

# Symbolic Computation: Introduction of Sage



# Introduction: Textbook Example

In mathematics, a **Mersenne** prime is a prime **number** that is one less than a power of two. That is, it is a prime **number** of the form  $M_n = 2^n - 1$  for some integer  $n$ . They are named after Marin **Mersenne**, a French Minim friar, who studied them in the early 17th century.

Marin Mersenne found these:  $n=2, 3, 5, 7, 13, 17, 19, 31, 67, 127, 257$ . [?]

- In 1903 at a meeting of the American Sagel Society, F.N. Cole read a paper entitled “On the Factorization of Large Numbers.” When called upon to speak, Cole walked to the board and, saying nothing, raised two to its sixty-seventh power and subtracted one from the answer. Then he multiplied, longhand, 193,707,721 by 761,838,257,287 and the answer agreed. Without having said a word, Cole sat down to a standing ovation.
- Afterwards he announced that it has taken him **twenty years of Sunday afternoons** to factorize the Mersenne number  $2^{67}-1$ .
- Now, after 100 years, we have Sage/Sage/Maple, and the situation is totally different. It now takes only a fraction of a second to do the factorization.

# Getting Started and Getting Help

- Getting Sage: <http://mirrors.mit.edu/sage/index.html>
- Opening Sage
  - In Windows and Macintosh environments: open Sage as other programs
  - In Unix with X window: type `sage --notebook=jupyter`
- When you open Sage in a **notebook** environment, you get an empty notebook.
- At a basic level, we type in a command and Sage displays the result.
- Type  $2^{67}-1$  and then press **Shift+Enter** in the key pad or **Enter** in the number pad.
- Type `Factor[2^67-1]`.  
Be sure to type the capital letters and square bracket exactly as they appear.
- In the notebook, you can call `help()`

# Overview of Sage

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SageMath>

**SageMath** (previously **Sage** or **SAGE**, "System for Algebra and Geometry Experimentation"<sup>[3]</sup>) is a [computer algebra system](#) with features covering many aspects of [mathematics](#), including [algebra](#), [combinatorics](#), [graph theory](#), [numerical analysis](#), [number theory](#), [calculus](#) and [statistics](#).

The first version of SageMath was released on 24 February 2005 as [free and open-source software](#) under the terms of the [GNU General Public License](#) version 2, with the initial goals of creating an "open source alternative to [Magma](#), [Maple](#), [Mathematica](#), and [MATLAB](#)".<sup>[4]</sup> The originator and leader of the SageMath project, [William Stein](#), is a [mathematician](#) at the [University of Washington](#).

SageMath uses a syntax resembling [Python](#)'s,<sup>[5]</sup> supporting [procedural](#), [functional](#) and [object-oriented](#) constructs.

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- Libraries of number theory functions.
- Support for [complex numbers](#), [arbitrary-precision arithmetic](#), and [symbolic computation](#).
- Technical word processing including [formula editing](#) and embedding SageMath within [LaTeX](#) documents<sup>[8]</sup>.
- The Python standard library, including tools for connecting to [SQL](#), [HTTP](#), [HTTPS](#), [NNTP](#), [IMAP](#), [SSH](#), [IRC](#), [FTP](#) and others.
- Interfaces to some third-party applications like [Mathematica](#), [Magma](#), [R](#), and [Maple](#).
- [MoinMoin](#) as a [Wiki](#) system for knowledge management.
- Documentation using [Sphinx](#).
- An automated test-suite.
- Execution of [Fortran](#), [C](#), [C++](#), and [Cython](#) code<sup>[9]</sup>.
- SageMath can pull up [Mathematica](#) within a program.<sup>[10]</sup> Interfacing this way is documented officially to Sage.<sup>[11]</sup>

# Getting Started and Getting Help

- Like in MATLAB, the execution (or evaluation) results can be suppressed by a **semicolon**. Try `34^34` and `34^34;`; but assigning a variable will not print a value!
- Sage is case sensitive. Try `plot(sin(x),(x,0,10))` and `plot(Sin(x),(x,0,10))`
- In a notebook environment, you can do standard editing as with a word processor.
  - For example, you can move the cursor to the desired location by pressing the arrow keys or with the mouse.
  - After the editing, you can leave the cursor where it is and execute the command.

# Naming and Decimals

- Sage will not forgive you even the smallest error in syntax.
- Be especially careful with small and capital letters.
- You probably will occasionally get error message and wrong results because the syntax was not correct.
- Getting used to Sage takes time.
- Important conventions:
  - Built-in Sage names begin usually with a lowercase letter, such as `sin` or `integrate`.
  - Variables need to be specified using the `var` statement for example: `var('x','y')` or `var('x y')`
  - All arguments are given in parentheses (`()`) such as `sin(x)` and `integrate(a+bx,x)`.
  - Lists are specified the same way as in Python: modifiable `[]`, tuples `()`, dictionaries etc `{}`, to make executable lists like in matlab we will need to specify them as vector or matrix.

# Grouping

- $a/b^*c$  is interpreted as  $(a/b)^*c$  not as  $a/(b^*c)$ . Try  $[e^{-1}, e^{-1/2}, e^{(-1/2)}]$ .
- Remember to write the necessary parentheses.
- If you are uncertain whether you should use parentheses or not, go ahead and use them, because unnecessary parentheses are harmless.



# Lists

- lists are as in python

# Naming and Decimals

- Giving names
  - Assign **value** to **a**: **a = value**
  - Show the value of a: a
  - Clear the value of a: a =.
- Decimal values
  - A decimal value is not automatically computed. Try 10/4.
  - If the expression contains a decimal number, the result is also a decimal number. Try 10./4.
  - Calculate a decimal value for **expr**: N(expr)  
Try N(10/4).

# Symbolic and Numerical Computation

- Sage distinguishes between **exact integers** and **approximate real numbers**.
- **When given exact input**, Sage will not make approximations, even if it means nothing can be done with the input.
  - `sqrt(2)`: Sage does not compute the square root because there is no simpler way to represent the square root of two *exactly* other than by saying that it is the square root of two.
  - `sqrt(2.)`: The input included a decimal point, indicating that it was meant as an approximate real number. This causes Sage to give an approximate real-number result.
- **There is no arbitrary limit** to the number of digits in exact integer or floating-point numbers in Sage. Try `N(pi, 500000)` and `factorial(100000)`.

# Basic Calculations and Plotting

- **Basic arithmetic**
  - Plus, minus, division, and power:  $a+b$ ,  $a-b$ ,  $a/b$ , and  $a^b$
  - **Multiplications** must be expressed by an asterisk (\*):  $a*b$ .  
Try  $a=5$ ;  $b=3$ ;  $a*b$
- **Basic constants**
  - Try  $a = \text{vector}([\pi, e, i, \text{Infinity}])$  and  $N(a)$
- **Basic functions**
  - $\text{sqrt}(z)$  and  $\text{exp}(z)$
  - $\text{log}(z)$  and  $\text{log}(b,z)$ : natural log and logarithm to base  $b$
  - $\text{sin}(z)$ :  $z$  is in radians
  - Try  $\text{exp}(\text{log}(\text{sqrt}(z)))$
- **Basic plotting**
  - $\text{plot}(x^3 - 2*x - 5, (x, -3, 3))$

# Some Past Projects

Analyzing and Comparing Different Numerical Techniques for solving the Heat Equation:  
Eigenfunction Expansion Versus Finite Difference

Mathematical Modeling of Arterial Blood Flow

ECG Analysis

Computer Modeling of Groundwater Contaminant Transport

# Projects

- first part: presentation, I expect a presentation with powerpoint, keynote, or PDF for about 10 minutes, the presentation includes: introduction, model/problem, method of analysis/approach, results, conclusions.
- Written report
- If you work in a group, I need an independent certification what you have contributed to the group project sent to me by direct email (not canvas).

# Format of Project Report

- Single-spaced, typed report. A report generated using the publishing is not enough.
- Problem description (20 points)
  - Project goal
  - Objects of project tasks
- Implementation (40 points)
  - How do you answer each question of the project?
  - You need you include your code as an appendix, and your code should be well documented.
- Results and analysis (30 points)
  - How do you use your code to answer the project questions?
- Conclusions (10 points)
  - What have you learned or concluded from this study?



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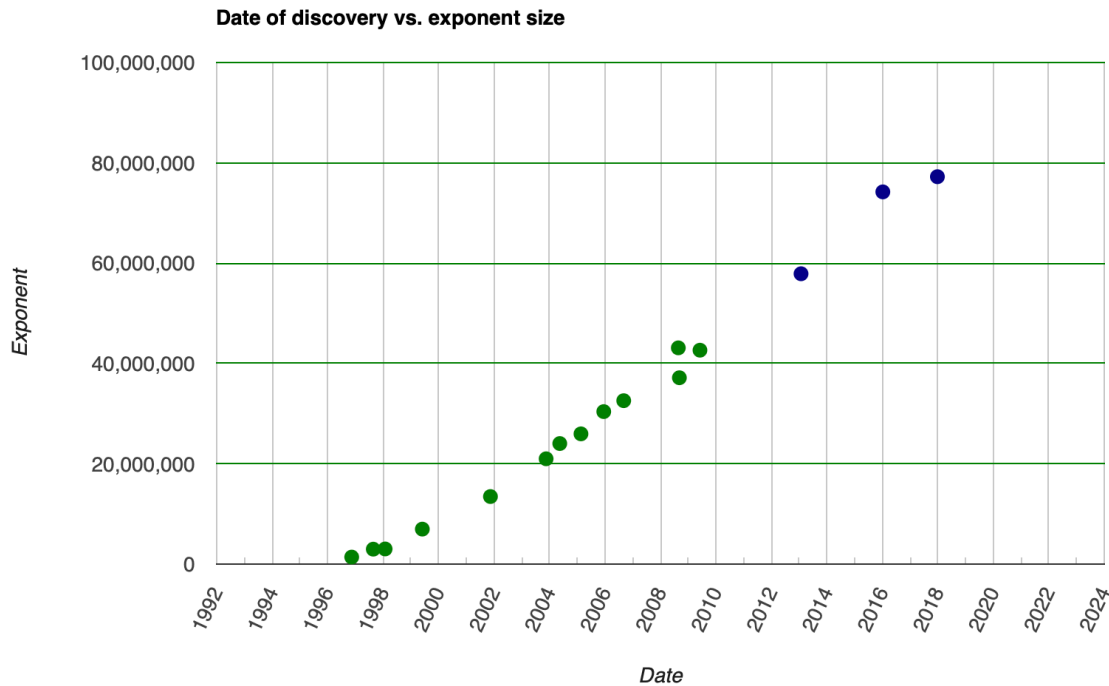
### List of Known Mersenne Prime Numbers

#	$2^p-1$	Digits	Date Discovered	Discovered By	Method / Hardware	Perfect Number
1	$2^2-1$	1	c. 500 BCE	Ancient Greek mathematicians		$2^1 \cdot (2^2-1)$
2	$2^3-1$	1	c. 500 BCE	Ancient Greek mathematicians		$2^2 \cdot (2^3-1)$
3	$2^5-1$	2	c. 275 BCE	Ancient Greek mathematicians		$2^4 \cdot (2^5-1)$
4	$2^7-1$	3	c. 275 BCE	Ancient Greek mathematicians		$2^6 \cdot (2^7-1)$
5	$2^{13}-1$	4	1456	Anonymous	trial division	$2^{12} \cdot (2^{13}-1)$
6	$2^{17}-1$	6	1588	Pietro Cataldi	trial division	$2^{16} \cdot (2^{17}-1)$
7	$2^{19}-1$	6	1588	Pietro Cataldi	trial division	$2^{18} \cdot (2^{19}-1)$
8	$2^{31}-1$	10	1772	Leonhard Euler	Enhanced trial division	$2^{30} \cdot (2^{31}-1)$
9	$2^{61}-1$	19	1883	Ivan Mikheevich Pervushin	Lucas sequences	$2^{60} \cdot (2^{61}-1)$
10	$2^{89}-1$	27	1911 Jun	R. E. Powers	Lucas sequences	$2^{88} \cdot (2^{89}-1)$
11	$2^{107}-1$	33	1914 Jun 11	R. E. Powers	Lucas sequences	$2^{106} \cdot (2^{107}-1)$
12	$2^{127}-1$	39	1876 Jan 10	Édouard Lucas	Lucas sequences	$2^{126} \cdot (2^{127}-1)$
13	$2^{521}-1$	157	1952 Jan 30	Raphael M. Robinson	L-L / SWAC	$2^{520} \cdot (2^{521}-1)$
14	$2^{607}-1$	183	1952 Jan 30	Raphael M. Robinson	L-L / SWAC	$2^{606} \cdot (2^{607}-1)$



43	$2^{30,402,457}-1$	9,152,052	2005 Dec 15	GIMPS / Curtis Cooper & Steven Boone	L-L / Prime95 on 2 GHz Pentium 4 PC	$2^{30,402,456} \cdot (2^{30,402,457}-1)$
44	$2^{32,582,657}-1$	9,808,358	2006 Sep 04	GIMPS / Curtis Cooper & Steven Boone	L-L / Prime95 on 3 GHz Pentium 4 PC	$2^{32,582,656} \cdot (2^{32,582,657}-1)$
45	$2^{37,156,667}-1$	11,185,272	2008 Sep 06	GIMPS / Hans-Michael Elvenich	L-L / Prime95 on 2.83 GHz Core 2 Duo PC	$2^{37,156,666} \cdot (2^{37,156,667}-1)$
46	$2^{42,643,801}-1$	12,837,064	2009 Jun 04	GIMPS / Odd M. Strindmo	L-L / Prime95 on 3 GHz Core 2 PC	$2^{42,643,800} \cdot (2^{42,643,801}-1)$
47	$2^{43,112,609}-1$	12,978,189	2008 Aug 23	GIMPS / Edson Smith	L-L / Prime95 on Dell Optiplex 745	$2^{43,112,608} \cdot (2^{43,112,609}-1)$
48*	$2^{57,885,161}-1$	17,425,170	2013 Jan 25	GIMPS / Curtis Cooper	L-L / Prime95 on Intel Core2 Duo E8400 @ 3.00GHz	$2^{57,885,160} \cdot (2^{57,885,161}-1)$
49*	$2^{74,207,281}-1$	22,338,618	2016 Jan 07	GIMPS / Curtis Cooper	L-L / Prime95 on Intel i7-4790 @ 3.60GHz	$2^{74,207,280} \cdot (2^{74,207,281}-1)$
50*	$2^{77,232,917}-1$	23,249,425	2017 Dec 26	GIMPS / Jon Pace	L-L / Prime95 on Intel i5-6600 @ 3.30GHz	$2^{77,232,916} \cdot (2^{77,232,917}-1)$

\* Provisional ranking, not all candidates between M43,112,609 and M77,232,917 have been eliminated



# Perfect number

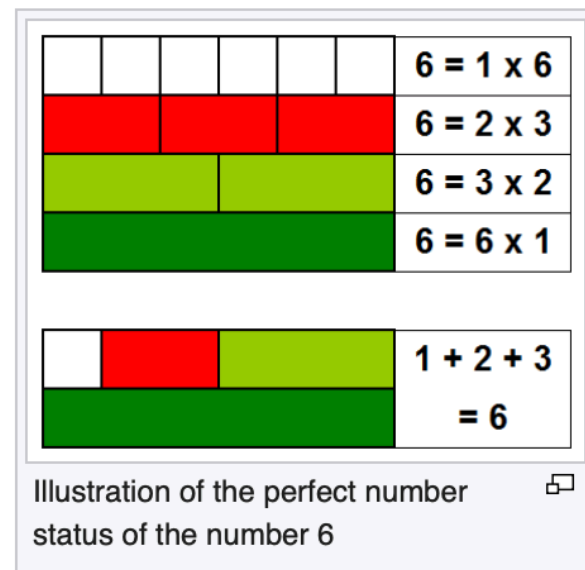
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*For the 2012 film, see [Perfect Number \(film\)](#).*

In [number theory](#), a **perfect number** is a [positive integer](#) that is equal to the sum of its proper positive [divisors](#), that is, the sum of its positive divisors excluding the number itself (also known as its [aliquot sum](#)). Equivalently, a perfect number is a number that is half the sum of all of its positive divisors (including itself) i.e.  $\sigma_1(n) = 2n$ .

This definition is ancient, appearing as early as [Euclid's Elements](#) (VII.22) where it is called τέλειος ἀριθμός (*perfect, ideal, or complete number*). [Euclid](#) also proved a formation rule (IX.36) whereby  $q(q + 1)/2$  is an even perfect number whenever  $q$  is a prime of the form  $2^p - 1$  for prime  $p$ —what is now called a [Mersenne prime](#). Two millenia later, [Euler](#) proved that all even perfect numbers are of this form.<sup>[1]</sup> This is known as the [Euclid–Euler theorem](#).

It is not known whether there are any odd perfect numbers, nor whether infinitely many perfect numbers exist.



# Basic Calculus

- Derivative of **expr** with respect to **x**: `diff(expr,x)`. Try `diff(x * sin(x), x)`.
- Infinite integral of **expr** with respect to **x**: `integrate(expr,x)`. Try `integrate(x*cos(x) + sin(x), x)`.
- Definite integral of **expr** with respect to **x** from **a** to **b**: `integrate(expr,(x,a,b))`.  
Try `integrate(x * sin(x), (x,0,1))`.

# Getting Help

- If you already know or can guess the function you need, and just want to be reminded of its arguments, the **? Operator** is a quick way to get information without opening a new window.
- Generate a random number between 1 and 6.
- Throw a die 10 times and find the maximum of the results.

# Tutorials

<https://doc.sagemath.org/html/en/tutorial/>

<https://wiki.sagemath.org/quickref?action=AttachFile&do=get&target=quickref-linalg.pdf>

<http://doc.sagemath.org/html/en/index.html>

<http://www.sagemath.org/tour-quickstart.html>

# Exercises

Find roots

how to solve equations with 1, 2, 3, ... unknowns