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## PREFACE

The MUMPS-11 Language Manual is a reference manual designed to provide the MUMPS-11 programmer with complete and easily accessible information about all aspects of the MUMPS-11 Language. New users should refer to the Introduction to MUMPS-11 Language tutorial manual.

Chapter 1 describes the elements of the language including: the character set, programming modes, program structure, data modes, numbers, strings, literals, constants and variables.

Chapter 2 describes how to form expressions in MUMPS-11 and how they are evaluated.

Chapter 3 describes each MUMPS-11 Command including: its syntax, arguments, meaning and examples of use. This chapter is arranged for quick reference; each command begins on a new page with the command name in large bold type in the upper corner. Chapter 4 describes each MUMPS-11 Function including: its syntax, arguments, meaning and examples of use. This chapter is presented in the same format as Chapter 3.

Appendices provided include: Glossary of Terms, Character Set, Error Messages, Symbol Usage and Conversion Tables.

Associated Documents include:

Getting Started With MUMPS-11  
DEC-11-MMGSA-A-D

Introduction to MUMPS-11 Language - Tutorial Manual  
DEC-11-MMLTA-C-D

MUMPS-11 Programmer's Reference Card  
DEC-11-MMPCA-C-C

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The language is a dialect of MUMPS (Massachusetts General Hospital Utility Multi-Programming System) which was developed at the Laboratory of Computer Science at Massachusetts General Hospital and is supported by Grant HS-00240 from the National Center for Health Services Research and Development.



## FOREWORD

MUMPS-11 is an interactive single language, multi-user time-sharing system that allows access to a common data base. The capabilities of the system are heavily oriented towards string manipulation using a high level language. The system relieves the user of any concern for programming peripheral devices or for structuring data bases in the traditional sense.

Language processing by the system is in every sense interpretive. Each line of code undergoes identical processing each time it is executed (intermediate code is not generated). The MUMPS application programmer is relieved of all the burdens associated with driving peripheral equipment or the programming of assembly language. He may concentrate his energies to the analysis aspects of his problem. His major problems are concerned with developing proper logical hierarchy for his data base, and developing efficient logic for his data processing requirement.

The MUMPS language is supported by a stand-alone operating system. In addition to implementing the MUMPS language and providing all operating system capabilities, the system affords the user a unique data base structure and access method. Data which is referred to symbolically is automatically stored and linked in a tree structure. The physical allocation of mass storage for the tree structured data base is accomplished by the operating system. The data base thus created is available to other users in the system.



## DOCUMENT CONVENTIONS

Symbol	Definition
bve	A Boolean valued expression is an expression which is interpreted as either TRUE or FALSE depending on whether its result is a non-zero or zero value respectively. The standard value for TRUE created by MUMPS is -.01.
gvar	A global variable is a variable which is an element of a global.
lvar	A local variable is a variable which is temporary and resides in the user's partition.
nve	A numeric valued expression is an expression which, when evaluated, yields a numeric result within the range of valid MUMPS-11 numbers.
pnam	A program name consists of any legal identifier, the first character of which may be a % to indicate a library program name.
spn	Any valid Step or Part number.
sve	A string valued expression is an expression which results in a string of ASCII characters which does not exceed maximum string length of 132 characters.
svl	A string variable or literal (a more specific case of sve).
↵	Universal symbol for line terminator. Line terminators for terminals are either Carriage Return or ALTMODE.
␣	A single space.
{ }	Fields described within braces are optional.
	Vertical bars are used to contain a list of options among which a single choice must be made.

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Symbol

Definition

UPPER CASE/  
lower case  
characters

Upper case characters indicate elements of the language which must be used exactly as shown. Lower case characters indicate user supplied elements (sve, nve, etc.) or letters in a command name which may be omitted.

,...

The punctuation characters ,... are used to indicate optional continuation of a command argument list in the form of the last specified argument.

UNDERLINING

All examples showing keyboard (i.e., Direct Mode) input are underlined.

CHAPTER 1  
ELEMENTS OF THE LANGUAGE

A MUMPS-11 program is a sequence of symbolic statements which the MUMPS Language Interpreter translates for execution by the operating system.

A command is the basic unit of expression in the MUMPS Language. Commands have one or more elements. The first is a mnemonic which characterizes or symbolizes the action to be performed. Examples: GOTO, SET. The other elements in a command are called arguments, and they specify the objects of the action to be performed.

There are six functional categories of MUMPS commands.

Category	General Function
Assignment Commands	Assign values to symbolic representations.
Control Commands	Govern the sequence in which commands are executed.
Input/Output Commands	Direct the input and output of data to and from the various devices in the hardware environment.
Editing Commands	Permit the examination, modification, and storing of programs.
Debugging Command	Facilitate the creation and maintenance of MUMPS programs.
Timesharing Commands	Permits database timesharing protection.

The format and syntax of MUMPS commands are described in detail in Chapter 3.

1.1 CHARACTER SET

All MUMPS-11 programs are constructed of symbolic characters which form the elements of the language. MUMPS programs use the 64-character graphic subset of ASCII, along with the special control characters listed in Table 1-1. Characters that are used as data may be selected from the entire 128-character ASCII set. Ordinarily, however, those listed in Table 1-1 will appear in language elements only. Appendix B lists the ASCII character set.



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Table 1-1  
Special MUMPS Control Characters

Name	Function
NUL	Line Terminator (internal)
Carriage RETURN	Line Terminator (external)
ALTMODE	Line Terminator (external)
Line Feed	Line Terminator (external)
Form Feed	Line Terminator (external)
Vertical Tab	Line Terminator (external)
DEL (Rubout)	Delete Character (prior to typing terminator)
CTRL U	Delete Line (prior to typing terminator)
CTRL O	Suppress output to terminal
CTRL C BREAK Key } }	Sign-on signal by interrupt current operation

### 1.2 PROGRAMMING MODES

There are two operating modes available to the programmer: Indirect Mode and Direct Mode. Indirect Mode is the mode in which MUMPS executes a stored program. Most MUMPS commands may also be interpreted outside the context of a stored program. In Direct Mode, such commands are executed immediately after entry from a terminal, much like the operation of a desk calculator. Direct Mode is used when creating, modifying, or storing MUMPS programs.

### 1.3 PROGRAM STRUCTURE

A MUMPS program consists of one or more uniquely numbered lines of commands and arguments, and comments. These lines, called Steps, are terminated by either Carriage RETURN, ALTMODE, or ESCape (symbolized in this manual by a ↵). Each program Step is stored in the user's memory partition for subsequent execution in Indirect Mode. The general format for a step is:

$$\{\text{Step Number}\} \{\text{command}\} \{\text{arguments}\} \{\dots\} \{\text{comment}\} \{\}$$

A line of commands not having a Step Number is called a command line and is executed in Direct Mode immediately after it is entered from a terminal. Neither a Step nor a command line may contain more than 132 characters. Specific rules for command syntax are provided in Chapter 3.

### 1.3.1 Step Numbers

A Step Number is used to identify each line of a MUMPS program. Step Numbers establish the fundamental sequence of program execution. Within a given Part (Section 1.3.2), each line of a program is executed sequentially in ascending Step Number order (assuming, of course, that no Control Commands (Section 3.3) were encountered).

A Step Number is a positive number in the range 0.01 through 327.67. The fractional part of a step number must be non-zero (e.g., 1.00, 198.00, etc., are illegal). Unless explicitly stated in the appropriate command argument, user program execution begins with the Step having the lowest non-zero integer. Step numbers in the range 0.01 through 0.99, though normally used to contain program comments, can contain executable commands; however, control must be explicitly transferred to these steps via arguments to the commands: GOTO, DO, CALL, OVERLAY, and START.

Examples of valid Step Numbers are:

```
34.87
1.01
.76
08.88
```

### 1.3.2 Part Numbers

All Steps having a common integer base form a Part. Parts are used to form program modules, each module specifying a particular procedure within a program. A program may have one Part or many Parts, as the programmer desires. Each Part is a distinct entity with regard to program execution. Execution control is limited to those steps within a Part, and Control Commands such as GOTO, DO, OVERLAY, etc., must be used to effect transfer of control outside of a Part. All Steps in a Part may be collectively referenced by the Part Number alone.

For example:

The series of Steps:

```
2.01
2.04
2.10
2.87
2.99
```

can be referred to as Part 2. The command GOTO 2 would cause all Steps in Part 2 to be executed.

## 1.4 DATA MODES

MUMPS-11 interprets all data in one of two ways: either as numeric quantities, such as might be used for calculation, or as strings which simply impart their inherent symbolic meaning, such as names and addresses.

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### 1.4.1 Numbers

Numbers in MUMPS are signed, fixed-point, two-place decimal quantities in the range  $\pm 21474836.47$  [or  $-(2^{31}-1)/100 \leq n \leq (2^{31}-1)/100$ ].

On input from a terminal or other device, numeric strings used arithmetically which are outside the specified range, are flagged with the following error messages:

```
MXNUM Integer portion too large
MINIM Fractional portion more than 2 places
```

Numbers that are stored internally as intermediate results during processing must also conform to the specification, except that decimal fractions are truncated to two places. (No error is created within the system.)

On output, a sign is printed only for negative quantities. Integer quantities are printed without decimal point and trailing zeroes in the fractional part. Decimal fractions are printed with a single leading zero in the form: 0.nn.

Examples of legal numbers are:

```
.8
0.25
100.00
-.01
025.
-73256
```

### 1.4.2 Strings

A string is any contiguous sequence of legal MUMPS characters which is to be considered a single identifiable entity of data. Examples of strings are:

```
HELLO. MY NAME IS:
55 seconds
2,000,345,876,743.4738501
When in the course of human events...
@ $# % c 764908 ! l PoutSFCerhcmAdAtwhS
```

### 1.5 IDENTIFIERS

An identifier is a string consisting of one to three alphanumeric characters. Identifiers are formed from the characters 0 - 9, the upper case alphabets A through Z, and the percent (%) character. The first character must be either an alphabetic character or the % character. Remaining characters may be either alphabetic or numeric characters (the % character is legal in the first character position only). Identifiers are used as symbolic names for variables and programs as described later. Identifiers for System Library Programs and Library Globals, however, must use % exclusively as the first character.

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Examples of identifiers are:

```
TST      %B6      M
A4R      %11      %X
ZZ0
```

### 1.6 EXPRESSING DATA VALUES

Program data values may be expressed in several ways in a MUMPS program. The basic units - string literals, numeric constants, and variables - represent single entities of data having either string or numeric values. Literals and constants cannot be altered during a program's execution; variables have whatever values are currently assigned to them. New values may be computed from known values of these data elements using MUMPS commands, functions, and operators which are described in succeeding chapters.

#### 1.6.1 Literals

A literal is used to specify a string of characters which does not change from one execution of a program to the next. A literal may comprise any valid string of characters enclosed in quotation marks (""). A literal may not contain any of the following characters:

Quotation Mark	CTRL C	Line Feed
Carriage RETURN	DEL (Rubout)	Form Feed
ALTMODE	NUL	Vertical Tab
CTRL U		CTRL O

Examples of literals are:

```
"1234.1098+="  
"THE ANSWER IS:"  
"G$536svfjri'&PPk1;"
```

#### 1.6.2 Constants

A constant is used to express a numeric quantity which does not change from one execution of a program to the next. A constant may consist of any valid MUMPS number (+21474836.47).

Example of constants are:

```
23.90  
.08  
00578.99  
-37.69
```

#### 1.6.3 Variables

A variable is a symbolic representation of a logical storage location. Unlike literals and constants, variables are used to store data which may be altered during a program's operation. Variables may contain either numeric or string data. Numeric data must be within the legal range for MUMPS numbers +21474836.47. String data must conform to the requirements for MUMPS character strings. Variables must be assigned symbolic names which are legitimate identifiers (see Section 1.5).

Three types of variables can be created in MUMPS: Simple Variables, Subscripted Variables, and Global Variables. Variables are created, modified, and deleted using the SET, READ, KILL, and XKILL commands described in Chapter 3.

Examples of variables are:

```
A
X37
SDF
M4Z
%X
```

System Variables are a fourth type of variable in the MUMPS system. These variables, maintained by the operating system, contain general system information for use by all MUMPS programs. System variables are "read only" variables and cannot be altered as can normal variables. These variables use a dollar sign (\$) as the first character of their names.

#### 1.6.4 Subscripts and Arrays

A subscript is a numeric valued expression (nve) enclosed in parentheses that is appended to a variable name to uniquely identify a data element residing under that variable name. All the subscripted variables residing under a common name are collectively referred to as an array. An array may consist of either subscripted local variables or subscripted global variables (Sections 1.6.6.2 and 1.6.7.1).

The following is an example of an array with a single level of subscripting:

```
DOG (0.1)
DOG (3.5)
DOG (34.76)
.
.
.
DOG (nnnn.nn)
```

An example of a global array with multiple subscripting levels is:

```
↑ACT (1,1)
↑ACT (1,1,1)
↑ACT (1,2)
↑ACT (1,2,1)
↑ACT (1,2,2)
↑ACT (1,3)
```

The value of a subscript must be a positive number in the range: 0 through 20,971.51.<sup>2</sup> Subscripts may consist of constants, other

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1. Exception: \$Error is "read/write".

2. The \$HIGH function (Section 4.2.6) permits an exception to this rule.

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variables (which may be subscripted), and expressions (described in Chapter 2). In addition, string variables and literals (svl) may also be used for subscripting. However, the \$CREATE function (described in Chapter 4) must be used to convert the string to a unique number.

### 1.6.5 Sparse Arrays

A sparse array is an array in which only those elements that are explicitly defined or that are required to support the array structure actually exist. Unlike other languages that may require a declaration of the maximum size of an array to preallocate storage space, MUMPS dynamically allocates storage for all arrays only as needed, thus conserving storage space. If a program defines an array which has the following elements,

```
A (4)
A (102)
A (345)
```

only these three elements actually occupy storage space. A program is penalized for occupying too much space when, indeed, there is no space left.

A local array can only have one level of subscripting.

### 1.6.6 Local Variables

Local variables are variables which reside in the same partition as the commands or Steps which created them. These variables are accessible only to that partition. Local variables are normally used to contain intermediate or transient data which is not to be saved from one execution of a program to the next. There are two types of local variables: simple and subscripted.

1.6.6.1 Simple Variables - A simple variable is a local variable which is not subscripted. Examples of simple variables are:

```
ABC
HAT
R45
X
%D
```

1.6.6.2 Subscripted Variables - A subscripted variable is a local variable which is followed by one subscript and can be used to form a one-dimensional array. Both subscripted variables and local variables may share a common name. Thus, it is possible for both the array ABC as well as the simple variable ABC to exist simultaneously. The programmer should exercise caution when naming variables in this way, since the KILL Command does not distinguish between the two types when no subscript is specified (see Section 3.4.14).

Examples:

```
AGE (AGE)           AGE (ABC (DEF))
AGE (2.45)          ABC (2876)
AGE (A+3.2/T)      ABC (4+B(C*F)/0.89)
```

1.6.7 Global Variables

1.6.7.1 Structure - MUMPS uses one or more disk devices as the primary data storage medium. Access to this storage is gained through the use of global variables (or global nodes). Like local variables, they are created simply by reference in a program or command line. Global variables can be either simple or subscripted. When they are subscripted, the resulting arrays are sparse arrays. Unlike local variables, global variables provide permanent storage and can be accessed by more than one user.<sup>1</sup> Furthermore, there is no limit to the number of levels of subscripting that can be used in forming global arrays permitting the creation of hierarchical data structures that schematically look like inverted trees. Global variables may possess either a string or a numeric data value. In addition, when used in an array, they may also serve as pointers to variables at a lower level in the tree structure.

The naming conventions for global variables are the same as for local variables, except that a circumflex (^) or up-arrow (↑) must precede the name. Multiple subscripts are separated from each other by a comma. The following example should clarify this discussion.

In the array ↑ABC, assume the following elements are defined:

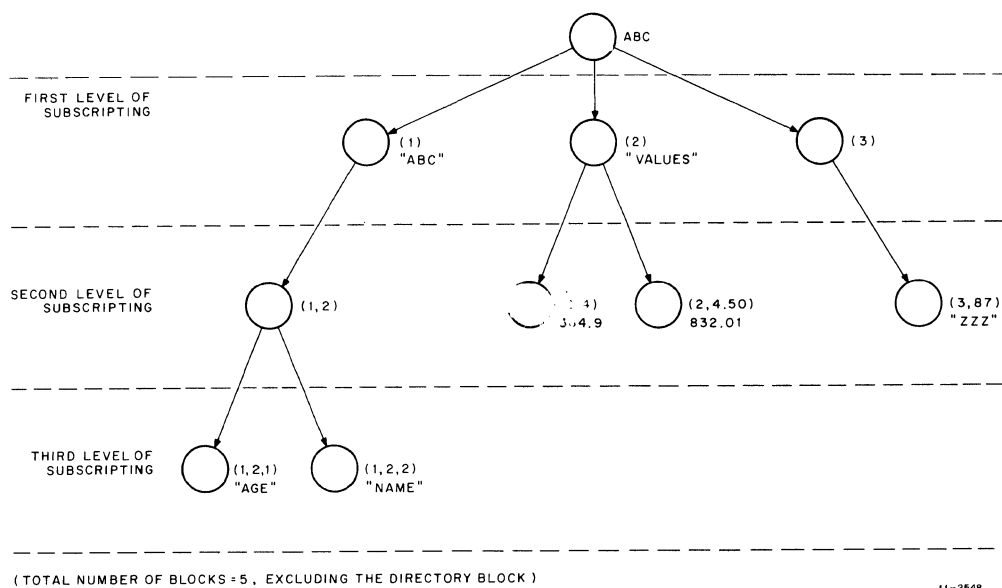
Variable	Contents
↑ABC	
↑ABC (1)	"ABC"
↑ABC (1,2,1)	"AGE"
↑ABC (1,2,2)	"NAME"
↑ABC (2)	"VALUES"
↑ABC (2,4)	364.9
↑ABC (2,4.50)	832.01
↑ABC (3,87)	"ZZZ"

A diagram of this array would look like this:

---

1. As described in MUMPS-11 Programmer's Guide.

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Note that there are some global nodes which exist solely to point to a node which contains data. Such is the case with  $\uparrow$ ABC,  $\uparrow$ ABC (3) and  $\uparrow$ ABC (1,2). These nodes are defined implicitly. Other variables such as  $\uparrow$ ABC (1) and  $\uparrow$ ABC (2) contain both data and a pointer to data at a lower level. Still other variables, those at the lowest level of a branch in the tree, may contain only data. Such is the case with  $\uparrow$ ABC (1,2,1),  $\uparrow$ ABC (1,2,2),  $\uparrow$ ABC (2,4), etc.

A secondary feature of globals is that the top or highest node of a global, in addition to storing the global name and pointers to lower levels, can be used to store auxiliary numeric or string data, like any other variable. Thus:

```
SET  $\uparrow$ ABC="THIS GLOBAL CONTAINS SALARY DATA"
```

**1.6.7.2 Naked Reference** - The naked reference is a facility within the language that permits the programmer to avoid excessive disk accesses during program operation. Each time a regular global variable reference is made (e.g.,  $\text{SET } \uparrow A = \uparrow \text{ABC } (1,2,1)$ ), a physical disk access is performed to bring the disk block containing that global variable into memory. Since global variables at the same level of subscripting reside in the same or a related disk block, a physical access is not always necessary when accessing globals at the same level. Using the naked reference, disk accesses are made only when the subscripting level is changed, or when a "continuation block" at the same level must be read-in to locate the desired variable.

In form, only the up-arrow and subscripts are explicitly stated; the global name is assumed from the last global reference made. The first stated subscript in the naked reference replaces the last subscript stated in the previous reference. The first stated subscript is assumed to be at the same level as that of the previous one. Thus, in the last example, if a reference to  $\uparrow$ ABC (2) has been made and  $\uparrow$ ABC (1) is to be accessed next, only the subscript need be specified as in:

```
SET  $\uparrow$ A =  $\uparrow$ (1)
```



Similarly, if  $\uparrow$ ABC (1,1,2) is to be accessed next, then:

```
SET └A= $\uparrow$ (1,1,2)
```

is all that is required. In this case, however, a disk access is required since the subscripting level has changed.

By far the most common errors that occur in the use of global arrays stem from the incorrect use of the naked reference. The following examples illustrate some of the problems that may be encountered. These examples represent only a few of the many possibilities for producing erroneous results when using the naked reference. It is a powerful tool, but one that must be used cautiously.

Example

```
> IF $D( $\uparrow$ A(I,J))=0 SET  $\uparrow$ (J)=VAL
```

In this case, the user is testing the status of  $\uparrow$ A (I,J) by means of the \$DEFINE function. If \$DEFINE returns a zero value, that node is undefined. The user then reasons that since \$DEFINE has brought him to the desired level, he is safe in using the naked variable. Incorrect!! The user has no way of knowing where the search has ended and thus cannot know the current level. For example, the search may have ended at the first level if no  $\uparrow$ A (I) node was defined. To be safe, the user should use the full reference as in:

```
> IF $D( $\uparrow$ A(I,J))=VAL
```

Of course, if \$DEFINE returns a non-zero result, the use of naked variables is perfectly safe.

Example

```
2.01 SET  $\uparrow$ G(I,J,K)= $\uparrow$ (K)+1
```

This command string is legal, but the result will not be what the user desires if his intent is to increment the global specified to the left of the equal sign. The problem lies in the order of evaluation that MUMPS uses for processing a SET command string. The first side of the equal sign (=) to be evaluated is the right side. The naked reference in this case will access the level last reached, which is not necessarily the same as  $\uparrow$ G (I,J,K) on the left side of the equal sign.

The correct form is:

```
2.01 SET  $\uparrow$ (K)= $\uparrow$ G(I,J,K)+1
```

Further information on the structure and use of globals is provided in Introduction to MUMPS-11 Language and MUMPS-11 Programmer's Guide.

### 1.6.8 System Variables

A number of special "reference only" variables are defined within the system to control the flow of information and to provide system information to MUMPS application programmers and users. These variables, called System Variables, are maintained and updated by the system. They can be examined by various MUMPS commands (TYPE, SET,

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etc.) but, except for \$Error, they cannot be directly altered by SET or READ commands. When referencing System Variables in MUMPS programs only the dollar sign and the first character after it need be used (e.g., TYPE \$I). Table 1-2 defines the System Variables.

Table 1-2  
MUMPS-11 System Variables

Variable Name	Description
\$Address	<p>\$A is used with device I/O. When DECTape is the currently ASSIGNED device, \$A contains an integer which is the address of the next character to be read or written (range of \$A=0-294,911). When magtape is the currently ASSIGNED device \$A contains an integer whose bit pattern displays the Magtape Hardware Status Register (drive status register for the TJU16). When the Sequential Disk Processor is the currently assigned device, \$A contains either the current disk block address or the error status. When a terminal is the currently assigned device, \$A contains the error status. When another processor (CPU) is the currently ASSIGNED device, the low order byte of \$A contains a count of unsuccessful I/O transmission (message state only), and the high order byte describes error conditions (message and terminal state). Refer to the MUMPS Programmer's Guide, for bit assignments.</p>
\$Byte	<p>When the Sequential Disk Processor is the currently assigned device, \$B and \$H contain the location (byte address) of the next character to be read or written, according to the formula.</p> $ADR = \$H * 256 + \$B$ <p>Where \$H = 0 or 1 (page) and \$B = n, 0 ≤ n &lt; 255 (byte in page)</p>
\$Date	<p>\$Date contains the date as an integer in the form:</p> $(yy * 500) + ddd$ <p>where:</p> $yy = \text{Year} - 1900$ $ddd = \text{Number of days since Dec 31}$ <p>This value is incremented by one when the \$T variable is incremented to midnight (86,400 seconds).</p>
\$Error	<p>The system sets the contents of \$E to negative nve which denotes the type of error incurred. The programmer may optionally set this variable to an spn to control his own error processing. Refer to the MUMPS-11 Programmer's Guide for details.</p>

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Table 1-2 (Cont.)  
MUMPS-11 System Variables

Variable Name	Description
\$Half	See \$Byte.
\$I/O device	\$I contains an integer which is the number of the device which is currently ASSIGNED (i.e., as specified by the last argument of the last ASSIGN command issued). At log-in time, \$I contains the I/O device number of that terminal (Principal I/O Device). After a System Error, or UNASSIGN and ASSIGN commands, \$I is set to the number of the principal device.
\$Job Status	\$J contains a number, some of the bits of which specify the current status of programming mode, CTRL C/BREAK recognition, and timed READ overruns. In addition, the ASSIGN and PRINT Commands can be used to alter the bits in \$J that control the reception or inhibition of CTRL C or BREAK, the updating of Library Programs and Library Globals, and the writing of memory or disk locations via the VIEW Command. Refer to the MUMPS-11 Programmer's Guide for \$J bit assignments.
\$Location	\$L contains the number of the program step currently being executed.
\$Random	\$R contains an integer in the closed interval 0 to 32767. The value of \$R in this interval is effectively random and changes with each reference of \$R.
\$Storage	\$S contains an integer which is the number of free byte (character) locations remaining in the user's partition.
\$Time	\$T contains an integer which is the number of seconds elapsed since midnight (range = 0 - 86,399). \$T is incremented each second.
\$Where	The system sets \$W to the value of \$L when an error occurs and the user had previously SET \$E. If the user does not SET \$E, \$W contains 0.
\$X coordinate } \$Y coordinate }	<p>\$X and \$Y are the x and y coordinates (output only) of the print-head or cursor position on non-mass storage I/O devices, such as the terminals, line printer and paper-tape punch.</p> <p>When a CPU-CPU device operating in message state is the currently assigned device, \$X contains the current message number in the range 1 - 15. This number is incremented by one each time a message is transmitted successfully. When the count reaches 15, the next successful transmission resets the count to 0. \$Y is not used and does not contain meaningful information.</p>

CHAPTER 2  
EXPRESSIONS

The term expression refers to the whole range of value descriptions which can be made in the MUMPS language. An expression is any legal combination of elements (operands) and operators. Expression elements include such basic language elements as literals, constants, simple variables and subscripted variables (including Global Variables and System Variables). Also included in this category are function references (defined in Chapter 4), and subexpressions, which are simply expressions enclosed in parentheses.

The following are examples of expression elements:

123.34	Constant
ABC	Simple Variable
"ABCD"	Literal
MX (5)	Local Subscripted Variable
↑XYZ (2,45.2,D)	Global Variable
\$ROOT (PQR)	Function Reference
(A+B (C/D))	Subexpression

The operators in an expression serve to represent various arithmetic, string, and logical operations of the MUMPS language. All operators except minus (-) and Boolean NOT (!) are binary operations and therefore require two operands. The minus (-) and Boolean NOT operators are unary operations and require one operator only. Tables 2-1 and 2-2 list the MUMPS-11 expression operators.

The following are examples of MUMPS expressions:

```
A
234.53
A*B- (C/D)
"10 CATS"@ "SUP BOTTLES"
"15 DOLLARS"+AMT/NET
TOT=6.21/CD- ($ROOT (G*RT/MQ))
A=C+V&X>S-T!AMT=5
```

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Table 2-1  
Summary of Numeric Expression Operators

Type	Symbol	Operation
Arithmetic	+	Addition
	-	Subtraction
	*	Multiplication
	/	Division
	#	Modulo
	\	Integer Division
Relational	-	Minus (Unary)
	<	Less Than
	>	Greater Than
	=	Equality
	<=	Less Than or Equal To
	or	
	=<	
	>=	Greater Than or Equal To
	or	
	=>	
<>	Greater Than or Less Than or Not Equal To	
or		
><		
Boolean	&	AND
	!	OR
	' (apostrophe)	NOT (Unary)

Table 2-2  
Summary of String Expression Operators

Type	Symbol	Operation
Relational	[	Contains
	]	Follows
	?	Pattern Verification
	=	Equality
Concatenation	@	Concatenation

Intervening spaces between expression elements and operators are not permitted.

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The following paragraphs explain the rules that govern the formation of expressions like those above and how MUMPS interprets them.

### 2.1 RULES FOR FORMING EXPRESSIONS

The following rules apply to the formation of all expressions:

1. Literals, constants, variables, functions, and subexpressions are expressions.
2. If A and B are expressions, then the following are expressions:
  - a. A binary operator B
  - b. Unary operator A
  - c. (A)
3. There are no expressions except those defined by 1. and 2. above.

### 2.2 DATA MODES

In the MUMPS language there are essentially two types or modes of data, numeric and string. Each of these data types is defined in Chapter 1. To summarize, numeric data are signed fixed-point quantities with two decimal places and are within the range +21474836.47. String data are simply ASCII character groupings of 132 characters or less.

Internally, MUMPS uses a third format commonly denoted double precision floating point format for storing the results of a \$M function calculation. In the description on the following pages of expression evaluation, wherever a numeric to string value conversion is indicated, a floating point number is allowed, and the floating point value would be converted to a string value. However, conversion of a floating point number to a fixed decimal number is not allowed. Thus, although floating point numbers can be used with string operators, a floating point number cannot be used with arithmetic operators outside of a \$M function, and care should be taken when using the equality operator with a floating point number.

All expression operators except concatenation produce numeric results. In the case of expressions which use Relational or Boolean operators, evaluation produces either a True or a False result, which is represented in numeric form as either -0.01 (True) or 0 (False).

### 2.3 RULES FOR EXPRESSION EVALUATION

#### 2.3.1 Order of Evaluation

All MUMPS expressions are evaluated in strict left to right order. There is no precedence among the expression operators except that a unary minus is evaluated before a Boolean NOT when they appear as adjacent operators.

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### 2.3.2 Setting Precedence

Additional precedence is established through the use of parentheses. Parentheses are used to form subexpressions which are evaluated as a single element of the expression in which they appear. Within parentheses, evaluation is performed as described above.

Example:

(Where: R=intermediate result)  
in the expression  $B+C/D * E$  evaluation is:

$$\begin{aligned} B &\rightarrow R_0 \\ R_0 + C &\rightarrow R_1 \\ R_1 / D &\rightarrow R_2 \\ R_2 * E &\rightarrow R_3 \end{aligned}$$

Adding parentheses to the same expression,  $B+(C/D) * E$  results in the division being performed prior to the addition as shown below:

$$\begin{aligned} B &\rightarrow R_0 \\ C/D &\rightarrow R_1 \\ R_0 + R_1 &\rightarrow R_2 \\ R_2 * E &\rightarrow R_3 \end{aligned}$$

Additional levels of precedence can be achieved by the nesting of subexpressions.

Although there is no logical limit to the depth of nesting, there are physical limits. These are:

1. Physical line length - not more than 132 characters can be used to construct the command line in which the expression resides.
2. Size of partition in which program is running - each level of nesting uses four words of storage during evaluation.

Example:

Where: (R=intermediate result)  
in the expression  $B+((C/D) * E)$ , evaluation is:

$$\begin{aligned} B &\rightarrow R_0 \\ C/D &\rightarrow R_1 \\ R_1 * E &\rightarrow R_2 \\ R_0 + R_2 &\rightarrow R_3 \end{aligned}$$

The precedence of evaluation between several subexpressions at the same level in an expression is also strictly from left to right.

Example:

Where: (R=intermediate result)  
in the expression  $C-(X*Y)+W/(E-M)$ , evaluation is:

$$\begin{aligned} C &\rightarrow R_0 \\ X*Y &\rightarrow R_1 \\ R_0 - R_1 &\rightarrow R_2 \\ R_2 + W &\rightarrow R_3 \\ E - M &\rightarrow R_4 \\ R_3 / R_4 &\rightarrow R_5 \end{aligned}$$

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### 2.3.3 Automatic Data Mode Conversion

During expression evaluation, operands are converted as required from numeric to string data and vice-versa to conform to the data mode requirements of the associated operator. This process does not, however, alter the original mode of stored data (i.e., data in variables, literals, or constants).

Numeric values are converted to the equivalent string representation for string operations. A numeric value of 123.4 would be converted to the characters: 123.4.

String values are converted to numeric values for numeric operations. All leading numeric characters in the string, including +, - and decimal point (.), are changed to the corresponding numeric quantity within the range of MUMPS numbers. The first character that does not conform to the format of a MUMPS number terminates the conversion process; the accumulated value is taken as the result. Any leading zeroes in the resulting numeric value are discarded. Strings that do not contain leading numeric characters produce a 0 result. Thus:

12ABC → 12	-1.52A.B+ → -1.52
ABC12 → 0	.52A → 0.52
-1.011A → MINIM error	002.5X → 2.5

### 2.3.4 Data Mode Of Results

The last operator in an expression determines the data mode of the result, either numeric or string.

Examples:

A/B@C → String Result  
↑  
\_\_\_\_\_ last operator

A@B/C → Numeric Result  
↑  
\_\_\_\_\_ last operator

### 2.3.5 Trailing Operator

An expression may contain a trailing operator to effect a change in the final result of evaluation from numeric to string and vice-versa. A plus (+) sign causes conversion to a numeric value and a commercial at (@) sign, which is also the concatenation operator, causes conversion to a string value.



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### 2.4 OPERATOR DESCRIPTIONS

The following paragraphs specifically define the operations performed by each operator and show the data modes of both the operands and the results. Examples are also included where additional clarification is necessary. The mnemonics listed below are used as a shorthand notation in each description.

<u>Mnemonic</u>	<u>Definition</u>
nv	Numeric Value - this is a numeric quantity which may be either an intermediate or a final result.
sv	String Value - this is a string quantity which may be either an intermediate or a final result.
nvel	Numeric Valued Expression Element - this is a single, identifiable numeric quantity that may be indicated by a local or global variable, a literal, or result from evaluation of a function or sub-expression.
svel	String-Valued Expression Element - a single identifiable string quantity that may be indicated by a variable or literal, or result from evaluation of a function or sub-expression.

#### 2.4.1 Arithmetic Operators

The arithmetic operators permit arithmetic computations to be performed. The symbols are defined as follows.

Legend:

<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Operation</u>
+	Addition
-	Subtraction
*	Multiplication
/	Division
#	Modulo - When both arguments of this operator are positive, the resulting value is the remainder after integer division. More formally, $A\#B$ is defined to be $A - (A\backslash B * B) + (\text{absolute value of } B \text{ if } A < 0)$
\	Integer Division - The result is the same as normal division except that the decimal portion is truncated.

Binary Forms:

nv	$\left. \begin{array}{c} + \\ - \\ * \\ / \\ \# \\ \backslash \end{array} \right $	nvel $\rightarrow$ nv	A direct evaluation of the nvel is made. The operation is performed and a numeric result produced.
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nv	+ - * / # \ 	svel → nv	The svel is evaluated and the result is converted to a numeric value. The operation is performed and a numeric result produced.
sv	+ - * # \ 	nvel → nv	The sv is converted to a numeric value. The operation is performed, and a numeric result produced.
sv	+ - * / # \ 	svel → nv	The sv is converted to a numeric value. The svel is evaluated and the result converted to a numeric value. The operation is performed, and a numeric result produced.

### Unary Forms:

When the minus (-) is used as a unary operator to indicate negation, it may prefix any element in an expression. Thus:

-nvel → nv The resulting nv has a different sign but the same absolute value.

-svel → nv The svel is converted to a numeric value then treated as above.

### Examples:

Where: A=3; B=5; C=12; D=6

1. A+B- (C/D) → 6
2. A+B-C/D → -0.66
3. 3#5 → 3
4. -3#5 → 2
5. 3.4\1.4 → 2
6. "3214 MAIN ST"-802 → 2412

#### Analysis:

"3214 MAIN ST" → 3214  
3214-802 → 2412

7. 23\*"CAT" → 0      Since there are no leading numeric characters in "CAT", it is evaluated as numeric 0.

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Analysis:

```
"CAT" → 0
23*0 → 0
```

8. "1234ABCDE6789"/"0002POIU" → 617

Analysis:

```
"1234ABCDE6789" → 1234
"0002POIU" → 2
1234/2 → 617
```

### 2.4.2 Relational Arithmetic Operators

The relational arithmetic operators permit the comparison of numeric or string quantities in an arithmetic manner. The results of expressions using these operators are either -0.01 to represent a True relation or 0, to represent a False relation.

Legend:

<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Operator</u>
<	'Less Than' comparison
>	'Greater Than' comparison
<=	} 'Less Than or Equal To' comparison
or	
=<	
>=	} 'Greater Than or Equal To' comparison
or	
=>	
< >	} 'Greater Than or Less Than' or 'Not Equal To' comparison
or	
><	

Forms:

nv	< > >= <= < > ><	A direct evaluation of the nvel is made and the operation is performed. A numeric result is produced. -0.01 (True) or 0 (False).
nv	< > >= < > ><	The svel is converted to a numeric value and the operation is performed. A numeric result is produced. -0.01 (True) or 0 (False).
sv	< > <= >= < > ><	The sv is converted to a numeric value and the operation is performed. A numeric result is produced. -0.01 (True) or 0 (False).

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sv	$\begin{array}{l} < \\ > \\ >= \\ >= \\ < > \\ > < \end{array}$	svel $\rightarrow$ True or False	The sv and svel are converted to numeric values and the operation is performed. A numeric result is produced -0.01 (True) or 0 (False).
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Examples:

Where: A=3; B=5; C=12; D=6; X=10

1.  $A+B > C/D \rightarrow 0$  (False)

Analysis:

$A+B \rightarrow 8$   
 $8 > C \rightarrow 0$   
 $0/D \rightarrow 0$

2.  $A+B > (C/D) \rightarrow 0.01$  (True)

Analysis:

$A+B \rightarrow 8$   
 $C/D \rightarrow 2$   
 $8 > 2 \rightarrow 0.01$  (True)

3.  $"3214 \text{ MAIN ST}" \leq 802 \rightarrow 0$  (False)

Analysis:

$"3214 \text{ MAIN ST}" \rightarrow 3214$   
 $3214 \leq 802 \rightarrow 0$  (False)

4.  $25 * "CAT" < > 6 \rightarrow -0.01$  (True)

Analysis:

$"CAT" \rightarrow 0$   
 $25 * 0 \rightarrow 0$   
 $0 < > 6 \rightarrow -0.01$  (True)

5.  $"23TSV" + "XYZ" < "78.04FARGH" + 3 \rightarrow 2.99$

Analysis:

$"23TSV" \rightarrow 2.3$   
 $"XYZ" \rightarrow 0$   
 $23 + 0 \rightarrow 23$   
 $"78.04FARGH" \rightarrow 78.04$   
 $23 < 78.04 \rightarrow -0.01$  (TRUE)  
 $-0.01 + 3 \rightarrow 2.99$

6.  $X > A > B > 0$  (False)

Analysis:

$10 > 3 \rightarrow -0.01$  (True)  
 $-0.01 > 5 \rightarrow 0$  (False)

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### 2.4.3 Relational Equality Operator (Arithmetic or String)

Relational Equality operations are signified by the use of the equal sign (=), and can be considered either arithmetic or string in nature, depending upon the type of operands used. The results of expressions using this operator are either -0.01 (True equivalence) or 0 (False equivalence).

Care should be taken when using a floating point number (created by a \$M function) with the equality operator. In such cases, the following rules govern.

1. If the 1st argument is a floating point number, it is interpreted as a string value.
2. If the 2nd argument is a floating point number and the 1st argument value is a fixed decimal numeric value, a MIXED error is generated.
3. If the 2nd argument is a floating point number and the 1st argument's value is a string value, a string conversion of the 2nd argument occurs.

The definition of equality when used with strings or fixed decimal numbers is given below.

Legend:

<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Operation</u>
=	Numeric or String Equivalence

Forms:

nv = nvel → True or False	A direct evaluation of the nvel is made and the operation is performed. A numeric result is produced, -0.01 (True) or 0 (False).
nv = svel → True or False	The svel is converted to a numeric value and a numeric comparison is made. A numeric result is produced -0.01 (True) or 0 (False).
sv = nvel → True or False	The sv is converted to a numeric value and a numeric comparison is performed. A numeric result is produced -0.01 (True) or 0 (False).
sv = svel → True or False	The svel is compared with the sv on a character-by-character basis. A numeric result is produced -0.01 (True) or 0 (False).

#### NOTE

The > or < operator cannot be used to make non-numeric string comparisons.

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Examples:

Where: A=3; B=5; C=12; D=6

1.  $A+B=C/D \rightarrow 0$  (False)

Analysis:

$A+B \rightarrow 8$   
 $8=12 \rightarrow 0$  (False)  
 $0/6 \rightarrow 0$

2.  $A+B=(C/D) \rightarrow 0$  (False)

Analysis:

$A+B \rightarrow 8$   
 $C/D \rightarrow 2$   
 $8=2 \rightarrow 0$  (False)

3.  $"5DOGS"*5=25 \rightarrow -0.01$  (True)

Analysis:

$"5DOGS" \rightarrow 5$   
 $5*5 \rightarrow 25$   
 $25=25 \rightarrow -0.01$  (True)

4.  $-3+2="ABCD234" \rightarrow 0$  (False)

Analysis:

$-3+2 \rightarrow -1$   
 $"ABCD234" \rightarrow 0$   
 $-1=0 \rightarrow 0$  (False)

5.  $"JACOBS"="JACOB" \rightarrow 0$  (False)

Analysis:

The string JACOBS is not equal to the string JACOB.

### 2.4.4 Relational String Operators

The relational string operators provide facilities for determining the characteristics of string data. Results of expressions using these operators are either -0.01 to represent a True relation or 0 to represent a False relation.

<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Operation</u>
[	String Contains - The string specified by left operand is examined for the occurrence of the string specified by the right operand. If a match is found the result is True (-0.01); otherwise the result is False (0).
]	String Follows - The string specified by the left operand is compared character-for-character with the string specified by the right operand to establish relative position according to the MUMPS collating sequence. (Refer to

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<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Operation</u>
	Appendix B.) If the string specified by the left operand "follows" that specified by the right operand, the result is True (-0.01); otherwise the result is False (0).

? Pattern Verification - The string specified by the left operand is examined for the occurrence of the character patterns specified by the Pattern Specification Codes (psc) contained in the right operand. If a matching condition exists the result is True (-0.01), otherwise the result is False (0). Pattern Specification Codes may be preceded by a single decimal integer (n) in the range 0 - 9 to specify the number of occurrences of a particular character type. If 0 is specified, the associated character type is ignored. If no number is specified an indefinite number of characters of the specified type are accepted.

<u>Code</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
A	Verify upper case alphabetic
B	Verify lower case alphabetic
C	Verify upper and lower case alphabetic
D	Verify numerics
M	Verify numerics and upper case alphabetic
N	Verify numerics and lower case alphabetic
O	Verify numerics and upper and lower case alphabetic
P	Verify punctuation
Q	Verify punctuation and upper case alphabetic
R	Verify punctuation and lower case alphabetic
S	Verify punctuation and upper and lower case alphabetic
T	Verify numerics and punctuation
U	Verify numerics, punctuation and upper case alphabetic
V	Verify numerics, punctuation and lower case alphabetic
W	Verify any character

All characters which are not strictly alphabetic or numeric are considered to be punctuation. Literals may also be used to verify the occurrence of specific characters in a string.

Forms:

nv	$\left[ \begin{array}{l} [ \\ ] \end{array} \right]$	nvel → True or False	The nv is converted into its string equivalent. The nvel is evaluated and the result converted into its string equivalent. The comparison is made, and a numeric result produced: -0.01 (True) or 0 (False).
nv	$\left[ \begin{array}{l} [ \\ ] \end{array} \right]$	svel → True or False	The nv is converted into its string equivalent, the comparison is made and a numeric result produced: -0.01 (True) or 0 (False).
sv	$\left[ \begin{array}{l} [ \\ ] \end{array} \right]$	nvel → True or False	The nvel is evaluated and the result is converted to its string equivalent, the comparison made, and a numeric result produced: -0.01 (True) or 0 (False).

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sv	{	svel → True or False	The comparison is made and a numeric result produced: -0.01 (True) or 0 (False).
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CAUTION

If the svel is not a variable or literal (i.e., it results from the evaluation of a function or subexpression), there is a possibility that the internal string accumulator used by the expression evaluator, may overflow thus terminating program operations with a MXSTR error.

sv?n psc <sub>1</sub> n psc <sub>2</sub> ... → True or False	The string is examined in accordance with the pattern specification code(s) to the right of the operator and a numeric result is produced: -0.01 (True) or 0 (False).
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nv?n psc <sub>1</sub> n psc <sub>2</sub> ... → True or False	The nv is converted to its string equivalent, the string is examined in accordance with the pattern specification code(s), and a numeric result is produced: 0.01 (True) or 0 (False).
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Examples:

1. Where: A = 3; B = 500

A+B[50 → True

Analysis:

A+B → 503	
503 → 503	convert numeric to string
50 → 50	convert numeric to string
503[50 → -0.01 (True)	string 503 contains 50

2. Where: A = "ADAMS JQ"  
          B = "ADAMS JA"

A]B → -0.01 (True)

Analysis:

The left string is compared on a character for character basis to the right string. The result is True since "Q" follows "A" in the collating sequence. (Refer to Appendix B.)

Where: A = "JONES J"  
          B = "JONES J"

A]B → False

Analysis:

The comparison is made as above but a False result is produced since the strings are identical. To absolutely establish equality, a relational equality operation must be performed. Thus A=B → True.



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3. Where: DAT = "04/23/72"  
DAT?2D"/"2D"/"2D → -0.01 (True)

### Analysis:

The string contained in DAT is examined for a pattern consisting of 2 numeric characters followed by a slash (/) followed by 2 numeric characters followed by another slash (/) followed by 2 numeric characters. Note the use of literals to verify specific characters.

### 2.4.5 String Concatenation Operator

The string concatenation operator (@) permits the joining together (concatenation) of expression elements to form strings. The string value represented by the right operand is appended to the string value represented by the left operand.

#### Forms:

- |              |  |
|--------------|--|
| nv@nvel → sv | The nv is converted to its string equivalent. The nvel is evaluated and the result is converted to its string equivalent. The operation is performed and a string result produced. |
| nv@svel → sv | The nv is converted to its string equivalent and the svel is evaluated. The operation is performed and a string result produced.   |
| sv@nvel → sv | The nvel is evaluated and the result is converted to its string equivalent. The operation is performed and a string result produced.   |
| sv@svel → sv | The svel is evaluated, the operation performed, and a string result produced.  |

#### Examples:

1. "CAT"@ "SUP" → CATSUP
2. Where: MO = 4  
          DA = 22  
          YR = 72  
  
          MO@"@"@DA@"@"@YR → 4/22/72
3. Where: B = 6  
          C = 2  
  
          "THE RESULT IS "@(B>C) → THE RESULT IS -0.01

### 2.4.6 Boolean Operators

The operators described below permit the construction of Boolean expressions using the AND (conjunction), OR (disjunction) and NOT (logical complement).

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<u>Operator</u>	<u>Operation</u>
&	AND - forms the Boolean AND (logical product) of the operands
!	OR - forms the Boolean inclusive OR (logical sum) of the operands
'(apostrophe)	NOT - forms the logical complement of the operand (unary operation)

Boolean Truth Table

Where: True = -0.01

False = 0

N = any number including True and False

M = any nonzero number

AND	OR	NOT
True & True=True	True! True=True	'True=False
True & False=False	True! False=True	'False=True
False & True=False	False! True=True	'M=False
False & False=False	False! False=False	
N & True	N! True	
=N	=True	
True & N	True! N	
N & False	N! False	
=False	=N	
False & N	False! N	

The AND and OR operations are performed on a bit-by-bit basis on two 32-bit quantities which allows either simple evaluation of True and False quantities or complex masking operations (by knowledgeable system programmers). The NOT operator is a logical rather than a bit-by-bit complement. As shown above, the complement of a False (0) value is True (-0.01) but, by convention, the complement of any non-zero quantity, including True, is always False (0). A true bit-by-bit complement of a value can be accomplished using unary minus, thus:

$$-N-0.01$$

All operands used with Boolean operators are assumed to be numeric. Operands which are string values are evaluated and converted to a numeric value in accordance with the rules for mode conversion (see Section 2.3.3). The results of Boolean operations are always numeric.

Binary Forms:

nv	& !	nvel → nv	The operation is performed and a numeric result produced.
nv	& !	svel → nv	The svel is evaluated and the result converted to a numeric value. The operation is performed and a numeric result produced.
sv	& !	nvel → nv	The sv is converted to a numeric value; the operation performed, and a numeric result produced.
sv	& !	svel → nv	The sv is converted to a numeric value. The svel is evaluated and the result is converted to a numeric value. The operation is performed and a numeric result produced.

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### Unary Forms:

NOT is a unary operator and may prefix any element in an expression.

'nvel →nv                   The nvel is evaluated and, if the result is either True or False, its sense is reversed. Any other value of the nvel produces False.

'svel →nv                   The svel is evaluated and its result is converted to a numeric value. If the value is either True or False, its sense is reversed. Any other value produces False.

### Examples:

Where: A = 4; B = 2; X = 8; C = 3

1. (A>B)&(A<X) → -0.01 (True)

Analysis:

4>2 → -0.01 (True)  
4<8 → -0.01 (True)  
True & True → -0.01 (True)

2. '(A+C)!('X-'C)!("12CATS">"10") → -0.01 (True)

Analysis:

4+3 → 7  
'7 → 0  
'8 → 0  
'3 → 0  
0-0 → 0  
0!0 → False  
"12CATS" → 12  
12>10 → -0.01 (True)  
0!-0.01 → -0.01 (True)

### 2.4.7 Trailing Data Mode Operators

A trailing operator may be appended to the last element in any expression to ensure the data mode of the final results of the expression.

<u>Operator</u>	<u>Operator</u>
@	Convert the data mode of the expression result to a string value.
+	Convert the data mode of the expression result to a numeric value.

### Forms:

sv+ →nv                   The sv is converted to its numeric equivalent.

nv+ →nv                   The operation is ignored since the operand is already numeric.

nv@ →sv                   The nv is converted to its string equivalent.

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sv@ → sv            The operation is ignored since the operand is already a string.

Examples:

Where: A = 100, B = 2, C = "00"

1. A+B@ → "102"
2. A>B@ → "-0.01"
3. A/B@C+ → 5000



## CHAPTER 3

### COMMANDS

#### INTRODUCTION

A command is the principal algorithmic component of the MUMPS language and consists of one or more elements the first of which is a mnemonic that characterizes the action or procedure to be performed.

Examples:

GOTO,READ,SET,OVERLAY

Any remaining elements in a command are arguments and their delimiters, and special symbols. Arguments specify a logical entity, such as a variable or expression to or upon which the action of the command is directed.

#### 3.1 RULES FOR COMMAND SYNTAX

1. Commands which are to be executed immediately (Direct Mode) do not use Step Numbers. The first character of the command is the first character on the line following the system's right angle bracket (>) prompting symbol.
2. Commands which are to be executed as part of a stored program (Indirect Mode) are preceded by a Step Number. A command is separated from a Step Number by a single space.
3. Each command may be abbreviated to its first letter. Furthermore, to do so saves partition space since only the first character is necessary but all succeeding characters up to the next space (␣) character are stored. Care should be used when abbreviating commands to avoid confusing certain commands which are executable only in Direct Mode with others which can only be executed in Indirect Mode. For example:

E␣2.5

In Direct Mode it means: ERASE step 2.5. In Indirect Mode it is read as: ELSE, and produces a syntax error, since 2.5 is not a valid command.

4. A command is separated from its argument or argument list by a single space.
5. Multiple arguments to a command are separated from each other by commas.

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6. Multiple commands on a line must be separated from each other by a single space.
7. Certain commands permit the optional use of an argument or argument list. Note that the ELSE command is an exception, only one intervening space is allowed. If such a command is not the last command on a line, and is to be used with no argument list, it must be separated from the next command by two spaces.
8. Program comments may be appended to say command line. When used, they must be preceded by a semicolon (;). The semicolon may be separated from the preceding command argument list or Step Number by an optional space.
9. The indirection syntax operator, symbolized by either underscore (  ) or back arrow ( $\leftarrow$ ), provides dynamic command argument definition. In form, a command's argument is replaced by the symbol    or  $\leftarrow$  immediately followed by a variable name. The variable must contain a string that is a syntactically correct argument or argument list. The argument(s) can be followed by one or more commands and their arguments (excluding the QUIT command). During execution, the contents of the variable are interpreted accordingly.<sup>1</sup>

Example: where: ARG = "15+3/6"

1.20 TYPE  $\leftarrow$  ARG - The contents of ARG are evaluated as the argument and the result is 3.

10. An optional Boolean Valued Expression preceded by a colon (:bve) can be used to specify conditional execution of certain commands and command arguments.

Examples: 2.03 GOTO 3:A>B - control is transferred to Part 3 if the contents of 'A' is greater than the contents of 'B'.

10.21 WRITE:A=B 2 - If A=B, all the Steps in Part 2 are written out to the currently assigned I/O device.

11. The colon can also be used to specify alternate forms of certain commands.<sup>2</sup>

Example: 6.30 READ X:5 - is a 'timed' READ.

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1. Refer to Section 3.3.13 for further information on the indirection syntax.

2. Refer either to Table 3-1 or to the specific command descriptions (Sections 3.3.1 through 3.3.27) to determine the applicability of this feature.

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### 3.2 FORMAT CONTROL

The following special symbols are used with the PRINT, READ, and TYPE commands to effect format control:

<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Description</u>
#	Number sign is used as a format control character to initiate a Page Feed or a FORM Feed on an output device.
!	Exclamation point is used as a format control character to initiate a Carriage-RETURN-LINE-FEED (CRLF) sequence on an output device.
?	Question mark specifies horizontal tabulation (output only) on devices such as the terminals, line printer and paper-tape punch. The ? symbol is followed by a nve to specify the number of spaces from the absolute left margin. Form: ?nve.

When these symbols appear consecutively on a line, the intervening commas, normally required to separate command arguments, can be omitted.

### 3.3 DESCRIPTIONS OF MUMPS COMMANDS

MUMPS commands fall into six functional groups as shown in Table 3-1 below. The following paragraphs describe each command and its argument. Examples are provided for clarification. The commands are presented in alphabetical order for easy reference.



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Table 3-1  
Functional Relationship of MUMPS Commands

<p>Assignment Commands</p>	<p>Assign and deassign values to symbolic representations.</p> <p>Set { :bve } ⊃ var=expression,...</p> <p>Kill { :bve } {   ⊃ variable,...   }</p> <p>Xkill { :bve } ⊃ lvar,...</p>
<p>Control Commands</p>	<p>Govern the sequence in which commands Steps, Parts, and related programs are executed.</p> <p>Goto { :bve } ⊃ spn { :bve } ,...</p> <p>Do { :bve } ⊃   spn { :bve }   ,... svl</p> <p>If   bve,...   ⊃ next command</p> <p>For ⊃ ivar= { nve<sub>1</sub> { :nve<sub>2</sub> :nve<sub>3</sub> } ,... } { nve<sub>1</sub> :nve<sub>2</sub> } ⊃</p> <p>  WHILE   ⊃ bve } ⊃ next command UNTIL</p> <p>Else ⊃ next command</p> <p>Call { :bve } ⊃ pnam { :spn } ,...</p> <p>Overlay { :bve } ⊃ pnam { :spn }</p> <p>Start { :bve } ⊃ pnam { (nve) } { :spn } ,...</p> <p>Quit { :bve }</p> <p>Hang { :bve } ⊃ nve { :bve } ,...</p> <p>Halt { :bve } ⊃ ⊃</p>

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Table 3-1 (Cont.)  
Functional Relationship of MUMPS Commands

Input/Output Commands	Direct the input and output of data to and from the various devices in the hardware environment.
Type { :bve }	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \left  \begin{array}{l} \text{expression} \\ \text{format} \\ \text{variable} \end{array} \right  \dots \end{array} \right\}$
Read { :bve }	$\left  \begin{array}{l} \text{lvar} \quad \{ :nve \} \\ \text{literal} \\ \text{format} \end{array} \right  \dots$
Print { :bve }	$\left  \begin{array}{l} \text{nve} \\ \text{literal} \\ \text{format} \end{array} \right  \dots$
Write { :bve }	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \left  \begin{array}{l} \text{spn}_1 \quad \{ :spn_2 \} \dots \end{array} \right  \end{array} \right\}$
Assign { :bve }	$\left  \begin{array}{l} \text{nve}_1 \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{:sve}\{\text{:nve}_3\{\text{:nve}_4\}\} \\ \text{:nve}_2\{\text{:nve}_3\} \end{array} \right\} \\ \text{0:bve} \end{array} \right  \dots$
Unassign { :bve }	$\left  \text{nve}, \dots \right.$
Editing Commands	Permit the examination, modification, and storage of MUMPS programs.
Modify { :bve }	$\left  \begin{array}{l} \text{spn: sve} \\ \text{spn: sve}_1 \quad \text{sve}_2 \end{array} \right $
Erase { :bve }	$\left\{ \left  \begin{array}{l} \left  \begin{array}{l} \text{spn} \\ \text{ } \end{array} \right  \{ :spn \} \dots \end{array} \right  \right\}$
Load { :bve }	$\left\{ \left  \begin{array}{l} \text{pnam} \end{array} \right  \right\}$
File { :bve }	$\left\{ \left  \begin{array}{l} \text{pname} \\ \text{ } \end{array} \right  \dots \right\}$

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Table 3-1 (Cont.)  
Functional Relationship of MUMPS Commands

<p>Debugging Commands</p>	<p>Facilitate the creation and maintenance of MUMPS programs.</p>
<p>Break { :bve }</p>	
<p>Go { :bve }</p>	
<p>System I/O Command</p>	<p>Permits privileged modification of core and disk memory by MUMPS System Programs.</p>
<p>View { :bve } nve<sub>1</sub> { :nve<sub>2</sub> } ,...</p>	
<p>Timesharing Commands</p>	<p>Permits database protection through a hierarchical interlock by applications program convention.</p>
<p>Lock { :bve }   gvar { :nve } (gvar ,gvar,...) { :nve }   ,...</p>	
<p>Unlock { :bve } _ _</p>	

# ASSIGN

## 3.3.1 ASSIGN Command

Mode: Direct or Indirect

Syntax: Assign { :bve }  $\left| \begin{array}{l} \text{nve}_1 \\ 0:\text{bve} \end{array} \right\} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} :sve \{ :nve_3 \} \{ :nve_4 \} \\ :nve_2 \{ :nve_3 \} \end{array} \right\} \left. \right\} \dots$

### Description:

This command permits one or more I/O devices (DECTape, Magtape, Paper Tape, Line Printer, Sequential Disk Processor and terminals) to be reserved for the exclusive use of a program (Indirect Mode) or programmer (Direct Mode). The last device specified in the argument list is made 'current' by setting the partition's \$I System Variable to that number (refer to Section 1.6.8). This means that subsequent I/O commands, such as READ, TYPE, WRITE, and PRINT, are directed to the 'current' device. Other devices specified in the argument list though not 'current' are 'owned' and are not available for use by other programs in different partitions.

Each device is assigned in the sequence specified by the argument list. If all assignments are successful, the next command on the line is executed. If an assignment is not successful (i.e., a device is "owned" by another job), this job is suspended and the remainder of the argument list is not processed. When the device becomes available, job suspension terminates and argument list processing is resumed.

### NOTE

Devices not currently "owned" should be assigned in numerically ascending order to avoid conflicts with other jobs competing for the same devices. Failure to follow this procedure can cause two or more of the competing jobs to hang.

Each argument (nve<sub>1</sub>) must specify a legal device number (refer to the MUMPS-11 Programmer's Guide). Device 0 always refers to the Principal I/O Device (i.e., the terminal that initiated program operation). The use of illegal device number or numbers for nonexistent devices causes a NODEV error and immediate program termination.

The use of the optional arguments "nve<sub>2</sub>", "nve<sub>3</sub>", and "nve<sub>4</sub>" depends on the device specified by nve<sub>1</sub>. If nve<sub>1</sub> is a terminal

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(device 1-19 and 64-111), then  $nve_2$  may be used to control the right margin of output to the terminal. It specifies the maximum number of characters to output on any given line. Margin control remains in effect until either an UNASSIGN command or another ASSIGN command ( $nve_2 = 0$ ) is issued. If the user wishes to affect margin control for the Principal I/O Device,  $nve_1$  must be the actual device number of that terminal - not device 0.

If  $nve_1$  is a CPU-CPU device, the optional ":bve" may be used to change the state of the CPU driver. If the bve is True (non-zero result), the CPU driver enters the message state. If the bve is False (zero result), the CPU driver enters the terminal state. The default state is terminal state. The device remains in its current state until another ASSIGN directing a change of state is executed. When the device is UNASSIGNED, it is reset to the terminal state.

If  $nve_1$  is a DEctape device, then  $nve_2$  may be used to specify the location (byte) of the next character to be read or written. The specified value is entered in the \$A System Variable. Legal values for : $nve_2$  for DEctape are in the range 0-294,911 (integer). When reading or writing sequential records,  $nve_2$  need not be specified in subsequent ASSIGN commands since the system keeps track of the current tape position automatically.

If  $nve_1$  is a magtape device, then  $sve$  may be used to modify the tape format for subsequent Magtape I/O. Each character in  $sve$  represent a switch according to the following table.

<u>Switch Character</u>	<u>Effect</u>
A	ASCII character set
D	DOS-11 compatible format
E	EBCDIC character set
F	Fixed length logical record
L	Standard Labeling (ANSI or IBM)
S	Stream data format
U	Unlabeled
V	Variable length logical records (ANSII "D", IBM "V" format)
digit	Density bits specification

$Nve_3$  may be used to specify a fixed length logical record size in bytes; a 0 in  $nve_3$  is used for stream or variable length records.  $Nve_3$  is required if the fixed length record option is being used.  $Nve_4$  may be used to specify the physical block size in bytes of data blocks.  $Nve_4$  can range from 140 through 512. When the Assign command is used to establish ownership of a magtape drive, a default tape format is assumed which can be immediately modified for the duration of ownership by the optional Assign arguments. Optional arguments of subsequent Assigns which merely route I/O to the drive are ignored.

Further information regarding the effect of the Assign command on Magtape operations can be found in the Magtape section of the MUMPS-11 Programmer's Guide.

If  $nve_1$  is a Sequential Disk Processor, then  $nve_2$  may be used to specify the location (byte address) of the next character to be read or written. Legal values for  $nve_2$  for the Sequential Disk Processor are in the range 0-511. The specified value is entered in the \$B and \$H System Variables according to the formula:

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ADR=\$H\*256+\$B  
 where \$H=0 or 1 (page)  
 and \$B=n, 0 ≤ n ≤ 255 (byte in page)

If nve<sub>1</sub> is a Sequential Disk Processor and nve<sub>2</sub> is specified, the optional argument 'nve<sub>3</sub>' may be used to specify the disk block address. The value is entered in the \$A System Variable according to the formula.

$$nve_3 = TYP * 2,097,152 + (UNT * 262,144) + BLK$$

where TYP (device type)=	0 for RK11
.	1 for RF11
.	2 for RP11
.	3 for RJP04

UNT(unit number)=m, 0 ≤ m ≤ 7

	4799 for RK11
	1023 for RF11
ELK (block address on unit)=n, 0 ≤ n ≤	79,000 for RP11(RP03)
	39,999 for RP11(RP02)
	170,543 for RJP04

As with the DEctape operation, the system also keeps track of the position of the current record on the SDP device after the initial ASSIGN command. Thereafter, nve<sub>2</sub> and nve<sub>3</sub> need not be specified in subsequent ASSIGNS when performing sequential I/O.

The "0:bve" argument permits enabling and disabling of the CTRL C and BREAK control characters originating from the Principal I/O Device and from all currently "owned" terminals. When a user logs into the system using the Programmer Access Code (PAC), CTRL C and BREAK are enabled. When the PAC is not used, CTRL C and BREAK are disabled. If the :bve is True (i.e., non-zero result), CTRL C/BREAK are enabled. If the :bve is False (i.e., zero result), CTRL C and BREAK are disabled. The \$J System Variable contains a status bit that is set whenever a CTRL C or BREAK is issued. This bit is reset whenever an A 0:bve command is executed.

In Direct Mode, an ASSIGN makes the specified device "current" only for commands executed on the remainder of the line. When all commands are executed, \$I is automatically reassigned to the Principal Device. The assigned device is, however, still "owned".

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Examples:

1. 1.2 A 12

reserves device 12 and sets \$I to 12 to make the device 'current'.
2. 3.05 A 2,3,55:5000

reserved devices 2, 3, and 55, (which is a DECTape), makes 55 'current' and sets \$A to 5000 to position the DECTape for the next I/O command.
3. >A 0:1=2

disables terminal interrupts of currently owned terminals and makes the principal I/O device 'current'.
4. >F I=1:1:100 A 2 R TMP A 3 T TMP

reads 100 lines, one at a time, from device #2, and outputs them to device #3.
5. >S A="TEST" A 3  
>T A  
TEST  
>

outputs the string 'TEST' to the principal I/O device, since all commands did not reside on the same line. Device 3 is still owned, however.
6. >A 46,58:512 W

reserves device 46 to View core, and reserves DECTape unit 3, positioning the tape at the head of the second tape block (512 bytes per block); makes the DECTape device "current" and writes the contents of the program buffer onto the DECTape.
7. 7.65 A 59:210:2400 T X,!

assigns the first (of four) Sequential Disk Processor and types the contents of X starting at byte 210 of block 2400 on RK11 unit 0, followed by a carriage-return, line feed.
8. 4.3 A 4:0 T "HELLO",! A 4:1 R REP:20

assume device 4 is a CPU device; send the text "HELLO" to the CPU in terminal state, switch to message state and wait 20 seconds for a reply.
9. 3.7 A 47:"AVL"

reserves Magtape drive 0 and specifies the ANSII standard "D" format.

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10. 2.65 A 47:"EUF" :80:240

reserves Magtape drive 0  
and specifies unlabeled  
EBCDIC 80-character fixed  
length records and 240  
byte blocks (3 records  
per block).



# BREAK

## 3.3.2 BREAK Command

Mode: Indirect

Syntax: Break { :bve }

### Description:

This command is used to stop a program at a specified point to assist debugging during program development. The prime purpose of the command is to permit the examination of program variables at various states in a program's operation.

When performed, the command interrupts execution of the program, reassigns \$I to 0 (Principal I/O Device), and prints out a question mark (?) followed by the word "BREAK" and the Step number containing the BREAK command. Control returns to the user in Direct Mode. At this point the program is still considered to be running, but in a suspended state. Any attempt to modify the program will cause an error. If modification is desired, type a CTRL C, make the modification, and restart the program from the beginning.

The GO command (Section 3.3.9) is used to continue program execution after a BREAK. However, the occurrence of any error, or typing CTRL C will cause the BREAK to be "lost", thereby preventing execution of a subsequent GO.

### Examples:

1. 2.51 B: X<10                      a BREAK will occur only if X is less than 10
2. 6.1 B                              an unconditional BREAK will occur
3. 3.15 S A=B A 2 B: :bve T B      the remainder of the line is not executed after the BREAK until a subsequent GO is issued.

# CALL

### 3.3.3 CALL Command

Mode: Direct or Indirect

Syntax: Call { :bve }  $\sqcup$  pnam { :spn } ,...

Description:

The CALL command initiates execution of a program residing in either the user's Program Directory or the System Library. Program execution begins where specified or at the lowest non-zero Part.

When the program that was called is finished executing (i.e., no more Steps to do or a QUIT statement encountered), the original calling program is read back into the partition and re-entered at the point immediately following the invoking CALL command.

#### NOTE

The calling program must be FILED (Section 3.3.7) or MUMPS will be unable to return to it after the CALLED program has terminated. This results in a NOPGM error message.

When a program is called, all the local variables in the partition are preserved and available to it. The local variables remain unchanged except for changes which the called program may make. Execution of the program begins at the first non-zero Part unless a Part or Step number was specified by the optional ':spn'. The CALL command takes an average of two disk access times, one to bring in the called program and one to return to the calling program. CALL effectively increases the size of a program that can run in a given partition, but trades on execution time to do it.

Each program named in the CALL command is loaded and executed one at a time, in the order of appearance in the CALL command.

Example:

This command line points out the features of the CALL command:

```
6.35 CALL A,SAM:2.50,ABE:5,%T
```

1. Calls program A and executes it.
2. Calls program SAM and executes it, starting at Step 2.50.
3. Calls program ABE and executes it, starting at Part 5.
4. Calls the Time Subroutine %T and executes it.

# DO

## 3.3.4 DO Command

Mode: Direct or Indirect

Syntax: Do { :bve }  $\lfloor$  spn { :bve }

### Description:

The DO command initiates execution of the specified argument. When in Direct Mode, the DO command provides the only means for initiating execution of command strings currently held within the user's partition.

An argument may be:

1. a Step number
2. a Part number
3. an svl that contains either 1. or 2. above.

If control returns to the next DO command, the argument is in the mode in which the command was issued. In particular, if there is no other DO command argument and the DO command was issued in Direct Mode, the next command on the line is executed. Control ultimately returns to Direct Mode. If there is no other DO command argument, and the DO command was issued from Indirect Mode, control returns to the command following the DO. If no command follows the DO, control returns to the next (numerically greater) Step in that part (or back to the FOR command, if the DO was invoked in the range of a FOR). If there is no numerically greater Step in that Part, the program is terminated, and either control returns to Direct Mode, if the terminal user was logged in with a Programmer Access Code (PAC), or the terminal session is ended if the user was logged in simply to run the program.<sup>1</sup>

### Examples:

1. 1.50 IF A=B!(C>D) DO 4
2. 3.60 FOR X=1:5:45 DO 3.12,5,10.01
3. 10.01 FOR K=2,3 DO 6:(A=B),3.24

Transfer out of the range of a DO using the GOTO command is legitimate and effectively alters the range of the DO to include all Steps and Parts specified by the GOTO.

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1. See the QUIT command, Section 3.3.19, for a discussion of the logical levels of program execution.

# ELSE

## 3.3.5 ELSE Command

Mode: Indirect

Syntax: Else, next command

### Description:

The command provides a means for testing the Boolean sense of the last IF command executed (Paragraph 3.3.13). When the sense of the last IF is False (0), commands following the ELSE on the same line will be executed. Otherwise, control will pass to the next program Step.

Note that the use of the ELSE command (like the IF command with no argument), is different from the classical use of this command in other high level languages. Instead, its action is completely dependent on the Boolean truth value established by the execution of the last IF command and in no way related to its position with respect to other IF commands.

### Example:

```

3.26 I AGE>19 T "THANKS,! D 50 E T "NO ENTRY",! Q
3.28 E I "NO GOOD",! Q
3.29 T "DONE",!
50.10 I $D(↑AGE(AGE)) S ↑(AGE)=↑(AGE)+1 Q
    
```

In this example, if the condition in 3.26 is True, Part 50 is executed. Otherwise, the message "NO GOOD" is output. In Part 50, another IF condition is tested. Regardless of the outcome, control returns to the ELSE command in 3.26. If the Part 50 condition was False, the message "NO ENTRY" is output. If the condition is True, control passes to the ELSE in 3.28 which, in turn, passes control to 3.29 causing the message "DONE" to be output.

### NOTE

An attempt to use ELSE from Direct Mode is interpreted as ERASE since only the first letter of a command is interpreted.

# ERASE

## 3.3.6 ERASE Command

Mode: Direct

Syntax: Erase { :bve } { spn { :spn } ,... }

Description:

This command will delete an individual Step or Part, a range of Steps or Parts, or an entire program in the user's partition. Arguments must either be legal Step or Part numbers or be number value expressions (nve) which result in legal spn. The optional second spn is used to specify a range (inclusive). An ERASE with no arguments (terminated simply by EOM or two spaces if other commands exit on the line) deletes the entire program.


Examples:

- |    |                          |  |
|----|--------------------------|--|
| 1. | > <u>E 2.01</u>          | erase Step 2.01  |
| 2. | > <u>ERASE 2.01:4.10</u> | erase Step 2.01 through Step 4.10                            |
| 3. | > <u>E 4</u>             | erase Part 4   |
| 4. | > <u>E</u>               | erase entire program   |
| 5. | > <u>E L A D I</u>       | erase entire program, load program A and start it at Part 1. |

# FILE

## 3.3.7 FILE Command

Mode: Direct or Indirect

Syntax: File { :bve }  { pnam } ...

### Description:

The FILE command stores (files) the program steps currently residing in the user's partition on the disk and enters the program name (pname) in the program directory associated with his UCI. If the FILE command does not have an argument, the current program name is assumed.

After a program has been filed, it still remains within the program buffer. The user can continue to run it, modify it, and refile it. Every time a FILE command is issued under the same program name, the program steps currently present in the program buffer completely replace the previous program filed on disk.

### Example:

>F TST

Filed programs are deleted by filing a dummy program of zero length with the same name as the program to be deleted. This is accomplished by erasing the contents of the program buffer and subsequently filing that empty buffer under the program name to be deleted.

### Examples:

1. >E F A9L Deletes program A9L
2. >E F SAM,ABE,A Deletes programs SAM, ABE and A

# FOR

## 3.3.8 FOR Command

Mode: Direct or Indirect

Syntax:  $\text{For } \underline{\text{lvar}} = \left\{ \text{nve}_1, \left\{ \text{:nve}_2 : \text{nve}_3 \right\}, \dots \right\} \left\{ \text{nve}_1 : \text{nve}_2, \underline{\text{WHILE}} \underline{\text{UNTIL}} \underline{\text{bve}} \right\} \underline{\text{next command}}$

where:  $\text{lvar}$  = Index Variable

where:  $\text{nve}_1$  = Initial value of  $\text{lvar}$   
 $\text{nve}_2$  = Value by which  $\text{lvar}$  is incremented  
 $\text{nve}_3$  = Limit value of  $\text{lvar}$

### Description:

The FOR command produces efficient looping (iteration) by repeating commands residing on the same line for a specific set of variable values. In operation, the local variable ( $\text{lvar}$ ) is set to the value specified by the first argument ( $\text{nve}_1$ ) and the commands on the remainder of the line are executed. The process is repeated for each new value (if any) of the first argument then the second, third, etc., until the  $\text{lvar}$  has been set to all values in the argument list.

The WHILE and UNTIL clauses can be used to test the status of logical conditions external to the FOR loop. Only one of these clauses can be used at a time and must be the last argument.

Iteration is terminated in one of several ways:

1. The argument list becomes exhausted
2. A QUIT or GOTO command is encountered (Sections 3.3.20 and 3.3.10)

Upon termination, the index variable contains the last value assigned prior to termination.

The arguments used ( $\text{nve}_1$ ,  $\text{nve}_2$ , and  $\text{nve}_3$ ) may be assigned any value in the legal range of MUMPS numbers (see Section 1.4.1) including negative values. However, if the increment value ( $\text{nve}_2$ ) is given a value of zero, an interminable looping condition will occur unless either the "WHILE/UNTIL" syntax is being used or a QUIT or GOTO is executed.

There are two distinct forms for FOR command arguments which can be used either separately or together, as required. The first is the list format which excludes the optional  $\text{nve}$ 's ( $\text{nve}_2 : \text{nve}_3$ ). With this format, each argument represents one specific value to which  $\text{lvar}$  is assigned.

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Thus:

```
FOR lvar=nve,nve,nve,...
```

The second form is the range format in which the optional nve's (nve<sub>1</sub> :nve<sub>2</sub> ) are used. Each argument may represent a range of values.

Thus:

```
FOR lvar=nve1:nve2:nve3,nve1a:nve2a:nve3a,...
```

Both forms can also be intermixed:

```
FOR lvar=nve1,nve1a,nve1b:nve2:nve3,...
```

### NOTE

The indirection syntax operator (3.1) may not be used with arguments of a FOR command (e.g., 'Fl+') causes a SYNTAX error.

Examples:

#### 1. List Format

```
FOR X=1,4,10 TYPE "X",X
```

The loop will be repeated three times with X taking on the values 1,4, and 10.

#### 2. Range Format

```
FOR X=1:1:10 TYPE "X",X
```

The loop will be repeated 10 times with X starting at 1 and increasing by 1 each time until it is equal to 10.

```
FOR X=1:1 WHILE Z>X TYPE "X",X
```

This loop will be repeated until X becomes equal to or larger than Z.

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```
FOR I=5,8,33:6:57 TYPE I+(I/3),!
```

In this case, I will take the values 5, 8, 33, 39, 45, 51, and 57.

#### 4. Special Cases

```
FOR I=A:1:Y DO 3      if A initially greater than Y part 3 is never done
```

```
FOR I=1:-1:-2 DO 1.05  step 1.05 is 'done' four times (for I=1, 0, -1 and -2)
```

```
FOR I=1:A:10 D 3.21   if A=0, an interminable loop on step 3.21 is initiated.
```



# GO

## 3.3.9 GO Command

Mode: Direct

Syntax: Go { :bve }

### Description:

The GO command is used to restart a MUMPS program which has been interrupted by the BREAK command (Section 3.3.2). This command can only be used after a BREAK has been executed and while it is still in effect. This means that GO cannot be successfully executed after a CTRL C has been typed or after the occurrence of any MUMPS error.

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3.3.10 GOTO Command

Mode: Indirect

Syntax: GOTO { :bve } ┘ spn { :bve } ,...

## Description:

This command permits transfer of control from the current Step sequence to the specified Part or Step number. Once the change in control is effected, program execution progresses in the normal ascending Part/Step number sequence. GOTO can also be used to prematurely exit from a FOR command loop. However, GOTO cancels all previous FOR commands up to the last DO or CALL, and execution proceeds from that DO or CALL (refer to Section 3.3.4).

The argument can be either an actual Step or Part number or numeric valued expression (nve) which evaluates to a legal Step or Part number. Each argument in the list can be modified by an optional Boolean valued expression. It is reasonable to have multiple arguments only if they are modified using :bve's; otherwise the first argument would be the only one considered.

## Example:

```
1.50 G 2.1:X<10,3.1:X>10,4.1
```

Control is transferred to Step 2.1 if X is less than 10; to 3.1 if X is greater than 10; and to 4.1 in all other cases.

# HALT

## 3.3.11 HALT Command

Mode: Direct or Indirect

Syntax: Halt { :bve } \_ \_

Description:

This command terminates a MUMPS job and causes terminal sign-off.

### NOTE

The difference between HALT and HANG is that HALT takes no arguments (:bve is not considered to be an argument).

Examples:

Direct Mode:

>H

Indirect Mode:

3.51 I A>B H	In both of these examples, HALT is executed if A
10.02 H:A>B	is greater than B.

# HANG

## 3.3.12 HANG Command

Mode: Direct or Indirect

Syntax: Hang { :bve }    nve { :bve } ,...

### Description:

This command suspends program execution for a specified time interval. The time interval (nve) is specified in seconds and must be a positive MUMPS number. The number is evaluated as an integer (i.e., the decimal point is ignored). If the nve equals zero, the remainder of the program's time slice (time sharing interval) is given up. When the specified time has elapsed, program execution resumes at the command following HANG. The maximum value which may be specified by nve is 65,535. If nve evaluates to a larger value, the maximum value is used and no error is generated.

This facility is especially useful in applications where the programmer periodically wants to check the status of a variable and take action when the variable has changed.

### Example:

1.01 I \$T<X H 300 G \$L	If the number of seconds since midnight (\$T) is less than X, suspend program execution for 5 minutes and then check \$T again; otherwise, call program %DL.
1.21 C %DL	

# IF

## 3.3.13 IF Command

Mode: Direct or Indirect

Syntax: IF    |    bve, ...    | next command

Description:

This command is used to effect a change in a program's operation based on the validity of one or more Boolean Valued Expressions. Each bve in the argument list is evaluated. If all expressions are True (non-zero), command processing continues with the next command on the line. If any expression is False (zero), command processing for the remainder of the line is discontinued and the next Step is executed. IF may also be used without arguments, in which case the condition to be tested is the sense of last executed IF statement. The ELSE command is used to test the logical reverse of an IF (see Section 3.3.5).

Example:

```
2.08 IF A=B(C=>D),NAM="JACK" DO 3
6.03 IF GOTO 14.36
```

If A equals B, or C is greater than or equal to D, and NAME equals the string JACK, all the commands in Part 3 are executed. Assuming this is the case, (True) and there are no other intervening IF statements which result in a False condition, the execution of 6.03 will result in control passing to step 14.36.

When the Indirection Syntax is used, it must be the last argument. Further, the variable referenced by the indirection (i.e., +variable) may contain commands as well as additional arguments to the IF Command.

Example:

Where: a, b and c are arguments  
x, y and z are commands

```
1.1 S  D="a,b,c  x  y  z"
1.2 IF   +D
1.3 .....
```

As with IF without indirection, each argument is processed until a False result is obtained or a command is reached. Once a False argument is reached, the remainder of the line is skipped and processing continues on the next line. When an indirect reference is

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used, the commands which may follow on the same line are no longer dependent upon the logical result of the IF.

Example:

Where: a,b,c, and d are arguments, and  
x and y are commands

```
3.1 SET D="c,d,y"  
3.2 IF a,b,+D x
```

If a and b are True, command x will always be executed, regardless of the truth value of arguments c and d, as long as y is not a GOTO or HALT command.

If nested indirection is used, the basic process remains the same. Suppose there are three levels of nesting (three indirect references). If all arguments up to the first indirect reference are True, the commands following on that line will be executed after the truth value of lower levels has been determined, and any lower level commands have been executed.

If all arguments up to the second indirect reference are True, commands following on that line will be executed after the truth value of lower levels has been determined, and any lower level commands have been executed. In general if all arguments on all levels are True, all commands on all levels will be executed, beginning at the deepest level.

## EXCEPTION

Any GOTO or HALT Command will prevent execution of commands at all levels above it.

If one of the arguments contained in the second indirect reference happens to be False, the rest of the arguments on that line as well as the commands and arguments specified by the third indirect reference will not be processed. Rather, any commands following the second indirect reference will be executed followed by the first indirect reference.

Example:

Where: b, e, h, k and l are arguments  
c, f, i, m and n are commands (other than GOTO)

```
6.1 S A="b c"  
6.2 S D="e,+A f"  
6.3 S G="h,+D i"  
6.4 IF k,l,+G m n
```

If k and l are True, m and n will always be executed. If h is True, i will always be executed. If e is not True, the commands and arguments in A will not be reached and f will not be executed. If k, l, h, e and b are all True, c, f, i, m and n will be executed in that order.

Examples:

```
1. 1.1 S P="A>B S A=B"  
1.2 R "A=" ,A ,! , "B=" ,B ,! IF +P T B
```

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In this example, the variable P is set to a string which is to be used as an argument to the IF in Step 1.2. Step 1.2 requests values for A and B; then the IF is evaluated. If A is greater than B, A is SET to the value of B. The value of B is typed regardless of the logical outcome.

2. >2.1 R "A=",A,!, "B=",B,!IF +P I T B

This example is a variation of Step 1.2 in the example above, in which a second IF has been added to permit the typing of B only if A is greater than B.

3. This example is taken from a MUMPS System Program. The variables RK, RF and RP (i.e., RK03, RF11 and RP11) have been previously set to the number of disk drives of each type in the system, or zero if there are none.

Step 1.1 is a string which is to be used in a subsequent indirect reference by means of the \$STEP Function. The string could not be contained in a variable since the string itself contains a literal which must be delimited by quotation marks.

Step 2.2 requests the name of the System Disk placing the response in SD.

Step 2.3 contains an IF command with two arguments (a) and (b), and a GOTO (c).

```

1.1 +SD E T "THERE ARE NO",SD,"DISKS IN THE SYSTEM" G 2.2
.
.
.
2.2 R "TYPE THE NAME OF THE SYSTEM DISK",!,SD
2.3 IF (SD="RK")!(SD="RF")!(SD="RP"), +SS(1.1), GOTO 4
                                     (a)         (b)         (c)
2.4 T !, "RK, RF OR RP",!G 2.2

```

Analysis:

1. SD contains the response obtained in Step 2.2. In 2.3 SD is tested to determine whether it contains the string RK, RF, or RP. If it is none of these, control passes to Step 2.4 and the indirect reference is never executed.
2. If the response is correct, the indirect reference is reached. It ensures that the specified disks exist. The first element in 1.1 is another indirect reference which permits testing of the contents of SD. This results in a Boolean evaluation of the contents of one of the variables: RK, RP or RF, to see if it is non-zero (i.e., some disks of the desired type exist). Since there are no commands in SD, commands following the second indirect reference are executed. The ELSE Command tests the outcome of the IF and causes the message beginning "THERE ARE..." to be output if False condition exists.
3. If a True condition results, control returns to Step 2.3 from the indirect commands in 1.1 and the 'G4' is executed.

# KILL

## 3.3.14 KILL Command

Mode: Direct or Indirect

Syntax: Kill {:bve} { | variable,... | }

Description:

The KILL command is used to delete both local and global variables. When used without arguments, all locally defined variables are deleted. Examples of this syntax are as follows:

```
10.50 K S A=50
```

```
>K all local variables are deleted
```

When KILL is used on a subscripted variable, it is possible to delete any one of the array variables by its full name or all the variables by simply stating the array name. Simple variables need only be named.

Examples:

- |    |                                |  |
|----|--------------------------------|--|
| 1. | 3.01 K ABC(3)                  | Local array element 3 is deleted from the array ABC.             |
| 2. | 6.58 K ↑DEF(5),↑DEF(6),↑DEF(7) | Global array elements 5, 6 and 7 are deleted from the array DEF. |
| 3. | 1.99 K ABC                     | Deletes all elements in the array ABC.                           |
| 4. | >K X                           | The local variable X is deleted.                                 |

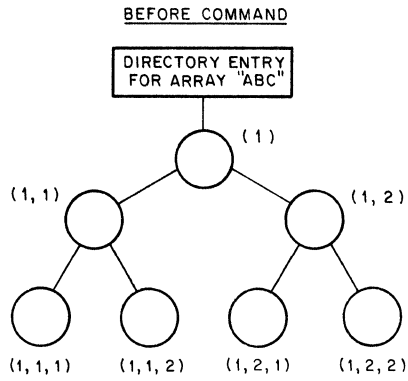
If both a simple variable and a local array are defined under the same name, a KILL referencing that name deletes the array as well as the simple variable.

The KILL command, when applied to global variables, can kill all the data in a global or "prune" the global array at any specified node.



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5. >K ^ABC



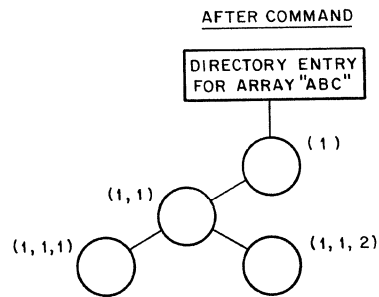
AFTER COMMAND

THE ENTIRE GLOBAL ARRAY, AS WELL AS ITS DIRECTORY ENTRY IS DELETED

6. >K ^ABC(1,2)

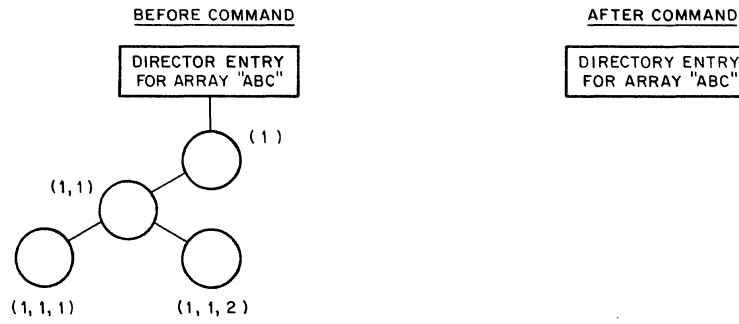
BEFORE COMMAND

(SAME AS ABOVE)



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7. >K ^ABC(1)



# LOAD

## 3.3.15 LOAD Command

Mode: Direct

Syntax: Load { :bve } { | pnam | }

### Description:

This command loads a program from the disk into the user's partition. If a program name (pnam) is specified, the user's Program Directory is searched, his program buffer is erased, and the program is loaded. If no argument is given, loading occurs from the device specified in the previous ASSIGN command on the same line (i.e., the current value of the \$I System Variable). In this case, the program buffer is not erased and the loaded program is merged with the contents of the program buffer. Steps in the loaded program take precedence over Steps in the program buffer having the same number. In either case, all local variables in the partition are preserved.

### Examples:

1. >LOAD SAM loads program SAM from user's program library
2. >A 2 L FILE SAM loads program from device #2 (paper-tape reader), then files it under the name SAM.

# LOCK

## 3.3.16 LOCK Command

Mode: Direct or Indirect

Syntax: LOCK { :bve }  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{gvar} \\ (gvar_1, gvar_2, \dots, gvar_n) \end{array} \right. \left| \{ :nve \} \right.$

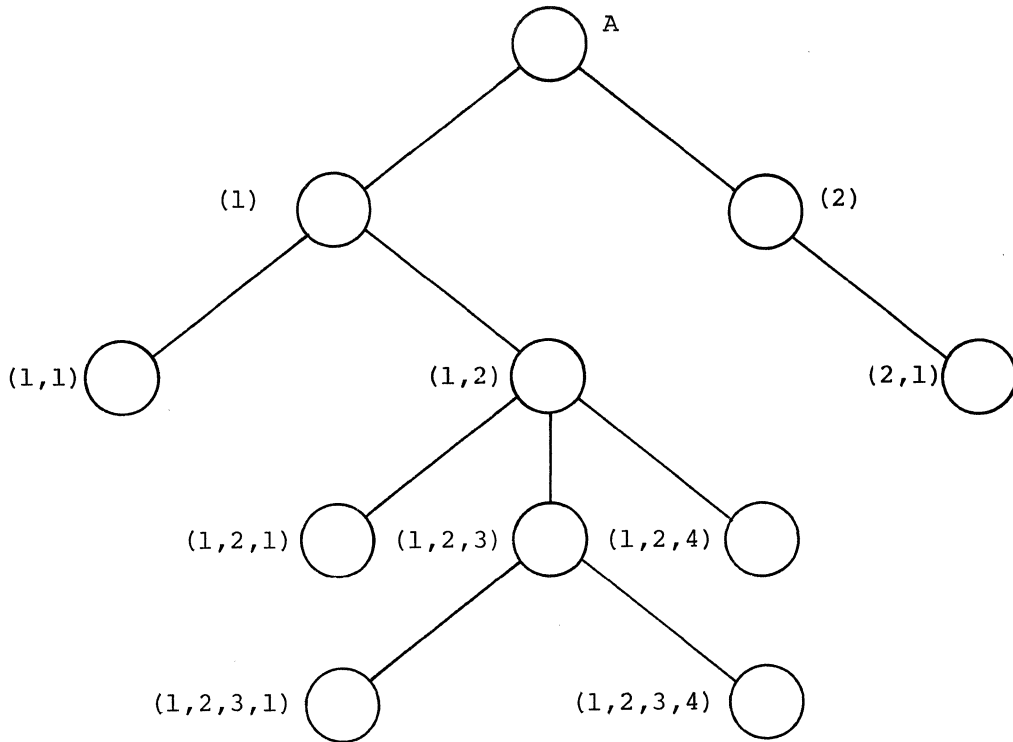
### Description:

The LOCK command provides ownership of global variables on a node level. After execution of the LOCK command, the LOCKed node, all global variables in the tree structure directly below the LOCKed node or global variables above it in a direct path to the top of the global are unavailable for locking by other users. Use of the LOCK command is not mandatory; protection is provided only through application programming convention, and only when all users also use the LOCK command. The LOCK command does not require any use of the disc.

### Example:

Given the global †A below,

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After execution of `LOCK↑A(1,2,3)`, the following nodes are unavailable for LOCKing while node `↑A(1,2,3)` is locked:

```

↑A(1,2,3,4)
↑A(1,2,3,1)
↑A(1,2)
↑A(1)
↑A

```

The following nodes of `↑A` would be available for LOCKing by other users while node `↑A(1,2,3)` is LOCKed:

```

↑A(2)
↑A(2,1)
↑A(1,1)
↑A(1,2,1)
↑A(1,2,4)

```

The execution of a `LOCK` command unlocks all global variables that were previously LOCKed by the user.

For example, after this series of commands are executed:

```

1.20 LOCK ↑A(1,2)
1.30 LOCK (↑A(2,1), ↑A(1,1), ↑A(1,2,4))
1.40 LOCK (↑A(1,1), ↑A(1,2,3,4))

```

only global variables `↑A(1,1)` and `↑A(1,2,3,4)` would be LOCKed.

When using the multiple argument form of the `LOCK` command care must be taken to enclose multiple arguments in parentheses. If there are no parentheses the command will be interpreted as multiple `LOCK` directives rather than as one `LOCK` directive with multiple arguments.

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For example, the following command:

```
1.10 LOCK ↑A(1,2,3) , ↑B(4) , ↑ABC(3,1)
```

would be the same as this sequence of commands:

```
1.10 LOCK ↑A(1,2,3)      locks ↑A(1,2,3)
1.15 LOCK ↑B(4)         unlocks ↑A(1,2,3), locks ↑B(4)
1.20 LOCK ↑ABC(3,1)     unlocks ↑B(4), locks ↑ABC(3,1)
```

and only global variable ↑ABC(3,1) will be locked after execution of the commands.

If a global variable is unavailable (LOCKed by someone else) when a LOCK request is made, the job will hang without any LOCKed nodes until the requested node(s) is free. If multiple arguments were used in the request, MUMPS will not LOCK any of the global variables until they are all available to be LOCKed.

The optional parameter (:nve) permits the MUMPS programmer to specify how long the system can wait to be able to LOCK the specified global variable(s) if they are unavailable when the request is initiated. The :nve must be a positive MUMPS integer, the decimal fraction is ignored. If MUMPS is unable to LOCK all the specified global variables before the specified time interval has elapsed, none of the globals will be LOCKed and control will be returned to the user.

The MUMPS programmer may check the result of a timed LOCK by inspecting bit 4 of the \$JOB system variable. Bit 4 will be set to one if MUMPS was unable to perform the LOCK.

Example of a timed LOCK:

```
LOCK (↑A(1,2),↑B(3)):5
```

If MUMPS is unable to LOCK both ↑A(1,2) and ↑B(3) in a five second time frame, then neither global variable will be LOCKed, bit 4 of \$JOB will be set to one, and control will be returned to the program. If the LOCK was successful then both ↑A(1,2) and ↑B(3) are LOCKed and bit 4 of the \$JOB will be set to zero.

The following issues are important aspects of the LOCK command.

1. Use of LOCK is not required; protection is only through application programming convention.
2. LOCK does not use the disc. Furthermore, the LOCKed nodes do not have to correspond to existing nodes on the disc.
3. When performing a LOCK, all nodes for that user are first automatically UNLOCKed.
4. All arguments of the LOCK command must be full global references; naked expressions are not allowed.
5. The gvar expressions do not affect the naked global level.
6. A LOCK only pertains to the user's UCI. LOCKS under other UIC's are not affected.

# MODIFY

## 3.3.17 MODIFY Command

Mode: Direct or Indirect

Syntax:      Modify { :bve } ⌋ spn: x sve<sub>1</sub> x sve<sub>2</sub>  
spn: sve

Description:

The MODIFY command provides program editing capabilities by altering the contents of a Step. The command causes a search within the specified Step for sve<sub>1</sub> and if found, replaces it with sve<sub>2</sub>. Argument delimiters, specified by x, may be any character. The only restriction is that the character used to delimit sve<sub>1</sub> and sve<sub>2</sub> should not be included in either expression.

NOTE

Step numbers cannot be changed with the MODIFY command.

If sve<sub>1</sub> is null (i.e., xxsve<sub>2</sub>x), sve<sub>2</sub> will be inserted at the beginning of the Step command line. If sve<sub>2</sub> is null (i.e., xsve<sub>1</sub> xx), sve<sub>1</sub> will be deleted from the Step. The WRITE command is used to display the altered Step.

Example:

1.01 R "NAME",NAM,1	old line
>M 1.01:"/"YOUR /	modify the line
<del>&gt;W 1.01</del>	write it out
1.01 R "YOUR NAME",NAM,"	new line

When MODIFY is used in Indirect Mode, the spn of the Step containing the MODIFY command must be less than the spn specified in the command. If it is not, a PROTECT error is generated. Further, MODIFY cannot be used to increase the size of a program.

The second version of the MODIFY command is used for step creation. This version creates the step specified by spn and uses the value of sve for the step's contents. The spn must be previously undefined.

Example:

M 2.12:".S A=B"

creates the step

2.12 ⌋ S A=B

## OVERLAY

3.3.18 OVERLAY Command

Mode: Indirect

Syntax: Overlay {:bve}  $\sqcup$  pnam {:spn}

## Description:

This command loads and starts programs residing in the user's Program Directory as well as the System Library. Program execution begins at the lowest non-zero Part unless a Step or Part number (spn) is specified. When spn is used, execution starts where specified.

## NOTE

If a non-existent :spn is specified, a NOPGM error is generated. The name of the program and the next higher spn available is printed out following the NOPGM message.

Local variables remain unchanged unless the overlaying program changes them.

When the currently controlling program control command is a DO and an OVERLAY is executed, that DO is effectively converted into a CALL for the remainder of its duration. That is, execution of a QUIT in the program which is OVERLAYed would result in a return to the DO in the program which contained the OVERLAY command.

OVERLAY is similar to the GOTO command except that the program flow is transferred to another program. The program flow does not return to the program containing the OVERLAY command unless the OVERLAY was executed when a DO was the currently controlling program control command.

The OVERLAY command takes an average of one disk access to load the specified program and is therefore faster than the CALL command which takes two disk accesses. This should be taken into account when designing a system of application programs.

## Example:

```
7.61 OVERLAY SAM:1.52      brings program SAM into memory and
                           starts it at Step 1.52.
```

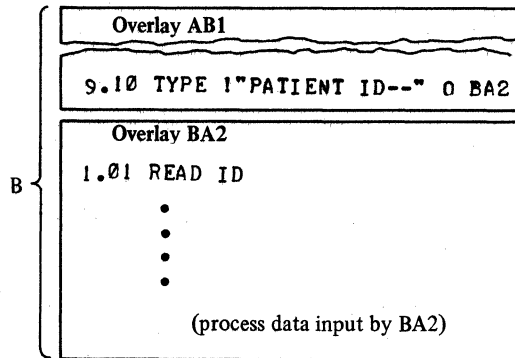
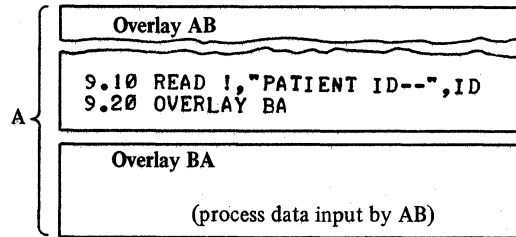
When using OVERLAY, it is more efficient to execute the command at a point where the current program segment becomes 'I/O bound'. This permits the time taken by the overlaying process to be 'submerged' by the I/O processing time.



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Example:

Assume that a program consisting of two overlays called AB and BA requires input from a terminal at some point in its operation. This can be accomplished as shown in either A or B (below). However, the time taken to type out "PATIENT ID", as shown in B, is also used to submerge the time needed to effect the overlay of BS as well.



# PRINT

## 3.3.19 PRINT Command

Mode: Direct or Indirect

Syntax: Print { :bve } 

nve
literal
format

 ,...

### Description:

This command is used primarily to output device dependent control characters to the currently assigned I/O device (\$I System Variable). Device dependent data is output using nve to represent a decimal integer value whose 7 low-order bits are accepted as ASCII. The fractional portion of the nve (if any) is ignored. Thus, the programmer can take advantage of the control functions of a particular device.

### Example:

1.03 PRINT 7,13,12	will (on a teleprinter) ring the bell, return the carriage without a LINE FEED, and FORM Feed.
7.23 P 29,31	will, on a VT05, move the cursor to the upper left corner of the screen and clear the screen.

Arguments to the PRINT command may also be MUMPS-11 format control characters (#,?nve,!) or literals. For example, the command

6.50 PRINT #,7,?20,"YOU WIN"	causes a teleprinter to: perform a FORM Feed, ring the bell, tabulate 20 spaces from the left margin, and type: YOU WIN
------------------------------	---

Special nve arguments to the PRINT command allow the programmer to change system protection parameters in the \$J System Variable and to effect control functions for magnetic tape I/O operations. System protection arguments are:

- |                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| 1. P <u>1</u> 024 | enables Library Program and Global update.                    |
| 2. P <u>2</u> 048 | disables Library Program and Global update. <sup>1</sup>      |
| 3. P <u>3</u> 256 | enables memory or disk write with VIEW command.               |
| 4. P <u>4</u> 512 | disables memory or disk write with VIEW command. <sup>1</sup> |

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If an error occurs (SYNTAX, PROT, etc.) after a P\_1024 or a P\_256 is issued, these parameters are reset to the system default condition (P\_2048 and P\_512). The MUMPS Programmer's Guide provides more details on the use of the \$J System Variable.

Special arguments to control magnetic tapes are also described in the MUMPS-11 Programmer's Guide.

# QUIT

## 3.3.20 QUIT Command

Mode: Direct or Indirect

Syntax: Quit { :bve }

### Description:

The QUIT command terminates a logical process, including the execution of a Step, Part or program. The command is often used to prematurely terminate operations which are executed within the range of the DO, FOR, and CALL commands.

To understand the QUIT command, it is useful to think of a program's execution as occurring at different logical levels. The first or lowest level is simply operation in Indirect Mode itself. Higher levels are attained by the use of the DO, FOR, and CALL commands and their subsequent nesting. Each time one of those commands is encountered within its own range or that of another, the level is raised by one. The normal termination of these commands lowers the level by one. When QUIT is executed, the current level is also lowered by one and the associated DO, FOR, or CALL command is terminated. When the terminal user is logged-in to the system with a Programming Access Code (PAC), a QUIT at the lowest level switches control to Direct Mode. When logged-in simply to run a program (i.e., UCI:pnam), QUIT at the lowest level ends the session at the terminal.

### Examples:

1. 1.01 FOR I=1:1:100 S A=A+I Q:A>X  
1.02 ....

In this program if A becomes greater than X, the QUIT prematurely terminates the FOR loop and control passes to Step 1.02. Otherwise, the FOR loop terminates normally after 100 iterations.

2. 8.10 FOR X=3:33:3300 D 9 I X+P=A Q  
    :    ↑ 2nd level            ↓ 3rd level  
    :  
    8.3  
    9.10 I PR=<1.2 Q  
       4th level            ↑ return to 2nd level  
    9.12 CALL A Q

In this program, the level is raised by one when the FOR loop is entered. When the "D 9" in 8.1 is executed, the level is raised to 3. When PR=<1.2, the QUIT returns to the 2nd level

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and the rest of the FOR loop is performed. If PR is not  $\leq 1,2$ , program A is called, raising the level to 4. When program A completes its operation or a QUIT is executed from within it, control returns to the QUIT command following the CALL, which returns control to the 2nd level. When  $X+P=A$ , QUIT restores level 1 and Step 8.3 is executed.

# READ

## 3.3.21 READ Command

Mode: Direct or Indirect

Syntax: Read { :bve }  $\sqsubset$ 

lvar literal format	{ :nve }
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 | , ...

Description:

This command is used to input one or more lines of characters into specified local variables (lvar) from the currently ASSIGNED input device (value of \$I System Variable). Literals and format control characters (Section 3.2) can also be output to the device, provided that it is capable of accepting output (a NODEV error results if it is not).

Each string input is assigned to the specified lvar. Note that all data input is string-valued so the MUMPS programmer wishing numeric data must provide the necessary checks on input strings. (For example, see Section 2.4.4 on pattern verification.)

The optional argument (:nve) permits timed reading by specifying the number of seconds for which the command is to be effective. Each argument in the command can use this feature. It is particularly beneficial when an applications program must deal with terminals which are infrequently attended or unattended.

The :nve must be a positive MUMPS integer; the decimal fraction is ignored. If no input is detected before the specified interval has elapsed, a null string is returned in the lvar, bit 4 of the \$J System Variable is set, and the next command on the line is executed. If input occurs before the interval expires, the interval is repeated until one of the following conditions exists:

1. No input has occurred since the last interval (a null string is returned).
2. A Carriage RETURN or ALT MODE is received.

In the case of (a.), all accumulated characters up to time-out are discarded and a null string is returned; with (b.) however, all characters in the input line are returned.

Examples:

1. 1.32 READ !,"NAME?",NAM(I),!, "AGE=",AGE(I)

In this example, the command requests two consecutive lines of input from the terminal. The lvar AGE(I) is assumed to be a one or two digit numeric character string, and the program must convert this if it is desired to store it as numeric data. Automatic mode conversion will be employed when the lvar is used subsequently in the program, however, this does not affect the data mode of the data in AGE(I) unless it is

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directly altered as in: `S1AGE(I)=AGE(I)+.` (Refer to Section 2.3.3 for more information.)

2. `1.36 R "ANYONE THERE?",1,RES:20 I $J&.16 H`

In this example, the message "ANYONE THERE?" followed by a Carriage RETURN/LINE FEED sequence is output. If there is no response within 20 seconds or the operator took more than 20 seconds to type a character of input, the program will halt.

## SET

3.3.22 SET Command

Mode: Direct or Indirect

Syntax: Set { :bve }  $\sqsubset$  variable=expression,...

## Description:

The SET command assigns the result of an expression to a specified variable. The variable can be simple, subscripted, or global. The variable is followed by an equal sign (=) which in turn is followed by any expression that conforms to the rules for forming expressions (see Chapter 2). The expression is evaluated and the variable is set to the result.

The list of variables and associated expressions is evaluated and assigned from left to right. If a variable used in an expression is set by a previous argument, the value used is that most recently assigned.

## Example:

```
1.10 S A=2
1.20 S A=3,B=A*2          B is SET to 6
```

Automatic mode conversion is employed during expression evaluation. The ultimate mode of an expression - string or numeric (including Boolean values) - is determined by the type of the last operator in the expression. It may be a trailing operator. Legal trailing operators include: concatenation (@) to force a string valued result and addition (+) to force a numeric result. (See Section 2.4.7).

## WARNING

Special care should be exercised to avoid omitting the equal sign (=) since this situation is not detected as an error. Instead, the command is interpreted to be a START command in which the variable name to the left of the missing equal sign is taken as the name of the program to be STARTed. If a program of that name exists, it is loaded and started; otherwise a NOPGM error results.



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Example:

1.32 S A=B,DAT,D1

missing '=' sign

This Step is interpreted as:

SET A = 3, then START a program called DAT at Part 1

Example:

2.5 S \$E=20.5

sets the \$E System Variable so that all MUMPS errors (except GARB errors) will trap to Step 20.5 for analysis by the application.

20.5 S ERR=\$E,\$E=30

saves the contents of \$E ( a value in the range 0 through -0.36 denoting a specific MUMPS error) and resets \$E to trap to spn 30 in case any error occurs prior to completion of application error processing.

# START

## 3.3.23 START Command

Mode: Direct or Indirect

Syntax: Start { :bve } pnam { (nve) } { :spn } , ...

### Description:

This command permits a currently executing program to load and start one or more programs that run concurrently in separate partitions. The optional nve specifies the partition size in integer multiples of 128 words. The optional :spn specifies the Step or Part number at which execution is to begin; otherwise, execution begins at the lowest non-zero Part.

### NOTE

If a non-existent :spn is specified, a NOPGM error is generated. The name of the program and the next higher spn available is printed out following the NOPGM message.

Each STARTed program must ASSIGN all required I/O devices. Furthermore, STARTed programs share the Principal I/O Device of the starting program. Before a STARTed program can use the Principal I/O Device, however, the starting program or any other STARTed program must UNASSIGN (U0) the device.

Error messages which result from a STARTed program are output to the starting program's Principal I/O Device regardless of the current ownership of that device. However, if a STARTed program is to give up its partition, the Principal I/O Device must be available.

### Example:

3.24 START ZDV,ZLX:5,ACL:2

loads and starts %DV, %LX beginning at Part 5 and ACL beginning at Part 2, each in a separate partition.

1.5 S %PI=3.14 S RAD(8):10.25

sets a global variable PI equal to 3.14 and starts a program RAD at Step 10.25 in a 1K partition. Refer to the MUMPS Operator's Guide for details on partition sizes and availability.

# TYPE

## 3.3.24 TYPE Command

Mode: Direct or Indirect

Syntax: Type { :bve } {  $\left[ \begin{array}{|l} \text{expression} \\ \text{format} \\ \text{variable} \end{array} \right] \dots \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{|l} \text{expression} \\ \text{format} \\ \text{variable} \end{array}} \right\}$

Description:

The TYPE command outputs data to the currently ASSIGNED device (\$I System Variable). Arguments can be expressions or the format control characters (#, ?nve or !) described in Section 3.2. If no arguments are specified, the current values of all local and System Variables are output.

Examples:

1.36 TYPE "VALUE=",A,!

results in 'VALUE=contents of A' followed by a Carriage RETURN,LINE FEED sequence.

>TYPE

types out the contents of all local and system variables.

2.50 TYPE #!, "A+B\*C=",A+B\*C

types FORM Feed, Carriage RETURN, LINE FEED sequence, 'A+B\*C=results of a+b\*c.'

## UNASSIGN

3.3.25 UNASSIGN Command

Mode: Direct or Indirect

Syntax: Unassign { :bve }  $\lfloor$  nve, ...

## Description:

The UNASSIGN command releases the specified I/O device(s) and associated buffers from the ownership of the current job for use by other programs (i.e., it reverses the effect of the ASSIGN command). At least one argument must be specified or a syntax error is generated. Arguments which reference nonexistent devices or devices not previously ASSIGNED are ignored. The nve is interpreted as an integer; decimal fractions are ignored.

A program's Principal I/O Device (device on which terminal user logged-in) may also be UNASSIGNED to permit its use by other programs. The operating system automatically reassigns it when an error is detected or Direct Mode is entered.

## Example:

>U 1,3,63 Unassigns devices 1,3 and 63.

# UNLOCK

## 3.3.26 UNLOCK Command

Mode: Direct or Indirect

Syntax: UNLOCK { :bve } \_ \_

### Description:

The UNLOCK command releases the global variable(s) from ownership of the current job for use by other programs (i.e., it reverses the effect of the LOCK command). All previously LOCKed global variable(s) will be UNLOCKed.

An UNLOCK is automatically performed when a job is HALTed.

# VIEW

## 3.3.27 VIEW Command

Mode: Direct or Indirect

Syntax: View { :bve }  $\sqcup$  nve<sub>1</sub> { :nve<sub>1</sub> } ,...

### Description:

This is a special purpose command permitting both reading and writing of disk storage blocks in the system's data base, as well as the writing of memory locations. The command aids in the creation of MUMPS application and system programs where the direct modification of disk or memory is required. It is assumed that the user of VIEW is familiar with the system's file structure and the memory-resident system tables described in the MUMPS-11 Programmer's Guide, particularly the system table (SYSTAB). Further, the use of VIEW is restricted by several levels of protection, since its use by unqualified individuals could seriously degrade system operation.

The function performed by VIEW depends upon the presence of the optional nve<sub>2</sub>. When nve<sub>2</sub> is not specified (and device No. 63 is assigned), VIEW operation is directed to disk. The address of a disk block to be accessed and the logical disk number is specified by nve<sub>1</sub>. If nve<sub>1</sub> is positive, the specified disk block is read; if negative, the block is written. Only the integer part of the nve's are used by VIEW; fractions are ignored.

### NOTE

When using VIEW to write to the disk, no other jobs should be running, including the "Garbage Collector". The MUMPS-11 Operator's Guide describes procedures for establishing this condition.

When accessing disk, the following expression must be used for forming nve<sub>1</sub>:

$$nve_1 = TYP * 2,097,152 + (UNT * 262,144) + BLK$$

where TYP(device type) = 0 for RK11  
 1 for RF11  
 2 for RP11  
 3 for RJP04

$$UNT(\text{unit number}) = m, 0 \leq m \leq 7$$

1. The Garbage Collector routine is described in the MUMPS-11 Programmer's Guide.

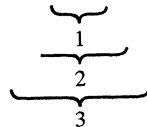
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BLK(block address on unit)= n, 0 < n <	4799 for RK11
	1023 for RF11
	79,999 for RP11 (RP03)
	39,999 for RP11 (RP02)
	170,543 for RJP04

When using VIEW to read or write disk blocks, input from and output to the disk is directed to a special buffer in memory called the VIEW Device Buffer. Each transfer by VIEW causes an entire disk block (256 words) to be read or written from this buffer. The VIEW Device Buffer is accessed by the user via VIEW (to write memory) and the \$VIEW Function (to read memory).<sup>1</sup> The address of the VIEW Device Buffer is obtained from the System Table entry labelled "UTLBUF". The address of the System Table is contained in location 44<sub>10</sub>. Using \$VIEW, the buffer address can be obtained as follows:

Where: OFF = OFFSET TO 'UTLBUF' in System Table.

1.20 S ADR=\$V(\$V(44)+OFF)



1. Get address of System Table.
2. Add OFFSET TO 'UTLBUF' to obtain the 'UTLBUF' address.
3. Get the address of the 'VIEW' Device Buffer.

When nve<sub>2</sub> is specified (and device No. 63 or No. 46 is assigned), VIEW operation is directed to memory. The address of the memory location is specified by nve<sub>1</sub>, and its contents by nve<sub>2</sub>. Since VIEW operates on word (as opposed to byte) addressing, if nve<sub>1</sub> is odd, it is interpreted internally as an even number by subtracting 1. Both nve<sub>1</sub> and nve<sub>2</sub> must always be positive when addressing memory.

### NOTE

The VIEW command allows access to 28K words of memory. For systems with more than 28K words of memory, references to address locations (nve<sub>1</sub>) 40960<sup>2</sup>-57342 are interpreted as address locations 0-16382 beginning at the base of the current partition.

There are three levels of protection that control the use of VIEW:

1. The user or program must "own" the use of VIEW by having ASSIGNED either device No. 63 for operations directed to either memory or disk, or device No. 46 for operations directed to memory only (Paragraph 3.3.1).

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1. Described in Section 4.2.16.

2. This would vary as to how the system is built.

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2. To read disk blocks either:
  - a. The user must be logged in with the System's UCI described in the MUMPS-11 Programmer's Guide, or
  - b. the program must be a Library Program (i.e., % symbol must be the first character in the program's name).
3. To write a memory or disk:
  - a. Conditions 1 and 2 (above) must be met; and
  - b. The Print command, P<sub>256</sub>, must be issued.

### Examples:

1. This program zeroes out the VIEW Device Buffer:

```
1.01 A 46 S VBF=$V($V(44)+OFF)
1.02 F I=0:2:510 VIEW VBF+I:0
```

2. The following is part of a program that could be used to copy one unit of an RK03/RK05 Disk Pack to another. N and M are the physical device numbers (RK0, RK1, etc.). Each device has 4800 data blocks.

```
1.01 R "INPUT RK UNIT:",N,!,"OUTPUT RK UNIT:",M,!
1.05 A 63 P 256 F I=1:1:4800 V N*262144+I,-(M*262144+I)
1.10 U 63 P 512 T "DONE",!
```



# WRITE

## 3.3.28 WRITE Command

Mode: Direct or Indirect

Syntax: Write { :bve } {  $\lfloor$  spn<sub>1</sub>  $\lfloor$  :spn<sub>2</sub> } , ... }

Description:

This command is used to output MUMPS programs or individual Steps and Parts residing in the Program Buffer of the user's partition to the currently ASSIGNED I/O device (\$I System Variable). WRITE essentially performs the opposite function of the LOAD command.<sup>1</sup> If no arguments are specified, the entire program (all Steps) is output. The optional Boolean expression (:bve) establishes conditional execution.

Spn<sub>1</sub> specifies individual Step or Part numbers, while :spn<sub>2</sub> specifies a range of Steps or Parts between spn<sub>1</sub> and spn<sub>2</sub> inclusive. Both Parts and Steps can be intermixed in the same command or its arguments.

Examples:

> <u>A 3 W</u>	Write out all Steps on the Line Printer (device #3).
1.36 W 4.2,1.13,6:7	Output Steps 4.20, 1.13 and Parts 6 and 7.
10.04 W 7.14:7.30,1.55:2.03	Output Steps 7.14 through 7.30 and 1.55 through 2.03.

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1. LOAD also inputs programs from the user's Program Directory on disk. FILE must be used to save programs on disk.

**XKILL****3.2.29 XKILL Command**

Mode: Direct or Indirect

Syntax: Xkill { :bve } lvar,...

Description:

The XKILL (eXclusive KILL) command deletes all local variables and their associated arrays, except those specified in the argument list. This command is an extension to the more general KILL command. Note that subscripted variables are illegal arguments and cause a SYNTAX error.

Example:

3.26 X A,B,C G 11.10

Kill all local variables except A, B and C then GOTO step 11.10.



## CHAPTER 4

### FUNCTIONS

#### 4.1 INTRODUCTION

A function is a component of an expression that invokes an algorithm the result of which is an expression element. Each MUMPS function is identified by a unique mnemonic, the first character of which is always the dollar sign (\$). There are two types of functions: numeric and string. Numeric functions return numeric values (nv), while string functions return string values (sv). The value returned is not named and can never be explicitly referenced. The returned value internally replaces the function designation and its arguments within the expression.

##### 4.1.1 Nesting of Functions

MUMPS functions may be nested to the same extent that functions which produce numeric results may be nested within any other function. Functions which produce string valued results may NOT be nested. Furthermore, where the argument to any function is required to be a string value, it must be in the form of a string variable or literal (svl).

##### 4.1.2 Syntax Rules for MUMPS Functions

1. Functions names may be abbreviated to the first character after the dollar sign (\$).
2. Arguments are enclosed in parentheses and immediately follow the function name.
3. Multiple arguments are separated by commas.

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Table 4-1  
Summary of Functions

Type	Name	Action
Numeric	<p>\$Create (svl)</p> <p>\$Define ( <math>\left  \begin{array}{l} \text{lvar} \\ \text{gvar} \end{array} \right </math> )</p> <p>\$Find (svl<sub>1</sub>,svl<sub>2</sub> {,nve} )</p> <p>\$High ( <math>\left  \begin{array}{l} \text{gvar} \\ \text{lvar (subscript)} \end{array} \right </math> )</p> <p>\$Integer (nve)</p> <p>\$Length (svl)</p> <p>\$M (marg<sub>1</sub> <math>\left\{ \begin{array}{l} + \\ - \\ * \\ / \\ &gt; \\ &lt; \\ = \\ &gt;= \\ =&gt; \\ &lt;= \\ =&lt; \\ &lt;&gt; \\ &gt;&lt; \end{array} \right\}</math> marg<sub>2</sub>... <math>\left\{ \begin{array}{l} + \\ - \\ * \\ / \\ &gt; \\ &lt; \\ = \\ &gt;= \\ =&gt; \\ &lt;= \\ =&lt; \\ &lt;&gt; \\ &gt;&lt; \end{array} \right\}</math> marg<sub>n</sub> )</p> <p>\$Next (nve)</p> <p>\$Query (gvar)</p>	<p>Creates unique number from 3-character string.</p> <p>Checks data type of a variable.</p> <p>Finds the position of a given character within a string.</p> <p>Obtains the next element in an array.</p> <p>Truncates the fractional part of a decimal number.</p> <p>Calculates length of a string.</p> <p>Allows floating point calculations.</p> <p>Obtains next step after nve.</p> <p>Finds next (physical) global node.</p>

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Table 4-1 (Cont.)  
Summary of Functions

Type	Name	Action
String	\$Root (nve)	Finds square root.
	\$View (nve)	Returns the contents of core location.
	\$Altercase (svl)	Converts upper case ASCII to lower and vice versa.
	\$Extract (svl,nve <sub>1</sub> {,nve <sub>2</sub> })	Extracts characters from specified positions in a string.
	\$Piece (svl <sub>1</sub> ,svl <sub>2</sub> ,nve <sub>1</sub> {,nve <sub>2</sub> })	Extracts fields within a string.
	\$Step (nve)	Obtains contents of a step.
	\$Text (nve)	Converts numbers to ASCII.

### 4.2 FUNCTION DESCRIPTIONS

The following paragraphs define the purpose and use of MUMPS functions. The symbols used to define the syntax of each function are the same as those used in Chapter 3. Definitions of these symbols can be found under the Document Conventions section of this manual. Function descriptions are presented in alphabetic order for ease of reference.

## \$ALTERCASE

### 4.2.1 \$ALTERCASE Function

Type: String

Syntax: \$Altercase (svl)

#### Description:

The \$A function is used to convert alphabetic characters from lower case to upper case and vice-versa. When converting lower case to upper case, lower case character codes in the range 97 through 122 (141<sub>8</sub> - 172<sub>8</sub>) are mapped to their upper case equivalents in the range 65 through 90 (101<sub>8</sub> - 132<sub>8</sub>). When converting upper case to lower case, upper case character codes are converted to equivalent lower case codes; mapping is the reverse of that specified above. Conversion is performed on a character-by-character basis. The programmer may not nest \$A functions in a command string.

#### Example:

Assuming: NAM(1) = "uncle", NAM(2)="hYpOCraTes",NAM(3)="thomas"

```
1.10 F I=1:1:3 S NAM(I)=$A(NAM(I)) T NAM(I)
```

The above program converts the strings contained in three variables to their alternate case. Thus:

```
UNCLE
HyPocRAtES
THOMAS
```

# \$CREATE

## 4.2.2 \$CREATE Function

Type:            Numeric

Syntax:         \$Create (sv1)

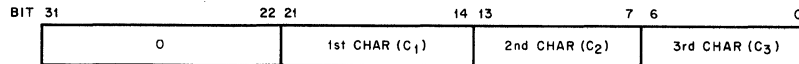
### Description:

This function creates a unique positive 21-bit MUMPS number, in the range 0.00-20,971.51, from the first three characters of a specified string. Each character is converted from 8 to 7 bits to permit storage within the 21-bits. Conversion is performed using the following formula:

$$N = ((C(1) * 2(14) + (C(2) * 2(7)) + C(3)) / 100$$

Where:         N=resulting number  
                C<sub>1</sub> = decimal character code for 1st character  
                C<sub>2</sub> = decimal character code for 2nd character  
                C<sub>3</sub> = decimal character code for 3rd character

The relationship of the characters to the resulting number is shown below:



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If fewer than three characters are available, the characters are left justified within the resulting numbers. The programmer can use the \$Text function (Section 4.2.15) to convert the created number back to ASCII.

### Example:

\$C can be used to create subscripts from strings allowing data to be stored in subscript form. The following command line might be used to create subscripts for a program to maintain a telephone book. Assume three levels of subscripting based on the first nine characters of a last name (S<sub>1</sub> contains the first three characters, S<sub>2</sub> the second group of three and S<sub>3</sub> the last three characters and NUM=telephone number).

```
>SET ↑TEL($C(S(1)), $C(S(2)), $C(S(3)))=NUM
```



## \$DEFINE

### 4.2.3 \$DEFINE Function

Type: Numeric

Syntax: \$Define (  $\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{lvar} \\ \text{gvar} \end{array} \right|$  )

Description:

The \$DEFINE function checks the data type of either local or global variables. The argument to the function is the name of the variable to be checked. There are eight possible data type values returned:

<u>Data Type</u>	<u>Definition</u>
0	undefined variable
1	single numeric datum
2	string datum
3	double numeric datum
4	pointer to structure at lower level or local array name
5	pointer or local array name and single numeric valued datum
6	pointer or local array name and string valued datum
7	pointer or local array name and double numeric datum
8	4-word floating point numeric (resultant from \$M)

Examples:

1. If local variable B contains a numeric quantity less than 327.68, its data type is 1.

```
>I $D(B(2))
1
>
```

2. If global variable ↑ABC(X,Y) contains the string "JOHN DOE" and has no lower level associated with it, its data type is 2.

```
>S C=$D(↑ABC(X,Y))
>I C
2
```

**\$EXTRACT****4.2.4 \$EXTRACT Function**

Type: String

Syntax: \$Extract (sv1,nve1 {,nve2 } )

## Description:

The \$EXTRACT function extracts all the characters from the specified string variable or literal (sv1) that are between character positions specified by nve1 and nve2 inclusive. If nve1 is greater than nve2, \$EXTRACT returns a 'null string'. If nve2 is equal to nve1 or if nve2 is omitted, \$EXTRACT returns the character specified by nve1. Values of nve1 which are less than 1 are interpreted as 1. If the length of the string is such that \$E runs out of characters before satisfying nve2, then the function returns all characters between nve1 character and the end of the string. Only the integer part of nve1 and nve2 are considered.

## NOTE

1. If the string argument (sv1) is a global variable, no other arguments may be global variables.
2. Nesting \$E functions in a command string is illegal.

## Example:

Assume that the string variable NAM="JOHN DOE" is to be changed to the form: last-name, comma, first-name. The following statements will do it, using the concatenation operator (@) and the \$FIND function (Section 4.2.5):

```
>S NAM="JOHN DOE"
>
>I.36 S LST=$E(NAM,$F(NAM," ",1),$L(NAM))
>I.38 S FIR=$E(NAM,1,$F(NAM," ",0)-2)
>I.40 S NAM=LST@","@FIR
>D 1
>I NAM
DOE,JOHN
```

## \$FIND

### 4.2.5 \$FIND Function

Type: Numeric

Syntax: \$Find (svl<sub>1</sub>,svl<sub>2</sub> {,nve } )

Description:

The \$FIND function returns a number representing the character position of the character following sve<sub>2</sub> within svl<sub>1</sub>. The search for svl<sub>2</sub> within svl<sub>1</sub> begins at the first character unless the optional nve is given, in which case the search begins at the nveth character in svl<sub>1</sub>. If nve is negative or svl<sub>2</sub> is not found, then \$FIND returns zero (0).

#### NOTE

Only one of the arguments can be a global variable.

Example:

```

>S STR="ABCDEFGHIL"

>I $F(STR,"A",1)
2 returns 2

>I $F(STR,"A")
2 returns 2

>I $F(STR,"A",3)
0 returns 0, since "A" does not occur
after third character in the string

>I $F(STR,"GHI")
10 returns 10

>I $F(STR,"HIJ")
0 returns 0. String does not contain
string, HIJ.

```

**\$HIGH**4.2.6 \$HIGH Function

Type: Numeric

Syntax:  $\$High \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{gvar} \\ \text{lvar (subscript)} \end{array} \right)$ 

## Description:

The \$HIGH function is used to locate the next numerically greater subscripted variable in either a local or a global array. \$HIGH compares the value of the subscript in the argument to the values of all other subscripted variables in the array (at the same subscripting level). When the variable having the next higher subscript is found, (\$HIGH returns the value of that subscript. If there is no higher subscript,) \$HIGH returns -0.01. A negative subscript value is used in the argument to determine the existence of a variable with a subscript of zero. If \$H detects a subscript that is higher by an increment of 0.01, it terminates the search and returns that value since 0.01 is the smallest allowable increment between two subscripts. For this reason, the use of contiguous subscript values having increments of 0.01 can provide improvements in program execution speed when many \$HIGH's must be performed.

## Examples:

1. Given local array: A(1),A(2.5),A(3.68)

\$H(A(1))	returns 2.5
\$H(A(2.5))	returns 3.68
\$H(A(1.5))	returns 2.5
\$H(A(3.68))	returns -0.01

2. Given global array: ↑B(1),↑B(1,1),↑B(1,2),↑B(1,1,1),↑B(1,1,3),↑B(1,1,3,0)

\$H(↑B(1))	returns -0.01
\$H(↑B(1,1))	returns 2
\$H(↑B(1,2))	returns -0.01
\$H(↑B(1,1,1))	returns 3
\$H(↑B(1,1,2))	returns 3
\$H(↑B(1,1,3))	returns -0.01
\$H(↑B(1,1,3,-1))	returns 0

## \$INTEGER

### 4.2.7 \$INTEGER Function

Type: Numeric

Syntax: \$Integer (nve)

Description:

The \$INTEGER function returns the integer portion of the specified numeric valued expression (nve). The fractional part of the nve is truncated.

Example:

This program checks for odd and even numbers by using \$I to discard any remainder resulting from division by 2. If the numbers are equal after multiplying the result by the divisor, the number is even. \$I is also used to discard any fractions that are input.

```
>1.10 READ "TYPE A NUMBER -",A,! S A=$I(A)
>1.20 IF $I(A/2)*2=A T "EVEN",! G 1.1
>1.30 TYPE "ODD",! G 1.1
```

```
>D 1
TYPE A NUMBER -1
ODD
TYPE A NUMBER -56
EVEN
TYPE A NUMBER -241
ODD
TYPE A NUMBER -2346.02
EVEN
TYPE A NUMBER -
```

**\$LENGTH**4.2.8 \$LENGTH Function

Type: Numeric

Syntax: \$Length (svl)

## Description:

The \$LENGTH function returns the number (quantity) of characters contained in the specified string variable or literal (svl). The length of a string may range from 0 to 132 characters.

## Example:

The following steps use \$L to format an output line.

```
1.32 READ !,"NAME=",NAM," ADDRESS=",ADR,!           G 1
1.34 TYPE "NAME: ",NAM,?($L(NAM)+22),"ADDRESS: ",ADR,! G 1
>D !
NAME=ELSIE PFLUGG ADDRESS=34 GUELPH COURT
NAME: ELSIE PFLUGG           ADDRESS: 34 GUELPH COURT      RT
```

# \$M

## 4.2.9 \$M Function

Type: Numeric

Syntax: 
$$\$M(\text{marg}_1 \left\{ \begin{array}{c} + \\ - \\ * \\ / \\ > \\ < \\ = \\ >= \\ = > \\ < = \\ = < \\ < > \\ > < \end{array} \right\} \text{marg}_2 \dots \left\{ \begin{array}{c} + \\ - \\ * \\ / \\ > \\ < \\ = \\ >= \\ = > \\ < = \\ = < \\ < > \\ > < \end{array} \right\} \text{marg}_n )$$

### Description:

The \$M function allows standard arithmetic and relational arithmetic operations to be performed on numbers outside the normal range of MUMPS numbers. \$M expressions produce four-word, double precision floating-point results in the absolute value range  $.14 \times 10^{-38}$   $<n < 1.7 \times 10^{38}$  with an accuracy of 17 significant digits. \$M expressions produce either a floating-point or fixed-point result depending on the last operation performed. When the last operator is an arithmetic operator, the expression result is a floating-point number which is stored as a data type 8 datum (see \$D function description). When the last operator is a relational arithmetic operator, the result is a fixed-point (MUMPS) number, either -0.01 for True relations or 0.00 for False relations.

When a floating-point result is converted to a string, the floating-point data is in the form:

```
0.nn ...nD mm for positive numbers greater than 1
0.nn ...nD -mm for positive numbers greater than 0 and less than
1
-0.nn ...nD mm for negative numbers less than -1
-0.nn ...nD -mm for negative numbers less than 0 and greater than
-1
```

Expression operands (marg) must be within the subset of standard operands shown below:

1. A constant
2. A simple variable that contains a character string representation of either a MUMPS number or a valid floating-point number. Except for the floating-point output

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formats shown above, mixed alphanumeric strings (e.g., "123ABC") are interpreted as zero value.

3. A simple local variable or a global variable that contains the results of a previous \$M operation.
4. A subexpression.

Illegal use of \$M expressions may produce MODER or \$MERR error messages.

Examples:

The following are examples of legal \$M expression operands:

```

STR where:  STR = "-6.123D 5"      12.
            STR = "5"              19.7346
            STR = ".15672"         478655.1
            STR = "67651.98"       -14.07
M where:    M = 0.12D-14           X + 4.43*(3.27+Z)
            M = -0.373468D04       where: X = 0.12D-03
                                   Z = "0.17365421D-07"
    
```

Wherever a string interpretation of a numeric quantity is indicated, a floating-point datum is permitted. However, conversion of a floating-point datum to a fixed-point number is not allowed. Thus, although floating-point numbers can be used with string operators, a floating-point number cannot be used with arithmetic operators outside of a \$M function, and care should be taken when using the equality operator with a floating-point numeric.

The following examples illustrate string conversion of a floating-point number.

```

>S A = $M(2*4) @ T A,!, $D(A)
0.8D 01
2
>S A = $M(2*4), B = A @ "****" T B
0.8D 01***
>S A = $M(2*4) T A? "0." D 01"
-0.01
    
```

The following examples demonstrate the use of \$M with the TYPE command:

```

>S A="2", B="4", C="1A", D=".1D 2"
>T $M(A), " ", $M(A+4), " ", $M(A+B), " ", $M(C), " ", $M(D)
0.2D 01  0.8D 01  0.8D 01  0.D 00  0.1D 02
>
>S E=$M(A+(B*2)-5) T E      >S G=$M(A-B*10000) T $M(G+1000000)
0.5D 01                    -0.2D 11
>                            >
>S G=$M(A-B/10000) T G      >S J=2 T $M(J)
-0.2D-03                    MODER>0 0
>
    
```



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```
>S !H(1,1)=$M(D*A+(B/2)/8) T !H(1,1)  
0.36666666666666667D 01  
>
```

```
>T $M(2)," ",$M(123456.1234)," ",$M(.25D 2)  
0.2D 01 0.1234561234D 06 0.25D 02  
>
```

```
>S H=$M(B>A),I=$M(A+5=B) I H T H," B>A",! I 'I T I," IT'S FALSE"  
-0.01 B>A  
0 IT'S FALSE  
>
```

**\$NEXT**4.2.10 \$NEXT Function

Type:                Numeric

Syntax:             \$Next (nve)

## Description:

The \$NEXT function returns the Step number of the first Step following the Step specified by nve. If there are no Steps following the value of nve, \$NEXT returns zero (0).

## Example:

    If a program has the following steps:

```
    1.01
    1.32
    4.91
   10.13
   then:
   $N(1.01)            returns 1.32
   $N(1.32)            returns 4.91
   $N(2.35)            returns 4.91
   $N(4.91)            returns 10.13
   $N(10.13)           returns 0
```

## \$PIECE

### 4.2.11 \$PIECE Function

Type: String

Syntax: \$Piece (svl<sub>1</sub>,svl<sub>2</sub> nve<sub>1</sub> {,nve<sub>2</sub> } )

Description:

The \$PIECE function examines the string specified by svl<sub>1</sub>, which is assumed to be divided into "fields" delimited by the first character of svl<sub>2</sub>. \$PIECE returns the string value contained in the fields specified by the two arguments nve<sub>1</sub> and nve<sub>2</sub>, inclusive.

If nve<sub>2</sub> is not specified:

1. a null string is returned where nve<sub>1</sub> ≤ 0
2. the (nve<sub>1</sub><sup>th</sup>) field is returned (without delimiters) where nve<sub>1</sub> > 0.

If nve<sub>2</sub> is specified:

1. and nve<sub>1</sub> ≤ 0, nve<sub>1</sub> is set to 1.
2. a null string is returned where nve<sub>2</sub> < nve<sub>1</sub>.
3. the (nve<sub>1</sub><sup>th</sup>) field is returned (without delimiters) where nve<sub>2</sub> = nve<sub>1</sub>.

If \$PIECE runs out of fields before reaching nve<sub>2</sub>, it returns any characters between the delimiter (svl<sub>2</sub>) and the end of the string.

#### NOTE

1. If sve<sub>1</sub> is a global variable, no other argument can be global variables.
2. Nesting \$P functions is illegal.

Examples:

```
Given: STR="34,6.09,JOHN DOE,BOSTON,JUN,22"
      DEL=", "
      X=7
      Y=3
```

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1. \$PIECE (STR,DEL,3) returns 'JOHN DOE'
2. \$P (STR," ",Y,X-Y) returns 'JOHN DOE, BOSTON'
3. \$PIECE (STR,"O",4) returns 'ST'
4. \$P (STR," ",8) returns a null string since there is no 8th field in sve(1)
5. \$P (STR, " ",1) returns '34,6.09,JOHN'

## \$QUERY

### 4.2.12 \$QUERY Function

Type: Numeric

Syntax: \$Q (gvar)


#### Description:

This function allows global nodes at a given level to be sequentially processed in the physical order in which they appear. This is particularly useful when used with the naked global syntax. \$Q first searches for the node indicated by gvar, and then returns the next physical subscript within that same block (or continuation block). \$Q returns -0.01 when the subscript indicated by gvar is the last physical subscript at that level. If a nonexistent global node is indicated by gvar, \$Q returns the value -0.02. If the last subscript indicated in gvar is negative, \$Q returns the first (physical) subscript at that level.

#### Example:

This example lists all the nodes of global ↑M at the 5th level in the physical order in which they appear:

```
>I.1 S A=-1
>I.2 S A=$Q(↑M(9,9,8,4,A)) I A>-.01 T A,"**",↑(A),! G $L
```

Note the use of the \$L System Variable. 

```
>D I.1
100**100
1**TOM
2**3452
5**243
6**ALFRED
7**789
8**7UU
10**WH.34
3**2ALFRED NEMBHH
4**435 KLIPCH ST
9**JACK 0°C
```

>

**\$ROOT****4.2.13 \$ROOT Function**

Type:                Numeric

Syntax:             \$Root (nve)

Description:

The \$ROOT function returns the square root (numeric value) of nve, to two decimal places of accuracy. The nve must be positive, otherwise a MINUS error is generated.

Examples:

1.    >T \$R(64)  
      8  
      >

2.    >T \$R(2)  
      1.41  
      >

## \$STEP

### 4.2.14 \$STEP Function

Type: String

Syntax: \$Step (nve)

#### Description:

The \$STEP function returns a string value which is the contents of the Step specified by nve. The string begins with the first character following the space after the Step number, and ends with the last character in the line. This function is useful when programs need to store certain data in non-executable Parts. Nesting \$S functions is illegal.

#### Example:

The program segment below shows what might be part of a command evaluator. The program asks the user for an option number. If a ? is typed, the program types a 'menu' of the options available. The menu is stored under its own part number and each entry is contained within a step as a literal. This part is never executed. The FOR loop indexes on the step numbers containing the 'menu', and \$Step extracts each literal, in turn, to be output.

```

>1.10 READ "OPTION?      ",X QUIT:X=""
<u>>1.20 IF X["?" F I=10.1:.1:10.5 TYPE !,$S(I)

>10.10 1 ALPHA SEARCH
>10.20 2 NUMERIC SEARCH
>10.30 3 PAYROLL NO. SORT
>10.40 4 FILE MERGE
<u>>10.50 5 OUTPUT TRANSACTION FILE

```

```

>D 1
OPTION?      ?

1 ALPHA SEARCH
2 NUMERIC SEARCH
3 PAYROLL NO. SORT
4 FILE MERGE
5 OUTPUT TRANSACTION FILE
>

```

**\$TEXT**4.2.15 \$TEXT Function

Type: String

Syntax: \$Text (nve)

## Description:

The \$TEXT function translates the numeric argument nve to return up to four ASCII characters, one per byte. Each byte is masked to 7 bits, starting with the high-order byte. If it is null, it is simply ignored.

\$TEXT is primarily for use by system programmers who are familiar with the internal data formats of the MUMPS system. \$TEXT is often used in conjunction with the VIEW command to convert the contents of a location known to contain ASCII data. Nesting \$T functions is illegal.

## Examples:

1. This command line types out the characters contained in the 1st word of the UCI Table.<sup>1</sup>

```
>1.2 A 63 T $T($V($V($V(44)+8))/100)
```

2. Step 1.2 A reconverts a subscript, created in Step 1.1 by \$C, back to a string.

```
>1.10 S B=$C("TST")  
>1.20 T $T(B/16384)@$T((B/128)&2.55)@$T(B&2.55)
```

```
>D 1  
TST  
>
```

---

1. Described in the MUMPS Programmer's Guide.



**\$VIEW**4.2.16 \$VIEW Function

Type: Numeric

Syntax: \$View (nve)

## Description:

The \$VIEW function returns an integer that is the decimal value of the contents of the memory location specified by the nve. The function operates on a word (as opposed to byte) address basis. Therefore, even if the nve is an odd number, it is interpreted internally as an even number by subtracting one. (See also the VIEW command, Section 3.3.25.) Only the integer portion of the nve is accepted, decimal fractions are ignored.

The use of \$VIEW is restricted to users who are logged in under the system's User Class Identifier code (UCI number 1) and to programs that reside under the control of UCI number 1 (either System Utility programs or Library Programs).

## NOTE

1. Protection features do not apply when referencing locations in the PDP-11's External Page (locations 57344<sub>10</sub> through 65535<sub>10</sub> ).
2. The \$VIEW function allows access to 28K words of memory. For systems with more than 28K words of memory, any references for address locations (nve) 40960 - 57342 will be interpreted as address locations 0 - 16382 beginning at the base of the current partition

## Examples:

1. \$V (0)            Examine memory location 0 as a word
2. \$V (16.62)      Examine memory location 16<sub>10</sub> as a word (note decimal fraction is ignored)
3. \$V (3)           Examine memory location 2 as a word

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Array	An array, which can consist of either local or global variables, is a group of subscripted variables that have a common identifier.
Binary Operator	A binary operator is an operator that requires two operands (expression elements).
Boolean Valued Expression	A Boolean Valued Expression (bve) is an expression, which, when evaluated, produces either a True (-0.01) or False (0) result.
Command	A command is the principal algorithmic component of the MUMPS Language. MUMPS commands consist of a set of keywords that characterize actions. (e.g., GOTO, SET, HALT, RUN, etc.).
Concatenation	Concatenation is the process of linking together two or more string data elements to form a single string. Concatenation is a string expression operation that is designated by the commercial "at" sign (@).
Constant	A constant is a quantity within the range of legal MUMPS numbers ( $\pm 21474836.47$ ) explicitly stated in an argument to a command or as an operand in an expression.
Data Base	Data base is that body of disk-stored information residing in global arrays.
Direct Mode	Direct Mode is that mode of system operation which enables the programmer to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. enter commands and/or functions for immediate execution</li><li>2. create or modify steps of a user's program</li></ol>

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Directory	A directory is a disk resident table which can contain the names and disk starting addresses of either programs or global files. Each User Class Identifier in a MUMPS-11 system is associated with two directories; a program directory, and a global directory.
Double Numeric Quantity	This term refers to MUMPS numbers whose absolute values lie in the range $\pm 327.68$ through $21474836.47$ which are stored by the operating system in two consecutive words. (See also Single Numeric Quantity.)
Expression	An expression is any legal combination of operands (elements) and operators. Legal expression elements include: literals, constants, variables, subexpressions, and function references. An expression may consist of a single element an element/operator combination or a series of element/operator combinations.
Expression Element	An expression element is the operand component of a MUMPS expression. An expression element may be a constant, a simple variable, a literal, a local subscripted variable, a global variable, a function reference, or a subexpression.
Floating Point Numeric	A 4-word floating point number in the range $\pm 0.14 \times 10^{38}$ to $\pm 1.7 \times 10^{38}$ . The MUMPS \$M function allows floating point numbers to be used with the operators + - * / <> =. A Floating Point number may be stored only as a local variable which is not the name of an associated array (i.e., pointer variables are excluded) or as a global variable.
Function	A function is a MUMPS expression component that invokes an algorithm, the result of which is an expression element (operand). Each MUMPS function is assigned a unique mnemonic, the first character of which is the dollar sign (\$) symbol.
Global	A global is a tree-structured data file stored in the common data base on the disk. Globals comprise an external system of symbolically referenced arrays.
Global Variable	A global variable is a subscripted variable that forms an element (or node) of a global array.

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Identifier	An identifier is a name consisting of one to three alphanumeric characters. The first character must be either an alphabetic character or the percent (%) symbol. Identifiers are used as names for variables, programs, library (or system) programs, and globals. The percent symbol is reserved for naming Library Programs and Globals, though any local variable can use percent as the first character of its name.
IF Switch	The IF Switch is a logical switch that resides in the Program Vector area in each user's partition. This switch is set to the logical result of the last executed IF statement, either True (-0.01) or False (0). Note that an IF without arguments or an ELSE only tests the logical value of the IF Switch and does not change it.
Indirect Mode	Indirect Mode is that mode of system operation in which the steps of a stored program are executed. In this mode of operation, commands cannot be entered from the terminal and programs cannot be created or modified.
Indirect Reference	An indirect reference is a feature of the language that permits a string variable to represent a command's argument or argument list. In operation, the string value of the variable is taken as the argument or argument list. The indirection symbol, back arrow (←) or underscore (_), must precede the variable reference.
Job	A job is any user activity which requires the use of a partition. For example, logging in or STARTing a program are Jobs.
Library Program	This term refers to those programs that are listed in the Program Directory of the System UCI (UCI #1) and have a percent symbol (%) as the first character of their names. Programs residing in the system in this way can be run by any user regardless of UCI.
Literal	A literal is an element of the language that permits the explicit representation of character strings in expressions and in command and function arguments by delimiting them with quotation marks ("). Literals may not contain:  quotation marks    CTRL O    Line Feed Carriage RETURN    CTRL C    Form Feed ALTMODE            CTRL U    Vertical Tab RUBOUT (DEL)        NUL

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Local Variable	A local variable is a variable that resides in the partition of the program that created it (as opposed to a global variable).
Naked Reference	The naked reference is a feature that provides an abbreviated method for accessing global variables to reduce disk access time. This permits subsequent references to a global to be made simply by specifying an up-arrow (↑) followed by one or more subscripts. The variable name is assumed from the last global reference in which a name was explicitly stated. The first subscript in the naked reference replaces last subscript in the previous reference (either naked or complete). Using the naked reference reduces disk access time since the search for the specified node begins at the subscripting level attained by the last global reference rather than at the global directory level.
Node	A node is a global array element addressed by a subscript.
Numbers	Numbers in MUMPS are signed fixed-point quantities in the range ±21474836.47. Decimal fractions greater than two places are truncated to two places.
Numeric Valued Expression	A numeric valued expression (nve) is an expression which, when evaluated, produces a numeric result.
Operator	An operator is a component of a MUMPS expression that invokes an algorithm to perform either arithmetic, string, or Boolean manipulations. (See binary operator and unary operator).
Part Number	A part number is the integer portion of a step number and is used to refer collectively to all steps having a common integer base.
Partition	A partition is the memory area within which a job resides. A partition is allocated to a job either at terminal log-in time or upon execution of the START command. A partition contains both program and local variable storage areas as well as program state information necessary for timesharing operation.

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Pattern Verification	Pattern verification is a feature of the language which permits evaluation of text strings for the occurrence of desired combinations of alphabetic, numeric, and punctuation characters. Pattern verification is specified by the "?" operator followed by Pattern Specification Codes (psc).
Principal I/O Device	This term refers to the keyboard terminal that initiated the job. This is the device to which control returns when an error message is to be output or when an ASSIGN <sub>←</sub> O command is issued.
Program Name	A program name is an identifier that is associated with a particular program. System Library program names must use the percent symbol (%) as the first character.
Programmer Access Code	The Programmer Access Code (PAC) is a three-character code, created at System Generation time, that allows the terminal user to enter Direct Mode.
Queue	A queue is an ordered list in which the first item to be entered is the first item to be removed (first-in-first-out sequence).
Run Queue	The Run Queue is a System Queue which contains the number of the job currently executing in its time slice. This queue is effectively a one entry queue.
Secondary Storage	This term refers to all I/O devices which are not used to contain the global data base (non-disk), (i.e., paper tape, magtape, or DEctape).
Single Numeric Quantity	This term refers to MUMPS numbers in the range +327.67 which are stored by the operating system in one 16-bit word. (See also Double Numeric Quantity).
Sparse Array	A sparse array refers to the method of storage allocation used for local and global arrays in which space is allocated only as variables are explicitly defined (unlike other languages which require dimension or size statements for preallocation of storage).
Step Number	A step number is a number used to identify each line of a MUMPS program. A step number must be in the range 0.01 - 327.67, excluding all numbers in this range that are integers.
String	A string is a contiguous combination of any of the ASCII characters. (132 characters maximum)

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String Concatenation	See Concatenation.
String Valued Expression	A string valued expression (sve) is an expression which produces a string result upon evaluation.
Subexpression	A subexpression is an expression element that consists of any legitimate expression enclosed in parentheses.
Subscripts	A subscript is a numeric valued expression or expression element which is appended to a local or global variable name to uniquely identify specific elements of an array. Subscripts are enclosed in parentheses. Multiple subscripts must be separated by commas.
Subscripted Variable	A subscripted variable is a variable to which a subscript is affixed (see subscript and variable). Both global and local variables are forms of subscripted variables.
System Program	A System Program is a program either supplied by DEC or created by the MUMPS user which is used to assist the MUMPS system owner in the operational maintenance of the system. System Programs normally reside under the protection of the System UCI (UCI #1).
System Queues	This term refers to the set of queues used by the MUMPS Operating System to control the allocation of system resources (see Run Queue and Wait Queue).
System UCI	The System User Class Identifier (UCI) code is that UCI code assigned to the first entry in the system's UCI table. The Program and Global Directories associated with the System UCI are used to contain both System and Library programs and globals.
System Variable	A System Variable is a variable that is permanently defined within the operating system. These variables provide system and control information to all programs. The first character of a System Variable is always a dollar sign (\$). System Variables are maintained and modified by the operating system and/or system manager only.
Time Slice	This term refers to the period of time allocated by the operating system to process a particular partition's program. This term is synonymous with 'timesharing interval'.

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Unary Operator	A unary operator is an operator that requires a single operand (expression element).
User Class Identifier (UCI)	A UCI is a three-character code used at terminal log-in time to permit access to the group of programs and global files with which it is associated. When used with the Programmer Access Code, the UCI allows these programs to be modified and new programs to be created.
Variable	A variable is the symbolic representation of a logical storage location. Specific types include local, global, simple and subscripted variables. Variables are symbolically referenced by means of identifiers.
Wait Queues	The Wait Queues are a group of System Queues which contain the numbers of the jobs awaiting service by the operating system.





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### MUMPS CHARACTER SET

The following table shows, with the corresponding octal and decimal equivalents, the 128-character set of 7-bit ASCII code used by MUMPS for data, command, and control purposes. In addition, the order of the character set as shown establishes the MUMPS collating sequence used by the system's Expression Evaluator when establishing string relationships.

For command and control purposes, MUMPS uses the 64-character graphic subset. The system also uses the control codes shown in brackets ([ ]). These codes should not be used as input data. The NUL, code 000, is used internally as a logical end-of-message and cannot be used. Characters shown in braces ( { } ) are part of the 1963 ASCII Character Set and may appear in the character set of some terminals.

All characters may be used for data input and output except for these mentioned above. The system does not perform any character conversion. It is the programmer's responsibility to perform all upper/lower-case letter conversions or mappings which are required for the particular application.

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Octal Code	Decimal Code	Character	Octal Code	Decimal Code	Character
[ 000	000	NUL	] [025	021	NAK (CTRL U)*]
[ 001	001	SOH (Backspace)†	] 026	022	SYN
[ 002	002	STX (Forward space)†	] 027	023	ETB
[ 003	003	ETX (CTRL C)* (Write EOF)†	] 030	024	CAN
[ 004	004	EOT (Write block)†	] 031	025	EM
[ 005	005	ENQ (Rewind)†	] 032	026	SUB
[ 006	006	ACK (Read block)†	] [033	027	ESC (ALT MODE)*]
[ 007	007	BELL	] 034	028	FS
[ 010	008	BS* (Read label)†	] 035	029	GS
[ 011	009	HT	] 036	030	RS
[ 012	010	LF ]	] 037	031	US
[ 013	011	VT ]	] 040	032	Space
[ 014	012	FF ]	] 041	033	!
[ 015	013	CR ]	] 042	034	"
[ 016	014	SO	] 043	035	#
[ 017	015	SI(CTRL O)* ]	] 044	036	\$
[ 020	016	DLE	] 045	037	%
[ 021	017	DC1	] 046	038	&
[ 022	018	DC2	] 047	039	'
[ 023	019	DC3	] 050	040	(
[ 024	020	DC4	] 051	041	)

\*Asterisk denotes the control function for MUMPS terminals, if different from specified or other use.

†Dagger denotes the control function for magtape devices.

MUMPS CHARACTER SET

CHARACTER SET (Cont)

Octal Code	Decimal Code	Character	Octal Code	Decimal Code	Character
052	042	*	125	085	U
053	043	+	126	086	V
054	044	,	127	087	W
055	045	-	130	088	X
056	046	.	131	089	Y
057	047	/	132	090	Z
060	048	0	133	091	[
061	049	1	134	092	\
062	050	2	135	093	]
063	051	3	136	094	^ {↑}
064	052	4	137	095	— {←}
065	053	5	140	096	\
066	054	6	141	097	a
067	055	7	142	098	b
070	056	8	143	099	c
071	057	9	144	100	d
072	058	:	145	101	e
073	059	;	146	102	f
074	060	<	147	103	g
075	061	=	150	104	h
076	062	>	151	105	i
077	063	?	152	106	j
100	064	@	153	107	k
101	065	A	154	108	l
102	066	B	155	109	m
103	067	C	156	110	n
104	068	D	157	111	o
105	069	E	160	112	p
106	070	F	161	113	q
107	071	G	162	114	r
110	072	H	163	115	s
111	073	I	164	116	t
112	074	J	165	117	u
113	075	K	166	118	v
114	076	L	167	119	w
115	077	M	170	120	x
116	078	N	171	121	y
117	079	O	172	122	z
120	080	P	173	123	{
121	081	Q	174	124	—
122	082	R	175	125	} (ALT MODE)*
123	083	S	176	126	~ (ALT MODE)*
124	084	T	177	127	DEL (RUBOUT)†

\*Asterisk denotes the control function for MUMPS terminals, if different from specified or other use.  
 †Dagger denotes the control function for magtape devices.

## APPENDIX C

### EXPLANATION OF MUMPS MESSAGES

When execution of a MUMPS program is terminated by either an error, a CTRL C, or by pressing the BREAK key, the program executive outputs a short message to indicate the reason for termination. This message is followed by the number of the Step being executed and the program name unless the error occurred while in Direct Mode. The error message format is:

?message>spn┐pnam

MUMPS messages are categorized as follows:

1. MUMPS Programming Error Messages - result from errors associated with programming problems (either incorrect language syntax or semantic misunderstandings).
2. Voluntary Program Termination Message - there is only one message of this type.
3. Debugging Aid Message - indicates that a BREAK command has been encountered in the program.
4. Operating System Error Messages - result from various troubles which are detected by the operating system and which are beyond the control of the MUMPS application programmer.

MUMPS errors are considered terminal unless the user's program Sets the \$E System Variable for application program control of error processing. The programmer may Set \$E to a Step or Part number (S┐\$E=spn) to which control will go if an error occurs (except GARB0 - GARB4 errors which are reported only on the console terminal, and do not terminate a running job). When \$E is set to an spn and an error occurs, the system transfers control to the spn and resets \$E to an index in the range 0 through -0.37 which indicates the type of error encountered (e.g., 0 = INRPT, -0.01 = MXNUM - see below). The number of the Step that contains the error is entered in the \$W System Variable. The system also cancels all currently active DO, FOR, and CALL commands. It is the user's responsibility to reset \$E to an spn if he wishes to control further error processing; otherwise, error processing reverts to system control.

If an error occurs and \$E is not set by the programmer, the action taken by the system depends on the mode in which the user signed on at log-in. If the programming access code (PAC) was used, control is returned to Direct Mode after the error message is output. Otherwise, the job is aborted after typing the error and 'EXIT' messages and the terminal is automatically logged-out.

Each of the messages is explained on the pages which follow:

## EXPLANATION OF MUMPS MESSAGES

### C.1 MUMPS PROGRAMMING ERROR MESSAGES

<u>Message</u>	<u>\$E Index</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
CMMND	-0.15	Indicates illegal use of a command: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Command is undefined in the language;</li> <li>2. An argument has been omitted where required.</li> </ol>
DIVER	-0.19	Indicates an attempt to perform division by zero.
DKSER	-0.04	If not a system software error (Section C.4) this user software error indicates an attempt to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. use VIEW command to access a block number larger than size of the referenced disk, or a nonexistent disk; or</li> <li>2. use the disk (e.g., creating global variables, issuing the FILE, LOAD, etc., commands) under a UCI that has no associated directories.</li> </ol>
FRACT	-0.08	Indicates that a fractional number was encountered when the process being executed was expecting a integer number. Also involved when a Step number has no fractional part.
FUNCT	-0.07	Indicates that the function is undefined in the language.
LBOV	-0.14	Indicates an attempt to input or output a line greater than 132 characters.
\$MERR	-0.36	Indicates that an error occurred in \$M processing. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. exponent overflow</li> <li>2. exponent underflow</li> <li>3. division by 0</li> <li>4. illegal trap instruction (system error)</li> </ol>
MINIM	-0.03	Indicates that a number has more than two digits following the decimal point.
MINUS	-0.12	Indicates that a negative or zero number was encountered when a positive number was expected. For example, MUMPS causes a MINUS error if the user references a subscripted variable with a negative subscript: Only positive subscripts are allowed, except when using the \$HIGH function (Section 4.2.6).

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<u>Message</u>	<u>\$E Index</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
MODER	-0.23	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. An nve was encountered where an svl was expected or vice versa.</li> <li>2. Argument to \$TEXT is not numeric.</li> <li>3. Argument to \$VIEW is not numeric.</li> </ol>
MXNUM	-0.01	Indicates that the value of a number has exceeded the integer bounds set by the MUMPS system. The maximum value for a number is ±21474836.47.
MXSTR	-0.02	Indicates that the string has exceeded maximum length allowed (132 characters).
NAKED	-0.29	<p>Indicates that the present user attempted to reference a global variable using "naked" syntax:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. prior to any full syntax reference; or</li> <li>2. after another user KILLED the global variable.</li> </ol>
NODEV	-0.13	Indicates an attempt to ASSIGN a nonexistent device or the use of an illegal device number.
NOPGM	-0.28	Reference is made to a program name that does not exist in the program directory for this UCI and is not in the directory of Library (%) Programs.
NOTSY	-0.34	Indicates that the referenced device or function is not in the system (it may not have been linked at system generation).
NXMEM	-0.05	Non-Existent Memory was referenced in VIEW command or \$VIEW function.
PGMOV	-0.24	<p>Indicates that there is insufficient space available in the partition. Caused by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. too many program steps in the program being created via the terminal or in the program being loaded; (LOAD, CALL and OVERLAY commands)</li> <li>2. too many local variables;</li> <li>3. expression or subscript nesting too deep.</li> </ol>

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<u>Message</u>	<u>\$E Index</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
PROT	-0.06	Indicates that an attempt was made to use either the VIEW Command or the \$VIEW Function from a non-Library (%) Program or when not logged in under the System UCI. Also indicates that the MODIFY command issued from Indirect Mode specified an spn smaller than the current spn.
SBSCR	-0.09	Indicates illegal subscript usage: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- subscript out of range;</li> <li>- negative subscript.</li> </ul>
SPNER	-0.17	Indicates that an illegal or nonexistent Step or Part number was used.
STKOV	-0.10	Indicates that the available stack space is used up. Generally indicates nesting is too deep in DO or CALL statements.
STKUN	-0.11	Indicates execution of the Overlay command from Direct Mode (stack underflow).
SYMOV	-0.16	Symbol Table Overflow occurred on an attempt to create or change a local variable.
SYNTAX	-0.27	Indicates that the current Step being executed has an error in syntax. Syntax errors include illegal punctuation, illegal use of operators, illegal use of parentheses, as well as errors encountered in editing a Step. Syntax errors comprise a great majority of errors made in the MUMPS system and usually the user will be able to determine the exact cause of the error by merely looking at the Step concerned.
UNDEF	-0.21	Indicates a reference to an undefined local or global variable.

C.2 VOLUNTARY PROGRAM TERMINATION

<u>Message</u>	<u>\$E Index</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
INRPT	0	Signifies interruption of program execution caused by typing CTRL C or pressing the BREAK key.

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### C.3 DEBUGGING AID MESSAGE

<u>Message</u>	<u>\$E Index</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
?n BREAK	None	Indicates that program control has reached a BREAK command at Step n. BREAK commands are used to interrupt execution of the program for debugging purposes. The GO command may be typed to resume operation.

### C.4 MUMPS OPERATING SYSTEM ERROR MESSAGES

<u>Message</u>	<u>\$E Index</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
GARB0	None	Disk error while reading a data block.
GARB1	None	Disk error while writing a data block.
GARB2	None	Disk error while reading a bit map.
GARB3	None	Disk error while writing a bit map.
GARB4	None	Disk error, an attempt to deallocate a bit map or data block not yet allocated.

#### NOTE

The above errors are disk errors detected by the system's Garbage Collector routine. The message is output to the console terminal. GARB1 and GARB3 result in suspension of all disk I/O until system restart. Notify system manager.

DBDGD	-0.31	Indicates a data base degradation. The system attempted to read a block that was not actually allocated. Notify system manager.
DKDER	-0.33	Indicates that a disk I/O error occurred on an attempt to write a global data buffer. The error is not given until the write is actually attempted.
DKFUL	-0.26	Indicates that there is no more room on the disk for global or program storage. Caused by SET and FILE commands. Notify system manager.
DKHER	-0.20	Indicates disk hardware error. Notify system manager.
DKSER	-0.04	In addition to conditions listed under Section C.1, this may indicate that disk block pointers in the global data base reference nonexistent or invalid disk blocks. Notify system manager.



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<u>Message</u>	<u>\$E Index</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
DSKDG	-0.18	Indicates disk degradation. Attempt was made to allocate bit map for data storage. The system corrects the bit map subsequent to this error. Notify system manager.
DTERR	-0.30	Indicates DECTape hardware or operator error. Common causes are: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. not set to ON LINE</li> <li>2. not set to WRITE ENABLE</li> <li>3. unit number not selected</li> </ol>
LPERR	-0.38	Indicates a line printer hardware error. Common causes are: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. device off line</li> <li>2. out of paper</li> <li>3. yoke open</li> <li>4. power off</li> </ol>
MTERR	-0.37	Indicates magtape hardware or operator error as determined by the current contents of the \$A System Variable. The system generates this error only if the user SET the \$E System Variable.
PARER	None	A parity error occurred on an 11/70 when referencing an address in the partition. The job is HALTed, and that partition cannot be reused.
PLDER	-0.35	The system cannot retrieve the program being LOAded, CALLed, or STARTed. The FILE command did not complete writing the program. The user must re-FILE the back-up copy of the program.
SWAP	-0.32	Indicates <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. that the previous swap-out overflowed the user partition stack. The error is not reported until the next swap-in.</li> <li>2. imminent system stack overflow. May be caused by faulty programming techniques, for example:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.10 F I=1:1:1000 D 2</li> <li>2.10 D 1</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

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<u>Message</u>	<u>\$E Index</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
SYSDG	-0.25	Indicates that the table in main memory which represents the bit maps on a physical disk unit (Disk Storage Allocation Table) does not correspond to the block allocation specified by the disk's bit maps. The Disk Block Tally Utility Program allows recovery from this error. Notify system manager.
YSER	-0.22	System stack underflow on swapout. Notify system manager.



## APPENDIX D

### SYMBOL USAGE

The following special symbols are used by MUMPS in addition to the logical operators described in Chapter 2.

<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Definition</u>
#	Number sign is used as a format control character to initiate a Page Feed or a FORM FEED on an output device.
!	Exclamation point is used as a format control character to initiate a Carriage RETURN/LINE FEED sequence on an output device.
?	Question mark is multiply defined: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. as an output format control character for terminals, line printer and paper-tape punch, it is followed by an nve to indicate the number of spaces to tabulate in from the absolute left margin(e.g., ?5=5 spaces from the left margin);</li><li>2. as an expression operator, it is followed by a Pattern Specification Code (psc).</li><li>3. it is the first character printed when a BREAK command or error interrupts a program's execution.</li></ol>
,	Comma is used as the term separator in an argument list.
␣	Space is multiply defined: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. A command followed immediately by two spaces indicates the command has no arguments;</li><li>2. One space separates a command from its arguments, or the last argument of a preceding command from the next command on the line.</li></ol>
:	Colon is multiply defined: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. a delimiter for field separation in the argument of FOR, MODIFY, and ASSIGN commands.</li><li>2. used to indicate the presence of an optional expression appended to a command or the argument of a command (where allowed).</li></ol>

## SYMBOL USAGE

<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Definition</u>
	<p>3. used to indicate the presence of an optional bve appended to a command (;bve may not be appended to FOR, ELSE or IF commands). If the bve is true, the command is executed. If the bve is false, control is passed to the next command on the line or the next line (whichever is applicable). The "next command on the line" is identified by skipping to the second space following the bve. If a bve is appended to a command no argument of that command may contain a space (i.e., a string literal enclosed in quotes).</p>
;	Semicolon is used as a delimiter to indicate that the remainder of a line is a comment.
>	Right caret is the prompting character used by MUMPS-11 when operating in Direct Mode to signal to the user that the system is ready to accept a command; that is, commands and functions may be entered for immediate execution, or program steps may be entered for program execution.
\$	Dollar sign is multiply utilized. <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. precedes the first character of a System Variable.</li><li>2. precedes the first character of a function name.</li></ol>
%	Percent sign is used as the first character of a library program or library global name.
" "	Quotation marks are used to delimit literals.
← or _	Back arrow or underscore is used to specify the indirection operation for command argument replacement.
↑ or ^	Up-arrow or up caret precedes a global variable reference.

APPENDIX E  
CONVERSION TABLES

**2<sup>x</sup> IN DECIMAL**

x	2 <sup>x</sup>	x	2 <sup>x</sup>	x	2 <sup>x</sup>
0.001	1.00069 33874 62581	0.01	1.00695 55500 56719	0.1	1.07177 34625 36293
0.002	1.00138 72557 11335	0.02	1.01395 94797 90029	0.2	1.14869 83549 97035
0.003	1.00208 16050 79633	0.03	1.02101 21257 07193	0.3	1.23114 44133 44916
0.004	1.00277 64359 01078	0.04	1.02811 38266 56067	0.4	1.31950 79107 72894
0.005	1.00347 17485 09503	0.05	1.03526 49238 41377	0.5	1.41421 35623 73095
0.006	1.00416 75432 38973	0.06	1.04246 57608 41121	0.6	1.51571 65665 10398
0.007	1.00486 38204 23785	0.07	1.04971 66836 23067	0.7	1.62450 47927 12471
0.008	1.00556 05803 98468	0.08	1.05701 80405 61380	0.8	1.74110 11265 92248
0.009	1.00625 78234 97782	0.09	1.06437 01824 53360	0.9	1.86606 59830 73615

**10<sup>n</sup> IN OCTAL**

10 <sup>n</sup>	n	10 <sup>n</sup>	10 <sup>n</sup>	n	10 <sup>n</sup>
1	0	1 000 000 000 000 000 00	112	402 762 000 10	0.000 000 000 006 676 337 66
12	1	0 063 146 314 631 463 146 31	1	351 035 564 000 11	0.000 000 000 000 537 657 77
144	2	0 005 075 341 217 270 243 66	16	432 451 210 000 12	0.000 000 000 000 043 136 32
1 750	3	0 000 406 111 564 570 651 77	221	411 634 520 000 13	0.000 000 000 000 003 411 35
23 420	4	0 000 032 155 613 530 704 15	2	657 142 036 440 000 14	0.000 000 000 000 000 264 11
303 240	5	0 000 002 476 132 610 706 64	34	327 724 461 500 000 15	0.000 000 000 000 000 022 01
3 641 100	6	0 000 000 206 157 364 055 37	434	157 115 760 200 000 16	0.000 000 000 000 000 001 63
46 113 200	7	0 000 000 015 327 745 152 75	5	432 127 413 542 400 000 17	0.000 000 000 000 000 000 14
575 360 400	8	0 000 000 001 257 143 561 06	67	405 553 164 731 000 000 18	0.000 000 000 000 000 000 01
7 346 545 000	9	0 000 000 000 104 560 276 41			

**n log<sub>10</sub> 2, n log<sub>2</sub> 10 IN DECIMAL**

n	n log <sub>10</sub> 2	n log <sub>2</sub> 10	n	n log <sub>10</sub> 2	n log <sub>2</sub> 10
1	0.30102 99957	3.32192 80949	6	1.80617 99740	19.93156 85693
2	0.60205 99913	6.64385 61898	7	2.10720 99696	23.25349 66642
3	0.90308 99870	9.96578 42847	8	2.40823 99653	26.57542 47591
4	1.20411 99827	13.28771 23795	9	2.70926 99610	29.89735 28540
5	1.50514 99783	16.60964 04744	10	3.01029 99566	33.21928 09489

**ADDITION AND MULTIPLICATION TABLES**

Addition

Multiplication

Binary Scale

0 + 0 = 0
0 + 1 = 1
1 + 0 = 1
1 + 1 = 10

0 x 0 = 0
0 x 1 = 0
1 x 0 = 0
1 x 1 = 1

Octal Scale

	0	01	02	03	04	05	06	07
1	0	01	02	03	04	05	06	07
2	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	10
3	02	03	04	05	06	07	10	11
4	03	04	05	06	07	10	11	12
5	04	05	06	07	10	11	12	13
6	05	06	07	10	11	12	13	14
7	06	07	10	11	12	13	14	15
0	07	10	11	12	13	14	15	16

**MATHEMATICAL CONSTANTS IN OCTAL SCALE**

$\pi = 3.11037 552421_8$	$e = 2.55760 521305_8$	$\gamma = 0.44742 147707_8$
$\pi^{-1} = 0.24276 301556_8$	$e^{-1} = 0.27426 530661_8$	$\ln \gamma = -0.43127 233602_8$
$\sqrt{\pi} = 1.61337 611067_8$	$\sqrt{e} = 1.51411 230704_8$	$\log_2 \gamma = -0.62573 030645_8$
$\ln \pi = 1.11206 404435_8$	$\log_{10} e = 0.33626 754251_8$	$\sqrt{2} = 1.32404 746320_8$
$\log_2 \pi = 1.51544 163223_8$	$\log_2 e = 1.34252 166245_8$	$\ln 2 = 0.54271 027760_8$
$\sqrt{10} = 3.12305 407267_8$	$\log_2 10 = 3.24464 741136_8$	$\ln 10 = 2.23273 067355_8$

CONVERSION TABLES

POWERS OF TWO

$2^n$	$n$	$2^{-n}$
1	0	1.0
2	1	0.5
4	2	0.25
8	3	0.125
16	4	0.0625
32	5	0.03125
64	6	0.015625
128	7	0.0078125
256	8	0.00390625
512	9	0.001953125
1024	10	0.0009765625
2048	11	0.00048828125
4096	12	0.000244140625
8192	13	0.0001220703125
16384	14	0.00006103515625
32768	15	0.0000305178125
65536	16	0.00001525890625
131072	17	0.000007629453125
262144	18	0.0000038147265625
524288	19	0.00000190736328125
1048576	20	0.000000953681640625
2097152	21	0.0000004768408203125
4194304	22	0.00000023842041015625
8388608	23	0.000000119210205078125
16777216	24	0.00000005960510290625
33554432	25	0.000000029802561453125
67108864	26	0.0000000149012807265625
134217728	27	0.00000000745064036328125
268435456	28	0.000000003725320181640625
536870912	29	0.0000000018626600908203125
1073741824	30	0.00000000093133004541015625
2147483648	31	0.000000000465665022705078125
4294967296	32	0.0000000002328325113525390625
8589934592	33	0.000000000116416255626953125
17179869184	34	0.0000000000582081278131640625
34359738368	35	0.0000000000291040639067303125
68719476736	36	0.0000000000145520319515636515625
137438953472	37	0.00000000000727601595781832515625
274877906944	38	0.000000000003638007951295166015625
549755813888	39	0.0000000000018190039545856475830078125
1099511627776	40	0.00000000000090950197729282379150390625
2199023255552	41	0.00000000000045475198846411895751953125
4398046511104	42	0.00000000000022737599443232059478759765625
8796093022208	43	0.00000000000011368837216160297393798828125
17592186044416	44	0.00000000000005684341886080801486968994140625
35184372088832	45	0.0000000000000284217094304040074348449703125
70368744177664	46	0.0000000000000142108547152020037174224853515625
140737488355328	47	0.00000000000000710542735760100185871124267578125
281474976710656	48	0.000000000000003552713678800500929355621337890625
562949953421312	49	0.0000000000000017763568394002504646778106689453125
1125899906842624	50	0.00000000000000088817841970012523233890533447265625
2251799813685248	51	0.000000000000000444089209850062616169452667236328125
4503599627370496	52	0.0000000000000002220446049250313080847263336181640625
9007199254740992	53	0.00000000000000011102230246251565404236316680908203125
18014398509481984	54	0.00000000000000005551115123125782702181583404541015625
36028797018963968	55	0.0000000000000000277555756156289135105907917022705078125
72057594037927936	56	0.00000000000000001387778780781445675529539585113525390625
144115188075855772	57	0.000000000000000006938893903907228377647697925567626953125
288230376151711744	58	0.0000000000000000034694469519536141888238489627838134765625
576460752303423488	59	0.00000000000000000173472347597680709441192448139190673828125
1152921504606846976	60	0.00000000000000000086736173798840354720596224069595369140625
2305843009213693952	61	0.0000000000000000004336808689942017736029811203479766845703125
4611686018427387904	62	0.00000000000000000021684043449710088680149056017398834228515625
9223372036854775808	63	0.000000000000000000108420217248550443400745280086994171142578125
18446744073709551616	64	0.0000000000000000000542101086242752217003726400434970855712890625
36893488147419103232	65	0.00000000000000000002710505431213761085018632002174854278564453125
73786976294838206464	66	0.000000000000000000013552527156068805425093160010874271392822265625
147573952589676412928	67	0.0000000000000000000067762635780344027125465800054371356964111328125
295147905179352825856	68	0.00000000000000000000338813178901720135627329000271856784820556640625
590295810358705651712	69	0.000000000000000000001694065894508600678136645001359283924102783203125
1180591620717411303424	70	0.0000000000000000000008470329472543003390683225006796419620513916015625
2361183241434822606848	71	0.00000000000000000000042351647362715016953416125033982098102569580078125
4722366482869645213696	72	0.000000000000000000000211758236813575084767080625169910490512847900390625





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OCTAL-DECIMAL INTEGER CONVERSION TABLE (continued)

Table with 8 columns (0-7) and rows of octal-to-decimal conversions, including values like 2000, 2010, 2020, 2030, 2040, 2050, 2060, 2070, 2100, 2110, 2120, 2130, 2140, 2150, 2160, 2170, 2200, 2210, 2220, 2230, 2240, 2250, 2260, 2270, 2300, 2310, 2320, 2330, 2340, 2350, 2360, 2370.

Table with 8 columns (0-7) and rows of octal-to-decimal conversions, including values like 2400, 2410, 2420, 2430, 2440, 2450, 2460, 2470, 2500, 2510, 2520, 2530, 2540, 2550, 2560, 2570, 2600, 2610, 2620, 2630, 2640, 2650, 2660, 2670, 2700, 2710, 2720, 2730, 2740, 2750, 2760, 2770.

2000 to 2777 (Octal) | 1024 to 1535 (Decimal)

Octal Decimal | 10000 - 4096, 20000 - 8192, 30000 - 12288, 40000 - 16384, 50000 - 20480, 60000 - 24576, 70000 - 28672

Table with 8 columns (0-7) and rows of octal-to-decimal conversions, including values like 3000, 3010, 3020, 3030, 3040, 3050, 3060, 3070, 3100, 3110, 3120, 3130, 3140, 3150, 3160, 3170, 3200, 3210, 3220, 3230, 3240, 3250, 3260, 3270, 3300, 3310, 3320, 3330, 3340, 3350, 3360, 3370.

Table with 8 columns (0-7) and rows of octal-to-decimal conversions, including values like 3400, 3410, 3420, 3430, 3440, 3450, 3460, 3470, 3500, 3510, 3520, 3530, 3540, 3550, 3560, 3570, 3600, 3610, 3620, 3630, 3640, 3650, 3660, 3670, 3700, 3710, 3720, 3730, 3740, 3750, 3760, 3770.

3000 to 3777 (Octal) | 1536 to 2047 (Decimal)





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OCTAL-DECIMAL FRACTION CONVERSION TABLE

Octal	Decimal	Octal	Decimal	Octal	Decimal	Octal	Decimal
.000	.000000	.100	.125000	.200	.250000	.300	.375000
.001	.001953	.101	.126953	.201	.251953	.301	.376953
.002	.003906	.102	.128906	.202	.253906	.302	.378906
.003	.005859	.103	.130859	.203	.255859	.303	.380859
.004	.007812	.104	.132812	.204	.257812	.304	.382812
.005	.009765	.105	.134765	.205	.259765	.305	.384765
.006	.011718	.106	.136718	.206	.261718	.306	.386718
.007	.013671	.107	.138671	.207	.263671	.307	.388671
.010	.015625	.110	.140625	.210	.265625	.310	.390625
.011	.017578	.111	.142578	.211	.267578	.311	.392578
.012	.019531	.112	.144531	.212	.269531	.312	.394531
.013	.021484	.113	.146484	.213	.271484	.313	.396484
.014	.023437	.114	.148437	.214	.273437	.314	.398437
.015	.025390	.115	.150390	.215	.275390	.315	.400390
.016	.027343	.116	.152343	.216	.277343	.316	.402343
.017	.029296	.117	.154296	.217	.279296	.317	.404296
.020	.031250	.120	.156250	.220	.281250	.320	.406250
.021	.033203	.121	.158203	.221	.283203	.321	.408203
.022	.035156	.122	.160156	.222	.285156	.322	.410156
.023	.037109	.123	.162109	.223	.287109	.323	.412109
.024	.039062	.124	.164062	.224	.289062	.324	.414062
.025	.041015	.125	.166015	.225	.291015	.325	.416015
.026	.042968	.126	.167968	.226	.292968	.326	.417968
.027	.044921	.127	.169921	.227	.294921	.327	.419921
.030	.046875	.130	.171875	.230	.296875	.330	.421875
.031	.048828	.131	.173828	.231	.298828	.331	.423828
.032	.050781	.132	.175781	.232	.300781	.332	.425781
.033	.052734	.133	.177734	.233	.302734	.333	.427734
.034	.054687	.134	.179687	.234	.304687	.334	.429687
.035	.056640	.135	.181640	.235	.306640	.335	.431640
.036	.058593	.136	.183593	.236	.308593	.336	.433593
.037	.060546	.137	.185546	.237	.310546	.337	.435546
.040	.062500	.140	.187500	.240	.312500	.340	.437500
.041	.064453	.141	.189453	.241	.314453	.341	.439453
.042	.066406	.142	.191406	.242	.316406	.342	.441406
.043	.068359	.143	.193359	.243	.318359	.343	.443359
.044	.070312	.144	.195312	.244	.320312	.344	.445312
.045	.072265	.145	.197265	.245	.322265	.345	.447265
.046	.074218	.146	.199218	.246	.324218	.346	.449218
.047	.076171	.147	.201171	.247	.326171	.347	.451171
.050	.078125	.150	.203125	.250	.328125	.350	.453125
.051	.080078	.151	.205078	.251	.330078	.351	.455078
.052	.082031	.152	.207031	.252	.332031	.352	.457031
.053	.083984	.153	.208984	.253	.333984	.353	.458984
.054	.085937	.154	.210937	.254	.335937	.354	.460937
.055	.087890	.155	.212890	.255	.337890	.355	.462890
.056	.089843	.156	.214843	.256	.339843	.356	.464843
.057	.091796	.157	.216796	.257	.341796	.357	.466796
.060	.093750	.160	.218750	.260	.343750	.360	.468750
.061	.095703	.161	.220703	.261	.345703	.361	.470703
.062	.097656	.162	.222656	.262	.347656	.362	.472656
.063	.099609	.163	.224609	.263	.349609	.363	.474609
.064	.101562	.164	.226562	.264	.351562	.364	.476562
.065	.103515	.165	.228515	.265	.353515	.365	.478515
.066	.105468	.166	.230468	.266	.355468	.366	.480468
.067	.107421	.167	.232421	.267	.357421	.367	.482421
.070	.109375	.170	.234375	.270	.359375	.370	.484375
.071	.111328	.171	.236328	.271	.361328	.371	.486328
.072	.113281	.172	.238281	.272	.363281	.372	.488281
.073	.115234	.173	.240234	.273	.365234	.373	.490234
.074	.117187	.174	.242187	.274	.367187	.374	.492187
.075	.119140	.175	.244140	.275	.369140	.375	.494140
.076	.121093	.176	.246093	.276	.371093	.376	.496093
.077	.123046	.177	.248046	.277	.373046	.377	.498046

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Octal	Decimal	Octal	Decimal	Octal	Decimal	Octal	Decimal
.00000	.00000	.00010	.000244	.000200	.000488	.000300	.000732
.00001	.00003	.00011	.000247	.000201	.000492	.000301	.000736
.00002	.00007	.00012	.000251	.000202	.000495	.000302	.000740
.00003	.00011	.00013	.000255	.000203	.000499	.000303	.000743
.00004	.00015	.00014	.000259	.000204	.000503	.000304	.000747
.00005	.00019	.00015	.000263	.000205	.000507	.000305	.000751
.00006	.00022	.00016	.000267	.000206	.000511	.000306	.000755
.00007	.00026	.00017	.000270	.000207	.000514	.000307	.000759
.00010	.00030	.000110	.000274	.000210	.000518	.000310	.000762
.00011	.00034	.000111	.000278	.000211	.000522	.000311	.000766
.00012	.00038	.000112	.000282	.000212	.000526	.000312	.000770
.00013	.00041	.000113	.000286	.000213	.000530	.000313	.000774
.00014	.00045	.000114	.000289	.000214	.000534	.000314	.000778
.00015	.00049	.000115	.000293	.000215	.000537	.000315	.000782
.00016	.00053	.000116	.000297	.000216	.000541	.000316	.000785
.00017	.00057	.000117	.000301	.000217	.000545	.000317	.000789
.00020	.00061	.000120	.000305	.000220	.000549	.000320	.000793
.00021	.00064	.000121	.000308	.000221	.000553	.000321	.000797
.00022	.00068	.000122	.000312	.000222	.000556	.000322	.000801
.00023	.00072	.000123	.000316	.000223	.000560	.000323	.000805
.00024	.00076	.000124	.000320	.000224	.000564	.000324	.000808
.00025	.00080	.000125	.000324	.000225	.000568	.000325	.000812
.00026	.00083	.000126	.000328	.000226	.000572	.000326	.000816
.00027	.00087	.000127	.000331	.000227	.000576	.000327	.000820
.00030	.00091	.000130	.000335	.000230	.000579	.000330	.000823
.00031	.00095	.000131	.000339	.000231	.000583	.000331	.000827
.00032	.00099	.000132	.000343	.000232	.000587	.000332	.000831
.00033	.00102	.000133	.000347	.000233	.000591	.000333	.000835
.00034	.00106	.000134	.000350	.000234	.000595	.000334	.000839
.00035	.00110	.000135	.000354	.000235	.000598	.000335	.000843
.00036	.00114	.000136	.000358	.000236	.000602	.000336	.000846
.00037	.00118	.000137	.000362	.000237	.000606	.000337	.000850
.00040	.00122	.000140	.000366	.000240	.000610	.000340	.000854
.00041	.00125	.000141	.000370	.000241	.000614	.000341	.000858
.00042	.00129	.000142	.000373	.000242	.000617	.000342	.000862
.00043	.00133	.000143	.000377	.000243	.000621	.000343	.000865
.00044	.00137	.000144	.000381	.000244	.000625	.000344	.000869
.00045	.00141	.000145	.000385	.000245	.000629	.000345	.000873
.00046	.00144	.000146	.000389	.000246	.000633	.000346	.000877
.00047	.00148	.000147	.000392	.000247	.000637	.000347	.000881
.00050	.00152	.000150	.000396	.000250	.000640	.000350	.000885
.00051	.00156	.000151	.000400	.000251	.000644	.000351	.000888
.00052	.00160	.000152	.000404	.000252	.000648	.000352	.000892
.00053	.00164	.000153	.000408	.000253	.000652	.000353	.000896
.00054	.00167	.000154	.000411	.000254	.000656	.000354	.000900
.00055	.00171	.000155	.000415	.000255	.000659	.000355	.000904
.00056	.00175	.000156	.000419	.000256	.000663	.000356	.000907
.00057	.00179	.000157	.000423	.000257	.000667	.000357	.000911
.00060	.00183	.000160	.000427	.000260	.000671	.000360	.000915
.00061	.00186	.000161	.000431	.000261	.000675	.000361	.000919
.00062	.00190	.000162	.000434	.000262	.000679	.000362	.000923
.00063	.00194	.000163	.000438	.000263	.000682	.000363	.000926
.00064	.00198	.000164	.000442	.000264	.000686	.000364	.000930
.00065	.00202	.000165	.000446	.000265	.000690	.000365	.000934
.00066	.00205	.000166	.000450	.000266	.000694	.000366	.000938
.00067	.00209	.000167	.000453	.000267	.000698	.000367	.000942
.00070	.00213	.000170	.000457	.000270	.000701	.000370	.000946
.00071	.00217	.000171	.000461	.000271	.000705	.000371	.000949
.00072	.00221	.000172	.000465	.000272	.000709	.000372	.000953
.00073	.00225	.000173	.000469	.000273	.000713	.000373	.000957
.00074	.00228	.000174	.000473	.000274	.000717	.000374	.000961
.00075	.00232	.000175	.000476	.000275	.000720	.000375	.000965
.00076	.00236	.000176	.000480	.000276	.000724	.000376	.000968
.00077	.00240	.000177	.000484	.000277	.000728	.000377	.000972

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Octal	Decimal	Octal	Decimal	Octal	Decimal	Octal	Decimal
.000400	.000976	.000500	.001220	.000600	.001464	.000700	.001708
.000401	.000980	.000501	.001224	.000601	.001468	.000701	.001712
.000402	.000984	.000502	.001228	.000602	.001472	.000702	.001716
.000403	.000988	.000503	.001232	.000603	.001476	.000703	.001720
.000404	.000991	.000504	.001235	.000604	.001480	.000704	.001724
.000405	.000995	.000505	.001239	.000605	.001483	.000705	.001728
.000406	.000999	.000506	.001243	.000606	.001487	.000706	.001731
.000407	.001003	.000507	.001247	.000607	.001491	.000707	.001735
.000410	.001007	.000510	.001251	.000610	.001495	.000710	.001739
.000411	.001010	.000511	.001255	.000611	.001499	.000711	.001743
.000412	.001014	.000512	.001258	.000612	.001502	.000712	.001747
.000413	.001018	.000513	.001262	.000613	.001506	.000713	.001750
.000414	.001022	.000514	.001266	.000614	.001510	.000714	.001754
.000415	.001026	.000515	.001270	.000615	.001514	.000715	.001758
.000416	.001029	.000516	.001274	.000616	.001518	.000716	.001762
.000417	.001033	.000517	.001277	.000617	.001522	.000717	.001766
.000420	.001037	.000520	.001281	.000620	.001525	.000720	.001770
.000421	.001041	.000521	.001285	.000621	.001529	.000721	.001773
.000422	.001045	.000522	.001289	.000622	.001533	.000722	.001777
.000423	.001049	.000523	.001293	.000623	.001537	.000723	.001781
.000424	.001052	.000524	.001296	.000624	.001541	.000724	.001785
.000425	.001056	.000525	.001300	.000625	.001544	.000725	.001789
.000426	.001060	.000526	.001304	.000626	.001548	.000726	.001792
.000427	.001064	.000527	.001308	.000627	.001552	.000727	.001796
.000430	.001068	.000530	.001312	.000630	.001556	.000730	.001800
.000431	.001071	.000531	.001316	.000631	.001560	.000731	.001804
.000432	.001075	.000532	.001319	.000632	.001564	.000732	.001808
.000433	.001079	.000533	.001323	.000633	.001567	.000733	.001811
.000434	.001083	.000534	.001327	.000634	.001571	.000734	.001815
.000435	.001087	.000535	.001331	.000635	.001575	.000735	.001819
.000436	.001091	.000536	.001335	.000636	.001579	.000736	.001823
.000437	.001094	.000537	.001338	.000637	.001583	.000737	.001827
.000440	.001098	.000540	.001342	.000640	.001586	.000740	.001831
.000441	.001102	.000541	.001346	.000641	.001590	.000741	.001834
.000442	.001106	.000542	.001350	.000642	.001594	.000742	.001838
.000443	.001110	.000543	.001354	.000643	.001598	.000743	.001842
.000444	.001113	.000544	.001358	.000644	.001602	.000744	.001846
.000445	.001117	.000545	.001361	.000645	.001605	.000745	.001850
.000446	.001121	.000546	.001365	.000646	.001609	.000746	.001853
.000447	.001125	.000547	.001369	.000647	.001613	.000747	.001857
.000450	.001129	.000550	.001373	.000650	.001617	.000750	.001861
.000451	.001132	.000551	.001377	.000651	.001621	.000751	.001865
.000452	.001136	.000552	.001380	.000652	.001625	.000752	.001869
.000453	.001140	.000553	.001384	.000653	.001628	.000753	.001873
.000454	.001144	.000554	.001388	.000654	.001632	.000754	.001876
.000455	.001148	.000555	.001392	.000655	.001636	.000755	.001880
.000456	.001152	.000556	.001396	.000656	.001640	.000756	.001884
.000457	.001155	.000557	.001399	.000657	.001644	.000757	.001888
.000460	.001159	.000560	.001403	.000660	.001647	.000760	.001892
.000461	.001163	.000561	.001407	.000661	.001651	.000761	.001895
.000462	.001167	.000562	.001411	.000662	.001655	.000762	.001899
.000463	.001171	.000563	.001415	.000663	.001659	.000763	.001903
.000464	.001174	.000564	.001419	.000664	.001663	.000764	.001907
.000465	.001178	.000565	.001422	.000665	.001667	.000765	.001911
.000466	.001182	.000566	.001426	.000666	.001670	.000766	.001914
.000467	.001186	.000567	.001430	.000667	.001674	.000767	.001918
.000470	.001190	.000570	.001434	.000670	.001678	.000770	.001922
.000471	.001194	.000571	.001438	.000671	.001682	.000771	.001926
.000472	.001197	.000572	.001441	.000672	.001686	.000772	.001930
.000473	.001201	.000573	.001445	.000673	.001689	.000773	.001934
.000474	.001205	.000574	.001449	.000674	.001693	.000774	.001937
.000475	.001209	.000575	.001453	.000675	.001697	.000775	.001941
.000476	.001213	.000576	.001457	.000676	.001701	.000776	.001945
.000477	.001216	.000577	.001461	.000677	.001705	.000777	.001949



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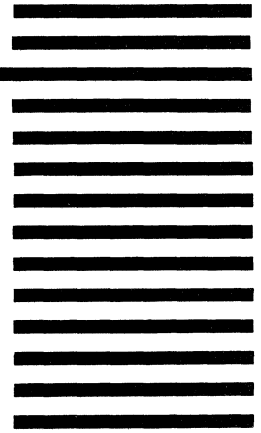
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