## Basic Maple Commands and Menus

This sheet is provided as a quick reference for some of the Maple commands and menus. For more detailed instructions, see the appropriate section in this workbook or "Using Help" under Help on the Maple menu bar.

Main Menu Bar



These commands can also be accessed under the menu headings File, Edit, View, and Insert. There are additional style commands under Format including justification for the worksheet.

## Plot Menus

## 2D plots



These commands can also be accessed under the menu headings Axes, Color, Style, and Projection. There are additional style commands under these menu headings for various views and coloring schemes.

## Commands for 2D Plots

| Common Name | Maple Command and Options |
| :---: | :---: |
| Cartesian Plot | $\begin{aligned} & \text { plot }([f, g], x=\mathbf{a} . \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c} . \mathbf{d}, \mathbf{d i s c o n t}=\text { true }) ; \\ & {[f, g]-\text { function(s) to be plotted (omit [ ] to plot one function) }} \\ & \mathbf{x = a . . b - h o r i z o n t a l ~ d o m a i n ~} \\ & \mathbf{c . . d - \text { (optional) vertical range }} \\ & \text { discont=true - (optional) remove lines connecting plus and } \\ & \quad \text { minus infinity } \end{aligned}$ |
| Contour Plot | ```execute with(plots); contourplot(f,x=a..b,y=c..d); \(\mathbf{f}\) - function to be plotted \(\mathbf{x}=\mathbf{a} . . \mathbf{b}\) - horizontal domain \(y=c . . d\) - vertical range``` |
| Density Plot | ```execute with(plots); densityplot({f},x=a..b,y=c..d); f - function to be plotted x=a..b - horizontal domain y=c. .d - vertical range``` |
| Direction Field | ```execute with(plots); fieldplot([dx,dy],x=a. .b,y=c. .d); \(\mathbf{d x}\) - change in the \(x\) value dy - change in the \(y\) value \(\mathbf{x}=\mathbf{a} . \mathbf{b}\) - horizontal domain \(\mathbf{y}=\mathbf{c} . \mathbf{d}\) - vertical range``` |
| Histogram | execute with(stats); and with(statplots); <br> histogram(L, area=a, numbars=b); <br> L — list of data to be plotted <br> area=a - total area of all bars <br> numbars=b - number of bars to be plotted |
| Implicit Plot | ```execute with(plots); implicitplot({f,g},x=a..b,y=c..d); {f,g} - equation(s) to be plotted (omit {} to plot one function) x=a..b - horizontal domain y=c. .d - vertical range``` |
| Parametric Plot | plot([x,y,t=a..b]); <br> $\mathbf{x}-x$-coordinate as a function of $t$ <br> $\mathbf{y}-y$-coordinate as a function of $t$ <br> $\mathbf{t}=\mathbf{a} . \mathbf{b}$ - domain for $t$ |
| Polar Plot | ```execute with(plots); polarplot({f,g},q=a..b); {f,g} - function(s) to be plotted (omit {} to plot one function) q=a..b - angle domain to be plotted``` |


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| Cartesian Plot | ```plot3d(\{f\},x=a..b,y=c..d, orientation=[p,t]); \{f\}-function of \((x, y)\) to be plotted \(\mathbf{x}=\mathbf{a} . \mathbf{b}\) - horizontal domain \(y=c . . d\) - vertical domain orientation=[p,t] - (optional) angles of view for graph``` |
| Cylindrical Plot | ```execute with(plots); cylinderplot([r,t,f,g],t=a..b,r=c..d); r,t - letters used for radius and angle f,g - functions used for radius, r, and angle, } t=a..b r=c. .d - domain for radius``` |
| Direction Field | ```execute with(plots); fieldplot3d(F,x=a..b,y=c..d,z=e..f); F - function of ( \(x, y, z\) ) to be plotted \(\mathbf{x}=\mathbf{a} . \mathbf{b}\) - domain to plot in \(x\) direction \(\mathbf{y}=\mathbf{c}\). . d - domain to plot in \(y\) direction \(\mathbf{z = e} . \mathbf{f}\) - range to plot in \(z\) direction``` |
| Solid of Revolution | ```execute with(plots); tubeplot([x,0,0],x=a..b,radius=f); [x,0,0] - axis to revolve about x=a..b - domain for t radius=f - function to be revolved``` |
| Spherical Plot | ```execute with(plots); sphereplot(f,t=a..b,p=c..d); f - function of thetheta, t, and phi, p, to be plotted t=a. .b - domain for theta p=c. .d - domain for phi``` |
| Vectors | ```execute with(plots); spacecurve([v],t=a..b,axes=boxed, numpoints=n); [v] - vector in (x,y,z) coordinates as functions of t t=a..b axes=boxed - (optional) label axes on outside edges numpoints=n - number of points to compute for graph``` |

## Multiple Commands

Maple has more than one command for some operations. This summary gives guidelines for the multiple commands.

| Category | Commands | Guidelines |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Declare equation | f:=x-> | The created equation is a function of $x$. Substitution is done by entering $f(a)$. This can be cumbersome when plotting or doing other operations with a function. |
|  | y:= | Names an equation, plot, or anything. The equation may include an equal sign. Using the named expression in plots or other equations is done by just using the given letter. Substitution must be done using the command $\operatorname{subs}(\mathbf{x}=\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{y})$; . |
| Derivative | D(f) (x) | Maple uses this command if $f$ is declared $f(x)$. This must be used to declare a new function as a derivative of a given function. |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \operatorname{diff}(y, x) ; \\ & \operatorname{diff}(f(x), x) ; \end{aligned}$ | Takes the derivative of any expression. The expression may be a named equation or an $f(x)$. |
|  | Diff(y,x); | Displays, but does not compute the derivative. |
| Integral | $\begin{aligned} & \operatorname{int}(y, x) ; \\ & \operatorname{int}(f(x), x) ; \end{aligned}$ | Gives the most general antiderivative of any expression. The expression may be a named equation or an $f(x)$. |
|  | int(y,x=a. ${ }^{\text {b }}$ ); | Computes the definite integral on the range $x=a$ to $x=b$. |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \operatorname{Int}(y, x) ; \\ & \operatorname{Int}(y, x=a . . b) ; \end{aligned}$ | Displays, but does not compute the integral. |
| Solve equation | solve( $f=g, x$ ) ; | Maple gives the exact roots for the equality. The answer may be in rational numbers, radical form, complex numbers, or as "ROOTS" of a given equation in $Z$. |
|  | fsolve(f=g, $x$ ) ; | Maple gives a decimal approximation for the real roots of the equality. If no real roots exist, no answer is given. |
|  | fsolve(f=g, $x=a)$; | Maple gives a decimal approximation for the real root nearest $x=a$. |
|  | fsolve(f=g, x=a. b) ; | Maple gives a decimal approximation for the real root between $x=a$ and $x=b$. |

## Quick Reference of Common Commands

| To Do | Command | Comments |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Arithmetic | + | Add |
|  | - | Subtract |
|  | * | Multiply |
|  | / | Divide |
|  | sqrt(a); | Take square root of $a$. |
|  | $\wedge$ | Raise to a power |
|  | abs(a); | Take absolute value of $a$. |
| Clear Maple's memory | restart; | This does not delete the worksheet. Only Maple's memory is cleared. |
| Decimal form of number | evalf(n); | Changes the given number, $n$, to a decimal. |
| Decimal places | Digits: =n; | Sets the Maple display to $n$ decimal places. (See page 39.) |
| Derivative | diff(y,x); | Computes derivative of $y$ with respect to $x$. |
| Graph | plot(y,x=a. .b); | Graphs the equation, y , on the domain $x=a$ to $x=b$. |
| Integrate (indefinite) | int (y, $x$ ); | Integrates $y$ with respect to $x$. |
| Integrate (definite) |  | Computes integral of $y$ from $x=a$ to $x=b$. |
| Substitute | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{f}(\mathrm{a}) ; \\ & \operatorname{subs}(x=a, f) ; \end{aligned}$ | Substitutes the value $a$ for $x$. Use $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{a})$; if the expression was declared using $f:=x->$. Use $\operatorname{subs}(x=a, f)$; if the expression was declared using $f:=$ |
| Un-name | unassign('f'); | Removes the expression assigned to $f$ from Maple's memory. |

