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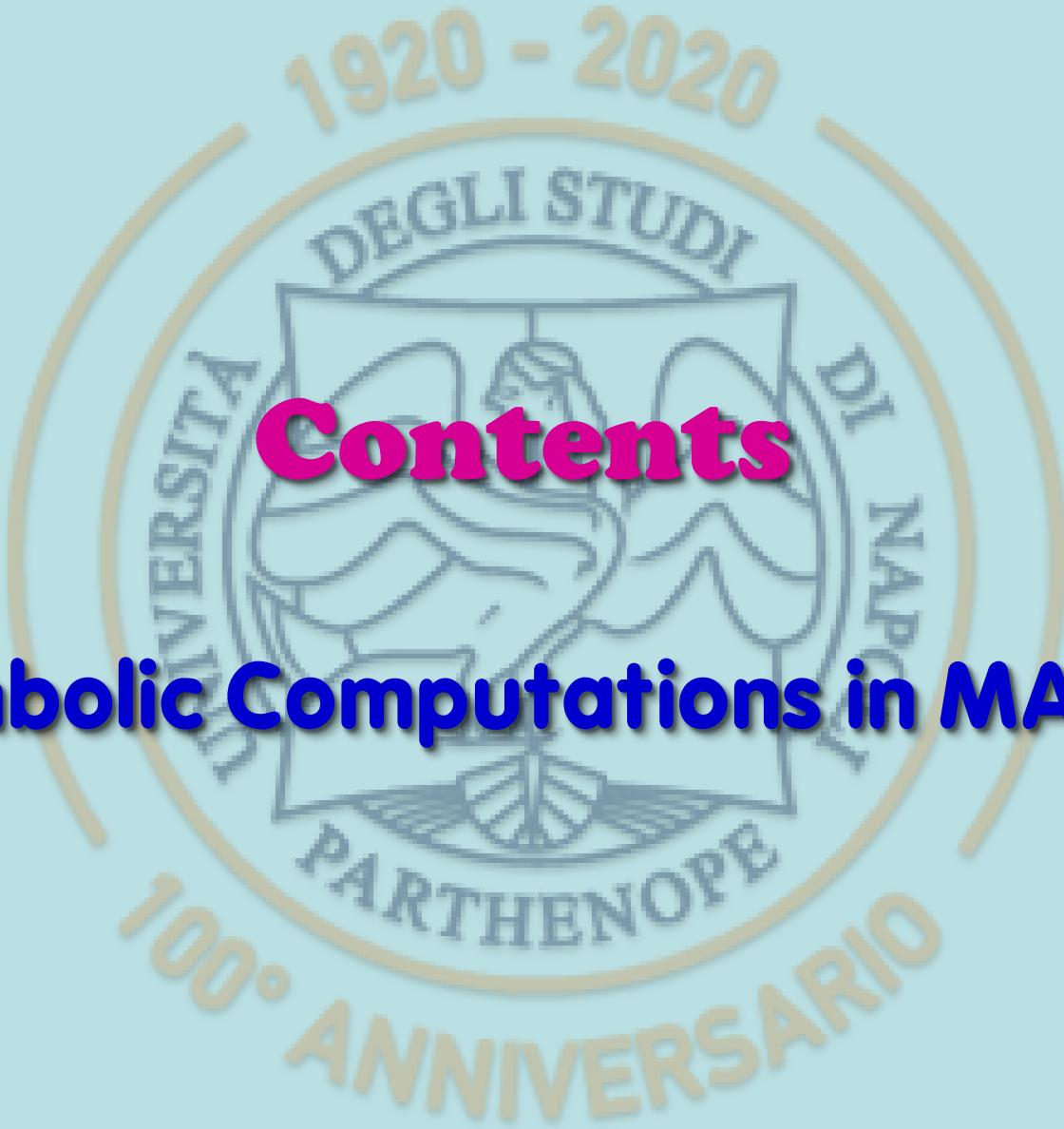
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➤ **Symbolic Computations in MATLAB.**



Symbolic Computations in MATLAB

Performing symbolic computations with MATLAB requires you have installed the **Symbolic Math Toolbox**, which adds a new data type: the **symbolic object**. A symbolic object must necessarily be **declared** using:

```
syms a  
a  
a =  
a
```

or

```
a=sym('a')  
a =  
a
```

Examples

```
a=sym(2), b=2  
a = symbolic 2  
2  
b = numerical 2  
2
```

```
a=sym(pi)  
a = symbolic pi  
pi  
b=pi  
b = numerical pi  
3.1416
```

```
syms a  
assumptions  
ans =  
Empty sym: 1-by-0
```

```
syms a real  
assumptions  
ans =  
in(a, 'real')
```

```
syms a positive  
assumptions  
ans =  
0 < a
```

```
v=sym('v',[1 3])  
v = symbolic vector  
[v1, v2, v3]
```

```
syms a integer  
assumptions  
ans =  
in(a, 'integer')
```

```
syms a integer positive  
assumptions  
ans =  
[in(a, 'integer'), 1 <= a]
```

```
syms f(x,y)  
f symbolic function  
f(x,y) =  
f(x,y)
```

```
A=sym('a',[2 3])  
A = symbolic matrix  
[a1_1, a1_2, a1_3]  
[a2_1, a2_2, a2_3]
```

```
a=sym('a',{'positive','integer'});  
assumptions  
ans =  
[in(a, 'integer'), 1 <= a]
```

compare

numerical object

```
a=sqrt(2)
a =
1.4142
```

indented

```
2/5+1/3
ans =
0.7333
```

not indented

symbolic object

```
a=sqrt(sym(2))
a =
2^(1/2)
double(a)
```

the symbolic value is converted in number

```
ans =
1.4142
```

```
a=1; b=-2; c=4; x=1;
p=a*x^2+b*x+c;
disp(p)
3
```

variables:
numerical

symbolic

```
P=matlabFunction(p)
P =
function_handle with value:
@(a,b,c,x)c+b.*x+a.*x.^2
```

the symbolic expression is converted into
Anonymous Function

```
syms a b c x
p=a*x^2+b*x+c;
pretty(p)
```

$$a x^2 + b x + c$$

A symbolic object is always a "formula"!

```
a=sqrt(sym(2))
```

```
a =  
2^(1/2)
```

```
a=sym('a')
```

```
a =  
a
```

```
syms f(x), f
```

```
f(x) =  
f(x)
```

```
syms x h real
```

```
Df=(subs(f,x,x+h) - f) / h
```

Df =
 ↪ substitute, in f, x with x+h
 $(f(x+h)-f(x))/h$ difference quotient

symbolic constant

symbolic variable

symbolic function

```
p=sym(pi)
```

```
p =  
pi
```

```
syms r
```

```
d=2*p*r
```

```
d =  
2*pi*r
```

```
cos(d)
```

```
ans =  
cos(2*pi*r)
```

```
subs(cos(d),r,2)
```

```
ans =  
1
```

```
a = sym('b')
```

```
a =
```

```
b
```

```
syms b; b
```

```
b =
```

```
b
```

```
a=sqrt(sym(2)); double(a)
```

```
ans =  
1.4142
```

```
p=sym(pi); double(p)
```

```
ans =  
3.1416
```

double: conversion from
symbolic to numeric

Simplify a symbolic expression

```

syms x a b c
f=cos(x)^2-sin(x)^2;
simplify(f)
ans =
cos(2*x)
f=exp(c*log(sqrt(a+b)));
simplify(f)
ans =
(a + b)^(c/2)

```

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```

1      syms x real
2      e1=((exp(-x*1i)*1i) - (exp(x*1i)*1i));
3      e2=(exp(-x*1i) + exp(x*1i));
4      espr=e1/e2;
5      s1=simplify(e1), s2=simplify(e2)

```

s1 = $2 \sin(x)$

s2 = $2 \cos(x)$

```
6      S=simplify(espr)
```

$$S = \frac{e^{2xi}i - i}{e^{2xi} + 1}$$

[Download live script:](#)
simplify_expressions mlx

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Increase to 10 the number of simplification steps

```
S10=simplify(espr,'Steps',10)
```

$$S10 = \frac{2i}{e^{2xi} + 1} - i$$

8

Increase to 30 the number of simplification steps

```
S30=simplify(espr,'Steps',30)
```

$$S30 = \frac{(\cos(x) - \sin(x)i)i}{\cos(x)} - i$$

9

Increase to 50 the number of simplification steps

```
S50=simplify(espr,'Steps',50)
```

$$S50 = \tan(x)$$

Simplify a symbolic expression

Increase to 30 the number of simplification steps

```
8 S30=simplify(espr,'Steps',30)
```

$$S30 = \frac{(\cos(x) - \sin(x)i)i}{\cos(x)} - i$$

```
9 |
```

Increase to 50 the number of simplification steps

```
10 S50=simplify(espr,'Steps',50)
```

$$S50 = \tan(x)$$

```
11 S=simplify(espr,'Steps',50,'All',true)
```

$$S = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \tan(x) \\ \frac{1}{\cot(x)} \\ \frac{\sin(x)}{\cos(x)} \\ \frac{(\cos(x) - \sin(x)i)i}{\cos(x)} - i \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\frac{\sigma_2}{\cos(x)} - i$$

$$\frac{2i}{\sigma_1} - i$$

$$(2\sigma_3 + \sin(x)i - 1)i ;$$

Substitute variables

Applying calculus functions

Computing integral transforms

Converting numbers

Rewriting and simplifying expressions

Solving equations

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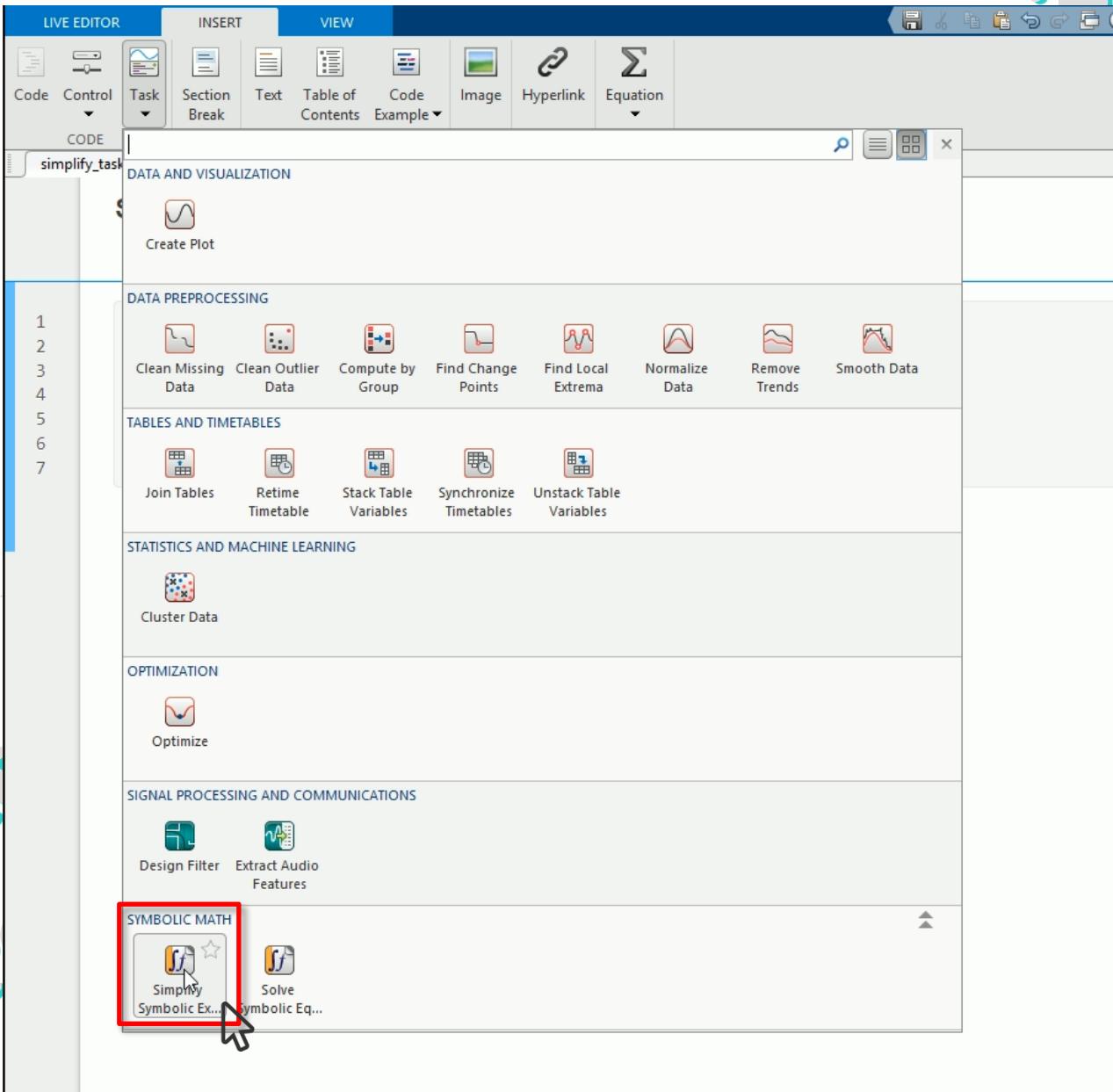
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to display all the possible simplifications

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Simplify a symbolic expression by means of the Live Editor task Simplify Symbolic Expression



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[simplify_task1 mlx](#)

Simplify a symbolic expression by means of the Live Editor task Simplify Symbolic Expression

```
1 clear; clc
2 syms x real
3 e1=((exp(-x*1i)*1i) - (exp(x*1i)*1i));
4 e2=(exp(-x*1i) + exp(x*1i));
5 espr=e1/e2;
6
```

Simplify Symbolic Expression

Compute simplified symbolic expression

Select expression

Expression

Specify simplification method

Method Effort

Display result

Expression Simplified expression

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Simplify a symbolic expression by means of the Live Editor task Simplify Symbolic Expression

The screenshot shows the MATLAB Live Editor interface. On the left, a script window contains the following code:

```
1 clear; clc
2 syms x real
3 e1=((exp(-x*1i)*1i) - (exp(x*1i)*1i));
4 e2=(exp(-x*1i) + exp(x*1i));
5 espr=e1/e2;
```

Below the script, two 'Simplify Symbolic Expression' tasks are displayed side-by-side.

Task 1 (Left): Shows the initial state where the 'Expression' dropdown is set to 'select'. A red box labeled '1' highlights this dropdown. A cursor arrow points to the 'Display result' dropdown, which is also set to 'select'.

Task 2 (Right): Shows the simplified expression $\tan(x)$. A red box labeled '2' highlights the 'Method' dropdown, which is set to 'Simplify' and has 'High' selected. A red circle labeled 'display the code' points to the scroll bar on the right side of the task panel.

Result: The simplified expression $\tan(x)$ is shown at the bottom of the right task panel. A red box labeled '3' highlights the result.

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[simplify_task2.mlx](#)

Symbolic Math Toolbox: solve equations and systems

```
syms a b c x real  
eqn=a*x^2+b*x+c == 0  
S=solve(eqn)
```

a single equation

Warning: Solutions are only valid under certain conditions. To include parameters and conditions in the solution, specify the 'ReturnConditions' value as 'true'.

```
> In sym/solve>warnIfParams (line 478)
```

```
In sym/solve (line 357)
```

```
S =  
-(b + (b^2 - 4*a*c)^(1/2))/(2*a)  
-(b - (b^2 - 4*a*c)^(1/2))/(2*a)
```

```
S=solve(eqn,'ReturnConditions',true)
```

```
S =  
struct with fields:  
    x: [2x1 sym]  
parameters: [1x0 sym]  
conditions: [2x1 sym]
```

```
S.x
```

```
ans =  
-(b + (b^2 - 4*a*c)^(1/2))/(2*a)  
-(b - (b^2 - 4*a*c)^(1/2))/(2*a)
```

```
S.conditions
```

```
ans =  
4*a*c <= b^2 & a ~= 0  
4*a*c <= b^2 & a ~= 0
```

```
A=solve(eqn,a)
```

```
A =  
-(c + b*x)/x^2
```

```
syms x  
eqn=x^3 == -1  
S=solve(eqn,x)  
S =  
-1  
1/2 - (3^(1/2)*1i)/2  
(3^(1/2)*1i)/2 + 1/2
```

```
syms x real  
eqn=x^3 == -1  
S=solve(eqn,x)  
S =  
-1  
syms x  
eqn=x^3 == -1  
S=solve(eqn,x,'Real',true)  
S =  
-1
```

linear system

```
syms u v  
eqns=[2*u + v == 0, u - v == 1];  
S=solve(eqns,[u v])  
S =  
struct with fields:  
    u: 1/3  
    v: -2/3
```

non-linear system

```
syms u v  
eqns=[2*u^2 + v^2 == 0,u - v == 1];  
[U,V]=solve(eqns,[u v])  
U =  
1/3 - (2^(1/2)*1i)/3  
(2^(1/2)*1i)/3 + 1/3  
V =  
- (2^(1/2)*1i)/3 - 2/3  
(2^(1/2)*1i)/3 - 2/3
```

Symbolic “Calculus”: examples [1]

limits

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{1}{x}$$

```
syms x h real  
limit((cos(x+h)-cos(x))/h,h,0)      limit of the difference  
ans =                                         quotient of cos(x)  
-sin(x)
```

```
syms x real; limit(1/x,x,inf)
```

```
ans =
```

```
0  
limit(1/x,x,0)
```

```
ans =
```

```
NaN
```

```
limit(1/x,x,0,'left')
```

```
ans =
```

```
-Inf
```

```
limit(1/x,x,0,'right')
```

```
ans =
```

```
Inf
```

```
syms x real positive
```

```
limit(-x/abs(-x),x,0)
```

```
ans =
```

```
-1
```

syms x real **positive**

limit(1/x,x,0)

ans =

Inf

NaN means Not a Number

summation of series

```
syms x n  
an=x^n/sym('n!');  
symsum(an,n,0,inf)  
ans =  
exp(x)
```

$$e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$$

Taylor expansion

```
syms x  
T=taylor(exp(x))  
T =  
x^5/120 + x^4/24 + x^3/6 + x^2/2 + x + 1
```

See MATLAB Live Script:
Find Maclaurin Series of Univariate Expressions

Symbolic “Calculus”: examples [2]

derivatives

ordinary derivatives

```
syms x real
f=sin(x)
f =
sin(x)
diff(f)
ans =
cos(x)
diff(f,2)
ans =
-sin(x)
diff(f,3)
ans =
-cos(x)
```

2nd derivative

3rd derivative

gradient

$$\nabla_{x,y}(f) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix}$$

```
syms x y real
f=sin(x)*exp(i*y);
gradient(f)
ans =
exp(y*1i)*cos(x)
exp(y*1i)*sin(x)*1i
```

partial derivatives

```
syms x y real
f=sin(x)*exp(i*y)
f =
sin(x)*exp(i*y)
diff(f,x) derivative w.r.t. x
ans =
exp(y*1i)*cos(x)
diff(f,y) derivative w.r.t. y
ans =
exp(y*1i)*sin(x)*1i
diff(f,y,2) 2nd partial derivative
ans = w.r.t. y
-exp(y*1i)*sin(x)
```

$$J_{x,y}(u,v) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix}$$

jacobian matrix

```
syms x y real
u=x*cos(y); v=y*cos(x);
jacobian([u;v],[x y])
ans =
[ cos(y), -x*sin(y)]
[ -y*sin(x), cos(x)]
```

Symbolic “Calculus”: examples [3]

integrals

```
syms x real  
syms n integer positive  
int(x^n)  
ans =  
x^(n+1)/(n+1)  
int(cos(x))  
ans =  
sin(x)
```

```
syms x n real  
int(sin(n*x),x)  
ans =  
-cos(n*x)/n  
int(sin(n*x),n)  
ans =  
-cos(n*x)/x
```

indefinite integrals

definite integrals

```
syms x n real  
int(sin(n*x),x,0,pi/n)  
ans =  
2/n
```

$$\int_0^{\pi/n} -\cos(nx)/n \Big|_0^{\pi/n} = \\ = -\cos(\pi)/n + \cos(0)/n = 2/n$$

Symbolic “Calculus”: examples [4]

study of the function:

$$f(x) = \frac{3x^2 + 6x - 1}{x^2 + x - 3}$$

```
syms x real; num=3*x^2+6*x-1; den=x^2+x-3; f=num/den;
```

```
pretty(f)
```

$$\frac{3x^2 + 6x - 1}{x^2 + x - 3}$$

```
h=ezplot(f,[-8 6]); % or fplot(f,...)
```

```
h.LineWidth=3; % or set(h,'LineWidth',2)
```

```
axis equal; grid on; AX=[-7 7 -3 9]; axis(AX)
```

```
hold on
```

cartesian axes as arrows

```
quiver(AX(1),0,1,0,diff(AX(1:2)), 'Color','k')
```

```
quiver(0,AX(3),0,1,diff(AX(3:4)), 'Color','k')
```

```
text(AX(2),0,'x ', 'FontSize',14, 'HorizontalAlignment','right')
```

```
text(0,AX(4),'y ', 'FontSize',14, 'HorizontalAlignment','right')
```

```
asint_0=[limit(f,x,-inf) limit(f,x,inf)]
```

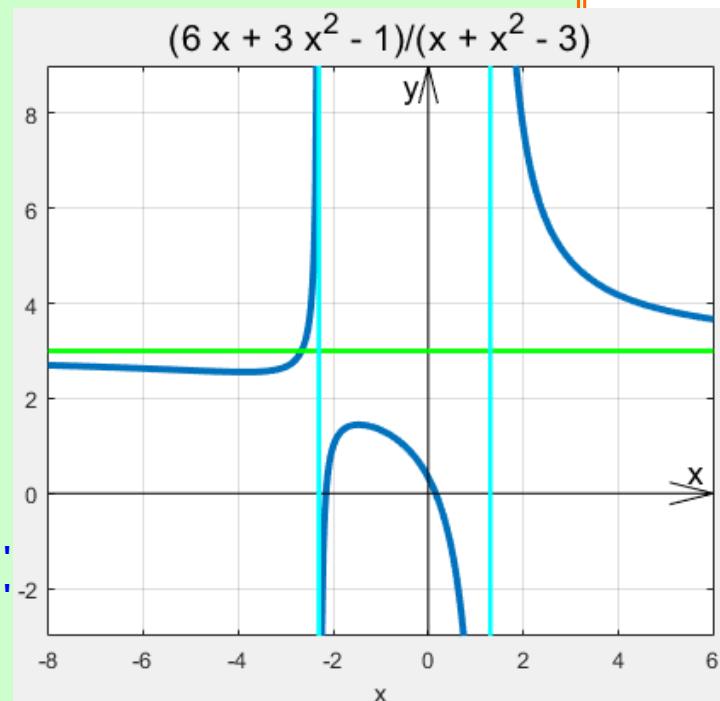
asint_0 =
[3, $\bar{3}$] horizontal asymptote

```
asint_V=solve(den,x) % or solve(1/f, x)
```

asint_V =
 $-13^{(1/2)}/2 - 1/2$ vertical asymptotes
 $13^{(1/2)}/2 - 1/2$

```
line(AX(1)*[-1 1],(asint_0(1))*[1 1], 'Color','g')
```

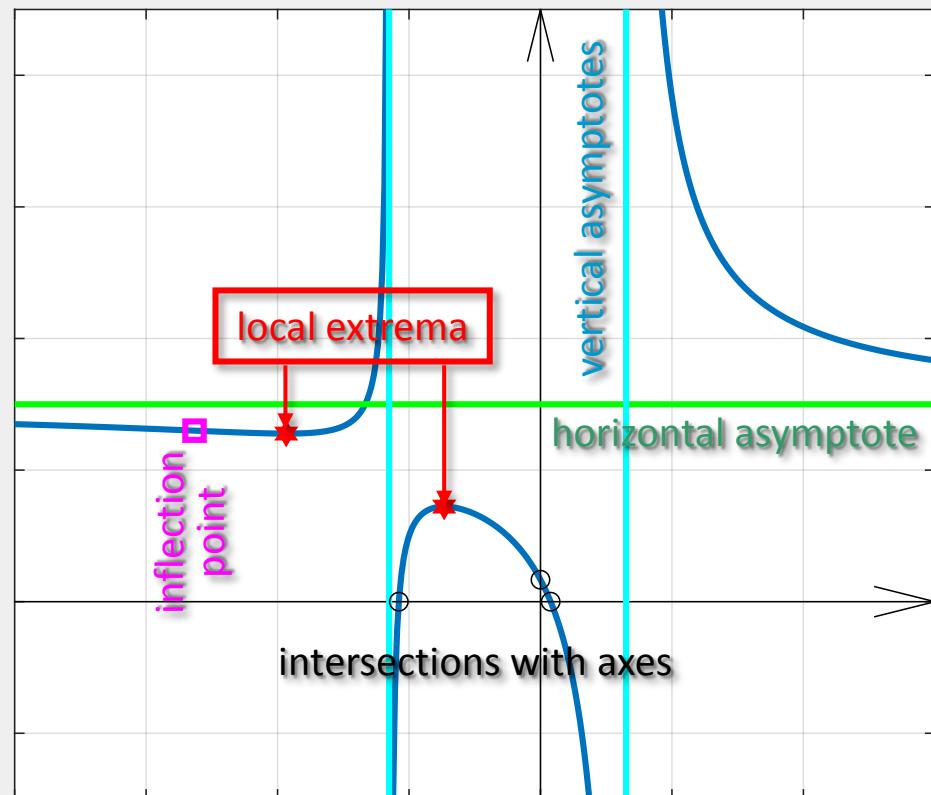
```
line([asint_V';asint_V'],[AX(3:4);AX(3:4)]', 'Color','c')
```



```

f0=subs(f,x,0) % intersection with y-axis
f0 =
1/3
x0=solve(f)      % function zeros
x0 =
- (2*3^(1/2))/3 - 1
(2*3^(1/2))/3 - 1
plot(0,f0,'ok',x0,zeros(size(x0)), 'ok'
f1=simplify(diff(f)) % min and max
f1 =
-(3*x^2+16*x+17)/(x^2+x-3)^2
x_minmax=solve(f1)
x_minmax =
- 13^(1/2)/3 - 8/3
 13^(1/2)/3 - 8/3
y_minmax=simplify(subs(f,x_minmax))
y_minmax =
(2*13^(1/2))/13 + 2      max
2 - (2*13^(1/2))/13      min
plot(x_minmax,y_minmax,'hr','MarkerFaceColor','r','MarkerSize',8)
f2=simplify(diff(f,2))
f2 =
(2*(3*x^3 + 24*x^2 + 51*x + 41))/(x^2 + x - 3)^3
x_fles=simplify(solve(f2,'Real',true)) % inflections
x_fles = root(z^3 + 8*z^2 + 17*z + 41/3, z, 3)
x_fles=double(x_fles)
x_fles =      -5.2635
y_fles=subs(f,x_fles);
plot(x_fles,y_fles,'sm','LineWidth',2,'MarkerSize',8)

```



all the numerical roots

```

[Num,Den]=numden(f2);
c=sym2poly(Num);
disp(roots(c))

```

-5.2635 + 0i
-1.3682 + 0.85112i
-1.3682 - 0.85112i

Symbolic Linear Algebra: examples [1]

rotation matrix by an angle of t radians

```
syms t real
A=[cos(t) -sin(t);sin(t) cos(t)];
det(A) determinant
ans =
cos(t)^2+sin(t)^2
simplify(det(A))
ans =
1
A^2
ans =
[ cos(t)^2-sin(t)^2, 2*cos(t)*sin(t)]
[-2*cos(t)*sin(t), cos(t)^2-sin(t)^2]
simplify(A^2)
ans =
[cos(2*t), -sin(2*t)]
[sin(2*t), cos(2*t)]
```

rotation matrix by $2*t$

A is an orthogonal matrix

```
A'*A
ans =
[ cos(t)^2+sin(t)^2, 0]
[ 0, cos(t)^2+sin(t)^2]
simplify(A'*A)
ans =
[1, 0]
[0, 1]
A*A'
ans =
[ cos(t)^2+sin(t)^2, 0]
[ 0, cos(t)^2+sin(t)^2]
simplify(A*A')
ans =
[1, 0]
[0, 1]
```

The product of 2 rotation matrices gives the rotation of an angle equal to the sum of the 2 angles

Symbolic Linear Algebra: examples [2]

```

syms a b c d real
A=[a b;c d]; det(A)
ans =
a*d - b*c
v=A(:,1) + 0.5*A(:,2);
rank(A) == rank([A v])

```

ans =
logical
1

Rouché-Capelli Theorem

if equal, then the system is compatible

A1=inv(A)

Cramer Rule for the inverse matrix

```

ans =
[ d/(a*d - b*c), -b/(a*d - b*c)]
[ -c/(a*d - b*c), a/(a*d - b*c)]

```

A1*A

ans =

```

[(a*d)/(a*d-b*c)-(b*c)/(a*d-b*c),
 0, (a*d)/(a*d-b*c)-(b*c)/(a*d-b*c)]

```

simplify(A1*A)

ans =

```

[1, 0]
[0, 1]

```

syms p q; y=[p;q]; x=A\y

x = solve the system

```

[ (d*p-q*b)/(a*d-b*c)]
[ (-c*p+a*q)/(a*d-b*c)]

```

disp(simplify(A*x))

p
q check the solution

```

syms a b
A=[a a;b b]

```

A =
[a, a] 2 columns are equal
[b, b]

colspace(A) Column Space

ans =
[1]
[b/a]

null(A) Null Space

ans =
[-1]
[1]

$\mathcal{N}(A)$: Null Space of $A(m,n)$:
 $\mathcal{N}(A) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : Ax = 0\}$

$\mathcal{R}(A)$: Column Space of $A(m,n)$:
 $\mathcal{R}(A) = \{u \in \mathbb{R}^m : \exists x : u = Ax\}$

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Symbolic Linear Algebra: examples [3]

$$Ax = \lambda x$$

```
syms a b c real  
A=[a,b,c; b,c,a; c,a,b]
```

```
A =  
[ a, b, c ]  
[ b, c, a ]  
[ c, a, b ]
```

`[v,lambda]=eig(A);` $\forall k \ \lambda(k,k)$ = eigenvalue and $v(:,k)$ = related eigenvector of A

```
lambda=simplify(lambda)
```

lambda =

$$\begin{bmatrix} (a^2 - a*b - a*c + b^2 - b*c + c^2)^{(1/2)}, & 0, & 0 \\ 0, & -(a^2 - a*b - a*c + b^2 - b*c + c^2)^{(1/2)}, & 0 \\ 0, & 0, & 0, a+b+c \end{bmatrix}$$

```
v=simplify(v)
```

```
v =
[-(a^2-a*b-a*c+b^2-b*c+c^2)^(1/2)/(a-c)-(a-b)/(a-c), (a^2-a*b-a*c+b^2-b*c+c^2)^(1/2)/(a-c)-(a-b)/(a-c), 1]
[ (a^2-a*b-a*c+b^2-b*c+c^2)^(1/2)/(a-c)-(b-c)/(a-c), -(a^2-a*b-a*c+b^2-b*c+c^2)^(1/2)/(a-c)-(b-c)/(a-c), 1]
[ 1, 1, 1]
```

`disp(simplify(A*v(:,1)-lambda(1,1)*v(:,1)))` check the definition of λ and v

8

```
disp(all(simplify(A*v(:,1) == lambda(1,1)*v(:,1))))  
1 true all(): universal quantifier
```

```
disp(simplify(A*v(:,2)-lambda(2,2)*v(:,2)))
```

8

```
disp(all(simplify(A*v(:,2) == lambda(2,2)*v(:,2))))  
1 true
```

```
disp(simplify(A*v(:,3)-lambda(3,3)*v(:,3)))
```

8

```
disp(all(simplify(A*v(:,3) == lambda(3,3)*v(:,3))))  
1 true
```

Symbolic Differential Equations: examples [1]

```
syms y(t)
Y=dsolve(diff(y,t) == 1+y^2)
Y =
tan(C1 + t)
    1i
    -1i
Y1=diff(Y)
Y1 = check the solution
tan(C1 + t)^2 + 1
    0
    0
Y=dsolve(diff(y,t) == 1+y^2, y(0)==1)
Y =
tan(t+pi/4)
Y1=diff(Y)
Y1 =
tan(t + pi/4)^2 + 1
h=ezplot(Y);
grid on; hold on
plot(0,1,'ok','MarkerFace','k','MarkerSize',5)
```

general solution
dependent on an
arbitrary constant

check the solution

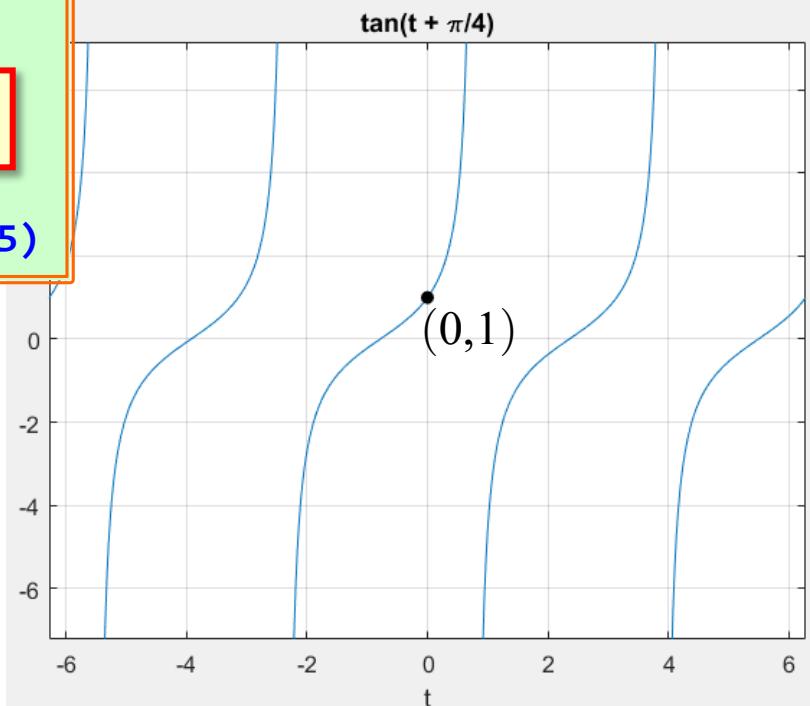
particular solution

initial condition

$$y' = 1 + y^2$$

IVP: Initial Value Problem

$$\begin{cases} y' = 1 + y^2 \\ y(0) = 1 \end{cases}$$



Symbolic Differential Equations: examples [2]

2nd order differential equation: IVP

```
syms y(t)
D1y=diff(y,t); D2y=diff(y,t,2); y' and y''
Y=dsolve(D2y == cos(2*t)-y, y(0) == 1, D1y(0) == 0);
simplify(Y)
ans =
1 - (8*sin(t/2)^4)/3
simplify(diff(Y,t,2) - cos(2*t) + Y) check the solution
ans =
0
```

$$\begin{cases} y'' = \cos(2t) - y \\ y(0) = 1 \\ y'(0) = 0 \end{cases}$$

2 initial conditions

system of 2 differential equations del 1° ordine

$$\begin{cases} f' = +3f + 4g \\ g' = -4f + 3g \end{cases}$$

```
syms f(t) g(t); eqns=[diff(f,t) == 3*f+4*g, diff(g,t) == -4*f+3*g];
[F,G]=dsolve(eqns); F=simplify(F), G=simplify(G)
F = general solution
exp(3*t)*(C2*cos(4*t) + C1*sin(4*t))
G =
exp(3*t)*(C1*cos(4*t) - C2*sin(4*t))
```

S=dsolve(eqns)

S = struct with fields:

$$\begin{aligned} g: & C1\cos(4t)\exp(3t) - C2\sin(4t)\exp(3t) \\ f: & C2\cos(4t)\exp(3t) + C1\sin(4t)\exp(3t) \end{aligned}$$

```
eqns=...; conds=[f(0) == 0, g(0) == 1];
[F,G]=dsolve(eqns, conds)
F =
sin(4*t)*exp(3*t) particular solution
G =
cos(4*t)*exp(3*t)
```

[F,G]=dsolve(eqns, *f(0) == 0, g(0) == 1*)

```
F =
sin(4*t)*exp(3*t) particular solutions
G =
cos(4*t)*exp(3*t)
```

Symbolic Differential Equations: examples [3]

Let us consider the following PDE (Partial Differential Equation) problem for the 1D wave equation equipped by Initial Conditions (IC) and Boundary Conditions (BC):

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}, & 0 < x < L, \quad t > 0 \\ u(x, 0^+) = \frac{x \sin(3x)}{6} \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x, 0^+) = \frac{\sin(3x)}{6} + \frac{x \cos(3x)}{2} \\ u(0, t) = \frac{t \sin(3t)}{6} \\ u(L, t) = \frac{(L+t) \sin[3(L+t)]}{6} \end{cases}$$

IC
BC

1D wave equation

a single spatial variable (x) and a time variable (t)

analytical solution

$$u(t, x) = \frac{(x+t) \sin[3(x+t)]}{6}$$

$$F(s) = \mathcal{L}[f(t)] = \int_0^\infty f(t) e^{-st} dt, \quad \text{Re}(s) > \sigma_0$$

σ_0 abscissa of convergence

In order to solve the PDE, we can apply the Laplace Transform (LT) method w.r.t. t , by computing $U(x, s) = \mathcal{L}_t[u(t, x)]$; it transforms the PDE problem into an ODE problem producing the following Boundary Value Problem (BVP):

$$\begin{cases} U'' = s^2 U - (sx + 1) \frac{\sin(3x)}{6} - x \frac{\cos(3x)}{2}, & 0 < x < L, \quad s \in \mathbb{C} \\ U(0, s) = \frac{s}{(s^2 + 9)^2} \\ U(L, s) = \frac{s \cos(3L) - 3 \sin(3L)}{(s^2 + 9)^2} + \frac{(sL + 1) \sin(3L) + 3L \cos(3L)}{6(s^2 + 9)} \end{cases}$$

analytical solution

$$U(x, s) = \frac{(sx + 1) \sin(3x) + 3x \cos(3x)}{6(s^2 + 9)} + \frac{s \cos(3x) - 3 \sin(3x)}{(s^2 + 9)^2}$$

Symbolic Differential Equations: examples [3a]

The complex variable s , introduced by Laplace Transform, is considered as a parameter, and it will be ignored in solving the BVP symbolically by means of the **dsolve()** function.

```
syms x L real; syms s; syms U(x) % s is considered as a parameter
ODE = diff(U,x,2) == s^2*U - (s*x+1)*sin(3*x)/6 - x*cos(3*x)/2;

cond1 = U(0) == s/(s^2+9)^2;
cond2 = U(L) == (s*cos(3*L)-3*sin(3*L))/(s^2+9)^2 + ...
           ((s*L+1)*sin(3*L)+3*L*cos(3*L))/(6*(s^2+9));
conds = [cond1, cond2]; % boundary conditions

Usol = dsolve(ODE, conds); % solve BVP symbolically

% true analytical solution (for a comparison)
Utrue = ((s*x+1)*sin(3*x)+3*x*cos(3*x))/(6*(s^2+9)) + ...
           (s*cos(3*x)-3*sin(3*x))/(s^2+9)^2;

% compare symbolic and analytical solutions
fprintf('\nCheck if the solution is correct: Usol - Utrue = ');
disp(simplify(Usol - Utrue))
Check if the solution is correct: Usol - Utrue =
0
```

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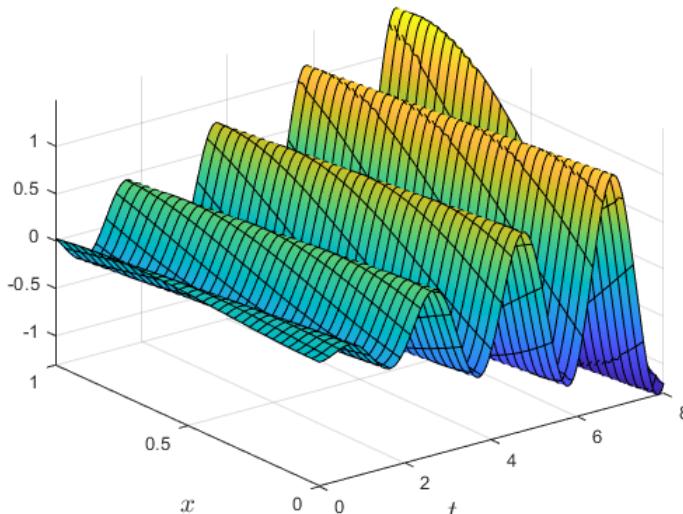
Symbolic Differential Equations: examples [3b]

Once the Laplace Transform $U(x,s)$ has been computed by solving the BVP, to find the symbolic solution $u(x,t)$ of the PDE problem, we have to compute the **Inverse Laplace Transform** of $U(x,s)$ by means of the **ilaplace()** symbolic function:

```
syms t real; u = simplify(ilaplace(Usol,s,t))
u =
sin(3t + 3x) (t + x)
6
uTRUE = (x+t)*sin(3*(x+t))/6; % known analytical solution
% comparison
fprintf('\nCheck if the symbolic Inverse LT is correct: u - uTRUE =');
disp(simplify(u - uTRUE))
Check if the symbolic Inverse LT is correct: u - uTRUE =
0
```

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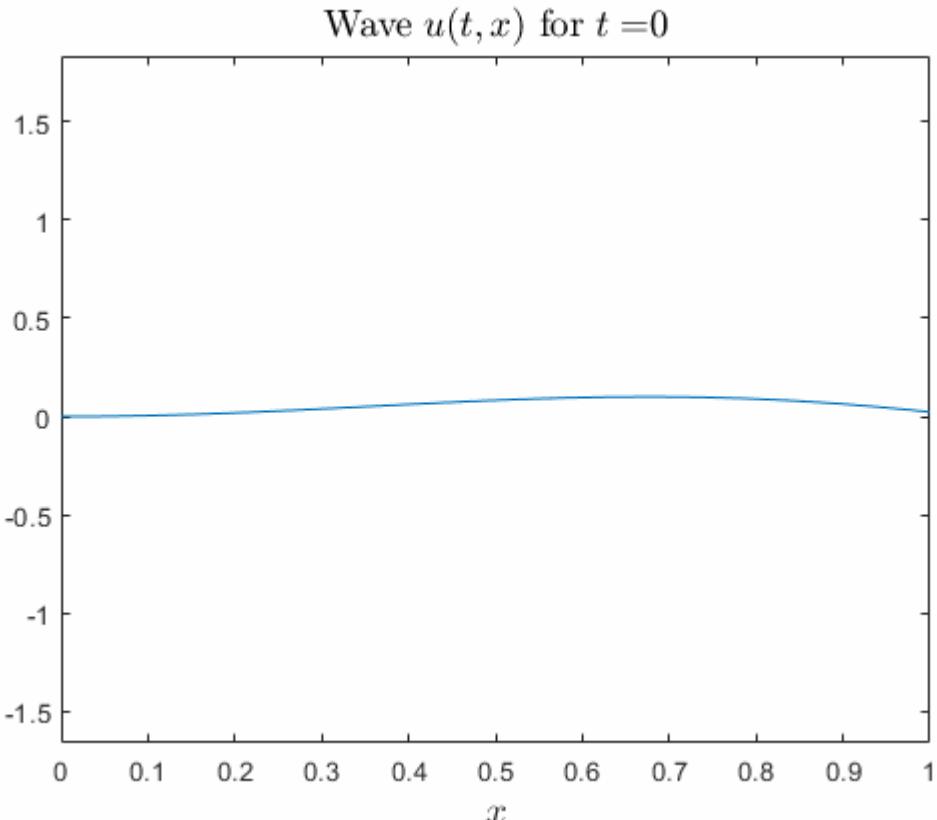
Inverse Laplace Transform: $u(t, x) = \mathcal{L}_t^{-1} [U(x, s)]$



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Symbolic Differential Equations: examples [3c]

At last, the animated wave solution is created



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