



# ECE 101 Exploring Electrical Engineering

## ■ ***MATLAB***

- General Features
- Videos
- User Interface
- Expressions
- Data Types



**MATLAB** is a technical computing program created by *The Mathworks, Inc.* (<http://www.mathworks.com>)

## Features:

- Includes many operators and built-in functions
- Supports both numeric and symbolic solutions
- Operates on scalars, vectors, and matrices
- Can generate 2D and 3D graphs
- Extendable by add-ons and scripting (user programs)



For introduction to MATLAB use watch the following videos available at

<http://www.mathworks.com/products/matlab/videos.html>

■ **MATLAB overview** (has cc):

<http://www.mathworks.com/videos/matlab-overview-61923.html>

■ **Getting started** (no cc):

<http://www.mathworks.com/videos/getting-started-with-matlab-68985.html>

■ **Working in development environment** (optional, no cc)

<http://www.mathworks.com/videos/working-in-the-development-environment-69021.html>

■ **Get help** (no cc):

<http://www.mathworks.com/videos/top-ways-to-get-help-89848.html>

# For introduction to MATLAB – use tutorials from Mathworks:

[http://www.mathworks.com/academia/student\\_center/tutorials/mltutorial\\_launchpad.html](http://www.mathworks.com/academia/student_center/tutorials/mltutorial_launchpad.html)

In particular: MATLAB Onramp. Question: is it available to all students or just those who purchased student version? Check. One problem – no cc but there is no voice / video – just assignments using online Matlab

Section 4.2 is video with no cc – this is on import tool; I may not need this ... 4.1 is OK (just save and load)

<https://matlabacademy.mathworks.com/R2015b/portal.html?course=gettingstarted#chapter=4&lesson=2&section=1>

It looks decent ...

Could start here

<https://matlabacademy.mathworks.com/R2015b/>



For introduction to MATLAB – use tutorials from Mathworks:

5 – indexing into and modifying arrays – not really needed ...

6 – array calculations – not needed

7 – calling functions – not needed

8.1 – video on help

9 – plotting vectors; 9.3 is video; nice but a bit much for 101 – needs cc

10 – project on plotting; don't use it. It's good for 102!

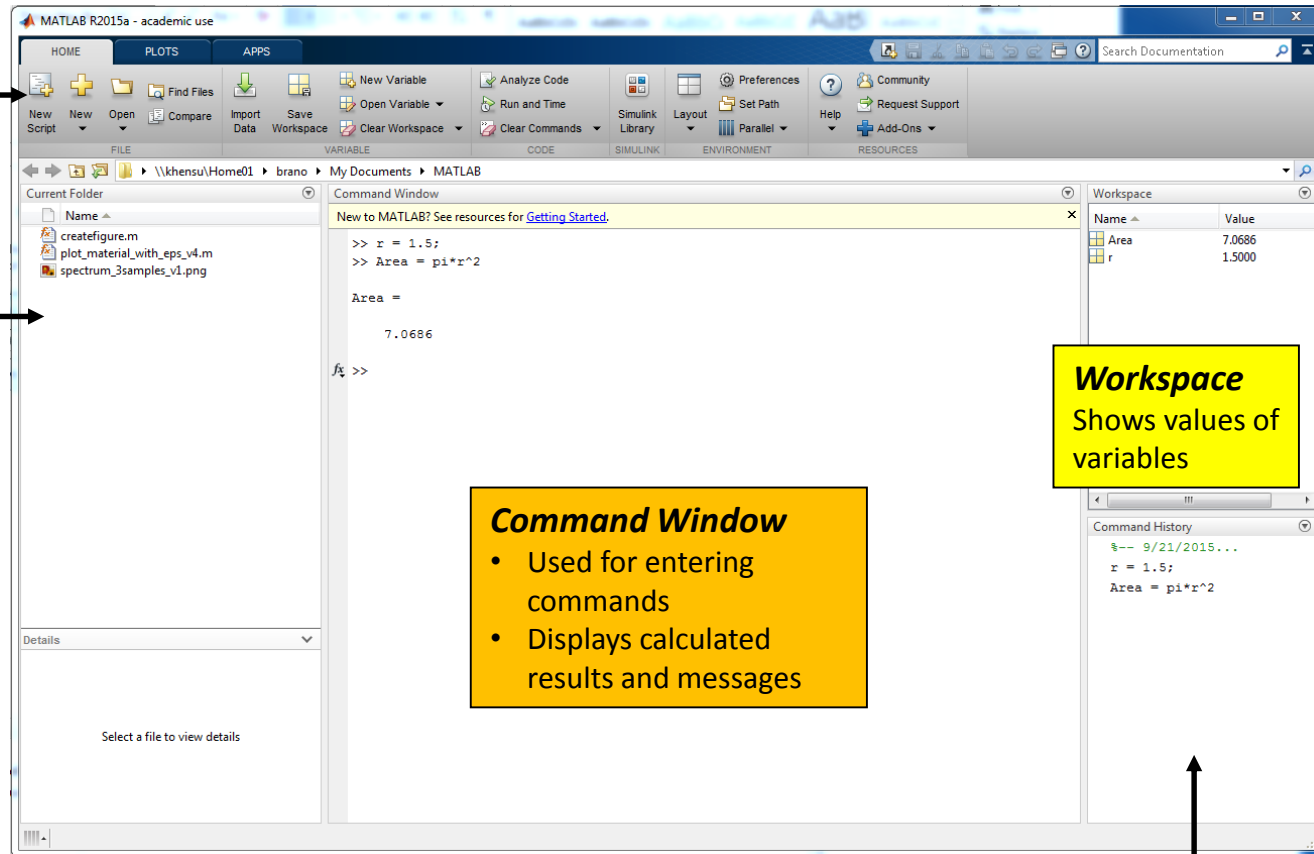
11 – Matlab editor 11.1 is video (no cc); this would be good for HW assignment ...

<https://matlabacademy.mathworks.com/R2015b/portal.html?course=getting-started#chapter=11&lesson=1&section=1>

# MATLAB User Interface (R2015a)

**Ribbon**  
UI commands

**Current Folder**  
Shows files in the current folder (i.e., directory)

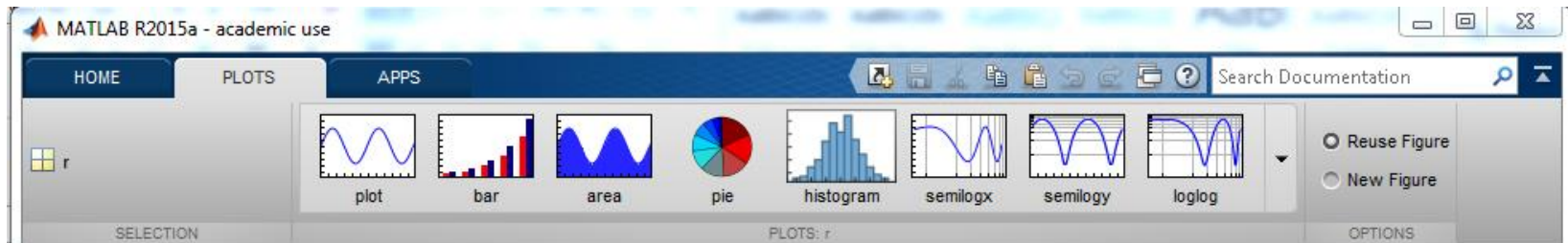
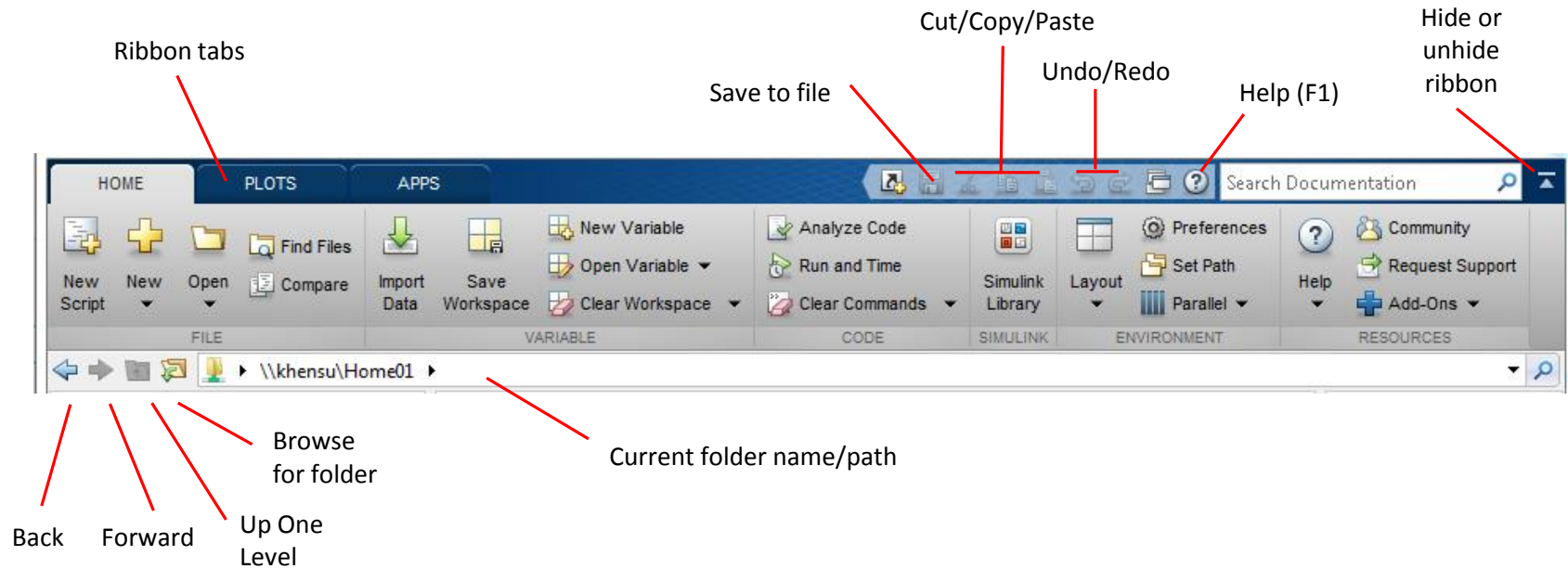


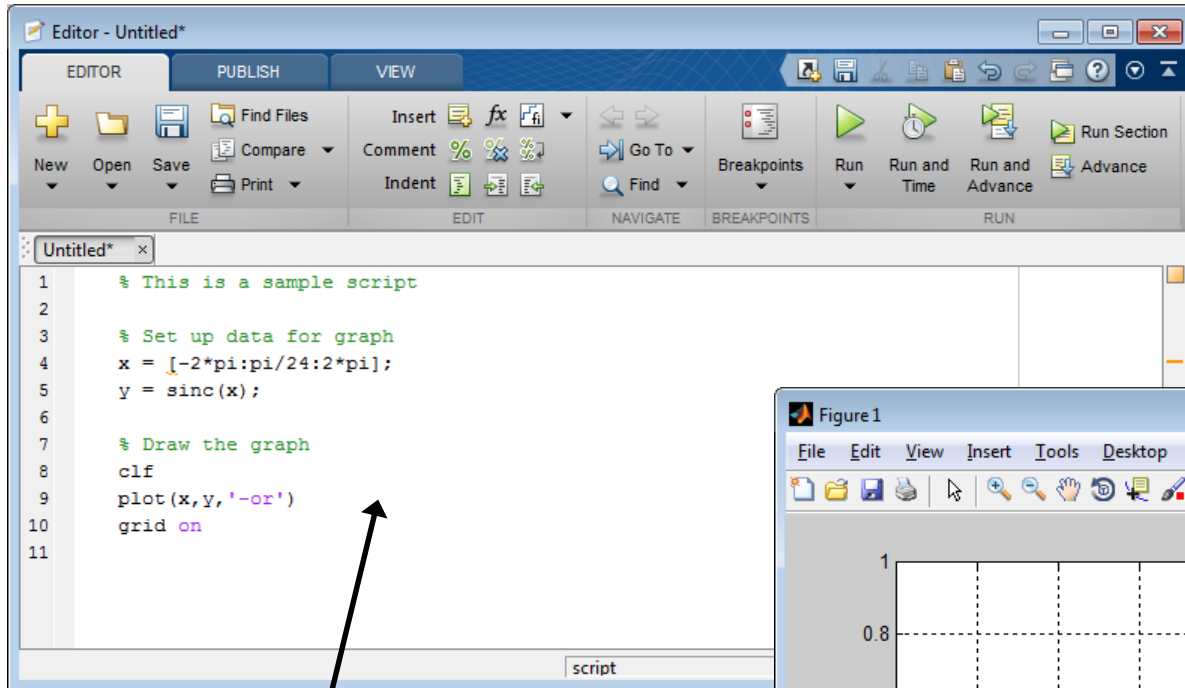
**Workspace**  
Shows values of variables

## Command Window

- Used for entering commands
- Displays calculated results and messages

**Command History**  
Records a history of all entered commands





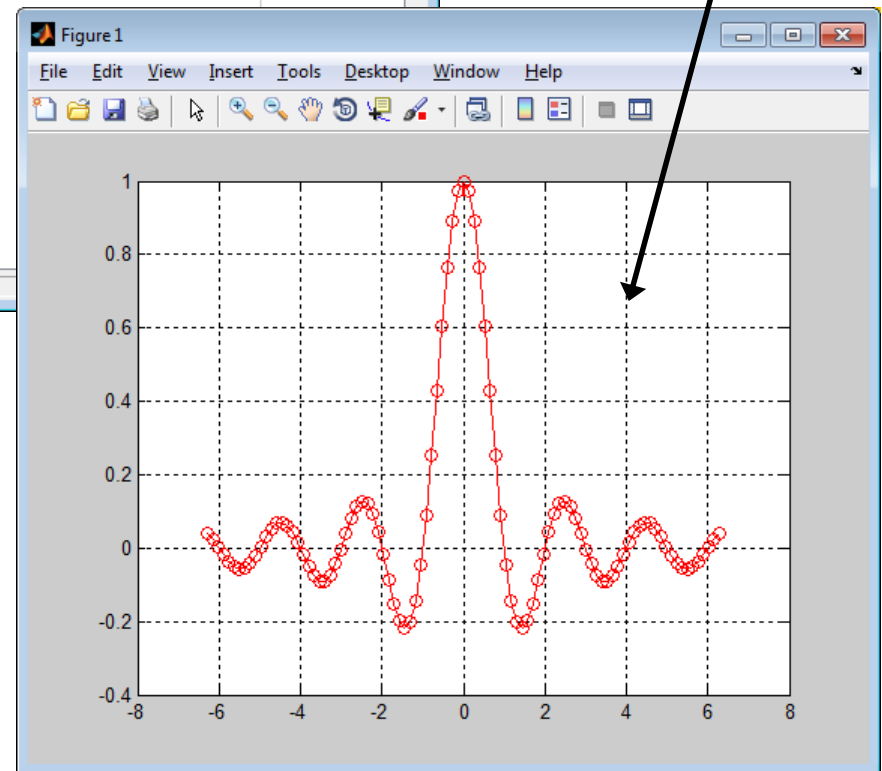
### **Editor Window**

Used for creating and debugging scripts and programs

(this separate window appears when a new script is created or an existing script is opened)

### **Figure Window**

Displays graphs generated by plot commands





# Command Window Notes

- Definition → A “command” is:
  - an instruction that causes some action to occur
  - a mathematical expression that is evaluated
- Command prompt is: **>>**
- To interact with the Command Window:
  - Type a command at the prompt line and press the **Enter** key.
- Use the **↑** (up-arrow) key and the **↓** (down-arrow) key to recall previously typed commands.

- Entering a command automatically displays its associated output value (if any).

Example:

```
>> x = 2 * 1024
```

Command: multiply 1024 by 2  
and save the result in variable **x**

```
x =
```

```
2048
```

Output: current value of **x**

```
>>
```

- Appending a semicolon ( **;** ) at the end of a command will usually suppress the output.

Example:

```
>> x = 2 * 1024;
```

Notice the semicolon at  
the end of this command

```
>>
```

## ■ Commonly used commands:

Command	Purpose
<b>clc</b>	Clears the command window
<b>help</b> <i>name</i>	Displays help information about a given command or function
<b>lookfor</b> <i>key</i>	Searches for and displays all commands related to a given keyword
<b>quit</b>	Shuts down and exits the MATLAB program <i>Alternatives:</i> Menu bar option: <i>File→Exit MATLAB</i> Keyboard shortcut: <i>Ctrl+Q</i>

# Expressions

- Expressions are any valid combination of numbers, operators, functions, and variables.
- MATLAB can be used as a calculator by directly typing expressions in the command window.
- Predefined values:

Name	Description
<b>pi</b>	The number $\pi$
<b>inf</b>	Infinity
<b>i</b> or <b>j</b>	Defined as $\sqrt{-1}$
<b>NaN</b>	Not-A-Number

# Standard Data Types

- Real numeric

Example: 1      5.23      -83.5      1.25e3

Use **e** for scientific notation (e.g.,  $3.1 \times 10^{-2} \rightarrow 3.1\text{e}-2$ )

- Imaginary numeric

Example: i      2i      -3.5i      5e2j

MATLAB accepts both **i** and **j** for imaginary

- Complex numeric

Example: 1+i      5.23+2i      -83.5-3.5i

- Character – single text letter, number, or symbol

Example: 'A'      'z'      '3'      '\$'

- ☐ Use a pair of single quotes to define a character.

**Note:** The numeric value 3 is not the same as the character value '3'.

- ☐ Each character is associated with a unique numeric code. This is the collating sequence.

- String – collection of one or more characters

Example: 'x'      'MATLAB'      'rooms 4 rent!'

- Examples of commands and functions you will use in ECE 101:
- Generate a vector with angles from 0 to 90 degrees, in increments of 10 degrees:

`x = [ 0, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90]`

**Find sin of series of values stored in a vector**

`Y = sind(x)`

**Note: `sin()` operates on angles in radians while `sind()` operates on angles in degrees**

**Other trig functions: `cos`, `cosd`, `tan`, `tand` and inverses.**

- Examples of commands and functions you will use in ECE 101:
- Generate a vector with values from 0 to 10 degrees, in increments of 1:

$x = [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]$

Find exponent  $e^{\{x\}}$  of series of values stored in a vector

$z = \exp(x)$

Find a natural log of  $z$

$Z_{\log} = \log(z)$

Find a  $\log_{10}$  (logarithm with base 10)

$Z_{\log} = \log_{10}(z)$