

avery_tutorial_1

You can start typing in an input cell and use the "evaluate" key or just hit <SHIFT>-enter to evaluate it.

You can insert a new input cell in front of another cell by hovering over the top of the next input cell and clicking on the blue line that appears.

You can insert a new text cell in front of another cell and <SHIFT>-click on the blue line.

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#It's usually easier to use comments directly in the input cell
using a # before the comment.
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```
4 + 5 #Here's an inline comment that's ignored by Sage during
evaluation
```

9

```
#If you evaluate multiple Sage lines, only the output of the last
line is printed
```

```
4*2
sin(2.)
sqrt(2)
sqrt(2.)
```

1.41421356237310

```
#If you want multiple commands on a line, separate them with a
semicolon ";".
```

```
#All outputs are shown, each on a separate line
```

```
4*2; sin(2.); sqrt(2); sqrt(2.)
```

8

0.909297426825682

$\sqrt{2}$

1.41421356237310

```
#If you separate items by a comma, that generates a standard
Python tuple of values
```

```
 #(A tuple is a list that can't be changed)
```

```
4*2, sin(2.), sqrt(2), sqrt(2.)
```

(8, 0.909297426825682, $\sqrt{2}$, 1.41421356237310)

```
#You can always show intermediate output by using the print
statement.
```

```
#However, the output is not typeset as beautifully as when the
Typeset box above is checked.
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```
#TeX must be installed to make typesetting work.
```

```
print sqrt(2)/2
sqrt(2)/2
```

$$\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2}$$

```
#Sage treats expressions as exact, unless a decimal point is
used, in which case the
#accuracy is that of standard computer floating point
representation, about 15-16 digits.
#Look at the difference between these two expressions. The first
is exact and the second is approximate.
```

```
1/2 + 1/3 + 1/4;          1/2. + 1/3 + 1/4
```

$$\frac{13}{12}$$

1.083333333333333

```
#Or look at the following expressions.
# Note that 2 - sqrt(2)^2 is 0 exactly
# However, 2 - sqrt(2.)^2 is not exactly zero
```

```
sqrt(2); sqrt(2.); 2-sqrt(2)^2; 2-sqrt(2.)^2; sin(1); sin(1.)
```

$$\sqrt{2}$$

1.41421356237310

0

$-4.44089209850063 \times 10^{-16}$

sin(1)

0.841470984807897

```
#You can get the numerical value of any expression using n(),
which provides standard
#floating point precision. In the following, n() is used as
suffix, where it is
#called an "object method"
```

```
pi.n(); e.n(); (sqrt(2)).n()
```

3.14159265358979

2.71828182845905

1.41421356237310

```
#n() can also be used as an ordinary function
```

```
n(pi); n(e); n(sqrt(2))
```

(3.14159265358979, 2.71828182845905, 1.41421356237310)

```
#You can also get an arbitrary number of digits from n() if they
are specified
```

```
pi.n(digits=50); e.n(digits=30); n(sqrt(2), digits=60)
```

3.1415926535897932384626433832795028841971693993751

2.71828182845904523536028747135

1.41421356237309504880168872420969807856967187537694807317668

```
#Sage has standard math constants, including I = sqrt(-1).
#Google "Euler's constant" to find how it is defined.
```

```
pi; e; I; 5 + 3*I; euler_gamma; euler_gamma.n(); (5+3*I) * (5-3*I)
```

π

e

i

$3i + 5$

γ_E

0.577215664901533

34

```
#+infinity is represented by oo
```

```
oo; -oo; tan(pi/2)
```

$+\infty$

$-\infty$

∞

```
#Exponentiation is performed with either the ** or ^ operator
```

```
5**4; 5^4;
```

625

625

```
#Sage has all the standard math and trig functions
```

```
exp(3); sqrt(5); sin(2); cos(2); tan(2); arcsin(1/2);
arccos(1/2); arctan(oo)
```

e^3

$\sqrt{5}$

$\sin(2)$

$\cos(2)$

$\tan(2)$

$\frac{1}{6} \pi$

$\frac{1}{3} \pi$

$\frac{1}{2} \pi$

```
#Even the hyperbolic trig functions are supported
```

```
sinh(2); cosh(2); tanh(2); arcsinh(1/2); arccosh(1/2);
arctanh(1)
```

$\sinh(2)$

$\cosh(2)$

$\tanh(2)$

$\operatorname{arcsinh}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$

$$\operatorname{arccosh}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$+\infty$$

```
#Combinatoric related quantities such as factorial and binomial
are supported
#binomial(N,n) = N! / [n! * (N-n)! ]

factorial(6); binomial(6, 3)
```

$$720$$

$$20$$

```
#The factor() function factors integers or algebraic expressions.
#It can be used as a global function or object method
```

```
1035.factor(); factor(1048764);
```

$$3^2 \cdot 5 \cdot 23$$

$$2^2 \cdot 3 \cdot 17 \cdot 53 \cdot 97$$

```
(x^2 - 5*x + 6).factor(); factor(x^4 + x^3 - 38*x^2 - 8*x + 240)
```

$$\frac{(x-2)(x-3)}{(x^2-8)(x+6)(x-5)}$$

```
#factor() can also be used to simplify algebraic fractions
```

```
f = 3 + 1/(x+1) + 1/(x-1); f; f.factor()
```

$$\frac{\frac{1}{x+1} + \frac{1}{x-1} + 3}{(x+1)(x-1)}$$

```
#expand() is the opposite of factor
```

```
expand( (x^2-8)*(x+6)*(x-5) ); expand( (x+1)^6 )
```

$$x^4 + x^3 - 38x^2 - 8x + 240$$

$$x^6 + 6x^5 + 15x^4 + 20x^3 + 15x^2 + 6x + 1$$

```
#x is the only predefined symbolic variable that can be used in
expressions.
```

```
#New symbolic variables are defined using the var() function
```

```
var("y z N n") #Defines the variables y, z, N and n
factorial(N); binomial(N,n)
```

$$\frac{N!}{\binom{N}{n}}$$

```
#Use the subs() method to evaluate an expression with particular
values for the variables
```

```
factorial(N).subs(N=10); exp(-x*y).subs(x=0.60, y=2.5)
```

$$3628800$$

$$0.223130160148430$$

```
#You can also use trig_simplify() to simplify trig expressions
```

```
f = sin(x)^2 + cos(x)^2
```

```
f; f.trig_simplify(); (tan(x)^4).trig_simplify()
```

$$\cos(x)^2 + \sin(x)^2$$

$$1$$

$$\frac{\sin(x)^4}{\cos(x)^4}$$

```
#trig_reduce replaces sin(x)^n and cos(x)^n with terms involving
sin(n*x) and cos(n*x)
```

```
#It can only be used as an object method, for some reason
```

```
(sin(x)^4).trig_reduce(); (cos(x)^7).trig_reduce()
```

$$\frac{1}{8} \cos(4x) - \frac{1}{2} \cos(2x) + \frac{3}{8}$$

$$\frac{1}{64} \cos(7x) + \frac{7}{64} \cos(5x) + \frac{21}{64} \cos(3x) + \frac{35}{64} \cos(x)$$