

Bil 108

Introduction to the Scientific and Engineering Computing with MATLAB Lecture 1

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What is MATLAB?

- ❑ MATrix LABoratory
 - ❑ Numerical calculations
 - ❑ Graphics
 - ❑ Interactive
 - ❑ Command-line or GUI
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Introduction to MATLAB

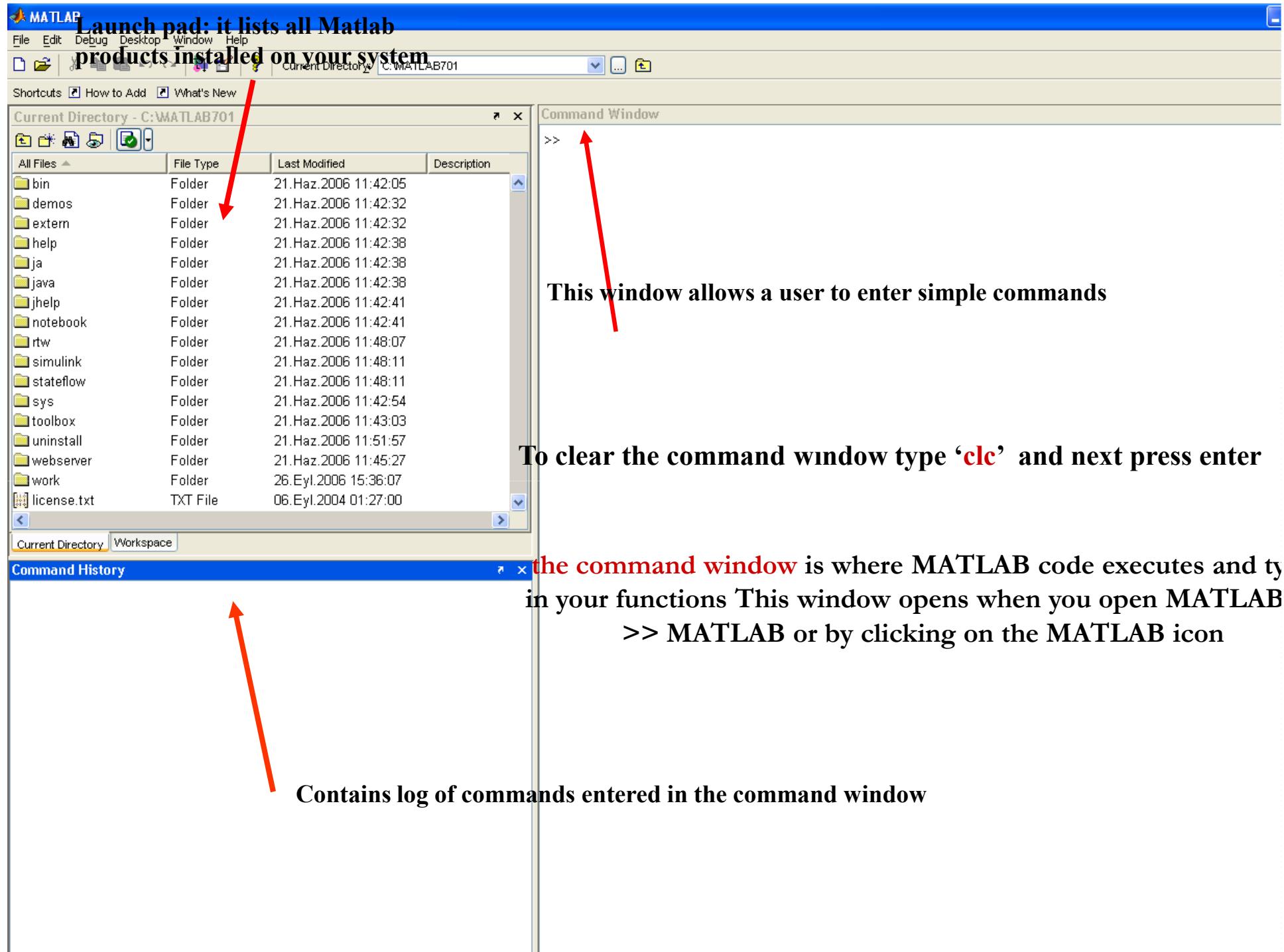
MATLAB is a computer program that can be very helpful in solving the sorts of mathematical problems you will frequently encounter throughout your engineering or technology coursework.

- use built-in features of MATLAB to effortlessly solve a wide variety of numerical problems, from the very basic, such as a system of 2 equations with 2 unknowns to the more complex, such as
 - factoring polynomials,
 - fitting curves to data points,
 - making calculations using matrices,
 - performing signal processing operations such as Fourier transforms,
 - building and training neural networks.

Starting and Quitting

	Windows	Command line
start	click icon	type: matlab
stop	Menu – choose: File Exit Matlab	type: quit





Syntax

- A *scalar* is simply just a fancy word for a number (a single value ($1*1$)).
 - A *vector* is an ordered list of numbers (one-dimensional). In MATLAB they can be represented as a row-vector or a column-vector ($1*n$) or ($n*1$).
 - A *matrix* is a rectangular array of numbers (multi-dimensional). In MATLAB, a two-dimensional matrix is defined by its number of rows and columns ($n*m$) or ($m*n$).
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Expressions

Numbers

Operators

Variables

Functions

Operators

Mathematical Operators

Add

`+`

Subtract

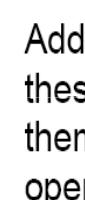
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Multiply

`*`

Divide

`\ or /`

 Add a period in front of these operators to make them element-to-element operators

Power

`^`

Transpose

`'` (single quote)

e^a

`exp(a)`

$\ln(a)$

`log(a)`

$\log_{10}(a)$

`log10(a)`

\sqrt{a}

`sqrt(a)`

- `^` power, example: $2^4 \rightarrow 2^4$
- Functions: `function-name(value)`
example: `sqrt(4) \rightarrow 2`

Relational Operators

Operator Name	Operator Symbol	EXAMPLE
less than	<	$x < y$
less than equal to	\leq	$a \leq 22$
equal to	$=$	$x = 100$
not equal to	\neq	$x \neq 10$
greater than equal to	\geq	$pi \geq 3$
greater than	>	$c > 100$

Example:

```
x=15;  
y=20;  
ave=(x+y)/2;  
testit=(ave>17)
```

Other Operators

Comment %

Output Suppress ; (semicolon)

Matlab as a fancy calculator

Example1: A trigonometric identity is given by :

$$\cos^2 \frac{x}{2} = \frac{\tan x + \sin x}{2 \tan x}$$

Verify that the identity is correct by calculating each side of the equation, substituting $x=\pi/5$.

Example 2: Heat Transfer

- An object with an initial temperature of T_0 that is placed at time $t=0$ inside a chamber that has a constant temperature of T_s , will experience a temperature change according to the equation :

$$T = T_s + (T_o - T_s)e^{-kt}$$

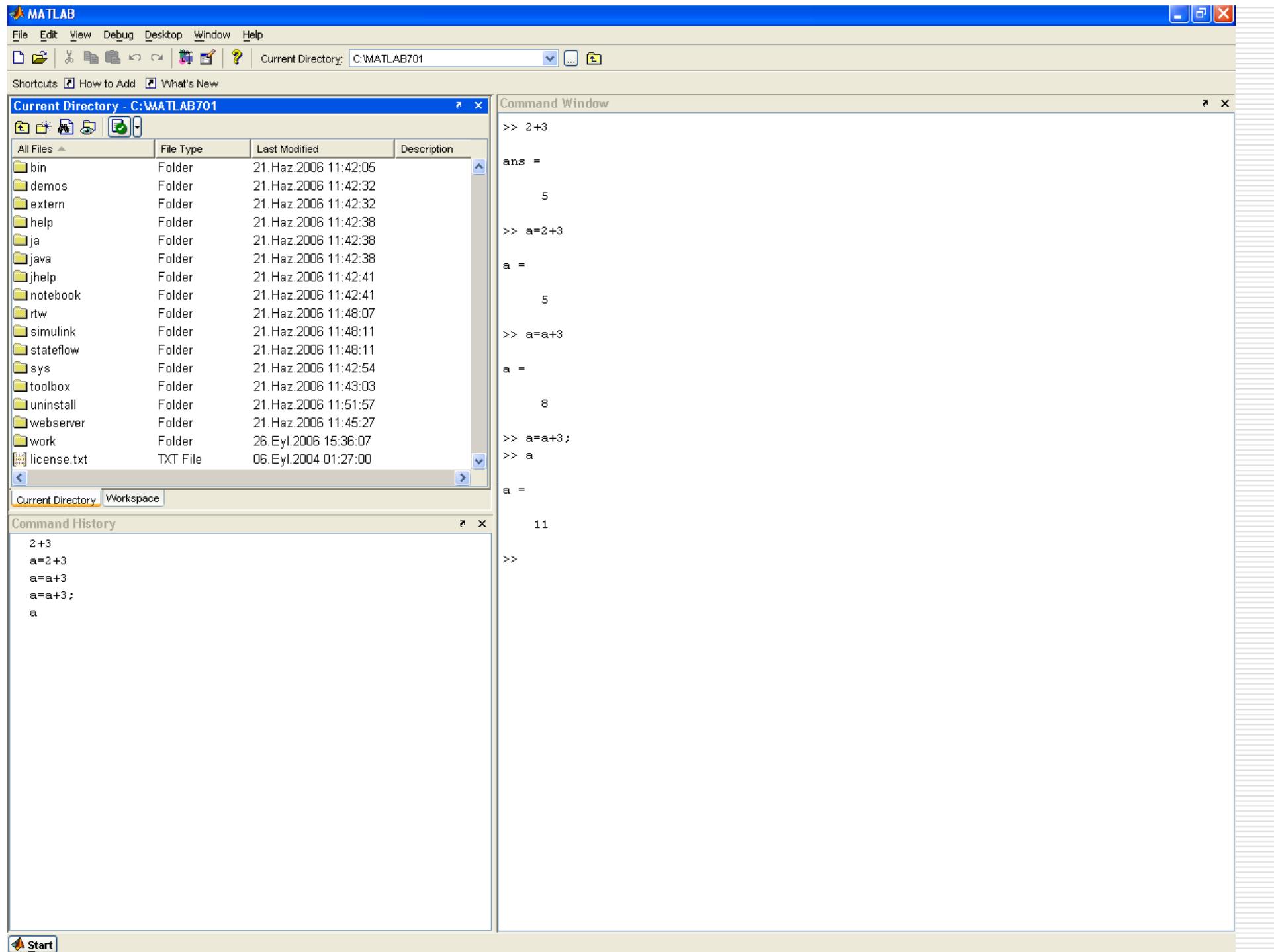
Where T is the temperature of the object at time t , and k is a constant. A soda can at a temperature of 120°F (was left in the car) is placed inside a refrigerator where the temperature is 38°F . Determine the nearest degree, the temperature of the can after three hours. Assume $k=0.45$.

Creating Variables

- Variables are a fundamental concept in MATLAB,
 - In anything more than a trivial problem, you will use variables to store parameters and results of calculations for later use.
 - Naming your variables is a personal thing; for simple work you might use the standard x, y, a, b, etc.,
 - Names are also case sensitive, so X is a different variable to x
 - Up to 31 characters (alphanumeric)
 - Cannot start with a number
 - Cannot use punctuations other than (_)
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Built-in Variables

Special Variable	Description
ans	default variable name for results
beep	make sound
pi	mathematical constant
eps	smallest number that can be subtracted from 0 to make a negative
inf	infinity
NaN	not a number
i (or) j	imaginary number
realmin, realmax	smallest & largest positive real numbers
bitmax	largest positive integer
nargin, nargout	number of function in (or) out variables
date	Represents the current date



Basic commands

To clear any variable

`>> clear var_name`

To clear all of them

`>> clc`

Listing Variables

`who`

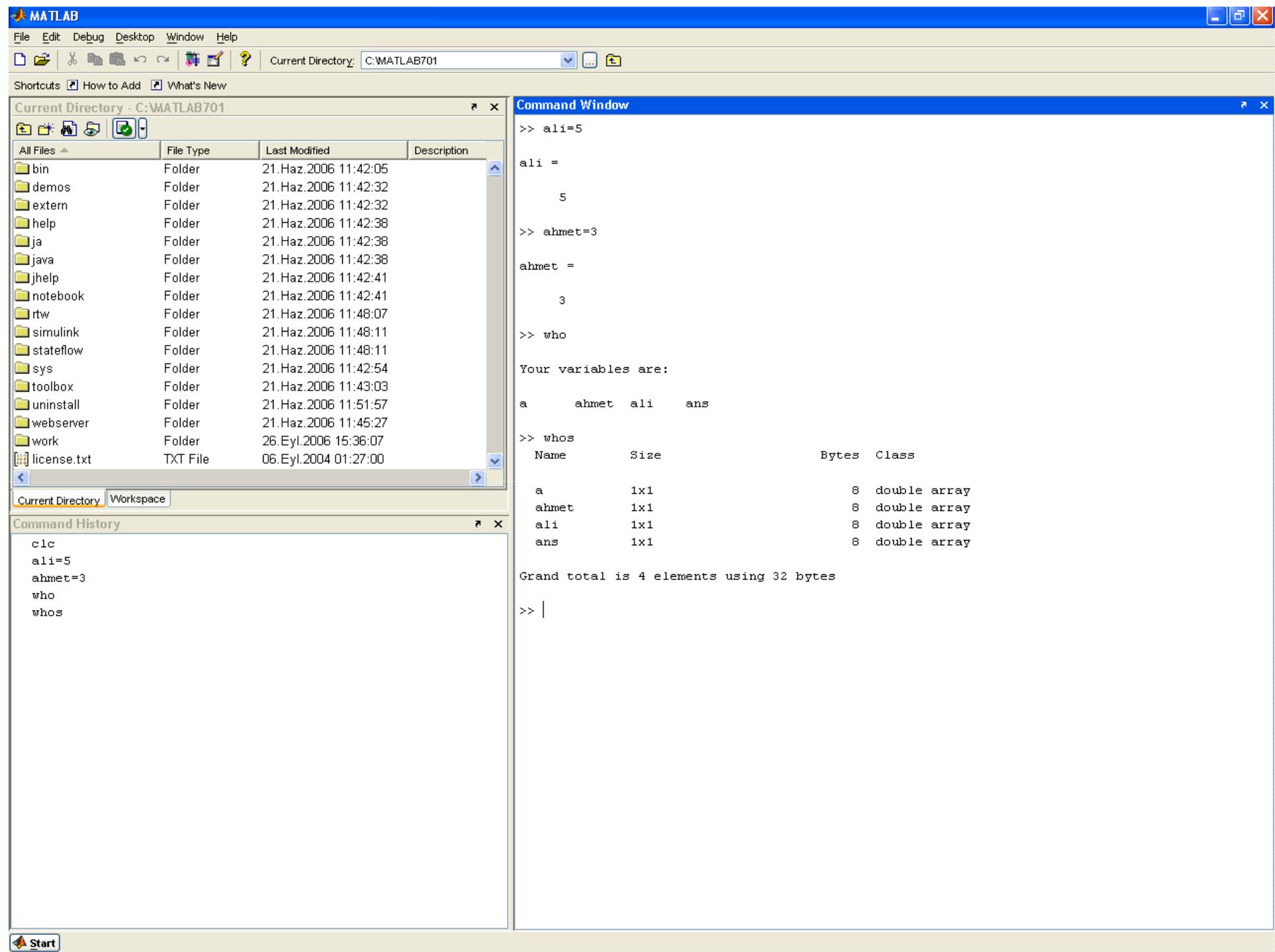
`whos`

Saving Variables

`save file_name`

Loading Variables

`load file_name`



Matlab Files

- The Workspace can be saved to a data file
 - extension is **.mat** (ex: **hello.mat**)
 - binary form
 - **.mat** files can be reloaded by using open from file menu
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Functions

- A function has a input arguments and usually has a output arguments. Two types of functions are present in Matlab.
 - Built-in functions
 - Your own functions (.m files)
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- MATLAB offers a wealth of built-in math functions that can be quite helpful for many computational problems
- Elementary MATLAB functions (`help elfun`)
 - Trigonometric functions
 - Exponential functions
 - Complex functions
 - Rounding and remainder functions
- Specialized MATLAB functions (`help specfun`)
 - Specialized math functions
 - Number theoretic functions
 - Coordinate transformations