

# Re: A free copy of Maple or a frre maple webservre

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"Dave" <foo@xxxxxxx> wrote

Vladimir Bondarenko has shown numerous bugs in Maple which don't get fixed.

Vladimir Bondarenko is a skilled mathematician who has a keen understanding of the internals of Maple. It is not so much that he 'discovered' the bugs but that he generated the bugs. If his objective was to solve some well defined problem, he would simply reflect on the internal factors that generated the observed bugs and found a 'work around'. His objective is to contribute to the evolution of Maple. His criticism is that as Maple evolves new bugs are created and not fix for years or never. I know the creators of Maple. They would likely criticize Bondarenko's critique of Maple in the following terms. They would say, "What's wrong with you? We are in the business of constantly expanding the domain of application of Maple. Bugs are universal and most find some kind of work around. The domain of application of Maple is constantly expanding so it is becoming monotonically more useful, because of our work. The bugs are just bugs to you, they are not bugs to everyone."

Vladimir never answered the question from William Stein about whether he had ever used Sage.

Vladimir is skilled with Maple. It would likely take him one man year to become proficient in Sage to the point where he could generate a similar critique of Sage. Why should he bother?

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