

LARSON—MATH 255—CLASSROOM WORKSHEET 21
More Files—Interacts

1. (a) Start the Chrome browser.
(b) Go to `http://cocalc.com`
(c) Login using **your VCU email address** .
(d) Click on our class Project.
(e) Click “New”, then “Worksheets”, then call it **c21**.
(f) For each problem number, label it in the Sage cell where the work is. So for Problem 2, the first line of the cell should be `#Problem 2`.

Files

Reading in, and working with, data files is an important ability. Last class we created a data file (`one_hundred_numbers.txt`), learned how to read it in line-by-line, and work with the data.

An important thing to know/note is that a file is actually a big *string*. You can read the lines of a file with `readline()`. Those lines are also strings (and not numbers - despite how they look). If you want numbers they must be converted to numbers.

2. Here’s a **multi-step problem that builds on what we did last class**. We’ll create a new file `two_hundred_numbers.txt` that consists of each line from `one_hundred_numbers.txt` written twice.

Interacts

There is a collection of examples of Sage INTERACTS at `http://wiki.sagemath.org/interact/`. Let’s look at a few of these examples to see the kinds of things you can do with Sage.

3. Here is a simple Sage INTERACT with *default* values for a function f to be graphed, and the interval (a, b) that f will be graphed on. The Interact function is named “_”, which is standard—as we will never refer to this function by name.

```
@interact
def _(f=x^2, a=-3, b=3):
    show(plot(f, (x, a, b)))
```

4. Now let’s make this fancy with some *options*.

```
@interact
def _(f=input_box(x^2,width=20),
    axes=True,
    fill=True,
    zoom=range_slider(-3,3,default=(-3,3))):
    show(plot(f, (x, zoom[0], zoom[1]), axes=axes, fill=fill))
```

5. **Prime Numbers.** Try the following Sage Interact which visualizes the Prime Number Theorem (PNT).

```
@interact
def pnt(N=input_box(200)):
    show(plot(prime_pi,0,N,color="red")+plot(x/(log(x)-1),5,N,color="blue")))
```

Try putting different numbers in the input box.

6. Let's do the same thing in a new way. Try:

```
@interact
def pnt2(N=(100,(2..1000000))):
    show(plot(prime_pi,0,N,color="red")+plot(x/(log(x)-1),5,N,color="blue")))
```

What part of the code is producing the *slider*?

7. **Eigenvalues.** Try `M=identity_matrix(3)`. Evaluate M to see the entries. Change the upper right corner entry to 3. Use `M.` and `TAB` to find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of M
8. Here's an INTERACT with an *update* button.

```
@interact
def _(m=('matrix', identity_matrix(2)), auto_update=False):
    print(m.eigenvalues())
```

Try different values in the matrix and then and then click the update box. Now make a 3×3 matrix.

Problems

9. The sum of the reciprocals of the positive integers

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$$

diverges (that is, the sum goes to infinity).

- Find the smallest integer m so that $\sum_{n=1}^m \frac{1}{n}$ is at least 2.
- Find the smallest integer m so that $\sum_{n=1}^m \frac{1}{n}$ is at least 3.
- Find the smallest integer m so that $\sum_{n=1}^m \frac{1}{n}$ is at least 4.

Getting your classwork recorded

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- Click the “Make pdf” (Adobe symbol) icon and make a pdf of this worksheet. (If Cocalc hangs, click the printer icon, then “Open”, then print or make a pdf using your browser).
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