

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. Sine and Cosine

- a) Implement function **seno(x)** (x in radians radians; 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 values in an array

- a) Specify function **find_d(x, v)** that returns the position of the 1st occurrence of value x in array V . If there is no such position return 0.
b) Generalise the previous function to **find_kd(x, v, k)** that returns the position of the k^{th} occurrence of value x in array V . If there is no such position return 0.

Examples: Given $v = [1\ 2\ 4\ 7\ 3\ 9\ 9\ 0\ 1\ 3\ 7\ 1\ 6]$

```
find_d(7,v) -> 4          find_kd(7,v,1) -> 4
find_d(9,v) -> 6          find_kd(7,v,2) -> 11
find_d(6,v) -> 13         find_kd(7,v,3) -> 0
find_d(8,v) -> 0          find_kd(8,v,1) -> 0
```

- c) Adapt the codes to implement functions **find_r(v, v, k)** and **find_kr(v, v, k)** that returns the indices of the values, but counting backwards.

Examples: Given $v = [1\ 2\ 4\ 7\ 3\ 9\ 9\ 0\ 1\ 3\ 7\ 1\ 6]$

```
find_r(7,v) -> 11         find_kr(7,v,1) -> 11
find_r(9,v) -> 7          find_kr(7,v,2) -> 4
find_r(6,v) -> 13         find_kr(7,v,3) -> 0
find_r(8,v) -> 0          find_kr(8,v,1) -> 0
```