

# symbolicsubstitution

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## 1 Symbolic substitution

```
[1]: from casadi import *
```

Let's build a trivial symbolic SX graph

```
[2]: x = SX.sym("x")
y = SX.sym("y")
z_ = x*y
z = z_+x
print(type(z), z)
```

```
<class 'casadi.casadi.SX'> ((x*y)+x)
```

We need SXFunction to manipulate the SX graph

```
[3]: f = Function('f', [vertcat(x,y)], [z])
```

We can substitute a leaf in the graph

```
[4]: w = SX.sym("w")
      q = f(vertcat(w,y))
```

f.eval() returns a tuple with all outputs, we selected the first

```
[5]: print(type(q), q)
```

```
<class 'casadi.casadi.SX'> ((w*y)+w)
```

Note how q is now an SX

We can take a shortcut via substitute:

```
[6]: q = substitute(z,x,w)
      print(type(q), q)
```

```
<class 'casadi.casadi.SX'> ((w*y)+w)
```

Note that substitution of non-symbolic SX nodes is not permitted: substitute([z],[z\_],[w]) This would throw an error

This is actually a restriction of Function: Function([[z\_,y]], [z]) This would throw an error