

Math 242 Lab 1

Introduction to Calculus in

Mathematica

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Lab Assignment 1

- Complete ALL Lab Assignment Questions (page 5 and 6 in the lab handout) (with codes and computation results)
- Submit “lastnameLab01.nb”
and “lastnameLab01.pdf” (File->Save As → pdf) on Canvas
- Deadline: **Tomorrow 11:59pm**
- Correct computation results (without codes) are available on
Canvas → Files → Lab → Lab_01_Introduction → lab1_examples_
hints

Basics

- **“Enter”** or **“Return”**-next line, **“Shift+Enter”** or **“Shift+Return”**-evaluate the cell (run the codes)
- **“Alt+1”** or **“command+1”** to make a **“title”** cell.
- **“Alt+4”** or **“command+4”** to make a **“Section”** cell.
- **Stop evaluating---**click **“Alt”** + **“.”** or **“command”** + **“.”**
- Remember to save the file often!

[] , { } and ()

- Built-in functions and constants always start with capital letter, and follow by square brackets.
 - Example: Pi, E, Exp[x], Log[x] (not ln[x] nor Ln[x]), Sin[x], ArcSin[x]
- Curly braces are also for the syntax.
 - Example:
 - `Plot[Sin[x], {x, 0, 1}]`
 - `Plot[{Sin[x], Cos[x]}, {x, 0, 1}]`
- For other mathematical forms., only use round parentheses
 - Example:
 - Correct: $(x^2(x+1))/((x+2)x)$
 - Wrong: $[x^2(x+1)]/\{(x+2)x\}$

Derivatives

- **Example: Compute the third derivatives of x^5 at $x=2$**
- **Method1: Using “expressions”**
 - **Clear[f]**
 - **f=x^5**
 - **D[f,{x,3}]/.x->2**

Derivatives

- **Example: Compute the third derivatives of x^5 at $x=2$**
- **Method2: Using “function”**
 - **Clear[f]**
 - **f[x_]=x^5**
 - **f'''[2]** (recommend)
 - Or **D[f[x],{x,3}]/.x->2**

Integrals

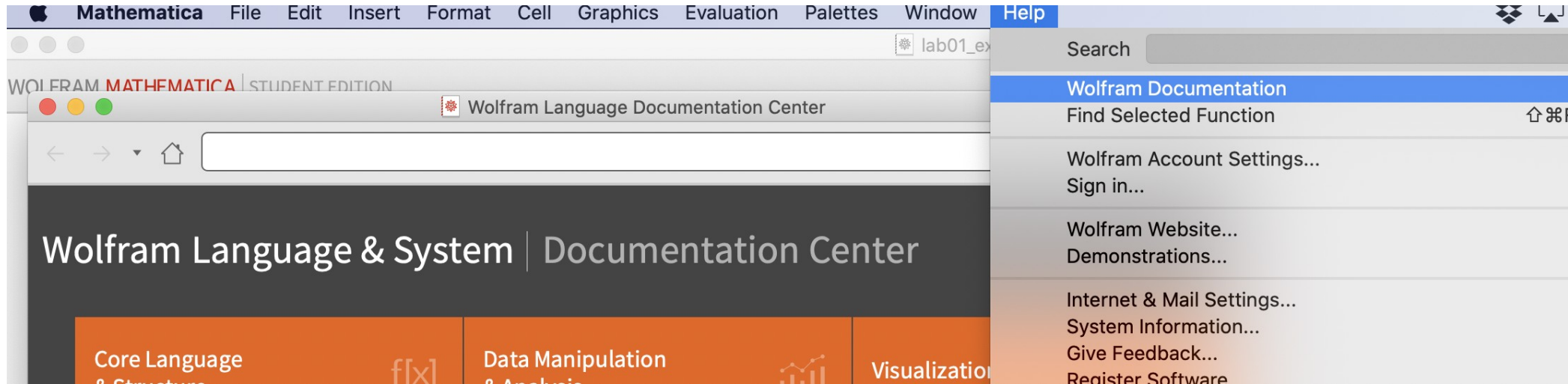
- **Example: Integrate x^5 from 0 to 2**
- **Using “function”**
 - **Clear[f]**
 - **f[x_]=x^5**
 - **Integrate[f[x],{x,0,2}]**

Plot

- **Example: Plot x^5 on the interval $(0, 2)$**
 - **Clear[f]**
 - **f[x_]=x^5**
 - **Plot[f[x],{x,0,2}]**

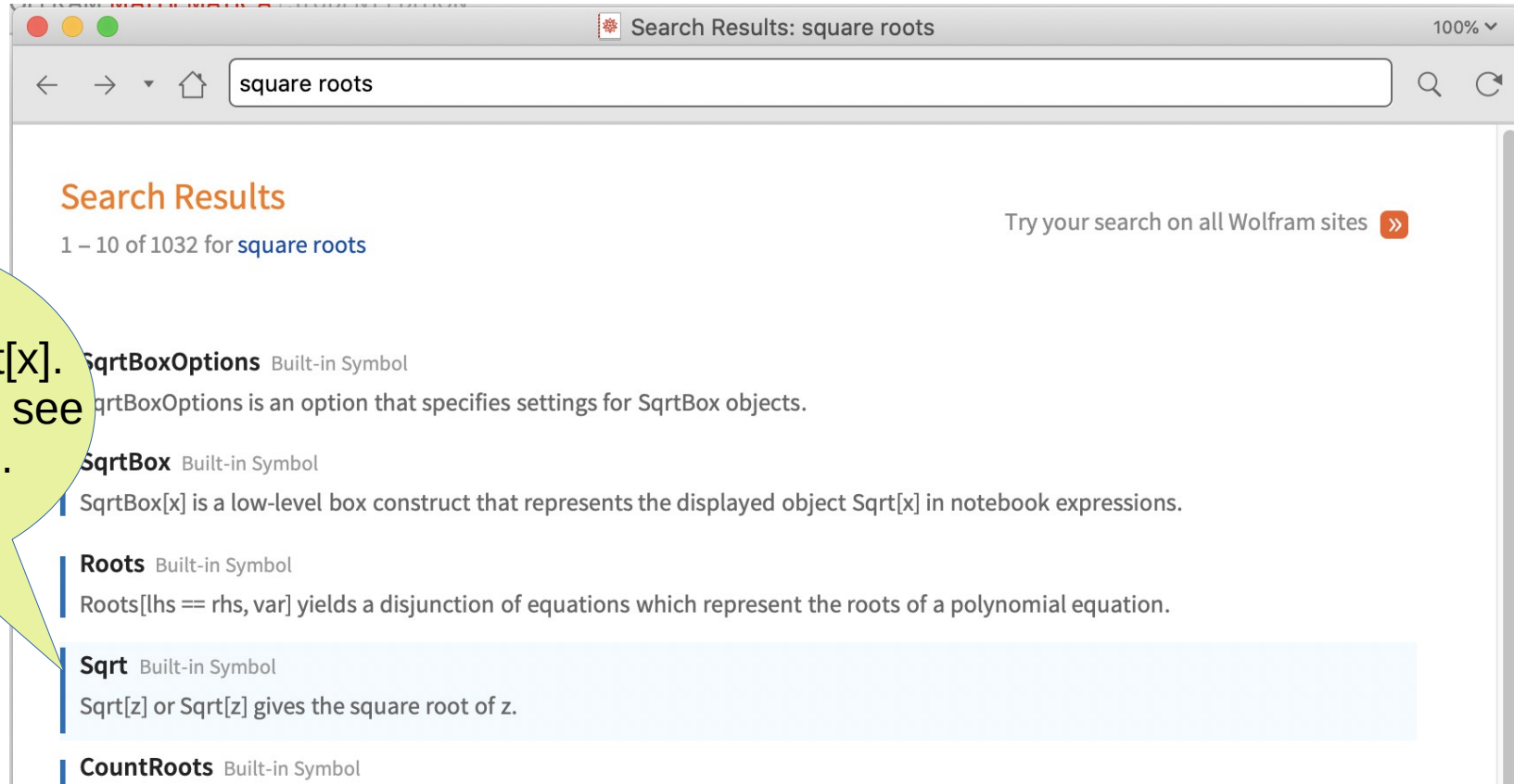
Find a function

- **Example: How to type square root of x ?**
- **Go to Help → Wolfram Documentation and search “square root”**



Find a function

- Example: How to type square root of x?



Wrong

- $1/1+x^2$
- e^x
- $\sin(x)$
- $\text{Sin}^3[x]$
- $\arctan(x)$
- `ClearAll`, or `Clear`

Correct

- $1/(1+x^2)$
- `Exp[x]` or E^x
- `Sin[x]`
- $(\text{Sin}[x])^3$
- `ArcTan[x]`
- `Clear[f]`, or `Clear[f,x,a]`

Wrong

- $f = x^5$
 $f''[x]$
 $f''[3]$
 $D[f[x], \{x, 2\}]$
- $f[x] = x^5$
 $f''[3]$
- $f[x_] = x^5$
 f''
 $D[f, \{x, 2\}]$

Correct

- $f = x^5$
 $D[f, \{x, 2\}]$
 $D[f, \{x, 2\}] /. x \rightarrow 3$
- $f[x_] = x^5$
 $f''[x]$
 $f''[3]$
 $D[f[x], \{x, 2\}]$
 $D[f[x], \{x, 2\}] /. x \rightarrow 3$