

# FUNCTIONS, COMMENTING, DEBUGGING AND STRINGS

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## ■ Forums

- Be aware that there is a News Forum for important announcements
- You can post any unit-related in the discussion forums.

## ■ Peer Assisted Study Sessions (PASS)

- Begins in Week 3.

<p>Monday: 3:30-5:30pm (MYT) / 6:30-8:30pm (AEDT) Meeting ID: <b>891 2853 2133</b> Password: <b>941880</b> <a href="https://monash.zoom.us/j/89128532133?pwd=VVVOenhDbW5xZ3h6ZFRZR1dieVhldz09">https://monash.zoom.us/j/89128532133?pwd=VVVOenhDbW5xZ3h6ZFRZR1dieVhldz09</a></p>	<p>Tuesday: 12-2pm (MYT) / 3-6pm (AEDT) Meeting ID: <b>852 2658 1851</b> Password: <b>933340</b> <a href="https://monash.zoom.us/j/85226581851?pwd=d0YxeWVHd0tudnplanFRYWU2ZGJRUT09">https://monash.zoom.us/j/85226581851?pwd=d0YxeWVHd0tudnplanFRYWU2ZGJRUT09</a></p>
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## ■ Team activities

- It *should* be a content refresh
- Opportunity to teach students who have not prepared or do not understand
- Team task concepts are applied in the individual tasks

## ■ Individual tasks

- Preparation is required, especially if you struggled to finish the lab 1
- **Late attendance will result in the forfeit of team task marks**
- Consolidate your skills (supp. questions and assignment, exam-type questions, or help table members)
- Marks uploaded to Moodle after the deadline



# IN THIS WORKSHOP

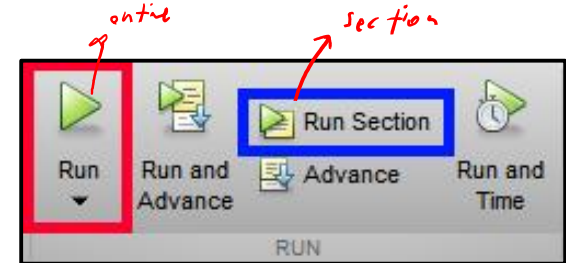
1. Creating and calling user-defined functions
2. Creating variables through user prompts
3. Providing adequate documentation and comments



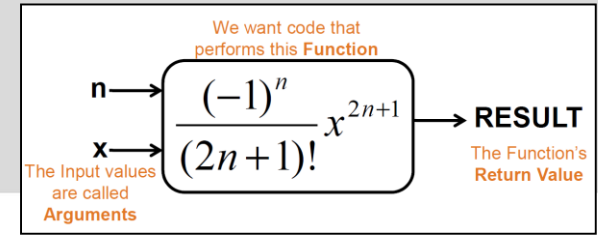
# RECAP: COMMENTING

- Code tells you **HOW** and comments tell you **WHY**
- For complicated programs, comments can be just as important as the code
  - Your name, ID, and date
  - Description of the code
  - `clear all; close all; clc;` (if appropriate)
- Section/highlight your code using **%%** symbols
  - Run button runs through the entire script
  - Run Section button runs through sections of a script

```
% Written by: Tony Vo, ID: 12345678  
% Last modified: 01/07/2015  
% Compares several terms from the sine  
% Taylor series against MATLAB's sine  
% function
```



# RECAP: FUNCTIONS



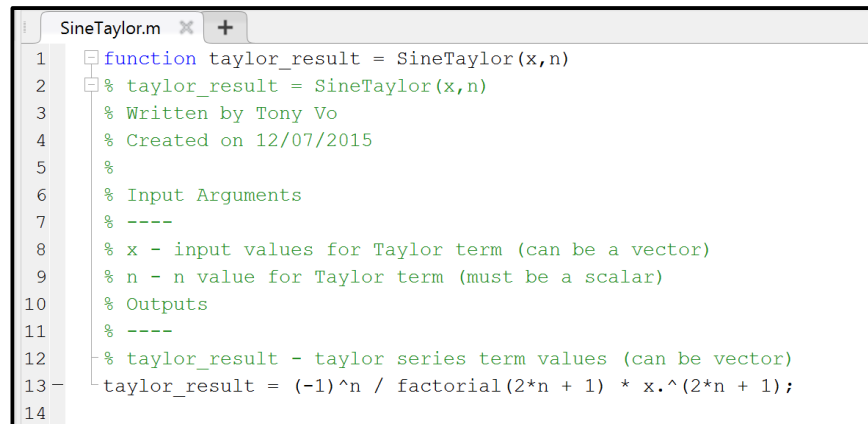
- Functions are
  - Modular: reuse a pattern of code on different input values
  - Black boxes: details are not important when they're functions are used
  - Inbuilt: `sin()`, `sqrt()`, `linspace()`, `plot()`, `max()`, `log()`, etc.
- The purpose of a function file is to **determine and provide its outputs!**
- Function declaration: `function outputs = function_name(inputs)`
  - Multiple inputs: `function taylor_result = SineTaylor(x,n)`
  - Multiple outputs: `function [drop, drop_velocity] = DebrisDrop(conveyer_height)`

# USER-DEFINED FUNCTIONS

- In function files:
  - Do not use fprintf or disp
  - Do not plot
  - Do not ask for an input prompt
  - Do not use clear all; close all; clc; commands
  - Do not overwrite existing MATLAB functions
  - Do suppress everything!
  - Do document your code appropriately
- Why can't you click "run" on a function file?
  - You must always have a complementary m-file to call your function

# RECAP: FUNCTION DOCUMENTATION

- Include the following information **AFTER** the function declaration. This will show up after typing *help <function name>* in the command window
  - Function declaration without the word "function"
  - Name, ID and date and description of what the function does
  - Description of the input argument and outputs



```
1 function taylor_result = SineTaylor(x,n)
2 % taylor_result = SineTaylor(x,n)
3 % Written by Tony Vo
4 % Created on 12/07/2015
5 %
6 % Input Arguments
7 % ----
8 % x - input values for Taylor term (can be a vector)
9 % n - n value for Taylor term (must be a scalar)
10 % Outputs
11 % ----
12 % taylor_result - taylor series term values (can be vector)
13 taylor_result = (-1)^n / factorial(2*n + 1) * x.^(2*n + 1);
14
```



# POOR PROGRAMMING PRACTICES (PPP)

- PPP will be deducted beginning lab 3 (week 4)
- Each PPP item = -0.5 marks (max -2 marks)  
These include but not limited to:
  - Missing or insufficient commenting/documentation in m-files/function files
  - Inefficient coding (e.g. hard coding or copy-paste code instead of loops)
  - Unnecessary outputs (e.g. large matrices)
  - No axis labelling for plots

## RECAP: MORE BUILT-IN FUNCTIONS

- `A = input('text')`: Prints out the text string and awaits an input from the user to store into variable A
  - Only use this if the question asks to prompt the user
- `pause`: Pauses the m-file until a key is pressed
- `pause(N)`: Pauses for N seconds
- `disp(X)`: Displays the value of variable X
- `disp('text')`: Displays the text string  
*fprintf*



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## ACTIVITY: INFINITE SERIES

INFINITE\_SERIES\_TEMPLATE.M

When Ms ENG1060 is bored, she likes to write out converging infinite series. She is trying to show that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(9/10)^n}{n} \overset{\text{LHS}}{\approx} \sum_{n=1}^{n_{\max}} \frac{(9/10)^n}{n} \overset{\text{RHS}}{=} \log_e(10)$$

n all = [1    2    3    ...     $n_{\max}$  100]

terms = [0.9    0.405    0.243    ...     $2.656 \times 10^{-7}$ ]

sum of terms = [0.9    1.305    1.548    ...    2.303]

If  $n_{\max} = 2$

sum of terms = 0.9 + 0.405 = 1.305

If  $n_{\max} = 3$

sum of terms = 0.9 + 0.405 + 0.243 = 1.548

Equations:

$$\text{error} = \left| \frac{\text{approx} - \text{true}}{\text{true}} \right| \times 100\%$$

MATLAB commands:

```
plot(...)  
xlabel(...)  
ylabel(...)  
title(...)  
hold  
legend  
figure
```

Activity involves:

1. Computing the sum of a vector
2. Plotting, labelling
3. Creating a new figure

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Equations:

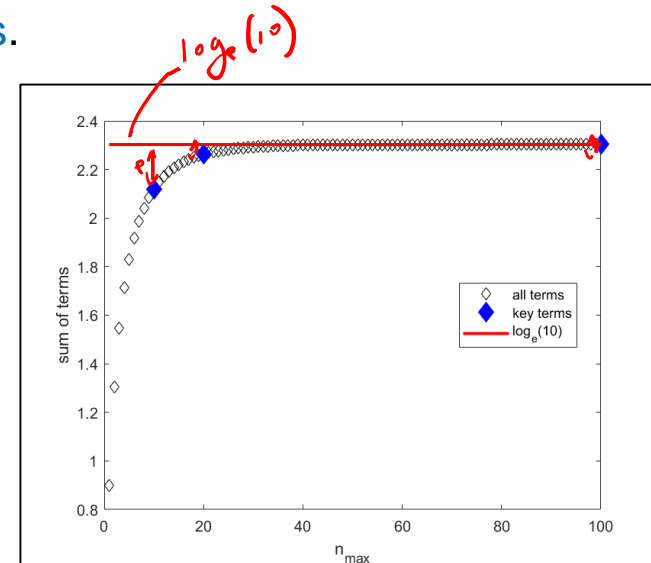
$$\sum_{n=1}^{n_{max}} \frac{(9/10)^n}{n}$$

$$error = \left| \frac{approx - true}{true} \right| \times 100\%$$

1. Generate the terms for each  $n$  for  $n = 1:100$
2. Compute the sums for  $n_{max} = [10 \ 20 \ 100]$ .
3. Plot and label:
  - a. The sums against the values of  $n_{max}$  as blue diamonds.
  - b.  $\log_e(10)$  as a red line

4. Calculate the % error between the sums and  $\log_e 10$ .  
Plot this against  $n_{max}$  in a new figure with logarithmic axes. Calculate the error for  $n=20$

-  5. How would you do this for  $n_{max} = 1:100$ ?



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## ACTIVITY: RECTANGULAR PRISM

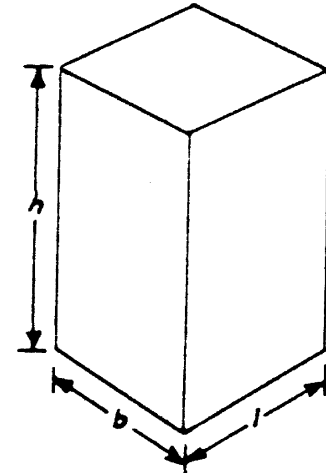
REC\_PRISM.M, REC\_PRISM\_CALLER.M

MATLAB commands:  
`function [...] = ...(...)`

Ms ENG1060 is writing a program which can determine the surface area ( $SA$ ) and volume ( $V$ ) of several polygons. She starts off with a rectangular prism with dimensions  $h$ ,  $b$ , and  $l$ . The units are in metres.

Activity involves:

1. Writing a function file with multiple inputs and outputs.
2. Writing adequate comments for a function file.
3. Calling a function within a script.
4. Changing the inputs and outputs to a function file.




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## ACTIVITY: RECTANGULAR PRISM

REC\_PRISM.M, REC\_PRISM\_CALLER.M

MATLAB commands:  
`function [...] = ...(...)`

1. Determine the **function header declaration** and complete the function file
2. Determine **surface area and volume** for  $h = 1, b = 1, l = 1$ .  
Check that the outputs are  $SA = 6 \text{ m}^2$  and  $V = 1 \text{ m}^3$
3. Which of these combinations give  
 $SA = 502 \text{ m}^2$  and  $V = 390 \text{ m}^3$ ?
4.  Change your function so that it will provide a **third output – cost to paint the entire surface of the prism**, given a **fourth input – c: paint cost per  $\text{m}^2$** .
  - a. Calculate the cost to paint a prism with  $h = 15, b = 13, l = 2, c = 2.5$

<i>h</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>l</i>
4	9	13
7	11	4
9	6	7
15	13	2
7	7	7

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## ACTIVITY: FOOD

FOOD.M, FOOD\_CALLER.M

MATLAB commands:

`input(...)`

`function [...] = ...(...)`

There are 3 primary macronutrients.

Each Cal contains 4.186 kJ.

- Carbohydrates (C): 4 Cal/g
- Proteins (P): 4 Cal/g
- Fats (F): 9 Cal/g

Activity involves:

1. Writing a function file with multiple inputs and outputs.
2. Writing **adequate comments** for a function file.
3. Calling a function within a script.
4. Prompting for vector inputs and using it in a function.



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## ACTIVITY: FOOD

FOOD.M, FOOD\_CALLER.M

MATLAB commands:

`input(...)`

`function [...] = ...(...)`

Create a function that accepts C, P and F (in grams) and outputs the total energy intake in Cal and kJ.

- For the following meals, write a script to determine the energy intake in Cal and kJ:
  - KFC's 9 for \$9.95: C=65g, P=150g, F=120g
  - Dozen KK donuts: F=121g, P=26g, C=285g
- In the same script, prompt the user for the macronutrients in a **12-inch Smashed Falafel sandwich in vector form**.
  - Use matrix indexing to pass these as inputs to your function.
  - How many Krispy Kreme donuts is one sandwich equivalent to?



Protein (g)	14.7
Fat (g)	13.6
Carbohydrates (g)	61.9



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## ACTIVITY: SUNFLOWER

SUNFLOWER.M, SUNFLOWER\_CALLER.M

Mr ENG1060 has an unhealthy obsession with sunflowers. He is in pursuit of discovering the perfect sunflower using the following model.

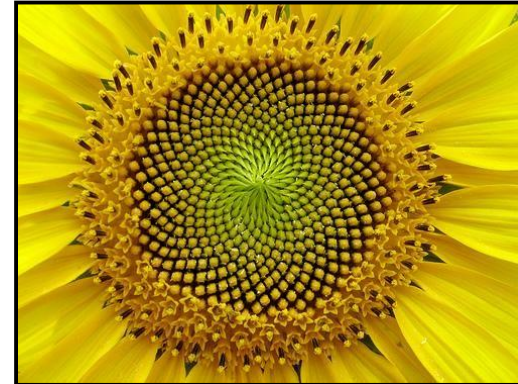
The arrangement of seeds in a flower such as a sunflower follows a fixed mathematical pattern. Mr ENG1060 is attempting to recreate this pattern using a mathematical model.

Activity involves:

1. Writing a function file with multiple inputs and outputs.
2. Writing **adequate comments** for a function file.
3. Calling a function within a script.
4. Subplots and labelling.

MATLAB commands:

```
function [...] = ...(...)
    subplot(...)
    plot(...)
    axis ...
    xlabel(...)
    ylabel(...)
    title(...)
```



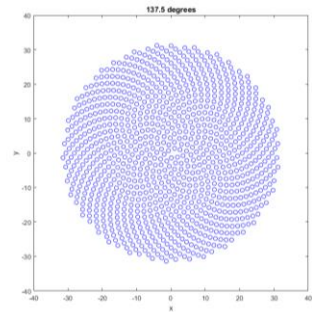
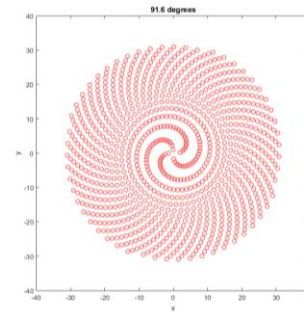
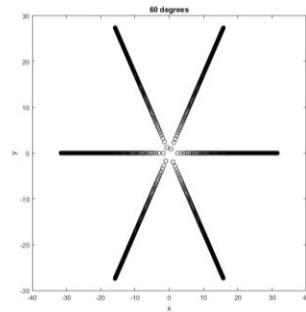
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## ACTIVITY: SUNFLOWER

SUNFLOWER.M, SUNFLOWER\_CALLER.M

The  $n^{\text{th}}$  seed is at position  $r = \sqrt{n}$  with angular coordinate  $\pi dn/180$  radians, where  $d$  is the constant angle of divergence (in degrees) between two successive seeds.

1. Create a function which takes in **the number of seeds and angle of divergence** and **outputs the  $(x, y)$  coordinates** of the seeds. Hint:  $x = r \cos(\theta)$ ,  $y = r \sin(\theta)$ .
2. Compute the coordinates for 1000 seeds with  $d = 60^\circ$ ,  $91.6^\circ$ , and  $137.5^\circ$   
    ➡ What is the **x-coordinate of the 888<sup>th</sup> seed** if  $d = 137.5^\circ$ ?
3. Create a 1x3 subplot for each  $d$   
    Label the figure as appropriate.  
    **Left:**  $60^\circ$ , black circles  
    **Middle:**  $91.6^\circ$ , red circles  
    **Right:**  $137.5^\circ$ , blue circles



# IN THIS WORKSHOP

1. Creating and calling user-defined functions
2. Creating variables through user prompts
3. Providing adequate documentation and comments



## PART A: MATLAB PROGRAMMING

- ~~1. Introduction, variables and matrices~~
- ~~2. Matrix calculations and plotting~~
- ~~3. Functions, commenting, debugging and strings~~
4. Input, output and IF statements
5. Loops and debugging
6. Loops, advanced functions and MATLAB limitations

You can now complete lab 3!