Simple usage examples

The default output is wrapped in Hold to prevent evaluating and returning the original expression.

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 \begin{aligned} &\text{In[4]:= FactorExpression[exp1]} \\ &\text{Out[4]= Hold[Block[}\{\$0,\$1\},\$0=x^2;\\ &\$1=y^2;\\ &\left\{\sqrt{z^2+\$0+\$1},\text{ArcTan[}z,\sqrt{\$0+\$1}\right],\text{ArcTan[}x,y]\}]] \\ &\text{In[5]:= exp2 = FromSphericalCoordinates[}\{r,\theta,\phi\}]\\ &\text{Out[5]= } \left\{r\,\text{Cos}\,[\phi]\,\,\text{Sin}\,[\theta]\,,\,r\,\text{Sin}\,[\theta]\,\,\text{Sin}\,[\phi]\,,\,r\,\text{Cos}\,[\theta]\} \\ &\text{In[6]:= FactorExpression[exp2]}\\ &\text{Out[6]= Hold[Block[}\{\$2\},\$2=\text{Sin}\,[\theta]\,;\\ &\left\{r\,\$2\,\text{Cos}\,[\phi]\,,\,r\,\$2\,\text{Sin}\,[\phi]\,,\,r\,\text{Cos}\,[\theta]\,\}]] \end{aligned}
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For large expressions, the factored form generally ends up being much smaller.

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In[7]:= exp3 = RotationTransform[\(\theta\), \(\xr\), \(\xr\), \(\xr\), \(\xr\)] [\(\xr\), \(\xr\), \(\xr\), \(\xr\)];
LeafCount[\(\exp3\)]
Out[8]= 5563
In[9]:= fexp3 = FactorExpression[\(\exp3\)];
LeafCount[\(\frac{fexp3}{}\)]
Out[10]= 919
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Automatic optimization

Define a function:

```
In[11]:= ClearAll [f];
     f[r_Real, t_Real] :=
       Table [r \cos[p] \sin[t], r \sin[t] \sin[p], r \cos[t] ],
        {p, -Pi, Pi, Pi/4}]
     f[r_-, t_-, n_-] := Table[\{r Cos[p] Sin[t], r Sin[t] Sin[p], r Cos[t]\},
       \{p, -Pi, Pi, Pi/n\}
     f[r_{-}, t_{-}] := Table[\{r Cos[p] Sin[t], r Sin[t] Sin[p], r Cos[t]\},
        \{p, -Pi, Pi, Pi/4\}
```

Check the definition:

```
In[15]:= Definition [f]
Out[15]= f[r_Real, t_Real] :=
            Table \left[ \left\{ r \cos[p] \sin[t], r \sin[t] \sin[p], r \cos[t] \right\}, \left\{ p, -\pi, \pi, \frac{\pi}{4} \right\} \right]
          f[r_, t_, n_] :=
            Table \left[ \left\{ r \cos[p] \sin[t], r \sin[t] \sin[p], r \cos[t] \right\}, \left\{ p, -\pi, \pi, \frac{\pi}{n} \right\} \right]
          f[r_, t_] :=
            Table \left[ \left\{ r \cos[p] \sin[t], r \sin[t] \sin[p], r \cos[t] \right\}, \left\{ p, -\pi, \pi, \frac{\pi}{4} \right\} \right]
```

Example output:

Out[16]=

Use OptimizeDownValues to rewrite definitions of functions in an optimized form.

When possible, OptimizeDownValues will attempt to compile expressions (feature currently disabled). Notice that tables with constant iteration limits are "unrolled", while those with parametrized limits are not.

```
In[17]:= Quiet@OptimizeDownValues [f]
 \text{Out} [\text{17}] = \ \Big\{ \text{HoldPattern} \, \big[ \, \text{f} \, \big[ \, \text{r} \, \text{Real} \, \big] \, \big] \, : \to \, \\
           Block [ \{ 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113 \}, 107 = Sin[t] ;
             $108 = Cos[t];
            $109 = r $108;
            $110 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}};
             $111 = r $107 $110;
             112 = \{-r 107, 0, 109\};
             $113 = r $107:
             \{\$112, \{-\$111, -\$111, \$109\}, \{0, -\$113, \$109\},\
              {$111, -$111, $109}, {$113, 0, $109}, {$111, $111, $109},
              \{0, \$113, \$109\}, \{-\$111, \$111, \$109\}, \$112\}
          HoldPattern[f[r_, t_, n_]] \Rightarrow Block[\{114\}, 114 = Sin[t];
            Table \left[ \left\{ r \cos[p] \$114, r \$114 \sin[p], r \cos[t] \right\}, \left\{ p, -\pi, \pi, \frac{\pi}{n} \right\} \right] \right]
          HoldPattern[f[r_{-}, t_{-}]] \Rightarrow
           Block [ \{\$115, \$116, \$117, \$118, \$119, \$120, \$121 \}, \$115 = Sin[t] ;
             $116 = Cos[t];
            $117 = r $116;
            $118 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}};
             $119 = r $115 $118;
             $120 = \{-r $115, 0, $117\};
             $121 = r $115;
             \{\$120, \{-\$119, -\$119, \$117\}, \{0, -\$121, \$117\},\
              \{\$119, -\$119, \$117\}, \{\$121, 0, \$117\}, \{\$119, \$119, \$117\},
              \{0, \$121, \$117\}, \{-\$119, \$119, \$117\}, \$120\}
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When the option "Rewrite" is False (default), the original definition is unchanged.

In[18]:= Definition [f]
Out[18]:= f[r_Real, t_Real] :=
 Table [{r Cos[p] Sin[t], r Sin[t] Sin[p], r Cos[t]}, {p,
$$-\pi$$
, π , $\frac{\pi}{4}$ }]

f[r_, t_, n_] :=
 Table [{r Cos[p] Sin[t], r Sin[t] Sin[p], r Cos[t]}, {p, $-\pi$, π , $\frac{\pi}{n}$ }]

f[r_, t_] :=
 Table [{r Cos[p] Sin[t], r Sin[t] Sin[p], r Cos[t]}, {p, $-\pi$, π , $\frac{\pi}{4}$ }]

Use "Rewrite" set to True to redefine the function.

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In[19]:= Quiet@OptimizeDownValues[f, "Rewrite" \rightarrow True];
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The function now has optimized defintions.

```
In[20]:= Definition | f |
Out[20]= f[r_Real, t_Real] :=
          \mathsf{Block} \left[ \left\{\$122, \$123, \$124, \$125, \$126, \$127, \$128 \right\}, \$122 = \mathsf{Sin} \left[ t \right]; \right.
           $123 = Cos[t];
           $124 = r $123;
           $125 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}};
           $126 = r $122 $125:
           127 = \{-r 122, 0, 124\};
           $128 = r $122:
           \{\$127, \{-\$126, -\$126, \$124\}, \{0, -\$128, \$124\},\
             \{\$126, -\$126, \$124\}, \{\$128, 0, \$124\}, \{\$126, \$126, \$124\},
             \{0, \$128, \$124\}, \{-\$126, \$126, \$124\}, \$127\}
        f[r_{-}, t_{-}, n_{-}] := Block | {\{129\}, \{129\} = Sin[t]\}}
           Table \left[ \left\{ r \cos[p] \$129, r \$129 \sin[p], r \cos[t] \right\}, \left\{ p, -\pi, \pi, \frac{\pi}{n} \right\} \right] \right]
        f[r_, t_] :=
          Block \{\$130, \$131, \$132, \$133, \$134, \$135, \$136\}, \$130 = Sin[t];
           $131 = Cos[t];
           $132 = r $131:
           $133 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}};
           $134 = r $130 $133;
           135 = -r 130, 0, 132;
           $136 = r $130;
           \{\$135, \{-\$134, -\$134, \$132\}, \{0, -\$136, \$132\},\
             \{\$134, -\$134, \$132\}, \{\$136, 0, \$132\}, \{\$134, \$134, \$132\},
             \{0, \$136, \$132\}, \{-\$134, \$134, \$132\}, \$135\}
```

```
In[21]:= Graphics3D[{Red, Line[f[1, Pi/2]], Blue, Line[f[1, Pi/4, 8]]}]
Out[21]=
 Other options: Memoization
In[22]:= fibonacci [0]=0;
       fibonacci[1] = 1;
       fibonacci[n\_Integer] := fibonacci[n-1] + fibonacci[n-2];
In[25]:= AbsoluteTiming[fibonacci[30]]
Out[25]= \{3.47007, 832040\}
In[26]:= OptimizeDownValues [fibonacci, "Memoize" \rightarrow True, "Rewrite" \rightarrow True];
In[27]:= AbsoluteTiming[fibonacci[30]]
Out[27]= \{0.000241022, 832040\}
 Memoization as a separate function
In[28]:= factorial [0]=1;
       factorial [n : \_Integer] := factorial [n - 1] * n;
In[30]:= Memoize[factorial];
In[31]:= Definition[factorial]
Out[31]= factorial \begin{bmatrix} 0 \end{bmatrix} := factorial \begin{bmatrix} 0 \end{bmatrix} = 1
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factorial[n_Integer] := factorial[n] = factorial[n-1] n

Example of performance gains

Find a unit vector normal to a tetrahedron in 4D space.

Find the normals to each face of a pentachoron.

```
In[35]:= pentachoron = { {x1, y1, z1, w1}, {x2, y2, z2, w2}, {x3, y3, z3, w3},
          \{x4, y4, z4, w4\}, \{x5, y5, z5, w5\}\};
      tetrahedra = Subsets [pentachoron, {4}];
      pentachoronFaceNormals = tetraNormal @@@ tetrahedra;
      LeafCount [pentachoronFaceNormals]
Out[38]= 10 586
```

Set up a function that evaluates the original expression.

```
In[39]:= test1 [\{x1_, y1_, z1_, w1_\}, \{x2_, y2_, z2_, w2_\},
           \{x3_{-}, y3_{-}, z3_{-}, w3_{-}\}, \{x4_{-}, y4_{-}, z4_{-}, w4_{-}\},
           \{x5\_, y5\_, z5\_, w5\_\}\} := Evaluate [pentachoronFaceNormals]
```

Create an optimized version

```
In[40]:= test2 [ \{ x1_, y1_, z1_, w1_ \}, \{ x2_, y2_, z2_, w2_ \}, 
          \{x3_{-}, y3_{-}, z3_{-}, w3_{-}\}, \{x4_{-}, y4_{-}, z4_{-}, w4_{-}\},
          \{x5\_, y5\_, z5\_, w5\_\}\} := Evaluate [pentachoronFaceNormals]
      Block[{$RecursionLimit = Infinity, $IterationLimit = Infinity},
        OptimizeDownValues[test2, "Rewrite" → True]];
```

The "Output" option allows a compiled function to be returned instead of a Block in HoldForm. This is currently experimental and assumes all symbols are Real.

```
In[42]:= CEXD =
      Block[{$RecursionLimit = Infinity, $IterationLimit = Infinity},
       FactorExpression pentachoronFaceNormals,
        "Output" → CompiledFunction]]
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Out[42]= CompiledFunction

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Argument count: 20

Argument types: {_Real, _Real, _Real,
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In[43] = test3 [ \{ x1_, y1_, z1_, w1_ \}, \{ x2_, y2_, z2_, w2_ \}, 
           \{x3_{-}, y3_{-}, z3_{-}, w3_{-}\}, \{x4_{-}, y4_{-}, z4_{-}, w4_{-}\},
           \{x5\_, y5\_, z5\_, w5\_\}\}
        \mathsf{cExp}[w1, w2, w3, w4, w5, x1, x2, x3, x4, x5, y1, y2, y3, y4,
         y5, z1, z2, z3, z4, z5
```

Run some timing tests.

```
In[44]:= testParams = RandomReal [\{-1, 1\}, \{5, 4\}];
In[45]:= {t1, res1} = SetPrecision[RepeatedTiming[test1[testParams], 3],
          $MachinePrecision |;
      t.1
Out[46]= 0.002082223536014275
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Out[53]= 0

Out[54]= 0

In[54]:= Chop@Total [Abs [Flatten [res1 - res3]]]

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In[47]:= {t2, res2} = SetPrecision[RepeatedTiming[test2[testParams], 3],
           $MachinePrecision;
       t2
Out[48]= 0.0007238730005432896
In[49]:= {t3, res3} = SetPrecision[RepeatedTiming[test3[testParams], 3],
           $MachinePrecision;
       t3
Out[50]= 0.00001957254828701852
 Using FactorExpression can yield modest performance gains (about 3x faster in this example). For much
 larger expressions, the performance increase can get rather ridiculous (several orders of magnitude).
ln[51]:= t1/t2
Out[51]= 2.876503937087722
In[52]:= t1/t3
Out[52]= 106.3848971263138
 The results are also correct in case you were wondering.
In[53]:= Chop@Total [Abs [Flatten [res1 - res2]]]
```