

# ENEL101

## Problem set 6

### M File Programming

#### Important Notes:

- This assignment is about writing user defined functions for applications. The questions are based on content from chapters 8 and 9 of the textbook “Matlab, An introduction with applications”.
- Complete this assignment by filling in the template file, assign6.m, with your Matlab function files.
- The function files will be tested by the auto-tester using randomly generated data.
- Do NOT make any plots in your code.

**Make sure your final submission runs without syntax error.** As usual, template files that do not run without syntax error will be rejected by the auto-marker, and you will have to visit Chris in person to demo your code and get the marks.

**Q1.** Write a function that finds the magnitude of the roots of an input polynomial and outputs the magnitude of the roots that fall within a user specified range of values LOW and HIGH. The input polynomial  $p$  is entered as a row vector of coefficients [as shown in the example on pp.262-3 of the textbook](#).

The polynomial  $y = -0.001x^4 + 0.051x^3 - 0.76x^2 + 3.8x - 1.4$  is entered as  $p = [-0.001, 0.051, -0.76, 3.8, -1.4]$ . The magnitude of the roots are: 29.6177, 10.8776, 10.8776, 0.3995. Now suppose the range is given as say LOW=9 and HIGH=11, then the second and third roots [10.8776, 10.8776] will be output.

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**Q2.** Write a function that accepts the vector of data points  $T$  and  $h$  as input arguments and determines a linear equation in the form of  $T = mh + b$  that best fits the data. Then output the magnitude of the error between the data points and the linear regression curve, denoted by the vector of  $e$ . Use the Matlab `polyfit()` and `polyval()` functions. The input arguments are the boiling temperature of water  $T$  at various altitudes  $h$  as in

<b><math>h</math> (meters)</b>	0	608	1520	2280	3040	6384	7904
<b><math>T</math> (Celsius)</b>	100.00	98.88	95.00	92.22	90.00	81.11	75.55

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**Q3.** Write a function that accepts the vector of data points  $N$  and  $t$  as input arguments and determines the best exponential equation in the form of  $N = be^{mt}$  that best fits the data, using the Matlab `polyfit()` function. Then output 1x2 vector  $[b \ m]$ . The input arguments are the number of bacteria  $N$  measured at different times  $t$  as

<b><math>t</math> (min)</b>	10	20	30	40	50
<b><math>N</math></b>	38,000	60,000	250,000	500,000	1000,000

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**Q4.** Write a function named that accepts the integration limits of  $A$  and  $B$  as input arguments and outputs the integral of  $h(x) = \sin(x)\exp(-x^2)x^3$ . Use the Matlab `quad()` function for this. That is the function does the following

$$Z = \int_A^B \sin(x)\exp(-x^2)x^3 dx$$


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**Q5.** The following wind tunnel data shows the aerodynamic drag force on a car,  $F_D$ , as a function of the car velocity,  $v$ .

<b><math>v(km/hr)</math></b>	20	40	60	80	100	120	140	160
<b><math>F_D(N)</math></b>	10	50	109	180	300	420	565	771

Write a function that accepts an arbitrary value for  $v$  and output the corresponding interpolated value of  $F_D$ . Use Matlab function `interp1()` with the 'spline' method for the interpolation.

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**Q6.** An RLC circuit with an alternating voltage source is assumed. The source voltage  $v_s$  is given by  $v_s = v_m \sin(\omega_d t)$ , where  $\omega_d = 2\pi f_d$  in which  $f_d$  is the driving frequency. The normalized amplitude of the current,  $I$ , in this circuit is given by

$$I = \frac{1}{\sqrt{R^2 + \left(\omega_d L - \frac{1}{\omega_d C}\right)^2}}$$

where  $R$  ( $\Omega$ ),  $L$  (H), and  $C$  (F) are the resistance of the resistor, the capacitance of the capacitor, and the inductance of the inductor, respectively. Write a function named that accepts  $R$ ,  $L$ , and  $C$  as input arguments and finds the natural frequency of the circuit (the frequency at which  $I$  is maximum). The natural frequency of  $f_0$  (Hz) is the output argument. Use Matlab's `fminbnd()` for this application and search over  $0.5/\sqrt{LC} < \omega_d < 1.5/\sqrt{LC}$ . Note that minimizing  $-I$  is equivalent to maximizing  $I$ .

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**Q7.** The sudden outbreak of an insect population can be modelled by the equation

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = RN \left(1 - \frac{N}{C}\right) - \frac{rN^2}{N_c^2 + N^2}$$

where  $N$  is the number of insects,  $R$  is an intrinsic growth rate, and  $C$  is the carrying capacity of the local environment. The first term is a population growth model and the second term represents the effects of bird predation, which becomes significant when the population reaches a critical size  $N_c$  and has a maximum value of  $r$ . Solve for  $N$  at time  $t = 50$  days for  $R = 0.55$  per day,  $N(0) = 1000$ ,  $C = 10^4$ ,  $N_c = 10^4$ , and  $r = 10^4$  per day. Use `ode45()`. Note: you must make your anonymous function a function of both  $t$  and  $N$  even though  $t$  doesn't appear explicitly in the differential equation.