

## Lab. 3 Functions; WHILE loops

Do the exercises below in the Octave IDE. You should only use assignments operations with arithmetic expressions excluding pre-defined MATLAB functions. Also use scripts to avoid “too much typing”.

### 1. Exponential Function

As you know, the exponential function can be computed with the series

$$e(x) = 1 + x + x^2/2! + x^3/3! + x^4/4! + x^5/5! + \dots$$

Specify function **expo(x)** that implements an approximation of this function and compare it with the predefined function `exp/1`.

**Note:** This series converges very quickly (for small values of  $x$ ) so assess the effect of truncating it with a limited number of terms, either using a fixed number of steps (using a FOR instruction) or a variable number depending on the approximation achieved (i.e. when the first term not considered is less than a certain small value, e.g.  $10^{-7}$ ).

### 2. Logarithm of 2

As you know, the series below

$$\ln(2) = 1 - 1/2 + 1/3 - 1/4 + 1/5 - 1/6 + \dots$$

converges (slowly) to  $\ln(2)$ . Implement the constant function `ln2()` truncating it in the first term with absolute value less than a certain small value, e.g.  $10^{-7}$ . Since the series is alternate, the approximation error less than the first neglected term

### 3. Seno

- a) Implement function **seno(x)** ( $x$  in radians radianos; assume  $0 \leq x \leq \pi/2$ ) which approximates the `sin/1` function through the truncated series

$$\text{seno}(x) = x - x^3/3! + x^5/5! - x^7/7! + x^9/9! - \dots$$

- b) Adapt the function to specify function **seng(x)** that takes the argument in degrees.  
c) Do the same for the cosine function approximated by the truncated series

$$\text{coseno}(x) = 1 - x^2/2! + x^4/4! - x^6/6! + x^8/8! - \dots$$

### 4. Finding the $k^{\text{th}}$ occurrence of a value in an array

- a) Specify function **find(v, v, k)** that returns the position of the  $k^{\text{th}}$  occurrence of element  $v$  in array  $V$ . If there is no such position return 0.

**Example:** Given `v = [ 1 2 4 7 3 8 9 0 1 3 7 1 6 ]`

```
find(1,v,2) -> 9
find(7,v,3) -> 12
find(7,v,3) -> 0
find(5,v,1) -> 0
```

- b) Adapt the code produced to implement function **findr(v, v, k)** that returns the index but counting backwards.

**Example:** Given `v = [ 1 2 4 7 3 8 9 0 1 3 7 1 6 ]`

```
findr(1,v,2) -> 9
findr(7,v,3) -> 1
findr(7,v,3) -> 0
findr(5,v,1) -> 0
```