



Introduction to MATLAB

1. What is MATLAB?

MATLAB is a high-performance language for technical computing. It integrates computation, visualization, and programming in an easy-to-use environment where problems and solutions are expressed in familiar mathematical notation.

It's name is derived from **MATrix LABoratory**.

2. High-level language

- Data types
- Functions
- Control flow statements
- Input/output
- Graphics
- Object-oriented programming capabilities

3. Typical Uses of MATLAB

- Math and computation
- Algorithm development
- Data acquisition
- Modeling, simulation, and prototyping
- Data analysis, exploration, and visualization
- Scientific and engineering graphics
- Application development including Graphical user interfaces (GUI) building.



4. Why Use MATLAB?

Advantages:

- Handles vector and matrices very nice
- Quick plotting and analysis
- EXTENSIVE documentation (type 'help')
- Lots of nice functions: FFT, fuzzy logic, neural nets, numerical integration.

Drawbacks:

- Slow compared to C or Java.

5. Toolboxes

Collections of functions to solve problems from several application fields.

- DSP (Digital Signal Processing) Toolbox
- Image Toolbox
- Wavelet Toolbox
- Neural Network Toolbox
- Fuzzy Logic Toolbox
- Control Toolbox
- Multibody Simulation Toolbox
- And many others...



6. MATLAB Desktop Tools

When you start MATLAB, a special window called the MATLAB desktop appears. The desktop is a window that contains other windows. The major tools within or accessible from the desktop are:

- Command Window
- Command History
- Current Directory Browser
- Workspace Browser
- Editor/Debugger
- Help Browser

To select what you want to see, go under “Desktop” tab.

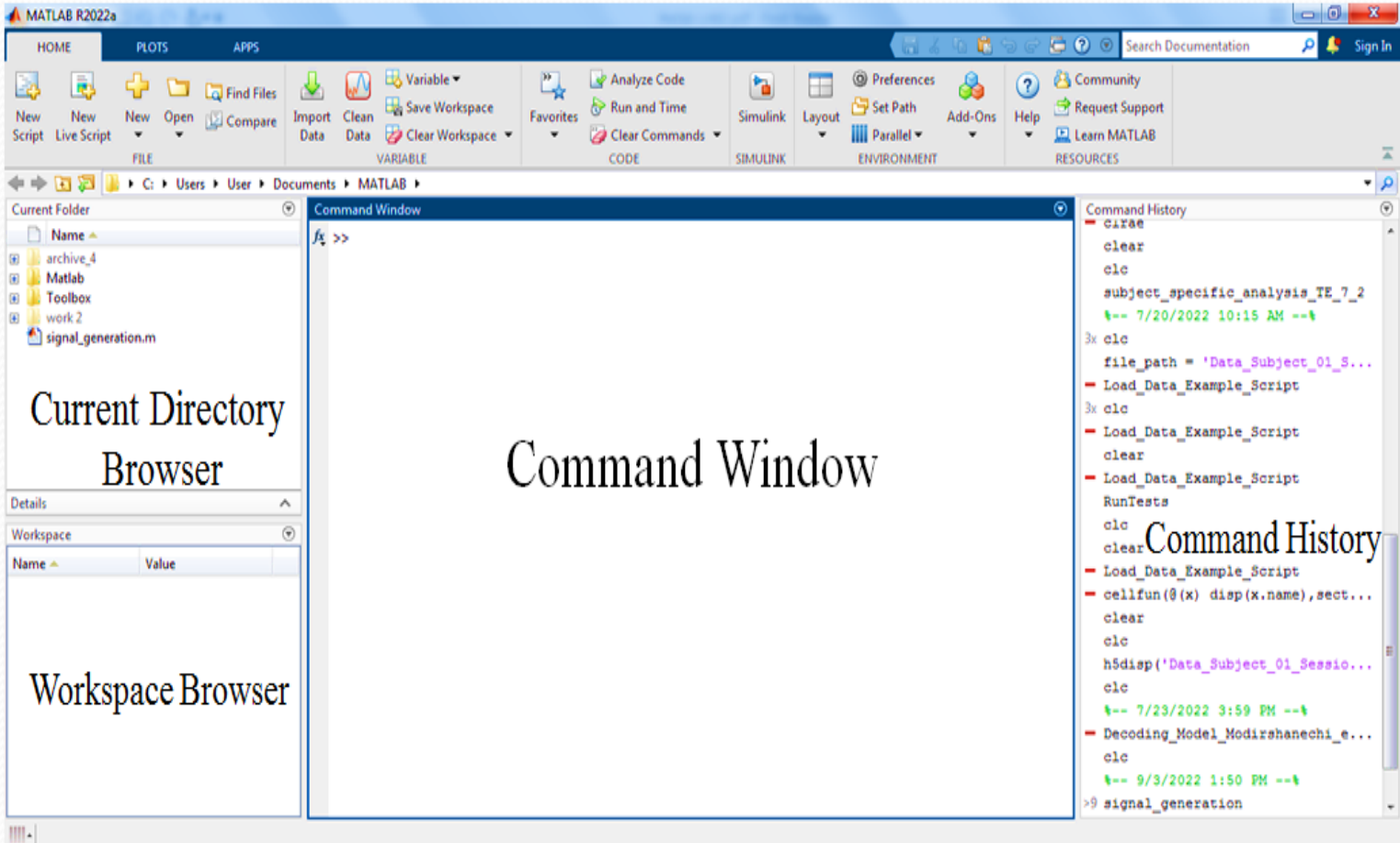
Desktop Tools

- **Command Window:** Use the Command Window to enter variables and run functions and M-files.
- **Command History:** Statements you enter in the Command Window are logged in the Command History. In the Command History, you can view previously run statements, and copy and execute selected statements.
- **Current Directory Browser:** MATLAB file operations use the current directory reference point. Any file you want to run must be in the current directory or on the search path.



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- **Workspace:** The MATLAB workspace consists of the set of variables (named arrays) built up during a MATLAB session and stored in memory.



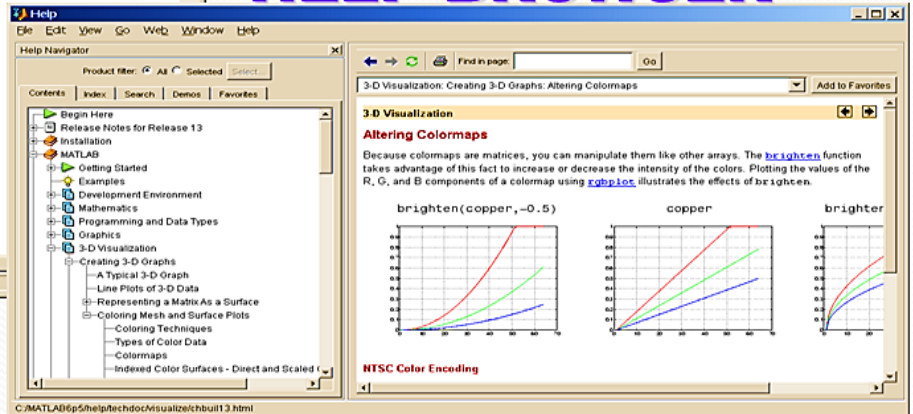


Editor/Debugger

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C:\MATLAB6p5\work\test.m
File Edit View Text Debug Breakpoints Web Window Help
Stack: Base
1 % NEULIN - Creates and initializes a linear layer.
2 % ADAPT - Trains a linear layer with Widrow-Hoff rule.
3 % ADAPTIVE LINEAR PREDICTION:
4 % Using the above functions a linear neuron is adaptively
5 % trained to predict the next value in a signal, given the
6 % last five values of the signal.
7 % The linear neuron is able to adapt to changes in the
8 % signal it is trying to predict.
9 pause % Strike any key to continue...
10
11 % DEFINING A WAVE FORM
12 % -----
13 % TIME1 and TIME2 define two segments of time.
14 time1 = 0:0.01:4; % from 0 to 4 seconds
15 time2 = 4.05:0.01:6; % from 4 to 6 seconds
16
17 % TIME defines all the time steps of this simulation.
18 time = [time1 time2]; % from 0 to 6 seconds
19
20 % T defines a signal which changes frequency once:
21 T = con2seq([sin(time1*4*pi) sin(time2*8*pi)]);
22
23 % The input P to the network is the same as the
  
```

HELP BROWSER



7. Using MATLAB as a calculator

For example, let's suppose you want to calculate the expression, $1 + 2 * 3$. You type it at the prompt command (`>>`) as follows,

```

>> 1+2*3
ans =
    7
  
```

Note that the variable **ans** is created (or overwritten, if it is already existed). To avoid this, you may assign a value to a variable or output argument name. For example,

```

>> x = 1+2*3
x =
    7
  
```



Notes:

1- A **semicolon** " ; " at the end of a MATLAB statement suppresses printing of results.

For example:

```
>> x = 3;
```

```
>> y = x + 5
```

When you click execute bottom, MATLAB executes it immediately and the result returned is:

```
>> y = 8
```

2- If a statement does not fit on one line, use " . . . ", followed by **Enter** to indicate that the statement continues on the next line.

For example:

```
>> S= sqrt (225)*30 /...  
(20*sqrt (100))
```

3- Adding comments

The percent symbol (%), is used for indicating a comment line.

For example:

```
>> x = 9      % assign the value 9 to x
```

the statement will appear in green color.