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Abstract: TBA

This talk gives a fast introduction to *Mathematica*. It is not so much intended to educate you about the use of *Mathematica* in Physics, rather its aim is to establish a minimum base level of *Mathematica* necessary for the succeeding days of the summer school. It will also focus on some points that are likely outside the scope of the other talks in the summer school. A range of topics will be covered including the graphics system, visualization, symbolic computation, and numeric computation. However the main focus will be the core language, and demonstrating how to drive the front end and how to interact with *Mathematica*. Since *Mathematica* is such a vast system, this talk will of course be only an introduction to the core of *Mathematica*.

History

A brief history of symbolic computation and *Mathematica*:

1960 - LISP (MIT, John McCarthy, etc...)

1980 - SMP (Wolfram, et al.)

1988 - *Mathematica* 1

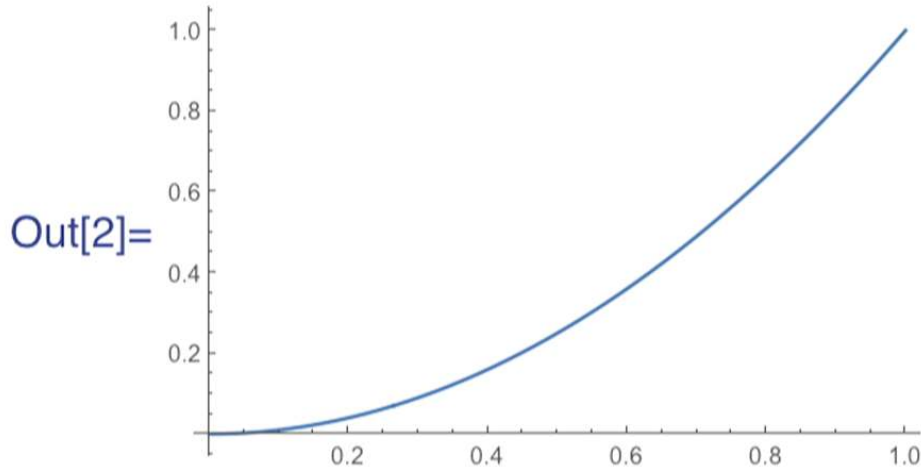
1996 - *Mathematica* 3

2007 - *Mathematica* 6





2008 - *Mathematica* 7

Notebook Interface

```
In[2]:= Plot[x2, {x, 0, 1}]
```



The front end uses a notebook, interface with cells, graphics, input output all mixed together.

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My plan to conquer the world!

Startup Phase

Collect lots of evil followers

```
In[4]:= plan = {evil, good}
```

```
Out[4]= {evil, good}
```

Implementation Phase

Think about this later

Resolution Phase

Revel in our wr

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StandardForm vs TraditionalForm

SquareBrackets vs Multiplication

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Out[7]= $(a + b) c$

Enter Random[], Factorial[5], etc. Talk about $f(b+c)$ vs $f[b+c]$

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$$\int_a^b \text{Sin}[x] \, dx$$

Gamma[a]

BellB[n] // **TraditionalForm**

BernoulliB[n] // **TraditionalForm**

In **TraditionalForm** some traditional notations are recognized.

Out[17]=
 $\text{Cos}[a] - \text{Cos}[b]$

In[18]:= $\Gamma(a)$

Out[18]=
Gamma [a]

In[19]:= **BellB[n] // TraditionalForm**

Out[19]//TraditionalForm=
 B_n

BernoulliB[n] // TraditionalForm

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Do $\Gamma(z)$

```
In[19]:= BellB[n] // TraditionalForm
```

```
Out[19]//TraditionalForm=  
 $B_n$ 
```

```
In[20]:= BernoulliB[n] // TraditionalForm
```

```
Out[20]//TraditionalForm=  
 $B_n$ 
```

```
In[23]:=  $B_n$ 
```

```
Out[23]=  
↓  
BernoulliB[n]
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IS $f(a + b)$ function application or multiplication?

Palettes and 2D Input

Open the classroom assistant, do integral

$$\int_a^b e^{-x^2} d\text{var}$$

How does one enter some 2D typeset following?

$$\int_a^b e^{-x^2} dx$$

$$\partial_x \text{Sin}[x]$$

Calculator

Basic Advanced

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













$$\partial_x \sin[x]$$

Tab moves between placeholders.

Note: *e* and e are different, as are *d* and

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Plot

Find Selected Function

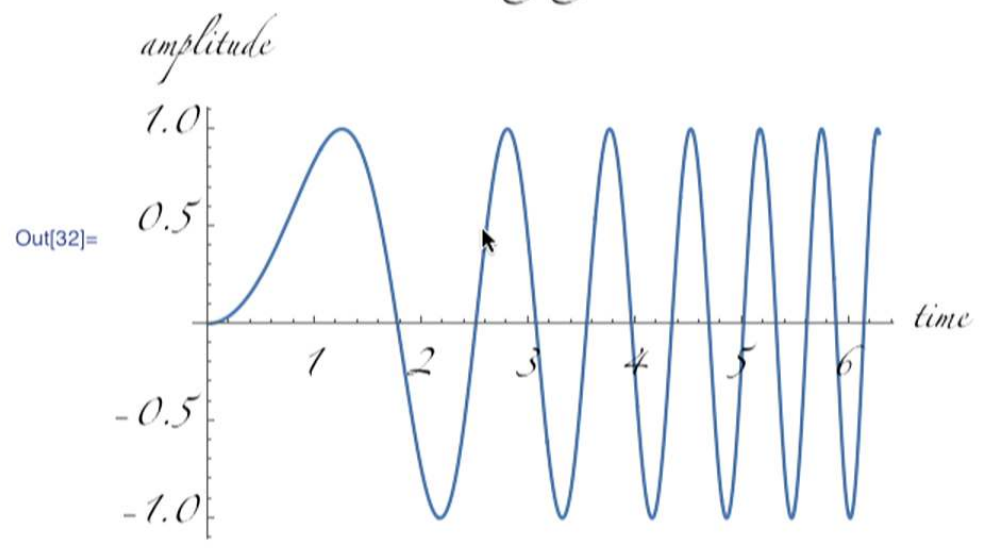
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Perceptive Interface

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In[34]:= Assuming[$\frac{h}{k T} > 0$, $\int_0^\infty \frac{c^3 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{h n \nu}{k T}}}{d \nu}$]

Out[34]= $\frac{2 k^4 \pi^5 T^4}{15 c^3 h^3}$

▾ Solve

Solve[$a x^2 + b x + c ==$

Solve quadratic

▾ Reduce

$$\left\{ \left\{ x \rightarrow \text{Root} \left[c + b \#1 + a \#1^5 \ \&, 1 \right] \right\}, \right. \\ \left. \left\{ x \rightarrow \text{Root} \left[c + b \#1 + a \#1^5 \ \&, 2 \right] \right\}, \right. \\ \left. \left\{ x \rightarrow \text{Root} \left[c + b \#1 + a \#1^5 \ \&, 3 \right] \right\}, \right. \\ \left. \left\{ x \rightarrow \text{Root} \left[c + b \#1 + a \#1^5 \ \&, 4 \right] \right\}, \right. \\ \left. \left\{ x \rightarrow \text{Root} \left[c + b \#1 + a \#1^5 \ \&, 5 \right] \right\} \right\}$$

Solve quadratic

Reduce

Reduce quadratic > 0

DSolve

$$\{x \rightarrow \text{Root}[c + b \#1 + a \#1^5 \&, 5]\}$$

Solve quadratic

Reduce

$$\text{Reduce}[x^2 + b x + c > 0, x]$$

Out[39]=

$x \in \text{Reals} \&\&$

$$\left(\left(c < 0 \&\& \left(b < 0 \&\& \left(\left(\frac{b^2}{4c} < a < 0 \&\& -\frac{b}{2a} - \frac{1}{2} \right. \right. \right. \right.$$

$$\left. \left. \left. \sqrt{\frac{b^2 - 4ac}{-2}} < x < -\frac{b}{2a} + \frac{1}{2} \right. \right. \right.$$

Expand

In[44]:= **Expand** [(x + y)¹⁰]

Out[44]=

$$x^{10} + 10 x^9 y + 45 x^8 y^2 + 120 x^7 y^3 + 210 x^6 y^4 + 252 x^5 y^5 + 210 x^4 y^6 + 120 x^3 y^7 + 45 x^2 y^8 + 10 x y^9 + y^{10}$$

Expand (x + y)¹⁰

Simplify

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Assignment

Do basic assignment of $x = 5$ and then the usage of this.

```
In[54]:= x = Random [ ]
```

```
Out[54]=  
0.123994
```

```
In[52]:= x
```

```
Out[52]=  
5
```

```
In[53]:= x
```

```
Out[53]=  
5
```

Assignment

Do basic assignment of $x = 5$ and then the usage of this.

```
In[1]:= x = Random [ ]
```

```
Out[1]= 0.00876814
```

```
In[2]:= y := Random [ ]
```

```
In[8]:= Table [y, {10}]
```

```
Out[8]= {0.925756, 0.112791, 0.912471, 0.253004, 0.840514,  
0.810677, 0.749616, 0.596422, 0.264889, 0.75286}
```

```
In[9]:= Table [x, {10}]
```

Function Application

Using `f@ ...` is equivalent to `f[...]`

```
In[10]:= f[g[h[blah]]]
```

```
Out[10]=
```

```
f[g[h[blah]]]
```

```
In[11]:= f@g@h@blahh
```

```
Out[11]=
```

```
f[g[h[blahh]]]
```

(Note in some other functional languages one can just use `f g h` ...)

Expressions

General Expressions

A list is something of the form

`{a, b, c, ...}`

Everything inside *Mathematica* is an **expression** of the form (apart from terminals):

`head[argument1, argument2, ...]`

`a + d2 + f + b * c // FullForm`

FullForm

Calculator like Usage

▸ Integrate

$$\text{Assuming}\left[\frac{h}{kT} > 0, \int_0^\infty \frac{(2\pi\nu^2) \sum_{n=0}^\infty h n \nu e^{-\frac{h n \nu}{kT}}}{c^3 \sum_{n=0}^\infty e^{-\frac{h n \nu}{kT}}} d\nu\right]$$

Part

`expr[[i]]` yields the i^{th} part. `expr[[0]]` yields the head.

Do parts of `f[a, b, c, d]`

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More generally `Part` can take a list, or “Spans”

Do `f[a, b, c, d][[1,3]]`

Many functions have generalizations.

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```
f[a, b, c, d]
```

```
In[12]:= Part[f[a, b, c, d], -1]
```

```
f[a, b, c, d] : [[-1]]
```

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For example to extract y and c out of $f[a, b[x, y], c, d]$

`Extract[f[a, b[x, y], c, d], {{2, 1}, {3}}]`

`f[a, b[x, y], c, d]`

`|f[a, b[x, y], c, d]`

Out[27]=
bar [g]

In[28]:= bar @@ f [g]

Out[28]=
bar [g]

Apply has the short form @@

Transform last output

Apply operates at different levels.

ans = foo /@ { a , b , c , d }

Apply [bar , ans , { 1 }]

Apply at level 1 has the short form @@@

In[49]:= **Plus @@ Table[i, {i, 1, 10}]**

Out[49]=

55

In[52]:= $\sum_{i=0}^n i^2$

Out[52]=

$\frac{1}{6} n (1 + n) (1 + 2 n)$

Do 1D table, apply Plus, use Sum, contrast to symbolic summation

Then 2D table with MatrixForm

Plus @@ Table[$\frac{i^2}{\sqrt{j}}$, {i, 1, 5}, {j, 1, 5}]

Restricting the Match of a Pattern

```
In[71]:= ClearAll[fac]
```

```
In[67]:= fac[n_] := n fac[n - 1]
fac[0] := 1
```

A pattern of the form `var_h` will only match expressions whose head is `h`.

Evaluate our factorial for 'a', and then restrict to just `_Integer`

A pattern of the form `pat /; expression` will only match when `expression` evaluates to `True`.

Restrict our factorial to only fire when the argument is `>= 0`.

```
ClearAll[fac]
```

Restricting the Match of a Pattern

```
In[71]:= ClearAll[fac]
```

```
fac[_Integer] := n fac[n - 1]
```

```
fac[0] := 1
```

```
In[81]:= fac[-3]
```

```
$RecursionLimit::reclim2 :
```

```
Recursion depth of 1024 exceeded during evaluation of fac[-1025 - 1]. >>
```

```
Out[81]=
```

```
Hold[-3 fac[-3 - 1]]
```

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Out[6]= False

In[8]:= $\frac{q}{w}$ // FullForm

Times[_ , Power[_ , -1]]

In[7]:= $\frac{1}{2}$ // FullForm

Out[7]//FullForm=
Rational[1, 2]

DoMatchQ[$\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{a}{b}$]

Pattern matching is a **structural** matching and not a **semantic** matching.

Out[13]=

`foo[bar[α], α2, g[α]]`

Add Power->h

Mention Solve result returns rules

`>` (RuleDelayed) will do its evaluation when the rule is applied like

`:=` (SetDelayed)

In[14]:= `{x, x, x} /. x :> RandomReal[]`

Out[14]=

`{0.798711, 0.954804, 0.0883122}`

`{x, x, x} /. x :> RandomReal[]`

Change above to use →

Note there is **Outer** as well which will act as an "outer" product.

▼ Cases

Cases[**expr**, **pattern**] picks out all of the parts of **expr** which match **pattern**.

Task: pick the even powered terms out of a list.

$\{x^2, x^3, x^6, y^9, x^7\}$

Case[[$\{x^2, x^3, x^6, y^9, x^7\}$], _]

`Cases[{x^2, x^3, y^6, z^7}, x_?EvenQ]`

▼ Select

Multi Argument Patterns

A pattern of the form `x__` will match one or more arguments.

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```
f[a_, ___, a_] := g[a, b]
```

Task : sort the elements of a list

ClearAll @ MySort

Do bubble sort

The FullForms of Patterns

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```
In[58]:= f[a_, ___, a_] := g[a, b]
```

```
In[62]:= f[w, r, t]
```

```
Out[62]=
```

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```

```
Out[62]=  
f[w, r, t]
```

```
In[63]:= bub[l____, a_, b_, r____] := bub[l, b, a, r] /; b < a
```

```
In[64]:= bub[3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 2, 2, 4, 9]
```

```
Out[64]=  
bub[2, 2, 3, 4, 4, 7, 8, 9, 9]
```