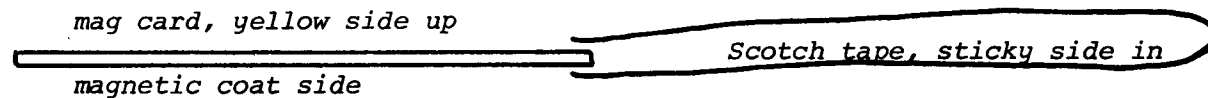


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The telecommunications experiment on the one hand has aroused a lively interest in some of the members to break the code on a protected card. On the other hand the experiment succeeded beyond my wildest dreams: I caught a lot of innocents! Moral of the story: a good scientist never accepts anything on face value. That goes also for a good programmer: question anything and everything until you are convinced that you discovered the truth for yourself. And even then check it out once in a while, in the light of new evidence.

The first doubting Thomas was Robert U. Myers of Lorton, Virginia. Early in March he sent me the correct sequence to trick the card in giving up its message: A R/S CLR STO 49 R/S. Later in the month Robert even sent me another sequence, the one I had intentionally left as a small window to be discovered by avid researchers: SBR 011 through SBR 014. Bill Kantrowitz in Brookline, Mass, wrote me the same day that his 15-year-old son had found that one too. Very clever, all you Sherlocks! In the mean time I received at least one attempt to read the protected card itself. Dave Leising simply scraped off the magnetic coating in the small spot where the protection flag was recorded! He was very accurate, because only the last octet was messed up a little. But he got the whole message this way. But nobody was using the "patented" Blachly-Swinnen code cracker routine: Pull off a length of Scotch tape, about twice the length of a mag card. Paste the very tip, about 2 mm, to the right side of the card. (the small black area) Now fold the tape carefully in a loop with the sticky side in and again paste the last 2 mm now to the magnetic side of the card, on the same spot opposite the small black area on the right side of the card. See drawing.



Now squeeze the tape loop shut, starting at the mag card. Then trim the tape loop, now a handle, to the same width as the card itself.

Turn on the TI-59 and read-in the card in the usual way, by first pressing CLR and letting the card slide into the slot on the right side of the calculator. But here comes the trickery and it will require a little practice on your side. When you see the card appearing on the left side, allow it to advance only so far that you see the first of the five blocks only, the one corresponding to A and A'. Then with a swift motion, pull back on the handle, against the movement of the motor. If you get a flashing zero, you are OK. Just press CLR, RST and LIST. The secret program will be listed. If, on the other hand, the swift pull back caused the motor to run away such that it cannot be stopped with R/S, don't despair. Just read-in a blank card. That will make the motor stop, after the blank card has run through. Then proceed as explained above: CLR RST LIST.

If you don't get a flashing zero, but a -1 to -4 indication, the protection flag got into the calculator. This means you allowed the card to go in too far. Turn off the calculator and start all over again. So, practice, practice and practice again. Wasn't that the way you learned to ride a bike?

If you don't want your "opponent" to guess the sequence from the key board, you may write a mean program or a vicious one. Mine was a mean one: it used labels that couldn't be keyed from the key board and it had three flags set. If you did not set the correct flags, any sequence would dump you into a flashing routine. But I left a small window open, so that any persistent searcher would stand a fighting chance. But then I got a look at a vicious one: Robert Meyers returned my card with one. It required you to put 7^h or 2401 into the t-register! Any other number and the only response you got was flashing or nonsense printing. To make your life even more miserable, Bob had the card recorded in 9 OP 17, to preclude anybody from writing a "HIR viewer" in bank 2 and so get at "the truth." The program succumbed, though, to the all-powerful Blachly-Swinnen code cracker!

SOME COMMENTS ON ISSUE 1 and 2.

Sharp-eyed members discovered a couple of typos: V5N1p3, first program, line 3 of the program itself: after the second RTN, add an = sign. Otherwise, the program will never arrive at the first of the two + signs and therefore will never flash with a negative value.

V5N1p5, manual plotter-scaler, third line of the program itself: at the end of that line, add an R/S. The program plots alright, but does strange things to out-of-bounds-values.

In the second issue V5N2p6, Alphabetical Sort, step 002: change from decimal point (code 93) to CLR. (code 25) If you had a digit in the display when you pressed A, storing would begin at $n + 1$. With CLR in step 002 it always begins at 1, i.e. register 01. For the rest, the program is still "tops."

Paul Berg sent me his version of the access program on page 9: his is 12 steps shorter! Clever programming, Paul. But as a general philosophy about such excercises, if they are done to hone one's programming skills, they serve a very useful purpose. If, on the other hand, they are done to replace an already well-running routine and do not make the existing one run any faster, they are rather academic. The main consideration in these routines is that 1) they do what they are supposed to do and 2) they fit within 240 steps, such that two will fit on one mag card. The routines on pages 8 and 9 are shorter than or equal to 240 steps. Making them any shorter does not serve any further purpose.

Thomas Wismuller reminds us of the fact that any RTN in a program is "blind", that is, any return encountered in a program will return program control back to the last point of departure. In other words, the RTN instruction that you rely upon to take you back to the address after the last subroutine call does not have to be a unique part of your subroutine. For example, the common print sequence OP 05 OP 00 ADV RTN appearing at the end of one sequence can serve as the endpoint of any number of subroutines which, instead of ending with their own RTN instruction can terminate with GTO xxx, where xxx is the location of the "print sequence." A variation of this approach will permit you to write LBL D in V5N1P3, first program, as LBL D SBR 068 (RCL 01 X 2 GTO 018, saving 7 steps in the process. Naturally, the direct addresses will have to be changed.

Thomas provides a different printing dot cleaning routine he has been using:

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OP 05 RST LBL D 11 LBL E x 101010101 = OP 01 OP 02 OP 03 OP 04 RST
LBL A 24 E LBL B 74 E LBL C 32 E
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To use it, first press A and see a lot of 1's printed. Then press R/S and press B for some 11's. Next R/S and C for some square 0's. Lastly press R/S and D to see a stream of 8 characters. What this routine does is selectively heat each of the print dots to maximum, i.e. seven times in less than .33 sec. Thomas says that it worked to clean rather dirty dots in all cases, except once, when a hair was stuck in a fresh roll of paper, courtesey , but no charge of TI. A tweezer worked wonders in that case to remove the hair from across four dots.

THINGS TO COME IN FUTURE ISSUES.- Emil Regelman and John Wortington of Bowie, MD, cooperated in developing a TELEPHONE RATE TIMER program. It allows you to find out during a long-distance call how much money you spent so far. The TI-59 runs a continuous display of that sum and the seconds remaining for the same money!!!! Prof Wilbur Widmer of the University of Connecticut wrote a RELATIVE PRIMALITY program for up to 56 integers. George Vogel sent me a MORTGAGE LOAN program that will run well on an SR-56. Bill Beebe of Lilburn, Georgia contributed a novel SR-52 LISTING PROGRAM that allows you to enter 45 steps at a time!!! And both Panos Galidas and John Wortington promised to have a well-documented program that actually takes out the labels and replaces them with direct addresses in an existing program!!! Both claim they can do 85 steps at a time. Other members contributed also programs, but, with my apologies, there is not enough space to mention them all. In any case, thanks to all who contributed so much.

For all you hole punchers: The Snow brothers are using the ideal ring binders, they tell me. Instead of being round, the rings in this binder are formed into an inverted letter D. It holds more paper, about 25 % more, and it doesn't tear the holes as easily. You see, when you open the binder, the contents don't move, as in a round-ring type. They are made by Cardinal Products and called SUPER-COMBI binders. Cardinal Products is a division of Durand Manuf.Co. 939 West 35th Street, Chicago, IL 60609. Their tel.# is 312-254-9320. The binders are, of course, available in any office supply store worth its salt.

PROGRAMMING SYSTEMS. We have in our files several large articles which I translated from Display. (German) I would love to publish them, but they would take up an inordinate amount of space. Moreover, they are of interest only to certain people. Therefore, I think the best way to make them available is by request only, at a nominal copying and mailing fee. Here is a partial list. I will announce the rest once I have checked them for completeness and accuracy:

ASTRONOMY.- An article that appeared over two issues, written by Heinrich Schnepf and E. Lunnebach. Is a complete mini-course on astronomy. Contains programs for the TI-59 and the HP-67/97 to compute the ephemerides, rise and set and culmination of the planets, the sun, the moon, plus moon phases and eclipses. The complete text has been translated into English, but the alpha in the programs has not been translated. Should be easy, though, as all the equivalent words in the text have been done. The article consists of 46 pages on European format DIN-A4, which is longer than our 8.5 by 11. Therefore I will have to copy on 8.5 by 13 which can be trimmed to fit in a three-ring binder. Contains the original drawings on which I typed the translation of all the terms. Copy quality is excellent. A friend of mine who is employed at the Naval Observatory checked the whole thing for accuracy and has added some handwritten notes in the margins. Copying and mailing comes to \$ 10.00 US.

PRIME NUMBER GENERATORS AND FACTOR FINDERS.- Also translated from Display. Contains 20 pages of articles and programs by several authors. Mostly for the SR-52, which can easily be written in 59-ese. One program each for the HP-67/97 and TI-59. For the 52 there is done some rather extensive research on the use of the pseudos, especially how to use p83 as an integer function. (no problem in the 59, though) Again the format is DIN-A4 size, slightly longer than 11 inches. Copying will be done on 8.5 by 13 inches paper. Copying and mailing comes to \$ 6.00 US.

MASTER LIBRARY ACCESS ROUTINES.- As shown on Pages 8 and 9 of V5N1, these access routines will print descriptors in the margin. They work with the same instructions as the ones used in the ML manual. To reduce copying costs, no instructions are added. Only the programs listings are given for ML-04 through ML-25. The first 20 are written by Valentino Ducati, the last two by me. Each listing on 8.5 by 11 in. copy quality very good to excellent. Copying and mailing comes to \$ 6.00 US.

ANGLE CONVERTERS.- When you examine surveying programs, occasionally you encounter terribly long routines intended to convert an angle into a standard one, say between 0 and 360. So, I wondered if anybody had developed some efficient and fast tricks to do this. Frank Blachly assured me they did exist. So, here are the ones he uses regularly: To convert an angle to $0 \leq \theta \leq 360$:

LBL A X:T 360 X:T P/R INV P/R CP GE STO + 360) LBL STO RTN

And to convert an angle to $-90 \leq \theta \leq 270$:

LBL B X:T 1 X:T P/R INV P/R RTN

Entry may be positive or negative. Fractional part should be in decimal degrees.

PGM 01 of the RPN-module contains this TI-58 check routine:

If the TI-58 is connected, just CMS,
if TI-59 is connected, partition to
159.99 and then CMS.

269	06	6	275	02	02
270	69	DP	276	81	81
271	17	17	277	01	1
272	29	CP	278	00	0
273	59	INT	279	69	DP
274	67	EQ	280	17	17
			281	47	CMS

Re the PRT routine in V5N1p2: J. Huntington Lewis, of Norfolk, VA, proposes the following enhancement:

LBL PRT STO AA RCL IND AA DIV 12 INV LOG + 1) HIR 08 X:T OP 06 RTN

so that the routine can be called as follows: DD X:T BB SBR PRT
where BB is the location of the desired print code. This will print the displayed value DD with the appropriate legend in the right hand margin.

LAMBDA FUNCTION. Robert Savage, 5628 Berkeley Road in Goleta CA, 93017, would like to see a program developed for the Lambda function. The program should have a 10-digit accuracy for arguments up to 50 or 100 and an order of at least 10. Please write Robert directly if you can help him.

HARDWARE.- I have several hardware articles available. These are too long to be published here. They may be ordered at a nominal fee for copying and mailing:

EXTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE SR-52/56 CALCULATORS. Describes all the signal voltages and wave forms available in those calculators. Contains the bit patterns for the printed characters, the instruction codes and the character codes. 12 pages, 8.5 by 11 inches. Dated Sept 27, 1976. \$ 3.00 US.

PC-100A, INTERFACE DESCRIPTION. Gives all the PC-100A I/O requirements, the operating instructions and the character codes for the printed characters. It also has the PROM codes for the SN74S287 IC circuit in the PC100A. It further has the Instruction Register (IRG) instructions, a schematic diagram of the interface and of the PC100A proper. The date is June 1, 1978. 12 pages. \$ 3.00 US.

PC100 INTERFACE DESCRIPTION. Same as above but for the PC100 as opposed to the PC100A. Does not have a schematic of the interface, only a description of it. But contains a schematic diagram of the PC100. Dated Sept 30, 1976. 7 pages. \$ 2.00 US.

CRT INTERFACE FOR THE TI-59. Complete description to interface the TI-59 to a CRT-Display. The RF modulator schematic diagram is the only part that did not copy clearly. 8 Schematic diagrams for the complete interface. ROM map for the display characters. 24 pages. No date. \$ 6.00 US.

TI-59 SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM.- 1 Page, free with any of the above. Otherwise, just send me a SASE.

It goes without saying that we cannot guarantee the above as to accuracy. We did not try them out, but the source we obtained them from is impeccable.

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING. Gus Raab, 806 Freedom Circle, Harleysville PA, 19438, would like to get in contact with any member who has developed programs in structural steel design and detailing or drafting. Also plate and sheet metal drafting and layout, machine shop math, template making and machine design. Please write Gus directly if you feel you can interchange programs and ideas with him, or call him at 215-368-4866.

1 % RESISTOR ROUTINE.- In connection with the Standard Resistor routine in V5N2, Paul E. Blair sends us this 1% resistor routine he wrote for the SR-52. It works well on the TI-58/59. The first two open parenthesis are not needed there, I suppose. It will produce the exact correct 1 % value for any odd entry:

LBL EE ((INV EE LOG X 96) FIX 0 EE FIX 2 DIV 96) INV LOG EE INV EE INV FIX RTN

A similar routine for 5% and 10% resistors does not agree with the commercially available values, they not being theoretically correct in some values. The alteration would be to change both 96's in 24's or 12's and Fix 2 in Fix 1.

TIME DILATION.— John Garza III offers a surprisingly short routine to compute the classic time dilation. As you might know, it is an interesting result of the theory of relativity, which says that time passes at different rates for objects moving relative to one another, as seen by an outside observer. This occurs even at the most minuscule velocities, but is only readily noticed at relativistic velocities, that is close to the speed of light. John assumes here the speed of light $c = 1$. The instructions are:

RST, enter velocity V and press X:T. Enter time and compute stationary time by pressing R/S.

In user memory: DIV X:T INV COS SIN = R/S

For all you astronomers, amateur and otherwise, John has also a STELLAR TRANSFORMATIONS program. It transforms the earth-origin coordinates of a star into it's coordinates using another star or the Shapley center as origin. It also computes the magnitude of the star as seen from the new origin.

If I receive enough requests, I'll publish it. Otherwise, I might add it to our Astronomy package. That is, if John agrees to it.

FIRMWARE REVISITED. The subject FIRMWARE refuses to die. In all the German news-letters not an issue goes by without a mention or a rehash of all the known facts. No NEW firmware locations are discovered, though. Assumptions as to how many firmware program locations there are are running amok. Ever since Walter Ulrich showed his discovery in GESPRO (see NOTES V5N1P7) in which the program counter was made to go up as high as 1374, several other attempts have surfaced. The latest one from TISOFT (Belgium) VII,N1. Their sequence is: GTO 004 LRN PGM 02 SBR 240 RST RST RST LRN RST R/S LRN

Your program counter should now be at 6546 with a code 81. But if you go out of LRN and press LIST the listing starts at step 546. This strongly suggests that the program step 6546 is only a pseudo-step for the real step 546. The latter, in turn, can be found in Steffen Seitz's routine as 146. At least the listed code is identical there.

The editor offers the suggestion that the code is repeated nine times for a total of 8000 steps! To "prove" it, he has computed a formula to pre-determine the address. His recipe is as follows:

1. In GTO 004 the number 004 may be replaced by any number 4 modulo 8.
2. Instead of SBR 240 you may also use SBR 239.
3. In RST RST RST, the first RST may be replaced by any code in the eighties: HIR, GTO IND, OP IND, +, IFF, D.MS, pi, GRAD, STF)
4. The last two in the row of three RST's constitute the address. It is always a four-digit address: $800a + 80b + 8c + d + 1$

with one exception: when $d = 9$ then $d = -1$

As an example, you enter RST \sqrt{x}) which makes the address 5434 (reading backwards) and the location then becomes $5 \times 800 + 4 \times 80 + 3 \times 8 + 4 + 1 = 4349$

Another example: RST RST RST the last two RST are 8181 and the location is: $8 \times 800 + 1 \times 80 + 8 \times 8 + 1 + 1 = 6546$

Now you try RST PRT PRT ! In LRN mode SST a few times and, lo and behold, the program counter-goes to 000 and there is Steffen's firmware all over again, at the correct location!

While ckecking out the sequence above and trying variants on it, I found that GTO 016 LRN PGM 02 SBR 240 31 31 RST LRN RST R/S (synthesize the two "31" (= LRN)steps) will put the calculator in Don Laughery's curious "trace" state, but in fix 4 format! But this time, if you reset flag 9 you kill the "trace" state!

THE DECIMAL-POINT TRICK. In V2N2p35 of Display, Heinrich Schnepf published a decimal-point trick, intended as an entry-sensing device. Since then I have seen several good programmers use it to produce really "friendly" programs, i.e. programs in which the amount of button pushing is reduced to an absolute minimum. But the great majority of people still struggle along with instructions as: "Of the three variables, enter only two through either key A, B or C and obtain the unknown through either key A', B' or C'." That means six keys for the user to remember, when three could do it. How? Let's look at Ohm's law. (Don't worry, I am NOT going to write a program about it!) $R = E/I$, $E = IR$ and $I = E/R$. A rather simple interrelationship among three variables. You could enter your data as:

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(Enter R )   LBL A STO 01 R/S
(Enter E )   LBL B STO 02 R/S
(Enter I )   LBL C STO 03 R/S
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And the computation of the three unknowns could be as follows:

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(Compute R ) LBL A' RCL 02 DIV RCL 03 = R/S
(Compute E ) LBL B' RCL 01 X RCL 03 = R/S
(Compute I ) LBL C' RCL 02 DIV RCL 01 = R/S
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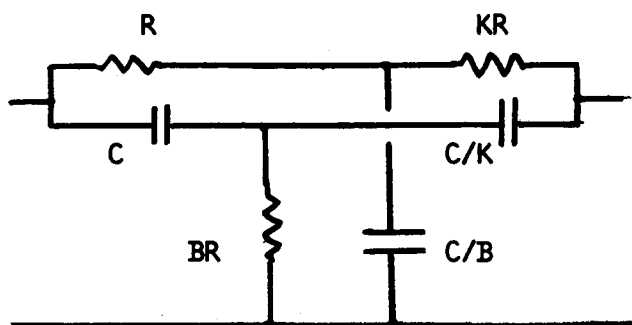
It works, but it is an unfriendly program, because of excessive button pushing. If we use the decimal-point trick at the very beginning of each entry label, we can reduce the number of keys to be remembered to the absolute minimum of three. Thus, each entry routine is written as:

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LBL A . CP EQ A' STO 01 R/S LBL B . CP EQ B' STO 02 R/S LCL C . CP EQ C' STO 03 R/S
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And the computation routines are written the same as above.

The decimal point will make any non-entry, that is a left over result from a former computation, zero. Then the CP command will store a zero in the t-register. That is the only thing CP will do in a program. (From the key board, CP will wipe out your program, because it means CANCEL PROGRAM) The next command is EQ or $x=t$ if you will. (I prefer EQ, which is the same as the printer lists it. For $x=t$ and its mate, $x \geq t$, which I write GE, I have to do quite some gymnastics with the typing balls on the machine) This GE compares the display with the t-reg and if both are equal to zero the program will branch to A', B' or C' as the case may be. You old-time programmers, as opposed to newcomers, will say: "Why is he telling us all this. We knew this already a long time." Then why, pray tell, do I see it used so seldom?

My friend Robert Trost, in Soest, Holland, who is a professional market researcher and, as a part time job, invents electronic aids for the handicapped, recently sent me a schematic diagram of a frequency-selective infra-red amplifier. He requested me to write a quick-and-dirty program to compute the values of the twin-T filter feedback element used in such an amplifier. I would like to share the two versions of this program with you, to demonstrate what is meant by a reduction in button pushing. For those not familiar with a twin-T circuit (and for those who might have forgotten) let's examine the relationships between the different elements:



$$RC = \frac{1}{\omega_0} = \frac{1}{2 \pi f}$$

$$B = \frac{K}{K + 1}$$

In which K is the bandwidth factor from 1 to 100 and B simply a constant as defined.

f is the frequency and R and C are the circuit elements as shown in the drawing.

For the widest band, $K = 1$ and for the narrowest band $K = 100$. (practical values) It is clear (people familiar with electronics) that for the wide band version we could easily get away with 5 % or even 10 % tolerances for the circuit elements. But for narrower bandwidths we will have to resort to much tighter tolerances, such

Decimal-point trick. (cont.)

1 % or better. Because of the rather simple relationship among the variables, it should be possible to write a program with less than 240 steps, even one with all the bells and whistles possible. With the TI-58 users in mind and also to please the TI-59 users who haven't a PC100 available, I wrote a simple calculator-only version. Then I wrote one for TI-59/PC100 use, with descriptor printing in the right-hand margin. Both will fit on one single mag card, each on its own track. The instructions are simple:

Enter two out of three variables through their respective keys: A, B or C.

To obtain the unknown, press the left-over key.

Enter the bandwidth factor K and press E.

With the printer, the four other circuit elements are printed with descriptors.

Without the printer (the short version) the program stops each time to permit copying. Press R/S to continue.

R is entered in ohms and C in microfarads. If that bothers you, change the dividers in the program accordingly. (example step 060: DIV 6 INV LOG =)

000	76	LBL	079	58	FIX	158	03	3
001	99	PRT	080	00	00	159	05	5
002	55	+	081	71	SBR	160	58	FIX
003	01	1	082	99	PRT	161	00	00
004	02	2	083	42	STD	162	71	SBR
005	22	INV	084	02	02	163	99	PRT
006	28	LOG	085	92	RTN	164	43	RCL
007	85	+	086	76	LBL	165	00	00
008	01	1	087	16	A*	166	65	x
009	54)	088	43	RCL	167	43	RCL
010	82	HIR	089	01	01	168	04	04
011	08	08	090	65	x	169	95	=
012	32	X:T	091	43	RCL	170	32	X:T
013	69	DP	092	02	02	171	01	1
014	06	06	093	71	SBR	172	04	4
015	22	INV	094	89	+	173	03	3
016	58	FIX	095	71	SBR	174	05	5
017	92	RTN	096	42	STD	175	58	FIX
018	76	LBL	097	98	ADV	176	00	00
019	89	+	098	92	RTN	177	71	SBR
020	65	x	099	76	LBL	178	99	PRT
021	02	2	100	17	E*	179	43	RCL
022	65	x	101	43	RCL	180	01	01
023	89	+	102	00	00	181	55	+
024	95	=	103	65	x	182	43	RCL
025	35	1/X	104	43	RCL	183	03	03
026	92	RTN	105	02	02	184	65	x
027	76	LBL	106	71	SBR	185	06	6
028	11	A	107	89	+	186	22	INV
029	93	.	108	65	x	187	28	LOG
030	29	CP	109	06	6	188	95	=
031	57	EQ	110	22	INV	189	32	X:T
032	16	A*	111	28	LOG	190	01	1
033	76	LBL	112	95	=	191	05	5
034	42	STD	113	71	SBR	192	06	6
035	32	X:T	114	43	RCL	193	03	3
036	03	3	115	98	ADV	194	02	2
037	05	5	116	92	RTN	195	06	6
038	58	FIX	117	76	LBL	196	58	FIX
039	00	00	118	18	C*	197	06	06
040	71	SBR	119	43	RCL	198	71	SBR
041	99	PRT	120	00	00	199	99	PRT
042	42	STD	121	65	x	200	43	RCL
043	00	00	122	43	RCL	201	01	01
044	92	RTN	123	01	01	202	55	+
045	76	LBL	124	71	SBR	203	43	RCL
046	12	B	125	89	+	204	04	04
047	93	.	126	71	SBR	205	65	x
048	29	CP	127	44	SUM	206	06	6
049	67	EQ	128	98	ADV	207	22	INV
050	17	B*	129	92	RTN	208	28	LOG
051	76	LBL	130	76	LBL	209	95	=
052	43	RCL	131	15	E	210	32	X:T
053	32	X:T	132	32	X:T	211	01	1
054	01	1	133	02	2	212	05	5
055	05	5	134	06	6	213	06	6
056	58	FIX	135	00	0	214	03	3
057	06	06	136	00	0	215	01	1
058	71	SBR	137	71	SBR	216	04	4
059	99	PRT	138	99	PRT	217	58	FIX
060	55	+	139	42	STD	218	06	06
061	06	6	140	03	03	219	71	SBR
062	22	INV	141	55	+	220	99	PRT
063	28	LOG	142	53	C	221	98	ADV
064	95	=	143	24	CE	222	92	RTN
065	42	STD	144	85	+			
066	01	01	145	01	1			
067	92	RTN	146	95	=			
068	76	LBL	147	42	STD	001	99	PRT
069	13	C	148	04	04	019	89	+
070	93	.	149	43	RCL	028	11	A
071	29	CP	150	00	00	034	42	STD
072	67	EQ	151	65	x	046	12	B
073	18	C*	152	43	RCL	052	43	RCL
074	76	LBL	153	03	03	059	13	C
075	44	SUM	154	95	=	075	44	SUM
076	32	X:T	155	32	X:T	087	16	A*
077	02	2	156	02	2	100	17	B*
078	01	1	157	06	6	118	18	C*
						131	15	E

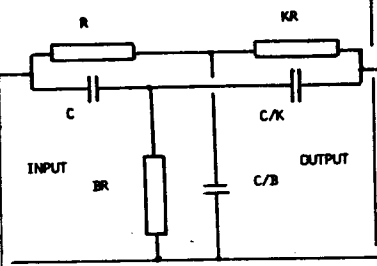
TWIN-T FILTER.

EXECUTION SAMPLE:

10000 .05 320 .05 .05 250 30

IN THE SHORT VERSION, PRESS R/S TO CONTINUE. VALUES WILL APPEAR IN THE SAME ORDER AS SHOWN IN THE PRINTER VERSION.

10000. R
0.050000 C
318. F
320. F
0.050000 C
9947. R
0.050000 C
250. F
12732. R
10. K
127324. KR
11575. BR
0.005000 C/K
0.055000 C/B



000	76	LBL	076	00	00
001	89	+	077	71	SBR
002	65	x	078	89	+
003	02	2	079	42	STD
004	65	x	080	02	02
005	89	+	081	91	R/S
006	95	=	082	76	LBL
007	35	1/X	083	15	E
008	92	RTN	084	42	STD
009	76	LBL	085	03	03
010	11	A	086	55	+
011	93	.	087	53	C
012	29	CP	088	24	CE
013	67	EQ	089	85	+
014	16	A*	090	01	1
015	42	STD	091	95	=
016	00	00	092	42	STD
017	91	R/S	093	04	04
018	76	LBL	094	43	RCL
019	12	B	095	03	03
020	93	.	096	91	R/S
021	29	CP	097	43	RCL
022	67	EQ	098	00	00
023	17	B*	099	65	x
024	55	+	100	43	RCL
025	06	6	101	03	03
026	22	INV	102	95	=
027	28	LOG	103	91	R/S
028	95	=	104	43	RCL
029	42	STD	105	04	04
030	01	01	106	65	x
031	91	R/S	107	43	RCL
032	76	LBL	108	00	00
033	13	C	109	95	=
034	93	.	110	91	R/S
035	29	CP	111	43	RCL
036	67	EQ	112	01	01
037	18	C*	113	55	+
038	42	STD	114	43	RCL
039	02	02	115	03	03
040	91	R/S	116	65	x
041	76	LBL	117	06	6
042	16	A*	118	22	INV
043	43	RCL	119	28	LOG
044	01	01	120	95	=
045	65	x	121	91	R/S
046	43	RCL	122	43	RCL
047	02	02	123	01	01
048	71	SBR	124	55	+
049	89	+	125	43	RCL
050	42	STD	126	04	04
051	00	00	127	65	x
052	91	R/S	128	06	6
053	76	LBL	129	22	INV
054	17	B*	130	28	LOG
055	43	RCL	131	95	=
056	00	00	132	91	R/S
057	65	x	133	25	CLK
058	43	RCL	134	69	DP
059	02	02	135	40	40
060	71	SBR	136	91	R/S
061	89	+	137	91	R/S
062	65	x	138	91	R/S
063	06	6	139	91	R/S
064	22	INV			
065	28	LOG			
066	95	=			
067	42	STD			
068	01	01	001	89	+
069	91	R/S	010	11	A
070	76	LBL	019	12	B
071	18	C*	038	13	C
072	43	RCL	042	16	A*
073	01	01	054	17	B*
074	65	x	071	18	C*
075	43	RCL	083	15	E

KEY BOARD HIR ! - One disadvantage of the HIRs is that they have to be used in program memory. They cannot be keyed directly. However, if you just want to experiment with HIRs, this program by Dick Blayney will put all the known HIR codes in program memory. By calling a specified SBR you can execute each HIR command. The program itself will tell you which SBR to execute!

Dick's original program did not contain print commands. I added them in the believe that it helps your memory to see the HIR and its corresponding SBR printed. This interferes a little with HIR 8. If you store something in it and then recall from HIR 8 you will see .0000003614 instead. This is the print code for the letters S and B from printing the word SBR. If that bothers you, just delete all the printing: steps 036 through 047 and steps 056 through 065 and you will obtain Dick's original routine. You could then use the table instead, in order to verify the SBR corresponding to a specified HIR command. Try it both ways.

The instructions are as follows: Execute LBL A, allow 70 sec for its execution. Routine A will put all known HIR commands in user memory, including the non-existing HIR 9 commands. But it never hurts to experiment with them. You never know you might become famous.... If you want to put in the other non-existent HIR, HIR 00, after execution of A, press GTO 957 LRN STO 82 BST BST DEL SST SST R/S. The calculator will go out of LRN automatically.

After execution of A you want, for example, to store 1234 in HIR 7. Enter 7 and press E. Without the printer only 901 is displayed, meaning that to execute HIR 07 you have to press SBR 901. With the printer both 7.HIR and 901. SBR are printed. Next enter 1234 and press SBR 901.

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LBL A 10 OP 17 99 STO 00 RCL 00 EE 3 +/- + 9.10082 = STO IND 00 CLR DSZ 0 010
OP 17 R/S LBL E X:T 232435 OP 04 X:T OP 06 X 8 - 957 = ABS X:T 361435
OP 04 X:T OP 06 R/S
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HIR REGISTERS

FUNCTION	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
0 = STO	957	949	941	933	925	917	909	901	893	885
1 = RCL	877	869	861	853	845	837	829	821	813	805
2	797	789	781	773	765	757	749	741	733	725
3 = SUM	717	709	701	693	685	677	669	661	653	645
4 = PRD	637	629	621	613	605	597	589	581	573	656
5 = INV SUM	557	549	541	533	525	517	509	501	493	485
6 = INV PROD	477	469	461	453	445	437	429	421	413	405
7 = INV PROD	397	389	381	373	365	357	349	341	333	325
8 = INV PROD	317	309	301	293	285	277	269	261	253	245
9 = INV PROD	237	229	221	213	205	197	189	181	173	165

A few reminders about the HIRs:

HIR 05 = OP 01, HIR 06 = op 02, HIR 07 = op 03 and HIR 08 = OP 04.

Nested arithmetic operands are pushed in HIR 1, HIR 2,8.

CMS, CLR nor CE will clear the HIRs, but OP 00 will clear HIR 5, 6, 7 and 8.

P/R uses first available HIRs and HIR 7 and 8. OP 11 uses first two available HIRs.

INV P/R uses first two available HIRs and HIR 7 and 8. OP 13: first four available HIRs.

DMS and INV DMS use first two available HIRs and HIR 7 and 8.

Sigma + and - and Σ + use HIR 7 and 8. OP 15 uses first three available HIRs.

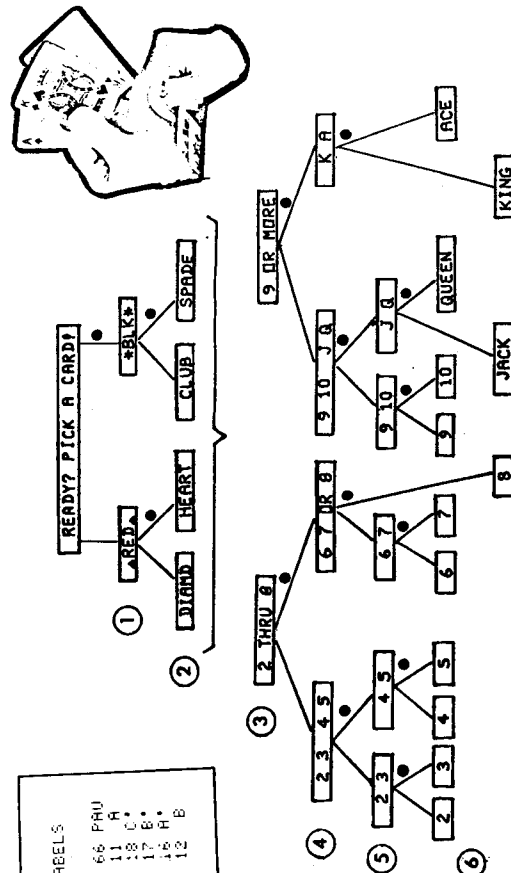
\bar{x} uses first available HIR. OP 14 uses first three available HIRs and HIR 8.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Press B to start. READY? PICK A CARD printed.
2. Victim selects a card.
3. Within 10 seconds press R/S with or without decimal point present.
4. Press A to continue and allow the PC100 to print the calculator's (or is it your?) choice.
5. If the "short cut" press 2nd A' instead of A.
 - a. If you make a mistake, wait 10 seconds for the calculator to change
 - b. Go back to 3 until the complete card has been revealed.

NOTE: Registers 44 and 49 don't contain print code.

Program is recorded on one mag card, banks 1 and 3.



For the benefit of our newcomers: Loading the print code registers is not an easy chore. These are typically for bits 365 through 830 (R30 through R50). The rest are for QP mm loading; one is even below bit 365 (R29).

The best way to explain how to store these large numbers into the respective registers is by means of two stories. Let's take R37:

Store the number first: 25 x .570 37. Then count the number of digits to the right-hand side of the decimal point: here eleven. "11" will be the negative exponent, as follows: 363331617+ EE 11 +/- SUM 37.

If the number doesn't have a negative sign, you have to leave off, of course, the minus sign before the exponent. If it does, put the minus sign before the SUM.

PROMPT	Decimal point absent	Decimal point present
2 THRU 8	2	3
2 3 4 OR 5	4	5
6 7 OR 8	6	7
9 OR MORE	9	10

LABELS	PH
001	6.6
048	11.0
068	13.8
075	17.8
094	19.9
107	19.9

30	121.4571003324	30	YD PI
31	1.158600113	31	CKA
32	3.007550171675	32	RED A
33	1.0644133016	33	DIAM
34	25.02317133537	34	HEART
35	3.005114272651	35	*BLK*
36	35.000151527414	36	CLUB
37	235.03631311617	37	SPADE
38	1.00003003723	38	2 TH
39	1.03541000973	39	RU 8v
40	15.000030004	40	2 4
41	15.000050006	41	4 5
42	15.000070008	42	6 7
43	15.032350009	43	DR 8
44	11.00013003235	44	9 DR
45	11.000323517	45	MORE
46	11.000323517	46	9 10
47	15.0001600201	47	10 11
48	15.000250044	48	J 0
49	15.000260013	49	K 0
50	251.000260013	50	QUEEN
51	351.000260013	51	JACK
52	264311731	52	KING
53	26434122.	53	ACE
54	13151700.	54	HE
55	4000.030243116	55	MIND
56	152313312.	56	CHANG
57	1716003045.	57	ED NY
58	35171316.	58	READ
59	15133351673.	59	CARD3

[illegible]

ALPHA DATA LIST.- In V4N3S35 of Display, Herbert Lauterbach published an intriguing program called RCL. It permitted to list on one line the alpha code contained in a register, the corresponding alpha and the register number. The program was written within less than 160 steps, such that the majority of the registers could be listed. I say MAJORITY, because, in spite of using only only R00 for IND functions and the HIRs for temporary storage, Herbert didn't include provisions in his program to also list R90 through R99. His program required 5 min 39 sec to list 11 test registers or almost 31 sec per register. I saw fit to speed it up somewhat (3 min 58 sec or about 21.6 sec per register) and to include provisions to list R90 through R99. I added the required impossibly-long words and dangling participles so loved by the practitioners of Goethe's beautiful language, and sent it off, Display-wards.

At the same time I distributed an English translation of both programs among the members of our local club. I didn't have to wait long to get several enhancements from the Snow brothers, from Norman Herzberg and from Bill Skillman. They were all faster and used less working registers. By using their tricks, I was able to write one more program which I submitted to PPX. Choosing "the best one" among so many versions is difficult. Each one has its peculiar qualities. The one by Bill Skillman is "friendly to the user." Although not the fastest of the pack: 24 sec per 10-digit register vs both Norman Herzberg's and Richard Snow's clocking in at 18 sec per register, it has the advantage that it does not require any special programming gymnastics to list register 90 through 99. It also does not require you to be present during a long listing to stop the program at appropriate places. You may pre-determine the starting and the stopping register. Instructions:

1. Enter the program with registers to be listed, banks 2, 3 and 4.
2. Enter this program, bank 1.
3. Enter number of lowest register to be listed and press A. Heading printed. Enter number of highest register to be listed and press R/S. This is for registers 05 through 89. Registers 00 through 04 used by program.
4. For registers 90 through 99, force bank 1 of program with registers to be listed into bank 2 by means of 2 +/-.
5. Repeat 2.
6. Repeat 3, but press B.

ALPHA REG LIST:		036 00 00	068 52 EE	100 03 03	132 02 2	164 01 1
NUMERIC REG ALPHA		037 42 42	069 32 PTH	101 43 PCL	133 85 +	165 00 0
1327332313. 90 ALPHA		038 93 .	070 76 LBL	102 84 34	134 04 4	166 95 =
35172200. 91 REG		039 02 2	071 11 A	103 69 DP	135 52 EE	167 16 A'
2724363762. 92 LIST:		040 44 SUM	072 42 STD	104 01 01	136 09 3	168 69 DP
1735241500. 93 ERIC		041 02 02	073 00 00	105 43 PCL	137 22 INV	169 01 01
314130. 94 NUM		042 22 INV	074 32 XIT	106 93 93	138 87 IFF	170 69 DP
		043 97 DSC	075 22 INV	107 69 DP	139 05 05	171 05 05
		044 01 01	076 86 STF	108 02 03	140 01 01	172 69 DP
		045 00 00	077 05 05	109 43 PCL	141 46 46	173 20 20
		046 53 53	078 01 1	110 90 90	142 85 +	174 97 DSC
		047 43 PCL	079 00 0	111 69 DP	143 05 5	175 04 04
		048 03 03	080 69 DP	112 04 04	144 52 EE	176 01 01
		049 22 INV	081 17 17	113 69 DP	145 04 4	177 28 28
		050 67 EQ	082 43 PCL	114 05 05	146 95 =	178 06 6
		051 00 00	083 90 90	115 09 9	147 22 INV	179 69 DP
		052 15 15	084 69 DP	116 69 DP	148 52 EE	180 17 17
		053 09 9	085 00 00	117 17 17	149 69 DP	181 25 CLR
		054 75 -	086 69 DP	118 25 CLR	150 03 03	182 92 PTH
		055 43 PCL	087 01 01	119 22 XIT	151 73 PC+	183 76 LBL
		056 01 01	088 43 PCL	120 75 -	152 00 00	184 12 B
		057 65 x	089 92 92	121 91 R/S	153 69 DP	185 42 STD
		058 02 2	090 69 DP	122 95 =	154 04 04	186 00 00
		059 95 =	091 03 03	123 94 +/-	155 16 A'	187 32 XIT
		060 22 INV	092 43 PCL	124 42 STD	156 69 DP	188 03 3
		061 28 LDC	093 91 91	125 04 04	157 02 02	189 00 0
		062 65 x	094 69 DP	126 69 DP	158 43 PCL	190 94 +/-
		063 43 PCL	095 02 02	127 24 24	159 03 03	191 44 SUM
		064 02 02	096 69 DP	128 43 PCL	160 67 ED	192 00 00
		065 95 =	097 05 05	129 00 00	161 01 01	193 81 STD
		066 52 EE	098 98 ADV	130 16 A'	162 68 68	194 00 00
		067 22 INV	099 69 DP	131 52 EE	163 65 x	195 76 76
000 76 LBL	018 22 INV					
001 16 A'	019 44 SUM					
002 65 x	020 03 03					
003 00 0	021 93 .					
004 42 STD	022 01 1					
005 02 02	023 49 PRD					
006 32 XIT	024 03 03					
007 05 5	025 49 PPD					
008 42 STD	026 02 02					
009 01 01	027 49 PRD					
010 93 .	028 02 02					
011 01 1	029 95 =					
012 95 =	030 44 SUM					
013 42 STD	031 02 02					
014 03 03	032 22 INV					
015 75 -	033 59 INT					
016 59 INT	034 22 INV					
017 85 +	035 67 EQ					

RECORDING INSTRUCTIONS:

PARTITION 10 OP 17. KEY IN PROGRAM WITH 196 STEPS, LOAD REGISTERS 90 - 94.

PARTITION 6 OP 17. RECORD SIDE 1 OF MAG CARD.

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As you might have guessed, this was by no means the end of the story. Valentino Ducati saw my program in Display and found it still slow. So, one day he sent me his version called ALPHA SPEICHERAUFLISTING MARK II, an allusion to the name I had given it, without the Mark II. It was fast alright: 4 sec per register. But Valentino cheated to a certain extent: his program uses double the amount of paper, in that it prints the Alpha code and the Alpha itself on two separate lines, with the register number repeated on each line. But it is no ordinary program, not by a long shot. It has some of the cleverest program tricks I have seen in a long time. It had only one drawback in use: it always started the listing with R00. Now, you just offer such a challenge to Bill Skillman and he sacrifices a weekend on it to enhance it. It now starts with any register you want. Bill insisted on it, however, that I call this version ALPHA LIST MARK III. The instructions for the Ducati-Skillman program are:

1. Load the Alpha List program, side 1 only.
2. Select the proper partition, = the one of the program whose registers you want to list.
3. If that program has a side 2, force it into bank 2 with 2 +/-.
4. If that program has a side 3, force it into bank 3 with 3 +/-.
5. Enter starting register number and press A.
If you selected partition 0 OP 17, the display will flash 9999...99.
If you selected 10 OP 17, the printer prints 1, asking for side 1.
Insert side 1. If it missreads, force side 1 into bank 1 with 1 +/- . To stop the flashing press CLR and continue with R/S.
6. Printer now prints 4, asking for side 4. Insert side 4. If it missreads, use the same manoeuver as in 5 above. If no side 4 is available, press R/S twice. Now the listing starts, beginning with register n, which you entered in 5. If you want a repeat performance, the same list, press SBR 079. This time the listing will start with R01.

000 76 LBL	023 82 HIR	046 00 00	069 59 59	092 01 01	115 20 20	138 00 0
001 16 R'	024 18 18	047 74 74	070 43 RCL	093 16 16	116 16 16	139 00 0
002 52 C	025 22 CP	048 42 STD	071 00 00	094 48 EXC	117 00 00	140 16 R'
003 23 INV	026 22 INV	049 90 90	072 42 STD	095 00 00	118 00 00	141 95 =
004 57 ENG	027 57 EQ	050 01 1	073 90 90	096 67 EQ	119 01 01	142 69 DP
005 85 +	028 67 EQ	051 99 PRT	074 04 4	097 01 01	120 05 05	143 04 04
006 01 1	029 22 INV	052 04 4	075 99 PRT	098 05 05	121 00 00	144 73 RC*
007 85 +	030 58 PIX	053 94 +/-	076 94 +/-	099 69 DP	122 00 00	145 00 00
008 28 LBS	031 69 DP	054 22 INV	077 22 INV	100 06 06	123 00 00	146 61 GTD
009 59 INT	032 16 16	055 96 MRT	078 96 MRT	101 69 DP	124 01 1	147 00 00
010 65 X	033 43 DHS	056 09 9	079 98 ADV	102 03 03	125 04 +/-	148 99 99
011 02 2	034 82 HIR	057 42 STD	080 01 1	103 69 DP	126 02 HIR	149 76 LBL
012 54)	035 18 18	058 10 10	081 69 DP	104 05 05	127 08 08	150 67 EQ
013 92 RTN	036 82 HIR	059 73 RC*	082 04 04	105 43 RCL	128 09 INT	151 25 CLR
014 76 LBL	037 04 04	060 10 10	083 29 CP	106 00 00	129 00 00	152 35 1/X
015 11 R	038 67 EQ	061 72 ST*	084 82 HIR	107 75 -	130 00 00	153 52 EE
016 93 .	039 67 EQ	062 90 90	085 13 13	108 82 HIR	131 02 2	154 22 INV
017 82 HIR	040 32 XIT	063 97 DSZ	086 67 EQ	109 14 14	132 05 +	155 57 ENG
018 03 03	041 98 ADV	064 90 90	087 00 00	110 95 =	133 05 HIR	156 24 CE
019 01 1	042 09 9	065 51 EST	088 94 94	111 67 EQ	134 08 18	157 52 RTN
020 37 P/R	043 09 9	066 97 DSZ	089 42 STD	112 01 01	135 03 INV	158 98 ADV
021 69 DP	044 22 INV	067 10 10	090 00 00	113 58 58	136 09 INT	159 92 RTN
022 00 00	045 67 EQ	068 00 00	091 61 GTD	114 69 DP	137 02 EE	

1 EXC 2, 2 EXC 1 ROUTINES. In vln2, 1979 of the PPX Exchange our club published an article called PROGRAMMER'S POINT OF VIEW. By means of twelve different routines we demonstrated how you might be able to guess an individual's profession by taking a look at his ideosincrasies in programming! PPX published a follow-up in v3n6, 1979. In it they published the best of many new categories I received in the mail. Here again are a few "jewels" sent to me by Bill Beebe from Lilburn, Georgia:

000: GTD 006 LBL A RST STD 01 1 STF IND 01 IFF 02 017 2 ABS RTN which Bill calls a flagwaver's delight. LBL A $\sqrt{x} + 1/X$ INT = INT R/S for people who cover their tracks, and LBL A $1/X$ INV LNX INT R/S which Bill calls his "cat-skiner" on the premise that there is more than one way to do that.

As most of you will remember, the idea is that your program change a "1" in the display into a "2" and a "2" into a "1".

PPX forgot to mention that the idea for this "cutie" comes from my friend Bill Kolb, the local HP club coordinator. This then to render to Caesar.....

Sorry for the omission, Bill.

000	01	1	113	86	STF	224	97	DS2	336	01	1
001	00	0	114	01	01	225	06	06	337	00	0
002	00	0	115	42	STO	226	02	102	338	42	STO
003	00	0	116	01	01	227	24	134	339	05	05
004	00	0	117	52	EE	228	43	PCL	340	44	SUM
005	00	0	118	52	EE	229	36	26	341	08	08
006	00	0	119	52	EE	230	69	DP	342	42	STO
007	00	0	120	00	0	231	01	01	343	06	06
008	00	0	121	00	0	232	02	DP	344	44	SUM
009	32	X:IT	122	48	E:OC	233	03	03	345	06	06
010	02	2	123	01	01	234	43	PCL	346	16	A
011	00	0	124	55	-	235	37	37	347	43	PCL
012	00	0	125	43	PCL	236	69	DP	348	03	36
013	00	0	126	01	01	237	02	02	349	69	DP
014	00	0	127	95	-	238	69	DP	350	01	01
015	00	0	128	28	LOG	239	04	04	351	43	PCL
016	00	0	129	42	STO	240	69	DP	352	27	27
017	00	0	130	02	02	241	05	05	353	69	DP
018	00	0	131	06	6	242	81	PST	354	02	02
019	32	X:IT	132	32	X:IT	243	36	STF	355	43	PCL
020	03	3	133	52	EE	244	04	04	356	28	28
021	00	0	134	52	EE	245	98	ADV	357	69	DP
022	00	0	135	52	EE	246	06	06	358	03	03
023	00	0	136	00	0	247	07	7	359	69	DP
024	00	0	137	00	0	248	58	FIN	360	05	05
025	00	0	138	22	INV	249	04	04	361	16	A
026	00	0	139	52	EE	250	69	DP	362	03	36
027	00	0	140	42	STO	251	04	04	363	09	09
028	00	0	141	03	03	252	43	PCL	364	69	DP
029	32	X:IT	142	67	E:O	253	04	04	365	02	02
030	04	4	143	00	00	254	55	-	366	43	PCL
031	00	0	144	94	194	255	01	1	367	29	29
032	00	0	145	32	X:IT	256	00	0	368	69	DP
033	00	0	146	43	PCL	257	95	-	369	03	03
034	00	0	147	01	01	258	69	DP	370	69	DP
035	00	0	148	32	X:IT	259	06	06	371	05	05
036	00	0	149	77	EE	260	22	INV	372	16	A
037	00	0	150	01	01	261	58	FIN	373	98	ADV
038	00	0	151	63	PCL	262	98	ADV	374	02	2
039	32	X:IT	152	43	PCL	263	16	A	375	05	05
040	05	5	153	01	01	264	43	PCL	376	42	STO
041	00	0	154	75	-	265	38	38	377	00	0
042	00	0	155	93	-	266	69	DP	378	04	4
043	00	0	156	09	9	267	02	02	379	42	STO
044	00	0	157	85	-	268	43	PCL	380	02	02
045	00	0	1								

NEWCOMER'S CORNER. In V5N1p12 I said that HIR 05 through HIR 08 is the same as OP 01 through OP 04. To a certain extent this is true. But if you want to load print code into the HIRs, you will have to follow certain rules. For print code loaded into HIRs, the three left-most digits are ignored. Thus, you just put "dummy" digits in those positions, such as 999. Stay away from zeros, because if they become leading ones, they will cease to be "dummy." Any other digit or combination of digits may be used, though. The next 10 digits following the three left-most ones will be recognized as print code in five pairs. This makes a total of 13 digits, the maximum you can store in any register, HIR or ordinary data register. In HIR loading, only the order of the digits is important, not where the decimal point is placed. Let's try to experiment with these ideas. Write in user memory

LBL A HIR 06 R/S LBL B OP 05 R/S

Now we are going to create the print code to print five Y's (code 45). So we key in key board mode: 123454545 X 10000 = STO 00 4545 SUM 00 RCL 00
What we see in the display now is 1.2345455 12 which is what we entered 1234545454545 but because the display cannot show more than 10 digits, the calculator goes into EE mode automatically for numbers with more than 10 digits.
We now load that number into HIR 06 by pressing A, followed by printing with OP 05 by pressing B. As expected, we have five Y's in sector 2 of the tape.
Now, to show that the position of the decimal point has no influence we key RCL 00 DIV 1000 = and we see in the display 1234545455. The last 5 is a rounding of 4.545. Again we press A, followed by B. Same result, five Y's printed in the same sector of the tape. For our next experiment, let's add routine C:

LBL C OP 02 R/S also to be written in user memory.

We are now almost ready to do a two-word trick. The code for HI is 2324, while the code for LO is 2732. We load this into R00, so we will be able to recall it a few times if needed. We load this code as 2324.9992732
So we key 2324 STO 00 .9992732 SUM 00
If we now key RCL 00 INV INT A B we see the word LO printed in sector 2 of the tape. This, of course, from the fractional part .9992732 in which the three 9's were ignored. If, on the other hand, we key RCL 00 INT C B we see the word HI printed, from the integer part of our number, i.e. 2324.
This is a simple and effective way to store two words in one register and selectively print them once by means of HIR loading, once by means of regular OP loading. You might wonder why we couldn't load the print code as 2324.2732 and subsequently separate both words either by INT or by means of INV INT, as we did before and print both by a regular OP 02 loading. Yes, that would be possible, but in the INV INT case we obtain a fraction as print code. Before we can use it as such we will have to multiply it by 10000 or, a little shorter, by 4 INV LOG. But we still have to use an extra 4 steps. In the case of HIR loading, the HIR doesn't care where the decimal point is, it only requires three "dummy" left-most digits. So, which of the two methods is more economical in program steps?

Let us now examine how code stored with, for example, OP 02 is modified in HIR 6. Key in the following routine, after the R/S of routine C:

LBL D HIR 16 R/S This routine, as you can see, will recall the contents of HIR 6. Now, enter the five Y's again as 4545454545 OP 02. Then press D. The display now shows .0045454545 which means that our entered number was divided by 10^{12} . The last two 45 digits are not visible in the display, but if you multiply the displayed number by 1000 you will prove to yourself that they are indeed in the display REGISTER. By examining the .0045454545 display we see that the calculator did what we said in this article: create three left-most dummy digits in front of the entered number. By imitating this rule we were able to load directly into HIR 6. Here the zeros are not leading ones and therefore alright. But to be on the safe side, always use a digit different from zero.

PRINT CODE CONVERTER.— Robert Snow's original print code converter in VN10p2 and the modified one in V5N1p2 can only be used with positive integers smaller than 99999. Moreover, R09 has to be zeroed prior to calling SBR PRT. Bill Skillman sent me two modified versions that will work with $-9999 \leq N \leq 99999$. There is furthermore no requirement to zero R09. The routine uses R08 and R09, but no flags. It is 11 steps longer than the original Snow routine. Here follows the best one of the two:

Note to our newcomers: To test this routine, place a number between -9999 and 99999 in the display and press SBR PRT. When the display returns with the required print code, press OP 02 OP 05. If the printer is attached, you will see your entry printed in sector 2. Even an entered - sign will be there. This SBR is especially handy to enable you to print any 5-digit number anywhere on the paper tape. It can be used as a subroutine in your main program.

000 76 LBL	014 09 09	028 85 +	042 95 =
001 99 PRT	015 32 X!T	029 28 LDG	043 65 ×
002 29 CP	016 50 I×I	030 59 INT	044 01 1
003 67 EQ	017 55 ÷	031 65 ×	045 00 0
004 00 00	018 28 LDG	032 01 1	046 97 DSZ
005 27 27	019 59 INT	033 00 0	047 08 08
006 32 X!T	020 42 STD	034 00 0	048 00 00
007 22 INV	021 08 08	035 49 PRD	049 26 26
008 77 GE	022 69 OP	036 09 09	050 25 CLR
009 00 00	023 28 28	037 02 2	051 48 EXC
010 12 12	024 22 INV	038 75 -	052 09 09
011 02 2	025 28 LDG	039 59 INT	053 92 RTN
012 00 0	026 85 +	040 44 SUM	
013 42 STD	027 01 1	041 09 09	

Mathematical diversions.— On the last page you will find a contribution by Sam Allen on a program to solve the "pegboard problem." The instructions for running this program are: 1. Load the program. (TI-58 or TI-59)
 2. Reset the program counter.
 3. Clear all memories.
 4. Load N, the dimension of the array, into R14.
 5. Press R/S to run.

If a solution is found, the calculator will halt with N in the display. If the array has no solution the program eventually will crash. (Good luck, TI-58 users!) The array will be found in R01 through R08, where the number of the register corresponds to the row of the array. The row elements are packed in reverse order: Column N to the right of the decimal point, followed by column N-1, etc. Solutions exist for N=5. It is not known whether or not there are solutions for N=8. A related program appeared recently in Byte (FEB 1979, p 146-148) called "The Eight Calculating Queens." It was written by Bill White for the SR-56. It is very easy to translate it for the TI-58/59. It could even be done for the SR-52. On the SR-56 the 100-step program runs about 14 hours to produce all 92 possible solutions of that chess problem.

MATHEMATICAL DIVERSIONS.- During the summer of 1979, Samuel G. Allen brought to my attention a nice problem called "The Pegboard Problem." It was once marketed commercially as a board drilled with an 8 X 8 array of holes, which were to be filled by 64 pegs of 8 different colors, in such a way that no row, column, or diagonal contained two pegs of the same color. The manufacturer even offered a \$ 1000 prize to anyone who could come up with a solution! To date only a pegboard of 5 X 5 is definitely known to have solutions. That is what Sam wrote me in the beginning. But then came the big surprise: after verifying that there is no solution to the 6 X 6 board, Sam triumphantly announced that he had found solutions to a 7 X 7 pegboard! Those solutions are reproduced here. That is, the only solution the calculator (a TI-58) came up with, is the one in the upper right corner. The others were derived from this one by transposition.

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7 6 5 4 3 2 1
5 4 3 2 1 7 6
3 2 1 7 6 5 4
1 7 6 5 4 3 2
6 5 4 3 2 1 7
4 3 2 1 7 6 5
2 1 7 6 5 4 3

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7 6 5 4 3 2 1
4 3 2 1 7 6 5
1 7 6 3 4 3 2
5 4 3 2 1 7 6
2 1 7 6 5 4 3
6 5 4 3 2 1 7
3 2 1 7 6 5 4

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7 6 5 4 3 2 1
3 2 1 7 6 5 4
6 5 4 3 2 1 7
2 1 7 6 5 4 3
5 4 3 2 1 7 6
1 7 6 5 4 3 2
4 3 2 1 7 6 5

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7 6 5 4 3 2 1
2 1 7 6 5 4 3
4 3 2 1 7 6 5
6 5 4 3 2 1 7
1 7 6 5 4 3 2
3 2 1 7 6 5 4
5 4 3 2 1 7 6

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Then Sam devoted some 120 hours running time to finding solutions to an 8 X 8 board, but to no avail. I have a hunch that it will take an inordinate amount of time on a TI-58, or a TI-59 for that matter, to produce an 8 X 8 array solution. But then, with the right algorithm, who knows... Here then follows Sam's program for solving pegboards of N X N dimension in which he used some very clever packing of data registers.

000 01 1	035 00 00	050 08 08	075 22 INV	099 01 1	123 75 -	147 01 1
001 44 SUM	036 51 51	051 73 PC+	076 97 ISZ	100 00 0	124 01 MIT	148 00 0
002 10 10	037 01 1	052 10 10	077 00 00	101 49 PRD	125 05 =	149 00 INV
003 25 CLR	038 22 INV	053 65 X	078 01 01	102 13 13	126 00 INI	150 00 PD*
004 42 STD	039 44 SUM	054 01 1	079 40 40	103 43 RCL	127 02 MIT	151 10 10
005 11 11	040 10 10	055 00 0	080 73 PC+	104 13 13	128 43 RCL	152 43 RCL
006 01 1	041 43 RCL	056 75 -	081 00 00	105 75 -	129 10 10	153 14 14
007 44 SUM	042 14 14	057 22 INV	082 42 STD	106 22 INV	130 75 -	154 00 MIT
008 11 11	043 42 STD	058 59 INT	083 13 13	107 59 INT	131 43 RCL	155 43 RCL
009 43 RCL	044 11 11	059 72 ST+	084 43 RCL	108 42 STD	132 00 00	156 11 11
010 14 14	045 86 STF	060 10 10	085 14 14	109 13 13	133 05 =	157 00 INV
011 42 STD	046 01 01	061 95 =	086 42 STD	110 95 =	134 07 EQ	158 07 EQ
012 12 12	047 36 STF	062 42 STD	087 09 09	111 22 INV	135 00 00	159 00 00
013 22 INV	048 02 02	063 12 12	088 43 RCL	112 67 EQ	136 19 19	160 05 06
014 87 IFF	049 36 STF	064 22 INV	089 12 12	113 00 00	137 01 GTO	161 43 RCL
015 40 IND	040 03 03	065 86 STF	090 32 XIT	114 94 94	138 00 00	162 10 10
016 12 12	041 86 STF	066 40 IND	091 61 GTO	115 43 RCL	139 75 75	163 77 GE
017 00 00	042 04 04	067 12 12	092 00 00	116 09 09	140 43 RCL	164 01 01
018 71 71	043 36 STF	068 61 GTO	093 99 99	117 32 XIT	141 12 12	165 07 67
019 97 DSZ	044 05 05	069 00 00	094 22 INV	118 43 RCL	142 71 SH+	166 01 RST
020 12 12	045 36 STF	070 19 19	095 97 DSZ	119 11 11	143 10 10	167 91 R/S
021 00 00	046 06 06	071 43 RCL	096 09 09	120 67 EQ	144 00 STF	168 01 RST
022 13 13	047 86 STF	072 10 10	097 00 00	121 00 00	145 40 IND	
023 97 DSZ	048 07 07	073 42 STD	098 75 75	122 19 19	146 12 12	
024 11 11	049 86 STF	074 00 00				

Remember to synthesize DSZ 11, for example, as DSZ A and DSZ 12 as DSZ B, and the address following this as GTO nnn, after which you go back and delete the GTO.

I have several of these mathematical diversional problems. If members show interest we could try solutions for them. In the mean time, please let me know what you think of this one and if you have a better solution.

See you next month.

Cordially,

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