

# Package ‘qspray’

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as.function.qspray      *Multivariate polynomial as function*

## Description

Coerces a qspray polynomial into a function.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'qspray'
as.function(x, N = FALSE, ...)
```

## Arguments

- x            object of class qspray
- N            Boolean, whether the function must numerically approximate the result
- ...            ignored

## Value

A function having the same variables as the polynomial. If N=FALSE, it returns a string. If N=TRUE, it returns a number if the result does not contain any variable, otherwise it returns a R expression.

## Examples

```
library(qspray)
P <- (qclone(1) + "1/2"*qclone(2))^2 + 5
f <- as.function(P)
g <- as.function(P, N = TRUE)
f(2, "3/7")
g(2, "3/7")
f("x", "y")
g("x", "y")
# the evaluation is performed by (R)yacas and complex numbers are
# allowed; the imaginary unit is denoted by `I`
f("2 + 2*I", "Sqrt(2)")
g("2 + 2*I", "Sqrt(2)")
```

as.qspray

*Coercion to a 'qspray' object*

## Description

Coercion to a 'qspray' object

## Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'character'
as.qspray(x)

## S4 method for signature 'qspray'
as.qspray(x)

## S4 method for signature 'numeric'
as.qspray(x)

## S4 method for signature 'bigz'
as.qspray(x)

## S4 method for signature 'bigq'
as.qspray(x)
```

## Arguments

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| x | a qspray object or an object yielding a quoted integer or a quoted fraction after an application of as.character, e.g. a bigq number |
|---|--|

## Value

A qspray object.

## Examples

```
as.qspray(2)
as.qspray("1/3")
```

changeVariables	<i>Change of variables in a 'qspray' polynomial</i>
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## Description

Replaces the variables of a qspray polynomial with some qspray polynomials. E.g. you have a polynomial  $P(x, y)$  and you want the polynomial  $P(x^2, x+y+1)$ . This is an alias of [composeQspray](#).

## Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'qspray,list'
changeVariables(x, list0fQsprays)
```

## Arguments

- |               |   |
|---------------|---|
| x             | a qspray polynomial   |
| list0fQsprays | a list containing at least n qspray objects, or objects coercible to qspray objects, where n is the number of variables of the polynomial given in the x argument; if this list is named, then its names will be used in the show options of the result |

## Value

The qspray polynomial obtained by replacing the variables of the polynomial given in the x argument with the polynomials given in the list0fQsprays argument.

## Examples

```
library(qspray)
f <- function(x, y) x*y/2 + 4*xy
x <- qclone(1)
y <- qclone(2)
P <- f(x, y)
X <- x^2
Y <- x + y + 1
changeVariables(P, list(X, Y)) == f(X, Y) # should be TRUE
```

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**characteristicPolynomial**  
*Characteristic polynomial*

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**Description**

Characteristic polynomial of a matrix.

**Usage**

```
characteristicPolynomial(A)
```

**Arguments**

A	a square matrix with numeric, character, or bigq entries
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**Value**

A univariate qspray polynomial.

**Examples**

```
set.seed(666)
A <- matrix(rpois(9L, 10), nrow = 3, ncol = 3)
( P <- characteristicPolynomial(A) )
# check the roots are the eigen values:
f <- as.function(P, N = TRUE)
sapply(eigen(A)$values, f) # approx c(0, 0, 0)
```

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**collinearQsprays**      *Whether two 'qspray' polynomials are collinear*

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**Description**

Checks whether the polynomials represented by two qspray objects are collinear, that is, whether they are equal up to a scalar factor.

**Usage**

```
collinearQsprays(qspray1, qspray2)
```

**Arguments**

qspray1, qspray2	two qspray objects
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**Value**

A Boolean value.

**Examples**

```
library(qspray)
qspray1 <- qsprayMaker(string = "1/2 x^(1, 1) + 4 x^(0, 2) + 5")
qspray2 <- "4/7" * qspray1
collinearQsprays(qspray1, qspray2)
```

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`compactSymmetricQspray`

*Compact symmetric qspray*

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**Description**

Prints a symmetric qspray polynomial as a linear combination of the monomial symmetric polynomials.

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'qspray,logical'
compactSymmetricQspray(qspray, check)

## S4 method for signature 'qspray,ANY'
compactSymmetricQspray(qspray)
```

**Arguments**

<code>qspray</code>	a qspray object, which should correspond to a symmetric polynomial
<code>check</code>	Boolean, whether to check the symmetry (default TRUE)

**Value**

A character string.

**See Also**

[MSPcombination](#)

**Examples**

```
library(qspray)
( qspray <- PSFpoly(4, c(3, 1)) - ESFpoly(4, c(2, 2)) + 4L )
compactSymmetricQspray(qspray, check = TRUE)
```

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<code>composeQspray</code>	<i>Compose 'qspray' polynomials</i>
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### Description

Substitutes the variables of a qspray polynomial with some qspray polynomials. E.g. you have a polynomial  $P(x, y)$  and you want the polynomial  $P(x^2, x + y + 1)$  (see example).

### Usage

```
composeQspray(qspray, listOfQsprays)
```

### Arguments

<code>qspray</code>	a qspray polynomial
<code>listOfQsprays</code>	a list containing at least n qspray polynomials where n is the number of variables of the polynomial given in the qspray argument

### Value

The qspray polynomial obtained by composing the polynomial given in the qspray argument with the polynomials given in the listOfQsprays argument.

### Examples

```
library(qspray)
x <- qalone(1)
y <- qalone(2)
P <- x*y/2 + 4*y
X <- x^2
Y <- x + y + 1
composeQspray(P, list(X, Y)) # this is P(x^2, x+y+1)
```

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<code>CSHFpoly</code>	<i>Complete homogeneous symmetric function</i>
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### Description

Returns a complete homogeneous symmetric function as a qspray polynomial.

### Usage

```
CSHFpoly(m, lambda)
```

**Arguments**

- `m` integer, the number of variables  
`lambda` an integer partition, given as a vector of decreasing positive integers

**Value**

A qspray object.

**Examples**

```
library(qspray)
CSHPoly(3, c(3, 1))
```

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derivQspray

*Partial derivative*

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**Description**

Partial derivative of a qspray polynomial.

**Usage**

```
derivQspray(qspray, i, derivative = 1)
```

**Arguments**

- `qspray` object of class qspray  
`i` integer, the dimension to differentiate with respect to, e.g. 1 to differentiate with respect to  $x$   
`derivative` integer, how many times to differentiate

**Value**

A qspray object.

**Examples**

```
library(qspray)
x <- qone(1)
y <- qone(2)
qspray <- 2*x + 3*x*y
derivQspray(qspray, 2) # derivative w.r.t. y
```

dQspray

*Partial differentiation***Description**

Partial differentiation of a qspray polynomial.

**Usage**

```
dQspray(qspray, orders)
```

**Arguments**

- |        |   |
|--------|---|
| qspray | object of class qspray  |
| orders | integer vector, the orders of the differentiation; e.g. c(2, 0, 1) means that you differentiate two times with respect to $x$ , you do not differentiate with respect to $y$ , and you differentiate one time with respect to $z$ |

**Value**

A qspray object.

**Examples**

```
library(qspray)
x <- qalone(1)
y <- qalone(2)
qspray <- x + 2*y + 3*x*y
dQspray(qspray, c(1, 1))
derivQspray(derivQspray(qspray, 1), 2)
```

ESFpoly

*Elementary symmetric polynomial***Description**

Returns an elementary symmetric function as a polynomial.

**Usage**

```
ESFpoly(m, lambda)
```

**Arguments**

- |        |   |
|--------|---|
| m      | integer, the number of variables  |
| lambda | an integer partition, given as a vector of decreasing positive integers |

**Value**

A qspray object.

**Examples**

```
library(qspray)
ESFpoly(3, c(3, 1))
```

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**evalQspray***Evaluate a 'qspray' object*

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**Description**

Evaluation of the multivariate polynomial represented by a qspray object.

**Usage**

```
evalQspray(qspray, values_re, values_im = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

<code>qspray</code>	a qspray object
<code>values_re</code>	vector of the real parts of the values; each element of <code>as.character(values_re)</code> must be a quoted integer or a quoted fraction
<code>values_im</code>	vector of the imaginary parts of the values; each element of <code>as.character(values_im)</code> must be a quoted integer or a quoted fraction

**Value**

A bigq number if `values_im=NULL`, a pair of bigq numbers otherwise: the real part and the imaginary part of the result.

**Examples**

```
x <- qlone(1); y <- qlone(2)
P <- 2*x + "1/2"*y
evalQspray(P, c("2", "5/2", "99999")) # "99999" will be ignored
```

getCoefficient	<i>Get a coefficient in a 'qspray' polynomial</i>
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### Description

Get the coefficient of the term with the given monomial.

### Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'qspray,numeric'
getCoefficient(qspray, exponents)
```

### Arguments

qspray	a qspray object
exponents	a vector of exponents, thereby defining a monomial; trailing zeros are ignored

### Value

The coefficient as a bigq number.

### Examples

```
library(qspray)
x <- qclone(1)
y <- qclone(2)
p <- 4*x^2 + 3*y - 5
getCoefficient(p, 2)          # coefficient of x^2
getCoefficient(p, c(2, 0))    # same as getCoefficient(p, 2)
getCoefficient(p, c(0, 1))    # coefficient of y because y=x^0*y^1
getCoefficient(p, 0)          # the constant term
getCoefficient(p, integer(0)) # the constant term
getCoefficient(p, 3)          # there's no x^3
```

getConstantTerm	<i>Get the constant term of a 'qspray' polynomial</i>
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### Description

Get the constant term of a qspray polynomial.

### Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'qspray'
getConstantTerm(qspray)
```

**Arguments**

qspray	a qspray object
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**Value**

A bigq number.

groebner

*Gröbner basis***Description**

Returns a Gröbner basis following Buchberger's algorithm using the lexicographical order.

**Usage**

```
groebner(G, minimal = TRUE, reduced = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

G	a list of qspray polynomials, the generators of the ideal
minimal	Boolean, whether to return a minimal basis
reduced	Boolean, whether to return the reduced basis

**Value**

A Gröbner basis of the ideal generated by G, given as a list of qspray polynomials.

**References**

Cox, Little & O'Shea. *Ideals, Varieties, and Algorithms. An Introduction to Computational Algebraic Geometry and Commutative Algebra*. Fourth edition, Springer 2015.

**Examples**

```
library(qspray)
f <- qsprayMaker(string = "x^(3) - 2 x^(1,1)")
g <- qsprayMaker(string = "x^(2,1) - 2 x^(0,2) + x^(1,1)")
groebner(list(f, g), FALSE, FALSE)
# other example
x <- qalone(1); y <- qalone(2); z <- qalone(3)
f1 <- x^2 + y + z^2 - 1
f2 <- x^2 + y + z - 1
f3 <- x + y^2 + z - 1
groebner(list(f1, f2, f3))
```

**HallInnerProduct***Hall inner product***Description**

Hall inner product of two symmetric polynomials. It has a parameter `alpha` and the standard Hall inner product is the case when `alpha=1`. It is possible to get the Hall inner product with a symbolic `alpha` parameter.

**Usage**

```
HallInnerProduct(qspray1, qspray2, alpha = 1)
```

**Arguments**

<code>qspray1, qspray2</code>	two symmetric qspray polynomials
<code>alpha</code>	parameter equal to 1 for the usual Hall inner product, otherwise this is the "Jack parameter"; it must be either a single value coercible to a <code>bigq</code> number, e.g. " <code>2/5</code> ", or <code>NULL</code> to get the Hall product with a symbolic <code>alpha</code>

**Value**

A `bigq` number if `alpha` is not `NULL`, otherwise a univariate qspray polynomial.

**implicitization***Implicitization with Gröbner bases***Description**

Implicitization of a system of parametric equations (see example).

**Usage**

```
implicitization(nvariables, parameters, equations, relations)
```

**Arguments**

<code>nvariables</code>	number of variables
<code>parameters</code>	character vector of the names of the parameters, or <code>NULL</code> if there's no parameter
<code>equations</code>	named list of qspray polynomials representing the parametric equations
<code>relations</code>	list of qspray polynomials representing the relations between the variables and between the parameters, or <code>NULL</code> if there is none

**Value**

A list of qspray polynomials.

**Examples**

```
library(qspray)
# ellipse example #####
# variables
cost <- qalone(1)
sint <- qalone(2)
nvariables <- 2
# parameters
a <- qalone(3)
b <- qalone(4)
parameters <- c("a", "b")
#
equations <- list(
  "x" = a * cost,
  "y" = b * sint
)
relations <- list(
  cost^2 + sint^2 - 1
)
#
implicitization(nvariables, parameters, equations, relations)
```

**integratePolynomialOnSimplex**

*Integral of a multivariate polynomial over a simplex*

**Description**

Returns the exact value of the integral of a multivariate polynomial with rational coefficients over a simplex whose vertices have rational coordinates.

**Usage**

```
integratePolynomialOnSimplex(P, S)
```

**Arguments**

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| P | a qspray object   |
| S | the simplex, a $(n+1) \times n$ matrix such that each entry of the matrix as .character(S) is a quoted integer or a quoted fraction |

**Value**

A bigq number, the exact value of the integral.

### Examples

```
library(qspray)
x <- qlone(1); y <- qlone(2)
P <- x/2 + x*y
S <- rbind(c("0", "0"), c("1", "0"), c("1", "1")) # a triangle
integratePolynomialOnSimplex(P, S)
```

**involvedVariables**      *Variables involved in a 'qspray' polynomial*

### Description

Variables involved in a qspray object.

### Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'qspray'
involvedVariables(x)
```

### Arguments

**x**                  a qspray object

### Value

A vector of integers. Each integer represents the index of a variable involved in **x**.

### Examples

```
x <- qlone(1); z <- qlone(3)
involvedVariables(x^2 + x*z + 1) # should be c(1L, 3L)
```

**isConstant**      *Whether a 'qspray' polynomial is constant*

### Description

Checks whether a qspray object defines a constant polynomial.

### Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'qspray'
isConstant(x)
```

### Arguments

**x**                  a qspray object

**Value**

A Boolean value.

`isHomogeneousQspray`    *Whether a 'qspray' polynomial is homogeneous*

**Description**

Checks whether the polynomial defined by a qspray object is homogeneous, and also returns the degree if this is true.

**Usage**

`isHomogeneousQspray(qspray)`

**Arguments**

`qspray`                a qspray object

**Value**

A Boolean value indicating whether the polynomial defined by qspray is homogeneous. Moreover, if it is homogeneous, the degree is given in the attribute "degree" of the output.

**Examples**

```
lambda <- c(3, 2, 1)
p <- PSFpoly(4, lambda)
( homogeneous <- isHomogeneousQspray(p) ) # should be TRUE
attr(homogeneous, "degree") == sum(lambda) # should be TRUE
```

`isPolynomialOf`                *Whether a 'qspray' is a polynomial of some given 'qsprays'*

**Description**

Checks whether a qspray polynomial can be written as a polynomial of some given qspray polynomials. If TRUE, this polynomial is returned.

**Usage**

`isPolynomialOf(qspray, qsprays)`

**Arguments**

<code>qspray</code>	a qspray object
<code>qsprays</code>	a list of qspray objects

**Value**

A Boolean value indicating whether the polynomial defined by `qspray` can be written as a polynomial of the polynomials defined by the `qspray` objects given in the `qsprays` list. If this is TRUE, this polynomial is returned as an attribute named "polynomial".

**Examples**

```
library(qspray)
x <- qalone(1); y <- qalone(2); z <- qalone(3)
q1 <- x + y
q2 <- x*z^2 + 4
qspray <- q1^2*q2 + 2*q1 + 3
( check <- isPolynomialOf(qspray, list(q1, q2)) )
POLYNOMIAL <- attr(check, "polynomial")
changeVariables(POLYNOMIAL, list(q1, q2)) == qspray # should be TRUE
```

**isQone***Whether a 'qspray' polynomial is the unit polynomial***Description**

Checks whether a `qspray` object defines the unit polynomial.

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'qspray'
isQone(qspray)
```

**Arguments**

<code>qspray</code>	a <code>qspray</code> object
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**Value**

A Boolean value.

**isQzero***Whether a 'qspray' polynomial is null***Description**

Checks whether a `qspray` object defines the zero polynomial.

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'qspray'
isQzero(qspray)
```

**Arguments**

qspray      a qspray object

**Value**

A Boolean value.

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isSymmetricQspray      *Check symmetry of a polynomial*

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**Description**

Check whether a qspray polynomial is symmetric.

**Usage**

`isSymmetricQspray(qspray)`

**Arguments**

qspray      a qspray polynomial

**Value**

A Boolean value indicating whether the polynomial defined by qspray is symmetric.

**See Also**

[MSPcombination](#), [compactSymmetricQspray](#)

**Examples**

```
e1 <- ESFpoly(3, 1)
e2 <- ESFpoly(3, 2)
e3 <- ESFpoly(3, 3)
q <- e1 + 2*e2 + 3*e3 + 4*e1*e3
isSymmetricQspray(q)
```

isUnivariate	<i>Whether a 'qspray' is univariate</i>
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### Description

Checks whether a qspray object defines a univariate polynomial.

### Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'qspray'
isUnivariate(x)
```

### Arguments

x	a qspray object
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### Value

A Boolean value.

### Note

It is considered that a constant qspray is univariate, and that the qspray object  $y^{2+1}$  where  $y=q\text{lone}(2)$  is not univariate, although only one variable is present (see the note in the documentation of `numberOfVariables`).

leadingCoefficient	<i>Leading coefficient of a 'qspray' polynomial</i>
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### Description

Returns the leading coefficient of a qspray polynomial.

### Usage

```
leadingCoefficient(qspray)
```

### Arguments

qspray	a qspray object
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### Value

The coefficient of the leading term of qspray, a bigq rational number.

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leadingTerm	<i>Leading term of a 'qspray' polynomial</i>
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**Description**

Returns the leading term of a qspray polynomial.

**Usage**

```
leadingTerm(qspray)
```

**Arguments**

qspray	a qspray object
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**Value**

A list providing the exponents of the leading term in the field powers, an integer vector, and the coefficient of the leading term in the field coeff, a bigq rational number.

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MSFpoly	<i>Monomial symmetric function</i>
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**Description**

Returns a monomial symmetric function as a polynomial.

**Usage**

```
MSFpoly(m, lambda)
```

**Arguments**

m	integer, the number of variables
lambda	an integer partition, given as a vector of decreasing positive integers

**Value**

A qspray object.

**Examples**

```
library(qspray)
MSFpoly(3, c(3, 1))
```

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MSPcombination	<i>Symmetric polynomial in terms of the monomial symmetric polynomials</i>
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**Description**

Expression of a symmetric polynomial as a linear combination of the monomial symmetric polynomials.

**Usage**

```
MSPcombination(qspray, check = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

qspray	a qspray object defining a symmetric polynomial
check	Boolean, whether to check the symmetry

**Value**

A list defining the combination. Each element of this list is a list with two elements: `coeff`, a bigq number, and `lambda`, an integer partition; then this list corresponds to the term `coeff * MSFpoly(n, lambda)`, where `n` is the number of variables in the symmetric polynomial.

**Examples**

```
qspray <- PSFpoly(4, c(3, 1)) + ESFpoly(4, c(2, 2)) + 4L
MSPcombination(qspray)
```

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numberOfTerms	<i>Number of terms in a 'qspray' polynomial</i>
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**Description**

Number of terms of the polynomial defined by a qspray object.

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'qspray'
numberOfTerms(qspray)
```

**Arguments**

qspray	a qspray object
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**Value**

An integer.

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numberOfVariables	<i>Number of variables in a 'qspray' polynomial</i>
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**Description**

Number of variables involved in a qspray object (see the note for the precise meaning).

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'qspray'
numberOfVariables(x)
```

**Arguments**

x	a qspray object
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**Value**

An integer.

**Note**

The number of variables in the qspray object  $y^2+1$  where  $y=q\text{lone}(2)$  is 2, not 1, although only one variable is present. Strictly speaking, the function returns the maximal integer  $d$  such that the variable  $q\text{lone}(d)$  occurs in the polynomial.

**See Also**

[involvedVariables](#).

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orderedQspray	<i>Ordered 'qspray'</i>
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**Description**

Reorders the terms of a qspray object according to the lexicographic order of the powers. This function is rather used internally only but it is exported for internal usage in other packages.

**Usage**

```
orderedQspray(qspray)
```

**Arguments**

qspray	a qspray object
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**Value**

A qspray object. It defines the same polynomial as the input qspray object but it is ordered.

**Examples**

```
qspray <- rQspray()
qspray == orderedQspray(qspray) # should be TRUE
```

permuteVariables	<i>Permute variables</i>
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**Description**

Permute the variables of a qspray polynomial.

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'qspray,numeric'
permuteVariables(x, permutation)
```

**Arguments**

x	a qspray object
permutation	a permutation

**Value**

A qspray object.

**Examples**

```
library(qspray)
f <- function(x, y, z) {
  x^2 + 5*y + z - 1
}
x <- qclone(1)
y <- qclone(2)
z <- qclone(3)
P <- f(x, y, z)
permutation <- c(3, 1, 2)
Q <- permuteVariables(P, permutation)
Q == f(z, x, y) # should be TRUE
```

prettyQspray

*Pretty polynomial***Description**

Pretty form of a qspray polynomial.

**Usage**

```
prettyQspray(qspray, vars = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

- |        |  |
|--------|--|
| qspray | a qspray object                          |
| vars   | variable names; NULL for "x1", "x2", ... |

**Value**

A character string.

**Examples**

```
library(qspray)
P <- (qlone(1) + "1/2"*qlone(2))^2 + 5
prettyP <- prettyQspray(P, vars = c("x", "y"))
prettyP
cat(Ryacas::yac_str(sprintf("PrettyForm(%s)", prettyP)))
Ryacas::yac_str(sprintf("TeXForm(%s)", prettyP))
```

PSFpoly

*Power sum polynomial***Description**

Returns a power sum function as a polynomial.

**Usage**

```
PSFpoly(m, lambda)
```

**Arguments**

- |        |   |
|--------|---|
| m      | integer, the number of variables  |
| lambda | an integer partition, given as a vector of decreasing positive integers |

**Value**

A qspray object.

**Examples**

```
library(qspray)
PSFpoly(3, c(3, 1))
```

PSPcombination

*Symmetric polynomial as a linear combination of some power sum polynomials*

**Description**

Expression of a symmetric qspray polynomial as a linear combination of some power sum polynomials.

**Usage**

```
PSPcombination(qspray)
```

**Arguments**

qspray	a symmetric qspray polynomial; symmetry is not checked
--------	--

**Value**

A list of pairs. Each pair is made of a bigq number, the coefficient of the term of the linear combination, and an integer partition, corresponding to a power sum polynomial.

**See Also**

[PSPexpression](#).

**Examples**

```
# take a symmetric polynomial
( qspray <- ESFpoly(4, c(2, 1)) + ESFpoly(4, c(2, 2)) )
# compute the power sum combination
( pspCombo <- PSPcombination(qspray) )
# then the polynomial can be reconstructed as follows:
Reduce(`+`, lapply(pspCombo, function(term) {
  term[["coeff"]] * PSFpoly(4, term[["lambda"]])
}))
```

PSPexpression

*Symmetric polynomial in terms of the power sum polynomials***Description**

Expression of a symmetric qspray polynomial as a polynomial in the power sum polynomials.

**Usage**

```
PSPexpression(qspray)
```

**Arguments**

qspray	a symmetric qspray polynomial; symmetry is not checked
--------	--

**Value**

A qspray polynomial, say  $P$ , such that  $P(p_1, \dots, p_n)$  equals the input symmetric polynomial, where  $p_i$  is the i-th power sum polynomial (`PSFpoly(n, i)`).

**See Also**

[PSPcombination](#)

**Examples**

```
# take a symmetric polynomial
( qspray <- ESFpoly(4, c(2, 1)) + ESFpoly(4, c(2, 2)) )
# compute the power sum expression
( pspExpr <- PSPexpression(qspray) )
# take the involved power sum polynomials
psPolys <- lapply(1:numberOfVariables(pspExpr), function(i) PSFpoly(4, i))
# then this should be TRUE:
qspray == changeVariables(pspExpr, psPolys)
```

qdivision

*Division of a qspray polynomial***Description**

Division of a qspray polynomial by a list of qspray polynomials. See the reference for the definition.

**Usage**

```
qdivision(qspray, divisors)
```

**Arguments**

<code>qspray</code>	the dividend, a <code>qspray</code> object
<code>divisors</code>	the divisors, a list of <code>qspray</code> objects

**Value**

The remainder of the division, a `qspray` object.

**References**

Michael Weiss, 2010. [Computing Gröbner Bases in Python with Buchberger's Algorithm](#).

**Examples**

```
# a univariate example
library(qspray)
x <- qclone(1)
f <- x^4 - 4*x^3 + 4*x^2 - x # 0 and 1 are trivial roots
g <- x * (x - 1)
qdivision(f, list(g)) # should be zero
```

`qclone`*Polynomial variable***Description**

Creates a polynomial variable. Using this function is the main way to build `qspray` objects.

**Usage**

```
qclone(n)
```

**Arguments**

<code>n</code>	positive integer, the index of the variable
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**Value**

A `qspray` object.

**Examples**

```
x <- qclone(1)
y <- qclone(2)
(x + y) * (x - y)
```

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qone

*The unit 'qspray' polynomial*

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### Description

Returns the qspray polynomial identically equal to 1.

### Usage

`qone()`

### Value

A qspray object.

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qspray-unary

*Unary operators for qspray objects*

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### Description

Unary operators for qspray objects.

### Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'qspray,missing'  
e1 + e2  
  
## S4 method for signature 'qspray,missing'  
e1 - e2
```

### Arguments

e1	object of class qspray
e2	nothing

### Value

A qspray object.

**qsprayDivision**      *Division of two polynomials*

### Description

Division of two polynomials

### Usage

```
qsprayDivision(qsprayA, qsprayB)
```

### Arguments

qsprayA	a qspray object, the dividend
qsprayB	a qspray object, the divisor

### Value

A list with two qspray objects, the quotient and the remainder.

### Examples

```
library(qspray)
x <- qalone(1)
y <- qalone(2)
z <- qalone(3)
B <- x*y^2 + z*x^2 + 1
A <- B * (x^2*y^2*z^2 - 3) + x*y
divis <- qsprayDivision(A, B)
B * divis[["Q"]] + divis[["R"]] == A # should be TRUE
```

**qsprayMaker**      *Make a 'qspray' object*

### Description

Make a qspray object from a list of exponents and a vector of coefficients.

### Usage

```
qsprayMaker(powers, coeffs, string = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

<code>powers</code>	list of positive integer vectors
<code>coeffs</code>	a vector such that each element of <code>as.character(coeffs)</code> is a quoted integer or a quoted fraction; it must have the same length as the <code>powers</code> list
<code>string</code>	if not <code>NULL</code> , this argument takes precedence over <code>powers</code> and <code>coeffs</code> ; it must be a string representing a multivariate polynomial; see the example

**Value**

A `qspray` object.

**Examples**

```
powers <- list(c(1, 1), c(0, 2))
coeffs <- c("1/2", "4")
qsprayMaker(powers, coeffs)
qsprayMaker(string = "1/2 x^(1, 1) + 4 x^(0, 2)")
```

`qspray_from_list`      (*internal*) Make a '`qspray`' object from a list

**Description**

This function is for internal usage. It is exported because it is also used for internal usage in others packages.

**Usage**

```
qspray_from_list(qspray_as_list)
```

**Arguments**

`qspray_as_list` list returned by the Rcpp function `returnQspray`

**Value**

A `qspray` object.

**qzero** *The null 'qspray' polynomial*

### Description

Returns the qspray polynomial identically equal to 0.

### Usage

`qzero()`

### Value

A qspray object.

**rQspray** *Random 'qspray'*

### Description

Generates a random qspray object.

### Usage

`rQspray()`

### Value

A qspray object with at most 4 terms and at most 3 variables.

**showMonomialOld** *Print a monomial*

### Description

Prints a monomial like "`x^(1, 0, 2)`". This way of showing a monomial was used by default in previous versions of this package.

### Usage

`showMonomialOld(x = "x")`

### Arguments

x	a string, usually a letter such as "x" or "X", to denote the variable
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**Value**

A function which takes as argument a sequence of exponents and which prints the corresponding monomial.

**See Also**

[showMonomialX1X2X3](#), [showMonomialXYZ](#), [showQspray](#), [showQsprayOption<-](#).

**Examples**

```
showMonomialOld("X")(c(1, 0, 2))
showMonomialOld("X")(NULL)
```

---

showMonomialX1X2X3      *Print a monomial*

---

**Description**

Prints a monomial in the style of "x1.x3^2".

**Usage**

```
showMonomialX1X2X3(x = "x", collapse = ".")
```

**Arguments**

x	a string, usually a letter such as "x" or "X", to denote the non-indexed variables
collapse	a string to denote the symbol representing the multiplication, e.g. "*" or "

**Value**

A function which takes as argument a sequence of exponents and which prints the corresponding monomial.

**Note**

The function returned by this function can be used as the option "showMonomial" in the [showQsprayOption<-](#) function. But if you are happy with the default collapse argument, then you can equivalently set the "x" option instead, thereby typing less code. See the example.

**See Also**

[showQsprayX1X2X3](#), [showMonomialXYZ](#), [showQsprayOption<-](#).

## Examples

```
showMonomialX1X2X3("X")(c(1, 0, 2))
showMonomialX1X2X3("X", collapse = "")(c(1, 0, 2))
showMonomialX1X2X3("X")(c(1, 0, 2)) ==
  showMonomialXYZ(c("X1", "X2", "X3"))(c(1, 0, 2))
showMonomialX1X2X3()(NULL)
# setting a show option:
set.seed(3141)
( qspray <- rQspray() )
showQsprayOption(qspray, "showMonomial") <- showMonomialX1X2X3("X")
qspray
# this is equivalent to:
showQsprayOption(qspray, "showQspray") <- showQsprayX1X2X3("X")
# and also equivalent to:
showQsprayOption(qspray, "x") <- "X"
```

`showMonomialXYZ`      *Print a monomial*

## Description

Prints a monomial like " $x.z^2$ " if possible (see details).

## Usage

```
showMonomialXYZ(letters = c("x", "y", "z"), collapse = ".")
```

## Arguments

- |                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| <code>letters</code>  | a vector of strings, usually some letters such as "x" and "y", to denote the variables |
| <code>collapse</code> | a string to denote the symbol representing the multiplication, e.g. "*" or "."         |

## Details

If the function returned by this function is applied to a vector of exponents whose length is higher than the length of the `letters` vector, then `showMonomialX1X2X3(x=letters[1])` is applied (see the last example).

## Value

A function which takes as argument a sequence of exponents and which prints the corresponding monomial.

## Note

The function returned by this function can be used as the option "showMonomial" in the `showQsprayOption<-` function.

**See Also**

[showQsprayXYZ](#), [showMonomialX1X2X3](#), [showQsprayOption<-](#).

**Examples**

```
showMonomialXYZ()(c(1, 0, 2))
showMonomialXYZ(collapse = "")(c(1, 0, 2))
showMonomialXYZ()(NULL)
# what happens if there are more exponents than letters:
showMonomialXYZ(c("a", "b"), collapse = "")(c(1, 2, 3))
# same as:
showMonomialX1X2X3("a", collapse = "")(c(1, 2, 3))
# setting a show option:
set.seed(3141)
(qspray <- rQspray())
showQsprayOption(qspray, "showMonomial") <- showMonomialXYZ(c("A", "B", "C"))
qspray
# this is equivalent to:
showQsprayOption(qspray, "showQspray") <- showQsprayXYZ(c("A", "B", "C"))
```

**showQspray**

*Print a 'qspray' object*

**Description**

Prints a qspray object given a function which prints the monomials.

**Usage**

```
showQspray(showMonomial, compact = FALSE, multiplication = "")
```

**Arguments**

- |                |   |
|----------------|---|
| showMonomial   | a function which takes as argument a sequence of exponents and which returns a string representing the corresponding monomial |
| compact        | a Boolean value; if TRUE, then the + sign and the - sign will not be surrounded by spaces                                     |
| multiplication | used to separate the coefficient and the monomial within a term   |

**Value**

A function which prints a qspray object.

**Note**

The function returned by this function can be used as the option "showQspray" in the [showQsprayOption<-](#) function. But one generally prefers to use [showQsprayX1X2X3](#) or [showQsprayXYZ](#) instead, which are both built with showQspray.

**See Also**

[showQsprayX1X2X3](#), [showQsprayXYZ](#), [showQsprayOption<-](#).

**Examples**

```
set.seed(3141)
( qspray <- rQspray() )
f <- showQspray(showMonomialX1X2X3("X"), compact = TRUE)
f(qspray)
# this is equivalent to:
f <- showQsprayX1X2X3("X", compact = TRUE)
f(qspray)
# if you want to adopt this way to show a qspray, use
# the setter function \code{\link{showQsprayOption<-}}:
showQsprayOption(qspray, "showQspray") <-
  showQsprayX1X2X3("X", compact = TRUE)
qspray
# then this show option will be preserved by some operations on the qspray:
qspray^2
```

**showQsprayOption<-**      *Set a show option to a 'qspray' object*

**Description**

Set a show option to a qspray object

**Usage**

```
showQsprayOption(x, which) <- value
```

**Arguments**

x	a qspray object
which	which option to set; this can be "x", "showMonomial", or "showQspray"
value	the value of the option

**Value**

This returns the updated qspray.

**Note**

The interest of setting some show options to a 'qspray' is that these options are preserved by some operations. See the examples and the README.

## Examples

```

set.seed(3141)
( qspray <- rQspray() )
showQsprayOption(qspray, "x") <- "a"
qspray
# this is identical to:
showQsprayOption(qspray, "showMonomial") <- showMonomialX1X2X3("a")
# and also identical to:
showQsprayOption(qspray, "showQspray") <- showQsprayX1X2X3("a")
# old show method:
showQsprayOption(qspray, "showMonomial") <- showMonomialOld()
qspray
# show options are preserved by some operations:
qspray^2
3*qspray
derivQspray(qspray, 1)
swapVariables(qspray, 1, 2)
substituteQspray(qspray, c(NA, NA, "3/2"))
# for the binary arithmetic operations, the show options of the first
# operand are transferred to the result when possible:
( qspray2 <- rQspray() )
qspray + qspray2

```

`showQsprayX1X2X3`      *Print a 'qspray' object*

## Description

Prints a qspray object given a string for the variable.

## Usage

```
showQsprayX1X2X3(x = "x", collapse = ".", ...)
```

## Arguments

<code>x, collapse</code>	see <a href="#">showMonomialX1X2X3</a>
<code>...</code>	arguments passed to <a href="#">showQspray</a> , such as <code>compact=TRUE</code>

## Value

A function which prints a qspray object.

## Note

The way qspray objects are displayed can be controlled with the help of the function [showQsprayOption<-](#), and `showQsprayX1X2X3()` is a possible option to pass in [showQsprayOption<-](#).

**See Also**

[showMonomialX1X2X3](#), [showQspray](#), [showQsprayOption<-](#).

**Examples**

```
set.seed(3141)
( qspray <- rQspray() )
showQsprayX1X2X3("X")(qspray)
# setting a show option:
showQsprayOption(qspray, "showQspray") <- showQsprayX1X2X3("A")
qspray
# this is equivalent to:
showQsprayOption(qspray, "showMonomial") <- showMonomialX1X2X3("A")
# and also equivalent to:
showQsprayOption(qspray, "x") <- "A"
```

`showQsprayXYZ`

*Print a polynomial*

**Description**

Prints a polynomial by printing monomials like " $x^2.yz$ ".

**Usage**

```
showQsprayXYZ(letters = c("x", "y", "z"), collapse = ".", ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>letters, collapse</code>	
	see <a href="#">showMonomialXYZ</a>
<code>...</code>	arguments passed to <a href="#">showQspray</a> , such as <code>compact=TRUE</code>

**Value**

A function which prints a qspray object. It is constructed with [showQspray](#) and [showMonomialXYZ](#).

**Note**

The function returned by this function can be used as the option "showQspray" in the [showQsprayOption<-](#) function.

**See Also**

[showMonomialXYZ](#), [showQspray](#), [showQsprayOption<-](#).

## Examples

```
set.seed(3141)
( qspray <- rQspray() )
showQsprayXYZ(c("X", "Y", "Z"))(qspray)
showQsprayXYZ(c("X", "Y", "Z"))(qlone(1) + qlone(2) + qlone(3) + qlone(4))
# setting a show option:
showQsprayOption(qspray, "showQspray") <- showQsprayXYZ(c("A", "B", "C"))
qspray
# this is equivalent to:
showQsprayOption(qspray, "showMonomial") <- showMonomialXYZ(c("A", "B", "C"))
```

`substituteQspray`      *Substitutions in a 'qspray' polynomial*

## Description

Substitute some variables in a qspray polynomial.

## Usage

```
substituteQspray(qspray, values)
```

## Arguments

<code>qspray</code>	a qspray object
<code>values</code>	the values to be substituted; this must be a vector whose length equals the number of variables of <code>qspray</code> , and whose each entry is either NA (for non-substitution) or a 'scalar' x such that <code>as.character(x)</code> is a quoted integer or a quoted fraction

## Value

A qspray object.

## Examples

```
library(qspray)
x <- qlone(1)
y <- qlone(2)
z <- qlone(3)
p <- x^2 + y^2 + x*y*z - 1
substituteQspray(p, c("2", NA, "3/2"))
```

---

**swapVariables***Swap variables*

---

**Description**

Swap two variables in a qspray polynomial.

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'qspray,numeric,numeric'  
swapVariables(x, i, j)
```

**Arguments**

x	a qspray object
i, j	indices of the variables to be swapped

**Value**

A qspray object.

**Examples**

```
library(qspray)  
f <- function(x, y, z) {  
  x^2 + 5*y + z - 1  
}  
x <- qclone(1)  
y <- qclone(2)  
z <- qclone(3)  
P <- f(x, y, z)  
Q <- swapVariables(P, 2, 3)  
Q == f(x, z, y) # should be TRUE
```

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