

Minimization
To find where a function attains its minimum on an interval we use the fmin command.

example
First we make a M-file.

```
*****  
function w= f(x)  
w=exp(-x^2+2*x) - .5;  
*****
```

To find where f attains its minimum on [-1,3] go to the command window and type:

```
*****  
xm=fmin('f(x)',-1,3)  
*****
```

To find the minimum value type:

```
*****  
f(xm)  
*****
```

NOTE f(x) maximizes where -f(x) minimizes. To find the maximum value of f(x) on [-1,3] type:

```
*****  
xM=fmin('-f(x)',-1,3);  
f(xM)  
*****
```

To find the maximum of abs(f(x)) on [-1,3] type:

```
*****  
xM=fmin('-abs(f(x))',-1,3);  
abs(f(xM))  
*****
```

ASSIGNMENT 2 :
Let
 $h(x) = x^3 - 6x^2 + x$.

Graph h(x) on [-1,5] .
Find where h(x) maximizes on [-1,5] and its maximum value.
Find where h(x) minimizes on [-1,5] and its minimum value.