

# Numerical Methods

## ITGS219

### Lecture 1

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### Prerequisites Numerical Methods - ITGS219

- Mathematics ITMM121.
- C programming ITGS122.
- MatLab R2017b Application.
  - This program should be installed in your computer to do your work with it,

### Evaluations

Activity	Grade
Homework's and Quizzes - a Matlab program every week with 5marks, then averaged overall to 20 - a quiz a week with 5marks	20
Midterm exam.	30
Final Exam	50
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

**Reference Book:** An Introduction to Programming and Numerical Methods in MATLAB

*By: S.R. Otto and J.P. Denier*

#### Helping Book:

- Introduction to Numerical Methods and Matlab Programming for Engineers
- Numerical Methods for Engineers 7th\_Edit

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## Matlab and Solving Equations

### Lecture 1

### Simple Calculations with Matlab

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# Introduction:

## Why Do We Need Numerical Methods?

- Some numerical answers are required to rely on approximate methods to obtain useable answers.
- There are many problems whose exact solution is beyond our current state of knowledge.
- There are also many problems which are too long to solve by hand.

When such problems arise we can exploit numerical analysis to reduce the problem to one involving a finite number of unknowns and use a computer to solve the resulting equations.

- The computer then used to solve problems which cannot be solved by hand.
- In this subject we elect to express our ideas in terms of the syntax of the computer package MATLAB.

The name **MATLAB** suggested from (**MAT**rix **LAB**oratory).

In Matlab, the basic objects are **matrices**, i.e. **arrays** of numbers. **Vectors** can be thought of as special matrices.

## Scalar Quantities and Variables

The MATLAB prompt is denoted by `>>` (which does not need to be typed),

```
>> a = 3
a =
    3
>> b = 4;
```

Which mean:  
 set a equal to 3  
 set b equal to 4 (and suppress output)

### Note:

- it is not possible to have `>> 7 = x` (set 7 equal to x)
- whereas we could have `>> x = 7` (set x equal to 7)

These variables can now be used again,

```
>> a = 3;
>> b = a+1;
>> x = a+b;
```

MATLAB can be used into two basic groups:  
**unary** and **binary** operations,

```
>> 3*4
ans =
    12
>> ans*2
ans =
    24
```

We could have typed the commands on one line as:

```
>> a = 3; b = 4; x = a*b
```

which can be and read as:

```
set a equal to 3 (don't output anything),
set b equal to 4 (don't output anything)
and set x equal to a times b
```

## Examples on Scalar Quantities and Variables:

*Example-1* Try entering the following commands into MATLAB, but before you do so try to work out what output you would expect.

```
>> 3*5*6
>> z1 = 34;
>> z2 = 17;
>> z3 = -8;
>> z1/z2
>> z1-z3
>> z2+z3-z1
```

The answers, 90, 2, 42 and -25.

*Example-2* Here we give an example of the simple use of brackets:

```
>> format rat
>> a = 2; b = 3; c = 4;
>> a*(b+c)
>> a*b+c
>> a/b+c
>> a/(b+c)
>> format
```

The answers, 14, 10, 14/3 and 2/7.

(The command **format rat** has been used to force the results to be shown as rationales, the final command **format** reverts to the default, which happens to be format short.)

## 1- Rules for Naming of Variables

The rules for naming variables in MATLAB can be summarized as follows:

1. Variable names must **start** with a **letter** and can be up to 31 characters long. The trailing characters can be **numbers**, **letters** or **underscores**.
2. There are many choices which are **forbidden** as variable names, for some reasons:
  - (such as **a\*b** which signifies a multiplication of the a and b)
  - (and **a.b**). MATLAB supports **object orientated** programming. Because of this a.b refers to the value of the "b" component of the object a.
  - The naming of MATLAB files have a **single dot**. However, in this case a single dot is allowed within the name of the file; everything after the dot is used to tell MATLAB what type of file it is dealing with (whether it be a file containing MATLAB code, or data etc).
3. Variable names are **case sensitive**, so that **a** and **A** are two different objects.
4. It is good programming practice to employ **meaningful variable names**. however as the examples become more complex our variable names will be more informative.
5. Variables names **should not corresponds to or coincide with** a predefined MATLAB command or with any user-defined subroutines.

## 2- Precedence: The Order in Which Calculations Are Performed

$$a(b + c) = a*(b+c) \neq a*b+c$$

$$c+a*b = c + ab \neq (c + a)b$$

$$a/b*c = \frac{a}{b}C \neq \frac{a}{bc}$$

$$a/(b*c) = \frac{a}{bc} \neq \frac{a}{b}C$$

**Example-3** Determine the value of the expression  $a(b + c(c + d))a$ , where  $a = 2$ ,  $b = 3$ ,  $c = -4$ ,  $d = -3$ .

The MATLAB statement to evaluate the expression:

```
>> a = 2; b = 3; c = -4; d = -3;
>> a*(b+c*(c+d))*a
```

The answer 124

### Note:

- all multiplications must be denoted by an asterisk `*`.
- brackets used to force precedence of the operation.
- operations of division and multiplication take precedence over addition and subtraction.

**Example-4** Evaluate the following expressions by hand and then check answers with MATLAB.

$$1+2/3*4-5$$

$$1/2/3/4$$

$$1/2+3/4*5$$

$$5-2*3*(2+7)$$

$$(1+3)*(2-3)/3*4$$

$$(2-3*(4-3))*4/5$$

The answer in the book

**Note:** (type `help precedence` at the MATLAB prompt for more details).

## 2- Precedence:

It is also possible to enter numbers using the exponent-mantissa form. This uses the fact that numbers can be written as “mantissa  $\times 10^{\text{exponent}}$ ”

Number	mantissa - exponent	MATLAB form
789.34	$7.8934 \times 10^2$	7.8934e2
0.0001	$1 \times 10^{-4}$	1e-4
4	$4 \times 10^0$	4
400000000000	$4 \times 10^{11}$	4e11

**Example-5** Write 3432.6 in exponent-mantissa form and write  $100 \times 10^{10}$  in normal form..

We have  $3432.6 \equiv 3.4326 \times 10^3$

And  $100 \times 10^{10} \equiv 1, 000, 000, 000, 000$ .

### Note:

The **smallest positive number** that MATLAB can store which is different from zero is `realmin`  $\approx 10^{-308}$ , whilst the **largest number** is `realmax`  $\approx 10^{308}$ .

**Example-6** Use MATLAB to calculate the expression.

where  $a = 3$ ,  $b = 5$  and  $c = -3$ .  $b - \frac{a}{b + \frac{b+a}{ca}}$

```
>> a = 3; b = 5; c = -3;
>> x = b-a/(b+(b+a)/(c*a));
```

the solution will contained in the variable x.

**Example-7** Enter the numbers  $x = 45 \times 10^9$  and  $y = 0.0000003123$  using the exponent-mantissa syntax described above. Calculate the quantity  $xy$  using MATLAB and by hand...

```
>> x = 45e9;
>> y = 3.123e-7;
>> xy = x*y;
```

### 3- Mathematical Functions

1. **Arithmetic functions:** +, -, / and \*.
2. **Trigonometric functions:** sin (sine), cos (cosine) and tan (tangent) (with their inverses as asin, acos or atan). the syntax of the commands is **sin(x)**
3. **Exponential functions:** exp, log, log10 and  $\wedge$ , which is a binary operation so that  $a^b = a^b$
4. Other functions available in MATLAB like:

round(x) Rounds a number to the nearest integer  
 ceil(x) Rounds a number up to the nearest integer  
 floor(x) Rounds a number down to the nearest integer  
 fix(x) Rounds a number to the nearest integer towards zero  
 rem(x,y) The remainder left after division  
 mod(x,y) The signed remainder left after division  
 abs(x) The absolute value of x  
 sign(x) The sign of x  
 factor(x) The prime factors of x (factor gives multiple outputs)  
 sqrt(x) The squared root of x function.  
 size(x) The size of the vector or matrix, returns the number of rows and columns.

#### Important Point

It is essential that arguments for functions are contained within round brackets, as  $\cos(x)$  and when functions are multiplied together an asterisk is used, as  $f(x) = (x+2) \cos x$  should be written  $(x+2)*\cos(x)$

### 3- Mathematical Functions

*Example-8* Calculate the expressions:  $\sin 60^\circ$  (and the same quantity squared),  $\exp(\ln(4))$ ,  $\cos 45^\circ - \sin 45^\circ$ ,  $\ln \exp(2+\cos \pi)$  and  $\tan 30^\circ / (\tan \pi/4 + \tan \pi/3)$ .

```
>> x = sin(60/180*pi)
      x =0.8660
>> y = x^2
      y =0.7500
>> exp(log(4))
      ans =4
>> z = 45/180*pi; cos(z)-sin(z)
      ans =1.1102e-16
>> log(exp(2+cos(pi)))
      ans =1
>> tan(30/180*pi)/(tan(pi/4)+tan(pi/3))
      ans =0.2113
```

The values of these expressions should be  $\sqrt{3}/2$ ,  $3/4$ , 4, 0, 1 and  $1/(3+\sqrt{3})$ .

**Note:** zero has been approximated by 1.1102e-16 which is smaller than the MATLAB variable, which reflects the accuracy of the calculations.

#### Note:

Some functions takes multiple inputs and returns a single output. others which takes a single input and returns multiple outputs..

*Example-9* the number  $12345 = 9 \times 1371 + 6$ , so the remainder of  $12345 / 9 = 6$ . by MATLAB using:

```
>> rem(12345,9);
```

example of function takes a single input and returns multiple outputs is **factor** which provides the prime decomposition of an integer.

```
>> x = factor(24)
      x = [2 2 2 3]
```

the solution is returned as an array x

## Format: The Way in Which Numbers Appear

*Example-10* Consider the following code on the vector `s`

```
>> s = [1/2 1/3 pi sqrt(2)];
>> format short; s
s = 0.5000 0.3333 3.1416 1.4142
>> format long; s
s = 0.5000000000000000 0.3333333333333333 3.14159265358979 1.41421356237310
>> format rat; s
s = 1/2 1/3 355/113 1393/985
>> format; s
s = 0.5000 0.3333 3.1416 1.4142
```

short – 5 digits

long – 15 digits

rat – try to represent the answer as a rational.

For more info. type `help format`

## Vectors in MATLAB

### 1- Initializing Vector Objects

One of the most powerful aspects of MATLAB is its use of vectors (and matrices) as objects.

In Matlab, the basic objects are **matrices**, i.e. **arrays** of numbers. **Vectors** can be thought of as special matrices. A **row vector** is recorded as a  $1 \times n$  matrix and a **column vector** is recorded as a  $m \times 1$  matrix.

```
>> r = 1:5;
```

```
r = [1 2 3 4 5]
```

```
>> v = [0 1 2 3]
```

```
v = [0 1 2 3]
```

```
>> u = [9; 10; 11; 12; 13]
```

the vector `u` will be column vector

You can access an entry in a vector with

```
>> u(2)
```

```
ans = 10
```

You can change the value of that entry with

```
>> u(2)=47
```

You can extract a slice out of a vector with

```
>> u(2:4)
```

# Vectors in MATLAB

## 1- Initializing Vector Objects

By transposing the vector we can change a row vector into a column vector, and ' call the transpose operator.

```
>> w = u'
>> x = -1 : .1 : 1
r = a : h : b, creates the vector r running from a to b in
steps of h,
>> r = 1 : 2 : 5;
    r = [1 3 5]
>> t = 1 : 2 : 6;
    t = [1 3 5]
>> s = 1: 0.5 : 3.5;
s = 1.0000 1.5000 2.0000 2.5000 3.0000 3.5000
```

Why r and t have the same answer? Which is:

```
[1 3 5]
```

```
>> m = linspace(0,1);
```

```
>> y = linspace(0,1,5)
```

```
y = 0.0000 0.2500 0.5000 0.7500 1.0000
```

m is a row vector runs from 0 to 1 and has 100 elements and y again runs from 0 to 1 but now has 5 elements.

### Note:

To set up a vector which runs from zero to one in steps of  $1/N$ , we can use:

```
w = 0:1/N:1
```

or `w = linspace(0,1,N+1)`

### Example:

typing `s=0:0.1:1.0; length(s)` . You will find that s has 11 elements.

Example: if  $N=5$  both of the vectors will be:

```
w = 0 0.2000 0.4000 0.6000 0.8000 1
```

# Vectors in MATLAB

## 2- Manipulating Vectors and Dot Arithmetic

Dot arithmetic allows us to manipulate vectors in an **element-wise** fashion rather than treating them as **mathematical objects** (in fact for addition and subtraction this is the same thing).

*Example:* **mathematical objects** to multiply a value by a vector,

```
>> a = [1 2 3];
>> 2*a;
ans = 2 4 6
```

*Example:* **mathematical objects** to multiply a vector by a vector,

```
>> a = [1 2 3];
>> b = [4 5 6];
>> a*b
??? Error using ==> *
Inner matrix dimensions must agree.
```

An error message appears because both a and b are **row vectors** and therefore cannot be multiplied together. to multiply the elements of vector **a** by the elements of vector **b** in an **element by element** sense. by using dot arithmetic as follows

The `.` indicates to MATLAB to perform the operation term by term and the `*` indicates we require a multiplication.

```
>> a = [1 2 3];
>> b = [4 5 6];
>> a.*b
ans = 4 10 18
```

The returned vector containing  $[a_1b_1, a_2b_2, a_3b_3]$ .



# Vectors in MATLAB

## 2- Manipulating Vectors and Dot Arithmetic

*Example:* We can also do a term by term division with

```
>> a = [1 2 3];
```

```
>> b = [4 5 6];
```

```
>> a./b
```

```
ans = 0.2500 0.4000 0.5000
```

The result is,  $\left[ \frac{a_1}{b_1}, \frac{a_2}{b_2}, \frac{a_3}{b_3} \right]$

*Example-11* We shall create two vectors running from 1 to 6 and from 6 to 1 and then demonstrate the use of the dot arithmetical operations:

<pre>&gt;&gt; s = 1:6 s = 1 2 3 4 5 6 &gt;&gt; t = 6:-1:1 t = 6 5 4 3 2 1 &gt;&gt; s+t ans = 7 7 7 7 7 7 &gt;&gt; s-t ans = -5 -3 -1 1 3 5 &gt;&gt; s.*t ans = 6 10 12 12 10 6 &gt;&gt; s./t ans = 0.1667 0.4000 0.7500 1.3333 2.5000 6.0000 &gt;&gt; s.^2 ans = 1 4 9 16 25 36 &gt;&gt; 1./s ans = 1.0000 0.5000 0.3333 0.2500 0.2000 0.1667 &gt;&gt; s/2 ans = 0.5000 1.0000 1.5000 2.0000 2.5000 3.0000 &gt;&gt; s+1 ans = 2 3 4 5 6 7</pre>	<p>The produces output</p> <p><b>Note:</b> the vectors need to be the same size (or one of them is a scalar – as in the last three examples).</p>
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## Setting Up Mathematical Functions

It discuss the ways in which you can set up the input to the function

*Example-12* Set up a vector  $x$  which contains the values from 0 to 1 in steps of one tenth =1/10.

This can be done in a variety of ways:

```
% Firstly just list all the values:
>> x = [0 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 0.6 0.7 0.8 0.9 1.0];
% Use the colon construction
>> x = 0 : 0.1 : 1.0;
% Or use the command linspace
>> x = linspace(0,1,11);
```

What is the output of `linspace(0,1,10)`? And why?

**Note:** The piece of code after the % is treated by Matlab as a comment and so is ignored.

now set up a mathematical function,  $y = x^2$ .  
Initially you may want to type `x^2`  
but this will generate the error message

??? Error using ==> ^  
Matrix must be square.

Why?????

Error using ^  
One argument must be a square matrix and the other must be a scalar. Use POWER (.^) for elementwise power.

```
>> y = x.^2
y = 0 0.01 0.04 0.09 0.16 0.25 0.360 0.49 0.64 0.81 1.00
```

Equivalently we could use `y = x.*x;`

# Setting Up Mathematical Functions

More Examples...

**Example-13** Construct the polynomial  
 $y = (x+2)^2(x^3 + 1)$   
 for values of x from -1 to 1 in steps of 0.1.

```
>> x = -1:0.1:1;
>> f = x+2;
>> g = x.^3+1;
>> y = (f.^2).*(g);
```

good idea to use  
intermediate functions  
when constructing  
complicated functions.

Or you can use the next command instead of  
the last 3 commands

```
>> y = ((x+2).^2).*(x.^3+1)
```

**Example-14** Construct the function  $y = \frac{x^2}{x^3+1}$   
for x from 1 to 2 in steps of 0.01.

```
>> x = 1:0.01:2;
>> f = x.^2;
>> g = x.^3+1;
>> y = f./g;
```

Or you can use

```
y = x.^2./(x.^3+1);
```

**Example-15** Construct the function

$$y(x) = \sin\left(\frac{x \cos x}{x^2 + 3x + 1}\right)$$

for values of x from 1 to 3 in steps of 0.02.

```
>> x = 1:0.02:3;
>> f = x.*cos(x);
>> g = x.^2+3*x+1;
>> y = sin(f./g)
```

## Some MATLAB Specific Commands

We would make calculations where the *input can take a variety of forms*. The first command is **polyval**. This command takes **two inputs**, namely the **coefficients of a polynomial** and the **values at which you want to evaluate it**.

**Example-16** Evaluate the cubic

$$y = x^3 + 3x^2 - x - 1$$

at the points x = (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6).

```
% Firstly set up the points at which the polynomial
% is to be evaluated
>> x = 1:6;
% Enter the coefficients of the cubic (note that
% these are entered starting with the
% coefficient of the highest power first
>> c = [1 3 -1 -1];
% Now perform the evaluation using polyval
>> y = polyval(c,x)
y = 2 17 50 107 194 317
```

### Important Point

It is important that you remember to enter the **coefficients** of the polynomial starting with the one associated with the **highest power** and that **zeros** are included in the sequence.

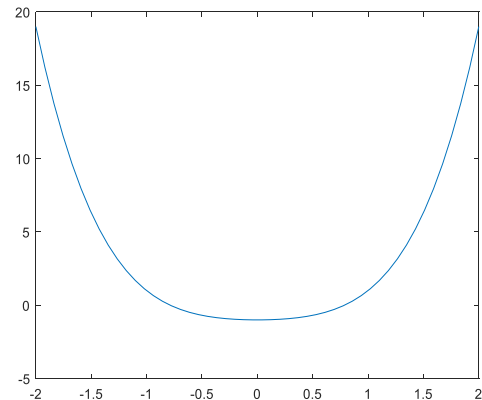
## Some MATLAB Specific Commands

We might want to **plot** the results of this calculation and this can be simply accomplished using the **plot** command.

*This produces the output*

*Example-17* Plot the polynomial  $y = x^4 + x^2 - 1$  between  $x = -2$  and  $x = 2$  (using fifty points).

```
>> x = linspace(-2,2,50);
>> c = [1 0 1 0 -1];
>> y = polyval(c,x);
>> plot(x,y)
```



## Example of Plotting Data

Consider the following table, obtained from experiments on the viscosity of a liquid.<sup>1</sup> We can enter

T (C°)	5	20	30	50	55
$\mu$	0.08	0.015	0.009	0.006	0.0055

this data into Matlab with the following commands entered in the command window:

```
>> x = [ 5 20 30 50 55 ]
>> y = [ 0.08 0.015 0.009 0.006 0.0055]
```

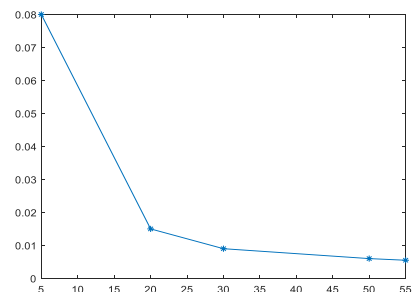
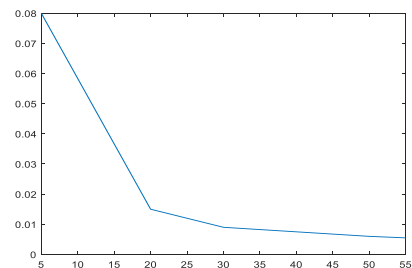
We can plot data in the form of vectors using the plot command:

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

This will produce a graph with the data points connected by lines. If you would prefer that the data points be represented by symbols you can do so. as:

```
>> plot(x,y,'-*')
>> plot(x,y,'-o')
>> plot(x,y,'-.')
```

Type **help plot** for more info. about plot



## Some MATLAB Specific Commands

One of the most useful commands is the **roots** to manipulate polynomials. The *input* to the routine is simply these **coefficients** and the *output* is the roots of the polynomial.

*Example-18* Find the roots of the polynomial  $y = x^3 - 3x^2 + 2x$  using the command roots.

```
>> c = [1 -3 2 0];
>> r = roots(c)
r =
    0
    2
    1
```

**poly** convert roots to polynomial. This takes the roots and generates the coefficients of the polynomial having those roots.

poly(r), when r is a vector, is returns a vector whose elements are the coefficients of the polynomial whose roots are the elements of r.

```
>> poly(r)
ans =    1   -3    2    0
```

## Some MATLAB Specific Commands

### 1- Looking at Variables and Their Sizes

To list the variables which are currently defined we can use the command **whos**. This will give a list of the variables which are currently defined. And the command **who** used to obtain a shorter output.

This command **whos re\*** used to list certain variables only, lists the variables whose names start with **re**.

*Example-19* The following code

```
>> clear all
>> a = linspace(0,1,20);
>> b = 0:0.3:5;
>> c = 1.;
>> whos
```

gives the output

Name	Size	Bytes	Class
a	1x20	160	double
b	1x17	136	double
c	1x1	8	double

Grand total is 38 elements using 304 bytes

- Here we have used the **clear all** command to remove all previously defined variables.
- To look at the size of one variable we can use the command **length**, as example with the previous **length(a)** will give the answer 20.
- We note that the command **size(a)** will give two dimensions of the array, that is in this case [1 20].

## Accessing Elements of Arrays

considering a simple array  $x = 0:0.1:1$ :. The elements of this array can be recalled by using the format  $x(1)$  through to  $x(11)$ . The number in the bracket is the **index** and refers to which value of  $x$  we require.

A convenient mathematical notation for this would be  $x_j$  where  $j = 1, \dots, 11$ . This programming notation should not be confused with  $x(j)$ ; that is  $x$  is a function of  $j$ .

**Example-20** Construct the function  $f(x) = x^2+2$  on the set of points  $x = 0$  to  $2$  in steps of  $0.1$  and give the value of  $f(x)$  at  $x = 0$ ,  $x = 1$  and  $x = 2$ . The code to construct the function is:

```
>> x = 0:0.1:2;
>> f = x.^2+2;
% Function at x=0
>> f(1)
ans = 2
% Function at x=1
>> f(11)
ans = 3
% Function at x=2
>> f(21)
ans = 6
```

Note that the three points are not  $f(0)$ ,  $f(1)$  and  $f(2)$ !

Important Point

**Example-21** We now show how to extract various parts of the array  $x$ .

In this example we have noted that

$$x_j = (j-1)/10$$

and hence  $x_1 = 0$ ,  $x_{11} = 1$  and  $x_{21} = 2$ .

These three indices are the ones we have used to find the value of the function.

In MATLAB  $f(j)$  the value of  $j$  refers to the index within the array rather than the function  $f(\cdot)$  evaluated at the value  $j$ !

```
>> x = linspace(0,1,10);
>> y = x(1:end); % Whole of x
>> y = x(1:end/2); % First half
>> y = x(2:2:end); % Even indices only
>> y = x(2:end-1); % All but the first & last one
```

## Accessing Elements of Arrays

**Example-22** Debug the code which is supposed to set up the function  $f(x) = x^3 \cos(x + 1)$  on the grid  $x = 0$  to  $3$  in steps of  $0.1$  and give the value of the function at  $x = 2$  and  $x = 3$ .

```
x = linspace(0,3);
f = x.^3.*cos x+1;
% x = 2
f(2)
% x = 3
f(End)
```

The corrected code should be

```
x = 0:0.1:3; % or x = linspace(0,3,31);
f = x.^3.*cos(x+1);
% x = 2
f(21)
ans = -7.9199
% x = 3
f(end)
ans = -17.6484
```

**Homework:**  
Tasks on page 24 is homework

## Tasks

**Task 1.2** Calculate the value of the function

$$y(x) = |x| \sin x^2$$

for values of  $x = \pi/3$  and  $\pi/6$  (use the MATLAB command `abs(x)` to calculate  $|x|$ ).

**Solution 1.2** To calculate the function  $y(x) = |x| \sin x^2$  we use the code:

```
x = pi/3;
y = abs(x)*sin(x^2);
```

and similarly for  $x = \pi/6$ . Notice care is needed with the brackets and the syntax.

**Task 1.7** Evaluate the function

$$y = \frac{x}{x + \frac{1}{x^2}}$$

for  $x = 3$  to  $x = 5$  in steps of 0.01.

**Solution 1.7**

```
x = 3:0.01:5;
y = x./(x+1./x.^2);
```

**Task 1.8** Evaluate the function

$$y = \frac{1}{x^3} + \frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{3}{x}$$

for  $x = -2$  to  $x = -1$  in steps of 0.1.

**Solution 1.8**

```
x = -2:0.1:-1;
f = 1./x;
y = f.^3+f.^2+3*f;
```

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