

## Assignment 5: Basic Matlab Operations

Solution

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### Problem 1

Use Matlab to solve this problem. Use the Command Window and define two matrices, A and B, in Matlab. Use (;) to separate the rows in the matrix and use square parenthesis to define the numerical values inside the matrix.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 & 1 \\ 9 & 8 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

For example, A would be defined in Matlab as: `> A=[3 5 2; 4 6 1; 9 8 7]`

and  $B = [ 23 \quad 12 \quad 5 ]$

Perform the following matrix operations. In one line comment on the results obtained after each operation.

a)  $C = B \times A$

**Standard matrix multiplication (1x3) x (3 x 3) = (1 x 3)**

b)  $D = A(1,2 : 3)$

**Extracts elements of matrix A (the first row and the elements of 2nd and 3rd columns)**

c)  $E = B'$

**Transposes row vector B**

d)  $F = A \times B$

**Bad operation**

e)  $G = A(1,:) + B$

**Extracts all elements of first row in matrix A and adds to B. Produces a 3x1.**

f)  $H = A(:,1)$

**Extracts all element of the first column of matrix A**

g)  $I = \text{diag}(A) + B'$

**Takes the diagonal elements of 3x3 matrix A and adds to B transposed (result is a 3 x1)**

h)  $J = \text{ones}(3,3) + A$

**Creates a 3x3 matrix with all ones and adds to matrix A**

i)  $x = \text{inv}(A) * B'$

**Solves the system of linear equations  $Ax = B$**

## Problem 2

Use Matlab to solve this problem.

a) Create a new Matlab script and define two vectors as follows:

$$x = 1:1:25$$

$$y = x.^2.*\exp(-x)$$

In your script make a simple plot using the “plot” function in Matlab. Label the x-axis as ‘Time (seconds)’ and the y axis as ‘Amplitude (dim)’. Add a grid to the plot using the ‘grid’ attribute of the plot.

b) Modify the script created in part (a) and using the interactive ‘Tools-Edit Plot’ adjust the color of the line to be red and the line width to be 4.0.

```
x= 1:1:25;  
y=x.^2.*exp(-x);  
  
figure  
plot(x,y,'o-r')  
xlabel('Time (seconds)','fontsize',20)  
ylabel('Amplitude (dim)','fontsize',20)  
grid
```

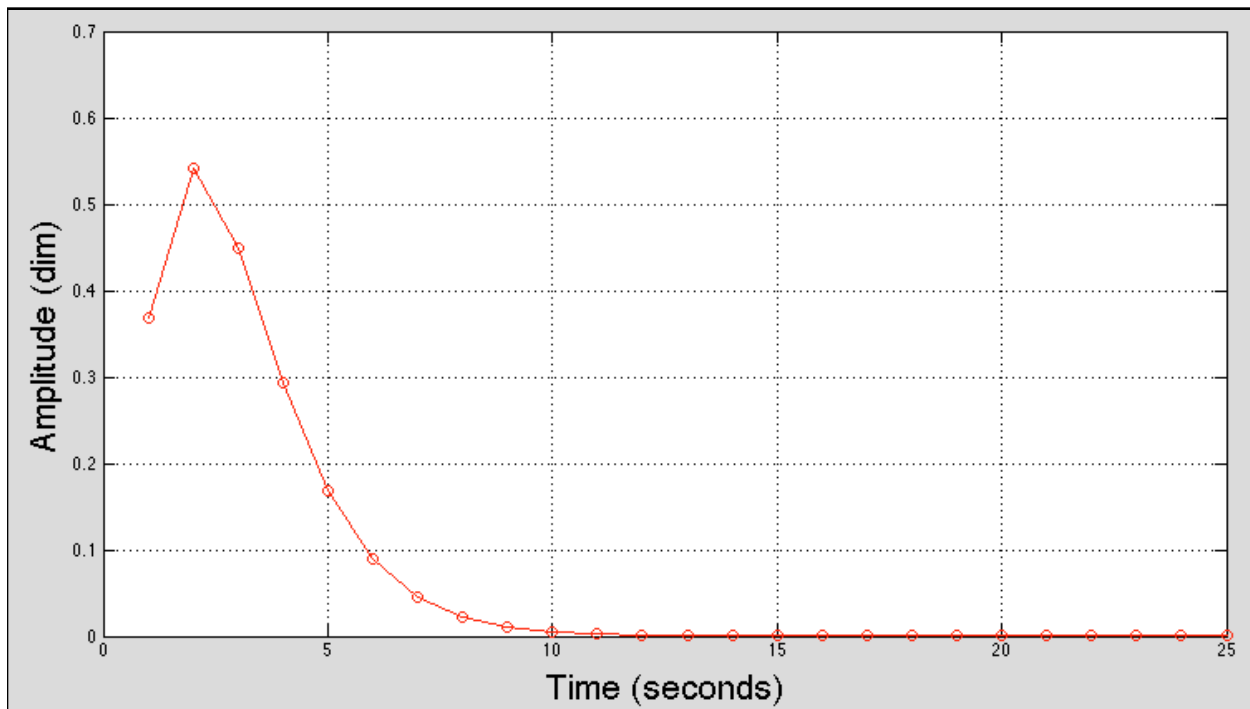


Figure 1. Plot with large step size.

c) Modify the script created in part (a) by making the interval across the x -variable smaller. For example, try:

```
x = 1:0.01:25
```

Plot and comment on the solution.

```
x = 1:0.01:25;  
y = x.^2.*exp(-x);  
  
plot(x,y,'or')  
xlabel('Time (seconds)','fontsize',20)  
ylabel('Amplitude (dim)','fontsize',20)  
grid
```

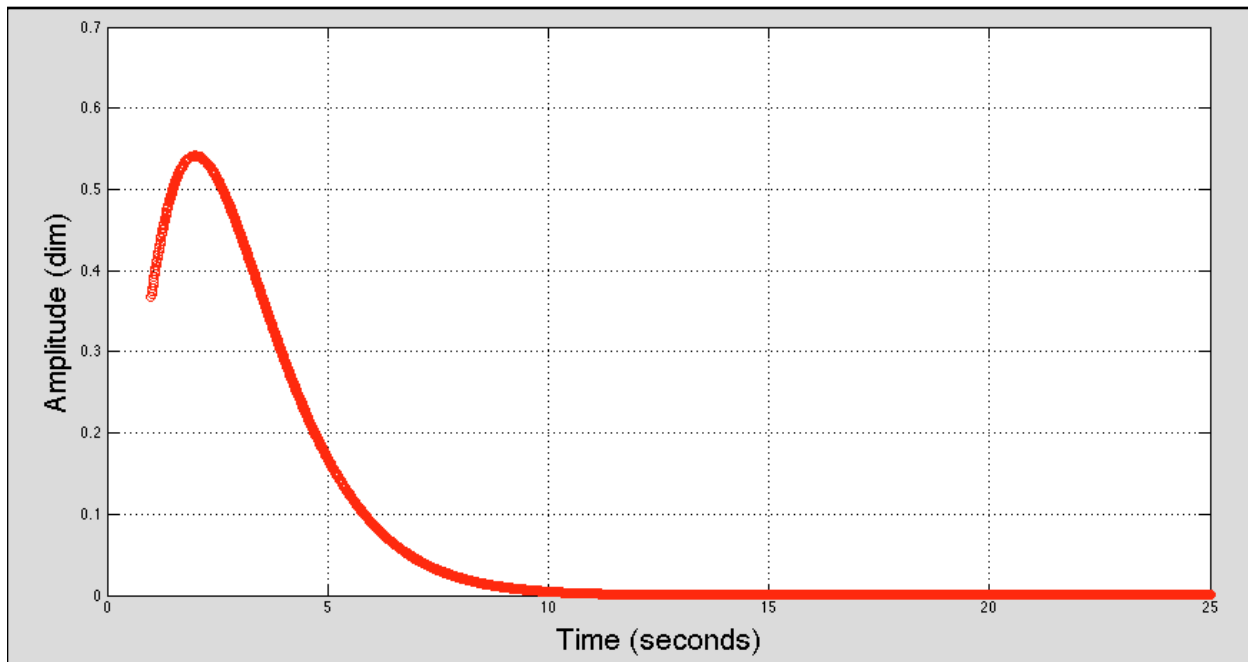


Figure 2. Plot with small step size.

### Problem 3

Use Matlab to solve this problem. Define two vectors as follows:

```
airportNames={'Atlanta';'Charlotte';'Greenboro'};
```

```
passengers = [81e6 16e6 7.4e6];
```

Perform the following operations using Matlab. In one line comment on the results obtained after each operation.

a) `B = airportNames(1)`

**Selects first element in vector with airport names (Atlanta). B is a cell array.**

b) `C = airportNames(1:2)`

**Selects first two elements in vector with airport names (Atlanta and Charlotte). C is a cell array.**

c) `D = airportNames{1}`

**Selects first element of airportNames as a string variable (char type in Matlab)**

d) Comment on any differences observed between variables B and D.

**One is a string variable and one is a cell array. You can convert the contents of a cell array to a string by using the “char” command. For example:**

**`stringName = char(B)` converts the cell array B into a string character. Certain operations or functions in Matlab work best in strings than in cell arrays.**

e) `E = airportNames{1}(1)`

**Selects the first character of the contents inside the first element of cell array airportNames.**

f) `F = airportNames{1}(1:4)`

**Selects the first four characters of the contents inside the first element of cell array airportNames.**

g) `G = horzcat(airportNames(1),airportNames(2))`

**Horizontally concatenates the contents of airportNames (1) and (2). Builds the two words 'Atlanta' 'Charlotte' into a single name.**

Execute the following two commands sequentially.

h) `H = find(passengers > 15e6)`

**Finds the indices (i.e., positions) of cells in array passengers whose numerical value is greater than 15 million.**

i) `I = airportNames(H)`

**Selects the contents of variable airportNames whose indices match H (elements 1 and 2). Produces names Atlanta and Charlotte.**

Comment on the two operations executed sequentially.