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With\_Gensyms Package

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### 1 WITH\_GENSYMS

### 1.1 Obtaining an up-to-date copy

An up-to-date copy may be found at https://github.com/leo-butler/with\_gensyms/.

### 1.2 Introduction to WITH\_GENSYMS

WITH\_GENSYMS is a Maxima package that provides a user-level drop-in replacement for the function defintion operator :=, and the macro defintion operator :=.

In addition, it offers a macro, with\_gensyms, as a general-purpose tool to re-write Maxima code using anonymous variable names, or gensyms.

### 1.3 Examples

Here is a sample of WITH\_GENSYMS. Consider the following example where Maxima's scoping conventions introduce a difficult to understand bug.

```
(%i1) f(x,n) := x[n]
                             /* x is a local parameter to f */;
(%o1)
                        f(x, n) := x
(%i2) f(h,1);
(%o2)
                               h
                                1
(%i3) f(x,3);
(%o3)
                               x
                                3
(\%i4) f(x,2);
(\%04)
                               х
                                2
(\%i5) x[2] : 2
                             /* x is now an undeclared array */;
ARRSTORE: use_fast_arrays=false; allocate a new property hash table for $X
(\%05)
(\%i6) f(h,1);
(\%06)
                               х
                                1
(\%i7) f(x,3);
(%07)
                               х
                                3
(%i8) f(x,2);
(\%08)
```

The discrepancy in behavior is due to the creation of the undeclared array x in %i5. This introduces a global property on the symbol x that frustrates the expected behavior of f.

(%o4)		h
(%i5) (%o5)	f(x,3);	1 x
	f(x,2);	3
(%06)		2

### 1.4 Explanation

A simple cure to fix the problem encountered with  ${\tt f}$  is to give the parameter  ${\tt x}$  a more unique name. Something like

```
f(my_local_variable_x_121423412,n) := my_local_variable_x_121423412[n];
```

There are two obvious flaws here: 1. the code is almost unreadable; and 2. there is nothing to prevent someone else (you, at another time) from choosing the same variable name.

The WITH\_GENSYMS package overcomes both problems by having Maxima automatically rewrite the code using gensyms, which are symbols (roughly, variable names) which are guaranteed to have no name clashes.

### 1.5 Definitions for SYMBOLS.LISP

### maxima-symbol-p(x)

[System Function]

Returns true if the symbol-name of x has more than 2 characters or x has a non-empty property list. Used to populate symbols when package is initially loaded.

symbols

A Lisp hashtable used to look-up Maxima symbols. This is initialized when symbols.lisp is loaded, with the symbol table existing at that time. A user may add to this table. See [add\_maxima\_symbol], page 2.

### add\_maxima\_symbol (x,[s])

[Function]

The default value of the hashtable s is symbols. If x is a symbol, add it to s; otherwise, if x is a list, iterate over it.

### $maxima_symbolp(x)$

[Function]

Return true if x is a key in symbols or if x is a function name listed in functions.

### $remove_maxima_symbols(x)$

[Function]

Iterate over the list x and remove each entry that satisfies maxima\_symbolp.

### delete\_maxima\_symbols (x)

[Function]

If x is a symbol, remove it from symbols. If x is a Maxima list, map over it.

### maxima\_symbols ()

[Function]

Creates a Maxima list of the current keys in symbols.

### $wg_gensymize(x)$

[Function]

Returns a gensymized version of the symbol held by x, with the Maxima property gensym. By default, the printed representation of the gensym is not valid Maxima syntax.

(%i3) apply('properties,[%]);

```
(\%03)
                    [database info, kind($x, gensym)]
      By default, if x already has the gensym property, return x.
      (%i4) wg_gensymize(%o2);
      (\%04)
                                     $x
      (\%i5) is (\% = \%o2);
      (\%05)
                                    true
      Set wg_gensymize_is_idempotent to false, to return unique gensyms.
      (%i6) wg_gensymize(x), wg_gensymize_is_idempotent=false;
      (\%06)
                                     x
      (\%i7) is (\% = \%o2);
      (\%07)
                                   false
      The display property of the returned gensym is governed by the variable wg_reversealias.
      (%i8) wg_gensymize(y), wg_reversealias:false;
      (%08)
                                     У
      (%i9) lisp_print(%);
      (%o9) #:%Y_637
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[User Option] wg\_reversealias

If true, print symbols with the gensym property unreadably; otherwise, print readably. See the entry for [wg\_gensymize], page 2.

### wg\_gensymize\_is\_idempotent

[User Option]

If true, wg\_gensymize returns the same gensym for the same symbol; otherwise, a unique gensym is returned with each call. See the entry for [wg\_gensymize], page 2.

gensym [Feature]

A property of a symbol. Used by wg\_gensymize to ensure idempotency of that function. See the entry for [wg\_gensymize], page 2.

### wg\_make\_binding (undef)

[Function]

Creates a function of two variables, x and y, where x is an assignment a:b. If y = undef, then return b; otherwise return the binding b:y.

```
(%i10) map(wg_make_binding(undef), '[a:b,a:b], [undef,3]);
(%o10)
                         [b, b: 3]
```

### wg\_check\_op (oper,expr)

[Function]

If expr is an atom or the operand of expr is not oper, signal an error; otherwise return expr.

### wg\_atom\_or\_quote (expr)

[Function]

If expr is an atom or the operand is ', return true; else return false.

### with\_gensyms (bindings, [body])

[Macro]

Replace the variables in bindings with gensyms, and substitute these into body.

```
(%i1) load(with_gensyms)$
(%i2) with_gensyms([x:1, y:2],
                   ['(x,y), (x,y)]);
(\%02)
                     [[$x, $y], [1, 2]]
(%i3) with_gensyms([x,n], f(x) := a+x[n]);
(%03)
                     f(x) := a + x
```

```
Here is an implementation of a lambda function using with_gensyms:
      (%i4) wg_lambda1(vars,[body]) ::> buildq([vars:vars,body:body],
                                            with_gensyms(
                                              vars,
                                             lambda(vars,
                                                     splice(body)))) $
      (%i5) wg_{a}=1 \text{ and } a=1 \text{ then } x+1 \text{ else if } a=2 \text{ then } y+2 \text{ else } a);
      (\%05) lambda([\$x, \$y], if a = 1 then 1 + \$x
                                 else (if a = 2 then 2 + \$y else a))
      (%i6) apply(%o5,'[u,v]);
      (\%06)
      (%i7) apply(%o5, '[u,v]), a=1;
      (\%07)
      (%i8) apply(%o5, '[u,v]), a=2;
      (%08)
wg_listofvars (expr,[listvars])
                                                                                  [Function]
      Extract the list of variables appearing in expr, after removing constants (such as %e, %pi,
      etc.) and variables listed in symbols. Dummy variables (such as %r1, etc.) are included.
      If listvars contains listconstvars, then constants are included.
      (%i9) declare(\pi,constant) $
      (%i10) f(x,y) := for i from 1 thru 10 do x+i*\pi*y $
      (%i11) wg_listofvars(%i10);
                                 [i, x, y]
      (%o11)
      (%i12) wg_listofvars(%i10,'listconstvars);
      (%o12)
                                [\pi, i, x, y]
wg_funargs (expr)
                                                                                  [Function]
      If expr is an atom, apply wg_funargs to the lefthand side of the function definition of expr;
      otherwise, return the result of wg_listofvars(expr, 'listconstvars).
      (%i13) wg_funargs(wg_listofvars);
                             [$expr, $listvars]
      (%o13)
      (%i14) wg_funargs(lhs(%i10));
      (%o14)
                                    [x, y]
wg_lambda (vars, [body])
                                                                                    [Macro]
      Create a gensymized lambda function.
      (%i1) load(with_gensyms) $
      (%i2) wg_{a} = 1 then x+1 else if a=2 then y+2 else a);
      (\%02) lambda([\$x, \$y], if a = 1 then 1 + \$x
                                 else (if a = 2 then 2 + \$y else a))
      (%i3) apply(%o2,'[u,v]);
      (%o3)
      (%i4) apply(%o2, '[u,v]), a=1;
      (\%04)
      (%i5) apply(%o2, '[u,v]), a=2;
      (\%05)
      See [with_gensyms], page 3.
wg_block (bindings, [body])
                                                                                    [Macro]
      Create a gensymized block. An alias for with_gensyms.
      (%i6) macroexpand(
```

## 1.7 Acknowledgements

Thanks to Robert Dodier. His code for blex, written in Lisp, inspired the composition of with\_gensyms in Maxima and its extension to this package.

### Appendix A Code Listings

### A.1 SYMBOLS.LISP

```
;;/* -*- Mode: lisp -*- */
;;
;; $Id:$
;;
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;;
;; Time-stamp: <2017-11-23 12:07:54>
(in-package :maxima)
(defun maxima-symbol-p (x)
  (let ((n (symbol-name x)))
                                                                 ;; single character symbols like $A should be
    (or (and (> (length n) 2)
             (or (char= (char n 0) #\$) (char= (char n 0) #\%)));; only symbols beginning with $ or %■
          (cdr (mfuncall '$properties x)))))
                                                                    ;; any symbol with a non-trivial property li
(declaim (special $symbols))
(defmvar $wg_reversealias t)
(defmvar $wg_gensymize_is_idempotent t)
(defmfun $add_maxima_symbol (x &optional (s $symbols))
  (assert (or (symbolp x) ($listp x)))
  (cond ((symbolp x)
           (setf (gethash x s) t))
          (($listp x)
           (dolist (e (cdr x))
             ($add_maxima_symbol e s)))
          (t nil))
  '$done)
(defmvar $symbols
  (let ((s (make-hash-table :test #'eq)))
    (do-symbols (x)
      (if (maxima-symbol-p x) ($add_maxima_symbol x s)))
(defmfun $maxima_symbolp (x)
```

```
(or (gethash x $symbols nil)
      (member x (mapcar #'caar (cdr $functions)) :test #'eq)
      (member x (mapcar #'caar (cdr $macros)) :test #'eq)))
(defmfun $remove_maxima_symbols (x)
  (assert (listp x))
  (remove-if #'$maxima_symbolp x))
(defmfun $delete_maxima_symbols (x)
  "Deletes 'x' from the hash-table of symbols '$symbols'. The input
may be a symbol or mlist of symbols."
  (assert (or ($listp x) (symbolp x)))
  (cond ((symbolp x)
          (remhash x $symbols))
         (($listp x)
          (dolist (e (cdr x)) (remhash e $symbols)))
         (t ;; never get here
          nil))
  '$done)
(defmfun $maxima_symbols ()
  (let (s)
    (maphash (lambda (k v)
                 (declare (ignore v))
                 (push k s)) $symbols)
    (cons '(mlist simp) s)))
(defmfun $wg_gensymize (x)
  (declare (special $wg_reversealias $wg_gensymize_is_idempotent))
  (assert (symbolp x))
  ;; make function idempotent by returning a symbol produced by $wg_gensymize
  ;; unless $wg_gensymize_is_idempotent is nil
  (cond ((and $wg_gensymize_is_idempotent (mfuncall '$featurep x '$gensym))
          x)
         (t
           (let ((w (gensym (format nil "%~a_" (stripdollar x)))))
            (setf (get w 'reversealias) (if $wg_reversealias (make-symbol (format nil "%~a" x)) ▼
            (mfuncall '$declare w '$gensym)
            w))))
;; Local Variables:
;; time-stamp-format: "%:y-%02m-%02d %02H:%02M:%02S"
;; End:
;;/* end of symbols.lisp */
A.2 WITH_GENSYMS.MAC
/* -*- Mode: maxima; Package: MAXIMA -*- */
/*
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define_constant('const,val):=(
 buildq([const:const,val:val],
   block([err],
     err:lambda([y],error('const," is a constant.")),
     if apply(constantp,['const])
     then apply(err,[const]),
     define_variable(const,val,any_check),
     qput(const,err,value_check),
     declare(const,constant))),ev(%%),const)$
if symbolp(wg_version)
then (define_constant(wg_version, "0.1.0"),
  define_constant(wg_last_updated,
    substring("Time-stamp: <2016-10-05 12:11:46>",14,
      14+10)))$
load("symbols.lisp");
declare(gensym,feature) $
wg_make_binding(undef):=buildq([undef:undef],
  lambda([x,y],
   if is(y = undef) then rhs(x)
   else funmake(":",[rhs(x),y])))$
wg_check_op(oper,expr):=if atom(expr) or not is(op(expr) = oper)
then error("~a: expected operand ~a.",expr,oper) else expr$
wg_atom_or_quote(expr):=is(atom(expr) or op(expr) = "'")$
(with_gensyms(bindings,[body])::=block([vals,undef,simp:false],
   vals:map(lambda([x],
        if wg_atom_or_quote(x) then undef
        else rhs(wg_check_op(":",x))),bindings),
   bindings:map(lambda([x],if atom(x) then x else lhs(x),bindings),
   buildq([body:psubst(bindings,body),bindings:bindings,
     v:map(wg_make_binding(undef),bindings,vals)],
     block(v,splice(body)))),
  /* bootstrap with_gensyms by using it to define itself! */
  apply(with_gensyms,['([bindings,body,vals,undef,x,v]),%%]))$
wg_listofvars(expr,[listvars]):=block(
  [v,listconstvars:false,listdummyvars:true],
  if member('listconstvars, listvars) then listconstvars:true,
  v:unique(listofvars(expr)),
 for r in v do if not atom(r) then v:delete(r,v),
 v:remove_maxima_symbols(v),v)$
wg_funargs(expr):=if atom(expr)
```

```
then (errcatch(wg_funargs(first(apply('fundef,[expr])))),
 if %% = [] then [] else first(%%))
else wg_listofvars(expr,'listconstvars)$
/* substitutes for := and ::= */
kill(":>","::>") $
infix(":>",180,20) $
infix("::>",180,20) $
(x ::> y)::=block([simp:false],
 buildq([v:unique(append(wg_listofvars(x),wg_funargs(x),wg_listofvars(y))),
   x:x,y:y],with_gensyms(v,x::=y)))$
(x :> y) ::> block([simp:false],
 buildq([v:unique(append(wg_listofvars(x),wg_funargs(x),
        wg_listofvars(y))),x:x,y:y],
    with_gensyms(v,x:=y)))$
(wg_redefun(fun,[vars]):=block([fd],
   fd:if atom(fun) then apply('fundef,[fun])
    else (if member(op(fun),[":=","::="]) then fun
      else error(
        "argument must be function name or definition")),
    if vars = [] then vars:wg_listofvars(fd),
    apply('with_gensyms,[flatten(append(args(lhs(fd)),vars)),fd])),
  /* bootstrap wg_redefun by using it to define itself! */
 wg_redefun('wg_redefun,'fd))$
map(wg_redefun,
  '([wg_make_binding,wg_check_op,wg_atom_or_quote,"::>",wg_listofvars,
    wg_funargs]))$
wg_lambda(vars,[body]) ::> buildq([vars:vars,body:body],
  with_gensyms(vars,lambda(vars,splice(body))))$
alias(wg_block,with_gensyms) $
/*
Local Variables:
time-stamp-format: "%:y-%02m-%02d %02H:%02M:%02S"
End:
*/
/* end of with_gensyms.mac */
1;
```

### A.3 RTEST\_WITH\_GENSYMS.MAC

```
/* -*- Mode: maxima; Package: MAXIMA -*- */
/*
    * $Id:$
    *
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    *
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 * Time-stamp: <2016-07-15 11:40:07>
(load("with_gensyms.mac"), 'done) $
done $
maxima_symbolp(a);
false $
maxima_symbolp(b);
false $
maxima_symbolp(n);
false $
maxima_symbolp(true);
true $
maxima_symbolp(false);
true $
maxima_symbolp(lambda);
true $
maxima_symbolp(block);
true $
maxima_symbolp(?great);
true $
maxima_symbolp(?x);
false $
with_gensyms([x:1,y:'b],
 x+y);
1+'b $
with_gensyms([c:makelist(i,i,1,4)],
 length(c));
with_gensyms([a:'a],a);
with_gensyms([a,b,c],
  a:1, b:2,
 with_gensyms([a:a,b:b,c],
    a+b));
3 $
```

```
(wg_redefun(g(x) := x), g(x));
(f(x) :> 0*x, simp:false, atom(last(fundef(f))));
false;
simp:true;
true;
kill(myf,g,f);
done $
/* check idempotency */
block([g,h,partition_bag],
    local(partition_bag),
    g : partition_bag(L,p) :> block([t:[],f:[]], if listp(L) then (map(lambda([x], apply('push,[x, if p(x)=true listp(L), apply('push,[x,
    h : subst([":="=":>"],g), h : ev(h,nouns),
    is(h = g));
true $
length(wg_listofvars(fundef(wg_listofvars)));
wg_listofvars([a,b,c,%pi,block,x]);
[a,b,c,x];
length(wg_funargs(wg_listofvars));
length(wg_funargs(first(fundef(wg_listofvars))));
/* declared constants are discarded by wg_listofvars, but included by wg_funargs
       system constants like \%pi are discarded because they are in symbols */
block([a,b,f], local(a,f), declare(a,constant),
     [wg_listofvars([a,b,f,%e]), wg_funargs(f(a,b,%pi))]);
[[b,f],[a,b]];
map(maxima_symbolp,[%e,quit,constant,maxima_symbolp]);
[true,true,false];
(add_maxima_symbol(maxima_symbolp), map(maxima_symbolp,[%e,quit,constant,maxima_symbolp]));
[true, true, true];
remove_maxima_symbols([%e,quit,constant,maxima_symbolp]);
(delete_maxima_symbols(maxima_symbolp), map(maxima_symbolp,[%e,quit,constant,maxima_symbolp]));
[true,true,false];
remove_maxima_symbols([%e,quit,constant,maxima_symbolp]);
[maxima_symbolp];
Local Variables:
time-stamp-format: "%:y-%02m-%02d %02H:%02M:%02S"
End:
```

... Which was correct.

```
/* end of rtest_with_gensyms.mac */
A.4 Regression Tests
batch: write error log to #<output stream #prtest_with_gensyms.ERR>
************** Problem 1 *********
(load(with_gensyms.mac), 'done)
Result:
done
... Which was correct.
************* Problem 2 *********
Input:
maxima_symbolp(a)
Result:
false
... Which was correct.
************* Problem 3 *********
maxima_symbolp(b)
Result:
false
... Which was correct.
************** Problem 4 **********
Input:
maxima_symbolp(n)
Result:
false
... Which was correct.
************* Problem 5 *********
Input:
maxima_symbolp(true)
Result:
true
```

```
******* Problem 6 *********
Input:
maxima_symbolp(false)
Result:
true
... Which was correct.
****** Problem 7 *********
Input:
maxima_symbolp(lambda)
Result:
true
... Which was correct.
************* Problem 8 *********
maxima_symbolp(block)
Result:
true
... Which was correct.
************* Problem 9 *********
Input:
maxima_symbolp(great)
Result:
true
... Which was correct.
************** Problem 10 *********
Input:
maxima_symbolp(x)
Result:
false
... Which was correct.
************** Problem 11 *********
Input:
wg_block([x : 1, y : 'b], x + y)
Result:
b + 1
```

```
... Which was correct.
*************** Problem 12 *********
Input:
wg_block([c : makelist(i, i, 1, 4)], length(c))
Result:
... Which was correct.
*************** Problem 13 *********
Input:
wg_block([a : 'a], a)
Result:
... Which was correct.
************** Problem 14 *********
wg_block([a, b, c], a : 1, b : 2, wg_block([a : a, b : b, c], a + b))
Result:
3
... Which was correct.
*************** Problem 15 *********
Input:
(wg_redefun(g(x) := x), g(x))
Result:
... Which was correct.
*************** Problem 16 *********
Input:
(f(x) :> 0 x, simp : false, atom(last(fundef(f))))
Result:
false
... Which was correct.
************** Problem 17 *********
Input:
simp : true
Result:
```

```
true
... Which was correct.
************** Problem 18 *********
Input:
kill(myf, g, f)
Result:
done
... Which was correct.
*************** Problem 19 *********
Input:
block([g, h, partition_bag], local(partition_bag),
g : partition_bag(L, p) :> block([t : [], f : []],
if listp(L) then (map(lambda([x], apply('push,
[x, if p(x) = true then 't else 'f])), L), map(reverse, [t, f]))
else (if not atom(L) then partition_bag(flatten(subst([matrix = [, { = [],
args(L))), p))), h : subst([:= = :>], g), h : ev(h, nouns), is(h = g))
Result:
true
... Which was correct.
************** Problem 20 *********
length(wg_listofvars(fundef(wg_listofvars)))
Result:
4
... Which was correct.
*************** Problem 21 *********
wg_listofvars([a, b, c, %pi, block, x])
Result:
[a, b, c, x]
... Which was correct.
************* Problem 22 *********
length(wg_funargs(wg_listofvars))
Result:
2
... Which was correct.
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************* Problem 23 *********
length(wg_funargs(first(fundef(wg_listofvars))))
Result:
... Which was correct.
*************** Problem 24 *********
block([a, b, f], local(a, f), declare(a, constant),
                    [wg_listofvars([a, b, f, %e]), wg_funargs(f(a, b, %pi))])
Result:
[[b, f], [a, b]]
... Which was correct.
*************** Problem 25 *********
map(maxima_symbolp, [%e, quit, constant, maxima_symbolp])
Result:
[true, true, true, false]
... Which was correct.
************** Problem 26 **********
Input:
(add_maxima_symbol(maxima_symbolp), map(maxima_symbolp,
                                      [%e, quit, constant, maxima_symbolp]))
Result:
[true, true, true, true]
... Which was correct.
*************** Problem 27 *********
remove_maxima_symbols([%e, quit, constant, maxima_symbolp])
Result:
[]
... Which was correct.
*************** Problem 28 **********
(delete_maxima_symbols(maxima_symbolp),
                   map(maxima_symbolp, [%e, quit, constant, maxima_symbolp]))
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