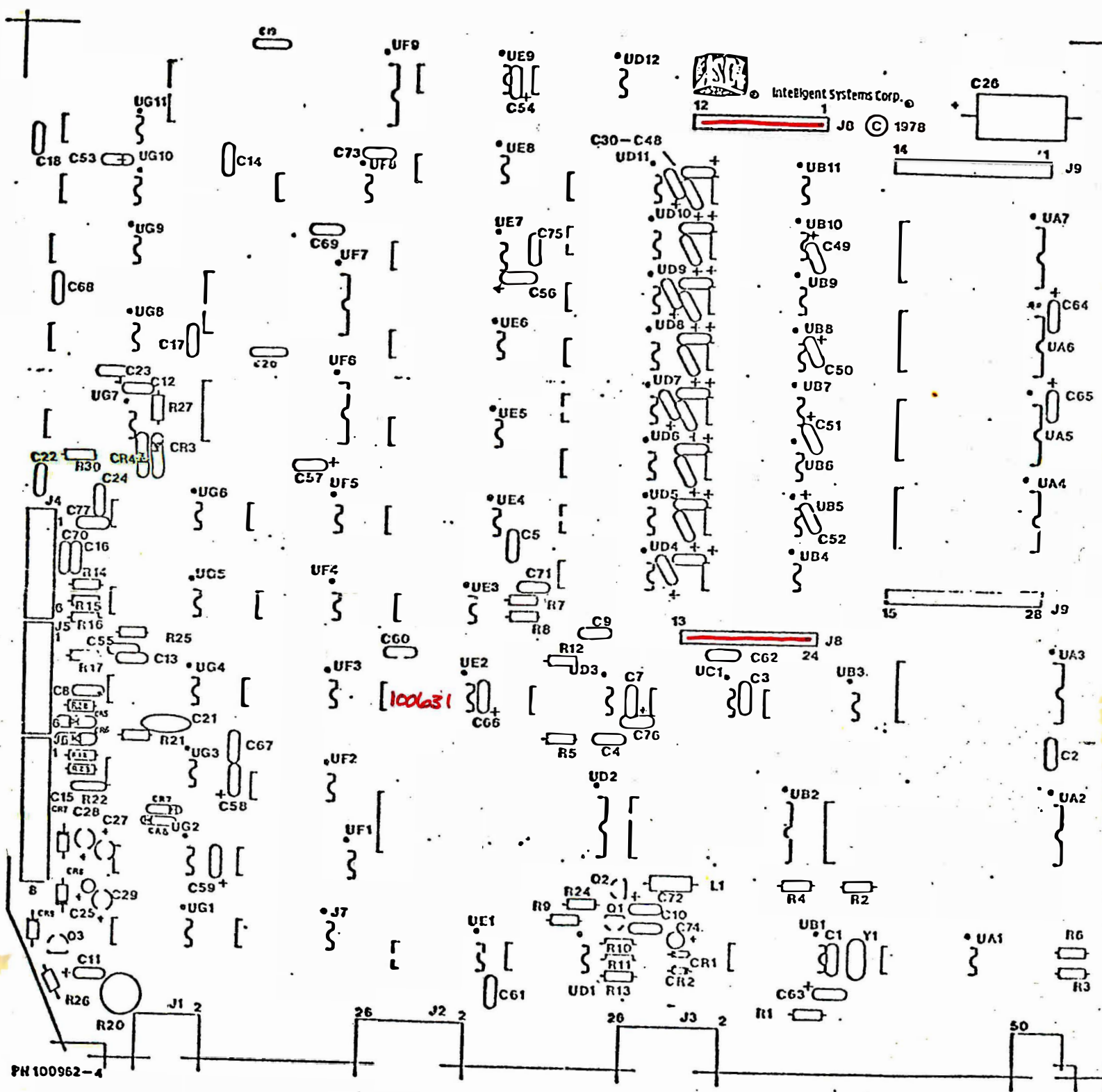


## HOW TO INSTALL THE 16K ADD-ON RAM IN THE COMPUCOLOR II

1. Remove power from unit.
2. Remove keyboard cable from rear of unit.
3. Remove three Phillips head screws across the top of rear cover and one Hex head screw at the bottom of rear cover.
4. Remove rear cover and put to one side. Be careful of power supply cable wire set.
5. Remove three cable sets from logic board.
6. Remove logic board.
7. Check chip located at location UE2. If number on top of chip is #100631 do not remove it. If the chip is #100639, remove it and replace it with the supplied #100631. Note that the chip has a groove on one end. Note on logic board the decal with the groove drawn on one end directly under chip location. Match groove on board to groove on chip. Be careful not to bend pins of the chip.
8. Locate two twelve pin connectors (J8) on logic board, one end numbered 1 through 12, other end numbered 13 through 24.
9. Locate Ram add-on. Notice number one through twelve on ram add-on should go to one through twelve on logic board.
10. Re-install logic board in unit. Notice groove cut in front of logic board. Place groove in position so that aligns to plastic bar in front of cabinet. (If this is not correctly done unit will not fit snugly to front of cabinet.)
11. Re-install three cable sets. Eight pin connector (J6) fits on eight pin connector on logic board. Put one six pin connector with red, blue, white, yellow, orange wires on six pin connector (J5) next to eight pin connector; put other six pin connector with green, blue, red, black wires on next connector (J4).
12. Place unit face down on padded working surface and place back on rear of unit, aligning plastic tabs on bottom of rear cover to matching grooves in front cabinet. Push back down on front cabinet so that it fits snugly, careful to align tabs on logic board to small rectangular holes in rear cover. Re-install three Phillips head screws in top of rear of unit and Hex screw in bottom.
13. Place unit back in upright position, re-install keyboard cable, apply power to unit.
14. Unit should initialize with 32049 bytes free, if the original logic board was 16K.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 The COMPUCOLOR II

The COMPUCOLOR II will gladly introduce itself with but the slightest help from the user. Its brilliant colors and amazing versatility are easy to get to know. Once plugged in, it is ready to perform a myriad of tasks, both simple and complex. The user can easily insert a disk from the COMPUCOLOR library and have at his fingertips an assortment of games, recipes, financial statements and more. But for the more adventurous, (and COMPUCOLOR makes it fun to be adventurous!) COMPUCOLOR II offers the opportunity for the user to write his own programs. The language of communication for the COMPUCOLOR II is BASIC, a popular computer language developed at Dartmouth University to make programming easy for everyone.

BASIC is a single user, conversational programming language which uses simple statements and familiar mathematical notations to perform operations. BASIC is one of the simplest computer languages to learn, and once learned provides the facility found in more advanced techniques to perform intricate manipulations and express problems efficiently.

Like any other language, BASIC has a prescribed grammar to which the user must adhere in order to produce statements and commands intelligible to the computer. The following pages provide a quick but complete introduction to the BASIC language and the features of the COMPUCOLOR II. Careful reading and liberal experimentation with examples will enable a user to start programming in a short time. Adopting a leisurely pace with the text will ensure that the new user will find programming much easier than suspected.

### 1.2 Initializing and Running BASIC

When the COMPUCOLOR II is turned on, the screen display for Model 3 will be:

```
·DISK BASIC 8001 V.6.78 COPYRIGHT (C) BY COMPUCOLOR  
MAXIMUM RAM AVAILABLE?  
7473 BYTES FREE  
READY
```

The number of free bytes on Models 4 and 5 will be 15665 and 32049, respectively. The READY message indicates that the machine is now ready to accept any BASIC programming statements that the user wishes to enter. If the user wishes to use a prepared program from one of the COMPUCOLOR II diskettes, the diskette must be slid into the opening on the right hand side of the machine, and the door must be closed. Pushing the AUTO key (the brown key on the upper left of the keyboard) will result in a list or "MENU" of available programs on the screen. A



choice is indicated by typing in the number of the selected program. The program will be loaded and the COMPUCOLOR II will proceed with instructions on how to use the program.

If, when the machine is powered on, the proper message does not appear, the user should hold the shift and control keys down while striking the CPU RESET key. This should produce the correct screen display, however, there may be a delay of 5 or more seconds before it appears. On the deluxe or extended keyboards the command key can be struck in place of the combined CONTROL SHIFT sequence.

It may often be necessary to reset BASIC after the machine has been turned on and a program or two has been run. The first step to reinitializing BASIC is striking the CPU RESET key. The screen will output:

COMPUCOLOR II CRT MODE V.6.78

Then, the ESC and W(BASIC) keys are hit in sequence. The machine will print the message:

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MAXIMUM RAM AVATLABLE?

If the user desires no specific amount of memory, then simply striking the RETURN key will bring the READY message to the screen. If, however, a certain amount of memory needs to be specified (as is necessary in some applications), the user must type in a number up to 8192, (or 16384 if the machine is a Model 4; or 32768 for Model 5) subtracting from this maximum any amount of space to be reserved as not for use by BASIC. The user then strikes the RETURN key and the machine will return the number of free bytes and the READY message. The machine is now ready, as when it is first turned on, to either accept a user's program or load a COMPUCOLOR II program from an inserted diskette.

If the machine will not return the proper messages and/or numbers, the local dealer should be contacted for assistance.

### 1.3 Using the Manual

BASIC has thirty (30) key word program, editing, and command statements, eighteen (18) mathematical functions, nine (9) string functions and thirty (30) two-letter error messages. These features are described in detail in the next chapters, thus providing a ready reference to BASIC's capabilities. If the user is unfamiliar with the BASIC language, then the remaining portion of this manual should be studied in sequence while having a COMPUCOLOR II available to run the examples given.

Compucolor Corporation has a number of BASIC programs on the COMPUCOLOR II diskettes that are available at nominal prices. In addition, Compucolor will pay for BASIC programs that are provided on diskettes when properly documented and accepted for release on future Compucolor diskettes. Enjoy programming in BASIC!

## 2. ESSENTIALS FOR SIMPLE PROGRAMMING

### 2.1 Variables

BASIC uses variables as a basis for conveying values in programming statements. The variable is an algebraic symbol representing a number which the user assigns to it. A variable is formed in one of three ways. It can be a letter alone, a letter followed by a number, or two letters. For example:

Acceptable Variables	Unacceptable Variables
A	3F - begins with a digit
C2	25 - numeric constant
XY	
Q	

A variable longer than 2 characters will be accepted by BASIC, but BASIC will only read the first two characters. Thus, these must be distinct from any other variables used in the program. For example, CAT is not a new variable in a program already using the variable CANCEL. Words used as specific commands or statements in BASIC are reserved, and cannot be used as variable names (e.g. LIST, RUN, READ, etc.). If such a word is used, BASIC will not accept it as a variable, and will usually return an error message. Certain other special purpose variables are acceptable in BASIC, and will be described in later sections of this manual.

When the user assigns a value to a variable, it will retain that value until it is changed by a later statement or calculation in the program. All numeric variables, until given a value by the user, are assumed by the computer to have the value 0. String variables are initially assumed to be equal to the null string (see Section 3.10.) This assures that later changes or additions will not misinterpret values.

### 2.2 Numbers

BASIC treats all numbers (real and integer) as decimal numbers, that is, it accepts any decimal number and assumes a decimal point after an integer. The advantage of treating all numbers as decimal numbers is that any number or symbol can be used in any mathematical expression without regard to its type. Numbers used must be in the approximate range  $10^{-38} < N < 10^{+38}$ .

In addition to integers and real numbers, a third format for numbers is recognized and accepted by BASIC. This is the scientific or "E-type" notation, and in this format a number is expressed as a decimal number times some power of 10. The form is:

xxEn

where E represents "times 10 to the power of"; thus the number is read, "xx times 10 to the power of n." For example:

$$25.8E2 = 25.8 * 100 = 2580$$

Data may be input in any one or all three of these forms. Results of computations are output as decimals if they are within the range .01 < n < 999999; otherwise, they are output in E format. BASIC handles seven significant digits in normal operation and prints 6 decimal digits as illustrated below:

Value Typed In	Value Output by BASIC
.01	.01
.0099	9.9E-03
999999	999999
1000000	1E+06

BASIC automatically suppresses the printing of leading and trailing zeroes in integer and decimal numbers, and, as can be seen from the preceding examples, formats all floating point numbers in the form:

(sign) x.xxxxxE (+ or -)n

where x represents the number carried to six decimal places; E stands for "times 10 to the power of"; and n represents the value of the exponent. For example:

-3.47021E+08	is equal to	-347,021,000
7.26E-04	is equal to	.00726

Floating point format is used when storing and calculating most numbers. NOTE: Because memory size limitations prohibit the storage of infinite binary numbers, some numbers cannot be expressed exactly in BASIC. Accuracy is approximately 7.1 digits, and errors in the 6th digit can occur. For example; .999998 may be the result of some functions instead of 1. Discrepancies of this type are magnified when such a number is used in mathematical operations.

### 2.3 Arithmetic Operations

BASIC performs addition, subtraction, multiplication, division and exponentiation. Formulas to be evaluated are represented in a format similar to standard mathematical notation. The five operators used in writing most formulas are:

Symbol	Operator	Example	Meaning
	+	X+Y	Add Y to X
	-	X-Y	Subtract Y from X
	*	X*Y	Multiply X by Y
	/	X/Y	Divide X by Y
	^	X^Y	Raise X to Yth power

BASIC also permits the use of unary plus and minus. The - in  $-A+B$ , or the + in  $+X-Y$  are examples of such usage. Unary plus is ignored, while unary minus is treated as a zero minus the variable. The expression  $-A+B$  is processed as  $0-A+B$ .

### 2.3.1 Priority of Arithmetic Operations

When more than one operation is to be performed in a single formula, as is most often the case, certain rules must be observed as to the precedence of operators. In any given mathematical formula, BASIC performs the arithmetic operations in the following order of evaluation:

1. Parentheses receive top priority. Any expression within parentheses is evaluated before an unparenthesized expression
2. Exponentiation
3. Unary minus
4. Multiplication and division (of equal priority)
5. Addition and Subtraction (of equal priority)
6. Logical operators in the order NOT, AND, then OR. (see Section 4.7)

If the rules above do not clearly designate the order of priority, then the evaluation of the expression proceeds from left to right. The expression  $A^B^C$  is evaluated from left to right as follows:

1.  $A^B$  = step 1
2.  $(\text{result of step 1})^C$  = answer

The expression  $A/B^*C$  is also evaluated from left to right since multiplication and division are of equal priority:

1.  $A/B$  = step 1
2.  $(\text{result of step 1})^*C$  = answer

The expression  $A+B*C^D$  is evaluated as:

1.  $C^D$  = step 1
2. (result of step 1)\*B = step 2
3. (result of step 2)+A = answer

Parentheses may be nested, or enclosed by a second set (or more) of parentheses. In this case, the expression within the innermost parentheses is evaluated first, and then the next innermost, and so on, until all have been evaluated. In the following example:

$$A = 7 * ((B^2+4) / X)$$

the order of evaluation is:

1.  $B^2$  = step 1
2. (result of step 1)+4 = step 2
3. (result of step 2)/X = step 3
4. (result of step 3)\*7 = A

Parentheses also prevent any confusion or doubt as to how the expression is evaluated. For example:

$$A*B^2/7+B/C*D^2 \qquad ((A*B^2)/7)+((B/C)*D^2)$$

Both of these formulas are executed in the same way, but the order of evaluation in the second is made more clear by the use of parentheses.

Spaces may be used in a similar manner. Since the BASIC interpreter ignores spaces (except when enclosed in quotation marks), the two statements:

$$B = D^2 + 1 \qquad B=D^2+1$$

are identical in meaning and consequence, but spaces in the first statement provide ease in reading when the line is entered. When such a statement is subsequently printed by the computer, spaces entered on input are ignored, and the spacing will appear differently on the screen.

## 2.4 The Assignment Statement

The user assigns a value to a variable by the use of the equals (=) sign. The variable must appear on the left of the statement and its value on the right. For example:

$$A = 2$$
$$Q4 = 7.5$$

The statements  $2=A$ , and  $7.5=Q4$ , although algebraically equivalent to the above examples, are not legal in BASIC, because the machine always takes the value on the right of the equals sign and assigns it to the variable on the left of the sign. The number 2 is not an acceptable variable, and the machine cannot replace its value with that of "A". The fundamental difference in meaning and use of the equals sign in algebra and in BASIC must be clearly understood to avoid confusion. In algebraic notation, the formula  $X=X+1$  is meaningless. However, in BASIC (and in most other computer languages), the equals sign designates replacement rather than equality. Thus, this formula is actually translated: "add one to the current value of X and store the new result back in the same variable X." Whatever value has previously been assigned to X will be combined with the value 1. An expression such as  $A=B+C$  instructs the computer to add the values of B and C and store the result in a third variable A. The variable A is not being evaluated in terms of any previously assigned value, but only in terms of B and C. Therefore, if A has been assigned any value prior to its use in this statement, the old value is lost; it is instead replaced by the value B+C. For example:

$X=2$  Assigns the value 2 to the variable X.

$X=X+1+Y$  Adds 1 to the current value of X, then adds the value of Y to the result and assigns that value to X.

### 3. BEGINNING TO PROGRAM

#### 3.1 Sample Program

The lines below form an acceptable BASIC program which the machine will understand and compute. The numbers at the start of each line are an essential part of the program. Each statement must have a line number in order to be executed when the program runs on the machine. The computer will process each line in ascending numerical order, regardless of the order in which it is typed into the machine.

```
10 A=8
20 B=7
30 C=A+B
40 PRINT C
```

The line number itself may be any integer from 0 to 65529, and lines may be numbered in increments as low as 1, but it is a good programming practice to number program statements in increments of 10 or 100. This leaves adequate room for insertion of statements at a later time without the necessity of renumbering the entire program. Hitting the return key at the end of a numbered line automatically enters that line into the computer and stores it in memory.

#### 3.2 The PRINT Statement

Line 40 of the above program is a PRINT statement. This statement is necessary in order to retrieve the calculation the machine has made. After line 30, the computer has solved the problem and assigned the value 15 to the variable C. Without the PRINT statement, however, it will simply store that information for future use, and it will not be visible to the user. The PRINT statement need not always give the value of a single variable; it may contain an expression. Therefore, in the preceding program, the same result would have appeared if the program had read:

```
10 A=8
20 B=7
30 PRINT A+B
```

Other examples of the use of expressions in PRINT statements are:

```
10 A=400
20 PRINT A*975
10 R = 5
20 P = 3.14159
30 PRINT P*R^2
```

The PRINT statement can also be used to print a message or string of characters, either alone, or together with the evaluation and printing of numeric values. Characters to be printed by are enclosed in double quotation marks. For example:

```
10 PRINT "CLASSIFIED"  
20 PRINT "INFORMATION"
```

gives:

```
CLASSIFIED  
INFORMATION
```

and:

```
10 A=50  
20 PRINT "THE NEXT NUMBER IS",A
```

gives:

```
THE NEXT NUMBER IS 50
```

When a character string is printed, only the characters between the quotes appear; no leading or trailing spaces are added. Leading and trailing spaces can be added within the quotation marks using the keyboard space bar; spaces appear in the printout exactly as they are typed within the quotation marks.

A convenient shortcut in DISK BASIC is the use of the question mark (?) in place of the word "PRINT" in any PRINT statement. For example:

```
10 ?A           is equal to      10 PRINT A  
30 ?"MAGIC"     is equal to      30 PRINT "MAGIC"
```

When the program is listed by the machine, however, the question mark is replaced by the word PRINT. (For a more detailed description of the PRINT statement, see Section 7.1)

### 3.3 The RUN Command

Once a program has been properly written and entered into the computer, the use of the RUN command will cause it to be processed by the machine and return the result of the program. When the last program line is typed and entered, the user types RUN and hits RETURN. Because RUN is a command and not part of the actual program, it needs no line number. The machine will return the result and the message READY. The READY message indicates that the machine is prepared to accept further additions or changes to the program. For example:



Program	Machine Response
10 R=50	
20 T=50	
30 PRINT R*T	2500
RUN	READY

If the user desires to write a completely new program, the machine must be cleared of existing data by re-initializing BASIC. (see 1.2)

### 3.4 Corrections

Corrections can be easily made while programming. If, while typing a line, the user makes a mistake, the ← can be used to delete the last character typed. The ← moves the cursor back one space at a time, and it can be struck repeatedly until the error is erased. The line is then retyped from that point on, or, if the rest of the original line was correct, the → can be used to restore that portion of the line removed by the ←.

If the line containing the error is already entered, a correction is made by retyping the line correctly, using the same line number. The computer will replace the faulty line with the one most recently typed.

If the user desires to delete an entire line from the program, entering that line number and hitting RETURN will remove it from the program. The line currently being entered can be deleted by typing the ERASE LINE key.

The ERASE PAGE key will clear the entire CRT screen, but it does not change or disturb any BASIC statements in any way. It is often used to obtain a blank workspace on the screen while programming.

### 3.5 The REM Statement

It is often desirable to insert notes and messages within a program. Such data as the name and purpose of the program, how it is used, how certain parts of the program work, and expected results at various points are useful things to have present in the program for ready reference by anyone using that program.

The REMARK or REM statement is used to insert remarks or comments into a program without these comments affecting execution. Remarks do, however, use memory in the user area which may be needed by an exceptionally long program.

The REM statement must be preceded by a line number. The message itself can contain any legal character on the keyboard, including some of the control characters. BASIC completely ignores anything in a line following the letters REM. Typical REM statements are shown below:

```
10 REM THIS PROGRAM COMPUTES THE
15 REM ROOTS OF A QUADRATIC EQUATION
```

### 3.6 The LIST Command

The user can see a listing of his program on the screen by typing LIST and hitting RETURN. Such a listing makes finding errors much easier, and facilitates additions and changes to the program. A portion of any program may be viewed by typing LIST followed by a line number. The screen will show a listing of that line and all following lines in the program. Because the machine will scroll the program very rapidly, the user may wish to stop the listing at some point for a closer look. Hitting the BREAK key will cause the scrolling to halt, Hitting the RETURN key will resume the listing. To stop the listing altogether, so that the user can edit or change the program, the LINEFEED key is struck. This will produce the message READY.

### 3.7 The END Statement

The optional END statement is of the form:

```
END
```

Upon executing an END statement, program execution is terminated and the READY message is printed. Program execution can be continued at the statement immediately following the END statement by entering a CONT command. For example, executing the following lines:

```
10 PRINT 1: END: PRINT 2
20 PRINT 3
```

gives the following response:

```
RUN
1

READY

CONT
2
3

READY
```

In this fashion the END statement can be used to generate program breaks to facilitate debugging a program.

Program execution will also terminate automatically when the program runs out of statements. Note that in both cases currently open files are not closed.

### 3.8 The CONT Command

The CONT command is of the form:

```
CONT
```

This command is used to continue program execution at the next statement after a program break or error is detected. Execution can be restarted at a specific line number by using a GOTO statement instead of CONT.

A CN error message is printed if it is impossible to continue execution after a program break. This message will appear if no program exists or a new or corrected line was entered into the program.

### 3.9 Multiple Statement Lines

For convenience in programming, DISK BASIC allows the user to place more than one statement on a single numbered line. The general form is:

```
statement:statement: ... :statement
```

where 'statement' is any permissible BASIC statement. Any number of statements may be put together on one line, with the restriction that line length must not exceed 96 characters. The colon (:) denotes new statements and separates them from one another. The statements are executed in order from left to right.

The user must take note of a few statements whose use in multiple statement lines requires some caution.

Because BASIC ignores anything after REM, in the following statement:

```
A=50:B=25:C=4:REM THIS PROGRAM ADDS:PRINT A+B+C
```

the result of A+B+C will never be computed and printed.

Because GOTO causes an immediate and unconditional transfer of control, anything following GOTO in a multiple statement line will never be executed. DATA statements that appear after GOTO's will, however, be read by any corresponding READ statements.

Care must be taken when IF...THEN statements are used in multiple statement lines. If the result of the test is false, control will not pass to the next statement in the line, but rather to the next numbered statement. For example:

```
50 C=2:A=5:IF A=6 THEN PRINT 1:PRINT 2  
60 IF C=2 THEN PRINT 3:PRINT 4
```

This program will print out the numbers 3 and 4. If the IF...THEN statement comparison is true and does not pass control to a specific line number, the next statement to the right in the multiple statement line will be executed. For example:

```
40 A=10: IF A=10 THEN B=500: PRINT A+B
```

will result in setting B to 500 and the printing of the result of A+B.

### 3.10 Introduction to Strings

The previous sections described the manipulation of numerical information only; however, DISK BASIC also processes information in the form of character strings. A string, in this context, is a sequence of characters treated as a unit. A string is composed of alphabetic, numeric, or special characters. The maximum length of quoted strings and strings entered using the INPUT statement is determined by the length of the input line buffer which is 96 characters or bytes.

Any variable name followed by a dollar sign (\$) character indicates a string variable. For example:

```
A$  
C7$  
LONG$
```

are simple string variables and can be used as follows:

```
10 A$="HELLO"  
20 PRINT A$
```

Note that the string variable A\$ is separate and distinct from the variable A. In DISK BASIC, all control characters above control code C (or 3) are legal characters within quotes (") except for the following:

```
Control Code K or 11 or erase line  
Control Code L or 12 or erase page  
Control Code M or 13 or return/enter  
Control Code Y or 25 or cursor right  
Control Code Z or 26 or cursor left
```

Concatenation is a string operator that puts one string after another without any intervening characters. It is specified by a plus sign (+) and works only with strings. The maximum length of a concatenated string is 255 characters. In each of the following examples, D\$ contains the result of concatenating the strings A\$, B\$, and C\$.

```
10 A$ = "33"  
20 B$ = "22"  
30 C$ = "44"  
40 D$ = A$+B$+C$  
50 PRINT D$
```

```
RUN  
332244
```

```
10 A$ = "I AM"  
20 B$ = " A CLEVER"  
30 C$ = " COMPUTECOLOR II"  
40 D$ = A$+B$+C$  
50 PRINT D$
```

```
RUN  
I AM A CLEVER COMPUTECOLOR II
```

### 3.11 The CLEAR Statement

The CLEAR statement clears all the user's variables including simple variables and arrays. The CLEAR statement has two forms as shown below:

CLEAR

and

CLEAR expression

The difference between the two forms is that the form with the expression specifies the new number of bytes in the string space. Upon entry to BASIC the string space is initialized to 50 bytes. For example, in programs that heavily use strings, this allocation can be changed by executing a CLEAR 250; it should be one of the first executed statements in a program because it also clears all the variables. For further information on how strings are allocated in the string space, see Section 7.4.

### 3.12 Immediate Mode

It is not necessary to write a complete program to use BASIC. Most of the statements discussed in this manual can be included in a program for later execution or given as commands which are immediately executed by the DISK BASIC interpreter. This latter facility makes BASIC an extremely powerful calculator.

BASIC distinguishes between lines entered for later execution and those entered for immediate execution solely by the presence (or absence) of line numbers. Statements which begin with line numbers are stored as part of the program; statements without line numbers are executed immediately upon being entered into the system. Thus the line:

```
10 PRINT "THIS IS A COMPUCOLOR II"
```

produces no action at the console upon entry, while the statement:

```
PRINT "THIS IS A COMPUCOLOR II"
```

causes the immediate output:

```
THIS IS A COMPUCOLOR II
```

Multiple statements can be used on a single line in immediate mode. For example:

```
A=1:PRINT A      gives:      1
```

Program loops are also allowed in immediate mode; thus a table of squares can be produced as follows: (For a description of FOR NEXT loops, see Section 4.9)

```
FOR I=1 TO 10: PRINT I, I^2:NEXT I
```

```
1      1
2      4
3      9
4     16
5     25
6     36
7     49
8     64
9     81
10    100
```

READY

### 3.13 Samples and Examples

In order to become more adept at programming, any user previously unfamiliar with BASIC should set aside some time for experimentation with the information thus far provided in this manual. Simple programs such as the ones below make good practice efforts.

A	B
10 REM THIS PROGRAM COMPUTES	10 REM THIS PROGRAM AVERAGES
20 REM THE AREA OF A CIRCLE	20 REM FIVE NUMBERS
30 REM THE FORMULA IS:	30 A=23
40 REM AREA = PI * RADIUS ^ 2	40 B=1
50 PI = 3.14159	50 C=188
60 R = 25	60 D=5
70 A = PI * R ^ 2	70 E=89
80 PRINT "AREA = ",A	80 T=A+B+C+D+E
	90 AV=T/5
	95 PRINT "AVERAGE =",AV

Write programs to solve these problems:

A

How many cubic yards of soil can be put into a box that measures 5 feet by 42.5 inches by 1 yard?

B

Convert 40 degrees Fahrenheit into degrees Celsius using the formula  $C = (5/9)*(F-32)$

## 4. MORE STATEMENTS, COMMANDS, AND FEATURES

### 4.1 The INPUT Statement

The INPUT statement is used when data values are to be entered from the terminal keyboard during program execution. The form of the statement is:

```
INPUT list
```

where 'list' is a list of variable names separated by commas. For example:

```
10 INPUT A,B,C
```

causes the computer to pause during execution, print a question mark, and wait for the entry of three numeric values separated by commas. The values are input to the computer by typing the RETURN key.

If too few values are entered, BASIC prints another ? to indicate that more data values are needed. If too many values are used, the excess data values on that line are ignored, but the program will continue. The values entered in response to the INPUT statement cannot be continued on another line and are terminated by the RETURN key. Values must be separated by commas if more than one value is entered on the same line.

When reading numeric values, spaces are ignored. When a non-space is found, it is assumed to be part of a number; if not, then the question mark is repeated. The number is terminated by a comma, colon, or carriage return.

When reading string items, leading spaces are ignored. When a non-space character is found, it is assumed to be the start of a string item. If this first character is a quotation mark ("), the item is taken as being a quoted string and all characters between the first double quote (") and a matching double quote or carriage return are returned as characters in the string. Thus, quoted strings may contain any legal character except double quote. If the first non-space character is not a double quote, then it is assumed to be an unquoted string constant. The string will terminate with a comma, colon, or carriage return.

When there are several values to be entered via the INPUT statement, it is helpful to print a message explaining the data needed. For example:

```
10 PRINT "YOUR AGE IS"  
20 INPUT A
```

The INPUT statement can also contain quoted strings. The above example could be written:

```
10 INPUT "YOUR AGE IS?";A
```

Note that when a quoted string is included in an INPUT statement, the normal ? is not printed as a prompt character, and if desired, must be included as shown within the quotes above.

The INPUT statement allows BASIC to be programmed to accept direct questions and answers as well as fill-in-the-blank applications.

If the user wishes to stop a program while it is waiting at an input statement, LINEFEED and RETURN must be typed in sequence. If RETURN is typed in response to the INPUT prompt (?), BASIC will assume the value 0 for numeric variables, and "0" for string variables. If there are additional variables in the INPUT list, a question mark (?) will be printed as discussed above.

#### 4.2 The DATA Statement

The DATA statement is used in conjunction with the READ statement to enter data into an executing program. One statement is never used without the other. The form of the statement is:

DATA value list

where value list contains the numbers or strings to be assigned to the variables listed in a READ statement. Individual items in the value list are separated by commas; strings are usually enclosed in quotation marks. For example:

```
150 DATA 4,7,2,3,"ABC"  
170 DATA 1,34E-3,3,171311
```

The scanning of numeric and string items is identical to that described above in the INPUT statement. An SN error message can result from an improperly formatted DATA list.

The location of DATA statements is arbitrary as long as they appear in the correct order; however, it is good practice to collect all related DATA statements near each other.

When the RUN command is executed, BASIC searches for the first DATA statement and saves a pointer to its location. Each time a READ statement is encountered in the program, the next value in the DATA statement is assigned to the designated variable. If there are no more values in that DATA statement, BASIC looks for the next DATA statement.

#### 4.3 The READ Statement

A READ statement is used to assign the values listed in the DATA statements to the specified variables. The READ statement is of the form:

READ variable list

The items in the variable list may be simple variable names or string variable names and are separated by commas. For example:



```
10 READ A, B$, C
20 DATA 12, "42", .12E2
```

Since data must be read before it can be used in a program, READ statements generally occur near the beginning of the program. A READ statement can be placed anywhere in a multiple statement line.

If there are no data values available in the DATA statements for the READ to store, the out of data message below is printed:

```
OD ERROR IN xxxxx
READY
```

Items in the data list in excess of those needed by the program's READ statements are ignored.

#### 4.4 The RESTORE Statement

The RESTORE statement causes the program to reuse the data from the first DATA statement, or, if a line number is specified, from the first DATA statement on or after the specified line. The two forms of the RESTORE statement are as follows:

```
RESTORE
```

and

```
RESTORE line number
```

For example:

```
100 RESTORE 50
```

causes the next READ statement to start reading data from the first DATA statement on or after line 50. The following example shows how the RESTORE statement functions:

```
10 INPUT " ENTER 1 FOR NUMERIC, 2 FOR STRINGS:"; A
20 IF A = 2 THEN 200
100 RESTORE 190
110 FOR I = 1 TO 5 READ B: PRINT B: NEXT I
120 GOTO 10
190 DATA 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60
200 RESTORE 290
210 FOR I = 1 TO 5 READ B$: PRINT B$: NEXT I
220 GOTO 10
290 DATA "APPLE", "BOY", "CAT", "DOG", "ELEPHANT", "FOX"
```

If a 2 is entered, the first 5 string data values in line 290 are printed; otherwise, the first 5 numeric data values on line 190 are printed. The sixth data items in lines 190 and 290 are not read.

## 4.5 The GOTO Statement

The GOTO statement is used when it is desired to unconditionally transfer to some line other than the next sequential line in the program. In other words, a GOTO statement causes an immediate jump to a specified line, out of the normal consecutive line number order of execution. The general form of the statement is as follows:

GOTO line number

The line number to which the program jumps can be either greater or lower than the current line number. It is thus possible to jump forward or backward within a program. For example:

```
10 A=2
20 GOTO 50
30 A=SQR(A+14)
50 PRINT A,A*A
RUN
```

causes the following output:

```
2      4
```

When the program encounters line 20, control transfers to line 50; line 50 is executed, control then continues to the line following line 50. Line 30 is never executed. Any number of lines can be skipped in either direction.

When written as part of a multiple statement line, GOTO should always be the last executable statement on the line, since any statement following the GOTO on the same line is never executed. For example:

```
110 A=ATN(B2):PRINT A:GOTO 50
```

However, REM and DATA statements can follow a GOTO on the same line because they are non-executable statements.

## 4.6 Relational Operators

Relational operators allow comparison of two values and are usually used to compare arithmetic expressions or strings in an IF...THEN statement. The relational operators are:

MATHEMATICAL SYMBOL	BASIC SYMBOL	EXAMPLE	MEANING
=	=	A=B	A is equal to B.
<	<	A<B	A is less than B.
≤	<= , =<	A<=B	A is less than or equal to B.

>	>	A>B	A is greater than B.
>=	>= , =>	A>=B	A is greater than or equal to B.
=	<> , ><	A<>B	A is not equal to B.

The result of the relational operators is -1 for true and 0 for false.

#### 4.6.1 Relational Operators in Strings

When applied to string operands, the relational operators test alphabetic sequence. Comparison is made character by character on the basis of the ASCII codes (See Appendix E) until a difference is found. If, while the comparison is proceeding, the end of one string is reached, the shorter string is considered to be smaller. For example:

```
55 IF A$<B$ THEN 100
```

When line 55 is executed, the first characters of each string (A\$ and B\$) are compared, then the second characters of each string, and so on until the character in A\$ is less than the corresponding character in B\$. If this test is true, execution continues at line 100. Essentially, the strings are compared for alphabetic order. Below is a list of the relational operators and their string interpretations.

In any string comparison, leading and trailing blanks are significant (i.e., "ABC" is not equivalent to "ABC ").

OPERATOR	EXAMPLE	MEANING
=	A\$=B\$	The strings A\$ and B\$ are alphabetically equal.
<	A\$<B\$	The string A\$ alphabetically precedes B\$.
>	A\$>B\$	The string A\$ alphabetically follows B\$.
<=	A\$<=B\$	The string A\$ is equivalent to or precedes B\$ alphabetically.
>=	A\$>=B\$	The string A\$ is equivalent to or follows B\$ alphabetically.
<>	A\$<>B\$	The strings A\$ and B\$ are not alphabetically equal.

#### 4.7 Logical Operators

Logical operators are typically used as Boolean operators in relational expressions. For example, consider the following two sequences of statements:

```
100 IF A = B THEN 150
110 IF C < D THEN 150
```

and

```
200 IF A <> 5 THEN 220
210 IF B = 10 THEN 250
220 ...
```

In both cases the sequences can be simplified by using the logical operators AND and OR. The first two statements can be combined into a single statement:

```
100 IF A = B OR C < D THEN 150
```

Similarly, the second sequence of statements is equivalent to:

```
200 IF A = 5 THEN IF B = 10 THEN 250
220 ...
```

This can be further simplified to:

```
200 IF A = 5 AND B = 10 THEN 250
```

Following the rules of Boolean algebra, the unary operator NOT will change true into false and vice versa. For example:

```
100 IF A <> 5 THEN 150
```

is equivalent to:

```
100 IF NOT (A=5) THEN 150
```

More complex expressions can be constructed by using combinations of the AND, OR, and NOT operators.

Logical operators may also be used for bit manipulation and Boolean algebraic functions. The AND, OR, and NOT operators convert their arguments into sixteen bit, signed, two's complement integers in the range -32768 to 32767. After the operations are performed, the result is returned in the same form and range. If the arguments are not in this range, a CF error message will be printed and execution will be terminated. Truth tables for the logical operators appear below. The operations are performed bitwise, that is, corresponding bits of each argument are examined and the result computed one bit at a time. In binary operations, bit 7 is the most significant bit of a byte and bit 0 is the least significant.

AND		
X	Y	X AND Y
1	1	1
1	0	0
0	1	0
0	0	0

OR		
X	Y	X AND Y
1	1	1
1	0	1
0	1	1
0	0	0

NOT	
X	NOT Y
1	0
0	1

Some examples will serve to show how the logical operators work:

63 AND 16=16      63 = binary 111111 and 16 = binary 10000, so  
63 AND 16 = 16

15 AND 14=14      15 = binary 1111 and 14 = binary 1110 , so  
15 AND 14 = binary 1110 = 14

-1 AND 8=8      -1=binary 1111111111111111 and 8=binary 1000,  
so -1 AND 8 = 8

4 OR 2=6      4 = binary 100 and 2 = binary 10 so 4 OR 2 =  
binary 110 = 6

10 OR 10=10      binary 1010 OR'd with itself is 1010=10

-1 OR -2=-1      -1 = binary 1111111111111111 and -2 =  
1111111111111110, so -1 OR -2 = -1

NOT 0=-1      the bit complement of sixteen zeros is sixteen  
ones, which is the two's complement  
representation of -1

NOT X=-(X+1)      the two's complement of any number is the bit  
complement plus one.

A typical use of logical operations is "masking"--testing a binary number for some predetermined pattern of bits. Such numbers might come from the computer's input ports and would then reflect the condition of some external device.

#### 4.8 The IF...THEN and IF...GOTO Statements

The IF-THEN statement is used to transfer control conditionally from the normal consecutive order of statement numbers, depending upon the truth of some mathematical relation or relations. The basic form of the IF statement is as follows:

```
IF expression THEN
                    line number
                    GOTO
```

where 'expression' is an arithmetic expression. If the result of the expression is nonzero (true), execution begins at the line number given and proceeds as usual. If the value of the expression is zero (false), the next statement in numerical order will be executed. Usually the statement is of the form:

```
IF expression rel. op. expression THEN
                                                line number
                                                GOTO
```

In this case, expressions cannot be mixed; both must be string or both must be numeric. Numeric comparisons are handled as described in 4.6. String comparisons are performed on the ASCII values of the strings as described in 4.6.1 and Appendix E. The rel. op. (relational operator) must be as described in 4.6, and the line number is the line of the program to which control is conditionally passed.

If the value of the expression is true, control passes to the line number specified. If the value of the expression is false, control passes to the next statement in sequence. For example:

```
30 IF A=B THEN 20          40 IF A<>71 GOTO 20
40 PRINT A+B              55 PRINT A
50 PRINT A^2              60 D=A+B+*C
```

An alternate form of the IF...THEN statement is as follows:

```
IF expression THEN statement
```

where the statement is any valid DISK BASIC statement. Note that multiple statements can follow the THEN if they are separated by colons (:). With this form of the IF...THEN statement, if the expression evaluates to non-zero (true), the statements following the THEN are executed. Otherwise, control passes to the next numbered line. For example:

```
10 A=10
20 IF A=10 THEN PRINT "TRUE":GOTO 40
30 PRINT "FALSE"
40 END
```

#### 4.9 The FOR and NEXT Statements

FOR and NEXT statements define the beginning and end of a loop. (A loop is a set of instructions which are repeated over and over again, each time being modified in some way until a terminal condition is reached.) The FOR statement is of the form:

```
FOR variable = expression1 TO expression2 STEP expression3
```

where the variable is the index, expression1 is the initial value, expression2 is the terminal value, and expression3 is the incremental value. For example:

```
15 FOR K=2 TO 20 STEP 2
```

causes the program to execute the designated loop as long as K is less than or equal to 20. Each time through the loop, K is incremented by 2, so the loop is executed a total of 10 times. After executing the loop, when K=20, program control passes to the line following the associated NEXT statement, and the value of K is 22.

The index variable must be unsubscripted, although such loops are commonly used in dealing with subscripted variables. In such a case the control variable is used as the subscript of a previously defined variable. The expressions in the FOR statement can be any acceptable BASIC expression.

The NEXT statement signals the end of the loop which began with the FOR statement. The NEXT statement is of the form:

```
NEXT variable
```

where the variable is the same variable specified in the FOR statement. The variable is actually optional, since any NEXT statement encountered is assumed by the computer to be closing the loop for the appropriate FOR variable. Together the FOR and NEXT statements define the boundaries of a program loop. When execution encounters the NEXT statement, the computer adds the STEP expression value to the variable and checks to see if the variable is still less than or equal to the terminal expression value. When the variable exceeds the terminal expression value, control falls through the loop to the statement following the NEXT statement. Note that the variable is not necessary since when a NEXT statement is encountered it is assumed it is for the appropriate FOR loop variable.

If the STEP expression and the word STEP are omitted from the FOR statement, +1 is the assumed value. Since +1 is a common STEP value, that portion of the statement is frequently omitted.

The expressions within the FOR statement are evaluated once upon initial entry into the loop. The test for completion of the loop is made after each execution of the loop. (If the test fails initially, the loop is still executed once.)

The index variable can be modified within the loop. When control falls through the loop, the index variable retains the value used to fall through the loop.

The following is a demonstration of a simple FOR-NEXT loop. The loop is executed 10 times; the value of I is 11 when control leaves the loop; and +1 is the assumed STEP value:

```
10 FOR I=1 TO 10
20 PRINT I
30 NEXT I
40 PRINT I
```

The loop itself is defined by lines 10 through 30. The numbers 1 through 10 are printed when the loop is executed. After I=10, control passes to line 40 which causes 11 to be printed. If line 10 had been:

```
10 FOR I = 10 TO 1 STEP -1
```

the value printed by line 40 would have been 0.

The following loop is executed only once since the value of I=44 has been reached and the termination condition is satisfied.

```
10 FOR I = 2 TO 44 STEP 2
20 I = 44
30 NEXT I
```

If the initial value of the variable is greater than the terminal value, the loop is still executed once. The loop set up by the statement:

```
10 FOR I = 20 TO 2 STEP 2
```

will be executed only once although a statement like the following will initialize execution of a loop properly:

```
10 FOR I = 20 TO 2 STEP -2
```

For positive STEP values, the loop is executed until the control variable is greater than its final value. For negative STEP values, the loop continues until the control variable is less than its final value.

FOR loops can be nested but not overlapped. The depth of nesting depends upon the amount of user storage space available; in other words, upon the size of the user program and the amount of RAM available. Nesting is a programming technique in which one or more loops are completely within another loop. The field of one loop (the numbered lines from the FOR statement to the corresponding NEXT statement, inclusive) must not cross the field of another loop. For example:



ACCEPTABLE NESTING  
TECHNIQUES

UNACCEPTABLE NESTING  
TECHNIQUES

Two-Level Nesting

```

10 FOR I1 = 1 TO 10
  20 FOR I2 = 1 TO 10
    30 NEXT I2
  40 FOR I3 = 1 TO 10
    50 NEXT I3
  60 NEXT I1

```

```

10 FOR I1 = 1 TO 10
  20 FOR I2 = 1 TO 10
    30 NEXT I1
  40 NEXT I2

```

Three-Level Nesting

```

10 FOR I1 = 1 TO 10
  20 FOR I2 = 1 TO 10
    30 FOR I3 = 1 TO 10
      40 NEXT I3
    50 FOR I4 = 1 TO 10
      60 NEXT I4
    70 NEXT I2
  80 NEXT I1

```

```

10 FOR I1 = 1 TO 10
  20 FOR I2 = 1 TO 10
    30 FOR I3 = 1 TO 10
      40 NEXT I3
    50 FOR I4 = 1 TO 10
      60 NEXT I4
    70 NEXT I1
  80 NEXT I2

```

It is possible to exit from a FOR-NEXT loop without the control variable reaching the termination value. A conditional or unconditional transfer can be used to leave a loop. Control can only transfer into a loop which has been left earlier without being completed, ensuring that termination and STEP values are assigned.

Both FOR and NEXT statements can appear anywhere in a multiple statement line. For example:

```
10 FOR I = 1 TO 10 STEP 5: NEXT I: PRINT "I="; I
```

causes:

```
I= 11
```

to be printed when executed.

In the case of nested loops which have the same endpoint, a single NEXT statement of the following form can be used:

```
NEXT variable 1, ... , variable N
```

The first variable in the list must be that of the most recent loop, the second most recent, and so on. For example:

```

10 FOR I=1 TO 10
20 FOR J=1 TO 10
30 ...
100 NEXT J,I

```

## 5. FUNCTIONS AND SUBROUTINES

### 5.1 Functions

BASIC provides functions to perform certain standard mathematical operations which are frequently used and time-consuming to program. These functions have three or four letter call names followed by a parenthesized argument. They are pre-defined and may be used anywhere in a program.

Call Name	Function
ABS(x)	Returns the absolute value of x.
ATN(x)	Returns the arctangent of x as an angle in radians in range $\pm\pi/2$ , where $\pi = 3.14159$ .
CALL(x)	Call the user machine language program at decimal location 33282. (8202 HEX) The D,E registers have value of X upon entry and value of Y upon return from machine language routine.
COS(x)	Returns the cosine of x radians.
EXP(x)	Returns the value of e where $e = 2.71828$ .
FRE(x)	Returns the number of free bytes not in use.
INT(x)	Returns the greatest integer less than or equal to x.
INP(x)	Returns a byte from input port x. The range for x is 0 to 255.
LOG(x)	Returns the natural logarithm of x.
PEEK(x)	Returns a byte from memory address $-32768 < x < 65535$ ; or if x is negative the memory address is $65536+x$ .
POS(x)	Returns the value of the current cursor position between 0 and 63.
RND(x)	Returns a random number between 0 and 1.
SGN(x)	Returns a -1, 0, or 1, indicating the sign of x.

SIN(x)	Returns the sine of x radians.
SPC(x)	Causes x spaces to be generated. (Valid only in a PRINT statement).
SQR(x)	Returns the square root of x.
TAB(x)	Causes the cursor to space over to column number x. (Valid in PRINT statement only).
TAN(x)	Returns the tangent of x radians.

The argument x to the functions can be a constant, a variable, an expression, or another function. Square brackets cannot be used as the enclosing characters for the argument x, e.g. SIN[x] is illegal.

Function calls, consisting of the function name followed by a parenthesized argument, can be used as expressions anywhere that expressions are legal.

Values produced by the functions SIN(x), COS(x), ATN(x), SQR(x), EXP(x), and LOG(x) have six significant digits.

#### 5.1.1 The Sine and Cosine Functions; SIN(x) and COS(x)

The SIN and COS functions require an argument angle expressed in radians. If the angle is stated in degrees, conversion to radians may be done using the identity:

$$\text{radians} = \text{degrees} * (\pi / 180)$$

In the following example program, 3.14159 is used as a nominal value for  $\pi$ . P is set equal to this value at line 20. At line 40 the above relationship is used to convert the input value into radians. Note the use of the TAB function to produce a more legible printout.

```

10 REM CONVERT ANGLE (X) TO RADIANS, AND
11 REM FIND SIN AND COS
20 P = 3.14159
25 PRINT "DEGREES",, "RADIANS",, "SINE",, "COSINE"
30 FOR X = 0 TO 90 STEP 15
40 Y = X*(P/180)
60 PRINT X, Y;TAB(32); SIN(Y); TAB(48); COS(Y)
70 NEXT X

```

RUN	DEGREES	RADIANS	SINE	COSINE
	0	0	0	1
	15	.261799	.258819	.965926
	30	.523598	.5	.866026
	45	.785398	.707106	.707107
	60	1.0472	.866025	.500001
	75	1.309	.965926	.25882
	90	1.5708	1	1.12352E-06

### 5.1.2 The Arctangent and Tangent Functions; ATN(x) and TAN(x)

The arctangent function returns a value in radian measure, in the range  $-\pi/2$  to  $+\pi/2$  corresponding to the value of a tangent supplied as the argument (x).

In the following program, the input is an angle in degrees. Degrees are then converted to radians at line 50. At line 70 the tangent value, Z, is supplied as the argument to the ATN function to derive the value found on column 4 of the printout under the label ATN(x). Also in line 70 the radian value of the arctangent function is converted back to degrees and printed in the fifth column of the printout as a check against the input value shown in the first column.

```
10 P = 3.14159
15 PRINT
20 PRINT "ANGLE", "ANGLE"; TAB(20); "TAN(X)";
21 PRINT TAB(32); "ATAN(X)", "ATAN(X)"
25 PRINT "(DEGS)", "(RADS)", "RADS)", "(DEGS)"
30 FOR X = 0 TO 45 STEP 15
35 PRINT
40 FOR X = 0 TO 75 STEP 15
50 Y = X*P/180
60 Z = TAN(Y)
70 PRINT X,Y; TAB(20); Z; TAB(32); ATN(Z); TAB(48); ATN(Z)*180/P
80 NEXT X
RUN
```

ANGLE (DEGS)	ANGLE (RADS)	TAN(X)	ATAN(X) (RADS)	ATAN(X) (DEGS)
0	0	0	0	0
15	.21799	.267949	.261799	15
30	.523598	.57735	.523598	30
45	.785398	.999999	.785398	45
60	1.0472	1.73205	1.0472	60
75	1.309	3.73204	1.309	75

### 5.1.3 The Square Root Function; SQR(x)

This function derives the square root of any positive number as shown below:

```
10 INPUT X
20 X = SQR(X)
30 PRINT X
40 GOTO 10
RUN
?16
4
?1000
31.6228
(LINEFEED) (RETURN)
READY
```

If the argument is negative, a CF error will result.

#### 5.1.4 The Exponential and Logarithmic Functions; EXP(x) and LOG(x)

The exponential function raises the number e to the power x. EXP is the inverse of the LOG function. The relationship is:

$$\text{LOG}(\text{EXP}(X)) = X = \text{EXP}(\text{LOG}(X))$$

The following program prints the exponential equivalent of an input value.

```
10 INPUT X
20 PRINT EXP(X), LOG(EXP(X)), EXP(LOG(x))
30 GOTO 10
RUN
```

```
?87
6.07601E+37      87      87
?.0033
1.00331          3.2999E-03    3.3E-03
?1
2.71828          1          1
```

Logarithms to the base e may easily be converted to any other base using the following formula:

$$\log_a N = \frac{\log_e N}{\log_e a}$$

where a represents the desired base and e = 2.71828. The following program illustrates conversion to the bases 10 and 2.

```
10 PRINT "VALUE", "BASE E LOG", "BASE 10 LOG", "BASE 2 LOG"
20 INPUT X
30 PRINT X, LOG(X); TAB(24); LOG(X)/LOG(10);
40 PRINT TAB(40); LOG(X)/LOG(2)
50 GOTO 20
RUN
```

VALUE	BASE E LOG	BASE 10 LOG	BASE 2 LOG
?1			
1	0	0	0
?4			
4	1.38629	.60206	2
?10			
10	2.30259	1	3.32193
?1000			
1000	6.90776	3	9.96579

An attempt to find the LOG of zero or of a negative number causes a CF error message.

### 5.1.5 The Absolute Value Function; ABS(x)

The ABS function returns the absolute value of any argument. The absolute value is the argument itself with a positive sign. For example the absolute value of both 3 and -3 is 3. The ABS function may be illustrated as follows:

```
PRINT ABS(12.34),ABS(-23.65)
12.34  23.65
```

### 5.1.6 The Greatest Integer Function; INT(x)

The greatest integer function returns the value of the greatest integer not greater than x. For example:

```
PRINT INT(34.67)
34
```

```
PRINT INT(11)
11
```

The INT of a negative number is a negative number with the same or larger absolute value, i.e., the same or smaller algebraic value. For example:

```
PRINT INT(-23.45)
-24
```

```
PRINT INT(-11)
-11
```

The INT function can be used to round numbers to the nearest integer, using  $\text{INT}(X+.5)$ . For example:

```
PRINT INT(34.67+.5)
35
```

```
PRINT INT(-5.1+.5)
-5
```

$\text{INT}(x)$  can also be used to round to any given decimal place or integral power of 10, by using the following expression as an argument:

$$(X*10^D+.5)/10^D$$

where D is an integer supplied by the user.

```

10 REM INT FUNCTION EXAMPLE
15 PRINT
20 PRINT "NUMBER TO BE ROUNDED:"
25 INPUT A
40 PRINT "NO. OF DECIMAL PLACES:"
45 INPUT D
60 B = INT(A*10^D +.5)/10^D
70 PRINT "NUMBER ROUNDED = " ;B
80 GOTO 15
RUN

```

```

NUMBER TO BE ROUNDED
?55.65842
NO. OF DECIMAL PLACES:
?2
NUMBER ROUNDED = 55.66

```

```

NUMBER TO BE ROUNDED
?78.375
NO. OF DECIMAL PLACES:
?-2
NUMBER ROUNDED = 100

```

```

NUMBER TO BE ROUNDED
?67.38
NO. OF DECIMAL PLACES:
?-1
NUMBER ROUNDED = 70

```

```

NUMBER TO BE ROUNDED
?(LINEFEED) (RETURN)

```

READY

#### 5.1.7 The Random Number Function; RND(x)

The random number function produces a random number, or random number set between 0 and 1. The numbers are reproducible in the same order after the ESC, E sequence if X>0 for later checking of a program. In DISK BASIC the form RND without arguments is not legal. For example:

```

10 PRINT "RANDOM NUMBERS:"
30 FOR I = 1 TO 8
40 PRINT RND(I),
50 NEXT I
RUN
RANDOM NUMBERS:
.100250      .968134      .886657      .636444
.839019      .306121      .285553      .285534

```

To obtain random digits from 0 to 9, line 40 can be changed to read:

```
40 PRINT INT(10*RND(1)),
```

This time the results will be printed as follows:

```
RANDOM NUMBERS:
```

```
8      9      3      5      6      1      8  
2
```

It is possible to generate random numbers over a given range. If the open range (A,B) is desired, use the expression:

```
(B-A)*RND(1)+A
```

to produce a random number in the range  $A < n < B$ .

The following program produces a random number set in the open range (4,6). The extremes, 4 and 6, are never reached.

```
10 REM RANDOM NUMBER SET IN OPEN RANGE 4,6.  
20 FOR B = 1 TO 8  
30 A = (6-4) * RND(1) + 4  
40 PRINT A,  
50 NEXT B  
RUN  
4.20054      5.92962      5.77325      5.27288  
4.99125      5.02420      4.18825      5.99989
```

Negative arguments, i.e. `RND(-123)`, will start a new random number sequence, while `RND(0)` will always generate the last random number.

#### 5.1.8 The Sign Function; `SGN(x)`

The sign function returns the value 1 if x is a positive number, 0 if x is 0 and -1 if x is negative. For example:

```
10 REM SGN FUNCTION EXAMPLE  
20 READ A,B,C  
25 PRINT "A = "A,"B = "B,"C = "C  
30 PRINT "SGN(A) = "SGN(A), "SGN(B) = "SGN(B),  
40 PRINT "SGN(C) = "SGN(C)  
50 DATA -7.32, .44, 0  
RUN  
A = -7.32      B = .44      C = 0  
SGN(A) = -1    SGN(B) = 1    SGN(C) = 0
```



### 5.1.9 The Position Function; POS(x)

The POS function returns the current x coordinate of the cursor's position. It is most often used to determine whether or not a particular program result, either string or numeric, will fit on a given line. By use of the POS(x) function, the correct placement of the answer can be easily determined.

### 5.2 User Defined Functions

In some programs it may be necessary to execute the same sequence of statements or mathematical formulas in several different places. BASIC allows definition of unique operations or expressions and the calling of these functions in the same way as the predefined standard mathematical functions.

These user defined functions are described by a function name, the first two letters of which are FN followed by any acceptable BASIC variable name. For example:

Legal	Illegal
FNA	FNA\$
FMAA	FN2
FNA1	

Each function is defined once and the definition may appear anywhere in the program. The defining or DEF statement is formed as follows:

```
DEF FNA (argument) = expression
```

where A is a variable name. The argument must be a simple variable. The expression may contain the argument variable and any other program variables. For example:

```
10 DEF FNA(S) = S^2
```

causes a later statement:

```
20 R = FNA(4)+1
```

to be evaluated as R = 17. As another example:

```
50 DEF FNB(A) = A+X^2  
60 Y= FNB(14)
```

causes the function to be evaluated with the current value of the variable X within the program. The two following programs:

```

10 DEF FNS(A) = A^A      10 DEF FNS(X) = X^X
20 FOR I=1 TO 5          20 FOR I=1 TO 5
30 PRINT I, FNS(I)      30 PRINT I, FNS(I)
40 NEXT I                40 NEXT I

```

cause the same output:

```

RUN
1      1
2      4
3     27
4    256
5   3125

```

User defined functions cannot have several arguments, as shown below:

```

25 DEF FNL(X,Y,Z) = SQR(X^2 + Y^2 + Z^2)

```

Such a statement will cause an error of the type:

```

SN ERROR IN 25

```

When calling a user defined function, the parenthesized argument can be any legal expression. The value of the expression is substituted for the argument variable. For example:

```

10 DEF FNZ(X) = X^2
20 A=2
30 PRINT FNZ(2+A)

```

Line 30 causes the result 16 to be printed.

If the same function name is defined more than once, then the last definition (the one with the higher line number) will be used. The program below:

```

10 DEF FN1(X) = X^2
20 DEF FN2(X) = X+X
30 A=5
40 PRINT FN1(A)

```

will cause 10 to be printed.

The function variable need not appear in the function expression as shown below:

```

10 DEF FNA (X) = 4+2
20 R=FNA(10)+1
30 PRINT R
RUN
7

```

### 5.3 BASIC String Functions

Like the intrinsic mathematical functions described above, BASIC contains various functions for use with character strings. These functions allow the program to concatenate two strings, access part of a string, determine the number of characters in a string, generate a character string corresponding to a given number or vice versa, and perform other useful operations. The various functions available are summarized in the following table.

#### STRING FUNCTIONS

Call Name	Function
ASC(x\$)	Returns the eight bit internal ASCII code (0-255) for the one-character string. If the argument contains more than one character, then the code for the first character in the string is returned. A value of 0 is returned if the argument is a null string (LEN(x\$)=0). (See ASCII codes in Appendix E).
CHR\$(x)	Generates a one-character string having the ASCII value of x where x is a number greater than or equal to 0 and less than or equal to 255. Only one character can be generated.
FRE(x\$)	Returns number of free string bytes. (See CLEAR statement in 3.11)
LEFT\$(x\$,I)	Returns left-most I characters of string (x\$). If I>LEN(x\$), then x\$ is returned.
LEN(x\$)	Returns the number of characters in the string x\$, with non-printing characters and blanks being counted.
MID\$(x\$,I,J)	J is optional. Without J, returns right-most characters from x\$ beginning with the Ith character. If I>LEN(x\$), MID\$ returns the null string. With 3 arguments, it returns a string of length J of characters from x\$ beginning with the Ith character. If J is greater than the number of characters in x\$ to the right of I, MID\$ returns the rest of the string. Argument ranges: 0<I<=255, 0<=J<=255.

RIGHT\$(x\$,I)	Returns right-most I characters of string (x\$). If I>LEN(x\$), then x\$ is returned.
STR\$(x)	Returns the string which represents the numeric value of x as it would be printed by a PRINT statement.
VAL(x\$)	Returns the number represented by the string x\$. If the first character of x\$ is not +, -, or a digit, then the value 0 is returned.

In the above example, x\$ and y\$ represent any legal string expressions, and I and J represent any legal arithmetic expressions.

NOTE: Unlike the mathematical functions, character string functions cannot be defined by the user. Similar results can be obtained by the use of subroutines, as described in Section 5.4.

#### 5.4 Subroutines

A subroutine is a section of a program performing some operation required at more than one point in the program. Sometimes a complicated I/O operation for a volume of data, a mathematical evaluation which is too complex for a user defined function, or any number of other processes may be best performed in a subroutine.

More than one subroutine can be used in a single program, in which case they are best placed one after the other in line number sequence before the DATA statements. It is a useful practice to assign distinctive line numbers to subroutines. For example, if the main program uses line numbers up to 199, use 200 and 300 as the first line numbers of two subroutines. When subroutines are included in a program, the program begins execution and continues until it encounters a GOSUB statement of the form:

```
GOSUB line number
```

where the line number following the word GOSUB is that of the first line of the subroutine. Control then transfers to that line of the subroutine. For example:

```
50 GOSUB 200
```

Control is transferred to line 200 in the user program. The first line in the subroutine can be a remark or any other valid BASIC statement.

Having reached the line containing a GOSUB statement, control transfers to the line indicated after GOSUB; the subroutine is processed until BASIC encounters a RETURN statement of the form:

```
RETURN
```

which causes control to return to the statement following the original GOSUB statement. A subroutine must always be exited via a RETURN statement.

Before transferring to the subroutine, BASIC internally records

the next sequential statement to be processed after the GOSUB statement; the RETURN statement is a signal to transfer control to this statement. In this way, no matter how many subroutines there are or how many times they are called, BASIC always knows where to transfer control next. The following program demonstrates the use of GOSUB and RETURN.

```

1  REM THIS PROGRAM ILLUSTRATES GOSUB AND RETURN
10 DEF FNA(X) = ABS(INT(X))
20 INPUT A,B,C
30 GOSUB 100
40 A=FNA(A)
50 B=FNA(B)
60 C=FNA(C)
70 PRINT
80 GOSUB 100
90 END
100 REM THIS SUBROUTINE PRINTS OUT THE SOLUTIONS
110 REM OF THE EQUATION: AX^2 + BX + C = 0
120 PRINT "THE EQUATION IS "A "X^2 + " B"X + "C
130 D=B*B -4*A*C
140 IF D<>0 THEN 200
150 PRINT"ONLY ONE SOLUTION...X "; -B/(2*A)
160 RETURN
170 IF D<0 THEN 200
180 PRINT "TWO SOLUTIONS...X=";
185 PRINT (-B+SQR(D))/(2*A); " ) AND ("; (-B-SQR(D))/(2*A)
190 RETURN
200 PRINT "IMAGINARY SOLUTIONS...X =( ";
205 PRINT -B/(2*A) ", " SQR(-D)/(2*A) " ) AND ( ";
207 PRINT -B/(2*A) ", " -SQR(-D)/(2*A) " )"
210 RETURN
900 END

```

Subroutines can be nested; that is, one subroutine can call another subroutine. If the execution of a subroutine encounters a RETURN statement, it returns control to the statement following the GOSUB which called that subroutine. Therefore, a subroutine can call another subroutine, even itself. Subroutines can be entered at any point and can have more than one RETURN statement. It is possible to transfer to the beginning or any part of a subroutine; multiple entry points and RETURN's make a subroutine more versatile.

## 5.5 The ON GOTO and ON GOSUB Statements

The ON...GOTO statement provides another type of conditional branching. Its form is as follows:

```
ON expression GOTO line number list
```

After the value of the expression is truncated to an integer in the range 0-255, say I, the statement causes BASIC to branch to the line whose number is Ith in the list. If I=0 or is greater than the number of lines in the list, execution will continue at the next line after the ON...GOTO statement. If I is less than 0 or greater than 255, a CF error will result. For example, the following sequence of IF statements can be replaced by a single ON...GOTO statement. Thus;

```
100 IF X=1 THEN 1000
110 IF X=2 THEN 2000
120 IF X=3 THEN 3000
130 IF X=4 THEN 4000
140 IF X=6 THEN 6000
150 Y=10
```

can be replaced by:

```
100 ON X GOTO 1000, 2000, 3000, 4000, 150, 6000
150 Y=10
```

Note that there was no IF statement for X=5, so in the ON...GOTO statement the corresponding line number is 150, which is the next line.

Subroutines may be called conditionally by use of the ON...GOSUB statement. Its form is as follows:

```
ON expression GOSUB line number list
```

The execution is the same as ON...GOTO except that the line numbers are those of the first lines of subroutines. Execution continues at the next statement after the ON...GOSUB upon return from one of the subroutines.

Note that ON...GOTO and ON...GOSUB statements do not have to be the last executable statements on a line.

## 6. ARRAYS

### 6.1 Introduction to Arrays

Arrays or subscripted variables are most frequently used for storing lists of information in a program using a single name to refer to the list as a whole and using subscripts to refer to individual items. For example, consider the following list of 12 numbers corresponding to the number of days in each month in a non-leap year:

31, 28, 31, 30, 31, 30, 31, 31, 30, 31, 30, 31

The notion of subscripts follows naturally. For instance, the 5th item in the list corresponds to the number of days in May. Using an array (list) of size 12, named M, to refer to all the entries in the list as a whole, the fifth item of M can be simply denoted as M(5). Similarly, the number of days in February is denoted by M(2). If the number of days in the Ith month is desired, then M(I) contains that value.

In the following example, the data values are read into an array which is dimensioned to size 12 in line 10. (See Section 6.4)

```
10 DIM M(12)
20 FOR I=1 TO 12: READ M(I): NEXT I
30 DATA 31, 28, 31, 30, 31, 30, 31, 31, 30, 31, 30, 31
35 REM PRINT THE NUMBER OF THE MONTH AND DAYS IN EACH MONTH
36 REM ADD UP THE NUMBER OF DAYS IN THE MONTHS
40 D=0
50 FOR I=1 TO 12
60 PRINT I, M(I)
70 D=D+M(I)
80 NEXT I
90 PRINT "TOTAL DAYS =", D
```

The resulting output from this program is:

```
.RUN
 1      31
 2      28
 3      31
 4      30
 5      31
 6      30
 7      31
 8      31
 9      30
10      31
11      30
12      31
TOTAL DAYS =      365
```

If the above program were expanded past line 90 the values in M would be accessible at any point during the execution of the program unless they were changed by an assignment or input statement.

## 6.2 Subscripted Variables

The name of a subscripted variable is any acceptable BASIC variable name followed by one or more integer expressions in parentheses within the range 0 - 32767. Subscripted variable names follow the same naming conventions as simple variables with the first 2 characters being significant. For example, a list might be described as A(I), where I goes from 0 to 5 as shown below:

A(0),A(1),A(2),A(3),A(4),A(5)

This allows reference to each of the six elements in the list, and can be considered a one dimensional algebraic matrix as follows:

A(0)  
A(1)  
A(2)  
A(3)  
A(4)  
A(5)

A two-dimensional matrix B (I,J) can be defined in a similar manner:

B(0,0),B(0,1),B(0,2),...,B(0,J),...B(I,J)

and graphically illustrated as follows:

B(0,0)	B(0,1)	...	B(0,J)
B(1,0)	B(1,1)	...	B(1,J)
:	:		:
:	:		:
:	:		:
B(I,0)	B(I,1)	...	B(I,J)

Higher dimensional arrays can also be formed. The upper limit is determined by the size of the input buffer giving a practical limit of 40.

Subscripts used with subscripted variables throughout a program can be explicitly stated or they can be any legal expression. If the value of the expression is non-integer, the value is truncated so that the subscript is an integer.

It is possible to use the same variable name as both a subscripted and unsubscripted variable. Both A and A(I) are valid variables and can be used in the same program. The variable A has no relationship to any element of the matrix A(I). Subscripted arrays of character strings may also be defined, and their variable names are distinct. A\$(I) bears no relation to A(I) or A.



A dimension (DIM) statement is used with subscripted variables to define the maximum number of elements in a matrix.

If a subscripted variable is used without appearing in a DIM statement, it is assumed to be dimensioned to length 10 in each dimension (that is, having eleven elements in each dimension, 0 through 10). However, all matrices should be correctly dimensioned in a program.

### 6.3 Subscripted String Variables

Any list or matrix variable name followed by the \$ character denotes the string form of that variable. For example:

V\$(n)	M2\$(n)
C\$(m,n)	G1\$(m,n)

where m and n indicate the position of the matrix element within the whole.

The same name can be used as a numeric variable and as a string variable in the same program with no restriction. Simple variables and dimensioned variables can also have the same name. For example:

A	A(n)
A\$	A\$(m,n)

can all be used in the same program; however, A(n,m) could not be used, because it redefines the size of A(n).

String lists and matrices are defined with the DIM statement as are numerical lists and matrices.

### 6.4 The DIM Statement

The DIM statement is used to define the maximum number of elements in a matrix. The DIM statement is of the form:

DIM variable(n), variable(n,m), variable\$(n), variable\$(n,m)

where variables specified are indicated with their maximum subscript value(s). For example:

```
10 DIM X(5),Y(4,2), A(10,10)
12 DIM A4(100), A$(25)
```

Arrays can be dynamically dimensioned by using numeric expressions instead of integer constants to define the size of an array. Any number of matrices can be defined in a single DIM statement as long as they are separated by commas.

The first element of every matrix is automatically assumed to have a subscript of zero. Dimensioning A(6,10) sets up room for a matrix with 7 rows and 11 columns. This zero element is illustrated in the following program:

```

10 REM MATRIX CHECK PROGRAM
20 DIM A(6,4)
30 FOR I=0 TO 6
40 A(I,0) = I
50 FOR J=0 TO 4
60 A(0,J) =J
70 PRINT A(I,J);
80 NEXT J:PRINT:NEXT I
90 END
RUN
  0 1 2 3 4
  1 0 0 0 0
  2 0 0 0 0
  3 0 0 0 0
  4 0 0 0 0
  5 0 0 0 0
  6 0 0 0 0

```

Notice that a variable has a value of zero until it is assigned another value.

Whenever an array is dimensioned (m,n), the matrix is allocated with (m+1,n+1) elements. Memory space can be conserved by using the 0th element of the matrix. For example, DIM A(5,9) dimensions a 6 \* 10 matrix which would then be referenced beginning with the A(0,0) element.

The size and number of matrices which can be defined depend upon the amount of storage space available.

A DIM statement can be placed anywhere in a multiple statement line and can appear anywhere in the program. A matrix can only be dimensioned once. DIM statements must appear prior to the first reference to an array. DIM statements are generally among the first statements of a program to allow them to be easily found if any alterations are later required.

All arrays specified in DIM statements are allocated space when the DIM statement is executed. All other arrays are declared at the first reference executed.

## 7. FURTHER SOPHISTICATION

### 7.1 Formatting the Printout

Often, the purpose of a program will require that results be printed out in a particular format, rather than simply in a list or line at the end of a program run. BASIC provides certain facilities for use in formatting the printout, so that the desired result can be achieved.

When a comma separates a text string from another PRINT list item, the item is printed at the beginning of the next available print zone. Semicolons separating text strings from other items are ignored. The screen is divided into 8 print zones of 8 characters each. A comma or semicolon appearing as the last item of a PRINT list always suppresses the carriage return/line feed operation. BASIC does an automatic carriage return/line feed if a string is printed past column 64. Examples of the use of comma include:

```
10 A=3
20 B=2
30 PRINT A,B,A+B,A*B,A-B,B-A
```

When the preceding lines are executed, the computer will print:

```
3      , 2      5      6      1      -1
```

Notice that each character is eight spaces from the next character. Two commas together in a PRINT statement cause a print zone to be skipped, as in:

```
10 A=1
20 B=2
30 PRINT A,B,,A+B
RUN
1      2      3

READY
```

If the last item in a PRINT statement is followed by a comma, no carriage return/linefeed is output, and the next value to be printed (by a later PRINT statement) appears in the next available print zone. For example:

```

10 A=1:B=2:C=3
20 PRINT A, :PRINT B: PRINT C
RUN
1      2
3
READY

```

If a tighter packing of printed values is desired, the semicolon can be used in place of the comma. A semicolon causes no spaces to be output other than the leading space automatically output with each non-negative number. A comma causes the cursor to move at least one space to the next print zone or perform a carriage return/line feed if the string prints past column 64. The following example shows the effects of the semicolon and comma.

```

10 A=1:B=2:C=3
20 PRINT A;B;C;
30 PRINT A+1;B+1;C+1
40 PRINT A,B,C
RUN
1 2 3 2 3 4
1      2      3
READY

```

The following example demonstrates the use of the formatting characters , and ; with text strings:

```

120 PRINT "STUDENT"X; " GRADE ="G;" AVG. ="A;
130 PRINT " NO. IN CLASS ="N

```

Assuming that calculations had been done prior to these lines, the following would result:

```

STUDENT 119050 GRADE = 87 AVG. = 85.44 NO. IN CLASS = 26

```

#### 7.1.1 The Tabulator Function; TAB(x)

The TAB function is used in a PRINT statement to write spaces to the specified column on the output device. The columns on the screen are numbered 1 to 64. The form of the command is:

```

PRINT TAB(x)

```

where (x) is the column number in the range 0 - 255. (If x exceeds 64, however, every other consecutive line is tabbed until the number of specified spaces are printed. If (x) is greater than 255 or negative, an error message is printed as follows:

```

CF ERROR
READY

```

If (x) is non-integer, only the integer portion of the number is used. If the column number (x) specified is less than or equal to the current column number, the TAB function has no effect.

### 7.1.2 The Space Function; SPC(x)

The SPC function can be used in much the same fashion as TAB in PRINT statements. This function prints the number of spaces indicated by (x) which must be in the range 0-255; otherwise a CF error results.

Note that if either a TAB(x) or SPC(x) is the last item in a print list the carriage return/line feed is suppressed.

### 7.2 Immediate Mode and Debugging

Immediate mode operation is especially useful for program debugging (error removal), and performing simple calculations in situations which do not occur with sufficient frequency or with sufficient complication to justify writing a program.

In order to facilitate debugging a program, END statements can be liberally placed throughout the program. Each END statement causes the program to halt, at which time the various data values can be examined and perhaps changed in immediate mode. The command:

```
GOTO xxxxx
```

is used to continue program execution (where xxxxx is the number of the next program line to be executed). GOSUB and IF commands can also be used. The values assigned to the variables when the RUN command is executed remain intact until a CLEAR statement or another RUN command is executed.

When using immediate mode, nearly all of the standard statements can be used to generate or print results.

If LINEFEED is used to halt program execution, the GOTO xxxx or CONT command can be used to continue execution. Since CTRL/J or LINEFEED does print the number of the line where execution stopped, it is easy to know where to resume the program. Note that if a BASIC program statement is entered or altered, it is not possible to continue execution.

#### 7.2.1 Restrictions on Immediate Mode

The INPUT and DEF statements cannot be used in immediate mode and such use results in the following error message:

```
ID ERROR  
READY
```

Certain other commands, while not illegal, make no logical sense when used in immediate mode. Commands in this category are DIM and DATA.

Although the standard mathematical functions are permissible, user functions are not defined until the program is executed, and therefore any references to user defined functions in immediate mode cause an error unless the program containing the definition was previously executed.

Thus, the following dialogue might result if a function were defined in a user program and then referenced in immediate mode.

```
10 DEF FNA(X) = X^2 + 2*X:REM SAVED STATEMENT
PRINT FNA(1):REM IMMEDIATE MODE
```

```
UF ERROR
READY
```

but if the sequence of statements were:

```
10 DEF FNA(X) = X^2+2*X:REM SAVED STATEMENT
RUN
```

```
READY
```

```
PRINT FNA(1)
3
```

```
READY
```

the immediate mode statement would be executed.

### 7.3 Machine Level Interfaces with DISK BASIC

DISK BASIC has several features that allow the user access to the machine level input/output of the microprocessor. By using the WAIT and OUT statements and the INP function, various input/output operations can be performed. Other machine dependent features allow access to the memory and assembly language subprograms. (See Appendices D.1 and D.2 for Key Memory Locations and Port Assignments.)

#### 7.3.1 The WAIT Statement

The status of memory ports can be monitored by the WAIT statement which has the following forms:

```
WAIT I,J
WAIT I,J,K
```

where I is the number of the port being monitored, and J and K are integer expressions. The port status is exclusive OR'ed with K if present and the result is AND'ed with J. Execution is suspended until a non-zero value results. In other words, J picks the bits of port I to be tested and execution resumes at the next statement after the WAIT. If K is omitted, it is assumed to be zero. I, J, and K must be in the range 0 to 255; otherwise, a CF error results.

### 7.3.2 The OUT Statement

The form of the OUT statement is as follows:

OUT I,J

where I and J are integer expressions in the range 0 to 255. OUT sends the 8 bit quantity (byte) signified by J to output port I.

WARNING: If bytes are output to ports on the SMC 5027 CRT chip, serious damage can result to the COMPUCOLOR II. (See Appendix D.2)

### 7.3.3 The Input Function; INP(x)

The INP function is the counterpart of the OUT statement. Its form is as follows:

X = INP(I)

INP reads a byte (8 bit quantity) from port I where I is an integer expression in the range 0 to 255.

### 7.3.4 The Peek Function; PEEK(x)

The PEEK Function is called as follows:

J = PEEK(I)

where J is the integer value returned in the range 0-255 that is to be stored in the memory location specified by the integer expression I. The range of I is -32768 to 65535. If I is negative, then the address is 65536+I; and if I is positive, the address is I.

### 7.3.5 The POKE Statement

The form of the POKE statement is as follows:

POKE I,J

where J is an integer expression in the range 0 to 255 that is to be stored in the memory location specified by the integer expression I. The range of I is -32768 to 65535. If I is negative, then the address is 65536+I; and if I is positive, the address is I.

### 7.3.6 The User Call Function; CALL(x)

The CALL function is used for interfacing with 8080 machine language subroutines. The function can be used in the same manner as the other mathematical functions. The form is as follows:

Y = CALL(x)

where the assignment x must be in the range -32768 to 65535. The value Y returned is in the range -32768 to 32767.

The CALL function converts the argument into a 2 byte integer and stores the result in the 8080's D and E registers (D contains the high byte, E the low byte.) The BASIC interpreter then executes an 8080 CALL instruction to location 33282 (8202 HEX), which, unless modified by the user, contains a jump to the CF ERROR message routine. The user must modify the locations 33282 through 33284 so that they contain a JMP to the desired machine language routine. Upon return, the 2 byte integer in the D,E registers is converted back into floating point format. The stack level must be preserved at the same point at which the user entered the CALL, and the H and L registers must be preserved. All other 8080 registers can be modified.

For example, consider the following assembly language subroutine which negates the contents of the D and E registers.

```

                ORG     08202H ;33282
                JMP     NEGATE

                ORG     09FF0H ;40944
NEGATE: MOV     A,D       ;COMPLEMENT
                CMA     ;HIGH
                MOV     D,A ;BYTE
                MOV     A,E ;COMPLEMENT
                CMA     ;LOW
                MOV     E,A ;BYTE
                INX     D   ;INCREMENT AND FORM 2'S COMPLEMENT
                RET      ;RETURN - HL UNCHANGED

```

This subroutine could be assembled using the COMPUCOLOR II Assembler or "hand" assembled and entered using the POKE statement in BASIC.

To enter this subroutine in BASIC, the user must first hit CPU RESET then re-enter BASIC by using the ESCAPE W sequence. The number 8176 must be entered in response to the MAXIMUM RAM AVAILABLE prompt. This leaves 16 bytes free for the machine language subroutine. The following program loads the machine language subroutine and demonstrates the CALL function.

```

5  REM CHANGE JUMP ADDRESS AT 8203-4 HEX, 8202H CONTAINS JUMP
10 POKE 33283, 240 : POKE 33284, 159
15 REM PROGRAM BYTES AT 9FF0 HEX
20 DATA 122, 47, 87, 123, 47, 95, 19, 201
30 FOR AD = 40944 TO 40951
40 READ VL: POKE AD, VL
50 NEXT AD
100 INPUT "ENTER X ";X : Y=CALL(X)
110 PRINT "-X = ";Y : GOTO 100

```

#### 7.4 String Space Allocation

Understanding how the string space is used is important in deciding how much string space is necessary for the execution of a program. First, all strings entered in immediate mode or by the INPUT statement (see Section 4.1) are allocated in the string space because the input line buffer can be modified by subsequent inputs.



String functions and the string concatenation operator "+" always return their results in the string space. Assigning a string a constant value in a program through a READ or assignment statement does not use any string space since the string value is part of the program itself. In general, copying is done when a string value is in the input line buffer, or it is in the string space and there is an active reference to it by a string variable. Thus, A\$ = B\$ will cause copying if B\$ has its string data in the string space. The assignment A\$ = STR\$(105) (see Section 5.3 for STR\$) will use four bytes of string space to store the new four character string, "105", created by the STR\$ function, but the assignment itself does not cause copying since the only reference to the new string was created as a temporary reference by the formula evaluator. The temporary references disappear when the assignment is done. The copying is done in this manner because the string garbage collection does not allow two references to the same area in the string space.

## 8. DISK FEATURES

### 8.1 Loading and Saving Programs

Programs and data can be loaded and saved on the COMPUCOLOR II so that they can be stored and used, edited, or updated in the future. The general forms of the LOAD and SAVE statements are:

```
LOAD string expression
SAVE string expression
```

where the string can be a string variable such as A\$ or a quoted literal string such as "NAME". There are three FILE types that can be loaded and saved. They are BASIC source (BAS), numeric ARRAYS (ARY), and memory DATA (DAT). If no file type is specified, then the default type is BAS. The BAS file type can be in the form as shown below. Each of the following examples will save the same BASIC source.

```
SAVE "TEST" :REM SAVES BASIC SOURCE WITH NAME TEST ON DISK
SAVE "TEST.BAS"
SAVE "TEST.BAS;1"
SAVE A$: REM WHERE A$ IS A STRING VARIABLE
SAVE "CD1:" + A$: REM WHERE "CD1:" SPECIFIES OPTIONAL DISK
```

Each of the following examples will cause a BASIC source program to be loaded.

```
LOAD "TEST:REM LOADS A BASIC SOURCE PROGRAM BY NAMING OF TEST
LOAD "TEST": PROGRAMS ARE SAVED ON THE COMPUCOLOR DISK
LOAD "TEST.BAS"
LOAD "TEST.BAS;1"
LOAD "CD1:" + A$: REM WHERE "CD1:" SPECIFIES THE SECOND DISK
LOAD A$:REM WHERE A$ IS A STRING VARIABLE
```

The ARY file type can be in the same form as BAS except that ARY must be in the string after the file name. Also the file name must be a dimensioned or previously used array by the same first two letters of the file name. If a one letter variable name is used, then the file name must be that letter only.

```
10 DIM ST (100,10),T(3),TT(11,15,38)
20 SAVE "STEST.ARY"
30 SAVE "T.ARY;1"
40 END
```

The above program will save the numbered arrays ST and T. The following program will cause a (100,10) array to be loaded even though it was originally set at 1200, since 1200 > 101 \* 11.

```
10 DIM ST (1200)
20 LOAD "STEST.ARY": REM DIM ST (100,10)
30 END
```

The DAT file type can be in the same form as ARY. It will look at the two-byte integer stored in locations 32940 and 32941 (32940 low byte and 32941 high byte) as a pointer to memory. It adds 1 to this pointer and takes the next two bytes in memory as the number of bytes to be loaded into memory or saved on disk. The locations 32940 and 32941 specify the end of BASIC memory space, so all memory above that location can be used to save data via BASIC using the POKE command. Also note that only one DAT file may be read in at any one time without changing the pointers at 32940 and 32941.

Note that it is recommended that programs use the random file capability of DISK BASIC instead of loading and saving DAT files.

### 8.1.1 Program Chaining

A series of different programs can be executed as a single program by using a technique commonly known as program chaining. In DISK BASIC, two types of program chaining are possible. The first and easiest method uses the LOAD statement in combination with the RUN command as follows:

```
LOAD"PROGRM":RUN
```

Executing this statement in either a program or immediate mode causes the specified BASIC program to be loaded and executed. The RUN command clears all the variables from the previous program. A line number can optionally be specified on the RUN command.

The second method used the LOAD statement in combination with the GOTO statement as follows:

```
LOAD"PROGRM":GOTO line number
```

Executing this statement in a program causes the specified program to be loaded and executed starting at the specified line number in the GOTO command. This method does not clear the variables from the previous program; however, two restrictions must be satisfied to ensure proper execution of the program. First, the program with the largest source in the chain must be loaded and executed first. Second, string variables whose data values were part of the program source will contain incorrect references when subsequent program is listed because the program source will not be the same as the previous program. If these restrictions are satisfied, then the series of programs should execute properly. Clearly, this second method of program chaining is the least desirable because of the possible difficulties. See Section 7.4 for a description of how strings are allocated before using this method.

## 8.2 Using the File Control System Through BASIC

The PRINT STRING command preceded by PLOT 27 and PLOT 4 or PLOT 68 (ESC,D for FCS DISK) will enable the user to exercise all of the FCS disk commands through BASIC. Therefore, every command available to the File Control System is also available to BASIC, by letting the string become the FCS command. The following examples show how to retrieve a disk directory through BASIC.

```
10 PLOT 27,4
20 PRINT "DIR"
40 END
```

or

```
10 PLOT 27:PRINT"DDIR"
```

or

```
10 PLOT 27:PLOT 68:PRINT A$:REM WHERE A$ IS A
20 REM STRING VARIABLE EQUAL TO DIR.
```

If the directory of the disk were as follows:

```
TEST.ARY;01
TEST.ARY;02
```

then the BASIC program below would delete version 1 of the TEST.ARY file, rename version 2 to version 1, update the array, and save it as version 2 so it can be used again.

```
5 DIM TEST(1000)
10 LOAD "TEST.ARY;2"
20 PLOT 27:PLOT 4:REM SELECT FCS MODE
30 PRINT "DELETE TEST.ARY;1"
50 PRINT "RENAME TEST.ARY;2 TO TEST.ARY1"
60 PLOT 27:PLOT 27:REM SELECT VISIBLE CURSOR MODE
80 :REM UPDATE TEST ARRAY
90 SAVE "TEST.ARY"
```

All string functions that are available to BASIC can be used in the PRINT statement containing the FCS command.

To escape from the File Control System and return to one of the other CRT modes, an escape sequence must be given; such as ESC,ESC for visible CRT cursor mode. The FCS responds only to printing ASCII characters and the following control codes:

```
11 ERASE LINE
13 CARRIAGE RETURN
26 CURSOR LEFT
27 ESCAPE
```

All other control codes will cause an FCS error if they appear in a string. A complete description of the FCS commands appears in Chapter 10 and Appendix B.1.

### 8.3 Introduction to Random Files

COMPUCOLOR DISK BASIC has three statements which implement a powerful random access file capability. The FILE statement performs various functions including creating, opening and closing random files. The GET and PUT statements read, write, and update records in a random file.

Random files are organized into physical blocks containing a fixed number of fixed length records. If a physical block is not a multiple of 128, then the excess length up to the next multiple of 128 is not used. The blocking factor and record size of a file can be changed to allow different types of access. For example, a 100 record file of 80 byte records with a blocking factor of 3 will use only the first 240 bytes of 256 available in 2 disk sectors. The last 16 bytes are unused. Logical records do not cross physical block boundaries. Thus, for the 100 record file  $2 \times 34 = 68$  sectors are needed. In this case a 102 record file could have been allocated in the same amount of disk space.

There can be up to 127 random files open simultaneously subject to memory limitations. Memory space for files is allocated dynamically from the user's workspace. Each file can contain from 1 to 32767 records and the record size range is 1 to 32767 bytes. The record size must be small enough to fit into the user's workspace giving a practical maximum of 30000 bytes.

### 8.4 The FILE Statement

The basic form of the FILE statement is:

FILE "string expression", extra information

The FILE statement is a versatile statement that has the ability to perform a number of functions. The first character of the string expression determines what the FILE statement will do. The following sections describe the FILE statement's uses and functions.

#### 8.4.1 Random File Creation

The Random File Creation statement is of the form:

FILE "N", filename, records, record size, blocking factor

where 'filename' is a string expression containing a valid FCS filename; 'records' is the number of logical records (1-32767); 'record size' is the size in bytes of logical records (1-32767); and 'blocking factor' is the number of logical records per physical block (1-255).

The specified file must not exist. If no version number is specified, then FCS will choose the next larger version number. The user is responsible for choosing proper values of the parameters. Any of the file specifications can be overridden when the file is opened with the FILE "R" statement. For example:

FILE "N", "CHECKS", 200, 32, 8

creates a file containing 200 32-byte records with 8 records per block.

#### 8.4.2 Random File Open

The form of the Random File Open statement is:

```
FILE "R",file,name,buffers<;records,rec size,blocking factor>
```

where 'file' is the logical number of the file (1-127), 'name' is a string expression containing a valid FCS filename, and 'buffers' is the number of buffers in memory (1-255).

The items between the angle brackets are optional and redefine the file size. The elements are: 'records', which is the number of logical records (1-32767); 'rec size', which is the size in bytes of logical records (1-32767); and 'blocking factor', which is the number of logical records per physical block (1-255).

The specified file must already exist. It is possible to open any type of file, but they are best created with the FILE "N" statement. Files not created in BASIC can be accessed by overriding the number of records, the record size, and the blocking factor, but the directory will not contain valid information about the number of records, record size, or blocking factor. For example:

```
FILE "R",1,"CHECKS", 2
```

opens the file "CHECKS.RND" and allocates enough buffer space for 2 physical blocks or 16 records.

#### 8.4.3 Random File Close

The Random File Close statement is of the form:

```
FILE "C", file 1 <,....,file N>
```

where 'file' is the number of the file to be closed. The items between the angle brackets are optional, and merely describe the format for closing more than one file at a time.

Each file that has been opened must be closed to ensure that the buffers in memory are written to the disk if they have been modified. Closing a file frees up its buffer space in memory. For example:

```
FILE "C", 1
```

closes file 1.

#### 8.4.4 Dump File Buffers

The form of the Dump File Buffers statement is:

```
FILE "D", file 1 <,...,file N>
```

where 'file' is the number of the file (1-127); and the optional items between the angle brackets are other files that can be included in the same statement.

This statement writes any modified buffers to the disk for the specified files. It can be used to ensure that modifications to a file are recorded immediately. It is similar to FILE "C" except that the buffer space is not freed up and the file remains open. For example:

```
FILE "D",4,6
```

writes any modified buffers back to the disk for files 4 and 6.

#### 8.4.5 File Attributes

The form of the File Attributes statement is:

```
FILE "A",file,cur record <,records,rec size,blocking factor>
```

where 'file' is the number of the file (1-127); and 'cur record' is the variable that is assigned the most recently accessed record number. The items between the angle brackets are optional and include 'records', which is the variable that is assigned the number of records in the file; 'rec size', which is the variable that is assigned the record size in bytes; and 'blocking factor', which is the number of logical records per physical block (1-255).

This statement is used when the file size and other attributes of a file are unknown. For example, the attributes of file 1 may be determined as follows:

```
FILE "A", 1, CR, NR, RS, BF
```

#### 8.4.6 File Error Trapping

The form of the File Error Trapping statement is:

```
FILE "T" <,line number>
```

where the optional line number is a line number in the range 0 to 65529.

If the file "T" statement is executed with the line number specified, then when a disk error occurs it will be trapped and execution will continue at the specified line number. All information about nested GOSUB's and FOR-NEXT loops will be lost. In most cases this will not be a problem. In the other cases, assuming good programming practices, the disk error will probably be a hardware failure which requires some type of special recovery procedure. If the line number is not specified, then the error trapping facility will be disabled. For example:

```
FILE "T",32000
```

causes the program to go to line 32000 whenever a disk error occurs.

#### 8.4.7 File Error Determination

The form of the File Error Determination statement is:

```
FILE "E", file, error, line number
```

where 'file' is the file number at the time of the error (this number may be incorrect for bad file name errors and errors within the FILE "N" statement); 'error' is the disk error number (for explanations see Appendix A.6); and 'line number' is the line number in which the error occurred.

This statement lets the user determine what type of disk error occurred. It is used in conjunction with the FILE "T" statement. For example:

```
FILE "E", FL, ER, LN
```

returns the file, error, and line number of the current random file error.

#### 8.5 The GET Statement

The GET statement is of the form:

```
GET file <,record <,first>> ; variable list
```

where 'file' is the logical file number (1-127); and the 'variable list' contains one or more of the following entries:

numeric variable - reads 4 bytes into the numeric variable;  
string variable [byte count] - reads the specified number of bytes into the string variable. The byte count range is 1 to 255.

The items between the angle brackets are optional and include 'record', which is the record number to be read (if 0 or omitted, then the record number is 1 greater than that used for the last access to the file); and 'first', which is the first byte of the record to be read (1-record size). If no value is given for 'first', then first defaults to 1.



The GET statement allows a file to be randomly accessed. By using the first field, different parts of the record can be immediately accessed. For example:

```
GET 1,R;ACCOUNT,AMOUNT,DATE,PAYEE$(20)
```

will read ACCOUNT, AMOUNT, and DATE as numeric entries, and PAYEE as a 20 byte string.

## 8.6 The PUT Statement

The PUT statement is of the form:

```
PUT file <,record <,first>> ; expression list
```

where 'file' is the logical file number (1-127); and the 'expression list' contains 1 or more of the following entries:

numeric expression - writes 4 bytes containing the value of the expression;  
string expression [byte count] - writes the specified number of bytes. The value of the string expression is truncated or blank filled on the right. The byte count range is 1-255.

Items between the angle brackets are optional and include: 'record', which is the record number to be written or updated (if 0 or omitted, then the record number is 1 greater than that used for the last access to the file); and 'first', which is the first byte of record to be written (1-record size). If no value is given, then first defaults to 1.

The PUT statement allows random records to be written or updated. For example:

```
PUT,1,R,13; "MORTGAGE COMPANY"[20]
```

updates 20 bytes of record R starting at the 13th byte.

## 8.7 Improving File Access

The random files in DISK BASIC are oriented towards fast random reads and updates. Sequential file input and output can easily be simulated; however, there is a time penalty for sequential output because the PUT statement updates information on a record. The file accessing time in a program can often be greatly reduced if the program takes advantage of the flexibility offered.

The file accessing scheme in DISK BASIC is different from the random accessing scheme commonly used in most microcomputers. When a

record is accessed that is not present in one of the buffers in memory, the physical block containing the logical record is read into memory in an unused buffer or, if all buffers are in use, the least recently used (LRU) buffer. If the most recently used buffer has been modified, it is rewritten to disk before the next block is read into the buffer. This type of a buffer management scheme is very similar to the LRU virtual memory paging schemes used on large computers.

The first method of improving file access is increasing the number of file buffers allocated in the FILE "R" statement. Changing this number from 1 to a larger number does not alter the results of execution; it only alters the number of times the disk has to be physically accessed. The difference in time can be quite substantial. However, for sequential access or random access which uniformly accesses all parts of a large file there is little advantage to be gained by increasing the number of buffers beyond 1.

The second method of improving file access is varying the record size and blocking factor of a file. Ideally, the record size should be a power of 2. By choosing an appropriate blocking factor the block size will be a multiple of 128. For example, a 32 byte record can be blocked 4, 8, or 12, giving block sizes of 128, 256, or 384 bytes, respectively. For sequential access a blocking factor of 1 allocates 1 record to a physical block. Thus, to read records sequentially, 1 physical access and disk read is necessary for each record. With a blocking factor of 8, physical disk access is only necessary for every 8 records read, which is 1/8 as many disk accesses as necessitated by a blocking factor of 1.

If the record sizes are not a power of two, the blocking factor should be chosen carefully. For example, with 80 byte records a blocking factor of 1 will waste 48 bytes of disk space for each record because the 80 byte record is contained in a 128 byte disk sector. By using a blocking factor of 3, only 16 bytes ( $256 - 3 \times 80$ ) will be wasted for every 2 128 byte sectors. Again, with a blocking factor of 8, 640 bytes are used with no wasted space because 5 disk sectors hold exactly 640 bytes. Whether or not to choose 1, 3, or 8 should be determined by the type of application for which the file is used. If the program is large and uses most of the workspace, either 1 or 3 would be best. If the program is small, allocating 678 ( $3 \times 4 + 640$ ) bytes may be quite acceptable and improve the speed of the program. Choosing the best values for the number of buffers, record size, and blocking factor is often difficult. The user is following a reasonable guideline if he allocates 1 buffer for sequential files with a larger blocking factor and more buffers with smaller blocking factors for random files. For often used applications a little experimentation and fine tuning of the parameters can improve the disk access time.

## 8.8 Storage Requirements

When random files are used, they are allocated from the user's free workspace. The storage requirements in bytes are as follows:

error trapping - 10 bytes

open files -

$4+30+BUF*(4+128*INT((RECSIZ*BLKFAC+127)/128))$  bytes

where

BUF = the number of allocated physical block buffers,  
RECSIZ = the number of bytes per record,  
BLKFAC = the number of records per block.

Thus, opening a file with 80 byte records and a blocking factor of 3 and 1 buffer requires  $34 + 1 * (4+256) = 294$  bytes. With 4 buffers the requirement is  $34 + 4 * (4+256) = 1074$  bytes.

## 9. COLOR, GRAPHICS, AND OTHER TERMINAL FEATURES

### 9.1 The PLOT Statement

The PLOT Statement is used to output the 8 bit value of an expression to the screen. The form of the PLOT statement is as follows:

PLOT expression

or

PLOT expression,expression,...,expression

The expressions in the expression list must evaluate to a quantity in the range 0 to 255. Other values will cause a CF error.

For example, the following statement will cause the letters ABCDEF to be displayed on the screen.

```
PLOT 65,66,67,68,69,70
```

The PLOT statement is usually used to send control codes, escape codes, and other graphics information to the screen. For further examples, see the following sections in this chapter, and for information about CRT commands and ASCII codes, see Appendices C and E.

### 9.2 Color

The color displays that can be achieved on the COMPUCOLOR II are an important feature of the machine. The color controls are easy to operate and add a new dimension to traditional programming.

Both the foreground and background can be set to a desired color. The foreground can be made to blink, and in addition, characters may be either single or double height.

Color, blink and character size can each be set in one of two ways. The first method involves the use of the color and special keys. To set the background color, the BG ON key is pressed. Then the actual color is set by simultaneously striking the control and the letter key corresponding to the desired color. They are as follows:

BLACK:	P	BLUE:	T
RED:	Q	MAGENTA:	U
GREEN:	R	CYAN:	V
YELLOW:	S	WHITE:	W

On the deluxe and extended keyboards, the color keys are in a separate pad and are simply struck to select color.

The foreground can be set by depressing the FG ON key and selecting a color as for the background.

The BLINK ON key sets the blink in motion and the BL/A7 OFF key turns it off. The double-height characters can be set by the A7ON key and small characters are reset by the BL/A7 OFF key. Because this key controls both blink and character height, if the user wishes to turn the blink off while using the larger characters, and continue typing in large characters, the BL/A7 OFF key and the A7 ON key must be struck in immediate succession.

While these codes can be used in the CRT mode to test color combinations and display appearances, etc., the characters will only be accepted in BASIC if they are contained in quoted strings or REMARK statements. If not so contained, they will cause a syntax error (SN).

Color can be selected without being contained in a quoted string by the second method of setting color, blink and character height. This is done through the use of the PLOT statement, as shown below:

```
PLOT 29      (sets foreground color)
PLOT 30      (sets background color)
PLOT 31      (sets blink on)
PLOT 14      (sets large characters)
PLOT 15      (sets blink and large characters off)
```

The individual colors are selected by PLOT statements using the internal code of each color key, as shown below:

```
PLOT 16 (black)      PLOT 20 (blue)
PLOT 17 (red)        PLOT 21 (magenta)
PLOT 18 (green)     PLOT 22 (cyan)
PLOT 19 (yellow)    PLOT 23 (white)
```

Because blink off and standard character height are controlled by the same code, retaining double character height while turning off the blink will require PLOT 15 and PLOT 14 statements in immediate sequence. The PLOT commands can be used in a BASIC program to set the color of the screen output.

The PLOT character set, BLINK, BACKGROUND COLOR, and FOREGROUND COLOR can also be set by means of the PLOT 6 statement. The general form is as shown:

.PLOT 6,number

where number must be an integer between 0 and 255. This number is represented in binary digits up to eight bits long and arranged in a table as shown below. (Also shown in Appendix C.2)

A7	A6	A5	A4	A3	A2	A1	A0
PLOT	BLINK	BACKGROUND			FOREGROUND		
		BLUE	GREEN	RED	BLUE	GREEN	RED

The foreground and background colors are formed, as in a color television, by combinations of the blue, red, and green color guns. When the binary number is placed in the eight bit location, a 1 in any position turns that bit on. The formula for determining the desired number in decimal is:

$$\text{PLOT} * 128 + \text{BLINK} * 64 + \text{BACKGROUND} * 8 + \text{FOREGROUND}$$

The program below illustrates the various results that can be achieved with the PLOT 6 command.

```

10 PLOT 6,6:REM SET CYAN FOREGROUND AND BLACK BACKGROUND
20 PRINT "PLCT(0-1),BLINK(0-1),BCKGRD(0-7),FORGRD(0-7): ";
25 INPUT "";PL,BL,BG,FG
30 PLOT 6,PL*128+BL*64+BG*8+FG
40 REM 30 SETS THE COLOR INFORMATION YOU SELECTED
50 PRINT "THIS IS WHAT YOU SELECTED";:PLOT6,6:PRINT
60 REM RESET COLOR BEFORE LINEFEED
70 GOTO 20

```

### 9.3 Cursor Controls

The following plot commands position the cursor at a desired location on the screen:

PLOT 10	(moves the cursor 1 space down)
PLOT 25	(moves cursor one space to the right)
PLOT 28	(moves cursor one space up)
PLOT 26	(moves cursor one space to the left)
PLOT 8.	(HOME - moves cursor to position at topmost left of screen)
PLOT 9	(TAB - moves cursor to beginning of next print zone)
PLOT 3,X,Y	(CURSOR X,Y - moves cursor to position of given x,y coordinates)

The cursor can be moved off the screen by using PLOT 3,64,0. Page mode, which is entered from the keyboard via ESC X, writes characters left to right, and does not scroll the screen. From BASIC it is entered with a PLOT 27,24 statement.

Scroll mode, which is entered via ESC K, writes left to right and scrolls the screen for a continuous readout. It is entered in BASIC by PLOT 27,11.

Vertical mode, which is entered via ESC J writes top to bottom in one column only. It does not scroll the display. This mode can be reached through BASIC by the PLOT 27,12 statement.

ERASE PAGE sets the background color of the entire screen to the background color of the last character sent to the screen. From BASIC it is entered by PLOT 12.

The ERASE LINE key erases the line containing the cursor, setting the background color as indicated by the last character. The cursor is

sent to the beginning of the line. The cursor can be controlled in this way through BASIC by PLOT 11. The following program illustrates the use of some cursor controls.

```
10 DEF FNR(X) = INT (X*RND(1))
20 FOR I = 0 TO 3: READ D(I): NEXT I
30 DATA 10,25,28,26: REM CURSOR CONTROL VALUES
40 PLOT 6,0,12,27,24: REM ERASE PAGE AND SET PAGE MODE
50 PLOT 3, FNR(64), FNR(32): REM SELECT RANDOM STARTING POINT
60 FOR I = 1 TO 1000
70 PLOT 6, (FNR(7)+1)*8: REM SET VISIBLE BACKGROUND COLOR
80 PLOT 20,26: REM OUTPUT SPACE, THEN BACKSPACE
90 PLOT D(FNR(4)): REM OUTPUT A RANDOM DIRECTION
100 NEXT I
110 PLOT 6,2,8: REM SET COLOR AND RETURN HOME
120 END
```

#### 9.4 Vector Graphics

The vector graphics capability of the COMPUCOLOR II allows the user to draw almost any desired display. The vector graphics are enabled by entering the graphic plot mode by depressing CONTROL B (binary 2) from the keyboard or by executing PLOT 2 in BASIC. While in the graphic plot submode the user can choose from sixteen (16) plot submodes that perform a variety of graphic functions. The initial plot submode is the XY Point Plot mode. In this mode the user can turn on and off individual plot blocks on the screen. Other plot submodes can easily be entered by a binary code from 240 to 255.

An additional feature is available to allow a graphic plot to be erased by simply setting the FLAG bit on before entering the plot mode. This causes a logical XOR function to be used in setting the plot blocks. Thus, if the same point is plotted a second time, it is erased. Also, any plot submode may be entered from any other plot submode except Character Plot mode. The various submodes and their interactions are explained in detail below.

Colors may be defined on a character by character basis only and the color of an individual plot block as well as other intensified plot blocks within a character will be the most recent color defined when a new plot block within that character is turned on. To change color, it is necessary to exit the current plot submode, set the new color, and re-enter the plot mode.

The character grid on the screen is 64 characters wide and 32 characters high. The zero reference point for all plotting is the lower left hand corner of the screen. Each character is further subdivided into 8 plot blocks -- 2 blocks wide and 4 blocks high. This gives a 128 by 128 grid of plot blocks which may be individually set. All plot submodes operate on this grid size and have the same reference point (0,0). Positive directions are up and to the right, and negative directions are down and to the left.

All plot submodes and the general Plot Mode are terminated or exited by the binary code 255. When ever this code is issued, the plot mode is terminated and must be re-entered by issuing a CONTROL B or binary 2.

On the deluxe keyboards there are sixteen (16) special functions keys labelled F0 through F15. Using these keys the various plot submodes can be entered directly in the CRT mode (not in BASIC.) The F0 key produces a binary 240 code, F1 a 241, etc., up to the F15 key which produces a 255. In BASIC these plot submodes are entered by using the PLOT statement as described below.

Plot Mode Escape - (255 binary)

This code is used to exit from the Plot Mode or any of the plot submodes. On the deluxe keyboards the F15 function key performs a Plot Mode Escape.

Character Plot - (254 binary)

The Character Plot Submode is entered by a 254 after the general Plot Mode is entered. All subsequent characters issued are treated as plot characters except for 255 which is the Plot Mode Escape. Thus, other plot submodes can not be entered directly from this mode. The plot characters are constructed by ORing together the selected plot blocks to form the composite character as follows:

01 HEX	1 0	10 HEX	0 1
	0 0		0 0
	0 0		0 0
	0 0		0 0
02 HEX	0 0	20 HEX	0 0
	1 0		0 1
	0 0		0 0
	0 0		0 0
04 HEX	0 0	40 HEX	0 0
	0 0		0 0
	1 0		0 1
	0 0		0 0
08 HEX	0 0	80 HEX	0 0
	0 0		0 0
	0 0		0 0
	1 0		0 1

The Character Plot causes the the 6 wide by 8 high dot matrix to be divided into 8 blocks organized 2 blocks wide and 4 blocks high. Each block consists of a dot matrix 3 dots wide and 2 dots high. Each block corresponds to an individual bit of the 8 bit plot character. Large characters may also be formed by using the plot blocks in several character positions to create a large 5 by 7 matrix or any other desired size.



## X Point Plot - (binary 253)

The X Point Plot is automatically entered upon receipt of the general Plot Mode code, binary 2 or CONTROL B. It may also be entered directly from any of the other plot submodes. After entering the X Point Plot submode, the next byte received defines the X value of the block that is desired to be plotted. The X value may range from 0 to 127 and all other values will cause 128 to be subtracted from the value of X.

The X Point Plot may be terminated by the code 255 which also causes the the general Plot Mode to be terminated. Any of the other plot submodes may be entered directly from the X Point Plot by simply entering the appropriate plot submode codes from 240 to 255.

It should be noted that this plot submode does not cause a plot block to be intensified, it only defines the X value. Once the X value is received, the COMPUCOLOR II is automatically placed in the Y Point Plot mode. Thus, the next code sent will be the Y value which may range from 0 to 127.

The procedure for entering and exiting the X Point Plot mode is shown below:

Function	Code
Plot Mode	2
X1 Value	0 to 127
Y1 Value	0 to 127
.	.
.	.
.	.
Xn Value	0 to 127
Yn Value	0 to 127
Plot Escape	255
or	
Plot Submode	240 to 254

The X Point Plot in conjunction with the Y Point Plot allows any block on a 128 by 128 block matrix to be intensified. Thus, in BASIC the above sequence becomes:

```
PLOT 2,X1,Y1, ... ,XN,YN,255
```

The following statement will plot points at the screen's four corners:

```
PLOT 2, 0,0, 0,127, 127,127, 127,0, 255
```

## Y Point Plot - (binary 252)

The Y Point Plot is entered by a binary 252 code after the general Plot Mode is entered or automatically from the X Point Plot submode after the X value has been sent. The next byte received after entering the Y Point Plot submode defines the Y value of the block to be plotted and intensifies that block. If the new block is within a character position that contains an ASCII character, then the ASCII character is replaced completely by the new block and its associated color.

## XY Incremental Point Plot - (binary 251)

The XY Incremental Point Plot submode is entered by a binary 251 code while in the general Plot Mode. The next byte defines the next two (2) increments as shown below. This byte may take on values in the range 0 to 239 since the binary codes from 240 to 255 are used for the plot submodes.

b7	b6	b5	b4	b3	b2	b1	b0
[ X ]	[ Y ]	[ X ]	[ Y ]				
1	1	2	2				
Plot Block 1				Plot Block 2			

The 4 two bit codes are defined as follows:

0	No change
1	Negative increment
2	Positive increment
3	No change

If b0 through b3 are "0"s, then the plot block will not plot, but will still increment according to the coding of b4 through b7. This allows skipping a plot increment by plotting an "invisible" block. The XY Incremental Plot mode may be terminated by the Plot Mode Escape code 255.

The following sample program will do a random walk using the Incremental Point Plot mode.

```
10 DEF FNR(X)=INT(X*RND(1))
20 PLOT 12,6,6 : REM CLEAR SCREEN AND PLOT IN LIGHT BLUE
30 PLOT 2,63,63 : REM PLOT POINT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SCREEN
40 PLOT 251 : REM ENTER INCREMENTAL POINT PLOT MODE
50 FOR I=1 TO 1000
60 INC=FNR(3)*64+FNR(3)*16+FNR(3)*4+FNR(3)
70 REM USE ONLY THE FIRST THREE DIRECTION CODES
75 IF (INC AND 15)=0 THEN 60 :REM NO ALLOW INVISIBLE BLOCKS
80 PLOT INC
90 NEXT I
100 PLOT 255 : REM ESCAPE FROM PLOT MODE
110 END
```

## X Bar Graph, X0 Value - (250 binary)

The X Bar Graph, X0 Value plot submode is entered by a binary 250 code after the general Plot Mode is entered. It may also be entered directly from any of the other plot submodes except for Character Plot. After entering the X Bar Graph, X0 Value submode, the next byte defines the X0 value or the left horizontal start block of the horizontal bar graph. The X0 may range in value from 0 to 127 and all other values have 128 subtracted giving a new X0 value in the range 0 to 127.

Upon receiving the X0 value, the value of X0 is stored in memory and the COMPUCOLOR II is automatically placed in the X Bar Graph, Y

Value plot submode (249 binary.) After receiving the next byte as the Y value, the COMPUCOLOR II is automatically placed in the X Bar Graph, X Max Value plot submode (248 binary.) After receiving the X Max value the horizontal bar graph is drawn on the screen and the COMPUCOLOR II is placed back in the X Bar Graph, Y Value plot submode ready to receive new Y and X Max value pairs until a new plot submode is entered. Note that once an XO value is defined it is unnecessary to respecify it for each horizontal line in the bar graph. This process is shown in the following example.

Function	Code
Plot Mode	2
or	
Plot Submode	240 to 253
X Bar Graph, XO Value	250
XO value	0 to 127
Y value - line 1	0 to 127
X Max value - line 1	0 to 127
.	.
.	.
.	.
Y value - line n	0 to 127
X Max value - line n	0 to 127
Plot Escape	255
or	
Plot Submode	240 to 254

For example, from BASIC a horizontal bar graph plotting a sine function can be drawn as follows:

```

10 PLOT 6,6,12 :REM SET COLOR TO CYAN, AND CLEAR SCREEN
20 XO = 10 :REM SET XO VALUE.
30 PLOT 2,250,XO:REM ENTER X BAR GRAPH SUBMODE - SET XO
40 FOR Y=0 TO 127 STEP 2 :REM SET Y VALUES
50 PLOT Y,XO+50*(1+SIN(Y/10)) :REM SCALE SINE FUNCTION
60 NEXT Y
70 PLOT 255 :REM PLOT ESCAPE

```

As can be seen from the above examples, once in the X Bar Graph, XO mode, it is necessary only to define only two points for each new line in the bar graph. The bar graph is drawn after receiving the X Max value. Any of the other plot submodes can be entered directly from the three X Bar Graph submodes. Multiple colored bar graphs can be drawn by leaving plot mode, changing the color, and re-entering the X Bar Graph, Y Value submode (249 binary.) In this case the original XO value would be preserved. Lines drawn in this mode are one plot block wide; thicker lines can be drawn by changing the Y value by 1 and replotting it along with the same X Max value or using the X Incremental Bar Graph submode.

#### X Bar Graph, Y Value - (249 binary)

The X Bar Graph, Y Value plot submode is entered by a binary 249 code or automatically from the X Bar Graph, X0 Value plot submode. After entering this submode the next byte is used as the Y value of the next line in the bar graph to be plotted, and the COMPUCOLOR II is automatically placed into the X Bar Graph, X Max Value plot submode (248 binary.) Any of the other plot submodes can be entered directly from this submode. For more information on this submode see the description of the X Bar Graph, X0 Value submode (250 binary.)

#### X Bar Graph, X Max Value - (248 binary)

The X Bar Graph, X Max Value plot submode is entered by a binary 248 code or automatically from the X Bar Graph, Y Value plot submode. After entering this submode the next byte is used as the X Max value of the line in the bar graph. The line is plotted, and the COMPUCOLOR II is automatically placed into the X Bar Graph, Y Value plot submode (249 binary) which allows the next line in the bar graph to be defined and drawn. Any of the other plot submodes can be entered directly from this submode. For more information on this submode see the description of the X Bar Graph, X0 value submode (250 binary.)

#### X Incremental Bar Graph - (247 binary)

The X Incremental Bar Graph plot submode is entered by a binary 247 code. After entering this submode the next byte defines the next two horizontal and vertical increments for two horizontal bar graphs. Thus, it is possible to position a bar graph on either side of the present location by adding or subtracting an increment to the bar graph previously defined. The coding and composition of the incremental direction code is the same as that defined in the XY Incremental Point Plot submode (251 binary.) Any of the other plot submodes can be entered directly from this submode.

#### Y Bar Graph, Y0 Value - (246 binary)

The Y Bar Graph, Y0 Value plot submode is entered by a binary 246 code after the general Plot Mode is entered. It may also be entered directly from any of the other plot submodes except for Character Plot. After entering the Y Bar Graph, Y0 Value submode, the next byte defines the Y0 value or the left vertical start block of the vertical bar graph. The Y0 may range in value from 0 to 127 and all other values have 128 subtracted giving a new Y0 value in the range 0 to 127.

Upon receiving the Y0 value, the value of Y0 is stored in memory and the COMPUCOLOR II is automatically placed in the Y Bar Graph, X Value plot submode (245 binary.) After receiving the next byte as the

X value, the COMPUCOLOR II is automatically placed in the Y Bar Graph, Y Max Value plot submode (244 binary.) After receiving the Y Max value the vertical bar graph is drawn on the screen and the COMPUCOLOR II is placed back in the Y Bar Graph, X Value plot submode ready to receive new X and Y Max value pairs until a new plot submode is entered. Note that once an YO value is defined it is unnecessary to respecify it for each vertical line in the bar graph. This process is shown in the following example.

Function	Code
Plot Mode	2
or	
Plot Submode	240 to 253
Y Bar Graph, YO Value	246
YO value	0 to 127
X value - line 1	0 to 127
Y Max value - line 1	0 to 127
.	.
.	.
.	.
X value - line n	0 to 127
Y Max value - line n	0 to 127
Plot Escape	255
or	
Plot Submode	240 to 254

For example, from BASIC a vertical bar graph plotting the area under a random function can be drawn as follows:

```

10 PLOT 6,6,12 :REM SET COLOR TO CYAN AND CLEAR SCREEN
20 YO = 10 :REM SET YO VALUE
30 PLOT 2,246,YO:REM ENTER Y BAR GRAPH SUBMODE - SET YO
40 FOR X=0 TO 127 :REM SET X VALUES
50 PLOT X,YO+100*RND(1) :REM SCALE RANDOM FUNCTION
60 NEXT X
70 PLOT 255 :REM PLOT ESCAPE

```

As can be seen from the above examples, once in the Y Bar Graph, YO mode, it is necessary only to define only two points for each new line in the bar graph. The bar graph is drawn after receiving the Y Max value. Any of the other plot submodes can be entered directly from the three Y Bar Graph submodes. Multiple colored bar graphs can be drawn by leaving plot mode, changing the color, and re-entering the Y Bar Graph, X Value submode (245 binary.) In this case the original YO value is preserved. Lines drawn in this mode are one plot block wide; thicker lines can be drawn by changing the X value by 1 and replotting it along with the same Y Max value or using the Y Incremental Bar Graph submode.

#### Y Bar Graph, X Value - (245 binary)

The Y Bar Graph, X Value plot submode is entered by a binary 245 code or automatically from the Y Bar Graph, Y0 Value plot submode. After entering this submode the next byte is used as the X value of the next line in the bar graph to be plotted, and the COMPUCOLOR II is automatically placed into the Y Bar Graph, Y Max Value plot submode (244 binary.) Any of the other plot submodes can be entered directly from this submode. For more information on this submode see the description of the Y Bar Graph, Y0 Value submode (246 binary.)

#### Y Bar Graph, Y Max Value - (244 binary)

The Y Bar Graph, Y Max Value plot submode is entered by a binary 244 code or automatically from the Y Bar Graph, X Value plot submode. After entering this submode the next byte is used as the Y Max value of the line in the bar graph. The line is plotted, and the COMPUCOLOR II is automatically placed into the Y Bar Graph, X Value plot submode (245 binary) which allows the next line in the bar graph to be defined and drawn. Any of the other plot submodes can be entered directly from this submode. For more information on this submode see the description of the Y Bar Graph, Y0 value submode (246 binary.)

#### Y Incremental Bar Graph - (243 binary)

The Y Incremental Bar Graph plot submode is entered by a binary 243 code. After entering this submode the next byte defines the next two vertical and horizontal increments for two vertical bar graphs. Thus, it is possible to position a bar graph on either side of the present location by adding or subtracting an increment to the bar graph previously defined. The coding and composition of the incremental direction code is the same as that defined in the XY Incremental Point Plot submode (251 binary.) Any of the other plot submodes can be entered directly from this submode.

#### X0 Vector Plot - (242 binary)

The X0 Vector Plot submode is entered by a binary 242 code after the general Plot Mode is entered. After entering the X0 Vector Mode the next byte defines the X0 point of the vector being drawn. The vector mode requires two endpoints to be defined (i.e. X0,Y0 and X1,Y1.) The X1,Y1 values should be previously defined by way of the X and Y Point Plot submodes (253 and 252 binary.) Upon receiving the X0 value the COMPUCOLOR II is automatically placed into Y0 Vector Plot submode. After receiving the Y0 value the COMPUCOLOR II plots the best fitting straight line between X0,Y0 and X1,Y1 using the plot blocks and returns to the X0 Vector Plot submode, ready to plot vectors between successive X0,Y0 pairs. This process is shown below:

Function	Code
Plot Mode	2
or	
X Point Plot	253
X1 Vector point 1	0 to 127
Y1 Vector point 1	0 to 127
X0 Vector Plot	242
X0 Vector point 1	0 to 127
Y0 Vector point 1	0 to 127
.	.
.	.
X0 Vector point n	0 to 127
Y0 Vector point n	0 to 127
Plot Escape	255
or	
Plot Submode	240 to 254

Thus, in BASIC the above sequence becomes

```

100 PLOT 2, X1,Y1
110 PLOT 242
120 FOR I=1 TO N
130 PLOT XO(I),YO(I)
140 NEXT I
150 PLOT 255

```

To plot a rectangle around the entire screen simply execute the statement

```
PLOT 2, 0,0, 242, 0,127, 127,127, 127,0, 0,0, 255
```

Y0 Vector Plot - (241 binary)

The Y0 Vector Plot submode is entered by a binary 241 code after the general Plot Mode is entered. After entering this submode the next byte defines the Y0 value of the vector being drawn. There is no restriction on Y0 except that it must be in the range 0 to 127. Upon receiving the Y0 value a vector is plotted from X1,Y1 to X0,Y0 with X0,Y0 replacing the old X1,Y1 endpoint. If the next vector has a X1,Y1 value equal to the old X0,Y0 value, then only the new X0,Y0 values need be sent. This effectively draws a vector from the present X0,Y0 position to the new X0,Y0 position. For more information on this submode see the description of the X0 Vector Plot submode (242 binary.)

## Incremental Vector Plot - (240 binary)

The Incremental Vector Plot submode is entered by a binary 240 code after the general Plot Mode is entered. After entering this submode the next byte defines the increments in the X<sub>0</sub>,Y<sub>0</sub> and X<sub>1</sub>,Y<sub>1</sub> values for the vector from X<sub>1</sub>,Y<sub>1</sub> to X<sub>0</sub>,Y<sub>0</sub>. The values for the increments are defined as follows:

b7	b6	b5	b4	b3	b2	b1	b0
[ X ]	[ Y ]	[ X ]	[ Y ]				
1	1	0	0				

The 4 two bit codes for the increments are defined as follows:

0	No change
1	Negative increment
2	Positive increment
3	No change

The incremental direction codes are similar to those used for the other increment plot submodes. Furthermore, if either half of the word is all zeroes, then the corresponding X,Y values will be changed but no vector will be drawn. This allows endpoints for the vectors to be skipped. The only time a vector is drawn is when both halves of the word are non-zero. The Incremental Vector Plot submode does not automatically transfer control to any other plot submode. Therefore, a series of incremental movements in both X<sub>1</sub>,Y<sub>1</sub> and X<sub>0</sub>,Y<sub>0</sub> can be made by sending consecutive incremental direction codes.



## 10. FCS

### 10.1 Introduction to FCS

The File Control System, or FCS, is used to manage the diskettes which store programs. The File Control System enables the user to store and save programs, screen displays, and arrays.

To enter FCS the user must first type ESC D, then the message prompt FCS> will appear. Once in the File Control System, commands should be entered after the FCS> prompt. For example, the command DIR should be used for listing the directory of a diskette. To change from one drive to another, the command DEVO: must be typed for the internal drive, and DEV1: must be typed for the external disk drive.

Machine-code programs may be in either one of two different FCS file types:

#### FILE TYPE .PRG

A .PRG type file is created with the FCS SAVE command. It is a machine-code program in "Memory image" form. The information in the file is a contiguous memory image of the program. The RUN command will load a .PRG file into memory starting at the specified Load Address in the file's directory entry, and begin execution at the Start Address specified in the file's directory entry. A .PRG file is loaded into memory much faster than an .LDA file. Therefore, once a program is working, it should be saved in .PRG form with the SAVE command, so that subsequent RUN's of the program will be quicker.

#### FILE TYPE .LDA

An .LDA type file is created by the COMPUCOLOR 8080 Assembler. The file consists of one or more data records and is terminated by one end record. Each data record specifies a load address for the record, and one or more data bytes to be loaded sequentially into memory starting at the load address. The end record specifies the starting (execution) address for the program (the operand of the END statement in the source program).

### 10.2 The FCS Commands

The FCS system has a number of commands which enable the user to manipulate records as desired. A list of commands appears in Appendix B.1. The following commands are used as explained below. Before any of these commands may be used, the user must first enter the File Control System by typing ESC D as described above. In the following descriptions of commands, angle brackets, <>, will be used to denote an element of a statement that is optional. The 'Device Name' refers to the name and number of the disk drive being used. The COMPUCOLOR II has an internal disk drive, CDO, and an optional external disk drive, CD1. The 'File Spec' is the name that the user has assigned to the

file followed by the file type (.PRG, .LDA, .BAS, etc.) and, optionally, a semicolon (;) followed by a version number in the range 01 to FF HEX. If the specified file is being read, then the default version is the file with the largest version number. With files being written, the default version number is one higher than the largest version number of an existing file on the specified device. If no file currently exists on the disk with the specified name, then the default version number is 01. The 'Memory Spec' is the 'Start Address' in HEX followed by the number of bytes or followed by hyphen (-) and the 'End Address'. NOTE: only the first 3 letters of a command are required.

## COPY

The COPY command allows the user to copy a file, possibly to another disk drive, and is of the form:

```
COPY <Device Name:> File Spec TO <Device Name:> File Spec
```

For example:

```
COP 0:TEST.PRG TO 1:ABC
```

When entered, this command will copy the latest version of TEST.PRG on device 0 to file name ABC.PRG on device 1.

## DELETE

The DELETE command allows for the deletion of any file on the diskette, and is of the form:

```
DELETE <Device Name:> File Spec
```

For example:

```
DEL TEST.BAS;1  
DEL 1:TEST.PRG;2  
DEL CD1:NAME.RND;1
```

The complete File Spec is needed to delete a file. This form of file protection is provided to prevent accidental erasures.

## DEVICE

The DEVICE command allows the user to change the default device or drive, and is of the form:

```
DEVICE <Device Name:>
```

If the Device Name is not specified, then the current default device is listed. For example:

DEV CDO:

will change the default device to the COMPUCOLOR internal disk drive.

## DIRECTORY

The DIRECTORY command lists all the programs on the diskette on any device, and is of the form:

DIRECTORY <Device Name:>

For example:

DIR  
DIR CD1:

## DUPLICATE

The DUPLICATE command allows all the files on one diskette to be copied to another diskette. The two specified devices must be of the same type, but have different numbers. The command is of the form:

DUPLICATE Device Name: TO Device Name:

For example:

DUP 0: TO 1:

## INITIALIZE

The INITIALIZE command allows the user to give a diskette a ten-letter name and optionally assign the number of allotted directory blocks. This command clears all the directory information on a diskette, effectively deleting all files on the diskette. It should only be used when a "clean" diskette is desired. It is of the form:

INITIALIZE <Device Name:> Volume Name No. of DIR blocks

For example:

INI CDO:SAMPLENAME  
INI CD1:TESTDISK01 10 (the 10 is optional)

The COMPUCOLOR Disk directory size defaults to 6 blocks which can hold 34 files. Each directory block can hold information on 6 files; however, 2 entries are necessary for the Volume Name and free space entries, i.e.  $34 = 6 * 6 - 2$ .

## LOAD

The LOAD command allows the user to load any type file into any RAM memory location he may wish. This indicates that the user may bring a display to the screen which is correct. LOAD command uses the same guide lines as the SAVE command. The LOAD command operates differently depending on the file type loaded. The default type is .LDA.

To LOAD a file type other than .LDA, the command is of the form:

LOAD <Device Name:> File Spec <Load Address>

The file is assumed to be a "memory image" file and is loaded contiguously into memory starting either at the load address in the file's directory entry or at the load address specified in the command line.

To load a file of type .LDA, the command is of the form:

LOAD <Device Name:> File Spec <Lowest Address <Memory Spec>>

Each data record in the file is loaded into memory. If Lowest Address and Memory Spec are not specified, then each record is loaded at the address specified in the record.

If Lowest Address and Memory Spec are specified, the default Memory Spec is A000-FFFF. A "memory range" will be determined as follows:

1. If the Memory Spec is omitted, the range will be A000-FFFF.
2. If one number, i.e. C000, is given for the Memory Spec, then the range will be specified by the given number as the low limit and FFFF as the high limit of the range.
3. If two numbers, separated by a hyphen are given for the Memory Spec, then the range is specified by those numbers.
4. If two numbers, separated by a space or comma, are given for the Memory Spec, then the first number will be the low limit of the range, and the second number is the byte count used to calculate the high limit of the range. For example, D000 400 will give a range D000-D3FF.

An "offset" will be calculated as "low limit of memory range" minus "Lowest Address". Each data record will then be loaded at the address specified in the record plus the "offset". Data will be loaded only within the "memory range" as determined above. NOTE: BASIC programs must be LOAded and SAVEd in BASIC, not in FCS.

## READ

The READ command allows retrieval of information on any part of the diskette without regard to the directory or program boundaries. The command is of the form:

```
READ <Device Name:> Start Block Memory Spec
```

For example:

```
READ CDO: 20 7000-7FFF
```

reads 4096 bytes (1000 HEX) from the internal disk drive starting at block 32 (20 HEX) into the display memory at 7000-7FFF.

## RENAME

The RENAME command allows the user, in one step, to change the file name, file, type and the version number separately or collectively without changing the information stored in the program. The statement is of the form:

```
RENAME <Device Name:> File Spec TO File Spec
```

For example:

```
REN TEST.PRG;1 TO NWTEST.PRG;2
```

renames the file TEST.PRG;1 to NWTEST.PRG;2.

## RUN

The RUN command is used to load and execute machine-code programs. Only two file are permitted with the RUN command: .PRG and .LDA. The default file type is .PRG. To execute an .LDA file the .LDA extension must be specified. The RUN command is of the form:

```
RUN <Device Name:> File Spec
```

For example:

```
RUN CHESS
```

loads and executes a file CHESS.PRG from the default device.

## SAVE

The SAVE command allows the user to save any type of data, program, or display in a file on a diskette. The command is of the form:

```
SAVE <Device Name:> File Spec Memory Spec Start Address  
      Actual Address
```

For example:

```
SAVE SCREEN.DSP 6000 1000
```

or

```
SAVE SCREEN.DSP 6000-6FFF
```

will save the screen display in a file called SCREEN.DSP.

## WRITE

The WRITE command allows information to be written anywhere on the diskette without regard to the directory or previous program boundaries, and is of the form:

```
WRITE <Device Name:> Start Block Number Memory Spec
```

NOTE: It is possible to destroy the FCS directory information using the WRITE command. Care should always be taken when using this command.

## APPENDICES

### A. DISK BASIC

#### A.1 BASIC Statements

The following summary of BASIC statements defines the general format for each statement and gives a brief explanation. Optional items are enclosed in angle brackets, '<' and '>'. The following items in the syntax descriptions are used to represent different types of variables and expressions:

var	- numeric or string variable
nvar	- numeric variable
svar	- string variable
expr	- numeric or string expression
nexpr	- numeric expression
sexpr	- string expression

#### STATEMENT SYNTAX AND DESCRIPTION

CLEAR	CLEAR <nexpr> Clears all variables and optionally sets the string space size to nexpr bytes.
CONT	CONT Continues execution after CTRL/J or LINEFEED.
DATA	DATA value list Defines data values to be read using the READ statement.
DEF	DEF FN nvar (nvar) = nexpr Defines a user function to be used in the program.
DIM	DIM var(nexpr <,...,nexpr>) <,...> Reserves space for lists and tables according to subscripts specified after variable name. Up to 255 dimensions.
END	END Terminates program execution.
FILE "N"	FILE "N",filename,records,record size,blocking factor Creates a new random file with the specified number of records (1-32767), record size (1-32767 bytes), and blocking factor (1-255). File name is a string expression containing a valid FCS file name.

FILE "R" FILE "R",filenumber,filename,buffers <;records,record size, blocking factor>  
 Opens a random file with the specified file number (1-127) and number of buffers (1-255).

FILE "A" FILE "A",file,current record <,records, record size, blocking factor>  
 Finds the attributes for the specified file.

FILE "C" FILE "C",file1 <,...>  
 Closes the specified files and releases the buffer space.

FILE "D" FILE "D",file1 <,...>  
 Writes any modified buffers for the specified files immediately to the corresponding devices.

FILE "T" FILE "T" <,line number>  
 Causes file errors to trap to the specified line number. No line number turns the file error trapping off.

FILE "E" FILE "E",file,error,line number  
 Finds the disk error number and location of the last file error.

FOR FOR nvar = nexpr1 TO nexpr2 <STEP nexpr3>  
 Sets up a loop to be executed the specified number of times.

GET GET file<,record<,first>>;nvar,svar[byte count],...  
 Reads from the record in the file starting from the first byte into the variables in the list. String variables must have a byte count (1-255).

GOSUB GOSUB line number  
 Used to transfer control to the specified line number of a subroutine.

GOTO GOTO line number  
 Used to unconditionally transfer control to the specified line number.

IF IF nexpr GOTO line number  
 IF nexpr THEN line number  
 Used to conditionally transfer control to the specified line number.

IF nexpr THEN statement <:statement:...>  
 Used to conditionally execute BASIC statements.



**INPUT** INPUT <"string";> var <,var,...>  
 Used to input data from the terminal, prompts with either "?" or the optional quoted string as the prompt.

**LIST** LIST <line number>  
 Prints the user program currently in memory on the CRT display, optionally, starting from the specified line number.

**LOAD** LOAD filename  
 Loads the specified file. If no extension is specified, then a BASIC program is loaded; otherwise, the .ARY extension loads the specified numeric array, and the .DAT extension loads the specified data into memory after BASIC's workspace.

**NEXT** NEXT <nvar <,nvar,...>>  
 Placed at the end of a FOR loop to return control to the FOR statement.

**ON** ON nexpr GOSUB line number <,line number,...>  
 Multiple GOSUB statement. Transfers control to the line number specified by nexpr.  
  
 ON nexpr GOTO line number <,line number,...>  
 Multiple GOTO statement. Transfers control to the line number specified by nexpr.

**OUT** OUT port,nexpr  
 Outputs the specified nexpr (0-255) to the 8080 port (0-255).  
**CAUTION:** Do not output to the CRT controller chips ports (96-111).

**PLOT** PLOT nexpr <,nexpr,...>  
 Sends the one byte results (0-255) of the expressions to the CRT display.

**POKE** POKE location,nexpr  
 Causes the one byte result of nexpr to be placed in the specified memory location (-32768 to 65535).

**PRINT** PRINT expr <,expr,...>  
 PRINT expr <;expr;...>  
 Prints the results of the expressions in the list. Commas are used for normal spacing, and semicolons are used for compressed spacing. If either a comma or a semicolon is the last item in the print list, the carriage return is suppressed.  
  
 PRINT SPC(nexpr)  
 Prints the specified number of spaces. May be placed anywhere in the print list.  
  
 PRINT TAB(nexpr)  
 Tabs to the specified column. May be placed anywhere in the print list.

? Equivalent to the keyword PRINT.

PUT PUT file <,record<,first>>; nexpr,sexpr[byte count] <,...>  
Writes the expressions in the list to the record in the file starting from the first byte. String expressions must have a byte count.

READ READ var <,var,...>  
Used to assign the values in DATA statements to the variables specified in the list.

REM REM comment  
Used to insert explanatory comments in a BASIC program.

RESTORE RESTORE <line number>  
Resets the data pointer to either the first DATA statement or optionally to the specified line number.

RETURN RETURN  
Returns program control to the statement following the last executed GOSUB statement.

RUN RUN <line number>  
Executes the BASIC program in memory, optionally, starting at the specified line number.

SAVE SAVE filename  
Saves the specified file. If no extension is specified, the current BASIC program in memory is saved; otherwise, the .ARY extension saves the specified numeric array, and the .DAT extension saves the data in memory after BASIC's workspace.

WAIT WAIT port, nexpr1 <,nexpr2>  
Reads from the specified 8080 port and exclusive OR's the result with nexpr2 (0 if not present), and then AND's with nexpr1. The program waits until the result is zero before continuing.

: statement : statement < : statement : ... >  
A colon is used to separate statements in a multiple statement line.

## A.2 BASIC Operators

SYMBOL	FUNCTION
=	Assignment or equality test (DISK BASIC does not allow the LET statement)
-	Negation or Subtraction
+	Addition or String Concatenation
*	Multiplication
/	Division
^	Exponentiation
NOT	Logical or One's complement (2 byte integer)
AND	Logical or Bitwise AND (2 byte integer)
OR	Logical or Bitwise OR (2 byte integer)
=,<,>,<=, =<,>=,=>, <>	Relational tests (result is TRUE = -1 or FALSE = 0)

The precedence of operators is:

1. Expressions in parentheses
2. Exponentiation ( $A^B$ )
3. Negation ( $-X$ )
4.  $\#$ ,  $/$
5.  $+$ ,  $-$
6. Relational Operators ( $=$ ,  $<>$ ,  $<$ ,  $>$ ,  $<=$ ,  $>=$ )
7. NOT
8. AND
9. OR

### A.3 Standard Mathematical Functions

BASIC provides functions to perform certain standard mathematical operations such as square roots, logarithms, etc.

These functions have three or four letter call names followed by a parenthesized argument. They are predefined and may be used anywhere in a program.

CALL NAME	FUNCTION
ABS(x)	Returns the absolute value of x.
ATN(x)	Returns the arctangent of x as an angle in radians in range $+\pi/2$ , where $\pi = 3.14159$ .
CALL(x)	Call the user machine language program at decimal location 33282. (8202 HEX) D,E registers have value of X and D,E registers must have Y on return from machine language routine.
COS(x)	Returns the cosine of x radians.
EXP(x)	Returns the value of e where $e = 2.71828$ .
FRE(x)	Returns number of free bytes not in use.
INT(x)	Returns the greatest integer less than or equal to x.
INP(x)	Returns a byte from input port x. The range for x is 0 to 255.
LOG(x)	Returns the natural logarithm of x.
PEEK(x)	Returns a byte from memory address $-32768 < x < 65535$ ; if x is negative the memory address is $65536+x$ .
POS(x)	Returns the value of the current cursor position between 0 and 63.
RND(x)	Returns a random number between 0 and 1.
SGN(x)	Returns a -1, 0, or 1, indicating the sign of x.
SIN(x)	Returns the sine of x radians.
SPC(x)	Causes x spaces to be generated. (Valid only in a PRINT statement).
SQR(x)	Returns the square root of x.
TAB(x)	Causes the cursor to space over to column number x. (Valid only in a PRINT statement).

TAN(x) Returns the tangent of x radians.

The argument x to the functions can be a constant, a variable, an expression, or another function. Square brackets cannot be used as the enclosing characters for the argument x, e.g. SIN[x] is illegal.

Function calls, consisting of the function name followed by a parenthesized argument, can be used as expressions anywhere that expressions are legal.

Values produced by the functions SIN(x), COS(x), ATN(x), SQR(x), EXP(x), and LOG(x) have six significant digits.

#### A.4 Standard String Functions

Like the intrinsic mathematical functions (e.g., SIN, LOG), BASIC contains various functions for use with character strings. These functions allow the program to access parts of a string, determine the number of characters in a string, generate a character string corresponding to a given number or vice versa, and perform other useful operations. The various functions available are summarized in the following table.

CALL NAME	FUNCTION
ASC(x\$)	Returns the eight bit internal ASCII code (0-255) for the one-character string. If the argument contains more than one character, then the code for the first character in the string is returned. A value of 0 is returned if the argument is a null string (LEN(x\$) = 0). See ASCII codes in Appendix E.
CHR\$(x)	Generates a one-character string having the ASCII value of x where x is a number in the range 0 to 255. Only one character can be generated.
FRE(x\$)	Returns number of free string bytes. (See CLEAR statement in 3.11)
LEFT\$(x\$,I)	Returns left-most I characters of string (x\$). If I>LEN(x\$), then x\$ is returned.
LEN(x\$)	Returns the number of characters in the string x\$, with non-printing characters and blanks being counted.
MID\$(x\$,I,J)	J is optional. Without J, returns right-most characters from x\$ beginning with the Ith character. If I>LEN(x\$), MID\$ returns the null string. With 3 arguments, it returns a string of length J of characters from x\$ beginning with the Ith character. If J is greater than the number of characters in x\$ to the right of I, MID\$ returns the rest of the string. Argument ranges: 0<I<=255, 0<=J<=255.

RIGHT\$(x\$,I) Returns right-most I characters of string (x\$). If I>LEN(x\$), then x\$ is returned.

STR\$(x) Returns the string which represents the numeric value of x as it would be printed by a PRINT statement.

VAL(x\$) Returns the number represented by the string x\$. If the first character of x\$ is not +, -, or a digit, then the value 0 is returned.

In the above example, x\$ and y\$ represent any legal string expressions, and I and J represent any legal arithmetic expressions.

#### A.5 BASIC Error Codes

After an error occurs, BASIC returns to command level and types READY. Variable values and the program text remain intact, but the program cannot be continued and all GOSUB and FOR context is lost.

When an error occurs in a statement executed in immediate mode, no line number is printed.

Format of error messages:

Stored BASIC statement	XX ERROR
Immediate mode statement	XX ERROR IN YYYY

In both of the above examples, "XX" is the error code. The "YYYY" is the line number in which the error occurred in the indirect statement.

The following are the possible error codes and their meanings:

ERROR	MEANING
BS	Bad Subscript. An attempt was made to reference a matrix element which is outside the dimension of the matrix. This error can occur if the wrong number of dimensions is used in a matrix reference. For instance, A (1,1,1)=Z when A has been dimensioned DIM A(2,2).
DD	Double Dimension. After a matrix was dimensioned, another dimension statement for the same matrix was encountered. This error often occurs if a matrix has been given the default dimension 10 because a statement like A(I)=3 is encountered and then later in the program a DIM A(100) is found.

CF Call Function error. The parameter passed to a mathematical or string function was out of range. CF errors can occur due to:

1. a negative matrix subscript ( $A(-1)=0$ )
2. an unreasonably large matrix subscript ( $>32767$ )
3. LOG with a negative or zero argument
4. SQR with a negative argument
5.  $A^B$  with A negative and B not an integer
6. a CALL(x) before the address of the machine language subroutine has been patched in
7. calls to MID\$, LEFT\$, RIGHT\$, INP, OUT, WAIT, PEEK, POKE, TAB, SPC or ON...GOTO/GOSUB with an improper argument

ID Illegal Direct. You cannot use an INPUT or DEF statement in immediate mode.

NF NEXT without FOR. The variable in a NEXT statement corresponds to no previously mentioned FOR statement.

OD Out of Data. A READ statement was executed but all of the DATA statements in the program have already been read. The program tried to read too much data or an insufficient number of data values were included in the program.

OM Out of Memory. Program too large, too many variables, or too many FOR loops, too many GOSUB's, too complicated an expression, or any combination of the above.

OV Overflow. The result of a calculation was too large to be represented in BASIC's numeric format. If an underflow occurs, zero is given as the result and execution continues without any error message being printed.

SN Syntax error. Missing parenthesis in an expression, illegal character in a line, incorrect punctuation, etc.

RG RETURN without GOSUB. A RETURN statement was encountered without a previous GOSUB statement being executed.

US Undefined Statement. An attempt was made to GOTO, GOSUB, or THEN to a statement which does not exist.

/0 Division by Zero.

CN Continue error. Attempt to continue a program when none exists, an error occurred, or after a new line was typed into the program.

- LS Long String. Attempt was made by use of the concatenation operator to create a string more than 255 characters long.
- OS Out of String Space. Use the CLEAR X statement to allocate more string space or use smaller strings or fewer string variables.
- SL SAVE/LOAD error. (From disk operation.) Other error message may also appear from the File Control System. See Appendix B.2.
- ST String Temporaries. A string expression was too complex. Break it into two or more shorter expressions.
- TM Type Mismatch. The left hand side of an assignment statement was a numeric variable and the right hand side was string, or vice versa, or, a function which expected a string argument was given a numeric one or vice versa.
- UF Undefined Function. Reference was made to a user defined function which was never defined.

#### A.6 BASIC Random File Error Codes

ERROR	NUMBER	MEANING
EV		No error vector. No file error trap line number has been set with a FILE "T" statement.
BF	2	Bad file name. Improper FCS file name.
NO	4	File not open. The specified file number is not open.
AO	6	File already open. The specified file number is already in use.
FS	8	File size error. The file being created with the FILE "N" statement is too large or the file parameters on the file being opened with the FILE "R" statement are improper.
RO	10	Record overflow. Too many data bytes were either read from or written to the current record.
EF	12	End of file. Tried to read or write past the end of the file.
CO	14	Cant't open file. The specified file does not exist on the specified device. (Possibly a diskette or hardware problem.)



CC 16 Can't close file. The specified file can not be  
closed. (Usually a diskette or hardware problem.)

RE 18 FCS READ error. (Usually a diskette or hardware  
problem.)

WE 20 FCS WRITE error. (Usually a diskette or hardware  
problem.)

## B. FCS (File Control System)

### B.1 FCS Commands

The File Control System is entered by pressing (ESC) then D from the keyboard, or PLOT 27,4 from BASIC. (Only the first three letters of the command need to be typed in.) If (ESC), D is from the keyboard then BASIC is terminated and must be re-entered by (ESC), E key sequence.

The following definitions will be used to describe the FCS commands:

( ) denotes mandatory element;

[ ] denotes optional element and if not specified, will result in the default type.

(Device name:) = [Device type] [Number] (:)

Device types are CD, MD, and FD for CompuColor Disk, Mini-Disk, and 8" Floppy disk and number is either 0 or 1.

(Memory spec) = (Load address)(byte count) or (-end address)

All memory addresses are in HEX format.

(File Spec.) = (File name) [.Type] [;Version]

File name is any 6 characters. Type can be any three characters and PRG is the default type. Version is 0 to FF HEX. NOTE: After a default device type has been selected only the number of the device is required. The default device for the COMPUCOLOR II is CDO.

COMMAND	SYNTAX AND DESCRIPTION
COPY	COPY [Device Name:] (File Spec) TO [Device Name:] [File Spec] Copies the specified file, usually, to another device.
DELETE	DELETE [Device Name:] (File Spec) All File Spec options are required. Deletes the specified file.
DEVICE	DEVICE [Device Name:] Sets and displays the current default Device Name.
DIRECTORY	DIRECTORY [Device Name:] Lists the directory for the default or specified device.
DUPLICATE	DUPLICATE (Device Name:) TO (Device Name:) Duplicates all the files on one diskette to another diskette on a second device.

EXIT "FCS"           ESC ESC   or   ESC E to return to BASIC.

INITIALIZE        INITIALIZE [Device Name:] (Volume Name) No. Dir.  
Blocks  
Initializes the directory on the diskette currently  
in the specified device with the given Volume Name  
and number of directory blocks.

LOAD             LOAD [Device Name:] (File Spec) [Low Addr [Memory  
Spec]]  
Loads memory with a program. Defaults to .LDA type  
files written by the COMPUCOLOR II Assembler. (See  
Section 10.2 for complete details.)

READ             READ [Device Name:] (Start Block No.) (Memory Spec)  
Reads into memory from anywhere on the diskette  
starting at any block and ending where specified,  
without regard to program boundaries.

RENAME            RENAME [Device Name:] (File Spec) TO (File Spec)  
Allows any file to be renamed without changing any  
information in the file itself.

RUN              RUN [Device Name:] (File Spec)  
Loads and executes the specified program. The  
default type is .PRG.

SAVE             SAVE [Device Name:] (File Spec) (Memory Spec) [Start  
Address [Actual Address]]  
Saves memory image in the specified file. The Start  
Address and Actual Address default to the lower limit  
of the Memory Spec.

WRITE            WRITE [Device Name:] (Start Block No.) (Memory Spec)  
Writes memory image to the specified block on a  
diskette without regard to the FCS directory  
information and file boundaries. CAUTION: It is  
possible to destroy the FCS directory and file  
information on a diskette with this command.

## B.2 FCS Error Codes

The numbers to the right of the code meanings refer to the list of  
error solutions that follows the code list.

MESSAGE	MEANING
EBLF	BAD LOAD FILE SPEC, 2
EBLK	INVALID BLOCK NUMBER, 2
ECOP	ERROR DURING COPY, 1 & 3



ESKF        SEEK FAILURE, 1  
ESYN        SYNTAX ERROR, 2  
EVFY        VERIFY FAILURE DURING WRITE, 3  
EVOV        VERSION NUMBER OVERFLOW, 4  
EWRF        WRITE FAILURE, 3  
EWSF        FILE TOO LARGE TO WRITE ON DISKETTE, 2 & 4

#### Descriptions of Solutions to FCS Errors

1. Mechanical Problem--Jammed READ/WRITE head, loose disk drive, internal I/O connectors. Refer to COMPUCOLOR Maintenance Manual.
2. Invalid User Input--Incorrect entry from user. Refer to FCS Commands, Section B.1.
3. Diskette Failure--Try a different diskette.
4. Error Message is self-explanatory.
5. Diskette Not Initialized--you need to initialize the diskette and possibly purchase a formatted COMPUCOLOR blank diskette.

## C. CRT COMMANDS

### C.1 Control Codes

CONTROL CODE	KEY	EXPLANATION
0	@	NULL-Has no effect.
1	A	AUTO - Loads and runs a BASIC program named "MENU" from the disk drive.
2	B	PLOT - Enters graphic plot mode (see plot submodes); not allowed as a BASIC input character.
3	C	CURSOR X,Y - Enters X-Y cursor address mode for either visible cursor or blind cursor, used to go from BASIC to CRT MODE when typed as a BASIC input character.
4	D	Not used.
5	E	Not used.
6	F	CCI - The following character provides the 8 bit visible status word. Specifies Foreground, Background, Blink and Plot. (See Appendix C.2)
7	G	Not used.
8	H	HOME - Moves the cursor to top left corner of display.
9	I	TAB - Causes cursor to advance to next column--the tab columns are every 8 characters.
10	J	LINEFEED - Causes a break in BASIC execution of a program, causes the cursor to move down one line.
11	K	ERASE LINE - Causes the cursor to return to the beginning of the line and causes the complete line to be erased. Also causes the BASIC input line to be ignored.
12	L	ERASE PAGE - Causes the complete screen to be erased and the cursor to be moved to the home position. BASIC input ignores this character.
13	M	CARRIAGE RETURN - Causes the cursor to move to the beginning of the line it is presently on. Causes BASIC input to accept the typed line and process as a statement or input data.

14 N A7 ON - Turns the A7 flag on. (2x character height and also stop bit.)

15 O BLINK/A7 OFF - Turns the blink bit and A7 flag off.

16 P BLACK KEY - Sets foreground color black if flag is off and background black if flag is on.

17 Q RED KEY - Same as above with color red.

18 R GREEN KEY - Same as above with color green.

19 S YELLOW KEY - Same as above with color yellow.

20 T BLUE KEY - Same as above with color blue.

21 U MAGENTA KEY - Same as above with color magenta.

22 V CYAN KEY - Same as above with color cyan.

23 W WHITE KEY - Same as above with color white.

24 X XMIT - Causes data to be transmitted from the visible cursor to the end of the page or until an FF,00 sequence is found in refresh RAM. Sends text characters with a linefeed and carriage return at end of each line. NOTE: Color status is not sent.

25 Y CURSOR RIGHT - Causes the cursor to move right 1 position. On BASIC input displays previous character input.

26 Z CURSOR LEFT - Causes the cursor to move left 1 position. On BASIC input deletes previous character from input buffer.

27 [ ESC - Provides an entry to the escape code table -- must be followed by one or more codes for proper operation.

28 / CURSOR UP - Causes the cursor to move up one line.

29 ] FG ON/FLAG OFF - Sets the flag bit off. If followed by one of the color keys it will set the foreground to that color. Also, does not change input codes in the range 96 to 127 that are to be stored in the display memory, i.e. the shifted alphabetic characters are displayed as shown in columns 6 and 7 in the COMPUCOLOR II character set in Appendix F. In plot mode OR's "ON" bits.

30 BG ON/FLAG ON - Sets the flag bit on. If followed by one of the color keys it will set the foreground to

that color. With the FLAG on the shifted alphabetic characters 96 to 127 are converted into 0 to 31 when stored in the display memory, i.e. the characters displayed are shown in columns 0 and 1 in Appendix F. In plot mode XOR's "ON" bits.

31                    BLINK ON - Turns on the blink bit which will blink the foreground color against the background color.

### C.2 STATUS WORD FORMAT

A7	A6	A5	A4	A3	A2	A1	A0
PLOT	BLINK	BACKGROUND COLOR			FOREGROUND COLOR		
		BLUE	GREEN	RED	BLUE	GREEN	RED

### C.3 ESCAPE CODES

ESCAPE CODE	KEY	EXPLANATION
0	@	Used for terminal control--not available for any other use.
1	A	Blind cursor mode.
2	B	Plot via color pad.
3	C	Transmit cursor X,Y position to RS-232C PORT.
4	D	Enters Disk File Control System (FCS) with CRT as output.
5	E	Re-entry to DISK BASIC.
6	F	Sets full duplex mode, not functional when in BASIC.
7	G	Enters Disk File Control System (FCS) with RS-232C PORT as output.
8	H	Sets half duplex mode.
9	I	Causes a program jump to location 36864.
10	J	Sets write vertical mode.
11	K	Sets roll up and write left to right mode.
12	L	Sets local mode.
13	M	Sends all output to the RS-232C PORT.



14 N Set to ignore all inputs.

15 O Not used.

16 P Not used.

17 Q Not used.

18 R Baud rate selection mode. A7 on = 1 stop bit, A7 off = 2 stop bits.

19 S Causes a program jump to location 40960.

20 T Causes a program jump to location 33280.

21 U Not used.

22 V Not used.

23 W Initializes and transfers control to DISK BASIC 8001.

24 X Sets terminal to page mode and write left to right mode.

25 Y Test mode -- fill page with next character.

26 Z Not used.

27 [ Visible cursor mode.

28 / Not used.

29 ] Not used.

30 ^ Causes a program jump to locaton 33275.

31 = Transfer control to the CRT mode.

#### C.4 BAUD RATE SELECTION

Number	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Baud Rate	110	150	300	1200	2400	4800	9600

## C.5 GRAPHIC PLOT SUBMODES

DISK BASIC PLOT or RS-232C CODE	PLOT SUBMODE	OPTIONAL FUNCTION KEYBOARD
255	Plot Mode Escape	F 15
254	Character Plot	F 14
253	X Point Plot	F 13
252	Y Point Plot	F 12
251	X-Y Incremental Point Plot	F 11
250	X0 of X Bar Graph	F 10
249	Y of X Bar Graph	F 9
248	X max of X Bar Graph	F 8
247	Incremental X Bar Graph	F 7
246	Y0 of Y Bar Graph	F 6
245	X of Y Bar Graph	F 5
244	Y max of Y Bar Graph	F 4
243	Incremental Y Bar Graph	F 3
242	X0 Vector Plot	F 2
241	Y0 Vector Plot	F 1
240	Incremental Vector Plot	F 0

For incremental plot submodes see the format of the incremental direction codes below.

## C.6 INCREMENTAL DIRECTION CODES

$\Delta X1$		$\Delta Y1$		$\Delta X2$		$\Delta Y2$	
A7	A6	A5	A4	A3	A2	A1	A0
+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-
80	40	20	10	8	4	2	1

## D. INTERNAL FEATURES

### D.1 Key Memory Locations

38672 to 32767 = Screen refresh RAM  
32940 = Points to maximum RAM used by BASIC  
32980 = Points to start of BASIC source  
32982 = Points to end of source and start of variables  
32984 = Points to end of variables and start of arrays  
32986 = Points to end of arrays  
33209 = 0 to 59 seconds of Real Time Clock  
33210 = 0 to 59 minutes of Real Time Clock  
33211 = 0 to 23 hours of Real Time Clock  
33215 = User ESCAPE jump vector  
33218 = User output FLAG jump vector  
93221 = User input FLAG jump vector  
33224 = User timer no 2 jump vector  
33228 = External output port buffer  
33247 = Keyboard FLAG.  
33249 = FCS output FLAG  
33251 = Input port FLAG  
33265 = BASIC output FLAG  
33272 = Output port FLAG  
33273 = LIST output FLAG  
33278 = Keyboard character  
33279 = Keyboard character ready FLAG  
33282 = Location of CALL(x) jump  
33285 = BASIC output vector location  
33289 = Number of characters on terminal output  
33433 = Start of BASIC source code  
65535 = Maximum Amount of RAM

### D.2 PORT ASSIGNMENTS

PORT #	I/O PORT ADDRESS
HEX	
0 - F	TMS 5501
10 - 1F	TMS 5501 Duplicate Addresses
20 - 5F	Not Assigned
60 - 6F	SMC 5027
70 - 7F	SMC 5027 Duplicate Addresses
80 - FF	Not Assigned

PORT #           TMS 5501 I/O CHIP

HEX DEC.

0 - 0	Read Serial Data in from RS-232C interface
1 - 1	Read Parallel Data from keyboard and disk
2 - 2	Read Interrupt Address on TMS 5501
3 - 3	Read Status on TMS 5501
4 - 4	Issue Discrete Command
5 - 5	Set Baud Rate on Serial I/O
6 - 6	Transmit Serial Data to RS-232C interface
7 - 7	Transmit Parallel Data to keyboard and disk (also controls Disk R/W)
8 - 8	Load Interrupt Mask Register
9 - 9	Interval Timer #1
A - 10	Interval Timer #2
B - 11	Interval Timer #3
C - 12	Interval Timer #4
D - 13	Interval Timer #5
E - 14	No Function
F - 15	No Function

PORT #           SMC 5027 CRT CHIP

HEX DEC

60 - 96	Load Register 0 - Don't Load
61 - 97	Load Register 1 - Don't Load
62 - 98	Load Register 2 - Don't Load
63 - 99	Load Register 3 - Don't Load
64 - 100	Load Register 4 - Don't Load
65 - 101	Load Register 5 - Don't Load
66 - 102	Load Register 6 - Roll Register#
67 - 103	Processor Load Command - Don't Use
68 - 104	Read Cursor X Register
69 - 105	Read Cursor Y Register
70 - 106	Issue Reset Command - Don't Issue
6B - 107	Scroll up 1 line
6C - 108	Load Cursor X Register
6D - 109	Load Cursor Y Register
6E - 110	Load Start Timing - Don't Load
6F - 111	Self Load Command - Don't Use

WARNING: Do not output any values to the SMC 5027 CRT chip.

### D.3 COMPUCOLOR Fifty Pin Bus

PIN	DESIGNATION	PIN	DESIGNATION
1	+12V	26	D2 BUS
2	$\overline{MR}$	27	A2
3	$\overline{MW}$	28	D3 BUS
4	$\overline{I/O W}$	29	A3
5	$\phi 2 (+12V)$	30	D7 BUS
6	$\phi 2 TTL$	31	A4
7	$\phi 1 (+12V)$	32	D6 BUS
8	17.9712 MHz	33	D4 BUS
9	$\overline{SYNC}$	34	D5 BUS
10	$\overline{RESET}$	35	A6
11	-5V	36	D0 8080
12	+5V	37	A7
13	$\overline{GND}$	38	D1 8080
14	$\overline{I/O R}$	39	A8
15	A10	40	D2 8080
16	READY	41	A14
17	NO CONNECTION	42	D3 8080
18	NO CONNECTION	43	D4 8080
19	HOLD	44	A9
20	A5	45	A13
21	A11	46	D7 8080
22	D0 BUS	47	A12
23	A0	48	A15
24	D1 BUS	49	D5 8080
25	A1	50	D6 8080

### D.4 RS-232C INTERFACE

CPU EDGE CONNECTOR #	RS-232C PIN #	SIGNAL NAME AND LINE
1	1	AA Protective Ground
3	2	BA Transmitted Data
5	3	BB Received Data
7	4	CA Request to Send
14	7	AB Signal Ground
15	20	CD Data Terminal Ready

E. ASCII VALUES

DECIMAL	CHARACTER	DECIMAL	CHARACTER	DECIMAL	CHARACTER
000	NULL	048	0	096	`
001	AUTO	049	1	097	a
002	PLOT	050	2	098	b
003	CURSOR X,Y	051	3	099	c
004	(not used)	052	4	100	d
005	(not used)	053	5	101	e
006	CCI	054	6	102	f
007	(not used)	055	7	103	g
008	HOME	056	8	104	h
009	TAB	057	9	105	i
010	LINEFEED	058	:	106	j
011	ERASE LINE	059	;	107	k
012	ERASE PAGE	060	<	108	l
013	RETURN	061	=	109	m
014	A7 ON	062	>	110	n
015	BLINK/A7 OFF	063	?	111	o
016	BLACK KEY	064	@	112	p
017	RED KEY	065	A	113	q
018	GREEN KEY	066	B	114	r
019	YELLOW KEY	067	C	115	s
020	BLUE KEY	068	D	116	t
021	MAGENTA KEY	069	E	117	u
022	CYAN KEY	070	F	118	v
023	WHITE KEY	071	G	119	w
024	XMIT	072	H	120	x
025	CURSOR RIGHT	073	I	121	y
026	CURSOR LEFT	074	J	122	z
027	ESC	075	K	123	{
028	CURSOR UP	076	L	124	
029	FG ON/FLAG OFF	077	M	125	}
030	BG ON/FLAG ON	078	N	126	~
031	BLINK ON	079	O	127	DEL
032	SPACE	080	P		
033	!	081	Q		
034	"	082	R		
035	#	083	S		
036	\$	084	T		
037	%	085	U		
038	&	086	V		
039	'	087	W		
040	(	088	X		
041	)	089	Y		
042	*	090	Z		
043	+	091	[		
044	,	092	/		
045	-	093	]		
046	.	094	^		
047	/	095	_		