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EXAM 2 – WRITTEN PORTION

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Problem 1:

This piece of code is supposed to print the squares of integers, so long as the squares are less than 5:

```
clc
clear variables
close all
m=0;
while (a < 5)
    fprintf('a = %2i \n',a)
    m=m+1;
    a=m*m;
end</pre>
```

However, it doesn't run at all. It produces one of those annoying red error messages in the command window:

??? Undefined function or variable 'a'.

```
Error in ==> written at 5 while (a < 5)
```

What is wrong with the code? Fix it!

Problem 2:

Consider the following code scrap:

```
clc
clear variables
close all
for i=1:3
    if (i==2)
        x=2;
    elseif (i > 2)
        x=2;
    elseif (i >= 3)
        x=3;
    end
end
```

What is the value of x after the code executes?

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Problem 3:

We have written a short main program that calls a simple function:

```
clc
clear variables
close all
a=1;
b=2;
c=simple(b,a);
fprintf('c = %2i \n',c)
```

```
function [c]=simple(a,b)
%
% function to compute c=a+b*b
%
c=a+b*b;
```

We thought that the program would print out c=5, but it says c=3. Fix the error in the code so that it works as intended.

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Problem 4:

We have written a main routine that calls a very simple function:

```
clc
clear variables
close all
fred=1;
sam=2;
tina=3;
bob=4;
answer=simple(fred,sam)
```

```
function [c]=simple(a,b)
%
% function to compute c=a+b*b
%
c=a+b*b;
```

Suppose that we run the debugger and put a breakpoint inside the function. Circle the correct option for each of the variables below:

fred=	1	2	3	4	not defined
sam=	1	2	3	4	not defined
tina=	1	2	3	4	not defined
bob=	1	2	3	4	not defined
a=	1	2	3	4	not defined
b=	1	2	3	4	not defined

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Put your code in two m-files: a main routine called lastname_main.m and a function called lastname_function.m.

Include your name, section number, and CM number in the header section of your main routine. There should be no output other than what is requested.

Problem (60 pts)

We wish to plot the displacement (y) of a damped mass-spring system:

where

$$y = e^{-t/\tau} \sin(\omega t) \tag{1}$$

τ (tau) = 1 s ω (omega) = 2 rad/s

We wish to use a time step size of dt=0.01 seconds and plot the curve starting at time zero and ending when the displacement of the mass is less than miny=-0.1 meters. (Note that miny is a negative number!)

Use a main routine and a function to accomplish this task.

The main routine should

- Set up the constants for the problem
- Call the function to create the time and displacement vectors for equation (1)
- Plot the vectors returned by the function
- Put good axis labels, a title, and a legend on the plot

The function should start with the line

function [t_vector,y_vector]=lastname_function(tau,omega,dt,miny)
(Here lastname should be your last name.) The function outputs are the time vector and the displacement vector.

When you are done, post your m-file answer to the correct folder:

- 1. Double-click on "My Network Places". If it is not on your desktop, look in your start menu.
- 2. Double-click on "[DFS] Root". Not [AFS] Root.
- 3. Log in with your email address and password.
- 4. Double-click on Academic Affairs.
- 5. Double-click on ME.
- 6. Double-click on ME123.
- 7. Double-click on Exams.
- 8. Double-click on the folder with your section number.
- 9. Copy and paste your m-file to this folder.

NOTE: All programming must stop at 10:40 AM. You will have a few minutes after that to post your file if you need that time.