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The VB-10 graphics terminal is a highly interactive display system for the PDP-10. The VB-10 system was designed to allow complete user freedom and flexibility under normal PDP-10 time-sharing. The basic hardware system consists of a 340 display connected directly to PDP-10 memory through a special memory channel. Several important features included in the VB-10 display are memory protection and relocation, slave mode operation, raster mode, and subroutines. To allow complete user-display interaction the VB-10 graphics terminal has a function box, light pen and a Rand Tablet as options. However, the important feature of the VB-10 system is the extensive software \*package available from DECUS to control the display. This package permits a user not familiar with the hardware instructions for the display to generate and manipulate display pictures from a higher level language (FORTRAN or LISP).

The VB-10 software package contains all of the basic routines for displaying vectors, points, and text, and for controlling the scale and intensity of the picture. The user can define his own number space or sets of number spaces and the viewports on the display where the pictures are to be displayed. Pictures can be generated as a set of subpictures or nested subpictures. Any part of a picture which falls outside of the user's number space or window will not be displayed. Subpictures and pictures can be blanked from the display and unblanked at a later time. Core space used by a picture can be released and reused for generating new pictures. The VB-10 package also contains all of the routines necessary to create three-dimensional pictures. The user can rotate the picture by changing the pitch, yaw, and roll coefficients of the picture or zoom-in or back off from a picture by changing the viewpoint value.

The VB-10 graphics terminal provides several levels of user interaction. Simple data inputs can be entered through the function box or the teletype. The identification of lines or points within a picture can be accomplished with the light pen. However, the most important interactive feature of the VB-10 terminal is that a user can input graphical data through the Rand Tablet. An architect can draw new structures, a mathematician can input new curves, an electrical engineer can add new connections during circuit design, all with no more difficulty than drawing on a piece of paper. The VB-10 graphics terminal can solve almost all complex graphics requirements with hardware and software that has already been developed and is running in production environments today.

The following description of VB10 software is followed by an explanation of the RAND tablet and its interactive capability with the user's program. Pictures illustrating VB10 output are distributed throughout the text.

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FORTRAN-LISP DISPLAY ROUTINES

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I. INTRODUCTION

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THIS DOCUMENT DESCRIBES A GRAPHICAL LANGUAGE FOR THE PDP-10/340 COMPUTER DISPLAY SYSTEM; THE LANGUAGE IS IMPLEMENTED AS A SET OF SUBROUTINES WHICH MAY BE CALLED FROM ASSEMBLY CODE, FROM AN INTERPRETED LIST-PROCESSING LANGUAGE (LISP), OR FROM A COMPILED ALGEBRAIC LANGUAGE (FCRTRAN). THESE SUBROUTINES GENERATE BINARY PROGRAMS FOR THE 342 DISPLAY, FROM DATA SUPPLIED AS ARGUMENTS; THEY ALSO INCLUDE OPERATIONS TO POST, ADD, AND DELETE INFORMATION FROM A DISPLAY FILE.

SEVERAL GOALS DIRECTED THE DESIGN OF THE LANGUAGE, FIRST, SINCE THE 342 IS A COMPUTER, A GREAT DEAL OF PATIENCE AND PROGRAMMING EXPERIENCE IS NEEDED TO WRITE ASSEMBLY OR ABSOLUTE CODE FOR IT; THE DIFFICULTIES ARE PARTICULARLY ACUTE SINCE THE 340 HAS A POOR INSTRUCTION SET AND NO DEBUGGING AIDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR IT.

SECOND, THE DESIGN OF THE 340 AND THE PDP-10/340 INTERFACE MAKE DYNAMIC CHANGING, ADDING, AND DELETING OF DISPLAY INFORMATION A RATHER TRICKY PROCESS; IT IS CONVENIENT TO HAVE A LANGUAGE TO HANDLE THESE ANNOYING DETAILS.

THIRD, EFFICIENT USE OF MEMORY SPACE IN A PROGRAM WHICH DYNAMICALLY CHANGES A DISPLAY FILE REQUIRES THAT THE PROGRAM WHICH GENERATES A NEW DISPLAY FILE MAKE USE OF SPACE OCCUPIED BY ABANDONED DISPLAY FILES. SINCE A DISPLAY FILE IS A BINARY PROGRAM, IT CANNOT EASILY BE RELOCATED, SO THE GARBAGE COLLECTION PROBLEM IS DIFFICULT AND ANNOYING.

FOURTH, THE FACE OF THE CRT IS OF FINITE SIZE, WHILE EUCLIDEAN GEOMETRICAL SPACE IS INFINITE. HENCE, THE SCOPE MUST ACT AS A WINDOW ON THE ACTUAL DATA SPACE, AND THE CODE GENERATING PROGRAM MUST SELECT FOR DISPLAY ONLY THE INFORMATION WHICH COULD BE "SEEN" THROUGH THIS WINDOW. A RELATED PROBLEM IS THAT THE SCOPE HAS A FIXED, DISCRETE COORDINATE SYSTEM, WHILE AN APPLICATION PROGRAM MAY WISH TO DEAL IN ANGSTROMS, MILES, OR SOME OTHER UNIT. THE CHANGE OF COORDINATES SHOULD BE IMPLICIT.

FINALLY, THE SUBROUTINES WERE MADE COMPATIBLE WITH HIGHER-LEVEL LANGUAGES SO THAT THE PROCESSING POWER OF THESE HOST LANGUAGES COULD BE USED TO DEAL WITH THE NON-GRAPHIC ASPECTS OF THE PROGRAM,

## II. PICTURES

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 THE BASIC UNIT OF DISPLAY INFORMATION IS CALLED A "PICTURE" OR "FRAME." FIVE BASIC OPERATIONS MAY BE PERFORMED ON A PICTURE: GENERATE, BLANK, UNBLANK, DESTROY, AND SUBPICTURE.

GENERATE \*\*\*\*\*  
 IS THE PROCESS WHICH CREATES A PICTURE,  
 REMOVES A PICTURE FROM VIEW, WHILE KEEPING IT AVAILABLE FOR LATER USE.

BLANK \*\*\*\*\*  
 RESTORES A PREVIOUSLY BLANKED PICTURE. AFTER GENERATION, A PICTURE IS AUTOMATICALLY UNBLANKED.

UNBLANK \*\*\*\*\*  
 REMOVES A PICTURE FROM VIEW AND ANNIHILATES IT.

DESTROY \*\*\*\*\*

SUBPICTURE \*\*\*\*\*  
 (USED AS PART OF THE GENERATION PROCESS FOR ANOTHER PICTURE) MAKES A PICTURE PART OF ANOTHER PICTURE. SUBPICTURES CAN BE NESTED TO ANY LEVEL.

PICTURES ARE OF TWO KINDS: TOP-LEVEL OR COMPONENT. FOR TOP-LEVEL PICTURES, THE BLANK AND UNBLANK OPERATIONS AFFECT THE PICTURE'S VISIBILITY DIRECTLY. FOR COMPONENT PICTURES, THESE OPERATIONS AFFECT VISIBILITY ONLY IF A PICTURE OF WHICH THE PICTURE IS A PART IS UNBLANKED. A FEW EXAMPLES WILL MAKE THIS CLEARER. IN EACH CASE, ASSUME THAT NO OTHER PICTURES EXIST.

EXAMPLE 1. PICTURE A IS COMPONENT AND UNBLANKED; OR COMPONENT AND BLANKED; OR TOP-LEVEL AND BLANKED. THEN A WILL BE INVISIBLE,

EXAMPLE 2. PICTURE A IS TOP-LEVEL AND UNBLANKED. PICTURE B IS TOP-LEVEL AND A SUBPICTURE OF A. THEN IF B IS BLANKED, ONLY A WILL BE VISIBLE. IF B IS UNBLANKED, A WILL BE VISIBLE AND TWO SUPERIMPOSED COPIES OF B WILL BE VISIBLE. THAT IS, IN THE LATTER CASE, BOTH A AND B WILL BE VISIBLE, BUT B WILL BE BRIGHTER THAN A.

EXAMPLE 3. A IS TOP-LEVEL; B IS A COMPONENT SUBPICTURE OF A; C IS A COMPONENT SUBPICTURE OF B. THEN C WILL BE VISIBLE IF AND ONLY IF A, B, AND C ARE ALL UNBLANKED; B WILL BE VISIBLE IF AND ONLY IF A AND B ARE BOTH UNBLANKED; AND A WILL BE VISIBLE IF AND ONLY IF IT IS UNBLANKED.









V. INITIATION  
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(FOR LOADING PROCEDURES, SEE SECTION XVIII.)

V.1 FORTRAN INITIALIZATION PROCEDURE  
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IN FORTRAN, INITIALIZATION REQUIRES THAT FOUR TYPES OF STATEMENTS BE PRESENT IN THE PROGRAM.

V.1.1. AN ARRAY OF SUFFICIENT SIZE TO HOLD THE DISPLAY FILE MUST BE DIMENSION'ED. REFER TO V.3 TO ESTIMATE THE REQUIRED SIZE.

V.1.2. AN ARRAY MUST BE DIMENSION'ED FOR EACH PICTURE TO BE GENERATED. THE LENGTH OF AN ARRAY MUST BE AT LEAST THE LARGER OF 3 AND  $N/2$  WHERE  $N$  IS THE NUMBER OF SUBPICTURE REFERENCES TO THE PICTURE. HERE  $N/2$  IS ROUNDED UP (I.E.,  $[N/2]+1$  FOR  $N$  ODD,  $N/2$  FOR  $N$  EVEN). THE NAME OF THE ARRAY IS THE NAME BY WHICH THE PICTURE WILL BE REFERRED TO. THESE ARRAYS MAY NOT BE USED FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE.

V.1.3. BEFORE CALLING ANY OTHER DISPLAY ROUTINES, THE PROGRAM MUST CALL DSPINI(ARRAY,LENGTH) WHERE "ARRAY" IS THE NAME OF THE ARRAY REFERRED TO IN V.1.1 AND "LENGTH" IS ITS SIZE IN WORDS. THIS ROUTINE SHOULD NOT BE CALLED AGAIN; IT COMPLETELY INITIALIZES THE DISPLAY FILE.

V.1.4. BEFORE GENERATING A PICTURE, THE PROGRAM MUST CALL DCLPIC(NAME,LENGTH), WHERE "NAME" IS THE NAME OF THE PICTURE ARRAY AS DESCRIBED IN V.1.2 AND "LENGTH" IS ITS SIZE IN WORDS. THIS ROUTINE SHOULD BE CALLED ONLY ONCE FOR EACH PICTURE; IT NEED NOT BE CALLED AGAIN IF A PICTURE IS DESTROYED AND REGENERATED.

V.2 LISP INITIALIZATION PROCEDURE  
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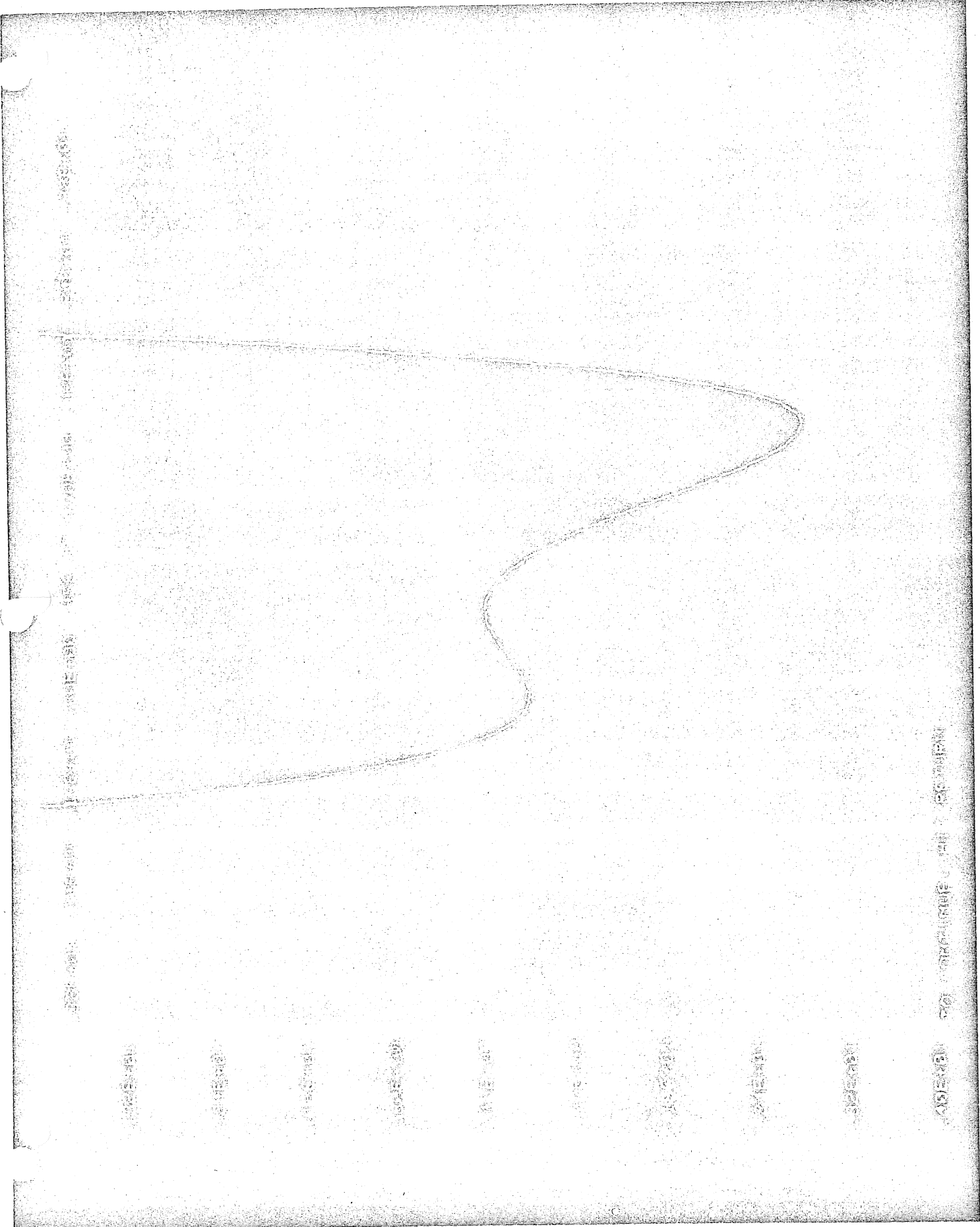
BEFORE CALLING ANY OTHER DISPLAY ROUTINE, THE PROGRAM SHOULD CALL (DISPINIT). THIS CALL SHOULD NOT BE REPEATED.

V.3 ESTIMATING SPACE FOR THE DISPLAY FILE  
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WHEN USED WITH LISP, THE DISPLAY ROUTINES TAKE MEMORY SPACE FOR THE DISPLAY FILE FROM BINARY PROGRAM SPACE, SO THE USER MUST LEAVE SUFFICIENT ROOM AT LOAD AND ALLOC TIME. WITH FORTRAN, ROOM MUST BE ALLOCATED BY A DIMENSION STATEMENT AND A CALL TO DSPINI. TO ESTIMATE THE NEEDED ROOM, ALLOW

1 WORD FOR EACH POINT (PGEN)  
 1 WORD FOR EACH 2 SHORT VECTORS (VGEN)  
 1 WORD FOR EACH 6 CHARACTERS  
 1 WORD FOR EACH 5 RASTER POINTS FOR RASTER MODE DISPLAY  
 1 WORD FOR EACH TOP-LEVEL PICTURE  
 AND ABOUT 10% OF THE ABOVE TOTAL FOR OVERHEAD.





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VII, PICTURE GENERATION  
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THIS IS THE PROCESS WHICH CREATES A PICTURE. A PICTURE WHICH HAS BEEN GENERATED CANNOT BE GENERATED AGAIN UNTIL IT HAS BEEN DESTROYED. A SECOND PICTURE CANNOT BE GENERATED DURING THE GENERATION PROCESS FOR A PICTURE. AT THE END OF THE GENERATION PROCESS, THE PICTURE IS ENTERED AS A TOP-LEVEL PICTURE IN THE DISPLAY FILE AND UNBLANKED.

VII,1 FORTRAN GENERATION  
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THE GENERATION PROCESS IS BEGUN BY

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CALL GENINI (PICNAME)
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WHERE "PICNAME" IS THE NAME OF AN ARRAY OF THE TYPE DESCRIBED IN V,1.2. THE PROCESS IS TERMINATED BY

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CALL GENEND (PICNAME),
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BETWEEN THESE CALLS ARE THE CODE-GENERATING STATEMENTS WHICH DESCRIBE THE PICTURE. ANY NON-DISPLAY STATEMENT MAY BE EXECUTED DURING THE GENERATION PROCESS.

VII,2 LISP GENERATION  
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THE GENERATION PROCESS OCCURS DURING THE EVALUATION OF A SINGLE S-EXPRESSION WHICH IS OF THE FORM

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(GENERATE X E1 E2 ... EN),
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HERE "X" MUST BE AN ATOM AND IS THE NAME BY WHICH THE PICTURE WILL BE REFERRED TO. THE "E" ARGUMENTS ARE S-EXPRESSIONS WHICH ARE SUCCESSIVELY EVALUATED. SOME OF THESE S-EXPRESSIONS ARE THE CODE-GENERATING STATEMENTS WHICH DESCRIBE THE PICTURE; OTHERS MAY BE S-EXPRESSIONS WHICH DO NOT REFER TO DISPLAY ROUTINES.

THE VALUE RETURNED IS "X",

VIII. SCALE AND INTENSITY  
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THE DISPLAY HARDWARE IS CAPABLE OF DRAWING INCREMENTAL DATA IN FOUR "SCALES," 1, 2, 4, OR 8, THIS VALUE GOVERNS THE SPACING BETWEEN INCREMENTALLY PLOTTED POINTS IN THE DISPLAY OF LINE SEGMENTS AND CHARACTERS; 1 IS THE SMALLEST SCALE, IN SCALE 2 THE POINTS ARE TWICE AS FAR APART, ETC. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THESE DISPLAY ROUTINES, THE SCALE VALUE IS USED ONLY TO CONTROL THE SPACING BETWEEN POINTS WHEN DRAWING LINE SEGMENTS (NOT THEIR SIZE), BUT CHANGES BOTH THE SIZE AND POINT SPACING OF CHARACTERS.

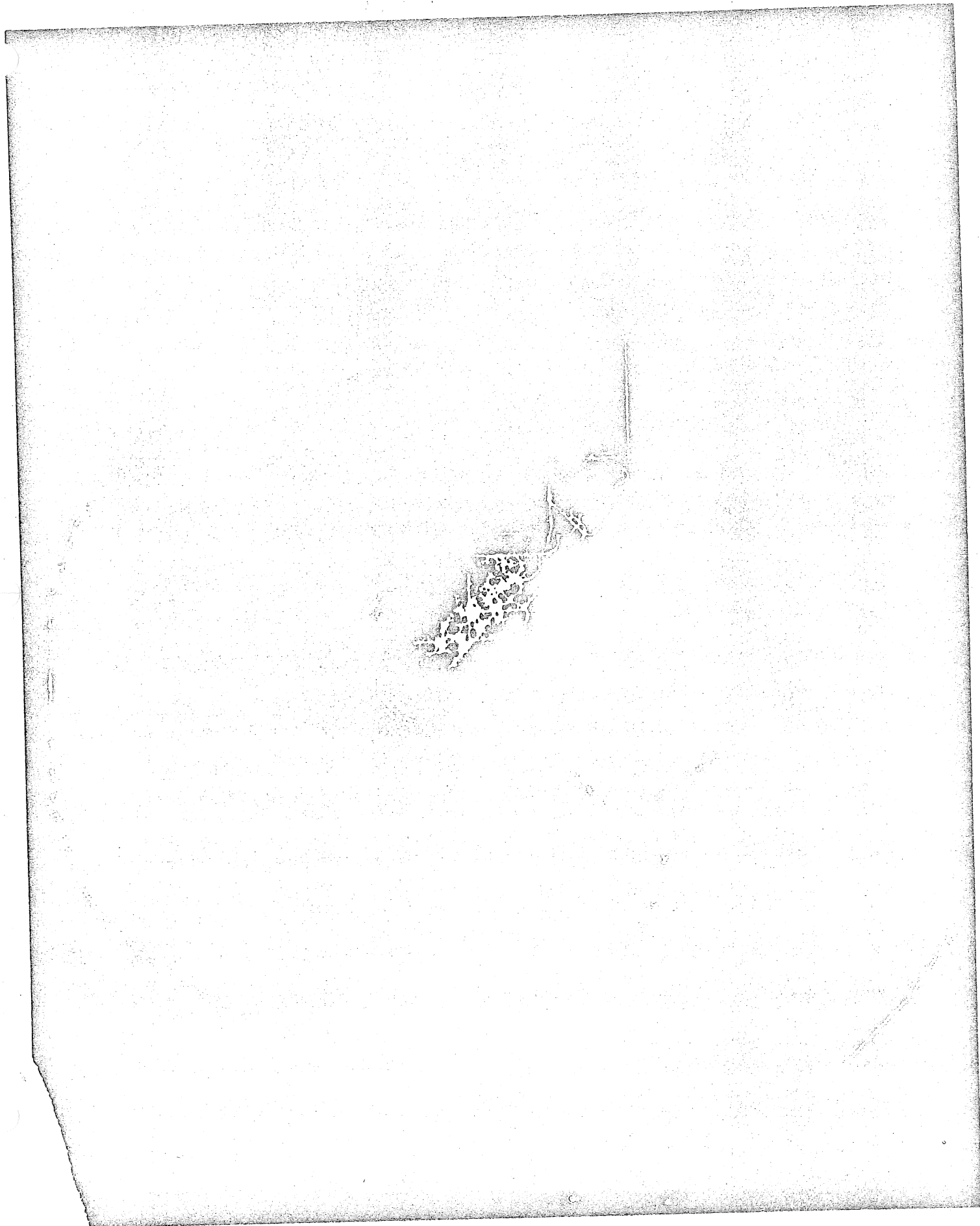
THE DISPLAY HARDWARE ALSO HAS THE FACILITY FOR DISPLAYING DATA AT ANY OF 8 INTENSITIES, 0-7, 0 BEING THE DIMMEST AND 7 THE BRIGHTEST.

BOTH SCALE AND INTENSITY ARE ESTABLISHED DURING GENERATION BY THE PARM\$ ROUTINE.

FORTRAN: CALL PARM\$ (SCALE,INTENSITY)

LISP: (PARM\$ SCALE INTENSITY)

The "Neutron of \*Minsky" is a fascinating toy which moves three points with the movement of any one dependent on the motions of the other two.



IX, PLOTTING AND SETTING POINTS  
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THE POINT-GENERATING ROUTINE SETS AN IMAGINARY "BEAM" AT A SPECIFIED POSITION ON THE DATA PAGE. IF THAT POINT IS WITHIN THE WINDOW IT MAY BE INTENSIFIED, I.E., SHOWN; OTHERWISE, THE ROUTINE MERELY ESTABLISHES A POSITION RELATIVE TO WHICH DATA CAN BE SPECIFIED.

FORTRAN: CALL PGEN (X,Y,INTENSIFY)

LISP: (PGEN X Y INTENSIFY)

THE ARGUMENTS "X" AND "Y" SPECIFY THE COORDINATES OF THE POINT. THE "INTENSIFY" ARGUMENT SHOULD BE 0 IF THE POINT IS NOT TO BE INTENSIFIED, NON-ZERO IF IT IS TO BE INTENSIFIED.



X. PLOTTING VECTORS  
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A LINE SEGMENT IS SPECIFIED BY GIVING THE POSITION OF ITS END POINT RELATIVE TO ITS STARTING POINT, THE POSITION OF THE STARTING POINT IS IMPLICIT, HAVING BEEN SET UP BY A CALL TO "PGEN" OR "VGEN." FOR EXAMPLE, TO DRAW A LINE FROM (2,3) TO (-4,7), ONE WOULD POSITION THE BEAM AT (2,3) BY A "PGEN" AND THEN DRAW A VECTOR WITH ARGUMENTS (-6,4). VECTORS, LIKE POINTS, MAY BE EITHER INTENSIFIED OR NOT.

FORTRAN: CALL VGEN (DELTA X, DELTA Y, INTENSIFY)

LISP: (VGEN DELTA X DELTA Y INTENSIFY)

AS WITH "PGEN," "INTENSIFY" IS NON-ZERO TO INTENSIFY, AND ZERO NOT TO INTENSIFY.

XI, TEXT  
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THE DISPLAY PACKAGE INCLUDES SUBROUTINES TO DISPLAY TEXT AT ANY OF THE FOUR SIZES AT ARBITRARY POSITIONS ON THE SCOPE. THESE ROUTINES ARE GOVERNED BY THE WINDOW AND VIEWPORT PARAMETERS FOR THE PURPOSES OF CLIPPING -- TEXT WILL NOT BE SHOWN OUTSIDE THE SPECIFIED VIEWPORT BUT NOT FOR SCALING -- I.E., THE SHAPE OF A CHARACTER WILL NOT BE DIFFERENT IF THE PROPORTIONS OF THE WINDOW RECTANGLE ARE DIFFERENT FROM THOSE OF THE VIEWPORT RECTANGLE. SINCE THESE ROUTINES TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE TEXT-FORMATTING CAPABILITIES OF THE HOST LANGUAGE, THEY MAY NOT BE USED IF THE ROUTINES ARE USED WITHOUT A HOST LANGUAGE, I.E. IF THEY ARE USED ONLY WITH ASSEMBLY CODE.

THE POSITION OF THE FIRST CHARACTER OF A STRING OF TEXT IS THE LAST POINT SPECIFIED DIRECTLY BY "PGEN" OR IMPLICITLY BY "VGEN." IF THIS POINT IS OUTSIDE THE WINDOW, NO TEXT WILL BE SHOWN. OTHERWISE, THIS POINT IS USED TO DETERMINE THE POSITION OF THE "LEFT MARGIN" IN CASE OF A CARRIAGE RETURN.

XI,1 FORTRAN TEXT  
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TEXT DISPLAY IS INITIATED BY  
 CALL TEXTP.

AFTER THIS CALL, ALL FORTRAN "TYPE ..." STATEMENTS WILL CAUSE THEIR OUTPUT TO BE CHANNELLED TO THE DISPLAY FILE RATHER THAN TO THE TELETYPE, UNTIL ANOTHER GENERATING ROUTINE (PGEN, VGEN, GENEND, ETC.) IS CALLED. AFTER CALLING ONE OF THESE ROUTINES, THE OUTPUT OF "TYPE ..." STATEMENTS WILL AGAIN APPEAR ON THE TELETYPE.

TEXT WILL APPEAR ON THE DISPLAY EXACTLY AS IT WOULD APPEAR ON THE TELETYPE; FORMAT SPECIFIERS ARE INTERPRETED THE SAME WAY. CARRIAGE CONTROL IS RECOGNIZED, ETC. THE ONLY DIFFERENCES ARE THAT LINES TOO LONG TO FIT IN THE WINDOW WILL BE CLIPPED -- THE PART WHICH WOULD BE OUTSIDE THE WINDOW WILL NOT BE SHOWN; AND LINES WHICH WOULD APPEAR BELOW THE BOTTOM OF THE WINDOW WILL NOT BE SHOWN.

XI,2 LISP TEXT  
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TEXT IS GENERATED BY  
 (TEXT ...),

THIS ROUTINE COMPLETELY MIMICS "(PRINT ...)" IN THE WAY IT EVALUATES ITS ARGUMENTS AND FORMATS ITS OUTPUT. THE ROUTINE MAY BE USED FOR DISPLAYING QUOTED TEXT; I.E. "(TEXTQ A B C)" HAS THE SAME EFFECT AS  
 "(TEXT (QUOTE (A B C)))."

THESE ROUTINES ADJUST THE LENGTH OF THE "PRINTING" LINE SO THAT NO TEXT WILL BE LOST OFF THE RIGHT-HAND EDGE OF THE WINDOW) BUT THEY WILL CLIP OFF TEXT WHICH WOULD APPEAR BELOW THE BOTTOM OF THE WINDOW.

XII, THE LIGHT PEN  
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A LIMITED FACILITY FOR THE USE OF THE LIGHT PEN HAS BEEN PROVIDED. THE LIGHT PEN MUST BE "TURNED ON AND OFF" WITHIN THE DISPLAY FILE IN ORDER TO MAKE CERTAIN PARTS OF THE PICTURE LIGHT-PEN SENSITIVE, ITS INITIAL STATUS, I.E. ITS STATUS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE DISPLAY FILE, IS OFF, SINCE THE USER HAS NO CONTROL OVER THE ORDER IN WHICH PICTURES ARE DISPLAYED, HE SHOULD SPECIFY IN EACH PICTURE THE STATUS OF THE PEN, IF HE USES IT AT ALL.

DURING THE GENERATION PROCESS, THE CODE TO ENABLE THE LIGHT PEN WILL BE GENERATED BY

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FORTRAN:      CALL LPON
LISP:         (LPON)
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THE CODE TO TURN OFF THE LIGHT PEN BY

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FORTRAN:      CALL LPOFF
LISP:         (LPOFF).
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AFTER GENERATION, THE PROGRAM CAN GET THE SCOPE COORDINATES OF THE POINT MOST RECENTLY "SEEN" BY THE LIGHT PEN BY CALLING THE ROUTINE "LPIN." IF A LIGHT PEN HIT HAS NOT YET OCCURRED WHEN THIS ROUTINE IS CALLED, THE ROUTINE WILL HANG AND WAIT FOR ONE BEFORE RETURNING.

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FORTRAN:      CALL LPIN (I)
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WHERE I IS AN ARRAY DIMENSIONED TO LENGTH 2.  
THE ROUTINE WILL RETURN WITH

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I(1) = X COORDINATE
I(2) = Y COORDINATE.
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LISP:         (LPIN)
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THE VALUE RETURNED IS A "CONS" PAIR P, WITH

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(CAR P) = X
(CDR P) = Y.
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XIII. MISCELLANEOUS PICTURE-HANDLING ROUTINES  
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XIII.1 BLANK, UNBLANK, AND DESTROY  
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FORTRAN: CALL BLANK (PIC)  
 CALL UNBLANK (PIC)  
 CALL DESTROY (PIC)

LISP: (BLANK (QUOTE PIC))  
 (UNBLANK (QUOTE PIC))  
 (DESTROY (QUOTE PIC))

THESE ROUTINES PERFORM THE FUNCTIONS OF BLANKING, UNBLANKING, AND DESTROYING PICTURES, AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION II. THEY SHOULD NOT BE CALLED DURING THE GENERATION PROCESS FOR A PICTURE.

XIII.2. SUBPICTURE  
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FORTRAN: CALL SPICT (PICNAME)  
 LISP: (SUBPIC (QUOTE PICNAME?))

WHEN CALLED DURING THE GENERATION PROCESS FOR A PICTURE, THIS ROUTINE MAKES THE PICTURE "PICNAME" A SUBPICTURE OF THE PICTURE BEING GENERATED, THE PICTURE "PICNAME" MUST EXIST AT THE TIME THIS CALL IS MADE.

XIII.3. REPLACE  
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FORTRAN: CALL REPLACE (PIC1,PIC2)  
 LISP: (REPLACE (QUOTE PIC1) (QUOTE PIC2))

THIS ROUTINE CAUSES ALL REFERENCES TO "PIC1" TO BE REPLACED BY REFERENCES TO "PIC2." THIS ROUTINE IS USEFUL WHEN IT IS DESIRED TO CHANGE A SUBPICTURE WITHOUT REGENERATING ALL PICTURES OF WHICH IT IS A PART.

XIII.4. COMPIC  
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FORTRAN: CALL COMPIC (PIC)  
 LISP: (COMPIC (QUOTE PIC))

THIS CALL MAKES "PIC" A COMPONENT PICTURE.



XV, SPECIAL FORTRAN ROUTINES  
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ROUTINES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE FORTRAN VERSION OF THE PACKAGE  
 TO HANDLE THE SPECIAL DISPLAY APPLICATIONS NOT AVAILABLE TO THE LISP USER.

XV.1 RASTER MODE  
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A PATCH TO BE DISPLAYED IN RASTER MODE IS SPECIFIED BY GIVING THE  
 PACKED GRAY-LEVEL BYTES IN AN ARRAY. THE GRAY-LEVEL BYTES MAY BE ONE,  
 TWO, OR THREE BITS LONG. THE INTENSITIES CORRESPONDING TO THE SPECIFIED  
 GRAY LEVELS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

GRAY LEVEL	1	2	3
0	0	1	0
1	7	3	1
2		5	2
3		7	3
4			4
5			5
6			6
7			7

THE RASTER BYTES ARE GIVEN IN THE ORDER OF A LEFT-TO-RIGHT, THEN  
 TOP-TO-BOTTOM SCAN OF THE AREA.

THE RASTER-GENERATING ROUTINE IS INVOKED BY

CALL RASTER (ARRAY,X0,Y0,XSIZE,YSIZE,C,I,B),

WHERE

ARRAY = NAME OF ARRAY CONTAINING GRAY-LEVEL BYTES  
 X0,Y0 = SCOPE COORDINATES OF UPPER-LEFT HAND CORNER OF RASTER PATCH  
 XSIZE,YSIZE = NUMBER OF GRAY-LEVEL BYTES IN THE HORIZONTAL AND  
 VERTICAL DIRECTIONS IN THE PATCH  
 C = 1 TO DISPLAY INTENSITY X FROM THE TABLE AS INTENSITY 7-X ("COMPLEMENT")  
 2 TO DISPLAY NORMALLY  
 I = 1 TO DISPLAY THE PATCH IN TWO INTERLEAVED PASSES THROUGH THE DATA  
 2 TO DISPLAY NORMALLY  
 B = BYTE SIZE OF THE BYTES IN "ARRAY."

THE CLIPPING PROCESS DOES NOT APPLY TO RASTER MODE DISPLAY.

XV.2 THREE-DIMENSIONAL DISPLAY ROUTINES  
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ROUTINES ARE PROVIDED FOR PLOTTING CLIPPED, PARALLEL OR POINT PROJECTIONS OF POINTS AND LINES SPECIFIED BY THREE-DIMENSIONAL CARTESIAN COORDINATES, THE THREE-DIMENSIONAL TRANSLATION, ROTATION, AND PERSPECTIVE OF THE DATA IS GOVERNED BY A SINGLE 4X4 HOMOGENEOUS MATRIX WHICH SHOULD BE IN A COMMON AREA "T3" ESTABLISHED IN THE USER'S PROGRAM,

IF NO ROTATION OR TRANSLATION IS IN EFFECT, THE "X" AND "Y" AXES OF THE USER'S THREE-DIMENSIONAL DATA WILL BE THE X AND Y AXES OF THE USER'S DATA PAGE AS ESTABLISHED BY THE "SETWIND" ROUTINE. THE Z AXIS WILL BE PERPENDICULAR TO THE X AND Y AXES AND DIRECTED OUT OF THE SCOPE (RIGHT-HANDED SYSTEM). ROTATIONS ARE SPECIFIED BY PITCH (AROUND THE Z AXIS), ROLL (AROUND THE Y AXIS), AND YAW (AROUND THE X AXIS). THAT IS, TO GET A DIFFERENT VIEW OF HIS DATA THE USER CHANGES NOT THE ACTUAL COORDINATES OF HIS DATA BUT THE VALUE OF THE MATRIX; THEN AT GENERATION TIME A DIFFERENT VIEW WILL BE PRODUCED.

TO SET UP THE MASTER (T3) MATRIX, THE USER SETS UP THE INDIVIDUAL MATRICES DESCRIBING THE TRANSLATION, ROTATIONS, AND PERSPECTIVE OF THE VIEW, THEN MULTIPLIES THEM TOGETHER, EACH OF THESE COMPONENT MATRICES IS A 4X4 FORTRAN ARRAY; A COMPONENT MATRIX IS THEN SET UP BY CALLING A SUBROUTINE WITH THE NAME OF THE ARRAY,

CALL TRANSL (X,Y,Z,NAME)

SETS UP A MATRIX TO MOVE THE ORIGIN TO (X,Y,Z);

CALL PITCH (X,NAME)

SETS UP A MATRIX TO PITCH THE DATA X DEGREES.

CALL ROLL (X,NAME)

SETS UP A MATRIX TO ROLL THE DATA X DEGREES.

CALL YAW (X,NAME)

SETS UP A MATRIX TO YAW THE DATA X DEGREES.

CALL PERSP (X,NAME)

SETS UP A MATRIX TO SHOW THE DATA IN POINT PERSPECTIVE, THE PROJECTION POINT WILL BE X IN FRONT OF THE Z=0 PLANE, AND THE PROJECTION PLANE WILL BE Z=0. IF NO PERSPECTIVE IS SPECIFIED, PARALLEL PROJECTION IS ASSUMED.

THE CALL

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CALL MULM3 (N,X1,X2,,,,,XN,X)
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MULTIPLIES THE N 4X4 MATRICIES X1 ... XN TOGETHER AND STORES THE RESULT IN THE 4X4 MATRIX X. THUS THE ESTABLISH THE MASTER TRANSFORMATION MATRIX, THE USER WOULD MULTIPLY HIS COMPONENT MATRICIES TOGETHER, IN THE DESIRED ORDER, AND STORE THE RESULT IN THE ARRAY IN THE T3 COMMON AREA. NOTE THAT A TRANSLATION FOLLOWING A ROTATION IS DIFFERENT FROM THE SAME TRANSLATION PRECEDING THE ROTATION. THE PERSPECTIVE TRANSFORMATION WILL NORMALLY BE THE LAST TO BE PERFORMED.

THE GENERATING ROUTINES ARE

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CALL PGEN3 (X,Y,Z,I)
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CALL VGEN3 (DELTA,X,DELTA,Y,DELTA,Z,I)
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WHICH ARE STRICTLY ANALOGOUS TO PGEN AND VGEN BUT IMPLICITLY USE THE T3 MATRIX TO FORM THE PROJECTED VIEW.

A USER MAY USE ANY OTHER SCHEME TO SET UP THE MASTER MATRIX, AND MAY THUS PRODUCE OTHER RESULTS (SHEARING, MAGNIFICATION, ETC.).



XVI. ERROR MESSAGES  
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ERRORS DETECTED AT RUN TIME PRODUCE THE MESSAGE ON THE TELETYPE,

DISPLAY ERROR NUMBER N,

IN FORTRAN; THE TELETYPE WILL BE RETURNED TO MONITOR LEVEL; IN LISP, TO  
TOP-LEVEL; A LIST OF ERROR NUMBERS IS POSTED NEAR THE DISPLAY AND IS  
ATTACHED TO THE END OF THIS DOCUMENT (APPENDIX).

## XVII. DYNAMIC TECHNIQUE

A DOUBLE-BUFFERING TECHNIQUE IS USEFUL FOR KEEPING A DISPLAY POSTED WHILE DYNAMICALLY CHANGING THE INFORMATION TO BE DISPLAYED; FOR EXAMPLE, WHILE EFFECTING A SMOOTH ROTATION. FORTRAN STATEMENTS TO ACCOMPLISH THIS ARE SKETCHED BELOW; A SIMILAR SCHEME WILL WORK FOR LISP.

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DIMENSION PIC1(3),PIC2(3)      ; BEGINNING OF PROGRAM
CALL DCLPIC(PIC1,3)
CALL DCLPIC(PIC2,3)
K=.FALSE.
L=1
;
;
; GO TO (1,2),L
CALL GENINI(PIC1)
GO TO 3
CALL GENINI(PIC2)
;
;
; GO TO (4,5),L
CALL GENEND(PIC1)
IF (K) CALL DESTROY(PIC1)
K=.TRUE.
GO TO 6
CALL GENEND(PIC2)
CALL DESTROY(PIC1)
L=L+1
;
;
; GO TO 7
; BEGIN GENERATION.
; GENERATE PIC1 AND PIC2 ALTERNATELY.
; GENERATE PICTURE
; END GENERATION.
; NOTHING TO DESTROY FIRST TIME THROUGH
; FLIP THE FLIP-FLOP
; CHANGE DATA FILE
; REGENERATE

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XVII. ASSEMBL AND LOADING  
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XVIII.1 FORTRAN  
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THE FORTRAN VERSIONS OF THE ROUTINES HAVE BEEN MADE INTO A LIBRARY WHICH IS PART OF THE FORTRAN SUBROUTINE LIBRARY, SINCE THIS LIBRARY IS NORMALLY SEARCHED EACH TIME A LOAD OCCURS, THE USER NEED NO LONGER SPECIFY THE DISPLAY PACKAGE AS A MODULE TO BE LOADED EXPLICITLY; SIMPLY REGARD THE DISPLAY ROUTINES AS FORTRAN LIBRARY ROUTINES LIKE "SIN" AND "COS", SINCE THE LIBRARY IS LOADED SELECTIVELY, DISPLAY PROGRAMS WILL BE SHORTER UNDER THE NEW LOADING MECHANISM THAN THE OLDER.

THE STATEMENT "COMMON /T3/ NAME(4,4)" NEED APPEAR IN A USER'S PROGRAM ONLY IF HE IS USING THE THREE-DIMENSIONAL DISPLAY ROUTINES.

XVIII.2 LISP  
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TO ASSEMBLE THE DISPLAY PACKAGE FOR USE WITH LISP, INSERT THE STATEMENT

L=0

FROM THE TELETYPE BEFORE ASSEMBLING DISCOM.MAC, I.E.:

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R MACRO
*DEV:DISLSP,REL:TTY:,DEV:DISCOM,MAC
L=0
↑Z
END OF PASS 1
↑Z
NO ERRORS DETECTED

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AS THE FIRST STEP IN CREATING A LISP DISPLAY IMAGE, THE FILE "DISLSP" SHOULD BE INPUT TO LISP:

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(INC (INPUT DEV: DISLSP))
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THE REL FILE (DISLSP.REL) MAY NOW BE LOADED, USING THE LISP LOADER, EITHER INTO BINARY PROGRAM SPACE OR INTO EXPANDED CORE. THE LISP DISPLAY PACKAGE IS NOW READY TO GO. THE "DISPINIT" ROUTINE MUST BE CALLED BEFORE ANY OTHER ROUTINE IN THE PACKAGE CAN BE REFERRED TO.

XVIII.3 ASSEMBLY LANGUAGE  
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THE ROUTINES MAY BE USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH ASSEMBLY CODE BY USING THE FORTRAN VERSION OF THE PACKAGE (DISCOM.REL) AND INITIATING THE FORTRAN COMPILER IN THE WAY IT CALLS SUBROUTINES.

XIX. VERSION-DEPENDENT FEATURES  
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CERTAIN SYMBOLS ARE DECLARED EXTERNAL IN THE SOURCE OF THE-DISPLAY PACKAGE. THEY ARE RECORDED HERE AS A MATTER OF RECORD IN CASE FORSC OR LISP CHANGES IN SUCH A WAY THAT LOADING CAUSES THESE SYMBOLS TO BE RESOLVED DIFFERENTLY.

XIX.1 FORTRAN  
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THE STATEMENTS

EXTERN DEPOT.

AND

TYOLOC: XWD 0,DEPOT,-115

APPEAR IN THE SOURCE FILE DISCOM.MAC, TYOLOC SHOULD CONTAIN, AFTER LOADING, THE ADDRESS LABELLED "CO" IN FORSE ("CO" IS NOT INTERNAL IN FORSE), SHOULD A NEW RELEASE OF FORSE BE ACQUIRED, THE "FUDGE FACTOR" OF OCTAL -115 MAY HAVE TO BE ADJUSTED.

XIX.2 LISP  
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THE STATEMENTS

EXTERN TYO

AND

TYOLOC: EXP TYO+50

APPEAR IN THE SOURCE FILE DISCOM.MAC, TYOLOC SHOULD CONTAIN, AFTER LOADING, THE ADDRESS LABELLED "TTYO" IN LISP, THE "FUDGE FACTOR" OF OCTAL 50 MAY HAVE TO BE ADJUSTED IN A NEW RELEASE OF LISP APPEARS.

XX: SAMPLE PROGRAMS

XX.1 FORTRAN EXAMPLES

XX.1.1 A PROGRAM TO SHOW A POINT TRACING THE BOUNDARY OF A CIRCLE.

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COMMON /T/ DOG
DIMENSION H(100),P1(2),P2(3)
FORMAT(F)
ACCEPT 100,EPSI
CALL DSPINI(H,100)
CALL DCLPIC(P1,3)
CALL DCLPIC(P2,3)
CALL SETWIND(-1,1,-1,1)
CALL SETPORT(0,1023,0,1023)
X=0.
Y=1.
L=1
K=.FALSE.
GO TO (2,3),L
CALL GENINI(P1)
GO TO 4
CALL GENINI(P2)
CALL PARM(1,7)
CALL PCEN(X,Y,1)
GO TO (5,6),L
CALL GENEND(P1)
IF (K) CALL DESTROY(P2)
K=.TRUE.
GO TO 7
CALL GENEND(P2)
CALL DESTROY(P1)
L=3-L
X=X+EPSI*Y
Y=Y-EPSI*X
GO TO 1
END
; GOVERNS THE SPEED

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COMMON /T3/ T(4,4)
DIMENSION H(200),P1(3),P2(3)
DIMENSION YM(4,4),PRM(4,4),TM(4,4),RM(4,4),PM(4,4)
FORMAT(1+(1,11,1,1,11,1,1,11,1,1))
CALL DSPINI(H,200)
CALL DCLPIC(P1,3)
CALL DCLPIC(P2,3)
CALL SETWIND(-1,3,-1,3)
CALL SETPORT(0,1023,0,1023)
CALL PERSP(1,PRM)
CALL TRANSL(0,0,1,TM)
R=0.
P=0.
Y=0.
L=1
M=.FALSE.
CALL ROLL(R,RM)
CALL YAW(Y,YM)
CALL PITCH(P,PM)
CALL MULM3(5,PM,RM,YM,TM,PRM,T)
GO TO (1,2),L
CALL GENINI(P1)
GO TO 3
CALL GENINI(P2)
CALL PARMS(1,7)
DO 4 I=0,1
DO 4 J=0,1
DO 4 K=0,1
CALL VGEN3(I,J,K,0)
CALL TEXTP
TYPE 500,I,J,K
CALL VGEN3(I,J,K,0)
IF (I.EQ. 1) GO TO 5
CALL VGEN3(1,0,0,1)
CALL VGEN3(1,J,K,0)
IF (J.EQ. 1) GO TO 6
CALL VGEN3(0,1,0,1)
CALL VGEN3(1,J,K,0)
IF (K.EQ. 1) GO TO 4
CALL VGEN3(0,0,1,1)
CONTINUE
GO TO (7,8),L
CALL GENEND(P1)
IF (M) CALL DESTROY(P2)
M=.TRUE.
GO TO 9
CALL GENEND(P2)
CALL DESTROY(P1)
L=3-L
R=R+1.
P=P+2.
Y=Y+3.
GO TO 11
END

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500

11

1

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XY,2 LISP EX/FILE  
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THIS IS THE DEFINITION OF AN EXPR WHICH PUTS LISP OUTPUT ON THE  
DISPLAY INSTEAD OF THE TELETYPE.

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(DEFPROP C ((LAMBDA NIL (PROG (A QQ QQQ)
  (GENERATE QQ)
  (SETQ QQQ (EVAL (READ))))
  (DESTROY (QUOTE QQ))
  (GENERATE QQ
    (PARMS 2 7)
    (SETWIN 0 1 0 1)
    (SETPOR 0 1777 0 1777)
    (PGEN 0 .9 0)
    (TEXT QQQ))
  (GO A)))
EXPR)
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APPENDIX  
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## \*\*\*\*\* CATALOG OF FORTRAN DISPLAY ERRORS \*\*\*\*\*

WHEN A FATAL ERROR IS ENCOUNTERED BY THE DISPLAY PACKAGE, THE MESSAGE "DISPLAY ERROR NUMBER X" WILL BE TYPED ON THE USER'S TELETYPE AND THE TELETYPE WILL BE RETURNED TO MONITOR LEVEL. BELOW IS A LIST OF THE ERRORS WHICH MAY OCCUR,

ERRORS EXPLAINED AS "TYPE" ARE CAUSED AS FOLLOWS: ARGUMENTS TO THE ROUTINES IN THE DISPLAY PACKAGE ARE EITHER NAMES OF ARRAYS, FLOATING-POINT SINGLE PRECISION NUMBERS, OR FIXED POINT INTEGERS. THE ROUTINES WILL CONVERT THE LAST TWO DATA TYPES TO EACH OTHER WHEN NECESSARY, BUT WILL NOT CONVERT OTHER TYPES (DOUBLE PRECISION, ETC.). A "TYPE" ERROR IS CAUSED WHEN THE CONVERSION CANNOT BE PERFORMED. ALSO LISTED BELOW FOR "TYPE" ERRORS IS THE NUMBER OF THE ARGUMENT IN THE ARGUMENT LIST, AND THE TYPE TO WHICH THE CONVERSION IS TO BE MADE; THE SPEED WILL BE SOMEWHAT GREATER IF THE ARGUMENT IS GIVEN AS THE CORRECT DATA TYPE EVEN THOUGH THE CONVERSION FROM FLOATING TO FIXED OR VICE VERSA CAN BE PERFORMED,

CERTAIN ROUTINES CAN BE CALLED ONLY DURING GENERATION; OTHERS ONLY OUTSIDE GENERATION, OTHERS (E.G., SETWIND) CAN BE CALLED AT ANY TIME. THE EXPLANATION "OUT OF PLACE" MEANS THAT A ROUTINE HAS BEEN CALLED INCORRECTLY WITH RESPECT TO THE "GENINI" AND "GENEND" ROUTINES.



ERROR ROUTINE EXPLANATION  
 NUMBER ---  
 ---

0 DSPINI CANNOT INIT DISPLAY, PROBABLY, THE DISPLAY HAS  
 # OR YOUR JOB IS TOO LARGE TO FIT IN CORE TOGETHER  
 # WITH SOME OTHER JOB ALREADY RUNNING,  
 # BEEN ASSIGNED OR INITIATED BY ANOTHER JOB.

1 DSPINI TYPE 2 FIX

2 GENINI TRYING TO GENINI AN ALREADY EXISTING FRAME

3 \*\*\*\*\* NO MORE SPACE FOR DISPLAY FILE, THIS ERROR  
 CAN OCCUR ANYWHERE IN THE GENERATING PROCESS.  
 TO ESTIMATE THE SPACE NEEDED, ALLOW 1 WORD FOR  
 EACH 2 SHORT VECTORS, 1 WORD FOR EACH 6 CHARACTERS,  
 1 WORD FOR EACH POINT,  
 AND 1 WORD FOR EACH 10 RASTER POINTS; THEN ADD  
 ABOUT 10% FOR OVERHEAD.

- 4 VGEN TYPE 1 FLOAT
- 5 VGEN TYPE 2 FLOAT
- 6 VGEN TYPE 3 FIX
- 7 PGEN TYPE 1 FLOAT
- 8 PGEN TYPE 2 FLOAT
- 9 PGEN TYPE 3 FIX
- 10 SETWIND TYPE 1 FLOAT
- 11 SETWIND TYPE 2 FLOAT
- 12 SETWIND TYPE 3 FLOAT
- 13 SETWIND TYPE 4 FLOAT
- 14 SETPORT TYPE 1 FIX
- 15 SETPORT TYPE 2 FIX
- 16 SETPORT TYPE 3 FIX
- 17 SETPORT TYPE 4 FIX
- 18 PARMS TYPE 1 FIX
- 19 PARMS TYPE 2 FIX
- 20 PARMS INTENSITY IS NOT BETWEEN 0 AND 7 INCLUSIVE
- 21 PARMS SCALE IS NOT 1,2,4, OR 8

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ERROR  
NUMBER ROUTINE EXPLANATION  
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0 DSPINI CANNOT INIT DISPLAY, PROBABLY, THE DISPLAY HAS  
## OR YOUR JOB IS TOO LARGE TO FIT IN CORE TOGETHER  
## WITH SOME OTHER JOB ALREADY RUNNING,  
BEEN ASSIGNED OR INITIATED BY ANOTHER JOB.

1 DSPINI TYPE 2 FIX

2 GENINI TRYING TO GENINI AN ALREADY EXISTING FRAME

3 \*\*\*\*\* NO MORE SPACE FOR DISPLAY FILE, THIS ERROR  
CAN OCCUR ANYWHERE IN THE GENERATING PROCESS,  
TO ESTIMATE THE SPACE NEEDED, ALLOW 1 WORD FOR  
EACH 2 SHORT VECTORS, 1 WORD FOR EACH 6 CHARACTERS,  
1 WORD FOR EACH POINT,  
AND 1 WORD FOR EACH 10 RASTER POINTS! THEN ADD  
ABOUT 10% FOR OVERHEAD.

4 VGEN TYPE 1 FLOAT

5 VGEN TYPE 2 FLOAT

6 VGEN TYPE 3 FIX

7 PGEN TYPE 1 FLOAT

8 PGEN TYPE 2 FLOAT

9 PGEN TYPE 3 FIX

10 SETWIND TYPE 1 FLOAT

11 SETWIND TYPE 2 FLOAT

12 SETWIND TYPE 3 FLOAT

13 SETWIND TYPE 4 FLOAT

14 SETPORT TYPE 1 FIX

15 SETPORT TYPE 2 FIX

16 SETPORT TYPE 3 FIX

17 SETPORT TYPE 4 FIX

18 PARMS TYPE 1 FIX

19 PARMS TYPE 2 FIX

20 PARMS INTENSITY IS NOT BETWEEN 0 AND 7 INCLUSIVE

21 PARMS SCALE IS NOT 1,2,4, OR 8

22	SPIC	NON-EXISTANT FRAME
23	BLANK	NON-EXISTANT FRAME
24	UNBLANK	NON-EXISTANT FRAME
25	DESTROY	NON-EXISTANT FRAME
26	REPLACE	NON-EXISTANT FRAME
27	RASTER	TYPE 2 FIX
28	RASTER	X INITIAL IS OUT OF RANGE
29	RASTER	TYPE 3 FIX
30	RASTER	Y INITIAL IS OUT OF RANGE
31	RASTER	TYPE 4 FIX
32	RASTER	X SIZE < 0
33	RASTER	TYPE 5 FIX
34	RASTER	Y SIZE < 0
35	RASTER	TYPE 6 FIX
36	RASTER	TYPE 7 FIX
37	RASTER	TYPE 8 FIX
38	RASTER	BYTE SIZE IS NOT 1,2, OR 3
39	RASTER	WOULD GO OFF SCREEN HORIZONTALLY
40	RASTER	WOULD GO OFF SCREEN VERTICALLY
41	GEN3	TYPE 1 FLOAT
42	GEN3	TYPE 2 FLOAT
43	GEN3	TYPE 3 FLOAT
44	GEN3	TYPE 4 FIX
45	MULM3	TYPE 1 FIX
46	TRANSL	TYPE 1 FLOAT
47	TRANSL	TYPE 2 FLOAT
48	TRANSL	TYPE 3 FLOAT
49	PITCH	TYPE 1 FLOAT
50	YAW	TYPE 1 FLOAT

53 ROLL TYPE 1 FLOAT  
 54 ROROP TYPE 1 FLOAT  
 55 SLEEP TYPE 1 FIX  
 56 SETPLAT X MIN < 0 OR X MIN > 1023  
 57 SETPORT X MAX < 0 OR X MAX > 1023  
 58 SETPORT Y MIN < 0 OR Y MIN > 1023  
 59 SETPORT Y MAX < 0 OR Y MAX > 1023  
 60 SETWIND X MIN > OR = X MAX  
 61 SETWIND Y MIN > OR = Y MAX  
 62 SETPORT X MIN > OR = X MAX  
 63 SETPORT Y MIN > OR = Y MAX  
 64 SPIC NON-EXISTANT PICTURE  
 65 \*\*\*\*\* TRYING TO CONVERT AN INTEGER > 2126 TO  
 FLOATING POINT  
 66 \*\*\*\*\* FAILURE DURING SETUPP UUO, SHOULD NOT OCCUR.  
 67 VGEN OUT OF PLACE.  
 68 GENINI OUT OF PLACE.  
 69 PARMS OUT OF PLACE.  
 70 PGEN OUT OF PLACE.  
 71 GENEND OUT OF PLACE.  
 72 SPIC OUT OF PLACE.  
 73 DESTROY OUT OF PLACE.  
 74 NOSYNC OUT OF PLACE.  
 75 SYNC OUT OF PLACE.  
 76 CONFIG OUT OF PLACE.  
 77 REPLACE OUT OF PLACE.  
 78 TEXTP OUT OF PLACE.  
 79 LPOK OUT OF PLACE.  
 80 LPOFF OUT OF PLACE.  
 81 R/OOR OUT OF PLACE.

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83 DIS SAME AS ERROR 0.

\*\*\*\*\* E N D \*\*\*\*\*

ERROR NUMBER	ROUTINE	EXPLANATION
0	DSPIVI	CANNOT INIT DISPLAY, PROBABLY, THE DISPLAY HAS BEEN ASSIGNED OR INITIATED BY ANOTHER JOB.
3	*****	NO MORE SPACE FOR DISPLAY FILE, THIS ERROR CAN OCCUR ANYWHERE IN THE GENERATING PROCESS, TO ESTIMATE THE SPACE NEEDED, ALLOW 1 WORD FOR EACH 2 SHORT VECTORS, 1 WORD FOR EACH 6 CHARACTERS, 1 WORD FOR EACH POINT, AND 1 WORD FOR EACH 10 RASTER POINTS; THEN ADD ABOUT 10% FOR OVERHEAD.
24	PARMS	INTENSITY IS NOT BETWEEN 0 AND 7 INCLUSIVE
25	PARMS	SCALE IS NOT 1,2,4, OR 8
66	SETPORT X	MIN < 0 OR X MIN > 1023
67	SETPORT X	MAX < 0 OR X MAX > 1023
70	SETPORT Y	MIN < 0 OR Y MIN > 1023
71	SETPORT Y	MAX < 0 OR Y MAX > 1023
72	SETWIND X	MIN > OR = X MAX
73	SETWIND Y	MIN > OR = Y MAX
74	SETPORT X	MIN > OR = X MAX
75	SETPORT Y	MIN > OR = Y MAX
77	*****	TRYING TO CONVERT AN INTEGER > 2*26 TO FLOATING POINT

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## BBN GRAFACON: HARDWARE DESCRIPTION

THE GRAFACON OR RAND TABLET IS A GRAPHICAL STYLUS INPUT DEVICE. IT CONSISTS OF A 10" BY 10" GRID OF 1024 BY 1024 WIRES. THERE ARE THEREFORE 2\*20 DISTINGUISHABLE POSITIONS ON THE TABLET SURFACE. THESE POSITIONS ARE ASSIGNED COORDINATES IN THE SAME WAY AS COORDINATES ARE ASSIGNED TO THE RASTER POINTS OF THE DEC 340 DISPLAY, WITH (0,0) IN THE LOWER LEFT-HAND CORNER, (0,177) IN THE UPPER LEFT-HAND CORNER, ETC. SINCE THE PHYSICAL SIZE OF THE TABLET SURFACE IS APPROXIMATELY THE SAME AS THE SIZE OF THE ACTIVE SURFACE OF THE DISPLAY SCREEN, THE GRAFACON IS WELL SUITED FOR USE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THIS DISPLAY.

THE STYLUS SERVES TWO LOGICALLY SEPARATE FUNCTIONS. FIRST, IT ACTS AS AN ANTENNA WHICH SENSES SIGNALS SENT THROUGH THE GRID WIRES AT REGULAR INTERVALS. THESE SIGNALS ARE DIFFERENT AT EVERY POSITION ON THE GRID, SO THAT THE INFORMATION RECEIVED BY THE STYLUS CAN BE CONVERTED BY THE GRAFACON CONTROL INTO THE COORDINATES OF THE STYLUS OVER THE TABLET. SECOND, THE STYLUS HAS A MOVEABLE TIP CONTAINING A MICROSWITCH. THIS SWITCH IS NORMALLY OPEN BUT IS CLOSED WHEN THE STYLUS IS PRESSED DOWN ON A SURFACE. CLOSING THE SWITCH CAUSES A FAINTLY AUDIBLE CLICK.

THE GRAFACON CONTROL SAMPLES COORDINATE DATA AT REGULAR INTERVALS OF APPROXIMATELY 220 MICROSECONDS. THIS PERIOD OF TIME WILL BE REFERRED TO AS ONE GRAFACON TICK. THE DATA MAY BE READ IN FROM THE GRAFACON COORDINATE BUFFER BY THE PDP-10 BY A DATAI 404 INSTRUCTION. FOR A PERIOD OF 40 MICROSECONDS OUT OF THE 220 MICROSECONDS, THE COORDINATE BUFFER IS CHANGING AND THE DATAI WILL PRODUCE INACCURATE DATA. WHEN THE DATA IS READ IN IT IS MARKED WITH A "DATA READY" BIT TO INDICATE WHETHER OR NOT IT WAS READ DURING THE VALID 180 MICROSECONDS OF THE TICK.

IF EITHER THE X OR Y COORDINATE CHANGES BY MORE THAN 1 BETWEEN TWO CONSECUTIVE SAMPLES AND THE PEN SWITCH IS CLOSED, THE ERROR BIT IS SET IN THE INPUT DATA. THIS INDICATES ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- 1) THE PEN SWITCH IS CLOSED, BUT THE STYLUS IS NOT BEING HELD DOWN ON THE TABLET.
- 2) THE PEN IS BEING MOVED TOO QUICKLY ACROSS THE TABLET. BELIEVE IT OR NOT, IT IS POSSIBLE TO MOVE THE PEN AT A RATE FASTER THAN 45 INCHES PER SECOND, THE RATE AT WHICH MORE THAN ONE WIRE CAN BE CROSSED IN 220 MICROSECONDS.
- 3) A GRAFACON MALFUNCTION; EITHER THE CONTROL LOGIC IS MALFUNCTIONING, OR, IF THE ERRORS OCCUR EVEN WHEN THE STYLUS IS NOT BEING PRESSED DOWN, THE PEN SWITCH IS BROKEN AND SHORTED CLOSED.

THE GRAPHICON MAY PRODUCE TWO DIFFERENT KINDS OF INTERRUPTS, THEY ARE ON THE SAME INTERRUPT CHANNEL BUT MAY BE SEPARATELY ENABLED.

FIRST, AN INTERRUPT MAY OCCUR WHEN NEW DATA HAS BEEN READ INTO THE GRAPHICON COORDINATE BUFFER, SINCE 220 MICROSECONDS IS MUCH FASTER THAN ONE NORMALLY WANTS TO SAMPLE DATA, THE INTERFACE IS EQUIPPED WITH A COUNTER SO THAT ONLY EVERY N<sup>TH</sup> DATA SAMPLE BY THE GRAPHICON CONTROL WILL PRODUCE AN INTERRUPT TO THE PDP-10, HERE N IS AN INTEGER WHICH IS SPECIFIED BY A CONO 404 INSTRUCTION AND MAY BE BETWEEN 1 AND 420 OCTAL INCLUSIVE, THE RESULT IS THAT THE SAMPLING RATE MAY BE VARIED FROM A SAMPLE EVERY 220 MICROSECONDS TO A SAMPLE EVERY 56 MILLISECONDS.

SECOND, AN INTERRUPT MAY OCCUR WHENEVER THE PEN SWITCH CHANGES STATUS (I. E. EITHER OPENS OR CLOSES).

## GRAFACON (RAND TABLET) SERVICE ROUTINE

### I. INTRODUCTION.

A SERVICE ROUTINE (GFNSER) FOR THE BBN GRAFACON IS NOW PART OF THE MONITOR. THIS ROUTINE PERMITS THE RAND TABLET TO BE USED AS A STANDARD INPUT DEVICE UNDER THE 14/50 TIMESHARING MONITOR, AND ALSO PROVIDES FACILITIES FOR REAL-TIME MODIFICATION OF A DISPLAY FILE FOR THE 340 DISPLAY WHEN THE GRAFACON IS RUNNING. AS A STANDARD INPUT DEVICE, THE GRAFACON IS STARTED BY THE FIRST IN OR INPUT UOO, AND CONTINUES RUNNING UNTIL ALL ITS BUFFERS ARE FULL OR AN END-OF-FILE IS REACHED.

### II. SINGLE-STROKE AND MULTIPLE-STROKE DATA COLLECTION.

THE SERVICE ROUTINE PROVIDES FOR TWO TYPES OF DATA COLLECTION, "SINGLE-STROKE" AND "MULTIPLE-STROKE." IN EACH CASE, DATA ARE COLLECTED ONLY WHEN THE PEN IS DOWN, I.E. WHEN THE PEN TIP SWITCH IS CLOSED.

#### A. SINGLE-STROKE DATA COLLECTION

IN "SINGLE-STROKE" MODE, THE ROUTINE WAITS AFTER THE DEVICE HAS BEEN STARTED UNTIL THE PEN IS PRESSED DOWN, THEN COLLECTS DATA UNTIL THE PEN IS LIFTED UP; THE LIFTING OF THE PEN IS THE END-OF-FILE CONDITION.

#### B. MULTIPLE-STROKE DATA COLLECTION

IN "MULTIPLE-STROKE" MODE, THE ROUTINE WAITS AFTER THE DEVICE HAS BEEN STARTED UNTIL THE PEN IS DOWN, AND THEN STARTS TO COLLECT DATA. THEREAFTER DATA ARE COLLECTED WHENEVER THE PEN IS DOWN, UNTIL THE PEN HAS BEEN UP (SWITCH OPEN) FOR A SPECIFIED LENGTH OF TIME. THIS "UP TIME COUNT" IS REINITIALIZED EACH TIME THE PEN GOES DOWN. IN THIS MODE, THE EXPIRATION OF THE UP TIME CONSTITUTES THE END-OF-FILE. A WORD OF ALL ONES ("1") IS INSERTED AS A DATA ITEM IN THE INPUT BUFFER EACH TIME THE PEN IS LIFTED AS A SEPARATOR BETWEEN STROKES.

IN EITHER CASE THE DEVICE MAY HAVE TO BE TEMPORARILY SHUT OFF IF ALL THE BUFFERS ARE FILLED.

### III, DATA MODES.

TWO STANDARD DATA MODES MAY BE USED WITH THE GRAFACON: IMAGE (MODE 10 OCTAL) AND IMAGE BINARY (MODE 13 OCTAL), IN EACH CASE, THE BYTE SIZE IS 36 BITS.

#### A. IMAGE MODE

IN IMAGE MODE, DATA ARE COLLECTED EXACTLY AS PROVIDED BY THE DEVICE (I.E. BY A DATAI 404).

#### B. IMAGE BINARY MODE

IN IMAGE BINARY MODE, DATA ITEMS SUPPLIED BY THE GRAFACON IN WHICH THE "DATA READY" BIT (BIT 0) IS OFF OR THE "ERROR" BIT (BIT 1) IS ON ARE IGNORED AND DO NOT APPEAR IN THE INPUT BUFFER, THE "GOOD" DATA WHICH DO APPEAR IN THE INPUT BUFFER ARE STRIPPED TO CONTAIN ONLY COORDINATE INFORMATION: 10 BITS OF Y RIGHT JUSTIFIED IN THE LEFT HALF OF THE WORD AND 10 BITS OF X RIGHT JUSTIFIED IN THE RIGHT HALF OF THE WORD, ALL OTHER BITS ARE 0.

### IV. SPACING OF DATA.

#### A. EQUAL-TIME

THE USER MAY SPECIFY THE DATA SAMPLING RATE AS THE CONTENTS OF THE GRAFACON PRESET COUNTER, THAT IS, THE INTEGER N PROVIDED BY THE USER IS 1 LESS THAN THE NUMBER OF GRAFACON TICKS BETWEEN DATA SAMPLES (1 GRAFACON TICK = 220 MICROSECONDS).

#### B. EQUAL-SPACE

THE USER MAY ALSO SPECIFY THAT THE DATA BE THINNED BY THE SERVICE ROUTINE, I.E. A POINT WILL APPEAR IN THE INPUT BUFFER ONLY IF IT IS AT A DISTANCE OF AT LEAST N IN EITHER X OR Y FROM THE PREVIOUS POINT IN THE BUFFER (EXCEPT FOR THE FIRST POINT OF A STROKE, WHICH ALWAYS WILL APPEAR IN THE BUFFER). IN THIS CASE THE "N" SUPPLIED BY THE USER WILL BE USED BOTH AS THE DATA SAMPLING RATE AND AS THE SPACING PARAMETER.

TO PREVENT UNNECESSARILY FREQUENT INTERRUPTS BY THE GRAFACON, THE SERVICE ROUTINE RESTRICTS N TO BE GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO 5.

#### V. TRACKING.

"TRACKING" IS THE FIRST WAY IN WHICH THE GRAFACON SERVICE ROUTINE MAY MODIFY A USER'S DISPLAY FILE WHILE THE GRAFACON IS RUNNING. THE USER MAY SUPPLY AN ADDRESS IN HIS JOB AREA TO BE USED AS THE "TRACKING ADDRESS." AT INTERRUPT LEVEL, THE SERVICE ROUTINE WOULD PLACE THE GRAFACON Y COORDINATE IN BITS 8-17 OF THIS LOCATION, AND THE X COORDINATE IN BITS 26-35. THIS OPERATION WOULD OCCUR WHETHER THE PEN IS UP OR DOWN. TYPICALLY, THIS ADDRESS WOULD CONTAIN A POINT MODE WORD AND WOULD BE PART OF A DISPLAY FILE. THE RESULT IS THE GRAFACON ANALOGUE OF LIGHT-PEN TRACKING.

#### VI. INKING.

THE SERVICE ROUTINE WILL ALSO PERFORM "INKING" WHILE THE GRAFACON IS RUNNING IF REQUESTED AND A LEGAL INKING BUFFER IS SPECIFIED BY THE USER. "INK" IS A DISPLAY SUBROUTINE WHICH SHOWS THE TRAJECTORY OF THE PEN ON THE TABLET WHEN THE PEN IS DOWN. THE USER SUPPLIED THE BEGINNING AND ENDING ADDRESSES OF THE INK BUFFER; THE SERVICE ROUTINE WILL INITIALIZE, MODIFY, AND CLEAR THE INK BUFFER ON COMMAND. IT IS THE USER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO INSERT A CALL TO THE INK BUFFER IN HIS DISPLAY FILE AS A "DJS INK VTR." THE RETURN WOULD BE IN PARAMETER MODE.

IF THE INK BUFFER IS FILLED, INKING WILL STOP, BUT THE DEVICE WILL NOT BE SHUT OFF AND DATA COLLECTION WILL CONTINUE.

## 8. USETO

### USETO D,E

E: XWD INKBEG,INKEND  
XWD TRKADR,RAIE  
EXP UPTIME

THE USETO UOO IS USED TO PASS PARAMETERS TO THE SERVICE ROUTINE. E SHOULD CONTAIN THE ADDRESSES OF THE FIRST AND LAST LOCATIONS OF THE INK BUFFER, IF DESIRED; 0 OTHERWISE. E+1 (LEFT HALF) SHOULD CONTAIN THE TRACKING ADDRESS, IF ANY; 0 OTHERWISE. E+1 (RIGHT HALF) SHOULD CONTAIN THE DATA RATE (OR DATA SPACING) AS AN INTEGER BETWEEN 5 AND 377 INCLUSIVE. E+2 SHOULD CONTAIN THE UPTIME PARAMETER IN GRAFACON TICKS. THE MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE UPTIME IS 40000 DECIMAL TICKS (APPROXIMATELY 10 SECONDS).

### SPECIAL CASES:

- 1) IF INKING IS SPECIFIED AND THE CONTENTS OF E IS 0, NO ERROR CONDITION RESULTS BUT INKING WILL NOT OCCUR.
- 2) IF THE CONTENTS OF E IS NONZERO BUT  
A) INKBEG OR INKEND IS LESS THAN 20 OCTAL OR OUTSIDE THE USER'S JOB AREA  
OR  
B) INKEND < INKBEG+4  
THEN AN ERROR MESSAGE WILL BE TYPED ON THE USER'S TELETYPE AND HIS JOB WILL BE PUT IN AN ERROR STOP STATE.
- 3) IF TRACKING IS SPECIFIED AND THE CONTENTS OF E+1 (LEFT HALF) IS 0, NO ERROR RESULTS BUT TRACKING WILL NOT OCCUR.
- 4) IF THE CONTENTS OF E+1 (LEFT HALF) IS NONZERO BUT IS LESS THAN 20 OCTAL OR OUTSIDE THE USER'S JOB AREA, THEN AN ERROR MESSAGE WILL BE TYPED ON THE USER'S TELETYPE AND HIS JOB PUT IN AN ERROR STOP STATE.
- 5) IF THE CONTENTS OF E+1 (RIGHT HALF) IS 0, THE MAXIMUM DATA SPACING (377 OCTAL) WILL BE USED.
- 6) IF THE CONTENTS OF E+1 (RIGHT HALF) IS 1, 2, 3, OR 4, THEN 5 WILL BE USED AS THE DATA SPACING.
- 7) IF THE CONTENTS OF E+1 (RIGHT HALF) IS GREATER THAN 377 OCTAL, THAN ONLY THE RIGHTMOST 6 BITS WILL BE USED BY THE SERVICE ROUTINE AND COMMENTS 5 AND 6 WILL APPLY.
- 8) IF THE CONTENTS OF E+2 IS NEGATIVE OR GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO 40000 DECIMAL, 0 WILL BE USED AS THE UPTIME PARAMETER.
- 9) IF NO USETO AT ALL IS PERFORMED, THE EFFECT IS THE SAME AS IF THE USETO WERE PERFORMED BUT ALL THREE WORDS E,E+1, AND E+2 WERE 0.
- 10) IF AN INK BUFFER ALREADY EXISTS WHEN THE USETO IS PERFORMED, IT WILL BE CLEARED.

C. IN D, AN INPUT D,

THESE UUU'S ARE COMPLETELY STANDARD,

D. CLOSE D,

THE CLOSE UO IS COMPLETELY STANDARD, IT CLEARS THE  
END-OF-FILE FLAG SO THAT ANOTHER INPUT CAN BE PERFORMED,

IF THERE IS AN INK BUFFER WHEN THE CLOSE IS PERFORMED, IT  
IS CLEARED (THE INK IS ERASED),

E. RELEAS D,

THIS UO IS COMPLETELY STANDARD,

F. EXAMPLE

A "NORMAL" SEQUENCE OF UO'S FOR THE GRAFACON  
MIGHT BE AS FOLLOWS: INIT, USETO, INBUF, INPUT, ..., INPUT,  
CLOSE, INPUT, ...

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