A short introduction to SageMath

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The mission

Create a viable free open source alternative to Magma, Maple, Mathematica and Matlab.

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SageMath is developing and spreading fast

...sustained by an enthusiastic community of developers

The Sage book



by A. Casamayou, N. Cohen, G. Connan, T. Dumont, L. Fousse, F. Maltey, M. Meulien, M. Mezzarobba, C. Pernet, N.M. Thiéry & P. Zimmermann (2013)

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- freely downloadable from http://sagebook.gforge.inria.fr/
- printed copies can be ordered at moderate price $(10 \in)$

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Examples 1. riem = g.riemann() 2. lie_t_v = t.lie_der(v)

NB: no argument in example 1

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Un projet SageMath à l'Observatoire: SageManifolds

SageManifolds: extends the modern computer algebra system SageMath towards differential geometry and tensor calculus



Stereographic-coordinates frame on \mathbb{S}^2

- http://sagemanifolds.obspm.fr/
- free software (GPL), as SageMath
- \sim 65,000 lines of Python code (including comments and doctests)
- submitted to SageMath community as a sequence of 14 tickets
 - \rightarrow first ticket accepted in March 2015, the 14th one in Nov. 2016

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• 5 developers, 3 reviewers

SageManifolds 1.0.1 released on 25 March 2017 and fully incl. in SageMath 7.6