

## Re: MuPAD bugs: series can return 6 terms only

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Greetings,

I can't say that I agree with your (rather harsh) assessment of Mr. Bondarenko.

Although I'm sure he can state his reasons better than I can, it would appear that Mr. Bondarenko's efforts are "motivated" by a particular dislike of CAS software defects ("bugs") and a particular fondness for the automated method he developed (and is marketing?) for detecting defects.

I think that castigating Mr. Bondarenko for not "reporting" bugs is wholly incorrect. I don't see how Mr. Bondarenko, who is presumably not employed by one of the CAS producers, can be considered obligated to report their bugs in strict accordance with their rules. Further, posting reports of the bugs here ought to be enough. If a little (?) company/group like Sciface, or at least an occasional employee/associate/(indentured grad student <g>) can bother to stop by every now and again, surely someone from the other companies could be bothered to too.

Lastly, I'm glad that Mr. Bondarenko's loose cannon has swung around to MuPAD. I'm currently a reasonably "happy" MuPad user/Sciface customer. If Mr. Bondarenko can help keep SciFace focused on quality improvements, while warning me of current problems, I can only get happier.

On Thu, 24 Feb 2005 00:12:52 GMT, Patrick Hamlyn  
<path@multipro.N\_OcomSP\_AM.au> wrote:

>Will Twentyman <wtwentyman@read.my.sig> wrote:

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>>Vladimir Bondarenko wrote:

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>>[bug report number who knows what]

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>>Serious question: why are you posting these here instead of reporting  
>>them to the people in charge of the MuPAD project?

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>*Kinda obvious isn't it.... he's trying to push an agenda. 'Damage the reputation  
>of various computer algebra systems publically' rather than 'improve various  
>CASs by reporting bugs'.*

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>*The real question is why he's bothering...*