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1 Introduction

1.1 Maple Flow

Maple Flow is a new calculation tool from Maplesoft. Maple Flow offers a freeform user interface combined with a comprehensive math engine. Use Maple Flow for engineering, scientific, and technical calculations and documentation.

Maple Flow gives you

- A spatially aware mathematical canvas that replicates the design metaphor of a physical whiteboard
- Automatic recalculation to ensure that results are always up to date
- A broad, rich mathematical language with many functions
- Visually impactful, fully programmatic plots
- A coding region with full access to the Maple programming language

Note for non-Windows users: The keystrokes given in this document are for Windows. If you are using a different platform, see the keyboard shortcuts for your platform in *Keyboard Shortcuts (page 95)*.

1.2 What Does This Manual Aim to Do?

This manual describes

- The Maple Flow interface
- Differences with the Maple user interface and programming language that an existing Maple user may experience.

This manual should be read in unison with the in-product tutorials and exercises; these are available from the **Tutorial** link on the Maple Flow Start page. If you've closed the Start page, you can access it again:

- On the **Document** tab of the ribbon, in the **View** group, click **Start Page** (.

Tutorial

	Navigating around the canvas	Learn how to navigate around the canvas, create math and text containers, and move them into position
	Entering math	Learn how to enter and edit math
	Evaluating math	Learn how to evaluate math and get results
	Evaluation order and automatic recalculation	Learn how Maple Flow's spatially aware evaluation model works
	Basic Math Concepts	Discover the basic math concepts needed to be a successful Maple Flow user
	Built-in functions	Maple Flow contains a rich collection of mathematical functions for science, engineering and data analysis
	Data structures	Maple Flow has many data structures for different types of analyses
	Units	Learn how to keep your analyses dimensionally consistent and eliminate unit conversion errors
	Plotting	Create visually impressive, flexible plots

Technical Applications

[Solve equations numerically and symbolically](#)

[Import and export data](#)

[Fit a curve to data](#)

[Signal Processing](#)

[Thermophysical Data](#)

[Optimization](#)

Figure 1.1: Overview of in-product tutorials

This manual does not describe the math functionality of the Maple Flow in detail, but makes references to specific functions in context of a broader discussion. The detailed documentation for the math functionality resides in the Maple online help: <http://www.maplesoft.com/support/help>.

1.3 What Is the Relationship between Maple and Maple Flow?

First, some definitions:

- Maple refers to the (i) Maple programming language and (ii) Maple interface.
- Maple Flow refers to the new product whose manual you are reading.

Maple Flow

- Uses the powerful Maple math engine
- Borrows a few elements from the Maple interface

Maple Flow's "language" is the commands (and their syntax), data structures and programming language. These are based on the Maple programming language; you can use any of the math functions in Maple in your Maple Flow analyses.

1.4 If You Are a Maple User

If you already use Maple, you'll appreciate the unique twist that Maple Flow offers with its spatial evaluation model and automatic calculation updates. You will also get a head start because you'll be familiar with Maple's programming language, functions, and features.

Maple Flow differs from the Maple interface and programming language in a number of ways. Several important differences are listed in **Table 1.1**.

Table 1.1: How Maple Flow differs from Maple

Maple Flow	Maple 
You enter math and text at any point, simply by clicking with your mouse, and typing. This is in much the same way that you can write math at any point on a whiteboard.	You can enter commands at execution prompts, which are largely aligned to the left (except when inserted into multicolumn tables), and linearly progress down the worksheet.
The evaluation model is <i>forward in space</i> . Any assignments are only valid at any point to the right or below where they are made.	The evaluation model is <i>forward in time</i> . You can use assignments above or below where they are made, at any time after the assignment is made. Most users progress linearly down a worksheet, but the apparently linear form of a worksheet is not always reflected in the displayed results.
Multiplication needs to be explicitly stated.	Multiplication can be implicit (i.e. entered with a space) or explicit.
More numeric evaluation by default (for example $5/10$ evaluates to 0.5)	Results are kept symbolic except when requested to be numeric (for example, with the <code>evalf</code> command).
Units are automatically combined. That is, N/m^2 is automatically reconciled to Pa.	Units are only reconciled if explicitly requested by the user (for example, by loading a Units package).
What you see in the Maple Flow canvas is always up to date and reflects the current state of all assignments. Any changes or additions to the canvas automatically cascade down the canvas. Automatic recalculation means the currently visible portion of the canvas updates as you work, and as you scroll through the document all the calculations are updated.	Individual commands, groups of commands, or entire worksheets are only updated if requested by the user. This means results may not reflect the current value of definitions.
Matrix, vector, and array indices are only entered with square brackets.	Matrix, vector, and array indices can be entered with square brackets or typeset subscripts (in 2-D input).
Math is entered into the canvas in mathematical notation, but programmatic content is entered in Maple notation.	Equations and programs can be entered in typeset mathematics notation (often called "2-D math") or Maple notation ("1-D math").

Maple worksheets cannot be loaded into the Maple Flow, or vice versa.

1.5 Maple Flow Help System

The in-product help system provides information on key commands. Each help page gives details on the usage of a command, including the calling sequence, parameters, options, and examples.

To open the help system:

- On the **Help** tab of the ribbon, click **Maple Flow Help** (.

Search: Search for a command name, keyword, or phrase.

Browse: Browse the table of contents to view a structured list of help topics.

To get help on a specific word:

1. In a worksheet, place the cursor in a word for which you want to obtain help.
2. On the **Help** tab of the ribbon, click **Help on Context** () , or press the shortcut key **F2**.

View Help Page as Worksheet: You can open any help page as a worksheet to interact with the page and modify the examples.

- With the help page displayed in the right pane of the help system, from the **View** menu, select **Open Page as Worksheet**.
- Alternately, click **Open current page as worksheet** () in the help system toolbar.

Additional Documentation

Since Maple Flow uses the Maple programming language, you have the ability to use the vast math functionality that is part of the Maple programming language. When browsing the help system, some hyperlinks take you to additional detailed documentation for the math functionality that reside on the Maplesoft website, in the Maple online help:

<http://www.maplesoft.com/support/help>. Note that these pages are formatted as Maple pages, not Maple Flow pages, so the examples will look a little different.

1.6 Interface

The different parts of the Maple Flow interface, as seen in **Figure 1.2**, are:

- Canvas — the workspace
- Quick access toolbar — The toolbar at the top of the Maple Flow window provides quick access to commonly used commands.
- Ribbon interface — The ribbon organizes tools in tabs for ease of access.
- Palettes — In the left pane, these provide an easy way to enter a math expression, matrix, Greek letter, or units. A second tab in this pane contains the AI Formula Assistant.
- Context panel — Some options relevant to the current selection appear here, such as numeric formatting and units formatting.
- Status bar — Displays system information

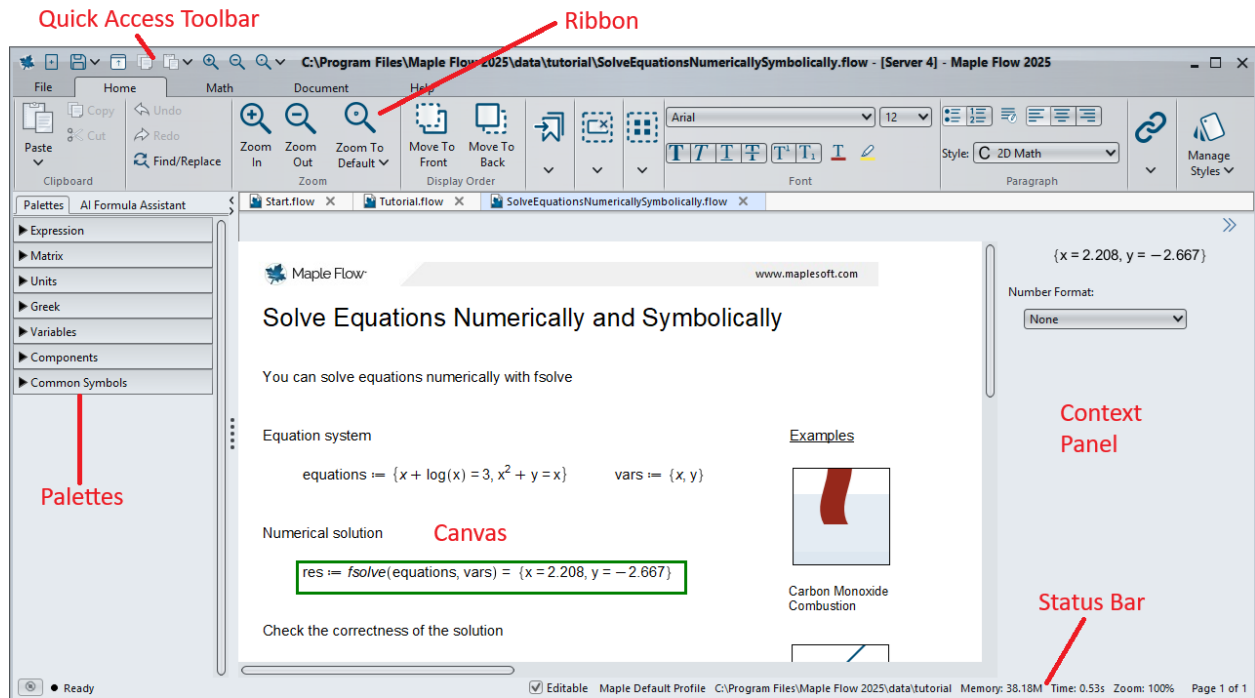


Figure 1.2: The Maple Flow interface

Using the Ribbon Interface

Click a tab (such as **Home** or **Math**) to view it. The layout of the contents in the ribbon changes to fit the size of your Maple window. If necessary, click an arrow () to see the buttons in a group.

You can collapse the ribbon using **Minimize/Maximize ribbon** () on the quick access toolbar, or by double-clicking on the active tab. When the ribbon is minimized, clicking **Minimize/Maximize ribbon** () expands the ribbon. Alternatively, when the ribbon is minimized, you can access the contents of a tab by clicking the tab. The tab stays expanded until you click away from it.

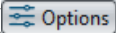
Press the **Alt** key to see small keyboard tips that open tabs and groups and click items in the ribbon. Press the **Alt** key again to stop displaying the keyboard tips.

For example, typing **Alt** shows the keyboard tips. Press **M** to open the **Math** tab and then press **D** to open the Import Data assistant.

Customizing the Interface

Customize your Maple Flow preferences using the Options Dialog.

To open the Options Dialog:

- From the **File** menu, click **Options** ()

There are six tabs.

Under the Units tab, you can specify the default unit system (SI, FPS, or IPS). For more information, see *Setting the Default Unit System* (page 52).

Under the Display tab, you can customize settings related to display of output. For more information, see *Numeric Formatting* (page 14), *Complex Numbers and Phasors* (page 17), and *Set Displayed Matrix Size* (page 60).

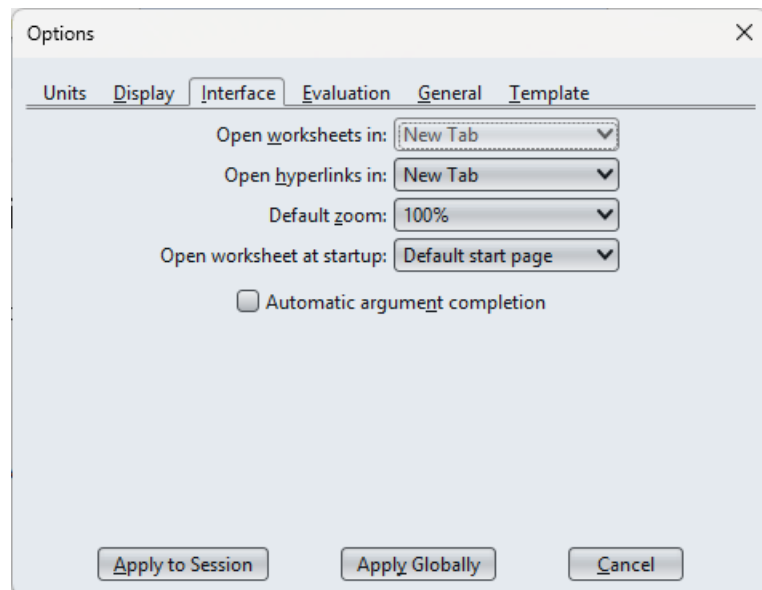


Figure 1.3: Options dialog

Under the Interface tab, you can specify the following:

- Open worksheets in new tab or new window.
- Open hyperlinks in new tab or new window. This refers to hyperlinks to other Maple Flow worksheets.
- Default zoom.
- Open worksheet at startup. You can select the worksheet that Maple Flow displays as the Start page. See the next section for more information.
- Control the Automatic argument completion feature. For more information, see *Argument Completion* (page 69).

Click **Apply to Session** to apply for the current Maple Flow session only, or click **Apply Globally** to apply the setting to the current session and future sessions.

Under the Evaluation tab, you can customize settings related to evaluation. For more information, see *Controlling Evaluation* (page 20).

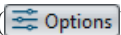
Under the General tab, you customize settings related to saving. You can set the matrix save limit, control auto save settings, and enable saving of debugging information to a log file. For more information, see *Set Matrix Save Limit* (page 61), *Restore Backup* (page 71), and *Logging Debugging Information* (page 72). You also can read and agree to the AI terms of use in the General tab. For more information, see *Set Matrix Save Limit* (page 61).

Under the Template tab, you can customize settings related to default page layout. For more information, see *Page Setup* (page 78).

Working in Maple Flow

By default, Maple Flow opens to the Start page. From this page you can access the tutorials and many sample applications. If you close this page, you can always return to the start page: on the **Document** tab of the ribbon, in the **View** group, click **Start Page** (🏠).

You can customize what worksheet Maple Flow displays as the start page, or have it simply display a new, blank worksheet on start up.

- From the **File** menu, click **Options** ( **Options**).
- Under the Interface tab, select the desired start page: **Default start page**, **Specified worksheet**, or **New, blank**.
- If you select Specified worksheet, browse to the desired document. (Tip: You may want to make your custom start page noneditable, as described in *Controlling the Editability of a Document* (page 39).
- Click **Apply to Session** to apply for the current Maple Flow session only, or click **Apply Globally** to apply the setting to the current session and future sessions.

By default Maple Flow documents open in a new tab. (That setting can be changed in the Options > Interface tab as well.) You can always move a Maple Flow document from a tab to a new window.

To move a Maple Flow document to a new window:

- Grab the document tab, and drag it away from the menu bar. The document opens in a new Maple Flow window.

You can also reorder the tabs by dragging them in the menu bar.

2 Canvas

2.1 Grid

When you drag math and text containers, the positions of containers are snapped to a grid. By default, the grid is not displayed.

To display the grid:

- On the **Document** tab of the ribbon, in the **View** group, click **Grid** .

2.2 Grid Cursor

The grid cursor is illustrated in **Figure 2.1** and by default appears in the top left corner of every new canvas.



Figure 2.1: Grid cursor

The grid cursor can be moved by pointing and clicking with the mouse, or with the arrow keys.

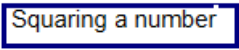
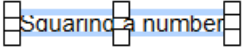
Math and text containers are created at the location of the grid cursor.

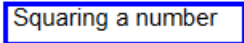
2.3 Math and Text Containers

On the canvas, you can create math boxes or text boxes. Each box can be moved; the position of a math container determines the order in which it is evaluated (as illustrated in **Figure 3.11**).

A container can be in one of three states, as described in **Table 2.1**.

Table 2.1: Container states

	Math	Text
Stationary with no focus. A math container in this mode is still "live", and Maple Flow will update its result if an upstream parameter changes.	$x^2 = 9$	Squaring a number
Editing • Only one container can be in editing mode at any one time. • A math container has a solid dark green border if numeric, or a dashed light green border if symbolic (see <i>Numeric and Symbolic Evaluation Modes</i> (page 13)). • A text container has a blue border. • You will see a flashing cursor, whose position can be changed with the arrow keys or mouse.	Numeric:  Symbolic: 	
Move • Math and text containers that are selected have a light blue border. Such a container is in move mode. • One or several containers can be in move mode.		

	Math	Text
• Move the containers with the mouse. • When instead you select using the keyboard and Ctrl key, the container has a royal blue border. • Move the container with Ctrl + arrow keys.		

2.4 Moving Containers

Single Container

With the mouse

To move a container with the mouse:

1. Move the mouse pointer over a container.
2. Move the container to another position by click and dragging.
3. Release the mouse button when the container is in the desired position.

With the keyboard arrows

To move a container with the keyboard:

1. Move the grid cursor into a container so that the container is in editing mode.
2. Do one of the following:
 - Press **Ctrl** and use the arrow keys to move the container one grid space at a time.
 - Press **Ctrl** + **Shift** and use the arrow keys to move the container a single pixel at a time.

Note that when you press **Ctrl**, the container border changes to royal blue to indicate **Ctrl** has been pressed.

Group of Containers

To move multiple containers:

1. Click in a blank part of the canvas.
2. Drag a selection box around a group of containers.
3. Release the mouse button.
Alternatively, you can press and hold **Ctrl** while you select the containers.
4. Move the mouse pointer over one of the selected containers.
5. Drag the containers to another location.

To align containers:

1. Click in a blank part of the canvas.
2. Drag a selection box around a group of containers.
3. Release the mouse button.
4. On the **Document** tab of the ribbon, click **Align Left** ().

Bringing Containers from Back to Front, and Vice Versa

You can potentially have two containers at the same grid position. You can bring the lower container forward, or send the top container back, by using Move to Front and Move to Back buttons.

On the **Home** tab of the ribbon, in the **Display Order** group, click **Move to Front** or **Move to Back**.

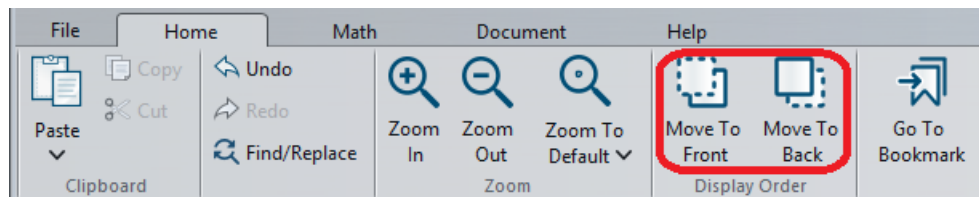


Figure 2.2: Flip to Front and Flip to Back buttons

2.5 Editing an Existing Container

To enter editing mode on an existing container, do one of the following:

- With the mouse, click the container.
- With the arrow keys, move the grid cursor onto the container.

2.6 Deleting a Container

To remove a container, do one of the following:

- With the mouse, select the container (or containers) and on the **Home** tab of the ribbon, click **Cut** (✂).
- Move the grid cursor into a container so that the container is in editing mode. Then press **Ctrl + Delete** to delete the in-focus container.
- Triple-click the container to select the entire container, then press **Delete**.

2.7 Inserting or Removing White Space

You can insert or remove space in the canvas (i.e. grid rows) by using the **Enter**, **Backspace**, and **Delete** keys.

Adding Blank Rows

To add blank rows, place the grid cursor on a blank part of the canvas and press **Enter**. This shifts all content on and below the same row as the grid cursor down.

Deleting Blank Rows

To delete blank rows, click on a blank row of the canvas and do one of the following:

- Press **Backspace** to remove that blank row and shift the grid cursor and all content below the grid cursor up.
- Press **Delete** to remove that blank row, and shift all content below that row up.
- On the **Document** tab of the ribbon, in the **Empty Rows** group, click one of **Delete Rows Above**, **Delete Rows Below**, or **Delete Rows Above and Below**.

3 Entering Math

3.1 Creating a Math Container

A math container is a box in which you enter math that is to be evaluated.

To create a math container:

1. Click on a blank part of the canvas.
2. Begin typing your math. As soon as you enter the first character, a math container is created automatically.

3.2 Deleting a Math Container

To delete a math container, do one of the following:

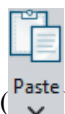
- Drag-select the math container and press **Delete**.
- In editing mode, press **Ctrl + Delete** to delete the in-focus container.
- Triple-click the container to select the entire container, and then press **Delete**.

3.3 Copying and Pasting Math

When you are copying from outside of Maple Flow, for example from a text document, by default the content is pasted into your Maple Flow worksheet as text. If you are copying a math expression, there is an easy way to ensure it pastes as math.

To copy and paste as math:

- Select and copy the math.
- To paste as math, click on a location in the worksheet, and then on the **Home** tab of the ribbon, click the arrow below



Paste () and then click **Paste as Math**. Alternatively, right-click on a location in the worksheet and from the context-sensitive menu select **Paste as Math**.

A new math container is created, and the selected math is copied into it.

3.4 Evaluating Math and Displaying Output

Anytime you leave a container by pressing **Enter**, or navigating away using the F3, F4 or arrow keys, evaluation occurs.

All math is evaluated in the canvas, using a left-to-right, top-to-bottom order (see *Evaluation Order (page 20)*). When you need to display results, evaluate and display output.

To evaluate math and display results:

- Enter the expression, then press **=**. The evaluation occurs and the result displays. The focus remains in the math container.

If desired, press **Enter** or the arrow keys to leave the math container.

Typically all visible calculations that are dependent on a math container are updated when the focus leaves a math container.

You can change the behavior of **=** in a math container, if desired. See *Controlling Evaluation (page 20)*.

3.5 Creating Definitions and Expressing Equality

Definitions

You can assign a numerical value or an expression to a name by using `:=` (a colon, followed by an equal sign).

For example, entering `a := 4` in a math container assigns the value 4 to the name `a`.

You can then use this definition later.

Expressing Equality

As discussed in *Evaluating Math and Displaying Output (page 11)*, by default the equal sign is used to evaluate and display results. When you are entering an expression into a math container that involves an equation, use **Ctrl** + = to enter the equal sign. This allows entry of the = symbol without immediate evaluation of the math container.

Example 1.

Solve this equation for x: $x^2 - 2 \cdot x - 7 = 0$.

A one-line solution is:

```
solve(x2 - 2 · x - 7 = 0, x) = 3.828, -1.828
```

Notice there are two equal signs in this math container. The first one is part of the equation. The second one means evaluate and display results, and at the end you see the two solutions: 3.828 and -1.828.

An alternative approach is to first define the equation, then solve for the result.

```
eqn := x2 - 2 · x - 7 = 0
```

```
solve(eqn, x) = 3.828, -1.828
```

In both cases, use the following steps:

- To enter the equal sign between the left-hand side and right-hand side of the equation, use **Ctrl** + =.
- To enter the equal sign that means evaluate and show results, use =.

Example 2.

When the calling sequence for a command includes an option of the form *name=value*.

For example, on the CurveFitting:-LeastSquares help page, there is an example using the option *weight*:

```
CurveFitting:-LeastSquares([0, 1, 2, 3], [1, 2, 3, 10], v, weight = [1, 1, 1, 10]) = -0.644 + 3.466 · v
```

In this example, use **Ctrl** + = to put the equal sign in *weight=[1, 1, 1, 10]*.

When **Visual Indicators** on the **Document** tab of the ribbon is toggled on, the = for equality is displayed in bold. For more uses of the visual indicators setting, see *Hiding Commands (page 38)*.

You can change the behavior of = in a math container, if desired. See *Controlling Evaluation (page 20)*.

3.6 Numeric and Symbolic Evaluation Modes

Maple Flow offers two math evaluation modes—numeric and symbolic.

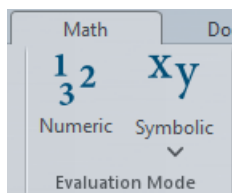


Figure 3.1: Select Numeric or Symbolic Mode

Table 3.1: Difference between numeric and symbolic evaluation modes

Numeric evaluation mode	Symbolic evaluation mode
$\frac{1}{3} + 2 \cdot \exp(3) + \text{Pi} + \sin(4) = 42.889$	$\frac{1}{3} + 2 \cdot \exp(3) + \text{Pi} + \sin(4) = \frac{1}{3} + 2 \cdot e^3 + \pi + \sin(4)$

The numeric evaluation mode performs as much numeric evaluation as possible. For example:

- Rational fractions (such as $\frac{1}{2}$) are converted to floating-point numbers
- Pi and $\exp(1)$ evaluate to floating-point numbers

Symbolic evaluation mode prevents numeric evaluation (except when requested by the user). For example:

- Rational fractions are only converted to floating-point numbers if request by the user (e.g. with the **evalf** command)
- Pi evaluates to a symbolic name

In both modes, unassigned names are evaluated symbolically (i.e. in numeric mode, unassigned names do not give an error when evaluated).

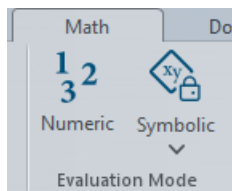
The current mode of an existing math container is given by clicking inside it, and observing the state of the border, as illustrated in **Table 3.1**.

By default, new math containers are numeric. To toggle a math container to symbolic mode:

- On the **Math** tab of the ribbon, in the **Evaluation Mode** group, click **Symbolic** (). The in-focus math container switches to symbolic mode. Alternatively, use the shortcut key **Alt + S**.

To toggle a symbolic math container to numeric mode, on the **Math** tab of the ribbon, in the **Evaluation Mode** group, click **Numeric** ().

To make symbolic evaluation mode "sticky," click the arrow below **Symbolic** and then click **Lock Symbolic** (). The Symbolic icon in the Math tab changes to indicate symbolic mode is locked. Now all future math containers will be symbolic by default (until symbolic mode is toggled off, by clicking **Lock Symbolic** again).



3.7 Numeric Formatting

By default, Maple Flow displays numeric results with three decimal places. To customize the numeric formatting:

1. Place the editing cursor on a numeric result.
2. Use the Number Format options in the Context Panel.

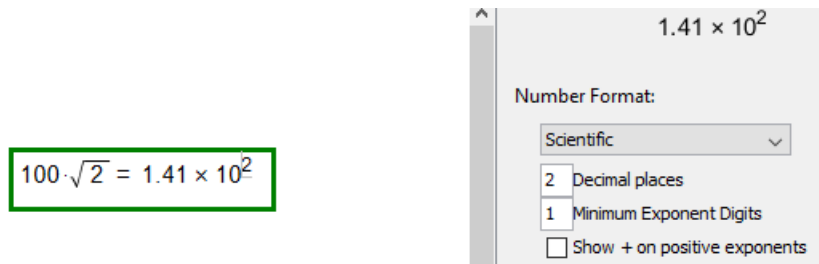


Figure 3.2: Numeric formatting

Note that the number format options in the Context Panel only apply to a single math container.

To select a number format and apply it broadly, you can use the Options Dialog to set your desired number format and apply it either to the current session or globally.

1. From the **File** menu, click **Options** (Options).
2. Under the Display tab, select the desired number format.
3. Click **Apply to Session** to apply for the current Maple Flow session only, or click **Apply Globally** to apply the setting to the current session and future sessions.

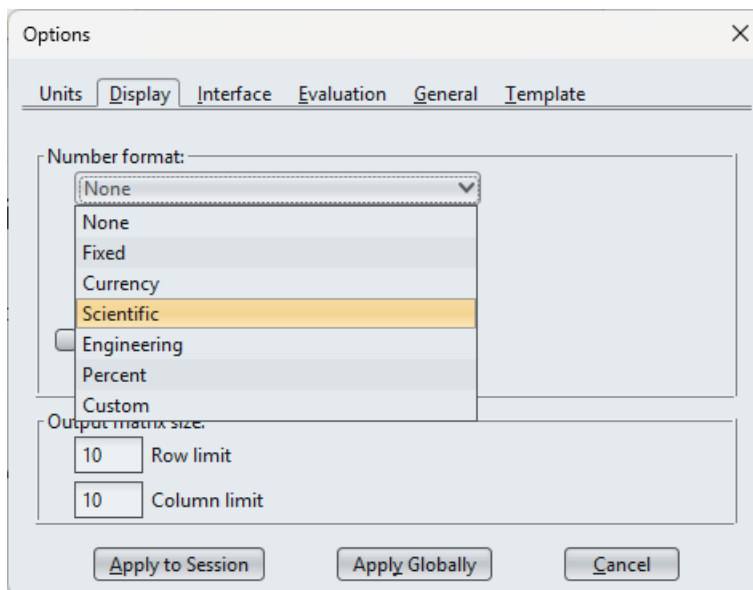


Figure 3.3: Setting default numeric formatting

Maple Flow supports the following standard number formats:

- Fixed
- Currency
- Scientific

- Engineering
- Percent

You can also create a Custom format.

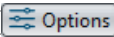
To apply a custom format to a single math container:

1. Place the cursor in the numeric result to be formatted.
2. In the Context Panel, under **Number Format**, select **Custom**. In the custom string field you can enter a string that is specific to your formatting needs.

Examples include the following:

- `#####` formats to 3.12
- `00.000` formats to 03.120
- `#,##.#` formats to 2,100,320.5
- `$0.00` formats to \$123.50
- `??0.00;[Red](??0.00)` formats to blue for a positive number, and red for a negative number
- `[<10]Low;[>=100]High;Medium` formats to "Low" for numbers less than 10, "High" for numbers less than or equal to 100, and "Medium" otherwise

To apply a custom format to all numeric results in the current session or globally:

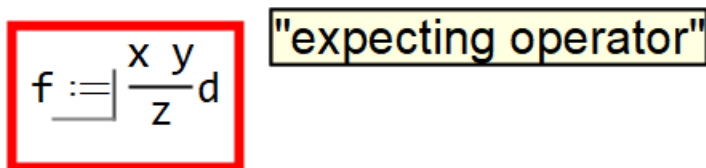
1. From the **File** menu, click **Options** ( Options).
2. Under the Display tab, for Number format select **Custom** and enter your specification in the custom string field.
3. Click **Apply to Session** to apply for the current Maple Flow session only, or click **Apply Globally** to apply the setting to the current session and future sessions.

To remove a number format, return to the Number Format dialog and select **None**.

3.8 Basic Arithmetic

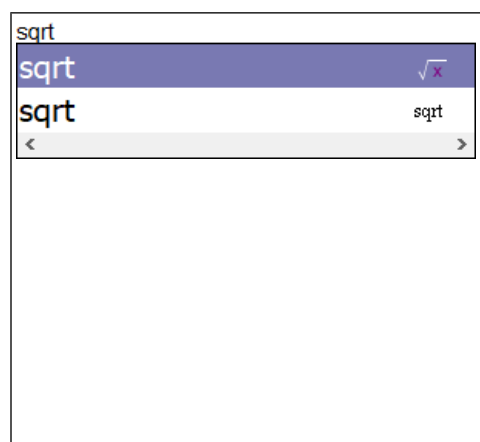
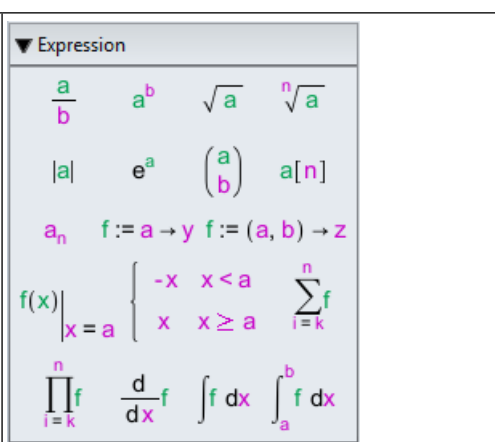
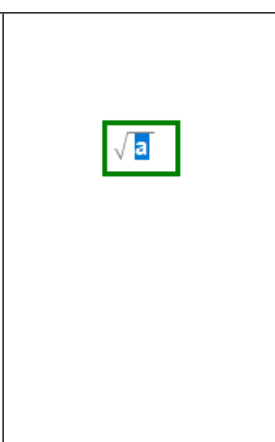
Equations are entered in typeset math notation, using standard keys such as $/$, $*$, $+$ and $-$.

Note that multiplication must always be explicitly stated. For example, you must enter $3*x$, not $3x$. Failure to do this may lead to errors, as shown in the following figure. (To fix this, enter a multiplication symbol between x and y , and another between the fraction and d .)



You can also use the Expression palette or Command Completion feature to enter typeset math, as illustrated in **Table 3.2**.

Table 3.2: Using the Command Completion feature and Expression Palette to insert a square root

		
(a) Command completion	(b) Expression palette	

For more information on command completion, see *Command Completion* (page 68).

When you select a template, you can then replace the placeholders in the template, using the **Tab** key to move between placeholders.

Tips on piecewise functions: You can enter a piecewise function using the Expression palette or command completion. To add an additional line to the piecewise function, place your cursor in the piecewise function and right-click. From the context menu, select either **Insert Row Above** or **Insert Row Below**. Similarly, you can remove a row using **Delete Row** in the same context menu. Triple-click to select the entire piecewise function.

3.9 Units

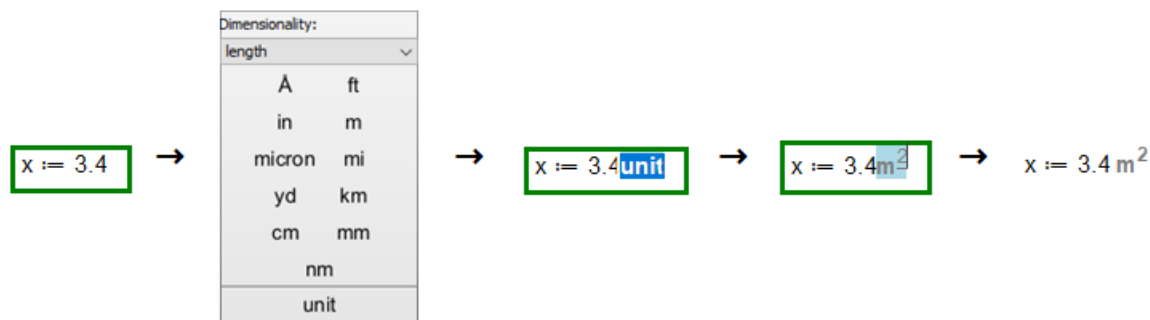
Entering Units

You can enter units in several different ways.

Units Palette

You can enter units using the **Units** palette located in the Palettes pane on the left side of the Canvas. Click the desired unit (using the **Dimensionality** drop-down list to switch to different groups of units), or insert the unit placeholder (as illustrated in **Figure 3.4**) and overwrite the placeholder.

You may want to place a space between the number and the unit.

**Figure 3.4: Inserting a Unit with the Units Palette**

Unit function

You can use the **Unit()** function to assign a unit.

$x := 3.4 \text{ Unit}(\text{m}^2)$

Figure 3.5: Using the Unit() function to assign a unit

Keyboard shortcut

Press **Ctrl + Shift + U** to enter a unit placeholder. Then, replace the placeholder with the desired units.

$x := 3.4 \text{ unit}$

Figure 3.6: Using keyboard shortcuts to insert a unit placeholder

Editing Existing Units

Move the cursor onto the unit. When the unit has focus, it is highlighted by a light blue box. You can now change the unit.

Deleting all the characters in a unit placeholder will leave an empty placeholder one character in size. Deleting this empty placeholder will remove the unit placeholder entirely.

When the results of your calculations contains units, you can use the units formatting options in the Context Panel to rescale the units to units you'd prefer to see.

force := 4.5 N
area := 3.4 cm²

stress := $\frac{\text{force}}{\text{area}} = 1.324 \times 10^4 \text{ Pa}$

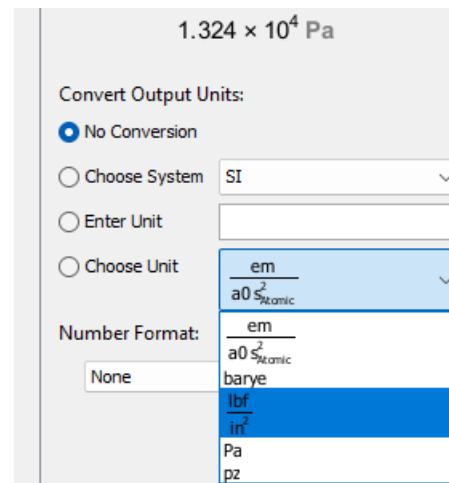


Figure 3.7: Convert output units

Further tools for working with units are described in *More Controls for Units* (page 52).

3.10 Complex Numbers and Phasors

You can work with complex numbers and phasors.

Entering Complex Numbers

Imaginary numbers are entered with a number followed by the suffix **i**, with no multiplication between the two. For example, 2+2i.

The unit complex number is created with **1i**. You cannot just enter **i** for the unit complex number.

To create a symbolic multiplier on an imaginary number, you need to enter $x*1i$.

Entering Phasors

You can enter a phasor $r\angle\theta$ using the Common Symbols palette or command completion.

To enter a phasor using the Common Symbols palette:

1. Enter the value for the magnitude r .
2. From the Common Symbols palette, click the phasor symbol ($\angle$).
3. Enter the value for θ .

To enter a phasor using command completion:

1. Enter the value for the magnitude r .
2. Type angle, press **Esc** to initiate command completion on the word angle, and select the phasor symbol ($\angle$).
3. Enter the value for θ .

By default, the angle is assumed to be in radians. You can use the unit deg (or degree) if you want the angle to be in degrees. From the Units palette, click the unit placeholder (**unit**), and then replace the placeholder with deg. (For more information on entering units, see *Entering Units (page 16)*.)

Note: To perform arithmetic operations such as multiplication with expressions involving phasors, use parentheses around the phasors to make the order of operations clear.

Displaying Phasors in Output

By default, outputs involving complex numbers are displayed using $a+bi$ formatting.

You can display the output in phasor notation using the number format options in the context panel.

To display results using phasor output in a single math container:

1. Place the cursor in the numeric result to be formatted.
2. In the Context Panel, under **Number Format**, select **Phasor**. By default, the angle is in radians.
3. To display the angles in degrees, also select **Unit on angle**, and **Degrees** to rescale the result.

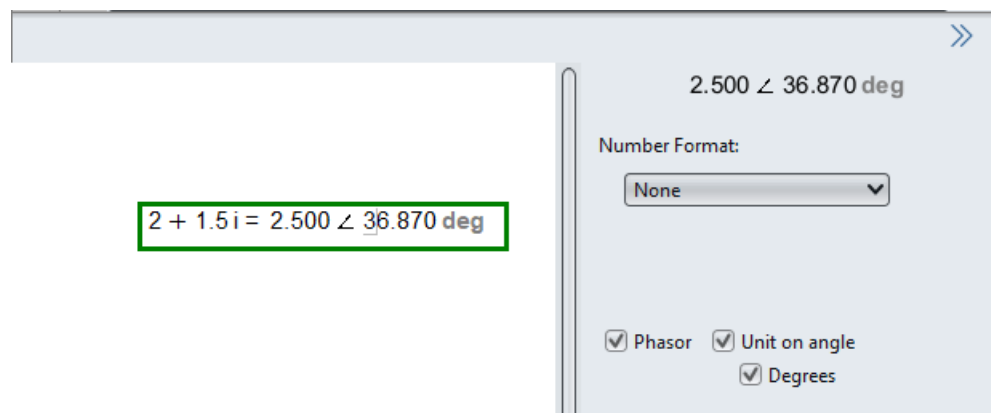
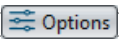


Figure 3.8: Phasor options in the context panel

To display all results using phasor output in the current session or globally:

1. From the **File** menu, click **Options** (.
2. Under the Display tab, under Number format select **Phasor**.
3. To display the angles with units, also select **Unit on angle**. The angle will be shown with unit rad (radians).
4. To display the angles with units in degrees, also select **Degrees**.
5. Click **Apply to Session** to apply for the current Maple Flow session only, or click **Apply Globally** to apply the setting to the current session and future sessions.

You can display a phasor output using symbolic evaluation mode using the **Symbolic** button in the Math tab of the ribbon, as shown in **Table 3.3**. (For more information on Numeric/Symbolic results, see *Numeric and Symbolic Evaluation Modes* (page 13).)

Table 3.3: Phasors evaluated numerically and symbolically

Numeric evaluation mode	Symbolic evaluation mode

3.11 Notes about Calculations

Numerical Evaluation and Accuracy

Any purely numerical operations are evaluated to a floating-point approximation.

$$\frac{1}{2} = 0.500$$

$$\sqrt{2} = 1.414$$

$$\sin(\sqrt{3} \cdot x) = \sin(1.732 \cdot x)$$

Figure 3.9: Numerical operations

The Digits environment variable controls the number of digits that Maple uses when making calculations with software floating-point numbers.

The default value of Digits is 10. The value of Digits is changed with the assignment operator (e.g. Digits:=15).

Figure 3.10 illustrates the effect of changing digits from its default value of 10 to 15 on the evaluation of $2^{0.5}$. (Note that numeric formatting on the result of $2^{0.5}$ has been set to Fixed with 20 decimal places.)

Digits := 10

$$2^{0.5} = 1.41421356200000000000$$

Digits := 15

$$2^{0.5} = 1.41421356237310000000$$

Figure 3.10: The effect of Digits on numerical accuracy

Evaluation Order

Maple Flow evaluates calculations from left-to-right, top-to-bottom (much like reading a page from a book). This means that downstream calculations only "see" assignments on the left or above. This is illustrated in **Figure 3.11**.

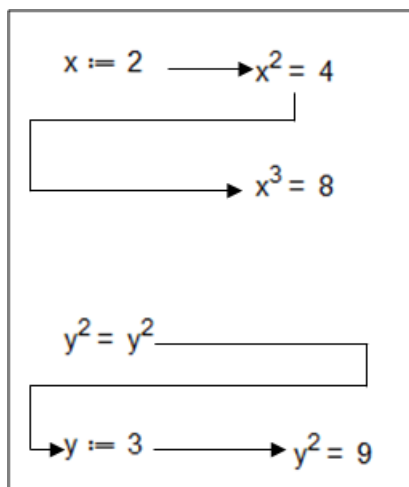


Figure 3.11: Spatial evaluation

You can change the evaluation order by moving math containers around.

Nonexecutable Math

You may want to enter nonexecuting math for documentation purposes. You can do this by entering math into a text container. For details, see *Entering Math in a Text Container* (page 33).

Controlling Evaluation

By default, Maple Flow recalculates all visible dependent containers when a math container is created, edited, or moved.

You can also force evaluation when your cursor is in a math container by using **Ctrl + Enter**.

When the calculations are in progress, the status bar at the bottom of the Maple Flow window displays a status message: *Evaluating... m/n* where *n* is the total number of math containers being evaluated.

To stop the current calculation:

- From the status bar at the bottom of the Maple Flow window, click the **Interrupt** icon,

The Options dialog contains settings you can control related to evaluation.

If you want the entire worksheet to be updated when you make an edit, you can change the settings to recalculate all dependent containers in the entire document, rather than just visible containers.

1. From the **File** menu, click **Options**
2. Click on the **Evaluation** tab.
3. Under Content to evaluate, select one of the following:
 - **Evaluate only visible containers** (the default)
 - **Evaluate all dependent containers**
4. Click **Apply to Session** to apply for the current Maple Flow session only, or click **Apply Globally** to apply the setting to the current session and future sessions.

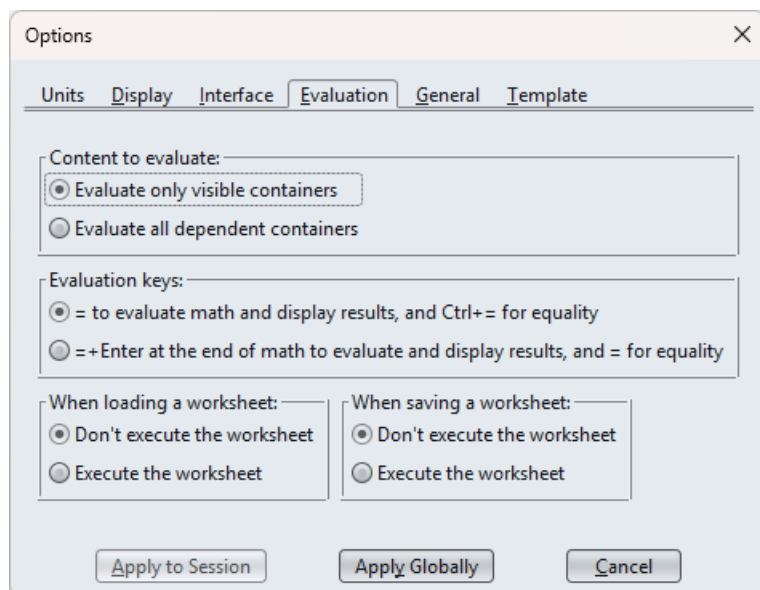


Figure 3.12: Setting for controlling evaluation

Under the **Options > Evaluation** dialog, you can also change the meaning of = in a math container. Under Evaluation keys, select one of the following:

- **= to evaluate math and display results, and Ctrl += for equality** (the default). When typing in a math container in this mode, at any location you can use the = key to have the math container evaluate and show results. **Ctrl +=** is used to type an equal sign without causing immediate evaluation.
- **= + Enter at the end of math to evaluate and display results, and = for equality**. The equal sign can be typed without causing an evaluation. To get a math container to display results, enter the expression, then with the cursor at the right end of the expression, press =, followed by **Enter** (or move the focus outside of the container).

After you make your selection, click **Apply to Session** or **Apply Globally**.

Under **Options > Evaluation**, you can control whether a worksheet is executed when it is opened. Under When loading a worksheet, select one of the following:

- **Don't execute the worksheet** (the default)
- **Execute the worksheet**

If **Execute the worksheet** is selected, when a file is opened, for consistency between saved results and worksheet display settings, auto-evaluation on load happens if needed. For instance, this would ensure output units and matrices are displayed according to the current settings.

If **Don't execute the worksheet** is selected, no auto-evaluation happens on load.

After you make your selection, click **Apply to Session** or **Apply Globally**.

A similar setting controls whether a worksheet is executed when it is saved.

Disabling Evaluation

If you want to author content without any math evaluating in the Maple Flow worksheet, but eventually the math will be executed, you can temporarily disable evaluation.

To disable evaluation:

- On the **Math** tab of the ribbon, click **Toggle Evaluation** (). An indicator appears at the top of the canvas indicating Evaluation Disabled.

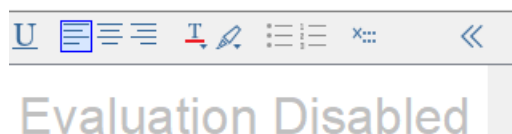


Figure 3.13: Worksheet evaluation disabled

To enable evaluation:

- Click the icon again.

To disable evaluation of a single math container, do one of the following:

- Select the container and on the **Math** tab of the ribbon, in the **Evaluation** group, click **Toggle Component** ().
- Right-click on the container and from the context menu, select **Disable Evaluation**.

There is an option to display a visual indicator for math containers that have evaluation disabled. To enable this setting, on the **Document** tab of the ribbon, in the **View** group, click **Visual Indicators**. When Visual Indicators is selected, a math container with evaluation disabled is drawn with a red circle at the top left corner.

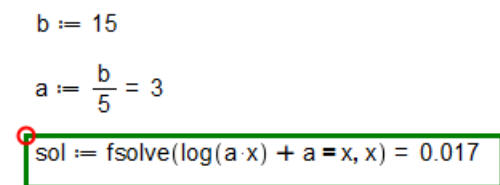


Figure 3.14: Visual indicator for disabled evaluation

To show the command again, right-click and clear the **Disable Evaluation** check box from the context menu.

4 Programming in the Worksheet

4.1 Introduction

You can write programs in the Maple Flow canvas - these are known as inline programs (in contrast to programs written in the Code Editor window). Figure 1 gives an example of an inline program.

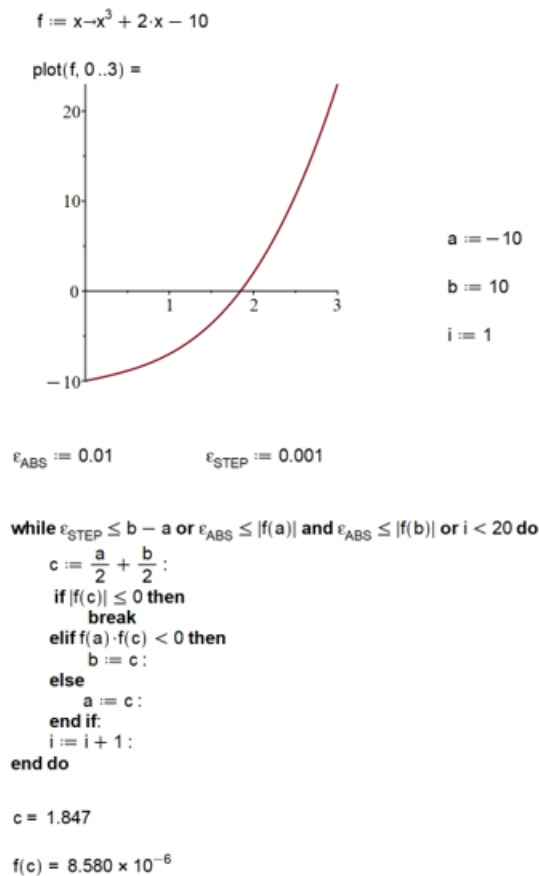


Figure 4.1: Example of an inline program

Programs are written in the Maple programming language and consist of:

- repetition statements e.g. for and while loops
- conditional statements e.g. if/else selections
- assignment statements
- and procedures

See the table below for an example of each.

Statement Type	Example
Conditional statement	<pre> if x > 4 then y := 4 else y := 6 end if </pre>
Repetition statement	<pre> for i from 1 to 10 do temp := temp + i end do </pre>
Assignment statement	<pre> x := y + z </pre>
Procedure	<pre> f := proc(a, b) a + b end proc </pre>

You can write programs using the Programming palette and the keyboard, swapping between the two when needed.

While programs can be written on one line, we recommend structuring programs on several lines, using indentation to show the degree of nesting; this enhances readability, as evidenced in the table below.

Program Structure	Example
Single-line nested program	<pre> for i from 1 to 4 do for j from 1 to 4 do temp := temp + i·j end do end do </pre>
Multi-line and indented nested program recommended style	<pre> for i from 1 to 4 do for j from 1 to 4 do temp := temp + i·j end do end do </pre>

The Programming palette inserts templates based on the recommended style, with tabs for indentation.

The table below will help you decide whether to program in the Code window or inline in the worksheet. If you are still unsure, then we recommend inline programming - it offers the most user-friendly experience.

	Programs written in the Coding Window	Inline Programs
Visibility	Only visible in the Code window. Not visible when you export the worksheet to a PDF	Visible in the worksheet, and when you export the worksheet to a PDF
Style	1d	2d
Scope	Procedures only	Procedures and top-level loops/conditionals
Suitability	Better for longer code	Better for shorter code

A comprehensive guide to programming can be found in the online [Maple Programming Guide](#). The rest of this chapter is a short introduction to help you get started.

4.2 Keywords

Keywords are the fundamental scaffolding of programs; they provide a clear beginning and end to a block of code. Figure 4 describes the available keywords, in the context of the recommended style where programs are entered on several lines (and not in one line)

- The first line of a control structure is known as the header, and will have opening and header keywords
- The final line of a control structure will have closing keywords
- You may need clause keywords between an opening and closing pair of keywords

Opening keywords must have a corresponding set of closing keywords (and header keywords, if needed).

Opening keyword (mandatory)	Header keywords (mandatory if need by opening keyword)	Closing keyword (mandatory)	Clause keywords (optional)
if	then	end if	elif, else
do		until	
for	Choose from from...to...do in...do	end do	
while	do	end do	
try		Choose from catch:...end try finally...end try catch:...finally...end try	
proc(args) args are the arguments to the procedure		end proc	

You can write keywords with the keyboard or insert templates with the Programming palette.

4.3 Programming Palette

The Programming palette contains commonly used programming templates; these templates help you define the overall structure of procedures, repetition and looping statements, and local and global variables. You can also add and remove lines using the Programming palette.

Click on a template to insert it into the worksheet and press Tab or Shift+Tab to select successive placeholders (if there are no empty placeholders, Tab inserts indents).

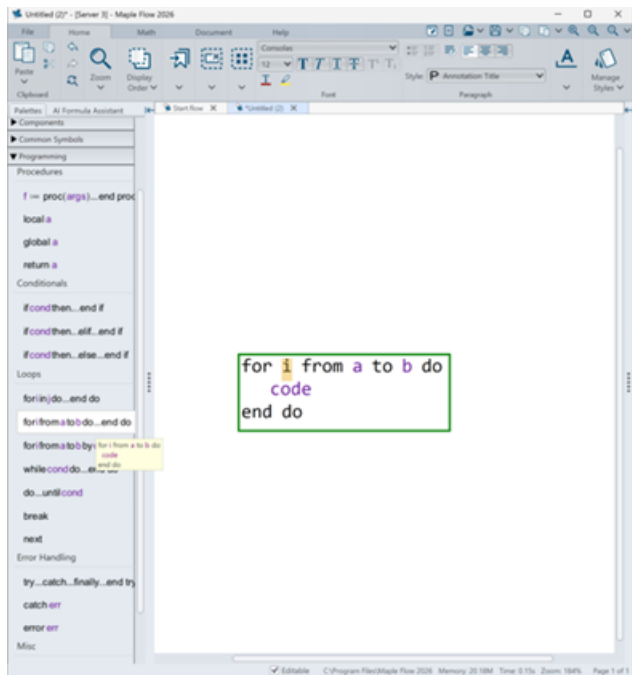


Figure 4.2: Inserting a Template from the programming guide

Each template consists of keywords and placeholders. You can delete or modify keywords and placeholders using the keyboard.

code	Statements or insert more loops/conditionals
cond	Boolean conditions
args	Procedure arguments
a in local, global and return	Names
i, j in loops	Names
a, b, c in loops	Names assigned to numbers, or numbers
err	Errors

4.4 Indenting Programs

If a program has no empty placeholders, Tab inserts indents in a program; these can be deleted with the Backspace or Delete keys.

However, if a program has empty placeholders, Tab/Shift+Tab selects empty placeholders.

Templates from the Programming palette are inserted with an appropriate level of indentation.

4.5 Assignment Separators

Each assignment in a program must be separated by a semi-colon (a single assignment does not need a separator)

Conditional Statement	Example
Conditional statement with one assignment	<pre>if x > 2 then y := 3 end if</pre>
Conditional statement with many assignments	<pre>if x > 5 then a := 3; b := 5; c := 7 end if</pre>

Top-level repetition and conditional statements do not need separators after the closing keywords (i.e. end do or end if)

A nested program consists of repetition and control statements inside other repetition and control statements. The top-level repetition and control statement is known as toplevel.

Inner control structures do not need to be separated with a semi-colon if the opening keywords of a looping or conditional statement follow. must be separated with a semicolon on the closing keywords (see the table below).

When entering inner control structures with the Programming palette or keyboard, statement separators are automatically inserted.

<pre>for i from 1 to 3 do for j from 1 to 3 do temp := temp + i·j end do end do</pre> A statement terminator is not needed after the inner end do	<pre>for i from 1 to 3 do for j from 1 to 3 do temp := temp + i·j end do; temp := $\sqrt{\text{temp}}$ end do</pre> A statement terminator is needed after the inner end do
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If you need to continue long statements on the next line, delete the semi-colon automatically inserted by Shift+Enter.

```
temp := 1
```

```
for i from 1 to 10 do
  temp := temp
    + i2
end do
```

```
temp = 386
```

Figure 4.3: A loop with an assignment written on two lines

4.6 Entering New Lines and Deleting Existing Lines

You can insert a new line in your program by

- moving the cursor to the right-hand side of the current line,
- and then pressing Shift+Enter.

This is illustrated below.

Position the cursor on the right-hand side of the current line	<pre>for i from 1 to n do temp := temp + i end do</pre>
Press Shift+Enter. Note that the previous line is automatically terminated with a semicolon.	<pre>for i from 1 to n do temp := temp + i; end do</pre>

Delete the semi-colon if you want to continue the previous line, or if it is not needed.

You can delete lines with Backspace. Additionally, you can also insert and delete lines with the Programming palette

4.7 Automatic Insertion of Closing Keywords with the Keyboard

If you

- enter first line of the procedure or repetition/condition statement with the keyboard (such as $f := \text{proc } (n)$ or if $x > y$ then)
- then press Shift+Enter

Maple Flow will insert

- a new line where you can enter your code (indented by one tab)
- and the closing key words on the line below that.

Instruction	Example 1	Example 2
Enter the first line of a program	<code>f :=proc(n)</code>	<code>if x > 6 then</code>
What you see after you press Shift+Enter	<code>f :=proc(n) end proc</code>	<code>if x > 6 then end if</code>

4.8 Procedures

Introduction

A procedure is similar to a multiline function and is delineated by the keywords `proc` and `end proc`.

Procedures can contain repetition and conditional statements, and assignments.

```
f :=proc(args)
  code
end proc
```

`args` is a placeholder for the arguments (that is, the parameters passed into the procedure). Multiple arguments must be separated by commas e.g `f:=proc(a,b,c,...)`.

```
f :=proc(d, e, v, ρ, μ)
  local f, Rey :
    Rey :=  $\frac{d \cdot v \cdot \rho}{\mu}$  :
    f := fsolve( $\frac{1}{\sqrt{f}} = -2 \cdot \log_{10} \left( \frac{e/d}{3.7} + \frac{2.51}{\text{Rey} \cdot \sqrt{f}} \right)$ , f = 0.01);
  return f;
end proc
```

```
f(10 cm, 0.01 mm, 10 m·s-1, 998 kg·m-3, 10-3 Pa·s) = 0.013
```

Figure 4.4: A complete procedure and its evaluation

A procedure can have one or more arguments and can return one or more results.

Return values

By default, the last evaluated statement is returned as the result. However, you can use the `return` keyword to return the results of other statements.

```
f :=proc(n)
  if x > 10 then
    return 2·n
  else
    return n2
  end if
end proc
```

```
f(11) = 121
```

```
f(9) = 81
```

Figure 4.5: Effect of return keyword on procedures

Scoping

Any variables that are assigned in a program have a local or global scope.

- Local variables can only be used inside the procedure.
- Global variables can be used outside the procedure, below where the procedure is invoked.

```
f := proc(a, b, c)
  local d;
  global e;
  d := a + b + c;
  e := d2;
  return d
end proc
```

```
f(2, 3, 4) = 9
```

```
d = d
```

```
e = 81
```

Figure 4.6: Local and global variables in a procedure

The above figure shows a procedure with local and global variables; after the invocation of the procedure, the global variable can be accessed outside of the procedure.

4.9 Repetition and Conditional Statements

Introduction

The structure of repetition and conditional statement consists of keywords like **for**, **from**, **while**, **then**, **do**, **if**, **elif** and **end**.

Keywords are highlighted by enabling Document > Visual Indicators.

You can use the keyboard or Programming palette to write repetition and conditional statements.

Loops

The figure below contains examples of loops. The complete examples can be entered via a combination of the Programming palette, keyboard, or both.

When inserted from Programming palette	Complete example	Notes
<pre>for i in j do code end do</pre>	<pre>temp := 0 for var in [1, 2, 3, 4] do temp := temp + var end do temp = 10</pre>	j is a data structure such as a list, set or vector
<pre>for i from a to b do code end do</pre>	<pre>temp := 1 for var from 1 to 10 do temp := temp + var end do temp = 56</pre>	a and b are numeric
<pre>for i from a to b by c do code end do</pre>	<pre>temp := 1 for var from 1 to 10 by 2 do temp := temp + var end do temp = 26</pre>	a, b and c are numeric. c is the value by which the counter variable should jump by in every iteration
<pre>while cond do code end do</pre>	<pre>running_total := 0 i := 1 while i < 11 do running_total := running_total + i i := i + 1 end do running_total = 55</pre>	Execution continues until the condition is met.
<pre>do code until cond</pre>	<pre>running_total := 0 i := 1 do running_total := running_total + i; i := i + 1 until i = 11 running_total = 55</pre>	Execution continues until the condition is met.

Conditionals

The table below contains example of conditionals inserted from the Programming palette. The complete examples can be entered via a combination of the Programming palette, keyboard, or both.

Template from Programming palette	Complete example	Notes
<pre>if cond then code end if</pre>	<pre>x := 4 if x > 3 then y := 5 end if y = 5</pre>	cond is a placeholder for a Boolean condition
<pre>if cond then code else code end if</pre>	<pre>y := 3 if y > 6 then x := 5 else x := 6 end if x = 6</pre>	The statements after else are executed if none of the prior conditions are satisfied.
<pre>if cond then code elif cond then code else code end if</pre>	<pre>x := 4 if 0 < x < 4 then y := 5 elif 4 ≤ x < 5 then y := 7 else y := 9 end if y = 7</pre>	elif cond then is another conditional branch. You can have as many of these as needed. Add another elif branch • by inserting a new line • typing elif • followed by your condition, • followed by then

Error handling

The try statement provides a mechanism for executing code in a controlled environment, where errors will not halt execution with no warning.

Template from Programming palette	Complete example	Notes
<pre>try code catch: finally end try</pre>	<pre>try x := $\frac{1}{0}$ catch: finally end try x = x</pre>	If an exception occurs, execution halts immediately.
<pre>try code catch: finally end try</pre>	<pre>y := "Not a number" try if not type(y, numeric) then error "y should be a real number" end if; if y ≤ 0 then error "y should be greater than zero" end if; x := $\frac{1}{y}$ catch "y should be a real number": y := 1; x := $\frac{1}{y}$ catch "y should be greater than zero": y := y + 0.01; x := $\frac{1}{y}$ finally z := x² end try x = 1 z = 1</pre>	If an exception occurs, you can route execution through specific paths using catch: and different error messages. Execution always finishes with the code in finally
<pre>error err</pre>	<pre>f := proc(x) if x < 0 then error "invalid x: %1", x; else $x^{\frac{1}{2}}$ end if; end proc f(-4) = "invalid x: -4"</pre>	

5 Creating a Polished Document

5.1 Entering Text

To enter text:

1. Click in a blank part of the canvas.
2. Press **Space** to create an empty text container. This will have a blue border.
3. Type your text.
4. Use the options on the **Home** tab of the ribbon to format your text.

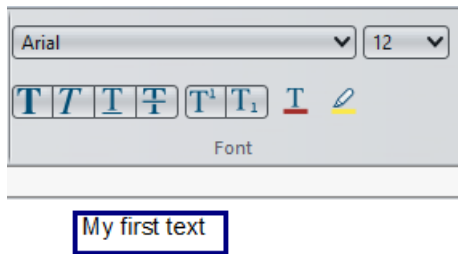


Figure 5.1: Entering and formatting text

Spellcheck () is available on the **Document** tab of the ribbon.

Entering Math in a Text Container

You may want to enter nonexecuting math for documentation. You can do this by entering math into a text container.

To enter math in a text container:

1. Anywhere inside a text container, press **Ctrl + R** to switch into math mode.
2. Enter your math.
3. If required, press **Ctrl + T** to return to text mode.

5.2 Math and Text Styling

Formatting the Content of Single Containers

To change font, size, and font color, drag-select the content and use the ribbon.

Applying Background Color to a Math or Text Container

Math and text containers can also have a background color. This can be useful, for instance, to highlight a math container that contains the assignments for the variables that are used in the later calculations.

To apply a background color,

1. On the **Document** tab of the ribbon, click **Background Color** () . Alternatively, right-click on a container and select **Background Color**.

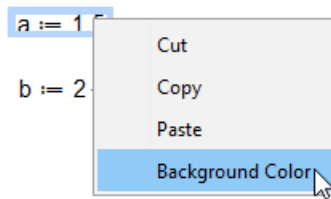


Figure 5.2: Apply background color to a container

2. The color selector dialog appears. Select a color.

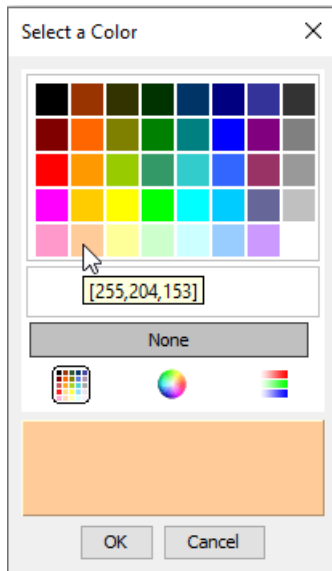


Figure 5.3: Select background color

To apply a background color to multiple math containers, select the math containers, then click **Background Color**



Figure 5.4 shows the result of using a background color on the math containers that define two assignments, and another color on the plot.

$$a := 1.5$$

$$b := 2 \cdot \pi$$

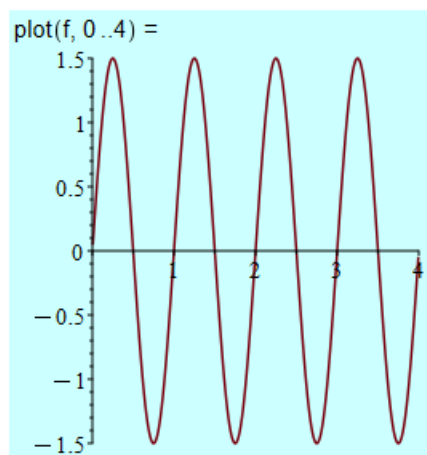
$$f := x \mapsto a \cdot \sin(b \cdot x)$$


Figure 5.4: A math container with background color

For information on creating plots, see *Plots* (page 56).

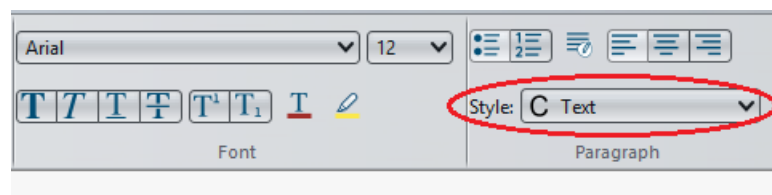
Formatting Text

In text containers, you can control the formatting of text.

On the **Home** tab of the ribbon, the options in the **Font** group can be used to apply **bold**, *italic*, underline, or strikethrough to text, to make a subscript or superscript in the text, or to change the text color or highlight text.

Applying and Changing Styles

The style drop-down list contains several formatting styles for text and math. This is found on the **Home** tab of the ribbon, in the **Paragraph** group.



This is text

Figure 5.5: The Styles drop-down list

By default:

- Text is given the **Text** style.
- Math input is given the **2D Math** style.
- Math output is given the **2D Output** style.

You can apply other styles with the other entries (such as the **Title**, **Heading 1**, and **Heading 2** styles for text). You will need to select the content and then pick the appropriate style. You can select text by clicking in the container and then using **Home > Select All** () or drag-select.

Using style sets is a way to have a consistent look across multiple documents.

To change the typeface of the pre-defined styles in the current document, on the **Home** tab, in the **Manage Styles** group, click **Styles** ()

On the **Home** tab, in the **Manage Styles** group, click **Manage Style Sets** () to:

- Export and save the active style set from the current document.
- Load and apply an existing style set to a document.

5.3 Using Sections

You can use sections to organize your document.

To create a section:

1. On the **Document** tab of the ribbon, in the **Insert** group, click **Section** ().
If you select some content and then use **Insert > Section**, the selection will be enclosed in the section.
2. Enter a title for the section. You can modify the font/style for the title.

To change the size of the section, you can drag the bottom boundary line. If you drag the section boundary past additional content, the section now encloses that content.

To collapse a section:

- Click the collapse button ().

To expand a section:

- Click the expand button ().

Figure 5.6 shows an example of a Maple Flow worksheet with sections. The first section is collapsed and the second section is expanded.

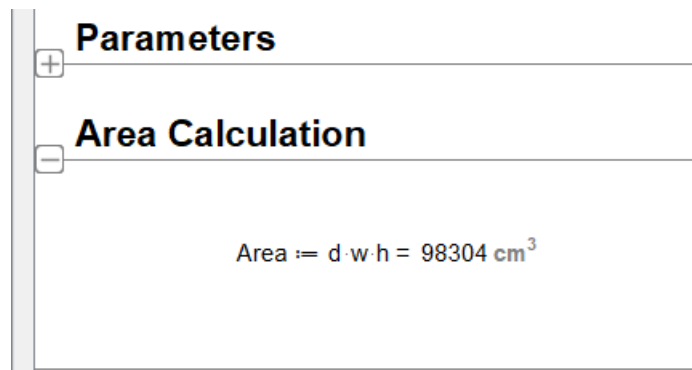


Figure 5.6: Sections in a worksheet

Evaluation order still applies as it normally does, and content in a section is evaluated even if a section is collapsed.

Controlling the Display of Sections

You can edit a section title by clicking in the text box for the title, or by clicking on the top boundary line.

Tip: If a section does not have a title, click on the top boundary line. This opens the title text box for editing.

You can control the display of sections using **Document > Section Style** (). From this dialog, you can

- Control whether to display the top and bottom boundary lines.
- Control whether boundaries are displayed on only the left-most page.
- Specify margins.
- Specify boundary line thickness.
- Specify boundary line color.
- Specify boundary opacity.
- Control whether to display the expand button.

Note that if the section style is set up so the expand/collapse button is not displayed, you can expand or collapse a section by doing one of the following:

- Click the left most part of the top section boundary line
- Double-click anywhere along the top section boundary line.

For information on controlling the display of sections when printing or exporting to PDF, see *Printing a Worksheet with Sections* (page 80).

Removing a Section

To remove a section:

- On the **Home** tab of the ribbon, click **Remove Section** (). The content remains in the canvas, and the section boundaries are removed.

5.4 Controlling Display of Math

When creating a document, you can control some aspects of the display of the content of math containers. For instance, you can control numeric formatting, as described in *Numeric Formatting* (page 14). This section describes some further customizations.

Aligning Results under the Definition Operator

Typically, math output appears inline with the input. In the case that you are making a definition and displaying the output, you can choose instead to align the result on a new line, under the definition operator. This can help with readability. **Figure 5.7** shows an example in which the output of the stress definition is displayed below.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{force} &:= 4.5 \text{ N} \\ \text{area} &:= 3.4 \text{ cm}^2 \\ \text{stress} &:= \frac{\text{force}}{\text{area}} \\ &= 1.324 \times 10^4 \text{ Pa} \end{aligned}$$

Figure 5.7: Align Output Below :=

To align the result on the next line, below the `:=` operator:

1. Enter the definition and press `=` to evaluate and display results.
2. With focus in the math container, on the **Document** tab of the ribbon, click **Align on Newline** (X+). The result is now on a newline, aligned with the definition operator.

Clicking **Align on Newline** again will toggle the setting off.

Hiding Commands

When creating a document, you can hide the input expression and just show the resulting output. The commands for this feature are found on the **Math** tab of the ribbon, in the **Hide Commands** group. They can also be accessed by right-clicking on a math container and using the context menu.

To hide the input expression:

1. Select the math container.
2. On the **Math** tab, in the **Hide Commands** group click **Hide commands**.
In the case of an assignment, you can click either **Hide commands** or **Hide commands and name**.

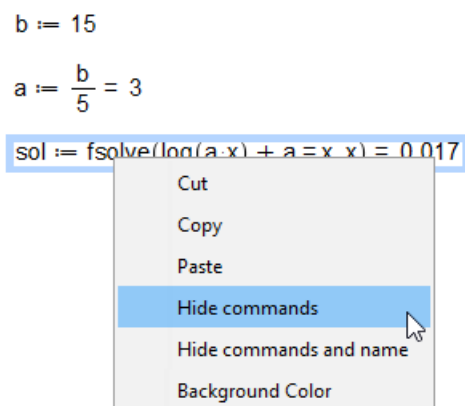


Figure 5.8: Hide commands

There is an option to display a visual indicator for math containers that have hidden commands. To enable this setting, on the **Document** tab, in the **View** group, click **Visual Indicators**. When Visual Indicators is toggled on, a math container with hidden commands is drawn with a gray circle at the top left corner.

$$\begin{aligned} b &:= 15 \\ a &:= \frac{b}{5} = 3 \\ \bullet \text{ sol} &= 0.017 \end{aligned}$$

Figure 5.9: Marker indicates hidden command

To show the command again:

- Select the math container, and then on the **Math** tab, in the **Hide Commands** group click **Show commands**. Similarly, you can click **Show name** if the name has been hidden.

You can also perform the hide commands action on multiple math containers.

3. Drag a selection box around a group of math containers.
4. Release the mouse button.

- On the **Math** tab, in the **Hide Commands** group click **Hide commands** or **Hide commands and name**.

5.5 Controlling the Editability of a Document

You can protect the content in a document from changes by marking either the entire document as noneditable.

When a document is marked as noneditable, existing content in the document cannot be modified. For example, the Start page that appears when you first open Maple Flow is a noneditable document.

To prevent changes to a document, ensure the document is *noneditable*:

- In the status bar at the bottom of the Maple Flow window, clear the **Editable** check box.

When a document is noneditable, users can view the document, open and close sections, and click links, but cannot change content.

To change any part of a document, ensure the document is *editable*:

- In the status bar at the bottom of the Maple Flow window, select the **Editable** check box(☒ Editable).

5.6 Creating Hyperlinks

You can add a hyperlink to a worksheet that links to another Maple Flow worksheet, a webpage, and more.

To insert a hyperlink:

- With the cursor in a text container, on the **Document** tab of the ribbon, in the **Insert** group, click **Hyperlink** (). The Hyperlink Properties dialog opens..
- For the Link Text field, enter the text to be shown.
- Select the link type.
- For the Target field, enter the destination. Note that you have to save your document if you want to use a relative path.
- Optionally, you can add a hyperlink tooltip.

You can also create a hyperlink by selecting some text and, on the **Home** tab of the ribbon, clicking **Convert To > Hyperlink** (.

To edit the hyperlink properties, right-click on the hyperlink and select **Hyperlink Properties**.

You can create a hyperlink to a Maple Flow help page. For example, setting Type to **Help Topic** and Target to **solve** creates a link to the solve help page.

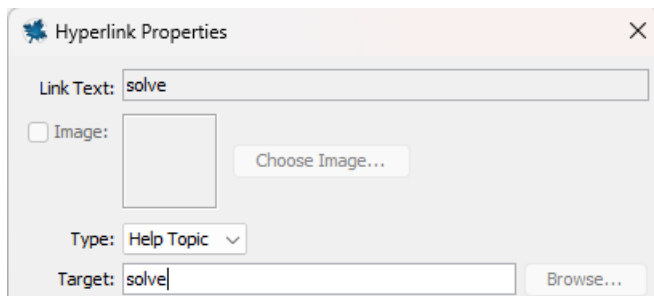


Figure 5.10: Help Topic Hyperlink

Using Bookmarks

Bookmarks allow you to mark a specific position in a worksheet. After you have created a bookmark, you can create a hyperlink to that bookmark.

You can create a bookmark for a section title, text container, math container, or image.

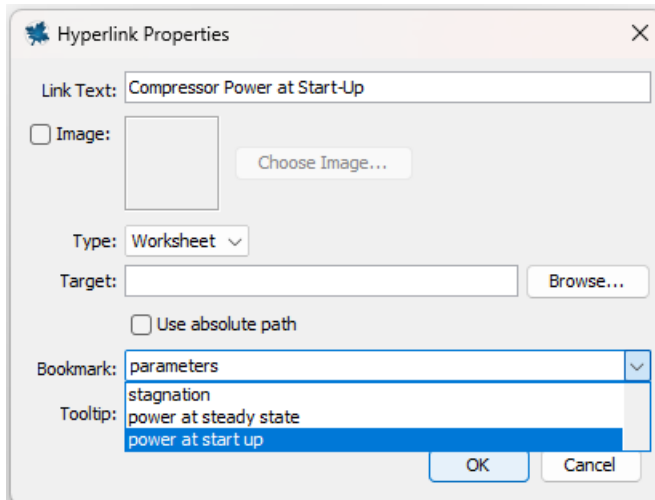
To create a bookmark:

1. Place the cursor at the location where you want the bookmark.
2. On the **Document** tab of the ribbon, in the **Insert** group, click **Bookmark** (🔖). The **Bookmarks** dialog opens.
3. Click **New**. The **Create Bookmark** dialog opens.
4. Enter a bookmark name and click **Create**. The new bookmark appears in the **Bookmark** dialog list. Click **OK** to accept this bookmark.

You can link to a bookmark using a hyperlink. You can link to a bookmark in the same worksheet or in another worksheet.

To create a link to a bookmark in the same worksheet:

1. With the cursor in a text container, on the **Document** tab of the ribbon, in the **Insert** group, click **Hyperlink**. The Hyperlink Properties dialog opens.
2. For the **Link Text** field, enter the text to be shown.
3. Select **Worksheet** from the **Type** drop-down menu.
4. Leave the **Target** field blank to link to a bookmark in the current document.
5. From the **Bookmark** drop-down menu, select the desired bookmark. All bookmarks in the current worksheet are available.



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Figure 5.11: Link To Bookmark

6. Optionally, you can add a hyperlink tooltip.
7. Click OK. The hyperlink is created.

You can also create a hyperlink to a bookmark by selecting some text and, on the **Home** tab of the ribbon, clicking **Convert To > Hyperlink** (.

To create a link to a bookmark in another worksheet, the steps are analogous, but for the **Target** field, enter or browse to the desired Maple Flow worksheet.

Additional Notes:

- To navigate to a bookmark in the current worksheet, on the **Home** tab, click **Go To Bookmark** (.
- You can rename or delete an existing bookmark from **Document > Insert > Bookmark** (.
- There is an option to display a visual indicator for bookmarks. To enable this setting, click **View > Visual Indicators**. When Visual Indicators is selected, a container or other location in the document that has a bookmark is drawn with a dark gray square at the top left corner.

Using Shortcuts

In addition to hyperlinks, your worksheet can contain shortcut components, which are clickable image links. The default look of a shortcut is shown in **Figure 5.12**, but you can change the image used. The Application Gallery in Maple Flow uses shortcuts.



Figure 5.12: Shortcut

To insert a shortcut:

1. Click on the canvas.
2. From the Components palette, click the Shortcut icon (). A shortcut component is inserted at the cursor.
3. To edit the shortcut properties, select the shortcut component, and in the Context Panel the shortcut properties are available.

Figure 5.13: Shortcut Properties

- Specify a caption, which appears below the image. Optionally, add a tooltip.
Note: The Name field is used by Maple Flow to identify the component. The caption is what is visible.
- Specify a link target. You can link to a Maple Flow worksheet or URL. You can also use the shortcut component to open a blank Maple Flow worksheet, execute one line of Maple code, or open a help topic.

Figure 5.14: Using a Shortcut to execute code

- If desired, change the image.

5.7 Including a Table of Contents

When creating a document, you can include a table of contents.

To insert a table of contents:

- Click a blank part of the canvas.
- On the **Document** tab of the ribbon, in the **Insert** group, click **Table of Contents** (≡). A clickable table of contents, with titles and pages, is inserted at the cursor.

Parameters.....	1
Analysis.....	2
Visualization.....	4

Figure 5.15: Sample Table of Contents

How the table of contents is created:

- An entry is included for each text container in your document that uses one of the Heading styles, such as **Heading 1**. (For how to apply a paragraph style, see *Applying and Changing Styles* (page 35).)
- If your worksheet is organized with sections, those appear in the Table of Contents.
- Each entry is a hyperlink to a bookmark in the document. If you click one of the entries in the table of contents, you go to that bookmarked location.

You can edit your document, including adding new headings or editing the current headings. You can also insert page breaks, white space, etc. After editing, you'll want to update the table of contents.

To update the table of contents:

- Right-click on the table of contents, and select **Update Table Of Contents** from the context-sensitive menu.

5.8 Including Images and Drawings

You can insert images and drawings into your worksheet. On the **Document** tab of the ribbon, in the **Insert** group, these are inserted by clicking **Image** (🖼️) or **Drawing** (🎨).

When you insert a drawing, an empty grid appears. You can then use the drawing tools. You can also use the drawing tools on an image or a plot.

You can resize an image or drawing using the grab box around the image. **Tip:** To maintain the aspect ratio on an image, use the corner resizing handles. To maintain the aspect ratio on a drawing, hold the **Shift** key while resizing.

Drawing Tools

To view the drawing tools, select a drawing or an image in your Maple Flow worksheet. The associated **Draw** tab of the ribbon is shown.

Drawing on Plots

To view the drawing tools on a plot:

- Select the plot in your Maple Flow worksheet. (Clicking once makes the math container with the plotting command active. Click again to select the plot.) The **Plot** tab of the ribbon is shown by default.
- Click the **Draw** tab of the ribbon to switch to the drawing tools.

Available Tools

The **Tools** group consists of the following: selection tool, pencil (free style drawing), eraser, text insert, straight line, rectangle, rounded rectangle, oval, diamond, and arc drawing tool.



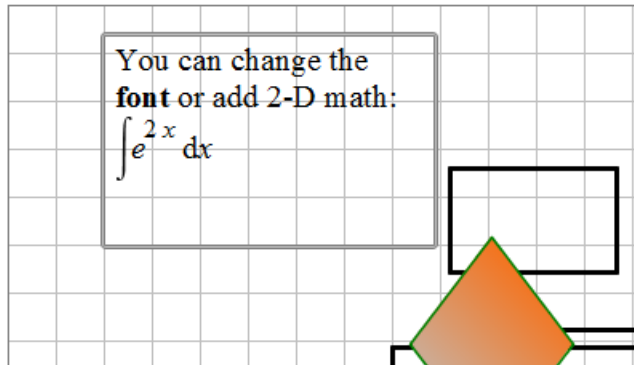
Figure 5.16: Drawing Tools

Note: For the text, line, rectangle, round rectangle, oval, diamond, and arc tools,

- Click on the icon to activate it. The tool remains activated until you select another drawing tool.

The rest of the drawing tools are alignment tools, drawing outline and fill tools, line style tool, the grid properties tools, and the canvas and grid color tools.

Text



To insert text in the drawing canvas:

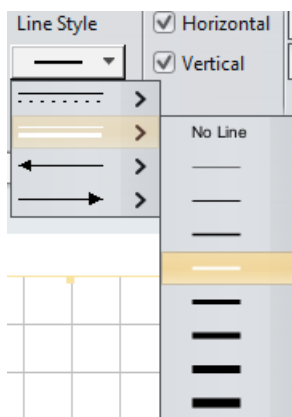
1. Click **Text Tool** ()
2. Click in the canvas (or on the image). A text box appears.
3. Enter text and modify font as necessary using the **Edit** tab of the ribbon to modify the font, font size, and so on. Include math in the text box in the same way you include math in a text container. See *Entering Math in a Text Container* (page 33).
4. Optional. Select a fill color for a text box or select the line color for the border in the same way it is done for objects.

Lines - Straight, Resizing, Adding Arrows

Drawing Straight Lines

To draw a straight line:

1. Click **Line Tool** ()
2. (Optional) From the **Line Style** menu () , select the line style, thickness, and arrow points:



3. In the canvas, click and drag the mouse. A straight line is drawn.
4. To complete the line, click the mouse twice or press **Enter**.

5. You can draw more than one connected line; to complete your drawing, click the mouse twice, press **Enter**, or bring the end of the last line back to the start of the first line.
6. To remove the last point drawn, press **Esc**.

Drawing a Line that Snaps to Vertical, Horizontal, or a 45 Degree Angle

To draw a line that snaps to an orientation that is a multiple of 45 degrees:

1. Click **Line Tool**.
2. In the canvas, click and drag the mouse.
3. Press and hold the **Shift** key to snap to a 45 degree increment.
4. To complete the line, click the mouse twice or press **Enter**.

Drawing a Line that is Attached to a Shape

To draw a line that is attached to a shape in the drawing canvas:

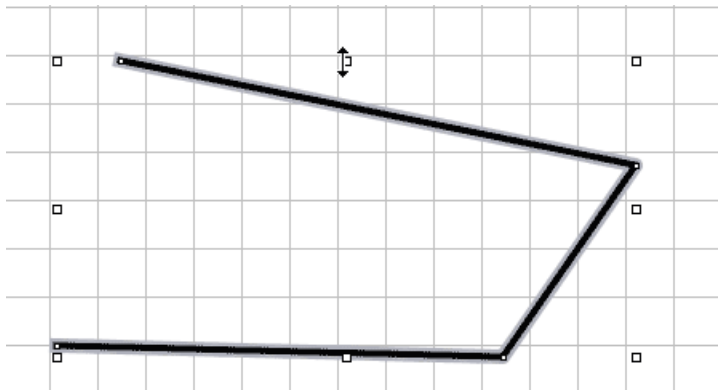
If you have inserted a shape in the canvas, you can draw a line that is automatically attached to that shape.

1. Click **Line Tool**.
2. Press and hold the **Ctrl** key, and, in the canvas, hover your mouse cursor over the existing shape to which you want to attach the line. The shape is highlighted in green.
3. To draw the line, click and drag the mouse.
4. To complete the line, click the mouse twice or press **Enter**.

Resizing Lines

To resize objects drawn with straight lines:

1. Select the line to be resized using the selection tool.
2. With the mouse pointer over a grab box, click and drag the line to increase or decrease its size.
3. Release the mouse button.

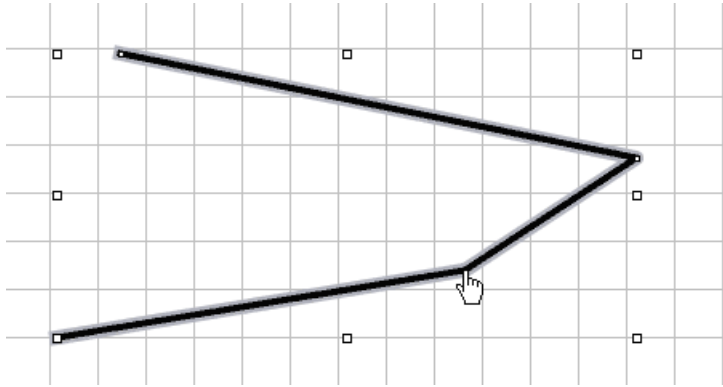


To resize a shape and maintain the aspect ratio, hold the **Shift** key while resizing.

Changing Vertices of Lines

To change vertices of drawn lines in the canvas:

When an object is selected, grab boxes and nodes at the vertices are displayed.



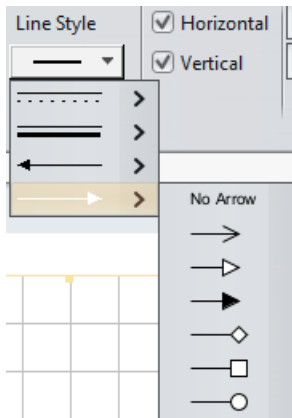
1. Click a node and drag the mouse to the desired point, thereby changing the vertex position.
2. Release the mouse.

Changing the Line Style

To change the style of drawn lines:

You can change the line style, thickness, and arrow points of a line either when it is drawn or afterwards.

1. Select a line using the selection tool.
2. From
3. the **Line Style** menu (), select a line style, thickness, or arrow direction and shape.



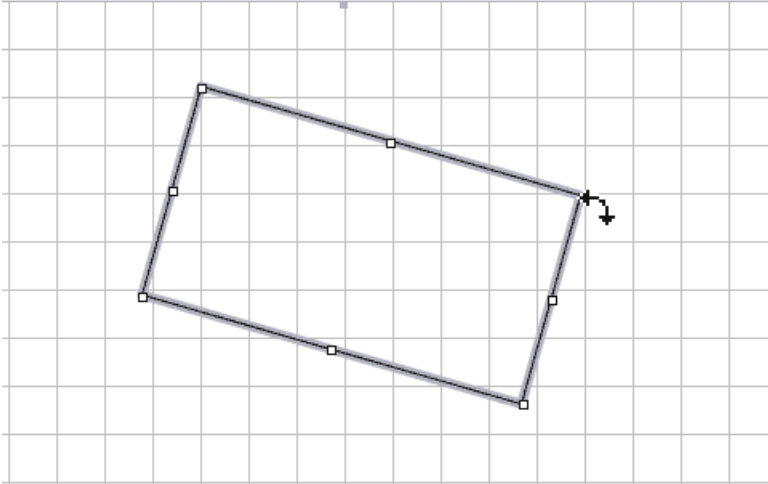
The selected change is automatically applied to the straight line.

For example, here is a straight, thick line with a solid arrow on the right end. after clicking on the menu item displayed above.



Rotating Images or Rotating Objects in a Drawing

You can rotate an image, or an object in a drawing. The process is the same.



To rotate an object:

1. Select the object. The vertices of the object are designated by grab boxes.
2. Place the cursor at one of the vertices.
3. Press **Ctrl**. The rotate icon is displayed.
4. While pressing **Ctrl**, click the mouse and drag. The object rotates. Release the mouse once the object is positioned as you want.

To return to the default rotation of an object:

1. Select the object.
2. Right-click and from the context menu, select **Reset Rotation**.

Color Selection Dialog

The drawing outline tool, drawing fill tool, and the canvas and grid color tools allow you to select colors for shapes, lines, and the canvas grid lines. Choose a color by using one of the following tools in the color selection dialog:

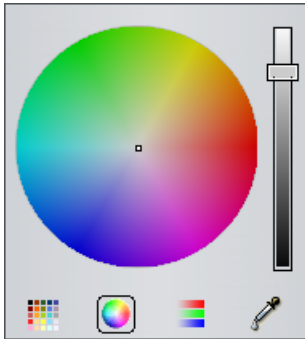
Color Palette



To select a color, click a color from a palette of pre-defined colors.

The last five colors that you select are displayed in the box below the color swatches. If you want to view the RGB values of a particular color, hover your mouse cursor over a color swatch.

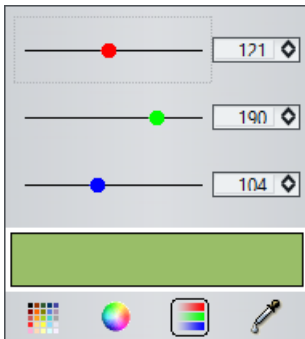
Color Wheel



To select a color:

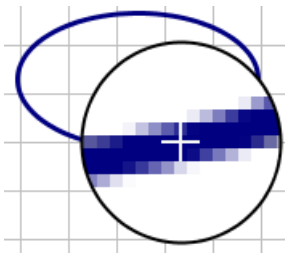
1. Move the slider beside the color wheel to display a range of colors.
2. To select a color, click a point in the color wheel.

Color Value Sliders



To select a color, specify the RGB values of the color by moving the sliders. Alternatively, you can use the spinners to scroll to certain values or type the values directly in the fields. For each RGB value, you can specify a number from 0 to 225.

Color Magnifying Glass



To select a color:

1. Select the eye dropper icon ().
2. Hover the color magnifying glass over an area on your screen that displays the color you want to select.
3. Using your mouse cursor, in the circle, click a point that displays the color.

To cancel your selection, right-click the circle.

Pencil Tool for Free-Form Drawing

To draw with the pencil tool in the canvas:

1. From the drawing icons, click **Pencil Tool** ().
2. Click and drag your mouse in the canvas to draw lines. Release the mouse to complete the drawing.

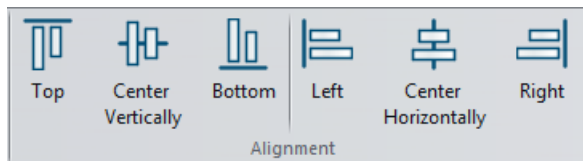
Selecting Objects

To select items in the canvas use the **Selection Tool** ().

You can use the selection tool to select a single object or a group of objects. To select a group of objects:

Using the selection tool, click and drag the mouse around the items to be grouped. Release the mouse button. The items are temporarily grouped.

Apply formatting as desired, for example by using the alignment tools in the **Draw** tab.



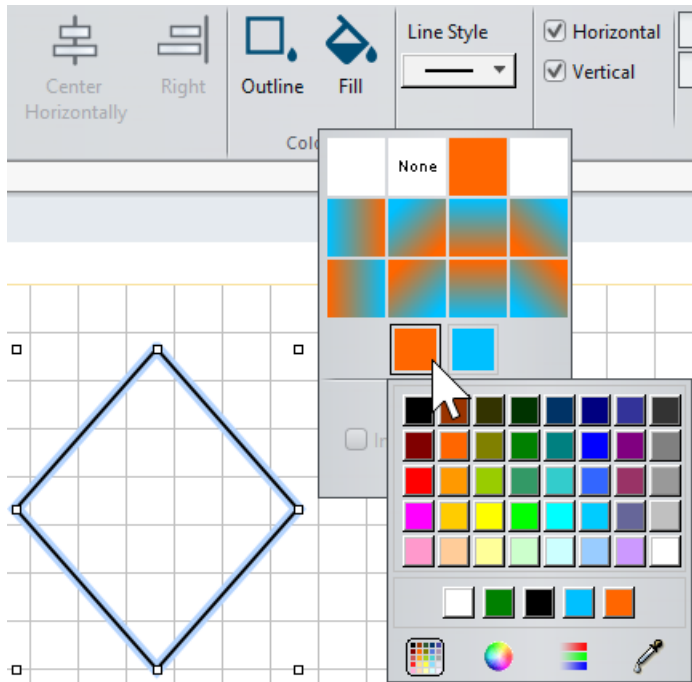
To temporarily switch to the selection tool (when using another tool), press and hold the **Tab** key. You can move and resize objects. When you release the **Tab** key, the tool will revert to its previous setting. This allows you to tweak something you just drew.

Filling Objects - Solid or Gradient Fill Colors

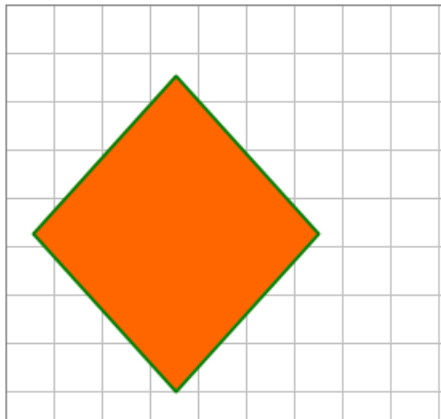
Filling an Object with a Solid Color

To fill an object with a solid color:

1. Select the object in the canvas.
2. Click **Fill** () and select the solid fill style at the top (to the right of *None*).
3. From the same menu, click the left color bar at the bottom, and select a color from the color palette.



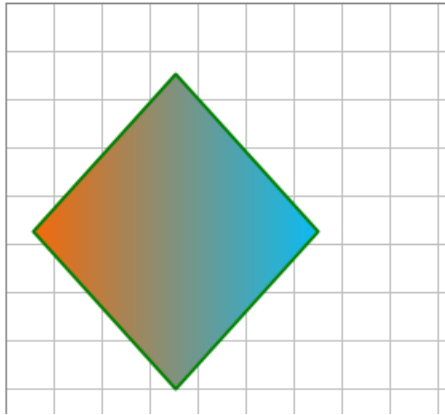
4. To change the outline color (or line color), click **Outline** () and select a color.



Filling an Object with a Gradient Color

To fill an object with a gradient color:

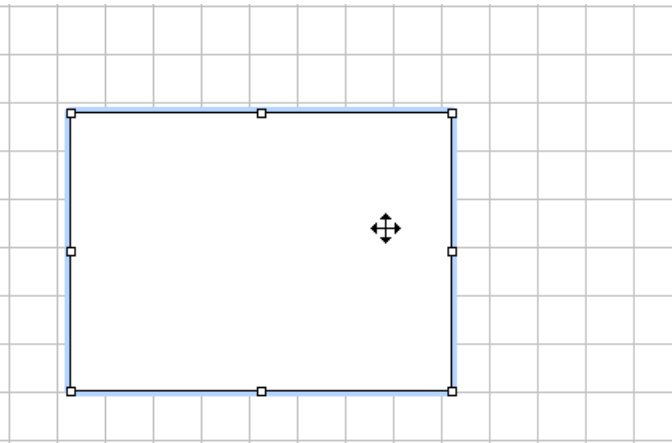
1. Select the object in the canvas.
2. From the  menu, select one of the gradient fill styles, the square icons.
3. From the same menu, click the left and right color bars at the bottom to select a color from the color palette for each part of the gradient.



Filling an Object with an Image

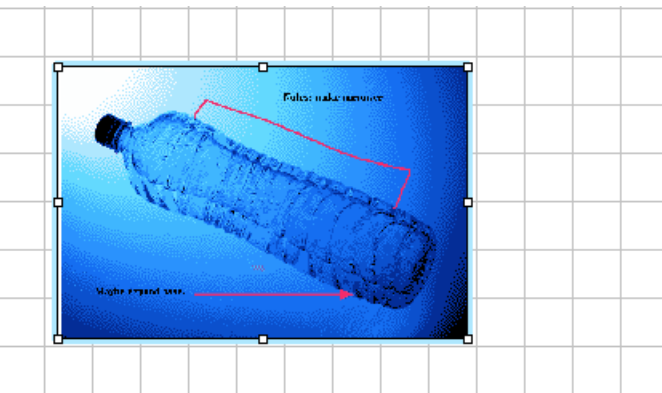
To fill an object with an image:

1. Draw a rectangle or object in which an image is to be placed.



2. From the  menu, click **Browse** and select an image.

The image is displayed in the rectangle or object on the canvas, plot, or image.



6 Further Tools

6.1 Introduction

This chapter provides further details on a range of tools available in Maple Flow, including mathematical functions, plots, using units in Maple flow, working with matrices, features that make authoring documents easier, and programming via the code editor.

6.2 Functions

Maple Functions

Maple Flow is built on top of the Maple programming language. You can use most Maple functions in Maple Flow.

Maple package functions are used in the long form. For example, **SignalProcessing:-FFT()**. Note: Use of the **with()** command to load packages is not supported.

The Maple programming language is described in the Maple online help: <http://www.maplesoft.com/support/help>.

Unsupported Maple Keywords, Commands, and Packages

As noted above, the **with()** command is not supported, and instead package commands should be called using the long form of their name. In addition, some Maple keywords, commands, and packages are not supported. The following are some examples, but not a complete list.

The assume command is not supported (use **assuming** instead). Some keywords, such as read and save, are not supported.

These Maple packages are not supported:

- Physics
- Tolerances
- DocumentTools (apart from the **RunWorksheet** command).
- Typesetting
- NaturalLanguage

Procedures can only be defined in the Code Editor. See *Code Editor (page 71)*.

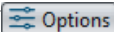
6.3 More Controls for Units

In *Units (page 16)*, we describe how to add units to your computations. In this section we describe further tools for controlling units in your computations.

Setting the Default Unit System

By default, units in output are displayed using the SI system of units. You can change the default system of units.

To set the default system of units:

1. From the **File** menu, click **Options** ().
2. Under the Units tab, select the desired output unit system, SI, FPS, or IPS.
3. Select **Apply even if no operations are performed** to force recalculation of the worksheet.
4. Click **Apply to Session** to apply for the current Maple Flow session only, or click **Apply Globally** to apply the setting to the current session and future sessions.

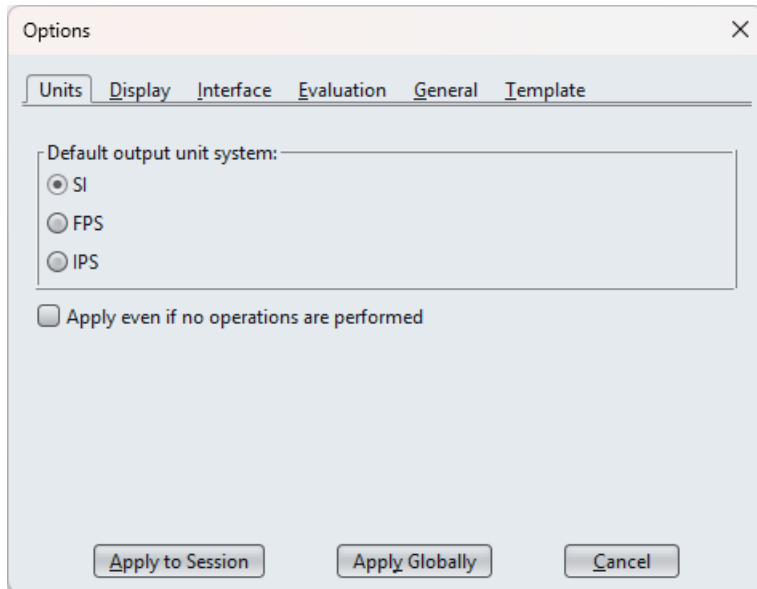


Figure 6.1: Setting the default unit system

This will not modify any units that have had units formatting applied directly as described *Editing Existing Units* (page 17).

Changing the Units of a Result

Sometimes you want to control the units displayed in a result beyond setting the default system of units. There are two ways of changing the units of a result: inline or through the Context Panel.

To change the units of a result inline:

1. Move the cursor into the output of the math container.
2. Delete the existing unit, and type the desired unit.
3. Press **Enter** or use the arrow keys to leave the math container. The result is updated.

For example, in this example, suppose we want the elapsedtime shown in minutes, not seconds.

```
pace := 11  $\frac{\text{minutes}}{\text{mi}}$ 
distance := 2.5 mi
elapsedtime := pace * distance = 1.650 × 103 s
```

Edit the right-hand side by deleting the unit s and typing min. When you press enter the result is calculated in the desired units.

```
elapsedtime := pace * distance = 27.500 min
```

To change the units using the Context Panel:

1. Move the cursor into the output of the math container.
2. In the Context Panel for the result, select the desired unit from the **Choose Unit** list, and press **Enter**. You can also type the desired unit in the **Enter Unit** field, for instance, if the Choose Unit list doesn't show the desired unit, as the list is not exhaustive.

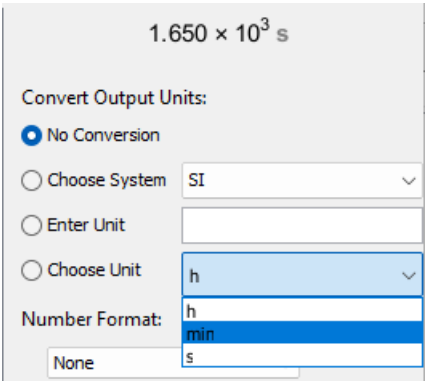


Figure 6.2: Change units in Context Panel

Dimensional Balancing

If you change a unit of a result inline or via the Context Panel, and the unit is dimensionally inconsistent with the currently displayed unit, Maple Flow automatically performs dimensional balancing by inserting additional units to make the result dimensionally consistent.

Custom Units

You can define a custom unit, which will then be available for rescaling any result with units of equivalent dimension.

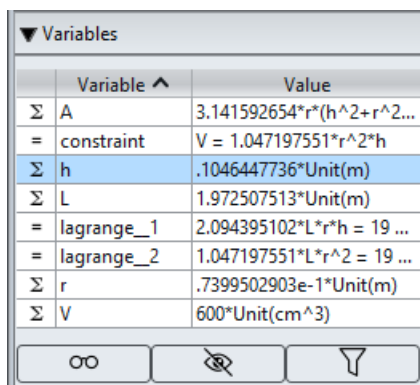
To define a unit:	
1. Click a blank part of the canvas to create a math container, and then from the Units palette insert the units placeholder.	Units Dimensionality: length Å ft in m micron mi yd km cm mm nm unit Greek unit
2. In the units placeholder, type the name of your custom unit.	fpd
3. Use the right arrow key to leave the units placeholder.	fpd
4. Type := (colon equals) to create a definition.	fpd :=
5. Insert another units placeholder from the Units palette.	fpd := unit
6. Enter the unit definition.	fpd := $\frac{\text{furlong}}{\text{day}}$

fpd can now be used to rescale any result with a dimension equivalent to length/time.

6.4 Variables Manager

The Variables Manager in the palettes pane helps you keep track of the variables currently defined in your worksheet, including any defined custom units.

As you move your cursor through the worksheet, the Variables manager dynamically updates to show what variables are defined up to that point. **Figure 6.3** shows an example of the variables manager for a worksheet.



▼ Variables		
	Variable ^	Value
Σ	A	$3.141592654 * r * (h^2 + r^2 \dots$
=	constraint	$V = 1.047197551 * r^2 * h$
Σ	h	$.1046447736 * \text{Unit(m)}$
Σ	L	$1.972507513 * \text{Unit(m)}$
=	lagrange_1	$2.094395102 * L * r * h = 19 \dots$
=	lagrange_2	$1.047197551 * L * r^2 = 19 \dots$
Σ	r	$.7399502903e-1 * \text{Unit(m)}$
Σ	V	$600 * \text{Unit(cm}^3\text{)}$

Below the table are three buttons: a pair of glasses (View), an eye with a slash (Hide), and a funnel (Filter).

Figure 6.3: The Variables Manager

Button	Function
	View - Inspect the value assigned to a variable.
	Hide - Hide a variable in the Variable Manager
	Filter - Filter the variables list so the selected variables are shown. This can be used to unhide a variable you previously hid.

Inserting Variables into the Worksheet Using the Variables palette

Any variables that appear in the Variables palette can be inserted into the worksheet from the palette.

To insert a variable from the Variables palette into your worksheet, either:

- Right-click on a variable, then from the context menu, select **Insert Into Worksheet**.

or

- Double-click on the variable *name* in the Variables palette.

Notes:

Insert Into Worksheet is enabled only when:

- The grid cursor is on the canvas. In this case, a new math container is created into which the variable being inserted is added.
- The cursor is currently in an active math container. In this case, the variable is inserted at the cursor location.

6.5 Plots

You can create a plot with the Maple language **plot** command. A simple example is given in **Figure 6.4**.

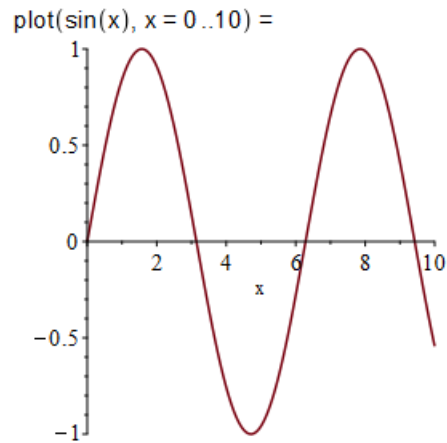


Figure 6.4: A simple plot using a Maple plot command

Maple Flow also supports 3-D plots. A simple example is given in **Figure 6.5**.

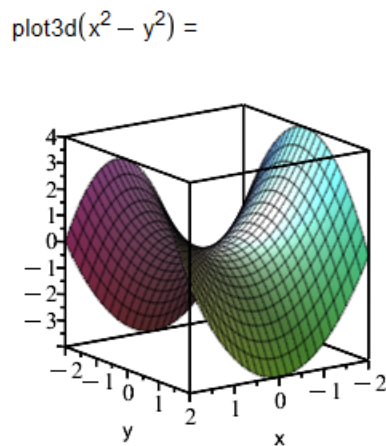


Figure 6.5: A simple 3-D plot

You can rotate a 3-D plot.

To rotate a plot:

1. Double-click the plot. The **Plot 3-D** tab of the ribbon is shown. By default, the rotate tool () is enabled. The pointer changes to the rotate icon (.
2. Hold the left mouse button and drag the mouse to re-orient the plot.
3. Release the mouse button when the plot is oriented as desired.

The values of the angles theta, phi, and psi are displayed in the 3-D plotting toolbar to help you orient the plot. You can also interact directly with the values of these angles.



The orientation is determined by rotating the plot psi degrees around the x-axis, then phi about the (transformed) y-axis, and then theta about the (transformed) z-axis.

To reset the view, click **Reset view** (🔄). The rotation and zoom of the plot reset to the initial view.

You can resize the plot in the worksheet.

1. Select the plot, as shown in **Figure 6.6**.
2. Resize the plot. To maintain the aspect ratio, hold **Shift** while resizing.

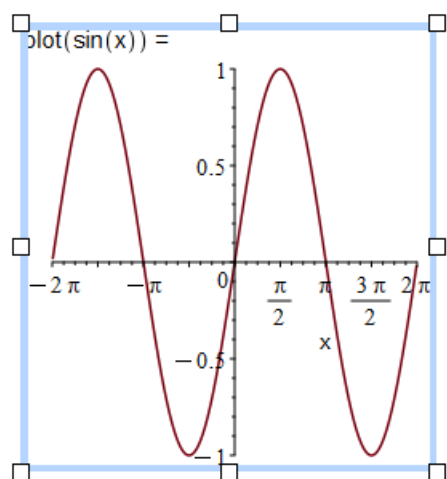


Figure 6.6: Resizing a plot

Tip: When the plotting command is long, you may want to line break the command using **Shift + Enter**. This enters a soft new line, and can be useful for controlling the width of math containers. It also makes it possible for you to resize the plot narrower, since resizing is naturally limited by the width of the math container.

If you do not want to see the plot command at all, you can hide it as described in *Hiding Commands* (page 38).

6.6 Matrices

Entering and Using Matrices

Matrix Entry

There are a few ways to enter a Matrix.

The Matrix palette or Matrix command can be used to enter a matrix.

When you use the Matrix palette, shown in **Figure 6.7**, a template is inserted into the worksheet.

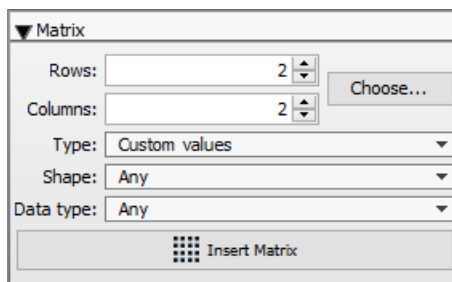


Figure 6.7: Matrix palette

You can then replace the placeholders in the matrix template, using **Tab** to move between placeholders.

Figure 6.8: Matrix from palette

To add an additional row or column to a matrix, place your cursor in the matrix and right-click. From the context menu, select one of:

- **Insert Row Above**
- **Insert Row Below**
- **Insert Column to the Left**
- **Insert Column to the Right**

Similarly, you can remove a row or column from the context menu.

Tip: Triple-click to select the entire matrix.

Indexing into Matrices

If you've made a matrix definition, such as $M := \begin{bmatrix} 2.2 & 3.1 \\ 4.0 & 1.7 \end{bmatrix}$, you can index into the matrix using indexed notation.

For example, to extract the first entry, you enter $M[1,1]$. This can be entered by hand or selected from the Expression palette. To enter this from the Expression palette:

1. From the Expression palette, click $a[n]$. This template is inserted in the worksheet.
2. Replace the placeholders, using **Tab** to move between placeholders.

In **Figure 6.7**, further examples of matrix indexing are given.

$$M := \begin{bmatrix} 2.2 & 3.1 \\ 4.0 & 1.7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$M[1, 1] = 2.200$ Select the (1,1) entry.

$M[1, 2] := 1.2$ Change the (1,2) entry.

$M[1] = \begin{bmatrix} 2.200 & 1.200 \end{bmatrix}$ Select the first row.

$M[., 2] = \begin{bmatrix} 1.200 \\ 1.700 \end{bmatrix}$ Select the second column.

Figure 6.9: Matrix indexing

Indexing into lists, vectors, or arrays works the same way.

Basic Matrix Operations

Operation	Syntax
Matrix multiplication	M.N (period)
Matrix inverse	M^{-1} or LinearAlgebra:-MatrixInverse(M)

Operation	Syntax
Transpose	M^+ or LinearAlgebra:-Transpose(M)
Elementwise operations	elementwise(expression)

The **elementwise** function allows you to apply operators and basic functions element-wise over data container(s) such as matrices, arrays, or lists. For example, if M and N are matrices of the same dimensions, **elementwise(3*log(M)*N)** applies this expression to the positional pairwise entries of these matrices.

More information can be found in the help system.

Viewing Large Matrices and Vectors

Matrices 10×10 and smaller, and vectors with 10 or fewer elements, display in the document. For larger matrices or vectors, a portion is shown inline.

For example, insert a 30×30 matrix.

1. In the Matrix palette, specify the dimensions: 30 rows and 30 columns.
2. In the **Type** drop-down list, select a matrix type, for example, **Random**.
3. Click **Insert Matrix**. The command is inserted; evaluate and display the result.

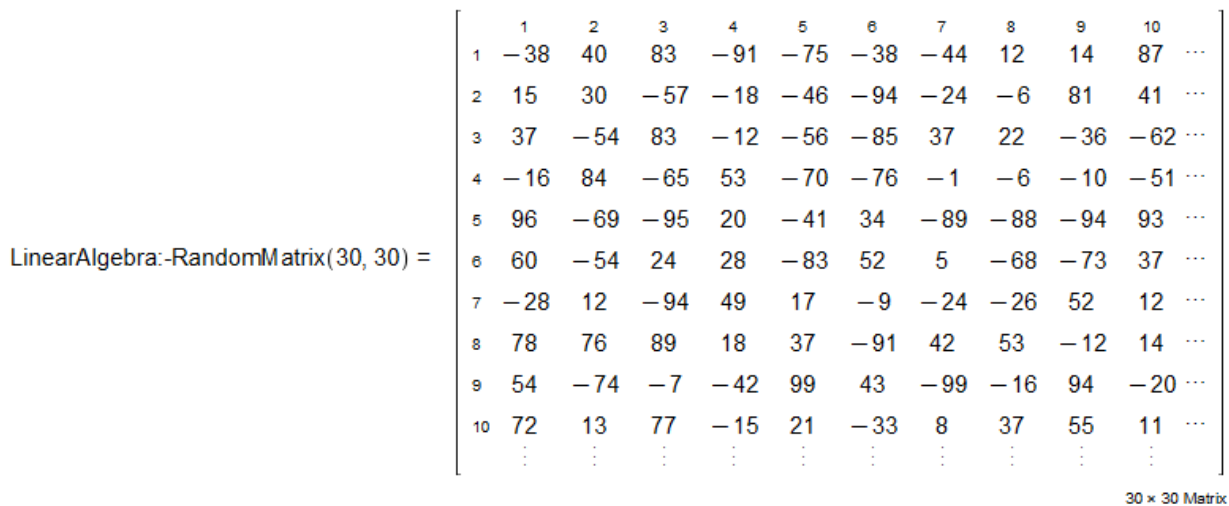


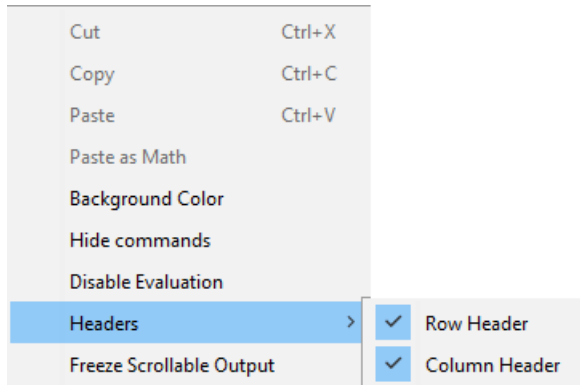
Figure 6.10: Inline matrix browsing

Note the output shows ellipses indicating the data continues and the output is scrollable meaning that you can explore the values directly within the worksheet, using your trackpad or mouse wheel. Click on the matrix, then use the scroll bars or your trackpad or mouse wheel to scroll through the matrix data.

To view the entire matrix or vector, double-click the summary placeholder. This launches the Matrix Browser.

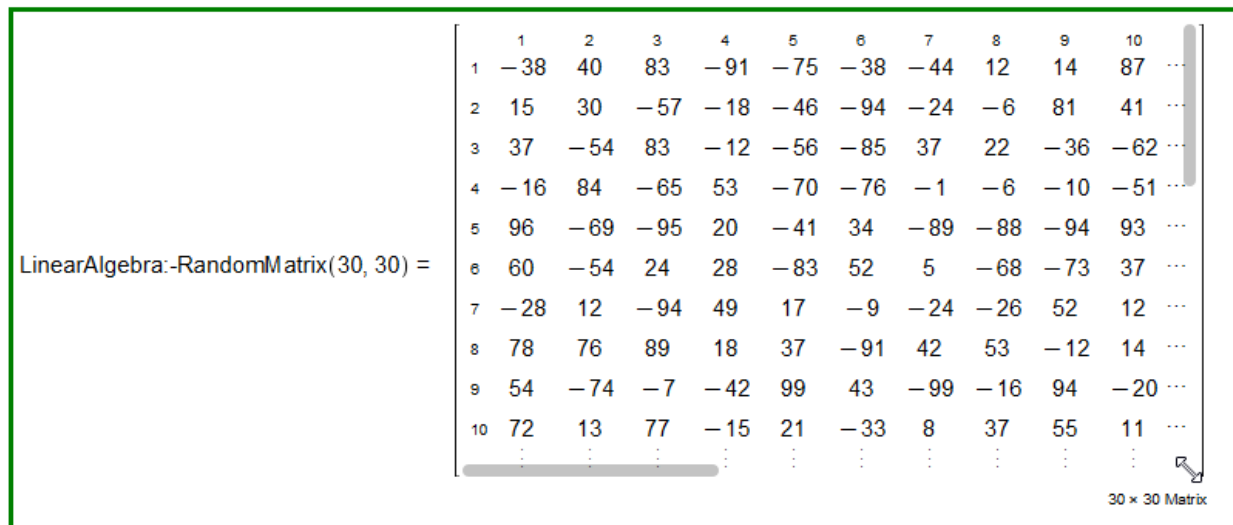
Back in the document, the context menu for the matrix has some controls.

- To remove the row and column headers, right-click on the matrix and clear the check boxes for **Row Header** and **Column Header**.



You can interactively resize the matrix, a single row, or a single column.

- To resize, click on the matrix, then resize from the bottom right corner of the matrix. Note the resize arrow seen here:



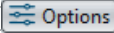
- Similarly, change the size of a row or column interactively using the resize arrows.
- To fit the data better, you can also right-click on the matrix and select **Fit Column to Data** or **Fit Row to Data**.
- To return to the initial matrix view, right-click on the matrix and select **Reset Output Display**.
- To disable the scrollable functionality, right-click and **Freeze Scrollable Output** from the context menu. This also freezes the Matrix in its current size and position.

Set Displayed Matrix Size

In **Figure 6.10**, for the matrix, a certain number of rows and columns are displayed. By default, 10 rows and 10 columns are displayed in output for any matrix. The same rules apply to one-dimensional and multidimensional data stored as arrays.

In addition to interactive controls you can change this displayed matrix size in the Options dialog. This allows you to set the visible matrix size for all matrices.

To set the maximum number of rows and columns displayed:

1. From the **File** menu, click **Options** ()
2. Under the Display tab, specify the desired values under Output matrix size for:
 - **Row limit**
 - **Column limit**
3. Click **Apply to Session** to apply for the current Maple Flow session only, or click **Apply Globally** to apply the setting to the current session and future sessions.

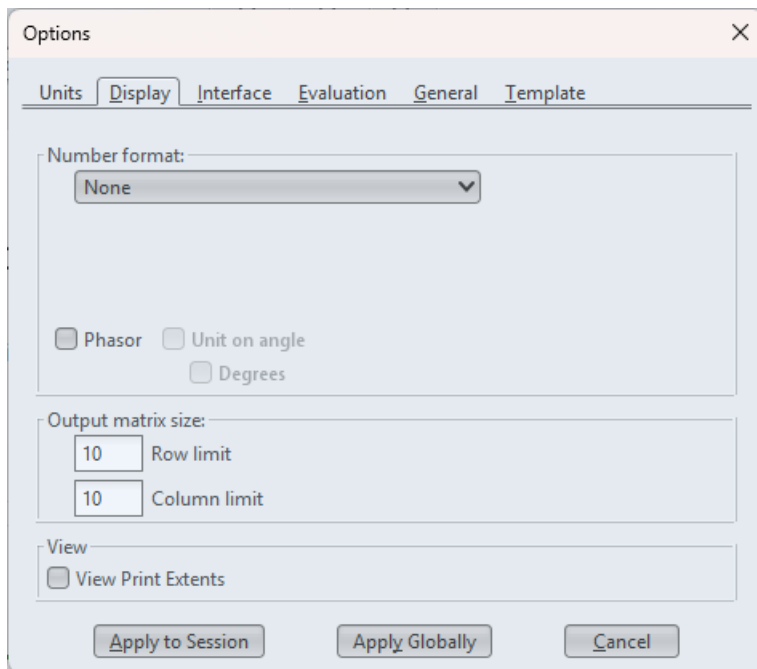
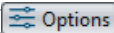


Figure 6.11: Set matrix size

Set Matrix Save Limit

If a worksheet that contains a large matrix is saved and reopened, the data is saved and is scrollable as long as the matrix has 5000 or fewer entries. With larger matrices, you will need to re-execute or re-import the matrix before scrolling. This limit can be changed in the **Options Dialog**:

1. From the **File** menu, click **Options** ()
2. Select the General tab.
3. Enter your value for **RTable output save limit**.
4. Click **Apply to Session** to apply for the current Maple Flow session only, or click **Apply Globally** to apply the setting to the current session and future sessions.

Data Import Assistant

The data import assistant makes it easy to import your data into a worksheet. Supported file types include CSV, delimited, and Excel files, as well as audio files, image files, and graph formats.

To import data:

1. Click on a blank part of the canvas to create a math container.
2. On the **Math** tab of the ribbon, click **Import Data** (). The Data Import Assistant opens.
3. Browse to select a file to import.
4. Follow the steps in the assistant. When prompted, specify a variable name to which to assign the imported data.
5. Click done when prompted. A command is inserted into the math container that will import the data.

```
A := ImportMatrix("C:\\Program Files\\Maple Flow 2024\\data\\datasets\\pima-epidemiology-diabetes.csv",
source = csv[standard], datatype = float[8], skiplines = 1)
```

A =

1	6.000	148.000	72.000	35.000	0.	33.600	0.627	50.000	1.000
2	1.000	85.000	66.000	29.000	0.	26.600	0.351	31.000	0.
3	8.000	183.000	64.000	0.	0.	23.300	0.672	32.000	1.000
4	1.000	89.000	66.000	23.000	94.000	28.100	0.167	21.000	0.
5	0.	137.000	40.000	35.000	168.000	43.100	2.288	33.000	1.000
6	5.000	116.000	74.000	0.	0.	25.600	0.201	30.000	0.
7	3.000	78.000	50.000	32.000	88.000	31.000	0.248	26.000	1.000
8	10.000	115.000	0.	0.	0.	35.300	0.134	29.000	0.
9	2.000	197.000	70.000	45.000	543.000	30.500	0.158	53.000	1.000
10	8.000	125.000	96.000	0.	0.	0.	0.232	54.000	1.000
	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮

768 × 9 Matrix

Figure 6.12: Import data

6.7 Using a Drop-Down List

Drop-down lists in Maple Flow make it easy to create a worksheet with interactive elements.

The items in the drop-down list can be entered directly in the list editor (a static item list), or the list can be populated from a list, matrix, or other data structure that has been defined in your worksheet. The selected item in the list can be used in the worksheet for further calculations or analysis.

To add a drop-down list to your worksheet:

1. Click a location in your worksheet where the drop-down list will be inserted. A typical use of the drop-down list is on the right-hand side of a definition, as demonstrated in the examples.
2. From the Components palette, click the drop-down list icon (). A drop-down list is inserted in the worksheet.
3. Specify properties for the drop-down list in the context panel.

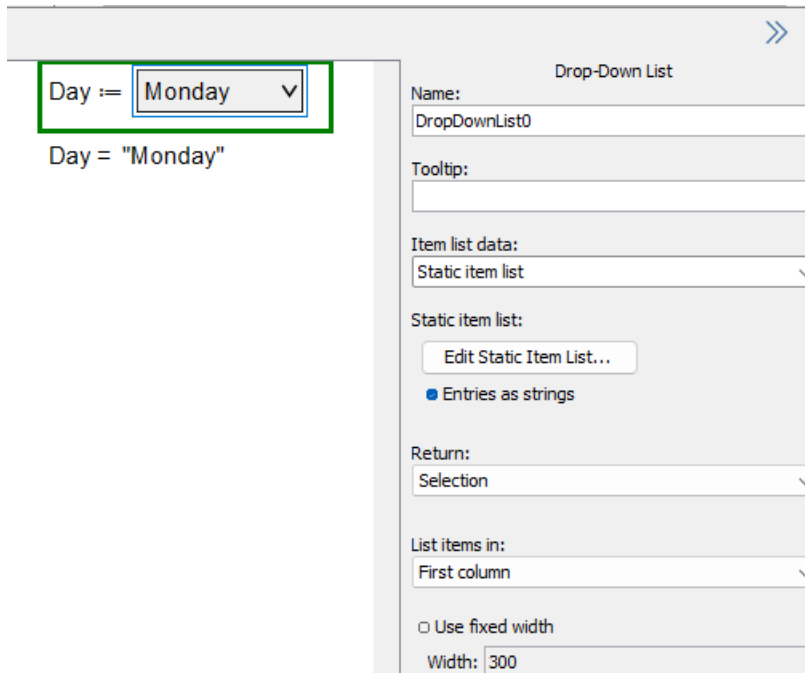
Figure 6.13: Drop-down list properties

- Name: (optional) Provide a name for the drop-down list.
- Tooltip: (optional) Provide a tooltip, which is shown when you hover over the component.
- Item list data: Select from **Static item list** or from the list of available data sets in your worksheet. See Example 2.
- Edit Static Item List: Click to open the List Editor.
- Entries as strings: Select this check box if the entries should be parsed as strings.
- Return: Select **Index**, **Selection**, or **Data**.
- List items in: Select **First column** or **First row**.
- Use fixed width: Select this check box to make the drop-down list a fixed width.
- Width: (For a fixed-width box) Specify width in pixels. The default is 300.

Example 1

In this example the drop-down list is populated interactively, through the list editor.

1. Click on the canvas to create a new math container, and type `Day =`
2. From the Components palette, click the drop-down list icon. The drop down list is inserted.
3. In the Context Panel, click Edit Static Item List.
4. Replace the placeholder entry (DropDownList) with Monday. Add new items for Tuesday, etc.
5. Click OK when finished.
6. In the Context Panel, for Tooltip, type `select one`.
7. In the Context Panel, for Return, select **Selection**.
8. In a new math container, type `Day=`
The value of this is the selected item from the list. Change the selected item in the list, and the result of this reflects the current selection.



Using the List Editor

Edit the list editor using the buttons **Insert Above**, **Insert Below**, and **Remove**, as well as the keyboard shortcuts listed in the following table, and the tip described below it.

Action	Windows	Mac
Activate the row and select all contents	Enter	Enter
Activate the row with the contents removed	Backspace	Delete
Activate the row with the cursor at the start of the content	Left arrow	Left arrow
Activate the row with the cursor at the end of the content	Right arrow	Right arrow
Insert row above the current selection	Ctrl + K	Command + K
Insert row below the current selection	Ctrl + J	Command + J
Delete the current selection	Delete	Command + Delete
Move the selection up one row	Ctrl + Up arrow	Command + Up arrow
Move the selection down one row	Ctrl + Down arrow	Command + Down arrow

In addition, if you select one or more rows you can drag them to a new location.

Example 2

In this example, we first define a two-dimensional matrix, and then we use that matrix to fill the items in our drop-down list. When you select an item from the list, the return is the corresponding value in the second column.

1. In a math container, type `density :=`
2. Insert a 3x2 matrix from the Matrix palette. Tab through the placeholders, replacing them as shown here.

$$\text{density} := \begin{bmatrix} \text{steel} & 7.86 \frac{\text{g}}{\text{cm}^3} \\ \text{brass} & 8.5 \frac{\text{g}}{\text{cm}^3} \\ \text{aluminum} & 2.60 \frac{\text{g}}{\text{cm}^3} \end{bmatrix}$$

3. In a new math container, insert a drop-down list from the Components palette.
4. In the Context Panel, for Item list data, note the list is populated with the matrix you already defined. Select density.
5. In the Context Panel, for Return, select Data.
6. Back in the worksheet, click on the drop-down list and use the arrow keys to move to after the component, and type =. You can see the return value comes from the second column. Use arrow keys to navigate to before the drop-down list and assign it to a name. Now you can use this value in calculations.

The screenshot shows a worksheet on the left and a 'Drop-Down List' context panel on the right.

Worksheet:

$$\text{density} := \begin{bmatrix} \text{steel} & 7.86 \frac{\text{g}}{\text{cm}^3} \\ \text{brass} & 8.5 \frac{\text{g}}{\text{cm}^3} \\ \text{aluminum} & 2.60 \frac{\text{g}}{\text{cm}^3} \end{bmatrix}$$

Below the matrix, a calculation is shown in a green-bordered box:

$$\text{densityvalue} := \text{aluminum} \downarrow = 2.600 \frac{\text{g}}{\text{cm}^3}$$

Drop-Down List Context Panel:

- Name: DropDownList0
- Tooltip: select one
- Item list data: density (selected)
- Static item list: Edit Static Item List... (button), ☒ Entries as strings
- Return: Data (selected)
- List items in: First column (selected)
- ☐ Use fixed width
- Width: 300

The **Design of a Strut Mechanism** application (found in the Application Gallery under Mechanical Engineering) provides another example of the drop-down list in use.

6.8 Ease of Use Features

Maple Flow includes additional ease of use features:

- Maple Flow includes an interface to powerful AI technology through the AI Formula Assistant.
- Command and argument completion offer an easy way to get your syntax right when working with commands in Maple Flow.

AI in Maple Flow

The AI Formula Assistant is an innovative tool designed to help you find formulas and equations you need.

The AI Formula Assistant is found on the left side of the Maple Flow window. Click the AI Formula Assistant tab to activate that panel.

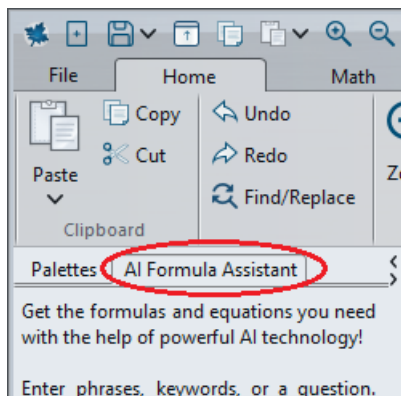


Figure 6.14: AI Formula Assistant tab

Before using this feature, you'll need to agree to the terms of use.

- Click the **AI Terms of Use** button.
- Read and accept the terms and click **Apply Globally**.
- You can return to the terms of use at any time by clicking the Gear icon () at the bottom of the AI Formula Assistant pane. Alternatively, in the Options Dialog, in the General tab, click **AI: Terms of Use**.

To search for an equation or formula:

1. (Prerequisite) Agree to the terms of use.
2. Enter a phrase, question, or series of words separated by commas and then click **Search**. For example,

For example, you could search for

- friction factor in turbulent flow
- non-ideal diode equation
- What is the formula for the volume of a cone?

You can continue to use Maple Flow while your result is being processed, if needed, so you remain productive while the service is finding your answer.

When the response appears, the name of the formula is displayed, and then in the text box is information that includes the equation, any context, and a description of the variables that appear in the equation.

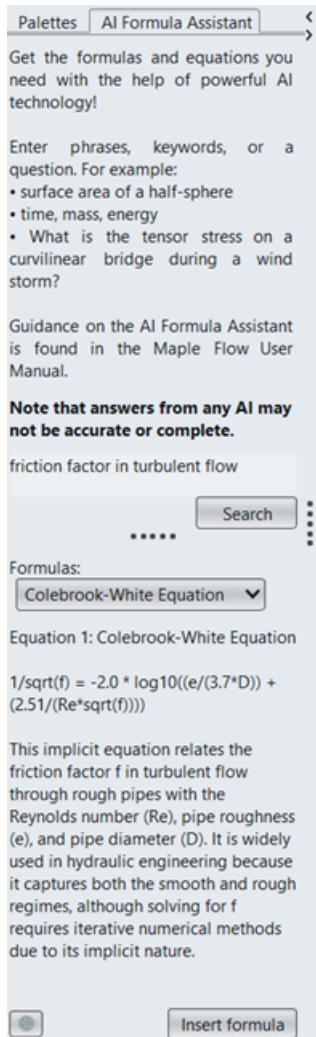


Figure 6.15: AI Formula Assistant example

3. Use the **Formulas** drop-down list to select from the related formulas returned from the AI search.
4. If desired, you can insert a formula into a Maple Flow worksheet by first placing your cursor at the desired insertion position, and then clicking **Insert formula**.

Notes:

- This feature relies on sending your query to a third party AI tool, and, as a result, the answers you get may not be accurate or complete. Maplesoft cannot control the quality of the response.
- Maple Flow interfaces with OpenAI's models. At the time this document was published, Open API's o3-mini model was used. Note that OpenAI may deprecate and disable models, so the models supported may change in the future.
- An equation inserted from the AI Formula Assistant may need to be edited to be in proper Maple Flow math notation.
- At times, you may encounter an error message when you try to insert an equation. In such a case, you may still be able to manually copy and paste from the AI Search Assistant into the worksheet.
- You can disable the connection to AI Technology, as described in the following section.

Disable AI Connection

By default, the AI Formula Assistant pane is visible and the connection is enabled after you accept the Terms of Use. If you do not accept the terms of use, the connection is not enabled. If preferred, you can configure Maple Flow to disable the connection to AI so that the AI Formula Assistant pane does not appear in the Maple interface.

To disable the AI connection, modify the user preferences file:

1. Close Maple Flow.
2. Open the user preferences file for Maple Flow in a text editor. It is usually found here:

- Windows:

C:\Users\<User ID>\AppData\Roaming\Maple\<version>\MapleFlow.ini.

- macOS:

//Users/\$USER/Library/Preferences/Maple/<version>/Maple Flow preferences.plist

3. Find the entry TurnOffAI and edit it to

```
TurnOffAI=true
```

4. Save and close the preferences file.

After you have disabled the AI connection, when you open Maple Flow, the AI Formula Assistant does not appear, the link to the **AI Terms of Use** in the **Options Dialog** is hidden from the Maple Flow interface, and you cannot query the AI through Maple Flow.

Command Completion

Maple Flow offers a dialog for command completion. When typing in a math container, Maple Flow suggests commands and templates that match what you have already entered.

The command completion dialog is initiated by pressing **Esc** or **Ctrl + Space**.

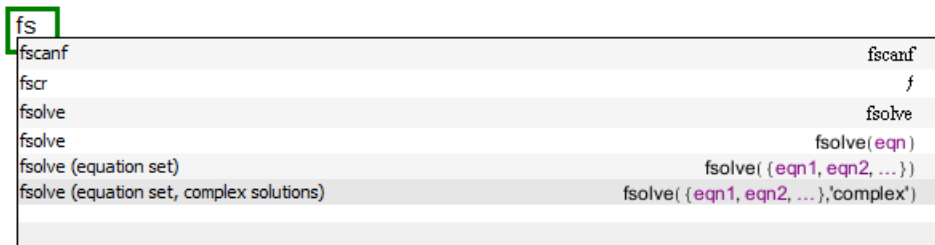
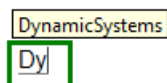


Figure 6.16: Command completion window

The command completion lists include command names and templates. If there are any placeholders in your selection, they appear in a colored font. Replace the placeholders in the template, using **Tab** to move to the next placeholder.

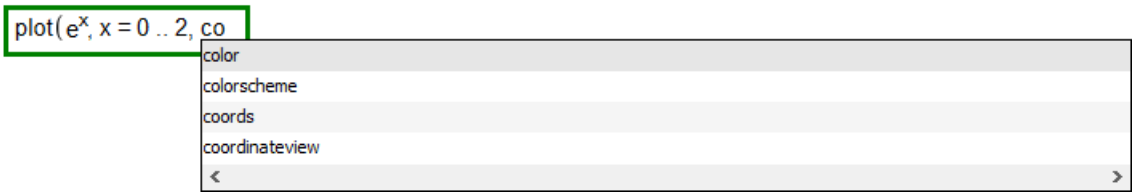
Automatic Command Completion

In addition, when typing in a math container, Maple Flow offers automatic completions for items that are unambiguous. When such a suggestion is available, it appears as a yellow annotation. Pressing the **Esc** or **Tab** key inserts the suggested item.



Argument Completion

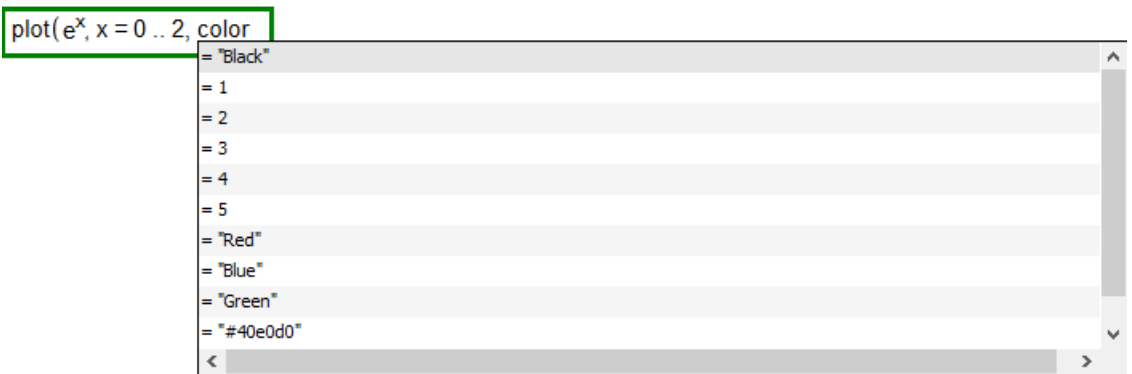
Similar in concept and design to command completion, argument completion makes it easier to enter commands. When enabled, as you type commands, Maple Flow offers automatic completions for arguments in many useful cases by displaying a popup list of suggested completions.



To use argument completion:

1. If only one item is suggested, press **Tab** to insert the suggested item into your expression.
2. If more than one item is listed, use the arrow keys to select an entry then press **Tab**. You can alternatively use your pointer to select an entry from the list.

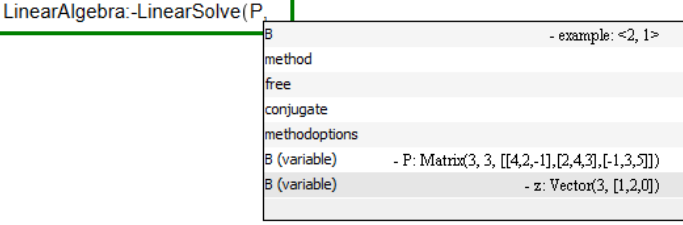
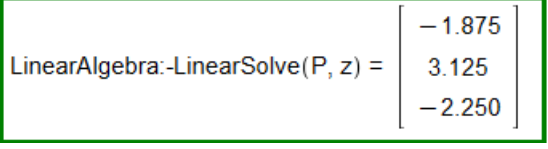
The argument completion list can include examples for some suggested items. In such a case, if you select that entry, the example is inserted.



The argument completion list will also include your previously defined variables, if they are of an appropriate type for the argument.

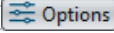
Example: Finding the solution to a matrix equation of the form $Ax=B$ using `LinearAlgebra:-LinearSolve`.

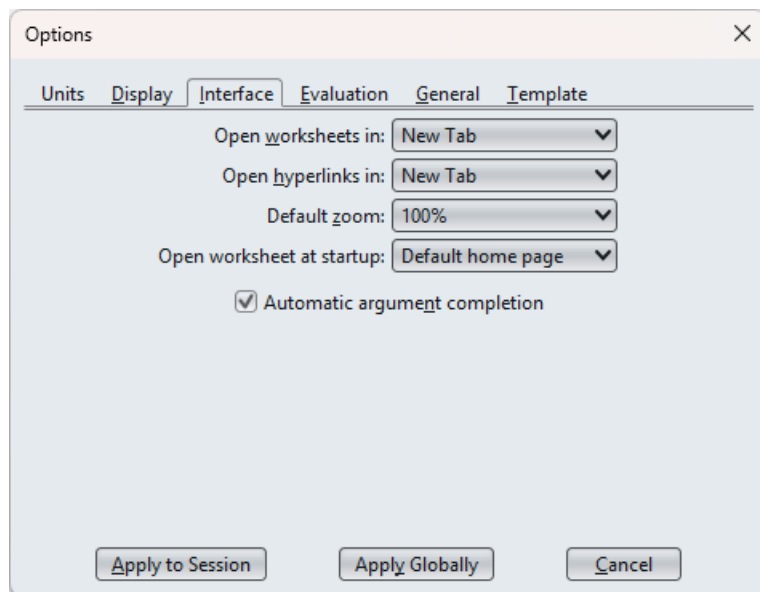
1. Define a matrix P and a vector z.	$P := \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 4 & 3 \\ -1 & 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \qquad z := \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$
2. Type <code>LinearAlgebra:-LinearSolve</code> A popup list appears. The second suggestion is the matrix you've defined above, P. Select this item.	LinearAlgebra:-LinearSolve(- example: <<2 1>, <0 1>> multiple (variable) - P: Matrix(3, 3, [[4,2,-1],[2,4,3],[-1,3,5]])

3. Type a comma. Another popup list appears. Find and select the entry for z. In this case, it is the last entry listed.	
4. Close the parenthesis for the command's arguments, and type = The problem is complete.	$P := \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 4 & 3 \\ -1 & 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \quad z := \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ 

Note: Automatic argument completion is off by default.

To turn on argument completion:

1. From the **File** menu, click **Options** (.
2. Select the **Interface** tab.



3. Select the **Automatic argument completion** check box.
4. Click either **Apply to Session** or **Apply Globally**.

6.9 Execute a Worksheet from Any Other Worksheet

A worksheet can be treated as a function that you can call from another worksheet. Similar to functions, you can change parameters and get new results. See the **DocumentTools:-RunWorksheet** help page in the in-product help for more information.

Note: The **RunWorksheet** feature is available on Windows only for Maple Flow worksheets

This mechanism is also used in executing a worksheet from outside programs, such as Python. This is described in *Executing Maple Flow Worksheets from Python* (page 91).

Connectivity between Maple Flow and Excel is described in *Maple Flow Add-in for Excel* (page 81).

6.10 Code Editor

The Code Editor lets you write Maple procedures to use in a Maple Flow canvas. To learn how to write a Maple procedure, read the online Maple Programming Guide:

<https://www.maplesoft.com/support/help/Maple/view.aspx?path=ProgrammingGuide/Contents>

To view the code editor, on the **Math** tab of the ribbon, click **Code Window** ()

Note: You can only enter proc definitions in the code editor. That is, your code should be in the form:

```
FirstProc:=proc(...) ... end proc;
NextProc:=proc(...) ... end proc;
```

To define the procedure, enclose a sequence of statements between **proc(...)** and **end proc** statements, and specify the parameter name(s) in the parentheses after the proc statement. For example, a simple definition for a procedure that takes one parameter and returns the square of the parameter is:

```
MyProc:=proc(x) x^2; end proc;
```

6.11 Restore Backup

You can restore a backed up document.

By default, backups of open files are automatically saved. See more information below.

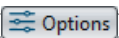
To restore backups:

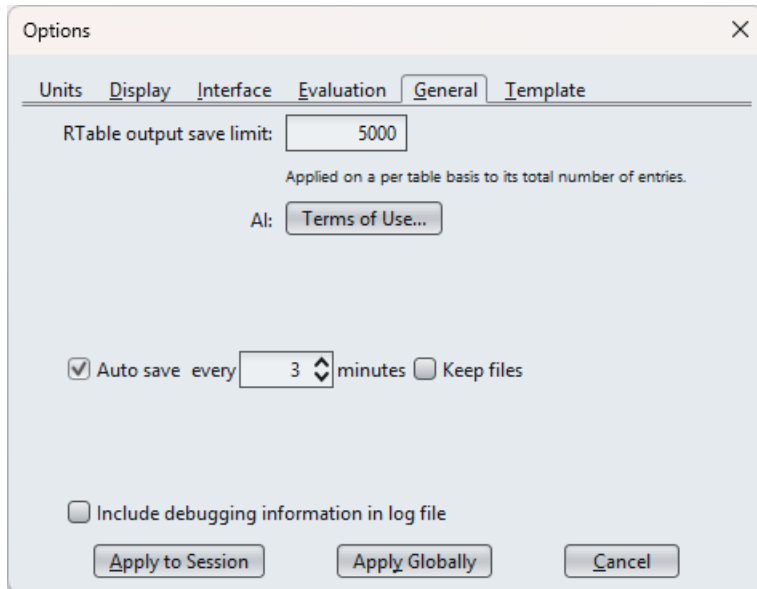
1. From the **File** menu, select **Restore Backup** (). All backed up files are listed.
2. In the **Open Backup Files** window, select the backup file that you want to open.
3. Click **Open**. Use **Save As** to save the backup file as a Maple Flow worksheet.

Auto Save

By default, the auto save feature automatically saves all open documents.

To change this setting:

1. From the **File** menu, click **Options** ().
2. Under the **General** tab, select or clear the **Auto save** check box.
3. Change the frequency for saving files by entering the number of minutes.
4. Select the **Keep files** check box (described below).
5. Click **Apply to Session**, **Apply Globally**, or **Cancel**.



Auto save saves a copy of the file. The filename is the worksheet's filename with `_MAS` appended to it. When the worksheet is manually saved, the `_MAS` file is deleted.

When you open a `_MAS` worksheet that has been automatically saved, the worksheet is read-only. Therefore, you must use **Save As** to save the `_MAS` worksheet as a Maple Flow worksheet.

Auto save does not save the worksheet if the worksheet has not been changed.

The auto save files are saved in a subdirectory of your home directory. For example,

- On Windows, `C:\Users\userid\mapleflow\backup`, where **userid** is your user ID.
- On Mac, `$HOME/MapleFlow/Backup`

Keep Files: You can control whether auto save files are kept or deleted when Maple Flow is shut down normally.

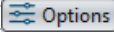
- To retain the auto save files when Maple is shut down normally, in the Auto save settings, select **Keep files**. With **Keep files** selected, Maple creates multiple copies of backup files.
- To discard the auto save files when Maple is shut down normally, clear the **Keep files** check box.

6.12 Logging Debugging Information

Maple Flow uses a log file. It always includes some information on the startup routine.

If necessary, you can enable the logging of debugging information into the log file. This information may be needed if you contact Technical Support.

To enable logging of debugging information:

1. From the **File** menu, click **Options** ().
2. Under the General tab, select **Include debugging information in log file**.
3. Click **Apply to Session** to apply for the current Maple Flow session only, or click **Apply Globally** to apply the setting to the current session and future sessions.
Now, the log file will include information that can be used for troubleshooting.

Note: The log file is located here:

- On macOS: `~/Users/username/.maplesoft/maplesoft.log`

- On Windows: `C:\Users\username\.maplesoft\maplesoft.log`

7 Printing and Exporting to PDF

7.1 Printing a Maple Flow Document

The following sections describe settings you can control when printing or exporting to PDF.

Whenever you prepare a document for printing or exporting to PDF, the entire document re-evaluates if needed so everything reflects the current state.

7.2 Print Extents

You can display print extents. When this mode is selected, dashed horizontal and vertical lines indicate the extents of a printable page, taking into account the chosen page size, margins and headers/footers. Pages are printing column-by-column.

To enable Print Extents:

- On the **Document** tab of the ribbon, in the **View** group, select **Print Extents**.

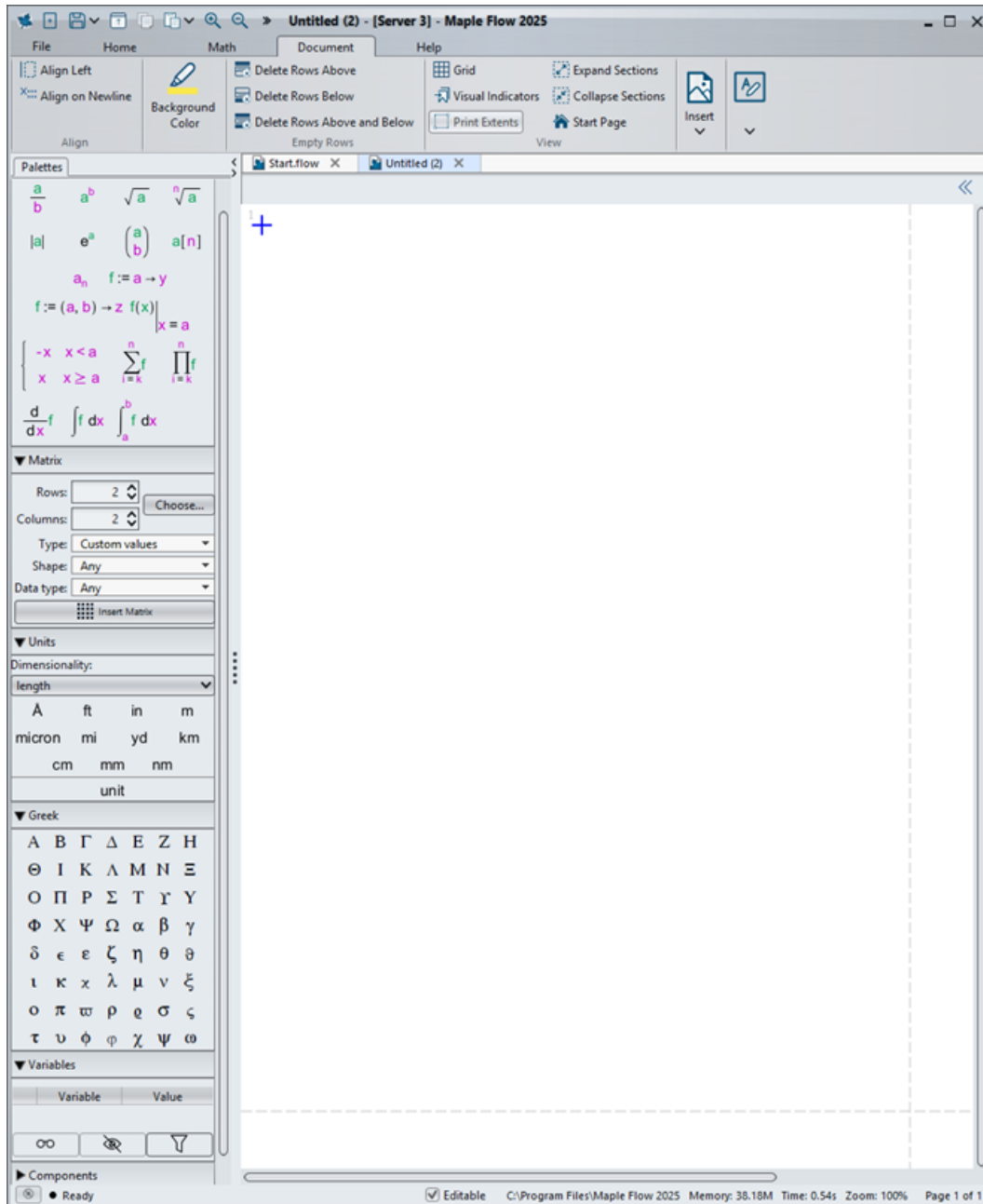
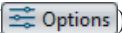


Figure 7.1: Print extents

The on-screen positioning and size of math, text, plots, and images will be reflected in the printed page or exported PDF.

You can make this view the default for all your Maple Flow documents through the Options Dialog:

1. From the **File** menu, click **Options** ()
2. Under the Display tab, under view, select **View Print Extents**.
3. Click **Apply to Session** to apply for the current Maple Flow session only, or click **Apply Globally** to apply the setting to the current session and future sessions.

Note: If you only want to print the left-most page, under **File > Print > Print Settings**, select **Print single page width**. This is useful, for example, if you write extra notes to the side of your work. By using print extents and this setting, you can ensure those notes do not end up in the printed version of your document.

7.3 Headers/Footers

You can specify a header and/or footer. This will be seen in the printed page or exported PDF, but not in the working environment.

To define a header and footer:

- On the **Document** tab of the ribbon, select **Header and Footer** ().

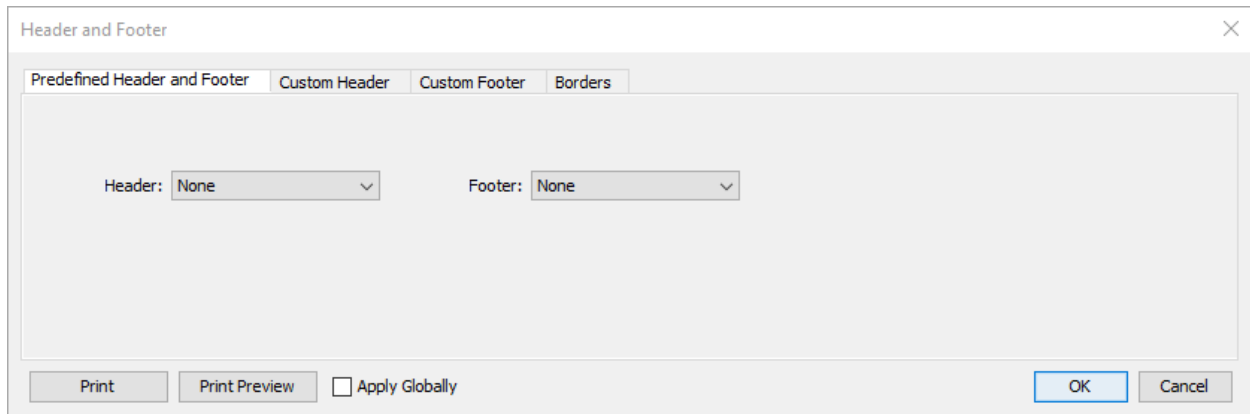


Figure 7.2: Inserting Headers and Footers

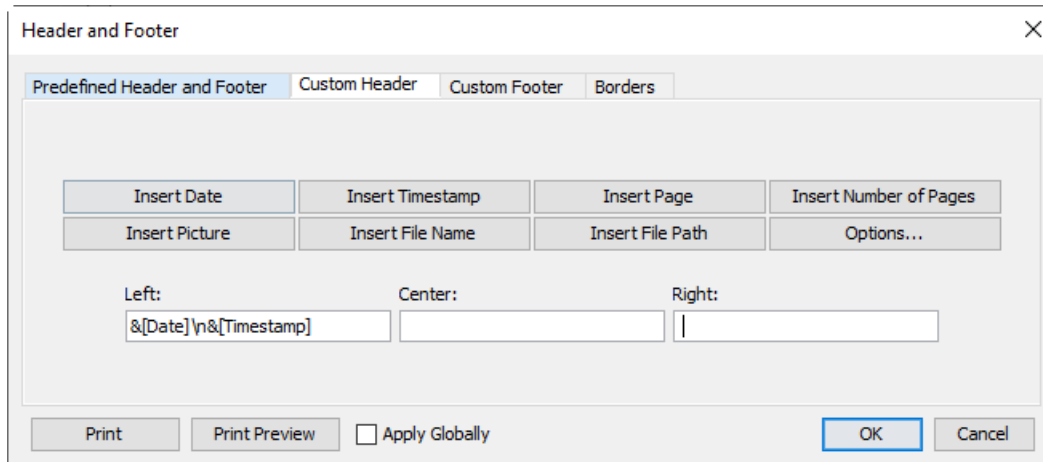
Headers and footers can be customized, making it easy to create standardized templates. A header or footer can include date, timestamp, image, document name, page number, and so on. You can draw borders around the header, footer, or the body of the document.

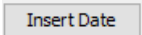
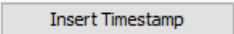
To create a multi-line header or footer, use a newline character.

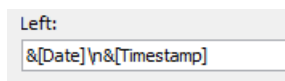
- On Windows, use `\n`
- On Mac, use `\r`

For example, to create a multi-line header in Windows that contains the date and timestamp on different lines:

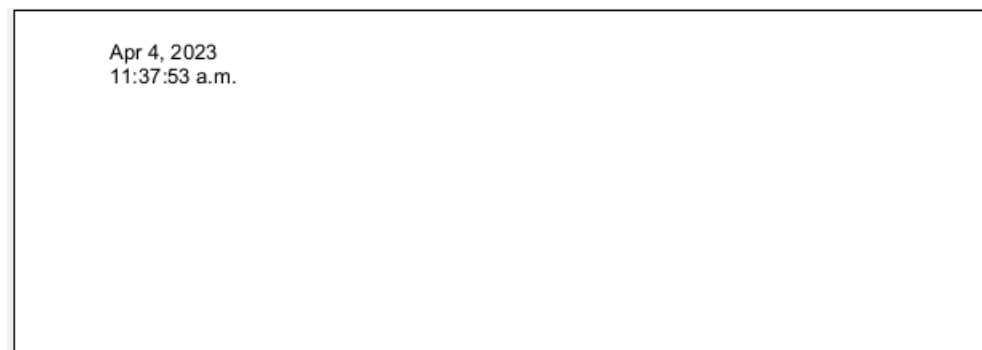
1. On the **Document** tab of the ribbon, select **Header and Footer** (.
2. In the Header and Footer window, select the Custom Header tab.



3. In the **Left:** text field, click .
4. Also, in the **Left:** text field, after the newly inserted date, type "\n".
5. Click . The **Left:** text field will look like this:



6. Click **OK**.
7. Finally, If you open Print Preview, your header should look like this:



Note: For headers or footers on the same line, use the spacebar to insert a space between header or footer elements.

Apply a Header or Footer to All Your Documents

To apply the header or footer to all documents:

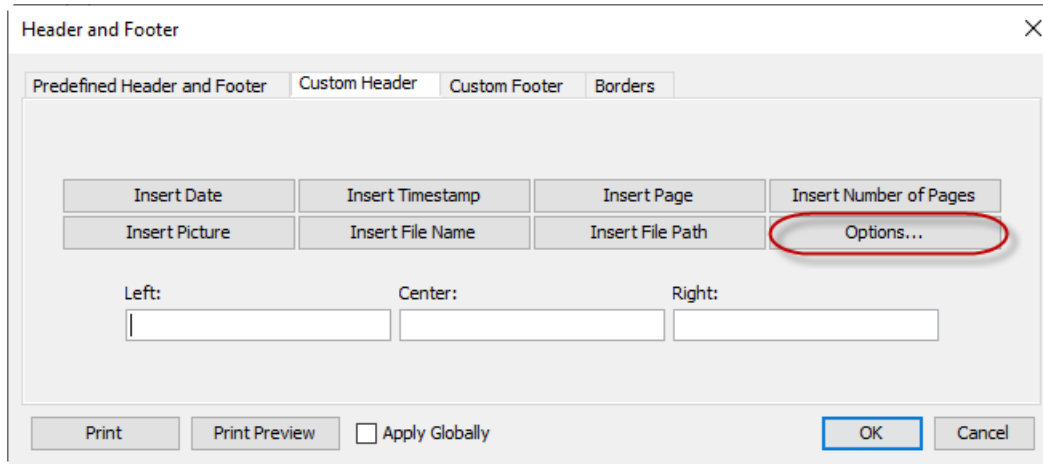
- Select **Apply Globally**.

To remove the global definition, open the header/footer dialog and select None for both header and footer, and check **Apply Globally**.

To edit the global definition, open the header/footer dialog, made the desired edits, and then check **Apply Globally**.

Additional Options

To access additional formatting options, click **Options**.



From the Options menu, you can adjust:

Start headers on page. Use the option arrow buttons to select on which page you want the headers to begin appearing.

Start page numbers at. Use the option arrow buttons to select the page you want numbering to begin appearing.

Date Format: You can adjust the date format in your header or footer by selecting one of the available options from the list.

Date Format Choice	Displayed as
Short	2023-04-04
Medium	Apr 4, 2023
Long	April 4, 2023
Full	Tuesday, April 4, 2023

Scale Image. Scale the size of the inserted image as a percentage of the original size.

7.4 Page Setup

The **Page Setup** dialog lets you change the page size, orientation, and margins, for printing.

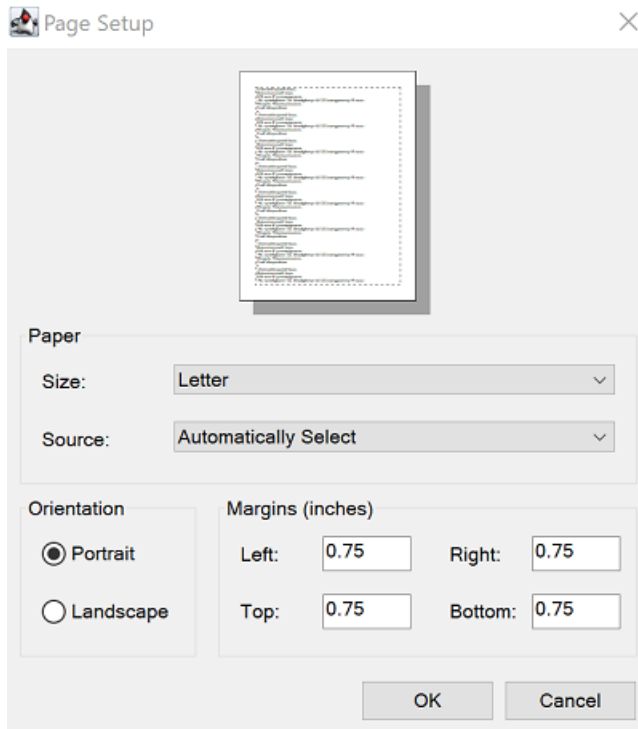


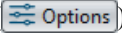
Figure 7.3: Page Setup

To specify the page setup for one document:

- Use **File > Print > Page Setup** () to specify the settings.

The page layout is saved with the document and remembered when it is reopened.

To set the default page layout:

1. From the **File** menu, click **Options** (.
2. In the **Template** tab, click **Set default page layout**. The Page Setup dialog opens. Specify the settings and click **OK**.
3. Click **Apply to Session** to apply for the current Maple Flow session only, or click **Apply Globally** to apply the setting to the current session and future sessions.

7.5 Print Preview

The **File > Print > Print Preview** menu lets you preview the printed page or exported PDF.

7.6 Export to PDF

On Windows:

To export the worksheet to PDF:

1. Select **File > Export As** (.
2. Browse to the desired location and specify a filename. Click **Save**.

On Mac:

To create a PDF of the worksheet:

1. Select **File > Print**.
2. Select **Save as PDF**.
3. Specify a filename. Click **Save**.

7.7 Printing a Worksheet with Sections

Whether printing or exporting to PDF, if your Maple Flow worksheet has sections, you can select how it is printed.

Select **File > Print > Print Settings**. Select one of the following:

- Print/export document with all sections expanded.
- Print/export document keeping sections exactly as shown on-screen.

If you selected the first option, in addition, specify whether to print the section boundary markers.

For more information on controlling the display of sections, see *Controlling the Display of Sections* (page 37).

8 Maple Flow Add-in for Excel

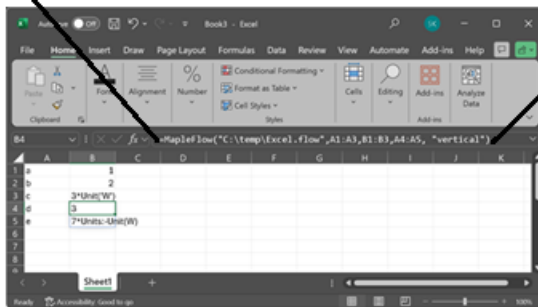
8.1 Introduction

The Maple Flow Add-in for Microsoft® Excel lets you run Maple Flow worksheets from an Excel spreadsheet.

You can use the Maple Flow Add-in for Excel to:

- Provide a simple spreadsheet-based interface for your Maple Flow worksheets, presenting only the inputs you want users to change, and outputs you want users to view.
- Use Excel to perform parameter sweeps on a Maple Flow worksheet.
- Use the optimization tools available in Excel to find the parameter values that drive a Maple Flow worksheet to a minimum, maximum, or a given value.

```
=MapleFlow("C:\temp\Excel.flow",A1:A3,B1:B3,A4:A5, "vertical")
```



Within Excel, Maple Flow worksheets can be treated as a "black box." You can

- send parameter values from Excel into the Maple Flow worksheet,
- and extract the value of selected variables into Excel.

In addition to a function you can call from an Excel cell, a convenient interface lets you

- Browse to pick a Maple Flow worksheet.
- View all the parameters defined in the worksheet, together with their initial values.
- Choose which parameters you want to vary from Excel.
- Choose which results you want to return to Excel.

8.2 Requirements

Using the Maple Flow Add-in for Excel requires:

- Excel 2019 or Excel 365
- Maple Flow 2025.1 or higher
- Windows operating system

8.3 Enabling the Add-in for Excel

To enable the Maple Flow Add-in for Excel:

1. In Excel, go to **File > Options > Add-ins**.
2. In the **Manage** box, select **Excel Add-ins**, and then click **Go**.
3. Click **Browse** and navigate to the Excel subdirectory of your Maple Flow installation, for instance, **C:\Program Files\Maple Flow 2025\Excel**.
4. Select the file **WMIMPLEX64.xla** and click **OK**. The custom toolbar show should appear as shown in **Figure 8.1**.

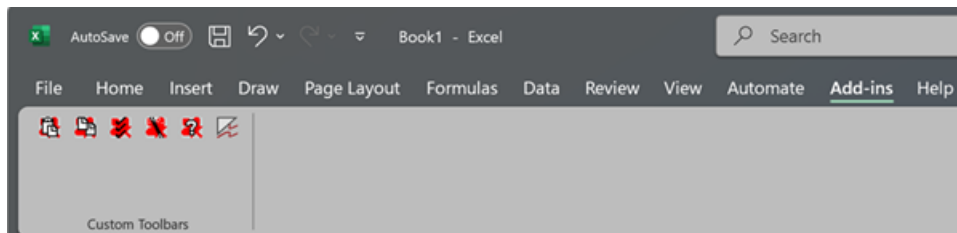


Figure 8.1: The Maple Flow Add-in for Excel toolbar

The first four buttons on the left should be ignored if you do not have Maple installed. They cannot be used with Maple Flow.

The button on the right, as seen in **Figure 8.2**, initiates the Maple Flow Worksheet Wizard. If the buttons do not appear after following these steps, you may need to restart Excel.



Figure 8.2: Maple Flow Worksheet Wizard button

8.4 The MapleFlow Command

After it is installed, the Maple Flow add-in for Excel provides you with a command that lets you interrogate a Maple Flow worksheet from an Excel cell. The command is called `MapleFlow` and defines

- what variables are inputs, and the cells in which they are found in Excel
- what variables are outputs, and the cells in which they should be exported to in Excel

The two calling sequences are described below.

Calling Sequence 1

Syntax

```
=MapleFlow(filePath,{input_labels},{input_values},{output_labels},substitutions,horizontal_or_vertical)
```

Parameter	Format	Description
file_path	String	Path to the Maple Flow worksheet
input_labels	Strings of the form "in_name_1","in_name_2","in_name_3",...	Name of variables in the worksheet whose value is to be changed
input_values	Strings of the form "in_value_1", "in_value_2", "in_value_3",...	Values of variables to be changed, in the same order as input_labels

Parameter	Format	Description
output_names	Strings of the form "out_name_1", "out_name_2", "out_name_3"	Names of variables whose value is to be extracted into Excel
substitutions	Optional cell references of the form cell_1, cell_2, cell_3, ...	Values to be substituted into input_values to replace references to &1, &2, &3 etc
horizontal_or_vertical	Optional string of the form "horizontal" or "vertical" (default: horizontal)	Determines if matrix results are to be spilled into rows ("horizontal") or columns ("vertical")

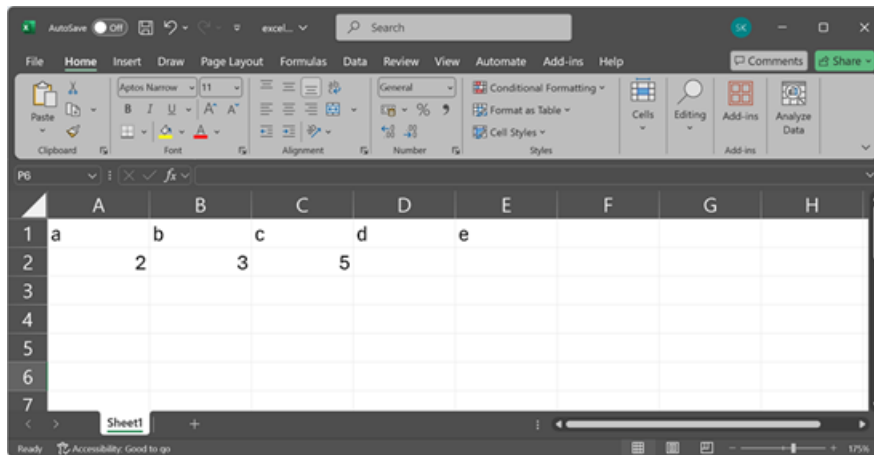
Example

Consider a Maple Flow worksheet (called Excel.flow and located in C:\temp) that defines values a, b, and c, and calculates d and e.

$a := 1$ $b := 2$ $c := 3\text{ W}$

$d := a + b = 3$ $e := c + 4\text{ W} = 7\text{ W}$

Consider an Excel spreadsheet that is structured like so:



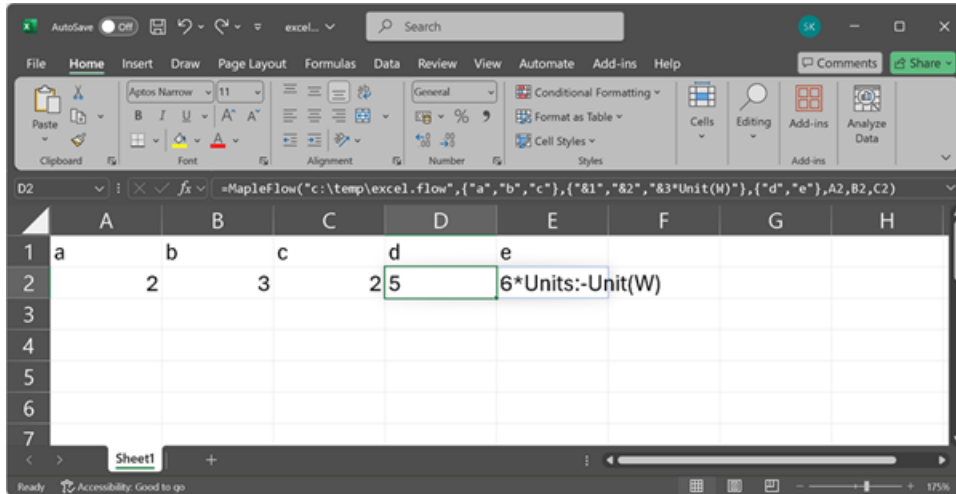
where

- the inputs a, b, and c are in columns A, B and C.
- columns D and E will contain the outputs d and e.

This formula is entered into cell D2

```
=MapleFlow("c:\temp\excel.flow",{"a","b","c"},{"&1","&2","&3*Unit(W)"},{"d","e"},A2,B2,C2)
```

Cells D2 and E2 are now populated with the values of c and d calculated from the worksheet.



Note: The MapleFlow command returns a matrix which "spills over" into cell E2.

Calling Sequence 2

This is the calling sequence returned by the Worksheet Wizard. For more information, see *Maple Flow Worksheet Wizard Tutorial* (page 86).

Syntax

```
MapleFlow(filePath,input_label_cell,input_value_cell,output_label_cell,horizontal_or_vertical)
```

Parameter	Format	Description
file_path	String	Path to the Maple Flow worksheet
input_label_cell	Cell reference or cell range	Name of variables in the worksheet whose value is to be changed
input_value_cell	Cell reference or cell range	Value of variables to be changed in the worksheet
output_label_cell	Cell reference or cell range	Names of variables whose value is to be extracted into Excel
horizontal_or_vertical	Optional string of the form "horizontal" or "vertical" (default: "horizontal")	Determines if matrix results are to be spilled into rows ("horizontal")

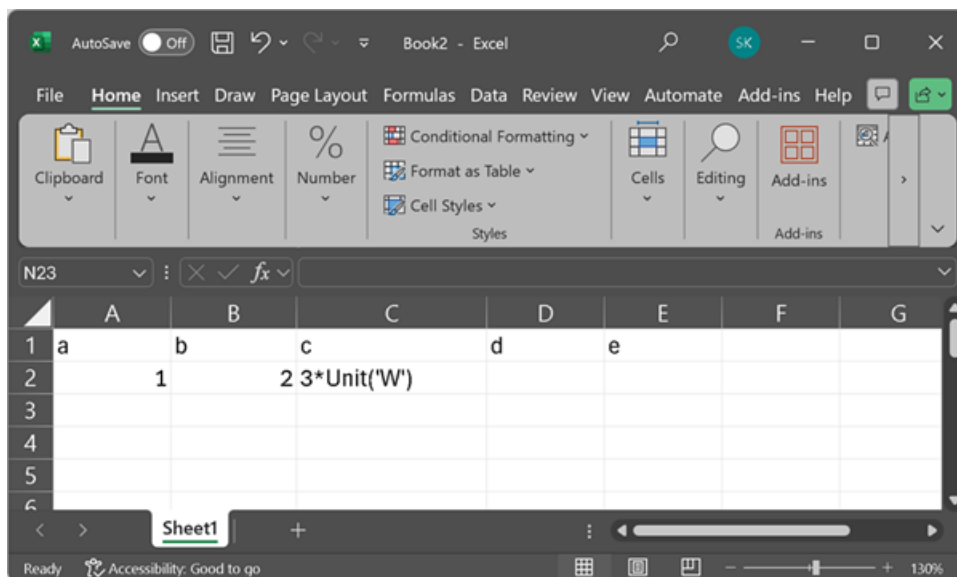
Example

Consider a Maple Flow worksheet (called Excel.flow and located in C:\temp) that defines values a, b, and c, and calculates d and e.

a := 1 b := 2 c := 3 W

d := a+b = 3 e := c+4 W = 7 W

The initial Excel spreadsheet is structured like so:



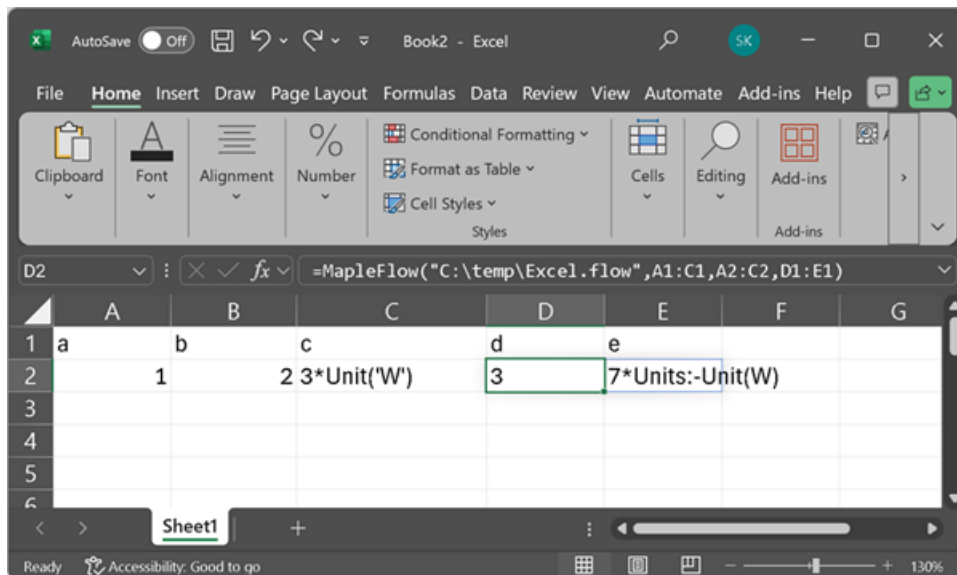
Note that:

- The input variable names are in range A1:C1.
- The input variable values are in range A2:C2.
- The output variable names are in range D1:E1.

If the user enters the following formula into cell A...

```
=MapleFlow("C:\temp\Excel.flow",A1:C1,A2:C2,D1:E1)
```

...then the following result is seen in Excel.



8.5 Maple Flow Worksheet Wizard Tutorial

Here, we will demonstrate the use of the Worksheet Wizard using a sample worksheet installed with Maple Flow, **CompressorPowerforaSupersonicWindTunnelatSteadystateandStartup.flow**.

1. Start Excel and click once on a cell in Excel. (Do not double-click to force focus inside a cell.)

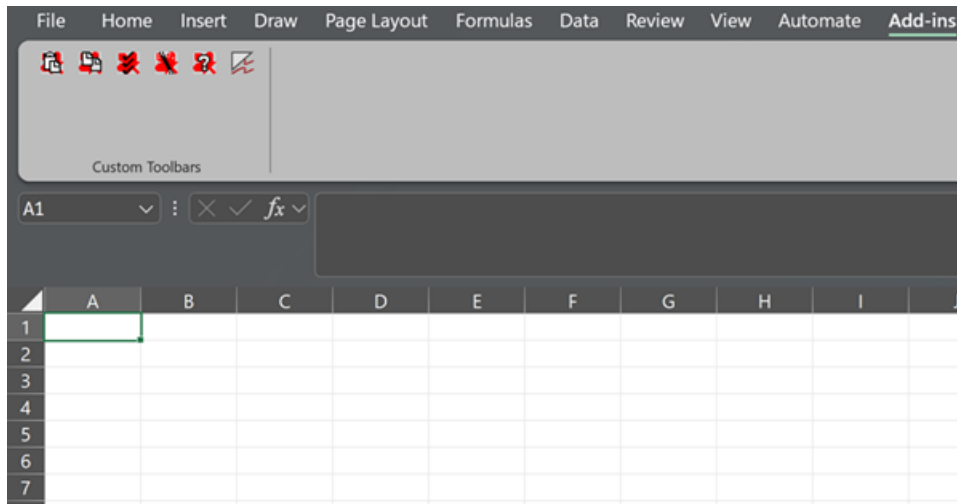


Figure 8.3: Selecting where you want your Maple Flow inputs and outputs in Excel

2. In the add-in toolbar, click the Maple Flow Worksheet Wizard button (**Figure 8.2**). This initiates the Worksheet Wizard menu (**Figure 8.4**).

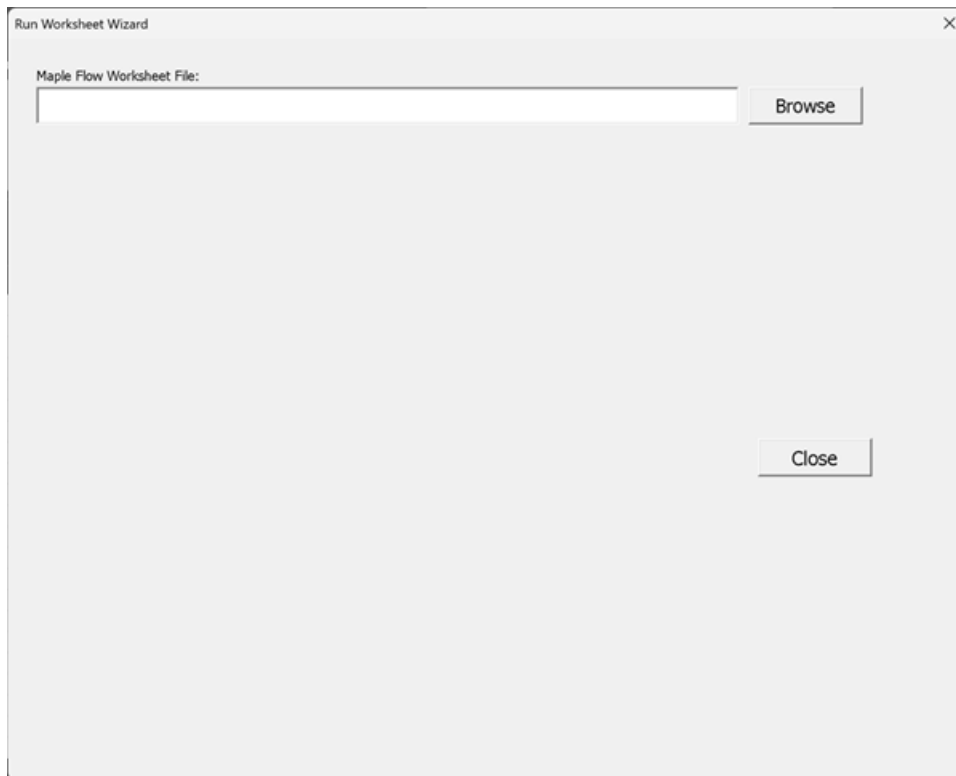


Figure 8.4: Initial Worksheet Wizard screen

3. Click **Browse** and navigate to the data\examples subdirectory of your Maple Flow installation, for instance, **C:\Program Files\Maple Flow 2025\data\examples**.

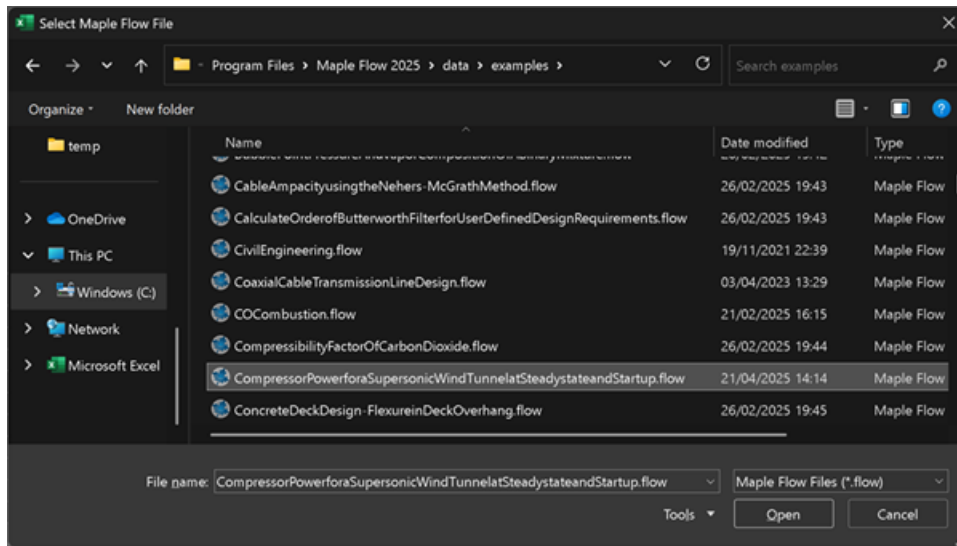


Figure 8.5: File browser for Maple Flow Worksheet Wizard

4. Select **CompressorPowerforaSupersonicWindTunnelatSteadystateandStartup.flow** and then click **Open**.
5. Click **Load Variables**.

The Worksheet Wizard now shows all the variables and functions defined in the worksheet, together with their initial values. See **Figure 8.6**.

- a. Any check boxes selected in the IN: column are the variables you want to vary from inside Excel.
- b. Any check boxes selected in the OUT: column are the variables you want to export to Excel.

Run Worksheet Wizard

C:\Program Files\Maple Flow 2025\data\examples\CompressorPowerforaSupersoni Browse

Load Variables

IN:	OUT:	Variable Name:	Initial Value:
☐	☐	A__test	$1/4 * \pi * D_test^2$
☐	☐	Cp	ThermophysicalData:-Property(C,air,P :
☐	☐	D__test	.25*Unit('m')
☐	☐	M__test	2.5
☐	☐	P__test	ThermophysicalData:-Atmosphere(heig
☐	☐	T__test	ThermophysicalData:-Atmosphere(heig
☐	☐	a__test	ThermophysicalData:-Atmosphere(heig
☐	☐	height	.5*Unit('km')
☐	☐	k	1.4
☐	☐	m	$\rho_test * A_test * M_test * a_test$
☐	☐	ΔT	$T_test_stag * ((1/' \#msub(mi("PR",fon$
☐	☐	AR__isen	$(1/2 * k + 1/2)^{-(k+1)/(2*k-2)} * (1 + (1/2$
☐	☐	AR__shock	PR__test_stag
☐	☐	A__diffuser	$A_test / AR_shock / AR_isen$
☐	☐	PR__stag_start	$((k+1) * M_test^2 / ((k-1) * M_test^2 +$
☐	☐	PR__test_stag	$((k+1) * M_test^2 / ((k-1) * M_test^2 +$
☐	☐	P__start	$W_start * m$
☐	☐	P__steady	$W_steady * m$
☐	☐	TR__isen	$1 / (1 + (1/2 * k - 1/2) * M_test^2)$
☐	☐	T__test_stag	T_test / TR_isen
☐	☐	W__start	$Cp * T_test_stag * ((1/PR_stag_start)^$
☐	☐	W__steady	$Cp * \Delta T$
☐	☐	mu__test	ThermophysicalData:-Atmosphere(heig
☐	☐	rho__test	ThermophysicalData:-Atmosphere(heig
☐	☐	M__diff_up_shock	$fsolve(1/AR_shock = (1/2 * k + 1/2)^{-(k+1)/(2*k-2)},r$
☐	☐	#msub(mi("PR",fontstyle = "normal"),r	$((k+1) * M_diff_up_shock^2 / ((k-1) * M$

☐ Insert As Row

Insert Close

Figure 8.6: Worksheet Wizard populated by variables and initial values

6. In the **IN:** column, select D__test, M__test, and height.
7. In the **OUT:** column, select P__start and P__steady.

Figure 8.7 illustrates what you should now see.

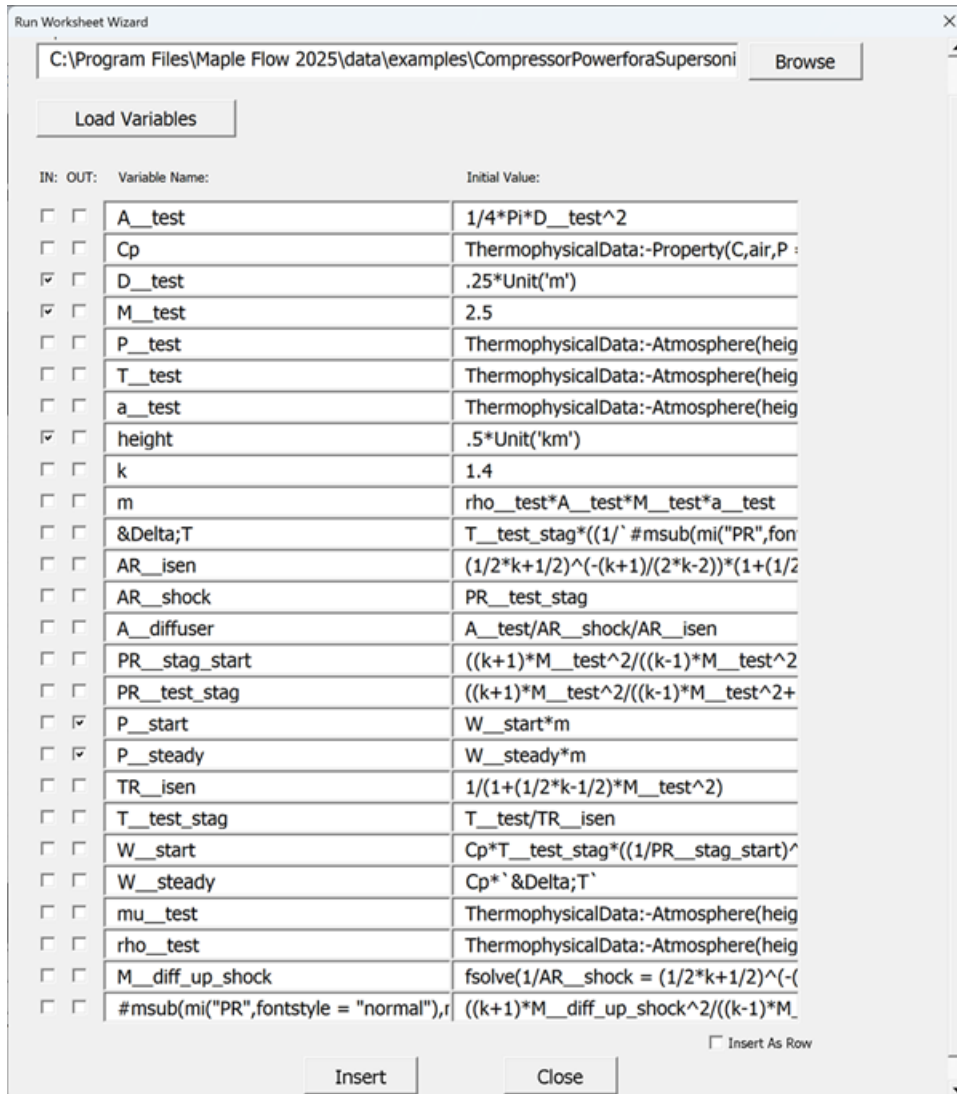


Figure 8.7: Picking inputs and outputs in the Worksheet Wizard

8. Clicking **Insert** inserts the communication command inside the Excel cell. See **Figure 8.8**.

	A	B	C	D
1	D_test	.25*Unit('m')		
2	M_test	2.5		
3	height	.5*Unit('km')		
4	P_start	6865865.420*Units:-Unit(W)		
5	P_steady	4436066.717*Units:-Unit(W)		

Figure 8.8: Content inserted into Excel by the Worksheet Wizard

If you change the values of D__test, M__test, and height, you will see updated results for P__start and P__steady.

	A	B	C	D
1	D_test	$4.5 * \text{Unit('inch')}$		
2	M_test	3		
3	height	$900 * \text{Unit('m')}$		
4	P_start	$3466387.226 * \text{Units:-Unit(W)}$		
5	P_steady	$2443486.736 * \text{Units:-Unit(W)}$		

Figure 8.9: Spreadsheet content after parameters are changed

Clicking the cell next to P__start reveals the formula inserted by the Worksheet Wizard. See Figure 8.10.

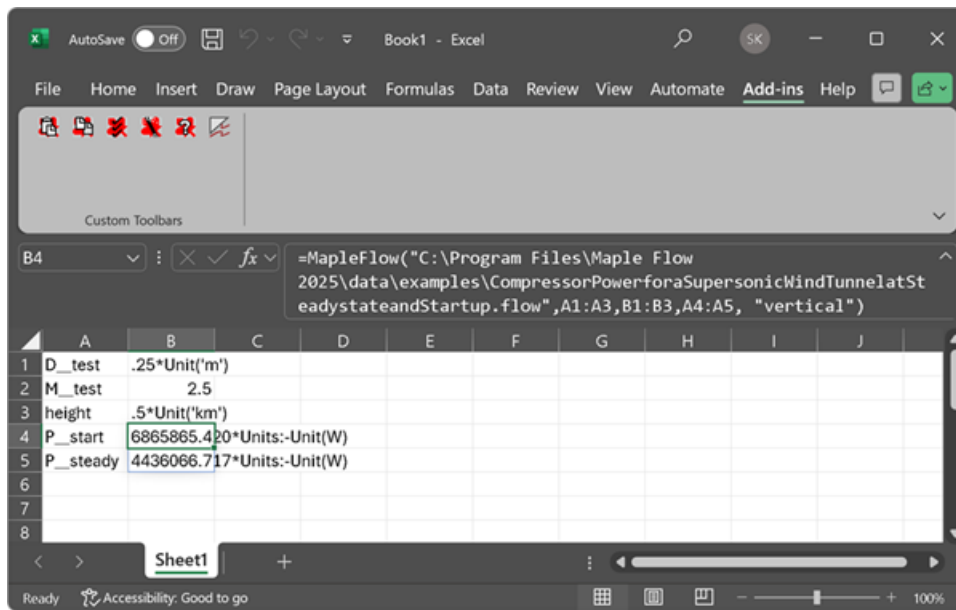


Figure 8.10: Function inserted by the Worksheet Wizard

9 Executing Maple Flow Worksheets from Python

9.1 Introduction

You can execute Maple Flow worksheets from Python. You can change the value of parameters in those worksheets and extract the results you want.

You can do this from the Python distribution installed with Maple Flow, or from a Python distribution that you install yourself.

Maple Flow worksheets are executed via the **DocumentTools:-RunWorksheet** command, whose syntax is described in the in-product help.

This chapter

- Demonstrates how to set up the connection between Maple Flow and Python.
- Provides sample Python code for running an example worksheet.

The guide is written for Windows users, but similar results can be achieved on macOS.

9.2 Running Maple Flow with the Built-in Python Distribution

Maple Flow ships with a Python distribution. This section demonstrates how to run a Maple Flow example using this Python distribution.

Environment Variables and Native Library Path

You will first need to define some environment settings.

Set the MAPLE environment variable

The MAPLE environment variable must be set to the base directory of the Maple Flow installation. This directory can be queried by executing **kernelopts(mapledir)** in a worksheet.

```
kernelopts(mapledir) = "C:\Program Files\Maple Flow 2026"
```

Figure 9.1: Querying the location of the MAPLE environment variable

Figure 9.2 shows the Windows Environment Variable manager; the MAPLE environment variable has been defined (and marked as 1) and is given the path from **Figure 9.1**.

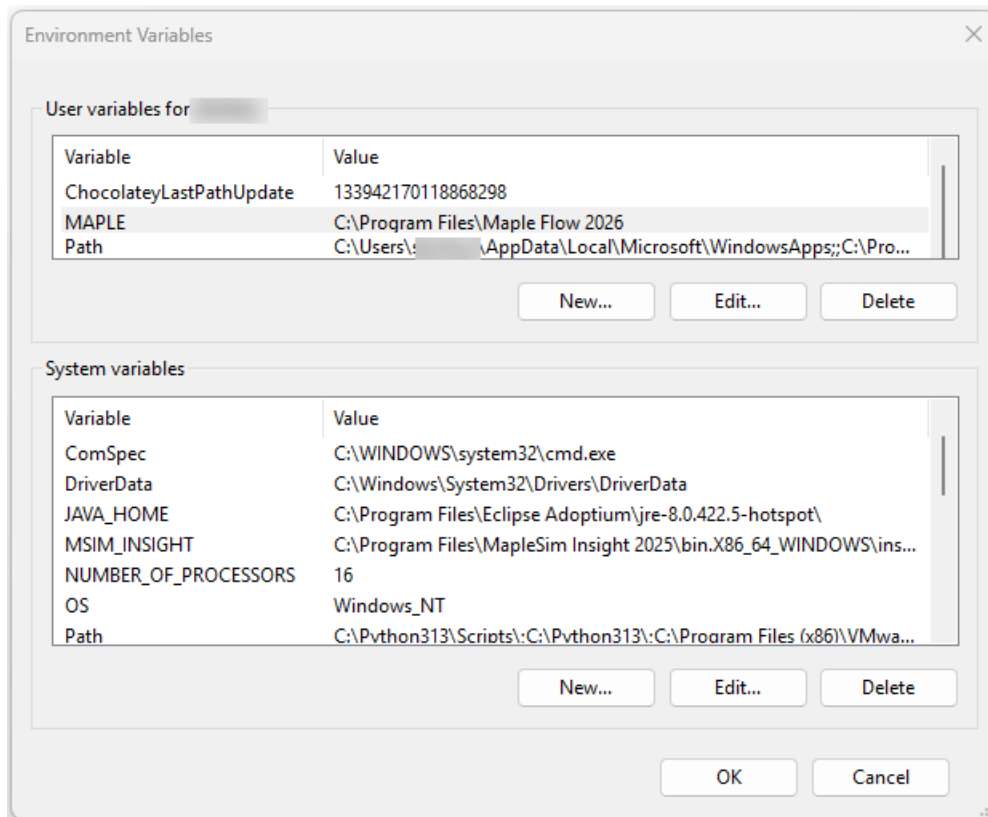


Figure 9.2: Setting the MAPLE environment variable

Add the native library path to the system path

The native library provides the link between Maple and Python.

By default, the native library is installed in the Maple binary directory. To determine this location, evaluate **kernelopts(bindir)** as in Figure 9.3.

```
kernelopts(bindir) = "C:\Program Files\Maple Flow 2026\bin.X86_64_WINDOWS"
```

Figure 9.3: Querying the location of the native library in Maple Flow

Append the location of the native library to the user Path environment variable, marked as 2 in Figure 9.1.

Launch the Python Interpreter and Execute a Sample Worksheet

After completing the setup steps, you can run a Maple Flow worksheet from Python. In this section, we demonstrate this using a sample worksheet, **CompressorPowerforaSupersonicWindTunnelatSteadystateandStartup.flow**

1. Using File Explorer, navigate to the Maple Flow installation folder. (A typical location is **C:\Program Files\Maple Flow 2026\Python.X86_64_WINDOWS**.)
2. Double-click **python.exe**.
3. Run the following commands in the Python interpreter. You may have to execute each line one-by-one in the Python interpreter.

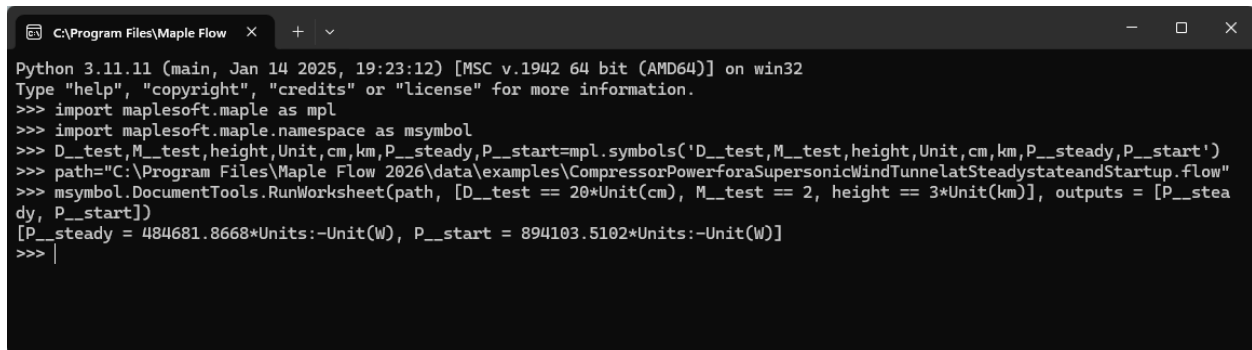
```
import maplesoft.maple as mpl
import maplesoft.maple.namespace as msymbol
```

```
D__test,M__test,height,Unit,cm,km,P__steady, P__start=mpl.symbols('D__test,
M__test,height,Unit,cm,km,P__steady,P__start')

path="C:\Program Files\Maple Flow
2026\data\examples\CompressorPowerforaSupersonicWindTunnelatSteadystateandStartup.flow"

msymbol.DocumentTools.RunWorksheet(path, [D__test == 20*Unit(cm), M__test == 2, height
== 3*Unit(km)], outputs = [P__steady, P__start])
```

Your output should be similar to that in **Figure 9.4**.



```
Python 3.11.11 (main, Jan 14 2025, 19:23:12) [MSC v.1942 64 bit (AMD64)] on win32
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
>>> import maplesoft.maple as mpl
>>> import maplesoft.maple.namespace as msymbol
>>> D__test,M__test,height,Unit,cm,km,P__steady,P__start=mpl.symbols('D__test,M__test,height,Unit,cm,km,P__steady,P__start')
>>> path="C:\Program Files\Maple Flow 2026\data\examples\CompressorPowerforaSupersonicWindTunnelatSteadystateandStartup.flow"
>>> msymbol.DocumentTools.RunWorksheet(path, [D__test == 20*Unit(cm), M__test == 2, height == 3*Unit(km)], outputs = [P__steady, P__start])
[P__steady = 484681.8668*Units:-Unit(W), P__start = 894103.5102*Units:-Unit(W)]
>>>
```

Figure 9.4: Result of executing a Maple Flow worksheet in Python

9.3 Running Python from an External Python Installation

First, set the MAPLE environment variable as described in *Set the MAPLE environment variable (page 91)*.

Then, in your Python code, append this path to the system path: **C:\Program Files\Maple Flow 2026\Python.X86_64_WINDOWS\lib**

An example is shown in **Figure 9.1**. The first two lines import the sys library, and then append the native library path.

```
import sys

sys.path.append("C:\Program Files\Maple Flow 2025\Python.X86_64_WINDOWS\lib")

import maplesoft.maple as mpl

import maplesoft.maple.namespace as msymbol

D__test,M__test,height,Unit,cm,km,P__steady, P__start=mpl.symbols('D__test,
M__test,height,Unit,cm,km,P__steady,P__start')

path="C:\Program Files\Maple Flow
2025\data\examples\CompressorPowerforaSupersonicWindTunnelatSteadystateandStartup.flow"

results=msymbol.DocumentTools.RunWorksheet(path, [D__test == 20*Unit(cm), M__test ==
2, height == 3*Unit(km)], outputs = [P__steady, P__start])

print(results)
```

Figure 9.5 shows a Spyder screenshot running this example code.

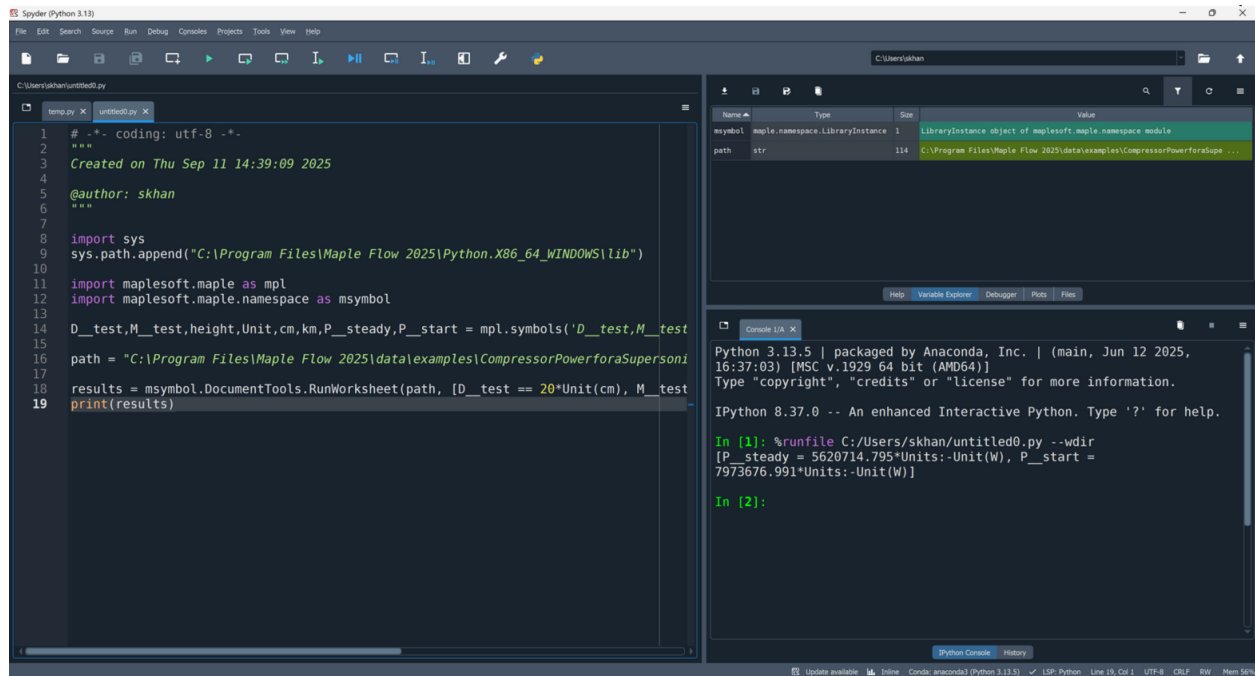


Figure 9.5: Executing a Maple Flow worksheet in Spyder

10 Keyboard Shortcuts

Maple Flow provides many keyboard shortcuts for ease of use. These are given in the following tables.

Table 10.1: Keyboard shortcuts for canvas operations

	Windows	Mac
Canvas operations		
With the grid cursor on an empty row: move the grid cursor, and all content below the grid cursor, down	Enter	Return
With the grid cursor on an empty row: move the grid cursor, and all content below the grid cursor, up	Backspace	Backspace
With the grid cursor on an empty row: move all content below the grid cursor up	Delete	Delete
With the grid cursor on a container: move the container	Ctrl + arrow keys Ctrl + Shift + arrow keys	Command + arrow keys Command + Shift + arrow keys
With the cursor in a container: delete the container	Ctrl + Delete	Command + Delete
Move to next container	F4	F4
Move to previous container	F3	F3
Cursor to top of canvas (first container)	Ctrl + Home	Command + Home
Cursor to bottom of canvas (last container)	Ctrl + End	Command + End

Table 10.2: Keyboard shortcuts for math entry

	Windows	Mac
Math		
Evaluate math and display output*	=	=
Update math container, then continue editing	Ctrl + Enter	Command + Return
Entering an equal sign to mean equality*	Ctrl+ =	Command + =
Add units to a value or expression	Ctrl + Shift + U	Command + Shift + U
Navigate through expression	[←][→][↑][↓]	[←][→][↑][↓]
Move cursor to different level in expression, e.g. out of exponent	[→]	[→]
Fraction $\frac{x}{y}$	x/y	x/y
Inline fraction x/y	x\y	x\y
Literal subscript x_n	x__n (two underscores)	x__n
Exponent x^n	x^n	x^n
Command or symbol completion	Esc, or Ctrl + Space	Esc, or Command + Shift + Space
Enter a Greek character**	Ctrl + G	Command + G
Navigate between placeholders in a math expression	Tab, or Shift + Tab (navigate backwards)	Tab, or Shift + Tab (navigate backwards)
Toggle between numeric/symbolic mode for math container	Alt + S	Ctrl + S
Soft new line	Shift + Enter	Shift + Return
Disable/enable evaluation of the worksheet	Ctrl + E	Command + E
Interrupt evaluation	F6	F6 + Command + . (period)

* You can change the behavior of the = key in a math container through the **Options > Evaluation** dialog. For details, see *Controlling Evaluation* (page 20).

Some notes on the evaluation shortcuts on international keyboards are found in the following table.

Table 10.3: International keyboard shortcuts for evaluation

	German keyboard	Japanese keyboard
Evaluate math and display output	Shift + 0, for Mac and Windows	Shift + -, for Mac and Windows
Entering an equal sign to mean equality	Shift + Alt + 0, for Windows Command + Shift + 0, for Mac	Ctrl + Shift + -, for Windows Command + Shift + -, for Mac

** To enter a Greek character, type the indicated Roman letter from the keymap in the following table, then type Ctrl + G (Command + G, for Mac) to get the corresponding Greek character.

Table 10.4: Greek keymap

Type	Lowercase Greek	Type	Uppercase Greek
a	α	A	Δ
b	β	B	Φ
c	χ	C	Γ
d	δ	D	Λ
e	ϵ	E	Σ
f	ϕ	F	Θ
g	γ	G	Ψ
h	η	H	Ω
i	ι	I	
j	ϕ	J	
k	κ	K	
l	λ	L	
m	μ	M	
n	ν	N	
o	$\omicron$	O	
p	π	P	
q	θ	Q	
r	ρ	R	
s	σ	S	
t	τ	T	
u	υ	U	
v	ϖ	V	
w	ω	W	

Type	Lowercase Greek	Type	Uppercase Greek
x	ξ	X	Ξ
y	ψ	Y	Ψ
z	ζ	Z	Ζ

Table 10.5: Keyboard shortcuts for text entry

	Windows	Mac
Text		
Create a text box	Space	Space
Switch to math entry in a text box	Ctrl + R	Command + R
Switch back to text entry	Ctrl + T	Command + T

Table 10.6: Keyboard shortcuts for drop-down list editor

Action	Windows	Mac
Activate the row and select all contents	Enter	Enter
Activate the row with the contents removed	Backspace	Delete
Activate the row with the cursor at the start of the content	Left arrow	Left arrow
Activate the row with the cursor at the end of the content	Right arrow	Right arrow
Insert row above the current selection	Ctrl + K	Command + K
Insert row below the current selection	Ctrl + J	Command + J
Delete the current selection	Delete	Command + Delete
Move the selection up one row	Ctrl + Up arrow	Command + Up arrow
Move the selection down one row	Ctrl + Down arrow	Command + Down arrow

Table 10.7: Drawing tools shortcuts

	Windows	Mac
Switch temporarily to the selection tool (when using another tool)	Tab	Command
Rotate object	Ctrl	Option

Table 10.8: Keyboard shortcuts for menu operations

	Windows	Mac
Accelerator key for ribbon	Alt	Alt
File		
New	Ctrl + N	Command + N
Open	Ctrl + O	Command + O
Close worksheet	Ctrl + F4	Command + W
Save	Ctrl + S	Command + S
Save as ...	Ctrl + Shift + S	Command + Shift + S
Print	Ctrl + P	Command + P
Page setup	Ctrl + Shift + P	Command + Shift + P
Exit	Alt + F4	Command + Q
Home		
Undo	Ctrl + Z	Command + Z
Redo	Ctrl + Y	Command + Shift + Z

	Windows	Mac
Find/Replace	Ctrl + F	Command + F
Zoom factor—default	Ctrl + 0	Command + 0
Zoom factor 75%	Ctrl + 1	Command + 1
Zoom factor 100%	Ctrl + 2	Command + 2
Zoom factor 125%	Ctrl + 3	Command + 3
Zoom factor 150%	Ctrl + 4	Command + 4
Zoom factor 200%	Ctrl + 5	Command + 5
Zoom factor 300%	Ctrl + 6	Command + 6
Zoom factor 400%	Ctrl + 7	Command + 7
Zoom in	Alt + Plus, or Alt + =	Control + Shift + =
Zoom out	Alt + -	Control + Minus, or Control + Shift + Minus
Remove section	Ctrl + Comma	Command + Shift + Comma
Select all	Ctrl + A	Command + A
Bold	Ctrl + B	Command + B
Italic	Ctrl + I	Command + I
Underline	Ctrl + U	Command + U
Math		
Code window	Ctrl + Shift + E	Command + Shift + E
Document		
Page break	Ctrl + Enter	Command + Return
Spellcheck	F7	F7
Help		
Maple Flow Help	F1	F1
Help on Context	F2	F2

Table 10.9: Mouse bindings

	Windows	Mac
Locate cursor	Single-click	Single-click
Select current word, in text container	Double-click	Double-click
Select entire matrix, piecewise expression, or container	Triple-click	Triple-click

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