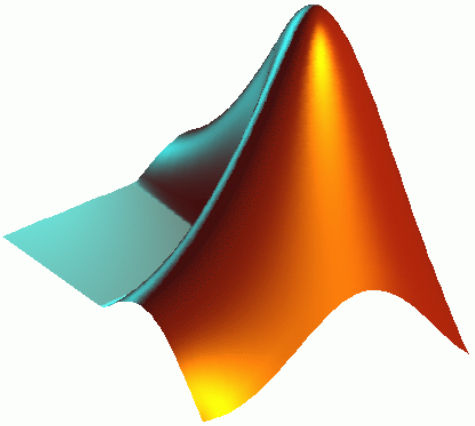
Introduction to Matlab & Data Analysis



Lecture 1: Introduction

Lecture time:
Sunday 11:15-13:00
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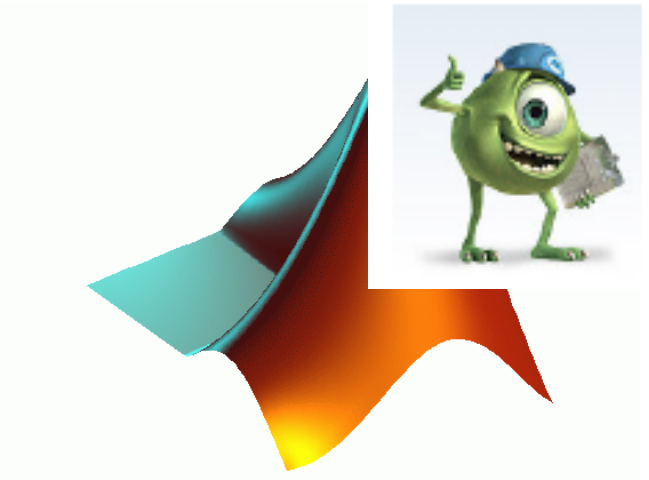
Team members



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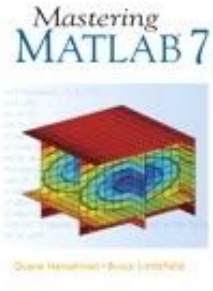


Tips / formalities

- **Course website**
  `http://www.weizmann.ac.il/midrasha/courses/MatlabIntro`

- **The website contains**
  - Course material: Lectures + tutorials + other Matlab resources
  - HW and solutions
  - News
- **Where can I do the HW?**
  - On any pc computer at Weizmann (installation of Matlab will be discussed in the first tutorial)
  - In the tutorial class

- **Grade**
  - HWs 60% + 40% Final Project

- **Course references**
  - Matlab built-in tutorials and references

Tips / formalities

- **Signing up for one of the tutorials**

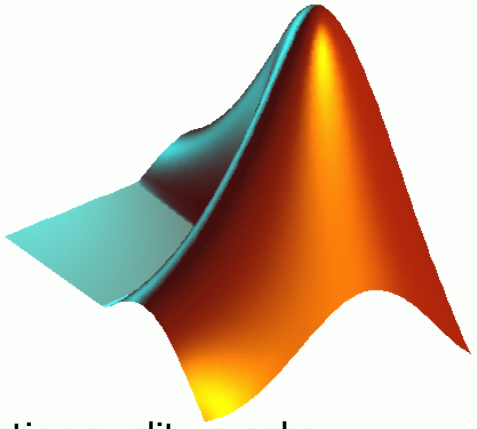
  Feinberg B
  (#1) Sunday 9:15-11
  (#2) Wednesday 9:15-11
  There may be some changes during the semester

- **HW assistance at the computer room**

  Once a week in Feinberg B

  With Ex. Checker

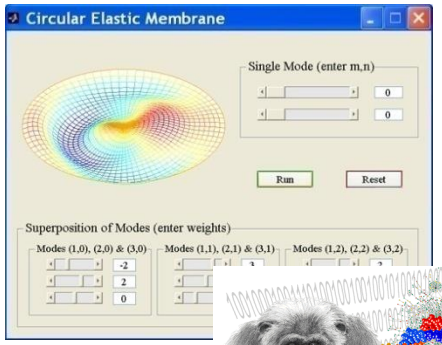
Course overview

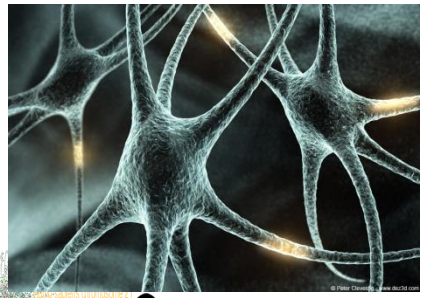


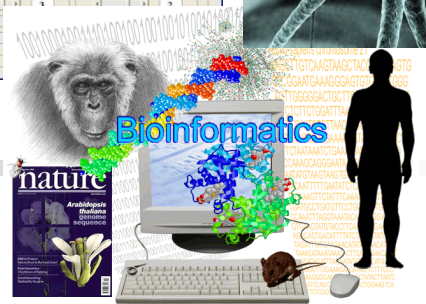
- Introduction to Matlab
- Matlab building blocks: 1D 2D and 3D arrays
- Simple data analysis and graphics
- Control and boolean logic
- Loops
- Functions and program design
- Cells, structures and Files
- Simple algorithms and complexity
- Debugger
- GUI toolbox

- Producing publication quality graphs
- Solving ODEs for a living:

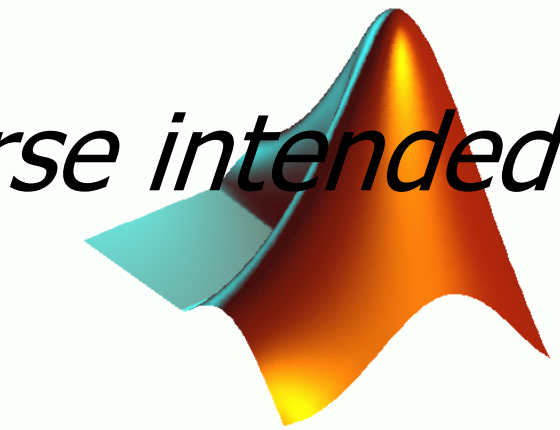
Math modeling of cancer treatment (Natalie)



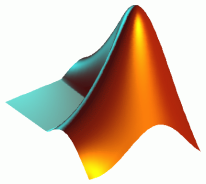




For whom is the course intended?



- For students with no or little experience of Matlab- first two thirds of the course.
- Please note that the workload is heavy and each assignment may take a few hours.
- Submit HW with a study partner.
- Some overlap or unsynchronized material may occur (lecture, tutorial, HW).



What is the course about?

(1) Programming in Matlab

(2) Tackling data analysis problems with *Matlab*

What is the course about?

Example #1 of a data analysis problem

```
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CTAATAAGCCATGTGGGAAGTGCTCTTTCTACCTTATTTGAAGCACACCATTTGTGGAAGA
ATTACTGCAGCAATTTGAAGCAAAGGCTCCTGTGAACACTGCAGATTTGAAGCAACTAACA
```

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Example #1 of a data analysis problem

Identifying repeating motifs

CAGCAT**ATTTGAAGC**CGGGCCCACACACAATTGGGGAACGGATCCCCGCGGCCTCCCGGCA
GACCCCGTCCGGCACGACGACGAAGAAGGGGAGGATGAAGTCGA**ATTTGAAGC**GGATGAAG
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CAGCAGCTTTTCCTAAAGGCTCCTGTGAACACTGCAGAACTAACAGATCTCTTAATTCATA
CAGAACCATATTGGAAGTGTGA**ATTTGAAGC**TTAAGCAAACAAATGTTTCAGAAGACAGCG
ATGATGATGATGCAGATGAAGATGAAATTTTTGGTTTCATAAGCCTTTTAAATTTAACTGA
AAGAAAGGTACCCAGTGTGCTGAACAAATTAAAGAGTTGGT**ATTTGAAGCGGG**TGAGAAGA
ACTGTAAAGA**ATTTGAAGCGG**CAGCTGGACAAGCTTTTAAATGACACCACCAAGCCTGTGG
GCTTTCTCCTAAGTGAAAGATTCATTAATGTCCCTCCTCAGATTGCTCTGCCCATGCACCA
GCAGCTTCAGAAAGA**ATTTGAAGC**A**ATTTGAAGC**CTAGT**ATTTGAAGC**TTCTACCTTCTGA
GACCCCGTCCGGCACGACGACGAAGAAGGGGAGGATGAAGTCGAGGATGAAGACGAAGATC
GATGAGGAGAGTGACGAAGAAGAGG**ATTTGAAGC**ACGAAGACGACGAGGTCCTTGACGAGG
AAGTGAATATTGAATTTGAAGCTTATTCCATCTCAGATAATGATTATGACGGAATTAAGAA
ATTACTGCAGCA**ATTTGAAGC**AAAGGCTCCTGTGAACACTGCAG**ATTTGAAGC**AACTAACA
ATTCAACAGAACCATATTGGAAGTGTGATTAAGCAAACAAATGTTTCAGAAGACAGCGATG
ATGATGATGC**ATTTGAAGC**AGATGAAGATGAAATTTTTGGTTTCATAAGCCTTTTAAATTT
CTAATAAGCCATGTGGGAAGTGCTCTTTCTACCTT**ATTTGAAGC**ACACCATTTGTGGAAGA
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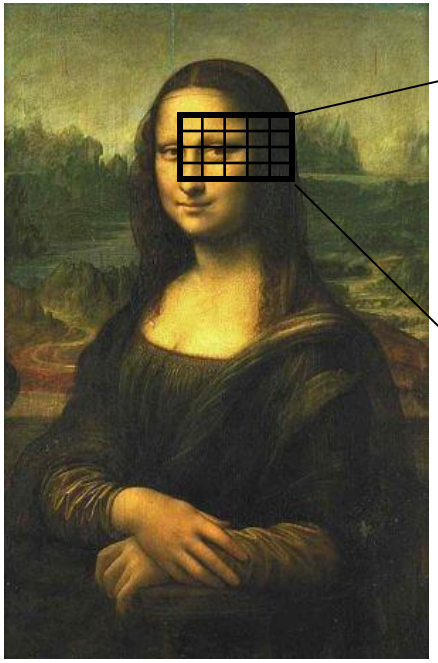
What is the course about?

Example #2 of a data analysis problem



10	21	10	21
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10	4	8	21
3	21	10	45
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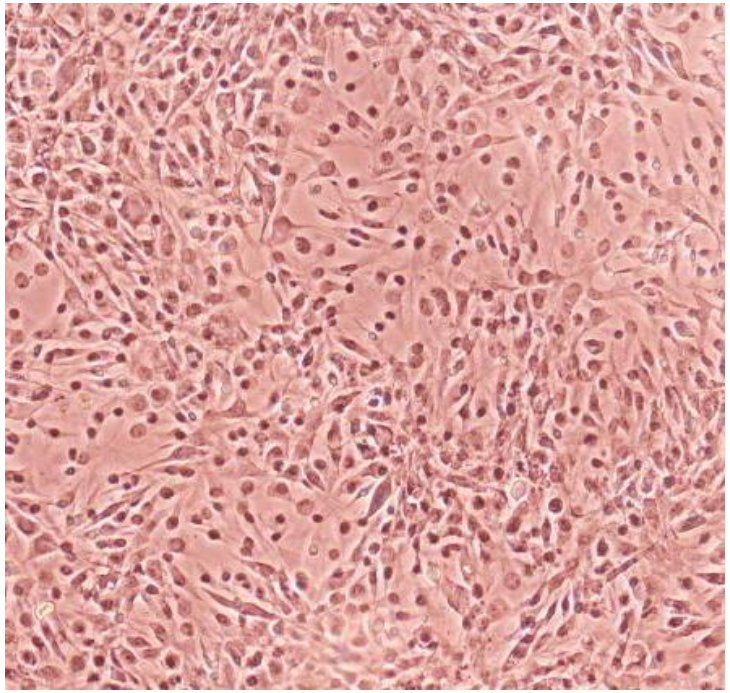
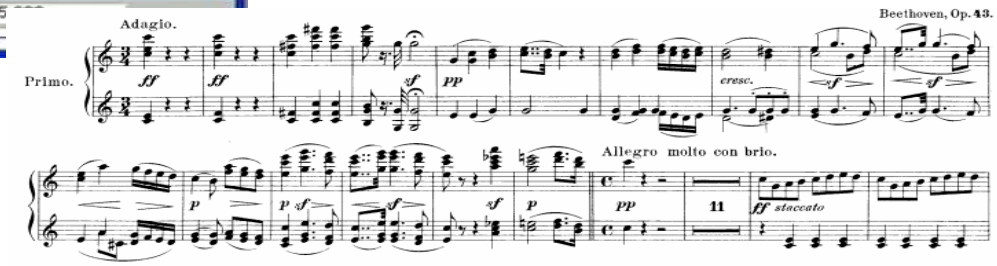


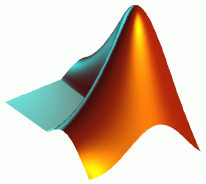
Image processing

What is the course about?

Example #3 of data analysis problems

Signal processing





What is the course about?

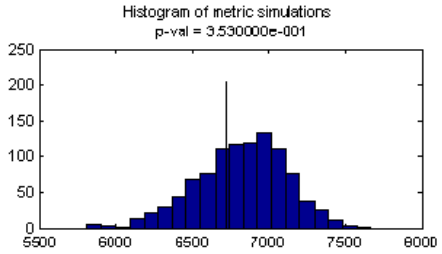
(1) Programming in Matlab

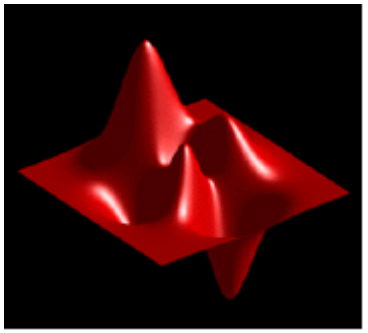
(2) Tackling data analysis problems with *Matlab*

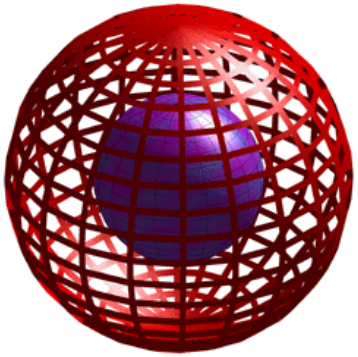
(3) Learn how to learn Matlab by yourself

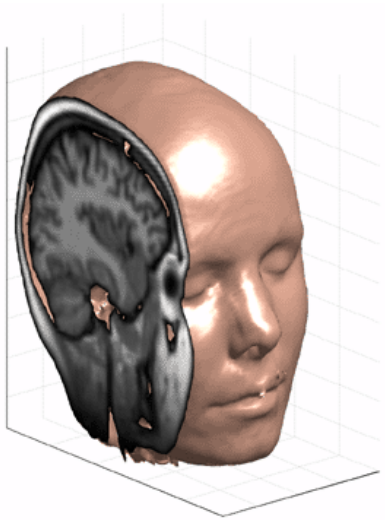
Why Matlab?

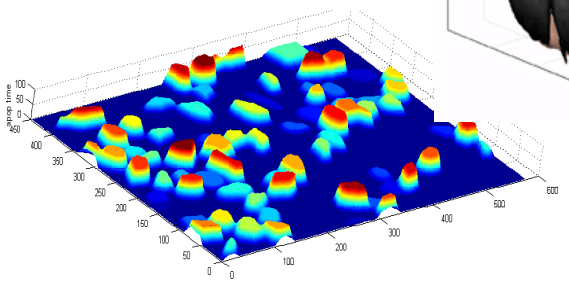
- Easy to learn
- Easy to debug
- Great tool for scientific work
  - Exploring your data
  - Visualizing your data
- Many useful "apps"







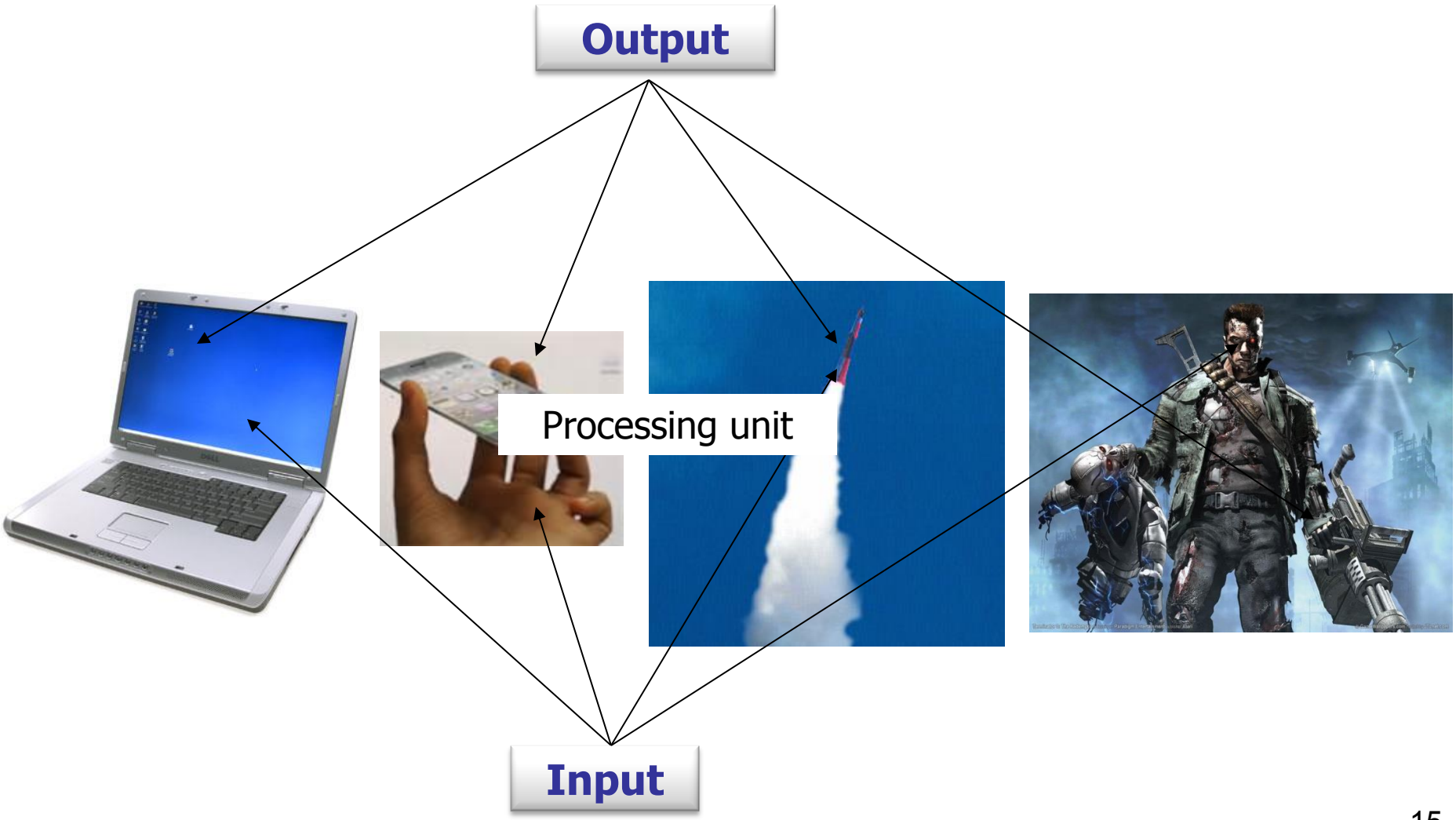


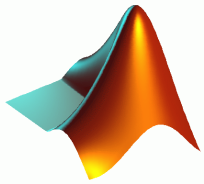


Matlab's main disadvantage…

- It's slower than other programming languages.
  - (unless you use the compiler)…

Background - computers

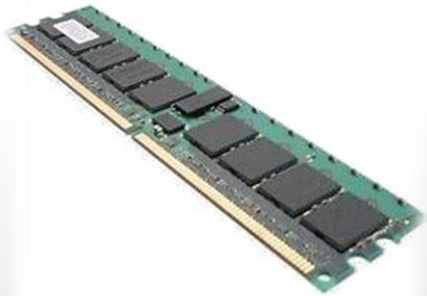




Background - hardware

CPU

Memory



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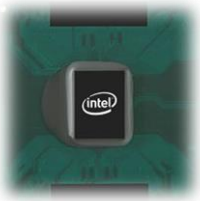


A **central processing unit** (**CPU**), is the hardware within a computer that carries out the instructions of a computer program by performing the basic arithmetical, logical, and input/output operations of the system. (Wikipedia).

Memory

In computing, **memory** refers to the physical devices used to store programs (sequences of instructions) or data (e.g. program state information) on a temporary or permanent basis for use in a computer or other digital electronic device. (Wikipedia).

Not to be confused with the data storage such as SSD and hard disk.

Background - software

High level languages

Examples: C, C++, C#, Java, Pascal, Perl, Lisp, ***Matlab***

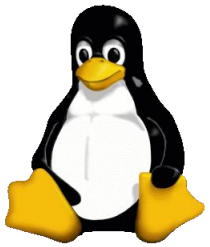
Low level language

Example: Assembly

Machine language

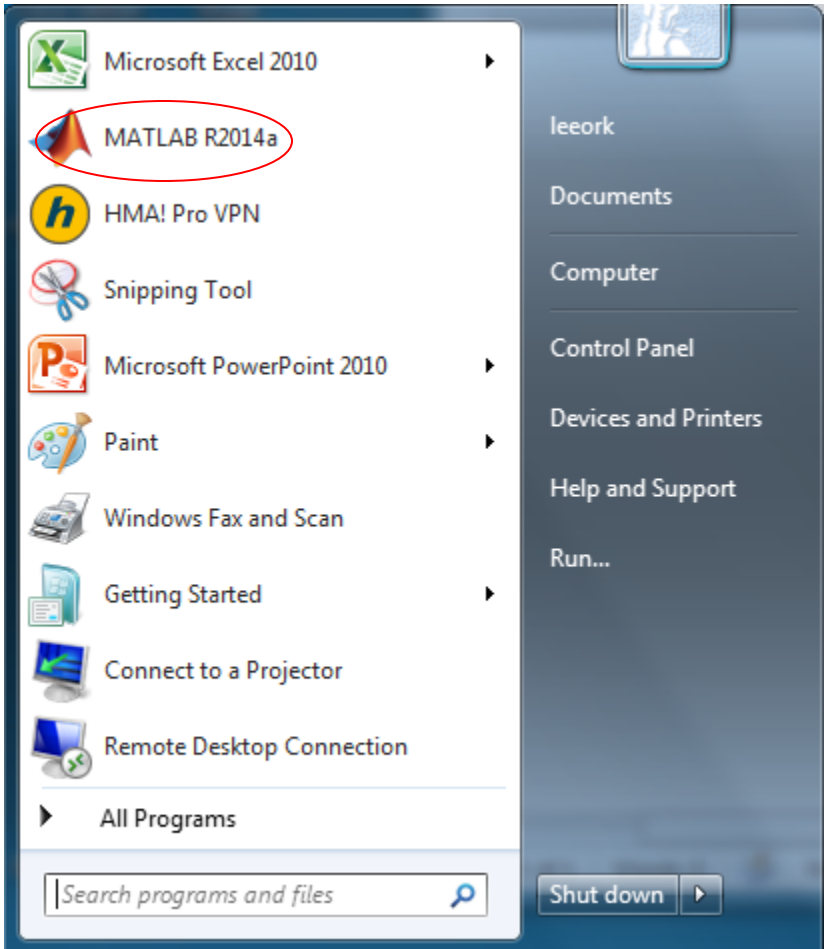
Example: 0111010101111101…

Another important player:
The operating system



The Matlab environment

First we need to Open Matlab



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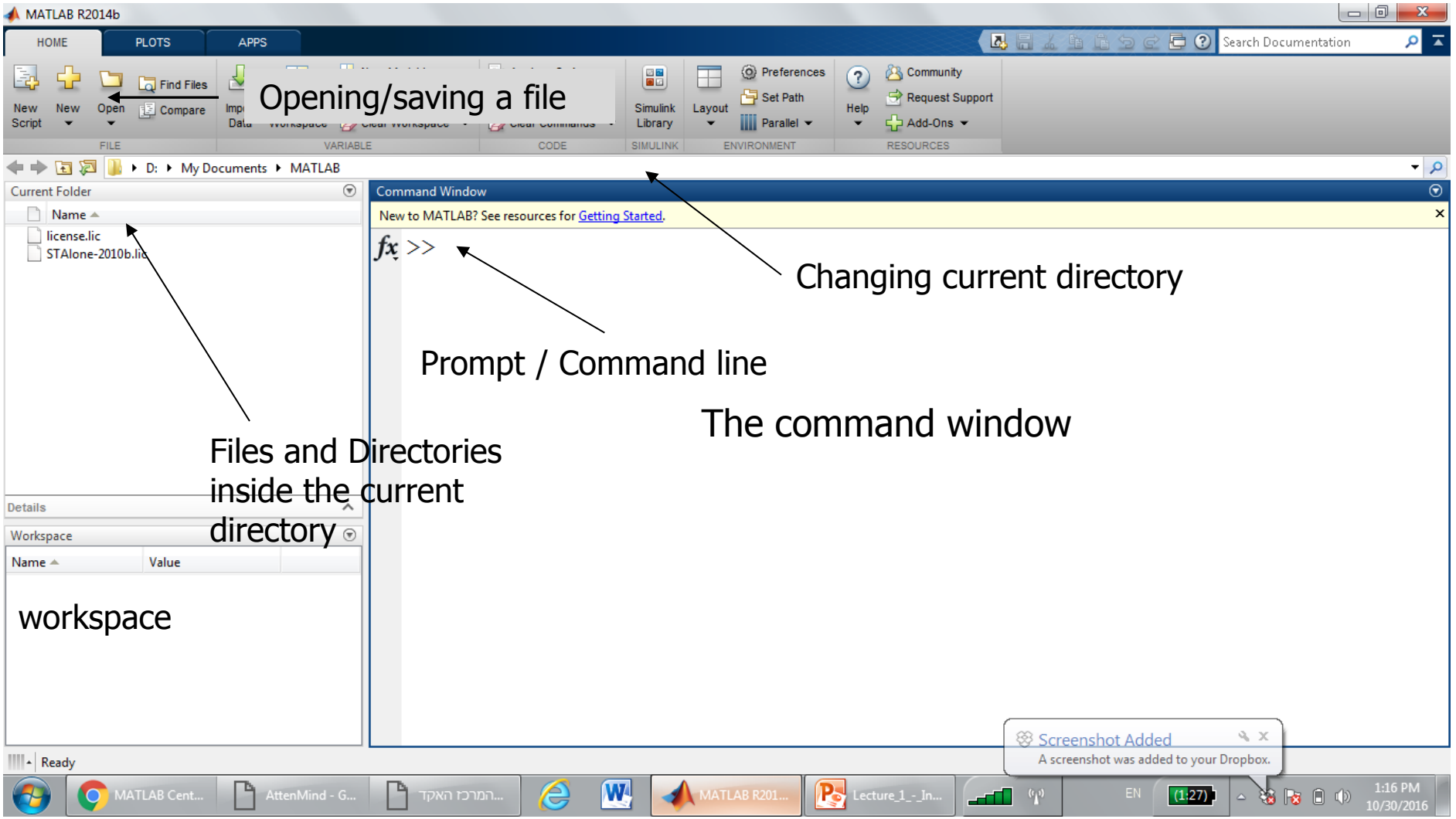
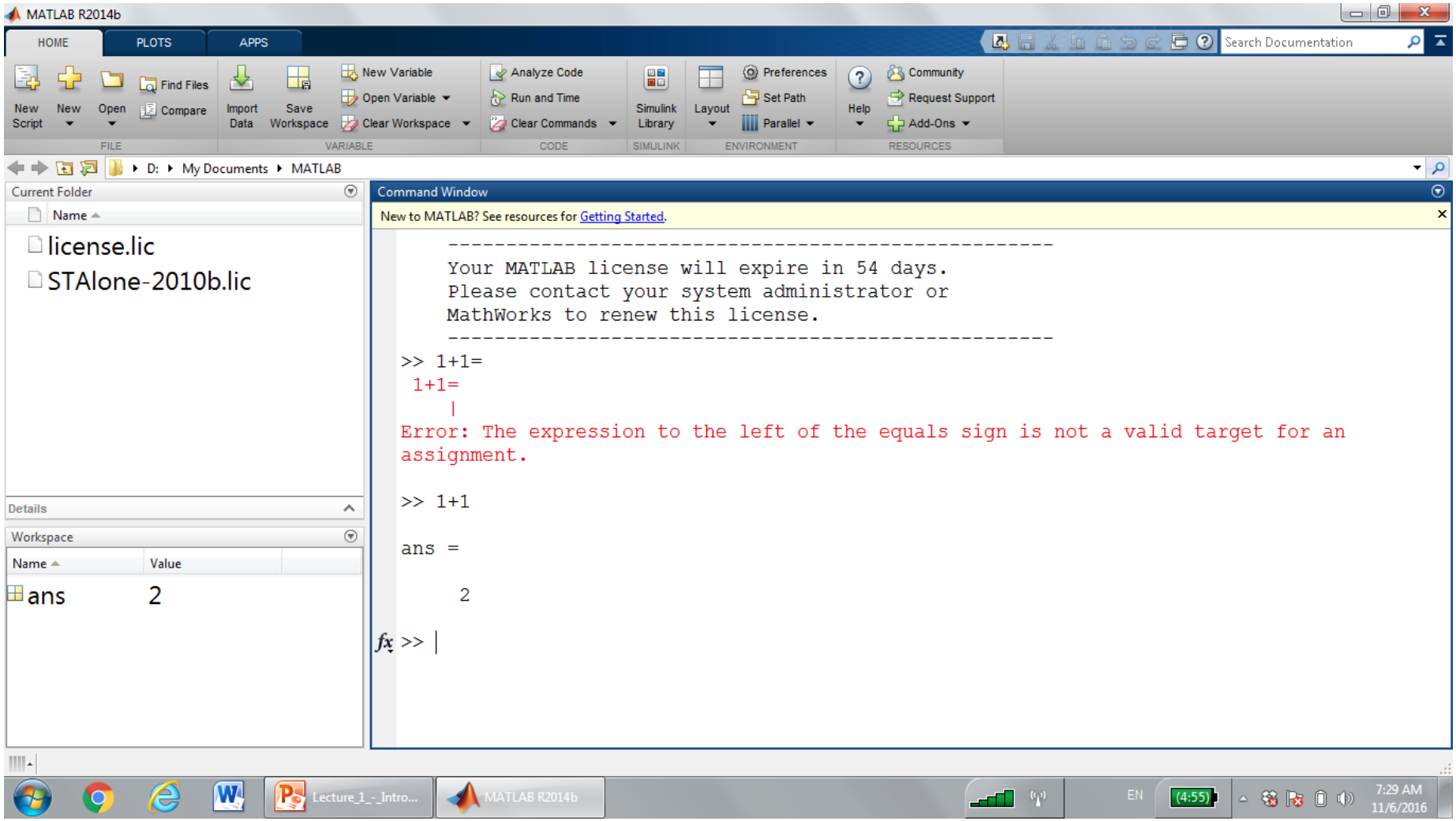
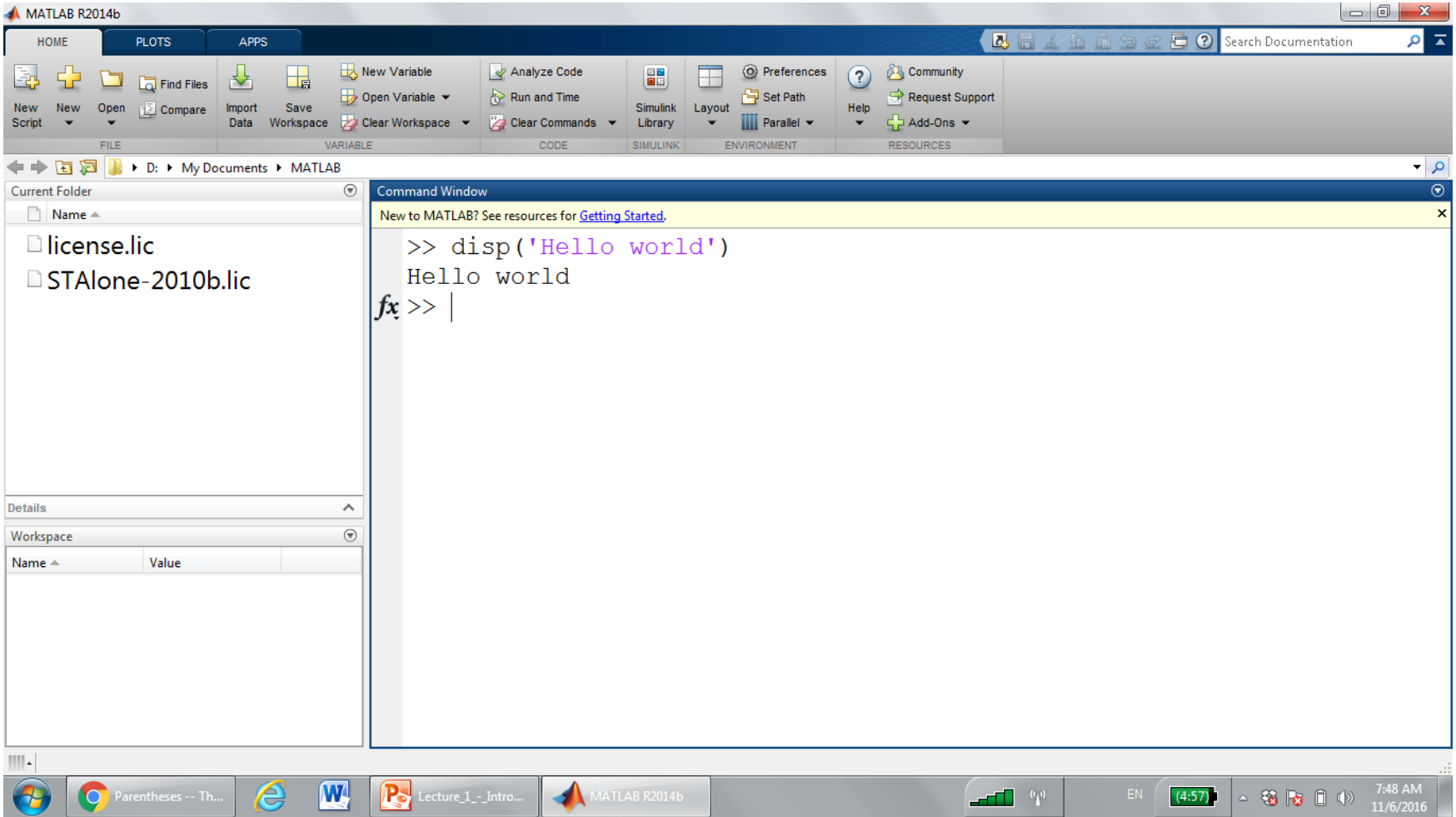


Matlab can be used as a calculator



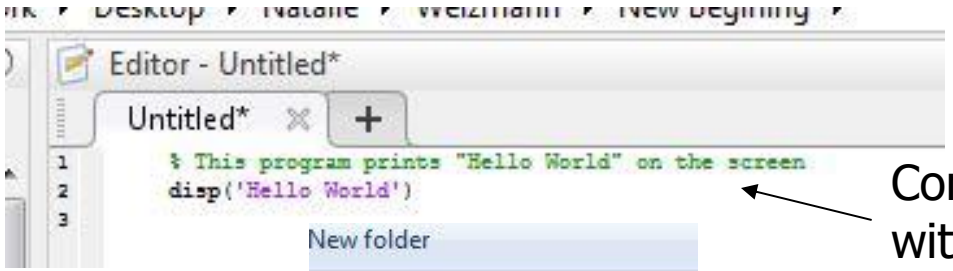
Our first command

Writing a command in the command line



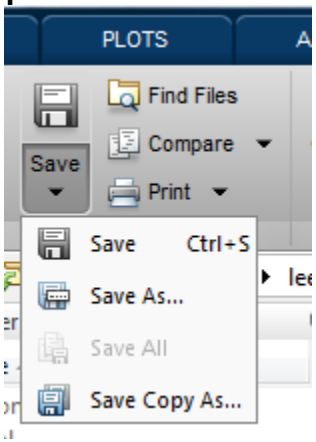
Our first script (M-file)

(1) Writing the script

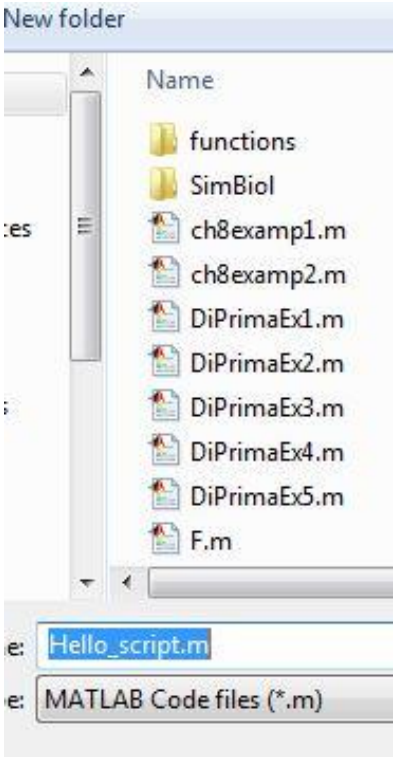


Comments start with a *%*

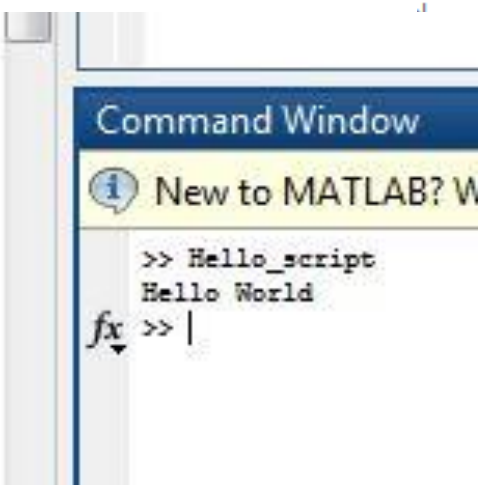
(2) Saving the script



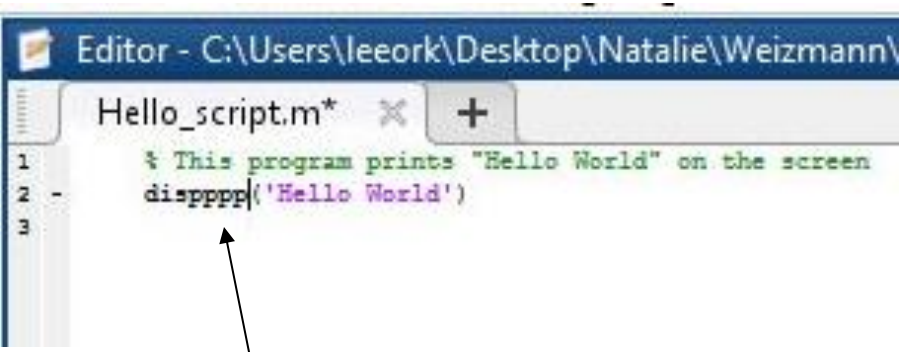
(3) Defining script name



(4) Running the script

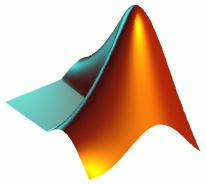


Making errors…



This command does NOT exist in Matlab!

Pressing here will bring you to the line in the script where the error occurred

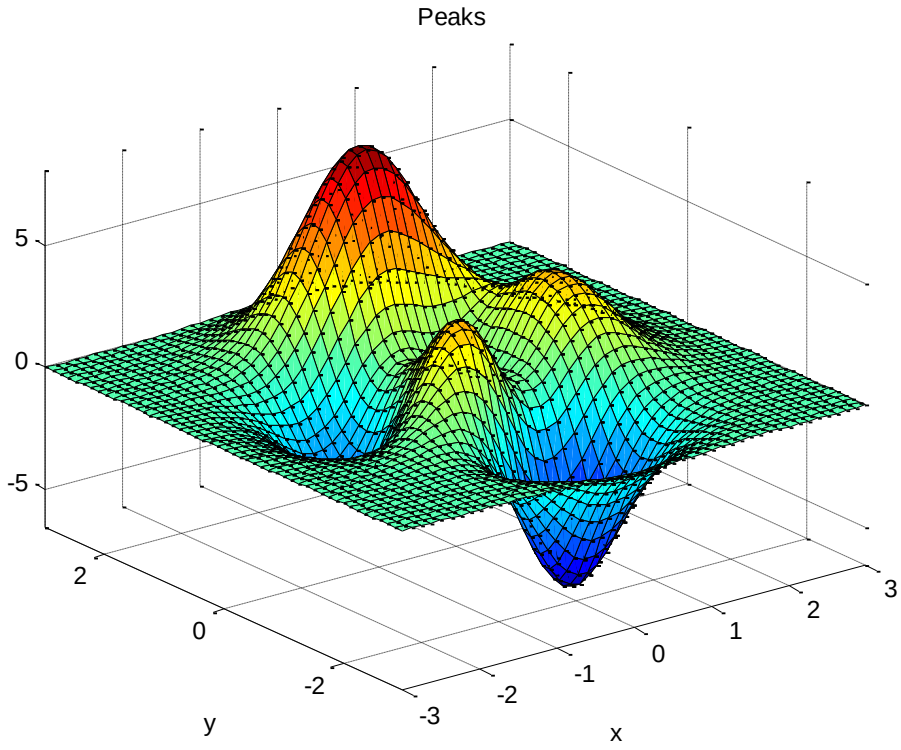


Another script…

Making sophisticated graphics and animation in Matlab is easy.

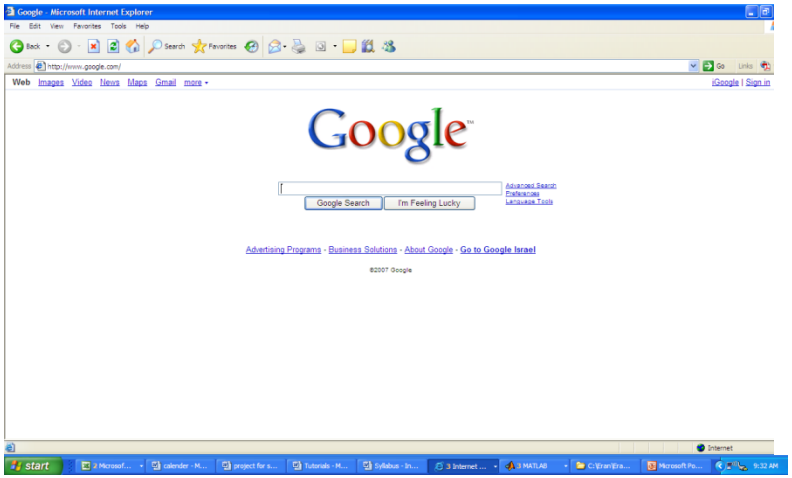
We will learn how to do this in two lectures

```
Z = peaks; surf(Z);
axis tight
set(gca,'nextplot','replacechildren');

% Record the movie
for j = 1:20
    surf(sin(2*pi*j/20)*Z,Z)
    F(j) = getframe;
end

% Play the movie twenty times
movie(F,20)
```



Help!!!

- **help**
- **doc**
  - Example: `doc disp`
- **Google**



MATLAB > Data and File Management > Workspace Variables

disp

Display text or array

Syntax

```
disp(X)
```

Description

`disp(X)` displays the contents of `X` without printing the variable name. `disp` does not disp

Examples

Display Matrix with Column Labels

Display a matrix and label the columns as `Corn`, `Oats`, and `Hay`.

```
X = gallery('uniformdata',[5 3],0);
disp('    Corn      Oats      Hay')
disp(X)
```

Corn	Oats	Hay
0.9501	0.7621	0.6154
0.2311	0.4565	0.7919
0.6068	0.0185	0.9218
0.4860	0.8214	0.7382
0.8913	0.4447	0.1763

Matlab apps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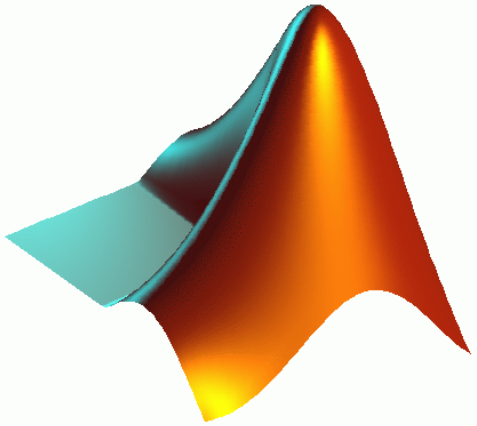


Topic #2:
The Matlab Building Blocks - Variables, Arrays and Matrices

identifiers

- Identifiers are all the words that build up the program
- An identifier is a sequence of letters, digits and underscores "_"
- Maximal length of identifiers is 63 characters
- Can't start with a digit
- Can't be a reserved word

Examples of Legal identifiers:

- time
- day_of_the_week
- bond007
- findWord

Examples of illegal identifiers:

- 007bond
- #time
- ba-baluba
- if
- while

An overview of the main players in a program

Identifiers

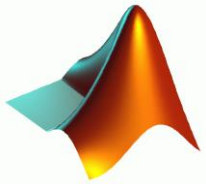
- **Reserved words**
- **Library functions**
- **Constants**
- **Variables**
- **User defined functions**

Reserved words (keywords)

- Words that are part of the Matlab language
  - There are 17 reserved words:

    - for
    - function
    - otherwise
    - try
    - break
    - end
    - return
    - switch
    - catch
    - if
    - elseif
    - continue
    - global
    - while
    - case
    - else
    - persistent

- Do **NOT** try to redefine their meaning!
- Don **NOT** try to redefine their library function names either!



Constants

- The value of a constant is fixed and does not change throughout the program

Numbers

100

0.3

Arrays

[1 2 3 4 5]

Matrices

[5 3

4 2]

Chars

'c'

Strings

'I like to eat sushi'

'1 + 2'

Variables

- **Why do we need variables?**

- **Example:**

```
>> salary = 9000;
>> new_salary = salary * 3;
>> disp(new_salary);
```

```
27000
```

constant

variable

Library functions

Computer memory

salary

9000

new_salary

27000

If we update salary, new_salary will NOT be updated automatically

Variables

- **Another example:**

```
price_bamba = 3
```

What happens if you omit the '**;**' **?**

The Matlab Console

```
price_bamba =
      3
```

Variables

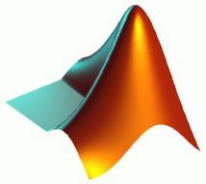
- **Another example:**

```
price_bamba = 3
n_bamba     = 2;
```

What happens when we add the **';' ?**

The Matlab Console

```
price_bamba =
     3
```



Variables

- **Another example:**

```
price_bamba = 3
n_bamba     = 2;
price_bisly = 5
n_bisly     = 3;
```

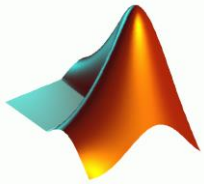
The Matlab Console

```
price_bamba =
     3

price_bisly =
     5

total_price =
    21

n_bamba =
     5

total_price =
    21
```

How can we fix it?

Redefine total_price

```
total_price = price_bamba * n_bamba + price_bisly * n_bisly
n_bamba     = 5
total_price
```

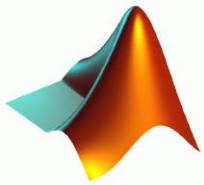


Variables

- **Tip #1**: Give your variables meaningful names.

  a = 9000
  b = 100
  are a bad choice for naming variables that store your working hours and salary!

  A more meaningful choice of names would be
  salary = 9000;
  hours = 5;



Variables

- **Tip #2**: Don't make variable names too long

```
salary_I_got_for_my_work_at_the_gasoline_station = 9000;
salary_I_got_for_my_work_in_the_bakery = salary_I_got_for_my_work_at_the_gasoline_station * 3;
disp(salary_I_got_for_my_work_in_the_bakery);
```

Very bad choice of variable name!!!

- When should I use capital letters ?
- **Tip #3**: Whatever you do - be consistent.

Variables Types

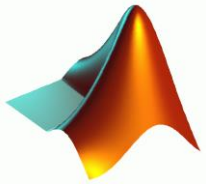
- Each variable has a *type*
- Why do we need variable types?

- Different types of variable store different types of data

```
>> a = 10
a =
    10

>> class(a)
ans =
double
```

Returns the type of a variable

The default variable type in Matlab is double



Variables Types

- Double

  Double-precision floating-point format is a computer number format that occupies 8 bytes (64 bits) in computer memory and represents a wide dynamic range of values by using floating point. (Wikipedia).

  - Allows representation of very large numbers (size of a galaxy) to very small numbers (subatomic particles).

Variables Types

- Each variable has a *type*
- Why do we need variable types?

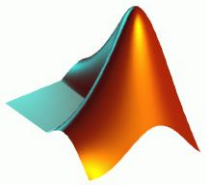
- Different types of variable store different types of data

```
>> a = 10
a =
   10

>> class(a)
ans =
double
```

```
>> b = 10.56
b =
   10.5600

>> class(b)
ans =
double
```

```
>> c = 'Bush'
c =
Bush

>> class(c)
ans =
char
```

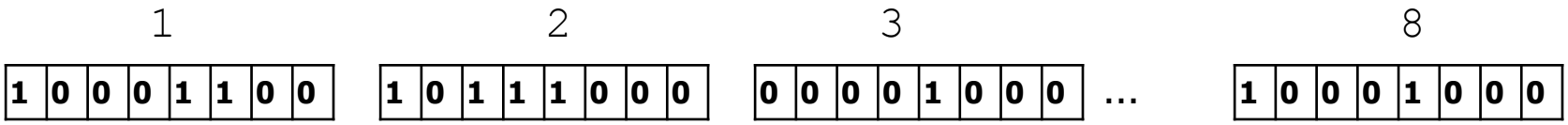
```
>> d = true
d =
     1

>> class(d)
ans =
logical
```



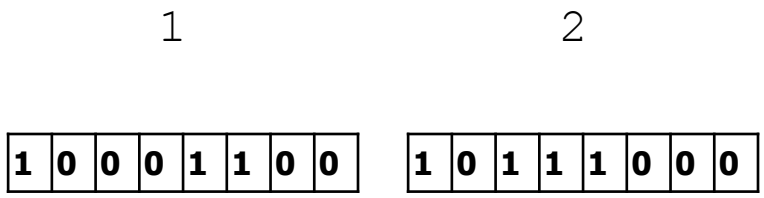
Variables Types

- Different variable types require different memory allocations

```
>> a = 10.4 %double requires 8 bytes
a =
   10.4
```




```
>> b = 'B'  %char requires 2 bytes
b =
B
```



Memory allocation and release is done automatically in Matlab

- How many bytes are required to store this variable: `c = 'Bush'` ?

Computer precision limitations

- How much is:

```
>> 0.42 + 0.08 - 0.5
ans =
     0
```

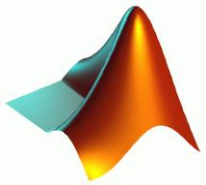
- How much is:

```
>> 0.42 - 0.5 + 0.08
ans =
 -1.3878e-017
```

Special variables

- ans

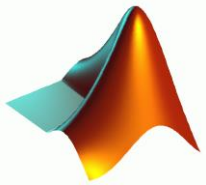
```
>> 4 * 5
ans =
    20

>> ans + 1
ans =
    21
```



Special variables

- ans
- pi
- inf

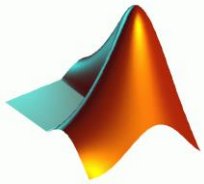
```
>> 2 * inf
ans =
   Inf

>> 1 / 0
Warning: Divide by zero.
ans =
   Inf
```



Special variables

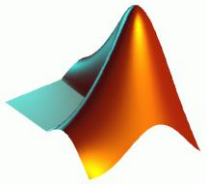
- ans
- pi
- inf
- NaN
- In the tutorial you'll see more...

```
>> 0 / 0
Warning: Divide by zero.
ans =
   NaN

>> NaN + 1
ans =
   NaN
```



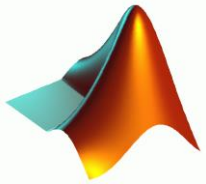
Summary

- Matlab is a high level language
- Matlab working environment
- Variables & variable types + how to use them



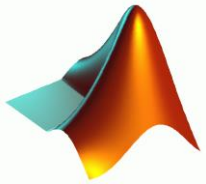
Floating point

- From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia.
- In computing, **floating point** describes a method of representing an approximation of a real number in a way that can support a wide range of values. The numbers are, in general, represented approximately to a fixed number of significant digits (the mantissa) and scaled using an exponent. The base for the scaling is normally 2, 10 or 16. The typical number that can be represented exactly is of the form:
- *Significant digits* × $base^{exponent}$ The idea of floating-point representation over intrinsically integer fixed-point numbers, which consist purely of significand, is that expanding it with the exponent component achieves greater range. For instance, to represent large values, e.g. distances between galaxies, there is no need to keep all 39 decimal places down to femtometre-resolution (employed in particle physics).



Floating point (continued)

- Assuming that the best resolution is in light years, only the 9 most significant decimal digits matter, whereas the remaining 30 digits carry pure noise, and thus can be safely dropped. This represents a savings of 100 bits of computer data storage. Instead of these 100 bits, much fewer are used to represent the scale (the exponent), e.g. 8 bits or 2 decimal digits. Given that one number can encode both astronomic and subatomic distances with the same nine digits of accuracy, but because a 9-digit number is 100 times less accurate than the 11 digits reserved for scale, this is considered a trade-off exchanging range for precision. The example of using scaling to extend the dynamic range reveals another contrast with fixed-point numbers: Floating-point values are not uniformly spaced. Small values, close to zero, can be represented with much higher resolution (e.g. one femtometre) than large ones because a greater scale (e.g. light years) must be selected for encoding significantly larger values.[1] That is, floating-point numbers cannot represent point coordinates with atomic accuracy at galactic distances, only close to the origin.



Floating point

- The term *floating point* refers to the fact that a number's radix point (decimal point, or, more commonly in computers, binary point) can "float"; that is, it can be placed anywhere relative to the significant digits of the number. This position is indicated as the exponent component in the internal representation, and floating point can thus be thought of as a computer realization of scientific notation.