

Review of Sage

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For those of you who had a Calculus 1 lab with me last semester, you are already familiar with Sage. This worksheet is a quick review of so of the key features we covered last semester.

If you have not used Sage before, I recommend working through the Calc 1 lab "Intro to Sage." Then return to this worksheet.

Graphing

You graph a function in Sage using the "plot" command.

Example 1

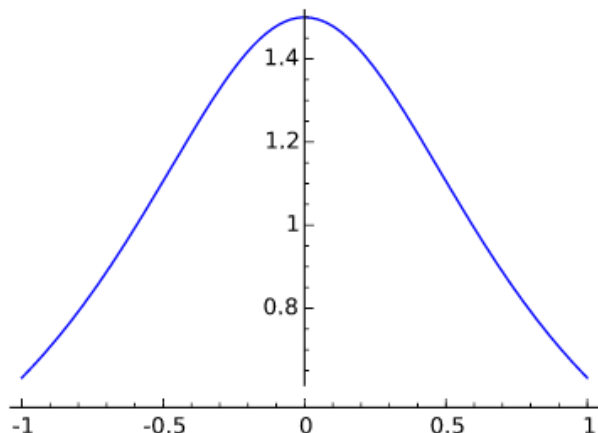
Graph $f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + 9}}{3x^2 + 2}$.

Remember, every multiplication must be explicit in Sage. You must type $3*x^2$ ($3x^2$ will not work).

Also, don't forget the parentheses. They are often required around the numerator and denominator of fractions.

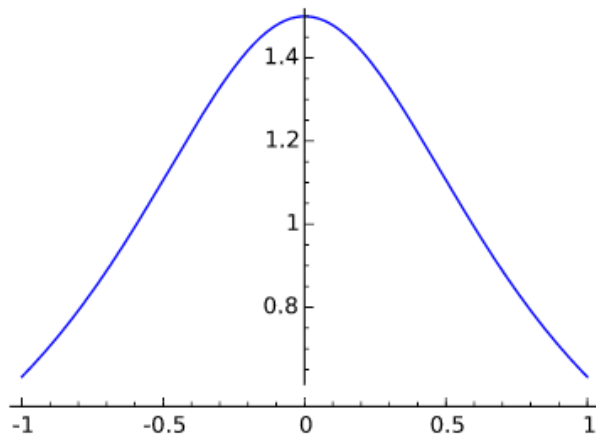
I will give the function a name first, and then I will graph it.

```
1 f(x)=sqrt(x^2+9)/(3*x^2+2) #First, define the function.  
2 plot(f(x)) #Now make a graph.
```



It is also possible to plot a function without giving it a name. However, since we usually do more than one thing with our functions, it is usual worth it to define the function first.

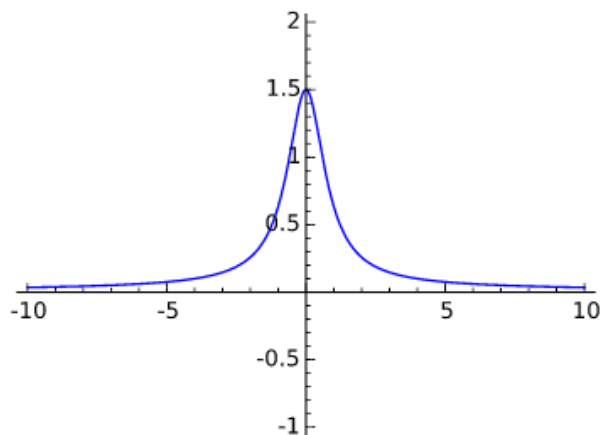
```
3 plot(sqrt(x^2+9)/(3*x^2+2))
```



The default plot window uses $-1 \leq x \leq 1$, and Sage choose the range on the y-axis to fit the graph to the window.

If you want to specify a new window, use the xmin, xmax, ymin, and ymax options.

```
4 plot(f(x),xmin=-10,xmax=10,ymin=-1,ymax=2)
```



To graph more than one function, add plots together.

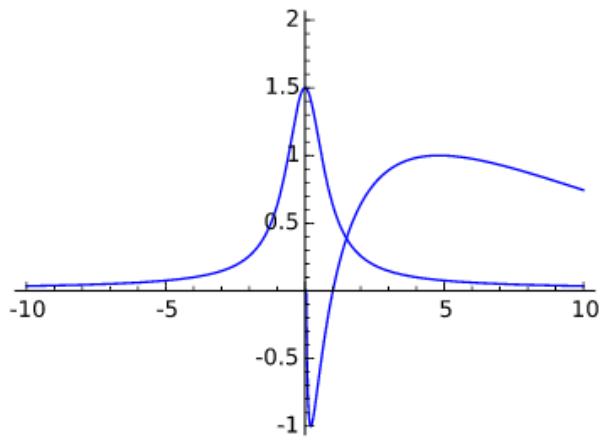
Example 2

Add a graph of $g(x) = \sin(\ln(x))$ to the graph of f .

Note: the domain of g is $x > 0$, so I have set $xmin=0$ for the plot of g . If you have $xmin$ less than 0, Sage will give you a warning.

```
5 g(x)=sin(ln(x))
```

```
6 plot(f(x),xmin=-10,xmax=10,ymin=-1,ymax=2)+plot(g(x),xmin=0,xmax=10,ymin=-1,ymax=2)
```

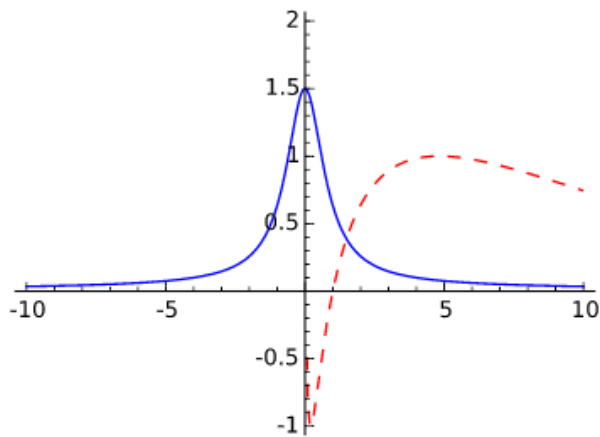


To distinguish between the two functions, you can change the color and/or the line style.

For example, to change the color to red, add `color='red'` to the plot (notice the quotation marks around the color name). Sage knows many colors; feel free to experiment.

To change the line style to dashed, add `linestyle='dashed'` to the plot (again, notice the quotation marks). You can also use 'dotted' or 'dashd' instead.

```
7 plot(f(x),xmin=-10,xmax=10,ymin=-1,ymax=2)+plot(g(x),xmin=0,xmax=10,ymin=-1,ymax=2,color='red',linestyle='dashed')
```



For more about graphing, refer to the Calculus 1 lab "Graphing and Solving Equations."

Limits

The "limit" command is used to find limits of functions. To take a limit as x approaches a , you add $x=a$ to the limit command.

Example 3

Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^2 - 1}{x - 1}$

```
8 f(x)=(x^2-1)/(x-1)
9 limit(f(x),x=1)
```

For one-sided limits, add dir='right' or dir='left' (notice quotation marks).

Find the following:

- $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{x^2 - 1}{x - 1}$
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{x^2 - 1}{x - 1}$

```
10 limit(f(x),x=1,dir='right') #right limit
11 limit(f(x),x=1,dir='left') #left limit
2
2
```

Example 4

Find $\lim_{t \rightarrow -4} \frac{t + 4}{\sqrt{t + 4}}$

Any variable other than x has to be "declared." In this example, "%var t" tells Sage that t is a variable.

```
12 %var t
13 f(t)=(t+4)/sqrt(t+4)
14 limit(f(t),t=-4)
0
```

For more about limits, refer to the Calculus 1 lab "Limits."

Derivatives

You compute derivatives in Sage using the "derivative" command.

Example 5

Given $f(x) = 4x^6 - 8x^3 + 2x - 1$, compute the following:

- $f'(x)$
- $f''(x)$

```
15 f(x)=4*x^6-8*x^3+2*x-1 #Don't forget all the multiplications.
16 derivative(f(x),x) #First derivative
17 show(_)
```

```
24*x^5 - 24*x^2 + 2
```

$$24x^5 - 24x^2 + 2$$

```
18 derivative(f(x),x,2) #Second derivative
19 show(_)
```

```
120*x^4 - 48*x
```

$$120x^4 - 48x$$

If you want to compute particular values of the derivative, then define a new function equal to the derivative. Sage does not allow f' , so I like call my derivative df , for "derivative of f ." You can use any name you want (just don't call it f again).

Example 6

Given $f(x) = 4x^6 - 8x^3 + 2x - 1$, compute the following:

- $f'(1)$
- $f''(-1)$

```
20 f(x)=4*x^6-8*x^3+2*x-1
21 df(x)=derivative(f(x),x) #First, give the derivative function a name.
22 df(1) #Now use this function to calculate the value you want.
2
```

```
23 d2f(x)=derivative(f(x),x,2) #I call my second derivative d2F
24 d2f(-1)
168
```

For more about derivatives, refer to the Calculus 1 lab "Differentiation."

Integrals

To compute an integral in Sage, use the "integral" command. Here is an indefinite integral (antiderivative). This requires two arguments: the function to be integrated and the variable of integration.

Example 7

Given $f(x) = 4x^6 - 8x^3 + 2x - 1$, compute $\int f(x) dx$

```
25 f(x)=4*x^6-8*x^3+2*x-1
26 integral(f(x),x)
27 show(_)
4/7*x^7 - 2*x^4 + x^2 - x
```

$$\frac{4}{7}x^7 - 2x^4 + x^2 - x$$

Here is a definite integral. This requires two additional arguments: the lower and upper limits of integration.

Example 8

Given $f(x) = 4x^6 - 8x^3 + 2x - 1$, compute $\int_{-1}^1 f(x) dx$

```
28 f(x)=4*x^6-8*x^3+2*x-1
29 integral(f(x),x,-1,1)
```

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Example 9

Compute $\int_{-A}^A at^2 + bt + c dt$

Don't forget to declare variables first.

```
30 %var a,b,c,t,A
31 integral(a*t^2+b*t+c,t,-A,A)
32 show(_)

2/3*A^3*a + 2*A*c
```

$$\frac{2}{3} A^3 a + 2 A c$$

For more about integrals, refer to the Calculus 1 lab "Symbolic Integration."