

9.1 Use a `for` loop to sum the elements in the following vector:

$$x = [1, 23, 43, 72, 87, 56, 98, 33]$$

Check your answer with the `sum` function.

9.4 Use a `while` loop to create a vector of the squares of the numbers 1 through 5.

9.6 A Fibonacci sequence is composed of elements created by adding the two previous elements. The simplest Fibonacci sequence starts with 1, 1, and proceeds as follows:

$$1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, \dots$$

However, a Fibonacci sequence can be created with any two starting numbers. Fibonacci sequences appear regularly in nature. For example, the shell of the chambered nautilus (see [Figure P9.6](#)) grows in accordance with a Fibonacci sequence.



Figure P9.6

Chambered nautilus. (Colin Keates © Dorling Kindersley, Courtesy of the natural history museum, London.)

Prompt the user to enter the first two numbers in a Fibonacci sequence, and the total number of elements requested for the sequence. Find the sequence and store it in an array by using a `for` loop. Now plot your results on a `polarplot` graph. Use the element number for the angle, and the value of the element in the sequence for the radius.

9.13 Edmond Halley (the astronomer famous for discovering Halley's comet) invented a fast algorithm for computing the square root of a number,  $A$ . Halley's algorithm approximates  $\sqrt{A}$  as follows:

Start with an initial guess  $x_1$ . The new approximation is then given by

$$Y_n = \frac{1}{A} x_n^3$$
$$x_{n+1} = \frac{x_n}{8} \left( 15 - y_n (10 - 3y_n) \right)$$

These two calculations are repeated until some convergence criterion,

$$\varepsilon,$$

is met.

$$|x_{n+1} - x_n| \leq \varepsilon$$

Write a MATLAB® function called `my_sqrt` that approximates the square root of a number. It should have two inputs, the initial guess and the convergence criterion.

Test your function by approximating the square root of 5 and comparing it to the value calculated with the built-in MATLAB® function, `sqrt`.

**NOTE:** There is a typo in the textbook: there should be 3 inputs to the function:

1. the number you want to square root
2. the initial guess
3. the convergence criteria

Extra Credit

9.21 Consider the following method to approximate the mathematical constant,  $e$ . Start by generating  $K$  uniform random integers between 1 and  $K$ . Compute  $J$ , the number of integers between 1 and  $K$ , which were never generated. We then approximate  $e$  by the ratio

$$\frac{K}{J}$$

Consider the following example for  $K = 5$ . Assume that the following five integers are randomly generated between 1 and 5.

1 1 2 3 2

The number of times the integers are generated is given by

|                     |   |   |   |   |   |
|---------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| Integers            | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Number of instances | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |

In this example, there are two integers, namely 4 and 5, which were never generated. This means that  $J = 2$ . Consequently,  $e$  is approximated by

$$\frac{5}{2} = 2.5$$

Write a function called `eapprox` that takes the value of  $K$  as input, and which then approximates  $e$  using the method described above. Test your function several times with different values of  $K$ , and compare the result to the value of  $e$  calculated using the built-in MATLAB® function.

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exp(1)
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HINT

Use the `randi` function to create an array of random integers.