

Operators and Special Characters	
+ - * / ^	Mathematical operators
.* ./ .^	Elementwise operators
pi	3.14159...
NaN	Not a Number
Inf	Infinity
[]	Create a matrix x = [1, 2; 8, 10]
()	Index into matrix x(1, 2) = 2 Order precedence
...	Line continuation
,	Separate lines or elements of matrix
;	Denote new line and suppress output
%	Comment
'	Transpose matrix
\ '	Define character
" "	Define string
=	Variable assignment
==	Equality
~=	Not equal to
> >=	Greater than / equal to
< <=	Less than / equal to
&	And
&&	Short-circuit And
	Or
	Short-circuit Or

Inputs and Outputs	
display()	Output to command line
input()	Prompt user input
fprintf()	Format output
xlsread()	Read excel file
xlswrite()	Write excel file
readtable()	Read .csv file
table2array()	Convert table to array

Matrices and Mathematics	
a:b:c	From a to c by b
linspace()	Evenly-spaced array
sum()	Sum of array
mean()	Average of array
range()	Range of array
size()	Dimensions of matrix
max()	Max value of array
min()	Min value of array
abs()	Absolute value
log()	Natural log
log10()	Base 10 log
sqrt()	Square root
e	Scientific notation (7e2)
cos() sin() tan()	Trigonometric functions
exp()	e to the power
round()	Round value
ceil()	Round up
floor()	Round down
fix()	Round towards zero
rref()	Solve linear equations
det()	Calculate determinant
eye()	Identity matrix
zeros()	Zero matrix
rand()	Random value 0 to 1
randi()	Random discrete value

Variables & Datatypes	
double()	Convert to double
string()	Convert to string
char()	Convert to character
logical()	Convert to logical
true	Boolean true (1)
false	Boolean false (0)

Loops and Statements	
for i = a:b actions end	For loop
while <true> actions end	While loop
switch <variable> case <value 1> actions case <value 2> actions otherwise actions end	Switch statement
if <condition> actions elseif <condition> actions else actions end	If statement
break	Ends loop
continue	Begin next loop iteration

Command Line & Setup	
clc	Clear command window
clearvars	Clear variables
clear all	Clear everything
close all	Close all figure windows
format compact	Compact output
who whos	List workspace variables
help <function>	Display help and notes for function
version	Display MATLAB version
why	Philosophical answers

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Syntax Guide

Plotting Commands	
plot()	2D plot
plot3()	3D plot
loglog()	Log plot
semilogx()	Log plot (x-axis)
semilogy()	Log plot (y-axis)
meshgrid()	Generate meshgrid
surf()	Surface plot
scatter()	Scatter plot
histogram()	Histogram
pie()	Pie chart
barplot()	Bar plot
colorbar()	Add colorbar
xlabel() ylabel()	Add axis title
xlim([]) ylim([])	Axis plot limits
title()	Add graph title
legend()	Add labeled legend
text()	Add text at coordinates
gtext()	Add text with click
grid on	Add grid to plot
hold on	Plot more data on graph
figure()	Create new figure
subplot()	Specify subplot on figure
polyfit()	Obtain fitted coefficients
polyval()	Calculate fitted y-data

Plotting Colors	
r	Red
b	Blue
g	Green
c	Cyan
m	Magenta
y	Yellow
k	Black
w	White

Plotting Line Styles	
-	Solid line (default)
--	Dashed line
:	Dotted line
-.	Dash-dot line

Plotting Shapes	
.	Point
o	Circle
x	X-mark
+	Plus
*	Star
s	Square
d	Diamond
v	Triangle (down)
^	Triangle (up)
<	Triangle (left)
>	Triangle (right)
p	Pentagram
h	Hexagram

Sample Function .m File	
calcRMSE.m	<pre>% Calculate RMSE for Data function [RMSE] = calcRMSE(y, y_fit) % Calculate Root Mean Square Error a = y - y_fit; a2 = a.^2; a3 = mean(a2); RMSE = sqrt(a3); end</pre>
Sample Anonymous Function	
calcVolSphere = @(r) 4/3*pi*r^3	