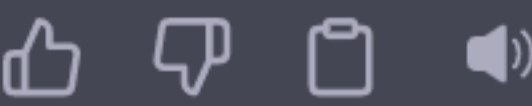




Write a self-contained function block in IEC 61131-3 Structured Text to compute a natural logarithm.



Below is a self-contained function block in IEC 61131-3 Structured Text to compute the natural logarithm using the Maclaurin series expansion method. This implementation assumes that the input is a positive real number and has a fixed number of iterations for approximation. You can adjust the `NUM_ITERATIONS` constant to increase or decrease the accuracy of the result.



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FUNCTION_BLOCK NaturalLogarithm
VAR_INPUT
    x : REAL;
END_VAR

VAR_OUTPUT
    ln_x : REAL;
END_VAR

VAR
    NUM_ITERATIONS : UINT := 10;
    i : UINT;
    temp_x : REAL;
END_VAR

METHOD Calculate: REAL
VAR_INPUT
    x : REAL;
END_VAR
VAR
    result : REAL := 0;
    i : UINT;
END_VAR

FOR i := 1 TO NUM_ITERATIONS DO
    result := result + (Power(x - 1, i) / REAL(i));
END_FOR;

RETURN result;
END_METHOD

METHOD Power: REAL
VAR_INPUT
    base : REAL;
    exponent : UINT;
END_VAR
VAR
    result : REAL := 1;
    i : UINT;
END_VAR

FOR i := 1 TO exponent DO
    result := result * base;
END_FOR;

RETURN result;
END_METHOD

METHOD Execute: BOOL
IF x <= 0 THEN
    RETURN FALSE;
END_IF;

temp_x := (x - 1) / (x + 1);
ln_x := 2 * Calculate(temp_x);

RETURN TRUE;
END_METHOD
END_FUNCTION_BLOCK
```

To use this function block, you can create an instance of the block, set the input value `x`, and call the `Execute` method. If the method returns TRUE, you can retrieve the result from the `ln_x` output variable.