

Symbolic Python

CS101 lec19

Symbolic Algebra

Announcements

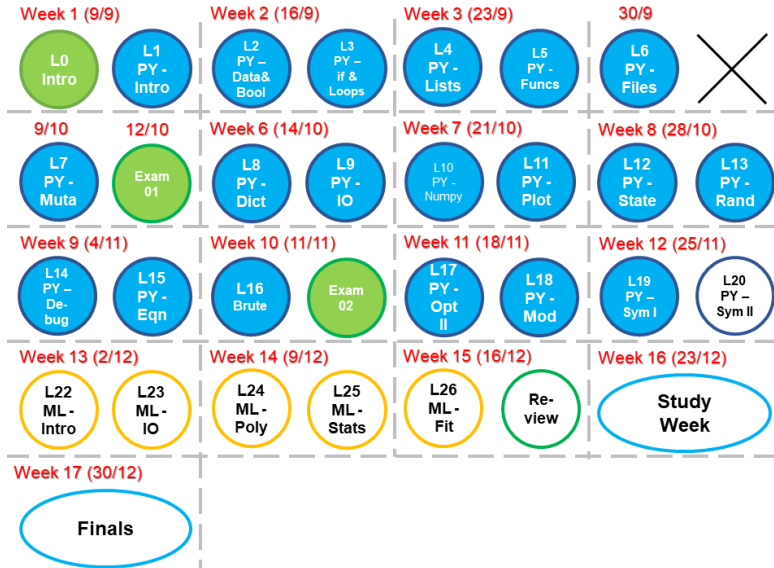
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Missing Lab and Quiz

Roadmap



Objectives

- A. Use SymPy to establish symbolic variables.
- B. Solve algebraic expressions analytically.
- C. Factorize expressions.
- D. Plot expressions using SymPy.

Review

Question

if `xx.py` runs as a main program, `'__name__' == '__main__'`

if `xx.py` is ran as `import xx` in another program, `'__name__'` for `xx.py` is `'__xx__'`

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python

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We have been using python as a simple calculator. Can we use python to represent an equation? For example,

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0$$

and solve it to get

$$x = \left[\frac{1}{2a} \left(-b + \sqrt{-4ac + b^2} \right), \quad -\frac{1}{2a} \left(b + \sqrt{-4ac + b^2} \right) \right]$$

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`sympy` provides symbolic and related mathematical functions.

Need to define variable

```
>>> x = sy.S( 'x' ) #or sy.Symbol('x')
```

```
>>> x*2
```

```
2*x
```

```
>>> a,b = sy.S( 'a,b' )
```

Question 1

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>>> x = sy.S( '2 * x + 3' )
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>>> y = sy.S( '2 * x' )
>>> z = 2 * x + 4 * y
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sympy.init_printing

We can make the results from sympy look more mathematically familiar,

```
>>> sympy.init_printing()  
>>> sympy.exp( -x ** 2 )
```

$$e^{-x^2}$$

math functions

Sympy also contains its own math library

```
>>> sympy.sqrt(8)
2*sqrt(2)
```

`sympy.I` is $\sqrt{-1}$ is `j` in python's complex number

`sympy.re`, `sympy.im`, `sympy.pi`

`sympy.E` is $e^{**1} = 2.718281828459\dots$

`sympy.exp`, `sympy.log`, `sympy.sin` and related,

`sympy.sqrt` and others

Solving equation analytically

Steps:

1. Define symbolic quantities, e.g., `a = sympy.S('a')`
2. Define the equation to solve and set to 0, e.g., `x+2 = 0`
3. Use `sympy.solve(your equation, variable to solve)`

The answer is stored in a `list` data type

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Your answer:

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Substitute value

$$x = \left[\frac{1}{2a} \left(-b + \sqrt{-4ac + b^2} \right), \quad -\frac{1}{2a} \left(b + \sqrt{-4ac + b^2} \right) \right]$$

To get a value of x for $a = 1$, $b = 2$, $c = 1$

```
>>> x[0].subs(a,1).subs(b,2).subs(c,1)
-1
```

Not all equation can be solved!

Naturally, there are limits to its ability as mathematical techniques don't render closed-form solutions to every equation.

```
>>> sympy.solve( a*x**5+b*x+c, x )  
[ ]
```

An empty list means cannot be solved by any technique known to sympy. You may also see a `NotImplementedError` if sympy cannot even identify a way to proceed.

Question 3

```
>>> import sympy as sy
>>> x, y = sy.S( 'x, y' )
>>> eq1 = x + y - 6
>>> eq2 = - y + x + 4
>>> z = sy.solve((eq1,eq2), (x, y))
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Polynomials and Expressions

Expand and Factor

1. We can `sympy.expand` to create a polynomial
2. `sympy.factor` to factor a polynomial

Assume `x` is already a symbol,

```
>>> y = x**2+4*x+4
```

```
>>> sy.factor(y)
```

```
(x + 2)2
```

```
>>> sympy.expand( (x+1) * (x-1) )
```

```
 $x^2 - 1$ 
```

Simplify

Another function that can help to make your complicated equation looks easier,

```
>>> sympy.simplify((x**3 + x**2 - x - 1)/  
                    (x**2 + 2*x + 1))  
  
x-1
```

You can use any of these three functions (`.expand`, `.factor`, `.simplify`) to change your equation depending on your needs.

Rational Expressions

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sympy preserves simple rational expressions automatically

```
>>> sympy.S( '1/60' )  
1/60
```

sympy does NOT combines rational expressions by default

$$\frac{b}{c} + \frac{x}{a}$$

together and apart

sympy combines rational expressions using `together()`

```
>>> sympy.together( b/c+x/a )
```

$$\frac{1}{ac}(ab + cx)$$

sympy uses `apart()` to perform a partial fraction decomposition on a rational function

Trigonometric functions

`Sympy` supports `sin`, `cos`, `tan`, etc and their inverses. Do not use those from `math` implementation. (may still work but maybe not be what you want)

```
>>> sympy.sin( 0 )  
0
```

```
>>> sympy.cos( sympy.pi )  
-1
```


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>>> sympy.expand((sympy.cos(x) + sympy.sin(x))**2)
```

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

Plotting

.plot

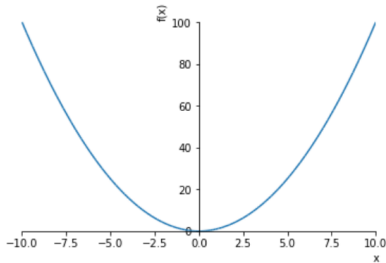
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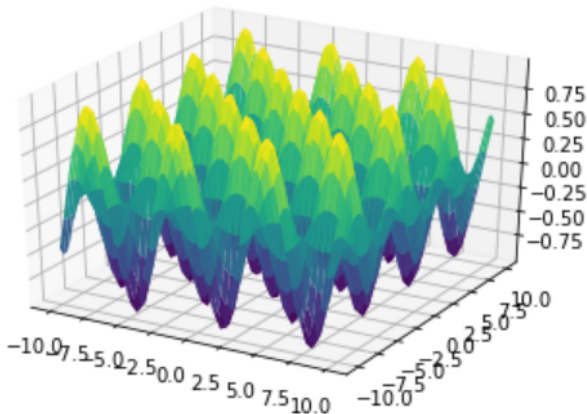


```
>>> sympy.plotting.plot( x**2, ( x, -2, 2 ) )  
# this limits the -2<=x<=2  
# Use a tuple to specify the range
```

.plot3d

Plotting 3d surfaces where $z = f(x, y)$

```
>>> sympy.plotting.plot3d( sympy.cos( x )  
                             *sympy.sin( y ) )
```



.plot3d_parametric_???

```
.plot3d_parametric_surface(x,y,z)
```

```
.plot3d_parametric_line(x,y,z)
```

Parametric surfaces are determined by functions for x , y , and z in two variables:

```
x(u,v), y(u,v), z(u,v)
```

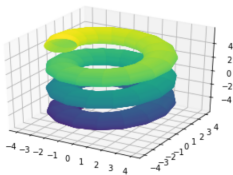
```
>>> u,v = sympy.S( 'u,v' )
```

```
>>> x = ( 3 + sympy.cos( u ) ) * sympy.cos( v )
```

```
>>> y = ( 3 + sympy.cos( u ) ) * sympy.sin( v )
```

```
>>> z = sympy.sin( u ) + 0.5 * v
```

```
>>> sympy.plotting.plot3d_parametric_surface(x,y,z)
```



Summary

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- A. Sympy and its mathematics library
- B. `.solve()`
- C. Polynomials and Expressions: `.expand()`, `.factor()`,
`.simplify()`
- D. Rational numbers: `.together()`, `.apart()`
- E. Trigonometry functions and other numbers
- F. `.plot()` and related