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To our colleagues and families, who supported us in trail-breaking.

To our students, who learn how to work with the new and different.
1 Introduction -- Technical computing at the turn of the century

1.1 Chapter synopsis

1. We explain what technical computing is about, why it's done with a machine and what kinds of devices are used to do it.

2. The advantages doing calculation with a computer are surveyed.

3. Maple, a system for technical computing is introduced and contrasted with some of the other choices available today.

1.2 What is technical computing? What kinds of technical computing are there?

Well, obviously, it's "computing done for technical work" -- primarily science and engineering, but any other field where mathematical and scientific reasoning is used, which nowadays can include other fields such as finance and business, medicine, or digital media. The success of such reasoning in these fields is well-known. Students of those fields need to become experienced and develop proficiency in how it's done to be able to obtain success in the same way.

You are probably familiar with numerical computing since it's done even without computers, with paper and pencil or with calculators in high school or even earlier. You probably have also seen graphing calculators do simple kinds of graphical computing, also sometimes known as mathematical visualization. In addition to this, computers can and are used to do algebraic computing -- computing where the answer is a formula rather than a number, as well as deductive or logical computing -- using logic or deduction to find answers.

In this course, we will concentrate on numerical, symbolic and graphical computing, although we will see some instances of deductive computing as well.

1.3 What are the advantages of doing technical calculation with a computer?

One advantage is greater quantity of calculation -- computers can do calculations billions of times faster than humans and thousands or millions of times faster than calculator-driven computation. Using them makes some things feasible that are not possible any other way: As you've seen with your high school physics, chemistry, and math courses, scientists and engineers often work with mathematical models -- systems of equations, symbols, and mathematical relations that try to describe key aspects of a situation. Calculation with models helps answer questions about the situation being modeled: How much fuel will be used in this operating scenario? How long will it take to heat up the furnace to 265 degrees? Computer simulation loads a model with some initial conditions, and then through calculation produces predictive results. Simulation can be used to make forecasts such as: how fast will the vehicle be moving after 5 seconds? How far will the pollutants move underground after being buried five years?

Computers make it possible to use models that require much more extensive calculations to reach conclusions. The payoff may be better predictions. Extensive calculation also makes it possible to generate and present more information. Computer visualization goes beyond that to highly detailed pictures or animations of a situation described through a mathematical model. This can lead to better insight and understanding.

Another advantage is that it is easier to make a lasting written record of the work. One of the big differences between professional technical work and homework is that the modeling and calculation has lasting value: it matters to more than one or two people, and it is being used in an on-going project. In a professional situation, a worker may need to go back and review the work a year later, long after the details are faded from easy recall. Other people may want to reuse the programming and will need to be given an explanation about how to use it. Since they have long-term value,
it is beneficial to put them into a form suitable for *easy future reference and reuse*. Thus the work typically includes both programming and *documentary explanation*.

### 1.4 The spectrum of devices for technical computing

Back in the days of the original electronic computers developed during and immediately after World War II, the only kind of device you could use for technical computing (which was the only computing that could be justified in those days) filled up a whole room and needed an extensive staff to support.

*An early computer*

![ENIAC, one of the first electronic computers, being programmed by Herman Goldstine at the University of Pennsylvania circa 1946. (US Army photo) Originally intended to do artillery calculations, it was used for the design and development of the first thermonuclear weapons. See http://www.seas.upenn.edu/~museum/.*

Today's users have a choice of a wide variety of devices:

**Personal computers**

Typically a computer for individual use can be expected to have the following features:

2. Processing capability of a billion or more arithmetic or memory operations per second. Significant amounts of calculation are used in doing the graphics involved in processing digital media or supporting the artificial worlds presented in computer games. This same power can be used to do the simulation and exploration in many common kinds of scientific and engineering situations. This course is about using that calculation power.

3. Standard selection and pointing devices, keyboard and mice. Some computers support "tablet" operation which allow use of a pen writing on the display. The display area and input devices make it easy to enter information via text or by pointing/selection. While the World wide Web has made much processing possible with just "pointing and clicking", the complexity and mathematical sophistication of the models used in current technical computing outstrip the capabilities of current "point and click" technology. Some (computer programming) language-based interaction is necessary to handle things deftly. This requires a more knowledgeable user, but many people find that the extra power is worth the learning effort.

4. A screen capable of display information equivalent to one or more 8 1/2 x 11 inch pieces of paper. This helps support the development of documentation, or of more complex visualizations.

5. Local storage capable of storing a significant fraction of the text of the books in the Library of Congress. Of course, it's easy for a personal media collection to fill up this kind of storage, but it should not be forgotten that the billions of characters that this storage represents can store years or decades of efforts of computer programmers.
6. Connection to the internet, which makes it easier to communicate and share work with others, and to download new programming. From the viewpoint of technical computing, that it's easy to import and run substantial amounts of programming.

**High performance computers, also known as "supercomputers"**

While hand held devices and personal computers are used widely by the general public for non-technical purposes, there are a class of computers that are used primarily for mathematically-based computing. Typically instead of billions of numerical operations per second ("gigaflops" -- billions of floating point operations), they employ multiple processors in parallel to do trillions of operations ("teraflops") or quadrillions ("petaflops"). The hardware, personnel and energy costs of such computers are significant, so typically they are available through centers used through the Internet from many locations. The kinds of technical problems such devices are used for would include: simulation of complicated physical situations, such as for climate prediction, astrophysics, or engineering design (aircraft, groundwater, large building, automobile).

Using such large devices incur significant expense, from hardware, software and support staff costs, as well as electrical power consumed. For example, the U.S. Department of Energy has an IBM computer at its Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico, USA capable of 1 quadrillion ($10^{15}$) numerical operations per second. It consumes 2345.50 kilowatts when it is running. (reference: http://blog.enterpriseitplanet.com/green/blog/2008/06/green-petaflop-ibms-roadrunner-wins-supercomputer-top-spot.html) The National Center for Computational Sciences (NCCS) at Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee, USA which has several large supercomputers, has a 2008 annual budget between $80 million and $100 million. (reference: http://news.cnet.com/8301-13772_3-9985500-52.html). A typical personal computer might be capable of approximately 4 billion numerical operations per second, so the Blue Gene computer at Los Alamos provides roughly $25 \times 10^6 = 250,000$ times more computing power.

Typically the programming is developed on personal computers, then moved to the larger devices. Usually the expensive supercomputer time is spent primarily on numerical computation, rather than on providing a nice-to-use interface for users. However, the results of a supercomputer may be shipped over the Internet to a personal computer so that a scientist or engineer may mull over the results in a more contemplative way without incurring additional supercomputer costs.

Multiple computers may be linked together over the Internet to get all the pieces of a particular elaborate computation done. This may have the supercomputers performing the massive numerical computations, while other smaller or personal computers linked in may be displaying the results to a distributed team of investigators who are collectively digesting results and steering the on-going work.

**Hand held or mobile devices**

*Calculators* are useful for casual computation, where one wants to figure out the solution to a small problem once. It's easy to punch in a few numbers and operations and to read the answer on the display. As inexpensive and small mobile devices, these are typically more limited in:

1. memory (limits to computation size and to built-in features)
2. energy consumption (slower processor speed)
3. form factor (keyboard and display too small for more than casual technical use)

Typically calculators are not networked, making it harder to share results to transfer them elsewhere to continue the work.
A high-end calculator in 2009

The TI-Nspire with CAS is a recent generation calculator from Texas Instruments. It can do numerical and symbolic calculations, as well as graphing. According to ticalc.org (http://www.ticalc.org/basics/calculators/ti-nspire-cas.html) it has 16Mb memory, 20Mb storage and has a 150MHz processor. This makes it have about 100 times less memory, 8000 times less storage, and is about twenty times slower than a typical laptop with a dual core 1.5GHz processor, 2Gb memory, and 160Gb disk. Its screen is 240 x 320 pixels, giving it about twenty times less display area than a typical laptop. This is one of the first generation of calculators with limited wireless networking available as an add-on.


Smartphones, personal digital assistants (PDAs), media players have in theory the same processing capabilities as calculators although most of them are not used extensively for technical computation. One advantage of these kinds of devices is that are typically networked so that it's possible to get a more powerful computer somewhere else in the Internet "cloud" of computational resources to do some of the work.

In the future there may be more convergence of the capabilities of all "mobile small form factor" devices. However the small form factor and the limits to energy consumption will probably continue to constrain the capabilities of such devices compared to larger ones.

Dedicated controllers

Even some kinds of toasters have microprocessors in them nowadays. "Smart homes" may network many appliances and home features such as HVAC and lighting control. While these devices are merely configured rather than programmed by end users, students of technical computing should not forget that this is another place where programming is necessary. The economic reasons for switching to computer control of devices appear to be the greater flexibility and variety of control that can be developed at modest cost through programming for many kinds of devices. The kind of programming done for device control often has a mathematical basis. Although the processors in dedicated devices are typically a few orders of magnitude slower than those of personal computers or even smartphones, the programming languages used for them are often the same or similar to those used in personal computing.

1.5 Maple, a system for technical computing

In this course, you will learn how to do various kinds of technical tasks using Maple. The first version of Maple was developed in the early 1980s at the University of Waterloo in Ontario, Canada, but has since undergone many refinements and extension. (In Fall 2009, we will be using Maple 13.) Maple's original emphasis was on algebraic computing, so it was used by those who needed formulas as results for their work. In the early '90s it was used extensively in calculus classes as a way of supporting exploratory experimentation and more extensive experience with "applied" problems. More recently it has expanded its domain into the symbolic, numeric, and graphical calculations done more generally in scientific and engineering modeling and simulation.

Today, Maple supports numerical computing and graphical visualization about as well as it does symbolic computing. It has its own programming language but also has ways of doing calculations through the graphical user interface (GUI) that are a kind of augmented "point and click". The default way of interacting with Maple also allows you to mix documentation and computing instructions and results. Thus it's particularly easy in Maple to produce documents
that produce a well-documented solution -- a description of the problem, the explanation for how to solve it, and the computations that produce the details of the answer and evidence to justify its correctness.

1.6 What about Systems X, Y, Z, ...?

There are a variety of systems and programming languages used for technical computing nowadays. In a large technical establishment such as a university or research lab, one might find, in addition to Maple the use of systems such as: Python, Matlab, C, Mathematica, , Java, Octave, Macsyma, Sage, Axiom, or Fortran. The vast array of tasks computers can be used for, the multiplicity of philosophies of system design, and the rapid and unrelenting nature of progress in computing means that there is no "best system" for any situation. Each system has its technical strengths. There may also be historical, cultural, or economic reasons why certain systems are used in certain places which co-exist with the technical justification. As with all popular and demanding activities, there are many products in use.

One important ramification of this is that students in technical fields must expect to become familiar and proficient in more than one programming system. Studying more than one brings greater knowledge of what's possible, and the advantages in judgment that comes from knowledge of diverse ways of achieving a goal. It also allows one to function effectively as a team member in larger cross-organizational efforts and to better to cope with the diversity in computing cultures that's out there.

1.7 Why pick Maple as the first system?

1. **It is an interactive system, facilitating quick exploration of new ideas.** Compared to languages such as C++ or Java, one can immediately start up an interactive system and get calculation results. It's also possible to enter computational scripts, which are sequences of steps that are less elaborate to set up than programs. The scripts can be easily re-run to do "what if" exploration just by changing a line or two in the script. The worksheet interface to Maple allows sophisticated mathematical typography and graphics as well as mouse- and palette-driven input.

2. **It can handle calculations with formulas.** Rather than figuring out the formula yourself, you can even get Maple to calculate the formula for you. While many mathematical calculations produce numerical results, formulas are needed to specify how those results are produced. Designers or developers often need to find and create the formulas rather than to just copy them from a book. A system where formulas are easy to represent and easy to create supports this kind of work. A system that allows you to represent and calculate both numbers and formulas makes it easier to do and document technical calculation than a system that just works with numbers.

3. **It supports a variety of data structures that support technical computation:** formulas, equations, functions, sets, lists, tables, vectors, and matrices. Rather than having calculations done with a number of digits that's fixed forever, it is easy to change the precision if more (or less) precision is needed. Having higher-level interaction with the computer is usually more productive of human time. Having all of these entities as "first class entities" in the system requires less mental effort by the user, since they do not have to translate what they are thinking about (e.g. a table of formulas) into the terms that the computer is using. Rather, the computer language accommodates the human style of thought.

4. **It supports documentation as well as calculation.** From the instructor's point of view, it's easier to create documents that explain Maple because we can use Maple both to handle the calculation and the presentation of results. For students, having a file with both the directions that cause the computation and the results makes it easier to present the work cleanly for grading, and for future reference. For professionals doing technical work, having an integrated environment where text, programming and results can be presented together can be a convenience.

5. **It has a "conventional programming language"**. An objective of this course is to make you become familiar enough with some of the standard elements of programming (e.g. assignments, conditionals, loops, procedure definitions) so that you can use them creatively to handle certain common situations that can't be handled through point-and-click or built-in operations. These elements will be found in highly similar form in the languages used by many other systems used for technical work.
6. **The mathematics of modeling and simulation is an explicit feature of the language.** While its programming language is conventional, Maple's language has an important added plus -- you can work over expressions, equations, functions, and other mathematical objects just as conveniently as if they were numbers or characters. Conventional languages (e.g. Java) can represent arithmetic operations -- multiplication, addition, subtraction, and division -- but after that there are special tricks and conversions that you must perform to bridge the gap between what is written in the program, and the mathematical ideas that you are trying to use in the model. It's more straightforward in Maple to represent the mathematical model and the computation based on it. This ease of expression and comprehension by programmers -- has a hard-headed dollars and sense payoff. Less programmer time can be spent developing a computation. There is also an efficiency advantage to explicit representation of formulae: it is possible to use systems such as Maple to automatically improve the quality and efficiency of simulation calculations. This again leads to lower costs of doing the work. We think this is a software engineering advantage: it's cheaper in the long run to do technical work with languages with such features. We believe that most languages supporting technical work will have such functionality built-in into them.

1.8 **For the curious: using more than one system**

Any user of computers who expects to use them professionally for design and investigation must expect to eventually learn multiple systems. Using computer applications for work is like using tools in a workshop-- you would not expect to use one tool to do all tasks, even if the tool, like Maple, has “Swiss Army Knife” capabilities. Features that make it easier to do certain kinds of things may slow down doing other things. Even when systems overlap in features, they typically have differing philosophies and different technical strengths, which means that certain kinds of work may be significantly easier in one system than another. For example, developing something in Mathematica or Maple may be fine and quick for a personal computer, but making the same programming work on a supercomputer may take a lot of effort. Systems with major development effort behind them (such as Maple and those mentioned in the "section above) seem to have many similarities and functionality. If major effort were needed to acquire expertise in multiple technical applications, then prospects would be grim for the computing public. What makes things work out is this: at the introductory level, the difference between casual computing and professional technical computing is the style of working (higher emphasis on documentation, justification and ease of reuse), and the use of language-based commands/programming needed to do the more sophisticated operations in technical work. "Crossing over" means getting over the hurdles of learning the new style of work, and interacting with computers using computer languages. Once this hurdle is passed, it should take only incremental effort to acquire expertise in the second, third, or $n$th technical system. Having formal instruction on the first system should provide an explicit introduction into the concepts and the work processes to facilitate this.

Most systems realize that they cannot be the sole provider of technical computing services. If Institution A uses Mathematica and Institution B uses Python for their work, then if they expect to use each other's efforts, there has to be a way of interconnecting programs written in one system with that of another. Thus most systems have interconnections. For example, the Matlab Symbolic Toolkit allows Matlab users to call Maple to do formula manipulation. Similarly, Maple users can link to Matlab and run a Matlab program they've gotten from a colleague as part of a problem-solving process written in Maple.

Thus: knowledge of basic programming and the concepts of software development make it possible to switch between systems with only a modest amount of additional effort. Software interconnection allows one to use efforts done by others in another system without having to translate. Symbolic computation systems like Maple also have the additional bonus of being able to translate some of their programming between languages. There is a "convert-to-Matlab" feature for example, or a "convert-to-C" feature. This conversion doesn't work for computations involving formula manipulation because C doesn't have that feature. But the conversion does work for other kinds of computations involving just numbers or text.
2 Getting started with Maple's Document Mode: doing technical work with a clickable interface

2.1 Chapter synopsis

1. How to start up Maple and perform simple calculations, algebra, and plots within it.
2. Detecting and fixing typographical mistakes.
3. Introducing mistakes caused by vocabulary misunderstandings and the use of incorrect logic in giving directions.
2. How to save Maple work so that you can refer to it or resume working on it later.
3. How to recover a Maple worksheet if it or your computer crashes.

2.2 A new document

Start up the Maple application (this varies on the type of computer system you have, typically it involves clicking or double-clicking on the Maple 13 icon, but if you can't figure it out yourself ask for a demo for someone who knows). Once the Maple application window appears, a new "document" will appear in the main working area of the Maple application. A flashing cursor will appear with the outline of a small rectangle with dashed lines. The entry mode will read "Math" and "2D Math". You can make the "quick help" black box disappear by clicking on the "close box" circle-X in the upper right hand corner.

Maple started up with new document in Windows XP

![Image of Maple application window with cursor and close box]

After you close the quick help box, you will see the Maple cursor in a small rectangle with a dashed line outline.
At this point, what you type will appear in the small rectangle and be regarded as a mathematical expression. In the next section, we describe what to type in order to get something useful to happen.

2.3 Exact arithmetic

Grade school arithmetic

In the math area, type 2 + 3. "2 + 3" is regarded as a mathematical expression by Maple when you type it into the dashed rectangle. As you are typing, the input indicators should say that you are entering Math mode, in "2D Math" input:

Math input using 2D Math

This expression should show up in the work area. If you hit the enter key, then Maple will evaluate the expression and you should see the result displayed below the input, as in the figure below:

Math input with labeled result
Maple has automatically calculated the answer and given it a label (1). After Maple calculates the answer, the cursor should appear below the result in another dashed-line rectangle. This indicates that Maple is ready to do another calculation. Maple supports all the basic arithmetic operations in a fashion similar to many other programming languages. One thing that takes some getting used to is that * (asterisk) is used to input multiplication rather than "x" or a centered dot. Another thing that takes some getting used to is that what you type is formatted to look like math notation. Thus if you type a /, Maple understands that you are talking about division and immediately starts formatting your input as if it were a fraction. If you type an asterisk, Maple formats that into a dot (\cdot). There is also formatting that occurs with caret (^) since that is the way you enter an exponent in Maple.

### Arithmetic operations in Maple

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<td>2 + 2</td>
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<td>multiplication</td>
<td>* (&quot;asterisk&quot;)</td>
<td>Typing an asterisk makes a center dot (\cdot) appear in the displayed expression.</td>
<td>2 \cdot 3</td>
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<td>division</td>
<td>/ (&quot;slash&quot;)</td>
<td>Typing a slash draws a baseline and then positions the cursor in the denominator. Subsequent typing appears in the denominator. To get out of the denominator and return to normal typing, use the right-arrow key (→). Multiple divisions are by default conducted left-to-right.</td>
<td>\frac{2}{6} \quad \frac{1}{3}</td>
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<td>subtraction</td>
<td>- (&quot;dash&quot; or &quot;hyphen&quot;, typically on the same keyboard key as the underscore. Dash and underscore do not mean the same thing.)</td>
<td>Multiple subtractions are conducted leftmost first.</td>
<td>3 - 5 \quad -2</td>
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<td>parentheses</td>
<td>( , ) (&quot;left parenthesis&quot;, &quot;right parenthesis&quot;)</td>
<td>Use parentheses to change the order of calculation. They are also good for removing any guesswork by the reader as the order of operations.</td>
<td>(2 + 3) - 5</td>
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### negation

- ("dash" or "hyphen", typically on the same keyboard key as the underscore). This is the same symbol as used for subtraction.

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<td>- (3.5 - 2)</td>
<td>Put a dash in front of a number or parenthesized expression to negate it.</td>
<td>(-13) (2.9)</td>
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### power

^ ("caret", typically on the same keyboard key as the number 6)

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<td>(2^3)</td>
<td>Typing a caret moves the cursor to the exponent position. Subsequent typing appears in the exponent. To get out of the exponent and return to the baseline, use the right-arrow key (→).</td>
<td>(8) (2.10)</td>
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<td>(2^{3-5})</td>
<td></td>
<td>(\frac{1}{4}) (2.11)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(2^{2-1})</td>
<td></td>
<td>(\sqrt{2}) (2.12)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(2^{-2} + \frac{4}{5})</td>
<td></td>
<td>(\frac{21}{20}) (2.13)</td>
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### factorial

! ("exclamation mark", typically on the same key as the number 1.)

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<td>(4!)</td>
<td>(n!) is the product of all the integers between 1 and n. It is useful in computations that compute the number of possible ways that something could happen. For example, the number of possible orderings of a deck of playing cards is 52!.</td>
<td>(24) (2.14)</td>
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<td>((3!)!)</td>
<td></td>
<td>(720) (2.15)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(52!)</td>
<td></td>
<td>(8065817517094387857166063685640379719075289505440883277824000000) (00000) (2.16)</td>
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Let's try out some of these operations. We can enter a sum of two fractions by using "+" and "/". If we type "2/3→+5/6 enter", this is what we see:

\[
\frac{2}{3} + \frac{5}{6}
\]

\[
\frac{3}{2}
\] (2.17)

The way to get a fraction in is to type a slash (/). As soon as you do so, Maple draws an underscore and positions the cursor underneath the fraction line. The next characters you type appear as the denominator. If you type the "+" right after the "3", the plus will appear in the denominator which is permitted by Maple but not what we want in this situation. To get the plus to appear outside of the fraction, we type the right arrow key (the key with → on it). This moves the cursor out of the fraction back into the baseline of the expression. Then we can enter the + for addition, and another fraction. After we hit the enter key, Maple will simplify the result into a single fraction with any common factors removed from the numerator and denominator. Now let's do a multiplication. The Maple programming language (like most) uses an asterisk * as the symbol for multiplication. However, Maple displays the expression with a centered dot. This may
be disconcerting -- what you type is not what you see. When you are in "math mode" Maple will be using fancy typography to display whatever math you are entering. We'll see more of this shortly. See if you can reproduce this result::

\[ \frac{2}{3} \]

\[ \text{6} \]

(2.18)

We can mix operations. Try to enter and calculate the following:

\[ \frac{1 + \frac{2}{3 + 4} + \frac{5 \cdot 6 + 7}{8}}{8} \]

\[ \text{67} \]

\[ \frac{14}{14} \]

(2.19)

In order to get that last denominator, we had to select the expression we had entered for the numerator with the mouse, so that the entire contents of the entry rectangle were blue. Then we typed a slash and the denominator appeared beneath it all. An alternative to using the mouse to enter expression (1.2.1.18) would be to use parentheses. If we type "\((1+2/3+4+5*6+7)/8\) enter" we will see this:

\[ \frac{1 + \frac{2}{3 + 4} + \frac{5 \cdot 6 + 7}{8}}{8} \]

\[ \text{67} \]

\[ \frac{14}{14} \]

(2.20)

This allows you to enter complicated expressions without having to use the mouse. Of course, the mouse is still necessary if you want to go back and edit. We observe in passing that a distinctive feature of Maple is that Maple does exact arithmetic with integers and fractions. It keeps fractions as the ratio of two integers. It will, however, automatically simplify such ratios to lowest terms:

\[ \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{6}{7} = \frac{18}{7} \]

\[ -2 \]

(2.21)

**Making typographical mistakes**

Making mistakes is a normal part of using any tool, be it a computer or otherwise. You'll probably make as many mistakes learning how to use Maple as you would make when learning a new sport, a musical instrument, or when learning how to write a good essay. Some of them will be obvious as soon as you make them, others will be subtle or harder to figure out how to fix.

When you make some kinds of mistakes, the computer may give you an *error message* For example, if you make a typo and Maple doesn't recognize what you enter as being a valid command, it will complain. Here are some typical error messages. At this stage, some of the messages will make sense and you can react appropriately. Others will use vocabulary that is unfamiliar. For those, the best thing to do is to have a clear idea of what you want to enter (by closely imitating examples that are known to work) and checking carefully that what you have typed was accurate.
Some examples of Maple error messages

2 +

Error, invalid sum/difference

\[ 2 + \]

We intended to enter "2 + 4" but forgot to type the "4" before we hit enter (return). The appropriate thing to do here is to correct the expression and hit enter again.

\[
2 + 4
\]

\[ \]

6

(2.22)

2 + 4

Error, missing operation

\[ + 2 4 \]

This time we mistakenly enter the expression with the symbols in the wrong order. Maple complains that it expects some operation to be entered between the two numbers but there isn't one.

\[
+ 2 \ 4
\]

(2.23)

We intended to enter "2+4" but typed a period instead of a 2 by mistake. Even though we are trying to do the same thing, the error message is different because a different symbol (the period) in this context suggests to Maple that we are trying to do *linear algebra*. The appropriate thing to do here is to correct the expression and hit enter again.

\[
2 + 4
\]

6

(2.24)

2 / 0

Error, numeric exception: division by zero

If we ask Maple to do an impossible operation, it sometimes gives an error (depending on the operation). The appropriate question to ask yourself here is "what should I be dividing by instead of zero?".

\[
\frac{2}{0}
\]

(2.25)

3 / 5 + 3

Error, unable to match delimiters

\[
\frac{3}{5 + 3}
\]

We started a sub-expression with a parentheses but forgot to finish it. In Maple, a *delimiter* refers to a parenthesis -- ( or ) -- a bracket [ or ], or a brace { or }. Delimiters are symbols that mark the beginning and end of an expression. In many instances they are necessary to unambiguously indicate meaning. For example \[ 5 \times (3 + 5) \] evaluates to 40, where as the expression without parentheses \( 5 \times 3 + 5 \) means 20 because multiplications are always done before additions unless the parentheses indicate otherwise.

\[
\frac{3}{5 + 3}\]

(2.26)
\[
3 \times \left( \frac{5 + \frac{3}{2} \cdot 5}{2} \right)
\]

Error, unable to match delimiters

\[
\frac{3 + \left( 5 + \frac{3}{2} \cdot 5 \right)}{2}
\]

This is another instance of the same mistake. We wanted to enter \(3 \times \left( \frac{5 + \frac{3}{2} \cdot 5}{2} \right)\) but misplaced several parentheses.

\[
1 + 3
\]

Error, invalid sequence

\[
1 + 3
\]

We intended to enter "1+3" but typed the extra comma in by mistake. We get an error message that talks about sequences, a concept in Maple that we haven't discussed yet (that's coming in the next few chapters). Maple thinks that the sequence is "invalid" because it usually expects commas to be between items, such as "1,2,x". Maple's language has many other elements in it that we haven't gotten to discuss yet. If you use any of them by mistake then you will see messages with vocabulary we haven't discussed yet. It's a fairly typical experience for new users to see some messages that you won't be able to gather much intelligence from other than the fact that you made a mistake that you should fix. With knowledge-rich systems such as Maple, you may blunder into sections of the system that you haven't learned yet. The best strategy is to back out of the situation by editing the expression so that it is exactly like something that is known to work.

\[
2 + \frac{1}{3}
\]

Error, invalid fraction

\[
2 + \frac{1}{3}
\]

This one is fairly obvious. In order to fix it though, we need to know what denominator we intended to enter.

\[
2 + \frac{9}{3}
\]

\[
\frac{5}{3}
\]

Correcting typographical mistakes

The standard procedure for fixing a mistake is as you would in a word processor: *edit the mistaken input* and *re-execute the computation*. Here are ways of doing this:

7. Using the mouse, position the cursor where the mistake is. Then use the backspace key to erase the characters you want to get rid of. Type in more characters to replace it.

8. Use the left arrow key (←) to back up. Typing after backing up then inserts the new typing at the point where the cursor was positioned.

9. Use the mouse or other "pointing device" of your computer to select a section of what you typed. New typing then replaces the selection of what you typed.

10. Use the mouse to select a region, then "cut", which you can do through the Maple menu *Edit -> Cut*. Of course most people use the keyboard shortcut for cutting, which for Windows or Linux is control-X while on the Mac it's command-X.

11. Copying and pasting (control/command-C and control/command-V) also works in Maple.
You may find that sometimes you attempt to create a 2D Math input area but Maple does not compute a result for the input after you hit the enter key. To create a "clickable math" input area if this happens, place the cursor where you want the input area to be, and use the Format->Create Document Block Menu item of the Maple window:

Create Document Block to force a Math input area wherever the cursor is placed

Exponentiation (powers). Numbers with lots of digits

Use a caret ^ to specify an exponent (a "power"). In math mode, Maple will position the cursor so that the next things you enter will become the exponent. As with fractions, you can get out of the exponent by using the right arrow key → when you want to go back to non-exponent numbers. Try entering these expressions

\[ 2^3 \]
\[ \frac{2^{1000}}{2} \]

We note that Maple does integer and fraction operations exactly. It will not introduce any rounding error into a computation as a calculator would when the answer requires more than ten decimal digits to write down. There are limits to the number of digits Maple will use for integers or fractions, but they have to do more with ultimate limits of the computer hardware and memory rather than a "pre-ordained" decision about how many digits might be useful to keep. If you type kernelopts(maxdigits) into a Math input area on the worksheet, Maple will print out a number which is the maximum number of digits it can handle in any integer or fraction. On the author's computer,
\( \texttt{kernelopts(maxdigits)} = 268435448 \). Note that this is not the value of the maximum number, but how many decimal digits the largest number can have.

For example, Maple can compute the result of

\[
\frac{1}{52!} + \frac{2^{100}}{3^{27}} \text{ exactly (try it!).}
\]

Exact computation is useful not only for doing algebra but also for things such as computing probabilities through counting, or in deriving mathematical formulas for use in simulation or prediction programs.

**Detecting and fixing vocabulary and "logic" mistakes**

There will be other kinds of mistakes where there is no error message, but the response is not what you want. Sometimes this happens because you say something that while grammatical, means something entirely different from what you meant. This could be as simple as entering "2-3" where you meant to type "2+3". Sometimes it is less obvious, such as mistyping the 23-rd digit of a 55 digit number or the 12th term of a long sum. Or worse yet, it could be because you are using the incorrect vocabulary so what you think you are saying does not have that meaning to the computer.

**Example of a vocabulary mistake**

\[
\begin{align*}
2x3 + 5 & \quad 2x3 + 5 \\
2 \cdot 3 + 5 & \quad 11
\end{align*}
\]

(2.32) Suppose we were under the (mistaken) impression could use "x" in Maple to stand for multiplication. We might use the above as a way to calculate "two times three, plus five". However, while there is no error message, what is calculated is not the number we were expecting. The first step towards proceeding to fix this is to realize that it's not what we want. To Maple, this is a legitimate calculation -- you want to create a formula that's "two times the variable x3, plus five".

(2.33) Knowing that the proper way to enter multiplication is through a palette, or symbol "*" (asterisk) as explained in

Finally, there are mistakes made because you ask Maple to do the wrong calculation. Even though Maple does what you want, it turns out that what you wanted was wrong!

For example, you may read a word problem and decide to solve the equation \( 3 \cdot x + 2 = 6 \), whose solution is \( x = 4/3 \). But when you plug the solution into the circumstances of the problem, you find that it doesn't solve the word problem. The problem may be because you used faulty logic to decide that \( 3 \cdot x + 2 = 6 \) was the equation, but it was actually \( 2 \cdot x + 4 = 6 \). This is known as an "error in logic" or just a "logic error".

Sometimes it's obvious that you made a mistake because the answer is obviously wrong. For example, seeing "-1" when you are expecting the answer to "2+3" is obvious because you know already that you shouldn't get an answer which is a negative number. Sometimes it isn't so obvious, so you need a way to check the correctness of the result.
2.4 Saving and retrieving your work

You can save your work in a Maple worksheet file through the File -> Save (keyboard shortcut: control/command-S) menu item of the Maple application. A dialog box appears allowing you to type in the name of the worksheet (we've typed in "test" into the box in the .)

The file is saved with a ".mw" suffix (e.g. test1.mw).

To retrieve the file in a subsequent Maple session, start up the Maple application as before and then use the File->Open menu item to initiate the dialog that retrieves the file.

Maple save menu operation

Maple save dialog box (Windows XP)
2.5 Retrieving backups

The "state of Maple" display appears on the bottom left hand side of the Maple window. Usually this display says "Ready", which means that Maple is awaiting your next command. Sometimes it reads "Evaluating..." which indicates that Maple is actively computing an answer. Sometimes it says "Autosaving worksheet", which means that it is saving a copy of the present state of your open worksheets into temporary storage on your computer. The amount of time Maple spends autosaving becomes noticeable in longer Maple sessions when the worksheet contains a lot of results.

Should your computer suddenly lose power or should Maple crash, you can retrieve the last autosaved worksheet by selecting the File -> Recent Documents -> Restore Backup menu item. This will fill your Maple with copies of all the autosaved worksheets. You may then delete them or save them to permanent file space as you wish.

2.6 Algebra, plotting and mouse-clickable operations

Algebraic expressions and equations. Solving equations. Working with pieces of expressions.

We don't have to limit ourselves to just numerical calculation in Maple (even if the ability to use many digits and exact fractions allows us to do math more like the math books do). Another distinctive feature of Maple is that you can do algebra by entering expressions with symbols -- the $x, y, z, i$, and $n$ that we see on algebra books. Maple will automatically collect terms and do some simplifications for us automatically

$$x^2 + 2 \cdot x + 5 + 3 \cdot x$$

$$x^2 + 5x + 5$$  \hspace{1cm} (2.34)

We can enter equations:

$$\frac{3}{5} \cdot x + 1 = 4 - x$$

$$\frac{3}{5} x + 1 = 4 - x$$  \hspace{1cm} (2.35)

$$3 \cdot x + 1 + 4 \cdot x = a \cdot x + b$$

$$7x + 1 = ax + b$$  \hspace{1cm} (2.36)

Note that while Maple automatically collected the $x$ terms on the left hand side of the equation, it does not try to do the more interventionist operation of moving all the $x$ terms to the same side of the equation.

Now, enter the following expression, but rather than hitting the enter key after you've entered it, do a right-click. On the Mac, instead of right-clicking hold the control key down then click on the mouse button (this is referred to as
"control-click"). A menu of algebraic operations will pop up. Select "factor" and see how Maple can factor the polynomial:

\[ x^2 + 5x - 50 = \text{factor} \ (x + 10) \ (x - 5) \]

Note that this line does not have a (XX) label for it. To further demonstrate the right-click (control-click) operations available, enter the following equation. Right click on the expression and a pop-up menu should appear that includes a "solve" item. Select the solve and a submenu will appear where you can specify that you want to solve for \( x \).

\[ \frac{3}{5} \cdot x + 1 = 4 - x \rightarrow \text{solve for} \ x \rightarrow \left[ x = \frac{15}{8} \right] \]

**For the previously experienced: some things are different, for a reason**

(This section is for people who already know a programming language and are noticing that Maple does some things differently. Other readers can skip this section.) Most mainstream programming languages work in a similar way. That is why learning Maple has value beyond just being able to use the Maple system -- once you learn Maple, learning Matlab or Java or C is a matter of incremental adjustment. Noticing the differences is educational in that it makes you become aware of the arbitrariness of some of features of languages. If you have used another programming language such as Java or Visual Basic, you will notice that some things do not work the same in Maple as they do there. Some of this can be explained if you know something about the history of programming languages. Some of it is explained by being aware that the designers of Maple had different goals than those who invented Java or VB.

One thing that you have undoubtedly noted is that symbols do not have to have a value associated with them. For example, in Java if you said \( k=5; \) Then if you were to create another expression in Java such as \( \text{System.out.println}(k^2 + k + k + 3); \) then "5" would be used as the value of \( k \) in the expression and you would end up printing 38. In Maple, you do not have to associate \( k \) with a numerical value before you use \( k \) in an algebraic expression. If there is no prior association, Maple just treats the expression as a formula with symbols in it. It may do some *algebraic simplification* on what you entered, but it does not need to get a number as a result. Since there was no prior assignment for the expressions in section 2.5.1, the calculation done with them just keeps the formula.

Another thing that is different is that in Maple "=" is *used for equations, not assignment*. The operator in Maple corresponding to "=" in Java or VB is ":=" (a colon immediately followed by an equals, with no spaces inbetween). In Maple, if we wanted to associate "5" with the symbol \( k \), then we would do:

\[ k := 5 \]

\[ k^2 + k + 3 + k \]

\[ 38 \]
different. Just as with architectural design of a building, each feature of a programming language is typically carefully considered. Many features are borrowed or copied from predecessor languages, where they have already been subjected to the test of many people using the feature. If you are not familiar with Algol family languages, you can see examples of them at various educational web sites, such as http://www.engin.umich.edu/CIS/course.des/cis400/algol/average.html and http://portal.acm.org/citation.cfm?id=154766.155365).

Plotting and approximate numerical solutions

The right-clickable interface can also activate a plot of a formula you may have entered. Enter this formula, then right-click and select Plot ->2d plot. The automatic defaults for plotting this produce this result.

Example of plotting

If we click on the plot and then position the mouse over the plot area, we see in the upper left hand corner of the Maple application a pair of coordinates that change as we move the mouse around. We can "eyeball" the plot with this to find approximately where this formula is equal to zero. From the figure below we can see that \( x^2 - 10\cdot x + 4 \) is zero at about .5 and 9. We could position the cursor in those areas to get a more precise (but still rough) estimate.
Plot created by right-click -> Plot -> 2DPlot.

The 2DPlot operation makes pre-set decisions about the plot, such as the range of \( x \) (-10 to 10), the color of the line, axes labellin, etc. Users can inject their own preferences about these things about this by selecting right-click -> Plot -> PlotBuilder and filling in the dialog box with their choices.

User-configured plot using PlotBuilder instead of 2DPlot
The Expressions Palette and the Common Symbols Palette: entering Trigs, logs, roots, exponentials

It's possible to get the common functions of high school algebra, pre-calculus, and calculus by using the Expression palette of the Maple Window:

The Expression palette. The top of the "Common Symbols" palette is also visible at the bottom of the picture

For example, to enter the square root of 36, click on the palette entry for $\sqrt{a}$. That expression will appear in the document, with the "a" selected. If you then type 36 on the keyboard, that number will replace the selected text. If you then hit the enter key, Maple will evaluate the expression and produce the exact result "6".

$$x + y + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \sqrt{36}$$

$$x + y + \frac{27}{4}$$

(2.39)

You can use the palette multiple times, to create more complicated expressions. Just continue to the use mouse or the arrow keys to move around in the expression. Selecting and typing, backspacing or deleting are all ways of replacing or correcting pieces of the expression. The Common symbols palette, two panels below the Expression palette, can be used to enter $\pi$ and $e$, the base of the natural logarithm system. The palette does not have the inverse trig functions, so you have to enter them through typing. Their names are: arcsin, arccos, arctan, etc.
Examples of palette-driven computation

\[
\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) + \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) \quad \text{(2.40)}
\]
\[
\frac{\left(\sqrt{1024} + \ln\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)\right)}{13} \times \pi \quad \text{(2.41)}
\]
\[
\arcsin\left(\sin\left(\frac{1}{4} \pi\right)\right) \quad \text{(2.42)}
\]

Approximate numerical (calculator - type) arithmetic in Maple

If you enter expressions with integers, exact fractions, and symbols such as \(\pi\) and \(e\), then Maple will perform exact calculations rather than give approximate answers as a conventional calculator would. You can get approximations by selecting the "numerically solve" instead of the "solve" option from the right-click pop-up menu.

Examples of computing with approximate solving

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<th>Approximate Value</th>
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<td>(x^2 - 10x + 4 = x^2 - 10x + 4) (\text{solve}) {x = 5 + \sqrt{2}, x = 5 - \sqrt{2}}</td>
<td>Exact solution of an equation using the &quot;solve&quot; feature of the pop-up menu.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(x^2 - 10x + 4) (\text{solve}) (0.4174243050, 9.582575695)</td>
<td>Using the &quot;numerically solve&quot; feature of the pop-up menu</td>
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If you have an exact expression, you can ask Maple to approximate it to 5, 10, 20, or more digits. In this mode, Maple can be used as a super-accurate calculator.

Examples of numerical computation

1. Enter fraction, select approximate->20 from right-click pop-up menu.
\[
\frac{47}{52} + \frac{4}{3} \quad \text{at 20 digits} \quad 2.2371794871794871795
\]

2. Enter exact expression, select approximate->5 from right click pop-up menu
\[
\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{10}\right) \quad \text{at 5 digits} \quad 0.30902
\]

3. Enter equation. Then solve->solve, then select Element->1, then right hand side, then approximate->10
\[
\sin\left(\sqrt{e}\right) = \frac{1}{3} \quad \text{solve} \quad \left\{x = 2 \ln\left(\arcsin\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)\right)\right\} \quad x = 2 \ln\left(\arcsin\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)\right) \quad 2 \ln\left(\arcsin\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)\right) \approx 2.158578910
\]

Evaluation at a point, and selection of pieces

Sometimes you wish to evaluate an expression for a particular value of a variable. There is a right-click operation that does this.
Evaluate at a point

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<td>( x^2 - 2 + a = 0 )</td>
<td>( x = \frac{1}{4} )</td>
<td>( a = 0 )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>( x^2 - 2 * a = 0 )</td>
<td>( x = \sqrt{2} )</td>
<td>( x = \pm \sqrt{a} )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>( 3 \cdot y + 5 )</td>
<td>( y = 4 )</td>
<td>( x = 14 )</td>
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This operation will give a pop-up menu that will allow us to choose values for all the variables. In the first example, we picked \( 1/2 \) for a value of \( x \). Note that the pop-up menu will show what you typed rather than displaying 2D math. In the second example, we specified \( "3*y^2" \) as the value for \( a \). In the third example, we picked 3 as the value for \( y \).

Expressions often have pieces. Using the right-click menu, it's possible to select or extract a portion of an expression for further work.

Operations on equations

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<th>( x = \frac{\sin(a)}{r^2 - 1} )</th>
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Operations on multi-part expressions

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<td>( x^2 - 4 \cdot x = 4 )</td>
<td>( x = \frac{2 + 2 \sqrt{2}}{2} )</td>
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Solving this quadratic equation reveals that there are two solutions. Right clicking on these selections and then select entry \( \rightarrow 1 \) produces the first solution. We can then approximate it by using the

2.7 A quick-reference summary to this chapter

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<td><strong>Arithmetic</strong></td>
<td>( 2 + \frac{3^2}{4} - \frac{1}{6} )</td>
<td>Use (+, *, -, /, ^) for arithmetic. Hitting the Enter key produces a labelled result. 2D Math input mode displays the textbook-like version of what you input. Maple's simplification automatically combined fractions and places things in lowest terms.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>( 49 )</td>
<td>( \frac{12}{12} ) (2.43)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>5!</strong></td>
<td>Use (!) for factorial Do you know what 5!! (double factorial) means?</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>( 120 )</td>
<td>(2.44)</td>
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2 + \left( \frac{3}{5} \right)

Error message mistakes (from typos or mistakes in intensions)

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<th>The easiest ones to detect. You have to figure out what you are doing wrong, though. The error message may not always be helpful in advising you on this, although it often is.</th>
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A farmer plants a fence post every foot, for 1250 feet. At that point, he switches to planting the fence posts every 4.7 feet for another 940 feet. How many fence posts does he need in all?

\[
\frac{1250}{1} + \frac{940}{4.7}
\]

1450.000000

(2.45)

**Error, unable to match delimiters**

You are asking Maple to compute something that it understands, so it gives you an answer. However, this answer doesn't really solve your problem. You need to find a more appropriate computation, which you can only do by thinking about whether you went wrong. Often you can find these kinds of mistakes by looking at simpler versions of the problem where the answer can be figured out with paper and pencil. Then you can "scale up" the answer to handle the actual problem you have.

The correct answer is 1251 + 201 1452 fence posts. The computer did what it was asked to do -- the problem was that it was asked to do the wrong thing.

**Editing (fixing mistakes)**

- backspace, delete erase starting from current cursor selection
- Arrow keys→← move cursor within current selection
- Select with mouse/type replaces selected text
- Cut, copy and paste of a selection works as it does with a text processor

**File saves, opens**

- Save files with File -> Save or File -> Save As. Open a saved file with File -> Open. Other File operations similar to that of standard word processors.

**Functions**
### Chapter 2 demonstrated the following functions and symbols

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<td>\text{arcsin}, \text{arccos}, \text{arctan}</td>
<td>sec, csc</td>
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<td>summation</td>
<td>\text{Pi, e}</td>
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### Algebra

- \( \sqrt[3]{\csc \left( \frac{\pi}{2} \right) + e} \) \hspace{1cm} \text{(2.46)}
- \( \ln(e^2 - \sqrt{e}) \) \hspace{1cm} \text{simplify symbolic} \hspace{1cm} \frac{5}{2}

Insert math into an expression by using the Expression and Common Symbols Palette.

If you are entering a function by the keyboard rather than the palette, you must enclose the function’s argument in parentheses.

### Right-click (control-click on Mac) on an entered expression to get the pop-up menu.

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### Plotting

Plots->2d plot

The expression must be something that involves a single variable and will result in a number when a value is used for that variable. Thus you can't do a 2d plot of \( x^2 - a \) because you wouldn't get a number if you picked a value just for \( x \) (or just for \( a \)).

Maple uses defaults for the plot range, and the plot color.

Trying to plot an equation produces an implicit plot (see next appendix).
Plots->plot builder -> 2d plot

\[ x^2 - 1 \rightarrow \]

A dialog box appears that allows you the select from many more options, such as plot color, the line style, vertical and horizontal ranges, captions, etc.

**Limited precision (decimal point) numbers**

\[
\cos(x^2) = \sqrt{x} \quad \text{solve} \quad 0.7352027350
\]

\[ 0.1 + \frac{2}{3} + \tan(1) + \pi^x \]

\[ 0.766666667 + \tan(1) + \pi^x \quad (2.47) \]

\[ 2.3240743913549022305 \]

\[ + 3.1415926535897932385^x \quad (2.48) \]

Exact numbers in Maple have no decimal points. Numbers with decimal points in Maple cause arithmetic calculations to be done approximately.

solve->numerically solve produces approximate solutions

right-click->approximate->n takes an exact numerical expression and approximates it.

Use of limited precision numbers in algebra (e.g. factoring, differentiation, solving) may not produce good results.

Use them in Maple only when an approximate result is desired.

Numbers like .25 or .6015 are limited precision. If you want exact algebra done, use 1/4 or 6015/10000, etc.

In very large calculations, limited precision calculations may be noticeably faster than those with exact arithmetic. Most of the time there isn't an appreciated difference.

**Evaluate at a point**

\[ x^2 - 2 - a \cdot x = 0 \quad \text{evaluate at point} \quad 1/4 - a = 0 \]

\[ x^2 - 2 - a \cdot x = 0 \quad \text{evaluate at point} \quad x^2 - 6y^x = 0 \]

\[ 3y + 5 \quad \text{evaluate at point} \quad 14 \]

This operation will give a pop-up menu that will allow us to choose values for all the variables. In the first example, we we picked 1/2 for a value of x. Note that the pop-up menu will show what you typed rather than displaying 2D math. In the second example, we specified "3*y^2" as the value for a. In the third example, we picked 3 as the value for y.

**Example**

right hand side, left hand side

\[ x = \frac{\sin(a)}{r^2 - 1} \quad \text{right hand side} \quad \frac{\sin(a)}{r^2 - 1} \]

\[ x = \frac{\sin(a)}{r^2 - 1} \quad \text{left hand side} \quad x \]

One of the options in the right-click menu is "right hand side". It only works for equations.

**Operations on multi-part expressions**

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<tr>
<td>solve-&gt;solve for a variable</td>
<td>$x^2 - 2 \cdot a \cdot x = 0 \quad \xrightarrow{\text{solve for } x} \quad {x = 0, x = 2a}$</td>
<td>The thing to try when there is a numerical answer but the exact solution is too complicated to understand or Maple can't find an exact solution.</td>
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<tr>
<td>solve-&gt;numerically solve</td>
<td>$x = \cos(x) \quad \xrightarrow{\text{solve}} \quad 0.7390851332$</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Factoring</td>
<td>$x^2 - 1 \quad \xrightarrow{\text{factor}} \quad (x - 1)(x + 1)$</td>
<td>Factoring can simplify an expression sometimes. Factoring doesn't know the trig simplification rules, though.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Plots-&gt;2d plot</td>
<td>$x^2 - 1 \quad \xrightarrow{\text{factor}} \quad (\cos(x) - \sin(x))(\cos(x) + \sin(x))$</td>
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Examples of solving and factoring operations.
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<td>$x = \frac{\sin(\alpha)}{\sqrt{2} - 1}$ $\rightarrow$ $\frac{\sin(\alpha)}{\sqrt{2} - 1}$</td>
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<td>move to right, move to left</td>
<td>$x^2 + x + 1 = a \rightarrow 0 = a - x^2 - x - 1$</td>
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This moves the entire side of an equation to the other side.

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<td>approximate $\geq 5$ (or 10, 20, 50)</td>
<td>$\tan\left(\frac{\pi}{10}\right) \sqrt{\frac{1}{10}} \rightarrow \text{at 20 digits} \quad 0.34157868529293212152$</td>
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<tr>
<td>$x = \ln(5000!) \rightarrow x = 37591.143508876766569$</td>
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Uses approximation methods to turn constants into an approximate (decimal point) number with 5 (10, 20, 50) digits.
3 Chapter 3 Exact and limited-precision (floating point) numbers

3.1 Chapter Overview

In Maple, there are two types of numbers, *exact numbers* (printed as whole numbers, and fractions), and *limited-precision numbers* (written as a number with a limited number of digits after a mandatory decimal point).

The arithmetic Maple does with exact numbers is completely accurate.

The arithmetic Maple does with limited-precision numbers (like that of calculators or other standard computer languages) gets rounded at each stage to the number of digits being used. If the correct answer requires more digits than that, then some inaccuracy occurs.

The differences between exact and limited-precision numerical arithmetic leads us to the following rules:

a) Exact arithmetic is necessary if you are doing analytical work, such as a theoretical calculation or calculus homework.

b) Limited-precision arithmetic is faster but sometimes less accurate. It's good for situations where the numbers you're working with come from limited-precision measurements, and when you know you aren't going to get into trouble from the rounding errors made by keeping things in limited precision.

3.2 Exact arithmetic with exact numbers

There are three types of exact numbers in Maple, integers, fractions, and symbolic constants. If you enter an arithmetic expression with such numbers, Maple will do all the arithmetic exactly. It will also automatically evaluate functions that have simple exact results, such as

\[
\sin \left( \frac{\pi}{6} \right) = \frac{1}{2}.
\]

Some exact numbers

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<td>Integers (whole numbers)</td>
<td>2, 5, -1005</td>
<td>In Maple, integers can be up to hundreds of thousands of digits long.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Fractions (ratios of integers)</td>
<td>( \frac{3}{5}, \frac{9}{7}, \frac{14597}{1111111111111111} )</td>
<td>In Maple, the numerator and denominator can be up to hundreds of thousands of digits long.</td>
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You can enter $\pi$ from the Common Symbols Palette, or you type the letters `PI` from the keyboard to get the same thing. The first letter must be capitalized.

You can enter $e$ from the Common Symbols Palette, or you can type the letters `exp(1)` from the keyboard. Typing `e` from the keyboard does not work -- it means the algebraic unknown "e" (as in "x", "y", etc.), not a constant.

You can enter $\sqrt{2}$ from the Expression Palette, or you can type the letters `sqrt(2)` from the keyboard.

While entering $\sin(0)$ using the Expression Palette would return a result of 0, entering $\sin(60)$ results in the same thing. There is no simpler way of expression this constant. Maple always uses radians for trig functions so this is not talking about the sine of 60 degrees, but rather the sine of 60 radians.

You can enter $\infty$ from the Common Symbols palette, or infinity by typing on the keyboard.

Maple uses "capital I" as the symbolic constant the square root of -1. Select $i$ from the Common Symbols palette, or type `shift-i` from the keyboard. Lower case i ($i$ without the shift key) is not a symbolic constant.

### Arithmetic with exact numbers is always exact

Maple takes fractions and integers and produces the integer or fraction that results. It will automatically divide out the common divisor of numerators and denominators.

The way we entered the example was to enter the expression $3 + \frac{5}{7} + \frac{9}{11} + \frac{13}{15}$ into a document box, and then type `control-=` (control key and equals key at the same time.)

Maple does symbolic arithmetic to get $\tan(580 \cdot \pi)$ which it can simplify to 0.

This is a demonstration that "Pi" and "pi" do not have the same meaning in Maple even if they look similar. It also shows that the $e$ you get from typing does not have the same meaning as the $e$ you get from the palette.

You can right-click on Pi or the $e$ you get from the palette and have a numerical approximation produced. pi or e typed from the keyboard does not even have numerical approximation as an option, because they are regarded as symbols like $x$ or $y$ that stand for algebraic unknowns, not symbolic constants.

We did this by entering $\sqrt{35} \over 15$ into a document box, and then typing `control-=`. 

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<td>$= \frac{10}{3}$</td>
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<tr>
<td>$\tan\left(\frac{30!}{28!} \cdot pi\right) + \ln\left(e^{-\frac{1}{10}}\right) = \tan(870 \pi) - \frac{1}{10} \ln(e)$</td>
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3.3 Limited-precision (calculator-style) arithmetic with limited-precision numbers.

If you see a number on your Maple document with a decimal point, it's a limited precision number or floating point number. If you see a number without a decimal point, it's an exact number. Maple performs calculator-style arithmetic (called limited-precision arithmetic or floating point arithmetic) when it sees this number.

By default, Maple creates limited precision numbers with ten decimal digits' accuracy. However, if you enter a number with a decimal point that has more digits than that, it will create it with as many digits as you use. Limited precision numbers can be written in scientific notation using an "e" to indicate the exponent. You can't use "e" syntax to enter an exact number.

Limited-precision numbers are sometimes called floating point numbers.

### Limited-precision (floating point) numbers

| .1  | 0.1 | (3.1) Note that this is not the same as the exact number zero (0)... it has a decimal point after it. If you enter a number that needs more than ten decimals, Maple will use them all. |
|-----|-----| (3.2) At some point, Maple will display a large or small number using powers of ten rather a lot of leading-zero decimal places. You can type in a number with a power of ten using the "e" notation. Here "e" is the symbol typed from the keyboard, not the e from the Common Symbols keyboard. You can also use the capital E typed from the keyboard. |
| 0.00 | 0. | |
| .12345678901234567890 | 0.12345678901234567890 | (3.3) |
| -.00001367890 | -0.00001367890 | |
| -.000000000001367890 | -1.367890 \times 10^{-13} | (3.5) |
| 1.69e35 | 1.69 \times 10^{35} | (3.6) |
| 0.00169E−22 | 1.69 \times 10^{-25} | (3.7) |

Calculator-style arithmetic differs from exact arithmetic in that the computer uses only a fixed number of decimal places (by default, ten). If more than that is needed to write down the answer, the computer will round the result back to the fixed precision (number of decimal places) being used. This may result in relatively small error. However we shall see situations where the rounding error can contaminate the accuracy of the result, to the point where it can't be believed.
**Limited-precision (floating point) arithmetic**

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<td>1.120000001</td>
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<tr>
<td>1.1 + 0.2 + 0.9e−9 + 0.8e−12 − 1 − 1</td>
<td>0.020000001</td>
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<td>1.1 + 0.2 − 1 + 0.9e−9 + 0.8e−12</td>
<td>0.02000000090</td>
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We see that the result has rounded away some of the smaller terms.

We've subtracted away 1.1, but only after the rounding has occurred for the intermediate steps of the computation. So we've lost the smaller digits.

We get a more accurate result if we add the numbers together in a different order. This means **limited-precision arithmetic does not obey the law of commutivity of addition.**

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<tr>
<td>1.0/3.0</td>
<td>0.333333333</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1.0−(1.0/3.0)−3</td>
<td>1.10^{10}</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1−(1/3)−3</td>
<td>0</td>
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Because of rounding, the result of dividing one by three is not exactly one-third.

Maple's exact result is exactly correct

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<td>\sin(\pi)</td>
<td>0</td>
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<tr>
<td>\sin(3.1415926535)</td>
<td>−4.10206761510^{−10}</td>
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By using a floating point number, Maple computes an approximation to \(\sin(\pi)\). It's not quite the same as the exact result.

<table>
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<tr>
<td>2.5999874e+5</td>
<td>2.599987410^{12}</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3e−35</td>
<td>3.10^{35}</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3×10^{−35}</td>
<td>3/1000000000000000000000000000000000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(\sqrt{2000})</td>
<td>1.38628161010^{6}</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

This means (the limited-precision version of) 2.5999874 × 10^5.

This means (the limited-precision version of) 3 × 10^{-35}. Note that Maple does not display the "·" for multiplication between the number and the power of ten. Note that this situation is one of the few times where we can enter a limited precision number without a decimal point. This is because of the "e".

This is an exact number, not a limited precision number. Note that there are no decimal points used in the input, so Maple considers this to be an arithmetic operation involving only exact numbers. It's how we enter 3 × 10^{-35} as an exact number.

The result is expressed as a limited-precision number in scientific notation because it is large, even though we didn't enter any numbers that large.
3.4 Maple will decide what kind of arithmetic to use by how numbers look

First note that any "calculator number" can be written as a fraction. For example, 1.98376 can be written (somewhat less conveniently) as 198376/10000. Therefore, if we want to talk about any (real) number, we can use an integer, fraction, or symbolic constant. Like most computer programming languages, Maple processes only what it sees written. It can't read your mind that you really meant Pi when you entered 3.1415, or that you meant 1/3 when you write .3333333333. Maple follows this rule:

if you write a number with a decimal point in it, Maple treats it as a limited-precision number and does limited-precision arithmetic with it

if you write a number without a decimal point in it, Maple treats it as exact and does exact arithmetic with it. It will also perform algebraic simplifications exactly, such as

\[ \sin \left( \frac{\pi}{6} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \]

If you mix two both kinds of numbers, Maple will eventually start using floating point arithmetic when it encounters the floating point numbers.

3.5 Differences between limited-precision numbers in Maple and in math text books

There are some subtle differences between "the mathematical world", "the math student world", and "the Maple world" in how numerical notation works.

12. Math textbooks and students use ".1" and "1/10" interchangeably. Maple regards them as completely different. Because of the "contagion" of limited-precision arithmetic, if you want an all exact calculation (because the problem requires you to express the answer using fractions, for example), then you cannot use .1 in the expression you enter into Maple.

13. Students sometimes use numerical approximations as being the same number as what they approximate. For example, some people start believing that "3.14" or "3.14159265" is the same as \( \pi \), or that .3333333333 means the same thing as \( \frac{1}{3} \). Maple knows better. You'll get wrong answers if you try to push calculator expectations into a computer environment where the computer follows the rules of algebra, as illustrated by the example ??.

14. Factoring works for polynomials with exact coefficients, but not necessarily for polynomials using approximations for the fractions. It would probably work better if we were using numbers like ".25" or ".6061" which require fewer than ten digits to write down with complete accuracy.

### Two expressions factored

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<tr>
<td>( \frac{x^2 - 10}{3} \cdot x + \frac{49}{16} - \frac{41}{144} ) factor ( \frac{1}{9} (3x - 5)^2 )</td>
<td>Maple can factor polynomials with exact coefficients, if there is a way of factoring them with integer or rational numbers.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>( x^2 - 3.333333333 \cdot x + 2.777777777 ) factor ( 3.3333333332 \cdot x + 2.777777777 )</td>
<td>Maple's factor operation can't find factors for polynomials that only approximate the exact coefficients.</td>
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15. Numerical solving doesn't necessarily produce the same results when approximations are used for a polynomial's coefficients. Here the use of decimal point approximations for the coefficients, even though they are about as
precise as ten digits can handle, produce complex number roots rather than real roots! They are "close", but they are they qualitatively different.

Two equations with "numerical solve"

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<td>(x^2 - \frac{10}{3}x + \frac{49}{16} = 41 - \frac{144}{1} ) solve for (x) (\Rightarrow [x = \frac{5}{3}, x = \frac{5}{3}])</td>
<td>When we right-click-&gt;solve for variable (x), we see that the equation has a double root.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(x^2 - \frac{10}{3}x + \frac{49}{16} = 41 - \frac{144}{1} ) solve (\Rightarrow 1.666666667, 1.666666667)</td>
<td>When we right-click-&gt;solve-&gt;numerically solve, we see approximations to the two roots. Some amount of exact arithmetic is tried initially to see if there are exact values to be found. Then these values are numerically approximated.</td>
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<tr>
<td>(x^2 - 3.333333333x + 2.777778 = 0 ) solve (\Rightarrow {x = 1.666666666 + 0.00015092308561}, {x = 1.666666666 - 0.00015092308561})</td>
<td>When we approximate the coefficients with floating point numbers, and then solve, all the solving is done with floating point numbers. We see that the solver (which is trying as best as it can given that it can only work with limited precision), instead of a double root, it finds two complex number roots -- &quot;I&quot; is Maple's symbol for the square root of -1. This is an example where wholesale use of floating point arithmetic produces results that fall surprisingly short of the mathematical truth.</td>
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Use of limited-precision numbers can produce results that differ in surprising ways from the way we think of numbers behaving. For example, if you add four floating point numbers in two different orders, you may get different results!
3.5 Differences between limited-precision numbers in Maple and in math text books

Contrasting approximate and exact arithmetic

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<tr>
<td>$\frac{1}{1000} + 20000000000 + 1 - 20000000000 - 1$</td>
<td>We add together four numbers. We get a result.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$\frac{1}{1000}$</td>
<td>(3.18)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$20000000000 + 1 - 20000000000 - 1 + \frac{1}{1000}$</td>
<td>We add together the four numbers in a different order. We get the same result because &quot;addition is commutative&quot;.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$\frac{1}{1000}$</td>
<td>(3.19)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$1.0e-3 + 2e11 + 1.0 - 2e11 - 1.0$</td>
<td>We do this with limited precision numbers. We don't get anywhere near the same answer. In fact, we get almost as many answers as ways we have of writing the expression. This would probably be true of your pocket calculator, if it kept only 10 digits of precision. You could manufacture an example that would show something similar happening no matter how many digits your calculator kept.</td>
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<tr>
<td>$-1.0$</td>
<td>(3.20)</td>
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<tr>
<td>$2e11 + 1.0 - 2e11 - 1.0 + 1.0e-3$</td>
<td>The bottom line: with limited-precision numbers, evidently $a + b + c = a + c + b$ is not always true. What other kinds of mathematical laws does your calculator disobey? If this does not make you nervous, then you'd probably be fine with an engineer who designed a supersonic airplane using &quot;not exactly&quot; the laws of airflow or built a chemical refinery using &quot;not exactly&quot; the laws of chemistry!</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$-0.9990$</td>
<td>(3.21)</td>
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<tr>
<td>$-2e11 + 1.0 - 1.0 + 1.0e-3 + 2e11$</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$0.$</td>
<td>(3.22)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$2e11 - 1.0 - 2e11 + 1.0 + 1.0e-3$</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>$1.0010$</td>
<td>(3.23)</td>
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<tr>
<td>$-2e11 - 1.0 + 1.0e-3 + 2e11 + 1.0$</td>
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<tr>
<td>$1.0$</td>
<td>(3.24)</td>
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This gives us a few rules of thumb for using numbers with decimal points in them. a) If you are doing algebra (e.g. "deriving a formula"), don't use .1, .75, or .206, use 1/10, 3/4, or 206/1000. instead. b) If the problem you are working needs only approximate answers (e.g. "using a formula"), then enter a formula with all-exact numbers, do any algebra necessary, and then switch to numerical solving or approximations. c) Only if you are sure that you can perform all the steps with numerical arithmetic and get an answer accurate enough for your purposes should you start off in numerical mode. If you need to do algebra, you should stick with exact numbers until you want to stop doing algebra and just do calculation.

In some technical systems, such as Matlab or Python, the primary kind of numbers are integers (up to a fixed size, such as 9 digits), and limited-precision (usually with 16 digits accuracy maximum). Exact numbers are either completely unavailable, or they are available only through means that require much more extra work (more typing, usually). Maple is one of the few systems where both kinds of numbers exist together.

We observe that when some technical people use limited-precision numbers, they usually skip the accuracy testing and just hope that the limited precision isn't going to bite them since much of the time the computed results are reasonably accurate. Unfortunately this is not always the case, especially when it comes to situations involving large amounts of money. See for example http://books.google.com/books?id=NDbQe52pX3kC&pg=PA38&lpg=PA38&dq=Van-couver+stock+exchange+roundoff+error&source=web&ots=vskEL01hBP&sig=FBXWmpcaq4f37Zz7cvQOm-ILZM&hl=en&sa=X&oi=book_result&resnum=2&ct=result#PPA38,M1 or page 183 of http://www.validlab.com/goldberg/paper.pdf. The person doing the calculations is always responsible for their appropriate use. If you are in a high-stakes situation with your professional or academic reputation on the line, the only responsible path is to check your limited-precision work for its (in)-accuracy.
### 3.6 Which kind of numbers and arithmetic should I use?

Exact arithmetic makes it easy to do formula manipulation (algebra) with the computer correctly, but limited precision arithmetic is often faster. So,

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<th>Guidelines for using exact and limited-precision numbers in Maple</th>
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<td>1. If you’re doing a calculation for mathematical or theoretical analysis and are given exact values for the parameters of the problem, use integers, fractions, and symbolic constants in your expressions. If get a number at the end of the analysis, and you want “ballpark” estimates of the magnitudes, you can always approximate these exact numbers at the end of the computation. <strong>IN THIS SITUATION AVOID USING NUMBERS WITH DECIMAL POINTS</strong> -- use 1/2 instead of .5, 1/10 instead of .1, Pi instead of 3.1415.</td>
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<td>2. If you’re doing a non-analytical computation (e.g. a computation where all the numbers are taken from measurements, not from theory) then it’s probably okay to use numbers with decimal points. As we have seen, even if you mix exact and limited-precision numbers, most of the calculation will probably be done in limited precision.</td>
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### 3.7 Summary of Chapter 3 material

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<th>Examples of floating point (limited precision) numbers</th>
<th>They all have a decimal point or an eXX in them.</th>
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<tr>
<td>1.0, 2.5e−3, 23.0e−1, −999667.3e2, 9876e53</td>
<td>1.0, 0.0025, 2.30, −9.996673 10^7, 9.876 10^56</td>
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<th>Examples of exact numbers -- integers and rational numbers (fractions)</th>
<th>111222, $\frac{11}{33}$</th>
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<th>Examples of exact numbers -- symbolic constants</th>
<th>$\pi, e, i, \infty$</th>
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<td>$\frac{1}{10}$ and .1 mean the same thing</td>
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<td>The most important difference between them is that an arithmetic expression with all exact numbers will use exact arithmetic, whereas an expression with all floating point numbers will use limited precision arithmetic, which is different.</td>
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<table>
<thead>
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<th>sin(π/3) and sin(π/3.0) mean the same thing</th>
<th>Exact identities don’t apply necessarily to floating point numbers</th>
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<td>$\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right), \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3.0}\right)$</td>
<td>$\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{3}, \sin(0.3333333333\pi)$</td>
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<th>factoring and other algebraic operations work on any expression</th>
<th>algebraic operations are only guaranteed to work well on expressions with all exact numbers,</th>
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Operations on all numbers obey basic laws such as commutivity of addition.

| Operations on exact numbers obey basic laws such as commutativity of addition. Arithmetic on floating point (limited precision) numbers do not obey the commutative law of addition. (This is true not only for Maple but for calculators and for the arithmetic hardware of most computers.) |

### Why there are two kinds of numbers in Maple

| Exact arithmetic is completely accurate, but somewhat slower than 10 digit floating point arithmetic. | 10 digit floating point arithmetic can be faster compared to doing calculations with very large fractions or integers, but is not completely accurate |

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4 Chapter 4 Words, labels, assignments, and scripts

4.1 Chapter Overview

We learn how to use Maple as a word processor. This allows us to "write up" computations with explanation being provided along the way.

We learn how to use the labels that Maple uses for each expression that we enter into a worksheet by hitting the enter (on some computers, return) key. They can be useful to retrieve computed values in subsequent steps of a multi-step computation.

We learn how to use the assignment operation := to label results with symbolic names. Like labels, these names can be used in subsequent steps of a computation. Assignment is a fundamental feature of used in writing computer programs.

4.2 Maple as a word processor

Maple documents allow a mixture of text and mathematics. Here's a short description: 1. Position the cursor at the spot where you want to enter text.

2. Type control-T (on Macintosh, command-T). Alternatively, you can use the Maple menu Insert->Text. The Toolbar will show that you are text mode.

3. With the keyboard, enter your verbiage. When you are in text mode, you will also see that the menu bar will be enabled for boldface, italics, underlining, left-/center-/right- justified text, colored text, and colored backgrounds, and bulleted/numbered text.

4. To switch back to math, type control-R (on Macintosh, command-R). Alternatively you can use the Maple menu Insert->2-D Math.

Document after control-T (or Insert->Text).

A Maple worksheet in text mode in OS X. Although it is hard to see, the cursor is positioned at top left of screen. There is no rectangle with dashed lines where the cursor is displayed, because that only appears when Maple is in "math entry mode". In "text entry mode", the "C" menu item says "Text".
4.3 Labels and assignments: remembering results for future use.

Labels

Whenever you enter an expression and then hit enter you are telling Maple, "Evaluate this expression (do any arithmetic or function calculations it specifies) and print out the result you get". The results are automatically labeled by Maple, given a bold face number (of the form X or a segmented label such as XX.YY.ZZ. You can refer to the results by the Maple menu Insert->Label and then typing in the number. The keyboard shortcut for this is control-L (command-L on Macintosh).
Labeled results

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<td>5!</td>
<td>Compute a result</td>
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<td>Compute another result</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Add them together</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Find the ratio of the two results.</td>
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<tr>
<td>120</td>
<td>(4.1)</td>
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<td>4!</td>
<td></td>
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<td>24</td>
<td>(4.2)</td>
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<tr>
<td>(1.3.1.1) + (1.3.1.2)</td>
<td></td>
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<td>144</td>
<td>(4.3)</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>(4.4)</td>
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**Assignment to a name, evaluation**

The Maple operator := (colon immediately followed by an equals) assigns a value to a name. After that point in time, if you do a calculation with an expression that uses the name, the assigned value is used.

When you enter an expression in Math mode (even if it's just a name, without any arithmetic), you ask Maple to evaluate what you enter. Maple also (before it does anything else) figures out the values assigned to names that appear in the expression. Then it does arithmetic, function calculation, and any other operations you've described in the expression.
### Assignment

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<tr>
<td>$p := x^2 + x + ax + 5$</td>
<td>We assign the name $p$ the value of the expression</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$x := 3$</td>
<td>If we enter an expression containing $p$, its value is plugged in for the calculation of the result.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$p + 1$</td>
<td>Here we assign the name $x$ the value 3.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$x := 4$</td>
<td>If we now do a calculation with $p$ (here all we ask is for Maple to calculate the current value of $p$), the value of $x$ is used since $p$'s value mentions $x$. Thus there may be a chain of assignments that Maple must look at.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$p$</td>
<td>Solving the result 1.1.2.4 for $a$ can be gotten by right clicking that expression.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$p := 17 + 3a$</td>
<td>We change the value of $x$ by assigning it a different value.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$x := 5$</td>
<td>When we do another calculation with $p$, the most recent assigned value of $x$ is used.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$p$</td>
<td>We can undo the connection between $x$ and any value by unassigning $x$. This operation produces no output, so no label. We can barely tell that it has happened.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$p$</td>
<td>$p$ still has a value, but since $x$ no longer has a value, we are back to the original result.</td>
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Assignment is a feature common to many programming languages. In some languages “:=” is used for the assignment operation. In others plain equals “=” is used. Maple uses “:=” because it uses “=” for equations. It would be confusing to use the same symbol for two common but different operations.
= and := mean different things in Maple

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<td>(a := 3)</td>
<td>We assign a the value 3. This is an equation. It doesn't assign x any value.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(x = 4)</td>
<td>We assign (p) the value of the expression (a + x). (a) stands for the value 3 at this point since we did an assignment to it. (x) is just a symbol that has no assigned value.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(p := a + x)</td>
<td>We can do an assignment to (x). This time (p)'s value is (3 + 47).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(x := 47)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(p := a + x)</td>
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### 4.4 The structure of information in Maple: getting information from solve

The result of the `solve` operation can have multiple parts if there are multiple solutions to the equation. We can select each part by giving an index (either 1 or 2).

\[eqls := 3 \cdot x = x^2 - 28 \quad 3x = x^2 - 28 \quad \{x = -4\}, \{x = 7\} \quad \{x = -4\}\]

\[eqls \quad 3x = x^2 - 28 \quad \{x = -4\}, \{x = 7\} \quad \{x = 7\}\]

If we give `solve` a linear equation, it has only one solution. We can still select the first entry.

\[eq2s := 3 \cdot x = 28 \quad \text{solve} \quad \left\{ x = \frac{28}{3} \right\} \quad x = \frac{28}{3}\]

If we do "solve for \(x\)" for the same equation, we see that the answer comes back in a slightly different form. But it still has parts.

\[eq1L = 3x = x^2 - 28 \quad \{ [x = -4], [x = 7] \} \quad [x = 7]\]

Maple (as well as many other programming languages) can compute with objects that have structure. Here are three different kinds of structures that Maple can handle:

#### Basic data structures in Maple

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<th>Type of structure</th>
<th>What they look like</th>
<th>Examples</th>
<th>Access (Select-&gt;i on right-click/control-click menu also works for access)</th>
<th>Empty structure value</th>
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</table>
For the time being, we just want you to recognize the different kinds of structures that are output by `solve` and other functions and be able to select parts from them. Later on we will get a lot of work done by performing computations with them.

## 4.5 Scripting: creating computational work in reusable form

Consider the problem you did in Lab 1, along with a solution:

### Version 1 and solution

From Anton, *Calculus*, 8th edition, ch. 1 review exercises, problem 37, p. 99. A breeding group of 20 bighorn sheep is released in a protected area in Colorado. It is expected that with careful management the number of sheep, $N$, after $t$ years will be given by the formula:

$$N = \frac{220}{1 + 10 \cdot (0.83)^t}$$

and that the sheep population will be able to maintain itself without further supervision once the population reaches a size of 80. (a) Graph $N$ versus $t$. (b) How many years must the state of Colorado maintain a program to care for the sheep population?
sheep? Show your work. (c) How many bighorn sheep can the environment in the protected area support? (hint: examine the graph for large values of \( t \).)

(a) \[
N = \frac{220}{1 + 10 \cdot (0.83)^t} \quad \text{right hand side} \quad \frac{220}{1 + 10 \cdot 0.83^t}
\]

(b) \[
N = \frac{220}{1 + 10 \cdot (0.83)^t} \quad 80 = \frac{220}{1 + 10 \cdot 0.83^t} \approx 9.354227718
\]

c) We do this by drawing the graph for a large enough value of \( t \) and seeing what happens.

\[
N = \frac{220}{1 + 10 \cdot (0.83)^t} \quad \frac{220}{1 + 10 \cdot 0.83^t}
\]

Alternatively (this is optional) we can do a little calculus and take the limit of the expression as \( t \) goes to infinity.

\[
N = \frac{220}{1 + 10 \cdot (0.83)^t} \quad \text{right hand side} \quad \frac{220}{1 + 10 \cdot 0.83^t} = 220.
\]
We can imagine ourselves working as a environmental engineer for the National Forest Service and being very pleased with ourselves for solving the problem with Maple. But now we are handled two more problems to do:

**Version 2**

A breeding group of 33 bighorn sheep is released in a protected area in Colorado. It is expected that with careful management the number of sheep, \( N \), after \( t \) years will be given by the formula:

\[
N = \frac{330}{1 + 10 \cdot (0.79)^t}
\]

and that the sheep population will be able to maintain itself without further supervision once the population reaches a size of 85.

(a) Graph \( N \) versus \( t \). (b) How many years must the state of Colorado maintain a program to care for the sheep? Show your work. (c) How many bighorn sheep can the environment in the protected area support? (hint: examine the graph for large values of \( t \)).

**Version 3**

A breeding group of 45 bighorn sheep is released in a protected area in Colorado. It is expected that with careful management the number of sheep, \( N \), after \( t \) years will be given by the formula:

\[
N = \frac{450}{1 + 10 \cdot (0.63)^t}
\]

and that the sheep population will be able to maintain itself without further supervision once the population reaches a size of 90.

(a) Graph \( N \) versus \( t \). (b) How many years must the state of Montana maintain a program to care for the sheep? Show your work. (c) How many bighorn sheep can the environment in the protected area support? (hint: examine the graph for large values of \( t \)).

We have the feeling that we will shortly be handed problems for a number of other locations as well. How can we reuse our original work with minimal effort?

If we had the first solution, we could produce the second solution through *copy-paste-edit-re-execute*:

**Executing a clone of a script through copy-paste**

1. Copy and paste the original solution into a new document, or to a spot later in the same document. You do this as with a word processor -- select a region of the worksheet with the mouse, type control-C (command-C on a Mac). Then position the document cursor in the destination, and type control-V (command-V on a Mac). A duplicate of the solution should appear there.
2. Using the mouse, edit the formulae as needed. You only need to edit the black (input) formulae, not the blue ones.
3. Position the mouse at the first computation and hit *enter*. Continue to work your way through the sequence of the commands.
4. Alternatively, select the entire region containing the edited version of the solution and hit *Edit->Execute->Selection*.

The results of executing the edited script are *A breeding group (page 48)*. It is not totally correct. We will have to change a few things by hand: the clickable operation "evaluate at a point" in step (b) will use \( N=80 \) (which is what the copy says) instead of \( N=85 \), so we will have to redo it. Also, the last plot will not show an appropriate vertical range unless we do that. We'd like to do a little less of this hand-tuning in re-execution. Also, we'd like to make it easier to remember what to change between multiple versions.

*A breeding group (page 50).*
4.6 Rewriting the script using labeling and assignment

While copying and editing is probably a little faster than typing in the whole script again, we can reduce the amount of hunting around for changes by writing a script finding the parameters of the problem, and writing the script so that it assigns values to the parameters at the beginning of the problem.

Finding and naming parameters

You can find parameters if you have several versions of a problem by looking at what changes in the formulas from version to version. This only works if you have solved the at least one version of the problem first. For example, in the sheep problem, we note the following things changing. We pick names for these.

1. the numerator of the "sheep equation" (P)
2. the coefficient in the denominator of the equation (c)
3. the value of the stable population (s)

The other number in the script is the original population of the sheep. We realize that it can be derived by evaluating the "sheep equation" at t=0. Thus this value does not need to be a parameter as we can derive it from the other information. It might be a good check though. We then write the script to assign values to the parameters at the start of the script, and then write the other operations and expressions in terms of the symbols.

This allows us to redo the script just by changing the values at the beginning of the script. We use the word processing features to add extra directions to make the script easier to use, basically saying "here, change these things", and "this is the end of where you should stop copying".

The result of executing the script is ???.

Having created this script, we can handle the third version of the problem by editing the values of the parameters and executing the script again by selecting the entire script with the mouse, and then doing Edit->Execute->Selection. We get this result:

Note: a "bug" in Maple 13 causes duplicate graphs to sometimes appear during re-execution of the script. It's easy enough to delete the redundant copies.

4.7 Summary of script writing

Script writing is appropriate when you expect to handle several different versions of the same problem. In professional work, this is often the case -- if it's worth doing at all, it's probably going to occur more than once.

Don't try to write a script before you've figured out how to do the problem! It may be possible to tweak a script a bit if it doesn't work exactly right initially, but if you'll just be scripting garbage if your initial thoughts are far away from what you really want.

Once you have a worksheet of instructions for one version of the problem look at it and the other versions and find the parameters. Set up a new worksheet where the first thing you do is to assign values to the parameters. Then work through the rest of the instructions and rewrite them to use the parameters instead of the fixed values from one version of the problem.
Troubleshooting scripts

Programming books have the tendency to show things that work. They say less about what to do about the things that don't work. However, it is usually the case that computer users often spend more time "getting things to work" than "working". Learning how to get out of jams is at least as valuable as knowing how to enter operations and what they mean. We offer this advice, which is "commonsense about work" as applied to interactive software development:

1. Know how to solve the problem before you start scripting. If you have only fuzzy notions about the math or the operations you want to proceed, your computer work will just amplify that. Where does this plan come from? If you are lucky, the solution may be told to you. But the big bucks, as they say, go to those who can devise the solution plan themselves.

2. Break the actions into small steps. If you get into trouble, you will be able to nip it at the bud. This becomes a more prominent tactic in later work when we are tempted to construct long-winded one-line expressions that do everything at once.

3. Test pieces individually, then put them together. For example, if you don't really understand how to make a dotted line plot in teal with a title, you should try to do that with a simple plot (such as \( x^2 \)) rather than an expression whose shape you aren't that familiar with it. Then take what works and substitute the real expression you want to plot in a copy of the \( x^2 \) plot operation. If you think about it, this is similar to what happened in Fall 2009 ENGR 101 Lab 2, where they first had you learn how to trigger an oscilloscope with the output of the function generator, rather than the output of the camera/flash sensor. The complexity of troubleshooting is reduced if you half as many unknowns to worry about. This can be called divide and conquer troubleshooting.

4. Match parentheses. If you're building an expression that has parentheses, make sure that the number of beginning parentheses is equal to the number of closing parentheses. You can do this by counting! If you have more ( than )s, then look in the expression to see where the missing one might be. 5. If what you have doesn't work, find something similar which does work, and then incrementally edit it. For example, if you can't get \( a := x^2 + 3 \cdot x + 1 \) in, then first see whether you can get \( a := 1 \) to work. Once you succeed with that, edit the expression to \( a := 3 \cdot x + 1 \) and so forth.

6. If strange things continue to happen despite your best efforts to troubleshoot, it may be that previous settings in the Maple session are interfering with your current work. Recall that some people in the ENGR101 lab couldn't get their oscilloscopes to work because of settings change in the oscilloscopes by groups earlier in the day. This can be particularly true if you are developing scripts and are assigning parameter values, then switch to development of another script in the same document. The values you assigned will not magically unassign themselves when you start working on something new in the same worksheet. The remedy for this is: open a new Maple document (File->New->Document). If you really know what you are doing, you can use the unassign operation (first mentioned here), or the restart operation (an advanced command).

4.9 Attachments

Attachment: Version 2 of sheep script (slightly incorrect), without parameters

A breeding group of 30 bighorn sheep is released in a protected area in Colorado. It is expected that with careful management the number of sheep, \( N \), after \( t \) years will be given by the formula:

\[
N = \frac{330}{1 + 10 \cdot (0.79)^t}
\]

and that the sheep population will be able to maintain itself without further supervision once the population reaches a size of 85. (a) Graph \( N \) versus \( t \). (b) How many years must the state of Colorado maintain a program to care for the sheep? Show your work. (c) How many bighorn sheep can the environment in the protected area support? (hint: examine the graph for large values of \( t \).)
Alternatively (this is optional) we can do a little calculus and take the limit (left-sided limit) of the expression as $t$ goes to infinity.

$$N = \frac{330}{1 + 10 \cdot (0.79)^t} \quad \text{right hand side} \quad \frac{330}{1 + 10 \cdot 0.79^t}$$

(b) $N = \frac{330}{1 + 10 \cdot (0.79)^t} \quad \text{evaluate at point} \quad 80 = \frac{330}{1 + 10 \cdot 0.79^t} \quad 4.934410722$

(c) $N = \frac{330}{1 + 10 \cdot (0.79)^t} \quad \text{right hand side} \quad \frac{330}{1 + 10 \cdot 0.79^t}$

Attachment: Version 2 of sheep script (corrected), without parameters

Version 2 of sheep problem, with edited script
A breeding group of 30 bighorn sheep is released in a protected area in Colorado. It is expected that with careful management the number of sheep, \( N \), after \( t \) years will be given by the formula:

\[
N = \frac{330}{1 + 10 \cdot (0.79)^t}
\]

and that the sheep population will be able to maintain itself without further supervision once the population reaches a size of 85. (a) Graph \( N \) versus \( t \). (b) How many years must the state of Colorado maintain a program to care for the sheep? Show your work. (c) How many bighorn sheep can the environment in the protected area support? (hint: examine the graph for large values of \( t \).)

\[(a) \quad N = \frac{330}{1 + 10 \cdot (0.79)^t} \quad \text{right hand side} \quad \frac{330}{1 + 10 \cdot 0.79^t}
\]

\[(b) \quad N = \frac{330}{1 + 10 \cdot (0.79)^t} \quad \text{evaluate at point} \quad 85 = \frac{330}{1 + 10 \cdot 0.79^t} \quad 5.277302835
\]

\[(c) \quad N = \frac{330}{1 + 10 \cdot (0.79)^t} \quad \text{right hand side} \quad \frac{330}{1 + 10 \cdot 0.79^t}
\]
Alternatively (this is optional) we can do a little calculus and take the limit (left-sided limit) of the expression as \( t \) goes to infinity.

\[
N = \frac{330}{1 + 10 \cdot (0.79)^t} \quad \text{right hand side} \quad \frac{330}{1 + 10 \cdot 0.79^t} = 330.
\]

**Attachment: Version 2 of Sheep Script, with parameters**

**Start of parameters -- change these for each version of the problem**

\[
P := 330 \quad (4.33)
\]

\[
c := 0.79 \quad (4.34)
\]

\[
sheepEquation := N = \frac{P}{1 + 10 \cdot (c)^t}
\]

\[
N = \frac{330}{1 + 10 \cdot 0.79^t} \quad (4.35)
\]

We call the size of the stable population \( s \).

\[
s := 85 \quad (4.36)
\]

**End of parameters**

(a) Graph \( N \) versus \( t \). (b) How many years must the state of Colorado maintain a program to care for the sheep? Show your work. (c) How many bighorn sheep can the environment in the protected area support? (hint: examine the graph for large values of \( t \).)
(a) To make the graphing work all the time, we set the vertical axis to "P+30" rather than a fixed value. This will set the vertical axis so that it will be 30 more than the value of P which from the first problem we have realized is the top of the graph.

\[ N = \frac{330}{1 + 10 \cdot 0.79^t} \]  
(4.37)

\[ N = \frac{330}{1 + 10 \cdot 0.79^t} \]  
(4.38)

(b) Finding the time requires substituting the value of \( s \) for \( N \) in the equation, and then solving the resulting equation for \( t \).

\[ N = \frac{330}{1 + 10 \cdot 0.79^t} \quad 85 = \frac{330}{1 + 10 \cdot 0.79^t} \quad 5.277302835 \quad 5.277302835 \]

Alternatively (this is optional) we can do a little calculus and take the limit (left-sided limit) of the expression as \( t \) goes to infinity.
we call the size of the stable population $s$.

$$s := 100$$

(4.46)

**End of parameters**

(a) Graph $N$ versus $t$. (b) How many years must the state of Colorado maintain a program to care for the sheep? Show your work. (c) How many bighorn sheep can the environment in the protected area support? (hint: examine the graph for large values of $t$.)

(a)

To make the graphing work all the time, we set the vertical axis to "P+30" rather than a fixed value. This will set the vertical axis so that it will be 30 more than the value of P which from the first problem we have realized is the top of the graph.
(b) Finding the time requires substituting the value of $s$ for $N$ in the equation, and then solving the resulting equation for $t$.

\[
N = \frac{450}{1 + 10 \times 0.83^t} \quad (4.47)
\]

\[
\frac{450}{1 + 10 \times 0.83^t} \quad (4.48)
\]

Alternatively (this is optional) we can do a little calculus and take the limit (left-sided limit) of the expression as $t$ goes to infinity.

\[
N = \frac{450}{1 + 10 \times 0.83^t} \quad (4.50)
\]

\[
\frac{450}{1 + 10 \times 0.83^t} \quad (4.51)
\]

End of script

Note: a "bug" in Maple 13 causes duplicate graphs to sometimes appear during re-execution of the script. It's easy enough to delete the redundant copies.
### 4.10 Summary of Chapter 4 material

**Important word processing operations in Maple worksheet**

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<td><code>y := z + \frac{x^2}{2}</code></td>
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<td><code>z + \frac{25}{2}</code></td>
<td>(4.54)</td>
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<td><code>mySalary := (1.10.1) + 2.1e4</code></td>
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<td><code>21005</code></td>
<td>(4.55)</td>
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<tr>
<td><code>myList := [a, b, x, y]</code></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td><code>[a, b, 5, z + \frac{25}{2}]</code></td>
<td>(4.56)</td>
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**Unassignment**

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**Scripts**

**Creating a script**
In a Maple worksheet, take a problem and solve it using the clickable interface or through textual operations.
Note similarities and differences between different versions of the problem and find parameters.
Assign the parameters at the beginning of the script. Rework the rest of the script so that the formulas refer to the parameters by name, rather than the values used in the original version of the problem.

**Using a script**
Copy and paste the script to a new location
Edit the assignments to reflect the new version of the problem.
Edit->Execute->Selection, or just hit enter (return on Macintosh) multiple times to perform the operations in the new version of the script.

**Rationale for using scripts**
More work to do than clickable interface the first time. Saves time if you expect to want to reuse the operations on multiple versions of the same problem.
5 Chapter 5 More sophisticated scripting

5.1 Chapter Overview

We introduce textual entry of solve and plot operations. Textual entry is often preferred by programmers because it is easier to edit scripts written through textual means.

To exploit the greater expressiveness of textual programming, the use of lists, sets, and sequences in solve and plot is explained and illustrated.

Programmers rely on the on-line documentation to manage the complexity of remembering the details of a knowledge-intensive system such as Maple. They learn/remember how to use a feature by looking up the description, finding an example close to what is desired, and then actively experiment with the example in a fresh worksheet. Reading without experimentation is not very productive.

Evaluation is defined -- it is what causes Maple to perform a calculation and possibly assign the result to a label or a variable. You cause evaluation by hitting enter after typing in an expression in a dotted rectangle, or by doing Edit->Execute...

If you open a previously saved worksheet, you have to (re) execute it to make its appearance and state agree again.

5.2 Textual entry of directions compared to palette selection

The clickable interface is a good way to get a calculation done quickly, but the actions specified in this way are hard to edit when building scripts. Maple, like most languages, has a textual version of all operations it performs. The editing involved in scripting development is easier to do on the textual version. Furthermore, the number and variety of operations available in textual form is far greater than what's available in the clickable interface, giving the textual programmer much greater power and flexibility. The downside of using the textual version is that the developer must enter the entire text correctly, rather than the fill-in-the-blank philosophy of clicking. Fortunately, the interactive interface allows one to edit failed attempts and retry, so "perfect entry" is not necessary.

Part of the transition that technical users make in transitioning from reusing someone else's work to creating new works of their own comes in becoming proficient with the use and creation of textual forms. Without such proficiency, it is hard to realize the full power of the computer in modeling and simulation situations.

The textual form of an operation in Maple has the general form:

operationName ( sequence of values )

The operationName can be something like solve or plot. If the sequence of values has more than one value in it, then each value is separated by a comma. The technical term for the "values" in this situation is actual parameter or argument. Note that the parentheses around the sequence of values are mandatory -- you will either get an error or a result that's far from what you want if you omit the parentheses.
<table>
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<th>Sometimes the term <em>actual parameter</em> is used as a synonym for <em>argument</em>.</th>
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<td>Here the operation name is <em>solve</em>. There are two arguments, the equation ( x = 3 \cdot x^2 - 2 ) and the symbol ( x ).</td>
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<td>Note that the form of the answer returned by the textual version is slightly different from invoking solve through the clickable interface. The former is actually a version easier to deal with in scripts.</td>
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<td>What you get if you leave out the parentheses -- not much!</td>
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<td>You get another one of those &quot;unable to match delimiters&quot; messages if you forget one of the parentheses.</td>
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<td>This is what happens if we forget to use the right arrow key to descend from the exponent of ( x ). Maple thinks that we are talking about ( x ) to a power called ( 2-2,x ), which understandably it doesn't think is &quot;valid&quot;.</td>
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<td>This is a textual form of plot. The first argument is an expression, the second argument is an equation naming a variable and a range of a plot. Note that if we wanted to change the range from -3..3 to -5..2 then we would just edit that line of the worksheet and hit enter again. If we wanted to redo the plot in the clickable interface, we would have to right-click and enter all the information all over again.</td>
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<tr>
<td>If the second argument is just the variable, then <em>plot</em> uses default values for the range.</td>
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<td>No plotting happens if we forget the mandatory parentheses</td>
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<td>This can be mystifying if you thought you were trying to specify the horizontal range. There is no error message, but the picture is not right. If you look at the on-line documentation for help, you will see that giving plot <em>three</em> arguments means something different -- the third argument can be taken as the value of the vertical range of a plot.</td>
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<td>The only way to fix this is to know that this picture, while not generating any error message, is not what is wanted. That will spur a search for an inaccuracy in the textual form and its eventual correction.</td>
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operationName (sequence of arguments)

Examples

1.

\(-\frac{2}{3}, 1\)  
(5.1)

\[x = 3x^2 - 2 \rightarrow \text{solve} \quad \begin{cases} x = \frac{2}{3} \\ x = 1 \end{cases} \]

\[\text{solve} x = 3x^2 - 2, x\]

\[\text{solve} (x = 3x^2 - 2, x)\]

Error, unable to match delimiters  
(5.3)

\[\text{solve} (x = 3x^2 - 2, x)\]

Error, invalid power  
(5.4)

\[\text{solve} (x = 3x^{\frac{1}{2}} - 2, x)\]

2.

\[\text{plot}(x - 3x^2 - 2, x = -3..3)\]

\[\text{plot}(x - 3x^2 - 2, x)\]
An attachment at the end of the chapter shows the textual form of common functions, subscripts, Greek letters and symbolic constants. These textual forms can be entered from the keyboard wherever the palette entry would work.

### 5.3 Lists and plotting. Strings

Recall that lists in Maple are a sequence surrounded (page 44). You specify a list by listing the items in the list, enclosed in square brackets [ ].

If the first argument to plot is a list of expressions, then plot will on a single graph display the plots of all the expressions in the set. Each one will be displayed in a different color.
Plotting of multiple expressions: \( \text{plot}(\text{set of expressions}, \text{var} = \text{range}) \)

**Example**

- \( \text{plot}(\{x^2, \sin(x^2)\}, x = 0..4) \)

Plot two expressions on a range where both have comparable-sized results. Here we use the list \( \{x^2, \sin(x^2)\} \) to indicate the two expressions that should be plotted.

- \( \text{plot}([-5, x - \cdot x^2 - 2], x = -3..3) \)

Problem: approximately where is the expression \(-3 \cdot x^2 + x - 2\) equal to 5? While we could use solve to tell us exactly, it's often worthwhile to draw a picture and process the situation visually. If we give plot the two expressions "-5" and \(-3 \cdot x^2 + x - 2\) then plot will plot not only the parabola (the second expression), it will also plot the expression that is always -5 for any value of \(x\). This corresponds to the horizontal line drawn on the plot. Visually we can see that the parabola is -5 at roughly -.8 and 1.2. We can even get a little more precise by *If we click on the plot and then position the mouse over the plot area (page 19)*.

Plotting multiple expressions simultaneously can be useful when you want to compare them. Assuming that the scales are comparable, one can get a sense of similarity or dissimilarity "at a glance".

Plotting can be used with the textual version of \( \text{plot} \) . . If we give the textual version of the \( \text{plot} \) operation two lists of numbers that have the same length, then \( \text{plot} \) will regard the first list as a list of \( x \)-coordinates, and the second list as corresponding \( y \)-coordinates. If you provide \( \text{plot} \) with the third argument \( \text{style=point} \), then it will produce a point plot.
Plotting points with lists of numbers

```maple
xList := [1, 2, 3, 4]
yList := [5, 6, 7, -1]
plot(xList, yList, style = point)
```

This plots the points (1,5), (2,6), (3,7) and (4,-1).

```
plot(xList, yList)
```

Without the third argument, `plot` will try to connect the points with a curve.

```
plot(xList, yList, Style = point)
Error, (in plot) unexpected option: Style = point
```

Maple cares about whether things are capitalized or not. `Style` is not the same as `style`.

A string in Maple is something enclosed in double-quotes: "red", "this is a string?", "Blink++++++++182+++++", are all strings. The double-quote symbol is mandatory for a string. Single-quotes ’ (also known as apostrophes), backquotes ` (also known as acute accent marks) are not substitutes for double-quotes in writing Maple strings. Characters enclosed by apostrophes or backquotes mean something else to Maple. Indiscriminate use of punctuation marks will lead to undesired results if not error messages.

In addition to being used to input data points in `plot`, lists also can be used in specifying colors and axis labels.
Plot options: colors and labels

If one of the arguments to the plot operation is of the form 
\textit{color = list of color names} then those colors will be used. Most reasonable names will work, but the full list can be seen Note that we are using the textual version of the symbolic constant π. Many people, find it easier to do than selecting the symbol with the Common Symbols palette since it becomes easy to remember because it occurs frequently.

Note that because the expressions being plotted are given in a set, the color assignment is not in the same order that they were typed in. If we wanted the same order, we should give the plot expressions in a list.

Note that giving a set of colors doesn't work.

Neither does forgetting to brackets for the list of colors.

One of the proficiency issues with textual input is that you have to remember all the ( ) parentheses and [ ] brackets. Can you find the missing delimiter(s)?

If you leave enough delimiters out, you get error messages that don't complain about missing delimiters. You have to infer that that there's something wrong around the point where you mentioned "sin". Computers aren't very good at figuring out what you meant to type when there are so many possibilities.
5.4 Learning through on-line documentation and experimentation

All the options available in the Plot Builder available through the right-click (control-click) interface are also available in the textual version of plot. In fact, there are many additional options and varieties of plotting available. The way to find out what the features are and how to invoke them is to consult the on-line documentation.

We can find out more about the textual forms of plotting by invoking Help -> Maple Help and typing plot into the search field. When we do so, we see the information in the figure below:
We scroll to the bottom of the page and find an example of this. We are looking for a version of plots where v1 and v2 are lists. We don't see something exactly like that but we do see something with Vectors which are similar. Since
the document says this should work for lists or vectors, we take the example and see if we can modify it for our own purposes:

Examples of plot

Evidently, the the first list is the values of the $x$ (horizontal) coordinates, and the second list the values of the $y$ (vertical) coordinate.

We copy and paste the example into a Maple worksheet and then see if we can get it to work.
Copying the example

According to the documentation, we should be able to get this to work if the first two arguments are lists or vectors. So we edit the example to do lists instead and re-execute the line to see if it works in the same way.

Modifying the example

To learn about plot options such as colors and labels, we click on the plot, options item under the search results for plot (see green oval in the figure). Clicking on that item produces this information. We see information about color (with
another link to see colors), along with possibilities, for labels, symbols, styles, etc. Again, the way to learn the options is through copying and pasting the examples into a fresh worksheet, getting them to work, and then modifying them to suit your own purposes.

Plot option help page

Note the "colour". Like Blackberries which are designed just down the road from the Maple company, this is a Canadian product. You will see things like this as well as other indications that it's not an all-American world out there. For example, you can convert pints into Imperial Gallons through Tools -> Assistants -> Units Calculator.

5.5 Operations on lists

So far we have talked only about creating lists, and assigning lists as the value of a variable. You can also generate a sublist of a list, generate a particular item in a list, count the number of items in the list, and convert a list into other types of data.
### Operations on lists

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<td>Create a list</td>
<td>( s1 := [a, b, c, a] )</td>
<td>Lists can contain symbols, numbers, expressions -- anything, even other lists.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Specify a sublist of values</td>
<td>( s2 := [1, 3.47, 97, -5.9, 2.1] )</td>
<td>If a list is followed by another pair of braces with a range inside, then a sublist is computed as a result. Here we have the list that's the first through third items of ( s1 ).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Specify one item from the list</td>
<td>( s3 := s1[1..3] )</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Count the number of items in the list</td>
<td>( n := nops(s2) )</td>
<td>Since sets contain no repetitions, the second &quot;a&quot; doesn't appear in the set.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Compute the average of all the numbers in the list</td>
<td>( \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} s2[i]}{n} )</td>
<td>( \sum_{i=1}^{n} ) ( s2[i] )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Convert a list into a sequence</td>
<td>( \text{op}(s1) )</td>
<td>( \text{op} ) has an idiosyncratic name for an operation. It stands for &quot;operands&quot;.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Convert a list into a set</td>
<td>( \text{convert}(s1, \text{set}) )</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Convert a list into a string.</td>
<td>( \text{convert}(s2, \text{string}) )</td>
<td>Since sets contain no repetitions, the second &quot;a&quot; doesn't appear in the set.</td>
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\( a := 1 \times 2 \times 3 \times 4 = 24 \)
5.6 solve, lists and sequences

To solve a system of equations, use a list of expressions or equations for the first argument to `solve`. Use a list of variables as the second argument. `solve` will return a sequence of lists as the result.

### Solving systems of equations with `solve`

```maple
eqn := 3 \times x^2 - 28
3 \times x^2 - 28
sols := solve(eqn, x)
[-4, 7]
eval(eqn, x = sols[1])
-12 = -12
eval(eqn, x = sols[2])
21 = 21
```

We get a sequence of solutions since there is a double root.

We evaluate the equation at the first root and see that it does satisfy the equation.

Same for the second.

```maple
system := [3 \times x + 5 \times y = 6, 2 \times x - 5 \times y = y]
Error, attempting to assign to `system` which is protected
sys := [3 \times x + 5 \times y = 6, 2 \times x - 5 \times y = y]
vars := [x, y]
[x, y]
sols := solve(sys, vars)
\left[ \left[ x = \frac{31}{13}, y = -\frac{3}{13} \right] \right]
soln1 := solns[1]
\left[ x = \frac{31}{13}, y = -\frac{3}{13} \right]
eval(sys, soln1)
6 = 6, -\frac{3}{13} = -\frac{3}{13}
```

We want to assign a set as the value of the variable system. Maple tells us that the name is already in use as a built-in function, so it won't let us do that.

We choose a different variable to assign the set to.

We specify the set of variables we want to solve for, then call `solve`. We get a list with one element (which itself is a list) as a solution.

We extract the first element of the list. Notice that that are fewer `[]`s.

We evaluate the system at the solution that `solve` has found and verify that this really does satisfy the system of equations.

```maple
sys2 := [x^2 + y^2 = 25, x + y = 5]
[x^2 + y^2 = 25, x + y = 5]
solve(sys2, [x, y])
[[x = 5, y = 5], [x = 0, y = 5]]
```

This system of equations has two distinct solutions, so we get a list with two elements in it. Each element is a distinct solution.
5.7 What is evaluation?

We've informally talked about "evaluation". Evaluation occurs when you type something into Maple and then hit the enter key (or control-=). The computer acts on what you typed. It looks to see if it knows any calculational rules associated with the input. If it does, it will perform the rules as they are recorded within its programming.

For example, if we type 2/3+5/7 and then hit control-=, we would see something like this: \( \frac{2}{3} + \frac{5}{7} = \frac{29}{21} \).

But let's go over this stroke by stroke:

16. As we type in the numbers and the arithmetic operators, Maple is listening to each keystroke. It tries to display what it has according to the rules of mathematical writing. But it doesn't perform any arithmetic yet because we haven't asked it to evaluate the expression we've entered (because it really can't make sense until we've finished entering it).

17. When we hit enter, Maple starts to evaluate the expression -- to perform the arithmetic, remove greatest common divisors, and so forth.

18. When the calculation is complete, Maple displays the result in 2 dimensional math notation, and gives it a label that we can use later on.

Maple is known as an interactive, interpreted system because of its behavior of evaluating a line of input as soon as we hit enter. Other languages, such as Java or C++, require you to enter many lines of notation before doing any calculations. This approach has its advantages, particularly when you want to do more complicated calculations that need many steps before they come to fruition. But interpreted systems have their place as environments where you can experiment and develop modest things quickly.

5.8 Worksheet appearance is not the same as worksheet state

When you are running Maple, there are two things that it keeps track of: the appearance of the worksheet: the characters, formulas, pictures, plots, etc. that are displayed and the state: the values of the variables that have been assigned since execution began. The two are not the same.

When you open a worksheet that has been previously saved, you may see a lot of instructions, words, and results. However, the state is (almost) empty. No values have been assigned to variables (regardless of appearance) because nothing has been evaluated. Maple does not do the instructions listed in the worksheet until evaluation occurs -- which will occur only if you hit enter on a particular instruction, perform Edit->Execute->Worksheet, etc.

Thus, this rule of thumb: after you open a worksheet, execute the portion of it that you wish the state to reflect.

5.9 Attachment: Textual versions of terms from the Expression, Common Symbols, and Greek Palettes

| Comparison of palette and textual entry of functions, symbols, and Greek characters |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| **Operations from the palette**     | **Textual form**                                              |
| \( a + b, a - b, a \cdot b, \frac{a}{b}, a^b, a^{\sqrt{a}}, \sqrt{a}, \sqrt[n]{a}, a! \cdot !, \varepsilon, \log_{10}(a) \) | \( a+b, a-b, a \cdot b, \frac{a}{b}, a^b, a^\sqrt{a}, a^{\sqrt[n]{a}}, a! \cdot !, \varepsilon, \log(10)(a) \) |
| \( \frac{1}{a} \)                     | \( a+b, a \cdot b, a/b, a^{b}, a[n], \sqrt{a}, a^{1/n}, \text{abs}(a), \text{exp}(a), \log(10)(a), \log(b)(a) \) |
| Note: the spelling for the textual forms of Greek letters are somewhat irregular. You can find out the textual form by moving the cursor to the Greek palette and letting the mouse cursor hover over the symbol in question. A tooltip will pop up with the correct spelling. |

### 5.10 Summary of Chapter 5 material

#### Troubleshooting textual input in Maple

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<td>Supply a function name and arguments (parameters)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Match delimiters (parenthesis and brackets)</td>
<td>solve ((x = 3 \cdot x^2 - 2, x))</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Press the right arrow key to exit from variable exponents</td>
<td>solve ((x = 3 \cdot x^2 - 2, x))</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Set ranges correctly when plotting</td>
<td><code>plot(x - 3 \cdot x^2 - 2, x, -3..3)</code></td>
</tr>
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#### Plotting

| Plotting multiple expressions | `plot([x^2, \sin(x^2)], x = 0..4)` |
| Plotting with lists | `xList := [1, 2, 3, 4]` |
| | `1, 2, 3, 4` |
| | `yList := [5, 6, 7, -1]` |
| | `[5, 6, 7, -1]` |
| | `plot(xList, yList, style = point)` |
| Using multiple colors in a multi-plot | `plot([\sin(x), \sin(\frac{\pi}{2}), \sin(2\cdot x)], x = -4..Pi, .4..Pi, color = ["red", "green", "blue"])` |
| | `plot(3.5 \cdot x^2 - 2, x = 1..5, labels = ["temperature (in degrees C)", "pressure in kilopascals"])` |

#### Using Maple's built-in help

| Remember that you can click on related topics when viewing the help for a particular command | Use Help->Maple Help or press Ctrl-F1 (Command-F1 on a Mac) |
### Operations on lists

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<td>( sl := [a, b, c, a] )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Specify a sublist of values</td>
<td>([a, b, c, a]) (5.45)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Specify one item from the list</td>
<td>( ts1 := sl[1..3] )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Specify a sublist with one item</td>
<td>([a, b, c]) (5.46)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Count the number of items in the list</td>
<td>( sl[1] )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Add together all the items in the list</td>
<td>( a ) (5.47)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Compute the average of all the numbers in the list.</td>
<td>( s2[3..3] )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>([97]) (5.48)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>( n := \text{length}(s2) )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>5 (5.49)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>( \sum_{i=1}^{n} s2[i] )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>97.67 (5.50)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>( \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} s2[i]}{n} )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>19.5340000 (5.51)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Convert a list into a sequence

- \( op(ts1) \)  
  \( a, b, c \) (5.52)  

### Convert a list into a set

- \( \text{convert}(sl, \text{set}) \)  
  \( \{a, b, c\} \) (5.53)  

### Convert a list into a string

- \( \text{convert}(s2, \text{string}) \)  
  "[1, 3.47, 97, -5.9, 2.1]" (5.54)  

### Solving a system of equations using lists

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<td>Create the system of equations</td>
<td>( \text{sys} := [3 \cdot x + 5 \cdot y = 6, 2 \cdot x - 5 = y] )</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>( [3x + 5y = 6, 2x - 5 = y] ) (5.55)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Set the variables of the system</td>
<td>( \text{vars} := [x, y] )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>([x, y]) (5.56)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Solve the system and extract the first solution of possibly many solutions

\[
\text{solns} := \text{solve}(\text{sys}, \text{vars})[1]
\]

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
 x = \frac{31}{13}, y = -\frac{3}{13}
\end{bmatrix} \quad (5.57)
\]
# 6 Chapter 6 Using and Defining Functions

## 6.1 Chapter overview

Functions occur so much in mathematics that it's natural that Maple knows a lot about them and how to compute with them.

You can also define your own functions.

There are a few pitfalls in the use of functions in Maple:

a) The names of common mathematical functions used in Maple may differ from what you are used to.

b) Some functions in Maple do non-mathematical things, such as `solve`, and `plot`. Others take novel arguments -- lists, sets, equations, and ranges, rather than numbers.

c) The way functions are defined uses `:=` and `->` rather than the use of `=` as found in math textbooks. This is because the "context-free" language processing of Maple thinks an equation is being defined whenever it sees an equal sign.

## 6.2 Functions in computer languages: a way of producing an output from inputs

Everyone is introduced to the idea of a function in secondary school mathematics: Calculators can compute many of the common functions found in high school algebra and pre-calculus: \( \sin, \cos, \ln, \sqrt{\cdot} \), etc.

Maple can evaluate these functions. The common ones are found in the Expression palette but there are hundreds more.

When entering a functional expression, the syntax used is:

```
function name ( sequence of arguments )
```

The parentheses are mandatory in Maple. Unexpected results, possibly including an error message may result if you forget them.

### Function results in Maple

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<td>( \sin(0.35), \cos\left(\frac{3.14159265\times0.5}{2}\right), \ln(3.72), \sqrt{2.0} )</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0.3428978075, 1.794896619 \times 10^{-6}, 1.313723668, 1.259921050</td>
<td>All the common functions know how to give limited-precision results given limited precision inputs (6.1)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>( \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right), \ln(1), \sqrt{2}, \sin\left(\frac{35}{100}\right), \sin\left(\frac{5}{2}\right), \log_{10}(1001), \log_{10}(1001.0) )</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0, 0, 2^{1/2}, \sin\left(\frac{7}{20}\right), 10, \ln(101)/\ln(10), 3.000434077</td>
<td>Maple's programming will return an exact number if the function has that kind of result for the given input. However, if a simple exact result can't be found, Maple will return what you typed in. Sometimes there is a little simplification that goes on so what comes out is not literally what comes in, although it usually obvious that it is mathematically equivalent. For example, Maple will always simplify fractions by eliminating the greatest common divisor from the numerator and denominator. (6.2)</td>
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Commentary Example

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<tr>
<td>( \cos([a, b, c]) )</td>
<td>This doesn't work because cosine expect an algebraic expression, not a list.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Error, invalid input: ( \cos ) expects its 1st argument, ( x ), to be of type algebraic, but received ( [a, b, c] )</td>
<td>(6.3)</td>
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</table>
| \( \cos(2\pi) \)                                                      | This mistake might come about if you typed a comma instead of a *.
| Error, \( (in \cos) \) expecting 1 argument, got 2                    | (6.4)                                                                 |
| \( \cos 1 2 \)                                                         | What was this person thinking? Whatever it was, Maple doesn't know what to do with it.
| Error, missing operation                                               | (6.5)                                                                 |
| \( \cos 2 \)                                                          | Another delimiter message. Look for extra or missing parentheses.          |
| \( \cos \frac{\pi}{4} \)                                              | This is what happens if you forget the mandatory parentheses. There is no error message, but what Maple is giving you is the product of \( \pi \), the symbol "cos", and \( \frac{1}{4} \). |
| Error, unable to match delimiters                                       | (6.6)                                                                 |
| \( \cos \frac{\pi}{4} \)                                              | This is the correct way to compute the cosine of \( \frac{\pi}{4} \) radians. |
| \( \cos \frac{\pi}{4} \)                                              | (6.7)                                                                 |
| \( \cos \left( \frac{\pi}{4} \right) \)                             | (6.8)                                                                 |
| \( \cos \frac{\pi}{4} \)                                              | This is the correct way to compute the cosine of \( \frac{\pi}{4} \) radians. |

The attachment at the end of this chapter shows some of the many other functions available in Maple. Some of them work on lists, sets, equations rather than on numbers or expressions. However, the same principle applies: they have a rule for taking the value of their inputs (also known as arguments) and computing a result from them.

6.3 How can I remember so many functions?

A well-developed system such as Maple, Matlab, or C# has thousands of built-in functions. It is also unreasonable to expect that you can get by by knowing only three or four functions. We've already listed a few dozen (some math functions, such as \( \sin \), some operations such as \( \text{factor} \)). So the bad news is that you will have to remember at least the names of a several dozen functions. The good news is that learning about functions is not that taxing -- if you own a scientific calculator you've already dealt with a situation where you can operate a dozen functions.

A reasonable stance to take is to be familiar (i.e. know "by heart") functions you use often and to be adept at using documentation to look up the details of the ones that you need only occasionally. In exams and test about computer functions, you may be quizzed on the details of the most common, but things never degenerate into a situation where your grade will depend on how well you memorize phone book-sized lists.

A quick-recall method for access to common functions with textual entry is to type the escape key (Esc) after typing a few characters. A pop-up menu will appear that will list possible ways of completing what you typed. If what you are entering is a Maple operation such as \( \text{solve} \), this will provide a textual template that may be easier to fill in than to recall all the details of. This is called command completion.
**Command Completion**

We type `sol` and then type the ESC key. A pop up menu shows option, including several forms of `solve`.

Clicking on one of the options provides something to fill out. We are not compelled to have a second variable of `x`, it's just shorthand reminder that the second argument is the variable and the first one is the equation.

Experienced users refer to the on-line documentation to help remember details about functions. As has mentioned earlier, this is available through Help -> Maple Help menu feature (key shortcut: press the control key and then the F1 key). If you recall a phrase or a name of a function, you can type it into the search field and the on-line help system will, like Google, produce the pages it has about your text entry. You can then explore further by pressing links. Trying the examples typically given at the end of the description is a good way to get a form that you can use for your own purposes.

**Using on-line help**

We want to find information about how to use the inverse sine function in Maple. We start up on-line help and type in "inverse trigonometric" into the search field, then hit the "search" button. The page we see does tell us that it's probably called "arcsin" but we'd like to see more. We see a link in the "see also" which we click on.
Using on-line help

This uncovers more links. The one that says "invtrig" seems promising so we click on that link.

This seems to be the page we want to spend time looking at. There are plenty of examples at the bottom.

6.4 Defining your own functions with \( \rightarrow \) (arrow)

Maple allows you to define simple functions with the use of \( \rightarrow \). The general form is

\[
\text{function name} := \text{( sequence of arguments)} \rightarrow \text{expression that describes result}.
\]

These can be entered through the Expression Palette, or textually. The arrow is entered textually by typing a - and then a >, with no spaces separating them. We give an example of function definition in the following example.

A function definition in a math textbook, and a problem associated with it (from Precalculus)

Fruit flies are placed in a half-pint milk bottle with a banana (for food) and yeast plants (for food and to provide a stimulus to lay eggs). Suppose that the fruit fly population after \( t \) days is given by

\[
P(t) = \frac{230}{1 + 56.5e^{-0.37t}}
\]

(a) What is the population after five days?

(b) How long does it take for the population to reach 180?

Analyzing the text, we see that it defines a function named \( P \). It takes one input (argument), \( t \), and produces as output whatever you get from evaluating the expression \( \frac{230}{1 + 56.5e^{-0.37t}} \). Assuming that Maple understands the definition
of \( P \) like it does a built-in function, then the description of what happens when you evaluate \( P(5) \) would be: “Substitute 5 for wherever you see \( t \) in the expression \( \frac{230}{1 + 56.5 \cdot e^{-0.37 \cdot 5}} \). This gives you

\[
\frac{230}{1 + 56.5 \cdot e^{-0.37 \cdot 5}}
\]

. Perform all the arithmetic and relevant simplifications in this expression and return that as the result of the function.”

Even though 5 is an exact number, because there are limited precision numbers in the expression we expect that the result will be a limited-precision number. If the expression had only exact numbers in it, then the calculation would be done exactly.

What we would like to do is to tell Maple about the definition of \( P \) and use it in our work.

We can do this through the clickable interface. We anticipate reuse of this for other days and population levels, and turn it into a parameterized script:

**User-defined functions through the Expression Palette**

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User-defined functions through the Expression Palette

Start of parameters

\[\text{numDays} := 5\]

\[5\]  

\[\text{popLevel} := 180\]

\[180\]  

End of parameters

\[P(t) = \frac{230}{1 + 56.5 \cdot e^{-0.37 \cdot t}}\]

\[t \rightarrow \frac{230}{1 + 56.5 \cdot e^{-(1) \cdot 0.37 \cdot t}}\]  

Compute the number flies after \(\text{numDays} = 5\) days.

\[P(\text{numDays})\]

\[23.27016688\]  

We plot the function to see how the population grows. This is not needed by the problem but it helps us understand the situation better.

\[\text{plot}(P(t), t = 0, \text{numDays}, \text{title} = "\text{Fruit flies like a banana}", \text{labels} = \{"t", "\# of flies"\})\]

Compute when the population reaches desired level by solving the equation \(P(t) = \text{popLevel}\).

\[P(t) = \text{popLevel} \rightarrow \text{solve}\]  

\[\{t = 14.36533644\}\]  

\[\text{soln}\]

End of script

The general form is from the \(f = a \rightarrow y\) in the Expression palette. We alter slots in the template to mention the specific function by name, the name of the input, and the expression that describes how to calculate the output.

With this definition, \(P(5)\) works exactly as it should.

We can plot \(P(t)\) like we would any other expression. One of the options to plot (see plot options in on-line help) is the ability to specify the title of the graph by giving \(\text{title} = \text{string}\) as an additional argument to the \text{plot} function. Note that we are not using the clickable interface to do plotting.

In anticipation of using the value in later work, we extract the value from the solution and assign it to the variable \text{soln}. We would then anticipate doing further calculational steps using \text{soln}.

Note that in order to explain what we were doing with the plot, we gave the textual form rather than the clickable form.

\[\text{function name} := \text{input name} \rightarrow \text{expression involving constants and input}\]
User-defined function textually

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<td><strong>Start of parameters</strong></td>
<td>Even though we entered the function definition in a different way, the same thing happened -- a function was defined and ( P ) is its name. To get the right arrow, we typed ( \rightarrow ), which Maple re-typeset as a right arrow.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>( \text{numDays} := 5 )</td>
<td>( \begin{align*} P &amp;= t \rightarrow \frac{230}{1 + 56.5 \cdot e^{-0.37 \cdot t}} \end{align*} ) (6.13)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>( \text{popLevel} := 180 )</td>
<td>( \begin{align*} t &amp;\rightarrow \frac{230}{1 + 56.5 \cdot e^{-\left(1\right) \cdot 0.37 \cdot t}} \end{align*} ) (6.14)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>End of parameters</strong></td>
<td>About the only other difference is the use of the textual version of solve. Note that the form of the answer is slightly different (actually, easier to use).</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Compute the number flies after \( \text{numDays} = 5 \) days.

\[ P(\text{numDays}) = 23.27016688 \] (6.16)

We plot the function to see how the population grows. This is not needed by the problem but it helps us understand the situation better.

```
plot(P(t), t = 0 .. \text{numDays}, title
  = "Well maybe they don't like bananas", labels = ["t", "# of flies"])
```

Compute when the population reaches desired level by solving the equation \( P(t) = \text{popLevel} \).

\[ \text{soln := solve}(P(t) = \text{popLevel}, t) \]

\[ \text{soln} = 14.36533644 \] (6.17)

End of script
6.5 Troubleshooting function definitions

Function definition is another place where the standard notation in mathematics does not work in Maple. Recall that the technology that is standard in most computer language understanding systems needs to assign a unique meaning to input from the way it looks. Equations already use "=" so if you use \( f(x) = \ldots \) Maple will understand you to be talking about an equation, not a function definition. Use \( := \)

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<td>( F := (m_1, m_2, r) \rightarrow \frac{g \cdot m_1 \cdot m_2}{r^2} )</td>
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<tr>
<td>( g := 6.673 \times 10^{-11} )</td>
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<tr>
<td>( F(1, 2, 10) )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>( Fbad := (m_1, m_2, r) \rightarrow \frac{g \cdot m_1 \cdot m_2}{r^2} )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>( FF := (m_1, m_2, r) \left{ \begin{array}{l} \left( m_1, m_2, r \right) = \frac{6.673 \times 10^{-11} \cdot m_1 \cdot m_2}{r^2} \end{array} \right. )</td>
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</table>
This actually works although it is not the form prescribed by these notes. Rather than "= as would appear in a math textbook, the assignment operation ":=" is used instead. This produces the following pop-up:

Clicking "ok" to function definition will create the proper function definition, as the subsequent line of the computation indicates. We get the same result as with F.

6.6 The advantages of using functions in scripts

The advantage of using functions is reuse does not require typing in the rule again. With built-in functions, someone else did the programming of how to compute sin, cos, ln, etc., so you are just reusing their work. When you define your own functions, you expect to use them enough to save work after a few uses, even though it's more work to create the function in the first place.

Another benefit from defining functions is by giving them a name, a reader can more easily understand your documented work. It's a lot to talk about \( P \), the function that describes population, rather than \( \frac{230}{1 + 56.5 e^{-0.37 t}} \) all the time.

6.7 Attachment: some built-in problem-solving functions

The functions in the Expression palette have the same name and work similarly to those described in math textbooks. The operations discussed in this attachment are also found in math textbooks, but they are usually not given function names. It may seem novel to you that the rules for solving equations, factoring polynomials, or plotting can be collected together and given a function name. Yet this way of writing about such actions allows us to combine mathematics and working on it. Thus solve, plot, factor, etc. are true functions -- they have names, they are invoked with arguments, and return results that can be assigned to a variable.

<table>
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<th>Textual names of common operations in Maple</th>
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<tr>
<td>Function</td>
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<tr>
<td>solve an expression or an equation</td>
<td>solve</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
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</table>
solve an expression or an equation numerically

fsolve

\[ fsolve(x^2 = \cos(x)) \]
\[ 0.8241323123 \]  

text{(6.28)}

\[ fsolve(x^2 - 7 \cdot x - 97) \]
\[ -6.952272480, 13.95227248 \]  

text{(6.29)}

\[ fsolve(a \cdot x^2 + b \cdot x + c = 0, x) \]
Error, (in fsolve) \( \{a, b, c\} \) are in the equation, and are not solved for

\[ (6.30) \]

factor an expression

factor

\[ factor(x^2 - 7 \cdot x - 98) \]
\[ (x + 7) (x - 14) \]  

text{(6.31)}

\[ factor(x^2 - 7 \cdot x = 98) \]
Error, invalid sum/difference

\[ (6.32) \]

plot an expression

plot

\[ plot(x^2 - 7 \cdot x - 98, x=-20..20) \]

\[ \text{Plot takes two inputs. The first is an expression, the second is an equation naming the variable and the horizontal plot range.} \]

\[ plot\{x^2 + 7 \cdot t, 4, t=-8..2, \text{color} = \{\text{"DodgerBlue"}, \text{"Purple"}\}, \text{labels} = \{\text{"time"}, \text{"velocity"}\} \]

\[ \text{plot may take more than two arguments, optionally. The rest of the arguments are referred to as plot options.} \]
### 6.8 Summary of Chapter 6 material

#### Defining custom functions with the arrow (→) notation

Create a custom function by naming it and its parameters. A custom function defined using arrow notation is of the form:

**FunctionName := ParameterName → Function**

In this case the function name is P and its sole parameter is t. For multiple parameters, use the form:

**FunctionName := (ParameterName1, ParameterName2, ...) → Function**

To call the function, use the form:

**FunctionName(ParameterValues)**

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<td>( P := t \rightarrow \frac{230}{1 + 56.5 \cdot e^{0.37 \cdot t}} )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>( t \rightarrow \frac{230}{1 + 56.5 \cdot e^{(t-1) \cdot 0.37}} )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>( e := (a, b) \rightarrow \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>( (a, b) \rightarrow \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>numDays := 5</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>5</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>P(numDays)</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>23.27016688</strong></td>
</tr>
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</table>
To plot the function, set the range of an independent variable, and use it as a parameter to your custom function.

\[
\text{plot}(P(t), t = 0 \ldots \text{numDays})
\]

To solve the function for a particular value, use the solve function.

\[
\text{popLevel} := 180
\]

\[
\begin{align*}
180 \\
\text{soln} := \text{solve}(P(t) = \text{popLevel}, t) \\
14.36533644
\end{align*}
\]

### Troubleshooting function definitions

<table>
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| Forgetting to use the assignment (:=) operator. | \[
F_{bad} := (m_1, m_2, r) \rightarrow \frac{g \cdot m_1 \cdot m_2}{r^2}
\]

Error, invalid operator parameter name

\[
\begin{align*}
F_{bad} &= (m_1, m_2, r) \rightarrow \frac{g \cdot m_1 \cdot m_2}{r^2} \\
(\text{ml}, \text{m2}, \text{r}) &= \frac{g \cdot \text{ml} \cdot \text{m2}}{\text{r}^2}
\end{align*}
\]

Using the equality operator (=) instead of the arrow in function definition.

\[
\begin{align*}
FF &:= (m_1, m_2, r) = \frac{g \cdot m_1 \cdot m_2}{r^2} \\
(\text{ml}, \text{m2}, \text{r}) &= \frac{g \cdot \text{ml} \cdot \text{m2}}{\text{r}^2}
\end{align*}
\]

Although technically not an error, defining a function without using the arrow notation is not prescribed by these notes.

\[
\begin{align*}
F2(ml, m2, r) &= \frac{g \cdot ml \cdot m2}{r^2} \\
(\text{ml}, \text{m2}, \text{r}) &= \frac{g \cdot \text{ml} \cdot \text{m2}}{\text{r}^2}
\end{align*}
\]
7 Chapter 7 Programming with functions

7.1 Chapter overview

Most computer languages regard functions or procedures as the "lego blocks" for building programs. Not only is it expected that there will be a lot of different kinds of blocks that will be provided, but that you will build things by putting them several of them together. The way functions are used in this way is through *daisy chaining* -- by making the output of one function the input of another. These chains can then be defined to be functions themselves. By defining a few chains and then using them together, powerful combinations of operations can be custom-built quickly for the user's needs.

Most computer languages extend the concept of functions to go beyond the numbers or formulas that "mathematical functions" provide. In Maple, as in most of languages, a function can return other kinds of results. It is fairly common in Maple and other languages to have functions that produce as output a list, an equation, or a string as a result. As we shall see, we can even return a Maple plot as the result of a function. In a symmetric fashion, it is possible for computer functions to have lists, equations, plots, or strings as inputs.

7.2 Designing functions from context

In doing technical work, we often see functions defined as an equation relating the name of the function, its argument(s), and the function definition. Those are easy to translate into Maple's notation and use. For example if we see in a mathematics book "define f(x) = x^2 + 2x - v0 " then we can just transcribe it into the Maple function notation:

\[
    f := (x) \rightarrow x^2 + 2 \cdot x - v0 .
\]

In word problems, we have to "read between the lines" and design the function. This requires answering the questions:

a) What will the inputs to the function be? Try to give symbolic names for it.

b) What will the output be? Sometimes to realize what the output is, you can create a worksheet with several steps. If there is only one final result, then that should be the output.

c) How do you calculate the output from the inputs? Hopefully, there's a simple formula that describes this.

We illustrate this process with an example:

**Designing a function for pressure/temperature problems**


The Ideal Gas Law, as stated in *Introduction to Engineering* is:

\[
P \cdot V = n \cdot R \cdot T
\]

or

\[
P V = n RT
\]  

(7.1)

where

- \( P \) is pressure in Pascals (Pa)
- \( V \) is volume in \( \text{m}^3 \).
- \( n \) is the amount of gas in moles (mol),
- \( T \) is the temperature in degrees K,
\[ R \text{ is the gas constant, approximately } 8.31 \frac{\text{m}^3 \cdot \text{Pa}}{\text{K} \cdot \text{mol}}. \]

We want to solve the following problem (actually, various versions of it):

**Problem**

We measure the temperature and pressure of a gas. It has a pressure of 100 and a temperature 473 degree Kelvin. Then cool it so it has a pressure of 89.8 \( \text{kPa} \). What is its temperature?

Finding the answer

First, we do the mathematical thinking and informal calculation that allows us to build a function that will solve all problems of this type:

For a fixed cylinder volume, according to the Ideal Gas Law:

\[ \frac{P_1}{T_1} = \frac{P_2}{T_2}, \text{ so } T_2 = \frac{P_2}{P_1} \cdot T_1 \Rightarrow T_2 = \frac{89.8}{100} \cdot 473 = 424.7540000 \]

**Function design**

We see that the problem wants us to calculate a temperature \( T_2 \) given the atmospheric pressure \( P_1 \), the internal pressure \( P_2 \), and the first temperature, \( T_1 \).

The output is \( T_2 \), the inputs are \( P_1 \), \( P_2 \), and \( T_1 \). We are free to name the function anything we want since the problem statement doesn't name this. We decide to call it something that reminds us of the purpose.

\[
\text{secondTemp} := (P_1, P_2, T_1) \rightarrow \frac{P_2}{P_1} \cdot T_1
\]

**Testing and troubleshooting the function**

We see whether we get the intended result with the numbers we've already worked out. Note that if we hadn't done the analysis, we wouldn't have any way of testing what we designed.

\[
\text{secondTemp}(89.8, 100, 473) \rightarrow 526.7260579
\]
Oops, that isn't the same result. What did we do wrong? The formula 1.2.2 seems like the right thing. What else could go wrong? Close inspection indicates that the first argument to internalTemp is P1, which appears in the denominator of the formula for the output. In (1.2.3), that would put the "89.8" in the denominator, but our example had 89.8 in the numerator. Oops, we gave the values in the wrong order for the function. There's nothing wrong except that we should invoke the function with the information given in the correct order:

\[ \text{secondTemp}(100, 89.8, 473) \]

\[ 424.7540000 \]  \hspace{1cm} (7.4)

**Using the function**

We are given a different version of the problem:

We measure the temperature and pressure of a gas. It has a pressure of 2000 \( [kPa] \) and a temperature 473 degree Kelvin. Then cool it so it has a pressure of 53.6 \( [kPa] \). What is its temperature?.

Answer:

\[ \text{secondTemp}(2000, 56.6, 473) \]

\[ 13.38590000 \]  \hspace{1cm} (7.5)

Since the answer is in degrees Kelvin, this is only about 14 degrees above absolute zero. That's pretty cold!

**The usefulness of alternative function designs**

Suppose we had this new problem:

We measure the temperature and pressure of a gas. It has a pressure of 100 \( [kPa] \) and a temperature 473 degree \( [K] \). We then heat it to 512 degrees Kelvin. What is its pressure then?

**Another function designed**

A little thought produces the calculation:

\[
\frac{P_2}{P_1} = \frac{T_1}{T_2} = \frac{100}{473} = 0.212452431
\]

This leads to the function definition:

\[ \text{secondPressure} := (P1, T1, T2) \rightarrow \frac{P1}{T1} \]

\[ (P1, T1, T2) \rightarrow \frac{P1 T2}{T1} \]  \hspace{1cm} (7.6)

We test this (remembering what happened before about the order of arguments)

\[ \text{secondPressure}(100, 473, 512.0) \]

\[ 108.2452431 \]  \hspace{1cm} (7.7)
Conclusion

To develop functions, it helps to have worked through some typical calculations interactively. Once you have realized which quantities you are starting with and named them, and have developed the formula for the calculation using those names, you can create a function definition. You can use the names given in the problem description, or you can make up names based on their purpose. Unlike mathematics, you are not limited to single letters for names of variables or names of functions. Computer programmers know that longer names are often easier to remember or understand.

7.3 Function composition: daisy-chaining functions together

In the scripts we have developed so far, we have developed a result through a sequences of actions. These sequences can often be described through functional composition -- an expression that chains together several actions. Consider the following example:

**Problem**

On November 1, 2007, one Euro was worth 1.002908434 US dollars. We are buying widgets that cost 30 Euros each and importing them into the US. We then put the widgets into packages that cost .075 dollars. How much should we sell the product in the US if we want a 10% markup from our costs?

**Finding the solution: step 1, first do the calculation interactively.**

Doing this in the style of scripts, we first assign the values to variables, and then do the calculational steps.

\[ convRate := 1.002908434 \]

\[ \begin{array}{c}
1.002908434 \\
\end{array} \] \hspace{1cm} (7.8)

\[ costInEuros := 30 \]

\[ \begin{array}{c}
30 \\
\end{array} \] \hspace{1cm} (7.9)

\[ pkgCost := .075 \]

\[ \begin{array}{c}
0.075 \\
\end{array} \] \hspace{1cm} (7.10)

\[ markupPct := .10 \]

\[ \begin{array}{c}
0.10 \\
\end{array} \] \hspace{1cm} (7.11)

\[ totalCost := pkgCost + convRate \cdot costInEuros \]

\[ \begin{array}{c}
30.16225302 \\
\end{array} \] \hspace{1cm} (7.12)

\[ sellingPrice := (1 + markupPct) \cdot totalCost \]

\[ \begin{array}{c}
33.17847832 \\
\end{array} \] \hspace{1cm} (7.13)

We foresee using this calculation several times as the conversion Rate, the manufacturing cost in Europe, and the packaging cost change. We even see that the markup might change. We can try to boil down these steps into a few functions.

**Designing the solution: step 2, design functions to do the calculational steps**
Note that the way that the third function `sellingPriceFunc` is defined, it takes the output of `totalCostFunc` and makes it one of the inputs to `priceFunc`.

**Testing the solution: step 3, test the building blocks in the order that they are used**

We test the first two functions. After we see that they agree with our preliminary version of the calculations, we test the third function that depends on the correctness of the first two.

\[
\text{totalCostFunc}(\text{convRate}, \text{costInEuros}, \text{pkgCost})
\]

\[30.16225302 \quad (7.17)\]

\[
\text{priceFunc}(0.10, (1.3, 10))
\]

\[33.17847832 \quad (7.18)\]

\[
\text{sellingPriceFunc}(\text{convRate}, \text{costInEuros}, \text{pkgCost}, \text{markupPct})
\]

\[33.17847832 \quad (7.19)\]

We could write a script that just used `totalCostFunc` and `priceFunc`, but by designing and using a third function, we reduce the work of handling an instance of the problem to just pasting in the values for the four parameters in one line. This is probably less work than changing four lines of parameters that we have had with our previous approach to scripts.

While function composition is a succinct way of ordering many operations, its advantages are apparent only *after the chain is built and tested as working correctly*. It may be easier to develop the chain as a script of assignments and then refactor -- rewrite without changing the meaning -- the script so that it uses user-defined functions to replace some of the chains of assignments.

**Using the solution: step 4, present a script that defines the functions, then invoke the "answer function" repeatedly to handle various versions of the problem**
A script that uses functional composition (chaining), and its use

Begin function definitions

\[
totalCostFunc := \text{convRate, costInEuros, pkgCost} \rightarrow (\text{pkgCost + convRate \cdot costInEuros})
\]

\[
(\text{convRate, costInEuros, pkgCost}) \rightarrow \text{pkgCost + convRate \cdot costInEuros}
\]  

(7.20)

\[
priceFunc := \text{markupPct, totalCost} \rightarrow (1 + \text{markupPct}) \cdot \text{totalCost}
\]

\[
(\text{markupPct, totalCost}) \rightarrow (1 + \text{markupPct}) \cdot \text{totalCost}
\]  

(7.21)

\[
sellingPriceFunc := \text{convRate, costInEuros, pkgCost, markupPct} \rightarrow \text{priceFunc(markupPct, totalCostFunc(convRate, costInEuros, pkgCost))}
\]

\[
(\text{convRate, costInEuros, pkgCost, markupPct}) \rightarrow \text{priceFunc(markupPct, totalCostFunc(convRate, costInEuros, pkgCost))}
\]  

(7.22)

End function definitions

Problem solving

Version 1

On November 1, 2002, one Euro was worth \( \frac{1}{.9971} = 1.002908434 \) US dollars. We are buying widgets that cost 30 Euros each and importing them into the US. We then put the widgets into packages that cost .075 dollars. How much should we sell the product in the US if we want a 10% markup from our costs?

\[
sellingPriceFunc(1.002908434, 30, .075, 10)
\]

\[
$33.18
\]  

(We got the number formatted to currency by right-click->Numeric Formatting->Currency.)

Version 2

On November 1, 2007, one Euro was worth 1.4487 US dollars. We are buying widgets that cost 33 Euros each and importing them into the US. We then put the widgets into packages that cost .09 dollars. How much should we sell the product in the US if we want a 10% markup from our costs?

\[
sellingPriceFunc(1.446733, .09, 10)
\]

\[
$52.61
\]  

Version 3

On November 1, 2009, one Euro was worth 1.4728 US dollars. We are buying widgets that cost 35 Euros each and importing them into the US. We then put the widgets into packages that cost .10 dollars. How much should we sell the product in the US if we want a 10% markup from our costs?

\[
sellingPriceFunc(1.472835, .10, 10)
\]

\[
$56.81
\]  

We see that if we are interested in looking at the solution to several different versions of the problem, setting up the script as a collection of function definitions presents the problem-solving calculation only once. We can then proceed and present the several solutions through a single-line calculation. We don't have to wade through all the steps of the calculation to see the answer to the first problem, then looking through the same steps to see the answer to the second, etc.
7.4 Expressions with units of measurements: convert

Maple has facilities for converting between various English and metric units. It is useful for doing multi-step calculations because the conversions happen automatically.

In the first way of using `convert`, one thinks of a value as implicitly expressing a number of units and wants another number expressing those number of units converted to another unit. One uses `convert(value, units, fromUnit, toUnit).

### Examples of unit conversion

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<th>Example</th>
<th>Result</th>
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<tr>
<td>How many inches in a meter? How many feet in a kilometer? How many millimeters in a mile?</td>
<td>Note that the answer to this was expressed as a floating point number rather than a fraction because the input was floating point (1.0)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>convert(1, units, inch, meter)</code></td>
<td>127/5000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>convert(1, units, ft, km)</code></td>
<td>381/1250000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>convert(1.0, units, mile, mm)</code></td>
<td>1.609344010^9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>convert(5.4, units, kilowatt, horsepower)</code></td>
<td>7.241519284</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>convert(2.0, units, angstroms, micrometers)</code></td>
<td>0.000200000000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>convert(15.0, units, miles, meters, hour, second)</code></td>
<td>6.705600000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>convert(13.3, units, gallons, liters, yards, meter)</code></td>
<td>65.85005144</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Maple can convert between most compatible units. Sometimes units are expressed as ratios of other units. Maple can handle such conversions as well.

In many examples in the Maple documentation, some of the arguments to `convert` are quoted -- surrounded by apostrophes -- to prevent evaluation from using the value of the names of the units. For example, if you have assigned a value to the variable `s`, then you cannot convert to seconds with this name without quotation.

### Troubleshooting unit conversion

| `seconds := convert(3, units, days, seconds)` | As long as the various names used as arguments to the `convert` function don't have values, things work fine. | 259200 | (7.33) |
Troubleshooting unit conversion

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Maple performs evaluation of names as it figures out what the inputs to convert is. Since seconds has a value, Maple tries to compute convert(4, units, minutes, 259200). Since the 4th argument to convert has to be a name, an error results.</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Quoting the 4th argument causes the name seconds to be given as the 4th input to convert. This works.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Quoting all the names as a prophylactic measure is acceptable. You see this in a lot of the Maple on-line documentation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>This is the error message you see when you are trying to convert between incompatible units, e.g. trying to convert a gallon into a meter. pc seems to be Maple's internal name for parsec, d the name for days.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>A parsec is a non-fictional unit of distance, not time, so we can convert 12 parsecs to miles, kilometers, inches.... But we can't convert it to days any more than we can convert inches to volts.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

In Star Wars Episode IV: A New Hope, Han Solo says that the Millenium Falcon made the Kessel Run in "less than twelve parsecs". We want to know how many days a parsec is.

\[
\text{convert(12.0, units, parsecs, days)}
\]

| Error, (in convert/units) unable to convert `pc` to `d` |

A problem solved, a script built using function definitions

<table>
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<tr>
<th>A car travels a 45 miles per hour. How many minutes does it take to travel 900 kilometers?</th>
</tr>
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<tr>
<td>We build a sequence of calculations to understand how to solve this problem. This is the informal phase of development, while we are trying to understand what to do. Once we have an idea, we start designing functions and testing them.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

\[
\text{distance} := 900.0
\]

| 900.0 |

\[
\text{speed} := 45
\]

| 45 |

\[
\text{d} := \text{convert(distance, units, kilometers, miles)}
\]

| 559.2340730 |

\[
\text{t} := \frac{\text{d}}{\text{speed}}
\]

| 12.42742384 |

\[
\text{convert(t, units, hours, minutes')}
\]

| 745.6454304 |
### A problem solved, a script built using function definitions

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Function Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>Convert distance from kilometers to miles</td>
<td>(d\text{Convert} := (\text{distance}) \rightarrow \text{convert}(\text{distance}, \text{units}, \text{kilometers}, \text{miles}))</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Test: 900 km</td>
<td>(d\text{Convert}(900)) [\frac{781250}{1397}]</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The first step was to convert the distance from kilometers to miles. We create a function that does it. We test it to the result that we got in the script above and see that it agrees.

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<td>Calculate time from distance in miles and speed in mph</td>
<td>(t\text{Calc} := (d, \text{speed}) \rightarrow \frac{d}{\text{speed}})</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Test: 1000 miles, 50 mph</td>
<td>(t\text{Calc}(1000, 50)) [\frac{156250}{12573}]</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The next step was to calculate the time (in hours) from the distance in miles and the speed in mph. The test shows that \(t\text{Calc}\) seems to be built correctly.

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<tr>
<td>Convert time from hours to minutes</td>
<td>(t\text{Conv} := (t) \rightarrow \text{convert}(t, \text{units}, \text{hours}', \text{minutes}'))</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Test: 1.2 hours</td>
<td>(t\text{Conv}(1.2)) [\frac{312500}{4191}]</td>
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The third step was to convert the time from hours to minutes. The test of this step agrees with what the script does, too.

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<td>Solve the time problem</td>
<td>(\text{solveIt} := (\text{speed}, \text{distance}) \rightarrow t\text{Conv}(t\text{Calc}(d\text{Convert}(\text{distance}), \text{speed})))</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Test: 45 mph, 900 km</td>
<td>(\text{solveIt}(45, 900)) [745.6454304]</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The solution function chains together the three functions we've developed. This concludes the development and testing. We present a script and several solved problems in the figure below.

The above table showed the thinking behind the design and testing of the multi-step calculation. However, in "what we would hand in", we don't show the testing or the initial script, just the definition of the functions, and then the repeated invocation of the "solution function". Define the functions once, then invoke it repeatedly. This eliminates the need for repeated cutting/pasting/selection for execution.
Solving multiple versions of a problem through functions

Begin function definitions

- \( d_{\text{Convert}} \) \( : \) (distance) \( \rightarrow \) convert(distance, units, kilometers, miles)

\( d_{\text{Convert}}(\text{distance}) \rightarrow \text{convert}(\text{distance}, \text{units}, \text{kilometers}, \text{miles}) \) \hspace{1cm} (7.52)

- \( t_{\text{Calc}} \) \( : \) (d, speed) \( \rightarrow \) \( \frac{d}{\text{speed}} \)

\( (\text{d, speed}) \rightarrow \frac{\text{d}}{\text{speed}} \) \hspace{1cm} (7.53)

- \( t_{\text{Conv}} \) \( : \) (t) \( \rightarrow \) convert(t, units, hours, minutes)

\( t_{\text{Conv}}(t) \rightarrow \text{convert}(t, \text{units}, \text{hours}, \text{minutes}) \) \hspace{1cm} (7.54)

- \( \text{travelSoln} \) \( : \) (speed, distance) \( \rightarrow \) \( t_{\text{Conv}}(t_{\text{Calc}}(d_{\text{Convert}}(\text{distance}), \text{speed})) \)

\( (\text{speed, distance}) \rightarrow t_{\text{Conv}}(t_{\text{Calc}}(d_{\text{Convert}}(\text{distance}), \text{speed})) \) \hspace{1cm} (7.55)

End of function definitions

Problem version A

A car travels at 45 miles per hour. How many minutes does it take to travel 900 kilometers?

\[ \text{travelSoln}(45, 900.0) \]

745.6454304 \hspace{1cm} (7.56)

Problem version B

A car travels at 45 miles per hour. How many minutes does it take to travel 452 kilometers?

\[ \text{travelSoln}(45, 452.0) \]

374.4797052 \hspace{1cm} (7.57)

Problem version C

A car travels at 65 miles per hour. How many minutes does it take to travel 1500 kilometers?

\[ \text{travelSoln}(65, 1500.0) \]

860.3601126 \hspace{1cm} (7.58)

For casual unit conversion, it can still be useful to rely upon Maple's encyclopaedic knowledge of how to convert units. You can access this through Tools->Assistants->Unit Calculator.
Although you don't see much mention of this in mathematics texts, it is fairly common while programming to define and use functions that take inputs and produce outputs that are not numbers. For example, if we have a list L of numbers, we can create a function that takes a list as input and produces the average of all the numbers as its output.

### A function that takes a list as its input

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| \[
\text{average} := L \rightarrow \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{\text{nops}(L)} L[i]}{\text{nops}(L)}
\] | We are expecting the input to be a list of numbers. As explained in chapter 4, L[i] uses indexing to get the i-th value of the list. (See section 4.2.) nops(L) is the number of elements in the list. (7.59) |
| average([5, 7,-3, 2, 6]) | 17/5 | When we invoke the function, L is [5,7,-3,2,6], so nops(L) is 5. Since at least one of the elements of the list was a limited precision number (5. has a decimal point), the limited precision arithmetic is performed with it and subsequent steps of the sum. (7.60) |
| average([5, 7,-3, 2, 6, 2, 6]) | 3.375000000 | (7.61) |

In analyzing mathematical models as we have been doing, it is also useful to produce abbreviations for common combinations of plot options by creating a function that produces a plot as its result.
A function that returns a plot as its output, rather than a number

**Problem**

We are given two lists of data, \( pData \) and \( tData \). Plot \( pData \) as a function of \( tData \), and vice versa.

**Solution**

Build a function that becomes an abbreviation for the operations in the plot. Provide a third argument that is the string for the color.

\[
\text{PlotIt} := (xData, yData, c, L) \rightarrow \text{plot}(xData, yData, \text{style} = \text{point, color} = c, \text{labels} = L)
\]

\[
\text{PlotIt}(xData, yData, c, L) \rightarrow \text{plot}(xData, yData, \text{style} = \text{point, color} = c, \text{labels} = L)
\]

\[
pData := [134.2, 142.5, 155.0, 159.8, 171.1, 184.2],
\]

\[
[134.2, 142.5, 155.0, 159.8, 171.1, 184.2]
\]

\[
tData := [0, 20.1, 39.8, 60.0, 79.9, 100.3],
\]

\[
[0, 20.1, 39.8, 60.0, 79.9, 100.3]
\]

Plot pressure versus temperature, in red. Note: there seems to be a bug in Maple that suppresses the printing of the horizontal axis label.

Plot temperature versus pressure, in red. Copying and pasting the invocation of the PlotIt function we defined is easier than changing the insides of the original plot operation.

\[
\text{PlotIt}(tData, pData, \text{"blue"}, [\text{"temperature"}, \text{"pressure"}])
\]

It is possible to return a list or sequence as a result of a function. Such a function can be put in a chain.
A problem solved with a function that outputs a sequence of two numbers

Problem A

A right triangle has a hypotenuse of length 5 feet. The angle between it and one of its sides is 10 degrees. What is the length of the perimeter?

We first build a function that computes the two sides of the right triangle and returns the two values as a sequence. We have to convert degrees into radians in order to do this because the Maple trig functions all use radians.

$$sideSide := \text{hypo}, \text{angle} \rightarrow (\text{hypo} \cdot \sin(\text{convert(\text{angle, degrees}, radians)}), \text{hypo} \cdot \cos(\text{convert(\text{angle, degrees}, radians)}))$$

Let's test the sideSide function.

$$sideSide(5, 10.0)$$

$$5 \times \sin(0.055555555556 \times \pi), 5 \times \cos(0.055555555556 \times \pi)$$

Now, develop a function that takes a sequence of three numbers and adds them together.

$$sumSides := (a, b, c) \rightarrow a + b + c$$

By chaining together the output of sideSide and making it part of the input of sumSides, we can get the whole computation done in one function.

$$perimeter := (\text{hypo}, \text{angle}) \rightarrow \text{sumSides}(\text{sideSide(\text{hypo}, \text{angle}), \text{hypo}})$$

Problem B

A right triangle has a hypotenuse of length 10 feet. The angle between it and one of its sides is 42 degrees. What is the length of the perimeter?

$$evalf(perimeter(10, 42))$$

$$24.12275432$$
Once we have done the work to design and test the functions out on a problem, we can present a script that can solve several different versions of the problem:

### Solving several versions of a function with function definitions

**Begin function definitions**

A function that computes the two sides of a right triangle given the angle and the length of the hypotenuse

\[
\text{sideSide} := (\text{hypo}, \text{angle}) \rightarrow (\text{hypo} \cdot \sin(\text{convert(\text{angle}, \text{degrees}, \text{radians})}), \text{hypo} \cdot \cos(\text{convert(\text{angle}, \text{degrees}, \text{radians})}))
\]

\[
\text{(hypo, angle)} \rightarrow (\text{hypo} \cdot \sin(\text{convert(\text{angle}, \text{degrees}, \text{radians})}), \text{hypo} \cdot \cos(\text{convert(\text{angle}, \text{degrees}, \text{radians})}))
\]

(7.72)

A function that takes a sequence of three numbers and adds them together.

\[
\text{sumSides} := (a, b, c) \rightarrow a + b + c
\]

\[
(a, b, c) \rightarrow a + b + c
\]

(7.73)

Compute the perimeter by summing the three sides.

\[
\text{perimeter} := (\text{hypo}, \text{angle}) \rightarrow \text{sumSides(sideSide(hypo, angle), hypo)}
\]

\[
\text{(hypo, angle)} \rightarrow \text{sumSides(sideSide(hypo, angle), hypo)}
\]

(7.74)

**End function definitions**

**Problem A Solution**

A right triangle has a hypotenuse of length 5 feet. The angle between it and one of its sides is 10 degrees. Approximately, what is the length of the perimeter in feet?

\[
\text{evalf(\text{perimeter}(5, 10))}
\]

10.79227965  

(7.75)

**Problem B Solution**

A right triangle has a hypotenuse of length 10 feet. The angle between it and one of its sides is 42 degrees. Approximately, what is the length of the perimeter in feet?

\[
\text{evalf(\text{perimeter}(10, 42))}
\]

24.12275432  

(7.76)
## 7.6 Chapter Summary

### Function design

**Designing functions from context**

| a) What will the inputs be? |
| b) What will the output be? |
| c) How do we calculate the output from the inputs? |

### Function composition

\[
A := (x, y) \rightarrow \frac{1}{x} + 3x^3 + 3y
\]

\[
(x, y) \rightarrow \frac{1}{x} + 3x^3 + 3y
\]

\[
B := (x, y) \rightarrow \frac{3}{A(x,y)}
\]

\[
(x, y) \rightarrow \frac{3}{A(x,y)}
\]

\[
B(3, 1) = \frac{9}{253}
\]

### Unit conversion

**Units can be converted directly into compatible units.**

\[
\text{convert}(1, \text{units}, \text{inch}, \text{meter})
\]

\[
\frac{127}{5000}
\]

(7.80)

**Compound units expressed in ratio form can also be converted into compatible compound units.**

\[
\text{convert}\left(15.0, \text{units}, \text{miles}, \text{hour}^{-1}, \text{seconds} \right)
\]

\[
6.705600000
\]

(7.81)

**Converting between incompatible units will throw an error.**

\[
\text{convert}(3, \text{units}, \text{days}, \text{miles})
\]

Error, (in convert/units) unable to convert 'd' to 'mi'

(7.82)

**If we create a variable with the same name as a unit, trying to convert using the variable name will throw an error.**

\[
\text{seconds} := 5
\]

\[
5
\]

(7.83)

\[
\text{convert}(3, \text{units}, \text{days}, \text{seconds})
\]

Error, (in convert/units) unable to convert 'd' to 's'

(7.84)

\[
\text{convert}(3, \text{units}, \text{days}, \text{seconds})
\]

\[
259200
\]

(7.85)

**We can use Maple's built-in unit converter to convert units using drop-down menus.**

This tool is located in Tools>Assistants>Unit Calculator
### Non-number inputs and outputs of a function

#### Using a list of numbers as an input

Using a list of numbers as an input:

\[
\text{average} := L \rightarrow \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{\text{nops}(L)} L[i]}{\text{nops}(L)}
\]

\[
\text{average}([5, 7, -3, 2, 6]) = \frac{17}{5}
\]

(7.86) (7.87)

#### Returning a plot instead of a number

Returning a plot instead of a number:

\[
\text{Plot} := (xData, yData, c, L) \rightarrow \text{plot}(xData, yData, \text{style} = \text{point}, \text{color} = c, \text{labels} = L)
\]

\[
(xData, yData, c, L) \rightarrow \text{plot}(xData, yData, \text{style} = '\text{point}', \text{color} = c, \text{labels} = L)
\]

(7.88)

\[
\text{Plot}([1, 2, 3], [2.1, 2, 1], '\text{blue}', ['x', 'y'])
\]

![Plot graph]

#### Returning a sequence of numbers instead of a single number

Returning a sequence of numbers instead of a single number:

\[
\text{sideSide} := (\text{hypo}, \text{angle}) \rightarrow (\text{hypo} \cdot \sin(\text{convert(\text{angle-degrees}, \text{radians}))}, \text{hypo} \cdot \cos(\text{convert(\text{angle-degrees}, \text{radians}))})
\]

\[
(\text{hypo}, \text{angle}) \rightarrow (\text{hypo} \sin(\text{convert(\text{angle-degrees}, \text{radians)}}, \text{hypo} \cos(\text{convert(\text{angle-degrees}, \text{radians}))})
\]

(7.89)

\[
\text{sideSide}(1, 45) = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{2}, \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{2}
\]

(7.90)
8 Chapter 8 Visualization, modeling, and simulation

8.1 Chapter Overview

1. The purpose of `with` -- loading packages so that you can access additional operations in Maple -- is illustrated with curve fitting and plotting.

2. Plot structures are the result of the `plot` operation. They can be assigned to variables through `:=` just as numbers, formulas, lists, function definitions, etc. can be.

3. The `display` operation of the `plots` package is explained. Typically, before `display` is used, the user issues a `with` command, and assigns some variables plot structures that are mentioned in the `display` operation. The `display` operation can be used to generate more sophisticated and enlightening pictures of phenomena.

4. Much of our computational work to date has been for the purpose of answering questions that can be explored with the help of mathematical models. With the appropriate mathematics, personal computer or supercomputer-class calculations can be used to come up with reasonably accurate descriptions of phenomena. Mathematical models are used in modern engineering because the "build it and see" methodology often seen in elementary student work is not cost-effective once one moves about beyond simple, low-cost situations.

5. Simulation is the art of computationally predicting the behavior of system entities as they change over time, through the use of mathematical models. It can be as simple as using functions that, given the time $t$ as input, calculate the position, size, weight, or other state of a system entity.

5. The `animate` operation of the `plots` package is explained. Its use is illustrated with a session of question-answering using a mathematical models of moving bodies. computer-generated animations are another useful tool besides `solve`, and `plot`.

8.2 Using functions from packages, with

Although we have seen dozens of built-in functions so far in Maple, there are several thousand more. Some of them are defined in your Maple program when it starts up. However, it is not done for most of the built-in functions. There are so many that if that were done for all of them, Maple would take a long time to start up and would require large amounts of memory even before you had done any work in it.

Most built-in functions are organized into collections called packages. The general way to access a function belonging to a package is through `package[function]`. The least squares function belongs to a package named CurveFitting, hence its name is CurveFitting[LeastSquares]. The `with(package name)` operation in Maple will load all the functions in the specified package into Maple. After this operation, functions can be referred to with just their "short name", e.g. LeastSquares rather than CurveFitting[LeastSquares]. Doing a `with(package)` can save you typing if you expect to use a function from a package several times during a Maple session. Ending the line with a colon (:) will suppress printing of all the functions in the package that usually occurs.

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<td><code>with</code></td>
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The CurveFitting package has a number of functions for data fitting. One is called \texttt{LeastSquares}. However, \texttt{LeastSquares(...)} does nothing. Although there is no error message, this is a mistake -- we didn't load the package in with a "with" so the least squares data fitting function isn't known. We get the same kind of behavior as if we had typed in \( f(1,2,3) \) with \( f \) undefined -- Maple just spits back what we typed in.

Doing a "with" gives the names of all the functions in the package.

Once we do the \texttt{with}, \texttt{LeastSquares} works.

8.3 plot structures, display and combining plots

Like \texttt{solve}, Maple plot is a function: it has inputs and produces outputs. What kind of output does the plot function produce? In Maple, the result of \texttt{plot} is a special type of result called a \textit{plot structure}. What happens when you evaluate an expression in Maple that invokes the plot function is that a plot structure is created. If the plot structure is then assigned to a variable (through :=, for example), then an ellipsis of the plot structure is displayed. If the plot structure is the entire result and there is no assignment, then the plot is displayed.
plot results, displayed and not displayed

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<td><code>plot(sin(x), x = 0..10)</code></td>
<td>Evaluating an expression and then displaying the result.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><img src="image" alt="Plot of sin(x) from 0 to 10" /></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>p := plot(cos(x), x = 0..10)</code></td>
<td>Evaluating an expression and then assigning it to the name <em>p</em>. This does not display the plot. We just see PLOT(...) which is a sign that the value of <em>p</em> is a plot structure.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><img src="image" alt="Plot of cos(x) from 0 to 10" /></td>
<td>(8.7)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>p</code></td>
<td>Evaluating an expression -- just <em>p</em> -- causes the result (the plot) to be displayed. The value of assigning a plot to a variable is explained in the next example, which uses another Maple operation, <em>display</em>, to combine plots together.</td>
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<td><img src="image" alt="Plot of both sin(x) and cos(x) combined" /></td>
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The display function from the plots package takes as its first argument a list of plot structures. It will produce a plot structure that combines all the plots together. *display* is the way to get a multi-plot in a script without doing cutting and pasting of plots.
Someone we know has used a variant on LeastSquares Curve Fitting, to derive a formula with exponential functions in it that fits the data. We wish to plot both the data points and the formula on a single graph.

<table>
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<td>( \text{timeData} := [4.5, 5.5, 6.5, 7.5, 8.5, 9.5, 10, 10.5, 11, 11.5, 12, 12.5, 13] ) (8.8)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>( \text{tempData} := [58, 57.5, 57., 56, 55.5, 54, 53, 52, 51, 50, 49, 48.5, 48.5, 47.5, 47.5, 46, 45.5, 45] ) (8.9)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

\[ p1 := \text{plot}(\text{timeData}, \text{tempData}, \text{style} = \text{point}, \text{color} = \text{"red"}) \]

\( PLOT(...) \) (8.10)

\[ \text{formula} := 25.0 + 33.61425396 e^{0.00172329065 \times + 0.2777548079} \]

\[ 25.0 + 33.61425396 e^{-0.00172329065 \times + 0.2777548079} \] (8.11)

\[ p2 := \text{plot}(\text{formula}, t = \text{min}(\text{timeData})..\text{max}(\text{timeData}), \text{color} = \text{"blue"}) \]

\( PLOT(...) \) (8.12)

\[ \text{with(plots)} : \]

We load the plots package. Because we ended the line with a colon (:), the list of functions in the package is suppressed. In general, ending a line with a colon suppresses the normal output.

\[ \text{display}([p1, p2]) \]

display's argument must be a list of plot structures. This form of the operation will take all the plots and superimpose them together, as if they had been copied and pasted. This is the way to have a multi-plot in a script.
The plottools package has a number of functions that create plot structures. One of them, \texttt{line}, will draw a line segment with a specified color. You can look up the details by reading the on-line documentation of the plottools and clicking on the link for \texttt{line}.

We create a plot structure that is a green line segment running between the points (12,25), and (12, 58).

We can create a picture with the two plots and the vertical green line. This highlights the value of the curve at t=12 minutes.

\begin{verbatim}
vertLine := line([12, 25], [12, 58], color="green")
CURVES([[12, 25], [12, 58]], COLOUR(RGB, 0, 1.0000000, 0))
display([p1,p2,vertLine])
\end{verbatim}

8.4 plottools, lines, and other shapes

The plottools package has a number of functions that are useful for inclusion in visualizations (plots). For example, you can create a line segment of any desired color and line thickness with the \texttt{line} function.

One can then use the \texttt{display} function to merge together lines, plots, and other shapes.

The on-line documentation on plottools contains links to further description.
plottools: lines and other shapes: a frivolous drawing

We create a bit of "modern art" by drawing a circle and a point plot.

```maple
with(plots):

   [arc, arrow, circle, cone, cuboid, curve, cutout, cylinder, disk, dodecahedron, ellipse, ellipticArc, hemisphere, hexahedron, homothety, hyperbola, icosahedron, line, octahedron, parallelepiped, pietelse, point, polygon, project, rectangle, reflect, rotate, scale, semitorus, sphere, stellate, tetrahexahedron, torus, transform, translate] (8.14)

As the on-line documentation indicates, the first two arguments to `line` are lists indicating the coordinates of the starting point and ending point of the line segment. There are optional arguments that indicate color and line thickness, etc.

```maple
I1 := line([[0, 1], [1, 1]], color = "orange");
   CURVES([[0, 1], [1, 1]], COLOUR(RGB, 0.80000000, 0.19607843, 0.19607843)) (8.15)

   CURVES([[1, 1], [1, 2]], COLOUR(RGB, 0., 0., 1.0000000), THICKNESS(20)) (8.16)
```

We suppress printing of the plot structure CURVES(...) for c3 with a colon because it's long and we don't want to see it, we want to see the picture it describes. Note that Maple exposes its Canadian roots by using "colour".

```maple
with(plots):

One of the options to plot (and display) is to not show the axes. Another option is to indicate that the scaling should be constrained to be equivalent in both horizontal and vertical directions (to make the circle look like a circle). That gives us an unframed work of art!

```maple
display([I1, I2, c3, plot(2*exp(t), t = 0..2, style = point, symbol = circle, symbolsize = 30)], axes = none, scaling = constrained)
```
8.5 Mathematical models

Mathematical models try to describe a "real" situation in terms of equations and formulae. The point of modeling is to try, through mathematical or computational means, to determine what will happen without having to run experiments in the "real" situation. As Dr. Jay Brockman of the University of Notre Dame says in his book *Introduction to Engineering*:

Some engineering students have been fortunate enough to participate in pre-engineering programs such as the first LEGO(TM) League robotics design competition or American Society of Civil Engineering bridge-building contests. In addition to fostering creative problem-solving skills, such projects also introduce students to the important notion that seemingly good ideas don't always work out in practice. Often in such programs, students have ample opportunity to test and modify their designs before they formally evaluate them. If the design doesn't work, then like a sculptor working with clay, the designer adds something here or removes something there until the design is acceptable.

This cut-and-try methodology is also sometimes used in industry, particularly in circumstances where the design is simple, or where the risk or cost of failure is low. In many situations, however, there is no second chance in the event of failure. For engineering systems such as buildings, bridges, or airplanes -- top name just a few -- failure to meet specifications could mean a loss of life. For others -- such as the integrated circuit chip -- the cost of fabrication is so high that a company may not be able to afford a second chance. In these situations, it's critical for the engineering team to be highly confident that a design will be acceptable before it's built. To do this, engineers use models to predict the behavior of their designs. A model is an approximation to a real system, such that when actions are performed on the model, it will respond in a manner similar to the real system. Models can have many different forms, ranging from physical prototypes such as a crash-test dummy to complex computer simulations.

We can think of a mathematical model as a kind of virtual system... whose input is a set of variables that represent either aspects of the design or aspects of the environment, and whose output is a set of variables that represent the behavior of the system. In side is a set of mathematical relationships that describe the operation of the system.


The point of expressing a situation mathematically is to use mathematics and computation to better understand the situation. Usually we are given or derive a formulas that allow us to calculate key properties of entities in the system. For models involving only a few variables, this can involve the following kinds of actions:

1. Get a single number, by evaluating a formula or function.
2. Get a single number, by solving an equation.
3. Gain an understanding of a relationship between one or more entities of interest and the"input variables" by producing a formula.
4. Gain a visual understanding of the relationship by plotting a function, or possibly several plots merged together.

For example, in the pressure/temperature (page 87) the mathematical model is the formula that expresses the relationship between temperature and pressure. The formula was produced through a prior data-fitting computation (not shown in the example, but it took several steps and used CurveFitting[LeastSquares] eventually) -- computation type (3). We can use the relationship to calculate pressure given temperature through evaluating the formula -- computation type (1). We can use solve to find the temperature corresponding to a specified pressure -- computation type (2). We can see the exponential nature of the relationship, and how well the formula fits the data by plotting the point plot of the data and the plot of the formula together -- computation type (4).
8.6 Drawing x-y position as a function of time through parameterized plots

In simulation, the mathematical model can sometimes describe the position of a system entity as a function of time. If the entity's position is two dimensional, then we have two functions, often called $x(t)$ and $y(t)$. We can generate a plot of position for various values of $t$ with a special form of `plot`.

```
plot( [x-position expression, y-position expression, var = low..high], plot options)
```

will draw a two dimensional graph connecting the (x,y) points traced out for the values of the expression as the variable var takes on values between low and high.
Examples of plots where the x and y positions are expressions parameterized by \( t \).

\[
x_{\text{pos}} := (t) \rightarrow 3 \cos(t) \\
y_{\text{pos}} := (t) \rightarrow 2 \sin(t)
\]

We do this plot with the horizontal and vertical axes using equivalent scaling. If we don't do this, the ellipse will look more like a circle.

**Example 2**

In this example, we have parameterized expressions for an object shot out of a cannon with horizontal velocity 10 feet/second and vertical velocity 10 feet/second minus the acceleration due to gravity.

\[
x_{\text{pos}2} := (t) \rightarrow 10 \cdot t \\
y_{\text{pos}2} := (t) \rightarrow 10 \cdot t - \frac{32 \cdot t^2}{2}
\]

\[
\text{plot}([x_{\text{pos}2}(t), y_{\text{pos}2}(t), t = 0 \ldots 5], \text{scaling} = \text{constrained}, \text{color} = \text{"blue"}, \text{labels} = ["x","y"])
\]
8.7 Animations (movies) using animate

To the four computational modeling operations of the previous section, we add a new one:

5. Gain an understanding of a relationship of how a system changes over time. If, given a value for time t, we can calculate the interesting properties of the entity (e.g. its position, velocity, weight, size, color, etc.), then we can simulate that entity as it changes during a period of time. In some cases we can better understand those changes by producing a computer-generation animation (movie) of it.

The *animate* operation of the *plots* package has this general form:

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**Example**

The function that produces a plot, can be plot itself:

```
animate(plot,[f], [t^2], style=point, color="Purple", t=0..10)
```

This produces a movie of a point moving through the points (0,0), (.1, .01), (.2, .04), etc, up to (10, 100).
Creating an animation of a moving object

An object shot in the air at a 45 degree angle at a speed of 50 feet per second has its (x,y) position described by the following formulae:

\[
x(t) = 50 \cdot \sin\left( \frac{\pi}{4} \right) t
\]

\[
y(t) = 50 \cdot \cos\left( \frac{\pi}{4} \right) t - 16 t^2
\]

Draw an animation that shows a point moving according to these rules, for t=0 to t=2.

Solution

We define some functions for position as given by the problem.

\[
x := \{ t \rightarrow 50 \cdot \sin\left( \frac{\pi}{4} \right) t \}
\]

\[
y := \{ t \rightarrow 50 \cdot \cos\left( \frac{\pi}{4} \right) t - 16 t^2 \}
\]

We create the function that animate wants. Given \( t \) as input, it draws a point plot of a circle at the desired position.

\[ posPlot := \{ t \rightarrow \text{plot}([x(t)], [y(t)], \text{style} = \text{point}, \text{symbol} = \text{circle}) \} \]

\[ t \rightarrow \text{plot}([x(t)], [y(t)], \text{style} = \text{plottools\text{-}point}, \text{symbol} = \text{plottools\text{-}circle}) \]

Now we invoke animate with this function.

\[ \text{with(plots) : animate(posPlot, [t, t = 0 \ldots 2])} \]

Clicking on this plot will bring up the animation tool bar, described in the next section. The tool bar can be used to play the animation.
8.8 Controlling animations with the animation tool bar

Clicking on the animation will display animation controls on top of the Maple tool bar (see Figure 6.7.2.1 below). This provides a graphical user interface to control animation playback. With the controls, one can, among other things,

1. Start playing the animation.
2. Stop the animation.
3. Display only a particular frame, "frozen".
4. Control the number of frames per second it plays.
5. Set it to play once or continually repeat in a loop.

The controls are highly similar to video playback controls such as found in on popular internet sites (e.g. You Tube), so we won't discuss them at length here. See Graphics->Animation->Animation Toolbar under the Table of Contents of the on-line Maple help.

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Right-clicking on the animation will also produce a menu of operations that provide an alternative for controlling the animation.

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8.9 Another example of animation

Problem
A boy throws a ball straight up in the air with an initial velocity of 15 miles per hour. Once released, the ball's position is described by the function \[ x(t) = v_0 t - \frac{1}{2} g t^2 \], where \( v_0 \) is the initial velocity, and \( g \) is the force of gravity, \( g = -\frac{32 \text{ feet}}{\text{sec}^2} \).

(a) How many seconds does the ball stay in the air? (b) Generate an animation that shows the ball's motion. \( t \) should be measured in seconds, and position in feet from ground level. Assume that the ball starts at 0 feet altitude even though this would be a bit unrealistic for a boy to do unless he was standing in a pit!

(c) Use the animation to determine roughly when the maximum altitude is, and what that altitude is.

(d) Find how fast the initial velocity should be so that the ball goes up over 30 feet.

Solution
First convert 15 miles per hour into a velocity in feet per second.

\[ v_0 := \text{convert}(15, \text{units}, \frac{\text{miles}}{\text{hour}}, \frac{\text{feet}}{\text{second}}) \]

\[ 22 \quad (8.24) \]

Define the gravitational constant

\[ g := -32 \]

\[ -32 \quad (8.25) \]

Next, define the function for position.

\[ x := (t) \rightarrow v_0 t + \frac{g t^2}{2} \]

\[ t \rightarrow v_0 t + \frac{1}{2} g t^2 \quad (8.26) \]

Doing a rough plot of position versus time shows us roughly when the ball will hit the ground. We guess that it might take three seconds.
Oh, that's too much. The answer seems to be about 1.4 seconds, but we can use `solve` to come up with an exact value.

\[ \text{solve}(0 = x(t), t) \]

\[ 0, \frac{11}{8} \]  \hspace{1cm} (8.27)

There are actually two solutions -- the obvious one is when \( t=0 \) and the ball hasn't yet been thrown.

To get the larger one, we compose the `max` function with `solve`.

\[ \text{flightTime} := \max(\text{solve}(x(t) = 0, t)) \]

\[ \frac{11}{8} \]  \hspace{1cm} (8.28)

This answers part (a) of the problem.

We verify our computation by evaluating \( x \) at that time and finding that the position of the ball really is at altitude 0.

\[ x(\text{flightTime}) \]

\[ 0 \]  \hspace{1cm} (8.29)

Now we need to make the movie. We need to create a function which for time \( t \), draws a point at the coordinate \((0, x(t))\). To illustrate what we mean, let’s compute the position of the ball at \( t=1 \) second.

\[ x(1.0) \]

\[ 6.00000000 \]  \hspace{1cm} (8.30)

We want the ball to be at position \((0,6)\). A plot command that would do this would be:
Similarly, at $t=.5$, the ball's position would be at $x(0.5)$:

$$\text{plot}([0], [x(0.5)], \text{style} = \text{point}, \text{color} = \text{red}, \text{symbol} = \text{circle}, \text{symbolsize} = 30)$$

Evidently $x(0.5)$ is 7.

We create a user-defined function that creates a plot structure as a result.

$$\text{ballFrame} := (t) \rightarrow \text{plot}([0], [x(t)], \text{style} = \text{point}, \text{color} = \text{red}, \text{symbol} = \text{circle}, \text{symbolsize} = 30)$$

$$t \rightarrow \text{plot}([0], [x(t)], \text{style} = \text{point}, \text{color} = \text{red}, \text{symbol} = \text{circle}, \text{symbolsize} = 30)$$  \hspace{1cm} (8.31)$$

Let's try this out for $t=.5$ and see if we get the same result.
We can now use this function with `animate`. Note that we needed `flightTime` in order to describe how long the movie runs. If we did more or less than that, then the ball wouldn't have landed, or would be shown as going below ground level.

```
with(plots):

animate(ballFrame, [t], t = 0..flightTime)
```

This answers part (b) of the problem.

By playing the movie, we see that the maximum altitude is about 7.5 feet, at time $t=0.687$ seconds.

This answers part (c) of the problem.

To answer part (d), we need to do more programming. We first modify the plot so that it draws a line segment at 30 feet as well as plotting the position of the ball. We use the `line` function of the plottools package discussed in an ?? to draw a line segment at (-5,30) to (5,30), and to color it green:
height := 30

with(plottools):

pLine := line([-5, height], [5, height], color = "green")

CURVES([[ -5., 30.], [5., 30.]], COLOUR(RGB, 0., 1.00000000, 0.))

The display function can be used to combine this line with a frame of the movie. Here is an example of this:

with(plots):

display([ballFrame(0.5), pLine])

The automatic scaling of plot chops off the vertical distance between 6 feet and 0 because there is nothing in this frame that needs that. In the animation, the scale is adjusted so that all frames operate in the same axes.

Now we can create a new user-defined function that plots both the line and the ball.

ballWithLine := (t) -> display([ballFrame(t), pLine])

t->plots:-display([ballFrame(t), pLine])

To look at the behavior of the ball at a particular velocity, we can now execute a two line script, consisting of assigning v0 to the desired initial velocity, and then the operation that draws the movie.

v0 := convert(15, units, miles/hour, feet/second)
As we already have seen, \( v0 = 22 \) is not fast enough. We set it higher and recalculate the movie:

\[ v0 := 50 \]

(8.36)

\[
\text{animate}(\text{ballWithLine}, [t], t = 0 .. \max(\text{solve}(x(t) = 0, t)))
\]

That was too high. Let's try 40.

\[ v0 := 40 \]

(8.37)

\[
\text{animate}(\text{ballWithLine}, [t], t = 0 .. \max(\text{solve}(x(t) = 0, t)))
\]

Too low. Let's try 45
\( v_0 := 45 \)

\[ 45 \]

\( \text{animate}(\text{ballWithLine}, [t], t = 0..\text{solve}(x(t) = 0, t)) \)

So 45 feet per second seems to be about right. We could get a more precise determination through movie-watching, but for high accuracy we should use more mathematics. In a subsequent chapter, we will introduce additional Maple operations that can calculate the velocity exactly (or a close approximation) without the trial-and-error of movie watching. Having the movies did give us a better understanding of the phenomenon.

8.10 Exporting animations and non-animated plots

One operation available in the popup menu is Export. Right-click (or control-click) -> Export -> Graphics Interchange Format will produce an animation file in .gif format. As the animation file is being created, a dialog box will appear asking you to specify the directory where the .gif file should be written. Once created, the file can be included on web pages or other documents.

This feature is also available for ordinary (non-animated) plots. Right-clicking (control-click for Macintosh) will create a file of the plot in .gif, .jpeg, or .ps format. However, .gif file is the only format of the three that is supported by web browsers for animations.

Exporting animations through the pop-up menu
## 8.11 Summary of Chapter 8

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| Using a colon after a with command still includes the package but suppresses the output. | with(plots) : |

### The LeastSquares function

The `LeastSquares` function produces a best-fit line using the least squares technique. Input two sets of data and the function will produce the equation of the best-fit line.

```plaintext
pData := [134.2, 142.5, 155.0, 159.8, 171.1, 184.2];

[134.2, 142.5, 155.0, 159.8, 171.1, 184.2] (8.42)

tData := [0, 20.1, 39.8, 60.0, 79.9, 100.3];

[0, 20.1, 39.8, 60.0, 79.9, 100.3] (8.43)

pressureFormula := LeastSquares(tData, pData, t)

133.5000490 + 0.4858370741 * t (8.44)
```
Combining plots and shapes using display

Supplying the `display` function with a list of two or more plots will cause those plots to be plotted on top of one another.

We can save a plot in a variable to display later. Marking a specific value on the plot can be accomplished using the `line` or `circle` function.

Parameterized plots

For plots that may have values corresponding to 2d positions, we use multiple functions to define both \( x(t) \) and \( y(t) \).

We put these functions in a list, along with the range of the independent variable \( t \), and plot.
### Animating plots using animate

| **Creating an animation** | $x := (t) \rightarrow 50 \cdot \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) t ;$
| | $y := t \rightarrow 50 \cos\left(\frac{1\pi}{4}\right) t - 16 t^2 ;$
| | $posPlot := (t) \rightarrow plot([x(t)], [y(t)], style = point, symbol = circle) ;$
| | `animate(posPlot, [t], t = 0 .. 2);`

| **Controlling the animation using the animation tool bar or the animation popup menu** | The animation tool bar is located above the workspace window, while the popup menu can be displayed by right-clicking the animation.

| **Exporting an animation to a graphics file** | Right click animation>Export>Graphics Interchange Format |
9 Moving into programming

9.1 Chapter Overview

The interactive document interface that we've worked with so far is good for quick development of calculations involving a few steps. Because feedback occurs after each step entered, this style of working is often the fastest way of getting such short calculations done. We've also seen how the effort to develop a script can be made to yield greater payback by finding and exploiting situations that require re-use, by editing parameters of a script and re-executing it.

In our previous work, we've executed a script by the following process:

a) Setting up the values needed for the parameters assigned at the beginning of the script.

b) Positioning the mouse cursor on the first line of the script and hitting return (or enter) repeatedly, or selecting the entire script with the mouse, and then executing it all with Edit->Execute->Selection. With longer scripts or extensive re-execution, this process becomes laborious even if we are saving a lot of time by having the computer do the work.

In this chapter, we introduce a new way of entering and executing scripts: code edit regions. While such regions make it more convenient to work and execute blocks of Maple instructions, the programmer must enter things using the textual version of Maple expressions and operations. With code edit regions, the programmer must also work harder to see how the state of the computation is changing during the computation, rather than only looking at the final output. This is because if the final result is wrong, the programmer must find at what point in the script mistakes (called program bugs) occur. Work with code edit regions often requires adding print or printf statements into the script to better see changes in variables and intermediate results.

Being able to work with longer scripts conveniently also allows us to solve more complicated problems. But keeping all the ideas in your head for what you want to do on the computer becomes too error-prone as you start dealing with more complicated tasks. The programmer takes on two kinds of work -- the plan for how to solve the problem, and the coding where the plan is communicated to the computer in a programming language. Despite Maple's powerful repertoire of functions (e.g. "solve" or "fit data"), it is often the case that the steps of a plan can require several Maple actions to implement. It is often productive to outline a solution before writing the details of the code. The outline (as well explanations of any tricky details of the code) can be included in the code edit region by including program comments. Furthermore, all the details of the plan need not be made in one fell swoop. A programmer can in comment form create a broad outline for a solution and then progressively refine it, similar to how an author uses outlining to create a paper or report.

Once a good outline has been developed, the programmer can proceed to develop the code incrementally, adding a line or two of code at a time, running the entire region and checking that it works as far as it goes, and then proceeding onto another few lines. The alternative to incremental development -- typing in the entire solution and then trying to fix its problems -- is much more time consuming because of the difficulties in finding the cause of problems when there are many possible culprits for a bug.

9.2 More on printing: print, printf and sprintf

print is a function that takes a sequence of values as arguments, and returns NULL (first introduced in ???) as a result. Its use is in its side effect -- it causes the sequence of values to be displayed in the worksheet in two dimensional format. print is used to provide more intelligible displays of information by providing words to go along with quantities or formulas that are computed. The words, of course, are provided by including strings as part of the sequence.
### Use of print

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<td><code>print(&quot;This list presents some values of the function &quot;, \exp(x))</code>,</td>
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<td><code>print &quot;. The last element of the list is &quot;, L[-1]);</code></td>
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| "This list presents some values of the function ", $e^\frac{-1}{10.0}$
  
  * The last element of the list is*. 0.7408182207               | (9.1)      |
| `print("There are ", nops(L),
  " elements in this list. The largest value is", max(L))` |            |
| "There are ", 3, " elements in this list. The largest value is", 0.9048374180 | (9.2)      |

`printf` returns NULL (first introduced in ???) as its result, and is used primarily for its side effect of causing information to be displayed in the worksheet. The first item in the sequence is a string that contains ordinary words plus special format codes that begin with `%`. ??? summarizes the commonly used the format codes. The on-line documentation for `printf` describes all format codes comprehensively. Some of them allow for quite intricate effects such as right or left justification, padding with leading or trailing zeroes, etc.

### Use of printf

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<td><code>printf(&quot;The last element of the list is %f&quot;, L[-1])</code></td>
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<td>The last element of the list is 0.800000.</td>
<td>(9.3)</td>
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| `printf("There are %d elements in this list. The largest is %e", nops(L),
  max(L))`                         |            |
| There are 4 elements in this list. The largest is 9.048374e-01.     | (9.4)      |
| `printf("The last element is %e ", L[-1]); printf("\nThe largest is %e", nops(L),
  max(L));`                       |            |
| L has 4 elements. The largest is 9.048374e-01.                       | (9.5)      |

Note that a printf statement does not automatically cause the output on a new line. Thus, several printf statements executed together as these are will have all the output on a single line.
### Example

**printf("There are %d elements in this list. The largest is %d", nops(L), max(L));**  
There are 4.000000 elements in this list. The largest is **Error, (in printf) integer expected for integer format**  

**printf("%d", L)**  
Error, (in printf) number expected for floating point format  

**printf("%a", L)**  
[.9048374180, .8187307531, .7408182207, 4/5]  

### Commentary

If you attempt to use %f format on an integer, or %d format on a number that is not an integer, you will get incorrect values (with no warning that they are incorrect), or possibly an error message. Let the user beware; the computer isn't going to necessary save you from making a mistake.

You can't print a list of floating point numbers using just %f format.

The %a format will handle arbitrary numerical or non-numeric values. The value being printed out is a list, which is a "non-numeric value" because it isn't a single number. However, the output uses the textual format rather than the "pretty" format used by print.

**sprintf** is like **printf** in that its first argument is a string with format codes, and the rest of its arguments are values to be formatted. However, unlike **printf** it does not print (display) any information, it returns a string which is the formatted information instead. This is useful for users that need to take the formatted information and use them in other ways.

#### Use of sprintf

```maple
L := [exp(-1), exp(-2), exp(-1.5), exp(-2.7)]:
message := sprintf("plot of x versus exp(-x), using %d points", nops(L))
   "plot of x versus exp(-x), using 4 points"
plot([-1, -2, -1.5, -2.7], L, style = point, title = message)
```

We set up a list of data points. Using sprintf, we create a string. The %d format is used to insert the number of points into the message.

We need the string to put a title onto our pointplot. You can read more about the **title**= argument to pointplot by entering plot,options in Maple's on-line help.
### Common formatting codes for `printf` and `sprintf`

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| `%a`        | `printf("The answer is: \%a", x=x^2+1)`<br>
The answer is: x = x^2+1 | Algebraic format. Works for any type of value. The value is printed out in a format suitable for textual input. |
| `%f`        | `printf("The answer is: \%f", L[1])`<br>
The answer is: 0.000905 | Fixed format for floating point numbers. `w` and `d` are optional. If given, `w` describes the number of columns for the entire number, and `d` the number of columns for the number after the decimal point. Values will be converted to floats where possible. |
| `%w.df`     | `printf("The answer is: \%w.df", x=x^2+1)`<br>
The answer is: | |
| `%e`        | `printf("The answer is: \%e", L[1])`<br>
9.095277e-03 | Scientific format for floating point numbers. `w` and `d` are optional. If given, `w` describes the number of columns for the entire number, and `d` the number of columns for the number after the decimal point. If `w` is wider than the number of digits required, then it is filled out with leading white space. Values will be converted to floats where possible. |
9.3 For the curious: why printf is so cryptic

The format codes for `printf` are a "programming language within a programming language" in that they describe in extremely abbreviated form how the computer should output values. The style used for format codes is very much unlike the rest of Maple, in that brevity rather than readability seems to be the criterion used to design this portion of the language. A language for science and engineering popular starting in the middle of the twentieth century was Fortran, which had formatting that was similar in approach but was much different in syntax. Given your knowledge of Maple (and English), the intent of the program is fairly obvious: it will print There were 3 values, and the answer was 4.7.

A Fortran program that demonstrates formatted printing

```fortran
n = 3
x = 4.7
print (*,35) n,x
35 format('There were',i2,' values, and the answer was',f5.2, ',')
stop
end
```
The design of printf can be explained by the fact that Maple's printf is a close imitation of the printf found in the programming language C (popular with many programmers at the time Maple was invented in the '80s, and still popular among computer engineers and scientists doing device programming). Matlab, being invented in the same era, also has a printf function of highly similar design. Imitation makes it easier to transfer programming skill from one language to another. This leads us to observe that the inventors of programming languages will tend to imitate unless they have a goal or insight that justifies a difference. Programming languages designed by skillful designers do not introduce arbitrary differences without a good cause. When you notice similarities between languages, take it as a recognition that many people liked that style of doing things, across many different kinds of programmers and kinds of problems. When you notice a difference between languages, you should explore the reasons why the designers made different choices. Usually there is a problem or issue that the designer is trying to handle better by being different from the rest of the pack. This knowledge leads to greater appreciation of the way a language does things.

9.4 Code edit regions: executing a series of actions at once

We have seen that even some of the easiest technical calculations break down into a series of operations, chained together. Realizing that we will typically need the computer to perform a "series of operations" is the motivation for making the transition to programming, where execution of many operations in a block is typical.

The Maple document interface that we have been using so far easily supports calculations where the user prompts to computer to do a series of steps by positioning the cursor at the first operation and then hitting return (or enter) repeatedly. We now introduce a second way to enter instructions and have them executed as a block. This alternative is often easier to work with when you have a few dozen instructions and will want to execute them all in a chain.

One can open a text field in the Maple document where one can enter a series of instructions. To do this, position your cursor where you want the text field to appear in the document, and with the mouse perform Insert->Code Edit Region

Once the field has been created, you can type the textual version of the Maple instructions you want executed. Each instruction (commonly referred to as a statement) must be separated by either a semi-colon, or a colon. If the statement ends in a semi-colon, then its value will be printed during execution of the region. If the statement ends in a colon, then printing of its value will be suppressed just as it is in operation of documents.
Once all the instructions have been entered, you can run them all in a series by typing control-e (command-e on Macintosh), or by entering right-click->Execute Region (on Macintosh, control-click->Execute Region). The results for each statement will appear below the region in blue, except for the statements whose printing is suppressed by a colon.

Any portion of a line that begins with a "#" is a program comment. The rest of the line is regarded by Maple as something that people will read, not an instruction to be performed by the computer. Typically what appears after the # is commentary written in English (or whatever language is convenient for communication with the intended audience) that helps explain/remind human readers what a segment of code is about. As you read programs with comments, you will see that some programmers are " chattier" than others. This is because they feel that their intended reading audience needs more explanation.

In professionally written code, you will often see comments at the beginning of the region that give an overview of what the code region does, the name of the author(s), and the date of creation/modification. Professional organizations often mandate a particular style and content for such "header" comments, so that it will be easy to find information about any code written by several programmers working on a single project.

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| # Figure 11.1.1
#initialize variables
i := 1;
val := .3; #evaluation point
term := (val^i)/i!; # a term to compute
print("term is", term); #message
s := term; #s has a copy of the term
tol := 10e-7; #A small value. |
| Segments of lines that begin with # are regarded as program comments (for the program reader's eyes), not operations for Maple to carry out. |
| The results in blue are displayed after we position the cursor in the code edit region and type control-E (command-E on Macintosh), or enter Execute Code Region via the clickable menu. |
| Result of first assignment (to i) |
| Result of assignment to val. |
| Result of assignment to term. |
| Result of calling the print function. |
| Result of assignment to s. |
| Result of assignment to tol. |

The code region will develop a scroll bar if the amount of text entered exceeds the size of the window. The size of the field can be adjusted by right click->Component Properties, and then modifying the integers listed for the width and height.

**Enlarging a code Region window by changing component properties via the clickable menu**
# Figure 11.1.1
# Initialize variables
i := 1;
val := .3; # evaluation point
term := (val^i)/i; # a term to compute
print(“term is”, term); # message
s := term; # s has a copy of the term
tol := 10e-7; # A small value.
The "Collapse Code Edit Region" menu item of the clickable menu will reduce the entire window to an icon. If the first line of the region is a program comment, it will be listed to the right of the icon. Clicking on the code icon will execute the code within.

### A collapsed code edit region

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<td>We collapsed the region by positioning the cursor in the code region window, and then entering right click-&gt; Collapse Code Edit Region. Note that the comment on the first line becomes displayed next to the code edit icon.</td>
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## 9.5 Turning intentions into code

More complicated problems or longer computations requires a planning phase before any programming is done. Once the plan has been developed, the programmer then goes about the business of writing the actions described in the plan in the programming language being used. This business of translating intentions into instructions in a language a computer can understand is called **coding**, or **writing program code**. In concrete terms for this course, what this means is that the problems we will be working on will need some planning before anything is written in Maple. As with all plans, it is beneficial to be able to see how well the plan is going to work (i.e. to **evaluate the plan**) and fix/polish it before moving to the coding phase.

The purpose of programming languages is to express a solution to the computer. They are not ideal languages for people to think in to develop the outline of a solution.
9.6 Making code easier to read and understand

As has been mentioned, an important part of training for a programmer is to make code easier to reuse, since reuse allows the cost of writing the program to be amortized over more invocations of it. Part of reuse is allowing others to understand what they should do with the code, or to allow yourself to more quickly recall the details of what you were doing when you return to a program after a few weeks or months away from it. This kind of reuse is helped by making certain stylistic choices in how you write the code. Here are some ideas:

1. Use mnemonic variable names -- names that suggest what the variable's purpose is. This is different from the variable naming practices of the "mathematics culture", which is to use symbols of one letter in length, e.g. x, i, α. The reason for the difference in practices is that it is relatively easy to keep track of the purpose of variables if the expression is only one line long, as is typical in elementary mathematics. Even elementary programs however consist of many lines. A first-year student's program might be a dozen or even 100 lines, using ten or twenty variables. Remembering what they all do becomes too hard without reminders.

2. Invent and use user-defined functions to encapsulate common operations. Reusing a name two or more times has advantages beyond not doing so much typing. It allows the reader to see quickly that you are doing the "same thing as before" instead of something subtly or radically different.

3. Mnemonically name functions. If the function has a name that describes what is doing (e.g. "plotCoolingFunction" instead of "f") then it becomes even easier for the reader to understand/recall what the function is intended to do even the first time that they read about it.

4. Blank lines are usually used to indicate the natural conceptual divisions between different groups of instructions. For example, the first few instructions establishing initial values of variables might be separated by a few blank lines from the rest of the instructions which establish the main body of work, which in turn may be separated by the "finishing up" instructions.

5. Indentation is used for indicating nuances of control, such as the extent of code blocks that are repeated. We will discuss indentation more in the next chapter where the kind of code that benefits from it is first discussed.

9.7 Troubleshooting common errors in entry

New kinds of errors and warnings can appear in code regions, due primarily to the new requirement that statements be separated by semi-colons and colons. Trying to enter too many lines at once before testing what you have so far can make older errors appear more mysterious.

Example

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<tr>
<td>a := sin(3.5 + cos( Pi/2) ;</td>
<td>The error message indicates that a semi-colon was not expected where Maple scanned it. This is typically semi-colons can appear only at the end of a complete Maple statement. This message typically indicates that something went wrong in what was entered before the semi-colon. Edit the code region to make the statement correct, and re-execute the region.</td>
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<td>Error, <code>;</code> unexpected</td>
<td>The problem here is a missing parentheses ). To fix this, you'd put a closing ) after the &quot;3.5&quot;, and then re-execute the region with a control-e(or command-e).</td>
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<tr>
<td>(Above region with fixes)</td>
<td>This is only a warning, and executing this region does perform the computation correctly.</td>
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<tr>
<td>a := sin(3.5) + cos( Pi/2) ;</td>
<td>If we add another line without a semi-colon between, we get just an error. Both lines are messed up because Maple needs an explicit separator between the statements. Just putting the next instruction on another line is not enough.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Warning, inserted missing semicolon at end of statement</td>
<td>If you try to enter several lines at once before entering, you have the additional problem of figuring out which line the mistake occurred on. In this case, you have to decide which of the two semi-colons was unexpected.</td>
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<tr>
<td>-0.3507832277</td>
<td>Fortunately, you can sometimes get some help if you are observant -- the cursor will often flash on the line where the problem is first noticed (the first line in this case).</td>
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<td>a := sin(3.5) + cos( Pi/2) ;</td>
<td>There's both a missing closing parentheses and a missing semi-colon here. The symptom is that there is a warning message (which isn't necessarily a sign of trouble, but is here), plus the fact that you are expecting a value to be printed from the computation but just see a red &quot;&gt;&quot; with no numeric output.</td>
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<td>b := cos(3.5) + sin( Pi/2) ;</td>
<td>Fixing both problems and re-executing the region will produce the correct result.</td>
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9.8 The "outline approach" for developing a solution in a code region.

Many students learn to write a report through the "outline method". See for example, http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/544/02/. The outline method suggests that the way to proceed goes roughly like this:

1. After considering what you would like to say, create the major sections for your content, and put them into an order that makes sense.

2. Refine each section, by adding subsections that group the major points of each section. Put the subsections in an order that will make sense to the reader.

3. Continue in this way to create subsubsections, etc. until the level of detail is small enough that you can see an easy writing task for each segment in your outline

The final version of the report will keep the content organized in this way. This kind of refinement can make it easier to keep things well-organized and coherent at each level of detail. It also helps avoid getting lost in the fine details.

Code development using this style has the initial outline written as program comments. Only when the subpoints or subsubpoints can be expressed straightforwardly as something the programmer finds easy to code (or one line of code) does the writing turn from writing comments into writing of code.

This makes commenting something you do even before you are completely certain as to what you will do. It's a lot easier to change comments than it is to redo the details of code that has already been written. Having the plan description included into the code region means that you do not have to jump between pieces of paper and the Maple worksheet to check whether the plan is being followed by the code.

A problem to solve

(From Sullivan, Pre-calculus, p. 342)

A fast-food restaurant wants a special container to hold coffee. The restaurant wishes the container to quickly cool the coffee from 200 °F to 130 °F as quickly as possible, and keep the liquid between 110 °F and 130 °F (optimal drinking temperature) as long as possible. The restaurant has three containers to select from. (a) The CentiKeeper Company has a container that reduces the temperature of a liquid from 200 °F to 100 °F in 30 minutes by maintaining a constant temperature of 70 °F. (b) The Temp Control Company has a container that reduces the temperature of a liquid from 200 °F to 100 °F in 25 minutes by maintaining a constant temperature of 60 °F. (c) The Hot'n'Cold Company has a container that reduces the temperature of a liquid from 200 to 120 °F in 20 minutes by maintaining a constant temperature of 65 °F. How long does it take each container to lower the coffee temperature from 200 °F to 130 °F? How long will the coffee temperature remain between 110 °F and 130 °F?
Using the method we suggest, we would first create a code region that has only comments, giving the basic outline of what we would do. In this situation, it would also be good to create a preface describing the problem. In Maple, we could just place the description as ordinary text before the code region with the comments.

We think about what we would do and realize that these questions can be answered by doing the "heating and cooling equation" calculations we've seen. Such equations typically require finding a "heating constant" used in an exponential formula, and then solving an one or more equations for t.

**Initial code outline to solve the problem**

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#Define shared parameters for problem

#Define parameters for each company

#Answer the questions for CentiKeeper

#Answer the questions for Temp Control

#Answer the questions for Hot'n'Cold

Each of these steps needs to be fleshed out a bit more before we can start writing lines of code. We don't have to flesh out things starting from the beginning, we can add more details to the outline in any appealing order. In this case, we talk about how to answer the questions for CentiKeeper, using the solution process discussed in the outline approach as a model for the computation. We still have only comments, not code. We can use two ##s at the start of the line (which, since it begins with a #, is still regarded as a comment) to indicate that the comment is at a lower level than before.
Next step of refinement for code outline

```
# Define shared parameters for problem
# Define parameters for each company

# Answer the questions for CentiKeeper
  ## Find the heating constant k1 for CentiKeeper
  ## Substitute the constant into the heating equation.
  ## Find the value of t such that the heat equation
  ## produces 130 degrees.
  ## Find the value of t such that the heat equation
  ## produces 110 degrees.
  ## Compute the difference, print out the answer.

# Answer the questions for Temp Control

# Answer the questions for Hot'n'Cold
```

The general heating formula we're going to use is \( u(t) = T + (u_0 - T)e^{kt} \). \( u_0 \) is the initial temperature, and T is "room temperature". \( k \) is the heating constant. We realize that there are other entities too which we give mathematical names to: \( \tau \), a period of time elapsed after the start, and \( N \), the temperature of the liquid in the cup after \( \tau \) minutes has elapsed. We will use different \( u_0, T, \tau, N \) and \( k \) for each company. We will give different names to the programming variables that we will use for each company, rather than trying to re-use the symbols several times.

We can flesh out the outline further with these decisions.
Next step of refinement for code outline

```plaintext
# Define shared parameters for problem
## There are no shared parameters

# Define parameters for each company
## u01, T1, k1, tau1, N1 for CentiKeeper
## u02, T2, k2, tau2, N2 for Temp Control
## u03, T3, k3, tau3, N3 for Hot’n’Cold

# Answer the questions for CentiKeeper
## Find the heating constant k1 for CentiKeeper
## Substitute the constant into the heating equation.
## Find the value of t such that the heat equation produces 130 degrees.
## Find the value of t such that the heat equation produces 110 degrees.
## Compute the difference, print out the answer.

# Answer the questions for Temp Control
## Do the same thing as we did for CentiKeeper, only use the variables we have for Temp Control

# Answer the questions for Hot’n’Cold
## Do the same thing as we did for CentiKeeper, only use the variables we have for Hot’n’Cold
```

We still haven't written any code, but we are about ready to do that. First however, we should learn a few more "tricks" to efficient code development.

### 9.9 Debugging's most crucial skill: identify the first line of code where things go wrong

The *execution trace* of a code region is the output that results from executing each line of a block of code in a region. Full execution traces can be created only after the syntax errors have been removed from the code region so that the region can be executed without any error messages. Removing error messages is only the beginning to the work, however. The code you write may still have mistakes in it -- the instructions you give may make grammatical sense, but be the wrong actions to solve the problem. A mistake in code is often called a *bug*, and removing mistakes from code is called *debugging* it. Programmers spend a lot of time debugging, usually because getting something new to work is difficult. Any ideas, approaches, or strategies for making debugging less difficult are usually welcomed by programmers.
Using an execution code trace to find a bug in a short code block

```plaintext
# Define parameters for each company
# \( u_{01}, T_1, k_1, \tau_1, N_1 \) for CentiKeeper

u_{01} := 200;
T_1 = 70;
N_1 := 100;
\tau_1 := 30;
```

![Execution Trace]

After creating the code region and entering the lines, we get the execution trace -- the lines in blue -- by clicking on the code edit region and typing either control-e (command-e for Macintosh), or entering right-click->Execute Code. Each line in blue corresponds to result of execution of a line of code.

A major difference between executing a script interactively in a document, and in a code edit region, is that execution trace for interactive execution occurs intermingled with the lines of code, while with code regions the execution trace occurs after the listing of all the lines of the block.

Programmers debugging code inspect execution traces to mistakes in their programming. They try to find the first line of code where things go wrong. While the cause of that "buggy result" may lie in something that happened even earlier, it is certain that the first program bug did not happen later. Knowing the first buggy line of the execution trace typically reduces the number of lines of code that must be inspected for the mistake, since the error must have occurred in the code at or before the line that generated the "bad output".

In the execution trace above, we see that the first line of output is consistent with the \( u_{01} := 200; \) line of code -- the value of the assigned variable is printed out. We can see immediately that the \( T_1 = 70; \) line looks different than the others, which were just numbers from the assignments. Looking at the code, we see that there is a difference between the second line of code (excluding comments) and the others -- there is an "=" rather than a ":=". We have used the execution trace to discover a mistake we have made in a line of code -- that line should really be \( T_1 := 70 \).

### 9.10 Using print and printf to elaborate the execution trace

Sometimes the execution trace does not provide enough information to discover a bug. For that reason, programmers sometimes rely on placing `print` or `printf` statements in code regions just before steps that they want to look at. Usually the statements that do the printing output a message that includes not just values of variables, but what variables they are, and other information that makes it easier to identify which line of code out of many in the code block is doing the printing.

Continuing the example above, we enter more lines of code and begin to execute what we have. We ran into problems where some of the variables got mangled from bugs in previous executions of the code region. So we place a "restart" at the beginning to make sure that we unassign all variables before we begin execution again, leaving only the assignments made this time around.

We put in a `printf` statement to make it clear what we're solving for, before we solve it. We do this because we know (from previous efforts working with this kind of problem) that solving this "heat equation" can be tricky.
We see a lot of gibberish after awhile, but our attention turns to the "Solving for 70+130*exp(30*k1)" and the next line of the execution trace, which we infer from its placement is the result assigned to k1soln. It appears to be an imaginary number (because it has an "I" in it), which is definitely not the right kind of value for a cooling constant.

Looking again at the printf output, we see that what we're solving for is wrong -- according to the math we should be solving the equation 100 = 70 + 130 · e^{30·k1}. We use these insights (which come only after we understand what we would be doing by hand with this calculation), to rework the code region so that it sets up an equation that uses the "N1" information.
# Define parameters for each company
## $u_01$, $T_1$, $k_1$, $\tau_1$, $N_1$ for CentiKeeper
restart;  # Unassign variables from previous executions
$u_01$ := 200;
$T_1$ := 70;
$N_1$ := 100;
$\tau_1$ := 30;
## $u_02$, $T_2$, $k_2$, $\tau_2$, $N_2$ for
# Answer the questions for CentiKeeper
## Find the heating constant $k_1$ for CentiKeeper
### Describe the heat equation
heat1 := $N_1 = T_1 + (u_01-T_1) \times \exp(k_1 \times t)$;
ht1 := eval(heat1, $t=\tau_1$);
printf("Solving for $a.$",ht1);
k1soln := solve(ht1, $k_1$);
printf("Solving $a$ for heat constant: $k_1$ is $f.$", ht1, k1soln);

This presents information in the trace that convinces us that the right thing is going on.
9.11 Incremental coding and testing

The old adage "don't bite off more than you can chew" also applies to coding. Suppose you enter thirty lines of code and then execute them. If you find a mistake at the end, there are thirty lines that could be the source of the problem. Having to look through thirty of anything (the execution trace, or the code) can be time consuming and complicated to keep track of. You may have noticed that we have developed code in the past few sections only a few lines at a time -- entering them, viewing the execution trace, finding things to fix, and proceeding. It would be nice if we could just get everything written correctly the first time, but it is more realistic to assume that you won't. There will be typos and misconceptions to fix all along the way.

Proceeding incrementally makes it likely that it's always the last lines you entered where the problem is most likely to lie. Combining this with information from print statements to augment the execution trace can be a very efficient way of developing code because the execution trace information is presented intelligibly, and its typically only the last few lines that you need to scrutinize carefully.

Finally, you can use the "comment trick" to handle things incrementally even if you've already written more than two lines of code. You can type in all the lines of code, but add a # in front of all the lines except the first one. If you then execute the code region, you will see the results from only the first line of code because all the others will be treated as comments and not executed. Once you have that line working well, then you can remove the # from the second line, and re-execute the region. Because two lines are now not comments, you will see the execution trace from two lines of code. You can continue "uncommenting" lines in this fashion to achieve incremental development.

The comment trick can be used to on printf statements that you have been using for troubleshooting but are not completely sure that you no longer need. By putting a # in front of a print statement, you can turn off its effects without erasing it completely. If you decide that you need to see it again, you can remove the # and re-activate it. This can save a lot of typing.

Having proceeded to solve one version of the problem partially, let's see if we can create the whole ball of wax for CentiKeeper. We enter one new line at a time, execute the region, and see what needs fixing. After about five minutes, we have all the lines working, and have printed the desired answer at the end. Note that we have used an advanced feature of so that it prints only two digits after the decimal point. We also rely on the fact that even if the value being given to a %f format code isn't a floating point number, the result is automatically approximated so that it can appear in floating point format. You can read about these feature in the on-line help for printf.

At this point, we'll clone the process for the other two situations through copying, pasting, and editing to use different variable names.
Execution trace augmented by a `printf`
Define parameters for each company

u01, T1, k1, tau1, N1 for CentiKeeper

restart; #Unassign variables from previous executions
u01 := 200;
T1 := 70;
N1 := 100;
tau1 := 30;

Answer the questions for CentiKeeper

Find the heating constant k1 for CentiKeeper

Describe the heat equation

heat1 := T1 + (u01 - T1) * exp(k1 * t);
ht1 := N1 = eval(heat1, t = tau1);
printf("Solving for %a.\n", ht1);
k1soln := solve(ht1, k1);
printf("Solving %a for heat constant: k1 is %f.\n", ht1, k1soln);

Substitute the constant into the heating expression.
eqn1 := eval(heat1, k1 = k1soln);
Find the value of t such that the heat equation produces 130 degrees.
CentiKeeper130 := solve(eqn1 = 130, t);

Find the value of t such that the heat equation produces 110 degrees.
CentiKeeper110 := solve(eqn1 = 110, t);

Compute the difference, print out the answer.
printf("The CentiKeeper cup keeps coffee warm for %5.2f minutes.\n", CentiKeeper110 - CentiKeeper130);

\[\begin{align*}
200 \\
70 \\
100 \\
30 \\
70 + 130 e^{30t} \\
100 &= 70 + 130 e^{30t} \\
\text{Solving for } 100 &= 70 + 130 \exp(30t). \\
\frac{1}{30} \ln \left( \frac{3}{13} \right) \\
\text{Solving } 100 &= 70 + 130 \exp(30t) \text{ for heat constant: } k1 \text{ is } -0.048878.
\end{align*}\]
9.12 Using interactive development first for a tricky line of code

We've already mentioned an idea to speed up development of code that you're not completely sure about -- copy examples from documentation and get them to work in a worksheet, then modify the working example to do what you really would like to do. When developing a sizable script in a code region, there will still be spots where you won't know what to enter immediately. When you encounter such a situation, open a fresh Maple document (i.e. by doing File->New->Document Mode) and use it as an experimental sandbox working interactively to get those lines of code to work. Then copy the working code into the code region when it is "fully baked" or nearly so. If you have developed the code interactively using 2D math notation, you may need to convert it into ordinary textual format by applying Format->Convert To->1D Math Input.

### Converting 2D expressions into 1D expressions

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We enter an expression in the usual interactive two dimensional format. It's probably easier to enter the expression this way and see that it agrees with the mathematical conception.

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We copy the expression and paste it into a separate place on the worksheet. We then select the expression and do Format->Convert To->1D Math Input. The result in red replaces the copy of the expression. We can then copy this into a code region.

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<td>[ x_{posWind} := (t) \rightarrow x_0 - m v 0 x \left( -1 + \exp\left( -\frac{b t}{m} \right) \right) / b; ]</td>
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We create a function definition involving this expression by entering the function name, the assignment operation \( := \), and the beginning of the function definition. Then we copy and paste in the 1D expression that we've manufactured.
9.13 Preventing catastrophic loss of worksheet information

The advice is: Save the current state of your work after making significant changes to the content of your worksheet.

When you start working for longer periods of time with computers, the unexpected may become more likely. Several of these unexpected scenarios could cause your work to be seriously disrupted.

1. There could be a power failure, or a system crash or freeze.

Saving your document before embarking on a test run will at least allow you to recover what you had before the crash. Crashes or freezes are not totally unheard in highly interactive programs with complicated interfaces, such as web browsers, Java-based applets, or systems such as Maple (whose interface is Java based). While you can try to recover from what Maple saved automatically while you were working (see the discussion in ??), saving a file yourself gives you explicit control over what you will recover after the crash.

2. Your most recent changes to your work are a big mistake. Suddenly you wish you could revert back to the way things were an hour ago, or yesterday.

Unless you are working in an environment that automatically preserves successive versions of your work, you will have to keep copies the old fashioned way -- by saving them under different names. One simple way is to append a version number, e.g. MyLab1-1.mw, MyLab1-2.mw, etc. If you aren't up to keeping track of the latest version number yourself, you could also use a time index label, e.g. MyLab1-103109-1014.mw.

3. Your computer could break down, making the files on it unavailable until the computer repaired, or even permanently unreadable should repairs not be possible. Computer theft is another way of losing the files on that computer permanently.

This doesn't happen all that often, but probably happens to everyone who uses a computer for a few years. Hopefully you have saved copies of your valuable files elsewhere. This process is called creating a backup copy of your files, or just backing up. In this era of "cloud computing" and inexpensive external storage (writable DVDs, external flash or hard drives), this is fairly easy to do for those who have the discipline to back up regularly. There are even some commercial programs (e.g. Mozy https://mozy.com/registration, SpiderOak https://spideroak.com/, or Macintosh Time Machine http://www.apple.com/macosx/what-is-macosx/time-machine.html, for example) that create "back up copies" automatically at periodic intervals without any effort on your part other than to make sure that the computer is powered on when the back ups should happen. The main point is to have the discipline to create backups before you end up in a situation where you have to work many weeks to recreate lost work.

Creating and having convenient access to back ups is expected for professionals who use computers. Losing the most recent version of a file may happen to everyone occasionally; losing a valuable file completely is as lame an excuse for a professional to use as "I forgot to do my homework" is for a student barring true calamities such as a natural disaster.
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<td>( L := \left[ \exp\left(-\frac{1}{10.0}\right), \exp\left(-\frac{2}{10.0}\right), \exp\left(-\frac{3}{10.0}\right) \right] ; )</td>
<td>We set up a list of values. ( L ) has all floating-point values because the &quot;10.0&quot; in the denominator causes all computations to be done using limited-precision arithmetic. The display of the value of ( L ) is suppressed because we ended the assignment with a colon.</td>
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<td>( \text{print}(&quot;\text{This list presents some values of the function } e^{x}); ( print(). The last element of the list is &quot;, ( L[-1]); )</td>
<td>( \text{print} ) prints out the sequence of values given to it as arguments. You can give any number of items in the sequence. The commas separating the string and the number are from the sequence. Note that as first mentioned in XX, the result is not displayed because the line ends with a colon.</td>
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<td>( L ) has 4 elements. The largest is ( 9.048374e-01 ).</td>
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<td>( L := \left[ \exp(-1), \exp(-2), \exp(-3), \frac{4}{5} \right] ; )</td>
<td>We set up a list of values as in the previous example.</td>
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<td>( \text{printf}(&quot;\text{The last element of the list is } %f, L[-1])) )</td>
<td>The first argument to ( \text{printf} ) is a string describing how to format the rest of the values. The string contains format codes describing where to insert the values of the later arguments into the message described in the string. In this example, there is one format code ( %f ), for printing numbers in conventional decimal point notation. Since ( \text{printf} ) joins together the message and the value together into a single message without a sequence into a single result, what is printed is without commas.</td>
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<td>( \text{printf}(&quot;\text{There are } %d, nops(L), \text{ elements in this list. The largest value is } %d, \max(L))) )</td>
<td>Additional printf codes are ( %d ) (for integer values), and ( %e ) (for floating point numbers in scientific notation). The format code ( \backslash n ) causes the next output to occur on the next line.</td>
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<td>L has 4 elements. The largest is 9.048374e-01.</td>
<td>Note that a printf statement does not automatically cause the output on a new line. Thus, several printf statements executed together as these are will have all the output on a single line.</td>
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<td>( \text{printf}(&quot;\text{There are } %d, nops(L), \text{ elements in this list. The largest is } %d, \max(L))) )</td>
<td>If you attempt to use ( %f ) format on an integer, or ( %d ) format on a number that is not an integer, you will get incorrect values (with no warning that they are incorrect), or possibly an error message. Let the user beware; the computer isn't going to necessary save you from making a mistake.</td>
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<td>Error. (in <code>fprintf</code>) number expected for floating point format</td>
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<td><code>printf(&quot;%a&quot;, L)</code></td>
<td>You can't print a list of floating point numbers using just <code>%f</code> format.</td>
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<td><code>printf(&quot;%a&quot;, L)</code></td>
<td>The <code>%a</code> format will handle arbitrary numerical or non-numeric values. The value being printed out is a list, which is a &quot;non-numeric value&quot; because it isn't a single number. However, the output uses the textual format rather than the &quot;pretty&quot; format used by <code>print</code>.</td>
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### Use of `sprintf`

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<td>[ L := [\exp(-1), \exp(-2), \exp(-1.5), \exp(-2.7)] : ]</td>
<td>We set up a list of data points. Using <code>sprintf</code>, we create a string. The <code>%d</code> format is used to insert the number of points into the message.</td>
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```maple
message := sprintf("plot of x versus \exp(-x), using %d points", 
nops(L))

plot of x versus \exp(-x), using 4 points
```

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<td><code>plot([-1, -2, -1.5, -2.7], L, style = point, title = message)</code></td>
<td>We need the string to put a title onto our pointplot. You can read more about the <code>title=</code> argument to <code>pointplot</code> by entering <code>plot,options</code> in Maple's on-line help.</td>
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### Code edit regions

Insert `Code Edit Region` to create a region.

- `control-e` (command-e in Macintosh) or `right-click` -> Execute Region in a code edit region to execute all the code in it.

- `right-click` -> Component Properties to open a dialog box with the dimensions of the code region (in pixels). Change these dimensions by entering different numbers to enlarge or shrink the box. Sorry, dragging will not resize the code region.
right-click->Collapse Region to turn the code region into an icon. Clicking on the icon will then execute the code inside. The first line of code appears as the label for the icon.
right-click->Expand Region to turn a code region icon to display the region again.

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<td>All Maple statements must be separated or terminated with either a semi-colon (;) or a colon (:). Usually each statement executed generates a line of output which appears in blue after the region. This sequence of output is called the execution trace of the code. If a colon is used, then the output that normally results from evaluating the statement is suppressed from the execution trace.</td>
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<td>Any portion of a line of code starting from a number sign (#) is treated as commentary and not as an operation to be performed.</td>
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| # Figure 11.1.1
#initialize variables
i := 1;
val := .3; #evaluation point
term := (val^i)/i!; # a term to compute
print("term is", term); #message
s := term; #s has a copy of the term
tol := 10e-7; #A small value. |
| Segments of lines that begin with # are regarded as program comments (for the program reader's eyes), not operations for Maple to carry out. The results in blue are displayed after we position the cursor in the code edit region and type control-E (command-E on Macintosh), or enter Execute Code Region via the clickable menu. |
| Result of first assignment (to i) |
| Result of assignment to val. |
| Result of assignment to term. |
| Result of calling the print function. |
| Result of assignment to s. |
| Result of assignment to tol. |

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<td>Create a code outline as a series of comments in a code region before you start coding. Refine the outline by adding subpoints until you have supplied enough details to write code.</td>
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<td>Add print or printf statements to code in order to make the execution trace more intelligible and to make key results easier to find within it.</td>
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<td>The goal in debugging is typically to inspect the execution trace and find the first place where things go wrong. Use this information to determine the line(s) of code you should look at to find and fix the causes of problems. In order to do this you need to know what is right, and you should create situations where you don't have to look in too many places.</td>
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<td>Develop incrementally -- enter only a few lines of code at a time, and get them to work before adding more. Since comments always work, you can enter entire outlines without having to be particularly incremental.</td>
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Use an interactive worksheet to test out small segments of code before you enter them into a worksheet. This can be an easy way of entering a mathematical expression, for example.

Save your work to avoid losing it. Save your work using versioned names in order to avoid having new work mess up clean copies of things that used to work. Save your work on other computers to avoid losing it completely should your computer break.
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