

## PROJECT SOLUTIONS À LA SAGEMATH (WEEK 10)

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One goal today is to be able to plot *with and without Sage*<sup>1</sup>. You will need *some sort* of computer to access `sagecell.sagemath.org`.

(If you have trouble, these links are all posted at `quamash.net/math1300`.) You can also scan this QR code.



FIGURE 1. <https://sagecell.sagemath.org/?q=ilvouj>

### 1. SAGE COMMANDS TO GET STARTED

To define a *symbolic* function.

```
f(x) = x^3 + 4*x^2 - 2*x + 1
```

To differentiate  $f(x)$  *with respect to*  $x$ , i.e., to find  $\frac{df}{dx}$ .

```
diff(f(x), x)
```

To differentiate twice, i.e., to find  $\frac{d^2f}{dx^2}$ .

```
diff(f(x), x, 2)
```

To differentiate  $xy + \sin(x^2) + e^{-x}$  with respect to  $x$  (notice the **asterisk** for multiplication).

```
diff(x*y + sin(x^2) + e^(-x), x)
```

To plot a parabola on the domain  $-1 < x < 1$ .

```
plot(x^2)
```

To plot  $g(x) = x^2 \sin(1/x)$  on the domain  $[-5, 5]$ .

```
g(x) = x^2 * sin(1/x)
plot(g(x), -5, 5)
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<sup>1</sup>Sage is a family of free open-source mathematics software packages, first released in 2005 by William Stein (among others) at the University of Washington.

To plot the function  $h(x) = |x|\sin(1/x)$  and its first derivative  $\frac{dh}{dx}$  on the domain  $[-2, 2]$ .

```
h(x) = abs(x)*sin(1/x)
hprime(x)= diff(h(x), x)
plot( h(x),-2,2 ) + plot( hprime(x),-2,2, color='red' )
```

Notice that I defined `hprime(x)` as the *symbolic* derivative of `h(x)`. In the last line, I *concatenated* the `plot` command so that Sage will *superimpose* the plots. That is, `plot(h) + plot(diff(h,x))` tells Sage to plot  $h$ , then to plot  $\frac{dh}{dx}$  in the same pane.

## 2. PROJECT SOLUTIONS

Please *make a complete attempt* at problem 1 before looking at this solution.



FIGURE 2. <https://sagecell.sagemath.org/?q=kcogeo>

Again, *make a complete attempt* at problem 2 before looking at this solution.



FIGURE 3. <https://sagecell.sagemath.org/?q=xexzxf>

## 3. (OPTIONAL) READING MATERIAL

If you like Sage, I have posted a Gregory Bard's *Sage for Undergraduates* along with two other guides at [quamash.net/math1300](http://quamash.net/math1300). Bard's introduction (pages 1–20) and access to [sagecell.sagemath.org](https://sagecell.sagemath.org) is legit the best place to start.

## 4. ENJOY YOUR SPRING BREAK!