## Introduction to Sage Development <sup>7 May 2008</sup>

**Exercise 1** Download and install Sage  $\langle www.sagemath.org \rangle$  on your computer.

**Exercise 2** Once it is installed (or you are using a computer with Sage already installed), figure out how to start Sage and how to start the notebook. Create a new worksheet.

**Project Euler** (www.projecteuler.net) is a series of challenging mathematical/computer programming problems that will require more than just mathematical insights to solve. Although mathematics will help you arrive at elegant and efficient methods, the use of a computer and programming skills will be required to solve most problems.

**Exercise 3** Go to the Project Euler webpage and create an account.

**Exercise 4** Do Project Euler problem 1 using list comprehensions.

- (a) Test that your answer is correct by submitting it at the Project Euler webpage.
- (b) If your answer is correct, you will have gained access to the forum for this problem. Visit the forum and try to find a better solution.
- (c) If you answer is correct, you will also have access to a PDF file with an overview of the problem. Read it.

**Exercise 5** Do Project Euler problem 2, and repeat (a), (b) and (c) above.

**Exercise 6** Do Project Euler problem 3, and repeat (a), (b) and (c) above.