

# Crash Course: SageMath for Post-Quantum Cryptography

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-42
sage: -Mod(42, 1000)      #  $\mathbb{Z}/1000$ 
958
sage: -Mod(42, 1337)      #  $\mathbb{Z}/1337$ 
1295
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TypeError: unsupported operand parent(s) for +:
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Rational Field
sage: R(c)
1078
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## Parents (summary)

1. In Sage, *every object* remembers its parent structure.
2. The parent determines the behavior of many operations.
3. Sage automatically coerces between parents in many cases.
4. Parents are normal objects, can be constructed explicitly.
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```
sage: ~7
1/7
sage: ~Mod(65537, 2678871240)
444196313
sage: 65537 * 444196313 % 2678871240
1
```

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while condition:  
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```

```
for thing in sequence:  
    # process the thing
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- ▶ *List comprehensions:*

```
sage: xs = [n*(n+1)//2 for n in range(10)]  
sage: xs  
[0, 1, 3, 6, 10, 15, 21, 28, 36, 45]
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This defines the *generator*  $x$  and its parent  $R$ . Example:

```
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sage: R
Univariate Polynomial Ring in x over Ring of integers modulo 101
sage: x
x
sage: x.parent() is R
True
```

## Polynomials (2)

The resulting variable  $x$  can be used to **create polynomials**:

```
sage: R.<x> = Zmod(101)[]
sage: f = x^5 - 3*x^2 + x + 7          # <-----
sage: f.parent()
Univariate Polynomial Ring in x over Ring of integers modulo 101
sage: f
x^5 + 98*x^2 + x + 7
sage: f.degree()                      # degree
5
sage: f(42)                            # evaluation
69
sage: f(42).parent()
Ring of integers modulo 101
sage: f % (x^2-44)                     # and +, *, //, etc.
18*x + 77
```

## Polynomials (3)

We can **change the base ring** of many Sage objects:

```
sage: R.<x> = Zmod(101)[  
sage: f = x^5 - 3*x^2 + x + 7  
sage: g = f.change_ring(ZZ)  
sage: g  
x^5 + 98*x^2 + x + 7  
sage: g.parent()  
Univariate Polynomial Ring in x over Integer Ring  
sage: g(42)  
130864153  
sage: g(42) % 101  
69
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## Indexing, iteration, etc.

Most Sage objects support conversions to [lists](#), [indexing](#), etc.:

```
sage: R.<x> = Zmod(101)[  
sage: f = R([7, 1, -3, 0, 0, 1])  
sage: f  
x^5 + 98*x^2 + x + 7  
sage: list(f)  
[7, 1, 98, 0, 0, 1]  
sage: f[2]  
98  
sage: f[9999]  
0  
sage: for c in f: print(c)  
7  
1  
98  
0  
0  
1
```



# Quotients (1)

- ▶ Quotients of parents are simply parents again.
- ▶ We've already seen an example:

```
sage: ZZ.quotient(13)
Ring of integers modulo 13
sage: ZZ.quotient(13) is Zmod(13)
True
```

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- ▶ **Projection** and **lifting**:

```
sage: R(x^3+x^2+1)
-i
sage: (i+1).lift()
x + 1
sage: R(x^3+x^2+1).lift()
-x
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sage: GF(49)
Finite Field in z2 of size 7^2
sage: GF(49).modulus()
x^2 + 6*x + 3
sage: F49.<t> = GF(49)
sage: t^2 + 6*t + 3
0
sage: a = F49.random_element()
sage: a
2*t + 5
sage: a in GF(7)
False
sage: a^8 in GF(7)
True
```

# Linear algebra (1)

Matrices and vectors are well-supported:

```
sage: A = matrix([[1,2],[3,4]])
sage: A
[1 2]
[3 4]
sage: v = vector([5,6])
sage: v
(5, 6)
sage: A * v
(17, 39)
```

Vectors are truly **one-dimensional**; can become row or column:

```
sage: v * A
(23, 34)
sage: A.transpose() * v
(23, 34)
```

## Linear algebra (2)

Solving **linear systems** over arbitrary fields is straightforward:

```
sage: A = matrix(GF(71), [[1,4,7], [9,1,3]])
sage: y = vector(GF(71), [5,5])
sage: x = A.solve_right(y)           # particular solution
sage: x
(41, 62, 0)
sage: A*x
(5, 5)
sage: ker = A.right_kernel()        # the kernel
sage: ker
Vector space of degree 3 and dimension 1
                                over Finite Field of size 71

Basis matrix:
[ 1 12 64]
sage: ker.basis()
[(1, 12, 64)]
sage: A * vector([1, 12, 64])
(0, 0)
```

# Lattices

...are usually best represented as **row matrices over  $\mathbb{Z}$**  in Sage.

Example:

```
sage: L = matrix(ZZ, [[21621621617, 1], [99999999977, 0]])
sage: L
[21621621617          1]
[99999999977          0]
sage: R = L.LLL()
sage: R
[          13          37]
[-2405721711  845253590]
sage: R[0, :]
[13 37]
```

(There also exists an `IntegralLattice` class, but I almost never use it.)



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To **access specific coefficients**, we can **index with monomials**:

```
sage: g = x^2 + x*y + 4/5*z^2 - 4/3*z
sage: g[z^2]
4/5
sage: g[x*y]
1
sage: g[y]
0
```

## Multivariate polynomials (2)

We can use [many variables](#):

```
sage: R = PolynomialRing(GF(97), 'v', 100)
sage: R
Multivariate Polynomial Ring in v0, v1, v2, ..., v99
      over Finite Field of size 97

sage: R.gens()
(v0, v1, v2, v3, v4, v5, ..., v96, v97, v98, v99)
sage: f = R.random_element()
sage: f
-5*v27*v52 + 39*v2*v55 + 39*v60*v73 - 47*v13*v94
sage: f.monomials()
[v27*v52, v2*v55, v60*v73, v13*v94]
```

## Multivariate polynomials (3)

Powerful **equation-solving** tools are available:

```
sage: R.<x,y,z> = QQ[]
sage: I = R.ideal([x^2+y^2-z^2, z-y-1, y-x-1])
sage: I.groebner_basis()
[z^2 - 6*z + 5, x - z + 2, y - z + 1]
sage: I.elimination_ideal([y,z])
Ideal (x^2 - 2*x - 3) of Multivariate Polynomial Ring
                                     in x, y, z over Rational Field
sage: factor(x^2 - 2*x - 3)
(x - 3) * (x + 1)
sage: I.variety()
[{z: 5, y: 4, x: 3}, {z: 1, y: 0, x: -1}]
```

# Elliptic curves & isogenies

Wait for Thursday! 😊

# Cryptographic building blocks (1)

Crucially: **Hashing**. Many functions are available:

```
sage: import hashlib
sage: hashlib.algorithms_guaranteed
{'md5', 'sha1', 'sha224', 'sha256', 'sha384', 'sha512',
 'sha3_224', 'sha3_256', 'sha3_384', 'sha3_512',
 'shake_128', 'shake_256', 'blake2b', 'blake2s'}
```

Usage:

```
sage: hashlib.shake_128(b'Hi!').digest(16)
b't<\xea\xa5\xa7\x88\xd7\xed]\t\xc6\xf1z\xc4e\x96'
sage: list(hashlib.shake_128(b'Hi!').digest(16))
[116, 60, 234, 165, 167, 136, 215, 237, 93, 9, 198,
 241, 122, 196, 101, 150]
```

## Cryptographic building blocks (2)

Other helpful tools come from *PyCryptodome*:

```
sage: from Crypto.Cipher import AES
sage: zeroes = bytes([0] * 16)
sage: aes = AES.new(zeroes, AES.MODE_ECB)
sage: aes.encrypt(zeroes).hex()
66e94bd4ef8a2c3b884cfa59ca342b2e
```

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sage: R.random_element?
Signature:
    R.random_element(degree=(-1, 2), *args, **kwds)
Docstring:
    Return a random polynomial of given degree
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## Some exercises

[https://yx7.cc/docs/sage/sagepqc\\_taipei\\_exercises.pdf](https://yx7.cc/docs/sage/sagepqc_taipei_exercises.pdf)