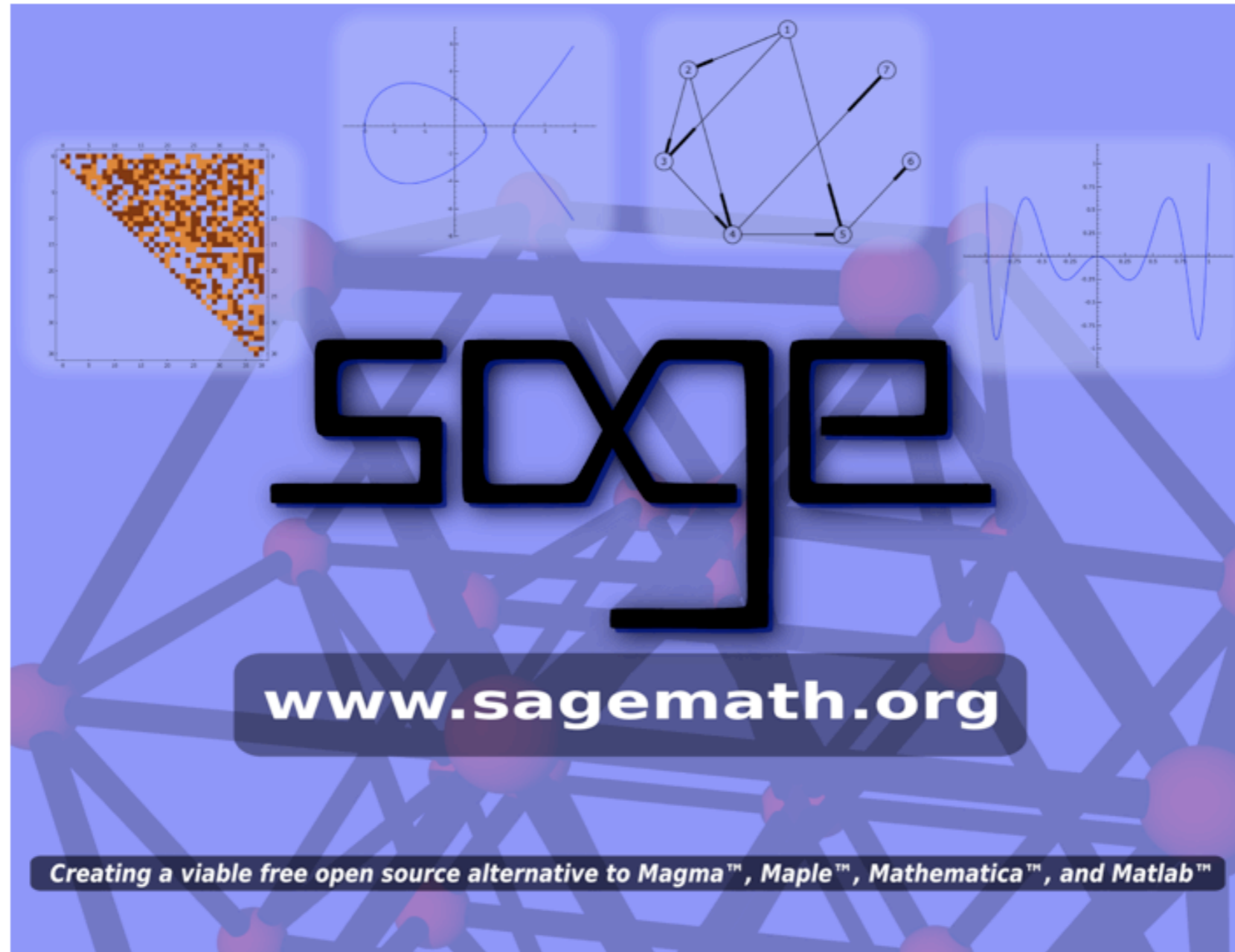


# Sage

## Creating a viable free open source alternative to Magma, Maple, Mathematica and Matlab

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**Sage**

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Creating a viable free open source alternative to Magma™, Maple™, Mathematica™, and Matlab™

## History

- *I started Sage at Harvard in January 2005.*
- No existing math software *good enough.*
- I got *very annoyed* that my students and colleagues had to pay a *ridiculous amount* to use the code I wrote in Magma for *Arithmetic Geometry (modular forms, elliptic curves, etc.)*.
- Sage-1.0 released *February 2006* at Sage Days 1 (San Diego).
- *Sage Days Workshops* 1, 2, ..., 13, at UCLA, UW, Cambridge, Bristol, Austin, France, San Diego, Seattle, Georgia, etc.
- Sage *won first prize* in Trophees du Libre (November 2007)
- Funding from *Microsoft, UW, NSF, DoD, Google, Sun*, private donations, etc.



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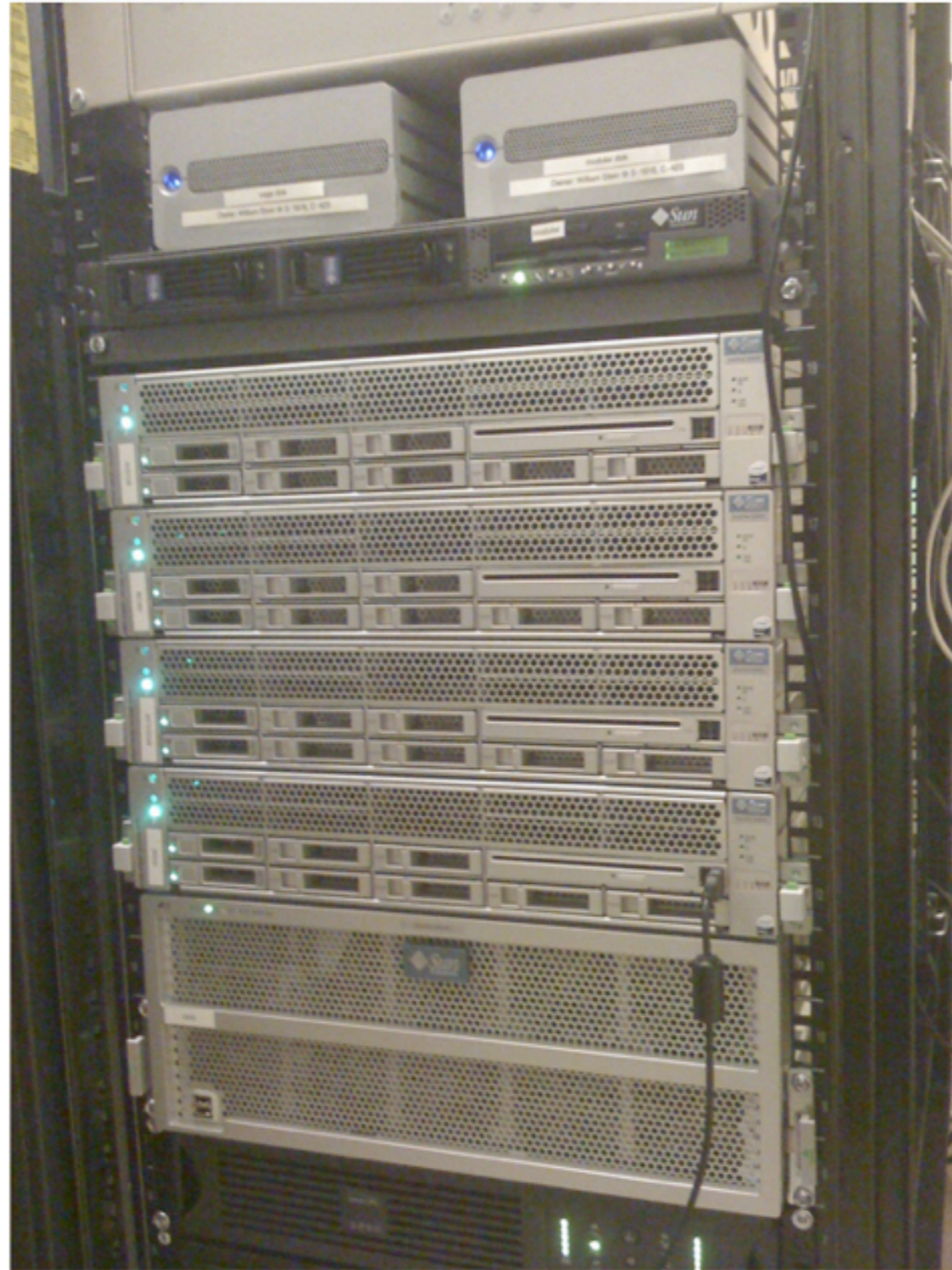
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2. Cython -- *write fast compiled* code in Sage
3. *Free* and *Open source*
4. *Peer review* of Code: "*I do really and truly believe that the Sage refereeing model results in better code.*" -- John Cremona

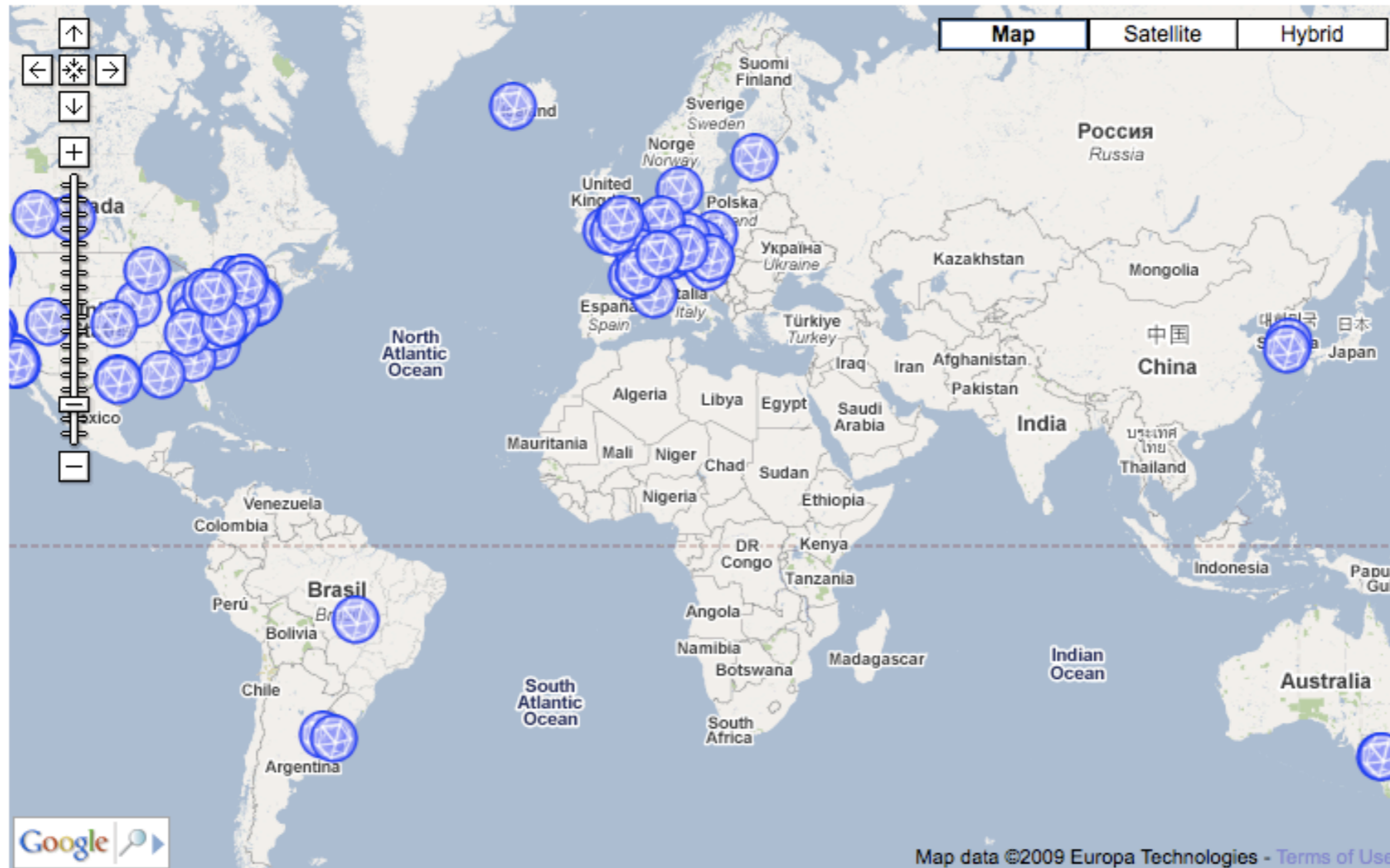
## Sage Is...

- Over *300,000 lines* of new Python/Cython code
- *Distribution* of mathematical software; easy to build from source (over 5 million lines of code).
- About *150 developers*: [developer map](#)
- *Interfaces* to most math software, including Magma, Macaulay 2, Singular, PHCpack, Polymake.
- Exact and numerical *linear algebra*, optimization, *statistics* (numpy, scipy, R, and gsl all included), group theory, combinatorics, cryptography.
- **Number Theory**: elliptic curves, modular forms, *L*-functions -- this is *my research area*
- 2d and 3d *plotting*

# Sage developers around the world

This is a map of all contributors to the Sage project. There are currently 142 contributors in 85 different places from all around the world.

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# Examples: Calculus

Symbolic expressions:

```
x, y = var('x,y')  
type(x)
```

```
<class 'sage.calculus.calculus.SymbolicVariable'>
```

```
reset('e')
```

```
a = 1 + sqrt(7)^2 + pi^e + 2/3 + x^y
```

```
show(a)
```

$$x^y + \pi^e + \frac{26}{3}$$

```
show(expand(a^2))
```

$$x^{2y} + 2\pi^e x^y + \frac{52x^y}{3} + \pi^{2e} + \frac{52\pi^e}{3} + \frac{676}{9}$$

```
show(integrate(sin(x^2)))
```

$$\frac{\sqrt{\pi} \left( (\sqrt{2}i + \sqrt{2}) \operatorname{erf} \left( \frac{(\sqrt{2}i + \sqrt{2})x}{2} \right) + (\sqrt{2}i - \sqrt{2}) \operatorname{erf} \left( \frac{(\sqrt{2}i - \sqrt{2})x}{2} \right) \right)}{8}$$

## Example: Some Rings

```
QQ[sqrt(2)]
```

```
Number Field in sqrt2 with defining polynomial x^2 - 2
```

```
RDF
```

```
Real Double Field
```

```
R = RealIntervalField(100); R
```

```
Real Interval Field with 100 bits of precision
```

```
R((1.01030,1.010332))
```

```
1.0103?
```

```
A = random_matrix(QQ, 500); v = random_matrix(QQ,500,1)
```

```
time x = A \ v
```

```
Time: CPU 1.56 s, Wall: 1.54 s
```

```
len(str(x[0]))
```

```
1484
```

# Example: A Huge Integer Determinant

```
a = random_matrix(ZZ,200,200,x=-2^127,y=2^127)
time d = a.determinant()
len(str(d))
```

```
Time: CPU 3.78 s, Wall: 3.85 s
7786
```

We can also *copy this matrix* over to Maple and compute the same determinant there...

```
a[0,0]
```

```
-91532941219663566551217034654788002094
```

```
maple.with_package('LinearAlgebra')
B = maple(a)
t = maple.cputime()
time c = B.Determinant()
maple.cputime(t)
```

```
Time: CPU 0.00 s, Wall: 23.18 s
22.613
```

```
c == d
```

```
True
```

This ability to easily move objects between math software is *unique to Sage*.

```
B = magma(a)
t = magma.cputime()
time e = B.Determinant()
magma.cputime(t)
```

```
Time: CPU 0.00 s, Wall: 10.74 s
10.51
```

# Example: Plotting a Symbolic Expression

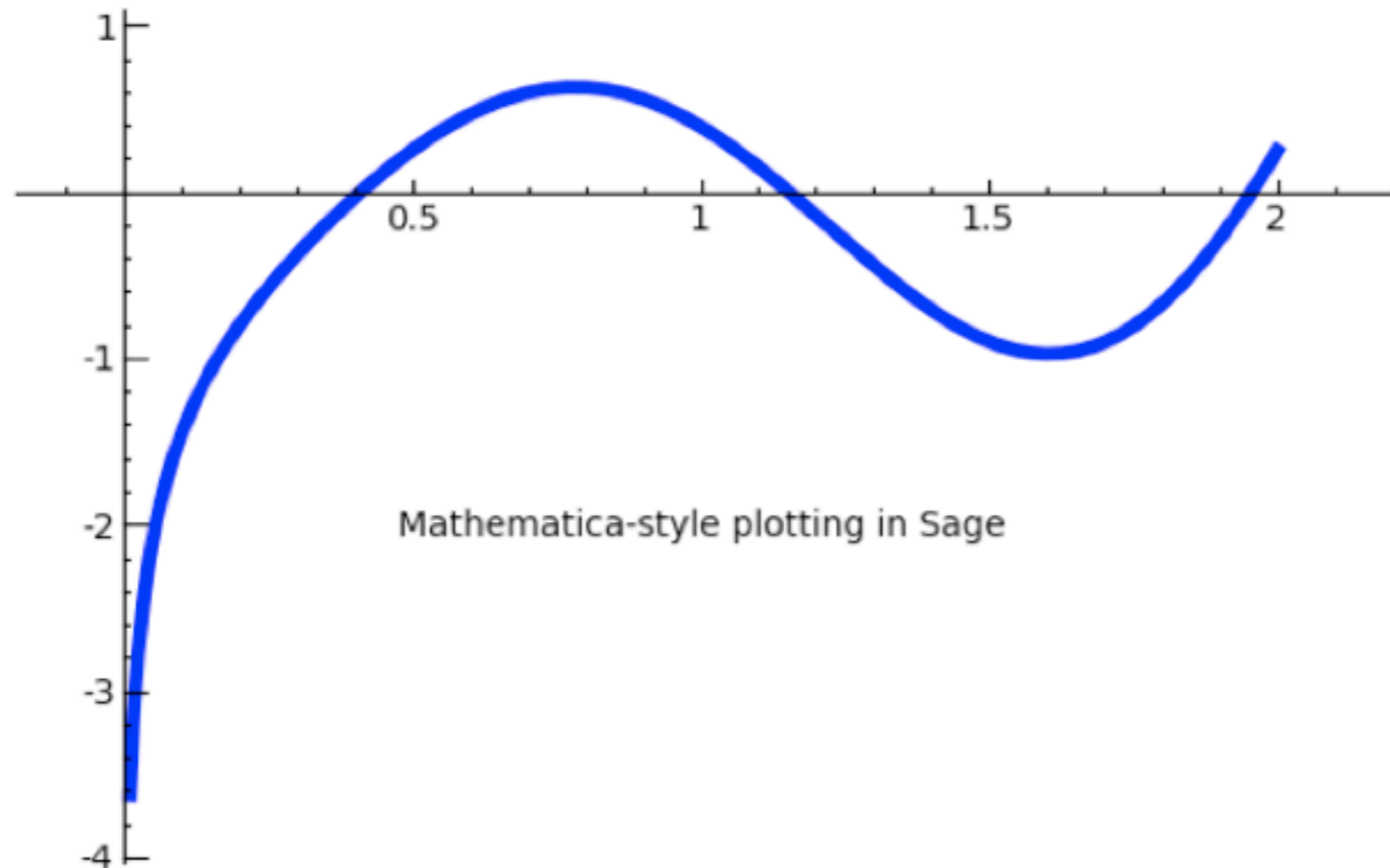
```
x = var('x')  
f(x) = sin(3*x)*x+log(x) + 1/(x+1)^2  
show(f)
```

[evaluate](#)

$$x \mapsto x \sin(3x) + \log(x) + \frac{1}{(x+1)^2}$$

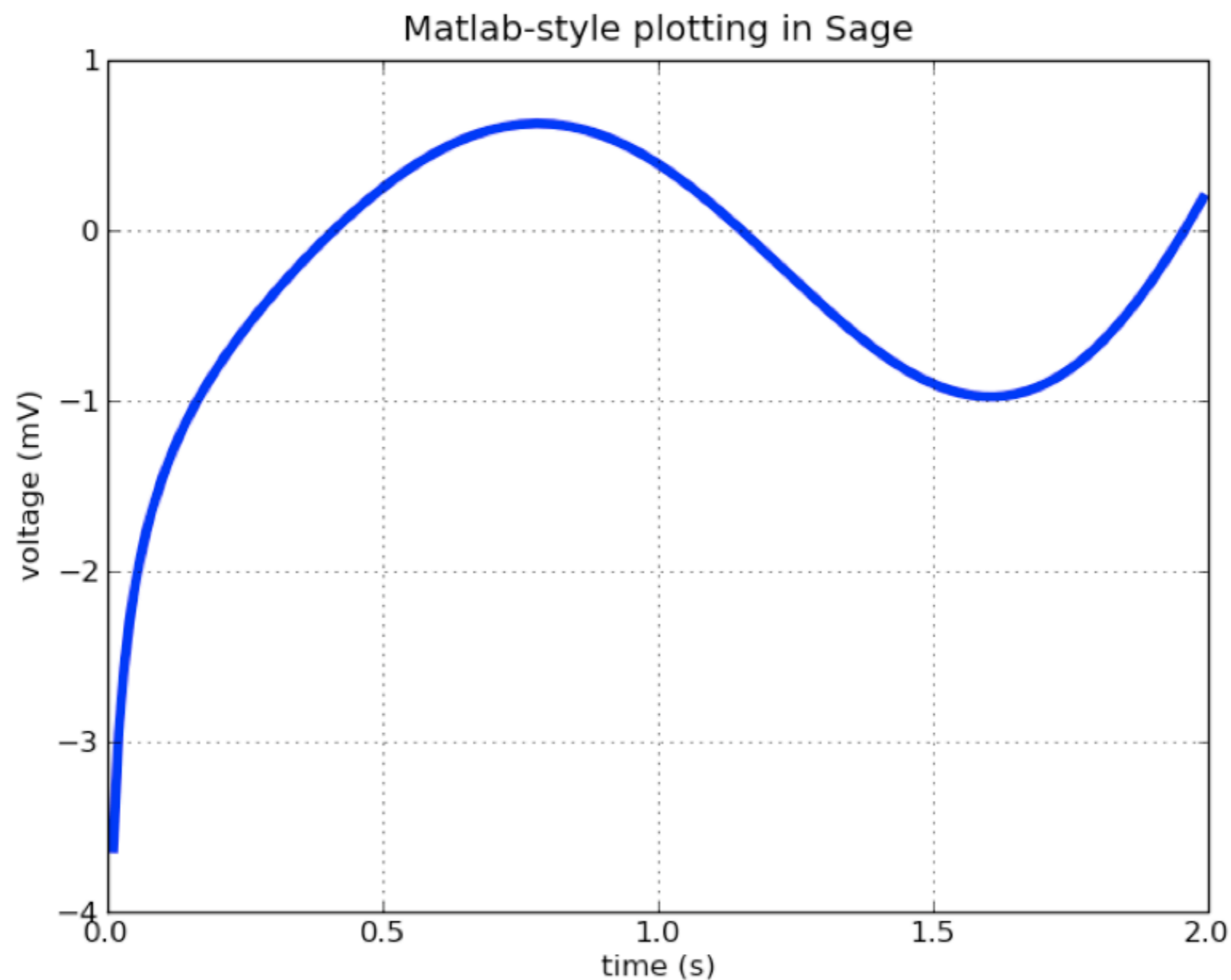
**Plotting functions has similar syntax to Mathematica:**

```
plot(f, (0.01, 2), thickness=4) + text("Mathematica-style plotting in Sage", (1, -2),  
rgbcolor='black')
```



**NOTE: Sage also has 2d plotting that is almost *identical to MATLAB's 2d plotting*:**

```
import pylab as p
p.figure()
t = p.arange(0.01, 2.0, 0.01)
s = p.sin(2 * p.pi * t)
s = p.array([float(f(x)) for x in t])
P = p.plot(t, s, linewidth=4)
p.xlabel('time (s)'); p.ylabel('voltage (mV)')
p.title('Matlab-style plotting in Sage')
p.grid(True)
p.savefig('sage.png')
```



## Example: Fast Evaluation

```
f(x,y,z) = sin(3*x)*x + log(x*y*z)^3 + 1/(1+y)^2
```

```
g = f._fast_float_(x,y,z)  
timeit('g(4.5r,3.2r,5.7r)')
```

625 loops, best of 3: 669 ns per loop

```
%python  
import math  
def g(x,y,z): return math.sin(3*x)*x + log(x*y*z)**3 + 1/(1+y)**2
```

```
timeit('g(4.5r,3.2r,5.7r)')
```

625 loops, best of 3: 7.15  $\mu$ s per loop

```
7.15/.669
```

10.6875934230194

# Example: Interface with Maple and Mathematica

```
var('x')
f = sin(3*x)*x+log(x) + 1/(x+1)^2
show(integrate(f))
```

$$\frac{\sin(3x) - 3x \cos(3x)}{9} + x \log(x) - \frac{1}{x+1} - x$$

The command `maple(...)` fires up Maple (if you have it!), and creates a reference to a live object:

```
m = maple(f); m
```

```
sin(3*x)*x+ln(x)+1/(x+1)^2
```

```
type(m)
```

```
<class 'sage.interfaces.maple.MapleElement'>
```

```
m.parent()
```

```
Maple
```

```
m.parent().pid()
```

```
67798
```

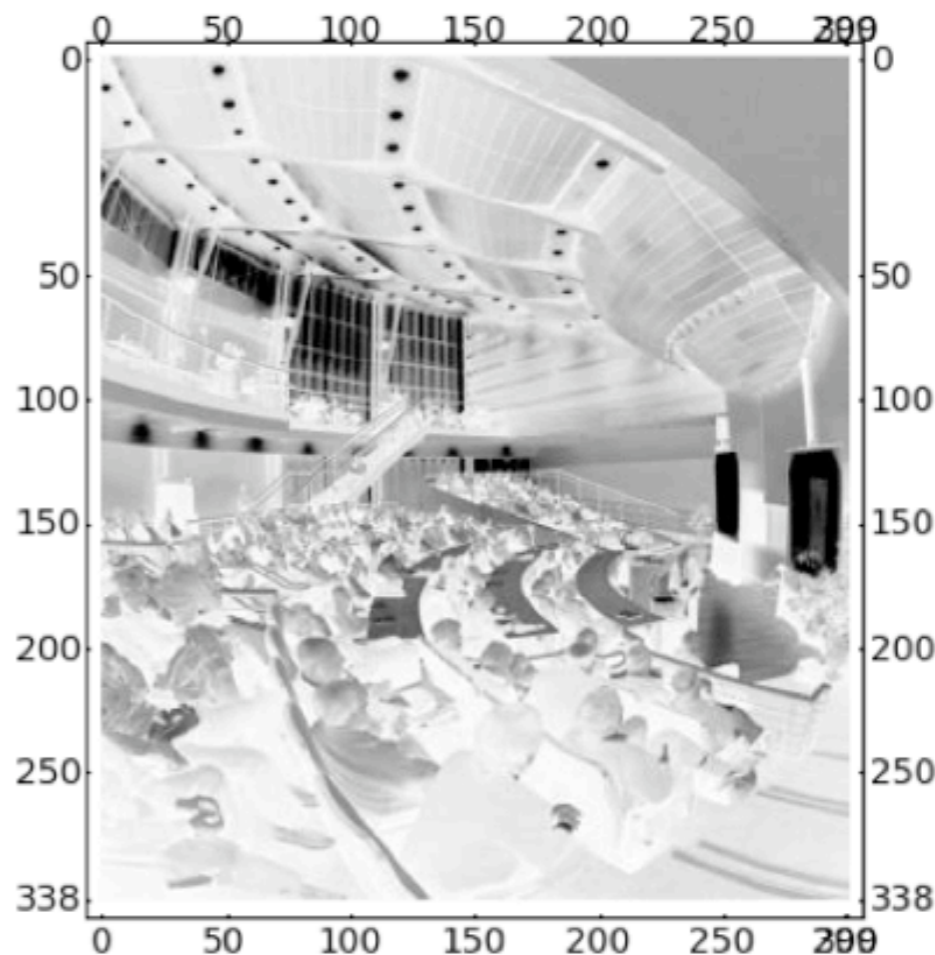
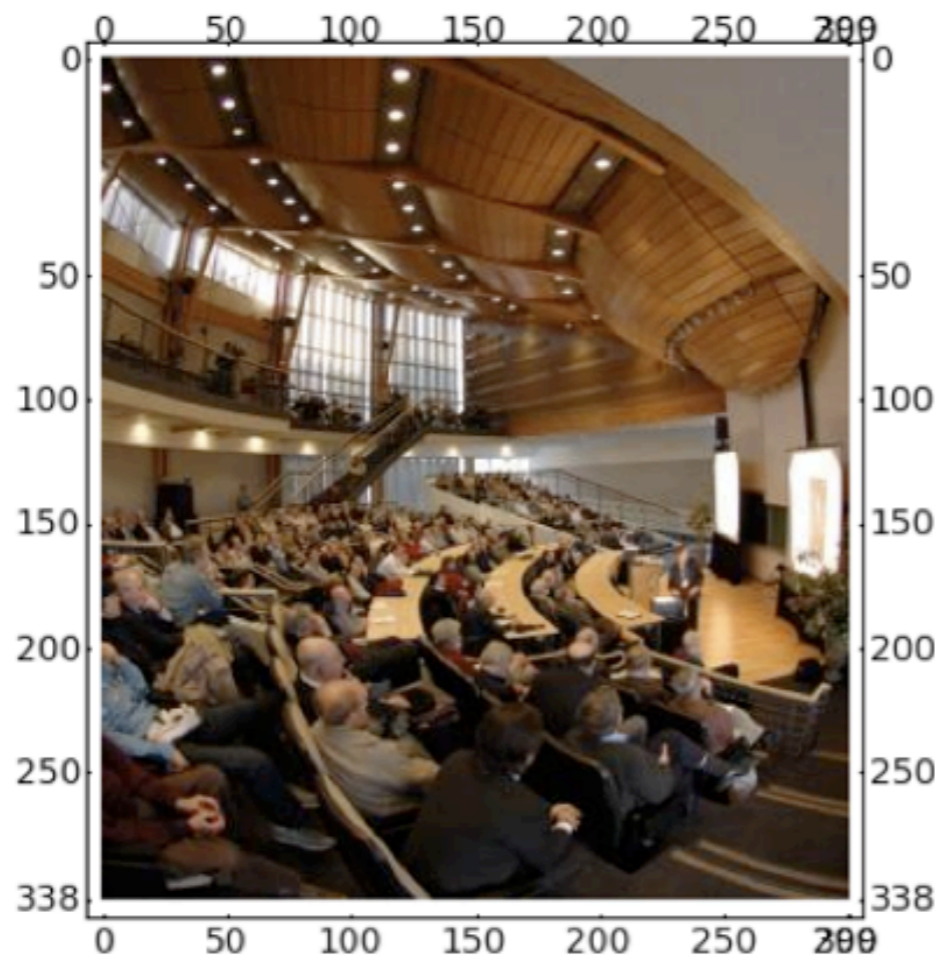
```
os.system('ps ax |grep 24038')
```

```
67818 s001 S+ 0:00.00 sh -c ps ax |grep 24038
67820 s001 R+ 0:00.00 grep 24038
0
```

# Example: Interactive Image Compression

This illustrates pylab (matplotlib + numpy), Sage plotting, html output, and @interact.

```
# first just play
import pylab
A = pylab.imread(DATA + 'simons.png')
graphics_array([matrix_plot(A), matrix_plot(1-A[0:,0:,1])]).show(figsize=[10,4])
```



```
A[0,0,]
```

```
array([ 0.03529412,  0.04705882,  0.01960784,  1.          ],
      dtype=float32)
```



```
import pylab
A_image = pylab.mean(pylab.imread(DATA + 'simons.png'), 2)
@interact
def svd_image(i=(20,(1..100)), display_axes=True):
    u,s,v = pylab.linalg.svd(A_image)
    A      = sum(s[j]*pylab.outer(u[0:,j], v[j,0:])) for j in range(i)
    g = graphics_array([matrix_plot(A),matrix_plot(A_image)])
    show(g, axes=display_axes, figsize=(8,3))
    html('<h2>Compressed using %s eigenvalues</h2>'%i)
```

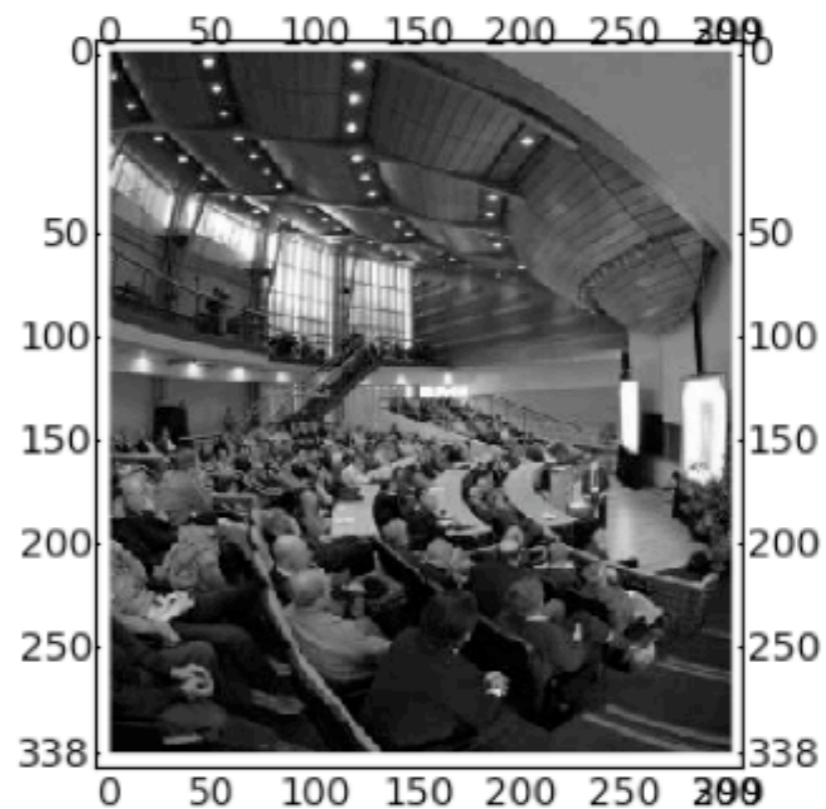
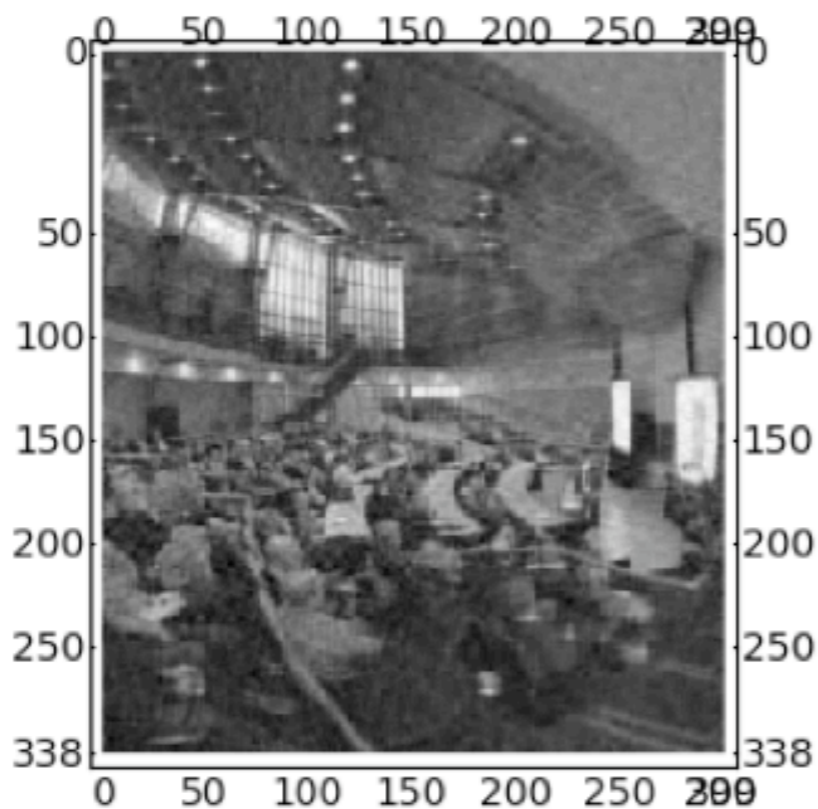
i



38

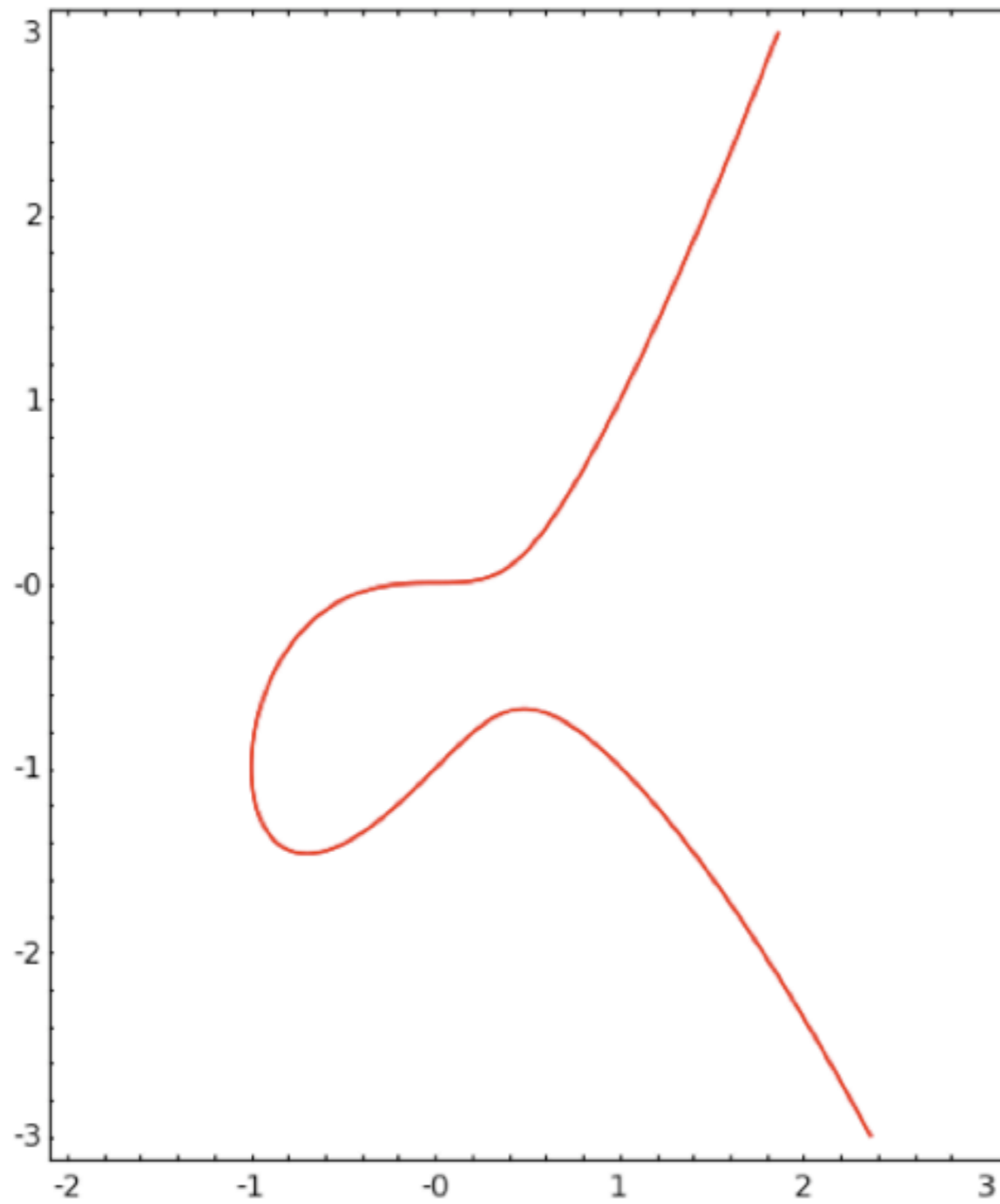
display\_axes

## Compressed using 38 eigenvalues



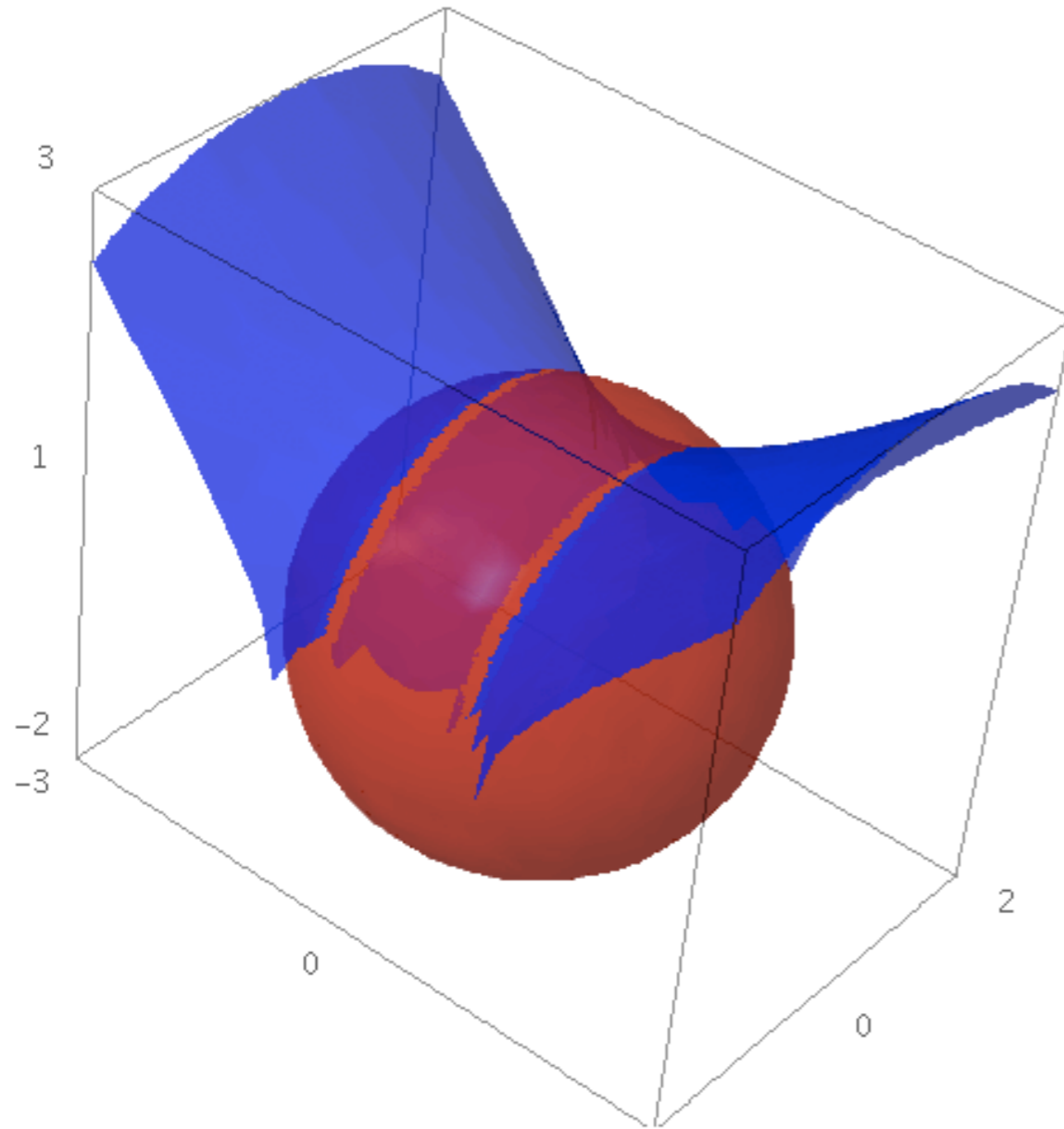
# Example: Implicit 2d Plot

```
var("x y")  
implicit_plot(y^3 + x*y - x^2 - x, (-2,3), (-3,3), plot_points=400, cmap='hsv').show(aspect_ratio=1)
```

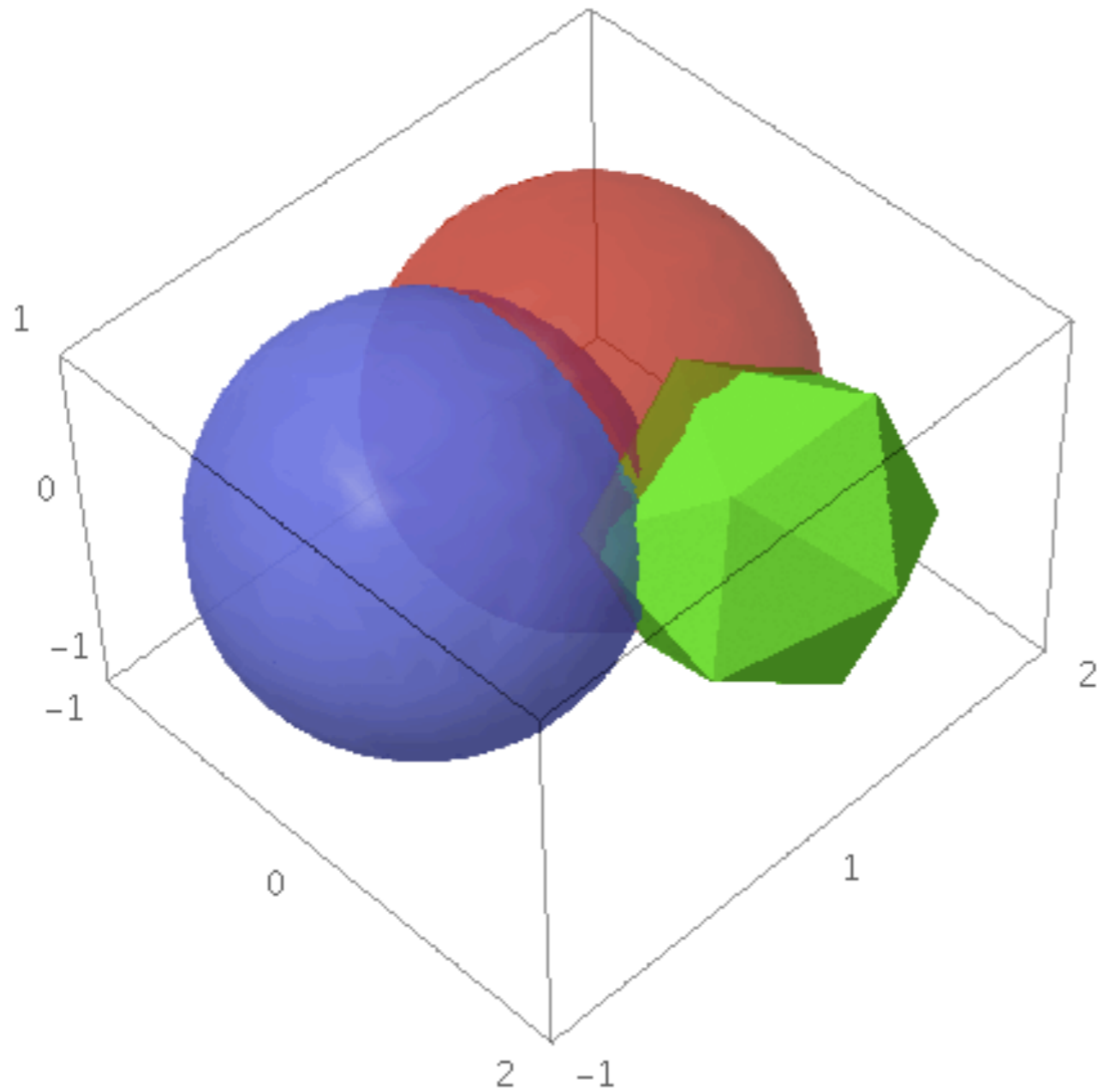


# Example: 3d Plots

```
var('x,y')  
P = plot3d(sqrt(x^2-y^2+3), (x,-3,3), (y,-2,2), color='blue', opacity=0.7)  
P + sphere((0,0,0),2,color='red', aspect_ratio=[1,1,1], opacity=0.6)
```

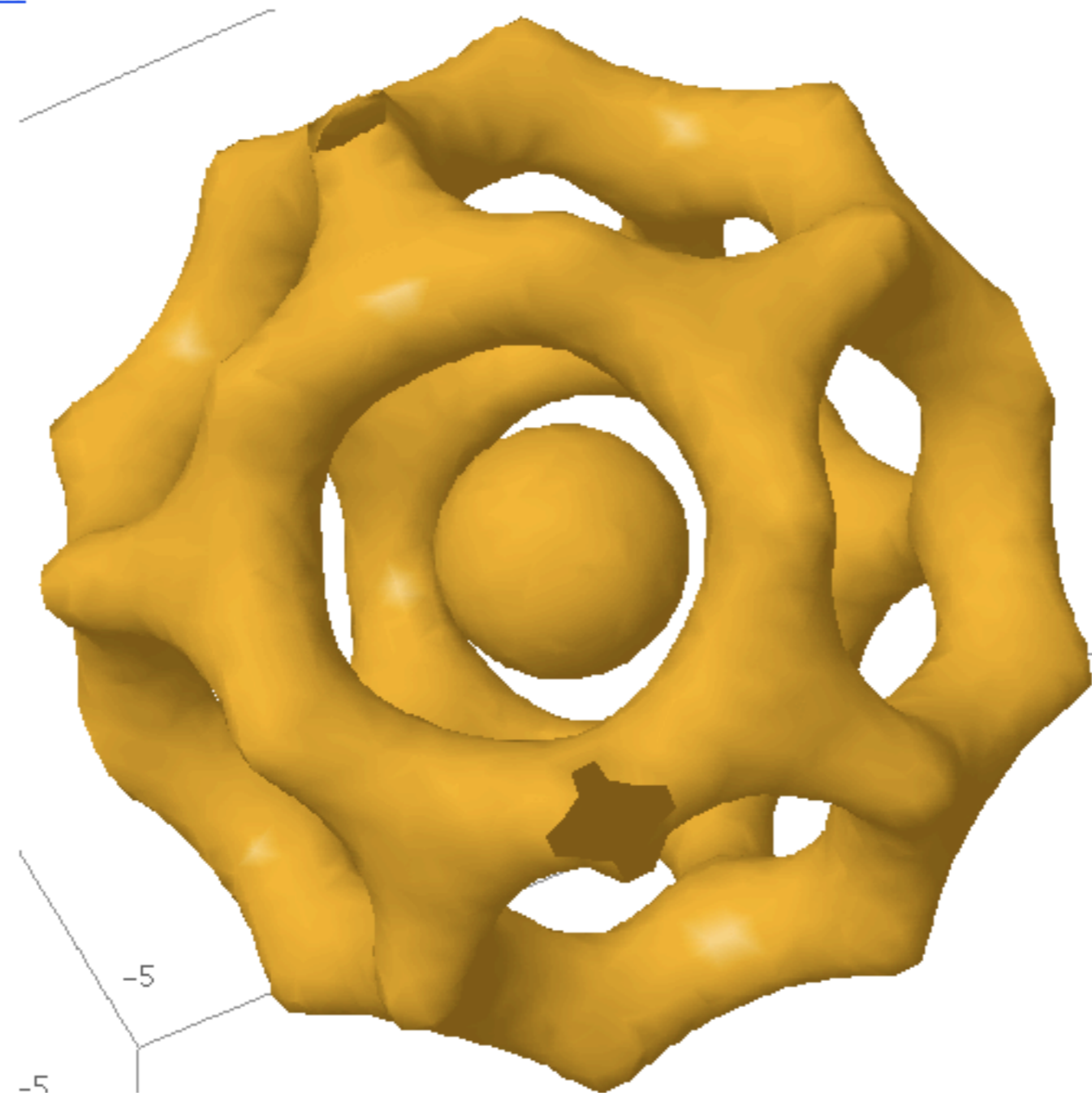


```
( sphere((0,0,0), opacity=0.7) + sphere((0,1,0), color='red', opacity=0.5)
  + icosahedron((1,1,0), color='green') )
```



```
# implicit_plot3d -- not yet released
# (see http://trac.sagemath.org/sage\_trac/ticket/5249)!!
var('x,y,z')
T = RDF(golden_ratio)
p = (2 - (cos(x + T*y) + cos(x - T*y) + cos(y + T*z)
        + cos(y - T*z) + cos(z - T*x) + cos(z + T*x)))
r = 4.77
implicit_plot3d(p, (-r, r), (-r, r), (-r, r), plot_points=40)
```

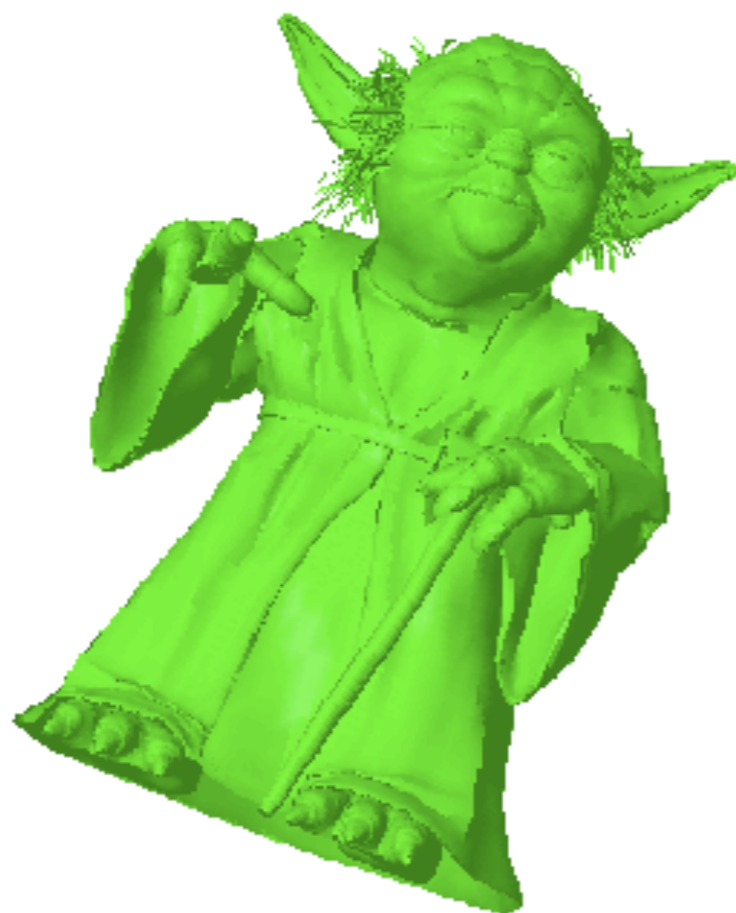
[evaluate](#)



3d plotting (using [jmol](#)) is fast even though it does **not** use Java3d or OpenGL or require any special signed code or drivers.

```
# Yoda! -- over 50,000 triangles.  
from scipy import io  
X = io.loadmat(DATA + 'yodapose.mat')  
from sage.plot.plot3d.index\_face\_set import IndexFaceSet  
V = X['V']; F3=X['F3']-1; F4=X['F4']-1  
Y = IndexFaceSet(F3,V,color='green') + IndexFaceSet(F4,V,color='green')  
Y = Y.rotateX(-1)  
Y.show(aspect\_ratio=[1,1,1], frame=False, figsize=4)  
html('"Use the source, Luke..."')
```

"Use the source, Luke..."



# Example: Write Fast Code (using Cython)

```
to      sage-support
date    Sat, Jan 31, 2009 at 11:15 AM
Hi,
```

I received first a MemoryError, and later on Sage reported:

```
uitkomst1=[]
uitkomst2=[]
eind=int((10^9+2)/(2*sqrt(3)))
print eind
for y in xrange(1,eind):
    test1=is_square(3*y^2+1,True)
    test2=is_square(48*y^2+1,True)
    if test1[0] and test1[1]%3==2: uitkomst1.append((y,(2*test1[1]-1)/3))
    if test2[0] and test2[1]%3==1: uitkomst2.append((y,(2*test2[1]+1)/3))
print uitkomst1
een=sum([3*x-1 for (y,x) in uitkomst1 if 3*x-1<10^9])
print uitkomst2
twee=sum([3*x+1 for (y,x) in uitkomst2 if 3*x+1<10^9])
print een+twee
```

If you replace  $10^9$  with  $10^6$ , the above listing works properly.

Maybe I made a mistake?

Rolandb

I rewrote Roland's code slightly so it wouldn't waste memory by constructing big lists... but the result was slow.

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```
def f_python(n):
    uitkomst1=[]
    uitkomst2=[]
    eind=int((n+2)/(2*sqrt(3)))
    print eind
    for y in (1..eind):
        test1=is_square(3*y^2+1,True)
        test2=is_square(48*y^2+1,True)
        if test1[0] and test1[1]%3==2:
            uitkomst1.append((y,(2*test1[1]-1)/3))
        if test2[0] and test2[1]%3==1:
            uitkomst2.append((y,(2*test2[1]+1)/3))
    print uitkomst1
    een=sum(3*x-1 for (y,x) in uitkomst1 if 3*x-1<10^9)
    print uitkomst2
    twee=sum(3*x+1 for (y,x) in uitkomst2 if 3*x+1<10^9)
    print een+twee
```

```
time f_python(10^5)
```

```
28868
[(1, 1), (15, 17), (209, 241), (2911, 3361)]
[(1, 5), (14, 65), (195, 901), (2716, 12545)]
51408
Time: CPU 0.72 s, Wall: 0.77 s
```

```
time f_python(10^6)
```

```
288675
[(1, 1), (15, 17), (209, 241), (2911, 3361), (40545, 46817)]
[(1, 5), (14, 65), (195, 901), (2716, 12545), (37829, 174725)]
716034
Time: CPU 7.14 s, Wall: 7.65 s
```



## Rewrite using *CYTHON*

```
%cython
from sage.all import is_square
cdef extern from "math.h":
    long double sqrtl(long double)
def f(n):
    uitkomst1=[]
    uitkomst2=[]
    cdef long long eind=int((n+2)/(2*sqrt(3)))
    cdef long long y, t
    for y in range(1,eind):
        t = <long long>sqrtl(<long long> (3*y*y + 1))
        if t * t == 3*y*y + 1:
            uitkomst1.append((y, (2*t-1)/3))
        t = <long long>sqrtl(<long long> (48*y*y + 1))
        if t * t == 48*y*y + 1:
            uitkomst2.append((y, (2*t+1)/3))
    print uitkomst1
    een=sum([3*x-1 for (y,x) in uitkomst1 if 3*x-1<10^9])
    print uitkomst2
    twee=sum([3*x+1 for (y,x) in uitkomst2 if 3*x+1<10^9])
    print een+twee
```

[Users ws... code sagel04 spyx.c](#)

[Users ws...de sagel04 spyx.html](#)

```
time f(10^6)
```

```
[(1L, 1L), (4L, 4L), (15L, 17L), (56L, 64L), (209L, 241L), (780L, 900L), (2911L, 3361L), (10864L, 12
[(1L, 5L), (14L, 65L), (195L, 901L), (2716L, 12545L), (37829L, 174725L)]
2
Time: CPU 0.03 s, Wall: 0.03 s
```

A speedup by a factor of 238!!

```
7.14/0.03
```

[evaluate](#)

```
238.000000000000
```

```
time f(10^9)
```

```
288675135
[(1L, 1L), (4L, 4L), (15L, 17L), (56L, 64L), (209L, 241L), (780L, 900L), (2911L, 3361L), (10864L, 12
[(1L, 5L), (14L, 65L), (195L, 901L), (2716L, 12545L), (37829L, 174725L), (526890L, 2433601L), (73386
2
Time: CPU 25.60 s, Wall: 26.50 s
```

# Example: Multiply Polynomials

```
R.<x,y,z> = GF(997)[ ]; R
```

```
Multivariate Polynomial Ring in x, y, z over Finite Field of size 997
```

```
show((x+y+z+3)^2)
```

$$x^2 + 2xy + y^2 + 2xz + 2yz + z^2 + 6x + 6y + 6z + 9$$

```
f = (x+y+z+1)^20  
time g = f*(f+1)
```

```
Time: CPU 0.11 s, Wall: 0.12 s
```

```
%magma  
R<x,y,z> := PolynomialRing(GF(997),3);  
f := (x+y+z+1)^20;  
time g := f*(f+1);
```

```
Time: 0.280
```

```
mf = magma(f)  
time g = mf*(mf+1)
```

```
Time: CPU 0.00 s, Wall: 0.30 s
```

# Example: Compute a Groebner Bases

```
P.<a,b,c> = PolynomialRing(QQ,3, order='lex'); P
```

```
Multivariate Polynomial Ring in a, b, c over Rational Field
```

```
I = sage.rings.ideal.Katsura(P,3); show(I.gens())
```

```
(a + 2b + 2c - 1, a2 - a + 2b2 + 2c2, 2ab + 2bc - b)
```

```
I.groebner_basis()
```

```
[a - 60*c3 + 158/7*c2 + 8/7*c - 1, b + 30*c3 - 79/7*c2 + 3/7*c, c4 - 10/21*c3 + 1/84*c2 + 1/84*c]
```

**NOTE:** Sage includes Singular and is very tightly integrated with it.

```
sage.rings.ideal.Katsura(P,3).groebner_basis('singular:std')
```

```
[a - 60*c3 + 158/7*c2 + 8/7*c - 1, b + 30*c3 - 79/7*c2 + 3/7*c, c4 - 10/21*c3 + 1/84*c2 + 1/84*c]
```

```
sage.rings.ideal.Katsura(P,3).groebner_basis('singular:slimgb')
```

```
[a - 60*c3 + 158/7*c2 + 8/7*c - 1, b + 30*c3 - 79/7*c2 + 3/7*c, c4 - 10/21*c3 + 1/84*c2 + 1/84*c]
```

**NOTE:** You must have Macaulay 2 installed for this to work...

```
sage.rings.ideal.Katsura(P,3).groebner_basis('macaulay2')
```

```
[a - 60*c3 + 158/7*c2 + 8/7*c - 1, b + 30*c3 - 79/7*c2 + 3/7*c, c4  
- 10/21*c3 + 1/84*c2 + 1/84*c]
```

```
sage.rings.ideal.Katsura(P,3).groebner_basis('magma')
```

```
[a - 60*c3 + 158/7*c2 + 8/7*c - 1, b + 30*c3 - 79/7*c2 + 3/7*c, c4  
- 10/21*c3 + 1/84*c2 + 1/84*c]
```

# Example: Compute a Groebner Fan

```
P.<a,b,c> = PolynomialRing(QQ,3, order='lex'); P  
I = sage.rings.ideal.Katsura(P,3)
```

```
F = I.groebner_fan(); F
```

Groebner fan of the ideal:

Ideal  $(a + 2*b + 2*c - 1, a^2 - a + 2*b^2 + 2*c^2, 2*a*b + 2*b*c - b)$  of  
Multivariate Polynomial Ring in  $a, b, c$  over Rational Field

```
F.weight_vectors()
```

```
[(4, 4, 1), (3, 2, 1), (5, 2, 3), (2, 1, 3), (2, 3, 5), (2, 3, 1), (2,  
5, 3), (1, 4, 4)]
```

```
F.render().show(axes=False)
```

