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EXCEL EA-1 Quiz 3  
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Please show your work or describe your reasoning. Do not simply mark an answer without explanation.

**NOTE: there are problems on the back of this sheet!**

### Problem 1: Linear models

A linear model is an equation designed to explain experimental data, having the form

$$\hat{y} = a_1 f_1(x) + a_2 f_2(x) + a_3 f_3(x) + \dots$$

For  $n$  data points  $(x, y)$ , the equation above can be written as a matrix equation with  $n$  rows for the model predictions  $\hat{y}_i$  as  $X\vec{a} = \hat{y}$ . The “best-fit” coefficients  $a_1, a_2, \dots$  are found by solving the matrix equation:

$$X^T X \vec{a} = X^T y$$

where  $y$  are the observed values and  $\hat{y}$  are the predicted values from the model.

- (a) Consider a linear model of the form  $\hat{y} = a_1 x + a_2 \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{2}\right)$ . For the following experimental data, find the matrix  $X$ .

$x$	$y$
0	0.1
1	1.5
2	1.5
3	1.25

- (b) Setup, **but do not solve**, the system of equations  $X^T X a = X^T y$  (i.e. calculate the matrix  $X^T X$  and the vector  $X^T y$ ).

## Problem 2: for and while loops

Assume that the Workspace has been cleared. Write a program using a for loop which produces the same output.

Original MATLAB Code:	Your MATLAB code:
<pre>n = 2;  while n &lt; 5     n = n + 1;     disp(n) end  disp(n)</pre>	

## Problem 3: while loops

Assume that the workspace and command window have been cleared. What is the output from the following script? **Remember, only the lines highlighted in grey will produce output.**

MATLAB Code	Output
<pre>d = 1; f = 120;  while f &gt; 1     f = f / d     d = d + 1; end  f d</pre>	

List one concept that confuses you, or one question you would like me to answer