

# SAGE

[www.sagemath.org](http://www.sagemath.org)

Creating a viable free open source alternative to *Maple*<sup>™</sup>, *Maple*<sup>™</sup>, *Mathematica*<sup>™</sup>, and *Matlab*<sup>™</sup>

# Some very cool things about Sage

## Or, why I am excited about Sage

Franco V. Saliola  
<saliola@gmail.com>

Laboratoire de Combinatoire et d'Informatique Mathématique  
Université du Québec à Montréal

LaCIM Seminar  
7 March 2008

Sage is a *distribution* of open-source software.

Sage is a *distribution* of open-source software.

Software included with Sage :

ATLAS	Automatically Tuned Linear Algebra Software
BLAS	Basic Fortran 77 linear algebra routines
Bzip2	High-quality data compressor
Cddlib	Double Description Method of Motzkin
Common Lisp	Multi-paradigm and general-purpose programming lang.
CVXOPT	Convex optimization, linear programming, least squares
Cython	C-Extensions for Python
F2c	Converts Fortran 77 to C code
Flint	Fast Library for Number Theory
FpLLL	Euclidian lattice reduction
FreeType	A Free, High-Quality, and Portable Font Engine

Sage is a *distribution* of open-source software.

Software included with Sage :

G95	Open source Fortran 95 compiler
GAP	Groups, Algorithms, Programming
GD	Dynamic graphics generation tool
Genus2reduction	Curve data computation
Gfan	Gröbner fans and tropical varieties
Givaro	C++ library for arithmetic and algebra
GMP	GNU Multiple Precision Arithmetic Library
GMP-ECM	Elliptic Curve Method for Integer Factorization
GNU TLS	Secure networking
GSL	Gnu Scientific Library
JsMath	JavaScript implementation of LaTeX

Sage is a *distribution* of open-source software.

Software included with Sage :

IML	Integer Matrix Library
IPython	Interactive Python shell
LAPACK	Fortran 77 linear algebra library
Lcalc	L-functions calculator
Libcrypt	General purpose cryptographic library
Libgpg-error	Common error values for GnuPG components
Linbox	C++ linear algebra library
Matplotlib	Python plotting library
Maxima	computer algebra system
Mercurial	Revision control system
MoinMoin	Wiki

Sage is a *distribution* of open-source software.

Software included with Sage :

MPFI	Multiple Precision Floating-point Interval library
MPFR	C library for multiple-precision floating-point computations
ECLib	Cremona's Programs for Elliptic curves
NetworkX	Graph theory
NTL	Number theory C++ library
Numpy	Numerical linear algebra
OpenCDK	Open Crypto Development Kit
PALP	A Package for Analyzing Lattice Polytopes
PARI/GP	Number theory calculator
Pexpect	Pseudo-tty control for Python
PNG	Bitmap image support

Sage is a *distribution* of open-source software.

Software included with Sage :

PolyBoRi	Polynomials Over Boolean Rings
PyCrypto	Python Cryptography Toolkit
Python	Interpreted language
Qd	Quad-double/Double-double Computation Package
R	Statistical Computing
Readline	Line-editing
Rpy	Python interface to R
Scipy	Python library for scientific computation
Singular	fast commutative and noncommutative algebra
Scons	Software construction tool
SQLite	Relation database



Sage is a *distribution* of open-source software.

Software included with Sage :

Sympow	L-function calculator
Symmetrica	Representation theory
Sympy	Python library for symbolic computation
Tachyon	lightweight 3d ray tracer
Termcap	for writing portable text mode applications
Twisted	Python networking library
Weave	Tools for including C/C++ code within Python
Zlib	Data compression library
ZODB	Object-oriented database

Sage is a *distribution* of open-source software.

Software included with Sage :

Sympow	L-function calculator
Symmetrica	Representation theory
Sympy	Python library for symbolic computation
Tachyon	lightweight 3d ray tracer
Termcap	for writing portable text mode applications
Twisted	Python networking library
Weave	Tools for including C/C++ code within Python
Zlib	Data compression library
ZODB	Object-oriented database

*Plus additional optional packages*

Sage is a distribution of mathematics software.

*Sage's mission: "Creating a viable, free, open-source alternative to Magma<sup>TM</sup>, Maple<sup>TM</sup>, Mathematica<sup>TM</sup>, and Matlab<sup>TM</sup>."*

Sage is a distribution of mathematics software.

*Sage's mission: "Creating a viable, free, open-source alternative to Magma<sup>TM</sup>, Maple<sup>TM</sup>, Mathematica<sup>TM</sup>, and Matlab<sup>TM</sup>."*

Algebra	GAP, Maxima, Singular
Algebraic Geometry	Singular, Macaulay2
Arbitrary Precision Arithmetic	GMP, MPFR, MPFI, NTL, ...
Arithmetic Geometry	PARI, NTL, mwrank, ecm, ...
Calculus	Maxima, Sympy
Combinatorics	Symmetrica, MuPAD-Combinat*
Exact Linear Algebra	Linbox, IML
Graph Theory	NetworkX
Graphics	MatPlotLib, Tachyon3d
Group theory	GAP
Numerical Linear Algebra	GSL, Scipy, Numpy

Sage is a distribution of free, open-source software.

*“You can read Sylow’s Theorem and its proof in Huppert’s book in the library . . . then you can use Sylow’s Theorem for the rest of your life free of charge, but for many computer algebra systems license fees have to be paid regularly . . . .*

Sage is a distribution of free, open-source software.

*“You can read Sylow’s Theorem and its proof in Huppert’s book in the library . . . then you can use Sylow’s Theorem for the rest of your life free of charge, but for many computer algebra systems license fees have to be paid regularly . . . .*

*With this situation two of the most basic rules of conduct in mathematics are violated: In mathematics information is passed on free of charge and everything is laid open for checking.”*

Sage is a distribution of free, open-source software.

*“You can read Sylow’s Theorem and its proof in Huppert’s book in the library . . . then you can use Sylow’s Theorem for the rest of your life free of charge, but for many computer algebra systems license fees have to be paid regularly . . . .*

*With this situation two of the most basic rules of conduct in mathematics are violated: In mathematics information is passed on free of charge and everything is laid open for checking.”*

— J. Neubüser (1993)  
*(started GAP in 1986)*

Sage is a distribution of free, open-source software.

You have the freedom:

- to run the program, for any purpose.
- to study how the program works, and adapt it to your needs.
- to redistribute copies so you can help your neighbour.
- to improve the program, and release your improvements to the public, so that the whole community benefits.



Sage is a distribution of free, open-source software.

You have the freedom:

- to run the program, for any purpose.
- to study how the program works, and adapt it to your needs.
- to redistribute copies so you can help your neighbour.
- to improve the program, and release your improvements to the public, so that the whole community benefits.

Also, you don't have to pay for it.

The Sage programming language is Python

*Python* is a powerful, modern, interpreted programming-language.

# The Sage programming language is Python

*Python* is a powerful, modern, interpreted programming-language.

- *Interpreted* means it works like Maple or Mathematica.

```
python: x = 17
```

```
python: x
```

```
17
```

```
python: x**2
```

```
289
```

# The Sage programming language is Python

*Python* is a powerful, modern, interpreted programming-language.

- *Interpreted* means it works like Maple or Mathematica.

```
python: x = 17
python: x
17
python: x**2
289
```

- It's *easy to learn*. Lots of free documentation.

```
http://diveintopython.org/
http://docs.python.org/tut/
```

The Sage programming language is Python

# The Sage programming language is Python

- It's *easy to read and write*.

$$\{17x \mid x \in \{0, 1, \dots, 9\} \text{ and } x \text{ is odd}\}$$

```
python: [17*x for x in range(0,10) if x%2 == 1]
```

# The Sage programming language is Python

- It's *easy to read and write*.

$$\{17x \mid x \in \{0, 1, \dots, 9\} \text{ and } x \text{ is odd}\}$$

```
python: [17*x for x in range(0,10) if x%2 == 1]
```

- Lots of *Python libraries*: databases, graphics, networking, ...

# The Sage programming language is Python

- It's *easy to read and write*.

$$\{17x \mid x \in \{0, 1, \dots, 9\} \text{ and } x \text{ is odd}\}$$

```
python: [17*x for x in range(0,10) if x%2 == 1]
```

- Lots of *Python libraries*: databases, graphics, networking, ...
- It is easy to use *C/C++ libraries* from within Python.



## The Sage programming language is Python

- It's *easy to read and write*.

$$\{17x \mid x \in \{0, 1, \dots, 9\} \text{ and } x \text{ is odd}\}$$

```
python: [17*x for x in range(0,10) if x%2 == 1]
```

- Lots of *Python libraries*: databases, graphics, networking, ...
- It is easy to use *C/C++ libraries* from within Python.
- *Cython*: Python code  $\longrightarrow$  compiled C code.

## The Sage programming language is Python

*“Google has made no secret of the fact they use Python a lot for a number of internal projects. Even knowing that, once I was an employee, I was amazed at how much Python code there actually is in the Google source code system.”*

— Guido van Rossum  
*(creator of Python)*

## Several ways to use Sage

- A library for Python scripts.

```
#!/usr/bin/env sage -python
```

```
import sys  
from sage.all import *
```

# Several ways to use Sage

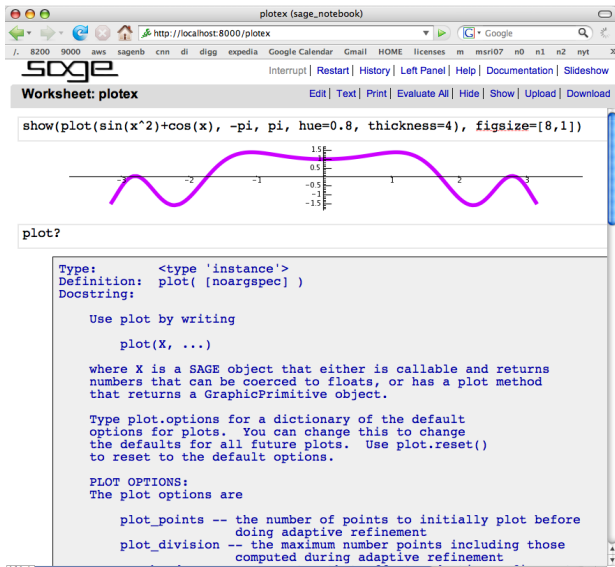
- Command line interface.

```
-----  
| SAGE Version 2.10.1, Release Date: 2008-02-02           |  
| Type notebook() for the GUI, and license() for information. |  
-----
```

```
sage: 17^2  
289  
sage: |
```

# Several ways to use Sage

- Graphical notebook: online at [sagenb.org](http://sagenb.org)



The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "plotex (sage\_notebook)" with the URL "http://localhost:8000/plotex". The page features the Sage logo and navigation links. The main content area displays a code cell with the command `show(plot(sin(x^2)+cos(x), -pi, pi, hue=0.8, thickness=4), figsize=[8,1])`. Below the code is a plot of the function  $\sin(x^2) + \cos(x)$  over the interval  $[-\pi, \pi]$ , rendered as a thick purple curve. A second code cell contains the text "plot?". Below this is a detailed documentation block for the `plot` function, including its type, definition, docstring, and a list of plot options.

```
show(plot(sin(x^2)+cos(x), -pi, pi, hue=0.8, thickness=4), figsize=[8,1])
```

plot?

Type: `<type 'instance'>`  
Definition: `plot([noargspec])`  
Docstring:

Use plot by writing

```
plot(X, ...)
```

where X is a SAGE object that either is callable and returns numbers that can be coerced to floats, or has a plot method that returns a GraphicPrimitive object.

Type `plot.options` for a dictionary of the default options for plots. You can change this to change the defaults for all future plots. Use `plot.reset()` to reset to the default options.

**PLOT OPTIONS:**  
The plot options are

```
plot_points -- the number of points to initially plot before
                doing adaptive refinement
plot_division -- the maximum number points including those
                computed during adaptive refinement
```

## Sage plays well with L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X input:

```
\begin{sagesilent}
  var('s t')
  f = t^2*e^t-sin(t)
\end{sagesilent}
```

Let  $f(t)=\text{\sage{f}}$ . Then the Laplace transform of  $f$  is:  $\text{\sage{f.laplace(t,s)}}$ .

## Sage plays well with L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X input:

```
\begin{sagesilent}
  var('s t')
  f = t^2*e^t-sin(t)
\end{sagesilent}
```

Let  $f(t)=\text{\sage{f}}$ . Then the Laplace transform of  $f$  is:  $\text{\sage{f.laplace(t,s)}}$ .

L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X output:

*Let  $f(t) = t^2e^t - \sin(t)$ . Then the Laplace transform of  $f$  is:  $\frac{2}{(s-1)^3} - \frac{1}{s^2+1}$ .*

## Sage plays well with L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X input:

Here is an example of a tree:

```
\sageplot{Graph({0:[1,2,3], 2:[5]}).plot()}
```



## Sage plays well with $\text{\LaTeX}$

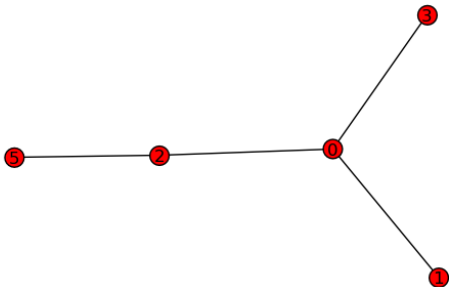
$\text{\LaTeX}$  input:

Here is an example of a tree:

```
\sageplot{Graph({0:[1,2,3], 2:[5]}).plot()}
```

$\text{\LaTeX}$  output:

Here is an example of a tree:



## Sage plays well with L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X input:

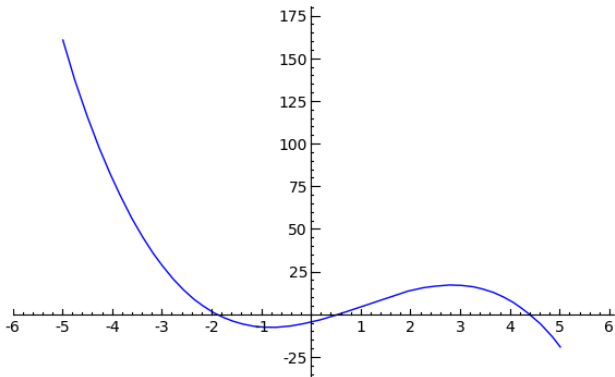
```
\sageplot{plot(-x^3+3*x^2+7*x-4,-5,5)}
```

## Sage plays well with $\text{\LaTeX}$

$\text{\LaTeX}$  input:

```
\sageplot{plot(-x^3+3*x^2+7*x-4,-5,5)}
```

$\text{\LaTeX}$  output:



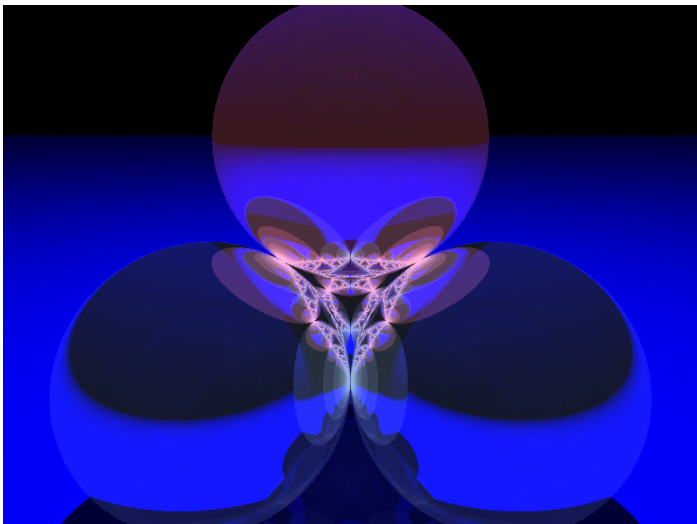
# Sage plays well with L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X input:

```
\begin{sagesilent}
  t6 = Tachyon(camera_center=(0,-4,1), xres = 800, yres = 600, \
              raydepth = 12, aspectratio=.75, antialiasing = True)
  t6.light((0.02,0.012,0.001), 0.01, (1,0,0))
  t6.light((0,0,10), 0.01, (0,0,1))
  t6.texture('s', color = (.8,1,1), opacity = .9, specular = .95, \
            diffuse = .3, ambient = 0.05)
  t6.texture('p', color = (0,0,1), opacity = 1, specular = .2)
  t6.sphere((-1,-.57735,-0.7071),1,'s')
  t6.sphere((1,-.57735,-0.7071),1,'s')
  t6.sphere((0,1.15465,-0.7071),1,'s')
  t6.sphere((0,0,0.9259),1,'s')
  t6.plane((0,0,-1.9259),(0,0,1),'p')
\end{sagesilent}
\sageplot{t6}
```

# Sage plays well with $\LaTeX$

$\LaTeX$  output:



# The Sage community

- Many people have contributed to Sage (directly & indirectly).
- There are several mailing lists.  
`http://www.sagemath.org`
- IRC: #sage-devel on freenode.org.
- Developers are very friendly and helpful.

Let's use Sage

# Let's use Sage

Demo 0: Get help.

- Start typing, then hit TAB.
- `CommandName?` for documentation and examples.
- `CommandName??` for docs, examples and *source code*.



## Let's use Sage

Demo 1: Interfaces.

```
sage: %maple
```

```
--> Switching to Maple <--
```

```
maple: f := x -> x^2
```

```
f := proc (x) options operator, arrow; x^2 end proc
```

```
maple: D(f)(x)
```

```
2*x
```

```
maple: exit
```

```
--> Exiting back to SAGE <--
```

```
sage:
```

## Let's use Sage

Demo 1: Interfaces.

```
sage: %gap
```

```
--> Switching to Gap <--
```

```
gap: s8 := Group( (1,2), (1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8) )
```

```
Group([ (1,2), (1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8) ])
```

```
gap: a8 := DerivedSubgroup( s8 )
```

```
Group([ (1,2,3), (2,3,4), (2,4)(3,5), (2,6,4), (2,4)(5
```

```
gap: Size( a8 ); IsAbelian( a8 ); IsPerfect( a8 )
```

```
20160
```

```
false
```

```
true
```

## Let's use Sage

### Demo 2: String manipulation

- Let  $P_0 = \{\}$  and  $P_n = \text{PowerSet}(P_{n-1})$ .
- Examples:
  - $P_1 = \{\{\}\}$
  - $P_2 = \{\{\{\}\}, \{\}\}$
  - $P_3 = \{\{\{\{\}\}, \{\}\}, \{\}, \{\{\}\}, \{\{\{\}\}\}$
- We want the words obtained from the elements in  $P_n$  by replacing each  $\{$  with  $a$  and each  $\}$  with  $b$ .
- Examples:
  - $P_1 \mapsto [ab]$ .
  - $P_2 \mapsto [ab, aabb]$ .
  - $P_3 \mapsto [ab, aabb, aaabbb, aaabbabb]$ .

## Let's use Sage

```
# Import a module (library)
import string

# Define a function to generate the sets
def P(n):
    if n == 0:
        return Set([])
    else:
        return Subsets(P(n-1))

# Define a function to the replacing.
f = lambda x : str(x).translate(string.maketrans('{}', 'ab'), ', ' )

# Do a list comprehension to combine them.
words = lambda n : [f(x) for x in P(n)]
```

## Let's use Sage

### Demo 3: Sloane

```
sage: seqs = sloane_find([1,1,2,3,5,8,13],1)
sage: for x in seqs:
.....:     print x[1]
Fibonacci numbers:  $F(n) = F(n-1) + F(n-2)$ ,  $F(0) = 0$ ,
 $F(1) = 1$ ,  $F(2) = 1$ , ...
```

# Let's use Sage

## Demo 4: Play with Partitions

- Set of Partitions
  - `P = Partitions(6)`
  - `P.list()`
  - `P.count()`
  - `P.<tab>`
- individual partitions
  - `nu = Partitions(6).random(); nu`
  - `nu = Partition([3,2,2,1])`
  - `print nu.ferrers_diagram()`
  - `nu.hook_lengths()`
  - `nu.conjugate()`
  - `nu.hook_product(x)`
  - `nu.hook_product(1)`
  - `nu.<tab>`

## Let's use Sage

### Demo 5: Play with Symmetric Functions

- Help: `SymmetricFunctionAlgebra?`
- Power basis:  
`p = SymmetricFunctionAlgebra(QQ, basis='power');` `p`
- Expand: `p([3]).expand(4)`
- Elementary basis: `e = SFAElementary(QQ)`
- Monomial basis: `m = SFAMonomial(QQ)`
- Homogeneous basis: `h = SFAHomogeneous(QQ)`
- Schur basis: `s = SFASchur(QQ)`
- Dual basis: `m.dual_basis()` is `h`
- Omega: `m([2,2,1]).omega()`
- Change of basis: `m(h([3]))`
- Change of basis matrix: `h.transition_matrix(m,4)`
- Plethysm: `s([3])(s([3,2]))`

## Let's use Sage<sup>++</sup>

### Demo 6: Play with Jack and Macdonald Polynomials

```
sage: H = MacdonaldPolynomialsH(QQ); H
sage: s = SFASchur(H.base_ring()); s
sage: s(H([2]))
sage: _.expand(3)
sage: J = JackPolynomialsJ(QQ,t=1); J
sage: s = SFASchur(J.base_ring()); s
sage: nu = Partitions(7).random(); nu
sage: J(nu)
sage: s(J([3,2,2,1]))
sage: nu.hook_product(1)
```



# Let's use Sage<sup>++</sup>

## Demo 7: Manipulate

```
sage: @manipulate
sage: def _(a=(0,1)):
.....:     x,y = var('x,y')
.....:         show(plot3d(sin(x*cos(y*a)), \
.....:                 (x,0,5), (y,0,5)), figsize=4)
```

# Let's use Sage<sup>++</sup>

## Demo 8: Posets

```
sage: P = Poset([[1,2],[4],[3],[4],[ ]]); P
sage: P.antichains()
sage: P.show()
sage: P.is_meet_semilattice()
sage: P.is_graded()
sage: Pi = PosetOfIntegerPartitions(5); Pi
sage: Pi.show()
sage: B = BooleanLattice(5); B
sage: B.show()
sage: PosetOfRestrictedIntegerPartitions(7).show()
```

# Let's use Sage

## Demo 9: Rubik's cube

```
sage: C = RubiksCube().scramble()  
sage: C.show()  
sage: C.show3d()  
sage: C.solve()
```

## Let's use Sage

### Demo 10: Linear Algebra & Sudoku Solver

```
sage: A = matrix(ZZ,9,[5,0,0, 0,8,0, 0,4,9, \  
                    0,0,0, 5,0,0, 0,3,0, \  
                    0,6,7, 3,0,0, 0,0,1, \  
                    1,5,0, 0,0,0, 0,0,0, \  
                    0,0,0, 2,0,8, 0,0,0, \  
                    0,0,0, 0,0,0, 0,1,8, \  
                    7,0,0, 0,0,4, 1,5,0, \  
                    0,3,0, 0,0,2, 0,0,0, \  
                    4,9,0, 0,5,0, 0,0,3]); A  
  
sage: A.determinant()  
sage: A.minpoly()  
sage: sudoku(A)
```