



# Getting Started with MATLAB

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# What is MATLAB?

- MATLAB is a tool for technical computing, computation and visualization in an integrated environment.
- MATLAB is an abbreviation for MATrix LABoratory
- It is well suited for Matrix manipulation and problem solving related to Linear Algebra, Modelling, Simulation and Control Applications
- Popular in Universities, Teaching and Research

# MATLAB Syntax - Example

Defining Vectors



```
clear  
clc  
close all
```

```
x=[0, 1, 2, 3, 4 ,5];  
y=[15, 10, 9, 6, 2 ,0];
```

For Loop



```
for n=1:6 % n = model order
```

```
    p = polyfit(x,y,n)
```

```
    ymodel = polyval(p,x);
```

Built-in Functions



```
    subplot(3,2,n)
```

```
    plot(x,y,'o',x,ymodel)
```

```
    title(sprintf('Model order %d', n));
```

```
end
```

# Topics

1. The MATLAB Environment (IDE)
2. MATLAB Basics
3. Vectors and Matrices
4. Plotting
5. Scripts (m-files)
6. User-defined Functions



# MATLAB IDE

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# The MATLAB Environment (IDE)

The image shows the MATLAB R2014a IDE interface. The main window is titled "MATLAB R2014a" and contains several panes:

- Current Folder:** Located on the left, it shows a file explorer view of the current directory, listing files like `bode_ex.m`, `bode_test.m`, `cylindar_surface.m`, `frek_test.m`, `level_tank.m`, `table_size.m`, and `test1.m`.
- Script Editor:** The central pane shows the MATLAB script `level_tank.m` with the following code:

```
1 - clc, clear
2 - Kp = 16.5;
3 - A_tank = 78.5;
4
5 - A = [0, -1/A_tank; 0, 0];
6 - B = [Kp/A_tank; 0];
7 - C = [1, 0];
8 - D = [0];
9
10 - model = ss(A, B, C, D);
11
12 - step(model);
13
14 - H = tf(model);
15
16 - step(H);
17
18 -
```
- Plot Window:** A window titled "Figure 1" displays a "Step Response" plot. The x-axis is labeled "Time (seconds)" and ranges from 0 to 40. The y-axis is labeled "Amplitude" and ranges from 0 to 9. A blue line starts at (0,0) and increases linearly to approximately (40, 8.5).
- Workspace:** Located on the right, it shows a list of variables in the workspace:

Name	Value	Mir
A	[0, -0.0127; 0, 0]	-0
A_tank	78.5000	78
B	[0.2102; 0]	0
C	[1, 0]	0
D	0	0
H	1x1 tf	
Kp	16.5000	16
model	1x1 ss	
- Command Window:** Located at the bottom, it shows the output of the script execution:

```
u1
y1 0
Continuous-time state-space model.

H =
    0.2102
    -----
         s

Continuous-time transfer function.

fx >>
```

**DEMO**







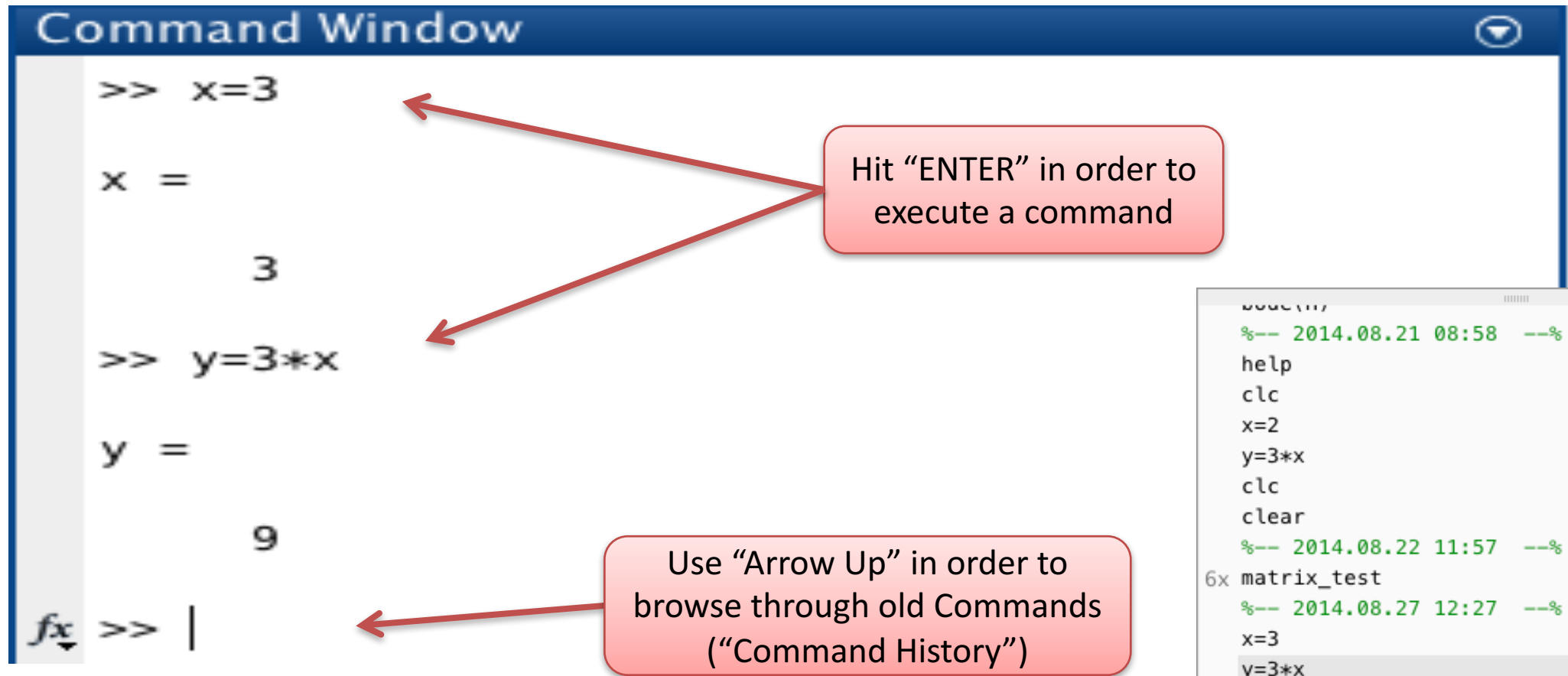
# MATLAB Basics

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# MATLAB Basics

## Command Window

The Command Window is the main window in MATLAB. Use the Command Window to enter variables and to run functions and M-files scripts (more about m-files later). Its like an advanced calculator!



The screenshot displays the MATLAB Command Window interface. The window title is "Command Window". The main area shows the following commands and their outputs:

```
>> x=3
x =
    3
>> y=3*x
y =
    9
fx >> |
```

Two red arrows point from a callout box to the prompt characters (>>) of the first two commands. The callout box contains the text: "Hit 'ENTER' in order to execute a command".

A third red arrow points from a callout box to the prompt characters (>>) of the third command. The callout box contains the text: "Use 'Arrow Up' in order to browse through old Commands ('Command History')".

In the bottom right corner, a smaller window shows the Command History, listing previous commands and their execution times:


```
%-- 2014.08.21 08:58 --%
help
clc
x=2
y=3*x
clc
clear
%-- 2014.08.22 11:57 --%
6x matrix_test
%-- 2014.08.27 12:27 --%
x=3
y=3*x
```

# MATLAB Basics

MATLAB is **case sensitive**! The variables  $x$  and  $X$  are not the same.

```
>> x=5;  
>> X=6;  
>> x+X  
  
ans =  
    11
```

```
>> x=3  
x =  
    3  
  
>> y=4;  
>>
```



Unlike many other languages, where the semicolon is used to terminate commands, in MATLAB the semicolon serves to suppress the output of the line that it concludes.

# MATLAB Basics

```
>> clear  
>> clc
```

The “clear” command deletes all existing variables” from the memory

The “clc” command removes everything from the Command Window  
clc – Clear Command Window

```
>> clear x
```

Only clear the variable “x”

# MATLAB Basics

Built-in constants:

Name	Description
<code>i, j</code>	Used for complex numbers, e.g., <code>z=2+4i</code>
<code>pi</code>	$\pi$
<code>inf</code>	$\infty$ , Infinity
<code>NaN</code>	Not A Number. If you, e.g., divide by zero, you get NaN

**DEMO**

## Solutions:

# MATLAB Basics

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```
>> r=5;  
>> A=pi*r^2
```

```
A =  
    78.5398
```

```
>> z1=3+3i;  
>> z2=3+5i;  
>> z = z1+z2
```

```
z =  
    6.0000 + 8.0000i
```

```
>> a=2;  
>> b=0;  
>> a/b
```

# Mathematical Expressions

	MATLAB
$\ln(x)$	<code>log(x)</code>
$\log_{10}(x)$	<code>log10(x)</code>
$\sqrt{x}$	<code>sqrt(x)</code>
$e^x$	<code>exp(x)</code>
$x^2$	<code>x^2</code>

Examples:

$$y(x) = \frac{3x + 2}{2}$$

$$z = 3x^2 + \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} + e^{\ln(x)}$$



**DEMO**

Solutions:

# Mathematical Expressions

$$y(x) = \frac{3x + 2}{2} \quad y(2) = ?$$

```
>> x = 2;
```

```
>> y = (3*x+2) / 2
```

```
y =
```

```
4
```

Solutions:

# Mathematical Expressions

$$z = 3x^2 + \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} + e^{\ln(x)}$$

```
>> x=2; , y=2
```

```
>> z = 3*x^2 + sqrt(x^2 + y^2) + exp(log(x))
```

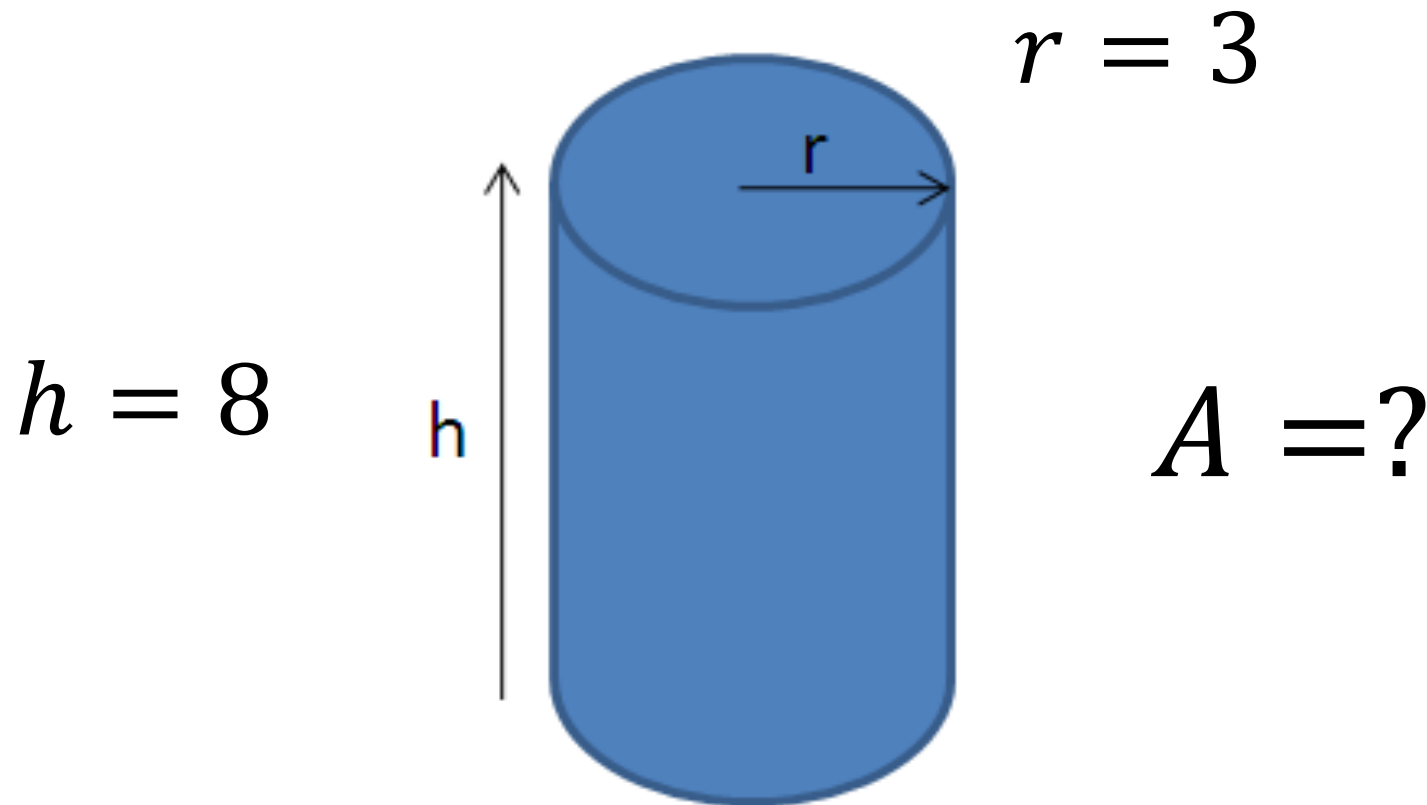
```
ans =
```

```
16.8284
```

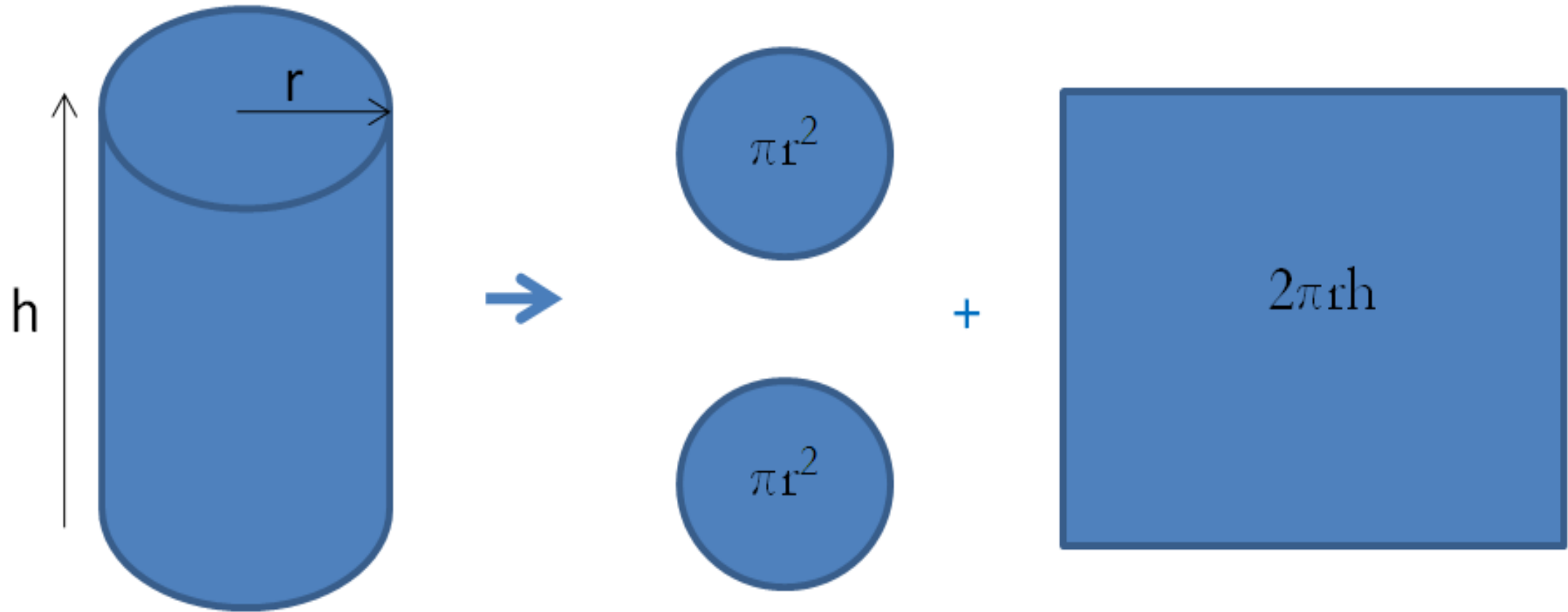
```
...
```

# MATLAB Basics

We will use MATLAB in order to find the surface area ( $A$ ) of a cylinder based on the height ( $h$ ) and the radius ( $r$ ) of the cylinder



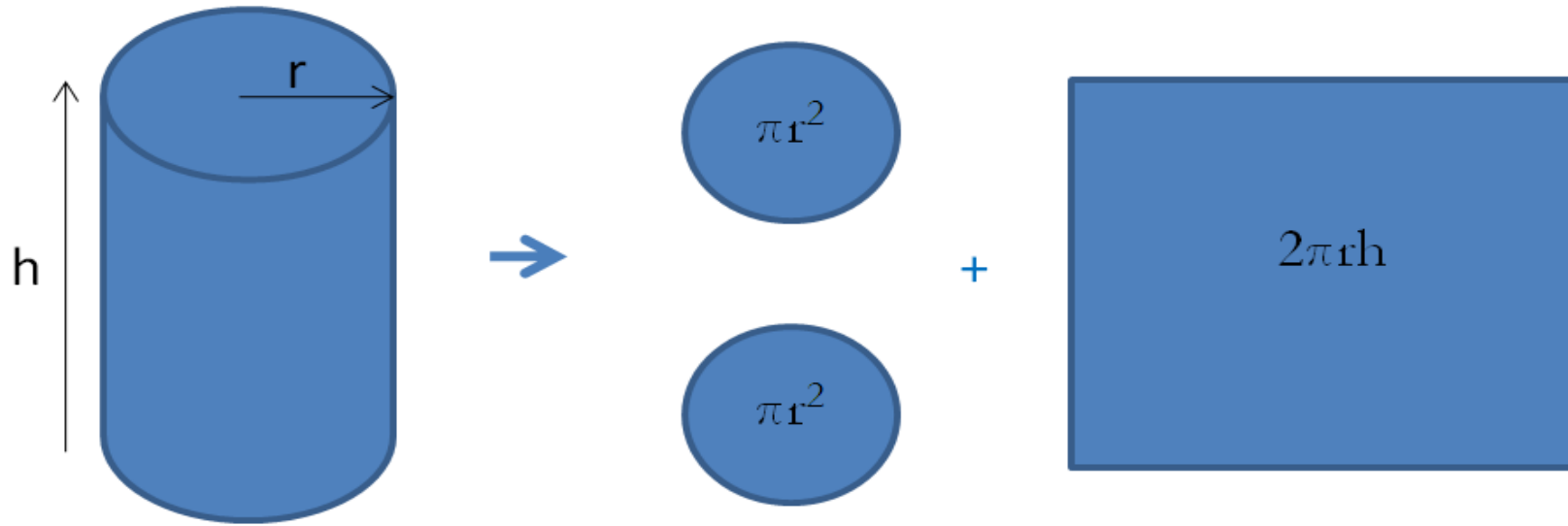
# MATLAB Basics



**DEMO**

Solutions:

# MATLAB Basics



```
>> h=8
>> r=3
>> A = 2*pi*r^2 +2*pi*r*h;
A =
    207.3451
```







# Vectors and Matrices in MATLAB

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# Vectors & Matrices

- Matrices and vectors (Linear Algebra) are the basic elements in MATLAB and also the basic elements in control design theory, etc.
- All variables in MATLAB is a matrix (but with different dimensions)
- So it is important you know how to handle vectors and matrices in MATLAB and in general

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{1m} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \cdots & a_{nm} \end{bmatrix} \in R^{n \times m}$$
$$x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} \in R^n$$
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

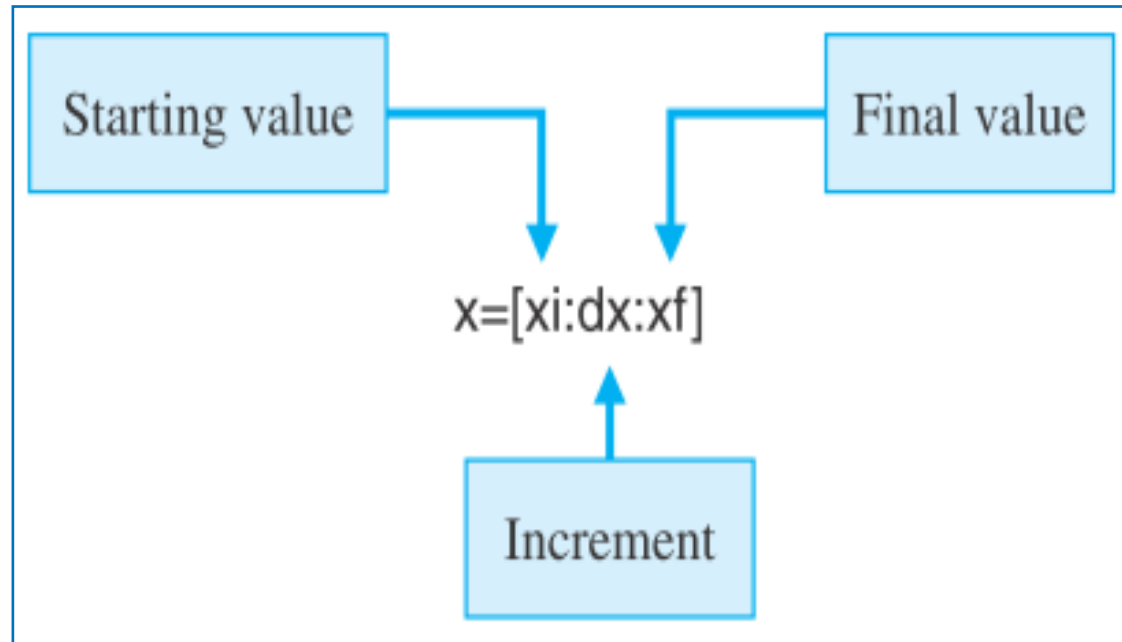
# Vectors

Examples of different Rows and Columns vectors

```
>> x = [1, 2, 3]
>> y = [4; 5; 6]
>> z = [8, 9, 10]'
```

```
>> x*y
>> y*x
>> x*z
>> y*z
...

```



```
>> a = [1:10]
>> b = [1:2:10]
>> b = [1:0.5:4]
```

# Vectors

Given the following Rain Data for a given Week (Monday to Sunday):

Day	Rain Amount
Monday	2, 1 mm
Tuesday	10 mm
Wednesday	9, 7 mm
Thursday	6, 2 mm
Friday	2, 5 mm
Saturday	0 mm
Sunday	8, 3 mm

**DEMO**

# Vectors

Given the following Rain Data for a given Week (Monday to Sunday):

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Monday	2,1 mm
Tuesday	10 mm
Wednesday	9,7 mm
Thursday	6,2 mm
Friday	2,5 mm
Saturday	0 mm
Sunday	8,3 mm

We define the Data in MATLAB like this:

```
>> x = [2.1, 10, 9.7, 6.2, 2.5, 0, 8.5]
```

If we are only interested in the Rain Amount on Monday:

```
>> x(1)  
ans = 2.1000
```

Rain Amount on Friday:

```
>> x(5)  
ans = 2.5000
```

Etc.

# Vectors

Given the following Rain Data for a given Week (Monday to Sunday):

Day	Rain Amount
Monday	2, 1 mm
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Wednesday	9, 7 mm
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Friday	2, 5 mm
Saturday	0 mm
Sunday	8, 3 mm

We define the Data in MATLAB like this:

```
>> x = [2.1, 10, 9.7, 6.2, 2.5, 0, 8.5]
```

**What is the Average Rain Amount this Week?**

In MATLAB we can use the "mean" function:

```
>> mean(x)
ans =      5.5714
```

We can define a variable, e.g.:

```
>> mean_value_week = mean(x)
mean_value_week =      5.5714
```

# Vectors

Given the following function:

$$y(x) = 2x^2 + 3x + 1$$

where:  $-10 \leq x \leq 10$

```
>> x=-10:10
>> y=2.*x.^2 + 3.*x + 1
y =
    171    136    105    78
    55     36     21     10     3
     0      1      6     15    28
    45     66     91    120   153
   190    231
```

Note how we have used `.*` and `.^`

`.*` each element-wise

Multiplication

`.^` each element-wise Power

What is  $y(3) = ?$

```
>> y(14)
ans =    28
```

We can also do like this:

```
>> x = 3;
>> y = 2*x^2 + 3*x + 1
y =    28
```

Index	x	y(x)
1	-10	171
2	-9	136
3	-8	105
4	-7	78
5	-6	55
6	-5	36
7	-4	21
8	-3	10
9	-2	3
10	-1	0
11	0	1
12	1	6
13	2	15
14	3	28
15	4	45
16	5	66
17	6	91
18	7	120
19	8	153
20	9	190
21	10	231



# Matrices

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
>> A = [1 2; 3 4]
A =
     1     2
     3     4
```

or:

```
>> A = [1, 2; 3, 4]
A =
     1     2
     3     4
```

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & -7 & 2 \\ 8 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 & 0 \\ 4 & 7 & -2 \\ 2 & 0 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
>> B+C
>> B-C
>> B/C
>> B*C
>> B.*C
>> B'*C
...

```

# Matrices

Given the following matrices:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$n \begin{bmatrix} m \\ A \end{bmatrix} m \begin{bmatrix} p \\ B \end{bmatrix} = n \begin{bmatrix} p \\ C \end{bmatrix}$$

```
>> A*B
>> B*A
>> A+B
>> B'
>> B'*C
>> A*B'
>> A'*B'
>> A.*B
...

```

```
>> A*(B*C)
>> (A*B)*C
>> (A+B)*C
>> A*C + C*B
>> (A+inv(B))*C
...

```

```
>> rank(A)
>> det(A)
>> inv(A)
>> inv(B)
>> eig(A)
>> inv(A)
>> inv(B)
>> diag(A)
>> inv(A)*A
>> A*inv(A)
...

```



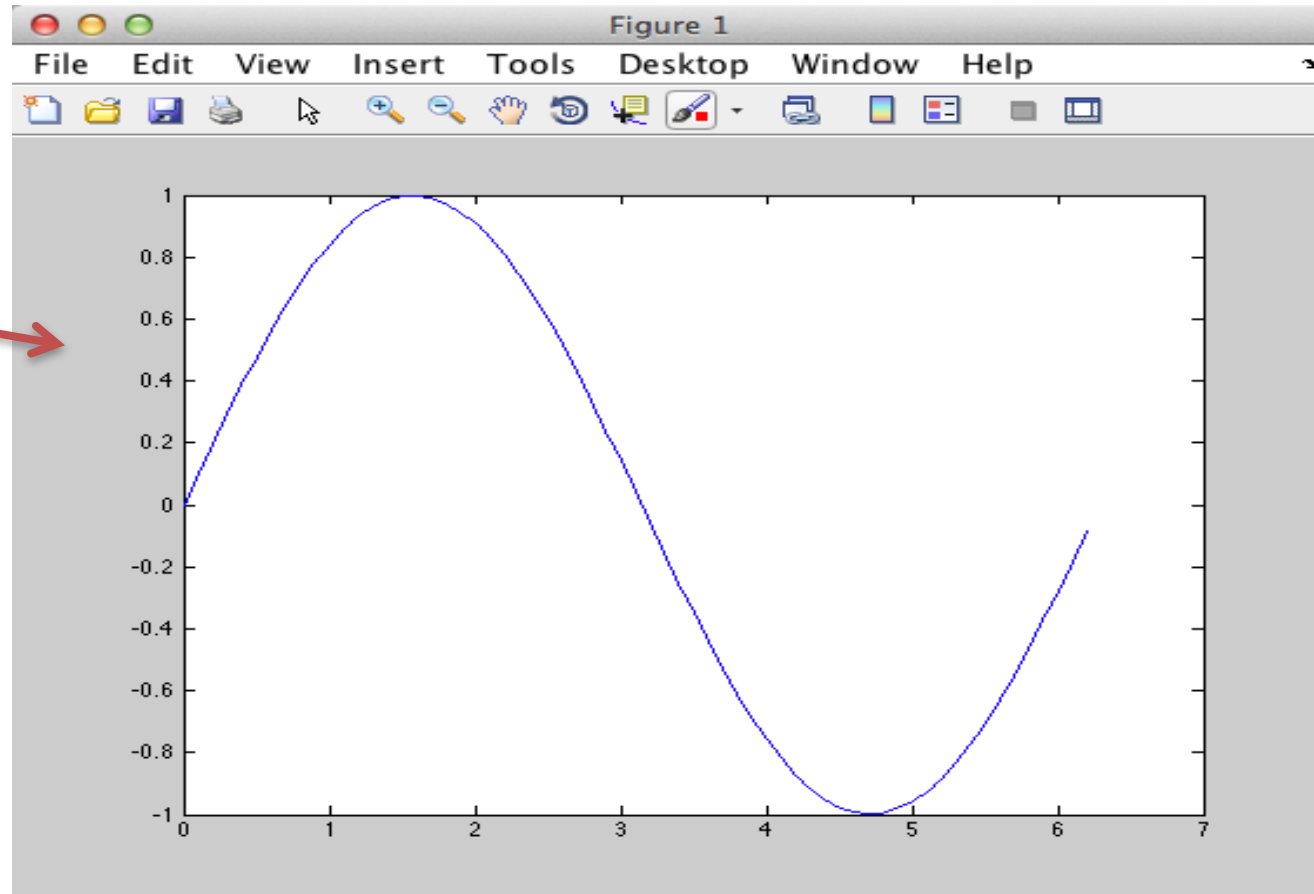


# Plotting in MATLAB

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# Plotting

```
>> x = 0:0.1:2*pi;  
>> y = sin(x);  
>> plot(x,y)
```



```
>> x = 0:0.1:2*pi;  
>> y = sin(x);  
>> y2 = cos(x);  
>> plot(x,y, x,y2)
```

```
...  
>> plot(x,y, 'r*', x,y2, 'g+')
```

# Plotting

## Plotting functions:

Name	Description
plot	Create a Plot
figure	Define a new Figure/Plot window
grid on/off	Create Grid lines in a plot
title	Add Title to current plot
xlabel	Add a Label on the x-axis
ylabel	Add a Label on the y-axis
axis	Set xmin, xmax, ymin, ymax
hold on/off	Add several plots in the same Figure
legend	Create a legend in the corner (or at a specified position) of the plot
subplot	Divide a Figure into several Subplots

```
>> x=0:0.1:2*pi;  
>> y=sin(x);  
>> plot(x,y)  
>> title('Plot Example')  
>> xlabel('x')  
>> ylabel('y=sin(x)')  
>> grid on  
>> axis([0,2*pi,-1,1])  
>> legend('Temperature')
```

# Plotting

Given the following Rain Data for a given Week (Monday to Sunday):

Day	Rain Amount
Monday	2,1 mm
Tuesday	10 mm
Wednesday	9,7 mm
Thursday	6,2 mm
Friday	2,5 mm
Saturday	0 mm
Sunday	8,3 mm

We will plot these values

**DEMO**

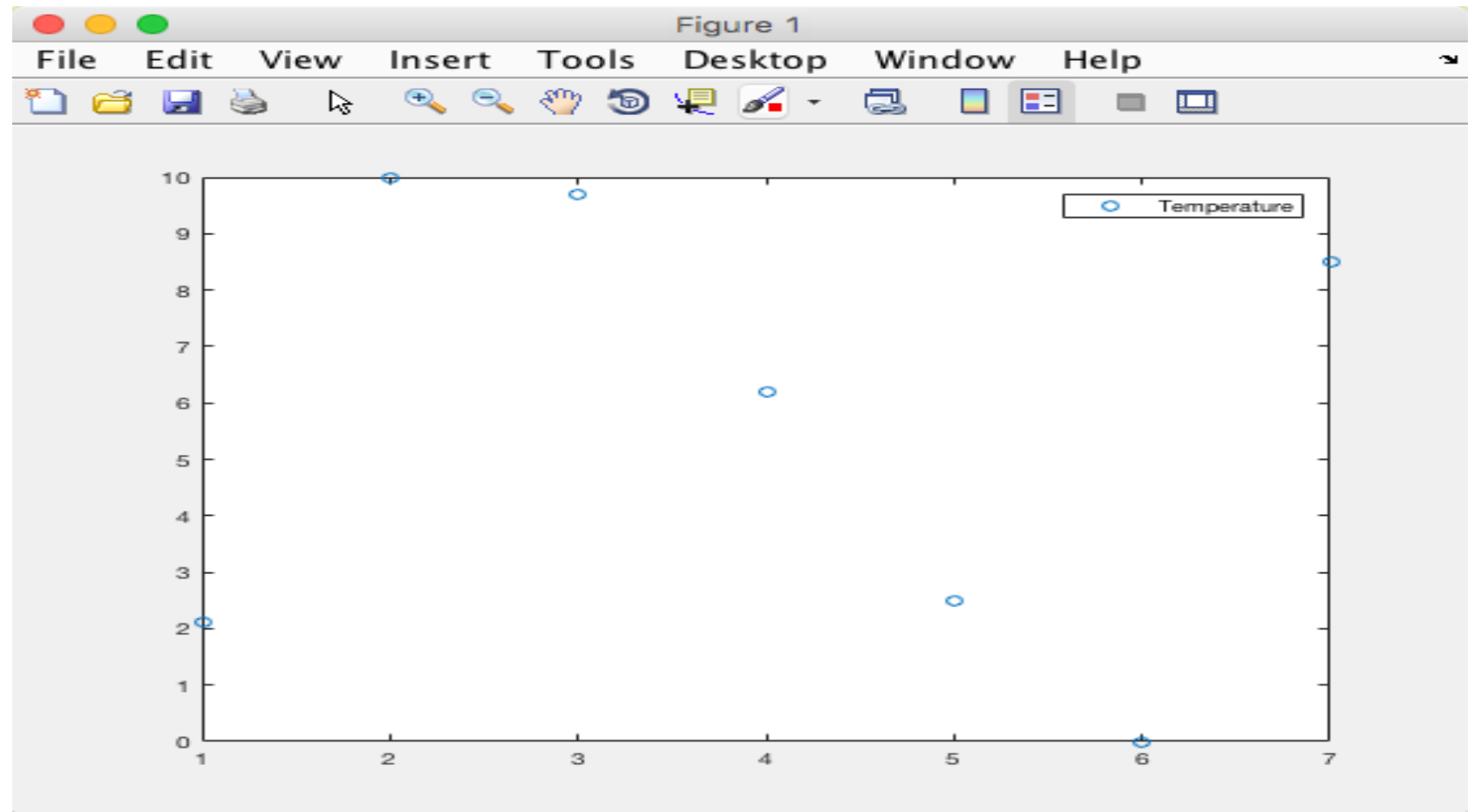


## Solutions:

Day	Rain Amount
Monday	2,1 mm
Tuesday	10 mm
Wednesday	9,7 mm
Thursday	6,2 mm
Friday	2,5 mm
Saturday	0 mm
Sunday	8,3 mm

# Plotting

```
x = [2.1, 10, 9.7, 6.2, 2.5, 0, 8.5]  
>> plot(x, 'o')
```



# Plotting

Given the following function ( $-10 \leq x \leq 10$ ):

$$f(x) = 2x^2 + 3x + 1$$

We will:

- Plot this function
- Use the Plot to find out:
  - For which value of  $x$  is  $f(x) = 0$ ?
  - What is  $f(5) = ?$

# Subplots

```
>> x=0:0.1:2*pi;
```

```
>> y=sin(x);
```

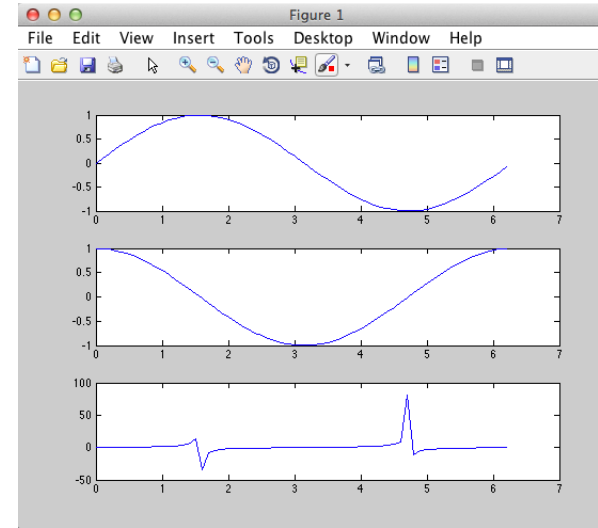
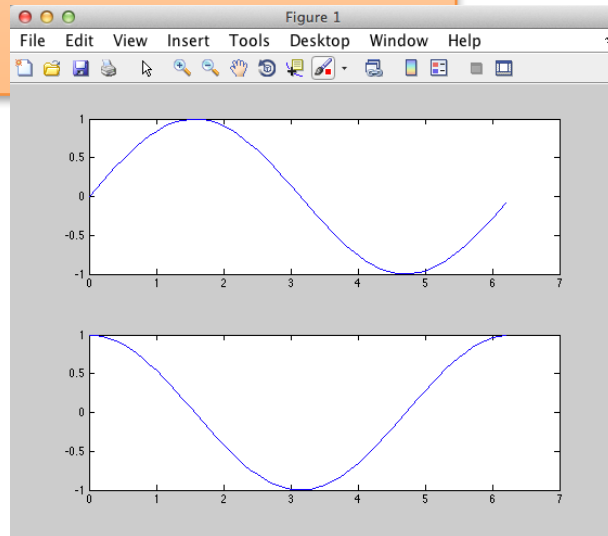
```
>> y2=cos(x);
```

```
>> subplot(2,1,1)
```

```
>> plot(x,y)
```

```
>> subplot(2,1,2)
```

```
>> plot(x,y2)
```



```
>> x=0:0.1:2*pi;
```

```
>> y=sin(x);
```

```
>> y2=cos(x);
```

```
>> y3=tan(x);
```

```
>> subplot(3,1,1)
```

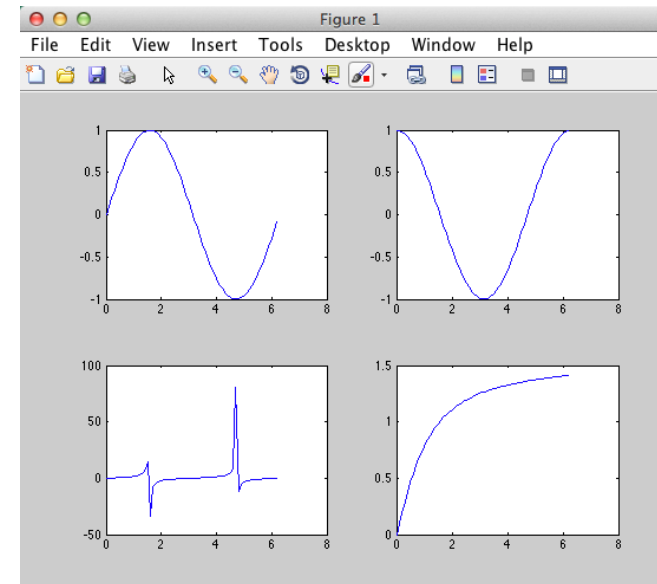
```
>> plot(x,y)
```

```
>> subplot(3,1,2)
```

```
>> plot(x,y2)
```

```
>> subplot(3,1,3)
```

```
>> plot(x,y3)
```



```
>> x=0:0.1:2*pi;
```

```
>> y=sin(x);
```

```
>> y2=cos(x);
```

```
>> y3=tan(x);
```

```
>> y4=atan(x);
```

```
>> subplot(2,2,1)
```

```
>> plot(x,y)
```

```
>> subplot(2,2,2)
```

```
>> plot(x,y2)
```

```
>> subplot(2,2,3)
```

```
>> plot(x,y3)
```

```
>> subplot(2,2,4)
```

```
>> plot(x,y4)
```





# Scripts and User-defined Functions in MATLAB

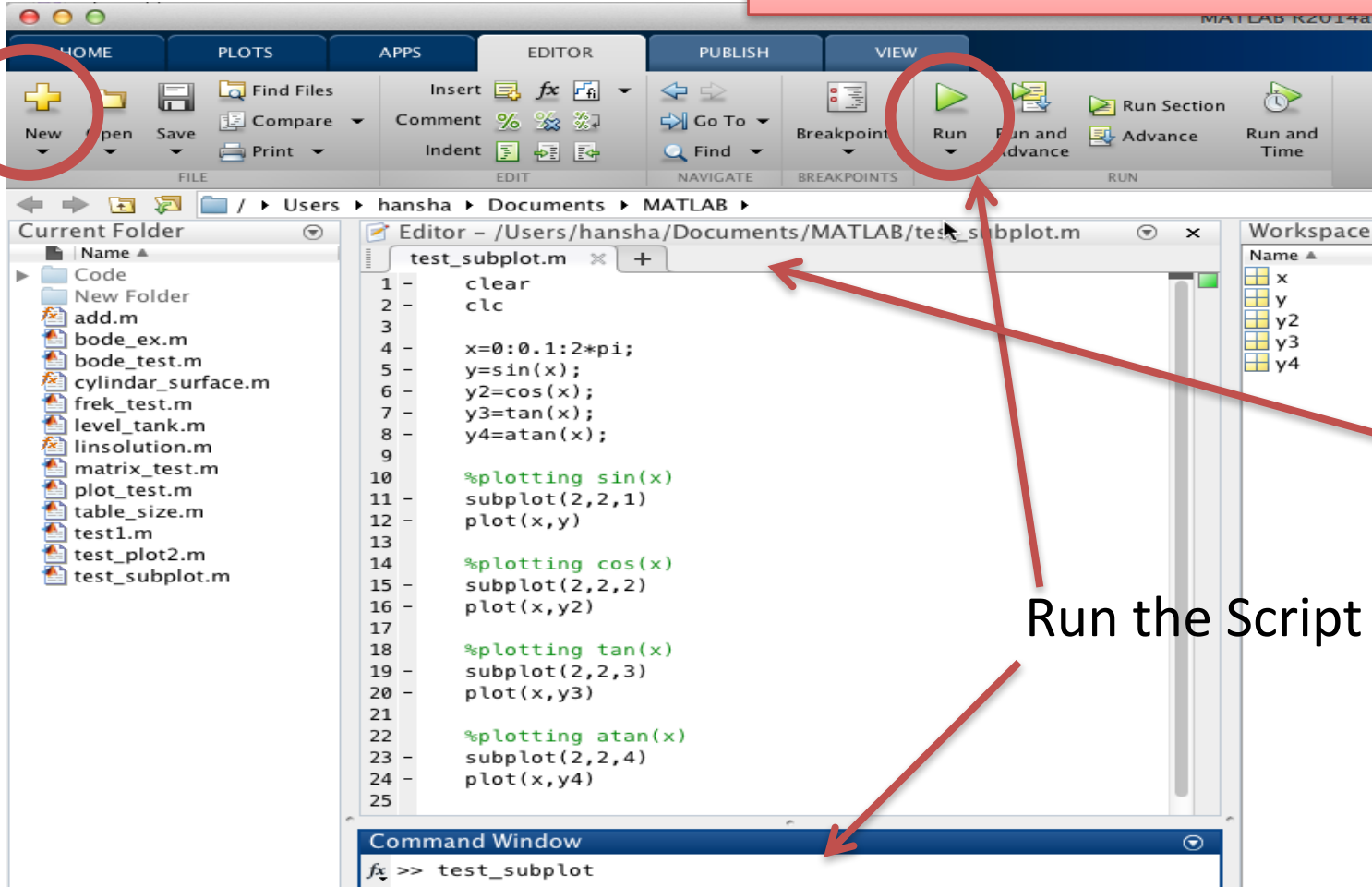
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# Scripts (m-files)

MATLAB Scripts are saved as so-called .m files (file extension is .m)

## Script Editor

When using the Script Editor, you may create several lines of code and execute all in one batch. You can easily do changes in your code, create comments, etc.



```
clear
clc
```

```
x=0:0.1:2*pi;
y=sin(x);
y2=cos(x);
y3=tan(x);
y4=atan(x);
```

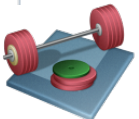
```
%plotting sin(x)
subplot(2,2,1)
plot(x,y)
```

```
%plotting cos(x)
subplot(2,2,2)
plot(x,y2)
```

```
%plotting tan(x)
subplot(2,2,3)
plot(x,y3)
```

```
%plotting atan(x)
subplot(2,2,4)
plot(x,y4)
```

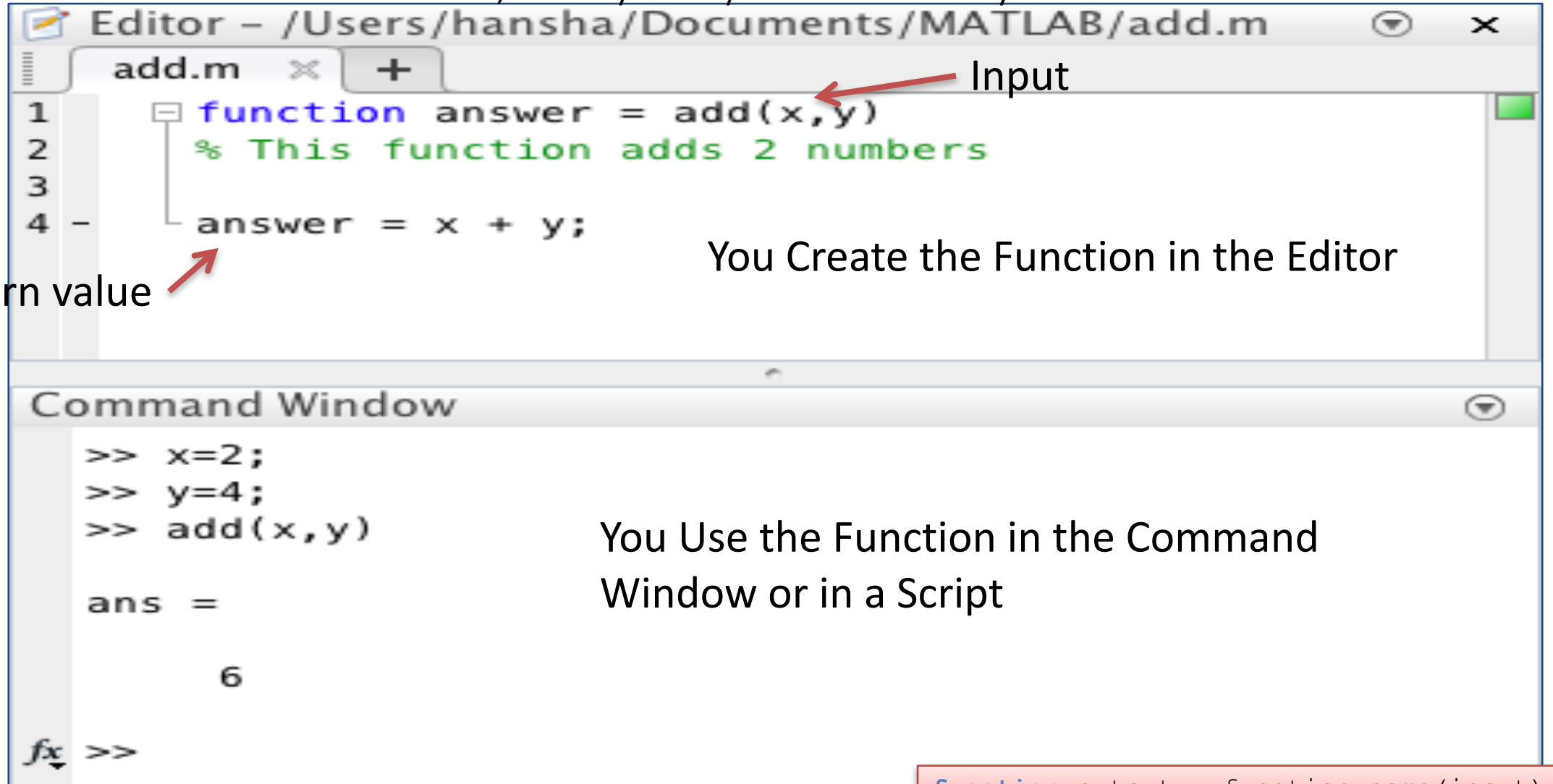
Run the Script



Students: Try this example

# User-defined Functions

MATLAB contains hundreds of built-in functions, but very often you need to create your own functions



The screenshot shows the MATLAB Editor window with a file named 'add.m' open. The code in the editor is as follows:

```
1 function answer = add(x,y)
2 % This function adds 2 numbers
3
4 answer = x + y;
```

Annotations in the image include a red arrow pointing to the 'x,y' in the function signature labeled 'Input', and another red arrow pointing to the 'answer' variable labeled 'Return value'. Below the editor is the Command Window, which shows the following execution:

```
>> x=2;
>> y=4;
>> add(x,y)

ans =

     6

fx >>
```

Annotations in the image include the text 'You Create the Function in the Editor' pointing to the editor window and 'You Use the Function in the Command Window or in a Script' pointing to the Command Window.

`function output = function_name(input)`

# User-defined Functions

Example: Convert from Celsius to Fahrenheit

$$T_F = \frac{9}{5}T_C + 32$$

We will create a User-defined Function that converts from Temperature in Celsius to Temperature in Fahrenheit

We can use the function like this in the Command Window:

```
>> Tc = 20;  
>> Tf =  
fahrenheit(Tc)  
  
Tf =  
  
68
```



**DEMO**

# User-defined Functions

$$T_F = \frac{9}{5}T_C + 32$$

```
function Tf = fahrenheit(Tc)
% This function converts a temperature from celsius to
fahrenheit

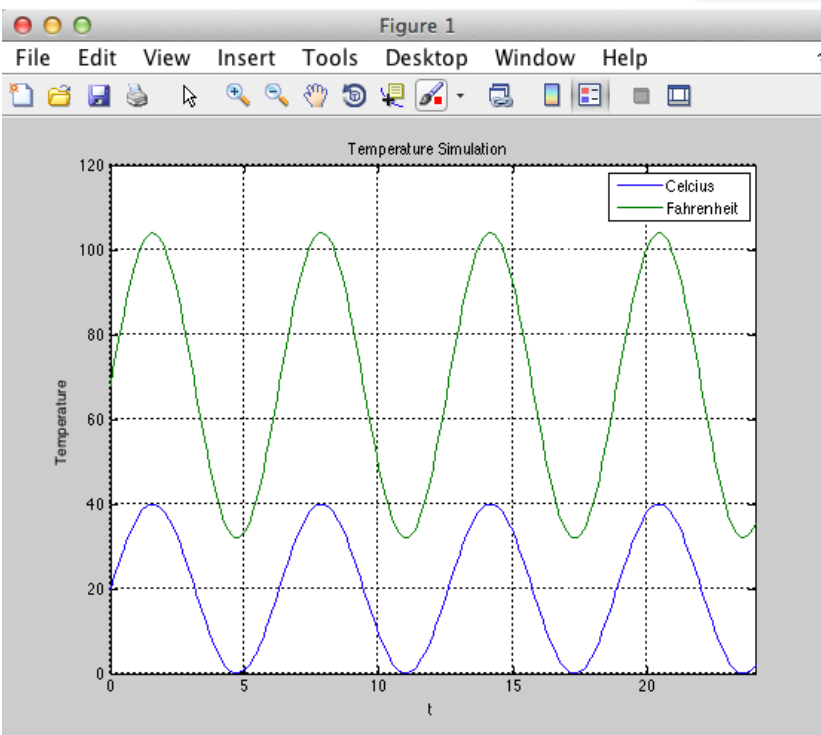
Tf = (9/5)*Tc + 32;
```

```
clear
clc

t = 0:0.1:24;
Tc = (sin(t)+1)*20;
Tf = fahrenheit(Tc);

plot(t,Tc, t,Tf)

title('Temperature Simulation')
xlabel('t')
ylabel('Temperature')
grid on
axis([0,24, 0,120]);
legend('Celcius', 'Fahrenheit')
```



```
Editor - /Users/hansha/Documents/MATLAB/fahrenhei...
fahrenheit.m x temp_sim.m +
1 function Tf = fahrenheit(Tc)
2 % This function converts a temperature from celsius
3
4 - Tf = (9/5)*Tc + 32;
```



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