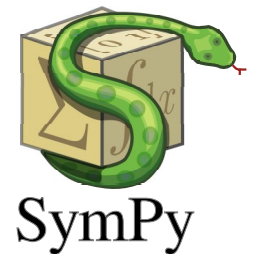


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SymPy



- SymPy is a symbolic mathematics library for Python.
- It is a very powerful computer algebra system, which is easy to include in your Python scripts.
- Please find the documentation and a tutorial here <https://www.sympy.org/en/index.html> (<https://www.sympy.org/en/index.html>).

SymPy live

There is a very nice SymPy live shell in <https://live.sympy.org/> (<https://live.sympy.org/>), where you can try SymPy without installation.

```
In [125]: IFrame(src='https://live.sympy.org/', width=1000, height=600)
```

Out[125]:



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Python console for SymPy 1.5.1 (Python 2.7.12)

These commands were executed:

```
>>> from __future__ import division
>>> from sympy import *
>>> x, y, z, t = symbols('x y z t')
>>> k, m, n = symbols('k m n', integer=True)
>>> f, g, h = symbols('f g h', cls=Function)
```

Warning: this shell runs with SymPy 1.5.1 and so examples pulled from other documentation may provide unexpected results.
Documentation can be found at <http://docs.sympy.org/1.5.1>.

SymPy import and basics

```
In [126]: import sympy as sp  
  
%matplotlib inline
```

Symbols can be defined with `sympy.symbols` like:

```
In [127]: x, y, t = sp.symbols('x, y, t')
```

These symbols and later equations are rendered with LaTeX, which makes pretty prints.

```
In [128]: display(x)
```

x

Expressions can be easily defined, and equations with left and right hand side are defined with `sympy.Eq` function.

```
In [129]: expr = x**2  
          expr
```

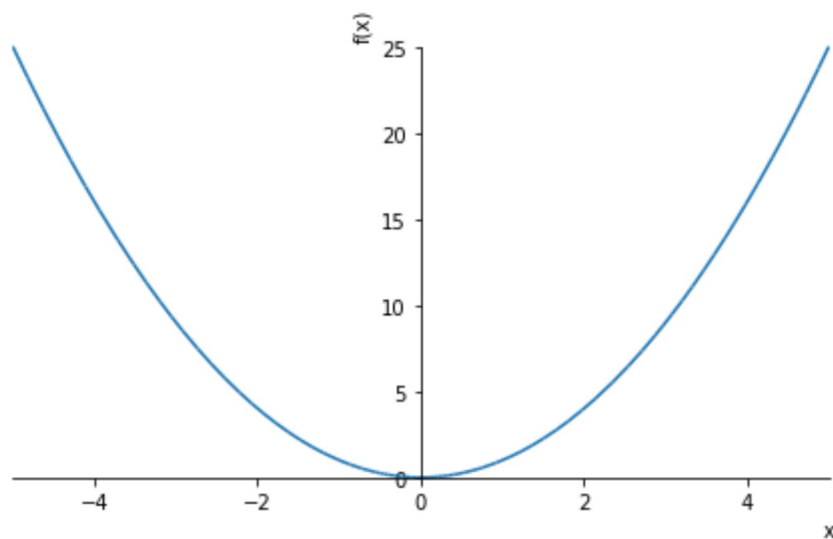
```
Out[129]:  $x^2$ 
```

```
In [130]: eq = sp.Eq(3*x, -10)
eq
```

```
Out[130]:  $3x = -10$ 
```


Plots are done with `sympy.plot` and the value range can be adjusted.

```
In [131]: sp.plot(expr, (x, -5, 5))
```



```
Out[131]: <sympy.plotting.plot.Plot at 0x7fa3389a8b10>
```

Why should you consider symbolic math at all?

The power of symbolic computation is their precision. Just compare these two results.

```
In [132]: import math  
          math.sqrt(8)
```

```
Out[132]: 2.8284271247461903
```

```
In [133]: sp.sqrt(8)
```

```
Out[133]:  $2\sqrt{2}$ 
```

You can simplify expressions and equations and also expand them.

```
In [134]: eq = sp.sin(x)**2 + sp.cos(x)**2  
eq
```

```
Out[134]:  $\sin^2(x) + \cos^2(x)$ 
```

```
In [135]: sp.simplify(eq)
```

```
Out[135]: 1
```

```
In [136]: eq = x*(x + y)
eq
```

Out[136]: $x(x + y)$

```
In [137]: sp.expand(eq)
```

Out[137]: $x^2 + xy$

```
In [138]: sp.factor(eq)
```

Out[138]: $x(x + y)$

Differentiation and integration are built in of course.

```
In [139]: eq = sp.sin(x) * sp.exp(x)  
eq
```

Out[139]: $e^x \sin(x)$

```
In [140]: sp.diff(eq, x)
```

Out[140]: $e^x \sin(x) + e^x \cos(x)$

```
In [141]: sp.integrate(eq, x)
```

Out[141]: $\frac{e^x \sin(x)}{2} - \frac{e^x \cos(x)}{2}$

Or define an explicit interval for the integration.

```
In [142]: sp.integrate(eq, (x, -10, 10))
```

```
Out[142]: 
$$\frac{e^{10} \sin(10)}{2} + \frac{\cos(10)}{2e^{10}} + \frac{\sin(10)}{2e^{10}} - \frac{e^{10} \cos(10)}{2}$$

```

We can also easily substitute one variable of an expression.

```
In [143]: eq.subs(x, 2)
```

```
Out[143]:  $e^2 \sin(2)$ 
```

Solve one equation. $x^2 + 3x = 10$.


```
In [144]: sp.solve(x**2 + 3*x - 10, x)
```

```
Out[144]: [-5, 2]
```

More advanced topics

Here, we will solve a linear system of equations.

```
In [145]: e1 = sp.Eq(3*x + 4*y, -20)
          e2 = sp.Eq(4*y, -3)

          system_of_eq = [e1, e2]

          from sympy.solvers.solveset import linsolve

          linsolve(system_of_eq, (x, y))
```

```
Out[145]:  $\left\{ \left( -\frac{17}{3}, -\frac{3}{4} \right) \right\}$ 
```

Also differential equations can be used. Let us solve $y'' - y = e^t$ for instance.

```
In [146]: y = sp.Function('y')  
          sp.dsolve(sp.Eq(y(t).diff(t, t) - y(t), sp.exp(t)), y(t))
```

```
Out[146]:  $y(t) = C_2 e^{-t} + \left(C_1 + \frac{t}{2}\right) e^t$ 
```

Finally, we will have a short look at matrices.

```
In [147]: A = sp.Matrix([[0, 1],  
                        [1, 0]])  
A
```

```
Out[147]:  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ 
```

```
In [148]: A = sp.eye(3)  
A
```

```
Out[148]:  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ 
```

```
In [149]: A = sp.zeros(2, 3)  
A
```

```
Out[149]:  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ 
```


Inversion of a matrix is done with `** -1` or better readable with `.inv()` .

```
In [150]: A = sp.eye(2) * 4  
          A.inv()
```

```
In [153]: A[-2] = x  
          A
```

```
Out[153]:  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ x & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ 
```

To sum up

- SymPy is a very powerful computer algebra package!
- It is light, small, and easy to install through pip and conda.
- Simple to integrate in your Python project.