

## ENGR 1204 Programming Languages in Engineering

### MATLAB Lab 3 (Water Tank Problem: Looping Approach)

Write a MATLAB program (.m script file) to calculate the time to drain a cylindrical water tank for an initial water height ranging from 1 to 10 feet. The tank has a radius (rt) of 2 feet and the drain radius (ro) is 0.3 inch. The gravitational constant is 32.2 feet/sec.<sup>2</sup>

The formula for time to drain the tank is

$$\text{time} = (rt / ro)^2 h / v_{avg}$$

$$\text{where } v_{avg} = 0.5 (2 g h)^{1/2} \quad (\text{average velocity})$$

The objective here is to calculate the values of vavg and time for initial water heights (h) of 1, 2, 3, ... 10 feet and display the results in a table as shown below.

In your program first assign the values to rt, ro, and g and use disp to display the table title and headings. Then, within a for-loop calculate vavg and time, displaying the values along with h using the formatted print function (fprintf).

Hint: The height h can be used as the index in the loop.

Expected display (don't worry about exact spacing of the headings):

Time to Drain Water Tank		
h	vavg	time
(ft)	(ft/s)	(hrs)
1.00	4.01	0.44
2.00	5.67	0.63
:	:	:
10.00	12.69	1.40