

# Introduction to Problem Solving with MATLAB

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### What is MATLAB?



- MATLAB is a powerful, interactive software tool that can be employed with relative ease in solving science and engineering problems
- Started in the 1970s. It has now evolved into a huge system comprising of built-in functions and toolboxes
- User community size  $\geq$  500,000 (industry, government & academia)
- More than 600 built-in functions (mathematical, statistical and engineering) that are reliable, accurate and fast

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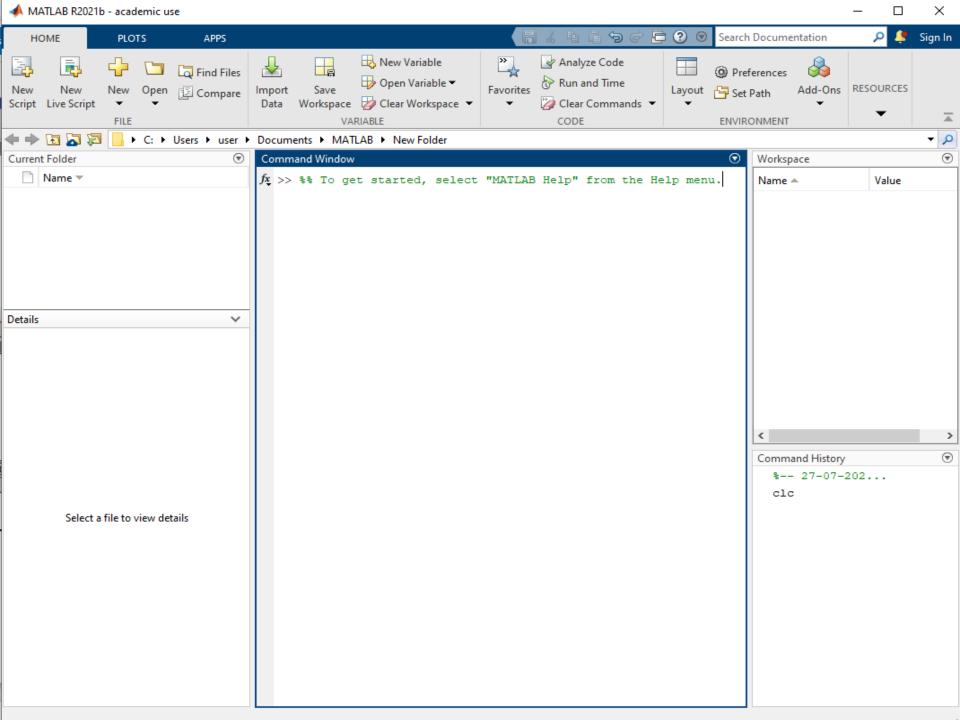


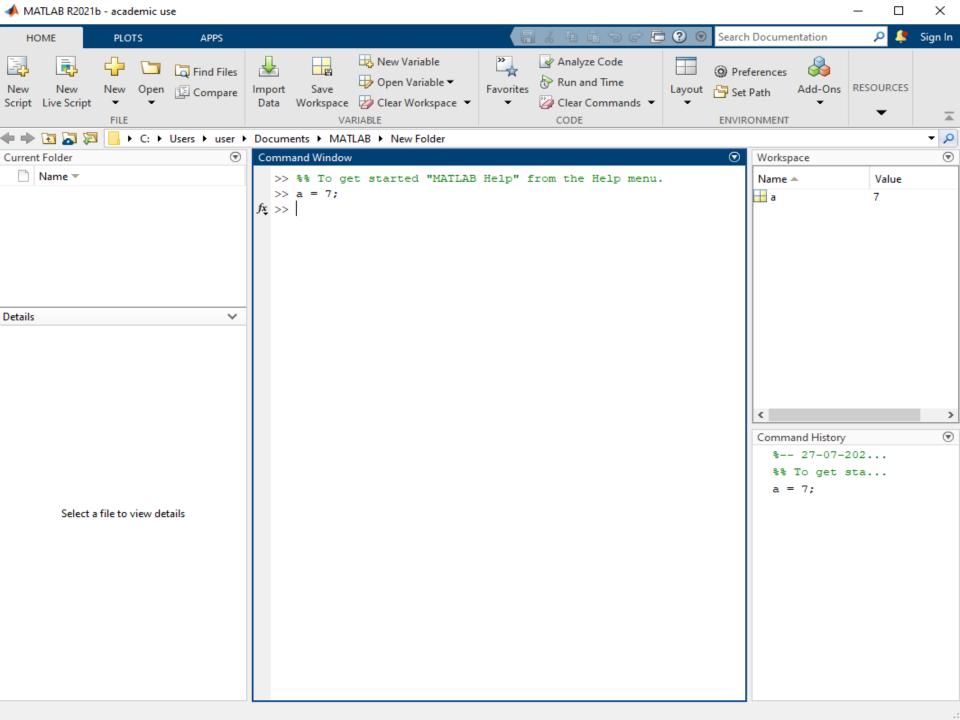
- You can use MATLAB built-in functions and other external resources to develop your own toolboxes -Third Party Products
- Excellent graphics to analyze and visualize your data. Can generate ps, eps, wmf, bmp, jpeg, tiff, ..... files and insert figures into WORD, LATEX etc.
- Interfaces external languages, such as C, C++, Fortran, and Java. Can convert MATLAB to C & C++
- Support for importing data from files and external devices and for using low-level file I/O (plus access to databases and additional hardware via add-on products)

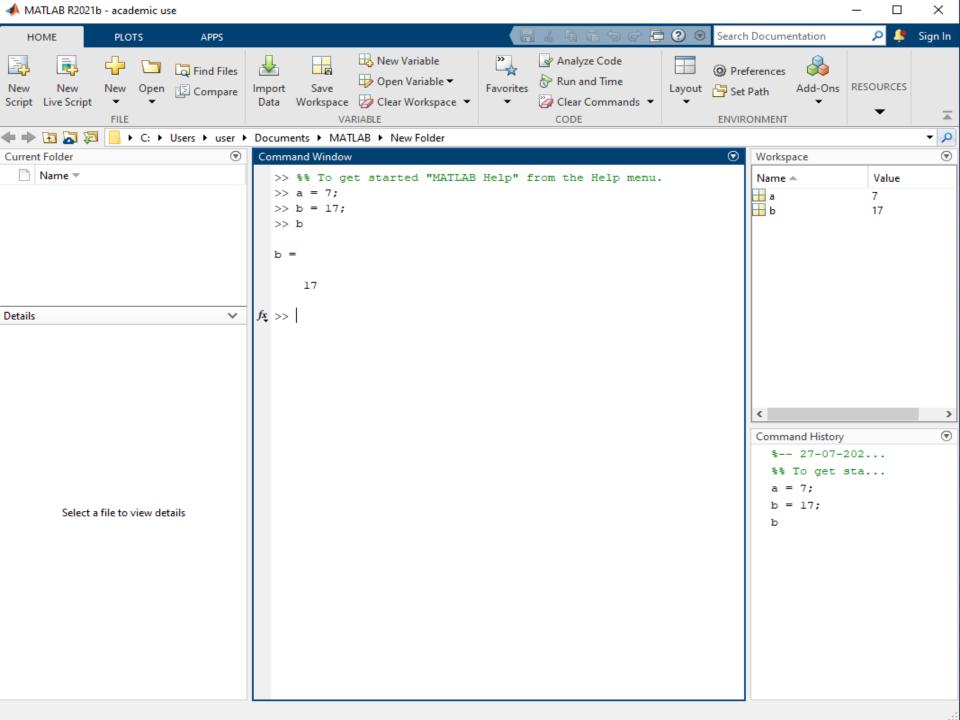
## Disadvantages of MATLAB

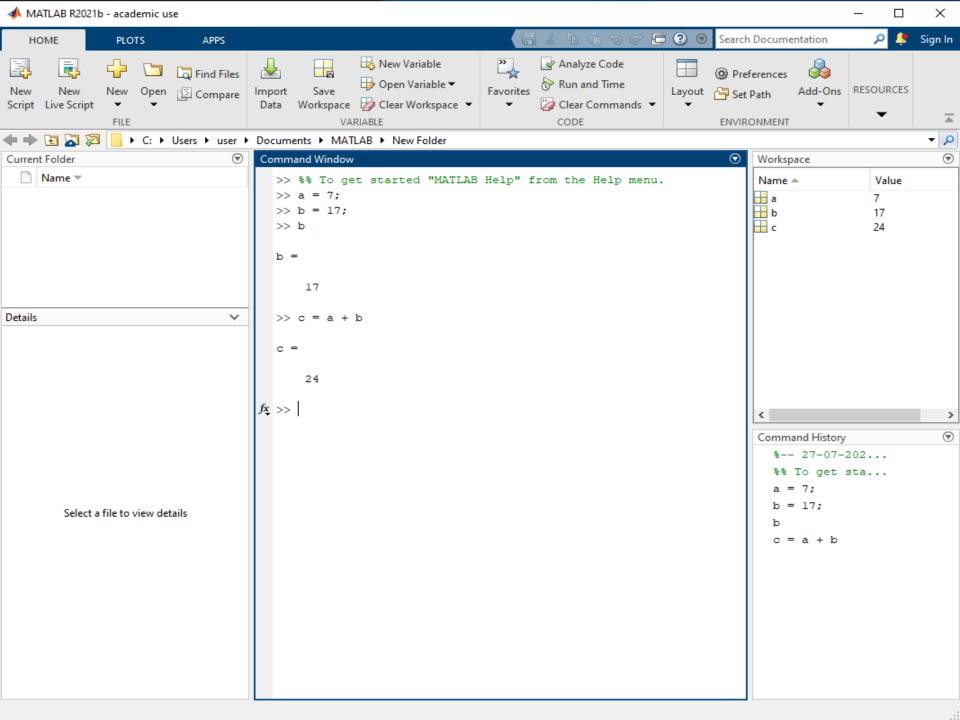


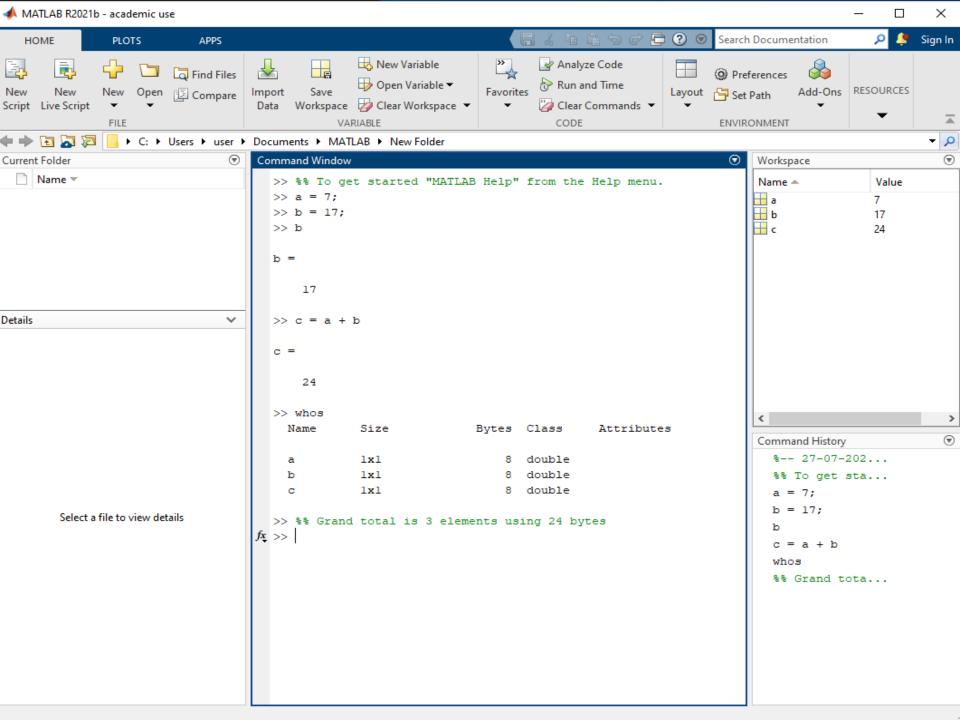
- Cost about 5~10 times more expensive than conventional Fortran or C compiler
- It is an interpreter-based language and not compiler-based. So, it executes programs line by line and not as a compiled object.
  - -Can make MATLAB extremely slow, particularly with "loops"
- Can be overcome by properly structuring the MATLAB program or by using a MATLAB to C compiler to create an "executable".
  - -This has the additional advantage that your source code can be protected

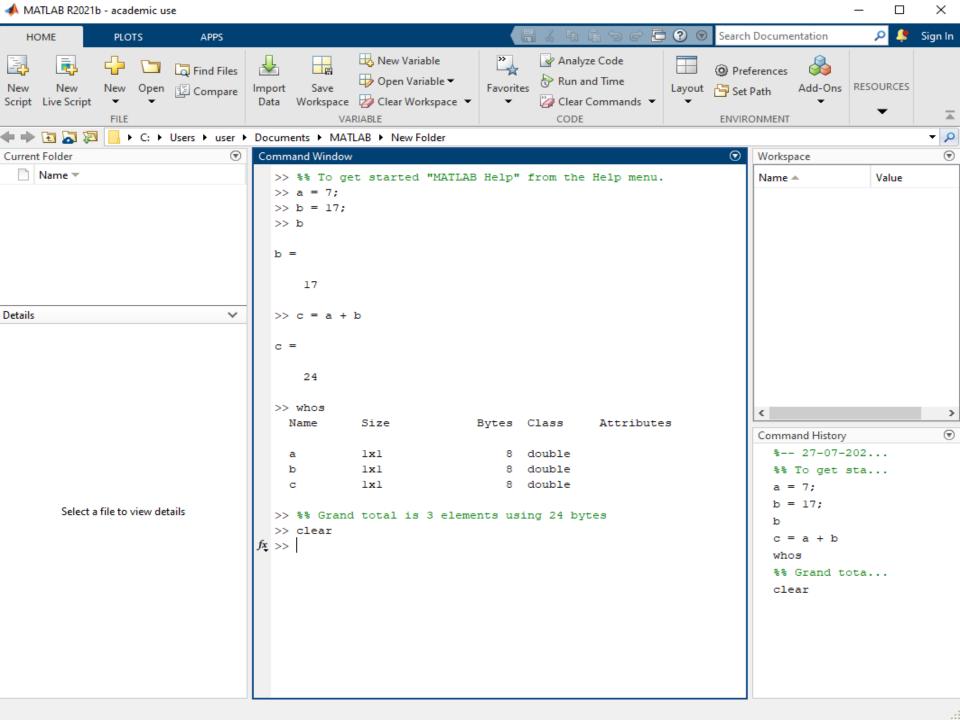


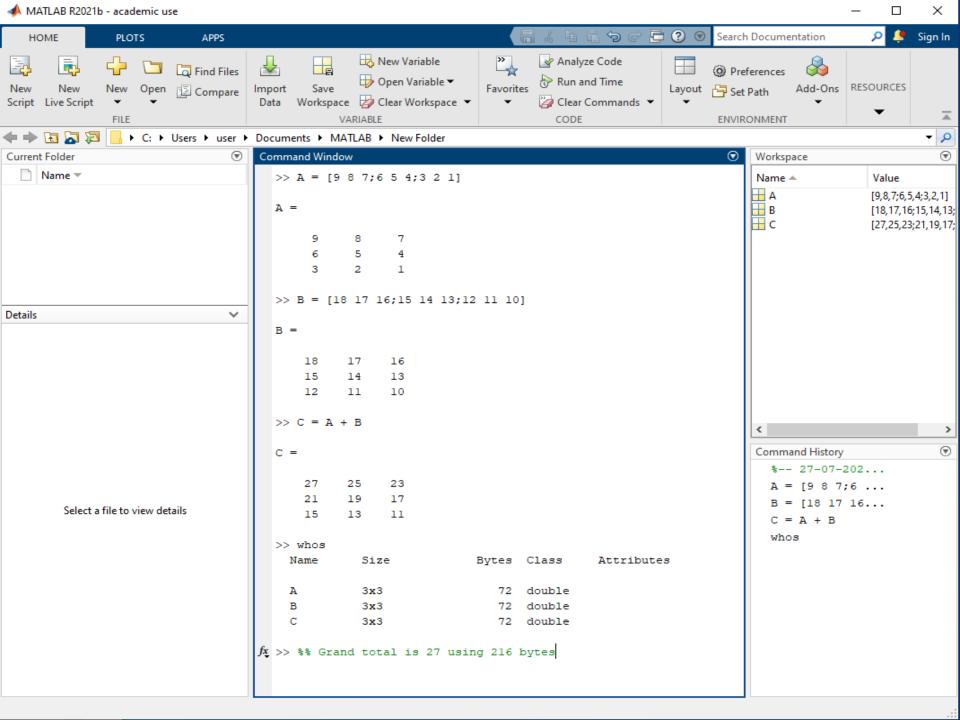


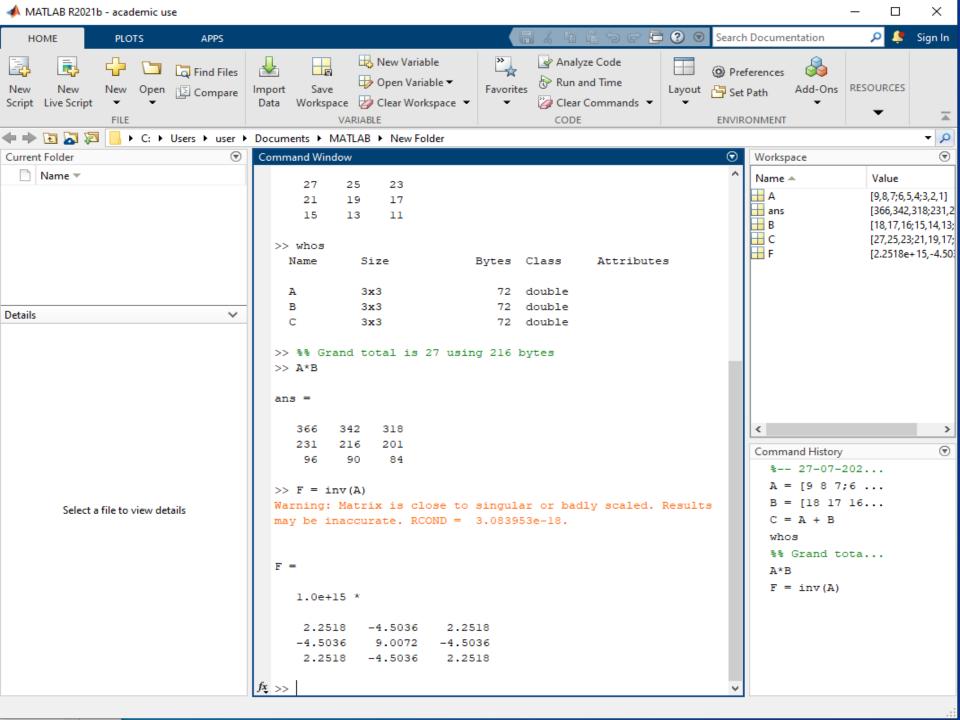


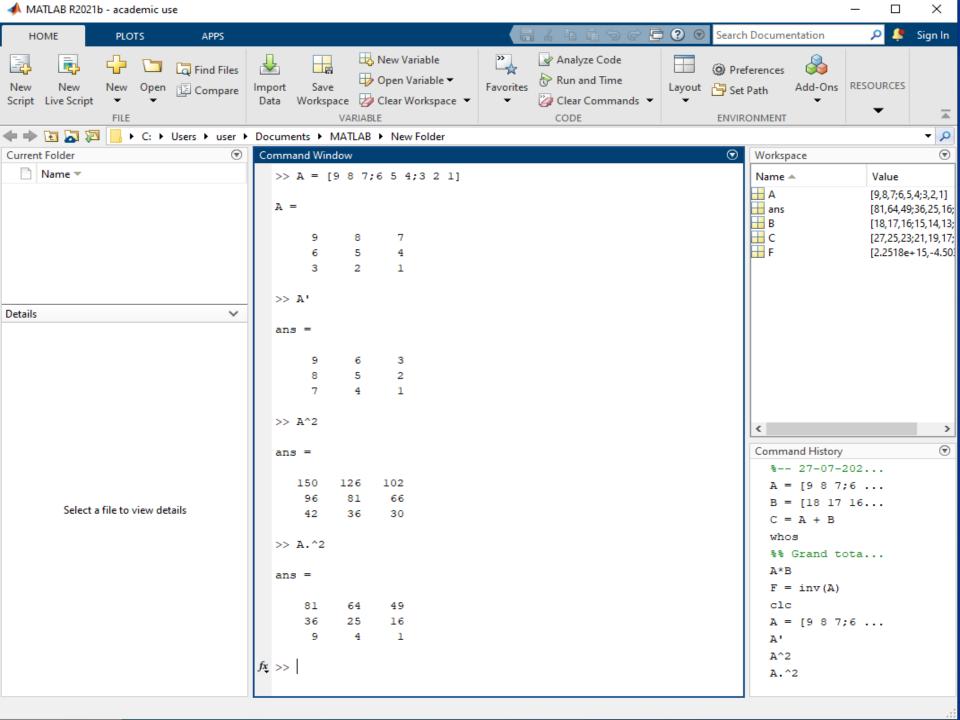


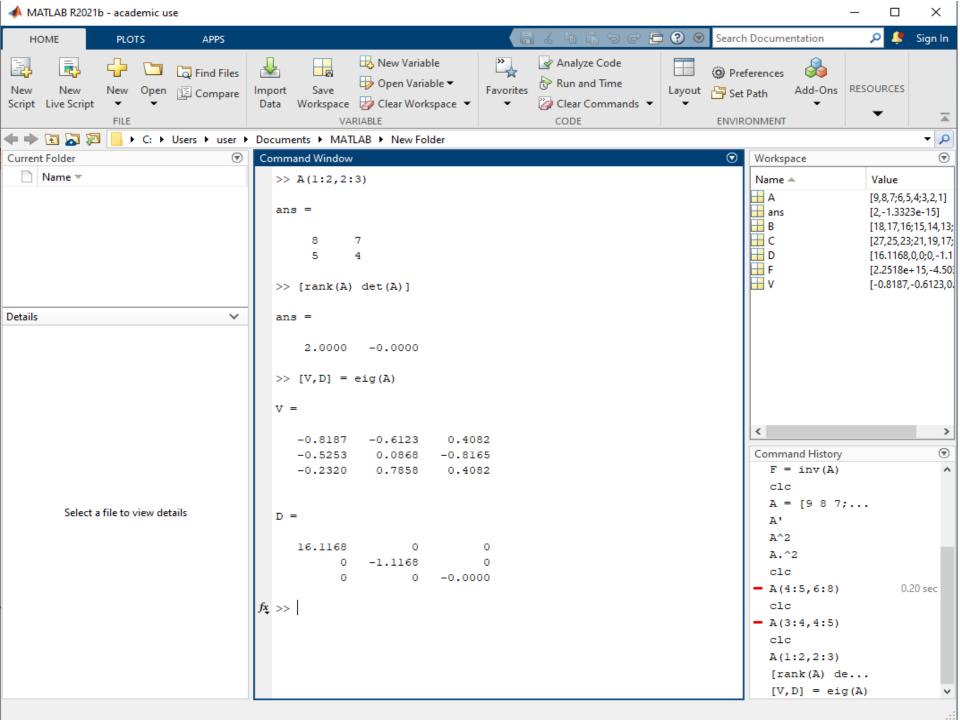












#### A short interactive session



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>> A=[1 2 3;4 5 6;7 8 9];
>> for i=1:3
for j=1:3
if A(i,j) \leftarrow 5
A(i,j)=0;
end
end
end
>> A
```

#### **Another short interactive session**



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\Rightarrow A=[1 2 3;4 5 6;7 8 9];
>> B=[ ];
>> for i=1:3
B=[B;A(i,:)'];
end
>> B
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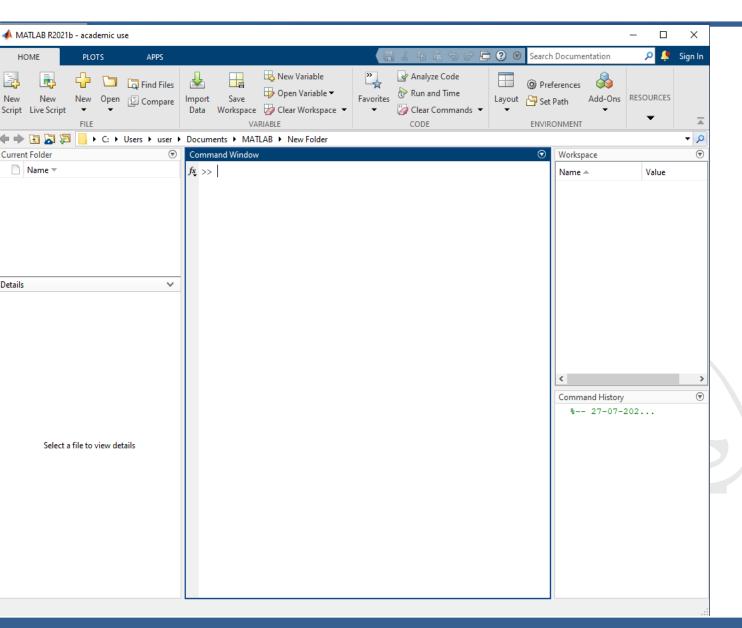
## Writing M-Files



- Interactive Programming is useful only in the initial stages - when you are learning the syntax, commands etc.
- Very soon you should graduate into writing what are called m-files.
- M-files are text files that contain a sequence of MATLAB commands to achieve the required goals.
- You can enter the commands into a file and save it. Then
  just type in the file name inside the MATLAB command
  window. All the commands will be executed and the
  results will be available in the MATLAB workspace

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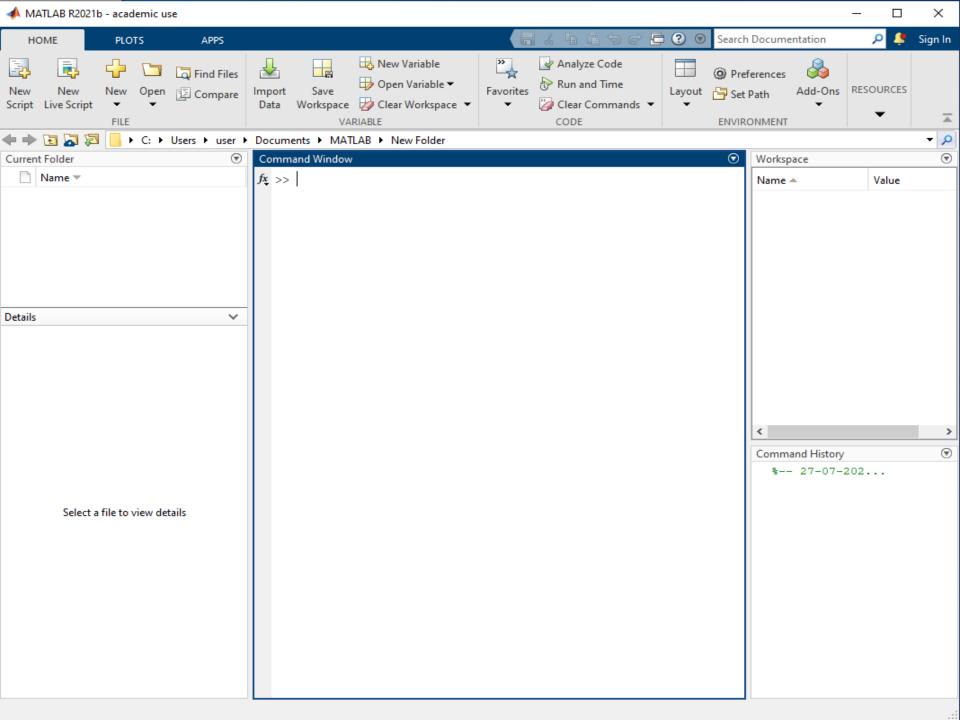




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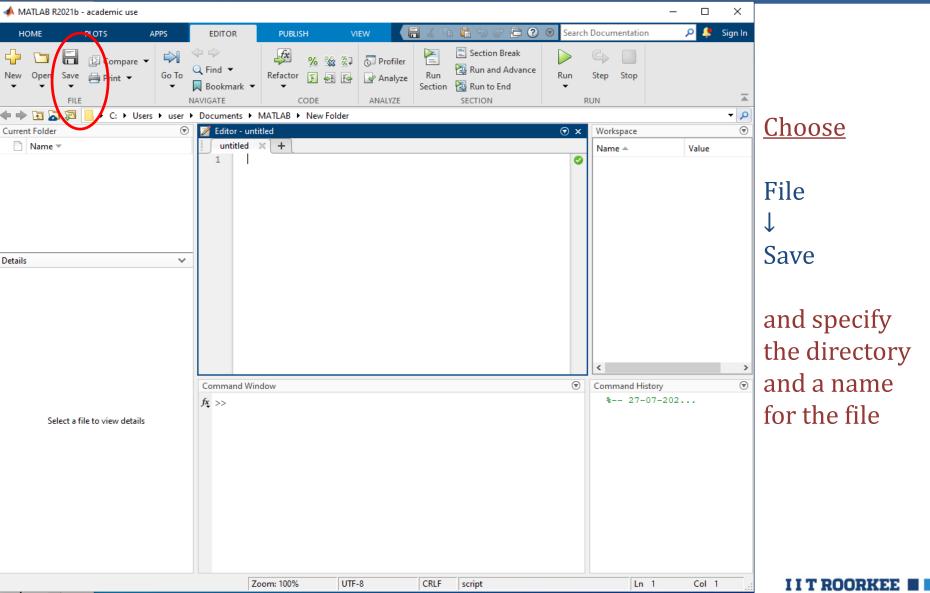
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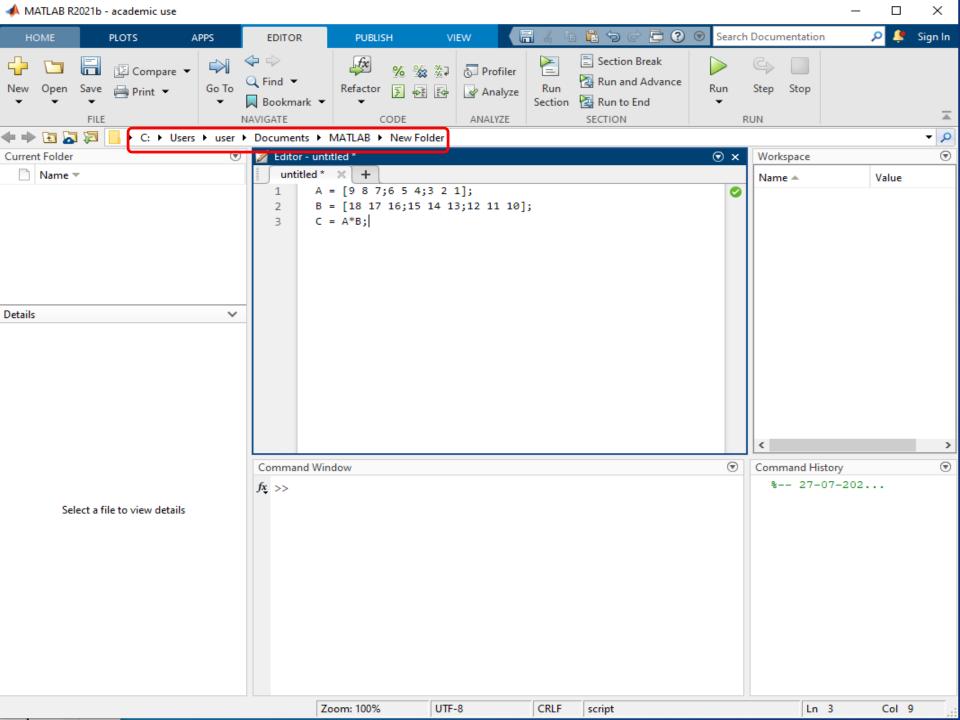
This will open up a new window for entering the MATLAB commands

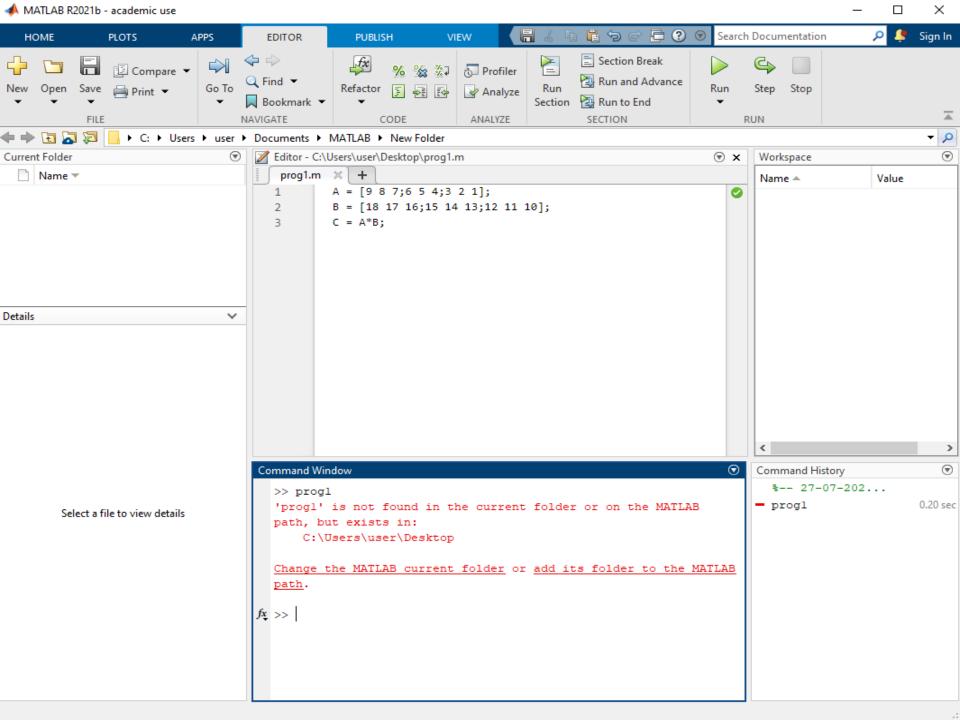


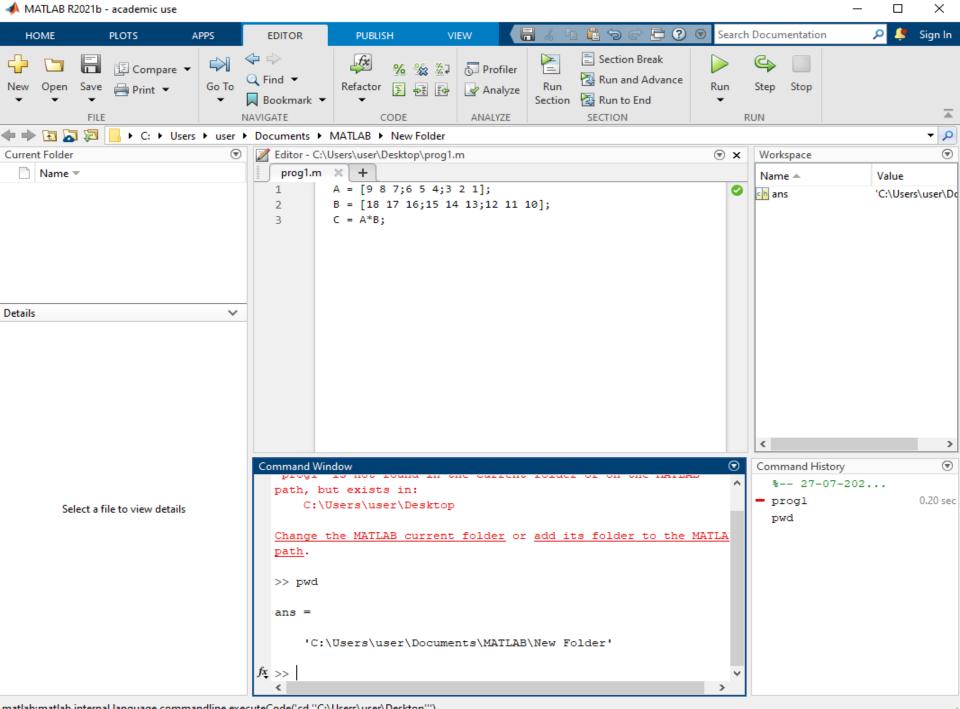
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