

## ■ Introduction to *Mathematica*. Volume III - XtraStuff

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△ Please **deactivate NUM-Lock**.

△ Proceed by copying the expressions into *Mathematica*. Press `SHIFT|RET` together to **evaluate** your input. Vary the input.

△ When you receive weird error messages upon evaluation, although your input seems correct, use the menu item

**Kernel** → **Quit-Kernel** to reset the memory of *Mathematica* and start evaluation from the beginning.

⚡ Understand the function `γInit`

```
γInit[n_Int][X0_] := MapIndexed[x_{#2[[1]]}[0] == #1 &, X0];
```

⚡ Evaluate  $f$  at  $1/2$  and plot the function within an appropriate interval, where

```
f = Interpolation[{{0, 2}, {1, -1}, {3, 1}, {5, 6}}]
```

⚡ Describe the difference between `NestList` and `FixedPointList`.

⚡ Think about how to setup a general matrix in arbitrary dimension  $n \times n$  such as

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 & a_4 \\ a_2 & a_5 & a_6 & a_7 \\ a_3 & a_6 & a_8 & a_9 \\ a_4 & a_7 & a_9 & a_{10} \end{pmatrix}$$

⚡ Our presentation of legal syntax in *Mathematica* is far from complete. That does not automatically mean, you can't live without them. But if brevity and efficiency appeals to you, we point you to **Programming** → **Assignments** in the help browser. You find things such as

```
Unprotect[Sin];
Sin /: Sin[x_] Cos[y_] := Sin[x + y] / 2 + Sin[x - y] / 2;
```

⚡ Imagine a graph with vertices  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$  and directed edges  $v_1 \rightarrow v_2$  and  $v_2 \rightarrow v_3$ . We encode the connectivity by the matrix  $A$  below. The entry of the matrix product  $(A.A)_{i,j}$  corresponds to the number of paths of length 2 going from  $v_j \rightarrow v_i$ . In our example  $(A.A)_{3,1} = 1$ , because the only path connecting  $v_1$  and  $v_3$  is  $v_1 \rightarrow v_2 \rightarrow v_3$ . Design code, that outputs the connectivity relation table  $B_{i,j} \in \{0, 1\}^{n \times n}$  with  $B_{i,j} = 1 \Leftrightarrow \exists$  a directed path from  $v_j \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow v_i$ .

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

## ■ Solutions to some of the problems

`f[1/2]` tells you that *mathematica* uses algebraic (polynomial) interpolation, when fed with non-numerical input.

Concerning the general symmetric bilinear form, a `Module` allows you to assign a single entry of a list (△ `With` does not replace `Module` here). We are not aware of a more elegant solution than:

```
Sym[n_] := Module[{A = Array[0 &, {n, n}], cnt = 0},
  Array[(A[[#1, #2]] = If[#1 ≤ #2, a_{++cnt}, A[[#2, #1]]) &, {n, n}]];
```

The connectivity relation table is indeed the result of a fixed point routine. Try the below code with more exciting matrices  $A$  and use the command `FixedPoint` instead of `FixedPointList`.

```
myMax[a_] := Min[a, 1];  
SetAttributes[myMax, Listable]  
FixedPointList[myMax[#1 + #1.#1] &, A]
```