

# assertion

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[1]: from casadi import *
```

CasADi provides a mechanism to add assertions in an MX expression graph. This can be useful to debug your code, e.g. debugging why the end-result of a computation yields NaN.

Consider this example:

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[2]: x = MX.sym("x")  
     y = sin(x)  
     z = sqrt(y)
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[3]: f = Function("f", [x], [z])
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[4]: z0 = f(5)
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[5]: print(z0)
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-nan

For some mysterious reason we get NaN here

Next, we add an assertion:

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[6]: y = y.attachAssert(y>0, "bummer") # Add assertion here
      z = sqrt(y)
```

```
[7]: f = Function("f", [x],[z])
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[8]: try:
      z0 = f(5)
      except Exception as e:
          print("An exception was raised here:")
          print(e)
```

An exception was raised here:

Error in Function::call for 'f' [MXFunction] at

.../casadi/core/function.cpp:330:

.../casadi/core/assertion.cpp:70: Assertion error: bummer

You can combine this with Callback to do powerful assertions

```
[9]: class Dummy(Callback):
      def __init__(self, name, opts={}):
          Callback.__init__(self)
          self.construct(name, opts)
      def get_n_in(self): return 1
      def get_n_out(self): return 1
      def eval(self, arg):
          import numpy
          x = arg[0]
          m = max(numpy.real(numpy.linalg.eig(blockcat([[x,-1],[-1,2]]))[0]))
          print("m=",m)
          return [int(m>2)]
```

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[10]: foo = Dummy("foo")
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[11]: y = sin(x)
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[12]: y = y.attachAssert(foo(y), "you are in trouble") # Add assertion here
      z = sqrt(y)
```

```
[13]: f = Function("f", [x],[z])
```

```
[14]: z0 = f(5)
```

m= 2.3062613059254473