Sage: Open Source Mathematics Software

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What is Sage?

- An open source system for advanced mathematics.
- An open source mathematics distribution (like Linux) with *Python* as the glue.
- A tool for mathematics research.
- A tool for teaching mathematics.

Mission Statement
Create a viable free open source alternative to Magma, Maple, Mathematica, and Matlab.

**An overview:**

- Created in 2005 by William Stein.
- GPL license.
- Includes about 100 open source packages.
- Now has around 500,000 lines of new code, by several hundred mathematician-programmers.

**The Sage Notebook**

A symbolic derivative (from Maxima).

```python
f(x) = x^3*e^-x
def = f.derivative()
df
```

Derivative of a function is again a function, and can be evaluated.

```python
slope = df(4)
slope
```

Arbitrary precision numerical values on request (from MPmath).

```python
N(slope, digits=20)
```

Can display plots in the notebook (matplotlib).

```python
plot(df, 0, 10, color='red', thickness=5)
```

Interactive demonstrations are easy to create with the “interact” decorator and modified function arguments.
@interact
def plotter(maxdegree=range(2,40)):
    import sage.plot.colors
    colors = sage.plot.colors.rainbow(maxdegree+1)
    var('x')
    wholeplot = plot(x^1, (x, 0, 1), color=colors[1])
    for i in range(2, maxdegree+1):
        newplot = plot(x^i, (x, 0, 1), color=colors[i])
        wholeplot = wholeplot + newplot
    show(wholeplot)

@interact
def taylor(order=slider(1, 12, 1, default=Integer(2), label="Degree of polynomial \( \hat{f} \)")):
    var('x')
x0 = 0
f = sin(x)*e^(-x)
p = plot(f, -1, 5, thickness=2)
dot = point((x0,f(x=x0)),pointsize=80,rgbcolor=(1,0,0))
ft = f.taylor(x,x0,order)
pt = plot(ft,-1, 5, color='green', thickness=2)
html("<font size='+1'>Taylor series approximation to <font color='blue'>${0}$</font> of degree {1} at <font color='red'>$x={2}$</font></font>".format(latex(f), Integer(order), x0))
show(dot + p + pt, ymin = -.5, ymax = 1)

Another interact, SVD image compression.
Note the import of the Python pylab library.

import pylab
A_image = pylab.mean(pylab.imread(DATA + 'mystery.png'), 2)
@interact
def svd_image(i=(1,(1..30)), display_axes=True):
    u,s,v = pylab.linalg.svd(A_image)
    A = sum(s[j]*pylab.outer(u[0:,j], v[j,0:]) for j in range(i))
    # g = graphics_array([matrix_plot(A),matrix_plot(A_image)])
    show(matrix_plot(A), axes=display_axes, figsize=(20,8))
    html('<h2>Compressed using %s singular values</h2>'%i)
LaTeX Integration

... is superb.

```python
A = random_matrix(QQ, 10, 10)
A
latex(A)
```

With "typeset" button checked.

```python
A = random_matrix(QQ, 10, 10)
A
```

Documentation

A huge number of examples are provided for (a) learning to use Sage commands, and (b) to test Sage commands. We call these “doctests.”

```python
M = matrix(QQ, 
[[1, -2, 2], 
[-4, 5, 6], 
[1, 2, 4]])
M
```

Illustrate tab-completion (rational form), help (doctests), source code

```python
M.
```

Multivariate Calculus

Study the integral \( \int_{-4}^{4} \int_{0}^{x^2} y^2 - 10x^2 \, dy \, dx \).

We can add text to our notebooks using TeX syntax and dollar signs.

```latex
\int_{0}^{4} \int_{0}^{x^2} y^2 - 10x^2 \, dy \, dx
```
var('x y z')
integral(integral(y^2-10*x^2, (y, 0, x^2)), (x, -4, 4))

surface = plot3d(y^2-10*x^2, (x, -4, 4), (y, 0, 16))
show(surface)

region = implicit_plot3d(y-x^2, (x, -4, 4), (y, 0, 16), (z, 0, 98), color='red', opacity=0.20)
show(surface+region)

A 3-D interact.

# 3-D motion and vector calculus
# Copyright 2009, Robert A. Beezer
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#
#
# 2009/02/15  Built on Sage 3.3.rc0
# 2009/02/17  Improvements from Jason Grout
#
# variable parameter is t
# later at a particular value named t0
#
# un-comment double hash (##) to get
# time-consuming torsion computation
#
var('t')
#
# parameter range
#
start=-4*pi
stop=8*pi
#
# position vector definition
# edit here for new example
# example is wide ellipse
# adjust figsize in final show() to get accurate aspect ratio
#
a=1/(8*\pi)
c=(3/2)*a
position=vector( (exp(a*t)*cos(t), exp(a*t)*sin(t), exp(c*t)) )
#
# graphic of the motion itself
#
path = parametric_plot3d( position(t).list(), (t, start, stop), color = "black"
#
# derivatives of motion, lengths, unit vectors, etc
#
velocity = derivative( position, t)
acceleration = derivative(velocity, t)
speed = velocity.norm()
speed_deriv = derivative(speed, t)
tangent = (1/speed)*velocity
dT = derivative(tangent, t)
normal = (1/dT.norm())*dT
binormal = tangent.cross_product(normal)
## dB = derivative(binormal, t)
#
# interact section
# slider for parameter, 24 settings
# checkboxes for various vector displays
# computations at one value of parameter, t0
#
@interact
def _(t0 = slider(float(start), float(stop), float((stop-start)/24), float(start) , label = "Parameter"):
pos_check = ("Position", True),
vel_check = ("Velocity", False),
tan_check = ("Unit Tangent", True),
nor_check = ("Unit Normal", True),
bin_check = ("Unit Binormal", True),
acc_check = ("Acceleration", False),
tancomp_check = ("Tangential Component", False),
norcomp_check = ("Normal Component", False)
):
#
# location of interest
#
pos_tzero = position(t0)
#
# various scalar quantities at point
#
speed_component = speed(t0)
tangent_component = speed_deriv(t0)
normal_component = sqrt(acceleration(t0).norm()^2 - tangent_component^2)
curvature = normal_component/speed_component^2
## torsion = (1/speed_component)*(dB(t0)).dot_product(normal(t0))
#
# various vectors, mostly as arrows from the point
#
pos = arrow3d((0,0,0), pos_tzero, rgbcolor=(0,0,0))
tan = arrow3d(pos_tzero, pos_tzero + tangent(t0), rgbcolor=(0,1,0) )
vel = arrow3d(pos_tzero, pos_tzero + velocity(t0), rgbcolor=(0,0.5,0))
nor = arrow3d(pos_tzero, pos_tzero + normal(t0), rgbcolor=(0.5,0,0))
bin = arrow3d(pos_tzero, pos_tzero + binormal(t0), rgbcolor=(0,0,0.5))
acc = arrow3d(pos_tzero, pos_tzero + acceleration(t0), rgbcolor=(1,0,1))
tancomp = arrow3d(pos_tzero, pos_tzero + tangent_component*tangent(t0), rgbcolor=(1,0,1))
norcomp = arrow3d(pos_tzero, pos_tzero + normal_component*normal(t0), rgbcolor=(1,0,1))
#
# accumulate the graphic based on checkboxes
#
picture = path
if pos_check:
    picture = picture + pos
if vel_check:
    picture = picture + vel
if tan_check:
    picture = picture+ tan
if nor_check:
    picture = picture + nor
if bin_check:
    picture = picture + bin
if acc_check:
    picture = picture + acc
if tancomp_check:
picture = picture + tancomp
if norcomp_check:
    picture = picture + norcomp
#
# print textual info
#
print "Position vector: r(t)=", position(t)
print "Speed is ", N(speed(t0))
print "Curvature is ", N(curvature)
## print "Torsion is ", N(torsion)
print
print "Right-click on graphic to zoom to 400%"
print "Drag graphic to rotate"
#
# show accumulated graphical info
#
show(picture, aspect_ratio=[1,1,1])

Mature, Reliable Foundation

Gap console, r object, scipy, IML
Sage is built on a solid foundation of open source packages for specific areas of mathematics.

- Groups, Algorithms, Programming (GAP) - group theory
- PARI - rings, finite fields, field extensions
- Singular - commutative algebra
- SciPy/NumPy - scientific computing, numerical linear algebra
- Integer Matrix Library (IML) - integer, rational matrices
- CVXOPT - linear programming, optimization
- NetworkX - graph theory
• Pynac - symbolic manipulation
• Maxima - calculus, differential equations

Group Theory
An example: permutation groups are built on GAP.

```python
G = DihedralGroup(8)
G
G.list()
G.is_abelian()
sg = G.subgroups()
[H.order() for H in sg]
H = sg[14]
H.list()
H.is_normal(G)
```

Exact Linear Algebra
Exact linear algebra over integers and rationals powered by Integer Matrix Library (IML).

```python
A = matrix(QQ,
[[1, -2, 3, 2, -1, -4, -3, 4],
[3, -2, 2, 5, 0, 6, -5, -5],
[0, -1, 2, 1, -2, -4, -1, 4],
[-3, 2, -1, -1, -6, -3, 5, 3],
[3, -4, 4, 0, 7, -7, -7, 6]])
A
A.rref()

b = vector(QQ, [2, -1, 3, 4, -3])
A.solve_right(b)

A matrix kernel (null space) is a vector space.
A.right_kernel(basis='pivot')
```
Numerical Linear Algebra

Numerical linear algebra is supplied by SciPy, through to LAPACK, ATLAS, BLAS.

A matrix of double-floating point real numbers (RDF).

```python
B = matrix(RDF,
[[0.4706, 0.3436, 0.7156, 0.1706, 0.3863, 0.222, -0.9673],
[0.9433, -0.7333, -0.2906, -0.5203, 0.3548, 0.7577, 0.3936],
[-0.8998, 0.9269, -0.9646, -0.2294, -0.8171, 0.4568, 0.5949],
[0.8814, 0.89, -0.2059, 0.7434, -0.1642, 0.6918, 0.7113],
[-0.0034, -0.9842, 0.7213, -0.7196, -0.7422, 0.3335, 0.5829],
[-0.5676, 0.6433, -0.2296, 0.2681, 0.2992, 0.6988, 0.3332],
[0.0366, -0.5788, 0.5882, 0.1559, -0.6434, 0.871, -0.6518]])
```

```python
Q, R = B.QR()
Q
(Q.conjugate_transpose()*Q).round(4)
R.round(4)
(Q*R-B).round(4)
```

Honest

Sage is built by teachers, for teachers (and researchers). The curriculum drives development, not the other way around. And the tool grows with students.

Linear Algebra

Linear algebra: vector spaces act like vector spaces.

Theorem: $N(B) \subseteq N(AB)$. 

A = random_matrix(QQ, 3, 4, num_bound = -9, den_bound = 9)
B = random_matrix(QQ, 4, 6, num_bound = -9, den_bound = 9)
NB = B.right_kernel()
NAB = (A*B).right_kernel()
print A
print
print B
print
NB.is_subspace(NAB)

Linear algebra: eigenvalues are algebraic numbers.

A = matrix(QQ, [[2, 2], [-1, 1]])
A

A.characteristic_polynomial()

ev = A.eigenvalues()
ev

rho = ev[0]
rho.parent()

Evaluate in characteristic polynomial.

evaluation = rho^2-3*rho+4
evaluation

evaluation == 0

Algebraic numbers are backed by number fields.

rho.as_number_field_element()
Graph Theory
Sage “knows” many interesting graphs.

graphs.

3-element subsets of a 7-set. Edge joins if sets are disjoint.

04 = graphs.OddGraph(4)
04.plot()

04.diameter()

04.chromatic_number()

$O_3$ is the Petersen graph.

03 = graphs.OddGraph(3)
P = graphs.PetersenGraph()
graphs_list.show_graphs([03, P])

Not obvious it is. But we have graph isomorphism handy.

P.is_isomorphic(03)

Powerful
Sage has realistic mathematical objects.

Finite Fields

F.<a> = FiniteField(3^4)
F

F.polynomial()

$a^4$
F.list()
powers = [a^i for i in [0..79]]
powers

sorted(powers + [F(0)]) == sorted(F.list())

y = 2*a^3 + 2*a^2 + a + 2
y.log(a)

y.log(a^4)

Coercion

How does Sage (or you?) know how to handle $5 + \frac{4}{3}$?
(Coercion – automatic conversion between number systems.)
A finite field is a vector space over its prime subfield.

V = F.vector_space()
V.list()

Can coerce field elements into the vector space, or vice versa.

x = a^34
x

v = V(x)
v

F(v)

Cython

A Sage-inspired project to convert Python to C, then compile.
Factorial, Python-style.

def py_fact(n):
    fact = 1
    for i in range(n):
        fact = fact*(i+1)
    return fact
py_fact(12)

timeit('py_fact(12)')

Cython-style.
(Iteration 2: cdef, long in header)

```python
%cython
def cy_fact(n):
    cdef:
        long fact, i
    fact = 1
    for i in range(n):
        fact = fact*(i+1)
    return fact

cy_fact(12)

timeit('cy_fact(12)')
```

Speed

Linear algebra is fast, number theory is fast. Arbitrary-precision real numbers, polynomials are fast. Probably lots of other things I don’t know about are also fast.

```python
A = random_matrix(ZZ, 200, 200)
A[100:105, 100:105]
A.determinant()

timeit("A.determinant()")

timeit("A.echelon_form()")

timeit("A.characteristic_polynomial()")
```
Versatile

- Command-line version.
- Notebook with local server.
- Notebook with remote server.
- Sage single cell server.

Demonstration: Open Textbooks with Sage

Tom Judson’s “Abstract Algebra” with Sage exercises. (http://abstract.ups.edu)

RAB’s “A First Course in Linear Algebra” with knowls and Sage cells. (http://linear.ups.edu)

American Institute of Math
http://aimath.org/textbooks/beezer/

Personal experiment
http://beezers.org/sb040-knowl-single/EEsection.html

Home Page examples
http://buzzard.ups.edu/home.html

This worksheet available at:
http://buzzard.ups.edu/talks.html