

Numerical Methods in Engineering - LW1

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Background

- ▶ Bachelor, Master in Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece
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- ▶ Responsible teacher:
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Organization of the course

Course Content

- ▶ Book: Numerical Methods in Engineering with **MatLab**, by Jaan Kiusalaas
- ▶ Content of the course:
 - ▶ Introduction (Week 1)
 - ▶ Linear Algebraic Equations (Week 2)
 - ▶ Interpolation and curve fitting (Week 3)
 - ▶ Roots of equations (Week 4)
 - ▶ Numerical Differentiation (Week 5)
 - ▶ Numerical Integration (Week 6)

Organization of the course

Passing the course:

- ▶ Individual weekly assignments
- ▶ Submit ALL assignments
- ▶ Not allowed to miss any assignment!
- ▶ No attendance is mandatory.
- ▶ After the two lectures of the week assignments will be given with a deadline 1 week.
- ▶ 1-day delay, downgrade 25%.
- ▶ 2-day delay, downgrade 50%.
- ▶ cut-off day after 2 days, assignments will not be accepted, course cannot be passed otherwise.
- ▶ No exam.
- ▶ Grades: 50%-59.99%→1, 60%-69.99%→2, 70%-79.99%→3, 80%-89.99%→4, 90%-100%→5.

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Engineering

What do Engineers do?

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Engineers

use resources to produce goods and services.

What kind of goods/services?

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Goods/services:

power transmission, communications,
transportation, manufacturing, etc.

Where do Engineers rely to produce goods/services?

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Engineers
rely on problem-solving skills.

What kind of activities are Engineers involved in?

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Engineers

are involved in education, research, design, testing, manufacturing, etc.

What is the most essential activity of an Engineer?

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Design
is the most essential activity Engineers
are involved.

What are the steps for problem-solving in science and engineering?

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The steps are:

problem statement, derivation of governing equations, problem solution and solution interpretation.

Where do Engineers rely to solve problems?

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Engineers
rely on mathematical modelling.

What is essential in mathematical modeling?

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Numerical methods
are essential in mathematical modelling.

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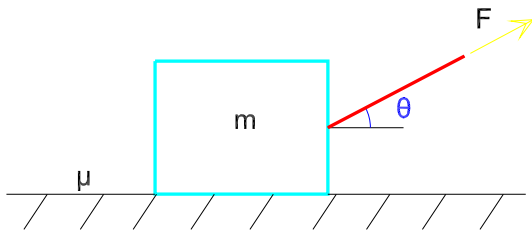
Numerical methods
are **mathematical techniques** used
to **solve problems** that cannot be
solved **analytically**.

What are the numerical methods?

- ▶ **Mathematical problems** can be solved either analytically or numerically.
- ▶ An analytical solution provides the exact solution.
- ▶ A numerical solution is **NOT** exact and introduces an **error**.
- ▶ Numerical methods are **powerful** tools due to the use of computers.

Example 1 - Numerical methods

We try to move a block of mass m by applying a force F at angle θ . Define the given force F as a function of angle θ . Include the friction force on the surface by using μ the friction coefficient.

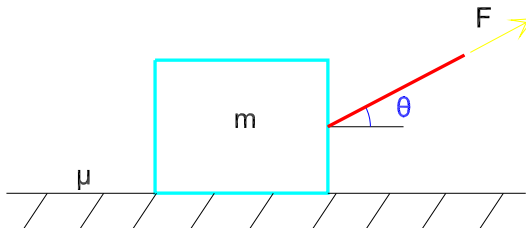


Example 1 - Numerical methods

We try to move a block of mass m by applying a F at angle θ . For given force F , the $\angle\theta$ can be solved by solving the equation:

$$\mu(mg - F\sin\theta) = F\cos\theta \Leftrightarrow F = \frac{\mu mg}{\cos\theta + \mu\sin\theta}$$

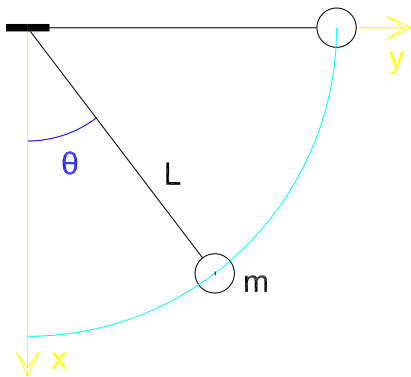
where μ is the friction coefficient.



To solve the equation for θ requires the **use of numerical methods**, because it cannot be solved analytically.

Example 2 - Numerical methods

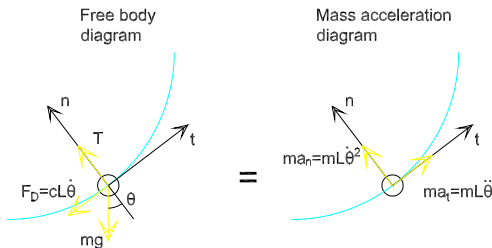
A pendulum of mass m and length of rope L is displaced by an initial angle θ_0 from the vertical and is released **without initial velocity**. What would be the angle of θ as a function of time t by including a damping force proportional to the velocity (with damping coefficient c) of the pendulum.



Example 2 - Equilibrium

Second law of Newton:

$$\sum \vec{F} = m \vec{a}$$



where c is the damping coefficient. The centripetal force is equal:

$$\vec{F}_C = \frac{m \vec{v}^2}{L} = m \dot{\theta}^2 L$$

Example 2 - Equation of motion

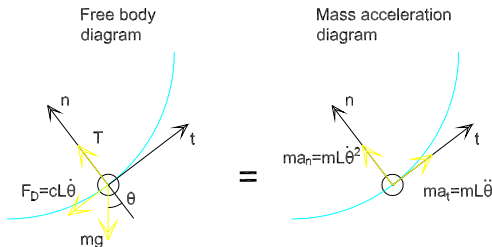
The equation of motion in the tangential direction is:

$$-cL \frac{d\theta}{dt} - mg \sin\theta = mL \frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2}$$

The equation is a second-order nonlinear differential equation and can be written as:

$$mL \frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} + cL \frac{d\theta}{dt} + mg \sin\theta = 0$$

with initial conditions $\theta(0) = \theta_0$ and $\left. \frac{d\theta}{dt} \right|_{t=0} = 0$



Example 2 - Solution

The **equation of motion** in the **tangential direction** **cannot** be solved **analytically**.

$$mL \frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} + cL \frac{d\theta}{dt} + mg \sin\theta = 0$$

For **small initial angle** $\theta_0 = 5^\circ$ the equation can be linearized by assuming $\sin\theta \approx \theta$ and the **linear equivalent equation** that can be solved **analytically** is:

$$mL \frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} + cL \frac{d\theta}{dt} + mg\theta = 0$$

If the **initial angle is** $\theta_0 = 90^\circ$ eq.(1) has to be solved **numerically** (e.g. fourth-order Runge-Kutta method).

How can Engineers use numerical methods efficiently?

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Numerical methods
are efficiently used through computers.

Numbers in computers

Data in Numerical Methods

The most common type of data used in **numerical methods** is obviously **numbers**.

Numbers are classified as:

1. Fixed-point
 2. Floating-point
- ▶ Fixed-point numbers are whole numbers without fractional part, namely **integers**.
 - ▶ Floating-point numbers might contain fractional part and they are called **real numbers**.

Data in Numerical Methods

Fixed point numbers (integers) of an arbitrary base b with m digits can be written in the form:

$$I_m = (d_{m-1}d_{m-2}\dots d_1d_0)_b; \quad d_j \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, b-1\}$$

Then, the number can be written:

$$I_m = \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} (b^j d_j)$$

Example: number 39 in decimal form (base $b = 10$) is written as: $3 * 10^1 + 9 * 10^0 = (39)_{10}$, where $d_0 = 9, d_1 = 3$.

Note that the digits d_j can vary from 0 to $b-1$.

For example for the case of binary system (base $b = 2$), d_j can only be either 0 or 1.

Quotient and remainder theorem

For any given pair of integers A and B (B is positive), there exist two unique integers Q and R such that:

$$A = B * Q + R, \text{ where } 0 \leq R < B$$

Example 1

$$A = 9 \text{ and } B = 2$$

$$9 = 2 * 4 + 1; Q = 4 \text{ and } R = 1$$

$$0 \leq 1 < 2$$

When $B = 2$ the remainder can only be equal to either 0 or 1.

In [MatLab](#) use `rem(A,B)` to find the remainder.

Quotient and remainder theorem

For any given pair of integers A and B (B is positive), there exist two unique integers Q and R such that:

$$A = B * Q + R, \text{ where } 0 \leq R < B$$

Example 2

$$A = 13 \text{ and } B = 2$$

$$13 = 2 * 6 + 1; Q = 6 \text{ and } R = 1$$

$$0 \leq 1 < 2$$

When $B = 2$ the remainder can only be equal to either 0 or 1.

Fixed point number - base $b = 2$

Write the number 39 in binary form (base $b = 2$):

Calculation	Quotient	Remainder	Exponent
$39/2$	19	1	2^0
$19/2$	9	1	2^1
$9/2$	4	1	2^2
$4/2$	2	0	2^3
$2/2$	1	0	2^4
$1/2$	0	1	2^5

$(39)_{10}$ can be written as:

$$1 * 2^5 + 0 * 2^4 + 0 * 2^3 + 1 * 2^2 + 1 * 2^1 + 1 * 2^0 = (100111)_2$$

The process stops when the quotient reaches 0.

If quotient is not 0, we have **overflow**.

Fixed point number - base $b = 12$

Write the number 39 in number with base $b = 12$:

Calculation	Quotient	Remainder	Exponent
$39/12$	3	3	12^0
$3/12$	0	3	12^1

$(39)_{10}$ can be written as:

$$3 * 12^1 + 3 * 12^0 = (33)_{12}$$

The process stops when the quotient reaches 0.

If quotient is not 0, we have **overflow**.

Fixed point number - base $b = 16$

Write the number 39 in number with base $b = 16$:

Calculation	Quotient	Remainder	Exponent
$39/16$	2	7	16^0
$2/16$	0	2	16^1

$(39)_{10}$ can be written as:

$$2 * 16^1 + 7 * 16^0 = (27)_{16}$$

The process stops when the quotient reaches 0.
If quotient is not 0, we have **overflow**.

Representation of numbers on computers

Decimal representation of a number, let's say **3205**, can be written as:

$$3205 = 3 * 10^3 + 2 * 10^2 + 0 * 10^1 + 5 * 10^0$$

A form that can be supported by computers is the **binary (base 2) system**.

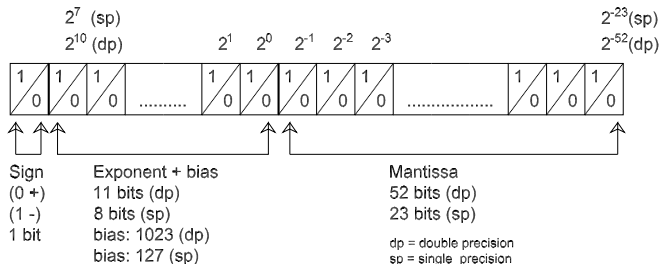
In binary system **a number is represented by 0 and 1**, which are **multipliers of powers of 2**. Binary representation of number **3205**:

$$3205 = 1 * 2^{11} + 1 * 2^{10} + 0 * 2^9 + 0 * 2^8 + 1 * 2^7 + 0 * 2^6 + 0 * 2^5 + 0 * 2^4 + 0 * 2^3 + 1 * 2^2 + 0 * 2^1 + 1 * 2^0$$

So **3205** in **binary form** can be written as **110010000101**.
Computers are storing numbers in binary form (base $b = 2$)

Representation of numbers on computers

- ▶ Each **binary digit** (1 or 0) is called **bit** (**b**inary **d**igit).
- ▶ Modern **transistors** are used as extremely fast switches and can represent numbers with '1' referring to switch being 'on' and '0' referring to the 'off' position.
- ▶ The computer **memory** is organized in **bytes**. Each byte is **8 bits**.

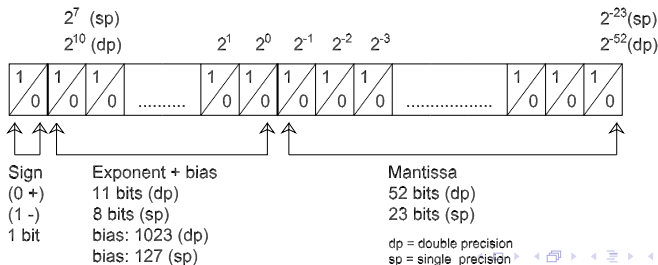


Binary floating point representation

- ▶ Computers store numbers in **single precision (sp)** (32 bits, 4 bytes) or in **double precision (dp)** (64 bits, 8 bytes).
- ▶ The **first bit** stores the **sign** (0 for + and 1 for -), the **next bits** (11 for dp and 8 for sp) store the **exponent + bias** and the **last bits** (52 for dp and 23 for sp) store the **mantissa**.
- ▶ The computer can store a number in a **binary floating point representation form**:

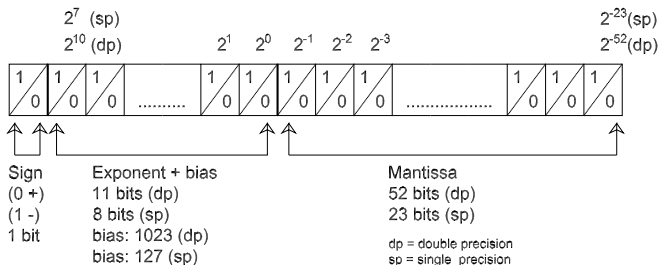
$$1.mmmmm * 2^{eee}$$

where **mmmmm** is the **mantissa** and **eee** is the **exponent**.



Binary floating point representation

- ▶ The value of the **mantissa** is added as is in the binary form.
- ▶ To the value of the **exponent** a **bias** (constant) is added.
- ▶ The **bias** is added in order **not to occupy** a bit for the sign of the exponent.
- ▶ The max number with 11 bits (**dp**) is 2047 and the bias is **1023**. The max number with 8 bits (**sp**) is 255 and the bias is **127**.
- ▶ If the exponent is **larger than the bias it is positive** and if the exponent is **smaller than the bias it is negative**.



Write a number in binary floating point form

- ▶ Find the **largest power of 2** that provides a number that is **smaller than the number itself**. For number 50 the largest exponent is $2^5 = 32$ ($2^6 = 64 > 50$).
- ▶ **Divide** the number with the number defined in previous step. $50/2^5 = 1.5625$.
- ▶ The number can be written as: $1.5625 * 2^5$, where 0.5625 is the mantissa and 5 is the exponent.
- ▶ **Multiply the mantissa**, the fractional part of the number, with 2 and if the result provides a number ≥ 1 , then the bit is 1, otherwise it is 0. **Repeat until you reach 1**.
- ▶ There are many numbers that do not end up in 1, because the mantissa is **23 bits** in single precision and **52 bits** in double precision.

Write a number in binary floating point form

- ▶ Calculate the **binary form** of the mantissa of number 50, namely 0.5625.

Calculation	Result	≥ 1	Bit
$0.5625 * 2$	1.125	yes	1
$0.125 * 2$	0.25	no	0
$0.25 * 2$	0.5	no	0
$0.5 * 2$	1	yes	1

- ▶ Stop when it is equal to 1.
- ▶ The mantissa of number 50 is **50** is 100100000000000000000000.

Write a number in binary floating point form

- For the binary form of the exponent **add the bias to the exponent** and then divide the exponent by 2 and calculate the quotient and the remainder. If the remainder is equal to 0 the bit is 0 and if the remainder is equal to 1 the bit is 1. In every next step use the quotient and divide it by 2. Stop the process when the quotient is equal to 0. **The bits are calculated in reversed order.** For single precision the exponent of number 50 is $5 + 127 = 132$.

Calculation	Quotient	Remainder	Bit	Exponent
$132/2$	66	0	0	2^0
$66/2$	33	0	0	2^1
$33/2$	16	1	1	2^2
$16/2$	8	0	0	2^3
$8/2$	4	0	0	2^4
$4/2$	2	0	0	2^5
$2/2$	1	0	0	2^6
$1/2$	0	1	1	2^7

The exponent of 50 is: 10000100.

Write a number in binary floating point form

The binary floating point value of number 50 is:

|0|10000100|100100000000000000000000|

2^7	2^6	2^5	2^4	2^3	2^2	2^1	2^0	2^{-1}	2^{-2}	2^{-3}	2^{-4}				2^{-21}	2^{-22}	2^{-23}
0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1		0	0	0

Do it yourselves - DIY

Try yourselves to write the following numbers in 32 bit single precision string: -0.625 and 66.25 .

Do it yourselves - DIY

−0.625:

|1|01111110|010000000000000000000000|

66.25:

|0|10000101|000010010000000000000000|

Write a number in binary floating point form

- ▶ Calculate the **binary form** of the mantissa of number -0.625 , namely 0.25 .
- ▶ It can be written as $-0.625 = -1.25 * 2^{-1}$

Calculation	Result	≥ 1	Bit
$0.25 * 2$	0.5	no	0
$0.5 * 2$	1	yes	1

- ▶ Stop when it is equal to 1.
- ▶ The mantissa of number -0.625 is:
- ▶ **010000000000000000000000.**

Write a number in binary floating point form

- For single precision the exponent of number -0.625 is $-1 + 127 = 126$.

Calculation	Quotient	Remainder	Bit	Exponent
$126/2$	63	0	0	2^0
$63/2$	31	1	1	2^1
$31/2$	15	1	1	2^2
$15/2$	7	1	1	2^3
$7/2$	3	1	1	2^4
$3/2$	1	1	1	2^5
$1/2$	0	1	1	2^6

The exponent of -0.625 is: 01111110.

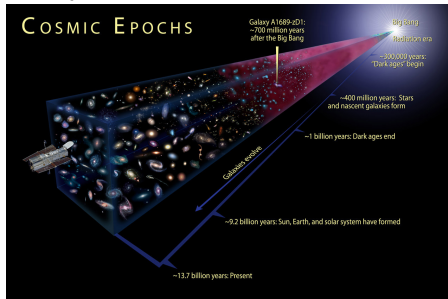
MatLAB installation

In mycourses in central page you find:

<https://download.aalto.fi/index-en.html> chose: Software for students' home computers, find Matlab.

How big is big?

- ▶ Open **MatLab** and write in the Command Window: 2^{1023} , what do you get?
- ▶ Now write in the Command Window: 2^{1024} , what do you get?
- ▶ $2^{1023} = 8.9885 \times 10^{+307}$ and $2^{1024} = \text{Inf}$. Is the number 8.9885×10^{307} big? How big?
- ▶ How many atoms are estimated in the known observable universe?
- ▶ The atoms are estimated to be between 10^{78} to 10^{82} . Pic from website Universe Today



Errors

Errors

- ▶ Numerical solutions are **not exact**, they are **approximate**.
- ▶ Two types of **errors**:
 - ▶ **Round-off** errors
 - ▶ **Truncation** errors
- ▶ **Round-off** errors are errors introduced by **the way computers store numbers**.
- ▶ **Truncation** errors are errors introduced by **the numerical method**.
- ▶ The **smallest distance between two numbers**, namely the **smallest value of the mantissa for double precision**, is 2^{-52} .
Write in MatLab **eps** and compare it with 2^{-52} .

Round-off Errors

- ▶ Real numbers that have mantissa longer than the number of bits (52 in dp and 23 in sp) have to become shorter.
- ▶ A number can be shortened either by chopping off the extra digits or by rounding.
- ▶ Number $2/3$ can be written in decimal form with four digits as:
 - ▶ 0.6666 chopping
 - ▶ 0.6667 rounding
 - ▶ in both cases there is an error.

Round-off Errors - Example

- ▶ Consider the **equation**:

$$x^2 - 100.0001x + 0.01 = 0$$

The **exact solution** is $x_1 = 100$ and $x_2 = 0.0001$.



$$x_1 = \frac{-\beta + \sqrt{\beta^2 - 4\alpha\gamma}}{2\alpha}; \quad x_2 = \frac{-\beta - \sqrt{\beta^2 - 4\alpha\gamma}}{2\alpha}$$

- ▶ Go on **Command Window** of MatLab and calculate x_1 and x_2 . Start by writing **format long**. The square root in MatLab is **sqrt()**. What are x_1 , x_2 ?
- ▶ $\alpha = 1, \beta = -100.0001, \gamma = 0.01$

Round-off Errors - Example

- ▶ Results in **MatLab**:

$$x_1 = 100; \quad x_2 = 1.000000000033197 * 10^{-4}$$

- ▶ Due to the fact that in x_2 the numerator is subtraction of two numbers $\beta = -100.0001$ and $\sqrt{\beta^2 - 4\alpha\gamma} = 99.999899999999997$ that are **almost equal**, there are **round-off errors**.

- ▶ By multiplying and dividing x_2 by $(-\beta + \sqrt{\beta^2 - 4\alpha\gamma})$

$$x_2 = \frac{(-\beta - \sqrt{\beta^2 - 4\alpha\gamma})}{2\alpha} \frac{(-\beta + \sqrt{\beta^2 - 4\alpha\gamma})}{(-\beta + \sqrt{\beta^2 - 4\alpha\gamma})}$$

Round-off Errors - Example



$$x_2 = \frac{\beta^2 - \left(\sqrt{\beta^2 - 4\alpha\gamma}\right)^2}{2\alpha \left(-\beta + \sqrt{\beta^2 - 4\alpha\gamma}\right)} = \frac{\beta^2 - \beta^2 + 4\alpha\gamma}{2\alpha \left(-\beta + \sqrt{\beta^2 - 4\alpha\gamma}\right)}$$

$$x_2 = \frac{2\gamma}{-\beta + \sqrt{\beta^2 - 4\alpha\gamma}}$$

- ▶ $\alpha = 1, \beta = -100.0001, \gamma = 0.01$
- ▶ Try now with the above formula to calculate x_2 . What do you get? What is the **difference**?
- ▶ In the last formula in the denominator **two nearly equal numbers** are added and that is why you get the **exact solution**.

Truncation Errors

- ▶ Truncation errors occur due to the use of numerical methods used for solving a problem.
- ▶ Truncation errors depend on the specific numerical method.
- ▶ Example: numerical evaluation of $\sin(x)$ by Taylor's series:

$$\sin(x) = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \frac{x^9}{9!} - \frac{x^{11}}{11!} + \dots$$

- ▶ If only the first term is used to calculate $\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)$:

$$\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) = \frac{\pi}{6} = 0.5235988$$

- ▶ The truncation error is equal to:

$$E^{TR} = 0.5 - 0.5235988 = -0.0235988$$

Truncation Errors

- ▶ If only the first **two terms** are used to calculate $\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)$:

$$\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) = \frac{\pi}{6} - \frac{(\pi/6)^3}{3!} = 0.4996742$$

- ▶ The **truncation error** is equal to:

$$E^{TR} = 0.5 - 0.4996742 = 0.0003258$$

Taylor series for $\sin(x)$

The Taylor series (Brook Taylor) is a representation of a function as a **sum of infinite terms**, [7]:

$$f(x) = f(\alpha) \frac{(x-\alpha)^0}{0!} + f'(\alpha) \frac{(x-\alpha)}{1!} + f''(\alpha) \frac{(x-\alpha)^2}{2!} + \dots + f^{(n)}(\alpha) \frac{(x-\alpha)^n}{n!} + \dots$$

note that $(x-\alpha)^0 = 0! = 1$. When point $\alpha = 0$, the series is called also **Maclaurin series** (Colin Maclaurin). For the function $\sin(x)$:

$$\begin{aligned} \sin'(x) &= \cos(x); & \sin(0) &= 0 \\ \sin''(x) &= -\sin(x); & \sin'(0) &= 1 \\ \sin'''(x) &= -\cos(x); & \sin''(0) &= 0 \\ \sin^{(4)}(x) &= \sin(x); & \sin'''(0) &= -1 \\ \sin^{(5)}(x) &= \cos(x); & \sin^{(4)}(0) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

The **Taylor's formula** for $\sin(x)$ takes the **form**:

$$\sin(x) = 0 + 1x + 0x^2 + (-1) \frac{x^3}{3!} + 0x^4 + \dots$$

$$\sin(x) = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \frac{x^9}{9!} - \frac{x^{11}}{11!} + \dots$$

Total Error

- ▶ The combination of **round-off** error and **truncation** error provides the **total error**, also called true error.
- ▶ The **total error** (aka absolute error) is equal to the absolute value of the difference between the **exact solution** and the **numerical** one:

$$TotalError = |ExactSolution - NumericalSolution|$$

- ▶ The absolute value of the ratio between total error and the exact solution is called **total relative error** (aka relative error):

$$TotalRelativeError = \left| \frac{ExactSolution - NumericalSolution}{ExactSolution} \right|$$

Computers and Programming

Computers and Programming

- ▶ Computers can **store large amount of numbers** and implement calculations very fast.
- ▶ A set of instructions, namely a **computer program** is required to be given to the computer in order to carry out **calculations**.
- ▶ To this end, **machine language** is required.
- ▶ **Operating systems (UNIX, DOS)** enable communication between the user and the computer. They are **difficult to use** and they are not written for needs of scientists and engineers.
- ▶ Scientists and engineers use **high-level computer languages** in order to solve problems.
- ▶ Common computer languages in science and engineering include: FORTRAN, **C** and **C++**.
- ▶ In this course we will use MatLab, which is a **high-level programming language** (requires less commands than lower-level languages).

Algorithm

- ▶ **Algorithm** is a **set of instructions** on how to **solve a problem**.
- ▶ Write an algorithm for the solution of the real roots of the *quadratic equation*:

$$\alpha x^2 + \beta x + \gamma = 0$$

How do you **proceed**? **Write** it down.

- ▶ **Algorithm**:

1. Calculate the value of the **discriminant**: $\Delta = \beta^2 - 4\alpha\gamma$
2. If $\Delta > 0$ calculate the roots:

$$x_1 = \frac{-\beta + \sqrt{\beta^2 - 4\alpha\gamma}}{2\alpha}; \quad x_2 = \frac{-\beta - \sqrt{\beta^2 - 4\alpha\gamma}}{2\alpha}$$

3. If $\Delta = 0$ $x = \frac{-\beta}{2\alpha}$ and display message: 'The system has a single root'.
4. If $\Delta < 0$ display message: 'The equation has no real roots.'.

Computer program

- ▶ A **computer program** is a list of commands that are executed by the computer.
- ▶ The **commands** can be grouped as, **commands**:
 1. for **input/output** data
 2. for **defining variables**
 3. for executing **mathematical operations**
 4. for **controlling the order** of the executed commands
 5. for **repeating sections** of the program (**loops**)
 6. for **creating figures**
- ▶ **MatLab** is easy to use and has many **built-in functions**, [1].

Introduction to MatLab

Introduction to MatLab (= Matrix Laboratory)

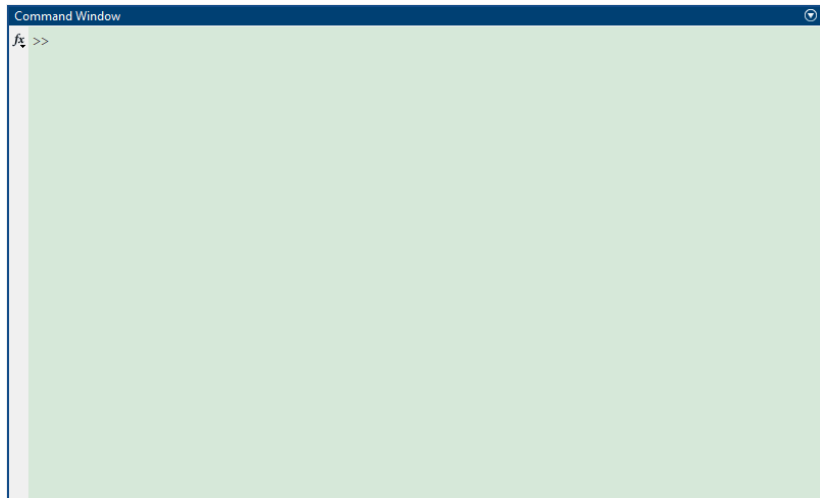
- ▶ **High-level** computer language
- ▶ **Scientific** computing
- ▶ Data **visualization**
- ▶ Main platform in **educational** institutions
- ▶ Main platform in **research** establishments
- ▶ **No stand-alone applications** (only on computers that have installed MatLab)
- ▶ **Extensive graphics**
- ▶ Codes are **easy to read**
- ▶ **Large number of functions** that solve many common tasks
- ▶ **Syntax** is similar to **FORTRAN**, [2]

MatLab Interface

- ▶ Command Window
- ▶ Editor Window
- ▶ Workspace Window
- ▶ Current Directory Window

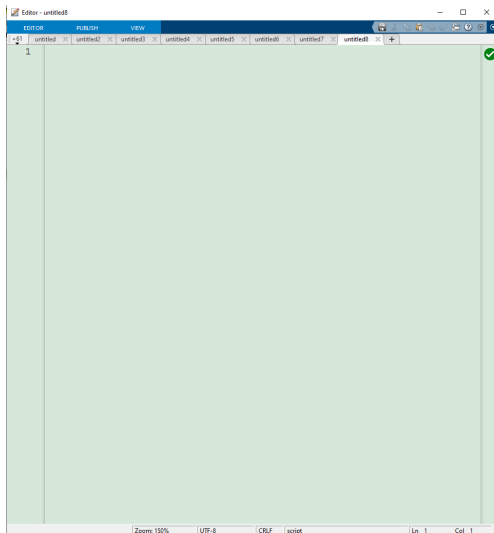
MatLab Interface - Command Window

Command window is the main window and is used to enter individual statements at the command line (`>>`) and run programs.



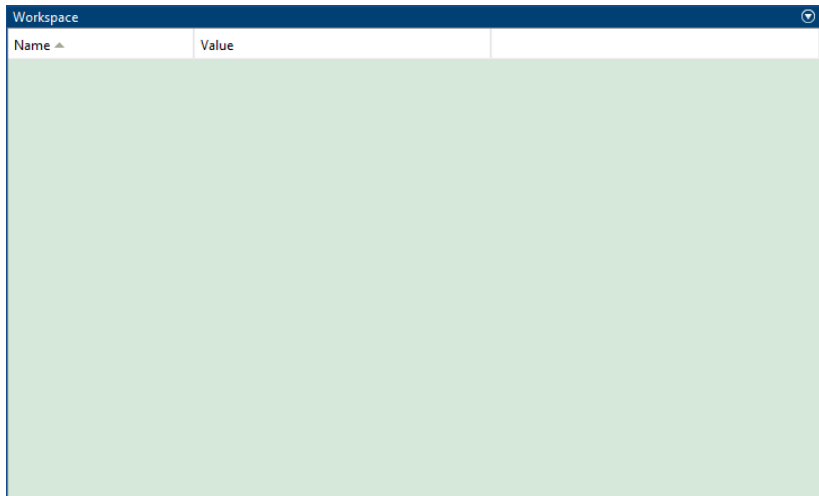
MatLab Interface - Editor Window

Window for writing and editing programs scripts and function files.



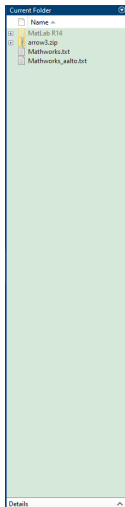
MatLab Interface - Workspace Window

Workspace window provides info about variables that are used.



MatLab Interface - Current Directory Window

Current directory window shows the files in the current directory.



Data Types and Variables

- ▶ **Most** commonly used **data types** or classes:
 1. **double**, numerical objects (double precision arrays)
 2. **char**, strings
 3. **logical**, 1 (true) and 0 (false)
- ▶ An important class is the **function_handle**, uses @.
- ▶ **Variables** are *case sensitive*. For example *Xa* is different from *xa*. The **length** of a name is unlimited.
- ▶ **Variables** *X* and *Y* can be shared **between a function and a program** by writing **global X Y** in both function and program. Common practice to use **CAPITAL LETTERS** for global variables, [2].

Data Types and Variables cont'd

Build-in *constants* and special **variables** in MatLab,
[2]:

ans	Name for results
eps	Smallest number
inf	Infinity
NaN	Not a number
i or j	$\sqrt{-1}$
pi	π
realmin	Smallest positive number
realmax	LARGEST positive number

Arrays

- ▶ Type elements between brackets `[]`. Elements in each row can be separated by **empty spaces** or **Commas**, `[2]`.
- ▶ The **rows** can be separated also by **semicolon** ;
- ▶ The **row vector** is defined with **empty spaces**, while the **column vector** with **semicolon**.
- ▶ The **transpose** of a vector is defined by **apostrophe** '.
- ▶ Elements of a matrix $A(i,j)$, where *i* is the row and *j* is the column, can be selected by choosing row and column.
- ▶ To select the whole column or row use **colon** `:`.
- ▶ To select **part of the matrix** use numbers and between the selected elements use **colon** `:`.
- ▶ **Example**, write the following **matrix A** and select (i) its **first row**, (ii) its **second column**, (iii) a **2x2 submatrix** in the lower right corner and (iv) select the **element in second row and third column**:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 7 \\ 2 & 5 & 8 \\ 3 & 6 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

Arrays

Script in the editor:

```
1 clearvars
2 close all
3 clc
4
5 A = [1 4 7; 2 5 8; 3 6 9];
6 % Alternately A can be defined as:
7 % A = [1 4 7
8 %      2 5 8
9 %      3 6 9];
10
11 % (i)
12 A1r = A(1,:);
13
14 % (ii)
15 A2c = A(:,2);
16
17 % (iii)
18 A23 = A(2:3,2:3);
19
20 % (iv)
21 A2c3l = A(2,3);
```

Cells and Strings

- ▶ **Cell** is a sequence of **objects** and are enclosed by braces `{}`, `[2]`.
- ▶ **Example**, write `c = {[1 2 3], 'one two three', 5 + 4i}` and select: `c{1}`, `c{2}`, `c{3}` and `c{1}(2)`.
- ▶ **String** is a sequence of **characters**.
- ▶ **Example**, write `s1 = 'I really love this course'`, `s2 = 'Elsa'` and `s3 = strcat(s1(1:13), s2)`. What do you get?
- ▶ **'I really love Elsa'**

Operators

+	Addition
-	Subtraction
*	Multiplication
^	Exponentiation
/	Right division
\	Left division
.*	Element-wise multiplication
./	Element-wise division
.^	Element-wise exponentiation
<	Less than
>	Greater than
<=	Less than or equal
>=	Greater than or equal
==	Equal to
~=	Not equal to
&	AND
	OR
~	NOT

Operators - Examples

/ Right division
\ Left division

- ▶ Right division a/b corresponds to a divided by b if a and b are **scalars**.
- ▶ Left division is equivalent to b/a
- ▶ In case of A and B being matrices A/B provides the solution $X * A = B$
- ▶ $A \setminus B$ provides the solution of $A * X = B$

Operators - Examples

- .* Element-wise multiplication
- ./ Element-wise division
- .^ Element-wise exponentiation

- ▶ Application of **element by element** operations.
- ▶ Example, write the tables A and B and **multiply element by element**. What happens if you remove the **dot**?

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 7 \\ 2 & 5 & 8 \end{bmatrix}; \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

- ▶ $A.*B$

Operators - Examples

<	Less than
>	Greater than
<=	Less than or equal
>=	Greater than or equal
==	Equal to
~=	Not equal to

- ▶ **Logical operations:** return **1** if it is **true** and **0** if it is **false**.
- ▶ Example, write the tables A and B and check which elements are **larger** in A compared to B. Try also **larger or equal**.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 7 \\ 2 & 5 & 8 \end{bmatrix}; \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

- ▶ $A > B$

Operators - Examples

& AND
| OR
~ NOT

- ▶ **Logical operations:** return **1** if it is **true** and **0** if it is **false**.
- ▶ Example, write the tables A and B and check which elements are **larger in A compared to B** **or** which elements of B are **larger than 4**.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 7 \\ 2 & 5 & 8 \end{bmatrix}; \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

- ▶ $(A > B) \mid (B > 4)$

Flow Control - Conditionals: if, else/elseif, end

```
if condition
block
elseif condition
block
else
block
end
```

```
if condition
block
else
block
end
```

```
if condition
block
end
```

- ▶ Executes the block if the **condition** is **true**, but if it is **false** the block is skipped.

- ▶ Example: write a user-defined **function** that determines **the sign of a number** called **signum**, [2]. Syntax:

```
function [output_args] = function_name(input_args)
```

```
function sgn = signum(a)
```

```
if a>0
```

```
    sgn=1;
```

```
elseif a<0
```

```
    sgn=-1;
```

```
else
```

```
    sgn =0;
```

```
end
```

Call in **Command Window**

```
>> signum(-2)
```

```
ans =
```

```
-1
```

Flow Control - Conditionals: switch

```
► switch expression
  case value1
    block
  case value2
    block
  case valueN
    block
  otherwise
    block
end
```

- Checks if the **expression** matches any of the **cases'** **values** and executes the **block**. If **expression** does not match any of the **CASES** it executes the **otherwise block**.
- Example: write a user-defined **function** that determines **sin, cos, tan** called **trig**. Syntax:
function [output_args] = function_name(input_args)
error('statement')

Flow Control - Conditionals: switch

► trig function, [2]:

```
► function y = trig(func,x)
  switch func
  case 'sin'
    y=sin(x);
  case 'cos'
    y=cos(x);
  case 'tan'
    y=tan(x);
  otherwise
    error('Not such function defined')
  end
```

► Call in Command Window:

```
>> trig('cos',pi)
ans =
-1
```

Flow Control - Loops: while

- ▶ `while condition`
`block`
`end`
- ▶ Executes the `block` if the `condition` holds. After each `loop` the `condition` is evaluated again and if it is **true** the `loop` runs again. The `iteration` stops when the `condition` is **false**.
- ▶ Example: Compute `how many years` it takes for a capital of 1000\$ to **GROW** to 10000\$ with 5% `annual interest`, [2]
- ▶

```
>> p=1000; years=0;  
>> while p<10000  
years=years+1;  
p=p*(1+0.05);  
end  
>> years  
years =  
48
```

Flow Control - Loops: for

- ▶ `for` target=*sequence*
 block
 `end`
- ▶ The `target` loops by taking `different` values of `sequence`.
- ▶ Example: Compute `sinx` from $x = 0$ to $\pi/2$ at `increments` of $\pi/10$, [2].
- ▶

```
>> m = 5;  
y = zeros(1,length(0:m));  
for n=0:5  
y(n+1)=sin(n*pi/10);  
end  
>> y  
y =  
0 0.3090 0.5878 0.8090 0.9511 1.0000
```

Flow Control - Loops: for

► `for` target=*sequence*
 block
 `end`

► **ATTENTION**: loops should be replaced with *vectorized* expressions whenever possible, [2]:

```
>> n=0:5;  
>> y=sin(n*pi/10)  
y =  
0 0.3090 0.5878 0.8090 0.9511 1.0000
```

Flow Control - Loops: break

- ▶ Break is used to **terminate** a loop.
- ▶ Example: Sum a **sequence** of **random** numbers (rand) until the **sum** exceeds a **limit**, [3]:

```
▶ limit = 10;
  s = 0;
  while true % loops forever, equal to 'while 1'
    tmp = rand; % random number
    if s > limit
      break
    end
    s = s + tmp;
  end
>> s =
    10.4343
>> tmp =
    0.4456
```


Flow Control - Loops: continue

- ▶ Is used to **pass the control** to the *next iteration*.
- ▶ Example: Find **multipliers** of **7** from 1 to 50. If a number is not **divisible** by 7 use **continue** to skip, [4]:
- ▶

```
for n = 1:50
    if mod(n,7) % remainder after division
        continue
    end
    disp(['Divisible by 7: ' num2str(n)])
end
```

Flow Control - Loops: continue

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- ▶ Example: Find **multipliers** of **7** from 1 to 50. If a number is not **divisible** by 7 use **continue** to skip, [4]:
- ▶

```
for n = 1:50
    if mod(n,7)~=0 % remainder after division
        continue
    end
    disp(['Divisible by 7:  ' num2str(n)])
end
```

Flow Control - Loops: return

- ▶ Return is used to **force a function** to return the control to the function or script by finalizing it.
- ▶ Difference with break is that break allows the function to continue after the loop.
- ▶ Example: The function solves a problem by using the **Newton-Raphson method** to find zero of $f(x) = \sin x - 0.5x$. The input x is defined by **iterations** by $x \leftarrow x + \Delta x$, where $\Delta x = -f(x)/f'(x)$, until change is small, [2]:

```
▶ function x = solve(x)
    for numIter = 1:30
        dx = -(sin(x) - 0.5*x)/(cos(x) - 0.5); % -f(x)/f'(x)
        x = x + dx;
        if abs(dx) < 1.0e-6 % Check for convergence
            return
        end
    end
    error('Too many iterations')
```

Flow Control - Loops: error

- ▶ `error('statement')`
- ▶ Is used to **terminate** a program and show a **message**.

User-Defined Functions - Definition

`function [output_args] = function_name(input_args)`

- ▶ The **input and output arguments** are separated by **commas** ,
- ▶ The number of **arguments** can be **zero**.
- ▶ If there is only one **output argument** the **brackets** can be omitted.
- ▶ The **function** must be saved *function_name.m*

User-defined Functions - Local functions

`function [output_args] = function_name(input_args)`

- ▶ **Local functions** are **subfunctions** that are available **within** the file of the **main function**, [5].
- ▶ They are useful to **break** the program in **different tasks**, [5].
- ▶ Example: the function contains the main function (myfunction) and **two local functions** (squareMe, doubleMe), [5]:

```
function b = myfunction(a)
b = squareMe(a)+doubleMe(a);
end
function y = squareMe(x)
y = x.^2;
end
function y = doubleMe(x)
y = x.*2;
end
```

User-defined Functions - Nested functions

`function [output_args] = function_name(input_args)`

- ▶ **Nested functions** are totally **contained within** the **main function**, [5].
- ▶ The **difference** with local functions is that **nested functions can use the variables** defined in **parent functions**, [5].
- ▶ Example: the following functions both the **main function** and the **nested functions** can access the variables, [6]:

```
function main1
x = 5;
nestfun1

    function nestfun1
        x = x + 1;
    end

end

function main2
    nestfun2

        function nestfun2
            x = 5;
        end

        x = x + 1;
    end
```

User-defined Functions - Script M-files, Calling functions

- ▶ **Script M-file** is a text file of MatLab commands, [2].
- ▶ It is **EQUIVALENT** of typing the commands in Command Window.
- ▶ A function can be called with **fewer arguments**.
- ▶ The number of **input** and **output** arguments can be determined by **nargin** and **nargout**.
- ▶ Example: Modification of function solve where the **second input argument** is **optional**, [2]:

```
▶ function [x,numIter] = solveB(x, epsilon)
    if nargin == 1; % Provide default value if second input is missing
        epsilon = 1.0e-6;
    end
    for numIter = 1:30
        dx = -(sin(x) - 0.5*x)/(cos(x) - 0.5); % -f(x)/f'(x)
        x = x + dx;
        if abs(dx) < epsilon % Check for convergence
            return
        end
    end
    error('Too many iterations')
```


User-defined Functions - Evaluating functions

```
function [x,nI] = solve(x, epsi)
if nargin == 1; epsi = 1.0e-6; end
for nI = 1:30
    dx = myfunc(x)
    x = x + dx;
    if abs(dx) < epsi; return; end
end
error('Too many iterations')
```

```
function y = myfunc(x)
y = -(sin(x)-0.5*x)/(cos(x)-0.5);
```

```
function [x,nI] = solveC(x, epsi)
if nargin == 1; epsi = 1.0e-6; end
for nI = 1:30
    dx = feval(func,x)
    x = x + dx;
    if abs(dx) < epsi; return; end
end
error('Too many iterations')
```

```
>> x = solve(@myfunc,2)
% @myfunc is the function handle
```

- ▶ In the **left case** of code we **stack** with myfunc, while in the **right case** we can pass **any function** in the solve function.
- ▶ In order to be more **flexible** is good to use a **function handle** to pass myfunc in solve as an argument, [2].
- ▶ To this end we need to use **feval** function.
- ▶ Syntax: `feval(function_handle, args)`

Functions - Anonymous functions

- ▶ For **not complicated** functions we can represent them with **anonymous functions**.
- ▶ **Advantage** is that it is **EMBEDDED** in the same code and **NOT** in a separate file.
- ▶ **Syntax**: `function_handle = @(args) expression`
- ▶ Example: In the previous case (previous slide, **right side**) we could write myfunc as:

```
>> myfunc = @(x)-(sin(x)-0.5*x)/(cos(x)-0.5);  
>> [x,nI] = solveC(myfunc, 2)
```
- ▶ NOTE: myfunc is already **handle function**, so when we pass it in solve we do **NOT** need **@**, [2].

Input/Output

- ▶ To receive **user input**, the function **input** can be used.

- ▶ Example:

```
>> a = input('Enter Student Number: ')
```

```
Enter Student Number: 123456
```

```
a =
```

```
123456
```

- ▶ For printing **output** the function **fprintf** is used.

- ▶ Syntax: `fprintf('format',list)`

`%w.df` Floating point notation

- ▶ `%w.de` Exponential notation

`\n` Newline character

where *w* is the **width** of the field (defines the **empty space** around the values) and *d* is the **number of digits AFTER** the **decimal point**, [2].

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 - ▶ `%w.de` Exponential notation
 - `\n` Newline character

where *w* is the **width** of the field (defines the **empty space** around the values) and *d* is the **number of digits AFTER the decimal point**, [2].

- ▶ Example: Print the values of `sinx` and `x` for $x = 0, 0.5, 1$. For `x` use **width=1, one digit after the decimal point and exponential notation** and for the `sinx` use **width=1, six digits after the decimal point and floating point notation**. Separate values with **newline character**.

- ▶

```
x=0:0.5:1;
for i = 1:length(x)
    fprintf('%1.1e %1.6f\n',x(i), sin(x(i)))
end
0.0e+00 0.000000
5.0e-01 0.479426
1.0e+00 0.841471
```

Array Manipulation

- ▶ Creating **array**: `x = [0 0.5 1 1.5 2];`
- ▶ **Colon** `:` operator,
syntax: `x = first_el:increment:last_el`.
The above array can be created as: `>> x = 0:0.5:2`
- ▶ **linspace** function creates an array with **equally spaced elements**, [2]. Syntax: `x = linspace(xfirst,xlast,n)`, array of n elements starting with $xfirst$ and ending with $xlast$.
The above array can be created as:
`>> x = linspace(0,2,5)`
- ▶ **logspace** (syntax: `x = logspace(zfirst,zlast,n)`) is equivalent to `linspace` and creates an array of n elements, starting with $x = 10^{zfirst}$ and ending $x = 10^{zlast}$

Array Manipulation

function	syntax	creates/computes
zeros	<code>X=zeros(m,n)</code>	matrix of m rows and n columns filled with zeros
ones	<code>X=ones(m,n)</code>	matrix of m rows and n columns filled with ones
rand	<code>X=rand(m,n)</code>	matrix filled with random numbers between 0 and 1
eye	<code>X=eye(m,n)</code>	$n \times n$ identity matrix
length	<code>n=length(x)</code>	the length of a vector
size	<code>[m,n]=size(X)</code>	rows m and columns n of matrix X
reshape	<code>Y=reshape(X,m,n)</code>	a $m \times n$ matrix from matrix X in the column-wise order
dot	<code>a= dot(x,y)</code>	dot product of two vectors
prod	<code>a= prod(x)</code>	products over each column
sum	<code>a= sum(x)</code>	sum of elements
cross	<code>a= cross(a,b)</code>	cross product $c = a \times b$

► `>> a = 1:6; A = reshape(a,2,3)`

`A =`

`1 3 5`

`2 4 6`

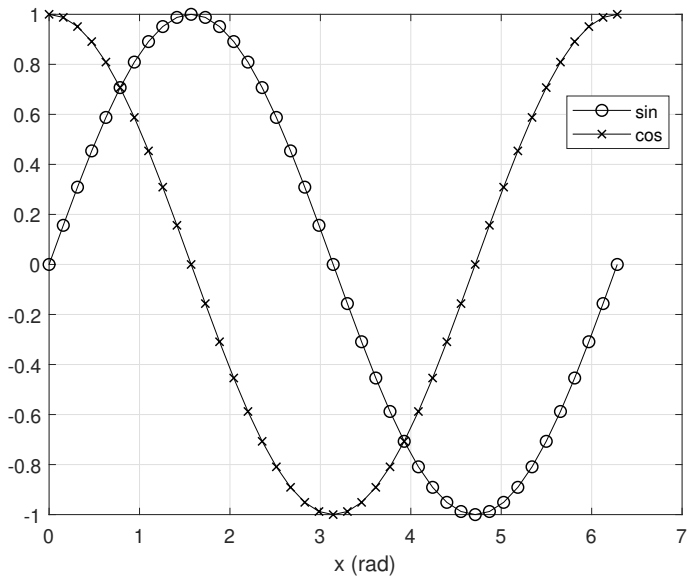
Writing and Running Programs

- ▶ **Two** windows available for **typing** in **MatLab**:
 1. **Command Window**
 2. **Editor** (files must be saved as .m files)
- ▶ The **variables** created during a session are saved in the **Workspace**
- ▶ Variables can be **cleared** with:
`clear a b c ...`
- ▶ **Help** can be provided in **MatLab** by typing:
`>> help function_name`
in Command Window.

Plotting

```
% Plot example, see [2]
x = 0:0.05*pi:2*pi;      % Create x-array
y = sin(x);              % Create y-array
z = cos(x);              % Create z-array
plot(x,y,'k-o')           % Plot x-y points with specified color
                           % ('k' = black) and symbol ('o' = circle)
hold on                  % Allows overwriting of current plot
plot(x,z,'k-x')          % Plot x-z points ('x' = cross)
grid on                  % Display coordinate grid
xlabel('x (rad)')        % Display label for x-axis
legend('sin','cos',...   % Show legend on best
'Location','Best')      % possible location
```


Plotting cont'd



Write a program

- ▶ The value of π with the series:

$$\pi = 4 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \frac{1}{2n-1} = 4 \left(1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{9} - \frac{1}{11} + \dots \right)$$

Write a MatLab program in script file that calculates the value of π by using n terms and calculates the corresponding total relative error. Calculate for (a) $n = 10$, (a) $n = 20$, (a) $n = 40$.

- ▶ For $n = 10$, the calculated value of pi is 3.04184
The true relative error is 3.17524e-02 or 3.175 percent
- ▶ For $n = 20$, the calculated value of pi is 3.09162
The true relative error is 1.59056e-02 or 1.591 percent
- ▶ For $n = 40$, the calculated value of pi is 3.11660
The true relative error is 7.95650e-03 or 0.796 percent

Write a program

```
clearvars
close all
clc
n=input('Enter a number of terms of the series:\n');
total=0;
for i=1:n
    total = total + (((-1)^(i-1)))/(2*i-1);
end
num_pi = 4*total; true_pi= pi;
total_rel_error = abs((true_pi-num_pi)/true_pi);
percent = total_rel_error*100;
fprintf('For n=%3i, the calculated value of pi is
%9.5f\n',n,num_pi)
fprintf('The true relative error is %9.5e or %6.3f percent \n',...
total_rel_error,percent)
```

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