

# MATLAB: Introduction

## Part 1

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# A powerful tool!

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  - ▶ Optimization
  - ▶ Statistics
  - ▶ Control System
  - ▶ Bioinformatics
  - ▶ ...
- ▶ Excellent for numerical computations
- ▶ Commonly regarded as a 'Rapid Prototyping Tool'
- ▶ Used in industry and academia

# Help with MATLAB?

- ▶ MATLAB's Help
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- ▶ A book about MATLAB

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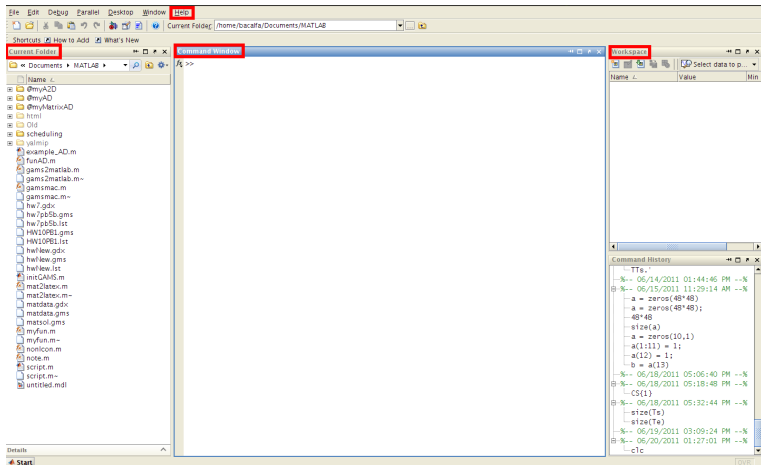
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- ▶ Command Window (prompt `>>`)
- ▶ Current Directory
- ▶ Workspace (contains variables stored in memory)
- ▶ Help Menu

# Main Window II

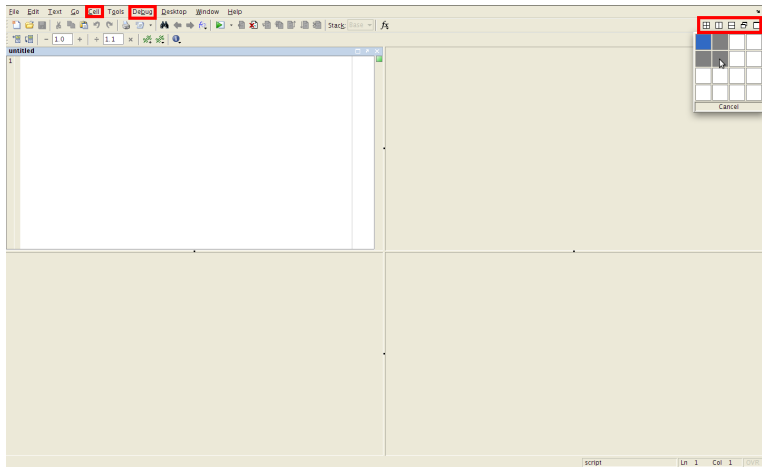




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- ▶ Debug Menu (Run, Step, Step In, Step Out...)
- ▶ Cell Menu (Cell Mode)

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  - ▶ A 1D array of  $n$  elements can be a  $n$ -by-1 (row vector) or a 1-by- $n$  (column vector) matrix
  - ▶ A *string* of  $n$  characters is a 1-by- $n$  matrix
  - ▶ ...
- ▶ Some MATLAB *classes*:
  - ▶ `double` (Double-precision floating-point number array) (default)
  - ▶ `single` (Single-precision floating-point number array)
  - ▶ `char` (Character array)
  - ▶ `cell` (Cell array)
  - ▶ `struct` (Structure array)
  - ▶ `function_handle` (Array of values for calling functions indirectly)



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- ▶ The file with source code is called M-File (\*.m)
- ▶ **Scripts:** No input and no output arguments. Contain a series of commands that may call other scripts and functions.
- ▶ **Functions:** Accept input and output arguments. Usually called program *routines* and have a special definition syntax.
- ▶ Inside scripts and functions you may use programming statements, such as **flow**, **loop**, and **error control**
- ▶ Open the Editor Window and start coding!

# Function M-Files

▶ General form:

```
function [out1, out2, ...] = funname(in1, in2, ...)
    statement
    ...
end % Optional
```

▶ Example:

```
function Z = virialgen(P,Pc,T,Tc,omega)
Pr = P/Pc;
Tr = T/Tc;
[B0,B1] = virialB(Tr);
Z = 1 + Pr/Tr*(B0 + omega*B1);

function [B0,B1] = virialB(Tr)
B0 = 0.083 - 0.422/Tr^1.6;
B1 = 0.139 - 0.172/Tr^4.2;
```

# Code Cells

- ▶ Allow you to divide your M-files into sections (cells)
- ▶ Enable you to execute cell by cell
- ▶ Foundations for *publishing* your M-file to HTML, PDF, and other formats
- ▶ To begin a code cell, type `%%` at the beginning of a line
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# Code Cells: Example

► Simple example:

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%% 99-999: Homework 1
% Bruno Abreu Calfa

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y = sin(x.^2).*exp(-x.*tan(x));
plot(x,y);

%% Problem 2
a = 0;
b = 1;
f = @(t) exp(-t.^2);
intf = quad(f,a,b);
sprintf('Integral of f from %g to %g = %g',a,b,intf)
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# Publishing your Code

- ▶ Saves output of your code to a specific file type
- ▶ Formats available:

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doc	Microsoft Word <sup>1</sup>
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