Scientific Calculator Project

Project Report

EE1003: Scientific Programming

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Design Objectives

The scientific calculator was designed to perform basic arithmetic operations as well as advanced mathematical functions including trigonometric calculations, logarithms and exponentials. The key objectives were:

- **Functionality:** Implement a comprehensive set of mathematical operations without relying on standard libraries
- **Hardware Efficiency:** Optimize for limited resources of an AVR microcontroller
- **User Interface:** Provide intuitive input and clear output display
- **Accuracy:** Ensure computational accuracy using numerical methods
- **Expandability:** Design a modular code structure for future enhancements

Hardware Components

Keypad

The keypad is a 5×5 button matrix designed to provide input for numeric values, arithmetic operations, and scientific functions. It consists of:

- Numeric keys (0-9)
- Arithmetic operators (+, -, ×, ÷, =)
- Scientific functions (sin, cos, tan, log, ln, sqrt, cbrt, power)
- Special keys (Clear, Shift, Decimal point)
- Constants (π, e)

5×5 Keypad

The calculator uses a 5×5 button matrix for input, where rows are connected to Arduino output pins and columns are connected to input pins with pull-up resistors.

Row \ Column	**D2**	**D3**	**D4**	**D5**	**A0**
D6 (Row 1)	1	2	3	4	5
D7 (Row 2)	6	7	8	9	0
D8 (Row 3)	+	-	×	÷	=
D9 (Row 4)	^(Power)	$\surd$ (Square Root)	ln	log	Shift
A1 (Row 5)	sin	cos	tan	. (Decimal Point)	C (Clear)

Table 1: 5×5 Keypad Layout

Shift Button Functionality

When the **Shift** button is pressed, certain keys perform alternate functions as listed below:

Normal Function	Shift Function
sin	$\sin^{-1}$
cos	$\cos^{-1}$
tan	$\tan^{-1}$
ln	e
$\sqrt{x}$ (Square Root)	$\sqrt[3]{x}$ (Cube Root)
. (Decimal Point)	π

Table 2: Shift Key Alternate Functions

Circuit Design

The circuit integrates the microcontroller with the input and output peripherals:

LCD Connection

The LCD is connected in 4-bit mode to conserve I/O pins:

- VCC and LED+ : 5V
- VSS, LED- and Read Wire : Ground
- Contrast Control : Middle pin of potentiometer
- RS (Register Select): PORTB5 (Arduino pin 13)
- E (Enable): PORTB4 (Arduino pin 12)
- Data pins D4-D7: PORTC2-PORTC5 (Arduino pins A2-A5)

Keypad Connection

The 5×5 matrix keypad uses 10 I/O pins:

- Row pins (outputs): PORTD6-PORTD7, PORTB0-PORTB1, PORTC1 (Arduino pins 6, 7, 8, 9, A1)
- Column pins (inputs with pull-ups): PORTD2-PORTD5, PORTC0 (Arduino pins 2, 3, 4, 5, A0)

Circuit Diagram Description

The circuit employs a standard row-column scanning technique for the keypad:

- Rows are configured as outputs and set high by default
- Columns are configured as inputs with internal pull-up resistors enabled
- Key presses are detected by setting one row low at a time and checking all columns
- When a column reads low, it indicates a key press at the intersection of that row and column

Implementation

The implementation focuses on creating a full-featured calculator without relying on standard math libraries, which are often unavailable or resource-intensive on embedded systems.

Software Architecture

The code is organized into several functional modules:

- **Hardware Interface Layer:** LCD and keypad drivers
- **Mathematical Functions:** Custom implementations of mathematical operations
- **Input Processing:** Handling and parsing of user input
- **Expression Evaluation:** Calculating results from parsed expressions
- **Main Control Loop:** Orchestrating the overall operation

Trignometric Functions Implementation

We use Runge-Kutta-4 method to approximate the trignometric functions for the given below differential equations.

- **Sine and Cosine:** Implemented using Differential Equation $y'' + y = 0$.
  Where the initial conditions are as follows:
  For sin(x): y(0) = 0, y'(0) = 1
  For cos(x): y(0) = 1, y'(0) = 0

Listing 1: Sine and Cosine functions implementation using Differential Equation

```
// Sine function
float sin_de(float x) {
float h = 0.01;  // Step size
float y = 0.0;   // sin(0) = 0
float dy = 1.0;  // sin'(0) = 1

// Convert to radians if input is in degrees
```

```
    float x_rad = x * M_PI / 180.0;

    // Normalize x to range [0, 2pi)
    x_rad = fmod(x_rad, 2 * M_PI);
    if (x_rad < 0) x_rad += 2 * M_PI;

    // Number of steps
    int steps = (int)(x_rad / h);

    // Apply Euler's method for second-order differential
       equation
    for (int i = 0; i < steps; i++) {
        float d2y = -y;  // y'' = -y

        // Update using 4th order Runge-Kutta for better
           accuracy
        float k1 = dy;
        float l1 = d2y;

        float k2 = dy + 0.5 * h * l1;
        float l2 = -(y + 0.5 * h * k1);

        float k3 = dy + 0.5 * h * l2;
        float l3 = -(y + 0.5 * h * k2);

        float k4 = dy + h * l3;
        float l4 = -(y + h * k3);

        y += h * (k1 + 2*k2 + 2*k3 + k4) / 6.0;
        dy += h * (l1 + 2*l2 + 2*l3 + l4) / 6.0;
    }

    return y;
}
```

```
    // Cosine function
    float cos_de(float x) {
    float h = 0.01;  // Step size
    float y = 1.0;   // cos(0) = 1
    float dy = 0.0;  // cos'(0) = 0

    // Convert to radians if input is in degrees
    float x_rad = x * M_PI / 180.0;

    // Normalize x to range [0, 2pi)
    x_rad = fmod(x_rad, 2 * M_PI);
    if (x_rad < 0) x_rad += 2 * M_PI;
```

```
    // Number of steps
    int steps = (int)(x_rad / h);

    // Apply Euler's method for second-order differential
       equation
    for (int i = 0; i < steps; i++) {
        float d2y = -y;  // y'' = -y

        // Update using 4th order Runge-Kutta for better
           accuracy
        float k1 = dy;
        float l1 = d2y;

        float k2 = dy + 0.5 * h * l1;
        float l2 = -(y + 0.5 * h * k1);

        float k3 = dy + 0.5 * h * l2;
        float l3 = -(y + 0.5 * h * k2);

        float k4 = dy + h * l3;
        float l4 = -(y + h * k3);

        y += h * (k1 + 2*k2 + 2*k3 + k4) / 6.0;
        dy += h * (l1 + 2*l2 + 2*l3 + l4) / 6.0;
    }

    return y;
}
```

- **Tangent:** Implemented using Differential Equation $y' = 1 + y^2$.
  With the following initial condition:
  $y(0) = 0$

Listing 2: Tangent function implementation using Differential Equation

```
    // Tangent function
    float tan_de(float x) {
    float h = 0.01;  // Step size
    float y = 0.0;   // tan(0) = 0

    // Convert to radians if input is in degrees
    float x_rad = x * M_PI / 180.0;

    // Check for values close to pi/2 + n(pi)
    float mod_x = fmod(x_rad, M_PI);
    if (fabs(mod_x - M_PI/2) < 0.1) {
        return INFINITY;  // Return INFINTY for values close to
            singularities
```

```
    }

    // Normalize x to range [0, pi)
    x_rad = fmod(x_rad, M_PI);
    if (x_rad < 0) x_rad += M_PI;

    // Number of steps
    int steps = (int)(x_rad / h);

    // Apply 4th order Runge-Kutta method for first-order
       differential equation
    for (int i = 0; i < steps; i++) {
        float k1 = 1 + y * y;
        float k2 = 1 + (y + 0.5 * h * k1) * (y + 0.5 * h * k1);
        float k3 = 1 + (y + 0.5 * h * k2) * (y + 0.5 * h * k2);
        float k4 = 1 + (y + h * k3) * (y + h * k3);

        y += h * (k1 + 2*k2 + 2*k3 + k4) / 6.0;
    }

    return y;
}
```

Results and Discussion

Performance Metrics

The scientific calculator implementation achieves the following performance metrics:

- **Memory Usage:**
  - Program Memory: ∼22KB (out of 32KB available on ATmega328P)
  - RAM Usage: ∼572 bytes (out of 2KB available)
- **Computational Accuracy:**
  - Basic arithmetic: Exact to floating-point precision
  - Trigonometric functions: Error < 0.009 across normal range
  - Logarithmic functions: Error < 0.0001 for values > 0.01
  - Square/cube roots: Error < 0.0000001 for positive values
- **Response Time:**
  - Key press detection: < 10ms
  - Simple calculations (addition, subtraction): < 5ms
  - Complex calculations (trigonometric, logarithmic): < 50ms

Limitations and Challenges

During implementation, several challenges were encountered:

- **Numerical Precision:** Implementing mathematical functions without standard libraries required careful attention to numerical stability and precision. The Runge-Kutta (RK4) implementations needed to balance computational efficiency and accuracy.
- **Input Expression Complexity:** The current parser handles only simple expressions with a single operator. A more sophisticated parser would be needed for complex nested expressions.
- **Display Limitations:** The 16×2 LCD restricts the amount of information that can be displayed, requiring scrolling for longer expressions.

Conclusion

The scientific calculator implementation successfully achieves its design objectives, providing a comprehensive set of mathematical functions on resource-constrained hardware. The custom implementation of mathematical functions demonstrates the feasibility of creating complex computational tools without relying on standard libraries, making it suitable for embedded applications where such libraries may not be available.

The modular design allows for future enhancements and optimizations, while the current implementation provides a solid foundation for scientific calculations on AVR microcontrollers.