

▼ Programming guide

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[This interface: *standard interface*

[*Document/Worksheet* mode, 1-D/2-D math notation

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▼ 1. Introduction

[Maple = Kernel (built-in commands, kernel extensions) + Math library

[*statement*; - computed and displayed

[*statement*: - computed but not displayed

[*?command* - get help for command

[Quick help: **F1**

[Help on command at cursor position: **F2**

[Switch between text/math by **F5**

[Delete input/output: **CTRL + Del**

[String:

[**> "Hello World";**

"Hello World"

(1.2.1)

[Evaluate expression:

[**> a := 5/3;**

$a := \frac{5}{3}$

(1.2.2)

[**> evalf(a);**

1.666666667

(1.2.3)

[Procedure:

[**> GetAngle := proc(opposite, hypotenuse)**

local theta;

theta := arcsin(opposite/hypotenuse);

evalf(180/Pi*theta);

end proc;

GetAngle := proc(opposite, hypotenuse)

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local θ ;

$\theta := \arcsin(\text{opposite}/\text{hypotenuse}); \text{evalf}(180 * \theta / \pi)$

end proc

[**> GetAngle(4,5);**

53.13010234

(1.2.5)

[Use **Shift + Enter** to enter multiline expressions

[**> # single line comment**

[**> (* Multiline
comment*)**

[Name evaluation:

[**> restart;**

```
b:=a; a:=1; b; a:=2; b;
```

```
b := a
a := 1
1
a := 2
2
```

(1.2.6)

```
> restart;
a:=1; b:=a; b; a:=2; b;
```

```
a := 1
b := 1
1
a := 2
1
```

(1.2.7)

Clear memory and unbind all variable names

```
> restart;
```

Don't forget:

- end statements with ";" or ":"
- multiplication only works with "**"

Equation:

```
> x^2-2*x+1=10;
```

$$x^2 - 2x + 1 = 10$$

(1.2.8)

```
> solve(%, x);
```

$$1 + \sqrt{10}, 1 - \sqrt{10}$$

(1.2.9)

"%", "%%" and "%%%" reference previous results

2. Maple Language Elements

Reserved keywords: **break, next, if, then, elif, else, for, from, in, by, to, while, do, proc, local, global, option, error, return, options, description, export, module, use, end, assuming, try, catch, finally, read, save, quit, done, stop, union, minus, intersect, subset, and, or, not, xor, implies, mod**

Operators:

- ! factorial
- \$ creating sequence
- @ function composition
- , expression sequence separator
- || string/name concatenation
- . matrix multiplication
- > defining function
- .. range
- mod** modulo
- <> not equal
- union, intersect, minus, subset, in** set theory
- and, or, xor, implies, not** logic
- Op~ apply Op elementwise
- %, %%, %%% reference previous results (ditto operators)

Names:

```
> My_name_1, `Ez is egy név` := 1, 2;
```

(1.2.1)

```

My_name_1, Ez is egy név := 1, 2 (1.3.1)
> `Ez is egy név`;
2 (1.3.2)
Names are case-sensitive.
Type:
> type(My_name_1, 'integer');
type(`Ez is egy név`, 'string');
true
false (1.3.3)
Strings:
> S:="Hello world";
S := "Hello world" (1.3.4)
> length(S);
11 (1.3.5)
> S[1], S[6], S[11]; # indexing
"H", "", "d" (1.3.6)
> S[6..9], S[-6..-1], S[-2..11], S[5..]; # slices
"wor", "world", "ld", "o world" (1.3.7)
> SearchText("my s", "This is my string."); # case sensitive
search
9 (1.3.8)
> searchtext("My S", "This is my string."); # case insensitive
9 (1.3.9)
> SearchText("is", "This is my string.", 4..-1); # constrained
search
3 (1.3.10)
> i := 5; cat("The value of i is ", i, ".");
i := 5
"The value of i is 5." (1.3.11)
> filename := cat(kernelopts(maplemdir), kernelopts(dirsep),
"lib");
filename := "C:\Program Files\Maple 17\lib" (1.3.12)
Escaping special characters: "\\", "\'", ...
Parse string to expression:
> parse("a+b/c");
parse("sin(Pi)");
parse("sin(Pi)", 'statement'); # with the 'statement' option,
the result is evaluated
a +  $\frac{b}{c}$ 
sin( $\pi$ )
0 (1.3.13)
Convert expression to string:
> convert(a, 'string');
convert(42, 'string');
"a" (1.3.14)

```

"42" (1.3.14)

Multiline tokens:

```
> 958477383\  
24324;  
95847738324324 (1.3.15)
```

```
> "this is a \  
long string";  
"this is a long string" (1.3.16)
```

```
> "this is a "  
"long string";  
"this is a long string" (1.3.17)
```

Suppress evaluation with single quotes:

```
> sin(0);  
'sin'(0);  
0  
sin(0) (1.3.18)
```

This can be used to pass names to functions, even if there is an assigned a value

Brackets:

- () group expressions
- [] indexing, lists
- { } sets
- <> vectors and matrices

Passing command to operating system:

!*command*;

Type and operands of expression:

```
> op(0, a+1);  
op(1, a+1), op(0, op(1, a+1));  
op(2, a+1), op(0, op(2, a+1));  
`+`  
a, symbol  
1, Integer (1.3.19)
```

```
> op(0, f(x));  
op(1, f(x));  
f  
x (1.3.20)
```

Maple integer subtypes: *integer[8]*, *integer[4]*, *negint*, *posint*, *nonnegint*, *nonposint*, *even*, *odd*, *prime*

Structured types:

```
> type([-1, 2, 11], 'list({negint,prime})');  
type([0, 2, 11], 'list({negint,prime})');  
true  
false (1.3.21)
```

Expression DAG:

```
> eq := x=y+x;  
dismantle(eq);
```

```
EQUATION(3)  
NAME(4): x
```

```
SUM(5)
NAME(4) : y
INTPOS(2) : 1
NAME(4) : x
INTPOS(2) : 1
```

3. Maple Expressions

Maple applies automatic simplification and evaluation to expressions:

```
> a:=3;
   x*(a+x/x);

                               a := 3
                               4 x
(1.4.1)
```

A name evaluates to the last object of the evaluation chain by default. If the name is enclosed in unevaluation quotes, then it evaluates to itself.

```
> unassign('a', 'b');
   a:=b; b:=1;
   a;
   'a';

                               a := b
                               b := 1
                               1
                               a
(1.4.2)
```

Constructors:

```
> `+`(3, 4, 5);

                               12
(1.4.3)
```

Names beginning with an underscore character (`_`) are reserved for use by the Maple library.

Names beginning with "`_Env`" are treated as environment variables.

Maple has predefined constants:

```
> constants;

                               false, γ, ∞, true, Catalan, FAIL, π
(1.4.4)
```

Maple also has several other special constants, such as `NULL`, `undefined`, `I`, `Digits`, ...

`NULL` stands for the empty sequence, `I` is the imaginary unit.

Other protected names: `sin`, `diff`, `degree`, `int`, `list`, ...

Protecting names and options by unevaluation:

```
> output:=13;
   CodeGeneration:-C( x^2, 'output' = 'string' ); # 'output'
   evaluates to an option name, and not to the previously
   assigned value 13.

                               output := 13
                               "cg0 = x * x;
                               "
(1.4.5)
```

Summation on generic index:

```
> B := <1,2,3,4>;
   sum('B[i]', i = 1..4);
```

$$B := \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

(1.4.6)

Dividing with remainder:

```
> remainder := irem(45,3,'quotient');
   quotient;
```

remainder := 0
15

(1.4.7)

Unassigning names (both work):

```
> a := 'a';
```

a := a

(1.4.8)

```
> unassign(a);
```

Treating a function as an unevaluated expression:

```
> 'sin'(pi);
```

sin(π)

(1.4.9)

Defining a procedure, that returns unevaluated whenever it encounters unprocessable arguments:

```
> f := proc(x)
   if type(x, 'numeric') then
     if x > 0 then
       x
     else
       2
     end if
   else
     'procname(_passed)'
   end if
end proc;
```

Maximum number of digits:

```
> kernelopts('maxdigits');
```

38654705646

(1.4.10)

Number of digits in an integer:

```
> length(421324364635);
```

12

(1.4.11)

Constructing fractions:

```
> -2/3 = Fraction(-2, 3);
```

$-\frac{2}{3} = -\frac{2}{3}$

(1.4.12)

Numerator and denominator:

```
> numer(-2/3);
   denom(-2/3);
```

-2
3

(1.4.13)

Exponent form of floats:

```
> 2.14E10;
```

```
2.14E-9;  
.00023E5;  
2.E3; #invalid!
```

```
2.14 1010  
2.14 10-9  
23.
```

Error, missing operator or `;`

Minimum and maximum values of the exponent:

```
> Maple_floats('MIN_EXP');  
Maple_floats('MAX_EXP');
```

```
-9223372036854775806  
9223372036854775806
```

(1.4.14)

Creating software floats:

```
> SFloat(23, -1);
```

```
2.3
```

(1.4.15)

Extracting significant (mantissa) and exponent from a float:

```
> SFloatMantissa(92.35345);  
SFloatExponent(92.35345);
```

```
9235345  
-5
```

(1.4.16)

```
> op(92.35345);
```

```
9235345, -5
```

(1.4.17)

Two software floats are equal if they represent the same number:

```
> evalb( 2.3 = 2.30 );  
op(2.3);  
op(2.30);
```

```
true
```

```
23, -1
```

```
230, -2
```

(1.4.18)

However,

```
> evalb(<2.3,4.5> = <2.30,4.50>);  
EqualEntries(<2.3,4.5>, <2.30,4.50>);
```

```
false
```

```
true
```

(1.4.19)

Hardware floats have low-level implementation and are binary-based, therefore, conversion to them often results in rounding errors.

```
> HFloat(24375, -3);
```

```
24.3750000000000
```

(1.4.20)

```
> op( HFloat(2.3) );
```

```
229999999999999982, -17
```

(1.4.21)

Complex numbers:

```
> I^2;  
2 - 3*I;  
a + b*I;
```

```
-1
```

```
2 - 3 I
```

```
a + I b
```

(1.4.22)

Complex number constructor:

- 1-argument form:

```
> Complex(2), Complex(0), Complex(0.5);  
2 I, 0, 0.5 I (1.4.23)
```

```
> Complex(2 - 3*I), Complex(infinity), Complex(undefined);  
2 - 3 I, ∞ I, undefined I (1.4.24)
```

- 2-argument form:

```
> Complex(2, -3), Complex(2.1, 3), Complex(0, 0);  
2 - 3 I, 2.1 + 3. I, 0 (1.4.25)
```

All forms of complex infinity are numerically equivalent and they are all treated as distinct from real infinities:

```
> evalb(infinity + infinity*I = infinity - infinity*I);  
true (1.4.26)
```

```
> evalb(-infinity + infinity*I = -infinity);  
false (1.4.27)
```

Real and imaginary parts:

```
> Re(2.3 + sqrt(2)*I);  
Im(2.3 + sqrt(2)*I);  
2.3  
√2 (1.4.28)
```

In the expression $a + b \cdot I$, a and b are not assumed to be real. To make this assumption, we can use the *evalc* command.

```
> Re(a + b*I);  
ℜ(a + Ib) (1.4.29)
```

```
> evalc(Re(a + b*I));  
a (1.4.30)
```

Indexing expressions: $expr[index]$, where $expr$ is any expression and $index$ is a sequence of expressions.

```
> 2[3, 4];  
a[];  
a[1];  
a[b, c];  
map[a];  
[1, 2, 3][2..3][1];  
23,4  
a[]  
a1  
ab,c  
mapa  
2 (1.4.31)
```

With constructor:

```
> `?[]`(S, [a, b, c]);  
Sa,b,c (1.4.32)
```

Operands are the indices:

```
> nops(a[b, c, d]);
```



```

op(a[b, c, d]);
op(2, a[b, c, d]);
op(2..3, a[b, c, d]);

```

```

3
b, c, d
c
c, d

```

(1.4.33)

Selection operation: if *expr* is a sequence, the index sequence must evaluate to a positive integer, an integral range, a list of integers or the empty sequence. Negative indices select elements starting from the end of the list. Left or right bound of the integral range can be omitted.

```

> expr := (1, 2, 3, 4, 5);
expr[1];
expr[1..2];
expr[..-3];
expr[[4, 3, 2, 1]];
expr[];

```

```

expr := 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
1
1, 2
1, 2, 3
4, 3, 2, 1
1, 2, 3, 4, 5

```

(1.4.34)

```

> # invalid selection:
expr[0];
expr[88];
expr[1, 2, 3];
expr[-2..1];

```

```

Error, invalid subscript selector
Error, invalid subscript selector
Error, invalid subscript selector
Error, invalid subscript selector

```

Selection works similarly for sets, lists, vectors, arrays and matrices. Matrices and multidimensional arrays use multiple index sequences.

```

> S := {2, 3, 5, 7, 11};
L := [100, 90, 80, 70, 60];
V := <12, 14, 16, 18, 20>;
A := Array([-9, -10, -11, -12, -13]);
A2 := Array(2..3, -1..1, [[1, 2, 3], [4, 5, 6]]); # first 2
arguments are the index ranges (they don't start from 1)
M := Matrix(3, 2, [[21, 22], [23, 24], [25, 26]]); # or: M :=
<21, 22; 23, 24; 25, 26>;

```

```

S := {2, 3, 5, 7, 11}
L := [100, 90, 80, 70, 60]

```

```

V :=
[
12
14
16
18
20
]

```

$$A := \begin{bmatrix} -9 & -10 & -11 & -12 & -13 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
A2 := Array(2..3, -1..1, {(2, -1) = 1, (2, 0) = 2, (2, 1) = 3, (3, -1) = 4, (3, 0) = 5,
(3, 1) = 6}, datatype = anything, storage = rectangular, order = Fortran_order)
```

$$M := \begin{bmatrix} 21 & 22 \\ 23 & 24 \\ 25 & 26 \end{bmatrix}$$

(1.4.35)

```
> S[4]; # relying on the internal ordering of a set should be
avoided, as it may be different from the one given in the
set's definition
L[4];
L[2..-2];
V[-2];
A[4];
A(4); # programming-style indexing
7
70
[90, 80, 70]
18
-12
-12
```

(1.4.36)

```
> A2[1, 1]; # invalid, indices are out of the given range
A2[3, 0];
A2(1, 1); # relative indexing
A2[2..3, [-1, 1]];
M[2, 2];
M[[1, 3], 1]; # submatrix selection
M(3, 1); # programming notation
M(4); # fourth element, matrix treated as a vector by
concatenating columns
Error, Array index out of range
5
1
Array(2..3, 1..2, {(2, 1) = 1, (2, 2) = 3, (3, 1) = 4, (3, 2) = 6}, datatype = anything,
storage = rectangular, order = Fortran_order)
24
[ 21 ]
[ 25 ]
25
22
```

(1.4.37)

Arrays, vectors and matrices are collectively known as *rtables*. Programming-style indexing can only be used with *rtables*.

Indexing a name results in an indexed name. Indexed names can be assigned to a value.

```
> aName[x^2 - 3*x, "a string", anotherName[2, b]] := 2;
aName[x^2 - 3*x, "a string", anotherName[2, b]];
```

```

aName2 - 3x, "a string", anotherName2, b := 2
2
(1.4.38)

```

Tables are key-value stores:

```

> T := table([a = 1, b = 2, (c,d) = 3]);
T := table([b = 2, a = 1, (c, d) = 3])
(1.4.39)

```

```

> T[a], T[(c, d)];
1, 3
(1.4.40)

```

If the value is not found for a key, an indexed expression will be returned.

```

> T[0], T[d], T[u, v], T[];
2, Td Tu, v T[]
(1.4.41)

```

```

> T[0] := 2;
T[0];
T0 := 2
2
(1.4.42)

```

Strings can be indexed, too. If the index is an integer or an integral range, a substring will be returned. Otherwise, the indexed string expression is returned but is can't be used as a variable name.

```

> "abcde"[3];
"abcde"[2..4];
"abcde"[u, v^2 - s*t];
"abcde"[];
"abcde"[[2, 5]];
"abcde"
"bcd"
"abcde"u, v^2 - s t
"abcde"[]
"abcde"[2, 5]
(1.4.43)

```

```

> u := 5;
"abcde"[u, v^2 - s*t];
"abcde"[u, v^2 - s*t] := 4;
u := 5
"abcde"5, v^2 - s t

```

Error, invalid left hand side of table reference

Modules can also be indexed by the name of an export.

```

> m := module() export e, f := 2; end module;
> m[f];
2
(1.4.44)

```

The same effect can be achieved by the member selection operator. The difference is that the index selection form will evaluate f before resolving the export.

```

> m:-f;
f := 3;
m[f];
2
f := 3

```

Error, index must evaluate to a name when indexing a module

```
> evalb(m:-e = e);
```

false (1.4.45)

The 1-argument form of the member selection operator can be used to reference a global name (for example, inside a procedure).

```
> t := 10;
   pp := proc()
       local t;
       print(t);
       print(:-t);
   end proc;
   pp();
```

t := 10
t
10 (1.4.46)

Function call (function expression):

```
> F();
   F(x);
   F(x + y);
   F(x, y);
   sin(x + y);
```

F()
F(x)
F(x + y)
F(x, y)
sin(x + y) (1.4.47)

Operands of function call:

```
> op(F(x, y, z));
   nops(F(x, y, z));
   nops(F());
   op(0, F(x, y, z));
```

x, y, z
3
0
F (1.4.48)

Operator algebra:

- @ is the composition operator
- numeric quantities can be used as constant functions

```
> (f^2 + g@h - 2)(x);
   2(x);
   2(x, y, z);
```

f(x)² + g(h(x)) - 2
2
2 (1.4.49)

The function itself can be any expression that evaluates to a procedure.

Arithmetic operators in Maple: +, -, *, /, ^

Polynomials:

```
> 2*x^2 - 5*x + 12;
```

$$2x^2 - 5x + 12 \quad (1.4.50)$$

```
> op(u + v);
op(0, u + v);
nops(u + v);
```

```
u, v
`+`
2
```

(1.4.51)

```
> op(u - v);
op(0, u - v);
nops(u - v);
```

```
u, -v
`+`
2
```

(1.4.52)

```
> type(u - v, '`+`');
```

```
true
```

(1.4.53)

Addition is a multi-operand operator in Maple:

```
> nops(a + b + c + d + e);
```

```
5
```

(1.4.54)

Constructor for sum:

```
> `+`(a, b, c);
```

```
a + b + c
```

(1.4.55)

Maple performs automatic simplification on sums:

```
> a + 2 + b + 3 + c + 4;
'2/3 + sin(5*Pi/6 - 2*Pi/3)';
2/3 + sin(5*Pi/6 - 2*Pi/3);
```

```
a + 9 + b + c
2/3 + sin(1/6 pi)
7/6
```

(1.4.56)

If any operands of a sum is a float, the result is computed as a float.

Addition with *infinity* and *undefined*:

```
> -0.0;
2.3 + infinity;
infinity - infinity;
2.3 + undefined;
```

```
-0.
Float(∞)
undefined
Float(undefined)
```

(1.4.57)

Sum of lists, vectors and matrices of the same length:

```
> [a, b, c] + [x, y, z];
<1, 2; 3, 4> + <5, 6; 7, 8>;
[x + a, y + b, z + c]
```

(1.4.58)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 6 & 8 \\ 10 & 12 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1.4.58)$$

Lists, vectors and matrices of different length cannot be summed:

```
> [1, 2] + [1, 2, 3];
Error, adding lists of different length
```

Multiplication/division works the same way as addition/subtraction.

```
> nops(6 * x * y);
op(6 * x * y);
op(0, 6 * x * y);

3
6, x, y
`*`
(1.4.59)
```

```
> type(a*b, '`*`');
type(a/b, '`*`');

true
true
(1.4.60)
```

The *dismantle* command prints the internal representation of the expression. $\frac{a}{b}$ is represented as

```
a·b-1:
> dismantle(a/b);

PROD(5)
NAME(4): a
INTPOS(2): 1
NAME(4): b
INTNEG(2): -1
```

Automatic simplification occurs:

```
> '2 * 3 * x * y';
op(2 * 3 * x * y);

6 x y
6, x, y
(1.4.61)
```

Constructor for products:

```
> `*`(a, b, c);

a b c
(1.4.62)
```

As with addition, if any operands of a product is a float, the result is computed as a float. This, however, does not extend into function calls:

```
> '2.3*(5*Pi/6 - 2*Pi/3)';
'2.3*sin(5*Pi/6 - 2*Pi/3)';

0.3833333333 π
2.3 sin( $\frac{1}{6} \pi$ )
(1.4.63)
```

Lists, arrays and vectors can be multiplied by a number, and two arrays of the same length can be multiplied elementwise. For elementwise multiplication of lists and vectors, use the ``*~`` operator.

```
> 2*[1, 2, 3];
```

```
2*<1, 2, 3>;
2*Array([1, 2, 3]);
```

```
[[2,4,6]]
[ 2 ]
[ 4 ]
[ 6 ]
[ 2 4 6 ]
```

(1.4.64)

```
> [1, 2, 3]*[1, 2, 3];
<1, 2, 3>*<1, 2, 3>;
Array([1, 2, 3])*Array([1, 2, 3]);
[1,2,3]2
```

Error, (in rtable/Product) invalid arguments

```
[ 1 4 9 ]
```

(1.4.65)

```
> [1, 2, 3]*~[1, 2, 3];
<1, 2, 3>*~<1, 2, 3>;
Array([1, 2, 3])*~Array([1, 2, 3]);
```

```
[[1,4,9]]
[ 1 ]
[ 4 ]
[ 9 ]
[ 1 4 9 ]
```

(1.4.66)

The same rules apply to division:

```
> [1, 2, 3]/2;
<1, 2, 3>/2;
Array([1, 2, 3])/2;
```

```
[[ $\frac{1}{2}$ , 1,  $\frac{3}{2}$ ]]
[  $\frac{1}{2}$  ]
[ 1 ]
[  $\frac{3}{2}$  ]
[  $\frac{1}{2}$  1  $\frac{3}{2}$  ]
```

(1.4.67)

```
> [1, 2, 3]/~[1, 2, 3];
<1, 2, 3>/~<1, 2, 3>;
Array([1, 2, 3])/~Array([1, 2, 3]);
[[1,1,1]]
```

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ \left[\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \quad (1.4.68)$$

For non-commutative matrix product, use the `.` (dot) operator (see later).

Powers are formed by using the `^` operator.

```
> a^b;
```

$$a^b \quad (1.4.69)$$

Nested exponentiation must be written with parenthesis:

```
> a^(b^c);
(a^b)^c;
a^b^c;
```

$$a^{b^c} \\ (a^b)^c$$

Error, ambiguous use of `^`, please use parentheses

Rational powers represent roots. Roots of floating point numbers are computed during automatic simplification.

```
> 5^(1/2);
2^(3/2);
2^(2/3);
1.524^(1/3);
```

$$\sqrt{5} \\ 2\sqrt{2} \\ 2^{2/3} \\ 1.150787111 \quad (1.4.70)$$

If the exponent is a float, the result will be a float as well (or sometimes even a complex number)

```
> 1^1.1;
(-10)^1.0;
(-10)^0.0;
```

$$1. \\ -10. \\ 1. + 0. I \quad (1.4.71)$$

Some undefined forms:

```
> 0^0;
0^0.0;
a^0;
a^0.0;
infinity^0;
infinity^0.0;
undefined^0;
undefined^5;
5^undefined;
infinity^(-infinity);
(-infinity)^(infinity);
```



```
1
Float(undefined)
1
1.0
1
Float(undefined)
1
undefined
undefined
0
∞ + ∞ I
```

(1.4.72)

Powers of arrays are done elementwise but powers of matrices are computed with matrix product.

```
> Array([[1, 2], [3, 4]])^3;
<1, 2; 3, 4>^3;
```

```
[ 1  8 ]
[ 27 64 ]
[ 37 54 ]
[ 81 118 ]
```

(1.4.73)