What is MATLAB? Why use it? Why Not? Review Basic Use Hello World

### Module 1 - Introduction

ME3001 - Mechanical Engineering Analysis

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# What is MATLAB?

- High Level programming language
  - language written in C++
  - Interactive Development Environment written in JAVA
  - Windows, Mac, and Linux compatible
- MATrix LABoratory
- Technical Computing Language Mathworks

# Why use it? Why Not?

- A powerful tool for engineers, scientists, and students
  - optimized for floating point arithmetic and linear algebra
  - extensive library of mathematical functions and operations
  - specialized functions and operations
    - Aerospace
    - Robotics
    - Communications

- Image/Signal Processing
- Embedded Systems and Controls
- ability to use symbolic programming
- Ease of Access and Community
  - Plug and Play, it works out of the box
  - requires no programming experience to begin
  - online community for sharing code, MATLAB Central

### **Useful Commands (type in Command Window)**

```
>> clear variables
```

>>

#### Common Mathematics Functions

- sqrt() •
- exp()
- log()
- log2()
- log10() •

#### Other Useful Functions

- round()
- floor()
- int8()
- sign() •

- mod()
- rem()
- fzero() •

#### **Built-in Constants**

- pi

- inf
- NaN

### The Built in Help

- >> help fzero()
- use the help to get information about the built in functions
- the full documentation is also available online

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### Hello World

This is the classic first exercise for any programming language.

>> Hello World