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## Preface

Of the various activities that go into setting up a data processing procedure for a computer, the hardest is obtaining a precise definition of exactly what is to be done under all combinations of circumstances. The conditions under which each action is to be performed must be enumerated, and every step must be specified in detail. The sequence in which operations are to be executed must be precisely stated, and the exceptions to normal processing must be identified.

Logical operations have generally been described with block diagrams, which are a form of man-to-man communication and documentation. Unfortunately they can become confusing themselves in complex situations; and a block diagram is generally not suitable for communication with the machines, since a computer will accept as input only alphameric information, not pictures or diagrams.

Many languages have been developed for communication with the machine in forms which more closely resemble the terminology of English or of mathematics. These programming systems such as FARGO, Reports Generators and FORTRAN are oriented toward some area of data processing for which they are primarily intended such as input-output, or mathematical equations. Decision tables now offer a means for expressing complex decision logic in connection with these
languages, or independent of them when the essence of the problem is decision logic.

Logical equations (Boolean Algebra) are sometimes used, but they do not display relationships in as graphical a form as one might wish, and furthermore most systems engineers and procedures analysts do not find them to be a comfortable form of expression.

Decision tables are proposed as holding promise of meeting the various needs of a computer language. Decision tables provide a descriptive representation of complex decision procedures in a way that is easy to visualize and follow through. They show alternatives and exceptions in a much more explicit way than other languages, while presenting relationships among variables clearly. They show the sequences of conditions and actions in an unambiguous manner. The language of decision tables can therefore be used equally effectively for system analysis, procedure design, and computer coding. A computer procedure written as a set of decision tables is, to a large extent, its own documentation.

There is a growing body of experience to indicate that these claims are justified. Those who have used decision tables say that programming is much faster and that program checkout time is significantly reduced. The use of tables leads to greater accuracy and completeness in problem formulation. Program maintenance is simpler. A program
written in decision table form is indeed a powerful communication and documentation device, since it performs the dual functions of man-to-man and man-to-machine communication.

For these reasons the employment of decision tables for problem analysis, logic documentation and computer programming should be given serious consideration. User experience will help in the evaluation of the concept, and will assist in improving its implementation in terms of processor versatility in translating from decision tables to computer instructions.

A word about this teaching text. It is directed primarily at people who will be experimenting with the language. Since many such people may be stronger in systems work than in programming, the presentation discusses programming matters more fully than an experienced programmer requires. However, this redundancy should not detract from the technical content of the manual.

Chapter 1 introduces the concept of decision tables and discusses the preparation of decision tables for machine processing.

Chapter 2 shows how these concepts are implemented in the 7080 Decision Table System and presents the essential elements of the system and its language. This chapter utilizes a graded series of examples -- the first ones are quite simple, but become increasingly complex as further concepts are introduced and earlier concepts are
tied together. There are review questions and answers after each example.

Chapter 3 contains a full-scale problem worked out with the 7080 Decision Table System. It shows how the concepts can be applied to a specific situation.

Chapter 4 is a reference section, describing the details of the language elements and their relationships.

It is recommended that the person without extensive programming background study the entire manual carefully, concentrating on the examples and questions in Chapter 2. The experienced programmer will probably want to read Chapters 1 and 2 and concentrate on Chapters 4 and 3.

Two final comments:
(1) Because of time limitations and in light of the experimental purpose of the language, certain functions that might have been included were left out. However, the system will nevertheless be useful in evaluating the concept of tabular programming for a large-scale computer, and along with the evaluation of the overall concept will come suggestions for improvements in the details. All such comments and suggestions will be appreciated.
(2) It should be understood that IBM makes no commitment to maintain or improve this language. Although every reasonable attempt has
been made to pretest the processor and to examine various implications of the language, the accuracy or efficiency of the processor is not guaranteed, nor are the correctness of results obtained with its use.

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## CHAPTER 1

## An Introduction to the 7080 Decision Table System

Some orderly arrangement of data is necessary for the logical solution of any complex problem. At first blush, for example, the puzzle below does not lend itself to an easy solution:

Andy disliked the catcher. Ed's sister was engaged to the second baseman. The center fielder was taller than the right fielder. Harry and the third baseman lived in the same building. Paul and Allen each won $\$ 20$ from the pitcher at pinochle. Ed and the outfielders played poker during their free time. The pitcher's wife was the third baseman's sister. All the battery and infield, except Allen, Harry and Andy, are shorter than Sam. Paul, Andy and the shortstop lost $\$ 50$ each at the race track. Paul, Harry, Bill and the catcher took a trouncing from the second baseman at pool. Sam was undergoing a divorce suit. The catcher and the third baseman each had two children. Ed, Paul, Jerry, the right fielder and the center fielder were bachelors. The others were married. The shortstop, the third baseman and Bill each cleaned up $\$ 100$ betting on the fight. One of the outfielders was either Mike or Andy. Jerry was taller than Bill. Mike was shorter than Bill. Each of them was heavier than the third baseman.

With these facts determine the names of the men playing each position on the baseball team.

It is, however, far less complex than it appears when the problem is broken down into a series of steps. What are the facts which determine the solution?

Obviously (1) the names of the players and (2) their position on the team.


The first sentence of the puzzle states that Andy is not the catcher, and the second states that Ed is not the second baseman. Instead, however, of retaining mentally all such facts, they can be itemized as above until the process of elimination takes care of all negatives and the remaining entries are all "Yes". The solution is stated below:

|  | P | C | 1st | 2nd | 3 rd | SS | LF | RF | CF |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Andy | N | N | N | N | (1) | N | N | N | N |
| Ed | N | N | N | N | N | (1) | N | N | N |
| Harry | (1) | N | N | N | N | N | N | N | N |
| Paul | N | N | (1) | N | N | N | N | N | N |
| Allen | N | (1) | N | N | N | N | N | N | N |
| Sam | N | N | N | N | N | N | (1) | N | N |
| Bill | N | N | N | N | N | N | N | N | (1) |
| Jerry | N | $\stackrel{N}{N}$ | N | (1) | N | N | N | N | N |
| Mike | N | N | N | N | N | N | N | (1) | N |

At the heart of any data processing problem is a set of decisions the computer must make regarding the data contained on each record and the actions to be taken as a result of these decisions. The
decisions may be regarded as a set of conditions and when a given set of conditions is satisfied then a certain action or set of actions is to be taken.

In a payroll application, for example, if a salaried employee has not been absent and if he has not worked overtime, then his salary is computed with normal deductions. "Compute salary with normal deductions, " in itself, constitutes a set of actions. Of course there are many more if considerations in any payroll application, and when a given set of conditions is not satisfied, another series of actions must be taken.

A decision table defines all conditions and separates them from all actions. Further, it relates a given condition to the appropriate actions in an entry. A series of conditions that must result in a given series of actions constitutes a rule. Alternative conditions that result in other actions constitute other rules.

Basically then, a decision table:

- relates a series of conditions and actions
- aligns alternative rules side by side


## The Structure of a Table

To begin to see what decision tables are all about, examine the simple table of Figure 1.

|  | Rule 1 | Rule 2 | Rule 30 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age | 25-34 | 25-34 | 65 <br> or over |
| Health | Excellent | Excellent | Poor |
| Section of Country | East | West | West |
| Rate/1000 | 1.57 | 1.72 | 5.92 |
| Policy Limit | 200,000 | 200,000 | 20,000 |

Figure 1. An example of a decision table

The first decision rule (columns 1 and 2) can be paraphrased:
If age is greater than: or equal to 25 and 34 or less, and health is excellent, and section of country is East, then set rate per thousand to 1.57. and set policy 11 mit to 200,000 . The underlined words are implied by the table layout. The other rules are alternatives to this one, so that logically, only one rule can be satisfied in a single pass through Lins decision tailu.

ENTRY


Figure 2. Exploded view of the table of Figure 1.

The information in Figure 1 is shown in an exploded view in Figure 2, to show more clearly the parts of a table and the terms that are used to describe them.

The double horizontal and vertical lines serve as demarcation: CONDITIONS are shown above the horizontal double line, ACTIONS below; the STUB is to the left of the vertical double line, ENTRIES are to the right. Each vertical combination of conditions and actions is called a decision RULE.

Tables may also be used in a slightly different way to state decision logic, as shown in Figure 3.

| $\qquad \quad$ Rule No. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Credit Limit is OK | Y | N | N | N |
| Pay Experience is Favorable |  | Y | N | N |
| Special Clearance is Obtained |  |  | Y | N |
| Approve Order | X | X | X |  |
| Return Order to Sales |  |  |  | X |

Figure 3. A limited entry table

The first rule (the stub and column 1) is read: If credit limit is

OK, then approve order. Again, the underlined words are implied by the form. Note that the form of both conditions and actions is different. In a limited entry condition or action, the entire condition or action must be written in the stub; the entry is limited to asserting, reversing, or ignoring a condition or executing an action. In contrast the extended entry form (as in Figure 1) has part of the condition or action extended into the entry. Both forms may be used within one table, but any one condition or action row must be of just one form.

Note that the basic concept of a single rule in a table is based on the "if. . . then" relationship in a straightforward manner. If $A=B$ and $C$ is greater than 5 and . . . then assign the value 7 to $X$ and GO TO Table 10. The alternative rules are explicit; if the conditions in rule 1 are not met, then try rule 2 . If none of the rules succeeds, then the implication is that something is wrong. Now if all significant possibilities are exhausted, it may be desirable to indicate "Go ahead anyhow with a special routine. " This is indicated by placing "ELSE" in the last rule; otherwise, provisions must be made for an automatic error detection.

The skeletonized table in Figure 4 is directly related to the block diagram in Figure 5, which shows schematically the way in which a table is conceptually "executed."

| Cond 1 | $Y$ | $Y$ | $Y$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cond 2 | $Y$ |  | $N$ |
| Cond 3 | $Y$ | $N$ | $Y$ |
| Action 1 | $X$ | $X$ |  |
| Action 2 | $X$ | $X$ | $X$ |

Figure 4. A decision table of the logic of Figure 5
Rule 1 Rule 2 Rule $3 \quad$ Rule n


Figure 5. Schematic representation of the sequence of tests and actions in executing a table.

## 7080 Decision Table Processor

The use of decision tables as a language for prescribing procedures to a computer has been discussed. It should be noted that a table cannot be directly executed by a computer. It is necessary first to translate the decision tables into basic machine instructions. The set of tables that define the processing to be done by the computer makes up the source program; this is translated into an object program--consisting of actual machine instructions--by a processor which is, itself, a special type of program. It is the object program that finally directs the computer to carry out the desired processing of data.

The procedure for going from decision tables written on paper to final problem results is shown in Figure 6.
(1) The first step is the one that is the primary subject of this text: planning the procedure and writing it as a set of decision tables.
(2) Cards are punched and verified, producing the source program card deck (these cards are converted to magnetic tape). The processor program, mentioned above, is on tape.
(3) The processor program goes into the computer and directs the translation of the source program into an object program consisting of computer instructions. The object program is written on tape. There are also two listings produced by the processor, giving information about the source and object program.


The processing is in fact done in two steps: one to go from source program to an Autocoder program (Autocoder is another computer language, at a higher level than machine language), and a second to go from Autocoder to machine instructions. Conceptually, however, the two parts are not essentially distinct.
(4) The object program is now available on magnetic tape; it has not yet been executed.
(5) The object program may now be loaded into the computer to do the data processing specified by the original decision tables. It is only at this stage that data is processed. Other computer components are used as required by the program.

The machine that executes the object program need not be the same one which processed the source program. Within certain limits, the two machines need not even have the same features. The machine configuration for each of these jobs is shown in the Appendix.

At this point the basic ideas and use of decision tables have been presented in rather broad outline. The next step is to learn how these ideas are implemented in the 7080 Decision Table System.


Situation 1

## CHAPTER 2

## Using The 7080 Decision Table System

The basic ideas of the 7080 Decision Table System are relatively easy to learn. This chapter presents these ideas in the framework of a series of problem situations, each chosen to illustrate a few new concepts. At the end of the discussion of each situation there are review questions, with answers on the back of the same page, to permit the reader to check his understanding of the material before proceeding.

This chapter does not discuss all the features of the language. For example, it omits some of the details of alternative ways of doing things. The complete information appears in Chapter 4.

For a first example, consider a situation in which it is necessary to convert an automobile body classification from a code to a readable abbreviation.

The table on the opposite page can be interpreted fairly readily. In English:

- If the type code of the car body is 1 , then the model is a convertible.
- If the type code of the car body is 2, then the model is a hardtop.
- If the type code of the car body is 3, then the model is a station wagon.


Situation 1

In this table, there is one condition row (above the double horizontal line): The action to be carried out depends on whether TYPECODE $=1,2$, or 3. There is also one action row (below the double horizontal line): set MODEL equal to CONVRTBL, HARDTOP, or STATNWGN, depending on whether TYPECODE $=1,2$, or 3 respectively. This illustrates the basic idea of a table, that conditions and actions are always related: if a specified condition (or, more generally, a set of conditions) is satisfied, then the corresponding action (or actions) is executed. A vertical column containing one or more conditions above the double horizontal line and one or more actions below, is called a decision rule. Thus, Rule 1 reads:

If TYPECODE $=1$, then SET MODEL EQ 'CONVRTBL'.
TYPECODE is a name for the data field containing the type code; similarly, MODEL is the name of the field that will contain the actual abbreviation for the body type. TYPECODE and MODEL are field names; they represent variables consisting in one case of a one-digit code and, in the other, of an eight letter abbreviation. Furthermore, TYPECODE and MODEL are names of operands -- that is, information fields on which operations of one sort or another are performed.

In the action part of the table, SET...EQ... is an action operator which describes operations to be performed when the appropriate conditions are satisfied. In this case, the action is to transfer one of the abbreviations, 'CONVRTBL', 'HARDTOP', or 'STATNWGN' to the field named MODEL, depending on which condition is satisfied.


Situation 1

The words 'CONVRTBL', 'HARDTOP', and 'STATNWGN' are not field names, but rather are called literals, as indicated by the single quotation marks. The distinction between a field name and a literal is most important. Without the quotation marks, Rule 1 would read:

If TYPECODE $=1$, transfer the current value of the data field named CONVRTBL to the data field named MODEL.

This clearly is not the same thing at all as moving the letters CONVRTBL themselves to the data field named MODEL.

In fact, in this particular table everything to the right of the vertical double line, i.e., the entry part, is a literal: the 2, for instance, refers to the literal value 2, not to a field name 2. Short numeric literals are not written with quotation marks since they could not be confused with field names -- which are not allowed to begin with a numeric digit. Alphameric literals, on the other hand, must be enclosed in quotes to distinguish them from the names of fields.

If the reader can correctly answer the following questions, he is ready to proceed; otherwise, some review will help to understand the later material more quickly. Answers are given on the back of this page.

QUESTIONS

1. List the field names in Situation 1.
2. List the literals.
3. What is the difference between a field name and a literal?
4. State Rule 3 in words.
5. What is an action operator?

## Answers - Situation 1

1. TYPECODE, MODEL.
2. 1, 2, 3, 'CONVRTBL', 'HARDTOP', 'STATNWGN'.
3. A data field is referred to by name, whereas a literal has only its actual value, and does not refer to anything else.
4. If TYPECODE $=3$, set the field named MODEL equal to the letters STATNWGN. Stated otherwise: If TYPECODE $=3$, transfer the literal value 'STATNWGN' to the field named MODEL.
5. A command to perform some action on one or more operands.


Situation 2

Situation 2 involves a utility billing procedure. The bill stub that a customer returns with his payment has punched in it a net amount and a gross amount. Before the bill stub goes onto a card image tape and into the computer system, the letter N or G is punched into the card to indicate which amount was paid; it is then unnecessary to punch the amount of the payment.

In English, this table reads:
Rule 1: If the card field named PAID contains ' $N$ ' (for net), transfer the customer's name from the input field named INPUTNAME to the output field named CUSTNAME, transfer the field named PAIDNET to PAIDAMOUNT, write a receipt record, read another bill stub record, and finally GO TO table 0006.

Rule 2: If the PAID field contains ' $G$ ' (for gross), carry out the same actions as for Rule 1, except transfer the gross amount from PAIDGROSS to PAIDAMOUNT as spelled out in action row 2.

The single condition row in this example is quite similar to that in the previous example, with just one difference: since the literals are alphabetic they must be enclosed in quotes.

The SET... EQ... action operators in the first two action rows are the same as before. The PUT operator, however, is new; it is the terminology of the 7080 Decision Table System which means to make data available for the writing of an output record.


Situation 2

PUT is part of the specified language of the 7080 DTS; but this example and the previous example have used named operands which are not part of the basic language of the system, but rather names chosen by the problem analyst. These names are for variable data fields, records and files. A variable data field, of course, contains a value. A record is a collection of fields, and a file is a collection of one or more records associated with an input or output device.

- In this situation, PUT RECEIPT specifies making a record from the file named RECEIPT available for writing -- here the data is the customer's name and the amount paid. To summarize, the PUT action operator requires a file name for its operand and it calls for the outputting of a record to this file.

Such data records normally consist of fields which are of known length and arrangement. Since input and output areas, work areas, areas for storing constants, etc., must be reserved in core storage for all records, their length and arrangement must be specified. These areas will then automatically be assigned to memory locations in the order in which they are defined in the program. The specification of these definitions is made on a 7080 Decision Table Name Description Sheet. The writing of procedures and operand descriptions are separate programmer's jobs and every program requires both. Data description, being another consideration, will be explained in another example; so


Situation 2
return now to the procedure description.
The GET BILLSTUB action, in combination with information supplied by the data description, means to make available the next record in the file named BILLSTUB. This action reads in new values of the variables named PAID, INPUTNAME, PAIDNET, and PAIDGROSS (as would be indicated in the data description). The GET and PUT action operators are exactly the same, and provide the same results, as in Autocoder III since the same IOCS is called into effect.

The last action is another new one, GO TO. This causes a transfer of control to the table identified by the operand. In this case, it is assumed that the current table is table 0006, so this same table is simply repeated with new values of the fields (obtained by the GET). A GO TO always transfers to the beginning of a table.

There is no provision for executing a pre-selected rule of a multiple-rule table. There are, however, provisions for unconditional, i. e., one rule, tables. For example, in Situation 2 the question of how to read the first card is ignored. This would be handled easily enough by an unconditional table, examples of which will be given later. QUESTIONS

1. List the field names in this table.
2. List the file names.
3. Can it be determined, simply by inspecting this table alone, that INPUTNAME is a field and BILLSTUB is a file?
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Situation 2


Situation 3
4. What would happen if the GET and PUT actions were interchanged?
5. What would happen if the last action were GO TO TAB 0941 ?

Situation 3 involves an automobile insurance liability rate computation, and introduces several new ideas in table structure. First, more than one condition must be satisfied before the actions in a rule can be executed. The condition part of the first rule, for instance, asks, "Is the applicant less than or equal to 25 years of age and a male?" The blank entry in Rule 1 for the accidents condition row means that the condition is not relevant for this rule: a man of 25 or under gets the risk factor, RISKFACTOR, added to his rate regardless of his driving record.

Notice that there is no combination of age, sex, and accident record that satisfies the conditions of more than one rule. This is a requirement of the system: the conditions must be set up so that at most one rule is carried out each time a table is executed.

This table introduces three of the relational operators: $\mathrm{EQ}, \mathrm{LE}$, GR. The seven available relational operators and their abbreviations are:

| Equal | EQ | Less than (lesser) | LR |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Unequal | UN | Greater than or equal to | GE |
| Greater than | GR | Less than or equal to | LE |
| Versus | VS |  |  |

## Answers - Situation 2

1. PAID, CUSTNAME, INPUTNAME, PAIDAMOUNT, PADNET, PAIDGROSS.
2. RECEIPT, BILLSTUB.
3. Yes, but only by implication: the operand in a condition must not be a file name, and the operand in a GET or PUT action must be a file name. The data description, if it had been shown, would of course have left no doubt.
4. The order of reading and writing would be interchanged. Actions are always carried out in the sequence in which they appear in a table, from top to bottom.
5. Table 0941, whatever it might be, would be executed next.


Situation 3

These operators are to be understood in the sense of a question to which the answer can be only yes or no. The first condition in Rule 1 thus reads: "Is the age of the applicant less than or equal to 25 years?" If the answer is "yes", the condition is satisfied.

The SET operator has a new twist in the first action row: it is used as a two-address arithmetic operator. It is assumed that the RATE has already been computed in a previous table; the table here merely applies special factors if necessary. Rule 1 then says (if the conditions are satisfied):

Set RATE = RATE + RISKFACTOR
The risk factor is added to the rate calculated in a previous table, thus incrementing its value. In Rule 2 there is no second operand for this action, so nothing is done to the rate; likewise in Rule 4. In Rule 3, the action specified is to subtract a special rate factor from the previously computed rate, i. e., decrement the rate by the special risk factor. Note that the EQ is omitted when SET is used to perform arithmetic.

The second action row contains nothing new. The rate, as modified by now if Rule 1 or 3 is being executed, is placed in PREMRATE.

The third action demonstrates the use of a limited entry row in an otherwise extended entry table. In this row, since the same action is to be carried out for each rule, the complete action specification is


Situation 3
written in the stub part of the table (to the left of the vertical double line) and $X$ 's are placed in the entry part to indicate in which rules that action is to be executed. As explained earlier, this is called limited entry; the format of the other rows is called extended entry, since the statement is "extended" into the entry portion of the table. The second action row could also have been written in limited entry fashion, with SET PREMRATE EQ RATE entirely in the stub, and X's in the "OP" fields of the entries. If an action is not to be executed for a particular rule then the $\bar{X}$ should be omitted.

The limited entry technique provides no capabilities not available with extended entry, but the simplication of the table is often a convenience.

## QUESTIONS

1. State Rules 3 and 4 in English.
2. List the relational operators.
3. In which direction does data flow when the SET. . EQ. . . operator is executed?
4. Does the blank in action 1, Rule 2, mean that RATE is set equal to zero?
5. Could action 2 have been written in limited entry form? What would this have gained?

## Answers - Situation 3

1. Rule 3: If the applicant is over 25 and has had no accidents, regardless of sex, decrement the previously computed rate, by the special rate factor, set premium rate to the new rate, and transfer to the compact discount table.

Rule 4: If the applicant is over 25 and has had one or more accidents, regardless of sex, the previously computed rate is used unchanged. The rate is moved to the premium rate and control is transferred to the table named COMPCTDISC.
2. EQ, UN, GR, LR, GE, LE.
3. Information is moved from the field named as operand 2 to the field named as operand 1, e. g. , SET A EQ 2 means $A \leftarrow-2$.
4. No. A blank in an action operand field means that no action is taken.
5. Yes, saving a little writing and making it apparent at a glance that the same action is done in each rule.

The preparation of a decision table can be approached in any manner the analyst chooses. Examine the following problem statement:

If the quantity ordered does not exceed the order limit and if the credit approval is "OK", and if there is a sufficient quantity on hand to fill the order, move the quantity ordered to quantity shipped, and go to a table to prepare ship release.

If the quantity ordered exceeds the order limit, or if the credit approval is not "OK", go to a table named order reject.

If the quantity ordered does not exceed the order limit, and if the credit approval is "OK", but there is insufficient quantity on hand to fill the order, go to a table named back order.

To prepare a decision table for this problem should the condition stub be filled in first, followed by all the actions? Or is the real concern with one condition and one action? Should the table be made in limited or extended entry? Actually there is no set procedure to be followed.

Examine the problem again:
If the Qty Ordered does not exceed the Order Limit/
and
C2
if the Credit Approval is OK/
and


A1
move the Qty_Ordered to Qty Ship/
and
go_to _Prepare_Ship Releasel A2

If the Qty Ordered exceeds the Order Limit/
or
if the Credit Approval is not OK/ ${ }^{\text {C5 }}$
A3
go to a table named Order Reject /
If the Qty Ordered does not exceed the Order Limit/
and
if the Credit Approval is OK/ ${ }^{\text {C7 }}$
but
C8
there is insufficient Qty On Hand to fill the order/
A4
go to a table named Back Order /
The solid underlines indicate the conditions; the broken underlines indicate actions. Note that the word order is exactly that of the original problem statement. The conditions and actions are numbered here simply as a count; there are eight conditions and four actions. Note, however, that C1, C4 and C6 are concerned with the same operands. Further C2, C5 and C7 involve the same operands. C3 and C8 are also similar.

Spelled out this way, it is obvious enough that there are basically three condition rows and four action rows. Such diagramming is unnecessary and is done here solely for illustrative purposes. The decision table itself is an adequate diagram:

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| 02 | ${ }^{\text {A }}$ |  |  | CREDLTAPRV | Ed | 'aK', ... | , |  |  |  | $Y$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 06 |  | GO.To | OROERETECT |  |  |  |  |  | $\chi$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 07. |  | GQ TO | PREPSHPREL |  |  |  |  |  |  | $x_{i}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 08 |  | Co To | BACKORDER |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 09 | A |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10 | A |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 11 | A |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 12 | A |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 13 | A |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 17 | A |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 18 | A |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 19 | ${ }^{4}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 20 | ${ }^{A}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 21 | A |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 22 | $A$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 25 | A |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Situation 4, A Limited Entry Table

| Name 1 | Operator | Name 2 |
| :---: | :---: | :--- |
| QTYORDERED | LE | ORDERLIMIT |
| CREDITAPRV | EQ | 'OK' |
| QTYONHAND | GE | QTYORDERED |

All the condition stubs are stated above. All the action stubs could then be stated.

|  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  |  |
| QTYORDERED | LE | ORDERLTMIT |
| CREDITAPRV | EQ | 'OK' |
| QTYONHAND | GE | QTYORDERED |
| SET TO QPYSHIP | EQ | QTYORDERED |
| GO TO PREPSHPREL |  |  |
| GO TO ORDEREJECT |  |  |
| GO TO BACKORDER |  |  |

The entry conditions can then be stated with the appropriate "yes" and "no" entries, and finally the action entries are completed by filling in the proper X's for execute. The final result is shown on the left page.

Note that all conditions and actions are stated in limited entry form. When this is the case, the two position columns may be used for the rules, thus allowing many more rules on a single page.

In some situations it may seem more logical as a first step to state a condition, an action and then an entry as below:



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There could be other methods of stating the decision table which would be equally valid. The table could be shortened, for example, by combining the three GO TO commands into one extended entry row as below:

| Action <br> Operator | Rule 1 | Rule 2 | Rule 3 | Rule 4 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| GO TO | PREPSHPREL | BACKORDER | ORDEREJECT | ORDEREJECT |

In summary, the preparation of a decision table is not a cut and dried procedure, since any approach forces the analyst into a logical analysis of all aspects of the problem.

Situation 5 is the preparation of a stock classification listing. This table again exhibits multiple conditions, with one of them in limited entry form. The second condition stub asks: "Is the number of shares greater than 100,000?" To satisfy Rule 1, the answer must be yes. In Rule 2, with its blank for this condition, it doesn't matter. In Rule 3, the answer must be no in order to satisfy the condition -- that is, the number of shares must be equal to or less than 100,000. (Note that numeric literals in a table must not contain commas.)

The three rules here do not exhaust all the combinations of the variables in the conditions. For instance, the stock type might not be 1, 2, or 3 , or even if the stock type is 1 the number of shares might not be greater than 100,000. In this table provisions for such possibilities


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are made with a special designation called ELSE. This rule says what to do if none of the other rules can be executed. In this example, it is reasonable to expect that it will frequently happen that none of the other rules will be satisfied, so that the ELSE is a more or less normal occurrence. In other tables, failure to satisfy any of the rules might represent an error in the logic of the table or in the data. In such a case no provision would be made for an ELSE; now, if no rule is satisfied, the program proceeds to the error table named in the table header. The table header contains in addition to other descriptive and identification data, a two position field where the rule number for the ELSE is specified. Rule 04 is specified in this case in the table header, and rule 04 states GO TO another table to handle this possibility. In this case, because the ELSE rule takes care of all other possibilities, the entry in the table header for error table name is left blank.

Since it is possible to set up many tables that will be executed in the proper sequence to carry out the necessary processing, there are entries in the table header which must be filled in to relate the various tables. These entries are largely self-explanatory. For example, the column "No. Rules" means just that -- how many rules are there in this table?

Tables are named (or numbered) and these names are used when the table is referenced in the program (i.e., on another decision table


Situation 5, Decision Table
or within the table itself). Both a name and a number are not necessary, but if the table is numbered, then when the number is referenced within a decision table, the letters TAB must prefix the number, as in the final action of Situation 5 .

The letters " c " in the table header stand for "card continuation, " which is always zero in the table headers.

Five identification letters can be specified under the column head "Type" which designate:

L -- limited entry
M -- mixed entry
A -- information to follow is in Autocoder
R -- information to follow is report specification
D -- information to follow is data definition.
The details of the table header are given in Chapter 4. Suffice it to say here that the ordering of rules and of condition rows is a programmer's convenience to assure an efficient object program. Finally, the "Comments" section allows the programmer to make any notations he cares to.

To return to the table itself, the first action operator in the procedure table is a familiar one, in this case setting a print field equal to an alphameric literal.

The second action operator is a new one, MOVE . . . TO. This


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Situation 5, Name Description
is the opposite of SET . . . EQ: it moves the quantity specified by the first operand to the field named in the second operand. The difference in usefulness of the two operators may be stated as follows: SET . . . EQ is valuable when one of several quantities in the second operand field is to be moved to the first, common, operand field; MOVE . . . TO is valuable when a quantity in the first operand field is to be transferred to one of several fields named by subsequent operands.

The third operator is the now familiar terminology of the 7080 Decision Table System which means to make data available for the writing of an output report. This action is expressed in limited entry form.

The names for the variables in this table introduce some additional processing that is not evident from a study of the decision logic sheet. As previously mentioned, Decision Table Name Description Sheets are a convenience so that the decision table can deal with names. The description forms are required for such details as classifying data, specifying its length and special characteristics, and specifying values.

Consider the Decision Table Name Description Sheet shown for Situation 5. The letters "FLD" in the "Class" column indicate that this name is a field as opposed to a file, group name, report, etc.


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Situation 5, Name Description

The number "2" in the number column indicates that it is 2 digits in length and the letter "N" under "Description" states that it is numeric.

The name SHARES is classified as a field since the "class" column is blank; the assumption is made that it is in the same class as the preceding entry. It is 8 digits in length and numeric.

Under the description of STOCK VALUE, the first position contains a number sign (\#). This signals the processor that a decimal point is to be defined for a quantity of a specified number with integers and decimal positions. In this case a signed number with two decimal digits and eight integers is specified. Alternatively this ten digit field could have been represented with the more conventional X's with the decimal point located in its proper position (+ XXXXXXXX. XX). TYPE is also classified as a field. The code characters $A+$ define this field as a non-numerical field whose right-most character will always provide left protection for an adjacent signed field. In the absence of left protection, the single character A would be specified.

VALUE1 and VALUE2 are descriptions for variables in a printed report. Provisions are made for the suppression of insignificant zeros in the report by the placement of Z's in non-affected positions. Commas are used in the normal manner as they must always be; i. e., the fourth position to the left of a decimal point or sign indicator and then after

DECISION TABLE LOGIC SHEET




# procran 

$\qquad$ DATE $\qquad$

COMMENT
1600.03 TITLESET. UP AND WRITE. REPDRT LINE

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every three additional positions to the left. The 15 in the number column includes a count of all the positions in the operand up to the first lozenge (4); i.e., the dollar sign, eight integers, two decimal places, three commas and one position for sign indication. No sign indication is specified, and the system will automatically provide for a - for minus indication and no sign indication for plus or zero.

VALUE1 demonstrates the use of a floating dollar sign; i. e., one which will appear immediately to the left of the high-order significant digit. One position is allocated for sign indication following the loworder digit and then a floating dollar sign is specified by the character \$ written between two lozenges.

VALUE2 introduces two new definitions: CR or credit symbol print-out and asterisk protection. In this print-out the dollar sign always appears in the position assigned regardless of the number of digits printed because a floating dollar sign is not specified. Two digit positions following the low-order integer are left blank for the print-out of the letters CR. The CR enclosed between lozenges indicates that the letters CR are to be printed when the value is negative in the two positions following the right-most digit -- this will be blank if the value is positive.

The asterisk enclosed in lozenges specifies that asterisks are to be printed in all blank positions between the fixed dollar sign and the

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high-order digit -- which again may vary in position.
The editing functions discussed all appear on the Decision Table Name Description Sheet. Observe that there is nothing on the Decision Table Logic Sheet to indicate that editing is to be done.

In summary, Situation 5 has been largely concerned with the necessity for a table header and for a Decision Table Name Description Sheet and has illustrated a few of their functions. More details of their many functions will be given in situations that follow and a complete explanation is given in Chapter 4.

QUESTIONS

1. What is the function of an ELSE condition and under what circumstances is it employed?
2. What is the general purpose of a table header?
3. What is the difference between a SET and MOVE operator?
4. How are editing functions specified using the 7080 DTS?

## Answers - Situation 5

1. An ELSE condition provides for an unconditional rule. If none of the other rule conditions are satisfied the ELSE or "all others" rule is executed.
2. The general purpose of a table header is to identify the table and relate it to other tables in the procedure. It also supplies additional information to the processor to aid in compiling the program. Other notations permit the analyst to specify reordering for increased object program efficiency without rewriting the table.
3. SET transfers the value of the second operand to the first: MOVE transfers the first to the second, e.g., MOVE A TO B means $A \longrightarrow B$ where SET A EQ B means $A \leftarrow B$.
4. Editing functions are specified on a form separate from the decision table. This form, the Decision Table Name Description sheet, is used to define operands so that the table itself can deal with names.


Situation 6, Open Decision Table

Situation 6 is one aspect of a payroll operation. The table header states that there are four rules and that it is a mixed entry decision table. No ELSE rule is specified as all normal conditions have been covered, and failure to satisfy any of the rules would be an error. If a special error routine had been set up this would have been specified under "Error Table Name" in the table header. In this decision table the special operand TABSTOP is specified. TABSTOP causes a program halt whether specified under "Error Table Name" or "Next Table Name" in the header, or in a GO TO statement as an operand in the table itself.

The single condition row compares the purchase code with three alphameric literals (which do not require description) in rules 2, 3, and 4. In rule 1, however, the extended entry condition operand DEDLIST requires definition, since it is a name designated by the analyst. The definition is not for a variable field, but for a fixed set of values. Fixed values are not described on the same Name Description sheet as variable information. Description Table 0003 is used to define fixed values. In the case of DEDLIST the reference is to a list of constant values used only in the condition section of the decision table. The class entry VLIST (Value List) is always used for such a list with the values listed as shown in the example.

Rule 1 states that if the value of PURCHCODE in the current record is any one of the entries listed on the value list, then GO TO a table named


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| IRM 7080 |  |  | decision table name description sheet |  |  |  |  | Program |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
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|  | \%: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | 15 | MAB | KTVALIE | ALXP | +04.a | 2, CDAY | $1+041$ |  |

Situation 6, Table 0003


OTHERDED. It it is not on the list, the test will fail.
The first action of rule 2 states MOVE EMPLOYINFO TO EMPLYIDENT. The operator MOVE . . . TO has been previously explained, but two new operand types are involved. EMPLOYINFO is the name of a symbolic expression. Symbolic expressions operate on symbols or strings of characters in much the same way as arithmetic expressions operate on numbers. The symbolic expression calls for the joining together of various data elements and treating them as a single field. By defining the "stringingtogether" of operands in table 0003, reference is made with one call in this example to LOCATION, DEPARTMENT . . . NAME, without complicating the decision table with calls to each of these fields. Note that the description includes the word JOIN. This 7080 decision table operator is always used in connection with the other system word in the class entry SEXP, and causes all the data elements to be treated as a unit. Variables, constants, literals and other symbolic expressions can be joined end-to-end by the expression, they need not be adjacent initially.

The other new operand type, EMPLYIDENT, is a group name -classified as a GNAME. GNAMES, like symbolic expressions allow multiple operands to be treated as a unit. The distinction between group names and symbolic expressions is two fold: (1) group names deal with continuous sectionsin memory; (2) symbolic expressions allow strings of characters from discontinuous points in memory to be brought together


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Situation 6, Deduction file


Situation 6, Closed Autocoder Table
and treated as a unit. The sequence of characters is in the order in which the operands are specified in the symbolic expression itself.

The first action row of rule 2, then, moves the current values of LOCATION, T, NAME . . . to a 32 position area called EMPLYIDENT.

The second action row introduces a new action operator -- DO. DO is a sequence control operator which causes the execution of the table named as the operand, and upon execution of this "closed table", control is returned to the table which referenced the closed table. In contrast an "open table" takes control without reverting to the table which referenced it. Open tables are never called with a DO command.

The closed table referenced by action row 2 of rule 2 is named BUYBONDS. This is a pseudo table as it is written in Autocoder language on an operand description sheet. It references data described on other operand description tables. Such procedures must be closed routines. Note that in the table header this sheet has as the "Type" an entry of.the letter A. This indicates to the processor that this is an Autocoder pseudo table. The letter "D" would be the type code for description sheets which describe operands

The final action of rule 2 in situation 6 is the familiar GO TO operator and the operand is TAB0260.

In rule 3 the condition is the PURCHCODE equals the 1iteral 'S'. The first action row is identical to the operation described for rule 2; 1. e.,


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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 05. | DEDUCTION | FILE | TAPE: 2006,2007 | RORECCPD/RLOCK |
| $\cdots$ |  | RNOME | ADEDRM | 50. CHAR, FIXED LENTH |
| - | NAME, | FLD 20 | 6 A |  |
| : | bonommant |  | $5 \#+03.08$ |  |
| I: | STKBAINCE |  | b4to4.02 |  |
|  | STKAmpunit |  | $57+03,08$ |  |
|  | PURCHCODE |  |  |  |
|  | DFPT |  | 3 N |  |
|  | LCCATION |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |

Situation 6, Deduction file

transferring a symbolic expression value to a group name of the PURCHASE file.

The second action specified in rule 3 is a two-address arithmetic command operating upon two data fields in the input/output area: STKBALNCE and STKAMOUNT. These unassigned variables have names assigned to them; their length, format and their special characteristics (i.e., sign, decimal position, etc.) are defined in the operand description sheet for the input/output areas.

The third action specified in rule 3, as in rule 2, calls for the execution of a closed decision table, so that control will be returned to the calling table. Note that the BUYSTOCK table has in its table header under "Next Table Name" the entry DO -- specifying that it is a closed decision table.

Consider now the closed decision table BUYSTOCK. This limited entry table has one condition row and two rules. The first operand of the condition is STKBALNCE. This field, classified as FLD, and described in the input/output operand description is part of the file named DEDUCTION. This entire file can be referenced by referring to its name with input/ output actions, or as in this condition statement a single defined field is referenced. Note also that all of the fields in the file are classified with the entry RNAME meaning record name. If there had been occasion in this program to reference the record as an entity, e.g. with a MOVE, a name would have been given the RNAME entry.


Situation 6, Closed Decision Table


Situation 6, Table 0003


The second operand in the condition statement, MARKTVALUE, is a new type of expression. It is classified in operand description sheet 0003 as MEXP which designates an arithmetic expression. MEXP as an operand designates that the evaluation of the expression is to take place at the time it is used: in this case computing the stock's market value by dividing the sum of the day's high and low selling price by two.

The first four action rows of the decision table named BUYSTOCK involve the now familiar operators SET and MOVE, a two address arithmetic operator, and as operands FLD, MEXP, and a literal.

The fifth action row utilizes the operator: PUT. The operand here, PURCHASE, is a file name, described in the input/output operand description. The PUT operator, with a file name as an operand, causes the record to be released from the program and placed in the output area to be written out automatically by IOCS when a block has been filled.

In summary, Situation 6 is concerned with the relationship of the various tables which are employed in one data processing operation and with the data descriptions associated with these tables.

An open table has called upon a closed table with a DO command, and another DO command has called on an Autocoder pseudo table used as an auxiliary mode accepted by the system and treated as a closed table.

Data description have enabled the tables to employ a single operand to call upon continuous sections in the memory (GNAME) and upon discontinuous fields in memory with a single symbolic expression in


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Situation 6, Table 0003
connection with a JOIN operator(SEXP). Arithmetic expressions (MEXP) have permitted the table to employ a single operand to designate that the computation described by the expression is to be performed.

Situation 6 has also shown that an entire file, a record within the file or a single field can be referenced by its name. A Value List (VLIST) has been used to determine if an input value is the same as a value in the list. The condition is satisfied if there is a corresponding argument on the list.

## QUESTIONS

1. What class entry is used in describing a list of constant values and where may such a list be referenced in a decision table?
2. What is a SEXP operand and how does it differ in function from most named operands?
3. When is a GNAME used?
4. What is the only action operator which can reference an Autocoder pseudo table? Why is this restriction made?
5. Where is control resumed after the execution of a closed decision table?

## Answers - Situation 6

1. V LIST defines a list of constant values and is used only in the condition section of a decision table.
2. A symbolic expression differs from most named operands in that it causes operations to be performed on the data fields. The JOIN operator of a symbolic expression will "string" together characters from discontinuous points in memory and allow them to be treated as a unit.
3. GNAMEs are used to reference a continuous section of memory as a unit.
4. DO is the only action operator which can reference an Autocoder pseudo table. This restriction is made because Autocoder pseudo tables are always closed tables, and only the DO operator is used to reference closed tables.
5. Control is resumed by the decision table which referenced the closed decision table. The action immediately following (in the same rule) the DO statement which referenced the closed table is the next action performed.


Situation 7, Decision Table

In Situation 7 it is desired that a summary report be printed listing all acceptable expense transactions. The decision table determines if the departmental charges fall into acceptable general ledger number ranges. Also, certain general ledgers are not to be included on the report. Total lines are to be produced for the previous general ledger number when a new general ledger number is processed. The conditions of the table are familiar. The first action row has as its operand EXPENSERPT. This is the name of a closed pseudo table and the DO operator causes a report writing routine to be entered. In this report pseudo table the descriptive language of the 7080 Report/File Writing system is used. The DTS processor passes these statements along to Autocoder III as they are.

A 1403 Spacing Chart is used to illustrate the format of the desired report. The report has a heading of MONTHLY EXPENSE DISTRIBUTION REPORT, and as part of the heading the letters RPT DATE are stated, followed by "Xs" to indicate the digit positions of the variable date. A line is skipped and the column headings, DEPT NO ACCT NO INVOICE NO INVOICE DATE INVOICE AMOUNT are to be printed. The succeeding lines specify the length, format and special characteristics of each of the fields of the detail line.

In this example of a summary report, it is desired that each transaction be listed until a new general ledger number is encountered,


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at which time a total amount field will be printed. The characters ***GEN LEDGER are also to be printed, followed by the two digit general ledger number. The length, format, and special characteristics of this total are specified with the appropriate notations in the print positions desired. The first field in the operand portion names the field where the number will be taken from; this is followed by the printing format using conventional RPT notation.

On the Name Description sheet header, the letter " $R$ " for Report is specified under Type, and the table is named EXPENSERPT. MODE (Page-Line D01) must be specified under class at the beginning of a report, and the entry REPORT made in the description columns. Similarly, MODE must be specified under class as the last line of the description sheet followed by the entry AUTOCODER in the description column.

The entry DREPT (D02) in the class column indicates that a report is to be described, and must be given a name to provide the necessary operand name to be referenced by the programmer when calling for a line to be written. The description entry references other parameters of the report definition; these will not be described in this manual.

The entry PAHDG (D03), for page heading, specifies that a line is required at the top of each page. The entries which follow describe the constant and variable information contained in the heading line. The


Situation 7, Report Discription
entry CARRC (D04) is made in the class column to specify carriage control. The first position of the description is a 1 to position the paper to print the first line at the top of the page. The entry CONST (D05) is used to define a line segment which will be the same each time the line is produced. The numeric column contains the number of positions in the segment, and the description specifies the words as numbers to be printed. In this example a 42 -position title is specified, followed by a 10-position constant with the letters RPT DATE (D06). The next entry D07), WDATE is used where the data to be moved into a line segment may change between object runs, but will be the same throughout each object run--as in this example the date. The operand in the description area indicates where the date value can be obtained. The report writer will automatically move the date to the proper position. Following the WDATE entry another page head (DO3) is specified followed by a carriage control entry--in this case 0 , which is the code for double spacing. The column heads are then specified with two CONST entries (D10, D11).

DTAIL (D12) is used to indicate that the description of a detail line will follow. Succeeding entries describe the fields in the detail line. Each variable field that is to be printed has the field name from where the value is to be taken, followed by the format in which it is to be printed expressed in the operand description area. The fields are placed in the order in which they should appear on the report line. Appropriate spacing



and special characters is specified with the CONST entry.
Following the detail line definitions, the entry BREAK (E01) appears in the class column. This, as with the other entries, is normal Report File Writing language. It is a conditional line in the body of the report which permits testing for changes in the contents of specified control fields--in this case a change in the general ledger number. Total lines are automatically written when this control break occurs.

Entries following the BREAK, specify the format of the total line. The entry CLRPT (E08) terminates the report specification. As mentioned previously, the final entry (E09) must be MODE, followed by the word AUTOCODER in the description column.

The report writer pseudo table creates a routine which is essentially a subroutine within the object program. Other programming is required beside the Report statements. In Situation 7 these requirements include:

- Input/Output procedures -- All data fields processed by the Report/File Writing routine are referenced in the routine as named operands. The standard Decisi on Table Name Description sheet is used for the description of records contained in the file. The file, itself, is described on a 7080 IOCS File Table Macro-Instruction form




## 7080 IOCS FILE TABLE MACRO-INSTRUCTIONS (LONG FORM)

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Situation 7, Decision Table


(long or short). An IOCS File Table for Situation 7 is shown, this is preceded by Name Description sheets which contain input/output tape assignments (IOTA) and followed by descriptions of the records referenced by the Report/File Writing routine.

- Entrance to the routine -- Decision table 0005 which has been given the name VALIDATE has as its first action a DO command which causes the report pseudo table to be entered. The line will then be printed and control will return to the second action of the rule which had the DO.
- Opening the files -- Table 0004 which has been given the name START causes all files to be opened.
- Closing the files -- The table named ENDOFJOB performs the necessary functions for ending the job. The table name is specified on the IOCS File Table for the EXPENSE input file under END OF FILE TR ADDRESS of IOFTA. After the last record has been read and End of File has been reached, a transfer will go to table ENDOFJOB. As the sample shows, the total is printed for the last general ledger, "END JOB" is typed on the console typewriter, all files are closed and the


Situation 7, Decision Table

program is halted by the GO TO TABSTOP action.

## QUESTIONS

1. In Situation 6, Autocoder was introduced as another language called by the decision tables. Situation 7 calls upon another language, Reports/File Writer. Since the 7080 Decision Table System has its own language why are these languages intermixed?
2. What happens when a Reports/File Writer routine is called?
3. Decision tables provide a descriptive representation of complex decision procedures in a way that is easy to develop, visualize, and follow through. When a set of procedures does not involve decision logic, the Autocoder language may be a more natural form of expression. The report writer language is a highly developed, but highly specialized language and is used as an auxiliary mode to perform these report writing functions.
4. The report routine is entered and a detail line is written. If a control break occurs, the appropriate total lines will be written automatically. If the last line on the page is written, the report routine will automatically skip to the next page and write the heading information.


Situation 8, Decision Table

Situation 8 illustrates an address modification feature of the 7080 Decision Table System. Address modification utilizes the indirect addressing hardware facility of the 7080. The 7080 DTS supplies the programmer with ten tagged pre-defined address constants (ADCON's) which are used to hold the machine address to be modified. Although these are not described by the user since they are part of the DTS, their specification is shown below:


The problem which illustrates this address modification feature is also a portion of the DTS processor. The situation involves a loop used in editing input cards to replace non-printing symbols.

In the decision table header, the page is numbered BC. Alphabetics are permissible as page numbers, providing that they are in ascending order for successive tables. Note that in the "Order of Rules" in the decision table header, the rules have been reordered. This has been done to improve the efficiency of the object program. Rules least likely to fail are placed leftmost. A "Comment" is made in this table


Situation 8, Decision Table
header. It is permissible to make any remarks the programmer cares to make here, and in this example an explanation of the decision table's function is given: "LOOP TO REPLACE $\ddagger$ AND $\neq$ IN 52 COL. OF INPUT CARD. "

The object of the program is to replace the non-printing symbols which might appear in columns 23 to 74 of the card. Hence each column must be examined for the presence or absence of either of the two symbols.

The first condition row checks to see if a Bit switch (a one character constant set up in the program as a switch) is ON or OFF. If rule 1 is satisfied, i.e., the Bit switch is found to be ON, the scanning process is to begin. The first action specified for rule 1 sets a counter to 52 . The second action sets the Address Register X2 to COL23, i.e. the machine address of column 23 of the card. The third action sets the Bit switch to OFF and the final action calls for a reiteration of the loop.

In rule 2, the bit switch is found to be OFF meaning that this is not the starting point. The second and third conditions determine that the non-printing characters do not occur in the column currently being examined.

Consider the first operand of these condition statements-COL23, X2. The Address Register X2 contains the actual address of the character in question (set in Rule 1), and COL23 provides the format of the field (1 position alphameric). This is the construction of operands


Situation 8, Decision Table
used for address modification. To get the next character of the card X2 will be increased by 1. The fourth condition determines that the end has not been reached.

The actions then call for (1) decrementing the counter by 1 , (2) incrementing the column address in the Address Register X2 by 1, and (3) reiterating the loop, so that the next column will be examined.

The third rule determines that the Bit switch is not ON and the non-printing characters do not occur in the column being examined, but in the fourth condition row it is discovered that the last column has been examined. The actions therefore call for a resetting of the Bit switch so that on the next iteration of the loop rule 1 (the starting condition) will be executed. Since the last column has been examined, the only other action called for is the execution of another table: PRINTIT, which will print the line.

Rules 4, 5, 6, and 7 each encounter non-printing characters and make the appropriate substitutions.

In this situation by merely incrementing X 2 , each of the 52 columns are examined, and the character in the storage position replaced if either the character $\neq$ or $\neq$ occurs. Termination and printing occurs when the counter reaches zero after being decremented by one for each of the 52 columns on the card.

## QUESTIONS

1. How much programming effort is involved in address modification utilizing the 7080 Decision Table System?
2. What is a bit switch (BITSW) and what is its function?

## Answers - Situation 8

1. Very little. The 7080 DTS supplies the programmer with ten named and pre-defined address constants which are used to hold an address to be modified. The only programming required is initializing, incrementing or decrementing these. Address Registers.
2. One character variables are set up and their 1, 2, 4 and/or A bits named. Each named bit can then be used by the program as an ON/OFF switch; i. e. , the program may set it to the ON or OFF condition and at other points in the program its state can be tested.


Situation 9, Figure 9A


Situation 9, Figure 9B


Situation 9, Figure 9C

Situation 9 is concerned with producing purchase orders, shop orders, and stock orders for the various parts which make up a product assembly. The file which contains the manufacturing information about a particular assembly is comp osed of variable length records -- a fixed portion of general information followed by a variable number of variable size items pertaining to each part which makes up the assembly. These variable items are referred to as trailer items.

The problem now arises of calling these items from the file since the length of the next item is not known.

The assembly file shown in Figure 9 A is shown with certain fixed header information: ASMBLYID, ASMBLYTIME . . . TOTALPARTS. The variable portion starts with STARTVAR, a one position field. This name of the first character of the variable portion is used as the operand of the ADCON in Figure 9B.

The ADCON named FIRSTITEM will contain the 7080 address of the first character position of the variable portion of the record. The ADCON named FIRST ITEM is used to initialize the index pointer INDXA, such that information can later be moved out of the variable record into the NEXTASMBLY working storage area.

In the first decision table, Figure 9C, GET NEWASMBLY brings in the first record from the file named ASSEMBLY. The second action sets the index pointer, INDXA, equal to the address of the first character in the variable length position of the input record. The third action


Situation 9, Figure 9D

MOVEV INDXA, 5 TO NEXTASMBLY causes 5 characters to be transmitted to the working storage area. The transmission begins at the location contained in INDXA. The final action transfers control to a table named PREPORDER.

Note that there is only one rule to this table. Such tables are called "unconditional" tables.

The first five characters (a minimum with the high-speed transmit called for in the POINT entry) of the variable portion of the record now reside in the working storage area named NEXTASMBLY. This area is described in Figure 9D. Notice that the FILE class entry has a 3 in the numeric portion. This indicates that the area is to be described or redefined in three different ways: one for each possible format. After the first, subsequent RNAMEs have the effect of a LASN back to the original RNAME; i.e., the same area may now be redescribed. The first RNAME in this example is NEXTASMBLY. The first character is defined as a Bit code (BITCD). The 1-Bit means BUY the part, the 2-Bit means MAKE the part, the 4-Bit means order a SUBASMBLY (sub-assembly) from the stock room; the A-Bit only goes ON for the last character in the variable length record to indicate that there are no more items. The various other fields are then described for this item. The second RNAME called PURCHASE is then overlapped on the first area. The format of this item is defined and names are associated with


Situation 9, Figure 9E
the various fields such that they can be addressed directly in the working storage area. Finally, the third type of item, SUBASBLYRQ, is overlapped at the start of the work area.

Since the variable portion of the input record will contain a variable number of these items in a random order, they cannot be conveniently defined and addressed in the input area. Recall now that the first five characters have been sent into the working area, and the Bit switch can be tested to determine which type of item has been brought in: PURCHASE, MANUFACIUR, or SUBASBLYRQ. This interrogation is made in the condition area in Figure 9E. Bit switches are tested by the action: Bit switch name IS ON(OFF) ON(OFF) IS Bit switch name

In this application only one Bit may be on at a time. In the decision table 9 E , Rule 1 determines if the part should be bought; Rule 2, if the part should be made; and Rule 3, whether a sub-assembly should be ordered. In Rule 4, the A Bit (LAST ITEM) is tested to determine if this is character of the variable portion.

Assume that the BUY Bit of character 1 in the NEXTASMBLY area is ON, and consider the actions of Rule 1. The first two actions move up the rest of the item still in the variable portion of the input area. SET SIZE EQ BUYSIZE moves the value 20 (the length of the purchase item) to SIZE. BUYSIZE is defined in Table 0003 (Figure 9F)
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Situation 9, Figure 9E


Situation 9, Figure 9F
as class PCON, meaning permanent constant; i. e., a constant whose value does not change during the running of the program, as opposed to a variable whose value will change. The field names SIZE now contains the value +20 . The second action MOVEV INDXA, SIZE TO NEXTASMBLY will cause the transmission of the first 20 characters from the variable area to working storage. The command MOVEV means move variable length.

Action 3 calls for the execution of PURCHORDER, a closed table. Action 4 calls for the evaluation of FORMULA1 (the expression is defined in Table 0003, Figure 9F) and the placing of the resulting value in TOTALPRICE. The next action calls for the incrementing of INDXA by the size of the item that was last moved up. In this case, INDXA would be incremented by 20 in preparation for moving the next five characters to the working storage area. Then it can be determined what the next item might be. Action 6 does just this, it moves five characters from the location specified by INDXA to NEXTASMBLY. The last command of Rule 1 calls for a return to the beginning of the table.

A new Bit switch character is now residing in the first position of the working area and an interrogation can be made to determine what the next item is; i.e., PURCHASE, MANUFACTUR, SUBASBLYRQ, or the last character in the record.

The table PREPORDER is the main processing table of the program.


Situation 9, Figure 9G


Situation 9, Figure 9F

As each item identification is brought up from the variable area, its type is determined and the rest of the item, now that the size is known, is moved up. Aside from certain housekeeping functions, a closed table is executed which will prepare a purchase order for a purchase item, or a shop order for an item which is to be made in the shop, or a stock order for sub-assemblies which are to be delivered from the stock room.

The PURCHORDER table in 9G illustrates what one of these closed tables might look like. Notice that the table is entirely in limited entry form, thus, the narrow two-position entry columns are used.

The second condition demonstrates the use of a new operand-a reference list. The reference list is composed of arguments and functions (values). (In contrast a VIIST contains only arguments.) A reference list for Situation 9 is shown in Figure 9F; it is called VENDORLIST. A reference list has almost the same properties as a TABLE macro in Autocoder. In the description portion of the first line, the first value indicates the size of the argument, the second value indicates the size of the function and the third entry, a name, specifies where the function is to be placed when a successful search of the table is made. Subsequent lines are used to indicate the argument and function values; these must be the same length as shown in the list


Situation 9, Figure 9G


Situation 9, Figure 9F
header line. Note that a range of values; e.g., 02-29 can be used when the values are numeric and in ascending sequence. The second condition of Rule 1, then, checks to see if the value of PARTCLASS, a field in the PURCHASE item, is contained on the reference list. For example, if the value of PARTCLASS is 16 , the test will be passed since it is in the range 02-29 and the function XYC CO. 1174 CONN DC would be moved to the field called VENDORINFO.

If the other conditions in Rule 1, Figure 9G, are satisfied, the first action calls for moving this vendor information (the function found in the reference list) to the field called ADDRESS on the purchase order. Subsequent actions call for moving other data to the purchase card and finally PUT PURCHCARD will make this information available to the output unit. Since there are no more actions following this command, control will be returned to the table PREPORDER at action 4 in Rule 1.

Note that while executing this table the program recognizes that the current item in working storage is a purchase item whose fomat has been defined. Consequently, the names and format which apply can be used directly.

The closed table SHOPORDER and STOCKORDER (not shown) will be executed in a like fashion if Rule 2 or 3 is satisfied. The first condition of the PURCHORDER Table is an illustration of a state condition


Situation 9, Figure 9E
and asks the question--is the value of PARTCLASS all numeric? If it is entirely numeric, the test is passed. If there is a symbol other than the digits 0-9 in this field, the test will fail. Other state conditions are POSITIVE, NEGATIVE, ZERO, BLANK, ON, and OFF. The state term may be either the first or the second operand in a condition statement. The condition in PREPORDER shows the state term ON in the operand one position and the Bit code name in operand 2. This situation has illustrated a means of using the POINT (in reality a six-position field containing a 7080 address), to work through the variable portion of a record without doing direct address modification. The formats of the various items which may appear in the variable section are defined in a working storage section in an overlapped manner; then, as each new item is moved in, an interrogation is made as to the type of item; and then the names of the fields of the item can be referenced directly. At this point the size of the item is also known and it is possible to increment the index pointer to the beginning of the next item. If the size of the item appears directly in the data itself, this information could also be used to increment the index pointer in working through the data.

The index pointer concept can be used in a like manner on the output side to fabricate variable length output records. In this case, the pointer is used to indicate where the next item is to appear. Since the


Situation 9, Figure 9E

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Situation 9, Figure 9B
size of the current item is often known, this number can be used in conjunction with the index pointer to move the proper amount of information to the output area. The pointer is then incremented by that value to be ready for the next item to be placed in the output area.

ADCONs are generally used to initialize the index pointers to the first position of the variable portion of an input or output record.

It is also possible to use an index pointer to move all the data up to the record marik terminating the record. The format for this variation is:

MOVE index pointer name, RM TO work area name A high-speed transmit will be assumed in this case. Recall that in the definition of POINT the operand field contained HI, this indicates that high-speed transmit will be used when this index pointer is used. If increments of other than five characters are to be moved, SER will call for a serial transmit moving data into or out of a variable length record.

## QUESTIONS

1. How is an index pointer initialized to the address of the first character of a variable length record?
2. How can variable length fields in random order be addressed by name?
3. What is an RLIST?
4. How is an index pointer used in connection with output?

## Answers - Situation 9

1. The first position of the input is assigned a name on the Name Description sheet. This name is then used as the operand for an ADCON. The name of the ADCON is then used to initialize the index pointer with a SET. . .EQ action operator.
2. By describing a working storage area in an overlapped manner for each of the possible data formats and then testing a field of the trailer item to determine which type of item is present.
3. A reference list is a series of arguments and functions (values), used to provide function values based on a certain input argument. In the example, if PARTCLASS is 01, the function is ABC CORP. 206E57 NYC.
4. The index pointer concept is used to fabricate variable length output records. The programmer is responsible for maintaining the proper value of the pointer.

## Sample Program Using 7080 DTS

The various capabilities of the DTS are demonstrated in the sample problem below. The program is not a complete job: the data definition is thorough but all the tables to handle the entire payroll application are not shown. For example, many of the fields defined are not referenced in the procedure portion of the program. Nevertheless, the sample program will illustrate most of the features of the language for both defining the data and the processing.

The sample program was written to serve three purposes, (1) test the language to provide feedback on the adequacy of the language, (2) provide a test problem to check out the processor and (3) as an illustration to be used in this manual.

To illustrate how a 7080 DTS program looks at various points in time, different formats are used to show the program. The first few pages show the sheets used to initially prepare the data definition, including the Decision Table Name Description sheet and the 7080 IOCS File MacroInstruction sheet. The remainder of the data definition is shown as it appears after the cards have been key punched and listed on a printer. Likewise, the first few decision tables are shown on the coding sheets (photo reduced), the remainder are shown as they appear on the listing produced by the 7080 Decision Table System processor (also reduced). These two listings (data and decision tables) will constitute the documentation the user will receive when using the programming system.

The following list is an index to aid in reviewing the sample problem.

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| Autocoder | Program Identification | 3.3 |
| Autocoder Table | BEGIN IODEFIIN | $\begin{array}{\|l} 3.3 \\ 3.4 \end{array}$ |
| Input/output | Input Master |  |
| File Description | IOCS | 3.5 |
|  | File Content | 3.6-3.7 |
|  | Output Master | 3.8 |
|  | Input Transactions | 3.9 |
|  | Pay Checks | 3.9 |
|  | Termination Checks | 3.9 |
|  | Exception Record | 3.9 |
|  | Miscellaneous Reports | 3.10 |
|  | Payroll Register | 3.10 |
| Core File | Control Info | 3.11 |
| Description | New Hires | 3.11 |
|  | Part 1 of a new master | 3.12 |
|  | Part 2 of a new master | 3.12 |
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|  | Master Work Area | 3.14 |
|  | Pay Check Record | 3.15 |
| Variables |  | 3.16 |
| Description |  |  |
| List and Expression |  | 3.17 |
| Decision Tables | 0005, 0006 | 3.18 |
|  | 0009 , MASTRINGOF, TRANSINEOF, 0010 | 3.19 |
|  | 0020, 0025, 0030 | 3.20 |
|  | 0031, 0050, 0051 | 3.21 |
|  | 0060, 0061, 0062 | 3.22 |
|  | EOFMROUT, EOFTROUT (0070), GETTRANS, SEQTRANS, GETMASTER, SEQMASTER | 3.23 |
| Report Writer |  |  |
| Table | PUTPAYREG | 3.24-3.25 |
| Autocoder Tables | 9900, 9901 | 3.24 |





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| 39020WAYTDMONEYFLD | $71 / 05.02$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 3904AWAYTDPDUWK | 71/05.02 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3905aWAQTDMONEY | $71 / 05.02$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3906WWAYTDWTAX | $61 / 04.02$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3907aWAYTDFICA | $51 / 03.02$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 39080WA SLHRSUSD | $51 / 04.01$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3909 WASLHRSACC | $51 / 04.01$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3910 WAVACHRSUD | $41 / 03.01$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 39120 WALOANPAY | $51 / 03.02$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 39130 WAL OANBAL | $61 / 04.02$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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# 7080 Decision Table System Specifications 

While this chapter is essentially a reference section, the general characteristics of the system are explained initially. Aspects of the system are defined and related to other aspects of the system so that the system can be seen as an entity. This general description is followed by detailed specifications, rules, and restrictions beginning with the caption CONDITIONS.

## System Characteristics

The specific operations needed to perform a data processing job are specified through a set of decision tables. These tables reflect the decisions of the system and the actions needed to produce the proper results.

Three distinct procedure languages are permitted in the 7080

## Decision Table System.

1. Decision tables
2. Autocoder III pseudo tables
3. Report Writer pseudo tables.

Procedure and operand descriptions are separate. Four operand (data) description tables are used to define the operands used by the program. A single form, the Decision Table Name Description sheet, is used for the description of all operands except the 7080 IOCS File

Table form which is used to define input-output files. Various types of operands fall into each operand description table.

0000 -- I/O FILES -- All input/output files used in the program must be described in this table. This will include the 7080 IOCS File Table Macro-instructions followed by the definitions of the records contained in the file. Field definitions will define the format of the records as they will exist in core storage. (Tape assignment entries will precede the description of the various input/output files.)

0001 -- CORE FILES -- Working storage records are described in this section. Table 0001 is omitted if not needed.

0002 -- MISCELLANEOUS, VARIABLE -- This section is used to define temporary locations for variables, switches, address constants and index pointers.

0003 -- MISCELLANEOUS, FIXED -- This section is used to define arithmetic expressions, symbolic expressions, constants, value lists, and reference lists.

The table form is the primary procedure form accepted by the system. Two basic types of tables are recognized in the 7080 Decision Table System -- "open" and "closed" tables. An open table corresponds to normal programming or open subroutines which may be transferred.
to by GO TO commands and in turn have GO TO's to indicate the next table to be considered. They may also call on closed tables with the DO command. Closed tables correspond to closed subroutines and can only be executed when called by a DO command (corresponds to Autocoder LINK), which controls the entrance and the exit of the routine. A closed table should not have GO TO commands within it (it can have other DO's, however).

Autocoder and Report Writer pseudo tables are auxiliary modes accepted by the system and treated as closed tables. They are written in their normal form with a suitable table header preceding each. Thus, entry is permitted by the "DO table name" in a normal decision table. In a decision table, conditions are written in the top portion, actions in the lower portion. The condition and action stubs are to the left, the entries to the right. The four quadrants are separated by vertical and horizontal double lines. Table headers pertinent to the entire table are written above the main body of the table.

Conditions, in the upper portion of the table, are written in limited or extended entry form. Based upon the satisfaction of one or more conditions, certain actions specified in the action portion of the table are carried out.

Two categories of conditional statements are recognized by the system: relational, where two values are compared for identity or
collating relationship, and state, where values or switches are tested to see if they are in a certain state; e. g., ON, POSITIVE, NUMERIC, ZERO, etc.

Actions, in the lower portion of the table are used to assign values, obtain input data, provide output data, and control the sequence of the program. Actions, like conditions, can be represented in either limited or extended entry form. In limited entry form an $X$ in the entry indicates "execute" while a blank means "do not execute"; while in extended form the second operand and sometimes part of the operator appear in the entry.

A rule consists of one or more conditions followed sequentially by one or more actions that are executed if all the conditions are satisfied. These actions will be executed in the order written.

An analyst may explicitly indicate all possibilities to be covered with a set of rules. When unexpectedly no rules are satisfied, an error table named on the Decision Table Header will be considered.

When all possibilities have not been considered by the analyst, and it is possible that the conditions of none of the rules will be satisfied, an ELSE or "all others" rule number is specified in the table header. This rule number references a rule within this table in which no conditions appear (an unconditional rule), but appropriate actions are stated. An unconditional rule is used when certain cases have been
written, but when they do not apply, the unconditional rule is executed. An unconditional rule must, of course, be the last one considered in executing a table.

The general form of the relational statement is:
Operand 1 Operator Operator 2
The operator may be:

| EQ stands for | is equal to |
| :--- | :--- |
| UN | is not equal to |
| GR | is greater than |
| LR | is lesser than |
| GE | is greater than or equal to |
| LE | is lesser than or equal to |
| VS | versus |

Operand 2 can be used in the stub with an appropriate $Y, N$ or blank in each entry (limited entry form) as shown below:

STUB ENTRY

MASTERID EQ DETAILID $|$| Rule 1 | Rule 2 | Rule 3 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $Y$ |  | $N$ |

Or operand 2 may occur in the entry itself (extended form).

STUB

|  |  | Rule 1 | Rule 2 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| MASTERID EQ | DETAILID | NORECORD |  |

ENTRY
Rule 2
NORECORD

VS is used in the limited entry form to compare two values specified in the stub - then in the entry the other appropriate symbols are used for the particular relationship with the implication that the symbol
is substituted for the VS in the particular rule; e. g. ;
STUB

MASTERID VS DETAILID $|$| ENTRY |  |  |  |  |
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| GR | Rule 2 | Rule 3 | Rule 4 | GR |
| GR | EQ |  |  |  |

In extended entry the relational operators (EQ, GR...) can be in the stub (when the comparison is the same for all rules) or in the entry as shown above.

The general form of the state condition is:
Operand 1 Operator State
Only two operators exist in this type of condition statement:
IS
NT (is NoT)
Four state categories are recognized:

1. POSITIVE (POS) (Either the full word POSITIVE/ NEGATIVE or the abbreviations NEGATIVE (NEG) POS/NEG may be used.)
2. ON OFF
3. ZERO

BLANK
4. NUMERIC

State conditions, like relational, can be written in either limited or extended entry form.

For relational statements there are rules for comparison, and for both relational and state conditions there are restrictions on the operands or names which can be used. For a more complete explanation see CONDITIONS.

Action operators are concerned with (1) the movement of the value of one field or record to another field or record, (2) the movement of data to and from input/output units, and (3) the control of the sequence in which operations are performed.

Examples of the general forms of actions operators are shown below:

| MOVE | Operand 1 | TO | Operand 2 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| SET | Operand 1 | EQ | Operand 2 |
| GET | File name |  |  |
| GO TO | Table name |  |  |
| DO | Table name |  |  |

Actions are spelled out more fully under Input/Output Operators, Assignment Operators, and Sequence Control Operators.

## Names

Operations are performed upon specified data which may be a file, a record within a file, an associated group of fields, various types of variable data fields, constants, as well as expressions which cause data manipulations. Each of these is named and defined on one of the four Decision Table Name Description Sheets (0000 . . . 0003).

A name may contain up to 10 characters in any pattern of letters (A $-Z$ ) and numbers $(0-9)$ with the restriction that a name must start with a letter, and may not contain imbedded blanks, or special characters. Names chosen by the analyst should be descriptive of the value they represent to improve the communicability of the program. Names are always written left justified.

Table Names -- Decision tables are named (or numbered) in the table header which precedes each table. These names are used when the table is referenced in the program.

A table name is constructed like any other name in the system (10 alphameric characters), for example, GROSSTONET. If desired, a table may be given a 4-digit numeric identification in the table header. These tables may be referenced in other tables or within the table itself by affixing this number to the letters TAB, for example, TAB0024, TAB9621, etc. If a table has a name and a number they are considered as synonyms.

A data description table (0000. . . 0003) may be given a table name, but this name may not be referenced from another part of the system.

## Named Operands

FILE -- A file is a collection of one or more records associated with an input or output device. The file itself is named and defined on the 7080 IOCS File Table. The records which compose the file are described on data description table 0000.

RNAME -- Record names are assigned in data description table 0000 to identify the logical record (the amount of data delivered by I/O operators), and on table 0001 to identify working storage areas.

GNAME -- Group names permit a continuous section of storage to be given a name. GNAMEs are used in tables 0000, 0001 and 0002.

Variable Field Names -- These are names for signed and unsigned numeric fields, alphameric fields, report fields to be edited, characters used for bit switches, and preassigned value fields. When these fields describe records contained in the I/O files, they are defined in data description table 0000. For working storage records, they are defined in table 0001, and when they define temporary storage locations they are described in table 0002. The classes of variable field names follow:

FLD - The name, length and special characteristics (such as sign or decimal position) of numeric and alphameric fields is specified with this class entry.

PRE - The name, length, special characteristics, and specific values of preassigned variables are specified with this class entry.

RPT - Report field formats are specified with this class entry. Such editing functions as placing commas, decimal points and dollar signs for printed reports are accomplished. BITCD - One character variables are set up and their 1, 2, 4 and/or A bits named. Each named bit can then be used by the program as an on-off switch.

PCON -- Permanent constants that are never or very seldom changed, such as 3.1416 , are specified in data description table 0003 and classified as PCON.

ADCON -- Address constants are utilized by closed Autocoder pseudo tables and in developing initial base addresses when using index pointers for operation on variable length input or output files (see below).

POINT -- Index pointers are designed in the system as point names for fields containing a 7080 address. The address is controlled by the programmer in manipulating variable length input/ output records.

Indirect Address Registers -- Ten pre-defined address constants, tagged X0 through X9, are provided by the system. These may be used to effect address modification in referencing data fields.

ALTSW -- Alteration switches are named with his entry class.
Expressions -- There are two types of expressions: arithmetic and symbolic. These are named and specified in data description table 0003.

MEXP - Arithmetic expressions are specified in much the same manner as for the MATH macro in the Autocoder system. The expression name is referenced in the program, thus calling for the proper computation. Arithmetic expressions are further explained in the description of Table 0003.

SEXP -- Symbolic expressions allow several fields of data to be treated as a single operand. Variable names, constant names, symbolic expression names and literals may be operands in a single symbolic expression. Symbolic expressions are further explained under Table 0003 in this manual.

VLIST -- A value list consists of a list of constant values that can be used in the condition section of a program table. A value list is named in data description table 0003 and described. It can then be named as an operand in a decision table to see if the current value of an input item is contained on the list. Value lists are further explained under Table 0003.

RLIST -- A reference list provides a set of constant arguments and values to be specified by the user. Reference lists are named and described in data description table 0003. It is then possible to determine if a particular argument is in the table and use the function as the operand in an action. Reference lists are described more fully under Table 0003.

## Other Operands

The following operands can be utilized in the program without being described on a Decision Table Name Description form:

## Literals

A literal is the value itself rather than the name of a value (e.g., the value is expressed in the program, whereas constants are described). Literal values up to 8 characters in length may be used directly in the table -- when more positions are needed they are described in the operand description as a constant. Two types of literals are available -- numeric and alphameric.

Numeric literals must consist of all digits, up to 8 are permitted. A sign may precede the value. An unsigned literal is considered to be positive. If the value is other than an integer (whole number) a decimal point must be included to indicate the number of integers and decimals. Further, there must always be a sign associated with a value containing a decimal point. The sign and point are not part of the literal value
itself. No special symbols are needed to indicate that it is a numeric literal.

No signs or decimal points are used with an alphameric literal (the symbols . + and - may be used but they do not connote sign or decimal). It may have up to 8 positions also, but to distinguish it from names of values special symbols must surround it. The single quote (') symbol is used. This symbol is keypunched as \#. Examples are:
'LGA'
'123-TPS.'
All symbols of the character set may be used except the quote symbol which delimits the literal. A constant which contains this symbol may be described in the operand description along with values that are more than 8 positions in length.

TABSTOP
A program can be halted by using the operand 'TABSTOP in a GO TO statement, the "next table" position, or the "error table" in the header. This will cause a dead-end halt in the object program. If it is desired to do other than stop at intermediate points or at job completion, other programming must accomplish the waiting loop or whatever is needed.

Special Names
There are a number of 'system words" which may be used by the
programmer without identifying them in the Decision Table Name Description sheet. The use and meaning of these words is described where they are used in the condition and action portions of decision tables. The words are:

```
ZERO
BLANK
NUMERIC
NEGATIVE
NEG
POSITIVE
POS
ON
OFF
```

CONDITIONS

## Relational

As enumerated under systems characteristics the relational operators may be:
$\mathrm{EQ} \quad$ stands for is equal to
UN is not equal to
GR is greater than
LR is lesser than
GE is greater than or equal to
LE is lesser than or equal to
VS versus
Both operands should not be literals, constant names, value list names or reference list names. Operand 1 or operand 2 can be the name of one of the following:

Variable name
Variable name, Xn
Group name
Group name, Xn
Arithmetic expression name
Symbolic expression name
Constant name
Literal (the value itself)
Value list name
Reference list name
Conditions may be in limited or extended entry form. VS is used in limited entry to compare two values in the stub, with the appropriate operators (above) in the entry. Xn is the designation of one of ten special registers available for address modification (this topic is covered more thoroughly later).

## Rules for Comparisons

For numeric values, if the number of decimal and integer positions for both values agree, a simple comparison of values is made. Otherwise, the value with the lower number of decimal positions is zero-filled in its low-order positions until the number of decimal positions in both values agree. The value with the lower number of integer positions is zero-filled in its high-order positions until the number of integer positions for both values agree. For example:

Operand $1 \quad 87654.32$
Operand 2 321. 98765
Three low-order zeros are added to Operand 1 and two high-order zeros are added to Operand 2, giving:

Operand $1 \quad$ 87654. 32000
Operand $2 \quad 00321.98765$
The values are now compared, position by position. Note that all negative numbers are considered smaller than positive numbers. Further, when two negative numbers are compared, the number with the smaller absolute value is considered the larger number.

For alphameric values, if the number of positions in both values agree, a simple comparison is made. Otherwise, the value with the smaller number of positions is filled with blanks in its low-order posi-
tions until the number of positions in both values agree. For example, Operand 1 ABCDEF Operand $2 \quad \mathrm{ABCD}$

Two blanks are added to the right of Operand 2, giving: Operand 1 ABCDEF

Operand 2 ABCDbb
Comparison of the values is then made, position by position,based on the collating sequence.

Conditions: State
Only two operators exist in this type of condition statement:

IS

NT (is NoT)
Only certain operand types can be tested to see if they are in a certain state. Four state categories are recognized:

1. $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { Variable name } \\ \text { Group name } \\ \text { Arithmetic expression name }\end{array}\right\}\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { IS } \\ \text { NT }\end{array}\right\}\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { POSITIVE (POS) } \\ \text { NEGATIVE (NEG) }\end{array}\right\}$

Either the full word POSITIVE/NEGATIVE or the abbreviations POS/NEG may be used. The value of the group name must have only a single conventional sign indicator.
2. $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { Bit switch name } \\ \text { Alteration switch name }\end{array}\right\} \quad\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { IS } \\ \mathrm{NT}\end{array}\right\}\left\{\begin{array}{l}\mathrm{ON} \\ \mathrm{OFF}\end{array}\right\}$
3. $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { Variable name } \\ \text { Arithmetic expression name } \\ \text { Symbolic expression name } \\ \text { Group name }\end{array}\right\}\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { IS } \\ \text { NT }\end{array}\right\} \quad\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { ZERO } \\ \text { BLANK }\end{array}\right\}$
4. $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { Variable name } \\ \text { Group name } \\ \text { Symbolic expression name }\end{array}\right\} \quad\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { IS } \\ \text { NT }\end{array}\right\} \quad$ NUMERIC

State conditions, like relational, can be written in either limited or extended entry form. State conditions cannot use the address modification feature of the system (X0 - X9).

## ACTIONS

## Input/Output Operators

The functions of the 7080 IOCS package will be available to the 7080 DTS user. The instructions which call for these functions will be written in the decision tables themselves in the format of 7080 DTS.

The user may use the particular IOCS package that he desires. The definition of the files and the functions required will be included in the operand description portion. In general, the format of the Autocoder system will be used in this regard.

Note: This specification will not attempt to make a precise definition of all the functions of the IOCS package or how they are to be described in the 7080 DTS, or in fact, how it will operate in the object program. (See Preliminary Manual--Input/Output Control Systems for IBM 7080--No. J28-6188). It will suffice to
indicate the input/output operators and format that are useable in the decision table itself. Five action operators are recognized in the input/output section.

OPEN. . . The OPEN command is used to tell IOCS to start the reading of all input files, do the necessary label checking if called for, and get the first block of information into the machine. In the case of output files, label records will be created if desired, and any other functions called for in the IOCS package. No operands are required, since all files will be opened by generated linkage to IOCS.

GET. . . This action operator is a means of providing the next logical record of the file. Two forms of the command exist:

GET filename
GET filename IN recordname
The first command provides the next record in a working area provided by IOCS. The second command, with two operands, first moves the next logical record into the working area and then a move command is generated to place this information in the area identified by the record name. The connector IN must appear in the action stub, otherwise the second operand (record name) will be ignored. End of file is reached when the last record has already been
processed; transfer is made to the open table identified in the file section of the operand description.

Deblocking of records is handled automatically with the GET action. The I/O processor will insure that the next block is read into the machine when a block is depleted. The user need not concern himself about actual read commands.

PUT... The PUT action is the counterpart of the GET action on the output side. Two forms of the command are available. PUT filename PUT filename FR (FROM) recordname With the PUT filename command, the record in the output area is released by the program and goes into the output area to be written out automatically by IOCS when a block has been filled. The user need not concern himself with blocking of output records. The blocking factor itself is specified in the operand description area.

The PUT filename FR recordname first causes the movement of the information of a record area to the standard working storage position of the file, and then to the output blocking area to be written when the block is full. If no blocking is called for, the PUT command will write the record as soon as an I/O device becomes available. The connector FR must
appear in the action stub, otherwise operand 2 will be ignored.

CLOSE. . . This action is used when the program is finished with a particular file. CLOSE must have as operand 1 the name of the file to be closed. This file name must be the name of a GET/PUT type file. In the case of input, after doing any record counting or such called for in the operand description, the tape is merely rewound. On the output side, the last block will be written on the output device, a tape mark and trailing label will be written, and then the tape will be rewound.

TYPE. . This command will be available for putting out small amounts of information either on the console typewriter or on the on-line printer. Acceptable operands for this command will be record name, group name, variable name, constant name, literals, and symbolic expression name. An arithmetic expression is not an acceptable operand for TYPE, since there is no way to move a group mark immediately behind the expression to halt the type-out.

## Assignment Operators

MOVE. . TO... This operator is used in conjunction with two operands to move the value of one field or record to
another field or record. Several types of operands can be used, but only the following combinations of operand 1 and operand 2 are allowed:

1. MOVE Record name TO Record name
2. MOVE $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { Variable name } \\ \text { Group name } \\ \text { Constant name } \\ \text { Literal } \\ \text { Arith. expr. name } \\ \text { Symbolic expr. name } \\ \text { Reference list junction }\end{array}\right\}$ TO $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { Variable name } \\ \text { Group name }\end{array}\right\}$
3. $\operatorname{MOVE}\left\{\begin{array}{l}\mathrm{ON} \\ \mathrm{OFF}\end{array}\right\}$ TO Bit switch name
4. MOVE $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { ZERO } \\ \text { BLANK }\end{array}\right\}$ TO $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { Group name } \\ \text { Variable name } \\ \text { Record name }\end{array}\right\}$

5. MOVEV $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { Record name } \\ \text { Variable name } \\ \text { Constant name } \\ \text { Literal } \\ \text { Expression name }\end{array}\right\}$

TO $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { Index pointer name } \\ \text { Index pointer name, xxxx } \\ \text { Index pointer name, RM }\end{array}\right\}$
$\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { Variable name } \\ \text { Group name }\end{array}\right\}, \mathrm{Xn} \quad$ TO $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { Variable name } \\ \text { Group name }\end{array}\right\}$
7. MOVE
$\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { Variable name } \\ \text { Group name }\end{array}\right\} \quad$ TO $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { Variable name } \\ \text { Group name }\end{array}\right\}, \mathrm{Xn}$
Operand 1 is always the name of the sending area and operand
2 the name of the receiving area.

1. Record Movement

If records are to be moved, both operands must have been defined with the RNAME class code. All I/O records are a multiple of 5 characters (an IOCS requirement) and so must be internal records defined for war king storage if they are to be moved with the MOVE record name action. Also, they must end with a record mark since high-speed transmit will be used.

Note: If a record does not have these characteristics, the record can, in addition, be defined as a group (GNAME) and then a MOVE group name TO group name can be utilized.
2. Field Movement

The second type of MOVE, the most common, is used to move values from one field to another. The general form and the permissible operands are shown below:
MOVE $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { Group name } \\ \text { Variable name } \\ \text { Constant name } \\ \text { Literal } \\ \text { Arithmetic expr. name } \\ \text { Symbolic expr. name } \\ \text { Reference list function }\end{array}\right\}$ TO $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { Variable name } \\ \text { Group name }\end{array}\right\}$

The MOVE group name TO group name command operates in much the same way as the MOVE record name in that the characters are peeled off from the left of the sending field and placed in the receiving field starting from the left.

The transmission of characters is stopped when the end of the shorter area has been reached. This is comparable to the normal Autocoder move. When the longer area is the sending area, the excess characters are truncated. When the shorter area is used as the sending area, the excess characters of the resulting field are unaffected.

When information is being moved into a variable field, special rules will be in effect. Again, the shorter of the two operands, as specified in the operand description tables, delimits movement of data. However, when numeric data is being moved and operand 1 is the shorter field, low-order decimal positions and high-order integer positions in the receiving field are zero-filled up to the number of decimal and integer positions specified in the receiving field. For example:

Before the MOVE...TO... action:
Operand 1987.65
Operand 26 integer and 4 decimal positions specified

After the MOVE...TO... action:
Operand $1 \quad 987.65$
Operand 2000987.6500

When operand 2 is the shorter field, low-order decimal positions and high-order integer positions of operand 1 are truncated to satisfy the number of decimal and integer positions specified for operand 2. Before low-order truncation, half adjustment will take place. For example:

Before the MOVE. . . TO. . . action:
Operand 1 98765.4321
Operand 24 integer and 2 decimal positions specified

After the MOVE. . . TO. . . action:
Operand $1 \quad 98765.4321$
Operand $2 \quad 8765.43$
When alphameric data is being moved and operand 2 is the longer field, low-order positions of operand 2 are blank filled. For example:

Before the MOVE. . . TO. . . action:
Operand 1 ABCD
Operand 26 positions specified
After the MOVE. . . TO. . . action:
Operand 1 ABCD
Operand 2 ABCDbb
When operand 2 is the shorter field, low-order positions of operand 1 are truncated. For example:

Before the MOVE. . . TO. . . action:
Operand 1 ABCDEF
Operand 24 positions specified
After the MOVE. . . TO. . . action:
Operand 1 ABCDEF
Operand 2 ABCD
Numeric data can be moved either to a numeric field or to an alphameric field. When moved to an alphameric field, the numeric field is treated as though it were an alphameric field. Alphameric data can be moved only to an alphameric field. When numeric data is moved, the sign of the sending field (operand 1) is moved to the receiving field (operand 2). When operand 1 is an expression name, the value of the expression is computed, and then this value is moved to the receiving field.

When operand 1 is a numeric literal, its decimal and integer length is established as written. The rules for zero filling and truncation of the receiving field are the same as for other types of operands in the sending field. Note that the total number of decimal and integer positions for a numeric literal cannot exceed 8. When operand 1 is an alphameric literal, its length is established as written. The rules for
blank filling and truncation of the receiving field are the same as for other types of operands in the sending field. Note that the number of positions for an alphameric literal cannot exceed 8.

When the JOIN operator of a symbolic expression is used to develop a field to be moved to another field, it will be treated as a single value and hence, the rules for blank fill will apply. Even if the value developed is all numeric, it will be treated as an alphameric value.

A special situation exists in the case of moving a function value from a reference list. In the condition area the argument and the table name are identified and a search is made to see if that argument exists in the table. If it does, the corresponding value is moved to the location indicated in the first line of the table definition. This name can then be used in the action portion of the table to obtain the value. If the user has not tested to find out if the argument is in the table in the condition area and he calls for the movement of that data in the actions, the last value placed in this position will be moved. It is the responsibility of the user to insure that the proper value is there.
3. Setting of Bit Switches

The third kind of MOVE sets a Bit switch ON or OFF. MOVE $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\mathrm{ON} \\ \mathrm{OFF}\end{array}\right\} \quad$ TO Bit switch name

The MOVE ON/OFF command can use only a Bit switch name as operand 2. The effect of this is to turn a Bit on or off such that it can later be tested in the condition area or can be part of the output record.
4. Zero or Blank Fill of Operands

The fourth type of MOVE is used to zero or blank-fill an operand named in the second operand position.

$$
\text { MOVE }\left\{\begin{array}{l}
\text { ZERO } \\
\text { BLANK }
\end{array}\right\} \quad \text { TO }\left\{\begin{array}{l}
\text { Variable name } \\
\text { Group name } \\
\text { Record name }
\end{array}\right\}
$$

The system will automatically generate the number of zeros or blanks required to fill the receiving field. Anything currently in the receiving field will be erased.
5. Variable Length Data Movement

The fif th type of MOVE is used to move information out of a variable length input record. It will be the responsibility of the programmer to work through an input record obtaining the pertinent input values and manipulating them as required. Index pointers can be set up in the system to
assist the user in this regard. The pointer, in reality, is a 6-position signed field containing an expanded 7080 address. This address may be initialized (presumably to the beginning of the variable length portion of the record). SET Index pointer name EQ $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { Field name } \\ \text { Adcon name }\end{array}\right\}$ The address is then manipulated as trailer items' and fields are moved out to a working storage area where they can be addressed directly when the particular item is identified. The value of the index pointer is maintained by the programmer using the appropriate arithmetic. The pointer may be advanced by the length of the item just moved to be ready for the next item, or if the record Itself contains size or number of occurrences information, these values can be used to modify the index.

The MOVE operator is suffixed with a V (variable) to indicate that this is a special move operation.

MOVEV $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { Index pointer name } \\ \text { Index pointer name, } \\ \text { Index pointer name, RM } \\ \text { Index pointer name, Variable name }\end{array}\right\}$ To Record name
The xxxx can control the number of characters, or the record terminating record mark can control the movement (RM option).
6. Fabrication of a Variable Length Output Record

The sixth type of MOVE is used to fabricate a variable length output record. This is also described under Table 0000 in the operand description portion of this document.


When information is to be moved, and only an index pointer name is given as operand 2, the length of the sending area determines size. When the $x \times x x$ option is used, $x x x x$ indicates the number of characters. The RM option will transmit data until a record mark in the sending area stops transmission (sending area must be multiple of 5 and end in a 4 or 9 position). If a variable name (signed or unsigned) is used, the number found in the variable name field will control the number of characters moved. It is, of course, the responsibility of the programmer to maintain the proper value of the index pointer.
7. Generalized indexing

The seventh type of MOVE permits the use of predefined address registers (X0 through X9) for effecting address modification. The 7080 Decision Table System utilizes the
indirect addressing facility of the 7080 to accomplish this. Indirect addressing allows address modifications without changing the addresses of instructions within the decision table, and allows the DTS to remain nonintrospective; i.e., the DTS does not modify its own program.

$$
\operatorname{MOVE}\left\{\begin{array}{l}
\text { Field name, Xn } \\
\text { Group name, Xn }
\end{array}\right\} \quad \text { To } \quad\left\{\begin{array}{l}
\text { Field name', Xn } \\
\text { Group name, Xn }
\end{array}\right\}
$$

In operation the 7080 DTS will supply the programmer with 10 tagged pre-defined address constants (ADCON's) which are used to hold the addresses to be modified. They are tagged X 0 through X 9 , and are referred to as Xn in the description that follows:

Initialization: Any of the Xn may be set to an initial address by the SET or MOVE action command.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { SET } \left.\begin{array}{ll}
\mathrm{Xn} & \mathrm{EQ}\left\{\begin{array}{l}
\text { Field name } \\
\text { Adcon name }
\end{array}\right.
\end{array}\right\} \\
& \text { MOVE }\left\{\begin{array}{l}
\text { Field name } \\
\text { Adcon name }
\end{array}\right\}
\end{aligned} \begin{array}{ll}
\text { TO } & \text { Xn }
\end{array}
$$

In the case of Field name the initial address will reference the right hand end of the data field; when Adcon name is used, the ADCON must contain a right hand address.

Modification of Registers: Any Xn, once initialized, may be incremented or decremented by the SET or MOVE command (see two-address arithmetic).

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { SET } \mathrm{Xn} \quad+\left\{\begin{array}{l}
\text { Field name } \\
\text { Arith. expression } \\
\text { Literal }
\end{array}\right\} \\
& \text { MOVE }\left\{\begin{array}{l}
\text { Field name } \left.\begin{array}{l}
\text { Arith. expression } \\
\text { Literal }
\end{array}\right\}+\mathrm{Xn}
\end{array}\right.
\end{aligned}
$$

Note that the *, / (multiply, divide) operators may not be used in stepping Xn .

The amount of the increment or decrement is determined by the number of characters from the current right hand address to the desired right hand address.

Using the Address Registers: Any Xn may be used to supply the address portion of a command in either the condition or action section of a procedure table, as follows. Both Operand 1 and Operand 2 may be modified.

| MOVE | FLD 1, X2 | TO | FLD 2, X6 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| SET | FLD 3, X2 | EQ | ZERO |

The Address Registers can also be used in the condition portion of a table as noted earlier.
FIELD 1, X1
EQ
FIELD 2, X2
TAG 2, X4
GR
ZERO

In each case, the field name preceding $\mathrm{X} n$ supplies the format of this operand, and the $\mathrm{X} n$ supplies the address of this operand. (It should be noted that the format field will usually be the same data name used to initialize Xn.) Therefore, only the address part of a command can be modified. The format (size) of an operand is fixed.

In any cases in which the MOVE or SET verb results in instructions which require other than right hand addresses, 7080 DTS will automatically adjust Xn during execution. Xn's value will not be changed itself, only its value with regard to the instruction requiring the adjustment. Therefore, the programmer need only be concerned with right hand locations throughout a tabular program.

Restrictions: The address modification feature may not be used with any of the input-output or sequence control actions or with the following operand types:

OPERATOR OPERAND
MOVE, SET Any receiving field defined as a RPT field.

MOVEV

Neither. MOVEV is a special purpose action developed exclusively for moving variable length segments. It can be used with a defined POINT only.

MEXP, SEXP No member of a math or symbolic expression may contain an indirect reference. In addition, since expressions are not generated adjacent to each other (even though defined one after another), address modification may not be used to step from one expression to another.

SET. . . EQ. . .
The SET. . . EQ. . . command is the direct counterpart of the MOVE command. The MOVE command moves information specified in operand 1 and moves it to the location named in operand 2; the SET moves information named in operand 2 to the location named in operand 1. Otherwise, all rules for the SET. . . EQ. . . operator are as defined above with the MOVE command, except that there is no SET V action operator.
$\left.\begin{array}{lll}\text { 1. } \begin{array}{l}\text { SET Record name }\end{array} & \text { EQ } \begin{array}{l}\text { Record name }\end{array} \\ \left.\text { 2. } \begin{array}{l}\text { SET }\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { Variable name } \\ \text { Index pointer name } \\ \text { Group name }\end{array}\right\}\end{array}\right\} \text { EQ } \begin{array}{l}\text { Variable name } \\ \text { Group name } \\ \text { Constant name } \\ \text { Literal } \\ \text { Arithmetic expr. name } \\ \text { Symbolic expr. name } \\ \text { Reference list function }\end{array}\end{array}\right\}$

## Two-Address Arithmetic Operators

Both the MOVE and the SET commands can incorporate twoaddress arithmetic. The following arithmetic operators are permitted: + (punched \&) for addition, - for subtraction, * for multiplication, / for division. The general form of the SET is as follows:
SET Variable name $\left\{\begin{array}{l|l}+ \\ - & \left.\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { Variable name } \\ + \\ \text { Literal } \\ \text { Constant name } \\ \text { Arithmetic expression name }\end{array}\right\}, ~\right\}\end{array}\right\}$

| SET | $\mathrm{A}+\mathrm{B}$ | Means | $\mathrm{A} \leftarrow \mathrm{A}+\mathrm{B}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| SET | $\mathrm{A}-\mathrm{B}$ |  | $\mathrm{A}-\mathrm{A}-\mathrm{B}$ |
| SET | $\mathrm{A} * \mathrm{~B}$ |  | $\mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{A} * \mathrm{~B}$ |
| SET | $\mathrm{A} / \mathrm{B}$ |  | $\mathrm{A}-\mathrm{A} / \mathrm{B}$ |

The operands used for this action can be numeric values only. Algebraic rules are followed when considering the sign of the action operator in conjunction with the signs of the two operands. In all cases, operand 2 operates on operand 1 with the appropriate arithmetic operator and the value is then stored in the field named in operand 1.

The integer and decimal lengths of the receiving field, operand 1 , determine the number of integer and decimal positions in the total resulting from the arithmetic. Thus, the decimal positions in operand 2 in excess of the number specified for operand 1 are first half-adjusted and then truncated. High-order integer positions that result are truncated before the value is stored in operand 1. Any carry from the high-order position of operand 1 is truncated; thus, if the user desires to get overflow control he must use the arithmetic expression which gives him an option for overflow protection.

The same rules apply for the MOVE command in doing two-address arithmetic except that operand 2 is the receiving field and operand 1 is the sending field.


| MOVE | $A+B$ | Means |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| MOVE | $A-B$ | $B+A \longrightarrow B$ |
| MOVE | $A * B$ | $B-A \rightarrow B$ |
| MOVE | $A / B$ | $B * A \rightarrow B$ |
| $B$ | $B / A \rightarrow B$ |  |

## Sequence Control Operators

GO TO.. This operator is used to specify the next table to be executed. It can be thought of as an unconditional transfer. The GO TO command can only reference an open table (one never executed under the control of a DO - see below). This action can also reference the special operand TABSTOP, which causes the program to come to a dead-end halt. Three forms are available:

GO TO Table name
GO TO TABnnnn
GO TO TABSTOP
The user may refer to a table either by name or by its number (if both are given in the header they are considered synonymous) with the special prefix TAB for table. Tables are named and/or numbered in the table header. The normal 'next table' or special 'error table' can be specified in the table header; when 'next table' has an entry and the rule also has an entry, the rule GO TO will take precedence.

The GO TO action must be the last action executed in any rule. GO TO must be written in the stub, the table name or number may be written in either the stub or in the entry portion of the table.

DO. . . This operator may only refer to a closed table. The table referenced may be a closed decision table, a closed Report Writer pseudo table or a closed Autocoder pseudo table. Report Writer and Autocoder sections can only be executed by a call from a decision table, utilizing the DO command. (The DO action can be thought of as an RCV (exit point) TSL (entrance point)).

The general form is:
DO Table name
DO TABnnnn
The DO action calls for the execution of another table, entering at the top (decision tables can only be entered at the beginning) and returning after the last action of the rule whose conditions were satisfied has been carried out. Closed tables (those executed under the control of a DO) can also be unconditional (1 rule) tables for carrying out a single procedure. Since the DO command also controls the return to the original table containing the DO , the 'done' table cannot have any GO TO commands in it. A DO table is noted by placing the letters ' $D O^{\prime}$ ' in the 'next table' portion of the header.

It is permitted, however, for the 'done' table itself to have DO's of its own calling on other tables or pseudo tables. This is
called 'nesting.' It is important that a table not 'DO' itself or any table above it in the nest. Any level of nesting is permitted if the above rules are adhered to and the user can keep it straight in his own mind.

After a table has been executed, control returns to the calling table (the one with the DO command in it) at the action following the DO . If the DO is the last action of a closed table, control will revert to its calling table. If it is the last action of an open table, the 'next table' will be used to direct control to the next table. The illustration below shows the action portion of a rule calling upon two tables and then transferring to another table.


The sequence of events is: execute table 0012, return, execute table 0013, return, transfer to table 0016.

A 'next table' may not be specified in a closed table since this is effectively a GO TO command, which is not permitted. Also, an 'error table' may not be in a closed or 'done' table since control might also be lost. The unconditional (ELSE) rule should always be specified in cases where all possibilities are not covered by the rules.

In summary, the GO TO acts like a normal unconditional transfer to another open decision table (not a Report Writer or Autocoder pseudo table). The DO acts like a RCV - TSL or LINK macro to a closed subroutine. Certain characteristics, as noted above, pertain to the nature of the closed subroutine. DO must always be written in the stub; the table name or number can appear in either the stub (limited form) or in the entry (extended form).

## Decision Table Headers

The Decision Table Logic Sheet has four header entries--the first, the table header, is required; the other three are optional. Asterisks indicate that the entry must be filled in.

## Table Header

* Page 1-2 Page is written in conventional Autocoder form. Page may be either numeric or alphameric, and written in ascending order.
DECISION TABLE LOGIC SHEET



Two identification letters can be specified under this column head which designate:

L - limited entry table (when using 2-column entry columns)

M - mixed entry table (when using 12-column entry columns)

* No. Rules 8-9 A count of the number of rules, including the "ELSE" rule, is entered here. A maximum of 32 rules is permissible.

ELSE 10-11 The rule number of the rule which is to be executed when none of the other rule conditions are satisfied is entered here.

Table No. 12-15 If desired, a table may be given a 4-digit numeric identification and specified in this area of the table header. These numbers may be referenced in other tables or within the table itself by affixing this number to the letters TAB, for example, TAB0024. If a table has a name and a number they are considered as synonyms.

Identification 16-20 Always TABLE.
Table Name 21-30 A 1 to 10 character name. This name is used to reference this table from some other table or from within the table itself. A decision table must have either a table name or a table number.

Next Table Name 31-40 For "open" tables this may contain the identification of the next table to be considered. If a rule has an explicit GO TO, the GO TO operand will override the "next table" designation.

For "closed" tables, the letters "DO" must appear in this field.

Error Table Name 41-50 The name of the table to be transferred to when none of the rules is satisfied. Will never be used if there is an ELSE rule specified. An "error table" cannot be specified for "closed tables"; the ELSE rule should be used.

51-74 Not used.
Program Identification 75-80 Normal Autocoder usage.

## Order of Condition Rows Header

Page and Line 1-5 Same as above.
Card Continuation 6 Always 1.
Order 21-52 The order in which the programmer wants the condition rows re-ordered for efficiency reasons. In general, for execution speed, the most likely to fail should be placed at the top; for least space, the rows with the most blanks (not pertinent) should be placed toward the bottom. Starting in column 21, two-digit numbers corresponding to the row number are written indicating the order. For example: If

| 01 | A | EQ | B | $Y$ | $N$ |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 02 | C | LE | D |  |  | $Y$ | $Y$ |
| 03 | E | EQ | F | $Y$ | $Y$ | $N$ | $N$ |

is reordered

| 03 | 01 | 02 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | would be compiled as though it were written,


| E | EQ | $F$ | $Y$ | $Y$ | $N$ | $N$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $A$ | $E Q$ | $B$ | $Y$ | $N$ |  |  |
| $C$ | LE | $D$ |  |  | $Y$ | $N$ |

A maximum of 16 condition rows may appear in a single table.
53-74 Not used.
75-80 Program identification.
Order of Rules Header
Page and Line 1-5 Same as above.
Card Continuation 6 Always 2.
12-20 RULEORDER
Order of Rules 21-74 The rules may be re-ordered by speci-fying a rule order for efficiency reasons. The two-digit rule numbers are listed in the order in which theyare to be considered. For execution speed, the high-frequency rules should be moved to the left. TheELSE rule must always appear last since it is un-conditional. If all rules are not re-ordered, theremaining rules will be taken in the order in whichthey are written. A maximum of 32 can exist in asingle decision table.
75-80 Program identification.
Comment Header
Page and Line 1-5 Same as above.
Card Continuation 6 The first Comment card is 3 ; if others areneeded, the next would be 4 , and so on up to 9 .
16-20 ..... TITLE
Comment 21-74 Any remarks or comment. The commentwill appear on the decision table listing.
75-80 Program identification.

## NAME DEFINITION

Names are assigned to operands to be used in the program. These operands may be input/output files, records and fields, working storage items, expressions, etc. The Decision Table Name Description sheet is used to define these operands. This sheet is also used for report specification and Autocoder pseudo tables. A suitable table header will precede and identify each of these sections, the TYPE entry will indicate which kind ( D for tables 0000, 0001, 0002, 0003, R for reports, and A for Autocoder). The form is shown below:

$\qquad$

IOFTA PAYMASTER ロOOOロIORETURNTOGIORETURNTO YOREYURNTQE



## Table 0000 －Input／Output Files

A completed table header line（table 0000）must precede the first input－output file description．Subsequent input－output file definitions are not preceded by a header．

Each file is described for IOCS using the long or short version of the IBM IOCS File Table form．A segment of the program in Chapter 3 is used to illustrate the use of the form．Note that lines 03020 through line 03060 correspond to the I／O File Tables A and B on the 7080 IOCS File Table macro－instruction form shown on the opposite page．

| OTABLE－IODEFIN |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 01030 | IOCS |  |  |
| 01035 | LASN | 2500 |  |
| 01040 | IOTA | INMASTERE2000ロ20010 |  |
| 01050 | ICTA | PAYREGロ200202003a |  |
| 01060 | IOTA | PAYCHECKSD2004ロ |  |
| 01070 | IOTA | TERMCHECKSロ2005a |  |
| 01080 | iOTA | INTRANSU2100021010 |  |
| 01090 | IOTA | QUTMASTERロ2102ロ2103口 |  |
| 01100 | IOTA | EXCEPTIONSE21040 |  |
| 01110 | IOTA | MISCRPTSE21050 |  |
| 01120 | IOTA | END： |  |
| 03005 | LASN | 230000 |  |
| 03010 | TITLE | FILE TABLE FOR INPUT MASTER |  |
| 030201 MMASTER | IOFTA | PAYMASTERDOOOLIORE TURNTGIIOR | ETURNTOUMASTRINEOFI |
| 03030 |  | HI alarwolanonenstand irdat | पSTANDARD $\square$ HSKRWDI |
| 03040 |  | PRIMEISINGLEESEQUENINOCKPTRC | ENODPOL |
| 03050 | IOFTB | IPロDATAロ9ロSTACKロCKLNGロCMPCKロ | OGENAREAOFO150015000 |
| 03060 |  | GET IMASTERINONONEIEOF9SINON |  |

Note that table 0000 also contains input－output tape assignments （IOTA）and may also contain I／O tape assignments for special functions （IOTS）．（See Preliminary Manual－－Input／Output Control Systems for IBM 7080－－No．J28－6188．）

Each IOCS file definition is followed by a description of the records which compose the file. Records with different formats may be described with suitable names assigned to fields and groups of fields. The standard Decision Table Name Description Sheet is used for this purpose. A table header line is not required here, as only one is required per section (0000, 0001, ...). A segment of the program in Chapter 3 which is preceded and followed by IOCS file descriptions is used to illustrate IOCS file definitions--lines 05020 through 06040.

Table 0000 must be preceded by an ENT80 macro, to indicate to the 7058 processor that the program will operate in 7080 mode. An Autocoder table will generally precede table 0000 giving appropriate assembly commands such as NOSTP, EEM, ASU, etc., and finally, a table name or number indicating where the execution of the object program is to start, e.g., TR TAB 0005. (See 7058 Processor General Purpose Macro Instructions - No. C28-6130.)

| 05010 | FILE | TAPE 2000,2001 | 150 | CHAR MASTER | RECORD | FIXED | INPUT |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| OSO20MASTERIN | RNAME AMIEND |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| O5030MIMANNO | FLD | 5 N | MAN NUMEER |  |  |  |  |
| 0,040MINAME |  | 17AE | MAN NAME |  |  |  |  |
| O5050MISTATUSCD |  | 1 A | STATUS CODE, A-ACTIVE, T-TERMINATEDI-INACTIVE |  |  |  |  |
| 05051 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |



A description of the entries used in describing input-output
files is given below. This information follows that given in the IOCS definition and appears on the Name Description sheet.

## FILE

As each file is to be described there must be a class code FILE.
The coding form is filled out as follows:
NAME - The file name given in the IOCS File sheet is written in the Name field.

CLASS - The Class code for this entry is FILE.
NUM - The number of different types of records that are going to be described is specified here. If all the records in the file have the identical format, this entry should be left blank or have the entry 01. If more that one record type is to be defined, the appropriate number is specified, e.g., 02, $03 \ldots$ The processor will expect this number of RNAME class entries (see below) to follow before the next FILE class appears.

DESCRIPTION - The information specified in the description portion is for documentation purposes only. It is suggested that the I/O media (tape unit number, etc.), maximum record size, etc., be written in this area. See sample above.

The FILE class entry is converted to an Autocoder TITLE card before it goes to the Autocoder assembly system.

RNAME
The record name (RNAME) entry is used to identify the logical record (the amount of data delivered by the GET and PUT commands). This entry allows different formats to be associated with a file area;
there will be a RNAME entry for each different type of record in a file. The name can be referred to by certain input-output and assignment operators, thus allowing the entire record to be operated on.

NAME - A standard name is assigned. If no reference is to be made to the record in the program, the name may be left blank, unless it is the first of two or more RNAMEs being defined.

CLASS - RNAME (record name)
NUM - This entry is used to specify the starting position for this record, i.e., 0 for 0 or 5, 1 through 4 for an address ending in 1-4 or 6-9. If blank, the next available position will be used. If an area is being redefined for more than one record type, the start position must be the same for all records. The NUM of the first RNAME in a file will be used to locate all subsequent RNAMEs in that file.

DESCRIPTION - The name of the last field in the record is specified in the first portion. Auxiliary information for documentation should be included, such as record size, whether fixed or variable length, etc. The auxiliary information starts at the beginning of the comments column.

This entry will be converted to a standard NAME entry before going into the Autocoder processor. Subsequent RNAME entries will give the effect of a SASN to the beginning of the file area, thus allowing a redefinition to occur. As a new file is to be described we get the effect (LASN) of starting storage assignment just above the definition of the longest record in the previous file.

GNAME
The GNAME (group name) class entry permits a continuous
section of storage to be given a name. These groups can then be broken down into individual fields. GNAME operates much like that of the NAME entry in Autocoder III. (Note exception below.) Groups of fields may be nested within other groups--there can, however, be no overlapping of these definitions.

| PERMITTED |  |  | NOT PERMITTED |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| NAME1 | GNAME | NAME6 | NAME 1 | GNAME | NAME5 |
| NAME2 | FLD |  | NAME2 | FLD |  |
| NAME3 | GNAME | NAME5 | NAME3 | GNAME | NAME6 |
| NAME4 | FLD |  | NAME4 | FLD |  |
| NAME5 | FLD |  | NAME5 |  |  |
| NAME6 | PRE |  | NAME6 |  |  |

A GNAME entry used in table 0000 (input-output definition) may not contain a value in the numerical column, since the starting position is indicated with the RNAME entry.

The name of the ending field of a group is specified in the description portion of the sheet. The ending field is included within the group. FLD

This is used to assign names to data fields in the input-output areas, specify the length, and special characteristics of the data. Unassigned variables are specified in this manner. FLD corresponds to RCD of Autocoder.

FLD appears in the class column of the Name Description sheet. If subsequent entries are also field descriptions, FLD need not be written, as they are considered to be the same as the previous entry.

The length of each field within the record is written in the numeric column of the program sheet. Memory space is
allocated equal to the number of positions specified for each field. When a field length exceeds 99 positions, overflow from the two-digit numeric field may extend up to three placed to the left (into the class column) if the class column is blank.

Individual fields within the record should be defined according to the type of field by placing one of the following code characters in the first (or first and second) position(s) of the description portion of the sheet.

N if the field is an unsigned integer
$+\quad$ if the field is a signed integer
A if the rightmost character of the field may not always provide left protection for the adjacent signed field

A+ if the field is a non-numeric field whose rightmost character will always provide left protection for an adjacent signed field

In addition to the aforementioned code characters, the format of all numeric fields which contain a decimal point should be outlined in the operand column with x 's immediately following the code character. The position of the decimal point should be properly noted within this field of x's. Another means of specifying decimals may be used alternatively. The format is \#+xx. yy where + represents the sign (blank for unsigned), xx the number of integers, a decimal point, and yy the number of decimal positions. Record marks and/or group marks are indicated by placing the characters in the operand column. If these characters are to be considered as terminating some field, all of the terminal characters should be defined on the same line of the sheet.

reserves an area in memory for a twelve-position signed integer for the year-to-date units of usage. Two decimal places are specified.


Although the class column is blank, the entry is understood to be an FLD as the most proximate previous entry is an FLD (0107). Six positions are allocated for this field.


Seven positions are being reserved for an unsigned account number


A twenty-position field is being reserved for the customer's name. The A+ in the operand indicates that the name will always be a non-numeric field whose rightmost character will provide left protection for an adjacent signed field.


Two lines are needed to define a field in excess of 99 positions in length. If the class column is blank, the three rightmost positions may be used in conjunction with the numeric column to define a five-digit record length.

PRE
Used to name, indicate size, and specify values for data fields. These preassigned variables are specified in the same manner
as CON in Autocoder. The entry PRE must appear in the class column of the operand sheet for the first line of the constant being defined. All immediatel y succeeding entries with blanks in the class column will be understood to be PRE entries. Any combination of alphabetic, numeric, special characters and blanks may be specified as a preassigned variable.

The length of the constant is written in the numeric column. The value is placed in the description column. Although a con-. stant may be of any length, only 52 characters can be written on any one line. This is the number of positions on the operand sheet. Consequently, when the actual value written on the program sheet uses the entire line, the highest permissible number in the numeric column is 52. If a number higher than this is written in the numeric column, the system will add zeros to the right of a signed value, and will add blanks to the right on an unsigned value. When the length specified in the numeric column is less than the actual number of characters, the system will shorten the value to the length specified in the numeric column by omitting the right-hand characters.

Record marks and/or group marks are indicated by writing the character(s) in the description column. If these characters are to be considered as terminating some field, all the terminal characters should be defined on the same line.

A numeric field may be signed by writing a plus or minus sign preceding the field. Only numeric constants should be signed. This results in the signing of the last digit. When defining a signed value which contains decimal digits, the decimal point is not included in the count of characters which is written in the numeric column. However, when defining an unsigned value containing decimal places, the decimal point must be included in the count of characters.

The following are some examples of PRE entries.


A 38-position field of blanks is defined.


A record mark is defined.


Although the class column is blank, the entry is understood to be a PRE as the most proximate previous entry is a PRE (0705). A rate of +.875 per unit is defined as a preassigned factor. As this is signed, the decimal point is not included when specifying the number of characters in the numeric column.

RPT
This is used to define report field formats, also indicating form and size. The entry RPT must appear in the class column of the program sheet when defining a format for a numeric field in a printed report. Actions referencing fields defined by RPT have the ability to produce the coding necessary to place a numeric field into the desired format containing decimal places, commas, sign indicators, floating or fixed dollar sign and asterisk protection to the first significant digit to the right of a fixed dollar sign.

The numeric column of the RPT entry contains the number of positions required by the entire report format field. In determining the size of an RPT field, allowance must be made for the maximum number of numeric digits, the dollar sign, commas, decimal points and the number of characters (1 or 2) used for sign indications.

The description of an RPT entry must appear in the following order:

1. When a dollar sign is desired, the first character of the field must be a dollar sign which is followed by a representation of the field as it is to appear in the report. X's
are used to indicate numeric characters. If the printing of insignificant zeros is desired, Z 's must be used instead of $X^{\prime}$ 's in the affected positions. Z's must be continuous in the RPT format field starting from the low-order position. If any commas are used, they must appear in the normal manner, i.e., the fourth position to the left of a decimal point or sign indicator and thereafter every three additional positions to the left. Only one decimal point may be used. The positions allocated for sign indication must be indicated as blanks preceding the first lozenge.
2. The dollar sign will always appear in the position assigned regardless of the number of digits printed unless a floating dollar sign is specified. If a floating dollar sign is specified, any dollar sign printed will appear immediately to the left of the high-order digit. In order to specify a floating dollar sign, the character $\$$ must be written between the first and second lozenges.
3. The spaces between the second and third, third and fourth, and fourth and fifth lozenges are used for negative, zero and positive sign indication respectively. Any of the following symbols may be used for sign indication:

| Length | Symbol <br> 1 |
| :--- | :--- |
| Sign indication omitted (lozenges may <br> be placed back-to-back, but one blank <br> position is generated.) |  |
| 1 | - |
| 2 | CR |
| 2 | DB |
| 1 | Blank followed by - |
| 2 | $* *$ |
| 2 | + |

If no sign indication is specified, the system automatically will provide a - for minus indication and no sign indication for plus or zero. When specifying the length in this instance, the automatic minus indication must be included. If no dollar sign control is desired, but sign indication is to be used, all five lozenges must be specified, the first two lozenges being placed back-to-back.

The following are some examples of RPT entries.


A seven-position field is specified with one decimal position. Insignificant zeros will be printed in the low-order position. No sign indication is specified; therefore, it is assumed that the automatic sign indication provided by Autocoder is desired. The "7" in the numeric column includes the automatic - for minus indication.


An eleven-position field is specified with one decimal position. Insignificant zeros will be printed in the two low-order positions. Automatic sign indication will be generated as in the previous example.


A ten-position monetary field is specified. The ten positions include all the positions in the operand up to the first lozenge, i. e., the dollar sign, four integers, two decimal places, one comma, one decimal point and one position for sign indication. Insignificant zeros will be printed in the two decimal places. A floating dollar sign is specified. As in the previous examples, no special sign indication is specified; therefore automatic sign indication will be
provided by the system. Note that it is permissible in this instance to omit the lozenges for sign indication.


Insignificant zeros will print in the cents and two low-order dollar positions of this monetary field. A fixed dollar sign with asterisk protection is specified along with a CR symbol for negative indication, an * for zero amounts and nothing for positive indication.

## BITCD

This is used to permit the naming of various bits in a character. Later they can be tested for ON or OFF in the condition area, and can be put ON or OFF by the MOVE and SET commands.

The BITCD definition permits the user to associate a meaning with the presence or absence (the ON or OFF state) of individual bits. The BITCD header signals the system that a single character position is to be set aside for a set of up to four codes. The 1, 2, 4 and A bits of that character location may be used as ON-OFF switches to indicate the presence or absence of some condition. The entries which follow the BITCD should be blank in the class column. The numeric column is used to specify the bit (1, 2, 4 or A) with which a particular condition is to be associated. The condition itself is named in the name column.

Specifying more than one condition at a time is possible as more than one bit may be present within a character at one time.

The following is an example of a BITCD entry which could be used in a payroll application.

| P | LWE, | , nout | [.acss | Husion | DESCRIP FION | nem | Comeneti | $*$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | c: | DEDUCT | BLTCD |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | ! $:$ | USBONDS |  | L 1 |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\cdots$ | HOSPITTAL |  | 2 |  |  |  |  |
|  | ! 2 | STOCK. |  | 4 |  |  |  |  |

Since any number of three bits of the memory position occupied by this BITCD entry may be on, payroll deductions may be made for none, any or all of the three options available.

## TABLE 0001 - Core Files

Working storage files (core) are described immediately following the table header information identifying this section. The files and records described here are never read into or written out of the machine directly; they are for intermediate values. A number of possible uses are seen: when more than a single input record must be available they can be moved into the intermediate area, when various output records are being fabricated at one time for later movement to an output file, e. g., multiple total and heading lines, and for multiple definitions of an area when operating on variable length records. The RNAME entry is used to reinitialize back to the beginning of the area when a new format is to be described.

The rules for describing these files are precisely the same as for input/output files, except that an IOCS File Table is not prepared. Information cannot be read into or written out of I/O devices directly from these areas, except that they can be the second operand of a GET or PUT action. In this case the data is moved to/from the I/O area after or before the I/O action takes place. When more than a single format is desired for a core file, the RNAME entry will permit the redefinition. If multiple record areas are to be defined, even if they are eventually to be outputted on the same file, separate FILE entries should be made each with a single record described.

## TABLE 0002 - Miscellaneous, Variable

Free or unassociated variables of one kind or another are described behind this table header. Eight classes of entries are permitted.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { GNAME } \\
& \text { FLD } \\
& \text { RPT } \\
& \text { PRE } \\
& \text { BITCD } \\
& \text { ALTSW } \\
& \text { ADCON } \\
& \text { POINT }
\end{aligned}
$$

Except when grouped with the GNAME class, there is no physical connection assumed among any of the entries. No FILE or RNAME entry is allowed in Table 0002. This section is for temporary storage fields, program bit switches, preassigned variables, alteration switch specification, address constants, and index pointers.

Used when multiple items are to be considered as an entity. Example:

| CURDATE | GNAME | 06 | YEAR |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| MONTH | FLD | 02 | N |
| DAY |  | 02 | N |
| YEAR |  | 02 | N |

Any combination of RPT, FLD, PRE, BITCD, ADCON and POINT can be grouped and treated as an entity by this entry.

## FLD -

To define an unassigned variable, e. g. , TEMP1, ERASE1, PREVMANNO. Defined in same manner as described above.

## PRE -

To define a preassigned variable, i. e., starting with an initial value, e. g., COUNTER1, INITIALVAL, YTDTOTAL. Defined in same manner as described above.

RPT -
To define a variable and associate particular editing symbols. Defined in same manner as described above.

BITCD -
To set up a one-character variable and then name the $1,2,4$, and/or A bits such that they can be turned ON or OFF by the program. They can also be interrogated by the program to see if they are ON or OFF.

| DEDUCTIONS | BITCD |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| BONDS |  | 1 |
| STOCK |  | 2 |
| BLUECROSS |  | 4 |
| INSURANCE |  | A |

## ALTSW -

This permits the naming of an alteration switch. The designation of the proper alteration switch, A for 0911, B for 0912. . . F for 0816, is placed in the numeric column.

## QUARTERLY \| ALTSW | C |

## ADCON -

Address constants will have limited use in the 7080 DTS. Three primary uses are seen (1) by closed Autocoder pseudo tables, (2) for use in developing initial base addresses when using index pointers for operation on variable length input or output files, and
(3) the pre-named Address Registers RO - R9 used for effecting address modification. ADCON 4,5,6 are not allowed in the Decision Table Name Description.

## POINT -

The POINT (index pointer) entry is used to identify a 6-position field to be used in conjunction with the MOVEV command when operating positionally on data. Normal arithmetic is used to modify the field in preparation for use. At the time of use, the system will convert this to a proper 7080 address. It is always considered to be an integer value of length 6 . The field may be either signed or unsigned (signed is more efficient).

The name of an index pointer may be from one to five characters in length. The numeric column is not used.

PNTR1


The operand HI indicates that the POINT will be initialized to a high speed address, modified by a number divisible by 5 ; and that the number of characters to be moved via the POINT will always be divisible by 5 . The operand must be a RECORD name (RNAME) if HI is specified. If the operand is blank, SER (serial) will be assumed. POINT generates a 6 position signed constant of zeros. An index pointer can only be initialized with the SET... EQ. . command.

TABLE 0003 - Miscellaneous, Fixed
This table includes items that do not have changing values--either constant values or expressions that have a value only when considered. Since they have this characteristic (like the program tables) they can, if desired, be stored with the tables as part of the program using them in some external medium to be called for when needed. Included are:

Expressions
Arithmetic
Symbolic
Constants
Value Lists
Reference Lists

## EXPRESSIONS -

Two types of expressions are used--arithmetic to operate on numeric values, and symbolic to operate on strings of symbols.

Arithmetic -
Arithmetic expressions are defined in much the same manner as for the MATH macro in the Autocoder III system. The following operators are available:

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
+ & \text { addition } \\
\hline & \text { subtraction } \\
\text { * } & \text { multiplication } \\
\text { / } & \text { division }
\end{array}
$$

A single level of parentheses is permitted to alter the normal precedence of operations, which calls for parenthesized portions of an expression first,with * and / always taking precedence over + and -. A left-to-right order of operation then is assumed.

An arithmetic expression is named in the normal manner. It is this name that is referenced in the program, thus calling for the proper computation.

The class entry is specified as MEXP for mathematical expression.

The numeric column is used to indicate the type of error protection desired by the user. Three codes are available:

1. $\odot$ Overflow Overflow occurs when the developed value is larger than the defined result field. A transfer to the open decision table specified at the end of the expression takes place when overflow occurs. If no name is specified, the table given in the last expression will be used.
2. T Truncate The result will be truncated rather than rounded (the normal procedure).
3. ©T Overflow/Truncate The value is truncated and transfer is made to the table specified if the value is too large.

The halt protection code $(\mathrm{H})$ is not permitted, also the chaining code ( X ) is not permitted.

The description field is used to specify the format of the result, the expression itself, and if desired, the transfer point for the overflow protection option.

The format of the final result is indicated by \#+xx. yy, starting in the first position (column 31) of the description field. The + indicates that the result should be signed (a blank will indicate an unsigned result); $x x$, the number of integers; a period; yy the number of decimal positions in the result; a comma.

The format specification is followed by the expression to define the computation. The operators are $+,-, *, /$; the delimiters left parenthesis, right parenthesis, and @ (if overflow protection is desired); the operands literals, constants, preassigned fields, variable fields, and previously defined arithmetic expression names; and special intermediate value format indicators (a comma followed by an x for each integer, a period, and an x for each decimal--, xxxx. xx).

Numeric literals should not be enclosed in literal indicators (\#), and may not be given a sign--they are all positive values. Also, the unary operator - may not be used, i. e., the construction

FIELD A + - FIELD B is not allowed. The format indicator after a parenthesized expression or single variable will cause that format to be used before the next operation takes place. Blanks should precede and follow each operator (t, -, *, /) in the expression.

If overflow protection is specified in the numeric column (© or ๑T) the expression is terminated by the @ symbol and followed by the name of the open decision table to which control is sent on overflow. Otherwise the @ symbol is not used. In no case is the result field specified here as in Autocoder (the tag is specified in the name field on the operand description sheet). If overflow is indicated and no address is given, the last specified address is used.

Note that the left parenthesis, right parenthesis, and plus sign are used in writing the expression; these are keypunched as \%, д, and \&, respectively.

Examples:

| FIELDA | MEXP | \# 04.02, FIELDB + FIELDC * FIELDD |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| ABLE | MEXP | $\odot$ | $\# 02.04, \mathrm{~B}+(\mathrm{C} * 1.5), \mathrm{xx} . \mathrm{xxxx}-(\mathrm{I}-\mathrm{J}) @$ OVFTABLE |
| X | MEXP | T | $\#+06.02,(\mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{B} * \mathrm{C})+\mathrm{D} /(\mathrm{F}-\mathrm{G} * \mathrm{H})-(\mathrm{I}+\mathrm{J})$ |

NOTE: There is no permanent value of an expression; every time it is referred to it is recalculated. The value can be saved of course by moving it to another field. A previously defined expression can be used as an operand in an expression.

All continuation cards (up to 9 permitted) must be blank in columns 6 through 22 and begin in column 23. Comments on any card of a MEXP will be lost.

## Symbolic -

Only a single symbolic operator is available, the JOIN operator. This operator allows strings of characters to be joined together from discontinuous points in storage and then treated as a single value.

Variable names, constant names, symbolic expression names, and
literals may be operands in a symbolic expression. The operands are separated by commas and as a group are enclosed in parentheses. Remember that (will be keypunched as \% and) as 5 .

Example:

| SORTKEY | SEXP | 14 | JOIN (MAJOR, INTERMED, MINOR) |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ERRORMESG | SEXP | 22 | JOIN ('TAPE ERROR ON UNIT', |
| TAPEUNIT) |  |  |  |
| IDENTNO | SEXP | 15 | TOIN (DEPTNO, ' - ', DIVND, ' $/$ ', <br> IMANNO) |

In this last example if the current values of

$$
\begin{aligned}
\text { DEPTNO } & =726 \\
\text { DIVNO } & =14 \\
\text { MANNO } & =123456
\end{aligned}
$$

the resulting value of the expression would be

$$
726-14 / 123456
$$

The numeric column is used to specify the total length of the resulting value. The quote symbol (') is used to delimit alphameric literal values. This is keypunched as the number sign (\#).

It can be seen that an entire print line can be created in this manner by listing the appropriate carriage control character, blanks, constants, and variables, e. g.,

JOIN ('. . ' ', IDNUMBER, ' ', NAME, ' ', ADDRESS, '***'. . . .)
A symbolic expression can call upon another previously defined symbolic expression by including its name in the list of names and literal values. It cannot call upon itself; this causes an error condition. Up to 9 continuation cards are permitted; they must be blank in columns 6 through 22.

Permanent constants that are never or very seldom changed, e.g., 3.1416, are specified in this section. The format and manner of specification is the same as Autocoder III except that the class is PCON and no value can be moved to the field in the program, i.e., they are 'read only' constants.

$$
\begin{array}{llll}
\text { PI } & \text { PCON } & 06 & +3.14159 \\
\text { RATE } & \text { PCON } & 03 & +.875
\end{array}
$$

Numeric signed constants are indicated by placing the sign first (+ or -) followed by the value. An assumed decimal point is written in the proper position. No point is needed for integer values. The numeric column gives the length of the value; its sign and point indicator are not counted in determining the total size.

Alphameric constants are also written in the description area, following the length specification in the numeric column.

A value list consists of a list of constant values that can be used in the condition section of a program table. For example, in a condition it might be desirable to see if the current value of an input item, e.g., department number, is contained in a list of many department numbers which might require special action, e.g., 214, 284, 319, 727, 914.

NAME - A name is assigned to this list--this name is then used as an operand in the program to refer to the entire list.

CLASS - The class code is VLIST (Value List)
NUM - The number of positions of each value in the list--all values must be of the same length (blanks or zeros permitted front or back).

DESCRIPTION - The values are listed one per line starting in the first position of this area. Only constant values can be specified--no names of values (tags). No duplicate values should appear. The values need not be enclosed within special symbols. The values may be either numeric or alphameric.

Example:


The values in the list need be in no particular order; when interrogating the list, a serial search will be assumed.

## REFERENCE LIST -

A reference list provides a set of constant arguments and values (functions) to be specified by the user. It is then possible to determine if a particular argument is in the table (in a condition) and use the value as the operand in an action.

NAME - $\quad$ The name of the reference list
CLASS - RLIST (reference list)
NUM - Blank
DESCRIPTION -
Header Line - Three parameters are specified in the first line. A two-position size of the argument, a comma, a two-position size of the value (function), a comma, the name of the field where the value is to be placed if the argument is found when searching the table.

Subsequent Lines - The name, class, and numerical columns must be blank. Beginning in the first position of the description field (Column 23) and extending through the comments field, the argument and function are written separated by a comma. The argument (characters prior to the comma) and function must occupy exactly the same number of positions as specified in the parameter of the reference table definition. The first position of the argument may not be defined as a plus ( + ) or minus (-). An entry definition may not be continued on the next card.

If there are many arguments associated with one value and if the arguments are numeric and in ascending order, a range argument may be used which can save the writing of many entries. This is expressed by giving the low limit and the high limit separated by a dash (02-05, MIDDLE ATLANTIC). The arguments for this type of entry must be pure numeric. Care should be taken to write this entry correctly. For example, 0100-1000 will generate 901 entries.


Arguments or function values can be either alphameric or pure numeric (note restriction in use of range above). The arguments may or may not be in ascending sequence.

NOTE: A maximum of 25 RLISTs is allowed in a single program.


## Name Description Header

| 1-5 | Page and Line are filled out in the normal fashion. <br> All cards entering the system must be in ascending <br> sequence. |
| :--- | :--- |
| 6 | Always zero. |
| 7 | $\frac{\text { Type for operand description should be the letter }}{\text { D (description). }}$ |

Since this same form and header are used for Report and Autocoder pseudo tables, a code is used to identify each. R is used for report and A is used for Autocoder.

8-11 Blank.
12-15 $\frac{\text { Table Number }}{\text { numbers are possible: }}$ is in this position. Only four
0000 Input/output File Description
0001 Working storage files
0002 Miscellaneous, Variable
0003 Miscellaneous, Fixed
Each table gets only a single header card; if a particular operand description table is not used, no header is specified. A maximum of four name description headings may appear (ignoring report or Autocoder pseudo tables which are really part of the procedure description).

| 16-20 | Identification always TABLE. NOTE: TABLE cannot <br> be used in these positions except to identify an operand <br> or procedure description table. |
| :--- | :--- |

21-30 Table Name may be specified as documentation but is never referenced from another part of the system.

31-74 Blank or used for remarks.
74-80 IDENT is used to identify the cards as part of a particular program, is never referenced by the program, i.e., normal Autocoder use.

## REPORTS

It is of course possible to prepare reports using regular 7080 decision tables, but since many of the functions are automated in Report Writer the user may wish to call upon this facility. Each different report that he wishes is specified in a separate pseudo table starting with a table header. The report is named in the header; this name is used as the operand of the DO command when the report routine is to be executed. Table type is specified as ' R ' (report).

The report is then described using the operand description sheets (same format as Autocoder) in the same manner described in the Report/ File Writing manual of the 7058 Processor series.

Three other special rules apply: (1) The transfer-out addresses (before or after control breaks) must reference a closed decision table only. This table can perform all the processing at the control break or call for other tables or Autocoder sections on a DO basis. At the completion of this excursion, control returns to the report routine and then back to the original calling table. (2) A MODE REPORT entry must precede Report Writer statements and a MODE AUTOCODER entry must follow the last statement. Both entries must be included in the ' R ' table. (3) The DREPT statement, the first statement of a Report section, must be tagged with the report Table Name. The programmer will DO table name to execute a Report Writer table.

## AUTOCODER

Pseudo tables can also be written in the Autocoder language. Again, a table header must precede the routine (table type is A for Autocoder). The procedure written in Autocoder must be a closed routine, i.e., it may not transfer out to other tables or pseudo tables. The program refers to the elements of data described in the operand description tables (0000-0003), rather than defining data in the Autocoder section. The Autocoder TABLE macro in particular must be avoided. No restrictions (except transfers noted above) are placed upon the instructions written in the Autocoder sections. The programmer need only code the routine itself without entry and exit points. Entry will be at the first command, exit will occur after the last command. (See Reference Manual--Programming the IBM 705 Using the Autocoder III System--No. C28-6057.)

## APPENDIX

## Character Set

The character set for source programs (reference set) is shown below with the appropriate card codes. The printing characters which differ from the reference set are shown in the second column ( $5, \&$, \%, \#). This chart also shows the machine collating sequence. Characters that may appear internally (although not part of the external character set) are shown in their collating position and marked with an asterisk (丰, $\overline{0}, \overline{0}, \neq)$. It is expected that the key punch operator will substitute the $4, \&, \%, \#$ for ), +, (, '(quote) as she punches the cards (the programmer may also use the printing set if he desires).

| Reference Set | Printing Set (where different) | Card Code | Reference Set | Card Code |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Blank |  |  |  |  |
| - |  | 12-8-3 | M | 11-4 |
| ) | Д | 12-8-4 | N | 11-5 |
| 主 |  | * | 0 | 11-6 |
| + | \& | 12 | P | 11-7 |
| \$ |  | 11-8-3 | Q | 11-8 |
| * |  | 11-8-4 | R | 11-9 |
| - |  | 11 | $\dagger$ | * |
| / |  | 0-1 | S | 0-2 |
|  |  | 0-8-3 | T | 0-3 |
| $($ | \% | 0-8-4 | U | 0-4 |
| , | \# | 8-3 | V | 0-5 |
| @ |  | 8-4 | W | 0-6 |
| $\stackrel{+}{0}$ |  | * | X | 0-7 |
| A |  | 12-1 | Y | 0-8 |
| B |  | 12-2 | z | 0-9 |
| C |  | 12-3 | 0 | 0 |
| D |  | 12-4 | 1 | 1 |
| E |  | 12-5 | 2 | 2 |
| F |  | 12-6 | 3 | 3 |
| G |  | 12-7 | 4 | 4 |
| H |  | 12-8 | 5 | 5 |
| I |  | 12-9 | 6 | 6 |
| $\overline{0}$ |  | * | 7 | 7 |
| J |  | 11-1 | 8 | 8 |
| K |  | 11-2 | 9 | 9 |
| L |  | 11-3 |  |  |



Constants, Tables, Work Areas, etc. for Data Definition Processing 18, 500

Constants, Matrix, Tables, and Work Areas for Condition and Action Processing 11, 000

Data Definition Processing
11, 000

Condition and Action Processing
7, 000

| Library | Literals |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Subroutines <br> 550 | 800 |  |

## Notes on Pre-processor Requirements

The 7080 Tabular Programming Pre-processor is written for an 80K, 2 channel 7080, with a typewriter. It operates in non-stop mode using the 7080 IOCS package. It may be run on a 160K, 2 or 4 channel 7080 with no modification.

Input
Input is unblocked 80 character records on tape. The first Tabular. Program on tape must be preceded by a run control card as follows:

$$
\begin{array}{lll}
\text { col } & 16-20 & \text { ASMBL } \\
\text { col } & 23-29 & \text { TABULAR }
\end{array}
$$

This card may be preceded by a DATE and/or MODEL control card as described in the 7058 Processor specifications. Each Tabular program on tape must be separated by a card having END punched in col 16-18. The final program on tape must be ended by a card as follows:

$$
\begin{array}{lrl}
\text { col } & 6-10 & \text { FINAL } \\
\text { col } & 16-18 & \text { END }
\end{array}
$$

Input is limited to a single reel. A tape mark on the input tape is considered to be FINAL END.

## Output Program

The processed Tabular Program will be unblocked 80 character records on tape, and will be acceptable to the 7058 Processor. Since the 7058 processor is unable to accept multi-reel input, no program may extend over one reel.

If end of reel on output does occur in the 7080 DTS the following will occur:

1. Input will be rewound.
2. Output will be tape-marked and re-wound.
3. A message will be put on the message tape indicating that the current program will be re-processed.
4. A message to the operator will be typed. The operator must mount a new output reel and press key 252.
5. 7080 DTS will then search the input tape until the first card of the program being processed is found. At this point, an ASMBL card will be generated and placed on the new output tape, and processing of the program will begin again.

## Output Messages

Output Messages will be 120 character records blocked 5, on tape. The format will include the 7080 DTS Pre-processor page and line number and the input page and line, tag, and operations of the entry to which the error message applies, a critical/non-critical indicator, and the text of the message.

Messages for each program will begin on a new page, and each page will be headed by a line containing the program identification and date of processing.

Messages may be printed on a 720 or 1403 printer under program control.
Machine Setup
Non-stop switch on
Alteration switches

| 911 | on <br> off | for testing the processor <br> at all other times |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 912 | off |  |
| 913 | on | if the operator desires the <br> processor to search for END <br> cards and give the option of <br> processing the program follow- <br> ing a found END card or con- <br> tinuing the search. <br> otherwise |
| 914 | off |  |
| 915 | off |  |
| 916 | off |  |
| off |  |  |

Tapes
2001
Tabular program input Hi or Low Density, Model II or IV tapes.

2101

2103
Tabular program output will be Hi Density Model II or IV tapes.

Message output will be Hi Density, Model II or IV tapes.

Tape assignments may be changed by patching the Tape Table entries which begin at actual location 500.

No checkpoints will be taken, and no records will be dumped. If an uncorrectable read or write error occurs, new tapes must be mounted and processing must be started over.

When a program has been completely processed, (an END card has been found) a message will be typed containing the program ident., and indication of what kind of errors were found (major, minor, or none), and giving the operator the option of processing the next program, or going to end of job.

When a FINAL END card ends a program, the same message is typed, but no option is given. End of job follows automatically.

## Typewriter Messages - Pre-processor

The following typewritten messages may appear during the compilation of a 7080 Tabular Program.

7080 TP
appears at the beginning of a compilation run only.

XXXXXX, MO-DA-YR
where $X X X X X X$ is the identification of the Tabular Program to be compiled. Typed at the beginning of compilation for each program.

# X-----X. - IMPROPER CONTROL CARD. -2-ACCEPT, -3-READ NEXT 

where $\mathrm{X}-----\mathrm{X}$ is the PGLN, TAG, OPERATOR of the control card in question. May appear at the beginning of a compilation run only. -2- will assume an ASMBL TABULAR control card, output an ASMBL ORIGINAL card, and begin processing. -3- reads the next card.

ASMBL X-----X IMPROPER. -2-ACCEPT,-3-QUIT
an ASMBL card with operand X-----X has been found at the beginning of a compilation run. -2- will assume TABULAR, output card as is, and begin processing. -3-will go to end of job halt.

XXXXXX IS NEXT. -2-SEARCH, -3-PROCESS
where XXXXXX is program identification. Will appear when 913 is on at beginning of a run. An END card has been found and XXXXXX is the next program on tape. -2continues the search -3- generates an output. ASMBL ORIGINAL control card and begins compilation.

XXXXXX COMPLETE, YYY ERRORS. -2-NEXT ASSY,-3-EOJ
Program XXXXXX has been compiled, and YYY is the class of errors found. Will be NO if no errors found, MIN if Minor errors found, or MAJ is a critical error found. The option section of the message will appear if an END card, not FINAL, indicated the end of the current program. If FINAL END encountered, end of job is automatic, and the message will be truncated at the period.

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# Typewriter Messages - Listing Program 

XXXXXX NEXT. -2-LIST, -3-BYPASS
XXXXXX NOT LISTED.
XXXXXX LISTING COMPLETE.
Message Tape Entries
I. Operand Description Section
A. Message Format

| TP. PGLN | PGLN | NAME | CLASS | CRIT | MESSAGE TEXT | IDENT |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

Where:
TP. PGLN is the Page/Line Number assigned to the first output entry of this item by 7080 DTS.

PGLN, NAME, CLASS are the first 20 positions of the input entry.
CRIT is blank if this error is minor; is *** if this error is considered a major error. Major errors are those errors which are difficult or impossible to correct at output (Autocoder III) level.

IDENT is the input program identification.
B. Message Texts:

DUPLICATE TAGS - EXPRESSION OR LIST
The tag of this item is the same as the tag of a previously defined expression, list, index pointer, or is a state relation name.

EXPRESSION REFERS TO ITS OWN TAG.
An arithmetic or symbolic contains its own tag as one of its numbers.
EXPRES. NOT TAGGED OR BLANK OPND-PROCEDURE TABLE (CRITICAL)

An expression, list, or index pointer is not tagged, and cannot
be referenced. See procedure table error messages for explanation of second half of message.

FIRST RNAME IN FILE NOT TAGGED-WILL TAG
The first RNAME entry in a File which contains 2 or more RNAME definitions is not tagged. 7080 DTS will create a tage for this RNAME and subsequent RNAMES within this file will be LASNed to this tag. This LASN will not be effective in the Autocoder assembly.

IMPROPER TYPE FOR CURRENT TAB NO.
This item is a valid class type for an Operand Description, but is not allowable within the present TABLE number. Entry is processed normally.
L. H. BRKT NOT LOC. -ASSUME EXP BEG. COL28.

The-left hand bracket of a symbolic expression does not appear in col. 28 or 27 of the input entry. De-coding of this expression will begin at column 28 of the input record.

## LES RNAMES THAN DEFINED-LAST FILE

The numeric column of the previous FILE entry contained a number greater than the number of RNAME entries processed before reaching the present FILE entry. Processing continues normally.

## MORE RNAMES DEFINED THAN FILE CALLED FOR

The current RNAME entry is over the number of RNAMEs which the previous FILE contained in its numeric column.

NO EXP TYPE-ASSUME JOIN
The current symbolic expression has an invalid or blank expression type in col. 23-26. The JOIN type is assumed.

## OUT OF SEQUENCE

The Page/Line of the current entry is lower than that of the previous entry.

OVER 9 CONTINUATION CARDS FOR EXP. -IGNORED (CRITICAL)
The present entry is the 10th continuation card of an Arithmetic or Symbolic expression. It will be re-coded as a TITLE entry and the expression will end at the end of card 9 .

OVER 25 RLISTS - TREATED AS VLIST
The current RLIST entry is number 26 or above. No movement of a function will occur as the result of its use in a condition statement.

## TAG OF POINT OVER 5 CHAR. LONG

The current index pointer name is 6 or more characters in length. It will be processed normally.

TBL. TYPE INVALID TAB. NO. -ASSUME XXXXXX
The current TABLE header is type "D" (data) but has a Table Number greater than 0003 (only the numeric portion of a Table number is used in this test). An assumption of Table number/ type will be made on the basis of the operator of the following entry. If ORDER, a procedure Table is assumed. If FILE, Table 0000 is assumed. If neither, Table 0003 is assumed.

## UNKNOWN OPERATOR TYPE

The operator of the current entry is not in the list of acceptable operand description classes. The entry will be put out as is.
***EOF OUTPUT-PROCESSING RE-STARTED**
End of file on the output tape has occurred. The current program will be recompiled from the beginning. Error messages up to this point will be repeated on the next page of error messages.

X------X QUESTIONABLE OPERAND FOR EXPRESSION
The current arithmetic or symbolic expression references an index pointer name, list name, or state relation. May be improper usage.

INVALID, TAB. NO. -USING NAME ONLY
The Table Number of an Autocoder (A) Table is not pure numeric or is less than 0004. All procedure Table must have pure numeric Table Numbers greater than 0003. The Table Name will be used to tag the first generated instruction of the Table. DO statements referencing Table number will generate incorrectly.
II. Procedure Section
A. Message Format

| TP. PGLN $\|\mid T A B . ~ N O . ~$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |$|$ TAB. NAIME $\mid$ CRIT $\mid$ MESSAGE TEXT $\mid$ IDENT Where:

TP. PGLN is the Page/Line number assigned to this output entry by 7080 DTS.

TAB. NO. is the current Procedure Table number. TAB. NAME is the current Procedure Table name. CRIT is blank if this error is minor; is $* * *$ if this error is considered a major error.

MESSAGE TEXT is a description of the error.
IDENT is the input program identification.
B. Message Texts:

X------X Y------Y BOTH LISTS-1st IS ARG
Both operands of a condition statement are list names. The first operand will be processed as the name of the argument, the second operand as a list name. This is improper usage, and should be corrected prior to Autocoder assembly.

X------X Y------Y BOTH STATES-1st IS TAG
X------X, Y------ Y are operands of the current condition statement and are both state relation names. Operand 1 will be processed as a field name.

X------X- EXPRESSION IMPROPER IN THIS OPERAND
X------X is an arithmetic or symbolic expression name and is the resultant or receiving operand of a MOVE or SET action. No linkage to the expression routine will occur; and this operand will be processed as the name of a signed field.

XX - IMPROPER OPERATOR TYPE FOR CONDITION
XX is the operator of the condition statement being processed, and is invalid. The operator is assumed to be EQ, and processing continues.

X------X- IMPROPER STATE FOR ACTION AREA
X------X is an operand of the action statement currently being processed. It is a state relation, but is not ZERO, BLANK, ON, OFF. These are the only state relations allowed in an action statement. X------X will be processed as a field name.
SET $\{$ MOVE $\{$ XX-INVALID OP TYPE-ASSUMING $\}$ $\begin{aligned} & \text { SET EQ } \\ & \text { MOVE TO }\end{aligned}$
XX is the operator of a SET or MOVE action and is not EQ, ,,$+- /, ~ * . ~ X X$ is assumed to be EQ.

X------X - LIST NAME INVALID IN ACTION AREA
$\mathrm{X}-----\mathrm{X}$ is an operand of the action statement currently being processed. List names are not allowable in the action area.

MOVEV X------X Y------Y NO POINT, DID MOVE (Critical)
Neither operand of this MOVEV action statement is an index pointer name and neither operand contained a comma. The action was assumed to be MOVE and processed accordingly.

X------X - POINT NAME UNDEFINED - ASSUME SER.
$\mathrm{X}-----\mathrm{X}$ is the operand of the action statement being processed, and contains a comma. The name to the left of the comma is not an index pointer name, but will be assumed to be the name of a

SER index pointer.
X------X - STATE IMPROPER IN THIS OPERAND
$\mathrm{X}-----\mathrm{X}$ is the operand of the current action statement. It is a state relation name and is improperly used. It will be processed as a field name.

X------X - UNKNOWN ACTION - OPERATOR TYPE (Critical)
X------X is the action/op of the current action statement. It is not a member of the valid action/op list. A NOP, tagged with the tag of this action, and with an operand of this action's operand 1, will be generated.

EXPRES. NOT TAGGED OR BLANK OPND-PROCEDURE TABLE (Critical)

One of the operands of the current procedure table statement being processed is blank. Improper coding will be generated as a result.

X------X TABLE VS STATE-ERROR-NO TABLE SERCH
The present condition statement related a List name and a state name. This is improper usage. The List name will be processed as a field name.

CHECK. NO ELSE RULE OR ERROR TABLE NOTED

Possible error, programmer should make sure all possibilities have been considered.

INVALID. RECORDS BYPASSED TO NEXT TABLE
Unknown record type following actions.
RECORDS MISSING OR OUT OF SEQ - TAB BYPASSED
ZERO ORDER. RECORDS BYPASSED TO NEXT TABLE
ZERO NO. RULES. TABLE BYPASSED.

INVALID ACTIONS. RECS BYPASSED TO NEXT TABLE
Probably no actions for this row.
CHECK. NEXT TABLE IS BLANK.
Possible error, programmer should check to assure a GO TO for each rule.

## Listing Program Messages (printed after heading 1)

RECORDS MISSING OR OUT OF SEQUENCE. TABLE BYPASSED.
ERROR. NO. OF RULES IS ZERO. PRINTED AS 6.
ERROR. HAVE ZERO ORDER. RE-ORDER DISCONTINUED.

## Notes on Pre-processing Method

The 7080 DTS pre-processor (compiler) converts from programs written in decision table form to acceptable Autocoder III form.

## Operand Description --

The compiler makes almost a direct conversion to Autocoder, the major exceptions being that expressions are compiled as part of the data description and are set up to operate on a closed sub-routine basis. IOCS entries are passed without change; FILE is changed to TITLE; RNAME to NAME, GNAME to NAME, FLD to RCD, PRE to CON, RPT is unchanged, VLIST and RLIST to TABLE, MEXP to MATH, SEXP to a special macro GATHR, PCON to CON, BITCD unchanged, ALTSW unchanged, and POINT to ADCON. Address Registers X0 through X9 are changed to 6 digit signed ADCONS.

Procedure Description --
The condition and action statements are converted to Autocoder macro instructions - a number of new macros are used.

Condition area - The entire condition area is in core storage at one time. A slightly different approach is used in scanning depending upon whether the row is in limited or extended entry. Each limited entry test is made before going into the entry portion - a bit is turned "on" if the test is met, i.e., limited entry conditions are pretested, extended entry conditions are not. If this same test must be made more than once, the bit test is very rapid,
thus speeding up the process of finding a "satisfied" rule.
The condition area is then scanned to eliminate horizontal redundancies (marked * in examples below); in addition the reverse tests are eliminated if there are no tests to be made above it in the same rule (marked by a ■). The rule entries so marked are ignored when the final testing network is compiled. Rearrangement of condition rows and decision rules can greatly affect the number of test to be made in the object programs.

The not pertinent (blank entries) should be moved toward the bottom for space efficiency and often for time efficiency. Other things being equal, the most discriminating (most likely to fail) should be toward the top. Rules should be arranged such that the high frequency rules are at the left, since object testing starts at rule 1. Note examples below, tests are


Blank entries produce the same efficiency at far left or far right if at bottom.

Examples:


But blank entries intermingled generate more tests.

| Y | Y | Y | Y | $*$ | $*$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Y | N | Y | Y | Z |
| Y | N | N | Y | N | N |
|  |  | Y |  |  | Y |

Blank entries at the top (either left or right) give the worst possible arrangement.

|  |  | Y | No redundancies |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Y | N |  |
| Y | N | N |  |
| Y | Y | Y |  |

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The rule to remember is: the row above must be *before a j. 1 or * can replace the test. *'s are assumed to be before the first row. Therefore when table forms a tree, blank entries should be at the bottom.

Action area - Each action appears only once in the compiled program (unless the user writes the same action more than once). During compilation a control word is set up for the actions of each rule (actually Bit switches), "on" indicates "execute" it, off indicates "skip" it. The proper control word is set up when the conditions of a particular rule is satisfied, then the Bit corresponding to each action is tested in turn if "on" execute, if "off" go to the next Bit and test, and so on for each assigned action in the table. For example:


Rule 3 would have a control word -ON-OFF-ON-OFF-ON-ON, and Actions $1,3,5$, and 6 would be executed. Rule 1 would have actions 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 executed. If long sequences are to be executed for a number of rules they might be written as a separate "closed" unconditional table and executed by a DO Table name action command.


[^0]:    1 OFTC
    

