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I have not had the ambition to write a book of recipes: “given a certain problem, here is an algorithm for its solution.” That would be difficult, as the area is far too diverse to give clear-cut and simple solutions. Instead, my intention has been to give the student a set of tools that may be tried as they are but, more likely, that will need to be modified to be useful for a particular application. Some of the methods in the book are described using MATLAB scripts. They should not