



Being A Lecture Note of Engineering Mathematics IV (ENG 382)

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Using MATLAB Built-In ODE Commands

- ODEs can be solved with the aid of MATLAB using built-in commands like *ode45*, *ode23*, *ode113*, *ode15s*, *ode23s*, *ode23t* and *ode23tb*.
- To use any of these commands to solve ODEs, two *mfiles* are required: (1) a function file and (2) a simulation file.

Example

The mathematical model set of a two-tank system is given, in form of two differential equations, to be as in Equations (1) and (2).

$$\frac{dh_1}{dt} = -0.02h_1 + 0.02h_2 \tag{1}$$

$$\frac{dh_2}{dt} = 0.02h_1 - 0.02h_2 \tag{2}$$

$$h_1(0) = 0$$

$$h_2(0) = 140$$



Using the initial conditions given in Equations (3) and (4), solve the model set of the system for $0 \le t \le 170 \,\text{min}$.

Function file

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function dydt = ebosafun(t,y)
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dydt(1) = -0.02*y(1) + 0.02*y(2);
dydt(2) = 0.02*y(1) - 0.02*y(2);
dydt = dydt';
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Solution

Simulation File

commandwindow

clearvars

close all

grid minor

axis tight

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[t,h] = ode45('ebosafun',[0 170], [0 140]);
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figure(1)
subplot(2,1,1)
plot(t,h(:,1))
xlabel('Time (min)')
ylabel('Tank 1 liquid level (m)')
grid on
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Simulation File (Contd.)
subplot(2,1,2)
plot(t,h(:,2))
xlabel('Time (min)')
ylabel('Tank 2 liquid level (m)')
grid on
grid minor
axis tight
figure(2)
plot(t,h)
xlabel('Time (min)')
ylabel('Liquid level (m)')
legend('Tank 1', 'Tank 2')
grid on
grid minor
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axis tight

