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ABSTRACT

Evaluation of derivatives and Taylor coefficients of functions defined by computer programs has many applications in scientific computation. The process of automatic differentiation of such functions has as its goal the production of machine code for the evaluation of derivatives and Taylor coefficients. This is in contrast to symbolic differentiation, where the desired output is a more or less pretty formula, and numerical differentiation, which is inaccurate and unstable. Another distinction between automatic and symbolic differentiation is that the latter usually involves considerable computational overhead, while automatic differentiation can be carried out at compile time by a compiler which permits user-defined data types and operators. This report shows how PASCAL-SC, a compiler of this type, can be used to generate the real derivative types GRADIENT, HESSIAN, TAYLOR, and the corresponding interval types IGRADIENT, IHESsIAN, ITAYLOR. Applications of these types to solution of systems of nonlinear equations, sensitivity analysis, constrained and unconstrained optimization, and the solution of initial-value problems for systems of ordinary differential equations are indicated.

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SIGNIFICANCE AND EXPLANATION

Many problems in applied mathematics can be solved by the use of derivatives and Taylor series. While such methods appear to be effective in theory, their application in scientific computation has been limited until recently by the need to code the required derivatives by hand, even though differentiation is a well-understood mechanical process. Thus, the user of such methods has had the choice of resorting to numerical differentiation, an inaccurate and unstable process, or lately to the use of codes for symbolic operations which include differentiation. The latter tend to be large, unwieldy systems, intended to produce formulas and perform a number of symbolic manipulations in addition to differentiation. This report, on the other hand, describes the use of a modern compiler which permits user-defined data types and operators in order to perform automatic differentiation of computed functions in a fast, neat way. Here, the compiler itself, and not some outside system, does the differentiation and generation of Taylor coefficients desired, and produces compact, efficient machine code for their evaluation. The results are immediately applicable to problems including the solution of systems of nonlinear equations, sensitivity analysis, constrained and unconstrained optimization, the solution of initial-value problems for systems of ordinary differential equations, and many other problems in scientific computation.

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1. Automation of evaluation and differentiation of functions. The value $f(x)$ of a function of $n$ variables, $x = (x_1,...,x_n)$ is obtained on a computer by the composition $f = f_1 \circ f_2 \circ \ldots \circ f_m$ of a finite number of functions, each usually very simple, such as an arithmetic operation or one of a small number of library functions. Using the fact that the rule for evaluation of each $f_i$ is known, it is possible for a computer program called a compiler to produce machine code for the evaluation of a function $f$ specified in some form similar to ordinary mathematical notation, and including the possibility of different cases depending on $x$ and intermediate results. A key feature of such compilers is the ability to perform formula translation, that is, to produce machine code for the evaluation of an expression such as

$$F := (x^2 + \sin(x) + 4.0) \times (3x^2 + 2) + 6;$$

which denotes the mathematical function

$$f(x,y) = (xy + \sin x + 4)(3y^2 + 6).$$

The same strategy can be applied for the machine evaluation of derivatives $f'(x)$ or Taylor coefficients of $f$ at $x$ [6], [9], [10], [11], [12], [13]. The chain-rule of calculus applied to $f$ gives

$$f'(x) = f'_1(x^{(m-1)}) \ldots f'_m(x)^{(1)} \cdot f'_m(x),$$

where the ' in general denotes Fréchet differentiation and the $\cdot$ matrix multiplication [11], and

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(1.4) \[ x^{(k)} = f^{(k)}(x), \quad f^{(k)} = f_{m-k+1} \cdots f_m, \quad k = 1, \ldots, m-1. \]

Since the rules for calculation of derivatives and Taylor coefficients for the basic arithmetic operations are perfectly well understood, explicit expressions are available for the functions \( f_k \) [13], and thus machine code can be generated easily for the evaluation of derivatives or Taylor coefficients of \( f \) at points \( x \) for which it is differentiable or analytic, respectively. Most existing compilers, however, do not present this opportunity to the user. The reason is that most were developed only to work with integers and floating-point numbers (i.e., the types INTEGER and REAL) originally, and are quite limited in the kinds of data and operations which can be handled.

PASCAL-SC [3], on the other hand, was developed with the needs of scientific computation in mind, and thus provides complex numbers, intervals, complex intervals, and vectors and matrices over these types, as well as the appropriate operations, in addition to integers, and floating-point numbers, vectors, and matrices [17]. This vast improvement over the ordinary type of compiler is achieved by allowing the introduction of user-defined data types and operators. This facility, as will be explained below, permits automatic differentiation and generation of Taylor coefficients, simply by introduction of the appropriate derivative data types and corresponding operators.

2. Derivative data types. The first derivative of a function \( f \) of \( n \) variables \( x = (x_1, \ldots, x_n) \) is its gradient vector

\[
\nabla f(x) = \left( \frac{\partial f(x)}{\partial x_1}, \ldots, \frac{\partial f(x)}{\partial x_n} \right);
\]

similarly, the second derivative of \( f \) at \( x \) is represented by its Hessian matrix

\[
Hf(x) = \left( \frac{\partial^2 f(x)}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} \right),
\]

a symmetric \( n \times n \) matrix [11]. Furthermore, if \( f \) has a convergent Taylor series expansion at \( x = x_0 \), then
(2.3) \[ f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{k!} f^{(k)}(x_0) (x - x_0)^k + R_n(x_0, x - x_0), \]

where, of course, \( \frac{1}{0!} f^{(0)}(x_0) = f(x_0) \) [11]. In the scalar case, \( x \) is a single real variable, and \( f(x) \) is approximated by the Taylor polynomial

(2.4) \[ P_{n-1}(x_0, x - x_0) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{k!} f^{(k)}(x_0) (x - x_0)^k, \]

which in turn can be represented by the \( n \)-vector

(2.5) \[ P_n(x_0, t) = (f_1, f_2, \ldots, f_n) \]

of normalized Taylor coefficients

(2.6) \[ f_i = \frac{1}{(i-1)!} f^{(i-1)}(x_0) t^{i-1}, \quad t = x - x_0, \]

of \( f \). Thus, in the real case, real vectors and matrices are required for the representation of derivatives and Taylor coefficients. Similarly, interval vectors and matrices will be necessary to represent the same quantities for interval-valued functions. These types are all provided in PASCAL-SC [17]. The declaration for vectors in the real case (RVECTOR) runs as follows:

```pascal
CONST DIM = ;
(2.7) TYPE DIMTYPE = 1..DIM;
RVECTOR = ARRAY[DIMTYPE]OF REAL;
```

To declare a real matrix (RMATRIX), one adds

(2.8) \[ TYPE RMATRIX = ARRAY[DIMTYPE]OF RVECTOR; \]

to the above. These declarations will be basic to the following discussion.

2.1. **Type GRADIENT.** The basic derivative type treats the value \( f(x) \) of \( f \) at \( x \) and its gradient vector \( \nabla f(x) \) at the same point as the entity \( (f(x), \nabla f(x)) \), that is, the pair consisting of the real value of \( f \) at \( x \), and its \( n \)-dimensional gradient vector of partial derivatives. For this purpose, the RECORD data structure of PASCAL-SC is ideal. To declare this type, (2.7) is followed by
so that if \( V \) is a variable of type \( \text{GRADIENT} \), then \( V.F \) will be its value, and \( V.DF \) its gradient vector. Thus, if the function \( v \) is denoted in the computer program as \( V \), then \( V.F = v(x) \) and \( V.DF = \nabla v(x) \) at the current value \( x \) of the independent variables \( x_1, \ldots, x_n \). Thus, \( V.DF[i] = \partial v(x)/\partial x_i \), \( i = 1, \ldots, n \). The \( i \)th independent variable \( x_i \) will be denoted by a \( \text{GRADIENT} \) variable, say \( X_I \), such that \( X_I.F = x_i \), the current value of \( x_i \), and \( X_I.DF \) is the \( i \)th unit vector \( e_i = (0, \ldots, 0, 1, 0, \ldots, 0) \) which has its \( i \)th component equal to 1, and the others equal to zero. If it is desired to represent a constant \( c \) as a \( \text{GRADIENT} \) variable \( C \), then \( C.F = c \), while \( C.DF \) will be the zero vector \((0, \ldots, 0)\). The user of type \( \text{GRADIENT} \) is free to name and order the independent variables arbitrarily.

2.2. \textbf{Type HESSIAN.} This type can be considered to be an extension of type \( \text{GRADIENT} \). Here, operations are performed on the triple \((f(x), \nabla f(x), \nabla^2 f(x))\) as the basic datum. Once again, the RECORD structure is appropriate, and the declaration of this type consists of (2.7) followed by (2.8) and

\[
\text{(2.10)} \quad \text{TYPE HESSIAN} = \text{RECORD F: REAL; DF: RVECTOR; HF: RMATRIX END;}
\]

with now \( V.F = v(x), V.DF = \nabla v(x), \) and \( V.HF = \nabla^2 v(x) \) for a variable \( V \) of type \( \text{HESSIAN} \) corresponding to the function \( v \). Here, \( V.HF[i, j] = \partial^2 v(x)/\partial x_i \partial x_j \), for example.

2.3. \textbf{Type TAYLOR.} As indicated above, the quantity to be computed with in this case is the vector (2.5) of normalized Taylor coefficients (2.6). It is important in most applications to be aware of the scale factor \( t = x - x_0 \), which will be of type \( \text{REAL} \) in the scalar case. Thus, the RECORD structure will also be used for this derivative type, which is declared by (2.7) followed by

\[
\text{(2.11)} \quad \text{TYPE TAYLOR} = \text{RECORD T: REAL; TC: RVECTOR END;}
\]

with \( V.T = x - x_0 \) and \( V.TC[i] = \frac{1}{(i-1)!} v^{(i-1)}(x_0)(x - x_0)^{i-1} \) for \( i = 1, \ldots, n \). The value of the Taylor polynomial (2.4) can be obtained very simply and accurately in PASCAL-SC by use of the \( \text{SUM} \) function:
(2.12) \[ P := \text{SUM}(\text{V.TC}, \emptyset); \]

where \( P \) is of type REAL. In (2.12), the sum is rounded to the closest floating-point number; upward or downward rounding can be achieved by replacing the 0 by +1 or -1, respectively [17].

2.4. **Interval types IGRADIENT, IHESSIAN, ITAYLOR.** Interval arithmetic, including operations for interval vectors and matrices and standard functions, is another convenient feature of PASCAL-SC [3], [17]. By the use of interval computation, inclusions of the real values of expressions such as (1.1) can be obtained [9], [10]. The same applies to values of derivatives and Taylor coefficients, so the derivative types introduced above can also be defined over intervals. The standard declaration of an interval in PASCAL-SC is:

(2.13) \[
\text{TYPE INTERVAL = RECORD INF, SUP: REAL END;}
\]

and interval vectors and matrices are declared by

(2.14) \[
\text{TYPE IVECTOR = ARRAY[DIMTYPE]OF INTERVAL;}\]
\[
\text{IMATRIX = ARRAY[DIMTYPE]OF IVECTOR;}
\]

corresponding to (2.7)-(2.8). The INTERVAL versions of the REAL derivative types GRADIENT, HESSIAN, and TAYLOR are thus declared by

(2.15) \[
\text{TYPE IGRADIENT = RECORD IF: INTERVAL; IDF: IVECTOR END;}
\]
\[
\text{IHESSIAN = RECORD IF: INTERVAL; IDF: IVECTOF; IHF: IMATRIX END;}
\]
\[
\text{ITAYLOR = RECORD IT: INTERVAL; ITC: IVECTOR END;}
\]

respectively.

3. **Derivative operators.** In order for expressions to be evaluated correctly when derivative data types appear, the arithmetic operations and standard functions have to be defined in such a way as to incorporate the appropriate rules for differentiation or generation of Taylor coefficients. Furthermore, as in (1.1), provision for variables or constants of type INTEGER or REAL must be made. The following rule
Variables or expressions of type REAL or INTEGER will be treated as constants for the purpose of differentiation.

In order to simplify the following discussion, generic variables of type INTEGER will be denoted by K, and of type REAL by R, RA, RB. The derivative types introduced in §2 will be indicated by G, H, T, IG, IH, IT, respectively, and the general derivative type by D. Thus, if D = T, type TAYLOR is meant. Generic variables of type D will be denoted by D, DA, DB for D ∈ {G,H,T,IG,IH,IT}. The necessary arithmetic operators are given below; operations between reals and types IG,IH,IT are undefined.

3.1. Addition operators.

(3.1) +D, K+D, D+K, R+D, D+R, DA+DB.

3.2. Subtraction operators.

(3.2) -D, K-D, D-K, R-D, D-R, DA-DB.

3.3. Multiplication operators.

(3.3) K*D, D*K, R*D, D*R, DA*DB.

3.4. Division operators.

(3.4) K/D, D/K, R/D, D/R, DA/DB.

There are thus 22 operators for each real type and 14 for each interval derivative data type. For example, taking D = H, the source code for the operator symbolized by H+R (addition of a REAL to a HESSIAN) is:

```
OPERATOR + (H: HESSIAN; R: REAL) RES: HESSIAN;
VAR U: HESSIAN;
  RES:=U;
END;
```

since the addition of a constant alters only the value of a variable, and not its derivatives. Rules for performing the above operations for each derivative type...
are given in [13], for example. Source code for each of the real data types \( G, H, T \) will be given for the operation \( DA \ast DB \) in the next section. A complete set of source code for arithmetic and power operations and standard functions can be found in [14] for type GRADIENT.

3.5. **Power operators.** The provision of the power operator \( ** \) to evaluate \( x^y \) is not standard in PASCAL-SC. In order to implement this operator for derivative data types, it is necessary to define it for some combinations of the basic REAL and INTERVAL types. Thus, one needs

\[
R^{**K}, RA^{**RB},
\]

for type REAL, and, if \( I, IA, IB \) denote generic INTERVAL variables,

\[
I^{**K}, K^{**I}, IA^{**IB}
\]

for type INTERVAL. In terms of these basic power operations, the derivative operators symbolized by

\[
D^{**K}, K^{**D}, D^{**R}, R^{**D}, DA^{**DB}
\]

can be defined. Thus, 5 operators for each of the derivative types are needed, in addition to the 2 operators (3.6) for type REAL, and the 3 operators (3.7) for type INTERVAL, as well as \( D^{**K}, K^{**D}, DA^{**DB} \) for \( D \in \{ IG, IH, IT \} \).

The operator \( R^{**K} \) can be implemented by repeated squaring [13], [14], or, better yet, by the accurate algorithm described by Böhm [2]. \( RA^{**RB} \) can be calculated using \( R^{**K} \) for the integer part of \( RB \), and the ordinary exponential function for the logarithm of the base multiplied by the fractional part of \( RB \). For interval variables \( X, Y \), \( X^Y \) is defined by

\[
X^Y = \{ \min(x^y \mid x \in X, y \in Y), \max(x^y \mid x \in X, y \in Y) \},
\]

and the operator \( ** \) is defined accordingly. Since the inclusion

\[
X^2 = \{ \min(x^2 \mid a \leq x \leq b), \max(x^2 \mid a \leq x \leq b) \} \subseteq X
\]
can be proper for intervals \( X = [a,b] \), the standard function ISQR for interval arithmetic [17] is used to compute \( I^{**2} \), and \( I^{**K} \) by repeated squaring.

The complete package of arithmetic operations for derivative data types thus consists of 27 operators for each real type, the two real operators (3.6), the three interval operators (3.7), and the 17 arithmetic operators for the interval types.

The priorities of the operators given in this section, from highest to lowest, are:

1°. Unary addition and subtraction, symbolized by \( +D \) and \( -D \), respectively;
2°. Multiplication, division, and power: \( *,/,** \);
3°. Binary addition and subtraction \( \pm \).

Persons familiar with compilers in which \( * \) has higher priority than \( ** \) should beware, and use parentheses, as in (1.1).

4. Examples of multiplication operators in PASCAL-SC. In order to give explicit examples, the source code for definition of the operator \( * \) for the real derivative types GRADIENT, HESSIAN, and TAYLOR will be given in this section, both in component form and compact form using the vector and matrix operators available in PASCAL-SC. Complete source code for the 29 operators required for type GRADIENT is given in [14].

4.1. \( GA*GB \) for type GRADIENT. In component form, the source code for this operator is:

\[
\text{OPERATOR } *(GA,GB: \text{GRADIENT}) \text{ RES: GRADIENT;}
\]

\[
\text{VAR I: DIMTYPE; U: GRADIENT;}
\]

\[
\text{BEGIN U.F:=GA.F*GB.F;}
\]

\[\text{(4.1)}\]

\[
\text{FOR I:=1 TO DIM DO U.DF[I]:=GA.F*GB.DF[I]+GB.F*GA.DF[I];}
\]

\[
\text{RES:=U}
\]

\[
\text{END;}
\]

however, since multiplication of vectors by real numbers and addition of vectors are operations which are available in PASCAL-SC [17], these can be used to produce the more compact source code
OPERATOR * (GA,GB: GRADIENT) RES: GRADIENT;
VAR U: GRADIENT;
BEGIN U.F:=GA.F*GB.F;
U.DF:=GA.F*GB.DF+GB.F*GA.DF;
RES:=U
END;

(4.2)

4.2. HA*HB for type HESSIAN. If XI is the ith independent variable
of type HESSIAN, then XI.DF will be the ith unit vector, as for type GRADIENT, and
XI.HF will be the zero matrix. If a constant C is declared as type HESSIAN, then
both the vector part C.DF and the matrix part C.HF of C will be zero. It is, of
course, more economical to introduce constants as type INTEGER or REAL. Multipli-
cation of HESSIAN variables HA,HB is accomplished by the operator

OPERATOR * (HA,HB: HESSIAN) RES: HESSIAN;
VAR I,J: DIMTYPE;U: HESSIAN;
BEGIN
U.F:=HA.F*HB.F;
FOR I:=1 TO DIM DO
U.DF[I]:=HA.F*HB.DF[I]+HB.F*HA.DF[I];
FOR I:=1 TO DIM DO
FOR J:=I TO DIM DO
BEGIN
IF I=J THEN U.HF[J,I]:=U.HF[I,J]
END;
RES:=U
END;

in component form, where the well-known formulas for the first and second deriva-
tive of products have been used [7], [13]. The calculation of U.DF here is taken
directly from (4.1). The first FOR loop could be eliminated by computing U.DF[I]
in the second. As before, (4.3) can be simplified by using the vector and matrix
operations of PASCAL-SC, augmented by the outer product VA**VB of vectors defined
by the operator

\textbf{OPERATOR} ** (VA, VB: RVVECTOR) \textbf{RES: RMATRIX;}

\textbf{VAR} I, J: DIMTYPE; U: RMATRIX;

\textbf{BEGIN}

\textbf{4.4)}

\textbf{FOR} \textbf{I} := 1 \textbf{TO} DIM \textbf{DO}

\textbf{FOR} \textbf{J} := 1 \textbf{TO} DIM \textbf{DO} U[I, J] := VA[I] * VB[J];

\textbf{RES} := \textbf{U}

\textbf{END;}

For example, with this operation, (4.3) becomes

\textbf{OPERATOR} \textbf{*} (HA, HB: HESSIAN) \textbf{RES: HESSIAN;}

\textbf{VAR} U: HESSIAN;

\textbf{BEGIN}

\textbf{4.5)}

U.F := HA.F * HB.F;
U.DF := HA.F * HB.DF + HB.F * HA.DF;
U.HF := HA.F * HB.HF + HA.DF * HB.DF + HB.DF * HA.DF + HB.F * HA.HF;

\textbf{RES} := \textbf{U}

\textbf{END;}

which is more compact but less efficient than (4.3)

4.3. \textbf{TA*TB for type TAYLOR.} Here, the well-known formula for the Taylor coefficients of the product \cite{9}, \cite{13} are used. In symbolic form, for $U := TA*TB$, we have \cite[(13), p. 41]{13}

\textbf{4.6)}  \quad U.TC[J] = \sum_{I=1}^{J} TA.TC[I] * TB.TC[J-I+1], \quad J = 1, \ldots, DIM.

A very important advantage of the use of PASCAL-SC for this calculation is that (4.6) can be computed as the scalar product of two vectors; this is done by the standard function \textbf{SCALP} to the closest floating-point number, or can be rounded up or down if desired. This means, for example, that $U.TC[1], \ldots, U.TC[DIM]$ can each be computed with only one rounding error from the components of $TA.TC$ and $TB.TC$, instead of having increasing rounding error as $J$ increases. This helps to ameliorate one of the possible bugaboos of the use of Taylor series methods in scientific
computation. As can be seen in [13], a number of other formulas for the recursive
generation of Taylor coefficients take the form of scalar products, so that one can
take advantage of the accuracy of SCALP in their computation. Source code for the
multiplication operator \* for TAYLOR variables is

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{OPERATOR} & \quad \text{* (TA, TB: TAYLOR)} \quad \text{RES: TAYLOR;} \\
\text{VAR} & \quad I, J, K: \text{DIMTYPE}; X, Y: \text{RVECTOR}; U: \text{TAYLOR}; \\
\text{BEGIN} & \quad \text{IF TA.T <> TB.T THEN} \\
& \quad \text{BEGIN} \\
& \quad \quad \text{WRITELN('ERROR: MULTIPLICATION OF TAYLOR VARIABLES WITH} \\
& \quad \quad \text{UNEQUAL SCALE FACTORS'); SVR(0)} \\
& \quad \text{END;} \\
& \quad U.T := TA.T; \text{FOR I := 1 TO DIM DO} \\
& \quad \quad \text{BEGIN} \\
& \quad \quad \quad X[I] := 0; Y[I] := 0 \text{ END;} \\
& \quad \text{FOR I := 1 TO DIM DO} \\
& \quad \quad \text{BEGIN} \\
& \quad \quad \quad X[I] := TA.TC[I]; \\
& \quad \quad \quad \text{FOR J := 1 TO I DO} \\
& \quad \quad \quad \quad \text{BEGIN} \\
& \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad K := I - J + 1; Y[J] := TB.TC[K] \\
& \quad \quad \quad \quad \text{END;} \\
& \quad \quad \quad U.TC[I] := SCALP(X, Y, 0) \text{ END;} \\
& \quad \text{RES} := U \end{align*}
\]

(4.7)

where an attempt to multiply TAYLOR variables with unequal scale factors results in
printing an error message and return of control to the operating system. The ini-
tialization of the vectors X, Y could be done by the assignments \(X := \text{VRNULL}, Y := \text{VRNULL},\)
from a parameterless function available in PASCAL-SC to produce zero vectors [17].

The present implementation of type TAYLOR is for the scalar case, with a single
independent real variable, say \(x\), and expansions are performed at \(x = x_0\). In this
case, the corresponding independent variable \(X\) of type TAYLOR is defined as follows:

\[
(4.8) \quad X.T = x - x_0, \quad X.TC[1] = x_0, \quad X.TC[2] = x - x_0, \quad X.TC[I] = 0 \text{ for } I > 2.
\]
Thus, the assignment

\[(4.9) \quad X.TC[1] := X.TC[1] + X.TC[2]; \text{ or } X.TC[1] := \text{SUM}(X.TC, 0);\]

will generate a sequence \(x_i = x_{i-1} + h, h = x - x_0\) of points of expansion of the corresponding TAYLOR variables dependent on \(X\).

Multiplication of the interval derivative types IGRADIENT, IHESSIAN, AND ITAYLOR follows the pattern given above for the corresponding real types.

5. **Standard derivative functions.** The rules for differentiation of the standard functions ABS, SQR, SQRT, EXP, LN, SIN, COS, ARCTAN are well understood, as is the generation of Taylor coefficients for these functions. Thus, there is no conceptual (or practical) difficulty in providing the standard functions DABS, DSQRT, DEXP, DLN, DSIN, DCOS, DARCTAN for the derivative types \(D \in \{G, H, T, IG, IH, IT\}\), and the function DSQR for the interval derivative types \(D \in \{IG, IH, IT\}\).

Naming functions in this way means that in an expression for the function (1.2), Taylor coefficients are obtained automatically if one declares \(F, X, Y\) to be of type TAYLOR, and writes the assignment

\[(5.1) \quad F := (X*Y + TSIN(X) + 4.0)*(3*(Y**2) + 6);\]

here, the minor nuisance of writing TSIN instead of SIN is offset by the fact that the former makes it clear that the expression in (5.1) is of type TAYLOR, and that arguments of type TAYLOR are expected.

A complete set of source code for the GRADIENT (\(D=G\)) versions of the standard functions listed above is given in [14]. For example, for the gradient cosine,

\[
\text{FUNCTION GCOS(G: GRADIENT): GRADIENT;}
\]

\[
\text{VAR M: REAL; U: GRADIENT;}
\]

\[
\text{(5.2)}
\]

\[
\text{BEGIN}
\]

\[
\text{M := -SIN(G.F); U.F := COS(G.F); U.DF := M*G.DF; GCOS := U}
\]

\[
\text{END;}
\]

in vector form. With the arithmetic operations and the standard functions given, it is very easy for the user to introduce others. If the gradient secant is needed, one
can simply use the code

\begin{verbatim}
FUNCTION GSEC(G: GRADIENT): GRADIENT;
\end{verbatim}

\begin{verbatim}
(5.3)
BEGIN GSEC:=1/GCOS(G) END;
\end{verbatim}

for this purpose, and so on.

6. Applications of derivative types in scientific computation. Since the operations of differentiation and series expansion are ubiquitous in mathematical modeling, possible applications of derivative data types in scientific computation would fill a vast catalog, which would also probably never be completed. Here, only a few applications which have been implemented in software in one form or another will be mentioned. In each case, the PASCAL-SC formulation of these types and their corresponding functions and operations leads to a drastic simplification of previous efforts.

6.1. Applications of type GRADIENT and IGRADIENT. A simple application of type GRADIENT is to sensitivity analysis. If \( F \) is of type GRADIENT, then \( F.DF[i] = \Delta f/\Delta x_i \) is the rate of change of the function \( f \) symbolized by \( F \) with respect to the \( i \)th independent variable \( x_i \). Similarly, \( F.DF[i]/F.F \) is the relative rate of change of \( f \) with respect to \( x_i \). Furthermore, the gradient vector \( F.DF = \nabla f(x) \) gives the direction of the fastest increase of \( f \) at the current values of the independent variables, a fact which is useful in optimization and other applications.

Given several GRADIENT variables \( F,G,H \), their Jacobian matrix \( J \) will have rows

\begin{verbatim}
\end{verbatim}

Knowing the values \( F.F, G.F, \) and \( H.F \) of these variables as well as their Jacobian matrix makes it very easy to code the solution of systems of equations by Newton's method in terms of GRADIENT variables [7], [11], [14]. Furthermore, the type IGRADIENT can be used to obtain Lipschitz constants for functions of several variables [14].

In interval analysis [9], [10], it is well-known that the mean-value form

\begin{equation}
F(x) = f(x) + F'(x)(x - x)
\end{equation}

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(6.1)
\end{verbatim}

can give an accurate interval inclusion of a real function \( f \) on a small interval
X containing \( x \). If \( f \) is a function of several variables, an interval inclusion \( F'(X) \) of the Jacobian matrix \( f'(x) \) is needed. This can be obtained automatically if \( f \) is coded in terms of its components \( f_i \) as variables \( F_i \) of type \texttt{IGRADIENT}.

By use of PASCAL-SC and the types \texttt{GRADIENT} and \texttt{IGRADIENT}, the program \texttt{NEWTON} [7] for the solution of nonlinear systems of equations can be reduced from over 3,400 lines in \texttt{FORTRAN} to a few dozen.

6.2. Applications of type \texttt{HESSIAN} and \texttt{IHESSIAN}. As one might expect, these types appear to be extremely useful in optimization. In unconstrained optimization, the gradient vector \( \nabla f(x) \) of a function \( f(x) = f(x_1, \ldots, x_n) \) will vanish at a maximum or minimum value of \( f \), so one wants to solve the system of equations \( \nabla f(x) = 0 \), the Jacobian matrix of which is \( Hf(x) \). If \( f \) is coded as a \texttt{HESSIAN} variable \( F \), that is, by an assignment of the form

\[
(6.2) \quad F := F(x_1, \ldots, x_N);
\]

then the components of the gradient vector are given automatically by \( F.DF \), and the Hessian matrix of \( f \) by \( F.HF \), the latter being useful in solution procedures based on Newton's method [14]. Suppose that the optimization problem is constrained by conditions \( g(x_1, \ldots, x_n) = 0 \), \( h(x_1, \ldots, x_n) = 0 \), where \( g, h \) are coded in symbolic form by the assignments

\[
(6.3) \quad G := G(x_1, \ldots, x_N); \quad H := H(x_1, \ldots, x_N);
\]

as variables of type \texttt{HESSIAN}. Then, increasing the dimension of the problem to \( n+2 \) and introducing two new independent variables \( L_1, L_2 \) (the \textit{Lagrange multipliers}) as of type \texttt{HESSIAN}, one makes the assignment

\[
(6.4) \quad W := F + L_1*G + L_2*H;
\]

and the solution of the unconstrained problem for \( W \) is then a solution of the constrained problem for \( F \) [14]. Once again, the Hessian matrix \( W.HF \) of \( W \) is the Jacobian matrix of the system \( W.DF = 0 \), which gives a necessary condition for an extreme value of \( W \), and can be used in solution procedures based on Newton's method.
In the program NEWTON [7], interval Hessian matrices were used to obtain
Lipschitz constants for Jacobian matrices and ultimately rigorous error bounds for
approximate solutions of nonlinear systems of equations. These matrices can be
obtained automatically if the type IHESsian is used in the computation [14].

6.3. Applications of type TAYLOR and ITAYLOR. Taylor series and
the approximation of functions by Taylor polynomials appear in many places in
scientific computation. One of the most successful areas of application of the
idea of recursive generation of Taylor coefficients is the numerical solution of
the initial-value problem for ordinary differential equations and systems of such
equations [1], [4], [9], [10]. Type TAYLOR is ideally suited for production
of software for this purpose. For example, suppose a Taylor polynomial approximation
is sought for the solution of the equation

\[ y' = (xy + \sin x + 4)(3y^2 + 6), \quad y(x_0) = y_0, \]

say on the interval \( x_0 \leq x \leq x_T \). Part of the PASCAL-SC code for this purpose,
with \( x, y, y' \) of type TAYLOR, would run as follows for a REAL step-length of

**H:**

```
BEGIN X.T:=H; Y.T:=H; X.TC:=VRNULL; X.TC[1]:=X0; X.TC[2]:=H;
WHILE X.TC[1] <= XT DO
  BEGIN Y.TC:=VRNULL; Y.TC[1]:=Y0;
    FOR I:=2 TO DIM DO
      BEGIN
        YPRIME:=(X*Y+TSIN(X)+4)*(3*(Y**2)+6); J:=I+1;
        Y.TC[I]:=YPRIME.TC[J]*H/J
      END;
    X.TC[1]:=X.TC[1]+H; Y0:=SUM(Y.TC,0);
    WRITELN(X.TC[1], Y0);
  END;
END;
```

The same kind of coding can be expanded for systems of equations.

In the program DIFEQ [4], interval Taylor coefficients and polynomials are
used for rigorous error and step-size control in the computation analogous to (6.6) for the recursive generation of Taylor coefficients of \( y \) from those for \( y' \).

In the program INTE [5], interval Taylor coefficients are used to obtain guaranteed bounds for the error terms in various rules of numerical integration. In both of these cases, the use of the type ITAYLOR would result in the reduction of programs with thousands of lines in FORTRAN and assembly language to PASCAL-SC programs of a hundred lines or so.

A challenge in the extension of type TAYLOR to the vector case is that derivatives are then multilinear operators [11], so that both storage requirements and operation times increase drastically. However, some of the present and projected "supercomputers" may well be suitable for Taylor series methods to be applied to partial differential equations along the lines indicated here, given compilers with the capabilities of PASCAL-SC which can also exploit any parallelism available in the hardware.
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automatic differentiation can be carried out at compile time by a compiler which permits user-defined data types and operators. This report shows how PASCAL-SC, a compiler of this type, can be used to generate the real derivative types GRADIENT, HESSIAN, TAYLOR, and the corresponding interval types IGRADIENT, IHESIAN, ITAYLOR. Applications of these types to solution of systems of nonlinear equations, sensitivity analysis, constrained and unconstrained optimization, and the solution of initial-value problems for systems of ordinary differential equations are indicated.