

## GG250 Lab 1 Introduction to Matlab, functions, and scripts

The purpose of this lab is to introduce a few examples of how Matlab operates, and to introduce Matlab scripts and functions. You will need to access my web page to download files. My URL is

<http://www.soest.hawaii.edu/martel/SteveM.html>

### Exercise 1\_1

a) Download the following m-files from my web page:

script\_template

function\_template

and save them in your GG250 directory.

b) Open up these m-files, read what they do, and run them.

c) Copy them to new files, and save them with the following names:

gg250\_lab\_01\_1a\_lastname.m

gg250\_lab\_01\_1b\_lastname.m

Type your last name (don't type "lastname") at the end of the title. We will use this naming format for many if not all the m-files you turn in as lab assignments. NOTE THAT THE M\_FILES HAVE lowercase NAMES. Use lowercase names, with underscores (not blanks) in the m-file names!

d) Send the two renamed files as e-mail attachments to [gg250-lab@hawaii.edu](mailto:gg250-lab@hawaii.edu) , and list the subject in the e-mail as

gg250\_lab\_01\_1

### Exercise 1\_2 (Integration script)

a) Download the following m-file:

int\_script\_template.m

and save it in your GG250 directory with the following name:

gg250\_lab\_01\_2\_lastname.m

If you mess up the m-file in the course of the work on it, you can always download a new copy.

b) Open up this m-file, read what it does, and run it to find the area under the curve.

c) Find the area under the curve for three different values of dx: 1, 0.1, and 0.01.

d) Send the three dx values and the three areas in the body of one e-mail message to [gg250-lab@hawaii.edu](mailto:gg250-lab@hawaii.edu) , and list the subject in the e-mail as

gg250\_lab\_01\_2

### Exercise 1\_3 (Integration function)

- a) Download the following m-file:  
int\_function\_template.m  
and save it in your GG250 directory with the following name:  
gg250\_lab\_01\_3\_lastname.m
- b) Open up this m-file and modify it by filling in the lines that end in semicolons(;) so that you make a function for numerical integration. Use the file  
int\_script  
from exercise 1\_2 as a pattern for the function m-file.
- c) Find the area under the curve from  $x = 0$  to 10 for three different values of  $dx$ : 1, 0.1, and 0.01.
- d) Send the three  $dx$  values and the three areas in the body of one e-mail message, with your renamed integration function to [gg250-lab@hawaii.edu](mailto:gg250-lab@hawaii.edu) , and list the subject in the e-mail as  
gg250\_lab\_01\_3

### Exercise 1\_4 (Differentiation script)

- a) Download the following m-file:  
der\_script\_template.m  
and save it in your GG250 directory with the following name:  
gg250\_lab\_01\_4\_lastname.m
- b) Open up this m-file and modify it by filling in the lines that end in semicolons(;) so that you make a function for numerical differentiation. Use the file from exercise 1\_2 as a pattern. Run the file to test it to make sure the script works.
- c) Send the file as an attachment in an e-mail message to [gg250-lab@hawaii.edu](mailto:gg250-lab@hawaii.edu) , and list the subject in the e-mail as  
gg250\_lab\_01\_4

### Exercise 1\_5 (Differentiation function)

- a) Copy your m-file of exercise 1\_4 and save it in your GG250 directory with the following name:  
gg250\_lab\_01\_5\_lastname.m
- b) Modify this file to produce a function m-file for numerical differentiation in the manner of exercise 1\_3. Run the file to test it to make sure the script works.
- c) Send the file as an attachment in an e-mail message to [gg250-lab@hawaii.edu](mailto:gg250-lab@hawaii.edu) , and list the subject in the e-mail as  
gg250\_lab\_01\_5