

Maxima

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Interaction & Help

- End a command ; (Use \$ to suppress output)
- Previous or n-th result % %th(n)
- numeric evaluation expr numeric
- Quit Maxima quit()
- Command info & Examples describe(command) example(command)
- Help search (exact or fuzzy) ? command ?? command

Input and Output

- loading library load(<lib-name>)
- saving expressions to a file save(string,expr1,...)
- loading saved maxima session loadfile(string)
- Print expression print
- TeX and FORTRAN output tex fortran
- executing a system command system(string)

Variables for Customization

- Setting bfloat precision fpprec fpprintprec
- Interactive printing display2d linel stardisp

Constants

- real positive/negative infinity inf minf
- Pi, e, and imaginary unit %pi %e %i
- boolean constants true false

Operators

- Basic arithmetic + - * / ^
- Noncommutative Product/Exponent . ^^ &: A^-1 . A = I
- factorial !
- equality & not equal = #
- inequalities < > >= <=
- logical operators and or no

Language Constructs

- block block(expr1,...,return(value))
- for-loop for var:value1 thru value2 [step value3] do block
- while-loop for var:value while expr do block
- if-then-else if expr then block1 else block2
- assignment : &: a : 10;
- define function := &: f(x) := x * x;
- define function f(x):=block(expr1,...,return(expr))
- lambda expr lambda([var1,...], expr)

Series

- Compute powerseries powerseries(expr,var,<point>)
- Compute truncated taylor series taylor(expr,var,<point>,<pow>)

Basic functions

- absolute value abs
- Check for even or odd evenp, oddp
- Check for numeric type integerp bfloatp
- Normal & integer square root sqrt isqrt
- max & min (2 or more args) max, min
- GCD (2 or more args) gcd
- convert to float/bigfloat float bfloat
- rounding numbers round truncate floor ceiling
- numerator and denominator num denom
- real and imaginary parts realpart imagpart
- signum signum
- complex natural logarithm plog
- natural log and exponential log exp
- Trigonometric sin asin cos acos tan atan atan2
- Hypertrigonometric sinh asinh cosh acosh tanh atanh
- division remainder mod(expr1,expr2)
- binomial coefficient binomial(expr1,expr2)
- Product product(expr,var,valuefrom,valueeto)
- Sum sum(expr,var,valuefrom,valueeto)

Working with expressions

- Add assumption assume(pred1,...)
- Add functional dependency depends(var_y, var_x)
- Declare variables R or C declare([var1,...],complex,var,real)
- substitute expr_sub for var in expr subst(expr_sub,var,expr)
- combine terms over common denominator xthru(expr)
- Factor variables out of expr factorout(expr,var1,...)
- expand expressions expand(expr) trigexpand(expr)
- factor an expression or integer factor(expr)
- Convert to canonical rational form rat(expr) trigrat(expr)
- Trigonometric expressions trigreduce(expr) trigsimp(expr)
- Right & Left Hand Side rhs(expr) & lhs(expr)
- EXPLICIT coefficient of var^n coeff(expr,var,n)
- Highest EXPLICIT exponent of var hipow(expr,var)

Lists

- create list [expr1,..]
- create copy of list copyleft(list)
- gets the ith element list[i]
- get named elements first second ... ninth tenth last
- checks membership member(expr,list)
- concatenates lists append(list1,list2)
- Length of list length(list)
- sort list sort(list), sort(list,pred)
- reverse list reverse(list)
- sublist (LISP find_if) sublist(list,pred)
- Operate element wise + - * / :
- Map func to elements map(func,list1,...)
- Reduce via binary op xreduce(string,list1) &: xreduce("a",[1,2]);
- Sum over list lsum(expr,var,list)
- Generate list expr makelist(expr,var,<<,n_beg,n_end||,list>>)

Strings And Characters

- create string "..."
- create character " " -- i.e. like a 1 element string
- list of characters in string charlist(string)
- substring substring(string,n_beg[,n_end])
- String by repeating char smake(n,char)
- Convert expression to string string(expr)
- Convert string to expression eval_string(string)
- Display strings with quotes stringdisp

Matrices and Linear Algebra

- Create matrix (args become rows) matrix(list1,...)
- Create n_r,n_c zero matrix (n_r, n_c) zeromatrix(n_r, n_c)
- Create n_xn diagonal matrix diagmatrix(n, expr)
- Create an n_xn identity matrix ident(n)
- Create an n_1xn_2 constant matrix value+zeromatrix(n_r, n_c)
- Create n_1xn_2 matrix from func genmatrix(func, n_r, n_c)
- Create a copy copymatrix(matrix)
- map func onto each matrix elem matrixmap(func,matrix)
- Append columns addcol(matrix,list1,...)
- Append rows addrow(matrix,list1,...)
- Get column and return as matrix col(matrix,n)
- Get row and return as matrix row(matrix,n)
- Element at (n_r, n_c) matrix[n_r, n_c]
- Dimensions as list: [n_r, n_c] matrix_size(matrix)
- Compute adjoint of a matrix adjoint(matrix)
- Compute determinant determinant(matrix)
- Compute charactstic polynomial charpoly(matrix,var)
- Compute eigenvalues eigenvalues(matrix)
- Compute eigenvectors eigenvectors(matrix)
- Compute inverse invert(matrix)
- Compute the rank rank(matrix)
- transpose transpose(matrix)
- Compute upper triangular form triangularize(matrix)
- Compute echelon form echelon(matrix)
- Compute Cholesky factorization cholesky(matrix)

Prime Numbers

- Prime factorization of n ifactors(n) factor(n)
- Check primality primep
- Prime number enumeration next_prime prev_prime
- Eulers totient-function totient

Random Numbers

- A Random number, or n in a list, from U[0,value] random(value[,n])
- Generators in 'load(distrib)'
- random_cauchy
- random_chi2
- random_exp
- random_f
- random_normal
- random_pareto
- random_geometric
- random_poisson
- random_bernoulli
- random_pareto
- random_beta
- random_weibull
- random_rayleigh
- random_gamma
- random_gumbel
- random_student_t
- random_hypergeometric
- random_lognormal
- random_logistic
- random_laplace
- random_binomial
- random_continuous_uniform
- random_discrete_uniform
- random_negative_binomial
- random_noncentral_chi2
- random_noncentral_student_t

Polynomials

- Coefficient of var^n ratcoef(expr,var,n)
- Convert to horners form horner(poly,var)
- List with quotient and remainder divide(poly1,poly2)
- Just the quotient quotient(poly1,poly2)
- Just the remainder remainder(poly1,poly2)
- List [a, b, GCD] such that a poly1 + b poly2 = GCD gcdex(poly1, poly2)
- Greatest common divisor gcd(poly1,...)
- Eliminate vars from equations eliminate([expr1,...], [var1,...])
- Factor polynomial over Q or Z[i] factor(poly) gfactor(poly)
- Product of polynomials fasttimes(poly1, poly2)

Calculus

- limit expr as var -> value limit(expr,var,value[,PLUS || MINUS])
- derivative of order n diff(expr,var[,n])
- antiderivative integrate(expr,var)
- Definite integral integrate(expr,var,value_low,value_high)

Equations

- Roots of a real polynomial allroots(poly)
- Rational approx of poly roots realroots(poly,value_tolerance)
- Solve system of equations solve([expr1,...],[var1,...])
- finds zero find_root(expr,var,value_low,value_high,[value_ahserr,value_reterr])
- Use bisection (see find_root) bf_find_root(...)
- Search for zero via Newton newton(expr,var,value_guess,value_eps)
- 'load(newton1)' loads this function
- Solve 2nd order ODE BVP bc2(<solution>, value_x1, value_y1, value_x2, value_y2)
- Solve system of linear ODEs desolve([expr1,...],[var1,...])
- Solve 1st order ODE IVP ic1(<solution>, value_x, value_y)
- Solve 2nd order ODE IVP ic2(<solution>, value_x, value_y, value_d)
- Solve 1st or 2nd order ODE ode2(expr,var,y, var_x)
- Use depends or ' depends(y,x); ode2(diff(y,x)=(1-2*x)/(3*y^2-4),y,x);
- Use depends or ' ode2('diff(y,x)=(1-2*x)/(3*y^2-4),y,x);

Plotting

- 2D plot2d(expr,[var,value_low,value_high])
- 3D plot3d(expr,[var1,value_low,value_high],[var2,value_low,value_high])
- ODE plotdf(expr) Ex: plotdf((1-2*x)/(3*y^2-4));

Numerical Integration

- Integrate expr quad_qag(expr,var1,value_low,value_high,n_key, over [value_low,value_high] [value_epsrel,value_epsabs,value_ellimit]) value_key is Gauss-Kronrod order
- Integrate expr quad_qags(expr,var1,value_low,value_high, over [value_low,value_high] [value_epsrel,value_epsabs,value_ellimit])