Package ‘rim’

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Description

Provides an interface to Maxima, a computer algebra system.

Usage

maxima.start(restart = FALSE)
maxima.stop(engine = FALSE)
maxima.get(command)
maxima.load(module)
maxima.apropos(keystring)
maxima.version()
maxima.isInstalled()
iprint(x)

## S3 method for class 'maxima'
print(x, ...)

maxima.eval(x, code = FALSE, envir = globalenv())

Arguments

restart if FALSE (default), then Maxima is started provided it is not running already. If TRUE starts or restarts Maxima.
engine if FALSE (default), quits the (running) maxima instance and closes the connection, otherwise quits and closes the (running) maxima instance used for the knitr engine.
command character string containing the Maxima command.
module character vector naming the Maxima module (typically a *.mac or *.lisp file) to be loaded.
keystring character vector containing a search term.

Either a character vector of length 1L or an S3 object of class "maxima"
other arguments (ignored).

code A logical vector of length 1L, whether to attach the original expression (TRUE) or not (FALSE, default)

evir A environment object. globalenv() (default), is passed to eval().

Details

Note: You need to install the Maxima software separately in order to make use of this package.
Maxima is set up automatically on attachment via library(rim) and automatically started when
a command is send (if it isn’t running already) using maxima.get(). If environment variable
RIM_MAXIMA_PATH is not set, rim will search for the Maxima executable, or use the former
otherwise. Using maxima.start() and maxima.stop(), one can stop and (re-)start the current
Maxima session if needed, e.g. to clear Maxima command and output history.

To send a single command to Maxima and receive the corresponding output use maxima.get().
This function returns a S3 object of class "maxima". The output is printed by printing the object
and will be printed in a format currently set by maxima.options(format). The output format
can be changed by setting it, e.g. maxima.options(format = "ascii"). Output labels are printed
according to option maxima.options(label).

Value

invisibly returns NULL.

Character vector of length 1 of the input command. Depending on whether option "label" is set to
TRUE, the corresponding input reference label is printed preceding the input command.

The evaluated R-object

Functions

• maxima.start(): (re-)starts Maxima.
• maxima.stop(): Quits Maxima.
• maxima.get(): Executes a single Maxima command provided by command. If no command
  ending character (; or $ is provided, ; is appended.
• maxima.load(): A wrapper to load a Maxima module named by module
• maxima.apropos(): A wrapper to the Maxima helper function apropos to lookup existing
  Maxima functions that match keystring.
• maxima.version(): Returns the version number of Maxima that is used
• maxima.isInstalled(): Returns TRUE when an installation of Maxima has been detected, otherwise FALSE
• iprint(): Prints the input command of an maxima S3-object returned by maxima.get()
• print(maxima): Prints the maxima output part of an S3 object returned by maxima.get()
• maxima.eval(): Evaluates the parsed and quoted R-expression which is part of an S3 object
  returned by maxima.get()
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See Also

Useful links:

• https://rcst.github.io/rim/
• Report bugs at https://github.com/rcst/rim/issues

maxima.engine, maxima.options

Examples

```r
if(maxima.isInstalled()) maxima.start(restart = TRUE)
if(maxima.isInstalled()) {
  maxima.start(restart = TRUE)
  maxima.stop()
}
if(maxima.isInstalled()) maxima.get("2+2;")
if(maxima.isInstalled()) maxima.load("abs_integrate")
if(maxima.isInstalled()) maxima.apropos("integrate")
maxima.version()
if(maxima.isInstalled()) {
  a <- maxima.get("2+2;")
  iprint(a)
}
if(maxima.isInstalled()) {
  a <- maxima.get("2+2;")
  print(a)
}
if(maxima.isInstalled()) {
  a <- maxima.get("2+2;")
  maxima.eval(a)
  # same
  maxima.eval("2+2;")
  # evaluate with data.frame
  df <- data.frame(x = seq(0, 1, by = 0.1))
  maxima.eval("integrate(1 / (1 + x^4), x);", code = TRUE, envir = df)
  maxima.stop()
}
```
maxima.engine

Description

Functions to process Maxima code chunks by knitr.

Usage

maxima.engine(options)

maxima.inline(command)

Arguments

options named list of knitr options. Supported options are echo, eval, include and output.var. To change the output format of the Maxima engine set the option maxima.options(engine.format) to either "linear" (default), "ascii", "latex" or "mathml".

command character string containing the Maxima command to be executed.

Details

Upon attachment, i.e. library(rim) function maxima.engine is registered as a knitr engine. Thus, maxima.engine() is called by knit() to evaluate Maxima code chunks. When called upon the first code chunk of a document it starts Maxima in a separate process in server mode. This means that a single Maxima session is used for all Maxima code chunks of an RMarkdown document. Inputs and outputs can thus be used across chunks (e.g. by using Maxima reference labels). maxima.options(engine.format = ..., engine.label = ...) configures the output format and whether or not output reference labels should be printed.

The purpose of maxima.inline is to insert Maxima results as inline text, i.e. on the same line of the preceding text, if it is actually written on the same line of the RMarkdown file. It uses the same running Maxima process as maxima.engine. The output format for inline results can be configured separately from the settings of maxima.engine, i.e. maxima.options(inline.format = ..., inline.label = ...).

Value

This functions prints the resulting output from maxima together with it's code

character string containing the maxima result printed according options set by maxima.options(inline.format = ..., inline.label = ...).

Functions

• maxima.inline(): This function can be used to insert maxima outputs as inline.
maxima.options

Examples

```r
if (maxima.isInstalled()) {
  maxima.inline("2+2;")
  maxima.stop(engine = TRUE)
}
```

maxima.options

Description

Function for globally setting and retrieving options.

Usage

```r
maxima.options(
  ..., 
  RESET = FALSE,
  READ.ONLY = NULL,
  LOCAL = FALSE,
  ADD = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

... options to be accessed by using name = value. Options can be added by setting ADD = TRUE, but only those mentioned below will be used my rim.

RESET logical of length 1, whether to reset all options to default values.

READ.ONLY logical of length 1, can be used to output all options that are read-only.

LOCAL logical of length 1, to output all options that are defined locally.

ADD logical of length 1, whether to add the specified option in ... (TRUE), default is FALSE.

Details

format: character vector of length 1 setting the output format for maxima.get(). Can be one of "linear", "ascii", "latex" or "mathml".

engine.format: same as option format, but for outputs in RMarkdown documents.

inline.format: character string setting the output format for maxima.inline(), for knitting outputs inline into RMarkdown documents. Can be one of "linear", "latex" or "mathml", but not "ascii".

label: logical of length 1, whether reference labels should be printed for returned S3 objects from maxima.get() (TRUE, default), or not (FALSE). This also applies to printing of input commands using iprint().

eengine.label: same as label, but for outputs in RMarkdown documents.

inline.label: same as label, but for inline outputs in RMarkdown documents.
Examples

maxima.options(format = "latex")
maxima.options(label = FALSE)
maxima.options(label = TRUE, format = "ascii")
# reset to default
maxima.options(label = TRUE, format = "linear")
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