

**1. Problems from Gilat, Ch. 1.10**

Open a terminal window, change to your home directory and create the directory `octave`. Change to that directory and start `octave`.

```
% cd
% mkdir octave
% cd octave
% octave
```

Open another terminal window, change to directory `~/octave`, and using your text editor, create the file `probs1.m` that contains `octave/MATLAB` commands to perform calculations as enumerated below.

As you type the commands to answer each problem, execute the commands (in the entire file) by typing `probs1` at the `octave` prompt:

```
octave:1> probs1
```

*Note:* The output from `octave` is piped through `more` as necessary (i.e. if the output will not fit within your terminal window). The `more` prompt in this case is a colon at the bottom left edge of the screen: as usual type 'space' to advance, 'b' to back up, and 'q' to quit.

**1.2 a)** Calculate

$$23 \left( -8 + \frac{\sqrt{607}}{3} \right) + \left( \frac{40}{8} + 4.7^2 \right)^2$$

**1.4 a)** Calculate

$$\cos \left( \frac{5\pi}{6} \right) \sin^2 \left( \frac{7\pi}{8} \right) + \frac{\tan \left( \frac{\pi}{6} \ln 8 \right)}{\sqrt{7} + 2}$$

**1.6 a)** Define the variables  $x$  and  $z$  as  $x = 5.3$ , and  $z = 7.8$ , then evaluate:

$$\frac{xz}{(x/z)^2} + 14x^2 - 0.8z^2$$

**1.10 a)** The following is a trigonometric identity:

$$\sin(3x) = 3 \sin x - 4 \sin^3 x$$

Verify that the identity is correct by calculating each side of the equation, substituting  $x = 7\pi/20$ .

**1.16)** The distance  $d$  from a point  $(x_0, y_0)$  to a line  $Ax + By + C = 0$  is given by:

$$d = \frac{|Ax_0 + By_0 + C|}{\sqrt{A^2 + B^2}}$$

Determine the distance of the point  $(-3, 4)$  from the line  $2x - 7y - 10 = 0$ . First define the variables  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$ ,  $x_0$  and  $y_0$ , and then calculate  $d$ . (Use the `abs` and `sqrt` functions).

## 2. Problems from Gilat, Ch. 2.11

Again, working in your  $\sim$  /octave directory, and using your text editor, create the file `probs2.m` that contains octave/MATLAB commands to perform calculations as enumerated below.

Once more, as you type the commands to answer each problem, execute the commands (in the entire file) by typing `probs2` at the octave prompt:

```
octave:1> probs2
```

- 2.1 Create a row vector that has the elements 6,  $8 \cdot 3$ , 81,  $e^{2.5}$ ,  $\sqrt{65}$ ,  $\sin(\pi/3)$  and 23.05.
- 2.2 Create a column vector that has the elements 44, 9,  $\ln(51)$ ,  $2^3$ , 0.1 and  $5 \tan(25^\circ)$ .
- 2.4 Create a column vector in which the first element is 18, the elements decrease with increments of  $-4$ , and the last element is  $-22$ . (Recall that a column vector can be created by the transpose of a row vector.)
- 2.8 Create a vector, name it `Afirst`, that has 13 elements in which the first is 3, the increment is 4 and the last element is 51. Then, using the colon symbol, create a new vector, call it `Asecond`, that has seven elements. The first four elements are the the first four elements of the vector `Afirst`, and the last three are the last three elements of the vector `Afirst`.
- 2.9 Create the matrix shown below by using the vector notation for creating vectors with constant spacing and/or the `linspace` command when entering the rows.

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 4 & 8 & 12 & 16 & 20 & 24 & 28 \\ 69 & 68 & 67 & 66 & 65 & 64 & 63 & 62 \\ 1.4 & 1.1 & 0.8 & 0.5 & 0.2 & -0.1 & -0.4 & -0.7 \end{bmatrix}$$

- 2.10 Using the colon symbol, create a  $3 \times 5$  matrix (assign to a variable named `msame`) in which all of the elements are the number 7.
- 2.14 Create the following matrix, `A`:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 \\ 11 & 12 & 13 & 14 & 15 \end{bmatrix}$$

Use the matrix `A` to:

- a) Create a five-element row vector named `va` that contains the elements of the first row of `A`.
  - b) Create a three-element row vector named `vb` that contains the elements of the third column of `A`.
  - c) Create an eight-element row vector names `vc` that contains the elements of the second row of `A` and the fourth column of `A`.
  - d) Create a six-element row vector named `vd` that contains the elements of the first and fifth columns of `A`.
- 2.18 Using the `zeros`, `ones` and `eye` commands, create the following arrays:

a)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

b)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

c)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

### 3. Writing simple octave/MATLAB functions and scripts

All of the following functions and scripts should be prepared in `.m` files within your `~/octave` directory.

#### 3a) hello:

Write a MATLAB function as follows and save in a file called `hello.m`.

```
function [] = hello()
    printf('Hello world!\n');
end
```

Execute the function within `octave` by typing

```
octave> hello
```

and you should see the output

```
Hello world!
```

If you don't see output as above, then ensure that

1. You have typed the definition of `hello` precisely as given above.
2. You have saved the definition in the file `~/octave/hello.m` and that you are running `octave` in the directory `~/octave`.

### 3b) threeoutargs:

Create a MATLAB function `threeoutargs` which has two input arguments,  $x$  and  $y$ , and which returns *three* output arguments which are  $x + y$ ,  $x - y$  and  $(x + y)/2$ , respectively. Ensure that you save the definition of your function as the file `threeoutargs.m`.

To check your implementation of `threeoutargs`, create a MATLAB script in the file `t_threeoutargs.m`, with contents as follows

```
[a b c] = threeoutargs(1.0, 6.0)
[val1 val2 val3] = threeoutargs(-1.0, pi)
```

Execute the script as follows

```
octave> t_threeoutargs
```

and ensure that you get the output

```
a = 7
b = -5
c = 3.5000
val1 = 2.1416
val2 = -4.1416
val3 = 1.0708
```

**3c) sintaylor** (moderately challenging!):

The Taylor series expansion for  $\sin x$  is given by

$$\sin x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n+1)!} x^{2n+1} = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \dots$$

Create a MATLAB function `sintaylor` with a header as follows

```
function res = sintaylor(x,nmax,epsi)
```

and which computes an approximation of  $\sin(x)$  using the following truncated version of the series

$$\sin x = \sum_{n=0}^{n_{\max}} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n+1)!} x^{2n+1}$$

`sintaylor` should return as soon as either one of the conditions have been met

- All of the terms in the truncated series have been evaluated.
- An individual term in the series has an absolute value that is  $\leq \text{epsi}$  (but include that term in the sum)

Save your code in the file `sintaylor.m`

Write a test script `t_sintaylor` in the file `t_sintaylor.m` with the contents

```
format long
epsi = 1.0e-12
for x = [0.1 0.5]
    x
    exact = sin(x)
    for nmax = 1:10
        nmax
        approx = sintaylor(x,nmax,epsi)
    end
end
```

Execute the script using

```
octave> t_sintaylor
```

and verify that you get output as follows

```
epsi = 1.000000000000000e-12
x = 0.100000000000000
exact = 0.0998334166468282
nmax = 1
approx = 0.0998333333333333
nmax = 2
approx = 0.0998334166666667
nmax = 3
approx = 0.0998334166468254
nmax = 4
approx = 0.0998334166468282
nmax = 5
approx = 0.0998334166468282
```

```
nmax = 6
approx = 0.0998334166468282
nmax = 7
approx = 0.0998334166468282
nmax = 8
approx = 0.0998334166468282
nmax = 9
approx = 0.0998334166468282
nmax = 10
approx = 0.0998334166468282
x = 0.5000000000000000
exact = 0.479425538604203
nmax = 1
approx = 0.479166666666667
nmax = 2
approx = 0.4794270833333333
nmax = 3
approx = 0.479425533234127
nmax = 4
approx = 0.479425538616416
nmax = 5
approx = 0.479425538604183
nmax = 6
approx = 0.479425538604203
nmax = 7
approx = 0.479425538604203
nmax = 8
approx = 0.479425538604203
nmax = 9
approx = 0.479425538604203
nmax = 10
approx = 0.479425538604203
```