

Taylor User's Manual

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1 What is Taylor

Taylor is an ODE solver generator. It reads a system of ODEs and it outputs an ANSI C routine that performs a single step of the numerical integration of these ODEs, by means of the Taylor method. Each step of integration chooses the step and the order in an adaptive way trying to keep the local error below a given threshold, and to minimize the global computational effort. There is also support for several extended precision arithmetics.

2 Obtaining Taylor

Taylor is available via anonymous ftp from

ftp://ftp.math.utexas.edu:/pub/mzou (US)
ftp://ftp.maia.ub.es:/pub/angel (Europe)

You can also download **taylor** on the web using the URLs

http://www.math.utexas.edu/users/mzou/taylor/ (US)
http://www.maia.ub.es/~angel/taylor/ (Europe)

Taylor is released under the GNU Public License (GPL), so anybody with Internet access is free to get it and to redistribute it. The latest version is 1.3.8.

3 Installing Taylor

Taylor runs only on a Unix system. It has been tested under Linux, SunOS and Solaris. It should compile and run on other variant of unices.

After downloading the distribution **taylor-x.y.z.tgz**, where **x.y.z** is the version number, unpack the archive using the command

```
tar xvzf taylor-x.y.z.tgz
```

or, if your version of **tar** does not handle compressed files, you can also use

```
gzip -dc taylor-x.y.z.tgz | tar xvf -
```

This will create a directory `Taylor-x.y`. Change to this directory.

Now, to compile `taylor`, run `make`. It will produce the executable `taylor` in the current directory. You need an ANSI C compiler and `lex/yacc` parser generator to compile `taylor`. Using `gcc` and `flex/bison` is highly recommended.

To install `taylor`, simply copy the executable `taylor` and the manual page `src/taylor.1` to their destination directories. You can put the binary in one of your directories or, if you have the right permissions, in a system directory,

```
cp taylor /usr/local/bin/taylor
```

In this case, you may also want to install the man page,

```
cp src/taylor.1 /usr/local/man/man1/taylor.1
```

4 Running Taylor

4.1 Input Syntax

To use `taylor`, the first order of business is to prepare an input ASCII file with the system of ODEs. Input to `taylor` consists of statements of the form

```
id = expr;  
diff(var, tvar) = expr;
```

where `tvar` is the time variable and `expr` is a valid mathematical expression made from numbers, the time variable, the state variables, elementary functions `sin`, `cos`, `tan`, `arctan`, `sinh`, `cosh`, `tanh`, `exp`, and `log`, using the four arithmetic operators and function composition. For example

```
a = sin(1) + log(1 + exp(-0.5));  
b = a + cos(0.1);  
c = a+b;  
ff = sin(x+t) * exp(-x*x);  
diff(x,t) = c * ff - tan(t);
```

are all valid statements.

`Taylor` also understands `if-else` expressions and non-nested sums. For example, `taylor` accepts the following statements:

```
ss = sum( i*sin(i * x)+ i *cos(i*t), i=1,10);  
diff(x,t) = ss;  
diff(y,t) = if(y>t) { if(y>0.0) { y } else { 1-y } }  
                else { y+t};
```

The detailed input syntax is given in Appendix A.

4.2 Overall

Once the input file is ready, there are two main steps in the construction of the Taylor integrator.

First, we should ask **taylor** to produce the code to compute the jet of derivatives and the automatic step size (and degree) control. This code is arithmetic-independent, in the sense that the real numbers are declared as `MY_FLOAT` (type to be defined later) and the arithmetic operations have been replaced by C macros. Hence, the selection of basic arithmetic only depends on the definition of these macros.

The second step is to ask **taylor** to produce a header file with a concrete definition of the type `MY_FLOAT` and the macros that define the basic arithmetic. This file is included by the previous C file with the jet of derivatives and the step size control, so that the C preprocessor can substitute these macros by the code for the desired arithmetic.

We provide header files to use some extended precision arithmetics (later we give a concrete list), but none of these libraries is included in the **taylor** package; the user is supposed to retrieve and install them separately.

To use an arithmetic different from the ones mentioned here, the user only needs to introduce the corresponding function calls in the header file.

The two previous steps can be combined in a single one, by asking **taylor** to put everything (jet, step size and headers) in a single file.

The next section contains a simple example, using the standard double precision of the computer. Next, in Section 5.2, we will show all the options of the **taylor** program.

4.3 Example 1

Let's save the next four lines in the ASCII file `lorenz.eq1`. It specifies the famous Lorenz equation.

```
RR = 28.0;
diff(x,t) = 10.0* (y - x);
diff(y,t) = RR * x - x*z - y;
diff(z,t) = x* y - 8.0* z /3.0;
```

After saving the file `lorenz.eq1`, let's ask **taylor** to generate a solver for us. A first possibility is to invoke **taylor** as follows

```
taylor -name lrnz -o lorenz.c -jet -step lorenz.eq1
taylor -name lrnz -o taylor.h -header
```

The first line creates the file `lorenz.c` (`-o` flag) with the code that computes the jet of derivatives (`-jet` flag) and the step size control (`-step` flag); the ODE description is read from the input file `lorenz.eq1`. The flag `-name` is to tell **taylor** the name we want for the function that performs a single step of the numerical integration; in this case the name is `taylor_step_lrnz` (the string after the `-name` flag is appended to the string `taylor_step_` to get the name of this function). The detailed description of the parameters of this function is in Section 5.3. The second line produces a header file (named `taylor.h`) needed to compile `lorenz.c`, that also contains the prototypes of the functions

in `lorenz.c` (this is the reason for using again the flag `-name`) so the user may also want to include it to have these calls properly declared. As we have not specified the kind of arithmetic we want, this header file will use the standard double precision of the computer.

Then, the user only needs to call this integration routine to compute a sequence of points on a given orbit – this is similar to the standard use of most numerical integrators, like Runge-Kutta or Adams-Bashford.

As an example, let us ask **taylor** to create a very simple main program for the Lorenz system,

```
taylor -name lrnz -o main_lrnz.c -main_only lorenz.eq1
```

Now we can compile and link these files,

```
gcc -O3 main_lrnz.c lorenz.c -lm -s
```

to produce a binary that will ask us for an initial condition and will print a table of values of the corresponding orbit to the screen. A look at this main program will give you an idea of how to call the Taylor integrator.

There are other ways of invoking **taylor**. For instance,

```
taylor -o lorenz.c lorenz.eq1
```

produces a single output file `lorenz.c` that includes the header file, a small main program, the step size control code and the function to compute the jet of derivatives. In this sense, `lorenz.c` contains a full program ready to be compiled and run:

```
gcc -O3 lorenz.c -lm
```

If we run the binary (`a.out`), the output looks like

```
Enter Initial xx[0]: 0.1
Enter Initial xx[1]: 0.2
Enter Initial xx[2]: 0.3
Enter start time: 0.0
Enter stop time: 0.3
Enter absolute error tolerance: 0.1e-16
Enter relative error tolerance: 0.1e-16

0.1      0.2      0.3      0.0
0.166068 0.355113 0.266465 0.0467065
0.296904 0.643972 0.238433 0.0968925
0.508526 1.10588  0.225988 0.142787
0.823022 1.79068  0.239631 0.18375
1.26605  2.75389  0.299485 0.220385
1.86192  4.04596  0.440512 0.253231
2.63611  5.71608  0.718778 0.282924
3.21698  6.96047  0.995948 0.3
```

The output of `a.out` are the values of the state variables, in the order as they appear in the input file, plus the value of the time variable. For our last example, each row of the output are values of `x`, `y`, `z` and `t`.

4.3.1 On the “automatically generated” main program

Since we did not specify the initial conditions in our last example, the main program asks us to input them at run time. Initial values, error tolerance and stop conditions can be specified in the input file. *We stress that this information is only used to produce the `main()` driving function.*

The syntax for specifying initial values is:

```
initial_values = expr, expr, ..., expr;
```

For example:

```
initial_values = cos(0.1)*2, 0.4, exp(0.5);
```

For time step, error tolerance and stop conditions, `taylor` uses a few reserved variables (names). They are:

```
start_time = expr;           /* start time */
stop_time = expr;           /* stop time: stop condition */
absolute_error_tolerance = expr; /* absolute error tolerance */
relative_error_tolerance = expr; /* relative error tolerance */
number_of_steps=expr;       /* stop condition */
```

Here the right hand expressions must reduce to real constants. `stop_time` and `number_of_steps` provide two mechanisms to stop the integrator. The solver will stop when either condition is met. Please be advised that expressions here are evaluated in double precision first, and pass the result to the macro `MakeMyFloatC(var,string_form,double_value)`.

For example, we can add the following lines to `lorenz.eq1`.

```
initial_values= 0.1, 0.2, 0.3;
start_time= 0.0;
stop_time = 0.3;
absolute_error_tolerance = 0.1e-16;
relative_error_tolerance = 0.1e-16;
```

4.3.2 Using extended precision

As it has been mentioned before, `taylor` has support for some extended precision arithmetics. For instance, assume we want to build a Taylor integrator for the Lorenz example, using the GNU Multiple Precision library.

The code for the jet of derivatives and the step size (and order) control does not depend on the arithmetic. So, we can use the same file as before, or to build it again,

```
taylor -name lrnz -o lorenz.c -jet -step lorenz.eq1
```

The differences are in the header file:

```
taylor -name lrnz -o taylor.h -gmp -header
```

The flag `-gmp` instructs **taylor** to produce a header file to use the **gmp** library. As an example, we can ask **taylor** to generate a (very simple) main program for this case,

```
taylor -name lrnz -o main_lrnz.c -main_only -gmp lorenz.eq1
```

We stress that the **gmp** library is not included in or package. In what follows, we assume that it is already installed in the computer.

```
gcc -O3 main_lrnz.c lorenz.c -lgmp -s
```

We have also assumed that the **gmp** library is somewhere in the default path used by your compiler to look for libraries, otherwise you will need to tell the compiler (`-L` flag for `gcc`) where to find that library.

Important note: Extended precision libraries usually require some specific initializations that must be done by the main program. The subroutines produced by **taylor** will produce wrong results if these initializations are not done properly. We strongly suggest you to read the documentation that comes with these libraries before using them.

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The next sections contain detailed information about the options of the **taylor** program, as well as a more complete description of the produced code.

The syntax of the input file has already been explained in Section 4.1, except by the use of **extern** variables. **extern** variables are used to set parameters in the vector field, from any place of the program.

5.1 Using External Variables

In some cases, a vector field can depend on one or several parameters and the user is interested in changing them at runtime. Moreover, for vector fields that depends on lots of constants, e.g. power or fourier expansions, it is desirable to have a separate procedure to read in those constants, rather than entering them by hand into the ODE definitions. **Taylor** understands external variables and external arrays. It treats them as constants when computing the taylor coefficients. Listed below is a short example.

```
/* declare some external vars */
extern MY_FLOAT e1, e2, coef[10], freq[10];

diff(x,t) = e1 * y;
diff(y,t) = -x + e2*sum( coef[i] * sin( freq[i] * t), i = 0, 9);
```

Let's save the above in `perturbation.eq1`, and ask **taylor** to generate a solver for us.

```
taylor -jet -o perturbation.c -name perturbation perturbation.eq1
taylor -name perturbation -header -o taylor.h
```

We'll have to write a driver for our integrator.

```
/* save in main3.c */
#include <stdio.h>
#include <math.h>
#include "taylor.h"
/* these are the variables the vector fields
 * depends on.
 */
MY_FLOAT e1, e2, coef[10], freq[10];

int main(int argc, char **argv)
{
    MY_FLOAT xx[2], t;
    double h, abs_err, rel_err, h_return;
    double log10abs_err, log10rel_err, endtime;
    int i, nsteps = 1000, order=10, direction=1;
    int step_ctrl_method=2;

    /* read in e1, e2, coef[] and freq[]
     * here, we just assign them to some
     * values
     */
    e1 = e2 = 1.0;
    for(i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
        coef[i] = 1.0;
        freq[i] = 0.1*(double) i;
    }

    /* set initial conditions */
    xx[0] = 0.1;
    xx[1] = 0.2;
    t = 0.0;
    /* control parameters */
    h = 0.001;
    abs_err = 1.0e-16;
    rel_err = 1.0e-16;
    log10abs_err = log10(abs_err);
    log10rel_err = log10(rel_err);
    endtime = 10.0;
}
```

```

/* integrate 100 steps */
while( -- nsteps > 0 && h_return != 0.0 ) {
    /* do something with xx and t. We just print it */
    printf("%f %f %f\n", xx[0],xx[1],t);
    taylor_step_perturbation(&t, &xx[0], direction,
        step_ctrl_method,log10abs_err, log10rel_err,
        &endtime, &h_return, &order);
}
}

```

Now we can compile `perturbation.c` and `man3.c` and run the executable.

```

gcc main3.c perturbation.c -lm
./a.out

```

5.2 Command Line Options

Taylor support the following command line options.

```

Usage: ./taylor
[-name ODE_NAME]
[-o outfile]
[-doubledouble | -qd_real | -dd_real | -gmp
-gmp_precision PRECISION]
[-main | -header | -jet | -main_only]
[-step STEP_CONTROL_METHOD]
[-u | -userdefined] STEP_SIZE_FUNCTION_NAME ORDER_FUNCTION_NAME
[-f77]
[-sqrt]
[-headername HEADER_FILE_NAME]
[-debug] [-help] [-v] file

```

Let us explain them in detail.

- **-name ODE_NAME**

This option specifies a name for the system of ODEs. The output functions will have the specified name appended. For example, if we run **taylor** with the option **-name lorenz**, the output procedures will be **taylor_step_lorenz** and **taylor_coefficients_lorenz**. If name is not specified, **taylor** appends the input filename (with non-alpha-numeric characters replaced by `_`) to its output procedure names. In the case when input is the standard input, the word `_NoName` will be used.

- **-o outfile**

This option specifies an output file. If not specified, **taylor** writes its output to the standard output.

- **-doubledouble**

This option, combined with the **-header** flag, signals **taylor** to generate a header file to be compiled and linked with Keith Martin Briggs' doubledouble library (quadruple precision). The output code needs to be compiled by a C++ compiler. See

<http://www.btexact.com/people/briggsk2/doubledouble.html>

for more information about this library.

Note: If the **-header** flag is not used, this flag is ignored.

- **-qd_real, -dd_real**

These two options, combined with the **-header** flag, force **taylor** to generate a header file for the quad-double library written by David Bailey et al. This library supports both the double-double precision (**-dd_real** flag) and the quad-double precision (**-qd_real** flag). The output code needs to be compiled by a C++ compiler. See

<http://www.nersc.gov/~dhbailey/mpdist/mpdist.html>

for more info.

Note: If the **-header** flag is not used, these flags are ignored.

- **-gmp**

This option, combined with the **-header** flag, tells **taylor** to generate a header file for the GNU multiprecision library. Please note that the current version of GMP (version 3.1) does not contain implementation of transcendental mathematical functions. For more info, visit

<http://www.swox.com/gmp/>

Note: If the **-header** flag is not used, this flag is ignored.

- **-gmp_precision PRECISION**

This flag is almost equivalent to **-gmp**; the only difference is when a **main()** program is generated. If **-gmp** is used the main program asks, at runtime, for the length (in bits) of the mantissa of the **gmp** floating point types. If **-gmp_precision PRECISION** is used, the main program will set the precision to **PRECISION** without prompting the user.

- **-main**

Informs **taylor** to generate a very simple **main()** driving routine. This option is equivalent to the options **-main_only -jet -step 1**, so it produces a "ready-to-run" C file.

- **-header**

This option tells **taylor** to output the header file. The header file contains the definition of the **MY_FLOAT** type (the type used to declare real variables), macro definitions for arithmetic operations and elementary mathematical function calls. In other words, this file header file is responsible

for the kind of arithmetic used for the numerical integration. Hence, the flag `-header` must be combined with one of the flags `-doubledouble`, `-gmp`, `-qd_real` or `-dd_real` to produce a header file for the corresponding arithmetic. If none of these flags is specified, the standard double precision arithmetic will be used.

Moreover, if the flag `-name ODE-NAME` is also used, the header file will also contain the prototypes for the main functions of the Taylor integrator.

- `-jet`

This option asks **taylor** to generate only the code that computes the Taylor coefficients. The generated routine is

```
MY_FLOAT **taylor_coefficients_ODE_NAME(
    MY_FLOAT t, /* input: value of the time variable */
    MY_FLOAT *x, /* input: value of the state variables */
    int order /* input: order of the Taylor polynomial */
)
```

The code needs a header file (defining the macros for the arithmetic) in order to be compiled into object code. The default header filename is `taylor.h`. The header filename can be changed using `-headername NAME` (see below). You can also use the `-header` option to include the necessary macros in the output file.

- `-main_only`

This option asks **taylor** to generate only the `main()` driving routine. It is useful when you want to separate different modules in different files. The main driving routine has to be linked with the step size control procedure and the jet derivative procedure to run.

- `-step STEP_SIZE_CONTROL_METHOD`

This option asks **taylor** to generate only the order and step size control code supplied by the package. If combined with the `-main` or `-main_only` flags, the value `STEP_SIZE_CONTROL_METHOD` is used in the main program to specify the step size control. The values of `STEP_SIZE_CONTROL_METHOD` can be 0 (fixed step and degree), 1, 2 and 3 (user defined step size control; in this case you have to code your own step size and degree control). If the flags `-main` and `-main_only` are not used, this value is ignored.

The generated procedure is also the main call to the numerical integrator:

```
int taylor_step_ODE_NAME(MY_FLOAT *time,
    MY_FLOAT *xvars,
    int direction,
    int step_ctrl_method,
    double log10abserr,
```

```

double  log10relerr,
MY_FLOAT *endtime,
MY_FLOAT *stepused,
int      *order)

```

This code needs the header file to be compiled (see the remarks above). Given an initial condition (`time,xvars`), this function computes a new point on the corresponding orbit. The meaning of the parameters is explained in Section 5.3.

- `-userdefined STEP_SIZE_FUNCTION_NAME ORDER_FUNCTION_NAME`

This flag is to specify the names of your own step size and order control functions. Then, the code produced with the flag `-step` includes the calls to your control functions; to use them, you must set `step_ctrl_method` to 3 (see Section 5.3.1).

For more details (like the parameters for these control functions) look at the source code produced by the `-step` flag.

- `-f77`

This option forces **taylor** to output a C wrapper routine for the function `taylor_step_ODE_NAME` that can be called from Fortran. This flag is meant to be used with the `-step` flag, so the wrapper will be stored in the same file as the step size control. The prototype of the routine is

```

void taylor_f77_ODE_NAME__(MY_FLOAT *time,
                           MY_FLOAT *xvars,
                           int      *direction,
                           int      *step_ctrl_method,
                           double   *log10abserr,
                           double   *log10relerr,
                           MY_FLOAT *endtime,
                           MY_FLOAT *stepused,
                           int      *order,
                           int      *flag)

```

The meaning of these parameters is explained in Section 5.3.3.

- `-sqrt`

This option tells **taylor** to use the function `sqrt` instead of `pow` when evaluating terms like $(x + y)^{-\frac{3}{2}}$. The use of `sqrt` instead of `pow` produces code that runs faster.

- `-headername HEADER_FILE_NAME`

When **taylor** generates the code for the jet and/or step size control, it assumes that the header file will be named `taylor.h`. This flag forces **taylor** to change the name of the file to be included by the jet and/or step

size control procedures to the new name `HEADER_FILE_NAME`. Of course, the user is then responsible for creating such a header file by combining the flags `-o HEADER_FILE_NAME` and `-header`. For instance,

```
taylor -name lz -o l.c -jet -step -headername l.h lorenz.eq1
```

stores the code for the jet of derivatives and step size control in the file `l.c`. Moreover, `l.c` includes the header file `l.h`. This file has to be created separately:

```
taylor -name lz -o l.h -header
```

- `-debug` or `-v`
Print some debug info to `stderr`.
- `-help` (or `-h`)
Print a short help message.

The default options are set to produce a full C program, using the standard double precision of the computer:

```
-main_only -header -jet -step 1
```

5.3 The Output Routines

Taylor outputs two main procedures. The first one is the main call for the integrator and the second one is a function that computes the jet of derivatives. For details on some other routines generated by **taylor** (like degree or step size control), see the comments in the generated source code.

5.3.1 The numerical integrator

Its prototype is:

```
int taylor_step_ODE_NAME(MY_FLOAT *time,
                        MY_FLOAT *xvars,
                        int direction,
                        int step_ctrl_method,
                        double log10abserr,
                        double log10relerr,
                        MY_FLOAT *endtime,
                        MY_FLOAT *stepused,
                        int *order);
```

The function `taylor_step_ODE_NAME` does one step of numerical integration of the given system of ODEs, using the control parameters passed to it. It returns 1 if `endtime` is reached, 0 otherwise.

Parameters:

- **time**
on input: time of the initial condition
on output: new time
- **xvars**
on input: initial condition
on output: new condition, corresponding to the (output) time t_i
- **direction**
flag to integrate forward or backwards.
1: forward
-1: backwards
Note: this flag is ignored if `step_ctrl_method` is set to 0.
- **step_ctrl_method**
flag for the step size control. Its possible values are:
 - 0: no step size control, so the step and order are provided by the user. The parameter `ht` is used as step, and the parameter `order` (see below) is used as the order.
 - 1: standard stepsize control. it uses an approximation to the optimal order and to the radius of convergence of the series to approximate the 'optimal' step size. It tries to keep the absolute and relative errors below the given values. See the paper for more details.
 - 2: as 1, but adding an extra condition on the stepsize `h`: the terms of the series – after being multiplied by the suitable power of `h` – cannot grow.
 - 3: user defined stepsize control. The code has to be included in the routine `compute_timestep_user_defined` (see the code). The user must also include code for the selection of degree, in the function `compute_order_user_defined`.
- **log10abserr**
decimal log of the absolute accuracy required.
- **log10relerr**
decimal log of the relative accuracy required.
- **endtime**
if NULL, it is ignored. if `step_ctrl_method` is set to 0, it is also ignored. otherwise, if next step is going to be outside `endtime`, reduce the step size so that the new time `time` is exactly `endtime` (in that case, the function returns 1).
- **ht**
on input: ignored/used as a time step (see parameter `step_ctl_method`)
on output: time step used

- `order`

input: this parameter is only used if `step_ctrl_method` is 0, or if you add the proper code for the case `step_ctrl_method=3`.

If `step_ctrl_method` is 0, its possible values are:

- < 2: the program will select degree 2,
- ≥ 2: the program will use this degree.

output: degree used.

Returned value:

- 0: ok.
- 1: ok, and `time=endtime`.

5.3.2 The jet of derivatives

Its prototype is

```
MY_FLOAT **taylor_coefficients_ODE_NAME(MY_FLOAT t,
                                         MY_FLOAT *x,
                                         int order);
```

`taylor_coefficients_ODE_NAME` returns a **static** two dimensional array. The rows are the Taylor coefficients of the state variables.

Parameters

- `t`: value of the time variable. It is used only when the system of ODEs is nonautonomous.
- `x`: value of the state variables.
- `order`: degree of Taylor polynomial.

If you want to compute several jets at the same point but with increasing orders, then you should consider using the call

```
MY_FLOAT **taylor_coefficients_ODE_NAMEA(MY_FLOAT t,
                                          MY_FLOAT *x,
                                          int order,
                                          int rflag)
```

(note the “A” at the end of the name). The first three parameters have the same meaning as before, and the meaning of the fourth one is:

- 0: the jet is computed from order 1 to order `order`.
- 1: the jet is computed starting from the final order of the last call, up to `order`.

Care must be exercised if you invoke this routine with `rflag=1`. If you modify the Taylor coefficients and/or the base point, you need to restore them before the next call.

The algorithm used to generate the Taylor coefficients is described in Appendix A.

5.3.3 The Fortran 77 wrapper

The produced C code cannot be directly called from a Fortran program, because Fortran sends all the parameters by address while the C code expects some of them by value. So, to call this package from a Fortran program we need a wrapping C routine that receives all the parameters by address and calls the integration routine properly. The `-f77` flag produces such a routine:

```
void taylor_f77_ODE_NAME__(MY_FLOAT *time,
                           MY_FLOAT *xvars,
                           int      *direction,
                           int      *step_ctrl_method,
                           double   *log10abserr,
                           double   *log10relerr,
                           MY_FLOAT *endtime,
                           MY_FLOAT *stepused,
                           int      *order,
                           int      *flag)
```

This routine should be called as

```
call taylor_f77_ODE_NAME(...)
```

Note that, in the call, we have removed the string “`_`” at the end of the name. The reason is that the standard GNU compiler (`g77`) adds “`_`” at the end of the name of the procedures and the C compiler (`gcc`) does not.

Important note: different compilers could use different alterations of these names. So, if your compilers are not `g77/gcc`, you may need to modify the name of this routine accordingly.

The meaning of the parameters is the same as in the C main call (see Section 5.3.1), except that here we have an extra parameter at the end of the call, that contains the value returned by the C procedure:

- **flag**
 - on input: ignored
 - on output: it can return the values
 - 0: ok.
 - 1: ok, and `time=endtime`.

5.4 Write a Driving Routine

The main driving routine produced by the `-main` flag of **taylor** is rather simple, it just keeps on integrating the system and print out the solution along the way. This may be enough for some tasks, but it is definitely too primitive for real applications. In this section, we provide two sample driving routines. These examples demonstrate what you need to do to write your own driving routes. The input files are provided in the `doc` subdirectory in the **taylor** distribution.

We first ask **taylor** to generate a integrator and a header file for us.

```
taylor -o lorenz.c -jet -step -name lorenz lorenz.eq1
taylor -o taylor.h -header
```

The first command will produce a file `lorenz.c` with no driving routine in it. This file will be compiled and linked with our main driving routine. The second command generates the header file `taylor.h`. It is needed in `lorenz.c` and our main driving function.

Using the Supplied Integrator

Our first example is very similar to the driving routine generated by **taylor**. It uses the one step integrator provided by **taylor**.

```
/* save as main1.c */

#include <stdio.h>
#include <math.h>
#include "taylor.h"
int main(int argc, char **argv)
{
    MY_FLOAT  xx[3], t;
    double    h, abs_err, rel_err, h_return, log10abs_err;
    double    log10rel_err, endtime;
    int       nsteps = 100, step_ctrl_method = 2, direction = 1;
    int       order = 10;
    /* set initial conditions */
    xx[0] = 0.1;
    xx[1] = 0.2;
    xx[2] = 0.3;
    t      = 0.0;
    /* control parameters      */
    h= 0.001;
    abs_err = 1.0e-16;
    rel_err = 1.0e-16;
    log10abs_err = log10(abs_err);
    log10rel_err = log10(rel_err);
    endtime = 10.0;

    /* integrate 100 steps */
    while( -- nsteps > 0 && h_return != 0) {
        /* do something with xx and t. We just print it */
        printf("%f %f %f %f\n", xx[0],xx[1],xx[2],t);
        taylor_step_lorenz(&t, &xx[0], direction,
                           step_ctrl_method,log10abs_err, log10rel_err,
                           &endtime, &h_return, &order);
    }
}
```

After saving the code in `main1.c`, you can compile them using the command


```
gcc lorenz.c main1.c -lm
```

and run the executable a.out as before.

Write Your Own Driver

This example provides a skeleton for writing your own one step integrator.

```
/* save as main2.c */

#include <stdio.h>
#include <math.h>
#include "taylor.h"

MY_FLOAT **taylor_coefficients_lorenz(MY_FLOAT, MY_FLOAT *, int);

int main(int argc, char **argv)
{
    MY_FLOAT xx[3], tmp[3], t, **coef;
    int      j, order=20, nsteps = 100;
    double   step_size;
    /* set initial conditions */
    xx[0] = 0.1;
    xx[1] = 0.2;
    xx[2] = 0.3;
    t     = 0.0;
    /* control parameters      */
    step_size= 0.1;

    /* integrate 100 steps */
    while( -- nsteps > 0) {
        /* do something with xx and t. We just print it */
        printf("%f %f %f %f\n", xx[0], xx[1], xx[2], t);

        /* compute the taylor coefficients */
        coef = taylor_coefficients_lorenz(t, xx, order);

        /* now we have the taylor coefficients in coef,
         * we can analyze them and choose a best step size.
         * Here we just integrate use the given stepsize.
         */

        tmp[0] = tmp[1] = tmp[2] = 0.0;
        for(j=order; j>0; j--) /* sum up the taylor polynomial */
        {
            tmp[0] = (tmp[0] + coef[0][j])* step_size;
        }
    }
}
```

```

        tmp[1] = (tmp[1] + coef[1][j])* step_size;
        tmp[2] = (tmp[2] + coef[2][j])* step_size;
    }
    /* advance one step */
    xx[0] = xx[0] + tmp[0];
    xx[1] = xx[1] + tmp[1];
    xx[2] = xx[2] + tmp[2];
    t += step_size; /* advance time */
}
}

```

6 Appendix A: Taylor Grammar

```

program:
    /* empty */
    | stmts ';'
    ;

stmts:
    stmt
    | stmts ';' stmt
    ;

stmt:
    derivative
    | define
    | declare
    | control
    ;

control:
    INITIALV '=' initials
    ;

initials:
    expr
    | initials ',' expr
    ;

derivative:
    DIFF '(' id ',' id ')' '=' expr
    ;

define:
    id '=' expr
    ;

declare:
    EXTRN settype declrs
    ;

declrs:
    declare_one
    | declrs ',' declare_one
    ;

declare_one:
    decl_id
    | declare_one decl_array
    ;

decl_id:
    ID
    ;

```

```

decl_array:    '[' INTCON ']'
              | '[' ']'
              ;

settype:      /* empty */
              | INT
              | SHORT
              | CHAR
              | REAL
              ;

id:           ID
              ;

bexpr:        expr EQ expr
              | expr NEQ expr
              | expr GE expr
              | expr GT expr
              | expr LE expr
              | expr LT expr
              | bexpr AND bexpr
              | bexpr OR bexpr
              | '(' bexpr ')'
              ;

expr:         term
              | expr '^' expr
              | expr '*' expr
              | expr '/' expr
              | expr '+' expr
              | expr '-' expr
              | '-' expr %prec UNARY
              | '+' expr %prec UNARY
              | IF '(' bexpr ')' '{' expr '}' ELSE '{' expr '}'
              ;

term:         idexpr
              | idexpr arrayref
              | INTCON
              | FLOATCON
              | '(' expr ')'
              | '(' error ')'
              | idexpr '(' expr ')'
              | SUM
              | '(' expr ',' idexpr '=' expr ',' expr ')'
              ;

idexpr:       ID
              ;

arrayref:     one_idx
              | arrayref one_idx
              ;

one_idx:      '[' expr ']'
              ;

```

Appendix: The Taylor method

Taylor method is one of the best known one step method for solving ordinary differential equations numerically. The idea is to advance the solution using a truncated Taylor expansion of the variables about the current solution. Let

$$\mathbf{y}' = f(t, \mathbf{y}) \quad \mathbf{y}(t_0) = \mathbf{y}_0 \quad (1)$$

be an initial value problem and let h be the integration step. To find $\mathbf{y}(t_0 + h)$, we expand \mathbf{y} around t_0 and obtain

$$\mathbf{y}(t_0 + h) = \mathbf{y}(t_0) + \mathbf{y}'(t_0)h + \frac{1}{2!}\mathbf{y}''(t_0)h^2 + \dots + \frac{1}{k!}\mathbf{y}^{(k)}(t_0)h^k + \dots \quad (2)$$

A numeric approximation of $\mathbf{y}(t_0 + h)$ is obtained by truncating (2) at a pre-determined order.

The main problem connected with the Taylor method is the need to compute higher derivatives $\mathbf{y}'', \mathbf{y}''', \dots, \mathbf{y}^{(k)}$.

Van der Pol's Equation

To illustrate how to derive an integration scheme using the Taylor method, let's look at a special case of the famous Van der Pol's equation

$$\begin{aligned} x' &= y \\ y' &= (1 - x^2)y - x \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

with initial value $(x, y) = (2, 0)$. The second and third order derivatives of x, y with respect to time are

$$\begin{aligned} x'' &= (1 - x^2)y - x \\ y'' &= x^3 - x - 2xy^2 + (x^4 - 2x^2)y \\ x''' &= x^3 - x - 2xy^2 + (x^4 - 2x^2)y \\ y''' &= 2x^3 - x^5 + (-1 + 5x^2 + 3x^4 - x^6)y + (-8x + 4x^3)y^2 - 2y^3 \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Hence a third order Taylor method for the initial value problem (3) is

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} x_{n+1} \\ y_{n+1} \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} x_n \\ y_n \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} y_n \\ (1 - x_n^2)y_n - x_n \end{pmatrix} h \\ &+ \frac{1}{2!} \begin{pmatrix} (1 - x_n^2)y_n - x_n \\ x_n^3 - x_n - 2x_n y_n^2 + (x_n^4 - 2x_n^2)y_n \end{pmatrix} h^2 \\ &+ \frac{1}{3!} \begin{pmatrix} x_n^3 - x_n - 2x_n y_n^2 + (x_n^4 - 2x_n^2)y_n \\ 2x_n^3 - x_n^5 + (-1 + 5x_n^2 + 3x_n^4 - x_n^6)y_n + (-8x_n + 4x_n^3)y_n^2 - 2y_n^3 \end{pmatrix} h^3 \\ \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

As one can see from these equations, expressions for higher order derivatives are quite complicated, and the complexity increases dramatically as order increases. This difficulty is precisely the reason that Taylor method is not widely used.

Fortunately, for initial value problems where f is composed of polynomials and elementary functions, the higher order derivatives can be generated automatically. In fact, this is precisely the motivation of writing **taylor**.

Automatic Generation of Taylor Coefficients

The algorithm for computing Taylor coefficients recursively has been known since the 60s and is commonly referenced as *automatic differentiation* in the literature. It has been employed in software packages such as ATOFMT. A detailed description of the algorithm can be found in [1] (see more references therein). Here we give a brief account of the idea involved.

Let $f(t)$ be an analytic function and denote the i th Taylor coefficient at t_0 by

$$(f)_i = \frac{f^i(t_0)}{i!}$$

where $f^i(t)$ is the i th derivative of f at t_0 . The Taylor expansion of $f(t)$ around t_0 can be conveniently expressed as

$$f(t_0 + h) = (f)_0 + (f)_1 h + (f)_2 h^2 + \cdots + (f)_n h^n \cdots$$

Let $(p)_i, (q)_i$ be the i th Taylor coefficients of p, q at t_0 . The Taylor coefficients for $p \pm q, pq$ and p/q can be obtained recursively using the following rules.

$$\begin{aligned} (p \pm q)_i &= (p)_i \pm (q)_i \\ (pq)_i &= \sum_{r=0}^i (p)_r (q)_{i-r} \\ \left(\frac{p}{q}\right)_i &= \frac{1}{q} \left\{ (p)_i - \sum_{r=1}^i (q)_r \left(\frac{p}{q}\right)_{i-r} \right\} \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

To compute the Taylor coefficients for (1), one first decomposes the right hand side of the differential equation into a series of simple expressions by introducing new variables, such that each expression involves only one arithmetic operation. These expressions are commonly called *code lists*. One then uses the recursive relations (5) and the initial values to generate the Taylor coefficients for all the variables.

For example, the Van der Pol equation (3) can be decomposed as

$$\begin{aligned} u_1 &= x, & u_2 &= y, & u_3 &= 1, & u_4 &= u_1 u_1 \\ u_5 &= u_3 - u_4, & u_6 &= u_5 u_2, & u_7 &= u_6 - u_1 \\ u'_1 &= u_2, & u'_2 &= u_7 \end{aligned}$$

Using the initial value $(x_0, y_0) = (2, 0)$, the Taylor coefficients of all u_i s can be easily generated using (5).

The Taylor coefficients for elementary functions can also be generated recursively. Some of the rules are:

$$(p^a)_i = \frac{1}{p} \sum_{r=0}^{i-1} \left(a - \frac{r(a+1)}{i} \right) (p)_{i-r} (p^a)_r \quad \text{where } a \text{ is a real constant}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(e^p)_i &= \sum_{r=0}^{i-1} \left(1 - \frac{r}{i}\right) (e^p)_r (p)_{i-r} \\
(\ln p)_i &= \frac{1}{p} \left\{ (p)_i - \sum_{r=1}^{i-1} \left(1 - \frac{r}{i}\right) (p)_r (\ln p)_{i-r} \right\} \\
(\sin p)_i &= \sum_{r=0}^{i-1} \left(\frac{r+1}{i}\right) (\cos p)_{i-1-r} (p)_{r+1} \\
(\cos p)_i &= - \sum_{r=0}^{i-1} \left(\frac{r+1}{i}\right) (\sin p)_{i-1-r} (p)_{r+1} \\
(\tan^{-1} p)_i &= \sum_{r=0}^{i-1} \left(1 - \frac{r}{i}\right) \left(\frac{1}{1+p^2}\right)_r (p)_{i-r}
\end{aligned}$$

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