

Re: Maple 8 | subs and matrices

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On Fri, 5 Nov 2004 cooch17@NOSPAMverizon.net wrote:

- > *And, as for the appropriate forum – good point. At one point, there*
- > *wasn't a Maple-specific list (or, if there was, my Unviersity news*
- > *server didn't have it available).*

I have on-and-off over the years had particular trouble accessing comp.soft-sys.math.maple from my Uniersity's servers, and even when the group is accessible, sometimes postings, even my own posings, take a week or so to appear. I have had no such trouble with other groups. I wonder how that happens. During those periods of trouble, I used Google to access the group. There is always a several-hour delay with Google (<http://groups.google.com>), but it is never, in my experience, a longer delay than that. Google is also useful when you want searchable archives or web-based access.

- > *But, on the larger topic – I wonder if there is a 'rationale' reason*
- > *for Maple not being consistent throughout – I don't see an obvious*
- > *reason for subs to work for some things, but not others.*

The reason for this particular weirdness is explained on the page [?last_name_eval](#). However, please give MapleSoft credit where credit is due: This inconsistency was corrected years ago by the LinearAlgebra package. However, in order to support the running of user legacy code, the old package with its idiosyncracies must remain. One supports consistency by using the newer package.