

# Batch Processing

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## Learning Objectives

After this lesson, students will be able to develop a basic script for:

- Identifying files that meet specific criteria in a given directory
- Batch processing data files and aggregating the results

## Check-in

- Homework 5 due Friday
- No Homework assigned this week
- Homework 4 grading
- See final assignment on canvas

## Last Time

- `os` and `glob` packages help us work with files

## This Time

- Using these modules to find files and batch process
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## Framing the Problem

**Note:** This lesson refers to the data in `Torque_Cell_Data.zip`, as well as the diagram `Batch Processing Problem Set-Up.pdf`, both of which are posted on the course website.

We have performed a calibration routine on two Futek TFF400 torque cells (see diagram on Canvas):

- Cells measure axial torque using strain gauges
- To calibrate, fix load cell on one end, attach lever arm (20.85cm long) to other, and hang mass from lever arm
- Record voltage output by the cell
- Repeat for several masses
- From this data, determine the torque input to volts output conversion factor.

We have data from these cells organized as follows: `.\` (current working directory) \ `Torque_Cell_Data` (folder that contains all data for all cells) \ `3B` (folder that contains all data for torque cell 3B) \ `.txt files` \ `...` \ `\CB` (folder that contains all data for torque cell 3C) \ `.txt files` \ `...` \

The text files are of the format: \ torqueCell\_ID\_MMMg.txt

- ID is a two character string denoting the load cell ID
- MMM is a three digit number denoting the mass, in grams, used to calibrate the load cell

## Building our Pseudocode Outline

First, let's start at the big picture, and consider only **one** torque cell. What would we like to do?

- Look for data files that match the format we expect
- Get average voltage and applied torque from each file
- Produce plot of torque vs voltage for the torque cell
- Estimate torque cell calibration as the slope of this line

```
In [134... # Find potential files

# Get average voltage and applied torque in each file

# Produce plot
```

Let's build on this:

- What tools do we have for working with files? From last lecture, the os and glob modules might be helpful.
- We'll probably want to use glob to find files that match a format
- To build the path to those potential files, we'll use os

```
In [135... import os, glob # For working with files

# Find potential files
    # Use os to create file format
    # Use glob to find files matching that format

# Get average voltage and applied torque in each file

# Produce plot
```

Okay, now what do we want to do when we have our files?

- We want to process each file
  - Voltage data is stored as .txt data
  - The torque is encoded in the file name (applied mass).
- For importing numeric data from .txt files, we've used numpy in the past.

```
In [136... import os, glob # For working with files
import numpy as np # For importing data

# Find potential files
    # Use os to create file format
    # Use glob to find files matching that format

# For each file
    # Load file using numpy
    # Get average voltage from text data
    # Get applied torque from file name
```

```
# Produce plot
```

We probably want to aggregate information from the files (especially if we are trying to plot this later). So let's think about how we want to store the voltages and torques.

- Preallocate voltage vector based on the number of files
- Preallocate mass vector based on number of files

```
In [137... import os, glob # For working with files
import numpy as np # For importing data

# Find potential files
# Use os to create file format
# Use glob to find files matching that format

# Preallocate storage based on number of files
# Voltages
# Mass

# For each file
# Load file using numpy
# Get average voltage from text data
# Get applied mass from file name

# Produce plot
```

Okay, now on to plotting

- Need to convert mass to torque (use gravity and lever arm)
- Need matplotlib to help us plot
- Plot torque vs voltage

```
In [138... import os, glob # For working with files
import numpy as np # For importing data
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt # For plotting data

# Find potential files
# Use os to create file format
# Use glob to find files matching that format

# Preallocate storage based on number of files
# Voltages
# Mass

# For each file
# Load file using numpy
# Get average voltage from text data
# Get applied mass from file name

# Convert mass to torque
g = 9.81 # Accel due to gravity [m/s^2]
L = 20.85/100 # Lever arm [m]

# Produce plot
# Create figure
# Plot torque vs voltage
```

The last step is to estimate the calibration from the data. Once we plot it this will become clear.

In [139..

```
import os, glob # For working with files
import numpy as np # For importing data
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt # For plotting data

# Find potential files
# Use os to create file format
# Use glob to find files matching that format

# Preallocate storage based on number of files
# Voltages
# Mass

# For each file
# Load file using numpy
# Get average voltage from text data
# Get applied mass from file name

# Convert mass to torque
g = 9.81 # Accel due to gravity [m/s^2]
L = 20.85/100 # Lever arm [m]

# Produce plot
# Create figure
# Plot torque vs voltage

# Estimate calibration somehow?
```

This is a great pseudocode outline to work with, and even if we hadn't made it this far/detailed, we would have still been able to set ourselves up to get started.

## Building up the solution

Let's start by building up the path to our potential files for torque cell 3B.

For now, let's just hardcode the path using, `os` to get the right separator. Then, use `glob` to get a list of the files that meet this criteria:

In [140..

```
import os, glob # For working with files
import numpy as np # For importing data
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt # For plotting data

# Find potential files
filePath = os.path.join('.', 'Torque Cell Data', '3B', 'torqueCell_3B_*g.txt')
fileList = glob.glob(filePath)

# Preallocate storage based on number of files
# Voltages
# Mass

# For each file
# Load file using numpy
# Get average voltage from text data
# Get applied mass from file name

# Convert mass to torque
g = 9.81 # Accel due to gravity [m/s^2]
L = 20.85/100 # Lever arm [m]

# Produce plot
# Create figure
# Plot torque vs voltage
```

```
# Estimate calibration somehow?
```

```
In [141...] filePath
```

```
Out[141]: '.\\Torque Cell Data\\3B\\torqueCell_3B_*g.txt'
```

```
In [142...] fileList
```

```
Out[142]: ['.\\Torque Cell Data\\3B\\torqueCell_3B_010g.txt',  
          '.\\Torque Cell Data\\3B\\torqueCell_3B_020g.txt',  
          '.\\Torque Cell Data\\3B\\torqueCell_3B_050g.txt',  
          '.\\Torque Cell Data\\3B\\torqueCell_3B_100g.txt',  
          '.\\Torque Cell Data\\3B\\torqueCell_3B_200g.txt',  
          '.\\Torque Cell Data\\3B\\torqueCell_3B_500g.txt']
```

Now that we know how many files we're working with, let's preallocate our storage using `numpy`

```
In [143...] import os, glob # For working with files  
import numpy as np # For importing data  
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt # For plotting data  
  
# Find potential files  
filePath = os.path.join('.', 'Torque Cell Data', '3B', 'torqueCell_3B_*g.txt')  
fileList = glob.glob(filePath)  
  
# Preallocate storage based on number of files  
voltage = np.zeros(len(fileList))  
mass = np.zeros(len(fileList))  
  
# For each file  
    # Load file using numpy  
    # Get average voltage from text data  
    # Get applied mass from file name  
  
# Convert mass to torque  
g = 9.81 # Accel due to gravity [m/s^2]  
L = 20.85/100 # Lever arm [m]  
  
# Produce plot  
    # Create figure  
    # Plot torque vs voltage  
  
# Estimate calibration somehow?
```

```
In [144...] voltage
```

```
Out[144]: array([0., 0., 0., 0., 0., 0.])
```

```
In [145...] mass
```

```
Out[145]: array([0., 0., 0., 0., 0., 0.])
```

Okay, now for our core file processing loop:

- We want to do something **for** each file: use a for loop!
- We're filling in some arrays, so we want our for loop to have an index
  - `for i in range(len(fileList))`
  - `for i, currFile in enumerate(fileList)` (more readable)
- In the loop, we want to use numpy to load the data
  - The voltage is the average of the data in the file -- easy.

```
In [146... import os, glob # For working with files
import numpy as np # For importing data
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt # For plotting data

# Find potential files
filePath = os.path.join('.', 'Torque Cell Data', '3B', 'torqueCell_3B_*g.txt')
fileList = glob.glob(filePath)

# Preallocate storage based on number of files
voltage = np.zeros(len(fileList))
mass = np.zeros(len(fileList))

for i, currFile in enumerate(fileList): # For each file
    # Load file using numpy
    currData = np.loadtxt(currFile)

    # Get average voltage from text data
    voltage[i] = np.mean(currData)

    # Get applied mass from file name

# Convert mass to torque
g = 9.81 # Accel due to gravity [m/s^2]
L = 20.85/100 # Lever arm [m]

# Produce plot
    # Create figure
    # Plot torque vs voltage

# Estimate calibration somehow?
```

Now what about the mass? Let's consider what we know about the file name format:

- The mass is represented by 3 digits.
- These digits are always followed by `g.txt`
- So, let's use this information to extract the mass value and convert it to a number we can use
- Let's use print statements to see what is happening

```
In [147... import os, glob # For working with files
import numpy as np # For importing data
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt # For plotting data

# Find potential files
filePath = os.path.join('.', 'Torque Cell Data', '3B', 'torqueCell_3B_*g.txt')
fileList = glob.glob(filePath)

# Preallocate storage based on number of files
voltage = np.zeros(len(fileList))
mass = np.zeros(len(fileList))

for i, currFile in enumerate(fileList): # For each file
    # Load file using numpy
    currData = np.loadtxt(currFile)

    # Get average voltage from text data
    voltage[i] = np.mean(currData)

    # Get applied mass from file name
    currFile = currFile.replace('g.txt', '') # Crop out the g and extension
    print(currFile)
    currMass = float(currFile[-3:]) # Index last three characters and convert to float
    print(currMass)
```

```

    mass[i] = currMass

# Convert mass to torque
g = 9.81          # Accel due to gravity [m/s^2]
L = 20.85/100    # Lever arm [m]

# Produce plot
    # Create figure
    # Plot torque vs voltage

# Estimate calibration somehow?

```

```

.\Torque Cell Data\3B\torqueCell_3B_010
10.0
.\Torque Cell Data\3B\torqueCell_3B_020
20.0
.\Torque Cell Data\3B\torqueCell_3B_050
50.0
.\Torque Cell Data\3B\torqueCell_3B_100
100.0
.\Torque Cell Data\3B\torqueCell_3B_200
200.0
.\Torque Cell Data\3B\torqueCell_3B_500
500.0

```

Great, now lets convert our mass to torque and plot!

- Torque = Force x Distance
- Force = mass x gravity

In [148...

```

import os, glob # For working with files
import numpy as np # For importing data
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt # For plotting data

# Find potential files
filePath = os.path.join('.', 'Torque Cell Data', '3B', 'torqueCell_3B_*g.txt')
fileList = glob.glob(filePath)

# Preallocate storage based on number of files
voltage = np.zeros(len(fileList))
mass = np.zeros(len(fileList))

for i, currFile in enumerate(fileList): # For each file
    # Load file using numpy
    currData = np.loadtxt(currFile)

    # Get average voltage from text data
    voltage[i] = np.mean(currData)

    # Get applied mass from file name
    currFile = currFile.replace('g.txt', '') # Crop out the g and extension
    # print(currFile)
    currMass = float(currFile[-3:]) # Index last three characters and convert to float
    # print(currMass)
    mass[i] = currMass

# Convert mass to torque
g = 9.81          # Accel due to gravity [m/s^2]
L = 20.85/100    # Lever arm [m]
mass = mass / 1000 # Convert to kg
torque = mass * g * L

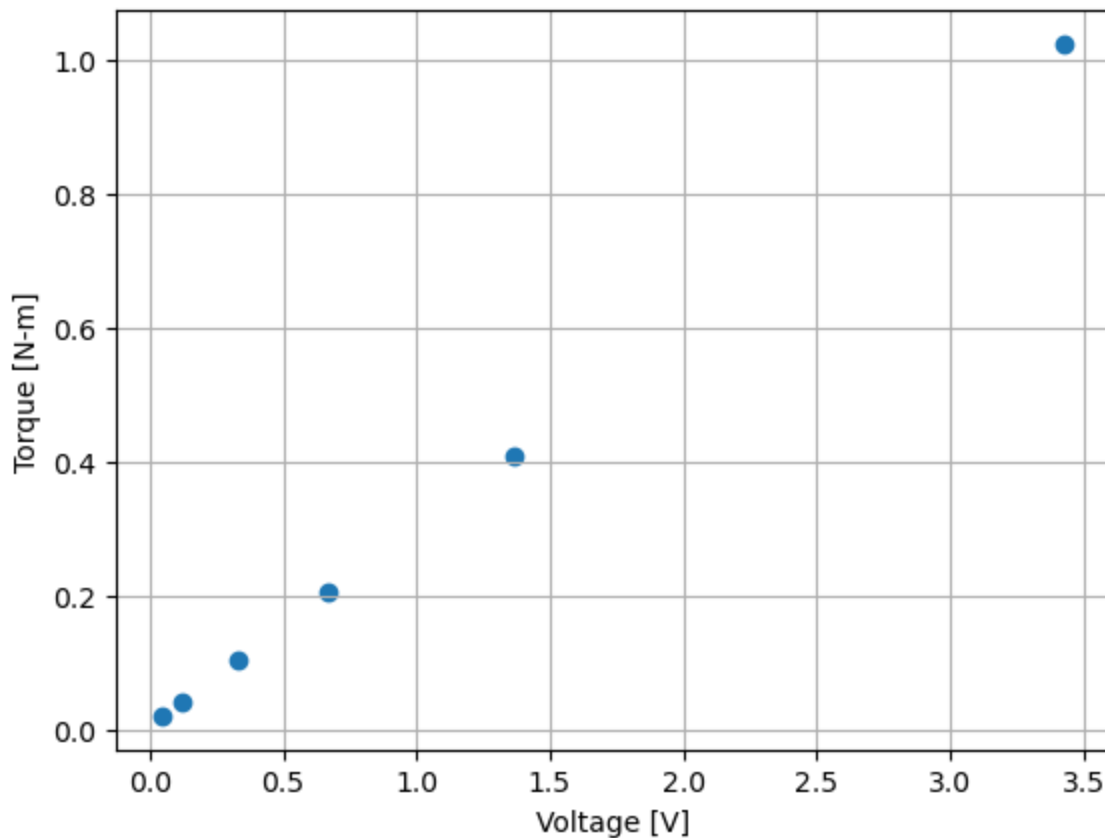
# Produce plot
plt.figure() # Create figure
plt.scatter(voltage, torque) # Plot data

```

```
plt.grid()
plt.xlabel('Voltage [V]')
plt.ylabel('Torque [N-m]')

# Estimate calibration somehow?
```

Out[148]: Text(0, 0.5, 'Torque [N-m]')



Our last step is to estimate the calibration somehow.

- The torque cell calibration is a quantity that converts volts to torque
- That's the same as the slope of this line, which has units of Torque per Volt!
- So, let's use a line fitting tool in NumPy to fit the line and plot!

```
In [149... import os, glob # For working with files
import numpy as np # For importing data
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt # For plotting data

# Find potential files
filePath = os.path.join('.', 'Torque Cell Data', '3B', 'torqueCell_3B_*g.txt')
fileList = glob.glob(filePath)

# Preallocate storage based on number of files
voltage = np.zeros(len(fileList))
mass = np.zeros(len(fileList))

for i, currFile in enumerate(fileList): # For each file
    # Load file using numpy
    currData = np.loadtxt(currFile)

    # Get average voltage from text data
    voltage[i] = np.mean(currData)

    # Get applied mass from file name
    currFile = currFile.replace('g.txt', '') # Crop out the g and extension
    # print(currFile)
```



```

currMass = float(currFile[-3:]) # Index last three characters and convert to float
# print(currMass)
mass[i] = currMass

# Convert mass to torque
g = 9.81 # Accel due to gravity [m/s^2]
L = 20.85/100 # Lever arm [m]
mass = mass / 1000 # Convert to kg
torque = mass * g * L

# Get line of best fit using polyfit
polyCoeff = np.polyfit(voltage, torque, deg=1) # Use first degree fit (line)
print(polyCoeff)

# Evaluate that polynomial at the voltages of interest to see how well it fits
fitTorque = np.polyval(polyCoeff, voltage)

# Produce plot
plt.figure() # Create figure
plt.scatter(voltage, torque) # Plot raw data
plt.plot(voltage, fitTorque, '--k') # Plot line of best fit
plt.grid()
plt.xlabel('Voltage [V]')
plt.ylabel('Torque [N-m]')

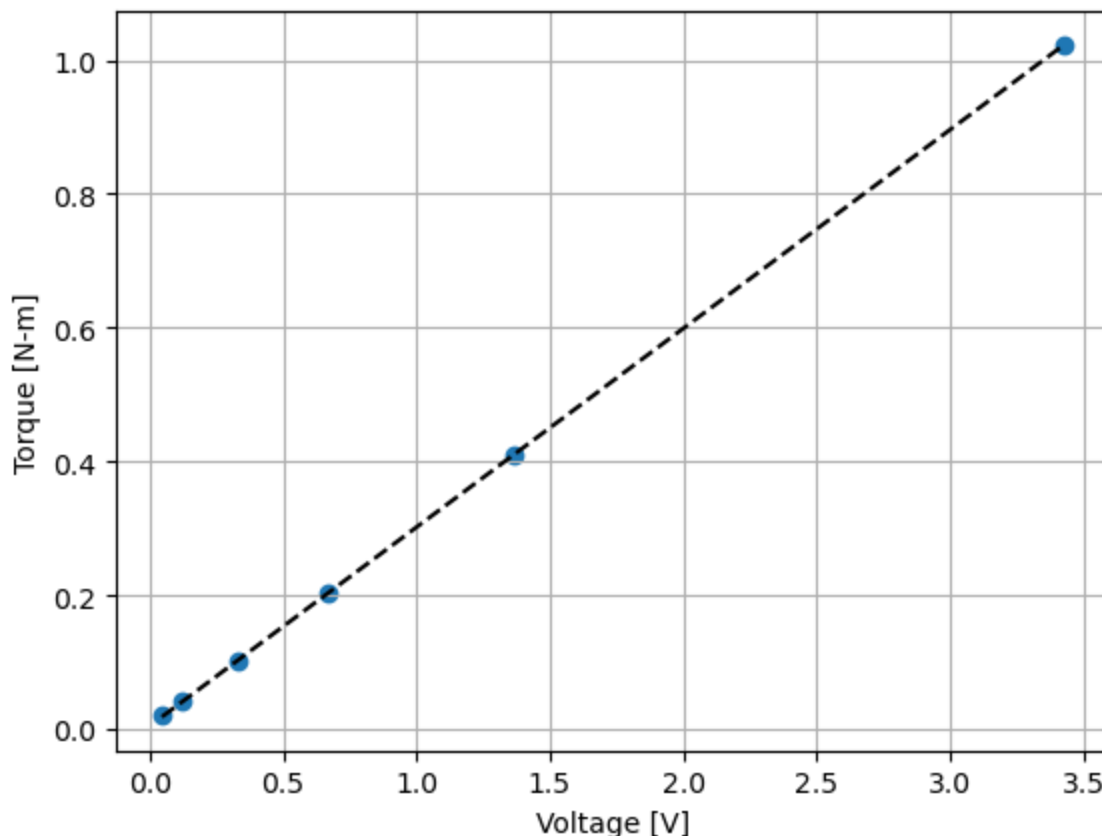
```

```

[0.29694509 0.00499928]
Text(0, 0.5, 'Torque [N-m]')

```

Out[149]:



## Scalability

Now let's consider the case in which we want to perform this procedure for more than one load cell. What changes are needed?

- We hardcoded the file path before, but this changes depending on the load cell of interest

# Upgrade to work for a list of load cells

Create an outer for loop that loops over cell IDs.

- Construct the fileformat based on the current cell ID.
- Move things that don't depend on the current cell (e.g., gravity, lever arm) outside of all loops
- Create new variable that stores the calibration
- Switch plotting code to plot both load cells on same figure

```
In [150.. import os, glob # For working with files
import numpy as np # For importing data
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt # For plotting data

# Constants (don't depend on current torque cell)
g = 9.81 # Accel due to gravity [m/s^2]
L = 20.85/100 # Lever arm [m]

# Outer loop: over cell IDs
cellIDs = ['3B', '3C']
calSlopes = np.zeros(len(cellIDs))

# Create shared figure
plt.figure() # Create figure

for cellIndex, currCell in enumerate(cellIDs):
    # Find potential files (build path based on cell ID)
    filePath = os.path.join('.', 'Torque Cell Data', currCell, 'torqueCell_' + currCell)
    fileList = glob.glob(filePath)
    print(filePath)

    # Preallocate storage based on number of files
    voltage = np.zeros(len(fileList))
    mass = np.zeros(len(fileList))

    for i, currFile in enumerate(fileList): # For each file
        # Load file using numpy
        currData = np.loadtxt(currFile)

        # Get average voltage from text data
        voltage[i] = np.mean(currData)

        # Get applied mass from file name
        currFile = currFile.replace('g.txt', '') # Crop out the g and extension
        # print(currFile)
        currMass = float(currFile[-3:]) # Index last three characters and convert to float
        # print(currMass)
        mass[i] = currMass

    # Convert mass to torque
    mass = mass / 1000 # Convert to kg
    torque = mass * g * L

    # Get line of best fit using polyfit
    polyCoeff = np.polyfit(voltage, torque, deg=1) # Use first degree fit (line)
    calSlopes[cellIndex] = polyCoeff[0]

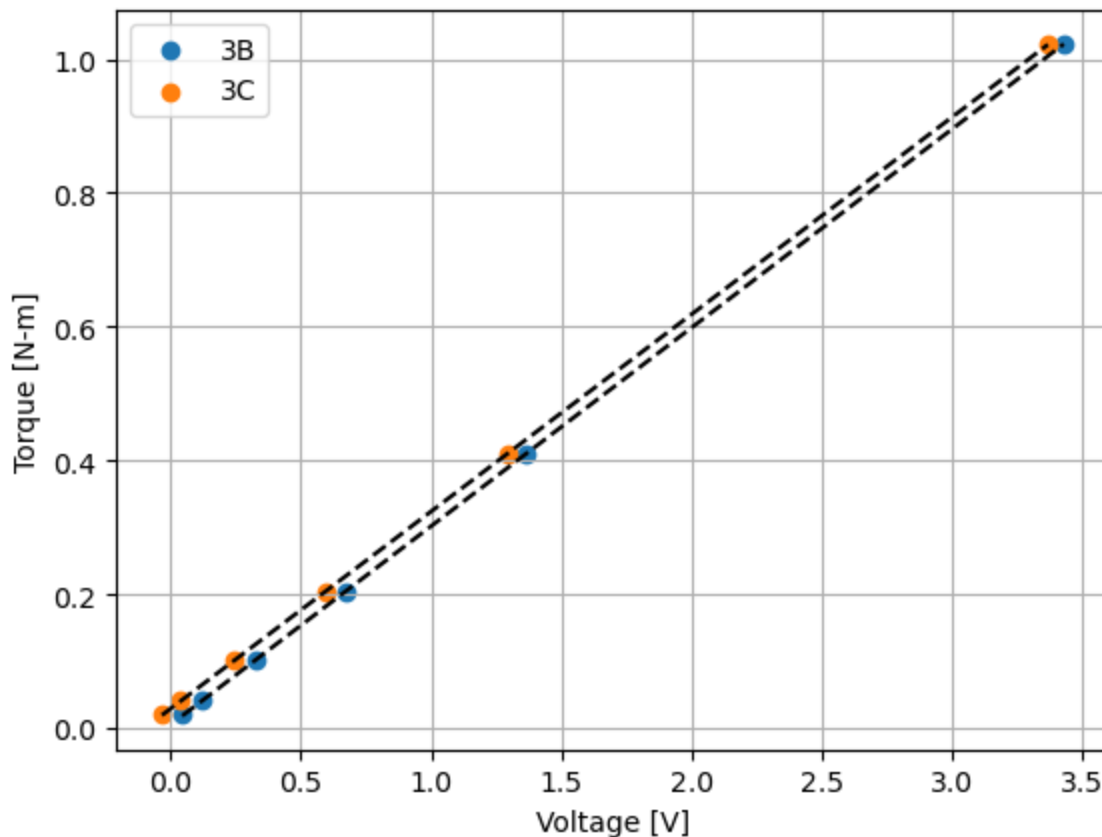
    # Evaluate that polynomial at the voltages of interest to see how well it fits
    fitTorque = np.polyval(polyCoeff, voltage)

    # Produce plot
    plt.scatter(voltage, torque, label=currCell) # Plot raw data
    plt.plot(voltage, fitTorque, '--k') # Plot line of best fit
```

```
plt.grid()
plt.xlabel('Voltage [V]')
plt.ylabel('Torque [N-m]')
plt.legend()
```

```
.\Torque Cell Data\3B\torqueCell_3B_*g.txt
.\Torque Cell Data\3C\torqueCell_3C_*g.txt
<matplotlib.legend.Legend at 0x24e265120a0>
```

Out[150]:



```
In [151... # Show calibration slopes
print(calSlopes)
```

```
[0.29694509 0.29490938]
```

## Define a function

Let's wrap this in a function so that we can use it for any specified torque cell IDs! This further separates the parts of our code we *expect* to change (the torque cell IDs) from the parts we *don't expect* to change (our core processing).

```
In [152... import os, glob # For working with files
import numpy as np # For importing data
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt # For plotting data

def findCalibration(cellID):
    """
    Given a load cell ID as a string (e.g., '3B'), looks for data files in the
    'Torque Cell Data' folder of the current directory. Computes and returns
    the voltage to torque calibration slope from the data using a 1st degree least
    squares fit. Additionally, a plot of torque vs voltage is generated, and
    shows a line with the calibration slope.
    """
    # Constants (don't depend on current torque cell)
    g = 9.81 # Accel due to gravity [m/s^2]
    L = 20.85/100 # Lever arm [m]
```

```

# Outer loop: over cell IDs
calSlopes = np.zeros(len(cellIDs))

# Create shared figure
plt.figure() # Create figure

for cellIndex, currCell in enumerate(cellIDs):
    # Find potential files (build path based on cell ID)
    filePath = os.path.join('.', 'Torque Cell Data', currCell, 'torqueCell_' + currC
    fileList = glob.glob(filePath)
    print(filePath)

    # Preallocate storage based on number of files
    voltage = np.zeros(len(fileList))
    mass = np.zeros(len(fileList))

    for i, currFile in enumerate(fileList): # For each file
        # Load file using numpy
        currData = np.loadtxt(currFile)

        # Get average voltage from text data
        voltage[i] = np.mean(currData)

        # Get applied mass from file name
        currFile = currFile.replace('g.txt', '') # Crop out the g and extension
        # print(currFile)
        currMass = float(currFile[-3:]) # Index last three characters and convert to
        # print(currMass)
        mass[i] = currMass

    # Convert mass to torque
    mass = mass / 1000 # Convert to kg
    torque = mass * g * L

    # Get line of best fit using polyfit
    polyCoeff = np.polyfit(voltage, torque, deg=1) # Use first degree fit (line)
    calSlopes[cellIndex] = polyCoeff[0]

    # Evaluate that polynomial at the voltages of interest to see how well it fits
    fitTorque = np.polyval(polyCoeff, voltage)

    # Produce plot
    plt.scatter(voltage, torque, label=currCell) # Plot raw data
    plt.plot(voltage, fitTorque, '--k') # Plot line of best fit

# Format figure
plt.grid()
plt.xlabel('Voltage [V]')
plt.ylabel('Torque [N-m]')
plt.legend()

return calSlopes

```

In [153]: findCalibration(['3B', '3C'])

```

.\Torque Cell Data\3B\torqueCell_3B_*g.txt
.\Torque Cell Data\3C\torqueCell_3C_*g.txt
array([0.29694509, 0.29490938])

```

Out[153]:

