Morning Discussion: **Software**

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Which software tools are most useful for performing computations in Combinatorial Algebraic Geometry? Why?

Many of us are familiar with Macaulay2. Some of us are familiar with Singular. What are your favorite packages within these systems?

Lots of math is supported by general-purpose computer algebra systems such as Sage, Maple, Mathematica, or Magma. Do you use any of these regularly? For research or for teaching? How often and in which context?

Other packages that are useful for our community include

Bertini, PHCpack, 4ti2, Polymake, Normaliz, GFan

What are these and what do they do? Who developed them and why?

Does visualization matter in algebraic geometry? Have you tried software like Surfex?

Which software tool do you want to learn today?