

## Some Useful Maple Commands

**diff:** Compute symbolic derivatives

```
> ex1 := exp( sin(4*x) ) + ln( x^2 + sqrt(x) );
```

$$ex1 := e^{\sin(4x)} + \ln(x^2 + \sqrt{x})$$

```
> diff( ex1, x );
```

$$4 \cos(4x) e^{\sin(4x)} + \frac{2x + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}}{x^2 + \sqrt{x}}$$

```
> diff( ex1, x$2 );
```

$$-16 \sin(4x) e^{\sin(4x)} + 16 \cos(4x)^2 e^{\sin(4x)} + \frac{2 - \frac{1}{4x^{(3/2)}}}{x^2 + \sqrt{x}} - \frac{\left(2x + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}\right)^2}{(x^2 + \sqrt{x})^2}$$

```
> diff( diff( cos(x/y) , x ) , y );
```

$$\frac{\cos\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)x}{y^3} + \frac{\sin\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)}{y^2}$$

**int:** Compute symbolic integrals (anti-derivatives and definite integrals)

```
> ex2 := 1 / sqrt( x^2 - a^2 );
```

$$ex2 := \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 - a^2}}$$

```
> int( ex2, x );
```

$$\ln(x + \sqrt{x^2 - a^2})$$

**A definite integral**

```
> int( x^2 , x = 0 .. 2 );
```

$$\frac{8}{3}$$

Don't expect miracles!!

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```
[ > int( ex1, x );
```

$$\int e^{\sin(4x)} + \ln(x^2 + \sqrt{x}) dx$$

Multi-dimensional integrals are often straightforward:

```
[ > ex3 := (x^3+ y^3) / (x^2- y^2);
```

$$ex3 := \frac{x^3 + y^3}{x^2 - y^2}$$

```
[ > int(int(ex3,x),y);
```

$$\frac{x^2 y}{6} - \frac{1}{3} (x-y)^3 \ln(x-y) - \frac{x y^2}{6} + \frac{11 x^3}{18} - \frac{y^3}{9} + x y^2 \ln(x-y) - \ln(x-y) y x^2$$

series and taylor: Compute power series expansions

```
[ > series(exp(x),x=0);
```

$$1 + x + \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{6}x^3 + \frac{1}{24}x^4 + \frac{1}{120}x^5 + O(x^6)$$

```
[ > series(exp(x),x=0,11);
```

$$1 + x + \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{6}x^3 + \frac{1}{24}x^4 + \frac{1}{120}x^5 + \frac{1}{720}x^6 + \frac{1}{5040}x^7 + \frac{1}{40320}x^8 + \frac{1}{362880}x^9 + \frac{1}{3628800}x^{10} + O(x^{11})$$

```
[ > taylor(exp(x),x=0);
```

$$1 + x + \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{6}x^3 + \frac{1}{24}x^4 + \frac{1}{120}x^5 + O(x^6)$$

The special Maple variable Order controls the default expansion order

```
[ > Order := 8;
```

$$Order := 8$$

```
[ > taylor(exp(x),x=0);
```

$$1 + x + \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{6}x^3 + \frac{1}{24}x^4 + \frac{1}{120}x^5 + \frac{1}{720}x^6 + \frac{1}{5040}x^7 + O(x^8)$$

```
[ > Order := 6:
```

```
[ > taylor((1 + x)^(-1),x=0,7);
      1 - x + x2 - x3 + x4 - x5 + x6 + O(x7)
```

**Convert the Taylor series to a polynomial (useful in Homework 2!)**

```
[ > convert(%, 'polynom');
      1 - x + x2 - x3 + x4 - x5 + x6
```

**solve: Solve equations, including linear systems**

```
[ > eq1 := x + y + z = 6; eq2 := 2*x + y + z = 2;
eq3 := x + y + 3 *z = 3;
      eq1 := x + y + z = 6
      eq2 := 2 x + y + z = 2
      eq3 := x + y + 3 z = 3
```

```
[ > solve( {eq1,eq2,eq3} );
      {x = -4, y =  $\frac{23}{2}$ , z =  $\frac{-3}{2}$ }
```

```
[ > solve( {eq1,eq2,eq3} , {x,y,z} );
      {x = -4, y =  $\frac{23}{2}$ , z =  $\frac{-3}{2}$ }
```

```
[ > eq[1] := c[1] + c[2] + c[3] = 6:
[ > eq[2] := 2*c[1] + c[2] + c[3] = 2:
[ > eq[3]:= c[1] + c[2] + 3*c[3] = 3:
[ > eq[1]; eq[2]; eq[3];
      c1 + c2 + c3 = 6
      2 c1 + c2 + c3 = 2
      c1 + c2 + 3 c3 = 3
```

```
[ > solve( {eq[1],eq[2],eq[3]},
[ > { c[1], c[2], c[3]} );
      {c1 = -4, c2 =  $\frac{23}{2}$ , c3 =  $\frac{-3}{2}$ }
```

```
[ > solve( {eq[1],eq[2],eq[3]} );
                                     { c1 = -4, c2 =  $\frac{23}{2}$ , c3 =  $-\frac{3}{2}$  }
```

## Common Mistakes

### (1) Not terminating statement with ';' or ':'

```
[ > a := int(x^2,x=0..1)
> ;
                                     a :=  $\frac{1}{3}$ 
```

### (2) Using '=' rather than ':=' for assignment

```
[ > a = 2;
                                      $\frac{1}{3} = 2$ 
> a;
                                      $\frac{1}{3}$ 
[ > a := 2;
                                     a := 2
> a;
                                     2
```

### (3) Using quotes (') rather than double quotes (") to delimit strings

```
[ > string1 := "This is a Maple string";
                                     string1 := "This is a Maple string"
[ > string2 := 'This is not a Maple string';
Error, missing operator or `;`
```