

# Exercises in Computer-Aided Problem Solving

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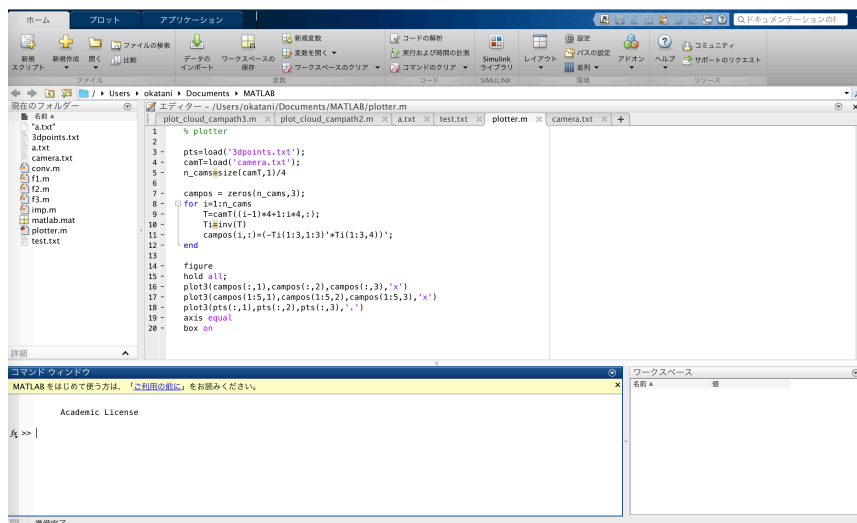
# Purpose of this course

- Students will learn how a computer can be used to solve mathematical problems.
- Although the course will use Octave for this purpose, its focus is more on mastering mathematical skills rather than learning how to use it.
- Starting with the basic usage of Octave (or MATLAB) and how to write a program on it, students will learn how they can solve various mathematical problems by writing and executing simple programs.
- The course will cover not only mathematics that students have already learned, such as calculus, differential equation, linear algebra, etc., but also those that they have not learned, such as numerical computation, signal processing, statistics, machine learning, etc.
- The goal of this course is to have students master skills of solving the specific problems considered in this course using Octave (or MATLAB) and further obtain a concept of how they can utilize a computer to deal with novel problems.

# MATLAB / Octave

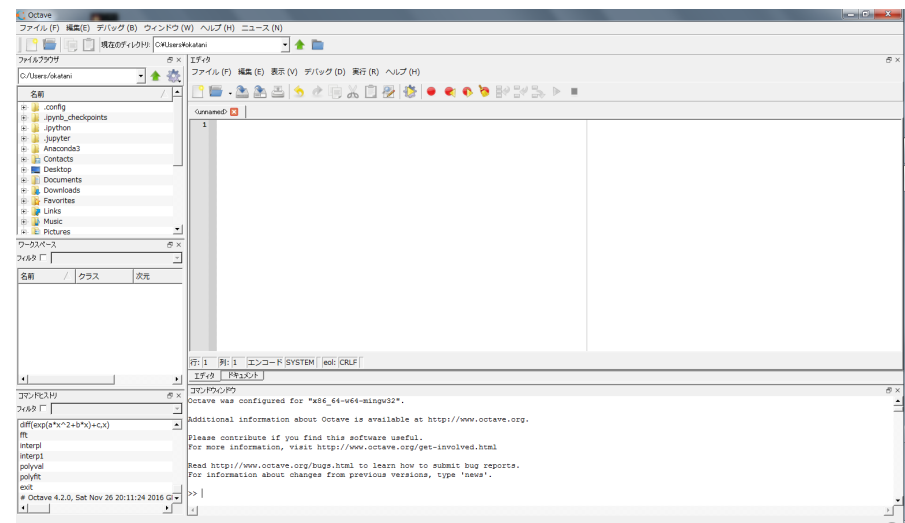
## MATLAB

- A numerical computing environment and programming language developed and sold by MathWorks
- *De facto* standard in many scientific/engineering fields the world over
- A wide variety of extensions, called *toolboxes*, are available for use in a diverse field of applications



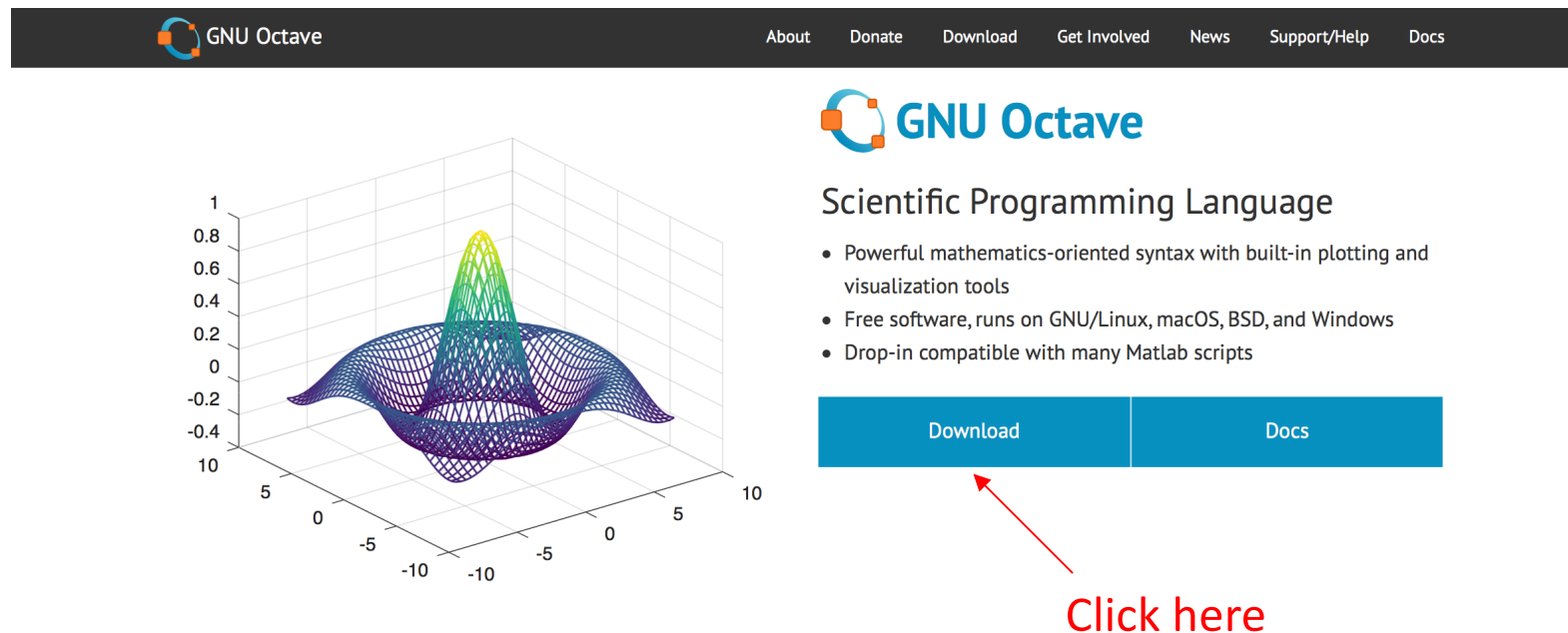
## GNU Octave

- A numerical computing environment and programming language developed by volunteers and can be used for free
- Compatible to MATLAB to a certain degree
- A variety of extensions called *packages*, the counterpart of the toolboxes, is available but has only limited compatibility



# Installing Octave to your PC (1/3)

- To install the Windows version of Octave, follow the procedures below
- Access the following URL with a Web browser and click “Download”
  - <https://www.gnu.org/software/octave/>



GNU Octave

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GNU Octave

Scientific Programming Language

- Powerful mathematics-oriented syntax with built-in plotting and visualization tools
- Free software, runs on GNU/Linux, macOS, BSD, and Windows
- Drop-in compatible with many Matlab scripts

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## Syntax Examples

The Octave syntax is largely compatible with Matlab. The Octave interpreter can be run in GUI mode, as a console, or invoked as part of a shell script. More Octave examples can be found in [the wiki](#).

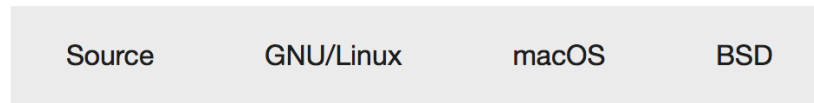
Solve systems of equations with linear algebra operations on **vectors** and **matrices**.

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b = [4; 9; 2] # Column vector
A = [ 3 4 5;
      1 3 1;
```

# Installing Octave to your PC (2/3)

- Further select “Windows” and click the link then appeared

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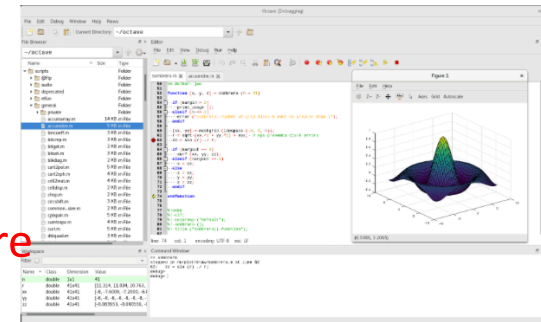


Windows binaries with corresponding source code can be downloaded from <https://ftp.gnu.org/gnu/octave/windows/>.











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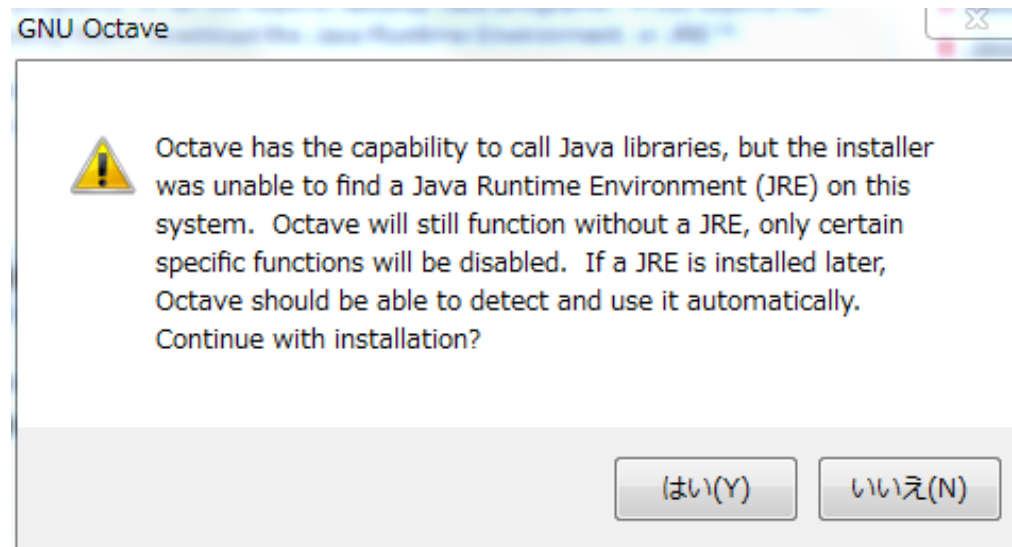


- Select the latest version (octave-4.2.1-wxx-installer.exe)
  - Decide xx part (32 or 64) depending on the OS of your PC

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# Installing Octave to your PC (3/3)

- Run the downloaded .exe file by clicking it
  - Neglect the following message about JRE(Java runtime environment) by clicking “Yes” and continuing the installation



- You will have to wait for a few minutes until the completion