

## **Intro:** (15 mins)

- Core concepts covered today:
  - Finding minimums and maximums of functions using MATLAB
  - Golden Section Search
- But first, let's talk about the upcoming midterm!

**What do you expect to see on the midterm?**

## **Activity 1:** Finding minimums and maximums using MATLAB (25 mins)

For the function  $f(x) = \sin(x) + \cos(2x)$ , find the coordinates  $(x,y)$  of the local maximum between  $x=2$  and  $x=4$  and the coordinates  $(x,y)$  of the local minimum between  $x=4$  and  $x=5.5$ . Output your answers in a nicely formatted sentence using `fprintf`.

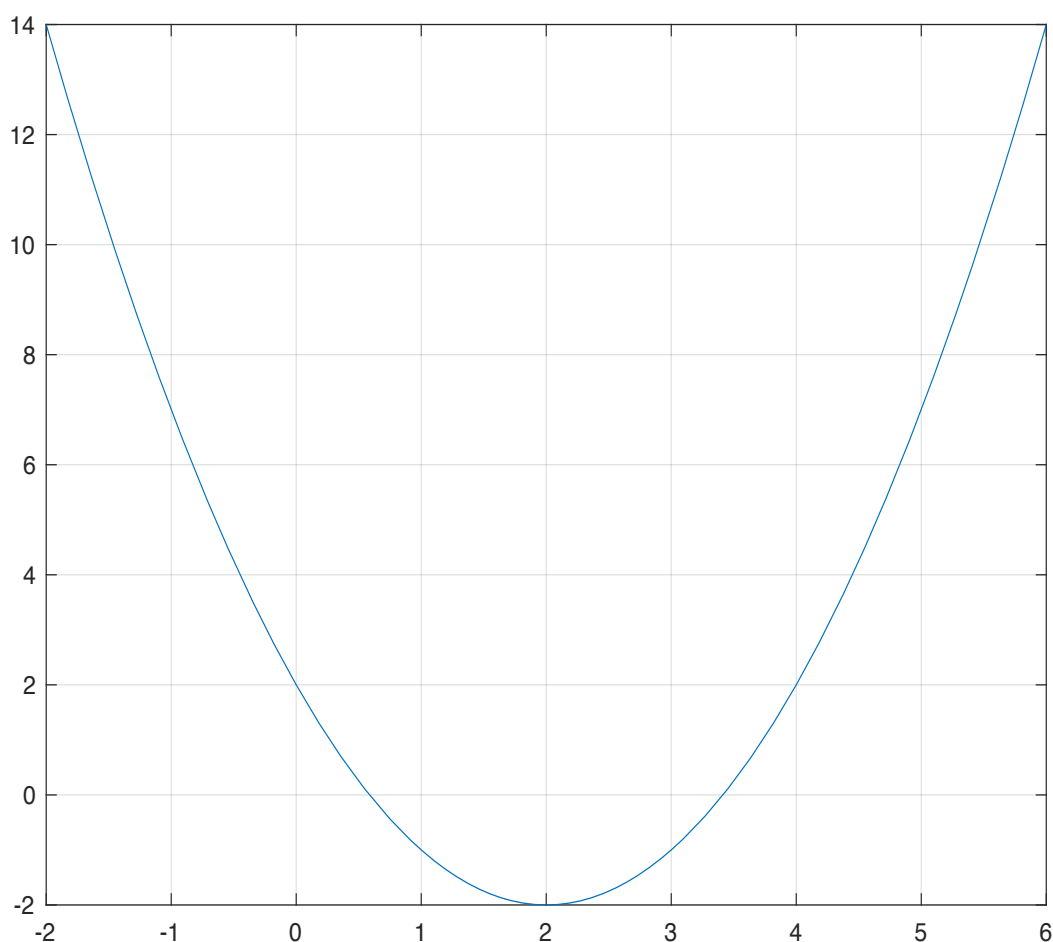
I want us to find the maximum and minimum in different ways, so I ask that you find the maximum using `fminbnd` and the minimum using `fzero`.

## Activity 2: Golden Section Search (40 mins)

### Required formulas:

**Graph it!** Fill out the graph below as we fill out the Golden Section Search table.

We are searching for the minimum of the function below,  $f(x) = x^2 - 4x + 2$ .



**The Table:**

We are searching for the minimum of  $f(x) = x^2 - 4x + 2$ . Round all answers to three decimal places.

Step	xL	x2	x1	xH	f(xL)	f(x2)	f(x1)	f(xH)	E-Max
1	-0.500			5.000					
2									
3									

Rough work: