

Suppression of the symbolic evaluation of an expression

Write down the symbolic expression

$$k = x^2 + x \cdot y + y^2$$

Symbolically solve for y

$$k = x^2 + x \cdot y + y^2 \xrightarrow{\text{solve}, y} \left[\begin{array}{l} \frac{\sqrt{4 \cdot k - 3 \cdot x^2} - x}{2} \\ \frac{x}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{4 \cdot k - 3 \cdot x^2}}{2} \end{array} \right]$$

Define it to be equal to some arbitrary name (probably one you're going to use, though!)

$$g := k = x^2 + x \cdot y + y^2 \xrightarrow{\text{solve}, y} \left[\begin{array}{l} \frac{\sqrt{4 \cdot k - 3 \cdot x^2} - x}{2} \\ \frac{x}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{4 \cdot k - 3 \cdot x^2}}{2} \end{array} \right]$$

used g rather than g(k,x) just to raise an error, thereby suppressing the symbolic expansion

Delete the definition operator

$$g \square (k = x^2 + x \cdot y + y^2 \text{ solve}, y \rightarrow)$$

This wraps the symbolic solve expression in parentheses and inhibits the display of the symbolic solution

Restore the definition operator and complete the left hand side

$$g(k, x) := (k = x^2 + x \cdot y + y^2 \text{ solve}, y \rightarrow)$$

$$g(9, 3) = ? \qquad g(64, 2) = ?$$

Here are another couple of examples:

cubic

$$h(k, x) := (k = x^3 + 2x \cdot y + y^2 \text{ solve}, y \rightarrow)$$

$$h(12, 3) = ? \qquad h(63, 4) = ?$$

multinomial expansion

p just returns the symbolic expression

$$p(n) := (a + b + c)^n \rightarrow (a + b + c)^n$$

$$p(3) \rightarrow (a + b + c)^3$$

q returns the expansion

Note the difference between a2 and a

$$q(n) := [(a + b + c)^n \text{ expand } \rightarrow]$$

$$q(0) \rightarrow q(0)$$

$$q(1) \rightarrow q(1)$$

$$q(2) \rightarrow q(2)$$

$$q(3) \rightarrow q(3)$$

$$q(4) \rightarrow q(4)$$

$$q2(n) := (a + b + c)^n \xrightarrow{\text{expand}} (a + b + c)^n$$

$$q2(0) \rightarrow 1$$

$$q2(1) \rightarrow a + b + c$$

$$q2(2) \rightarrow (a + b + c)^2$$