

**Problem Set 02: Importing Data and Plotting**

## New Learning Objectives under Evaluation

## 04.00 Create and execute a script

Learning Objective	Evidence
04.01 Create a script that adheres to programming standards	<p>Complete programmer and contributor information in the script header (names and emails)</p> <p>Complete problem details including assignment number, problem number, and descriptive but concise description specific to the problem</p> <p>Code items are in the correct section (e.g. Initialization, Calculations, ...)</p> <p>Computed values are assigned to variables</p> <p>Variables are commented with descriptions and units</p> <p>Code blocks have explanatory comments</p> <p>Minimal use of hardcoding</p>
04.02 Execute a script from the MATLAB Command Window	Can execute a script from the Command Window by calling the script name

## 06.00 Import numeric data stored in .csv and .txt files

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06.00 Import numeric data stored in .csv and .txt files	<p>Data files are located in the current work directory</p> <p>Use correct command (<code>csvread</code> or <code>load</code>) for the data type</p> <p>Use single quotes around the filename with extension</p> <p>Headers within the data file are dealt with correctly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For .txt files, the headers are removed and only numerical values are imported</li> <li>For .csv files, the command contains which row/columns have headers to ignore</li> </ul> <p>Output of loaded data is assigned to a variable</p>

## 07.00 Create and evaluate x-y plots suitable for technical presentation

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07.01 Create an x-y plot from a single data set	<p>Correct syntax for the plot command:</p> <pre>plot(x, y, 'line/marker formatting')</pre> <p>Correct identification of the independent (x) and dependent (y) variables</p> <p>Correct use of data markers and lines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>data markers with no line (for raw data),</li> <li>line with no data markers (known model),</li> <li>data markers with overlaid line (for raw data with model)</li> </ul>

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07.02 Create multiple plots in separate figure windows	<p>Correct use of <code>figure</code> command</p> <p>Correct number of figures</p> <p>Correct numbers designate the active figure</p> <p>Coordinate the plot, plot labeling, and plot formatting commands with <code>figure</code> command</p>
07.03 Create an x-y plot with multiple data sets in a single figure window	<p>Correct use of the <code>hold</code> command</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>on/off</code> designated</li> <li>• Proper placement among the <code>plot</code> commands</li> </ul> <p>Correct use of data markers and lines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• data markers with no line (for raw data),</li> <li>• line with no data markers (known model),</li> <li>• data markers with overlaid line (for raw data with model)</li> </ul> <p>Color and marker/line style(s) are as specified or distinctive</p> <p>Correct syntax for the legend command:  <code>legend('xypair1_label', 'xypair2_label', ...)</code> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each <code>xypair#_label</code> must in single quotes</li> <li>• <code>xypair#_labels</code> must be comma separated</li> <li>• <code>xypair#_labels</code> must be in the same order as the plot commands</li> </ul> </p> <p>Properly formatted legend</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Placed on figure such that it avoids covering</li> <li>• Each <code>xypair#_label</code> must be distinct and descriptive (but short)</li> </ul>
07.04 Create multiple plots in a single figure window	<p>Correct syntax for subplot command:  <code>subplot(number_rows, number_columns, number_active_plot)</code></p> <p>Correct numbers designate the active subplot</p> <p>Coordinate the plot, plot labeling, and plot formatting commands with subplot command</p> <p>Common x-axis scale, as appropriate for the problem</p>

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07.05 Format plots for technical presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Correct syntax for title</li><li>Correct syntax for xlabel</li><li>Correct syntax for ylabel</li><li>A descriptive title that references the problem context, the independent (x) variable, and the dependent (y) variable</li><li>Clear x-axis label with units</li><li>Clear y-axis label with units</li><li>Gridlines</li><li>Color and marker/line style(s) that are as specified or distinctive (when multiple data sets)</li><li>Properly formatted legend, when multiple data sets and/or models</li><li>X-axis scales match each other (when using subplots to compare data)</li></ul>
07.06 Interpret the shape of x-y plots	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Clear description of the shape of or trend in the data or model</li><li>Use the plot to answer questions</li></ul>