
Subject: Re: IDL, Matlab, Mathematica, Maple...

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In article <38EFE9C5.1C84B373@princeton.edu>,
sangshim@princeton.edu wrote:

> Dear Experts,

> I don't think it is appropriate to ask this question here.

But...

> I have used IDL for my research (mostly fit and plot big
datasets and

> do numerical simulations) last 3 years and enjoyed a lot. Recently I
am

> interested in other math softwares but I cannot find information like

> "which is good for which".

> Would you compare IDL, Matlab, Mathematica, and Maple?

> Thanks.

>

> Dan

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(not being an expert), I recently checked the Matlab site. And you
know, they talk about operator overloading there! I'd love that in IDL.

As for symbolic software, I would love if someone could point me to some
that makes equation manipulation easy. I don't care much for evaluating
an integral or a derivative, but something that easily pulls a factor
out of an expression and stuff like that would make me a happy person.

Mirko

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