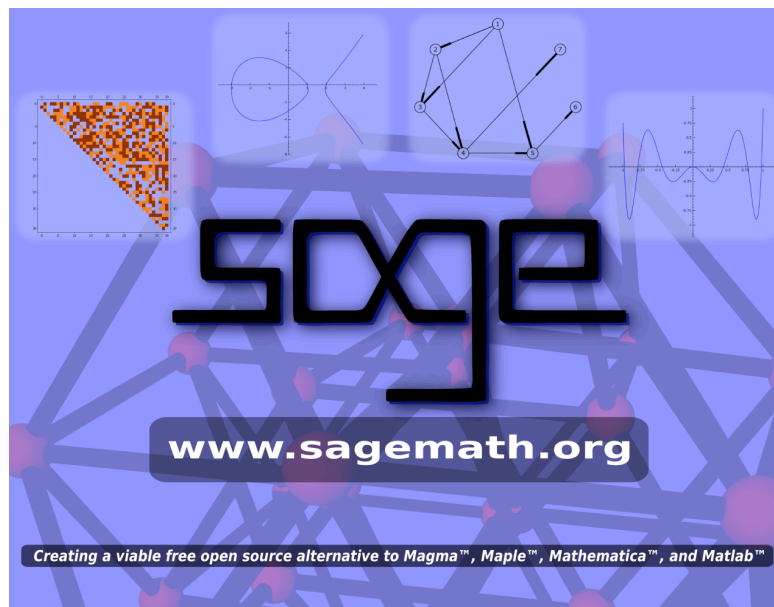

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SAGE

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

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History

- *I started Sage at Harvard in January 2005.*
- *IMHO, no existing math software is good enough (*free or commercial*).*
- *Sage-1.0 released February 2006 at Sage Days 1 (San Diego).*
- *Sage Days Workshops 1, 2, ..., 11, at UCLA, UW, Cambridge, Bristol, Austin, France, San Diego, *Seattle*, etc.*

- Funding from UW, NSF, DoD, Microsoft, Google, Sun, private donors, etc.



Sage is 100% Free and Open Source Software

Active user community; **964** members of the [sage-support mailing list](#).

Free webapp -- [sagenb.org](#) -- has about 3000 users (and there are other servers at universities around the world..)

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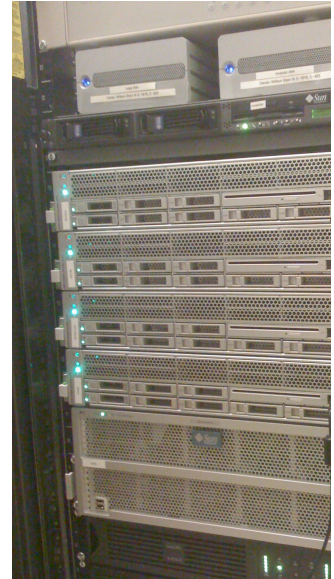
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The screenshot shows the Sage 3.2.3 website homepage. At the top left is the Sage logo, a blue cube with the word 'sage' in lowercase. To the right, it says 'open source mathematics software · v3.2.3 (2009-01-08)' and lists links for 'RSS · Blog · Trac · Wiki · Search:'. Below the header is a navigation menu with 'Intro · About · Help · Download · Search · Development · Links'. The main content area features a paragraph describing Sage as a free open-source mathematics software system licensed under the GPL. Below this is a mission statement: 'Creating a viable free open source alternative to Magma, Maple, Mathematica and Matlab.' There are links for 'Donate · Acknowledgments · Browse the Code · Questions?'. The page is organized into a grid of six main sections, each with an icon and a title: 'Download 3.2.3' (with a download arrow icon), 'Sage Via the Web' (with the Sage logo icon), 'Help' (with an information 'i' icon), 'Feature Tour' (with the Sage logo icon), 'Library' (with a bookshelf icon), and 'Search' (with a magnifying glass icon). At the bottom, there are small icons for 'MEMBERSTEN', 'LICENSED', 'DONATE', and 'NEWS FEED', along with a 'Sign In' button.



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Sage = Python + Local Web Interface + Tons of Work

The first example from the Python tutorial:

```
the_world_is_flat = 1
if the_world_is_flat:
    print "Be careful not to fall off!"
    Be careful not to fall off!
```

The Sage preparser (%python turns it off temporarily):

```
%python
3/5 + 2/3 + 1/3
0
```

```
3/5 + 2/3 + 1/3
8/5
```

```
preparse('3/5 + 2/3 + 1/3')
'Integer(3)/Integer(5) + Integer(2)/Integer(3) +
Integer(1)/Integer(3)'
```

Symbolic expressions:

```
x, y = var('x,y')
type(x)
<class 'sage.calculus.calculus.SymbolicVariable'>
```

```
a = 1 + sqrt(2) + pi + 2/3 + x^y
a
x^y + pi + sqrt(2) + 5/3
```

```
show(a)
```

$$x^y + \pi + \sqrt{2} + \frac{5}{3}$$

What is Sage?

- Well over *300,000 lines* of new Python/Cython code
- *A Distribution* of mathematical software (over 60 third-party packages); builds from source without dependency (over 5 million lines of code)
- *Exact and numerical linear algebra*, optimization (*numpy*, *scipy*, *R*, and *gsl* all **included**)
- Group theory, *number theory*, combinatorics, graph theory
- Symbolic *calculus*
- Coding theory, *cryptology* and cryptanalysis
- 2d and 3d *plotting*
- *Statistics* (Sage includes R)
- Overall range of *functionality rivals* that of Maple, Matlab, and Mathematica
- Sage is *frickin' huge*

[Reference Manual \(over 3000 pages, all new\)](#)

Example: An Integer Determinant

```
a = random_matrix(ZZ,200)
print a[0]
time d = a.determinant(); d
(1, 1, 0, 0, -1, 1, 2, 1, 2, 0, 1, 0, -1, 1, 1, 2, -1, 0, -1, 1,
-16, 0, -2, 1, 0, 6, 1, 4, -1, 3, 27, 1, -1, 0, 6, 1, 1, 4, 1, -1,
1, 0, 0, -1, -29, 4, -2, 1, 2, -1, -1, -1, 3, 3, 0, -1, 1, 6, 1, 1,
6, 6, 1, 21, 0, 11, -7, 2, -1, 1, -1, 2, 1, 2, 0, 0, -4, -13, -1, 1,
1, 2, 6, -6, 0, -2, -1, 2, 2, -1, 0, 2, -1, -3, 3, -1, 1, 1, -8, -1,
-1, 1, 10, -1, 1, 1, -22, 0, -6, -2, -1, -2, -2, 2, 1, 1, -2, -1,
-1, -1, -1, 0, -9, 2, 1, 1, 1, 2, -2, 0, -2, 0, 1, -1, 11, -1, -2,
3, 1, 1, 63, -93, -2, 0, -11, 1, -7, -1, 5, 2, -41, 3, 2, 3, 1, 1,
0, -1, 0, 0, -2, 0, -1, 1, -4, 1, -5, 5, 1, 0, -11, -1, 1, -1, -1,
2, -1, 0, -3, 1, -1, 2, -1, -263, 1, -1, -9, 1, -2, 0, -189, 3, -1,
0, 0, 9, 1, 1, -5, 1)
77620253943070097963912240423090055146582815068129562307886088009680\
67479650973080241114390487544104333211166340638040816197898976498767\
64453668041627512759858337090488928145720585417314312665783240797730\
18658535586013658187234758895547180111867831597702796315448032669125\
49178906026921619202635952030939807947385758650289386464827367587999\
```

```
15903082082090053138222324019794480340114468887728350216313449573010\
9397200563570831479911910377761727280293793558438
Time: CPU 0.29 s, Wall: 0.31 s
```

```
maple.with_package('linalg')
B = maple(a)
t = maple.cputime()
time c = B.det()
maple.cputime(t)
```

```
Time: CPU 0.00 s, Wall: 29.30 s
26.890999999999998
```

```
c == d
```

```
True
```

"The speedup of LinBox [what Sage incorporates] against LinearAlgebra Maple's module is tremendous. It allows for instance the computation of an integer determinant of 400x400 dense matrix with entries lying in [1..100] in only 1.7s on PIV-3.2Ghz while Maple computation turns out to need 536s." (from linalg.org)

```
a = random_matrix(ZZ, 400, x=1,y=100)
time d = a.det()
```

```
Time: CPU 2.26 s, Wall: 2.26 s
```

Example: A Symbolic Expression

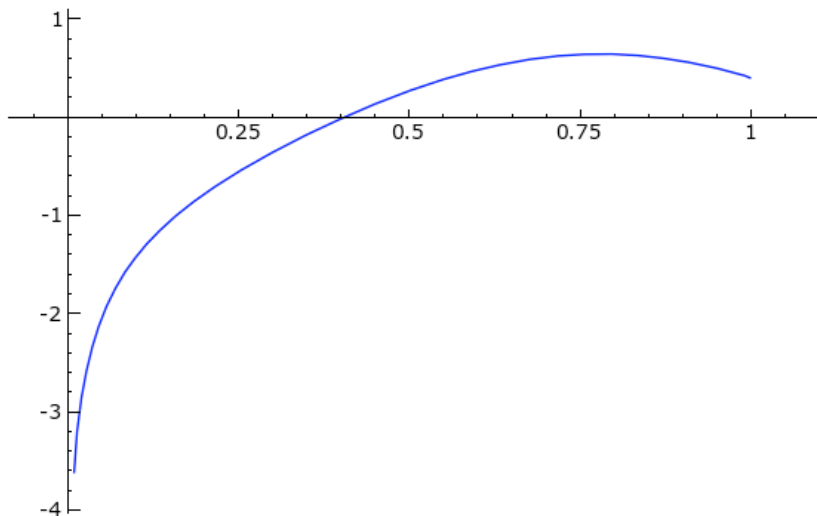
```
x = var('x')
```

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

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

Plotting functions has same syntax as Mathematica:

```
plot(f, (0.01, 1))
```



`_fast_float_` yields super-fast evaluation of Sage symbolic expressions -- e.g., here it is 10 times faster than native Python!

```
g = f._fast_float_(x)
timeit('g(4.5x)')
```

```
625 loops, best of 3: 515 ns per loop
```

```
%python
# %python, so no preparsing so uses pure python
import math
def g(x): return math.sin(3*x)*x + log(x) + 1/(1+x)**2
```

```
timeit('g(4.5x)')
```

```
625 loops, best of 3: 7.03 µs per loop
```

Example: Compare Answers with Maple

```
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()
```

```
24038
```

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

```
24038 s007 Ss+ 0:00.01 /bin/sh /Users/wstein/bin/maple -t
24233 s015 S+ 0:00.00 sh -c ps ax |grep 24038
24235 s015 R+ 0:00.00 grep 24038
0
```

Use Maple objects via a Pythonic notation:

```
show(m.integrate('x'))
```

$$1/9 \sin(3x) - 1/3 \cos(3x)x + \ln(x)x - x - (x+1)^{-1}$$

```

mathematica(f).Integrate(x)
-x - (1 + x)^(-1) - (x*cos[3*x])/3 + x*log[x] + sin[3*x]/9

```

Example: Interactive Image Compression

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

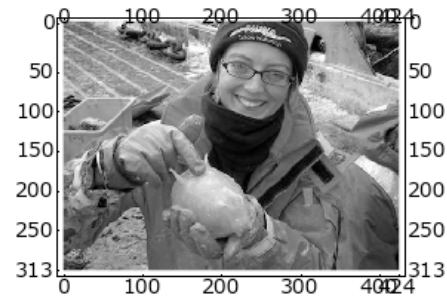
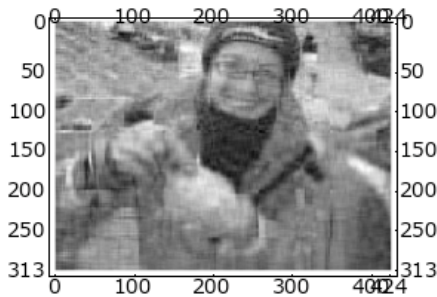
```

import pylab
A_image = pylab.mean(pylab.imread(DATA + 'seapig.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=(7,2))
    html('<h2>A Marine Biologist holding a SEAPIG,<br>compressed using %s
eigenvalues</h2>'%i)

```

i
display_axes

**A Marine Biologist holding a SEAPIG,
compressed using 20 eigenvalues**



Example: Python Class Heierarchy

```

def class_hierarchy(cls, v):
    v.append(str(cls))
    for supercls in cls.__bases__:
        class_hierarchy(supercls, v)
@interact
def foo(object=1):
    print object
    print '<html><h2>Inheritance hierarchy of\n%r</h2>'%(
        str(type(object)).replace('<', '').replace('>', ''))
    print '<font color="#333333"><pre>'
    v = []; class_hierarchy(object.__class__, v)

```



```
print '\n'.join(['.'*(3*i)+w for i, w in
                enumerate(reversed(v))]).replace('<', '').replace('>', '')
print '</pre></font></html>'
```

```
object 1
```

```
1
```

**Inheritance hierarchy of
"type 'sage.rings.integer.Integer'"**

```
type 'object'
...type 'sage.structure.sage_object.SageObject'
.....type 'sage.structure.element.Element'
.....type 'sage.structure.element.ModuleElement'
.....type 'sage.structure.element.RingElement'
.....type 'sage.structure.element.CommutativeRingElement'
.....type 'sage.structure.element.IntegralDomainElement'
.....type 'sage.structure.element.DedekindDomainElement'
.....type 'sage.structure.element.PrincipalIdealDomainElement'
.....type 'sage.structure.element.EuclideanDomainElement'
.....type 'sage.rings.integer.Integer'
```

Example: 3d Plots

```
var('x,y')
plot3d(sin(x*y^2), (x,-2,2), (y,-2,2))
```

```
%hide
var('u,v')
plots = ['Two Interlinked Tori', 'Star of David', 'Double Heart',
         'Heart', 'Green bowtie', "Boy's Surface", "Maeder's Owl",
         'Cross cap']

@interact
def _(example=selector(plots, buttons=True, nrows=2),
     tachyon="Raytrace", False), frame = ('Frame', False),
     opacity=(1,(0.1,1))):
    url = ''
    if example == 'Two Interlinked Tori':
        f1 = (4+(3+cos(v))*sin(u), 4+(3+cos(v))*cos(u), 4+sin(v))
        f2 = (8+(3+cos(v))*cos(u), 3+sin(v), 4+(3+cos(v))*sin(u))
        p1 = parametric_plot3d(f1, (u,0,2*pi), (v,0,2*pi), color="red", opacity=opacity)
        p2 = parametric_plot3d(f2, (u,0,2*pi), (v,0,2*pi), color="blue",opacity=opacity)
        P = p1 + p2
    elif example == 'Star of David':
        f_x = cos(u)*cos(v)*(abs(cos(3*v/4))^500 + abs(sin(3*v/4))^500)^(-1/260)*
(abs(cos(4*u/4))^200 + abs(sin(4*u/4))^200)^(-1/200)
        f_y = cos(u)*sin(v)*(abs(cos(3*v/4))^500 + abs(sin(3*v/4))^500)^(-1/260)*
(abs(cos(4*u/4))^200 + abs(sin(4*u/4))^200)^(-1/200)
        f_z = sin(u)*(abs(cos(4*u/4))^200 + abs(sin(4*u/4))^200)^(-1/200)
        P = parametric_plot3d([f_x, f_y, f_z], (u, -pi, pi), (v, 0, 2*pi),opacity=opacity)
    elif example == 'Double Heart':
        f_x = ( abs(v) - abs(u) - abs(tanh((1/sqrt(2))*u)/(1/sqrt(2))) +
abs(tanh((1/sqrt(2))*v)/(1/sqrt(2))) )*sin(v)
        f_y = ( abs(v) - abs(u) - abs(tanh((1/sqrt(2))*u)/(1/sqrt(2))) -
abs(tanh((1/sqrt(2))*v)/(1/sqrt(2))) )*cos(v)
```

```

    f_z = sin(u)*(abs(cos(4*u/4))^1 + abs(sin(4*u/4))^1)^(-1/1)
    P = parametric_plot3d([f_x, f_y, f_z], (u, 0, pi), (v, -pi, pi), opacity=opacity)
elif example == 'Heart':
    f_x = cos(u)*(4*sqrt(1-v^2)*sin(abs(u))^abs(u))
    f_y = sin(u) * (4*sqrt(1-v^2)*sin(abs(u))^abs(u))
    f_z = v
    P = parametric_plot3d([f_x, f_y, f_z], (u, -pi, pi), (v, -1, 1), frame=False,
color="red", opacity=opacity)
elif example == 'Green bowtie':
    f_x = sin(u) / (sqrt(2) + sin(v))
    f_y = sin(u) / (sqrt(2) + cos(v))
    f_z = cos(u) / (1 + sqrt(2))
    P = parametric_plot3d([f_x, f_y, f_z], (u, -pi, pi), (v, -pi, pi), frame=False,
color="green", opacity=opacity)
elif example == "Boy's Surface":
    url = "http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boy's_surface"
    fx = 2/3* (cos(u)* cos(2*v) + sqrt(2)* sin(u)* cos(v))* cos(u) / (sqrt(2) -
sin(2*u)* sin(3*v))
    fy = 2/3* (cos(u)* sin(2*v) - sqrt(2)* sin(u)* sin(v))* cos(u) / (sqrt(2) -
sin(2*u)* sin(3*v))
    fz = sqrt(2)* cos(u)* cos(u) / (sqrt(2) - sin(2*u)* sin(3*v))
    P = parametric_plot3d([fx, fy, fz], (u, -2*pi, 2*pi), (v, 0, pi), plot_points =
[90,90], frame=False, color="orange", opacity=opacity)
elif example == "Maeder's Owl":
    fx = v *cos(u) - 0.5* v^2 * cos(2* u)
    fy = -v *sin(u) - 0.5* v^2 * sin(2* u)
    fz = 4 *v^1.5 * cos(3 *u / 2) / 3
    P = parametric_plot3d([fx, fy, fz], (u, -2*pi, 2*pi), (v, 0, 1), plot_points =
[90,90], frame=False, color="purple", opacity=opacity)
elif example == 'Cross cap':
    url = 'http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cross-cap'
    fx = (1+cos(v))*cos(u)
    fy = (1+cos(v))*sin(u)
    fz = -tanh((2/3)*(u-pi))*sin(v)
    P = parametric_plot3d([fx, fy, fz], (u, 0, 2*pi), (v, 0, 2*pi), frame=False,
color="red", opacity=opacity)
else:
    print "Bug selecting plot?"
    return

html('<h2>%s</h2>' % example)
if url:
    html('<h3><a target="_new" href="%s">%s</a></h3>' % (url, url))
show(P, viewer='tachyon' if tachyon else 'jmol', frame=frame)

```

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..."

```

Questions?