

# Package ‘caracas’

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find symbolic integrals, symbolic sums and other important quantities.

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```
as.character.caracas_symbol
```

*Convert symbol to character*

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### Description

Convert symbol to character

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'caracas_symbol'  
as.character(x, ...)
```

### Arguments

x	A caracas_symbol
...	not used

---

```
as_character_matrix
```

*Get matrix as character matrix*

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### Description

Get matrix as character matrix

### Usage

```
as_character_matrix(x)
```

### Arguments

x	caracas symbol
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as_r	<i>Convert caracas object to R</i>
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**Description**

Potentially calls `doit()`.

**Usage**

```
as_r(x, first_doit = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

x	caracas_symbol
first_doit	Try <code>doit()</code> first

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as_symbol	<i>Convert object to symbol</i>
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**Description**

Variables are detected as a character followed by a number of either: character, number or underscore.

**Usage**

```
as_symbol(x, declare_variables = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

x	R object to convert to a symbol
declare_variables	declare detected variables automatically

**Details**

Default is to declare used variables. Alternatively, the user must declare them first, e.g. by `symbol()`.

Note that matrices can be defined by specifying a Python matrix, see below in examples.

**Examples**

```
if (have_sympy()) {  
  x <- symbol("x")  
  A <- matrix(c("x", 0, 0, "2*x"), 2, 2)  
  A  
  B <- as_symbol(A)  
  B  
  2*B  
  dim(B)  
  sqrt(B)  
  D <- as_symbol("[[1, 4, 5], [-5, 8, 9]]")  
  D  
}
```

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der

*Symbolic differentiation of an expression*

---

**Description**

Symbolic differentiation of an expression

**Usage**

```
der(expr, vars)
```

**Arguments**

expr	A caracas_symbol
vars	variables to take derivate with respect to

**Examples**

```
if (have_sympy()) {  
  x <- symbol("x")  
  y <- symbol("y")  
  f <- 3*x^2 + x*y^2  
  der(f, x)  
}
```

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 der2

*Symbolic differentiation of second order of an expression*


---

**Description**

Symbolic differentiation of second order of an expression

**Usage**

```
der2(expr, vars)
```

**Arguments**

expr	A caracas_symbol
vars	variables to take derivate with respect to

**Examples**

```
if (have_sympy()) {
  x <- symbol("x")
  y <- symbol("y")
  f <- 3*x^2 + x*y^2
  der2(f, x)
}
```

---

 determinant.caracas\_symbol

*Calculate the Determinant of a Matrix*


---

**Description**

Note that there is no argument for logarithm as with the generic method.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'caracas_symbol'
determinant(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	A caracas_symbol
...	Not used

---

diag	<i>Matrix diagonal</i>
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**Description**

Matrix diagonal

**Usage**

```
diag(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	Object x
...	Passed on

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diag.caracas_symbol	<i>Matrix diagonal</i>
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**Description**

Matrix diagonal

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'caracas_symbol'  
diag(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	Object x
...	Not used

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*diag<-*                      *Replace matrix diagonal*

---

**Description**

Replace matrix diagonal

**Usage**

```
diag(x) <- value
```

**Arguments**

x	Object x
value	Replacement value

---

*diag<-*.caracas\_symbol    *Replace diagonal*

---

**Description**

Replace diagonal

**Usage**

```
## S3 replacement method for class 'caracas_symbol'
diag(x) <- value
```

**Arguments**

x	A caracas_symbol.
value	Replacement value

**Examples**

```
if (have_sympy()) {
  A <- matrix(c("a", 0, 0, 0, "a", "a", "a", 0, 0), 3, 3)
  B <- as_symbol(A)
  B
  diag(B)
  diag(B) <- "b"
  B
  diag(B)
}
```



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dim.caracas_symbol	<i>Dimensions of a caracas symbol</i>
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**Description**

Dimensions of a caracas symbol

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'caracas_symbol'  
dim(x)
```

**Arguments**

x	caracas symbol
---	----------------

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doit	<i>Perform calculations setup previously</i>
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---

**Description**

Perform calculations setup previously

**Usage**

```
doit(x)
```

**Arguments**

x	A caracas_symbol
---	------------------

**Examples**

```
if (have_sympy()) {  
  x <- symbol('x')  
  res <- limf(sin(x)/x, "x", 0, doit = FALSE)  
  res  
  doit(res)  
}
```

---

eigen\_val

*Eigenvalues*

---

### Description

Eigenvalues

### Usage

```
eigen_val(x)
```

### Arguments

x                    Matrix to find eigenvalues for

### Examples

```
if (have_sympy()) {  
  A <- matrix(c("a", 0, 0, 0, "a", "a", "a", 0, 0), 3, 3)  
  B <- as_symbol(A)  
  eigen_val(B)  
  eigen_vec(B)  
  eigen(eval(as_r(B), list(a = 2)))  
}
```

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eigen\_vec

*Eigenvectors and eigenvalues*

---

### Description

Eigenvectors and eigenvalues

### Usage

```
eigen_vec(x)
```

### Arguments

x                    Matrix to find eigenvectors and eigenvalues for

**Examples**

```
if (have_sympy()) {  
  A <- matrix(c("a", 0, 0, 0, "a", "a", "a", 0, 0), 3, 3)  
  B <- as_symbol(A)  
  eigen_val(B)  
  eigen_vec(B)  
  eigen(eval(as_r(B), list(a = 2)))  
}
```

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eval_to_symbol	<i>Create a symbol from a string</i>
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**Description**

Create a symbol from a string

**Usage**

```
eval_to_symbol(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                      String to evaluate

**Value**

A caracas\_symbol

**Examples**

```
if (have_sympy()) {  
  x <- symbol('x')  
  (1+1)*x^2  
  limf(sin(x)/x, "x", 0)  
}
```

---

expand	<i>Expand expression</i>
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**Description**

Expand expression

**Usage**

```
expand(x)
```

**Arguments**

x	A caracas_symbol
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expand_log	<i>Expand a logarithmic expression</i>
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**Description**

Note that force as described at <https://docs.sympy.org/latest/tutorial/simplification.html#expand-log> is used meaning that some assumptions are taken.

**Usage**

```
expand_log(x)
```

**Arguments**

x	A caracas_symbol
---	------------------

**Examples**

```
if (have_sympy()) {  
  x <- symbol('x')  
  y <- symbol('y')  
  z <- log(x*y)  
  z  
  expand_log(z)  
}
```

---

expand_trig	<i>Expand a trigonometric expression</i>
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**Description**

Expand a trigonometric expression

**Usage**

```
expand_trig(x)
```

**Arguments**

x	A caracas_symbol
---	------------------

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get_sympy	<i>Access 'SymPy' directly</i>
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**Description**

Get the 'SymPy' object. Note that it gives you extra responsibilities when you choose to access the 'SymPy' object directly.

**Usage**

```
get_sympy()
```

**Value**

The 'SymPy' object with direct access to the library.

**Examples**

```
if (have_sympy()) {  
  sympy <- get_sympy()  
  sympy$solve("x**2-1", "x")  
}
```

---

have_sympy	<i>Check if 'SymPy' is available</i>
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**Description**

Check if 'SymPy' is available

**Usage**

```
have_sympy()
```

**Value**

TRUE if 'SymPy' is available, else FALSE

**Examples**

```
have_sympy()
```

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install_sympy	<i>Install 'SymPy'</i>
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**Description**

Install the 'SymPy' Python package into a virtual environment or Conda environment.

**Usage**

```
install_sympy(method = "auto", conda = "auto")
```

**Arguments**

method	Installation method. By default, "auto" automatically finds a method that will work in the local environment. Change the default to force a specific installation method. Note that the "virtualenv" method is not available on Windows.
conda	Path to conda executable (or "auto" to find conda using the PATH and other conventional install locations).

**Value**

None

---

intf                      *Integrate a function*

---

**Description**

If no limits are provided, the indefinite integral is calculated. Otherwise, if both limits are provided, the definite integral is calculated.

**Usage**

```
intf(f, var, lower, upper, doit = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

f	Function to integrate
var	Variable to integrate with respect to (either string or caracas_symbol)
lower	Lower limit
upper	Upper limit
doit	Evaluate the integral immediately (or later with <code>doit()</code> )

**Examples**

```
if (have_sympy()) {  
  x <- symbol("x")  
  
  intf(1/x, x, 1, 10)  
  intf(1/x, x, 1, 10, doit = FALSE)  
  intf(1/x, x)  
  intf(1/x, x, doit = FALSE)  
}
```

---

inv                      *Find inverse of matrix*

---

**Description**

Find inverse of matrix

**Usage**

```
inv(A)
```

**Arguments**

A	matrix
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limf	<i>Limit of a function</i>
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**Description**

Limit of a function

**Usage**

```
limf(f, var, val, dir = NULL, doit = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

f	Function to take limit of
var	Variable to take limit for (either string or caracas_symbol)
val	Value for var to approach
dir	Direction from where var should approach val: '+' or '-'
doit	Evaluate the limit immediately (or later with <code>doit()</code> )

**Examples**

```
if (have_sympy()) {
  x <- symbol("x")
  limf(sin(x)/x, "x", 0)
  limf(1/x, "x", 0, dir = '+')
  limf(1/x, "x", 0, dir = '-')
}
```

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Math.caracas_symbol	<i>Math functions</i>
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**Description**

If x is a matrix, the function is applied component-wise.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'caracas_symbol'
Math(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	caracas_symbol.
...	further arguments passed to methods



---

Ops.caracas\_symbol     *Math operators*

---

**Description**

Math operators

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'caracas_symbol'
Ops(e1, e2)
```

**Arguments**

e1	A caracas_symbol.
e2	A caracas_symbol.

---

print.caracas\_solve\_sys\_sol  
*Print solution*

---

**Description**

Print solution

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'caracas_solve_sys_sol'
print(
  x,
  simplify = getOption("caracas.print.sol.simplify", default = TRUE),
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

x	A caracas_symbol
simplify	Print solution in a simple format
...	Passed to <a href="#">print.caracas_symbol()</a>

---

print.caracas\_symbol *Print symbol*

---

### Description

Print symbol

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'caracas_symbol'
print(
  x,
  caracas_prefix = TRUE,
  prettyascii = getOption("caracas.print.prettyascii", default = FALSE),
  ascii = getOption("caracas.print.ascii", default = FALSE),
  rowvec = getOption("caracas.print.rowvec", default = TRUE),
  ...
)
```

### Arguments

x	A caracas_symbol
caracas_prefix	Print 'caracas' prefix
prettyascii	TRUE to print in pretty ASCII format rather than in utf8
ascii	TRUE to print in ASCII format rather than in utf8
rowvec	FALSE to print column vectors as is
...	not used

---

prodf *Product of a function*

---

### Description

Product of a function

### Usage

```
prodf(f, var, lower, upper, doit = TRUE)
```

### Arguments

f	Function to take product of
var	Variable to take product for (either string or caracas_symbol)
lower	Lower limit
upper	Upper limit
doit	Evaluate the product immediately (or later with <code>doit()</code> )

**Examples**

```

if (have_sympy()) {
  x <- symbol("x")
  p <- prodf(1/x, "x", 1, 10)
  p
  as_r(p)
  prod(1/(1:10))
  n <- symbol("n")
  prodf(x, x, 1, n)
}

```

---

simplify

*Simplify expression*


---

**Description**

Simplify expression

**Usage**

```
simplify(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    A caracas\_symbol

---

solve\_lin

*Solve a linear system of equations*


---

**Description**

Find  $x$  in  $Ax = b$ . If  $b$  not supplied, the inverse of  $A$  is returned.

**Usage**

```
solve_lin(A, b)
```

**Arguments**

A                    matrix  
b                    vector

---

solve_sys	<i>Solves a system of non-linear equations</i>
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---

**Description**

If called as `solve_sys(lhs, vars)` the roots are found. If called as `solve_sys(lhs, rhs, vars)` the solutions to  $lhs = rhs$  for `vars` are found.

**Usage**

```
solve_sys(lhs, rhs, vars)
```

**Arguments**

lhs	Equation (or equations as row vector/1xn matrix)
rhs	Equation (or equations as row vector/1xn matrix)
vars	vector of variable names or symbols

**Value**

A list with solutions (with class `caracas_solve_sys_sol` for compact printing), each element containing a named list of the variables' values.

---

subs	<i>Substitute symbol for value</i>
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---

**Description**

Substitute symbol for value

**Usage**

```
subs(s, x, v)
```

**Arguments**

s	Expression
x	Name of symbol (character)
v	Value for x

**Examples**

```

if (have_sympy()) {
  x <- symbol('x')
  e <- 2*x^2
  e
  subs(e, "x", "2")
  y <- as_symbol("2")
  subs(e, "x", y)
}

```

subs\_lst

*Substitute symbol for of value given by a list***Description**

Useful for substituting solutions into expressions.

**Usage**

```
subs_lst(s, x)
```

**Arguments**

s	Expression
x	Named list of values

**Examples**

```

if (have_sympy()) {
  p <- as_symbol(paste0("p", 1:3))
  y <- as_symbol(paste0("y", 1:3))
  a <- as_symbol("a")
  l <- sum(y*log(p))
  L <- -1 + a*(sum(p) - 1)
  g <- der(L, c(a, p))
  sols <- solve_sys(g, c(a, p))
  sol <- sols[[1L]]
  sol
  H <- der2(L, c(p, a))
  H
  H_sol <- subs_lst(H, sol)
  H_sol
}

```

---

sum.caracas_symbol	<i>Summation</i>
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---

**Description**

Summation

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'caracas_symbol'
sum(..., na.rm = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

...	Elements to sum
na.rm	Not used

---

sumf	<i>Sum of a function</i>
------	--------------------------

---

**Description**

Sum of a function

**Usage**

```
sumf(f, var, lower, upper, doit = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

f	Function to take sum of
var	Variable to take sum for (either string or caracas_symbol)
lower	Lower limit
upper	Upper limit
doit	Evaluate the sum immediately (or later with <a href="#">doit()</a> )

**Examples**

```
if (have_sympy()) {
  x <- symbol("x")
  s <- sumf(1/x, "x", 1, 10)
  as_r(s)
  sum(1/(1:10))
  n <- symbol("n")
  simplify(sumf(x, x, 1, n))
}
```

---

symbol	<i>Create a symbol</i>
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---

**Description**

Create a symbol

**Usage**

```
symbol(x)
```

**Arguments**

x	Name to turn into symbol
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**Value**

A caracas\_symbol

---

sympy_version	<i>Get 'SymPy' version</i>
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---

**Description**

Get 'SymPy' version

**Usage**

```
sympy_version()
```

**Value**

The version of the 'SymPy' available

**Examples**

```
if (have_sympy()) {  
  sympy_version()  
}
```

---

t.caracas_symbol	<i>Transpose of matrix</i>
------------------	----------------------------

---

**Description**

Transpose of matrix

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'caracas_symbol'
t(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    If caracas\_symbol treat as such, else call `base::t()`.

---

tex	<i>Export object to TeX</i>
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---

**Description**

Export object to TeX

**Usage**

```
tex(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    A caracas\_symbol

---

[.caracas_symbol	<i>Extract or replace parts of an object</i>
------------------	--

---

**Description**

Extract or replace parts of an object

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'caracas_symbol'
x[i, j, ..., drop = TRUE]
```



**Arguments**

x	A caracas_symbol.
i	row indices specifying elements to extract or replace
j	column indices specifying elements to extract or replace
...	Not used
drop	Simplify dimensions of resulting object

**Examples**

```
if (have_sympy()) {
  A <- matrix(c("a", 0, 0, 0, "a", "a", "a", 0, 0), 3, 3)
  B <- as_symbol(A)
  B[1:2, ]
  B[, 2]
  B[2, , drop = FALSE]
}
```

---

[<-.caracas\_symbol      *Extract or replace parts of an object*

---

**Description**

Extract or replace parts of an object

**Usage**

```
## S3 replacement method for class 'caracas_symbol'
x[i, j, ...] <- value
```

**Arguments**

x	A caracas_symbol.
i	row indices specifying elements to extract or replace
j	column indices specifying elements to extract or replace
...	Not used
value	Replacement value

**Examples**

```
if (have_sympy()) {
  A <- matrix(c("a", 0, 0, 0, "a", "a", "a", 0, 0), 3, 3)
  B <- as_symbol(A)
  B[, 2] <- "x"
  B
}
```

---

`%*.caracas_symbol`      *Matrix multiplication*

---

**Description**

Matrix multiplication

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'caracas_symbol'  
x %*% y
```

**Arguments**

x	Object x
y	Object y

---

`%*%`      *Matrix multiplication*

---

**Description**

Matrix multiplication

**Usage**

```
x %*% y
```

**Arguments**

x	Object x
y	Object y

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