
```

## B. “while loop”

The second loop structure available in MATLAB is the **while** loop. While statements allow us to repetitively execute a piece of code while a certain condition remains true. The general form of a while loop is:

```
>>while condition
    Command statements
end
>>
```

### Practice

#### -Loop Constructs- “while loop”-

(1)

The following while loop counts the number of rolls needed by a die until a 6 comes up.

```
>>rolls=1;
>>faceup=ceil(6*rand);
>>while faceup~=6
    rolls=rolls+1;
    faceup=ceil(6*rand);
end
>>disp(['You rolled 6! It took', int2str(rolls), 'rolls'])
```

### Practice

#### - Loop Constructs: “while loop”-

(2)

Enter and run the following MATLAB script file:

```
n=1;
while n<200
    x=n*0.05;
    y(n)=4.25*cos(x);
    z(n)=-7.2*sin(x)
    n=n+1;
end
```

### Practice

#### -Loop Constructs: “while loop”

(3)

Calculate the squares of the integers from 1 to 20.

```
>>square=[];  
>>k=1;  
>>while k<=20  
    square[k]=k^2;  
    k=k+1;  
end  
>>
```



□□**NOTE**□□

*As a rule it is best to avoid such loops (for & while), for they are not executed efficiently in MATLAB.*

## Control of Flow

### A. If statement

Like most programming languages, MATLAB uses the keyword **if** to implement the basic decision making statement. The **if** statement itself will execute a single statement of a compound statement when the controlling condition is true. It does nothing when it is false.

#### □ Syntax

If condition

    Command statements

end

### Practice

#### **-Control of Flow: If statement-**

```
>>count=0; sum=0;
>>a=0;
>>if a<10
    count=count+1;
    sum=sum+a;
    a=a+1;
end
```

#### **B. The *else* clause**

The **else** clause allows execution of one set of statements if a controlling condition is true and a different set if the controlling condition is false.

##### ☐ **Syntax**

```
>>if condition
    command statements
else
    command statements
end
```

#### **C. Multiple choice *elseif* clause**

When we nest several levels of if-else, it may be difficult to determine which controlling condition must be true (false) to execute each set of statements. In this case, the elseif clause is often used to make the program logic clearer.

##### ☐ **Syntax**

```
>>if condition1
    command statements
elseif condition2
    command statements
elseif condition3
    command statements
end
```

### Practice

#### **-Control of Flow: Multiple choice elseif clause-**

Enter and run the following script file:

```
n=input('Enter a positive number: ');
if rem(n,3)==0
disp('The number is divisible by 3')
elseif (rem(n,5)==0
disp('The number is divisible by 5')
else
disp('The number is neither divisible by 3 nor by 5')
end
```

#### **D. The *switch-case* construct**

The **switch** statement is similar to the **elseif** construct but has more flexibility and a clearer format. It compares the input expression to each **case** value. Once the match is found it executes the associated commands.

### Practice

#### **-Control of Flow: The Switch-case Construct-**

(1)

```
% Four-function calculator
num1=input('Enter a number: ');
num2=input('Enter a number: ');
op=input('Enter the operation: ')
switch op
case '+'
    x=num1+num2
case '-'
    x=num1-num2
case '*'
    x=num1*num2
otherwise
    x=num1/num2
end
```

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Here is a sample interaction with the script file:

Enter the first number: 34  
Enter the second number: 24  
Enter the operation: '+'

x=58

### **Practice**

#### **- Control of Flow: The Switch-case Construct - (2)**

Generate a random integer x from the set {1,2,...,10}. If x=1 or x=2, then the message probability = 20% is displayed on the screen. If x=3 or 4 or 5, then the message probability = 30% is displayed, otherwise the message probability = 50% is generated.

```
x=ceil(10*rand);  
switch x  
case {1,2}  
disp('Prob=20%')  
case {3,4,5}  
disp('Prob=30%')  
otherwise  
disp('Prob=50%')  
end
```

## **Curve Fitting**

### ***- Fitting Polynomial Models to Data***

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It is common in engineering and science to obtain a set of data points from an experiment or measurement and wish to fit a curve to the set of data points in order to determine a mathematical model that describes the data and use this model to interpolate the data.

MATLAB has two functions, **polyfit** and **polyval**, which can quickly and easily fit a set of data in a least-squares sense. A least-squares fit is a unique curve with the property that the sum of the squares of the difference between the fitted curve and the given data points is a minimum.

## Polyfit & Polyval

### A. Polyfit

**Polyfit** generates a vector of coefficients, **p**, corresponding to the  $n$ -th order polynomial that fits the data  $(x,y)$ , in a least-squares sense. **p** is a row vector of length  $(n+1)$  containing the polynomial coefficients.

$$p(x) = p(1)x^n + p(2)x^{n-1} + \dots + p(n)$$

```
>>pcoeff=polyfit(x,y,n)
```

The output of this function is a vector **pcoeff** which includes the coefficients  $p(1)$ ,  $p(2)$ , ...,  $p(n)$ .

### B. Polyval

The **polyval** function uses the coefficients generated from **polyfit** to evaluate the polynomial specified by **pcoeff** for a given set of  $x$  values

```
>>polyval(pcoeff, x)
```

## Quality of Fit

The plot of the curve that represents the fitted polynomial overlaid on the data is a convenient way of evaluating the quality of the fit. Using the coefficients determined by **polyfit**, one can create such a plot as follows:

```
>>coef=polyfit(x,y,n);  
>>x_fit=linspace(min(x),max(x),N);  
>>y_fit=polyval(pcoeff,x_fit);  
>>plot(x,y,'o',x_fit,y_fit)
```

where  $N$ =number of points used to plot the fitted polynomial  
 $n$ =order of the polynomial to be fitted



### Practice

#### **“Curve Fitting- The “polyfit” Command- (1)**

Find the third-order least squares regression polynomial for these data and use the resulting model to predict the value of y for x=8.

x	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
y	2	8	26	50	140	224	350

```
>>x=[1 2 3 4 5 6 7];
```

```
>>y=[2 8 26 50 140 224 350];
```

```
>>p=polyfit(x,y,3)           % third-order polynomial that fits the data
```

p =

0.5000    6.6429   -23.8571    20.8571

$$\therefore p = 0.5x^3 + 6.6429x^2 - 23.8571x + 20.8571$$

```
>>val=polyval(p,8)           % predict the value of y using the given model
```

val =

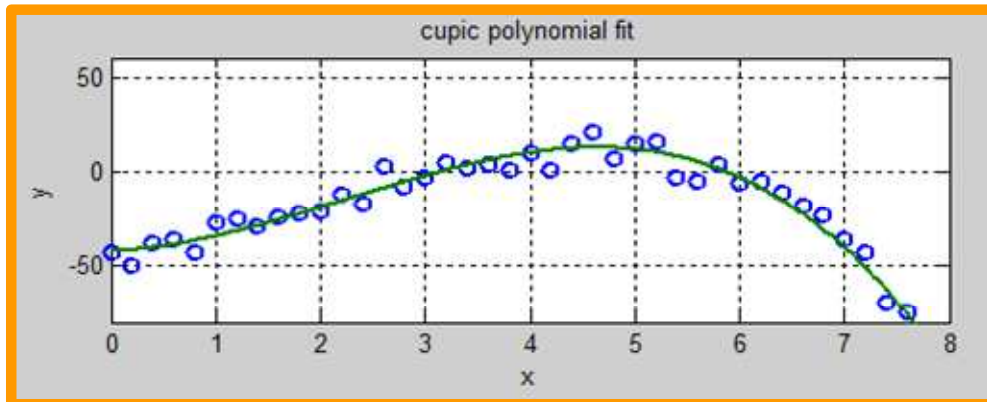
511.1429

### Practice

#### **“Curve Fitting- The “polyfit” Command- (2)**

In this example we will generate the data from  $y = -40 + 7x^2 - x^3$  with added random error. The random error has a gaussian distribution with zero mean and a standard deviation of unity. We will fit a cubic polynomial to the data, then plot the two functions on the same frame to see if the fit is any good.

```
x=linspace(0,8,41);  
y=-40+7*x.^2-x.^3;  
y=y+6*randn(size(x));  
xp=0:0.02:8;  
n=3;  
p=polyfit(x,y,n);  
yp=polyval(p,xp);  
subplot(2,1,1);plot(x,y,'o',xp,yp,'LineWidth',2); grid  
title('cubic polynomial fit')  
ylabel('y')  
xlabel('x')  
axis([0 8 -80 60])
```



## Interpolation

### - The “interp1” Command

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MATLAB has a built-in interpolation routine **interp1**. Suppose you are given a set of data points  $\{x,y\}$  and you have a different set of x-values  $\{x_i\}$  for which you want to obtain the corresponding  $\{y_i\}$  values by interpolating in the  $\{x,y\}$  data set. You can accomplish this task by using one of these three flavors of the **interp1**. By default, MATLAB uses linear interpolation between data points.

```
>> yi=interp1(x,y,xi,'linear');    % linear interpolation
>> yi=interp1(x,y,xi,'cubic');     % quadratic interpolation
>> yi=interp1(x,y,xi,'spline');    % spline interpolation
```

#### Practice

##### -Interpolation: The “interp1” Command

```
%data set
>> inc=pi/5;
>> x=0:inc:2*pi;
>> y=sin(x);
>> xi=0:inc/20:2*pi;
>> %linear interpolation
>> yi=interp1(x,y,xi,'linear');
>> subplot(2,1,1);plot(x,y,'b-','xi,yi','r-');grid
>> %cubic interpolation
>> yi=interp1(x,y,xi,'cubic');
>> subplot(2,1,2);plot(x,y,'b-','xi,yi','r-');grid
```

## Saving and Loading of Data

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### Introduction

Data file commands are used to save and load files in either standard ASCII text or the more compact MATLAB binary format which uses the **\*.mat** extension. The binary **.mat** format is useful for files which will be used with MATLAB, while the ASCII format is useful when working with other programs (such as a word processor), or sharing data with others who may not have access to MATLAB.

#### Practice

##### **-Saving & Loading of Data-**

```
>>x=0:5;  
>>y=rand(size(x));  
>>[x' y']
```

ans =

0	0.9501
1.0000	0.2311
2.0000	0.6068
3.0000	0.4860
4.0000	0.8913
5.0000	0.7621

### A. The “save” Command

The **save** command will save all of the user-generated variables. To save x, and y data in the file **my\_data.mat**, proceed as follows:

```
>>save my_data x y;           % create the file my_data.mat
```

The file **my\_data.mat** will appear in the current directory and contains x, and y.

The use of ASCII format, **-ascii** or **/ascii** is appended after the variable names:

```
>>save my_data x y-ascii;     % create the text file my_data.dat
```

To verify that these files are valid we first clear the MATLAB workspace and load the file back into the workspace.

## **B. The “Load” Command**

The **load** command is used to restore the variables at a subsequent MATLAB session:

```
>>load my_data           % load the .mat file  
>>load my_data.dat       % load the ASCII file
```