

#### Find *n* such that *outerA* and *innerA* converge

First, itemize the tasks:

- define how close is close enough
- select an initial n
- calculate innerA, outerA for current n
- diff= outerA innerA
- close enough?
- if not, increase n, repeat above tasks

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#### Find *n* such that *outerA* and *innerA* converge

Now organize the tasks  $\rightarrow$  algorithm:

n gets initial value

Repeat until difference is small:

calculate innerA, outerA for current n

diff= outerA - innerA

increase n

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# Find *n* such that *outerA* and *innerA* converge

n gets initial value

while <difference is not small enough>
calculate innerA, outerA for current n
diff= outerA - innerA
increase n

end

Indefinite iteration

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areaCircle.m

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### Guard against infinite loop

Use a loop guard that guarantees termination of the loop. Or just limit the number of iterations.

while (B\_n-A\_n >delta && n<nMax)

See Eg2\_2.m

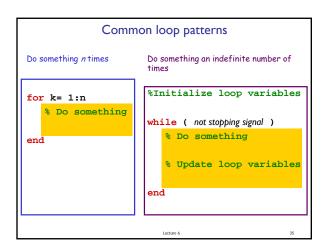
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# Another use of the while-loop: user interaction

- Example: Allow a user to repeatedly calculate the inscribed and circumscribed areas of n-gons on a unit circle.
- Need to define a "stopping signal"

areaIndef.m

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# Important Features of Iteration

- A task can be accomplished if some steps are repeated; these steps form the loop body
- Need a starting point
- Need to know when to stop
- Need to keep track of (and measure) progress

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In Matlab, which claim is true? (without break)

- for-loop can do anything while-loop can do
- while-loop can do anything for-loop
- for- and while-loops can do the same things

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for-loop or while-loop: that is the question

- for-loop: loop body repeats a fixed (predetermined) number of times.
- while-loop: loop body repeats an indefinite number of times under the control of the "loop guard."

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Review loops/conditionals using user-defined graphics function

Draw a black square; then draw a magenta disk; then draw a yellow star.

