MAT 305: Mathematical Computing

Interactive worksheets in Sage

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You should be in worksheet mode to repeat the examples.

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Interactive worksheets?

An *interactive worksheet* allows a user to visualize and manipulate concepts in a hands-on fashion.

- buttons, sliders, checkboxes
- graphics updated immediately or on demand

Creating interactive worksheets

Interactive worksheets rely on "function decorator": `@interact`

- Place immediately before definition of function
- Formal argument list consists of interact objects
  - input box
  - slider
  - checkbox
  - dropdown menu
  - buttons
  - color selector

Example

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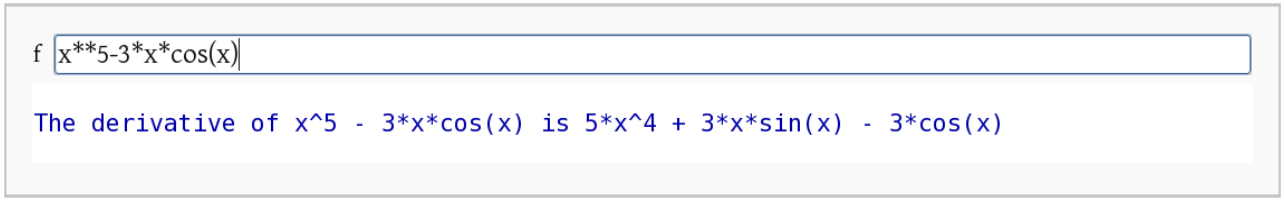
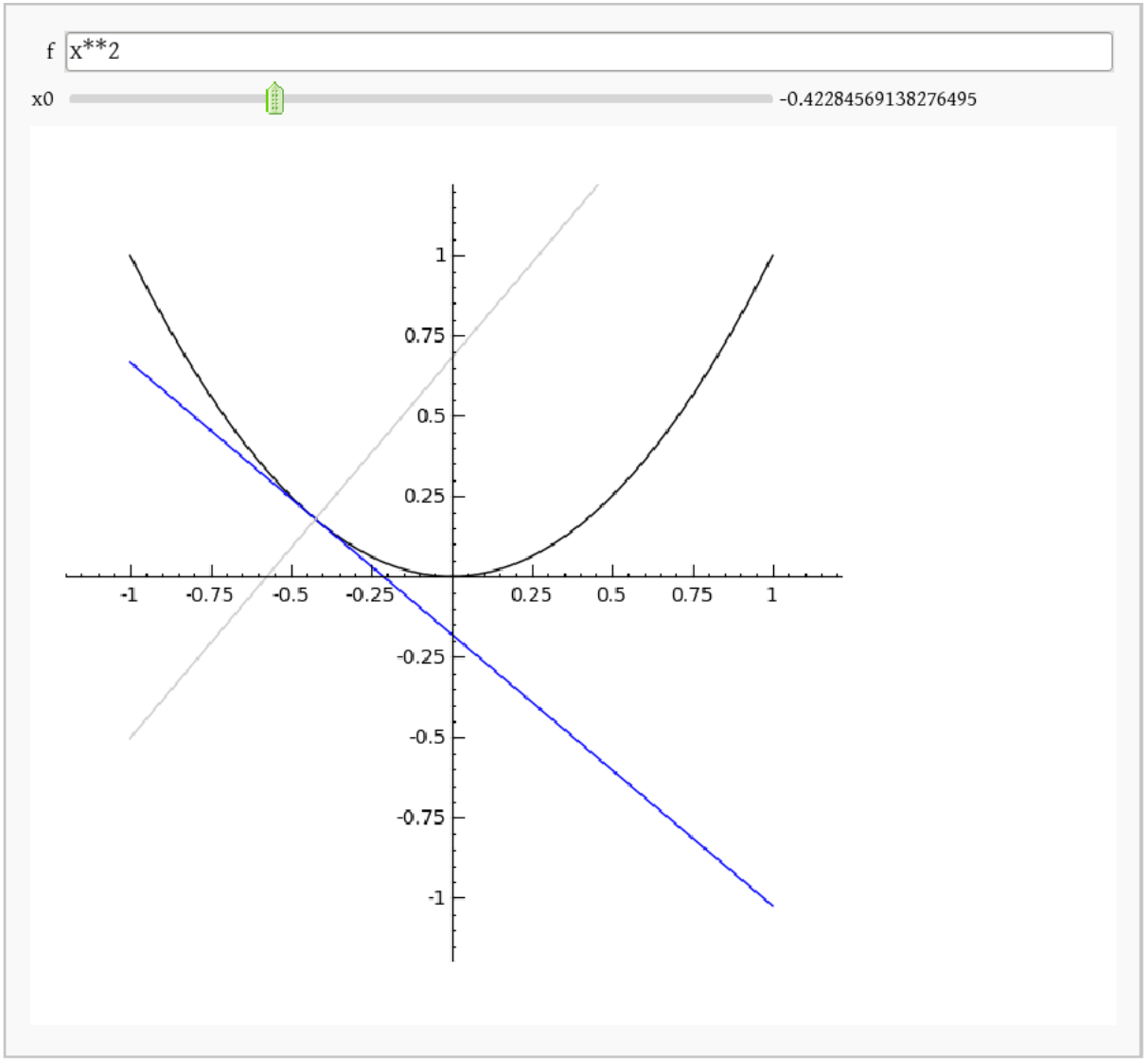
You should get an interactive cell that you can play with:



Something more visual

```
sage:  xmin = -1
sage:  xmax = 1
sage:  @interact
       def i_tan_norm(f=input_box(label='$f$'),
           x0=slider(xmin,xmax,label='$x_0$',
           step_size=0.1,default=0)):
         if f != None:
           y0 = f(x=x0)
           mtan = (diff(f))(x=x0)
           mnorm = -1/mtan
           fplot = plot(f,xmin,xmax,
                        rgbcolor=(0,0,0))
           tan_plot = plot(mtan*(x-x0)+y0,xmin,xmax)
           norm_plot = plot(mnorm*(x-x0)+y0,xmin,
                       xmax,rgbcolor=(0.8,0.8,0.8))
           show(fplot+tan_plot+norm_plot,ymin=-1,
                ymax=1,aspect_ratio=1)
```

. . . the result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Usage

id = *object*(*options*) where

- *id* is an argument for the value of the object
- *object* is one of the object commands given below
- *options* specify object's properties
  - two options common to all objects

Command options for all objects

- `label` = *label*
  a string that labels the object
  - limited LaTeX allowed: enclose math in $ signs (recall `latex()` command: can be useful!)
  - compare `label='x_0'` to `label='$x_0$'` in previous example

- `default` = *value*
  the default value of the object, if any

The `input_box()` command

`input_box(`*options*`)` where *options* include

- `width`: width of box (# letters)

User enters text (function, number, etc.)

Example

```
f = input_box(label='$f$',default=x*cos(x),width=10)
```

The `slider()` command

`slider(`*options*`)` where *options* include

- continuous slider?
  - `vmin`: minimum value of slider
  - `vmax`: maximum value of slider
- discrete slider? two ways
  - `vmin`: a list of values, no `vmax`
  - `step_size`: move in discrete steps along `[vmin,vmax]` w/intervals of this size

User slides knob across line to pick value between `vmin` and `vmax`

Example

```
x0 = slider(label='$x_0$',vmin=-1,vmax=1,
            default=0,step_size=0.1)
```

The `checkbox()` command

`checkbox(`*options*`)`

- User sets boolean (on/off or `True`/`False`) value

Example

```
show_tangent = checkbox(label='show tangent',
                        default=True)
```

Choosers

`selector(`*options*`)` where *options* include

- `values`: a list of values
- `buttons=True`: draw buttons, not a drop-down menu
- `nrows`, `ncols`: number of rows or columns of buttons
- `width`: set all buttons to same length (in characters)

User chooses one of several options

Example

```
function = selector(values=['normal line',
                            'tangent line',
                            'both','neither'])
```

Color selector

`Color(`*color definition*`)` where

- *color definition* is
  - a recognized name for a color
  - an rgb triplet
  - a hex string (don't worry about this one unless you already know what I mean)
- "common" options do not work with this object

User manipulates color using string, circle, box

Example

```
col = Color(0,0,1)
```

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Example problem

Problem

Given f, a, b, and n, use n rectangles to approximate $\int_a^b f(x)\,dx$. Use left endpoints to approximate the height of each rectangle.

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$\therefore$ function definition:

```
@interact
def i_left_sums(f=input_box(default=x**2),
                a=input_box(default=0),
                b=input_box(default=1),
                n=slider(vmin=range(2,11),default=2),
                boxcolor=Color(0.5,0.5,0.5)):
```

Avoid complicated functions

Major subtasks $\longrightarrow$ functions:

- `left_Riemann_sum()` to approximate area
- `left_Riemann_rectangles()` to make plots

Approximating area

- Already solved approximation of $\int_a^b f(x)\,dx$ using left endpoints. ***Reuse old work!***

- Prior to `@interact`, paste old left Riemann sum code.

```
def left_Riemann_sum(f, a, b, n):
  Delta_x = (b-a)/n
  L = range(n)
  S = 0
  for i in L:
    xi = a + i*Delta_x
    S = S + f(x=xi)*Delta_x
  return S
```

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```
combo = fplot
L = range(n)
for i in L:
  xi = a + i*Delta_x
  yi = f(x)
  combo = combo + polygon2d([(xi,0),(xi,yi),
          (xi+Delta_x,yi),(xi+Delta_x,0)],
          rgbcolor=boxcolor,alpha=0.75)
```

Encapsulate as function

Also prior to `@interact`:

```
def left_Riemann_rectangles(f,a,b,n,boxcolor):
  fplot = plot(f,a,b)
  combo = fplot
  Delta_x = (b-a)/n
  L = range(n)
  for i in L:
    xi = a + i*Delta_x
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    combo = combo + polygon2d([(xi,0),(xi,yi),
            (xi+Delta_x,yi),(xi+Delta_x,0)],
            rgbcolor=boxcolor,alpha=0.75)
  return combo
```
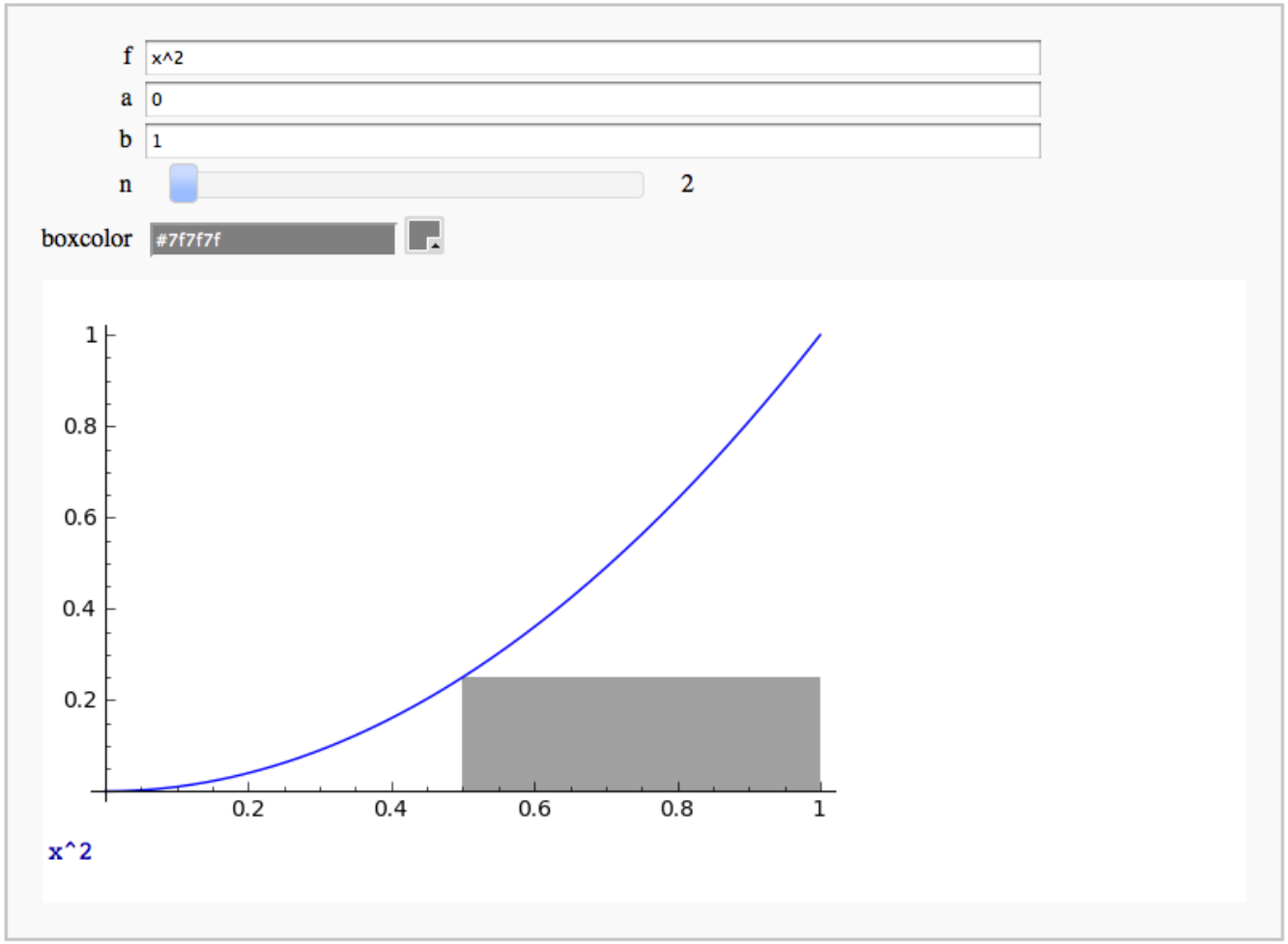

Combine pieces

Call both from `i_left_sums()`:

```
@interact
def i_left_sums(f=input_box(default=x**2),
                ...
                boxcolor=Color(0.5,0.5,0.5)):
  # make f a function to avoid confusing sage
  f(x) = f
  approx = left_Riemann_sum(f,a,b,n)
  riemann_plot = left_Riemann_rectangles(f,a,b,n,
                                         boxcolor)
  show(riemann_plot)
  print approx
```

The final product



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Summary

- Interactive worksheets help user visualize, manipulate concepts
- Use `@interact` function decorator
- Several easy-to-define interface objects
- Break functions into parts
  - easy to read
  - easy to reuse
  - easy to change