

QUESTION 1 [20 Marks]

A flat plate of mass m falling freely in air with velocity V is subjected to a downward gravitational force and an upward frictional drag force due to air. If the drag force, F_D , is given by Equation (1),

$$F_D = \frac{0.3V^2}{500+(lnV)^3} - 0.02V \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

and the terminal velocity is reached when the drag force equals the gravitational force, that is,

$$F_D = mg \dots\dots\dots (2)$$

taking the values of m and g to be 3.5 kg and 9.8 m/s² respectively, using a guess value of $V_0 = 0.5$ m/s and employing fixed-point iteration method, develop a MATLAB program to estimate the terminal velocity. Take the absolute percentage relative error tolerance to be less than or equal to 1E-11.

SOLUTION

Using fixed-Point iteration Method:

since equation (1) = equation (2) = F_D

$$\text{Hence, } F_D = mg = \frac{0.3V^2}{500+(lnV)^3} - 0.02V$$

$m = 3.5$ kg and $g=9.8$ m/s²

$$\text{Hence, } F_D = mg = 3.5 \times 9.8 = 34.3$$

Therefore,

$$F_D = \frac{0.3V^2}{500+(lnV)^3} - 0.02V = 34.3$$

making $F_D = 0$

$$\frac{0.3V^2}{500+(lnV)^3} - 0.02V - 34.3 = 0$$

Making V as subject of formula

$$0.02V + 34.3 = \frac{0.3V^2}{500+(lnV)^3}$$

$$(0.02V + 34.3) \times (500 + (lnV)^3) = 0.3V^2$$

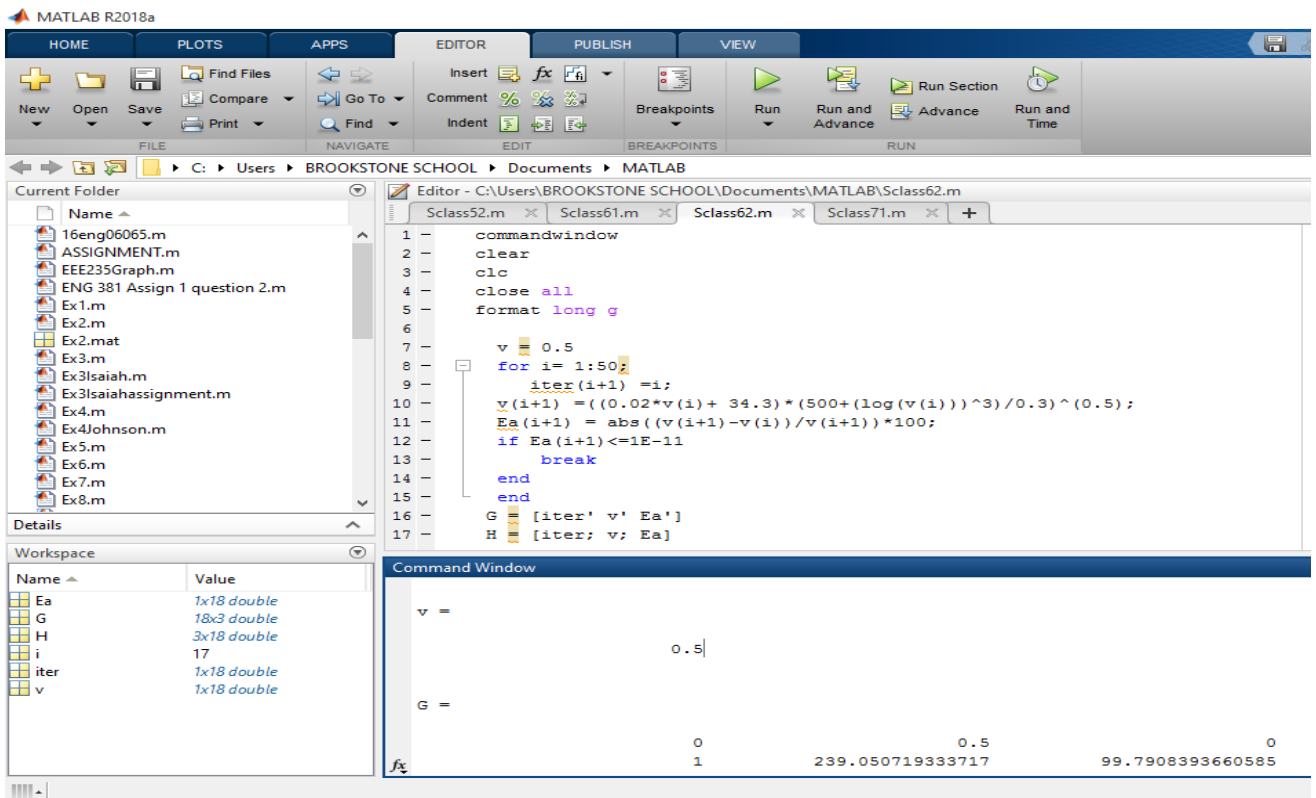
$$(((0.02V + 34.3) \times (500 + (lnV)^3))/0.3) = V^2$$

$$V = (((0.02V + 34.3) \times (500 + (lnV)^3))/0.3)^{(0.5)}$$

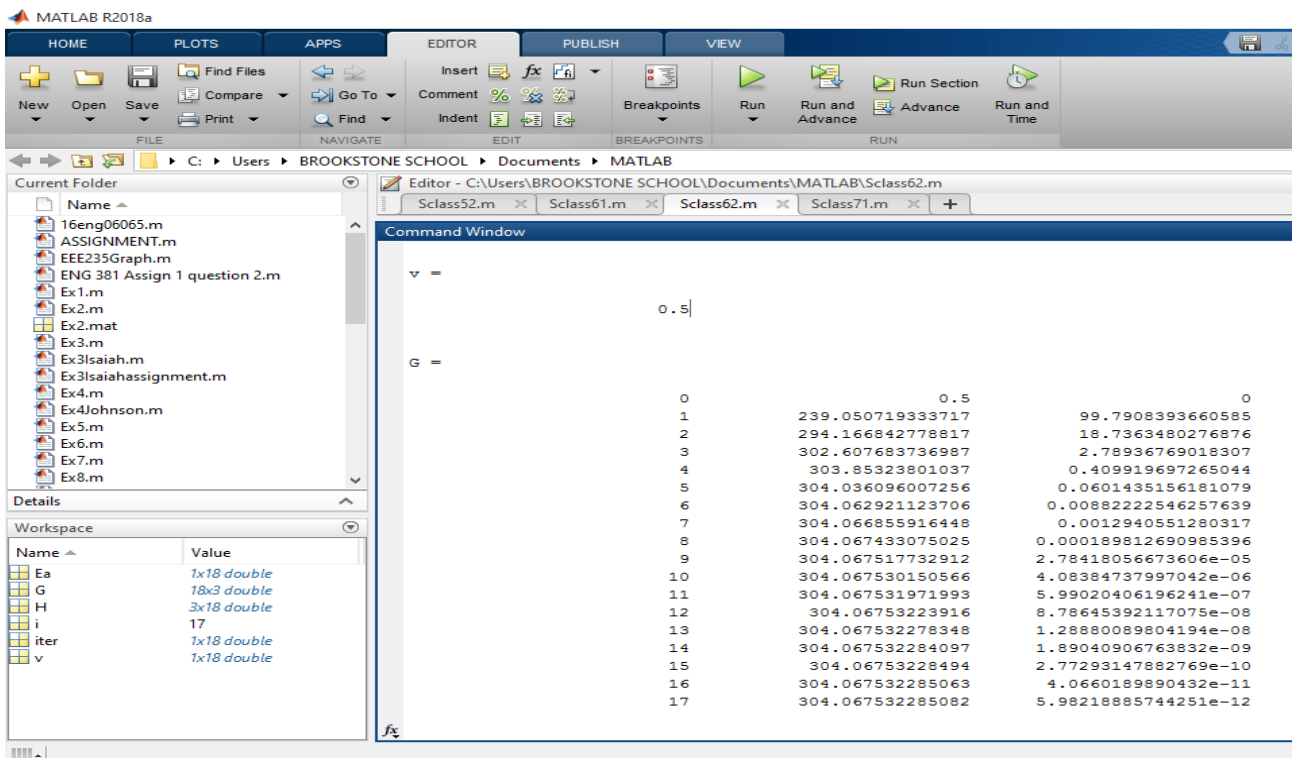
$$V_{i+1} = (((0.02V_i + 34.3) \times (500 + (lnV_i)^3))/0.3)^{(0.5)}$$

Ans = V = 304.0675323m/s

Codes for the Fixed-Point Iteration using MATLAB



RESULT OF THE CODE



MATLAB R2018a

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Workspace

Name	Value
Ea	1x18 double
G	18x3 double
H	3x18 double
i	17
iter	1x18 double
v	1x18 double