# **ENGR 1204 Programming Languages in Engineering**

### **MATLAB Lab 4 (Function)**

The objective of this exercise is to minimize the total surface area of a cylindrical metal can for a given volume, and compare that area to that of a sphere of equal volume. Assume that the volume is equal to  $\pi \approx 3.1416$ .

For this exercise, first create two user function files:

cylinder.m Inputs – radius, height Outputs – volume, area

sphere.m Input – radius Outputs – volume, area

Next create a MATLAB program (script .M file) to perform the following steps:

#### For cylinder:

- (1) Display table headings for cylinder radius, height, volume and area
- (2) For radius values of 0.5 to 1 in steps of 0.02
  - Compute the height resulting in constant volume
  - Call cylinder.m to calculate and return cylinder volume and area
  - Display the results formatted to 4 significant figures.

### For sphere:

- (3) Calculate and display the sphere radius for a volume of  $\pi$ .
- (4) Call sphere.m to calculate, return and display sphere volume and area.

Compare the minimum cylinder area to the sphere's area.

## <u>Formulas</u>

Cylinder: volume = 
$$\pi$$
 r<sup>2</sup> h area =  $2 \pi$  r h +  $\pi$  r<sup>2</sup> +  $\pi$  r<sup>2</sup> =  $2 \pi$  r (r + h) (sides) (top) (bottom)

Sphere: volume = 
$$(4/3) \pi r^3$$
 area =  $4 \pi r^2$