

ENGR 1204 Programming Languages in Engineering

MATLAB Lab 6 (Vector, Plotting)

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.²

The formula for time to drain the tank is

$$\text{time} = (r_t / r_o)^2 h / v_{\text{avg}}$$

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

In your program, assign the values to rt, ro, and g. Create and display a vector **h** for the initial water heights of 1, 2, 3, ..., 10 feet. Use the formula above to calculate and display **vavg** in ft./sec. and **time** in hours. Use **plot** to create a graph of time as a function of height, and insert a grid along with appropriate axis labels and title.

Run the program and observe the plot and results in the command window.