

- `Array = sumAndProduct(3, 5);`
`Disp(array(1));`
`Disp(array(2));`
 `Function array = sumAndProduct(a, b)`
 `array(1) = a + b;`
 `array(2) = a*b;`
 `end`
- Parameters are the input to a function
 - There can be 0, 1 or more parameters
- Returned values are the output of a function
 - There can be no returned values, or there can be 1
 - To return more than 1, put it in an array
- Parameters and returned values do NOT have to be the same
- Almost always, its better to return a value instead of printing
 - Your function should not print anything unless specifically asked
- When Matlab reaches the **return** keyword, it gets out of the function immediately

Lecture 7.1

- Global variables are variables that can be seen in all files/functions
 - Useful if the variable stores data that needs to be used heaps
 - Contains a lot of data
- `global c;`
`c = 300000000;`
`disp(c);`
- This indicates that 'c' is a global variable, and is written in each file/function that will use the global variable
- A constant is a variable whose value should never change
 - Unlike regular variables, the convention is to spell constants with all capital letters, with each word separated by underscores
 - `global C;`
 - `M_PER_KM = 1000;`
- The `mod()` function returns the remainder after dividing the 1st parameter by the 2nd parameter.
 - `Mod(11, 3) = 2`
- The purpose of functions for a user
 - The user of the function knows what the function does, but doesn't know how the function does it
 - So the user of the function needs to know
 - What parameters need to be given (if any)
 - And what returned value if any will be given
 - This information can be given by the author of the function with documentation

- Write comments at the top of an .m file
 - These comments are visible to users of the function when they use the **help** command
 - The command should include the function header(function name, returned variable and parameters) and describe them if necessary
- We can put many functions into one file
 - The function at the top must have a name that matches the filename
 - The other functions are called auxiliary functions (or helper functions)
 - They cannot be used from outside of the file
 - They are local or private to the file
- Handling errors, we can avoid errors by making sure we always return a value
 - This can be very bad as the program will continue to run and we won't know what went wrong
- 2 types of bugs
 - Bugs that cause error messages
 - Try to use not initialised variables
 - Much easier to fix, Matlab guesses where the problem is
 - Bugs that don't cause error messages
 - Wrong value is calculated and printed
 - Harder to fix, you have to find that there is an error, and then figure out where it occurs
- As soon as we detect a problem, we should make it clear that an error has occurred
 - We can give a nice error message using error()
 - Same way as fprintf()
- Computers have limited precision and can't represent decimal numbers perfectly
 - In general, you must be careful when handling floating point (decimal) numbers

Lecture 8.1 – Strings in matlab

- A string(character string) is an ordered sequence of characters
 - In Matlab, a string is represented as an array (vector) of chars
- Whatever is between the single quotes will be the characters that for the string
 - S1 = 'Hello'
- If you want a single quote in the string, we type 2 single quotes
 - S2 = 'It''s so much fun!'
- Since a string is a 1D array, we can treat strings as 1D arrays
 - s1 = 'Fun';
size(s1) = 1 3
length(s1) = 3
s1(2) = u
- You can also add two strings together
 - S1 = 'Fun'
 - S2 = 'Joy'