
MAT2409 ASSIGNMENT 4

SEMESTER 1, 2019

WEIGHT: 10% TOTAL MARKS: 20

Due date: Friday 31st May, 2019 11:55pm AEST*

Submission instructions

The assignment will be electronically submitted via Study Desk. If you cannot submit electronically please contact the **Examiner** as soon as possible to make alternative arrangements.

You are to submit your MATLAB code for the assignment as a **single compressed archive file** (e.g. zip, tar-gzip, tar-bzip2, 7zip, or rar). This archive file should include all appropriate files to run your code (including input files). It should also include a README text file which describes how the code implements the solution and other information necessary to run the code.

If you have trouble submitting your assignment via the Study Desk etc., please contact the **Examiner**, **USQAssist** or via phone ASAP.

Late submission of Assignments¹

Students can apply for an extension of time to submit an assignment at any time up to the deadline. Students are advised to make a request for an extension as soon as their need becomes apparent. Delay in making a request involves the risk of losing marks if the request is refused.

The **Examiner** may grant a short extension of the deadline for submission of an assignment. Extensions are usually granted only in cases of **Compassionate and Compelling Circumstances** in accordance with the assessment of **Compassionate and Compelling Circumstances Procedure**. Generally, extensions will be limited to a maximum of five University Business Days. A Student requiring an extension for a period of time in excess of this should consider applying for a Deferred Assessment as per section 4.4 of the **assessment procedure**.

Applications for extensions must be made via email or **USQAssist** to the **Examiner** together with accompanying documentation as specified in the Assessment of Compassionate and Compelling Circumstances Procedure.

* Australian Eastern Standard Time

¹ Full assessment procedure can be found at <http://policy.usq.edu.au/documents.php?id=14749PL>.

An Assignment submitted after the deadline without an approved extension of time will be penalised. The penalty for late submission without a pre-approved extension is a reduction by 5% of the maximum mark applicable for the assignment, for each University business day or part business day that the assignment is late. An assignment submitted more than ten University business days after the deadline will have a mark of zero recorded for that assignment.

The **Examiner** may refuse to accept assignments for assessment purposes after marked assignments and/or feedback have been released.

Non-submission of Assignments

As per the assessment procedure outlined at <http://policy.usq.edu.au/documents.php?id=14749PL> — A student who has failed to achieve a passing final grade by 5% or less of the aggregated weighted marks, the **Examiner**, in agreement with the Moderator, will consider recommending to the Board of Examiners the undertaking of supplementary assessment by the student. This offer will normally only be made if the student has undertaken all of the required summative assessment items for the Course—that is, submitted all of the assignments!

Student Responsibilities

The **assessment procedure** also outlines the following student responsibilities:

- If requested, students must be capable of providing a copy of assignments submitted. Copies should be despatched to the University within 24 hours of receipt of a request being made.
- Students are responsible for submitting the correct assignment.
- Assignment submissions must contain evidence of student effort to address the requirements of the assignment. In the absence of evidence of student effort to address the requirements of the assignment, no mark will be recorded for that assessment item.
- A Student may re-submit an assignment at any time up to the deadline. A request to re-submit after the deadline is dealt with in accordance with Section 4.4 'Deferred, Supplementary and Varied Assessment and Special Consideration' of the assessment procedures.

Academic Misconduct

Academic misconduct is unacceptable and includes plagiarism, collusion and cheating.

- Plagiarism involves the use of another person's work without full and clear referencing and acknowledgement.
- Cheating involves presenting another student's work as your own.
- Collusion is a specific type of cheating, that occurs when two or more students fail to abide by directions from the examiner regarding the permitted level of collaboration on an assessment.

All are seen by the University as acts of misconduct for which you can be penalised. For further details go to: <http://www.usq.edu.au/library/referencing/what-is-plagiarism>.

Assignment notes

- Each function needs to be properly commented including a clear description of the purpose of the function, its parameter list and its return values.
For example, in MATLAB this means that a user should be able use the `help` command to obtain information on how to use each function.
- A text README text file which describes each of these functions and how they are combined to address the task should also be included.
- All output data and plots must be properly labelled—including legends where required. Legends should not obscure plots.
- All output must be correctly formatted. Significant figures must reflect the convergence criterion used.
- Each function should make use of vector/matrix operations where possible.
- *Functions and methods must be implemented as per the specification given in the Assignment.* Also functions *can only use methods discussed and presented in the course.* MATLAB functions that use extended methods are not allowed, and marks will deducted accordingly. However, primitive functions, such as, `rand`, `randn`, `sort`, `sqrt`, `sin` etc. are fine, while functions, such as, `fzero`, `roots`, `lsqcurvefit`, `linsolve`, etc. are not acceptable. If in doubt about a function, email the **Examiner** and ask.
- The *symbolic toolbox cannot be used*. If you are defining symbolic variables in your code you are using the symbolic toolbox (e.g. `syms x`). Your code should not contain any of these definitions.
- As this is real data you need to think about how you report any data issues you find. This should be documented in your code.
- All the appropriate files (including input files) should be submitted as one compressed file (zip, tar-gzip, tar-bzip2, 7zip, or rar). This single file should be uploaded via the StudyDesk.²

In Windows : the zip archive file can be created using software such as, 7-Zip. A link to the 7-Zip software can be found under the Resources link on the Study Desk.
In Linux : the tar-gzip (or tar-bzip2) archive file can be created using the command `tar`.
In MacOSX : the zip archive file can be created using the Finder.
- The `pause` command in MATLAB and `halt` command in SCILAB should be used in the code to break up the various sections of the assignment in the main driver script.
- Breakdown of marks:
 - Task 1: 6 marks
 - Task 2: 6 marks
 - Task 3: 2 marks
 - Task 4: 6 marks

² If the upload fails then the assignment can be emailed to the lecturer at MAT2409@www.sci.usq.edu.au with the words "MAT2409 ASSIGNMENT" in the subject — but only do this as a last resort.

Assignment Task

A model of a newly designed aircraft was tested in a wind tunnel. Measurements were made of the effect of air velocity (v in metres per second) on drag force (D in Newtons). This data was saved as a MATLAB data file: [Assignment4.mat](#)³.

There is doubt about the relationship between D and v . Some suggest that the drag force D is linear in v , but others suspect that the relationship is quadratic.

1. Write a MATLAB function that reads in the data and plots D against v ; where D is the drag force and v is the velocity. The function call should return D , and v . That is, should be of the form:

`function [vd,dd]=vecplot(fname)`

where vd is the v , dd the matching drag force values and $fname$ is the filename containing the data values.

2. Write a MATLAB function that takes the values of vd and dd , solves both the linear least squares equations (i.e. it should find the values of a_1 and a_2 in $D(v) = a_1 v + a_2$) and the quadratic least squares equations (i.e. finds the values b_1 , b_2 and b_3 in $D(v) = b_1 v^2 + b_2 v + b_3$).

In addition, this function should:

- (a) return the condition number of the linear system being solved; and
- (b) warn the user if the equations are badly conditioned using the warning command.

3. The help for `polyfit` has the following statement:

`[P,S,MU] = polyfit(X,Y,N)` finds the coefficients of a polynomial in $XHAT = (X-MU(1))/MU(2)$ where $MU(1) = MEAN(X)$ and $MU(2) = STD(X)$. This centering and scaling transformation improves the numerical properties of both the polynomial and the fitting algorithm.

Using your MATLAB function above in your 'Readme' file explain why you will get better numerical properties if you used:

$$\hat{v} = \frac{v - \bar{v}}{\sigma_v};$$

where \hat{v} is a standardised value for v , \bar{v} is the mean of all the v values, and σ_v is the standard deviation of all the v values — instead of the straight v variable.

4. Write a MATLAB script that uses the above results to:
 - (a) plot the difference between the raw data and the least square fits (i.e. the residuals) obtained in part 2; and
 - (b) plots the raw data against the fitted curves obtained in part 2.

You may want to use `subplot` command in MATLAB to create the two plots in a single window.

³ The data file contains 2000 measurement values