

Advanced Basics of *Mathematica* Grammar

2011 (easy/medium)

■ Replacements

Very important equations arising in the study on quantum integrable models are the so called Y-system equations:

$$Y_j(u+1)Y_j(u-1) = (1+Y_{j-1}(u))(1+Y_{j+1}(u)) \text{ for } j = 1, \dots, n \text{ and } Y_j(u) = 0 \text{ for } j \leq 0 \text{ or } j \geq n+1.$$

By considering a few different n's convince yourself that they imply that

$$Y_j(u+n+3) = Y_{n-j+1}(u)$$

Hint: Understand

```
f[5] /. f[a_] => f[a - 1] + a /; a > 0
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□ Solution

■ Conjugate

Consider some generic complex function such as

```
s = (Exp[I kx] + Exp[2 I ky])
```

Sometimes we might want *Mathematica* to conjugate such expressions assuming all variables to be real unless told otherwise. That is we would like a function **conj** such that

```
conj[s] s // FullSimplify
```

should yield

$$2 (1 + \text{Cos}[kx - 2 ky])$$

Create such function. Hint: Run

```
FullForm /@ {Exp[I kx], A + B I, -2 I}
```

□ Solution

■ Tensor Products

How to proceed to get the following nice implementation of the tensor product:

```

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \beta & \gamma \\ \epsilon & \phi & \rho \end{pmatrix} // \text{MatrixForm}$$

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$$\begin{pmatrix} a\alpha & a\beta & a\gamma & b\alpha & b\beta & b\gamma \\ a\epsilon & a\phi & a\rho & b\epsilon & b\phi & b\rho \\ c\alpha & c\beta & c\gamma & d\alpha & d\beta & d\gamma \\ c\epsilon & c\phi & c\rho & d\epsilon & d\phi & d\rho \end{pmatrix}$$

```

□ **Solution**

■ **Simplify**

FullSimplify measures the complexity of the expression, which it tries to reduce then, in some very special way. It uses the function **LeafCount**. In some cases this leads to a really strange behavior:

Run

```
FullSimplify[Sin[3 (u + π)] + Cos[5 (u + π)]]
```

and

```
FullSimplify[Sin[3 (u + π)] - Cos[5 (u + π)]]
```

Apply **TreeForm** to both functions (with and without FullSimplify). Do it also for what you would like the output of the first line to be. Same for **LeafCount**. *Mathematica* wants to minimize **LeafCount**. Why doesn't *Mathematica* simplify the first line *as we would*?

Try to find some other examples where FullSimplify "fails".

The LeafCount function can be replaced by a user defined function. You can invent your own measure of complexity which you like. Give several examples of your own **ComplexityCount** function and use it to simplify the expression you found.

Create your own function **Simple** which simplifies expressions with 3π etc inside trigonometric functions in a more human way.

Hint: Functions which you might find useful are: TrigToExp, ExpandAll, ...

□ **Solution**

■ **Sqrt killer**

Define a function which will bring the expression with a single square roots in denominator to the canonical form, that is

$$\frac{\dots + \sqrt{\dots}}{(\dots + \sqrt{\dots}) \dots (\dots + \sqrt{\dots})} \rightarrow \dots + \dots \sqrt{\dots}$$

□ **Solution**

■ **Memorizer**

Define a function which will solve

$$F_n = F_{n-1} + 1 / F_{n-2} \quad \text{with} \quad F_1 = F_2 = 1.2$$

Plot the sequence $\log(F_n)$ with $n = 1, \dots, 1000$ (should take less than one second)

□ **Solution**

■ **Puzzles***

*(from <http://richardwiseman.wordpress.com/>, solutions proposed here taken from the comment box and were given by Simon)

Puzzle 1: How can you place the arithmetical signs '+' and '-' between the consecutive numbers 123456789 so that the end result is 100?

Try to come up with a code to solve this problem. Also, decode the following solution*

```
Do[If[ToExpression[str = StringJoin[Riffle[Characters["123456789"], i]]] == 100,
Print["100=", str]], {i, Tuples[{"+", "-", ""}, 8]}]
```

Puzzle 2: Yesterday I went shopping and picked up four items. When I got to the till, the cashier added the price of the four items together and the bill was £7.11. I then noticed that I would get exactly the same total if I were to multiply the four prices. How much did each of the items cost?

Note: What the puzzle should say is: "Find integers a,b,c,d such that $a+b+c+d = 711$ and $a \cdot b \cdot c \cdot d = 711\,000\,000$."

Again, try to come up with a code to solve this problem and/or decode the solution*

```
Select[IntegerPartitions[711, {4}], Times @@ # == 711 000 000 &]
```

□ **Solution given in the text**