

Algorithms and Data Structures (ADS1)

Mini Project: Calculator with Taylor Series

Due by 11 November 2023



Overview

In this project, the students will create an advanced calculator program in C. The objectives are to:

- Implement a user-friendly menu system with multiple options.
- Perform basic arithmetic operations and additional mathematical functions.
- Handle errors.

Detailed description

- **Menu system**

The calculator uses a menu system that offers the following options:

- ✓ Basic arithmetic operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.
- ✓ Mathematical functions: power, factorial, sin and cos.
- ✓ Exit the program.

This menu will be shown as long as the user does not choose to exit the program.

- **Operation/function implementation**

- ✓ The student should implement each operation/function without using predefined functions.
- ✓ To calculate $\sin(x)$ and $\cos(x)$, the students will use the following Taylor series approximation formulas:

$$\sin(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n+1)!} \cdot x^{2n+1} = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \dots$$
$$\cos(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n)!} \cdot x^{2n} = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \dots$$

Hint: for the functions sin and cos, the user enters two numbers:

- * **x:** the number for which he wants to calculate the approximation of the function.
- * **N:** the number of terms in the approximation.

- **Error Handling**

If the user enters invalid inputs, a clear warning message should be shown. For example, if he requests a division by zero, a possible error message is "*Error: Division by zero is not allowed*".

Project Submission

- It is requested to create a folder named *FirstName_LastName_Group* including:
 - ✓ A Microsoft Word file named 'Report' containing:
 - * An algorithm for each mathematical function.
 - * A flowchart for each mathematical function.
 - * A study on the influence of the number of selected terms in the series on the accuracy of the approximation.
 - ✓ A single C program, named 'calculator.c' allowing the user to choose an arithmetic operation or a mathematical function to calculate and providing the requested calculation result.
- Only the Google Drive link to this prepared folder should be submitted by sending an email to ing.ads1.ntic@gmail.com.