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1 Array Representation For Expressions

Maxima expressions are normally implemented internally as lisp lists, but they may also be represented by lisp arrays. Each representation has advantages.

2 Attributes

A function may possess a list of attributes. The attributes control how the arguments to the function are evaluated and how errors are handled.

- `attributes`
- `attributes_find`
- `hold_all`
- `set_match_form`
- `set_nowarn`
- `unset_match_form`
- `unset_nowarn`

2.1 Function: `attributes`

`attributes(name)`
next package: `defmfun1`

Description Returns a list of the ‘attributes’ of function *name*.

Arguments `attributes` requires one argument *name*, which must be a string or a symbol.

Attributes `attributes` has attributes: `[match_form]`

See also `unset_match_form`, `set_match_form`, `set_nowarn`, and `unset_nowarn`.

2.2 Function: `attributes_find`

`attributes_find(:optional attribute)`
next package: `defmfun1`

Description Return a list of all functions for which the attribute *attribute* is set. Some attributes are *match_form*, *hold_all*, and *nowarn*.

Arguments `attributes_find` requires either zero or one arguments. If present, the argument *attribute* must be a string or a symbol.

Attributes `attributes_find` has attributes: `[match_form]`

2.3 Attribute: hold_all

next package: defmfun1

Description A function with the attribute `hold_all` evaluates none of its arguments.

2.4 Function: set_match_form

`set_match_form(names)`

next package: defmfun1

Description Set the ‘match_form’ attribute for function(s) *names*. If the argument checks for a function call fail, and the attribute ‘match_form’ is set, then rather than signaling an error, the unevaluated form is returned. Furthermore, if the attribute ‘nowarn’ is not set, then a warning message is printed. Currently, only automatic argument checks generated from the defmfun1 protocol are controlled. Argument checks and errors written within the body of the functions occur regardless of function attributes.

Arguments `set_match_form` requires one argument *names*, which must be a string, a symbol, or a list of strings or symbols.

Attributes `set_match_form` has attributes: [match_form]

See also `unset_match_form`, `set_nowarn`, `unset_nowarn`, and `attributes`.

2.5 Function: set_nowarn

`set_nowarn(names)`

next package: defmfun1

Description Set the ‘nowarn’ attribute for function(s) *names*. If the argument checks for a function call fail, and the attribute ‘match_form’ is set, and the attribute ‘nowarn’ is set, then rather than signaling an error, the unevaluated form is returned and no warning message is printed.

Arguments `set_nowarn` requires one argument *names*, which must be a string, a symbol, or a list of strings or symbols.

Attributes `set_nowarn` has attributes: [match_form]

See also `unset_match_form`, `set_match_form`, `unset_nowarn`, and `attributes`.

2.6 Function: unset_match_form

`unset_match_form(names)`

next package: defmfun1

Description Unset the ‘match_form’ attribute for function(s) *names*. If the argument checks for a function call fail, and the attribute ‘match_form’ is set, then rather than signaling an error, the unevaluated form is returned. Furthermore, if the attribute ‘nowarn’ is not set, then a warning message is printed. Currently, only automatic argument checks generated from the defmfun1 protocol are controlled. Argument checks and errors written within the body of the functions occur regardless of function attributes.

Arguments `unset_match_form` requires one argument *names*, which must be a string, a symbol, or a list of strings or symbols.

Attributes `unset_match_form` has attributes: [match_form]

See also `set_match_form`, `set_nowarn`, `unset_nowarn`, and `attributes`.

2.7 Function: `unset_nowarn`

`unset_nowarn`(*names*)
next package: `defmfun1`

Description Unset the ‘nowarn’ attribute for function(s) *names*. If the argument checks for a function call fail, and the attribute ‘match_form’ is set, and the attribute ‘nowarn’ is set, then rather than signaling an error, the unevaluated form is returned and no warning message is printed.

Arguments `unset_nowarn` requires one argument *names*, which must be a string, a symbol, or a list of strings or symbols.

Attributes `unset_nowarn` has attributes: `[match_form]`

See also `unset_match_form`, `set_match_form`, `set_nowarn`, and `attributes`.

3 Functions and Variables for Array Representation for Expressions

These functions operate on the the array expression data structure.

- `aeop`
- `aex`
- `aex_cp`
- `aex_get`
- `aex_new`
- `aex_set`
- `aex_shift`
- `aex_unshift`
- `aexg`
- `aexs`
- `copy_aex_type`
- `deep_copy`
- `faex`
- `flex`
- `iapply`
- `iargs`
- `ilength`
- `iop`
- `ipart`
- `ipart_set`
- `ireverse`

- lex
- raex
- rlex

3.1 Function: aeop

aeop(*expr*)
 next package: aex

Description op function for aex. returns op if *e* is not an aex.

Arguments aeop requires one argument *expr*, which must be non-atomic.

Attributes aeop has attributes: [match_form]

3.2 Function: aex

aex(:optional *x*)
 next package: aex

Calling

aex(*e*) Converts expression *e* to an array representation. The input expression *e* is returned unchanged if it is already an array expression or is a symbol or number or specially represented maxima expression. This function converts only at the first level.

Arguments aex requires either zero or one arguments.

Options aex takes options with default values: adj->true.

Attributes aex has attributes: [match_form]

3.3 Function: aex_cp

aex_cp(*e* :optional *head*)
 next package: aex

Calling

aex_cp(*e*) Returns an aex form copy of *e*. *e* may be in either lex or aex form. Conversion to aex representation occurs only on the first level.

Arguments aex_cp requires either one or two arguments. The first argument *e* must be non-atomic.

Options aex_cp takes options with default values: adj->true.

Attributes aex_cp has attributes: [match_form]

3.4 Function: aex_get

next package: aex

Description Returns the *n*-th part of aexpr *e*. A value of *n* less than 0 is not allowed. This is more efficient than **aexg**, which returns the head of the expression when *n* is equal to zero.

Examples

```
(%i1) a : aex([5,6,7]), aex_get(a,2);
(%o1) 7
```

3.5 Function: `aex_new`

`aex_new`(*n* : optional *head*)
next package: `aex`

Description makes a new `aex` object. The default op is list. Default type is any (true). Default initial element is the lisp default.

Arguments `aex_new` requires either one or two arguments. The first argument *n* must be a non-negative integer.

Options `aex_new` takes options with default values: `init->>false`, `type->>true`.

Attributes `aex_new` has attributes: `[match_form]`

3.6 Function: `aex_set`

next package: `aex`

Description Destructively sets the *n*th part of `aexpr e` to value *v*. A value of 0 for *n* is not allowed. This is more efficient than `aexs`. No argument checking is done.

Examples

Destructively assign to a part of an expression.

```
(%i1) a : aex([1,2,3]), aex_set(a,1,x), a;  
(%o1) <<[1,x,3]>>
```

See also `aexs` and `ipart`.

3.7 Function: `aex_shift`

`aex_shift`(*e*)
next package: `aex`

Description destructively removes an element from the end of *e*. For array representation of expressions we use the words ‘push’ and ‘pop’ for the beginning of and expression, and ‘shift’ and ‘unshift’ for the end of an expression, whether the representation is an array or a list. This is consistent with maxima, but the reverse of the meaning of the terms in perl.

Arguments `aex_shift` requires one argument *e*, which must be an adjustable array expression.

Attributes `aex_shift` has attributes: `[match_form]`

Examples

```
(%i1) a : lrange(10,ot->ar);  
(%o1) <<[1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10]>>  
(%i1) b : aex_shift(a);  
(%o1) 10  
(%i2) a;  
(%o2) <<[1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9]>>
```

3.8 Function: aex_unshift

aex_unshift(*v*, *e*)
next package: aex

Description Destructively pushes an element *v* onto the end of *e*. The return value is *v*. For array representation of expressions we use the words ‘push’ and ‘pop’ for the beginning of and expression, and ‘shift’ and ‘unshift’ for the end of an expression, whether the representation is an array or a list. This is consistent with maxima, but the reverse of the meaning of the terms in perl.

Arguments **aex_unshift** requires two arguments. The second argument *e* must be an adjustable array expression.

Attributes **aex_unshift** has attributes: [match_form]

Examples

```
(%i1) a : lrange(10,0->ar), aex_unshift("dog",a), a;  
(%o1) <<[1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,"dog"]>>
```

3.9 Function: aexg

next package: aex

Description **aexg**(*e*,*n*) returns the *n*th part of aexpr *e*. If *n* is 0, the head of *e* is returned. No argument checking is performed.

See also **aex_get**, **ipart**, **inpart**, and **part**.

3.10 Function: aexs

next package: aex

Description destructively sets the *n*th part of aexpr *e* to value *v*. A value of 0 for *n* returns the head (or op) of *e*.

3.11 Function: copy_aex_type

copy_aex_type(*ein*)
next package: aex

Description Create a new aex with same head,length,adjustability,etc. but contents of expression are not copied.

Arguments **copy_aex_type** requires one argument *ein*, which must be an array-representation expression.

Attributes **copy_aex_type** has attributes: [match_form]

3.12 Function: deep_copy

deep_copy(*expr*)
next package: aex

Description Note: it appears that the core maxima function **copy** achieves the same result as **deep_copy**, so that the latter is redundant. It will probably be removed. **deep_copy** returns a copy of expression *expr* which may be of mixed lex/aex representation. An exact copy is made; that is, the representation is preserved

at all levels. `deep_copy` is similar to `copylist`, except that it can copy some expressions that `copylist` cannot. For instance, if *expr* is of aex representation at the top level.

Arguments `deep_copy` requires one argument.

Attributes `deep_copy` has attributes: [match_form]

3.13 Function: faex

`faex(e)`

next package: aex

Description deep copy *e* converting to aex representation at all levels.

Arguments `faex` requires one argument.

Attributes `faex` has attributes: [match_form]

3.14 Function: flex

`flex(e)`

next package: aex

Description deep copy *e* converting to lex representation at all levels.

Arguments `flex` requires one argument.

Attributes `flex` has attributes: [match_form]

3.15 Function: iapply

`iapply(fun, arg)`

next package: aex

Description `iapply` is like maxima `apply`, but it supports aex lists. *arg* is converted to an ml if it is an aex expression. By default, output is ml regardless of the input representation.

Arguments `iapply` requires two arguments. The first argument *fun* must be a map-able function. The second argument *arg* must be non-atomic.

Options `iapply` takes options with default values: `adj->true`, `ot->ml`.

Attributes `iapply` has attributes: [match_form]

Examples

```
(%i1) iapply(%ff, lrange(4));  
(%o1) %ff(1,2,3,4)
```

```
(%i1) iapply(%ff, lrange(4, [ot->ar]));  
(%o1) %ff(<<[1,2,3,4]>>)
```

```
(%i1) iapply(%ff, lrange(4, [ot->ar]), [ot->ar] );  
(%o1) %ff<<<<[1,2,3,4]>>>>
```

```
(%i1) iapply(%ff, lrange(4), [ot->ar] );  
(%o1) %ff<<1,2,3,4>>
```

3.16 Function: iargs

iargs(*e*)

mext package: aex

Description returns a list of the arguments of *e*, which may be either a lex or aex expression. This works like **args**, but is more general.

Arguments **iargs** requires one argument *e*, which must be a subscripted variable or non-atomic.

Options **iargs** takes options with default values: **adj**->**true**, **ot**->**ml**.

Attributes **iargs** has attributes: [match_form]

3.17 Function: ilength

ilength(*e*)

mext package: aex

Description Returns the length of the expression *e*. This is like maxima **length**, but here, *e* can be either an aex or a lex.

Arguments **ilength** requires one argument *e*, which must be a subscripted variable or non-atomic.

Attributes **ilength** has attributes: [match_form]

3.18 Function: iop

iop(*expr*)

mext package: aex

Description returns the main operator of the expression *expr*, which may be either a lex or aex expression. This works like 'op', but is more general.

Arguments **iop** requires one argument *expr*, which must be a subscripted variable or non-atomic.

Attributes **iop** has attributes: [match_form]

3.19 Function: ipart

mext package: aex

Calling

ipart(*e*, *ind1*, *ind2*, ...) Returns the part of expression *e* specified by indices. *e* may be a mixed (lex and aex) representation expression. When used as an lvalue, **ipart** can be used to assign to a part of an expression. If an index is negative, then it counts from the end of the list. If *e* is an ordinary maxima list (lex), then using a negative index is potentially slower than using a positive index because the entire list must first be traversed in order to determine it's length. If *e* is in aex representation, then this inefficiency is not present.

Examples

Destructively assign to a part of an expression.

```
(%i1) (a : [1,2,3], ipart(a,1) : 7, a);  
(%o1) [7,2,3]
```

Implementation Some tests were performed with large lists of numbers. If we set `a:lrangle(10^7)`, then the times required for `ipart(a,10^7)`, `ipart(a,-1)`, `inpart(a,10^7)`, and `part(a,10^7)` were 30, 60, 90, and 90 ms.

3.20 Function: `ipart_set`

next package: aex

Calling

`ipart_set(e, val, ind1, ind2, ...)` Set part of e specified by the final arguments to val . e is a mixed representation expression.

3.21 Function: `ireverse`

`ireverse(e)`

next package: aex

Description `ireverse` is like maxima `reverse`, but it works on both aex and list objects. `ireverse` tries to be identical to maxima `reverse` for a non-aex argument.

Arguments `ireverse` requires one argument e , which must be non-atomic.

Options `ireverse` takes options with default values: `adj->true`, `ot->m1`.

Attributes `ireverse` has attributes: `[match_form]`

Examples

```
(%i1) ireverse(lrange(4));  
(%o1) [4,3,2,1]
```

```
(%i1) ireverse(lrange(4), [ot->ar] );  
(%o1) <<[4,3,2,1]>>
```

```
(%i1) ireverse(lrange(4, [ot->ar]) );  
(%o1) [<<[1,2,3,4]>>]
```

```
(%i1) ireverse(lrange(4, [ot->ar]), [ot->m1] );  
(%o1) [<<[1,2,3,4]>>]
```

3.22 Function: `lex`

next package: aex

Calling

`lex(e)` converts the aex expression e to lex. If e is not an aex expression, e is returned. Conversion is only done on the first level.

3.23 Function: raex

raex(*e* : optional *spec*)
next package: aex

Description Convert *e* to aex representation at the specified levels.

Arguments raex requires either one or two arguments.

Attributes raex has attributes: [match_form]

3.24 Function: rlex

rlex(*e* : optional *spec*)
next package: aex

Description Deep copy, converting *e* to lex representation at the specified levels.

Arguments rlex requires either one or two arguments.

Attributes rlex has attributes: [match_form]

4 Functions and Variables for Combinatorics

- ae_random_permutation
- cycles_to_perm
- inverse_permutation
- perm_to_cycles
- perm_to_transpositions
- permutation_p
- permutation_p1
- random_cycle
- random_permutation_sym
- signature_permutation
- transpositions_to_perm

4.1 Function: ae_random_permutation

ae_random_permutation(*a*)
next package: discrete_aex

Description returns *a* with subexpressions permuted randomly.

Arguments ae_random_permutation requires one argument *a*, which must be non-atomic.

Options ae_random_permutation takes options with default values: adj->true, ot->ml.

Attributes ae_random_permutation has attributes: [match_form]

See also random_cycle, random_permutation_sym, signature_permutation, perm_to_cycles, and cycles_to_perm.

4.2 Function: cycles_to_perm

`cycles_to_perm`(*cycles*)

next package: discrete_aex

Description Returns a permutation from its cycle decomposition *cycles*, which is a list of lists. Here ‘permutation’ means a permutation of a list of the integers from 1 to some number *n*. The default output representation is aex.

Arguments `cycles_to_perm` requires one argument *cycles*, which must be a list (lex or aex).

Options `cycles_to_perm` takes options with default values: `adj->true`, `ot->m1`.

Attributes `cycles_to_perm` has attributes: `[match_form]`

See also `random_cycle`, `random_permutation_sym`, `ae_random_permutation`, `signature_permutation`, and `perm_to_cycles`.

4.3 Function: inverse_permutation

`inverse_permutation`(*perm*)

next package: discrete_aex

Description Returns the inverse permutation of *perm*.

Arguments `inverse_permutation` requires one argument *perm*, which must be a list (lex or aex).

Options `inverse_permutation` takes options with default values: `adj->true`, `ot->m1`.

Attributes `inverse_permutation` has attributes: `[match_form]`

Examples

```
(%i1) inverse_permutation([5,1,4,2,6,8,7,3,10,9]);
(%o1) <<[2,4,8,3,1,5,7,6,10,9]>>
(%i1) inverse_permutation(inverse_permutation([5,1,4,2,6,8,7,3,10,9]),ot->m1);
(%o1) [5,1,4,2,6,8,7,3,10,9]
```

4.4 Function: perm_to_cycles

`perm_to_cycles`(*ain*)

next package: discrete_aex

Description Returns a cycle decomposition of the input permutation *ain*. The input must be a permutation of *n* integers from 1 through *n*.

Arguments `perm_to_cycles` requires one argument *ain*, which must be a list (lex or aex).

Options `perm_to_cycles` takes options with default values: `adj->true`, `ot->m1`.

Attributes `perm_to_cycles` has attributes: `[match_form]`

Examples

```
(%i1) perm_to_cycles([5,4,3,2,1,10,6,7,8,9]);
(%o1) [[7,8,9,10,6],[3],[4,2],[5,1]]
```

See also `random_cycle`, `random_permutation_sym`, `ae_random_permutation`, `signature_permutation`, and `cycles_to_perm`.

4.5 Function: perm_to_transpositions

perm_to_transpositions(*ain*)

next package: discrete_aex

Description Returns a list representing the permutation *ain* as a product of transpositions. The output representation type is applied at both levels.

Arguments **perm_to_transpositions** requires one argument *ain*, which must be a list (lex or aex).

Options **perm_to_transpositions** takes options with default values: **adj->true**, **ot->ml**.

Attributes **perm_to_transpositions** has attributes: [match_form]

4.6 Function: permutation_p

permutation_p(*ain*)

next package: discrete_aex

Calling

permutation_p(*list*) Returns true if the list *list* of length *n* is a permutation of the integers from 1 through *n*. Otherwise returns false.

Arguments **permutation_p** requires one argument.

Attributes **permutation_p** has attributes: [match_form]

Implementation Separate routines for aex and lex input are used.

4.7 Function: permutation_p1

permutation_p1(*ain*)

next package: discrete_aex

Description This is the same as **permutation_p**, but, if the input is a list, it assumes all elements in the input list are fixnum integers, while **permutation_p** does not.

Arguments **permutation_p1** requires one argument.

Attributes **permutation_p1** has attributes: [match_form]

Implementation Some variables are declared fixnum, but this does not seem to improve performance with respect to **permutationp**.

4.8 Function: random_cycle

random_cycle(*n*)

next package: discrete_aex

Calling

random_cycle(*n*) Returns a random cycle of length *n*. The return value is a list of the integers from 1 through *n*, representing an element of the symmetric group S_n that is a cycle.

Arguments **random_cycle** requires one argument *n*, which must be a positive integer.

The first argument threads (distributes) over lists.

Options **random_cycle** takes options with default values: **adj->true**, **ot->ml**.

Attributes `random_cycle` has attributes: `[match_form]`

See also `random_permutation_sym`, `ae_random_permutation`, `signature_permutation`, `perm_to_cycles`, and `cycles_to_perm`.

Implementation This function uses Sattolo's algorithm.

4.9 Function: `random_permutation_sym`

`random_permutation_sym(n)`

next package: `discrete_aex`

Calling

`random_permutation_sym(n)` Returns a random permutation of the integers from 1 through *n*. This represents a random element of the symmetric group S_n .

Arguments `random_permutation_sym` requires one argument *n*, which must be a positive integer.

The first argument threads (distributes) over lists.

Options `random_permutation_sym` takes options with default values: `adj->true`, `ot->m1`.

Attributes `random_permutation_sym` has attributes: `[match_form]`

See also `random_cycle`, `ae_random_permutation`, `signature_permutation`, `perm_to_cycles`, and `cycles_to_perm`.

4.10 Function: `signature_permutation`

`signature_permutation(ain)`

next package: `discrete_aex`

Calling

`signature_permutation(list)` returns the sign, or signature, of the symmetric permutation *list*, which must be represented by a permutation the integers from 1 through *n*, where *n* is the length of the list.

Arguments `signature_permutation` requires one argument *ain*, which must be a list (lex or aex).

Attributes `signature_permutation` has attributes: `[match_form]`

See also `random_cycle`, `random_permutation_sym`, `ae_random_permutation`, `perm_to_cycles`, and `cycles_to_perm`.

4.11 Function: `transpositions_to_perm`

`transpositions_to_perm(ain)`

next package: `discrete_aex`

Description Returns the permutation specified by the list of transpositions *ain*.

Arguments `transpositions_to_perm` requires one argument *ain*, which must be a list (lex or aex).

Options `transpositions_to_perm` takes options with default values: `adj->true`, `ot->m1`.

Attributes `transpositions_to_perm` has attributes: `[match_form]`

Implementation Input is converted to lex on both levels. Default output is aex.

5 Functions and Variables for Documentation

- `doc_system_list`
- `doc_system_set`
- `error_code`
- `maxdoc`
- `maxdoc_author`
- `maxdoc_copyright`
- `maxdoc_examples`
- `maxdoc_set_cur_sec`
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- `pager_command`
- `print_authors`
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- `print_maxdoc_sections`
- `print_sections_latex`
- `read_docs_with_pager`
- `simple_doc_add`
- `simple_doc_delete`
- `simple_doc_get`
- `simple_doc_init`
- `simple_doc_print`

5.1 Variable: `doc_system_list`

mext package: `maxdoc`

default value `false`.

Description A list of the documentatation systems (as strings) that will be searched by `?` and `??`. This can be set to all available systems with the function `doc_system_set_all`. If this variable is `false`, then all documentation is enabled.

5.2 Function: doc_system_set

doc_system_set(:optional *systems*)

next package: maxdoc

Calling

doc_system_set() Enables all available documentation systems.

doc_system_set('all') Enables all available documentation systems.

doc_system_set('maxima') Enables only stock maxima systems.

doc_system_set('nonmaxima') Enables only documentation systems that are not in the stock maxima distribution.

doc_system_set(*system*) Enables only the documentation system *system*.

doc_system_set([*system1*, *system2*]) Enables two documentation systems. The arguments may be "maxima" "nonmaxima", etc.

Description Set the list of documentation systems that will be searched by describe, ? and ??. This sets *doc_system_list*, which can also be set by any other means.

Arguments **doc_system_set** requires either zero or one arguments. If present, the argument *systems* must be a string, a symbol, or a list of strings or symbols.

Attributes **doc_system_set** has attributes: [match_form]

5.3 Variable: error_code

next package: defmfun1

default value **false**.

Description This is an error code set by **merror1**.

5.4 Function: maxdoc

maxdoc(*name*, *docs*)

next package: maxdoc

Description Add maxdoc documentation entry for item *name* specified by *docs*.

Arguments **maxdoc** requires two arguments. The first argument *name* must be a string.

Options **maxdoc** takes options with default values: **package**->**false**, **source_filename**->**false**.

Attributes **maxdoc** has attributes: [hold_all,match_form]

5.5 Function: maxdoc_author

maxdoc_author(*name*, *author*)

next package: maxdoc

Description Set the author(s) for the documentation item *name*.

Arguments **maxdoc_author** requires two arguments. The first argument *name* must be a string. The second argument *author* must be a string or a list of strings.

The first argument threads (distributes) over lists.

Attributes maxdoc.author has attributes: [match_form]

5.6 Function: maxdoc_copyright

maxdoc_copyright(*name*, *copyright*)

mext package: maxdoc

Description Set the copyright information for the documentation item *name*. *copyright* should typically be a list whose first element is an integer (the year), with the remaining strings naming the copyright holder. This copyright information will not be printed with documentation, unless *print_copyrights* is true.

Arguments maxdoc.copyright requires two arguments. The first argument *name* must be a string.

The first argument threads (distributes) over lists.

Attributes maxdoc.copyright has attributes: [match_form]

5.7 Function: maxdoc_examples

maxdoc_examples(*name* :rest *examples*)

mext package: maxdoc

Description Add maxdoc examples entry for item *name* specified by *examples*.

Arguments maxdoc.examples requires one or more arguments. The first argument *name* must be a string.

Attributes maxdoc.examples has attributes: [hold_all,match_form]

5.8 Function: maxdoc_set_cur_sec

maxdoc_set_cur_sec(*shortname*)

mext package: maxdoc

Description Set the current section for maxdoc to *shortname*. This section will be used by functions such as maxdoc, and maxdoc.author.

Arguments maxdoc.set_cur_sec requires one argument *shortname*, which must be a string.

Attributes maxdoc.set_cur_sec has attributes: [match_form]

5.9 Function: maxdoc_set_mext_package

maxdoc_set_mext_package(*packagename*)

mext package: maxdoc

Description Set the current mext package name for maxdoc to *packagename*. This name will be used by functions specifying documentation for functions until the name is set to another value. When documenting functions written in maxima code, calling **mext_record_package** is probably more useful.

Arguments maxdoc.set_mext_package requires one argument *packagename*, which must be a string.

Attributes maxdoc.set_mext_package has attributes: [match_form]

5.10 Function: maxdoc_split_text

maxdoc_split_text(*text*)

mext package: maxdoc

Description Split the string *text* into a list of strings, using a sequence of one or more spaces as the delimiter. Single newlines are removed.

Arguments `maxdoc-split-text` requires one argument *text*, which must be a string.

The first argument threads (distributes) over lists.

Attributes `maxdoc-split-text` has attributes: `[match_form]`

5.11 Function: `mext_package_record`

`mext_package_record`(*docitems*, *packagename* :optional *source-filename*)

mext package: `maxdoc`

Description Set the mext packagename for the function or variable (or list of them) *docitems* to *packagename*. This name will be used when displaying documentation. The function `maxdoc-set-mext-package` is useful for setting the package name of a group of functions, but there is currently no maxima hook for doing this.

Arguments `mext_package_record` requires either two or three arguments. The first argument *docitems* must be a string, a symbol, or a list of strings or symbols. The second argument *packagename* must be a string. The third argument *source-filename* must be a string.

Attributes `mext_package_record` has attributes: `[match_form]`

5.12 Variable: `pager_command`

mext package: `defmfun1`

default value `/usr/bin/less`.

Description The pathname to the system command used for paged output, for instance, for reading documentation.

5.13 Variable: `print_authors`

mext package: `defmfun1`

default value `true`.

Description If true, then print the names of the authors with maxdoc documentation.

5.14 Variable: `print_copyrights`

mext package: `defmfun1`

default value `false`.

Description If true, then print copyright information with maxdoc documentation.

5.15 Function: `print_entry_latex`

`print_entry_latex`(*item*)

mext package: `maxdoc`

Arguments `print_entry_latex` requires one argument *item*, which must be a string.

The first argument threads (distributes) over lists.

Attributes `print_entry_latex` has attributes: `[match_form]`

5.16 Variable: `print_implementation`

mext package: `defmfun1`

default value `true`.

Description If `true`, then print implementation information with maxdoc documentation.

5.17 Function: `print_maxdoc_entry`

`print_maxdoc_entry(item)`

mext package: `maxdoc`

Arguments `print_maxdoc_entry` requires one argument *item*, which must be a string.

The first argument threads (distributes) over lists.

Attributes `print_maxdoc_entry` has attributes: `[match_form]`

5.18 Function: `print_maxdoc_sections`

`print_maxdoc_sections()`

mext package: `maxdoc`

Description Print all sections of maxdoc documentation. This does not include other documentation databases, such as the main maxima documentation.

Arguments `print_maxdoc_sections` requires zero arguments.

Attributes `print_maxdoc_sections` has attributes: `[match_form]`

5.19 Function: `print_sections_latex`

`print_sections_latex(:optional filename)`

mext package: `maxdoc`

Description Print all sections of maxdoc documentation currently loaded in latex format to the file *filename*. This does not include other documentation databases, such as the main maxima documentation.

Arguments `print_sections_latex` requires either zero or one arguments. If present, the argument *filename* must be a string.

Attributes `print_sections_latex` has attributes: `[match_form]`

5.20 Variable: `read_docs_with_pager`

mext package: `maxdoc`

default value `false`.

Description If `true`, then documentation printed by `describe` or `?` or `??` is sent through the pager specified by `pager_command`. This will most likely only work with a command line interface under linux/unix with certain lisp implementations.

5.21 Function: `simple_doc_add`

`simple_doc_add(name, content)`

mext package: `maxdoc`

Description Adds documentation string *content* for item *name*. These documentation strings are accessible via '?' and '??'.

Arguments `simple_doc.add` requires two arguments. The first argument *name* must be a string. The second argument *content* must be a string.

Attributes `simple_doc.add` has attributes: [match_form]

See also `simple_doc.init`, `simple_doc.delete`, `simple_doc.get`, and `simple_doc.print`.

5.22 Function: `simple_doc.delete`

`simple_doc.delete(name)`

next package: maxdoc

Description Deletes the `simple_doc` documentation string for item *name*.

Arguments `simple_doc.delete` requires one argument *name*, which must be a string.

Attributes `simple_doc.delete` has attributes: [match_form]

See also `simple_doc.init`, `simple_doc.add`, `simple_doc.get`, and `simple_doc.print`.

5.23 Function: `simple_doc.get`

`simple_doc.get(name)`

next package: maxdoc

Description Returns the `simple_doc` documentation string for item *name*.

Arguments `simple_doc.get` requires one argument *name*, which must be a string.

Attributes `simple_doc.get` has attributes: [match_form]

See also `simple_doc.init`, `simple_doc.add`, `simple_doc.delete`, and `simple_doc.print`.

5.24 Function: `simple_doc.init`

`simple_doc.init()`

next package: maxdoc

Description Initialize the `simple_doc` documentation database.

Arguments `simple_doc.init` requires zero arguments.

Attributes `simple_doc.init` has attributes: [match_form]

See also `simple_doc.add`, `simple_doc.delete`, `simple_doc.get`, and `simple_doc.print`.

5.25 Function: `simple_doc.print`

`simple_doc.print(name)`

next package: maxdoc

Description Prints the `simple_doc` documentation string for item *name*.

Arguments `simple_doc.print` requires one argument *name*, which must be a string.

Attributes `simple_doc.print` has attributes: [match_form]

See also `simple_doc.init`, `simple_doc.add`, `simple_doc.delete`, and `simple_doc.get`.

6 Functions and Variables for Equations

- `alt_eigen`
- `nelder_mead`
- `to_poly_clean`

6.1 Function: `alt_eigen`

next package: `alt_eigen`

Description `alt_eigen(mat, ['var=x, 'maxdegree=n, 'orthogonal=boolean])`

Express the eigenvectors of the matrix *mat* as a polynomial in the eigenvalue *var*. When the degree of a factor of the characteristic polynomial has degree *maxdegree* or less, the code attempts to find all the roots of the factor. The optional variables *var*, *maxdegree* (default 1), and *orthogonal* (default false) can be in any order. When the dimension of an eigenspace is greater than one and *orthogonal* is true, the list of eigenvectors is orthogonal.

Examples The eigenvectors of `matrix([1,2],[4,5])`, are

```
(%i1) alt_eigen(matrix([1,2],[4,5]),'var=z);  
(%o1) [z^2=6*z+3,[matrix([2],[z-1])]]
```

Substituting the two roots of $z^2=6z+3$ in to the column vector `matrix([2],[z-1])` gives the two eigenvectors. To find explicit expressions for these eigenvectors, set *maxdegree* to 2; thus

```
(%i2) alt_eigen(matrix([1,2],[4,5]),'var=z, 'maxdegree=2);  
(%o2) [z=2*sqrt(3)+3,[matrix([2],[2*sqrt(3)+2])],z=3-2*sqrt(3),  
      [matrix([2],[2-2*sqrt(3)])]]
```

Here is a matrix with a degenerate eigenvalue:

```
(%i3) m : matrix([5,6,5,6,5,6],[6,5,6,5,6,5],[5,6,5,6,5,6],[6,5,6,5,6,5],  
      [5,6,5,6,5,6],[6,5,6,5,6,5])$  
(%i4) alt_eigen(m,'var=z);  
(%o4) [z=-3,[matrix([-1],[1],[-1],[1],[-1],[1])],z=0,[matrix([0],[-1],[0],[1],[0],[0]),  
      matrix([0],[0],[0],[-1],[0],[1]), matrix([0],[0],[1],[0],[-1],[0]),  
      matrix([1],[0],[-1],[0],[0],[0])],z=33,[matrix([-1],[-1],[-1],[-1],[-1],[-1])]]
```

There are four eigenvectors with eigenvalue 0. To find an orthogonal basis for this eigenspace, set the optional variable *orthogonal* to true; thus

```
(%i5) alt_eigen(m,'var=z, 'orthogonal=true);  
(%o5) [z=-3,[matrix([-1],[1],[-1],[1],[-1],[1])],z=0,[matrix([1],[0],[-1/2],[0],  
      [-1/2],[0]), matrix([0],[0],[1],[0],[-1],[0]),matrix([0],[-1/2],[0],[-1/2],[0],[1]),  
      matrix([0],[-1],[0],[1],[0],[0])],z=33,[matrix([-1],[-1],[-1],[-1],[-1],[-1])]]
```

Author Barton Willis.

6.2 Function: nelder_mead

nelder_mead(*expr*, *vars*, *init*)

next package: nelder_mead

Description The Nelder-Mead optimization algorithm.

Arguments **nelder_mead** requires three arguments. The second argument *vars* must be a list of symbols. The third argument *init* must be a list of numbers.

Attributes **nelder_mead** has attributes: [match_form]

Examples

Find the minimum of a function at a non-analytic point.

```
(%i1) nelder_mead(if x<0 then -x else x^2, [x], [4]);  
(%o1) [x = 9.536387892694629e-11]
```

```
(%i1) f(x) := if x<0 then -x else x^2$  
(%i2) nelder_mead(f, [x], [4]);  
(%o2) [x = 9.536387892694628e-11]  
(%i3) nelder_mead(f(x), [x], [4]);  
(%o3) [x = 9.536387892694628e-11]
```

```
(%i1) nelder_mead(x^4+y^4-2*x*y-4*x-3*y, [x,y], [2,2]);  
(%o1) [x = 1.157212489168102,y = 1.099342680267472]
```

Author Mario S. Mommer.

6.3 Function: to_poly_clean

to_poly_clean()

next package: tpsolve

Description Removes the temporary variables created by **to_poly**. These are also created by **to_poly_solve**. They can be created from maxima with **new_variable**. These variables can be found in the infolist **props**. **to_poly_clean** returns the number of variables removed.

Arguments **to_poly_clean** requires zero arguments.

Attributes **to_poly_clean** has attributes: [match_form]

7 Functions and Variables for Function Definition

- **comp_load**
- **compile_file1**

7.1 Function: comp_load

comp_load(*fname* :optional *pathlist*)

next package: defmfun1

Description Compile and load a lisp file. Maxima does not load it by default with **compile_file**. If the input filename does not end with “.lisp”, it will be appended. If *pathlist* is specified, then *fname* is only searched for in directories in *pathlist*.

Arguments `comp_load` requires either one or two arguments. The first argument *fname* must be a string. The second argument *pathlist* must be a string or a list of strings.

Attributes `comp_load` has attributes: `[match_form]`

7.2 Function: `compile_file1`

`compile_file1(input-file :optional bin-file, translation-output-file)`

next package: `defmfun1`

Description This is copied from maxima `compile_file`, with changes. Sometimes a loadable binary file is apparently compiled, but an error flag is set and `compile_file` returns false for the output binary filename. Here we return the binary filename in any case.

Arguments `compile_file1` requires between one and three arguments. The first argument *input-file* must be a string.

Attributes `compile_file1` has attributes: `[match_form]`

8 Functions and Variables for Input and Output

- `pager_string`
- `restore`
- `restore_fast`
- `store`
- `store_fast`

8.1 Function: `pager_string`

`pager_string(s)`

next package: `defmfun1`

Description Read the string *s* in the pager given by the maxima variable `pager_command`. This works at least with gcl under linux.

Arguments `pager_string` requires one argument *s*, which must be a string.

Attributes `pager_string` has attributes: `[match_form]`

8.2 Function: `restore`

`restore(file)`

next package: `store`

Calling

`restore(file)` Reads and returns expressions from the file *file*.

Description Reads maxima expressions from file *file* created by the function `store`.

Arguments `restore` requires one argument *file*, which must be a string.

The first argument threads (distributes) over lists.

Attributes `restore` has attributes: `[match_form]`

See also `store`, `store_fast`, and `restore_fast`.

8.3 Function: `restore_fast`

`restore_fast(file)`
next package: `store`

Calling

`restore_fast(file)` Reads and returns expressions from the file *file*. No checking for circular references is done.

Description Reads maxima expressions from file *file* created by the function `store`, or `store_fast`. No checks for circular references are done.

Arguments `restore_fast` requires one argument *file*, which must be a string.

The first argument threads (distributes) over lists.

Attributes `restore_fast` has attributes: `[match_form]`

See also `store`, `restore`, and `store_fast`.

8.4 Function: `store`

`store(file :rest exprs)`
next package: `store`

Calling

`store(file, expr1, expr2, ...)` stores the expressions to the file *file*.

Description Stores maxima expressions *exprs* in *file* in binary format. Many types of lisp expressions and subexpressions are supported: numbers, strings, list, arrays, hashtables, structures,....

Arguments `store` requires one or more arguments. The first argument *file* must be a string.

Attributes `store` has attributes: `[match_form]`

Examples

Save a graph to a file. This cannot be done with the command `jsave`.

```
(%i1) load(graphs)$
(%i2) c : petersen_graph();
(%o2) GRAPH(10 vertices, 15 edges)
(%i3) factor(graph_charpoly(c,x));
(%o3) (x-3)*(x-1)^5*(x+2)^4
(%i4) store("graph.cls",c)$
(%i5) factor(graph_charpoly( restore("graph.cls"), x));
(%o5) (x-3)*(x-1)^5*(x+2)^4
```

See also `restore`, `store_fast`, and `restore_fast`.

Implementation `store` uses the `cl-store` library. See the `cl-store` documentation for more information.

8.5 Function: `store_fast`

`store_fast(file :rest exprs)`

next package: `store`

Calling

`store_fast(file, expr1, expr2, ...)` stores the expressions to the file *file*. No checking for circular references is done.

Description Stores maxima expressions *exprs* in *file* in binary format. This is like `store`, except that no checks for circular references are done.

Arguments `store_fast` requires one or more arguments. The first argument *file* must be a string.

Attributes `store_fast` has attributes: `[match_form]`

See also `store`, `restore`, and `restore_fast`.

9 Functions and Variables for Lists

These functions manipulate lists. They build lists, take them apart, select elements, etc.

- `constant_list`
- `count`
- `drop_while`
- `every1`
- `fold`
- `fold_list`
- `icons`
- `ilistp`
- `imap`
- `length_while`
- `lrange`
- `nest`
- `nest_list`
- `nest_while`
- `nreverse`
- `partition_list`
- `select`
- `sequence specifier`
- `table`
- `take`
- `take_while`
- `tuples`

9.1 Function: constant_list

constant_list(*c*, *spec* :optional *head*)
next package: lists_aex

Description Returns a list of *n* elements, each of which is an independent copy of *expr*. **constant_list**(*expr*, [*n*,*m*,...]) returns a nested list of dimensions *n*,*m*,... where each leaf is an independent copy of *expr* and the copies of each list at each level are independent. If a third argument is given, then it is used as the *op*, rather than 'list', at every level. The third argument may also be a list of heads to apply, one at each level.

Arguments **constant_list** requires either two or three arguments. The second argument *spec* must be a positive integer or a list of positive integers.

Options **constant_list** takes options with default values: *match*->*false*, *adj*->*true*, *ot*->*ml*.

Attributes **constant_list** has attributes: [*match_form*]

9.2 Function: count

count(*expr*, *item*)
next package: lists_aex

Description Counts the number of items in *expr* matching *item*. If *item* is a lambda function then *compile* must be true.

Arguments **count** requires two arguments. The first argument *expr* must be non-atomic and either *aex* or represented by a lisp list.

The second argument threads (distributes) over lists.

Options **count** takes options with default values: *compile*->*true*.

Attributes **count** has attributes: [*match_form*]

Examples

```
(%i1) count([1,2,"dog"], 'numberp);  
(%o1) 2  
(%i1) count([1,2,"dog"], "dog");  
(%o1) 1  
(%i2) count(lrange(10^4), lambda([x], is(mod(x,3) = 0)));  
(%o2) 3333  
(%i3) count( %%ff(1,2,"dog"), "dog");  
(%o3) 1  
(%i4) count(lrange(100,ot->ar), 'evenp);  
(%o4) 50  
(%i5) count(lrange(10^5), 'primep);  
(%o5) 9592
```

9.3 Function: drop_while

drop_while(*expr*, *test*)
next package: lists_aex

Calling

drop_while(*expr*, *test*) Tests the elements of *expr* in order, dropping them until *test* fails. The remaining elements are returned in an expression with the same *op* as that *expr*.

Arguments `drop_while` requires two arguments. The first argument *expr* must be non-atomic and represented by a lisp list.

The second argument threads (distributes) over lists.

Options `drop_while` takes options with default values: `adj->true`, `ot->ml`, `compile->true`.

Attributes `drop_while` has attributes: `[match_form]`

Examples

Drop elements as long as they are negative.

```
(%i1) drop_while([-3,-10,-1,3,6,7,-4], lambda([x], is(x<0)));  
(%o1) [3,6,7,-4]
```

9.4 Function: every1

`every1(expr, test)`

next package: `lists_aex`

Calling

`every1(expr, test)` Returns true if *test* is true for each element in *expr*. Otherwise, false is returned. This is like `every` but allow a test that takes only one argument. For some inputs, `every1` is much faster than `every`.

Arguments `every1` requires two arguments. The first argument *expr* must be non-atomic and represented by a lisp list.

The second argument threads (distributes) over lists.

Options `every1` takes options with default values: `compile->true`.

Attributes `every1` has attributes: `[match_form]`

9.5 Function: fold

next package: `lists_aex`

Description `fold(f,x,[a,b,c])` returns `f(f(f(x,a),b),c)`.

Arguments `fold` requires three arguments. The third argument *v* must be non-atomic.

The first argument threads (distributes) over lists.

Options `fold` takes options with default values: `adj->true`, `ot->ml`, `compile->true`.

Attributes `fold` has attributes: `[match_form]`

See also `fold_list` and `nest`.

9.6 Function: fold_list

next package: `lists_aex`

Description `fold_list(f,x,[a,b,c])` returns `[f(x,a),f(f(x,a),b),f(f(f(x,a),b),c)]`.

Arguments `fold_list` requires three arguments. The third argument *v* must be non-atomic.

The first argument threads (distributes) over lists.

Options `fold_list` takes options with default values: `adj->true`, `ot->ml`, `compile->true`.

Attributes `fold_list` has attributes: `[match_form]`

See also `fold` and `nest`.

9.7 Function: `icons`

`icons(x, e)`

next package: `aex`

Description `icons` is like maxima `cons`, but less general, and much, much faster. x is a maxima object. e is a maxima list or list-like object, such as `[a]`, or `f(a)`. It is suitable at a minimum, for pushing a number or list or string onto a list of numbers, or strings or lists. If you find `icons` gives buggy behavior that you are not interested in investigating, use `cons` instead.

Implementation In a function that mostly only does icons in a loop, icons defined with `defmfun` rather than `defmfun1` runs almost twice as fast. So icons is defined with `defmfun` rather than `defmfun1`. icons does no argument checking.

9.8 Function: `ilistp`

`ilistp(e)`

next package: `lists_aex`

Description Returns true if e is a list, either lisp list or array representation.

Arguments `ilistp` requires one argument.

Attributes `ilistp` has attributes: `[match_form]`

Examples

```
(%i1) ilistp([1,2,3]);
(%o1) true
(%i1) ilistp( aex([1,2,3]));
(%o1) true
(%i2) ilistp(3);
(%o2) false
(%i3) ilistp(x);
(%o3) false
(%i4) x:lrangle(10),ilistp(x);
(%o4) true
(%i5) ilistp(%f(y));
(%o5) false
(%i6) ilistp( aex( %f(y) ));
(%o6) false
```

9.9 Function: `imap`

`imap(f, expr)`

next package: `lists_aex`

Description Maps functions of a single argument. I guess that `map` handles more types of input without error. But `imap` is much faster for many inputs. This is especially true if a lambda function is passed to `imap`, as it can be compiled.

Arguments `imap` requires two arguments. The second argument `expr` must be non-atomic.

Options `imap` takes options with default values: `compile->true`.

Attributes `imap` has attributes: `[match_form]`

Examples

Map `sqrt` efficiently over a list of floats

```
(%i1) (a : lrange(1.0,4),
      imap(lambda([x],modeddeclare(x,float),sqrt(x)),a));
(%o1) [1.0,1.414213562373095,1.732050807568877,2.0]
```

With `aex` expression, no conversions to `lex` are done.

```
(%i1) (a : lrange(1.0,4,ot->ar),
      imap(lambda([x],modeddeclare(x,float),sqrt(x)),a));
(%o1) <<[1.0,1.414213562373095,1.732050807568877,2.0]>>
```

9.10 Function: `length_while`

`length_while`(*expr*, *test*)

next package: `lists_aex`

Description Computes the length of *expr* while *test* is true.

Arguments `length_while` requires two arguments. The first argument *expr* must be non-atomic and represented by a lisp list.

The second argument threads (distributes) over lists.

Options `length_while` takes options with default values: `compile->true`.

Attributes `length_while` has attributes: `[match_form]`

Examples

```
(%i1) length_while([-3,-10,-1,3,6,7,-4], lambda([x], is(x<0)));
(%o1) 3
```

9.11 Function: `lrange`

next package: `lists_aex`

Calling

`lrange`(*stop*) returns a list of numbers from 1 through *stop*.

`lrange`(*start*, *stop*) returns a list of expressions from *start* through *stop*.

`lrange`(*start*, *stop*, *incr*) returns a list of expressions from *start* through *stop* in steps of *incr*.

Description `lrange` is much more efficient than `makelist` for creating ranges, particularly for large lists (e.g. 10^5 or more items.) Functions for creating a list of numbers, in order of decreasing speed, are: `lrange`, `table`, `create_list`, `makelist`.

Arguments `lrange` requires between one and three arguments. The third argument *incr* must be an expression that is not zero.

The first, second, and third arguments thread (distribute) over lists.

Options `lrange` takes options with default values: `adj->true`, `ot->ml`, `et->true`.

Attributes `lrange` has attributes: `[match_form]`

Examples

```
(%i1) lrange(6);
(%o1) [1,2,3,4,5,6]
(%i1) lrange(2,6);
(%o1) [2,3,4,5,6]
(%i2) lrange(2,6,2);
(%o2) [2,4,6]
(%i3) lrange(6,1,-1);
(%o3) [6,5,4,3,2,1]
(%i4) lrange(6,1,-2);
(%o4) [6,4,2]
(%i5) lrange(6,ot->ar);
(%o5) <<[1,2,3,4,5,6]>>
```

The type of the first element and increment determine the type of the elements.

```
(%i1) lrange(1.0,6);
(%o1) [1.0,2.0,3.0,4.0,5.0,6.0]
(%i1) lrange(1.0b0,6);
(%o1) [1.0b0,2.0b0,3.0b0,4.0b0,5.0b0,6.0b0]
(%i2) lrange(1/2,6);
(%o2) [1/2,3/2,5/2,7/2,9/2,11/2]
(%i3) lrange(6.0,1,-1);
(%o3) [6.0,5.0,4.0,3.0,2.0,1.0]
```

Symbols can be used for limits or increments.

```
(%i1) lrange(x,x+4);
(%o1) [x,x+1,x+2,x+3,x+4]
(%i1) lrange(x,x+4*a,a);
(%o1) [x,x+a,x+2*a,x+3*a,x+4*a]
```

See also `makelist`, `table`, and `constant_list`.

9.12 Function: `nest`

next package: `lists_aex`

Description `nest(f,x,n)` returns $f(\dots f(f(x))\dots)$ where there are n nested calls of f .

Arguments `nest` requires three arguments. The first argument f must be a map-able function. The third argument n must be a non-negative integer.

The first and third arguments thread (distribute) over lists.

Options `nest` takes options with default values: `adj->true`, `ot->ml`, `compile->true`.

Attributes `nest` has attributes: `[match_form]`

9.13 Function: nest_list

nest_list(*f*, *x*, *n*)

next package: lists_aex

Arguments **nest_list** requires three arguments. The first argument *f* must be a map-able function. The third argument *n* must be a non-negative integer.

The first and third arguments thread (distribute) over lists.

Options **nest_list** takes options with default values: `adj->true`, `ot->ml`, `compile->true`.

Attributes **nest_list** has attributes: `[match_form]`

Examples

Find the first 10 primes after 100.

```
(%i1) nest_list(next_prime,100,10);  
(%o1) [101,103,107,109,113,127,131,137,139,149]
```

See also **nest**, **fold**, and **fold_list**.

9.14 Function: nest_while

nest_while(*f*, *x*, *test* :optional *min*, *max*)

next package: lists_aex

Calling

nest_while(*f*, *x*, *test*) applies *f* to *x* until *test* fails to return true when called on the nested result.

nest_while(*f*, *x*, *test*, *min*) applies *f* at least *min* times.

nest_while(*f*, *x*, *test*, *min*, *max*) applies *f* not more than *max* times.

Arguments **nest_while** requires between three and five arguments. The fourth argument *min* must be a non-negative integer. The fifth argument *max* must be a non-negative integer.

The first and third arguments thread (distribute) over lists.

Options **nest_while** takes options with default values: `adj->true`, `ot->ml`, `compile->true`.

Attributes **nest_while** has attributes: `[match_form]`

Implementation This should be modified to allow applying test to more than just the most recent result.

9.15 Function: nreverse

nreverse(*e*)

next package: lists_aex

Description Destructively reverse the arguments of expression *e*. This is more efficient than using **reverse**.

Arguments **nreverse** requires one argument *e*, which must be non-atomic.

Attributes **nreverse** has attributes: `[match_form]`

Examples

Be careful not to use *a* after applying **nreverse**. Do assign the result to another variable.

```
(%i1) a : lrange(10), b : nreverse(a);
(%o1) [10,9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1]
(%i1) a : lrange(10,ot->ar), b : nreverse(a);
(%o1) <<[10,9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1]>>
```

See also `reverse`.

9.16 Function: `partition_list`

`partition_list`(*e*, *nlist* :optional *dlist*)
 next package: `lists_aex`

Calling

`partition_list`(*e*, *n*) partitions *e* into sublists of length *n*

`partition_list`(*e*, *n*, *d*) partitions *e* into sublists of length *n* with offsets *d*.

Description Omitting *d* is equivalent to giving *d* equal to *n*. *e* can be any expression, not only a list. If *n* is a list, then `partition_list` partitions at successively deeper levels with elements of *n*. If *n* and *d* are lists, the first elements of *n* and *d* apply at the highest level and so on. If *n* is a list and *d* is a number, then the offset *d* is used with each of the *n*.

Arguments `partition_list` requires either two or three arguments. The first argument *e* must be non-atomic. The second argument *nlist* must be an integer or a list of integers. The third argument *dlist* must be an integer or a list of integers.

Attributes `partition_list` has attributes: `[match_form]`

Examples

Partition the numbers from 1 through 10 into pairs.

```
(%i1) partition_list([1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10],2);
(%o1) [[1,2],[3,4],[5,6],[7,8],[9,10]]
```

9.17 Function: `select`

`select`(*expr*, *test* :optional *n*)
 next package: `lists_aex`

Description Returns a list of all elements of *expr* for which *test* is true. *expr* may have any op. If *n* is supplied, then at most *n* elements are examined. `select` is much faster than `sublist`, but may be less generally applicable.

Arguments `select` requires either two or three arguments. The first argument *expr* must be non-atomic and represented by a list. The third argument *n* must be a positive integer.

The second argument threads (distributes) over lists.

Options `select` takes options with default values: `adj->true`, `ot->ml`, `compile->true`.

Attributes `select` has attributes: `[match_form]`

Examples

Select elements less than 3

```
(%i1) select([1,2,3,4,5,6,7], lambda([x], is(x<3)));
(%o1) [1,2]
```

9.18 Argument type: sequence specifier

next package: lists_aex

Description A sequence specification specifies a subsequence of the elements in an expression. A single positive number n means the first n elements. $-n$ means the last n elements. A list of three numbers $[i1,i2,i3]$ means the $i1$ th through the $i2$ th stepping by $i3$. If $i1$ or $i2$ are negative, they count from the end. If $i3$ is negative, stepping is down and $i1$ must be greater than or equal to $i2$. If $i3$ is omitted, it is taken to be 1. A sequence specifier can also be one of 'all' 'none' or 'reverse', which mean all elements, no elements or all elements in reverse order respectively.

See also `take` and `string_take`.

9.19 Function: table

next package: lists_aex

Calling

table(*expr*, [*n*]) Evaluates expression *number* times. If *number* is not an integer or a floating point number, then `float` is called. If we have a floating point number, it is truncated into an integer. This type of iterator is the fastest, since no variable is bound.

table(*expr*, [*variable*, *initial*, *end*, *step*]) Returns a list of evaluated expressions where *variable* (a symbol) is set to a value. The first element of the returned list is *expression* evaluated with *variable* set to *initial*. The i -th element of the returned list is *expression* evaluated with *variable* set to $initial + (i - 1)step$. The iteration stops once the value is greater (if *step* is positive) or smaller (if *step* is negative) than *end*. Requirement: The difference between *end* and *initial* must return a **numberp** number. *step* must be a nonzero **numberp** number. This allows for iterators of rather general forms like `[i, %i - 2, %i, 0.1b0]` ...

table(*expr*, [*variable*, *initial*, *end*]) This iterator uses a step of 1 and is equal to `[variable,initial,end, 1]`.

Arguments `table` requires two or more arguments. The second argument *iterator1* must be a list. Each of the remaining arguments must be a list.

Options `table` takes options with default values: `adj->true`, `ot->m1`.

Attributes `table` has attributes: `[hold_all,match_form]`

Examples

Make a list of function values

```
(%i1) table(sin(x),[x,0,2*pi,%pi/4]);
(%o1) [0,1/sqrt(2),1,1/sqrt(2),0,-1/sqrt(2),-1,-1/sqrt(2),0]
```

Make a nested list.

```
(%i1) table( x^y, [x,1,2], [y,1,2]);
(%o1) [[1,1],[2,4]]
```

See also `makelist`, `lrange`, and `constant_list`.

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9.20 Function: take

take(*e* :rest *v*)
next package: lists_aex

Calling

take(*e*, *n*) returns a list of the first *n* elements of list or expression *e*.

take(*e*, [*n1*, *n2*]) returns a list of the *n1*th through *n2*th elements of list or expression *e*.

take(*e*, [*n1*, *n2*, *step*]) returns a list of the *n1*th through *n2*th elements stepping by *step* of list or expression *e*.

take(*e*, -*n*) returns the last *n* elements.

take(*e*, *spec1*, *spec2*, ...) applies the sequence specifications at successively deeper levels in *e*.

Description *e* can have mixed lex and aex expressions on different levels. If more sequence specifications are given, they apply to successively deeper levels in *e*.

Arguments **take** requires one or more arguments. The first argument *e* must be non-atomic. Each of the remaining arguments must be a sequence specification.

Attributes **take** has attributes: [match_form]

Examples

Take the first 3 elements of a list.

```
(%i1) take([a,b,c,d,e],3);  
(%o1) [a,b,c]
```

Take the last 3 elements of a list.

```
(%i1) take([a,b,c,d,e],-3);  
(%o1) [c,d,e]
```

Take the second through third elements of a list.

```
(%i1) take([a,b,c,d,e],[2,3]);  
(%o1) [b,c]
```

Take the second through tenth elements of a list counting by two.

```
(%i1) take([1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10],[2,10,2]);  
(%o1) [2,4,6,8,10]
```

Take the last through first elements of a list counting backwards by one.

```
(%i1) take([a,b,c,d],[-1,1,-1]);  
(%o1) [d,c,b,a]
```

Shorthand for the previous example is 'reverse.

```
(%i1) take([a,b,c,d],'reverse);  
(%o1) [d,c,b,a]
```

Take the second through third elements at the first level and the last 2 elements at the second level.

```
(%i1) take([[a,b,c], [d,e,f], [g,h,i]], [2,3],-2);
(%o1) [[e,f],[h,i]]
```

9.21 Function: take_while

take_while(*expr*, *test*)
next package: lists_aex

Calling

take_while(*expr*, *test*) collects the elements in *expr* until *test* fails on one of them. The op of the returned expression is the same as the op of *expr*.

Arguments **take_while** requires two arguments. The first argument *expr* must be non-atomic and represented by a lisp list.

The second argument threads (distributes) over lists.

Options **take_while** takes options with default values: **adj->true**, **ot->ml**, **compile->true**.

Attributes **take_while** has attributes: [match_form]

Examples

Take elements as long as they are negative.

```
(%i1) take_while([-3,-10,-1,3,6,7,-4], lambda([x], is(x<0)));
(%o1) [-3,-10,-1]
```

9.22 Function: tuples

tuples(*list-or-lists* :optional *n*)
next package: lists_aex

Calling

tuples(*list*, *n*) Return a list of all lists of length *n* whose elements are chosen from *list*.

tuples([*list1*, *list2*, ...]) Return a list of all lists whose *i*-th element is chosen from *listi*.

Arguments **tuples** requires either one or two arguments. The first argument *list-or-lists* must be non-atomic and represented by a lisp list. The second argument *n* must be a non-negative integer.

Options **tuples** takes options with default values: **adj->true**, **ot->ml**.

Attributes **tuples** has attributes: [match_form]

Examples

Make all three letter words in the alphabet 'a,b'.

```
(%i1) tuples([a,b],3);
(%o1) [[a,a,a],[a,a,b],[a,b,a],[a,b,b],[b,a,a],[b,a,b],[b,b,a],[b,b,b]]
```

Take all pairs chosen from two lists.

```
(%i1) tuples([ [0,1] , [x,y,z] ]);
(%o1) [[0,x],[0,y],[0,z],[1,x],[1,y],[1,z]]
```

tuples works for expressions other than lists.

```
(%i1) tuples(f(0,1),3);  
(%o1) [f(0,0,0),f(0,0,1),f(0,1,0),f(0,1,1),f(1,0,0),f(1,0,1),f(1,1,0),f(1,1,1)]
```

10 Functions and Variables for Number Theory

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- prime_pi_soe
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10.1 Function: abundant_p

abundant_p(n)

next package: discrete.aex

Description Returns true if n is an abundant number. Otherwise, returns false.

Arguments **abundant_p** requires one argument n , which must be a positive integer.

The first argument threads (distributes) over lists.

Attributes **abundant_p** has attributes: [match_form]

Examples

The abundant numbers between 1 and 100

```
(%i1) select(lrange(100),abundant_p);  
(%o1) [12,18,20,24,30,36,40,42,48,54,56,60,66,70,72,78,80,84,88,90,96,100]
```

See also `divisor_function`, `aliquot_sum`, `aliquot_sequence`, `divisor_summatory`, and `perfect_p`.

10.2 Function: aliquot_sequence

aliquot_sequence(k, n)

next package: discrete.aex

Description The aliquot sequence is a recursive sequence in which each term is the sum of the proper divisors of the previous term. This function returns the first n elements (counting from zero) in the aliquot sequence whose first term is k . The sequence is truncated at an element if it is zero or repeats the previous element.

Arguments **aliquot_sequence** requires two arguments. The first argument k must be a positive integer. The second argument n must be a non-negative integer.

The first and second arguments thread (distribute) over lists.

Attributes **aliquot_sequence** has attributes: [match_form]

Examples

Perfect numbers give a repeating sequence of period 1.

```
(%i1) imap(lambda([x],aliquot_sequence(x,100)),[6,28,496,8128]);  
(%o1) [[6],[28],[496],[8128]]
```

Aspiring numbers are those which are not perfect, but terminate with a repeating perfect number.

```
(%i1) imap(lambda([x],aliquot_sequence(x,100)),[25, 95, 119, 143, 417, 445, 565, 608, 650, 652, 675, 688]);  
(%o1) [[25,6],[95,25,6],[119,25,6],[143,25,6],[417,143,25,6],[445,95,25,6],[565,119,25,6],[608,652,496]]
```

See also `divisor_function`, `aliquot_sum`, `divisor_summatory`, `perfect_p`, and `abundant_p`.

10.3 Function: aliquot_sum

aliquot_sum(n)

next package: discrete.aex

Description Returns the aliquot sum of n . The aliquot sum of n is the sum of the proper divisors of n .

Arguments `aliquot_sum` requires one argument n , which must be a positive integer.

The first argument threads (distributes) over lists.

Attributes `aliquot_sum` has attributes: `[match_form]`

See also `divisor_function`, `aliquot_sequence`, `divisor_summatory`, `perfect_p`, and `abundant_p`.

10.4 Function: `amicable_p`

`amicable_p`(n , m)

next package: `discrete.aex`

Description Returns true if n and m are amicable, and false otherwise.

Arguments `amicable_p` requires two arguments. The first argument n must be a positive integer. The second argument m must be a positive integer.

The first and second arguments thread (distribute) over lists.

Attributes `amicable_p` has attributes: `[match_form]`

Examples

The first few amicable pairs.

```
(%i1) map(lambda([x],amicable_p(first(x),second(x))), [[220, 284],
[1184, 1210], [2620, 2924], [5020, 5564], [6232, 6368]]);
(%o1) [true,true,true,true,true]
```

10.5 Function: `catalan_number`

`catalan_number`(n)

next package: `discrete.aex`

Description Returns the n th catalan number.

Arguments `catalan_number` requires one argument.

The first argument threads (distributes) over lists.

Attributes `catalan_number` has attributes: `[match_form]`

Examples

The catalan number for n from 1 through 12.

```
(%i1) map(catalan_number,lrange(12));
(%o1) [1,2,5,14,42,132,429,1430,4862,16796,58786,208012]
```

The n 'th catalan number.

```
(%i1) catalan_number(n);
(%o1) binomial(2*n,n)/(n+1)
```

OEIS number: A000108.

10.6 Function: divisor_function

divisor_function(*n* :optional *x*)

next package: discrete_aex

Description Returns the divisor function, or sum of positive divisors function

$$\sigma_x(n) = \sum_{d|n} d^x,$$

where $d|x$ means d divides n . If x is omitted it takes the default value 0. Currently, complex values for x are not supported. After writing this, I noticed that the function is implemented in the maxima core and is called `divsum`.

Arguments `divisor_function` requires either one or two arguments. The first argument n must be a non-negative integer. The second argument x must be a number.

The first and second arguments thread (distribute) over lists.

Attributes `divisor_function` has attributes: [match_form]

OEIS number: A000005 for $x=0$ and A000203 for $x=1$.

See also `aliquot_sum`, `aliquot_sequence`, `divisor_summatory`, `perfect_p`, and `abundant_p`.

10.7 Function: divisor_summatory

divisor_summatory(*x*)

next package: discrete_aex

Description Returns the divisor summatory function $D(x)$ for x . The `divisor_function` $\sigma_0(n)$ counts the number of unique divisors of the natural number n . $D(x)$ is the sum of $\sigma_0(n)$ over $n \leq x$.

Arguments `divisor_summatory` requires one argument x , which must be a non-negative number.

The first argument threads (distributes) over lists.

Attributes `divisor_summatory` has attributes: [match_form]

Examples

$D(n)$ for n from 1 through 12

```
(%i1) map(divisor_summatory, lrange(12));  
(%o1) [1,3,5,8,10,14,16,20,23,27,29,35]
```

OEIS number: A006218.

See also `divisor_function`, `aliquot_sum`, `aliquot_sequence`, `perfect_p`, and `abundant_p`.

10.8 Function: from_digits

from_digits(*digits* :optional *base*)

next package: discrete_aex

Calling

`from_digits(digits)` returns the integer represented by the decimal digits in the list or string *digits*.

`from_digits(digits, base)` returns the integer represented by the base *base* digits in the list or string *digits*.

Description *base* need not be number, but may be, for instance, a symbol. If *base* is a number it must be an integer between 2 and 36. *digits* may be a string rather than a list.

Arguments `from-digits` requires either one or two arguments. The first argument *digits* must be a list (lex or aex) or a string.

The second argument threads (distributes) over lists.

Attributes `from-digits` has attributes: `[match-form]`

See also `integer-digits` and `integer-string`.

10.9 Function: `integer-digits`

`integer-digits`(*n* :optional *base*, *len*)

next package: `discrete-aex`

Calling

`integer-digits`(*n*) returns a list of the base 10 digits of *n*.

`integer-digits`(*n*, *base*) returns a list of the base *base* digits of *n*.

`integer-digits`(*n*, *base*, *len*) returns a list of the base *base* digits of *n* padded with 0's so that the total length of the list is *len*.

Arguments `integer-digits` requires between one and three arguments. The first argument *n* must be an integer. The second argument *base* must be a valid radix (an integer between 2 and 36). The third argument *len* must be a non-negative integer.

Options `integer-digits` takes options with default values: `adj->true`, `ot->ml`.

Attributes `integer-digits` has attributes: `[match-form]`

See also `from-digits` and `integer-string`.

Implementation `gcl` is much faster than the others. `integer-digits(2^(10^6))`: typical times for lisps:
ecl-12.12.1 0.09s, sbcl-1.1.11 0.5s, clisp-2.49 9s, ccl-1.9 62s, cmucl-20d error, gcl-2.6.(7,8,9) 0.09s, allegro-8.2 = 23s, Mma-3.0 = 5s, Mma-8 = 0.04s.

10.10 Function: `integer-string`

`integer-string`(*n* :optional *base*, *pad*)

next package: `discrete-aex`

Calling

`integer-string`(*n*) returns a string containing the decimal digits of the integer *n*.

`integer-string`(*n*, *base*) returns a string containing the base *base* digits of the integer *n*.

`integer-string`(*n*, *base*, *pad*) pads the string on the left with 0's so that the length of the string is *pad*.

`integer-string`(*n*, "roman") returns a string containing the roman-numeral form of the integer *n*.

`integer-string`(*n*, "cardinal") returns a string containing the english word form of the integer (cardinal number) *n*.

`integer-string`(*n*, "ordinal") returns a string containing the english word form of the ordinal (counting) number *n*.

Arguments `integer_string` requires between one and three arguments. The first argument n must be an integer. The second argument $base$ must be a valid radix (an integer between 2 and 36) or a string. The third argument pad must be a positive integer.

The first, second, and third arguments thread (distribute) over lists.

Attributes `integer_string` has attributes: `[match_form]`

See also `integer_digits` and `from_digits`.

10.11 Function: `mersenne_date`

`mersenne_date(n)`

next package: `discrete_aex`

Description Returns date of discovery of the n th mersenne prime.

Arguments `mersenne_date` requires one argument n , which must be an integer between 1 and 48.

The first argument threads (distributes) over lists.

Attributes `mersenne_date` has attributes: `[match_form]`

10.12 Function: `mersenne_discoverer`

`mersenne_discoverer(n)`

next package: `discrete_aex`

Description Returns the discoverers of the n th mersenne prime.

Arguments `mersenne_discoverer` requires one argument n , which must be an integer between 1 and 48.

The first argument threads (distributes) over lists.

Attributes `mersenne_discoverer` has attributes: `[match_form]`

10.13 Function: `mersenne_exponent`

`mersenne_exponent(n)`

next package: `discrete_aex`

Description Returns the exponent p_n for the n th mersenne prime $2^{p_n} - 1$.

Arguments `mersenne_exponent` requires one argument n , which must be an integer between 1 and 48.

The first argument threads (distributes) over lists.

Attributes `mersenne_exponent` has attributes: `[match_form]`

10.14 Function: `mersenne_method`

`mersenne_method(n)`

next package: `discrete_aex`

Description Returns the method of discovery of the n th mersenne prime.

Arguments `mersenne_method` requires one argument n , which must be an integer between 1 and 48.

The first argument threads (distributes) over lists.

Attributes `mersenne_method` has attributes: `[match_form]`

10.15 Function: `mersenne_numdig`

`mersenne_numdig(n)`

next package: `discrete_aex`

Description Returns the number of digits in the *n*th mersenne prime.

Arguments `mersenne_numdig` requires one argument *n*, which must be an integer between 1 and 48.

The first argument threads (distributes) over lists.

Attributes `mersenne_numdig` has attributes: `[match_form]`

10.16 Function: `mersenne_prime`

`mersenne_prime(n)`

next package: `discrete_aex`

Description Returns the *n*th mersenne prime.

Arguments `mersenne_prime` requires one argument *n*, which must be an integer between 1 and 48.

The first argument threads (distributes) over lists.

Attributes `mersenne_prime` has attributes: `[match_form]`

10.17 Function: `oeis_A092143`

`oeis_A092143(n)`

next package: `discrete_aex`

Description Returns the cumulative product of all divisors of integers from 1 to *n*.

Arguments `oeis_A092143` requires one argument *n*, which must be a positive integer.

Attributes `oeis_A092143` has attributes: `[match_form]`

10.18 Function: `perfect_number`

`perfect_number(n)`

next package: `discrete_aex`

Description Returns the *n*th perfect number.

Arguments `perfect_number` requires one argument *n*, which must be an integer between 1 and 48.

The first argument threads (distributes) over lists.

Attributes `perfect_number` has attributes: `[match_form]`

10.19 Function: `perfect_numdig`

`perfect_numdig(n)`

next package: `discrete_aex`

Description Returns the number of digits in the *n*th perfect number.

Arguments `perfect_numdig` requires one argument *n*, which must be an integer between 1 and 48.

The first argument threads (distributes) over lists.

Attributes `perfect_numdig` has attributes: `[match_form]`

10.20 Function: `perfect_p`

`perfect_p`(n)

next package: `discrete.aex`

Description Returns true if n is a perfect number. Otherwise, returns false.

Arguments `perfect_p` requires one argument n , which must be a positive integer.

The first argument threads (distributes) over lists.

Attributes `perfect_p` has attributes: `[match_form]`

See also `divisor_function`, `aliquot_sum`, `aliquot_sequence`, `divisor_summatory`, and `abundant_p`.

Implementation This function computes divisors. It would be far more efficient to use a table of known perfect numbers, as very few of them are accessible by current computer hardware.

10.21 Function: `prime_pi`

`prime_pi`(n)

next package: `prime_pi`

Calling

`prime_pi`(n) returns the number of primes less than or equal to n .

Description Computes the prime counting function. The option *threads* specifies the maximum number of cpu threads to use. The routine may use fewer threads, depending on the value of n . The value of n is limited to 2^{64} that is, about $1.84e+18$.

The percent of the calculation that is finished is printed during the calculation if the option *status* is true. The status will only work under some terminals.

Arguments `prime_pi` requires one argument n , which must be equivalent to an unsigned 64 bit integer (that is, an integer between 0 and 2^{64}) (We need to modify the doc system so we can use notation for powers in arg check strings. .

The first argument threads (distributes) over lists.

Options `prime_pi` takes options with default values: `status->false`, `threads->1`.

Attributes `prime_pi` has attributes: `[match_form]`

See also `prime_pi_soe`, `next_prime`, and `prev_prime`.

Implementation This algorithm is fast, especially for a general purpose mathematics program. It combines a segmented sieve implemented as a C library with tables.

Authors Kim Walisch (C library), Tomas Oliveira e Silva (tables), and John Lapereyre (lisp).

10.22 Function: `prime_pi_soe`

`prime_pi_soe`(n)

next package: `discrete.aex`

Description The prime counting function. The algorithm is the sieve of Eratosthenes. Internally an array of n bits is used.

Arguments `prime_pi_soe` requires one argument n , which must be a non-negative integer.

Attributes `prime_pi_soe` has attributes: `[match_form]`

See also `prime_pi`, `next_prime`, and `prev_prime`.

Implementation This is not the most efficient way to compute primes.

10.23 Function: `prime_twins`

`prime_twins`(*min* :optional *max*)

next package: `prime_pi`

Calling

`prime_twins`(*n*) returns the number of prime twins less than or equal to *n*.

`prime_twins`(*nmin*, *nmax*) returns the number of prime twins between *nmin* and *nmax*.

Description The option *ktuplet* counts the *ktuplet*-constellation rather than the twins. *ktuplet* must be an integer between 1 and 7.

Arguments `prime_twins` requires either one or two arguments. The first argument *min* must be equivalent to an unsigned 64 bit integer (that is, an integer between 0 and 2 to the power 64) (We need to modify the doc system so we can use notation for powers in arg check strings. . The second argument *max* must be equivalent to an unsigned 64 bit integer (that is, an integer between 0 and 2 to the power 64) (We need to modify the doc system so we can use notation for powers in arg check strings. .

The first and second arguments thread (distribute) over lists.

Options `prime_twins` takes options with default values: *ktuplet*->2, *status*->false, *threads*->1.

Attributes `prime_twins` has attributes: [match_form]

See also `prime_pi`, `next_prime`, `prev_prime`, and `primep`.

Implementation No tables are used in this algorithm.

10.24 Function: `primes1`

`primes1`(*n1* :optional *n2*)

next package: `discrete_aex`

Calling

`primes1`(*max*) returns a list of the primes less than or equal to *max*.

`primes1`(*min*, *max*) returns a list of the primes between *min* and *max*.

Description The algorithm is the sieve of Eratosthenes. This is not an efficient algorithm.

Arguments `primes1` requires either one or two arguments. The first argument *n1* must be a non-negative integer. The second argument *n2* must be a non-negative integer.

Options `primes1` takes options with default values: *adj*->true, *ot*->ml.

Attributes `primes1` has attributes: [match_form]

11 Functions and Variables for Numerical Computation

Functions for numerical computations: Numeric integration; Mathematical functions— cos,sin,etc. —that accept only numerical arguments. Tests of loops in untranslated code show that these are much more efficient than using the standard maxima versions. But, for most applications, the standard Maxima versions are probably ok.

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- mquad_qagi
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- n_atan
- n_atanh
- n_cos
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- n_expt
- n_log
- n_sin
- n_sinh
- n_sqrt
- n_tan
- n_tanh
- nintegrate

11.1 Function: mquad_qag

mquad_qag(*fun*, *var*, *a*, *b*, *key*)

next package: numerical

Description This is an interface to qag that is modified from quad_qag.

Arguments mquad_qag requires five arguments. The second argument *var* must be a symbol or a subscripted variable. The third argument *a* must be an expression that can be converted to a float. The fourth argument *b* must be an expression that can be converted to a float. The fifth argument *key* must be an integer between 1 and 6.

Options mquad_qag takes options with default values: *match*->false, *epsrel*->1.e-8, *epsabs*->0.0, *limit*->200.

Attributes mquad_qag has attributes: [match_form]

11.2 Function: mquad_qagi

mquad_qagi(*fun*, *var*, *a*, *b*)

next package: numerical

Description This is an interface to qagi that is modified from quad_qagi.

Arguments mquad_qagi requires four arguments. The second argument *var* must be a symbol or a subscripted variable. The third argument *a* must be minf or an expression that can be converted to a float. The fourth argument *b* must be inf or an expression that can be converted to a float.

Options mquad_qagi takes options with default values: *match*->false, *epsrel*->1.e-8, *epsabs*->0.0, *limit*->200.

Attributes mquad_qagi has attributes: [match_form]

11.3 Function: mquad_qagp

mquad_qagp(*fun*, *var*, *a*, *b*, *points*)

next package: numerical

Description This is an interface to qagp that is modified from quad_qagp.

Arguments mquad_qagp requires five arguments. The second argument *var* must be a symbol or a subscripted variable. The third argument *a* must be an expression that can be converted to a float. The fourth argument *b* must be an expression that can be converted to a float. The fifth argument *points* must be a list.

Options mquad_qagp takes options with default values: *match*->false, *epsrel*->1.e-8, *epsabs*->0.0, *limit*->200.

Attributes mquad_qagp has attributes: [match_form]

11.4 Function: mquad_qags

mquad_qags(*fun*, *var*, *a*, *b*)

next package: numerical

Description This is an interface to qags that is modified from quad_qags.

Arguments mquad_qags requires four arguments. The second argument *var* must be a symbol or a subscripted variable. The third argument *a* must be an expression that can be converted to a float. The fourth argument *b* must be an expression that can be converted to a float.

Options `mquad_qags` takes options with default values: `match->false`, `epsrel->1.e-8`, `epsabs->0.0`, `limit->200`.

Attributes `mquad_qags` has attributes: `[match_form]`

11.5 Function: `mquad_qawc`

`mquad_qawc`(*fun*, *var*, *c*, *a*, *b*)

next package: numerical

Description This is an interface to `qawc` that is modified from `quad_qawc`.

Arguments `mquad_qawc` requires five arguments. The second argument *var* must be a symbol or a subscripted variable. The third argument *c* must be an expression that can be converted to a float. The fourth argument *a* must be an expression that can be converted to a float. The fifth argument *b* must be an expression that can be converted to a float.

Options `mquad_qawc` takes options with default values: `match->false`, `epsrel->1.e-8`, `epsabs->0.0`, `limit->200`.

Attributes `mquad_qawc` has attributes: `[match_form]`

11.6 Function: `mquad_qawf`

`mquad_qawf`(*fun*, *var*, *a*, *omega*, *trig*)

next package: numerical

Description This is an interface to `qawf` that is modified from `quad_qawf`.

Arguments `mquad_qawf` requires five arguments. The second argument *var* must be a symbol or a subscripted variable. The third argument *a* must be an expression that can be converted to a float. The fourth argument *omega* must be an expression that can be converted to a float. The fifth argument *trig* must be one of '(\$COS 1

Options `mquad_qawf` takes options with default values: `match->false`, `lim1st->10`, `maxp1->100`, `epsabs->1.e-10`, `limit->200`.

Attributes `mquad_qawf` has attributes: `[match_form]`

11.7 Function: `mquad_qawo`

`mquad_qawo`(*fun*, *var*, *a*, *b*, *omega*, *trig*)

next package: numerical

Description This is an interface to `qawo` that is modified from `quad_qawo`.

Arguments `mquad_qawo` requires six arguments. The second argument *var* must be a symbol or a subscripted variable. The third argument *a* must be an expression that can be converted to a float. The fourth argument *b* must be an expression that can be converted to a float. The fifth argument *omega* must be an expression that can be converted to a float. The sixth argument *trig* must be one of '(\$COS 1

Options `mquad_qawo` takes options with default values: `match->false`, `epsrel->1.e-8`, `epsabs->0.0`, `limit->200`, `maxp1->100`.

Attributes `mquad_qawo` has attributes: `[match_form]`

11.8 Function: mquad_qaws

mquad_qaws(*fun*, *var*, *a*, *b*, *alfa*, *beta*, *wfun*)

next package: numerical

Description This is an interface to qaws that is modified from `quad_qaws`.

Arguments `mquad_qaws` requires seven arguments. The second argument *var* must be a symbol or a subscripted variable. The third argument *a* must be an expression that can be converted to a float. The fourth argument *b* must be an expression that can be converted to a float. The fifth argument *alfa* must be an expression that can be converted to a float. The sixth argument *beta* must be an expression that can be converted to a float. The seventh argument *wfun* must be an integer between 1 and 4.

Options `mquad_qaws` takes options with default values: `match->false`, `epsrel->1.e-8`, `epsabs->0.0`, `limit->200`.

Attributes `mquad_qaws` has attributes: `[match_form]`

11.9 Function: n_abs

next package: aex

Description `n_abs` calls the lisp numeric function `?abs`. This function accepts only float or integer arguments from maxima (lisp complex and rationals, as well.). `n_abs` may be considerably faster in some code, particularly untranslated code.

11.10 Function: n_acos

next package: aex

Description `n_acos` calls the lisp numeric function `?acos`. This function accepts only float or integer arguments from maxima (lisp complex and rationals, as well.). `n_acos` may be considerably faster in some code, particularly untranslated code.

11.11 Function: n_acosh

next package: aex

Description `n_acosh` calls the lisp numeric function `?acosh`. This function accepts only float or integer arguments from maxima (lisp complex and rationals, as well.). `n_acosh` may be considerably faster in some code, particularly untranslated code.

11.12 Function: n_asin

next package: aex

Description `n_asin` calls the lisp numeric function `?asin`. This function accepts only float or integer arguments from maxima (lisp complex and rationals, as well.). `n_asin` may be considerably faster in some code, particularly untranslated code.

11.13 Function: n_asinh

next package: aex

Description `n_asinh` calls the lisp numeric function `?asinh`. This function accepts only float or integer arguments from maxima (lisp complex and rationals, as well.). `n_asinh` may be considerably faster in some code, particularly untranslated code.

11.14 Function: `n_atan`

next package: `aex`

Description `n_atan` calls the lisp numeric function `?atan`. This function accepts only float or integer arguments from maxima (lisp complex and rationals, as well.). `n_atan` may be considerably faster in some code, particularly untranslated code.

11.15 Function: `n_atanh`

next package: `aex`

Description `n_atanh` calls the lisp numeric function `?atanh`. This function accepts only float or integer arguments from maxima (lisp complex and rationals, as well.). `n_atanh` may be considerably faster in some code, particularly untranslated code.

11.16 Function: `n_cos`

next package: `aex`

Description `n_cos` calls the lisp numeric function `?cos`. This function accepts only float or integer arguments from maxima (lisp complex and rationals, as well.). `n_cos` may be considerably faster in some code, particularly untranslated code.

11.17 Function: `n_cosh`

next package: `aex`

Description `n_cosh` calls the lisp numeric function `?cosh`. This function accepts only float or integer arguments from maxima (lisp complex and rationals, as well.). `n_cosh` may be considerably faster in some code, particularly untranslated code.

11.18 Function: `n_exp`

next package: `aex`

Description `n_exp` calls the lisp numeric function `?exp`. This function accepts only float or integer arguments from maxima (lisp complex and rationals, as well.). `n_exp` may be considerably faster in some code, particularly untranslated code.

11.19 Function: `n_expt`

next package: `aex`

Description `n_expt` calls the lisp numeric function `?expt`. This function accepts only float or integer arguments from maxima (lisp complex and rationals, as well.). `n_expt` may be considerably faster in some code, particularly untranslated code.

11.20 Function: `n_log`

next package: `aex`

Description `n_log` calls the lisp numeric function `?log`. This function accepts only float or integer arguments from maxima (lisp complex and rationals, as well.). `n_log` may be considerably faster in some code, particularly untranslated code.

11.21 Function: `n_sin`

next package: `aex`

Description `n_sin` calls the lisp numeric function `?sin`. This function accepts only float or integer arguments from maxima (lisp complex and rationals, as well.). `n_sin` may be considerably faster in some code, particularly untranslated code.

11.22 Function: `n_sinh`

next package: `aex`

Description `n_sinh` calls the lisp numeric function `?sinh`. This function accepts only float or integer arguments from maxima (lisp complex and rationals, as well.). `n_sinh` may be considerably faster in some code, particularly untranslated code.

11.23 Function: `n_sqrt`

next package: `aex`

Description `n_sqrt` calls the lisp numeric function `?sqrt`. This function accepts only float or integer arguments from maxima (lisp complex and rationals, as well.). `n_sqrt` may be considerably faster in some code, particularly untranslated code.

11.24 Function: `n_tan`

next package: `aex`

Description `n_tan` calls the lisp numeric function `?tan`. This function accepts only float or integer arguments from maxima (lisp complex and rationals, as well.). `n_tan` may be considerably faster in some code, particularly untranslated code.

11.25 Function: `n_tanh`

next package: `aex`

Description `n_tanh` calls the lisp numeric function `?tanh`. This function accepts only float or integer arguments from maxima (lisp complex and rationals, as well.). `n_tanh` may be considerably faster in some code, particularly untranslated code.

11.26 Function: `nintegrate`

`nintegrate`(*expr*, *varspec* :rest *varspecs*)

next package: `numerical`

Description numerically integrate *expr*, with the variable and limits supplied in the list *varspec* as *[var,lo,hi]*. for higher dimensional integrals, supply further *varspecs*.

if the option *call* is true, then calls made to quadpack are also returned in a list. if *call* is *short*, then only the name of the quadpack routine is included.

by default, information on the integration is returned with the results. if the option *info* is false, then only the result of the integration is returned.

if the option *find_sing* is false, then **nintegrate** will not search for internal singularities, but user supplied singularities will still be used.

this function is not well tested and may give incorrect results.

Arguments **nintegrate** requires two or more arguments. The second argument *varspec* must be a list. Each of the remaining arguments must be a list.

The first argument threads (distributes) over lists.

Options **nintegrate** takes options with default values: *match*->false, *epsrel*->1.e-8, *epsabs*->0, *subint*->200, *info*->true, *words*->true, *calls*->false, *find_sing*->true, *points*->false.

Attributes **nintegrate** has attributes: [match_form]

Examples Compute a one-dimensional integral.

```
(%i1) nintegrate(sin(sin(x)), [x,0,2]);
(%o1) [1.24706, 1.38451e-14, 21, no problems]
```

Integrate a list of integrands

```
(%i2) nintegrate([x,x^2,x^3], [x,0,1], info->>false);
(%o2) [0.5, .3333333333333334, 0.25]
```

Compute two- and three-dimensional integrals.

```
(%i3) nintegrate(x*y, [x,0,1], [y,0,1], info->>false);
(%o3) 0.25
```

```
(%i4) nintegrate(x*y*z, [x,0,1], [y,0,1], [z,0,1], info->>false);
(%o4) 0.125
```

Integrate over a semi-infinite interval with an internal singularity. The location of the singularity is supplied. This cannot be done with a single call to quadpack routines.

```
(%i5) nintegrate(1/sqrt(abs(1-x))*exp(-x), [x,0,inf], points-> [1] );
(%o5) [1.72821, 1.87197e-10, 660, no problems]
```

If a list of possible singular points is not supplied, then they will be searched for using **solve**.

```
(%i6) nintegrate(1/sqrt(abs(1-x))*exp(-x), [x,0,inf]);
(%o6) [1.72821, 1.87197e-10, 660, no problems]
```

Four quadpack calls are needed to compute this example.

```
(%i7) nintegrate(1/sqrt(1-x)*exp(-x), [x,0,inf], calls->short);
(%o7) [1.07616-.652049*i, 1.87197e-10, 1026, "no problems",
      [quad_qagi, quad_qagp, quad_qagi, quad_qagp]]
```

Return quadpack error code rather than error text.

```
(%i8) nintegrate(sin(sin(x)), [x,0,2], words->false);  
(%o8) [1.24706, 1.38451e-14, 21, 0]
```

Request a relative error.

```
(%i9) nintegrate(exp(%i*x) * exp(-x*x), [x,0,inf], epsrel -> 1e-12);  
(%o9) [1.424436 %i + .690194, 1.06796e-13, 480, no problems]
```

Trying to do the integral with too few sub-intervals fails.

```
(%i10) nintegrate(1/(1+x^2), [x, 0, inf], subint -> 2, epsrel -> 1e-10);  
(%o10) [1.5708, 2.57779e-10, 45, too many sub-intervals]
```

Return a list of calls made to quadpack.

```
(%i11) nintegrate(1/sqrt(abs(1-x)) * exp(-x), [x,0,inf], calls->true);  
(%o11) [1.72821, 1.87197e-10, 660, no problems,  
[quad_qagi(%e^-x/sqrt(abs(x-1)), x, 1.0, inf, epsrel = 1.e-8, epsabs = 0, limit = 200),  
quad_qagp(%e^-x/sqrt(abs(x-1)), x, 0, 1.0, [], epsrel = 1.e-8, epsabs = 0, limit = 200)]]
```

Here we must supply the roots of $\sin(x)$ within the range of integration.

```
(%i12) nintegrate(1/(sqrt(sin(x))), [x,0,10], points -> [%pi, 2*%pi, 3*%pi]);  
(%o12) [10.4882-6.76947%i, 9.597497e-8, 1596, "no problems"]
```

See also `quad_qags`, `quad_qagi`, and `quad_qagp`.

Implementation `nintegrate` automatically chooses and combines `qags`, `qagp`, and `qagi`. `realpart` and `imagpart` are used to get two real integrands, which are then integrated separately. `solve` is used to try to find singularities, and the results are either sent to `qagp`, or used to call quadpack routines on intervals. Multi-dimensional integrals are implemented simply by nesting calls to `nintegrate`, and thus, are not efficient.

Things that could be added are: log, etc. singularities; `to_poly_solve` for singularities; faster nesting for multi-dimensional integrals; better routines for one and multi-dimensional integrals; symbolic manipulation of integrand; use of remaining quadpack routines.

12 Functions and Variables for Numerics

These are mathematical functions—`cos`, `sin`, etc.—that accept only numerical arguments. Tests of loops in untranslated code show that these are much more efficient than using the standard maxima versions. But, for most applications, the standard maxima versions are probably ok.

13 Functions and Variables for Predicates

- `aex_p`
- `cmplength`

- `length0p`
- `length1p`
- `length_eq`
- `type_of`

13.1 Function: `aex_p`

`aex_p(e)`

next package: `aex`

Description Returns true if e is an aex expression, otherwise false.

Arguments `aex_p` requires one argument.

Attributes `aex_p` has attributes: `[match_form]`

13.2 Function: `cmplength`

`cmplength(e, n)`

next package: `aex`

Description return the smaller of n and `length(e)`. This is useful if e is very large and n is small, so that computing the entire length of e is inefficient. Expression e can be either a lex of aex expression.

Arguments `cmplength` requires two arguments. The second argument n must be a non-negative integer.

Attributes `cmplength` has attributes: `[match_form]`

See also `length0p`, `length_eq`, and `length1p`.

Implementation `cmplength` is implemented with `defmfun1`, which slows things down a bit. So be cautious using it in a tight loop.

13.3 Function: `length0p`

`length0p(e)`

next package: `aex`

Description Returns true if e is of length 0, false otherwise. This implementation traverse no more elements of e than necessary to return the result.

Arguments `length0p` requires one argument e , which must be a string or non-atomic.

Attributes `length0p` has attributes: `[match_form]`

See also `cmplength`, `length_eq`, and `length1p`.

Implementation `length0p` is implemented with `defmfun1`, which slows things down a bit. So be cautious using it in a tight loop.

13.4 Function: `length1p`

`length1p(e)`

next package: `aex`

Description Returns true if e is of length 1, false otherwise. This implementation traverse no more elements of e than necessary to return the result.

Arguments `length1p` requires one argument e , which must be a string or non-atomic.

Attributes `length1p` has attributes: `[match_form]`

See also `length0p`, `cmplength`, and `length_eq`.

Implementation `length1p` is implemented with `defmfun1`, which slows things down a bit. So be cautious using it in a tight loop.

13.5 Function: `length_eq`

`length_eq(e , n)`
next package: `aex`

Description Returns true if e is of length n , false otherwise. This implementation traverses no more elements of e than necessary to return the result.

Arguments `length_eq` requires two arguments. The first argument e must be a string or non-atomic. The second argument n must be a non-negative integer.

Attributes `length_eq` has attributes: `[match_form]`

See also `length0p`, `cmplength`, and `length1p`.

Implementation `length_eq` is implemented with `defmfun1`, which slows things down a bit. So be cautious using it in a tight loop.

13.6 Function: `type_of`

`type_of(e)`
next package: `aex`

Description Return something like the ‘type’ of a maxima expression. `type_of` uses the lisp function `type-of`. Currently, `type_of` is a bit ill-defined; it may be better called ‘what-is-this?’.

If the option *info* is true, then more information is returned on properties and the underlying maxima and lisp representations.

Arguments `type_of` requires one argument.

Options `type_of` takes options with default values: `info->false`.

Attributes `type_of` has attributes: `[match_form]`

Examples

```
(%i1) type_of(1);
(%o1) integer
(%i1) type_of(1, info->true);
(%o1) [integer,lisp_bit]
(%i2) type_of(1.0);
(%o2) lisp_double_float
(%i3) type_of(1.0b0);
(%o3) bfloat
(%i4) type_of(1/3);
(%o4) /
(%i5) type_of(1/3, info->true);
(%o5) ["/",rat]
(%i6) type_of("dog");
(%o6) string
```

```
(%i7) type_of([1,2,3]);
(%o7) [
(%i8) type_of(aex([1,2,3]));
(%o8) [
(%i9) type_of(%e);
(%o9) symbol
(%i10) type_of(%i);
(%o10) symbol
(%i11) type_of(%i+1);
(%o11) +
```

`type_of` returns the type of the lisp struct corresponding to a maxima object.

```
(%i1) load(graphs)$
(%i2) type_of(new_graph());
(%o2) graph
```

14 Functions and Variables for Program Flow

- `error_str`

14.1 Function: `error_str`

error_str()
 next package: `defunfun1`

Description Returns the last error message as a string. This differs from `errormsg`, which prints the error message.

Arguments `error_str` requires zero arguments.

Attributes `error_str` has attributes: `[match_form]`

See also `error` and `errormsg`.

15 Functions and Variables for Quicklisp

- `quicklisp_apropos`
- `quicklisp_install`
- `quicklisp_load`
- `quicklisp_start`

15.1 Function: `quicklisp_apropos`

quicklisp_apropos(*term*)
 next package: `quicklisp`

Description Search quicklisp for lisp ‘systems’ (packages) matching *term*. The empty string returns all available systems.

Arguments `quicklisp_apropos` requires one argument *term*, which must be a string.

Attributes `quicklisp-apropos` has attributes: `[match-form]`

15.2 Function: `quicklisp_install`

`quicklisp_install()`

next package: `quicklisp`

Description Download and install `quicklisp` from the internet. This is usually done automatically as the final step of building and installing the maxima interface to `quicklisp`.

Arguments `quicklisp_install` requires zero arguments.

Attributes `quicklisp_install` has attributes: `[match-form]`

15.3 Function: `quicklisp_load`

`quicklisp_load(package_name)`

next package: `quicklisp`

Description Load the asdf lisp package *package_name*, or, if not installed, install from the internet and then load.

Arguments `quicklisp_load` requires one argument *package_name*, which must be a string.

Attributes `quicklisp_load` has attributes: `[match-form]`

15.4 Function: `quicklisp_start`

`quicklisp_start()`

next package: `quicklisp`

Description Load (setup) `quicklisp`. It must already be installed.

Arguments `quicklisp_start` requires zero arguments.

Attributes `quicklisp_start` has attributes: `[match-form]`

16 Functions and Variables for Runtime Environment

- `allow_kill`
- `allow_kill_share`
- `chdir`
- `chop`
- `dir_exists`
- `dirstack`
- `dont_kill`
- `dont_kill_share`
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- homedir
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- mext_find_package
- mext_info
- mext_list
- mext_list_loaded
- mext_list_package
- mext_test
- mext_verbose
- mkdir
- mtranslate_file
- nformat
- os_type_symbol
- popdir
- probe_file
- pwd
- require
- string_length
- timing
- truename
- updir
- zerop

16.1 Function: allow_kill

allow_kill(:rest *items*)

mext package: mezt.basic

Description Remove *items* from the list of symbols that are not killed by **kill**(all). This facility is part of the maxima core, but is apparently unused. Maybe putting a property in the symbol's property list would be better.

Arguments **allow_kill** requires zero or more arguments.

Attributes **allow_kill** has attributes: [hold_all,match_form]

See also **dont_kill**, **dont_kill_share**, and **get_dont_kill**.

16.2 Function: allow_kill_share

allow_kill_share(*package*)

mext package: mezt.basic

Description Allow symbols in maxima share package *package* from being killed by **kill**. This undoes the effect of **dont_kill_share**. Currently (if this document is up-to-date) only 'basic' and 'lrats' are in the database.

Arguments **allow_kill_share** requires one argument *package*, which must be a string or a symbol.

The first argument threads (distributes) over lists.

Attributes **allow_kill_share** has attributes: [match_form]

16.3 Function: chdir

chdir(:optional *dir*)

mext package: mezt.basic

Calling

chdir() Set the working directory to the value it had when mezt was loaded.

chdir(*dir*) Set the working directory to *dir*.

Description Set the working directory for maxima/lisp. With some lisps, such as cmu lisp the system directory is changed as well. This should be made uniform across lisp implementations.

Arguments **chdir** requires either zero or one arguments. If present, the argument *dir* must be a string.

Attributes **chdir** has attributes: [match_form]

See also **pwd**, **popdir**, **updir**, **dirstack**, and **list_directory**.

16.4 Function: chop

chop(*x*)

mext package: mezt.basic

Description Return 0 if *x* is closer to zero than the option *eps*.

Arguments **chop** requires one argument.

The first argument threads (distributes) over lists.

Options **chop** takes options with default values: **eps**->1.e-16.

Attributes chop has attributes: [match_form]

16.5 Function: dir_exists

dir_exists(*dir*)

mext package: mezt.basic

Description Returns the pathname as a string if *dir* exists, and **false** otherwise.

Arguments dir_exists requires one argument *dir*, which must be a string.

The first argument threads (distributes) over lists.

Attributes dir_exists has attributes: [match_form]

16.6 Function: dirstack

dirstack()

mext package: mezt.basic

Description Return a list of the directories on the directory stack. This list is manipulated with **chdir**, **updir**, and **popdir**.

Arguments dirstack requires zero arguments.

Attributes dirstack has attributes: [match_form]

See also chdir, pwd, popdir, updir, and list_directory.

16.7 Function: dont_kill

dont_kill(:rest *item*)

mext package: mezt.basic

Description Add the *items* to the list of symbols that are not killed by **kill**(all). This facility is part of the maxima core, but is apparently unused. Maybe putting a property in the symbol's property list would be better.

Arguments dont_kill requires zero or more arguments.

Attributes dont_kill has attributes: [hold_all,match_form]

See also dont_kill_share, get_dont_kill, and allow_kill.

16.8 Function: dont_kill_share

dont_kill_share(*package*)

mext package: mezt.basic

Description Prevent symbols in maxima share package *package* from being killed by **kill**. Currently (if this document is up-to-date) only 'basic' and 'lrats' are in the database.

Arguments dont_kill_share requires one argument *package*, which must be a string or a symbol.

The first argument threads (distributes) over lists.

Attributes dont_kill_share has attributes: [match_form]

See also dont_kill, get_dont_kill, and allow_kill.

16.9 Function: `format1`

`format1`(*expr*)

mext package: `mext.basic`

Description This calls the lisp function `format1`. It is mostly for testing code.

Arguments `format1` requires one argument.

Attributes `format1` has attributes: `[match_form]`

16.10 Function: `get_dont_kill`

`get_dont_kill`()

mext package: `mext.basic`

Description Returns the list of symbols that are not killed by `kill(all)`. Items are added to this list with `dont_kill`.

Arguments `get_dont_kill` requires zero arguments.

Attributes `get_dont_kill` has attributes: `[match_form]`

See also `dont_kill`, `dont_kill_share`, and `allow_kill`.

16.11 Variable: `homedir`

mext package: `mext.basic`

default value `/home/jlapeyre/`.

Description The user's home directory.

16.12 Function: `ieval_string`

`ieval_string`(*string*)

mext package: `mext.basic`

Description Slightly enhanced version of `eval_string`.

Arguments `ieval_string` requires one argument *string*, which must be a string.

The first argument threads (distributes) over lists.

Attributes `ieval_string` has attributes: `[match_form]`

16.13 Function: `iparse_string`

`iparse_string`(*string*)

mext package: `mext.basic`

Description Slightly enhanced version of `parse_string`.

Arguments `iparse_string` requires one argument *string*, which must be a string.

The first argument threads (distributes) over lists.

Attributes `iparse_string` has attributes: `[match_form]`

16.14 Variable: `lisp_bin_ext`

mext package: `mext.basic`

default value `fasl`.

Description The extension of compiled lisp binaries for the lisp implementation used by Maxima. This should be read-only. Setting it has no effect.

16.15 Variable: `lisp_type`

mext package: `mext.basic`

default value `SBCL`.

Description The name of the lisp implementation, as a string, on which Maxima is running.

16.16 Function: `lisp_type_symbol`

mext package: `mext.basic`

Description Returns a maxima symbol representing the lisp vendor. For example, `gcl`, `sbcl`, `clisp`, ...

16.17 Variable: `lisp_version`

mext package: `mext.basic`

default value `1.1.11`.

Description The lisp version number of the lisp implementation on which Maxima is running.

16.18 Function: `list_directory`

`list_directory`(:optional *dir*)

mext package: `mext.basic`

Description Returns a directory listing for *dir* or the current directory if no argument is given.

Arguments `list_directory` requires either zero or one arguments. If present, the argument *dir* must be a string.

The first argument threads (distributes) over lists.

Attributes `list_directory` has attributes: `[match_form]`

See also `chdir`, `pwd`, `popdir`, `updir`, and `dirstack`.

16.19 Variable: `maxima_version`

mext package: `mext.basic`

default value `5.31.0`.

Description The Maxima version number.

16.20 Function: `mcompile_file`

mcompile_file(*input_file* :optional *bin_file*)
mext package: `mext.basic`

Description Like `compile_file`, except that the intermediate, translated filename may be specified as an option. If the intermediate filename, *is not given, then* ,it will be written in the same directory as the output (binary) file.

Arguments `mcompile_file` requires either one or two arguments. The first argument *input_file* must be a string. The second argument *bin_file* must be a string.

The first argument threads (distributes) over lists.

Options `mcompile_file` takes options with default values: `tr_file->false`.

Attributes `mcompile_file` has attributes: `[match_form]`

16.21 Function: `mext_clear`

mext_clear()
mext package: `mext.basic`

Description Clears the list of mext packages that have been loaded with `require`. Subsequent calls to `require` will reload the packages.

Arguments `mext_clear` requires zero arguments.

Attributes `mext_clear` has attributes: `[match_form]`

See also `mext_list_loaded`, `mext_list`, `mext_info`, `mext_list_package`, and `mext_find_package`.

16.22 Function: `mext_find_package`

mext_find_package(:rest *items*)
mext package: `mext.basic`

Description Find mext packages in which the function or variable *items* are defined. This only works if the package has been loaded, and its symbols registered. If more than one package is found, then all are listed. If the option *file* is true, then the filename in which the item is defined is also returned.

Arguments `mext_find_package` requires zero or more arguments. Each of the arguments must be a string or a symbol.

Options `mext_find_package` takes options with default values: `file->false`.

Attributes `mext_find_package` has attributes: `[match_form]`

See also `mext_list_loaded`, `mext_list`, `mext_info`, `mext_clear`, and `mext_list_package`.

16.23 Function: `mext_info`

mext_info(*distname*)
mext package: `mext.basic`

Description Print information about installed mext distribution *distname*. The list of installed distributions is built by calling `mext_list`.

Arguments `mext_info` requires one argument *distname*, which must be a string or a symbol.

The first argument threads (distributes) over lists.

Attributes `mext.info` has attributes: `[match_form]`

See also `mext_list_loaded`, `mext_list`, `mext_clear`, `mext_list_package`, and `mext_find_package`.

16.24 Function: `mext_list`

`mext_list()`

mext package: `mext.basic`

Description Returns a list of all installed mext distributions. These are installed, but not necessarily loaded.

Arguments `mext_list` requires zero arguments.

Attributes `mext_list` has attributes: `[match_form]`

See also `mext_list_loaded`, `mext.info`, `mext_clear`, `mext_list_package`, and `mext_find_package`.

16.25 Function: `mext_list_loaded`

`mext_list_loaded()`

mext package: `mext.basic`

Description Returns a list of mext packages currently loaded.

Arguments `mext_list_loaded` requires zero arguments.

Attributes `mext_list_loaded` has attributes: `[match_form]`

See also `mext_list`, `mext.info`, `mext_clear`, `mext_list_package`, and `mext_find_package`.

16.26 Function: `mext_list_package`

`mext_list_package(package)`

mext package: `mext.basic`

Description List functions and variables defined in the mext package *package*. A mis-feature is that an empty list is returned if the package is not loaded. This function incorrectly returns an empty list for some packages, and may miss some functions.

Arguments `mext_list_package` requires one argument *package*, which must be a string or a symbol.

The first argument threads (distributes) over lists.

Attributes `mext_list_package` has attributes: `[match_form]`

See also `mext_list_loaded`, `mext_list`, `mext.info`, `mext_clear`, and `mext_find_package`.

16.27 Function: `mext_test`

`mext_test(:rest dists)`

mext package: `mext.basic`

Calling

`mext_test('loaded)` Run rtests for all loaded mext packages.

`mext_test(package)` Run rtests for the mext package *package*.

Description Run the test suites for a mext distribution or list of distributions. If the argument `all` is given, then all tests are run for all installed mext distributions. If the argument `loaded` is given, then all tests are run for all loaded mext distributions. If no argument is given, a subfolder named `rtests` is searched for in the current directory. An item may be a list, in which case, the first element is the package name and the remaining elements are strings specifying the name of the rtests to run. The strings must not include directory or file extension parts. If the option `list` is `true`, then the tests are not performed, but a list of the rtest files is returned. If `list` is `long`, then the full pathnames of the rtest files are listed. Note: if the package `mext.basic` is not loaded, then only a rudimentary version of `mext.test`, which does not accept options, is available.

Arguments `mext.test` requires zero or more arguments. Each of the arguments must be a string, a symbol, or a list of strings or symbols.

Options `mext.test` takes options with default values: `list->false`.

Attributes `mext.test` has attributes: `[match_form]`

Examples Run regression tests for the packages `aex`, and `lists_aex`.

```
(%i1) mext_test(aex,lists_aex);
(%o1) done
```

Run only some of the regression tests.

```
(%i2) mext_test([aex, "rtest_aex"],[lists_aex, "rtest_table"]);
(%o2) done
```

Only list the test files; do not run them.

```
(%i3) mext_test(tpsolve, list->true);
(%o3) [rtest_to_poly_solve, rtest_to_poly]
```

16.28 Variable: `mext_verbose`

mext package: `mext.basic`

default value 0.

Description Set this to 0 to suppress messages from mext while loading packages, or 1 to enable messages.

16.29 Function: `mkdir`

`mkdir(filespec :optional mode)`

mext package: `mext.basic`

Arguments `mkdir` requires either one or two arguments. The first argument *filespec* must be a string.

Attributes `mkdir` has attributes: `[match_form]`

16.30 Function: `mtranslate_file`

`mtranslate_file(input-file :optional ttymsgsp)`

mext package: `mext.basic`

Description Like `translate_file`, except that the output filename may be specified as an option.

Arguments `mtranslate_file` requires either one or two arguments. The first argument *input-file* must be a string.

The first argument threads (distributes) over lists.

Options `mtranslate_file` takes options with default values: `output_file->false`.

Attributes `mtranslate_file` has attributes: `[match_form]`

16.31 Function: `nformat`

`nformat`(*expr*)

mext package: `mext.basic`

Description This calls the lisp function `nformat`. It is mostly for testing code.

Arguments `nformat` requires one argument.

Attributes `nformat` has attributes: `[match_form]`

16.32 Function: `os_type_symbol`

mext package: `mext.basic`

Description Returns a maxima symbol representing the type of operating system. This is one of *win32*, *linux*, or *unknown*.

16.33 Function: `popdir`

`popdir`(:optional *n*)

mext package: `mext.basic`

Description Pop a value from the current directory stack and `chdir` to this value. If *n* is given, pop *n* values and `chdir` to the last value popped.

Arguments `popdir` requires either zero or one arguments. If present, the argument *n* must be a non-negative integer.

Attributes `popdir` has attributes: `[match_form]`

See also `chdir`, `pwd`, `updir`, `dirstack`, and `list_directory`.

16.34 Function: `probe_file`

mext package: `maxdoc`

Calling

`probe_file`(*filespec*) returns a string representing a canonical pathname to the file specified by *filespec*. False is returned if the file can't be found.

Description `Probe_File` tries to find a canonical pathname for a file specified by the string *filespec*.

Arguments `probe_file` requires one argument *filespec*, which must be a string.

Attributes `probe_file` has attributes: `[match_form]`

Examples

```
(%i1) probe_file("a/b.txt");  
(%o1) "/home/username/c/a/b.txt"
```

16.35 Function: pwd

pwd()

mext package: mezt.basic

Description Return the current working directory.

Arguments **pwd** requires zero arguments.

Attributes **pwd** has attributes: [match_form]

See also **chdir**, **popdir**, **updir**, **dirstack**, and **list_directory**.

16.36 Function: require

require(*distname* :optional *force*)

mext package: mezt.basic

Description Load the mezt package *distname* and register that it has been loaded. **require**('all') will load all installed mezt packages. If *force* is true, then *distname* is loaded even if it has been loaded previously. *distname* may also be a list of package names to be loaded.

Arguments **require** requires either one or two arguments. The first argument *distname* must be a string, a symbol, or a list of strings or symbols.

Attributes **require** has attributes: [match_form]

16.37 Function: string_length

string_length(*string*)

mext package: mezt.basic

Description Returns the number of characters in *string*.

Arguments **string_length** requires one argument *string*, which must be a string.

The first argument threads (distributes) over lists.

Attributes **string_length** has attributes: [match_form]

16.38 Function: timing

timing(:rest *exprs*)

mext package: runtime

Calling

timing(*exprs*) evaluates each of the expressions *exprs* and returns a list of the total cpu time and real time in seconds used, together with the result of evaluating the final expression.

timing(*exprs*, print-¿true) returns the result of evaluating the final expression and prints the cpu and real time used.

timing(*exprs*, result-¿false) returns the time in seconds used, and discards all results.

timing(*exprs*, time-*i*cpu) Return only the cpu (run) time used and the last result.

timing(*exprs*, time-*i*real) Return only the real time used and the last result.

timing(*exprs*, time-*i*all) Return both the cpu and real time used and the last result.

Description **timing** evaluates each of the *exprs*, and returns a list of the total cpu time in seconds and real time in seconds used, together with the result of the last expression. See also **showtime**.

Arguments **timing** requires zero or more arguments.

Options **timing** takes options with default values: **time->all**, **result->>true**, **print->>false**.

Attributes **timing** has attributes: [hold_all,match_form]

16.39 Function: truename

next package: maxdoc

Calling

truename(*filespec*) returns a string representing a canonical pathname to the file specified by *filespec*

Description **Truename** tries to find a canonical pathanme for a file specified by the string *filespec*.

Arguments **truename** requires one argument *filespec*, which must be a string.

Attributes **truename** has attributes: [match_form]

16.40 Function: updir

updir(:optional *n*)

next package: next_basic

Description Change the working directory to be *n* (or 1 if *n* is not given) subdirectories higher than the current working directory.

Arguments **updir** requires either zero or one arguments. If present, the argument *n* must be a a non-negative integer.

Attributes **updir** has attributes: [match_form]

See also **chdir**, **pwd**, **popdir**, **dirstack**, and **list_directory**.

16.41 Function: zerop

zerop(*x*)

next package: next_basic

Description Returns **true** if *x* represents the number zero, otherwise, **false**. This does not try to manipulate *x* to determine if it can be reduced to the number zero.

Arguments **zerop** requires one argument.

Attributes **zerop** has attributes: [match_form]

17 Functions and Variables for Strings

- `string_drop`
- `string_reverse`
- `string_take`
- `without_output_to_string`

17.1 Function: `string_drop`

`string_drop(s, spec)`

next package: `lists_aex`

Arguments `string_drop` requires two arguments. The first argument *s* must be a string. The second argument *spec* must be a sequence specification.

The first argument threads (distributes) over lists.

Attributes `string_drop` has attributes: `[match_form]`

Examples

```
(%i1) string_drop("abracadabra",1);  
(%o1) bracadabra
```

```
(%i1) string_drop("abracadabra",-1);  
(%o1) abracadabr
```

```
(%i1) string_drop("abracadabra",[2,10]);  
(%o1) aa
```

17.2 Function: `string_reverse`

`string_reverse(s)`

next package: `lists_aex`

Calling

`string_reverse(s)` returns a copy of string *s* with the characters in reverse order.

Arguments `string_reverse` requires one argument *s*, which must be a string.

The first argument threads (distributes) over lists.

Attributes `string_reverse` has attributes: `[match_form]`

17.3 Function: `string_take`

`string_take(s, spec)`

next package: `lists_aex`

Calling

`string_take(s, n)` returns a string of the first *n* characters of the string *s*.

`string_take(s, -n)` returns a string of the last *n* characters of *s*.

Arguments `string_take` requires two arguments. The first argument *s* must be a string. The second argument *spec* must be a sequence specification.

The first argument threads (distributes) over lists.

Attributes `string_take` has attributes: `[match_form]`

Examples

```
(%i1) string_take("dog-goat-pig-zebra",[5,12]);
(%o1) goat-pig
```

17.4 Function: with_output_to_string

with_output_to_string(:rest *exprs*)

next package: runtime

Description Evaluates *expr_1*, *expr_2*, *expr_3*,...and writes any output generated to a string, which is returned.

Arguments `with_output_to_string` requires zero or more arguments.

Attributes `with_output_to_string` has attributes: `[hold_all,match_form]`

Examples

```
(%i1) sreverse(with_output_to_string(for i:5 thru 10 do print("i! for i=",i,i!)));
(%o1)
0088263 01 =i rof !i
088263 9 =i rof !i
02304 8 =i rof !i
0405 7 =i rof !i
027 6 =i rof !i
021 5 =i rof !i
```

18 Miscellaneous Functions

- `examples`
- `examples_add`

18.1 Function: examples

examples(*item*)

next package: `defmfun1`

Calling

examples(*item*) Print examples for the topic *item*. Note these examples are different from those extracted from the maxima manual with the command **example**.

Arguments `examples` requires one argument *item*, which must be a string or a symbol.

Attributes `examples` has attributes: `[match_form]`

18.2 Function: `examples_add`

`examples_add(item, text, protected-var-list, code)`

next package: `defmfun1`

Calling

`examples_add(item, text, protected-var-list, code)` Add an example for item *item*. *text* will be printed before the example is displayed. *protected-var-list* is string giving a list of variables such as "[x,y]" that appear in the example code. The example code will be wrapped in a block that makes *protected-var-list* local. *code* may be a string or list of strings that is/are the example code.

Arguments `examples_add` requires four arguments. The first argument *item* must be a string or a symbol. The second argument *text* must be a string. The third argument *protected-var-list* must be a string. The fourth argument *code* must be a string or a list of strings.

Attributes `examples_add` has attributes: `[match_form]`

Examples

Add an example for the function 'last'.

```
(%i1) examples_add("last", "Return the last item in a list.", "[a,b,c,d]", "last([a,b,c,d])") ;
(%o1) done
```

19 Miscellaneous utilities

- `compile_lambda_verbose`

19.1 Variable: `compile_lambda_verbose`

next package: `defmfun1`

default value `false`.

Description If this is true, then print translated code when automatically compiling lambda functions passed as arguments. This is done in the macro `option-compile-lambda`.

20 Options

Options to a function in the aex-maxima distribution are passed as follows:

`funcname(x,y, [optname -i optval, optname2 -i optval2])` or `funcname(x,y, optname -i optval, optname2 -i optval2)`

The standard options described in this section are some options that are supported by many functions in the aex-maxima distribution.

- `adj`
- `compile`
- `foptions`
- `ot`

20.1 Option: adj

next package: maxdoc

Description This option takes values of `true` or `false`. If `true`, then the output aex expression is adjustable, that is, the underlying array can be extended in size. If `false`, then the output aex expression is not adjustable. The non-adjustable array may have some advantages in efficiency, but I have not observed them, and this may be lisp-implementation dependent.

20.2 Option: compile

next package: maxdoc

Description If this option is true, then lambda functions passed as arguments to a function will be automatically translated or compiled. If it is false they will be used as interpreted maxima code. Compiling lambda functions usually greatly decreases the execution time of the function if the lambda function is called many times.

20.3 Function: foptions

foptions(*name*)

next package: defmfun1

Description Return a list of allowed options to `defmfun1` function *name*. I would prefer to call this `options`, but that name is taken by an unused, undocumented function.

Arguments `foptions` requires one argument *name*, which must be a string or a symbol.

Attributes `foptions` has attributes: `[match_form]`

20.4 Option: ot

next package: maxdoc

Description With a value `ar` this option causes the function to return an array-representation expression. With a value `ml` a standard lisp list representation is returned. The array-representation is not a maxima array, but rather a more-or-less arbitrary maxima expression that is stored internally as an array. For certain operations, such as random access to elements of the expression, an array representation is faster than the standard list representation. One disadvantage of the array representations is that creating an array is relatively slow. For instance, execution time may be large if a function returns an expression with many small subexpressions that are in the array-representation. The majority of the maxima system does not understand array-representation, so conversion back to list-representation may be necessary.