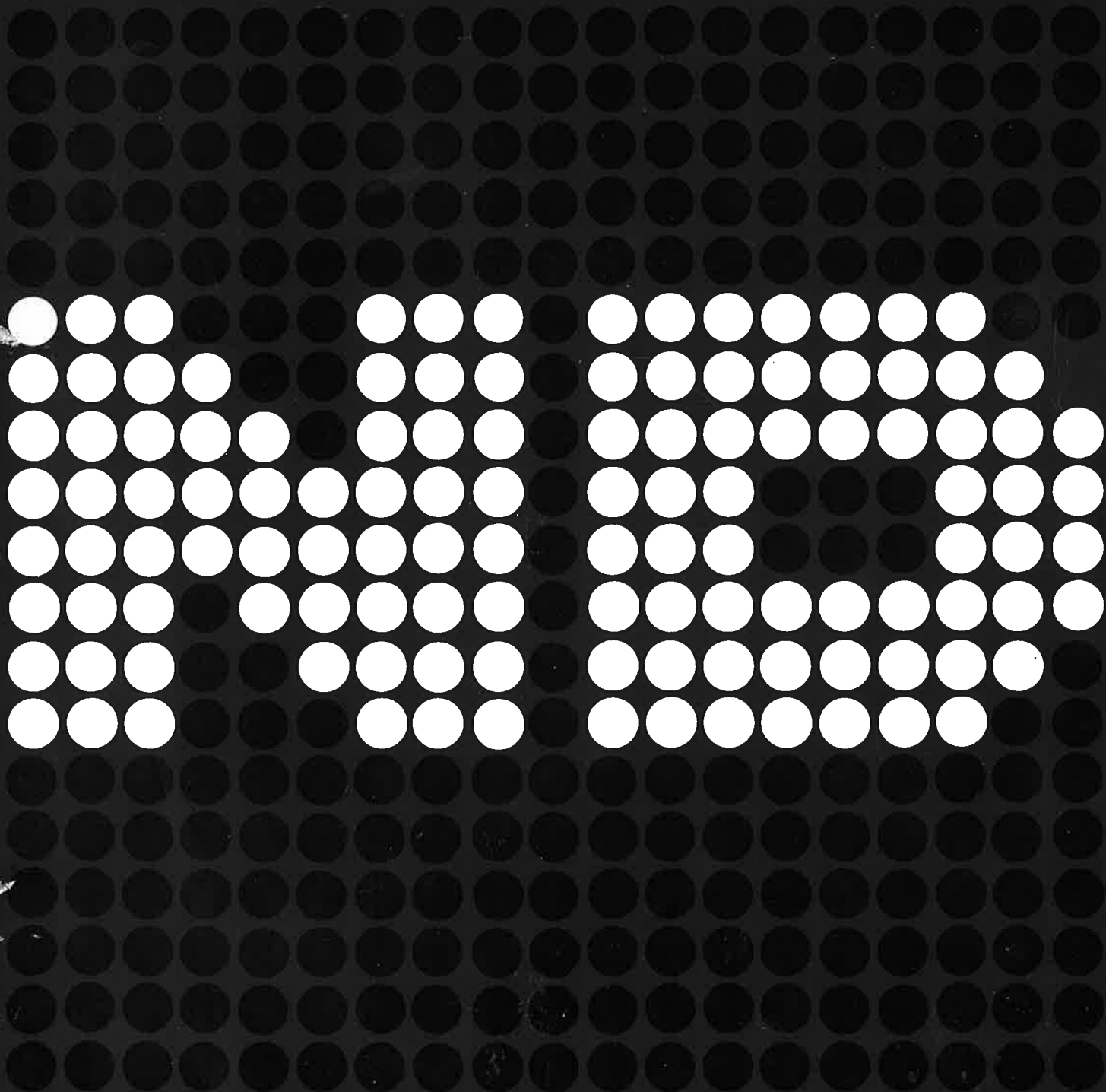


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## 1 INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

The NORD-10/S computer system is a medium scale general purpose computer system which, because of the modular design, is actually a family of computer systems.

A basic instruction set is common to all NORD-10/S machines, and this set is highly optimized to produce effective code; hardware floating point arithmetic is standard as are the instructions to manipulate individual bits at high speed.

The register structure and addressing scheme facilitate the processing of structured data with high efficiency.

The NORD-10/S is micro-programmed, and all NORD-10/S instructions are executed by means of a micro-program located in a very fast (65 ns) read-only memory. Micro-programming gives the NORD-10/S computer flexibility and a very large growth potential. New instructions may be added to the NORD-10/S and instructions for special applications may be optimized for a particular use.

The NORD-10/S provides up to 1024 customer-specified instructions. These instructions are micro-programmed in a programmable read-only memory, which is added onto the standard read-only memory.

Micro-programming in NORD-10/S is also used to control the operator's panel and to perform operator communication between the operator and the console Teletype or display.

Bootstrap loaders, both for character oriented devices and mass storage devices are also controlled by a micro-program.

The NORD-10/S is designed to be equipped with a wide range of main memories. Memory size may vary from 1K to 256K 16-bit words, and both read-only memories and read/write memories may be used. The speed range is from a high-speed bipolar memory of 100 ns cycle time to core memories, which require 900 ns cycle time.

Standard memory type is MOS semiconductor memory with a cycle time of 400 ns. Parity checking with a parity bit for each byte is standard, while memory error correction with 21 bit memory modules is optional.

As an option, the NORD-10/S CPU may be equipped with 1K words of bipolar cache memory, which significantly increases the CPU performance.

The speed of the NORD-10/S standard processor is 260 ns per micro-instruction, and the NORD-10/S CPU will make efficient use of main memories with a cycle time of 300 ns.

The input/output and interrupt systems of NORD-10/S are designed for ease of use and very high speed. NORD-10/S has 16 program levels each with its own set of registers, making possible a complete context switching from one program level to another in only 1  $\mu$ s. In addition, 2048 priority vectored interrupts are standard, as well as 10 priority internal hardware status interrupts.

As an option, the NORD-10/S may have a Memory Management System which includes a Paging System which performs program relocation, dynamic memory allocation and Ring Protection and Memory Protection Systems.

## 1.2 *PERIPHERAL EQUIPMENT*

The range of standard peripherals includes paper tape reader and punch, punched card reader and punch, Teletypes, alphanumeric and graphic displays, semigraphic colour terminals, line printers, matrix plotters/printers, magnetic tape stations, fixed head drums, disk systems with capacities from 5 to 2000 million bytes, floppy disks, modem controllers including HDLC/SDLC controllers and CAMAC crate controllers.

### 1.3 SOFTWARE

The standard operating system for NORD-10/S computers is SINTRAN III, which has capabilities for concurrent real-time, batch and time-sharing processes.

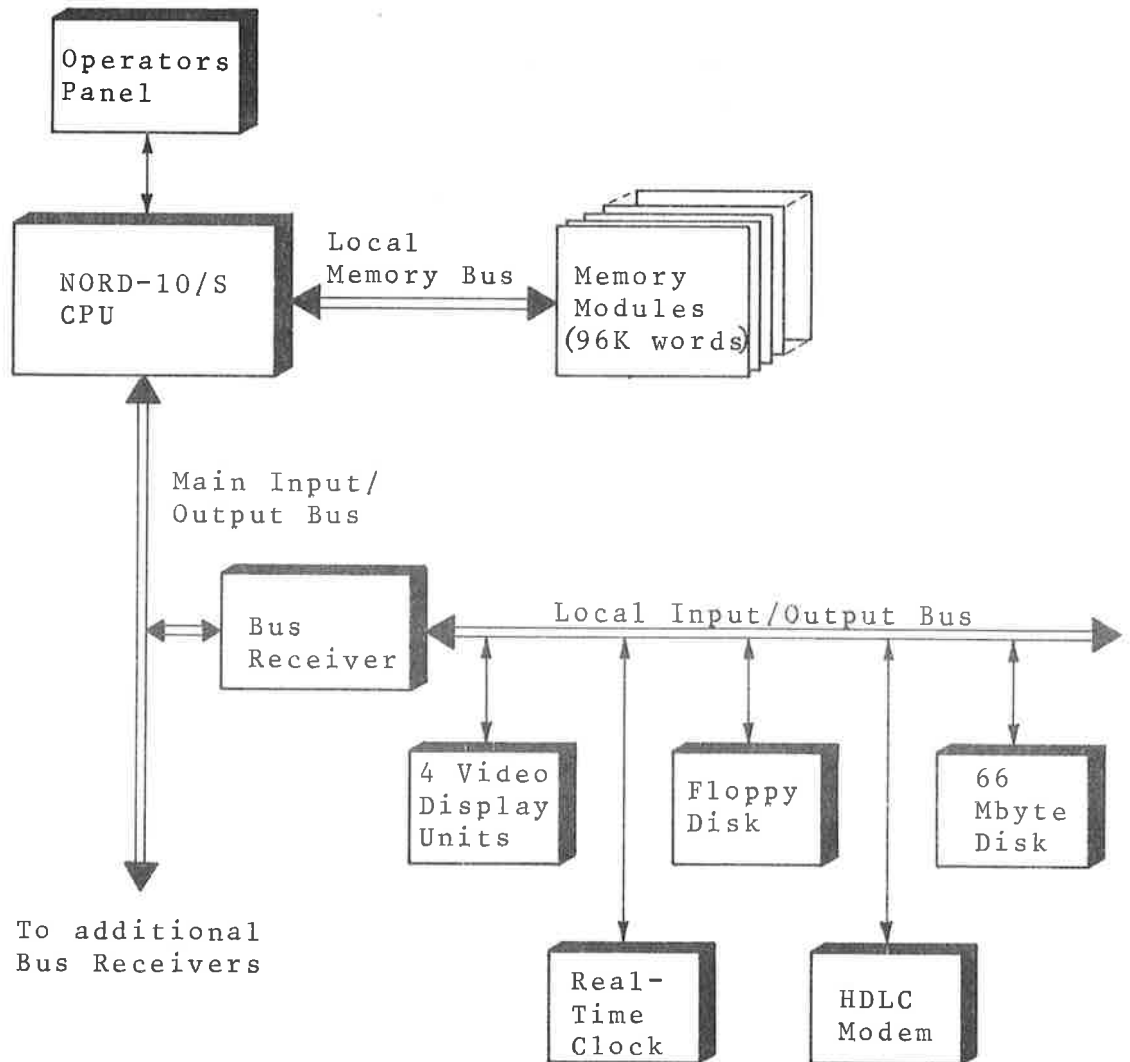
- The version of SINTRAN III for machines without mass storage devices is intended for real-time applications in process control and data communication.
- The mass storage version of SINTRAN III includes a general file system with permanent files, scratch files and peripheral device files.
- Subsystems: compilers, text editors, assembler, remote job entry emulators, etc.

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## 2 SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

### 2.1 INTRODUCTION

Figure 2.1 shows a typical medium sized NORD-10/S single processor system.



**Figure 2.1:** *Medium Sized NORD-10/S Computer System*

In this example, the size of the main memory is 96K 16-bit words, based on 32K MOS semiconductor memory. Details concerning memory flexibility and options are presented in Section 2.3.

Parts of the Input/Output System are shown separated from the rest of the Bus Receiver which efficiently combines flexibility, simplicity and reliability. The Bus Receiver provides the necessary fan out and reduces complexity of device control units. Reliability is increased because errors, in most cases, have only limited consequences on the Local Input/Output Bus.

An important factor in designing the completely modular Input/Output System with all device interfaces made to a common standard, has been the frequent field installations of expanded systems typical to Norsk Data's customers. Interface modules plug directly into prewired positions.

Substantial effort was made to prepare the NORD-10/S for multi-CPU applications and remotely operated installations.

## 2.2 *CENTRAL PROCESSOR*

The connection of main modules in the CPU is through the common data bus, IB, and common address bus, MR, as shown in Figure 2.2. For simplicity, control lines and inter-register buses are omitted in this figure.

When the optional Memory Management System is not included, the R-bus is connected directly to the MR-bus.

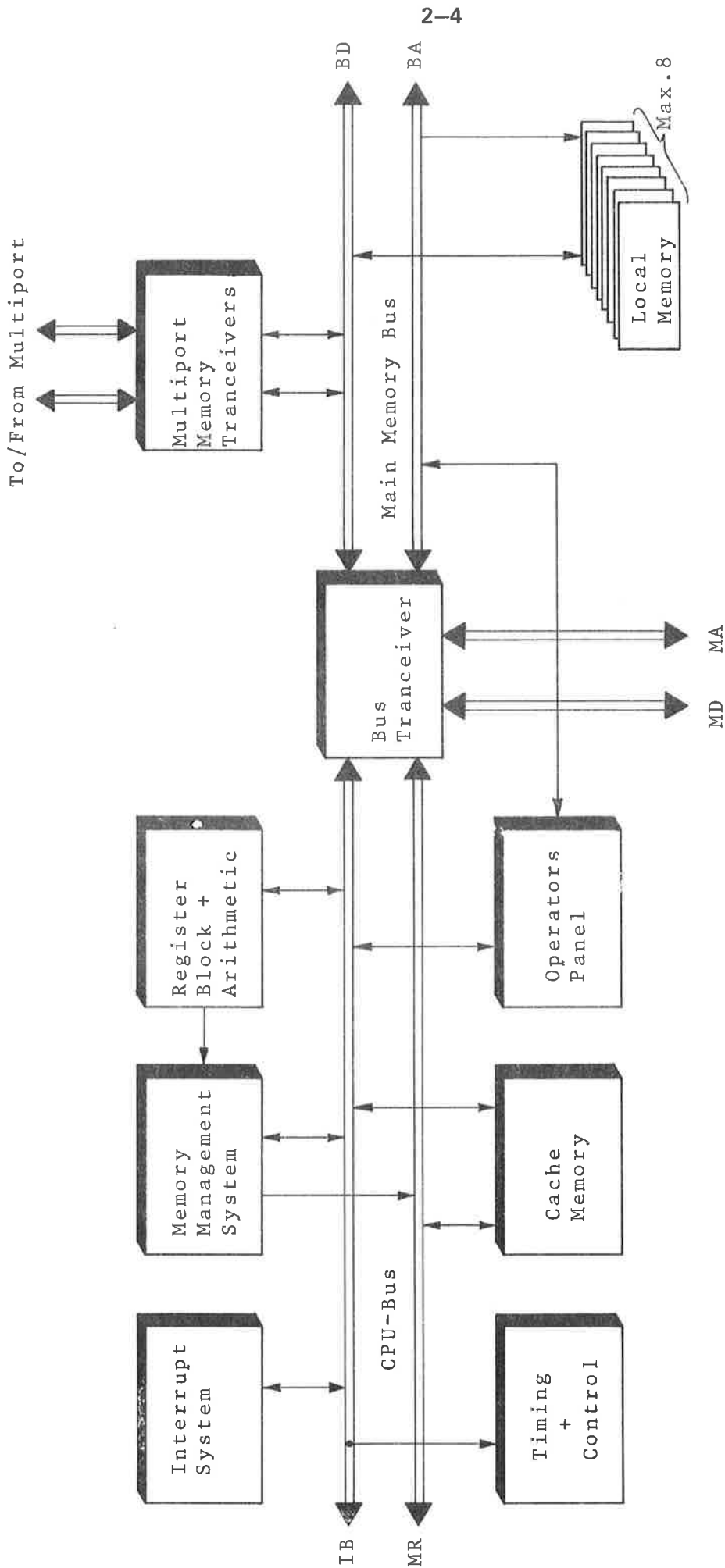
A more detailed diagram of the control section and register block is given in Figure 2.3.

The register block contains 8 general registers for each program level and two scratch registers for each level to be used by the micro-processor.

The arithmetic unit is normally operated in a 16-bit format. The full 32-bit format is used for floating point and double precision operations. The arithmetic unit contains the necessary buffer registers to do the complete inner loop in the floating point micro-programs using only 260 ns.

Some instructions in the NORD-10/S instruction set are general two-address inter-register instructions. Due to the generality of these instructions, 2048 inter-register instructions (see Section 3.2.3) are converted directly to the three-address format of the micro-instruction and fed directly into the micro-instruction register. The remaining bits, i.e., cycle control, etc. are read from the read-only memory.





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Figure 2.2: NOR-D-10/S CPU Bus Structure

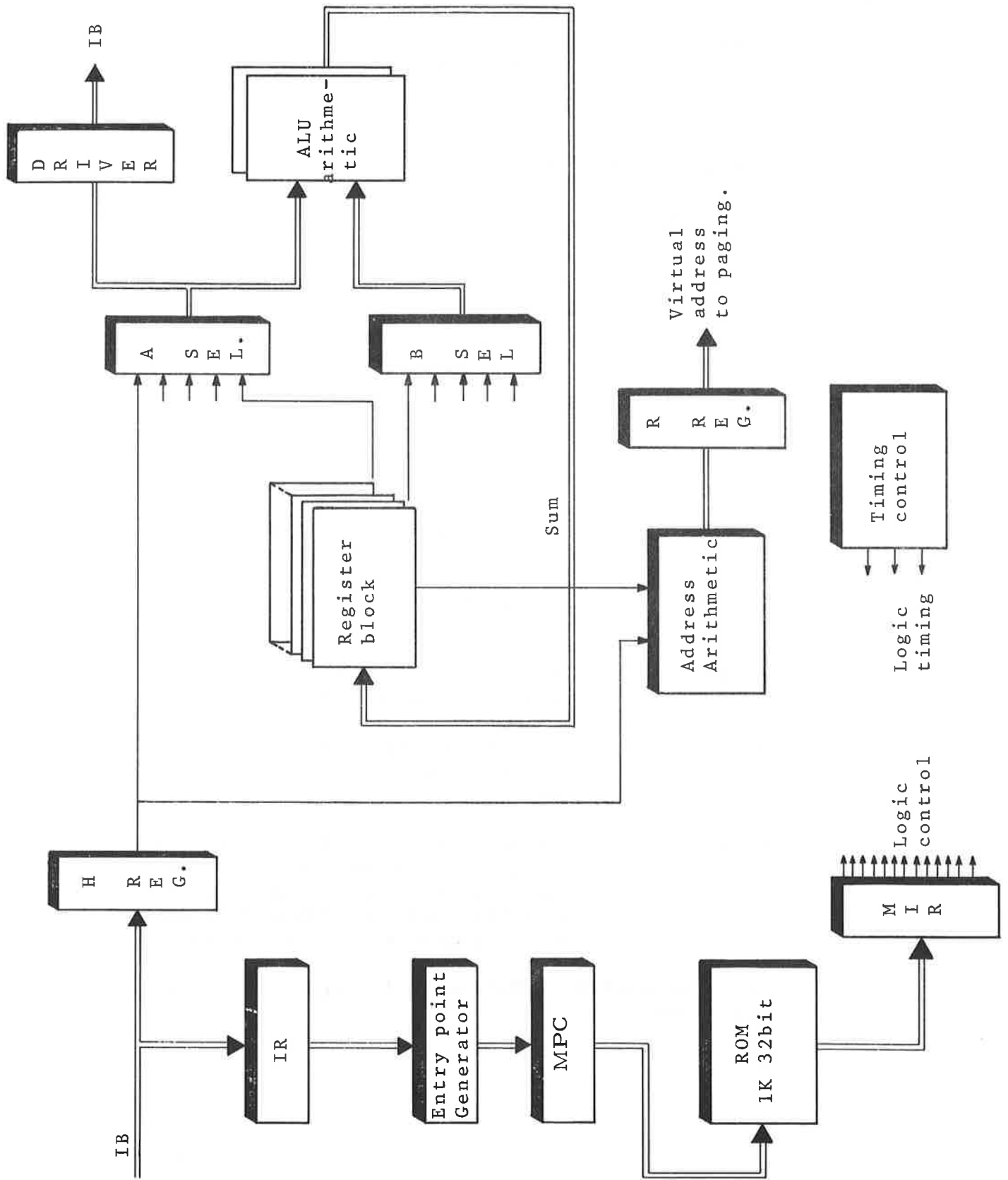


Figure 2.3: CPU Block Diagram

### 2.2.1 *Register Block*

There are 16 register sets in NORD-10/S, one for each of 16 program levels. Each of the register sets consists of 8 general programmable registers. There is a total of 128 general registers, referred to as the register block.

The 8 general registers are:

Status register:	This register holds the indicators described in Section 2.2.2.
A register:	This is the main register for arithmetic and logical operations directly with operands in memory. This register is also used for input/output communication.
D register:	This register is an extension of the A register in double precision or floating point operations. It may be connected to the A register during double length shifts.
T register:	Temporary register. In floating point instructions it is used to hold the exponent part.
L register:	Link register. The return address after a subroutine jump is contained in this register.
X register:	Index register. In connection with indirect addressing it causes post-indexing.
B register:	Base register or second index register. In connection with indirect addressing, it causes pre-indexing.
P register:	Program counter, address of current instruction. This register is controlled automatically in the normal sequencing or branching mode. But it is also fully program controlled and its contents may be transferred to or from other registers.

Two instructions, ROP and SKP, may specify a register whose content is always zero.

### 2.2.2 *Indicators*

Eight indicators are accessible by program. These 8 indicators are:

- C        Carry indicator. The carry indicator is dynamic.
- Q        Dynamic overflow indicator.
- O        Static overflow indicator. This indicator remains set after an overflow condition until it is reset by program.
- Z        Error indicator. This indicator is static and remains set until it is reset by program. The Z indicator may be internally connected to an interrupt level such that an error message routine may be triggered.
- K        One bit accumulator. This indicator is used by the BOP bit operations, instructions operating on one-bit data.
- TG       Rounding indicator for floating point operations.
- M        Multi-shift link indicator. This indicator is used as temporary storage for discarded bits in shift instructions in order to ease the shifting of multiple precision words.
- PTM     Page table modulus. Enables use of the alternate page table.

These 8 indicators are fully program controlled either by means of the BOP instructions or by the TRA or TRR instructions where all indicators may be transferred to and from the A register.

## 2.3

*MEMORY CONFIGURATIONS*

The NORD-10/S CPU main frame has eight general slots for memory modules, and two slots reserved for optional multiport memory interface buffers.

The following standard memory modules are available at printing time for direct connection into each of the eight slots:

8K by 18 bits, 300 ns access time  
 8K by 21 bits, 300 ns access time  
 32K by 18 bits, 350 ns access time  
 32K by 21 bits, 350 ns access time  
 32K by 18 bits, 300 ns access time  
 32K by 21 bits, 300 ns access time

Memory modules with 18 bits word length provide one parity bit per byte, while 21 bit modules are used for memory error correction. Maximum memory size addressable from one CPU is 256K words.

The NORD-10/S multi-processor system is shown in Figure 2.4.

Common main memory is connected via the multiport memory interface unit, which is capable of handling requests from both CPU's in parallel if they do not address the same 64K module. The "local" 64K modules shown in the figure may, of course, be omitted; they are shown to demonstrate the flexibility of the system.

The connection of Input/Output devices and mass storage units in a multi-processor system is described in Chapter 4.

The total capacity of the dual memory interface is four independent channels as shown in Figure 2.5.

The memory access priority for the CPU's is normally allocated in a different order for each 64K unit.

By omitting three of the CPU's in Figure 2.5, we obtain a one-processor system with a maximum memory configuration of 256K.

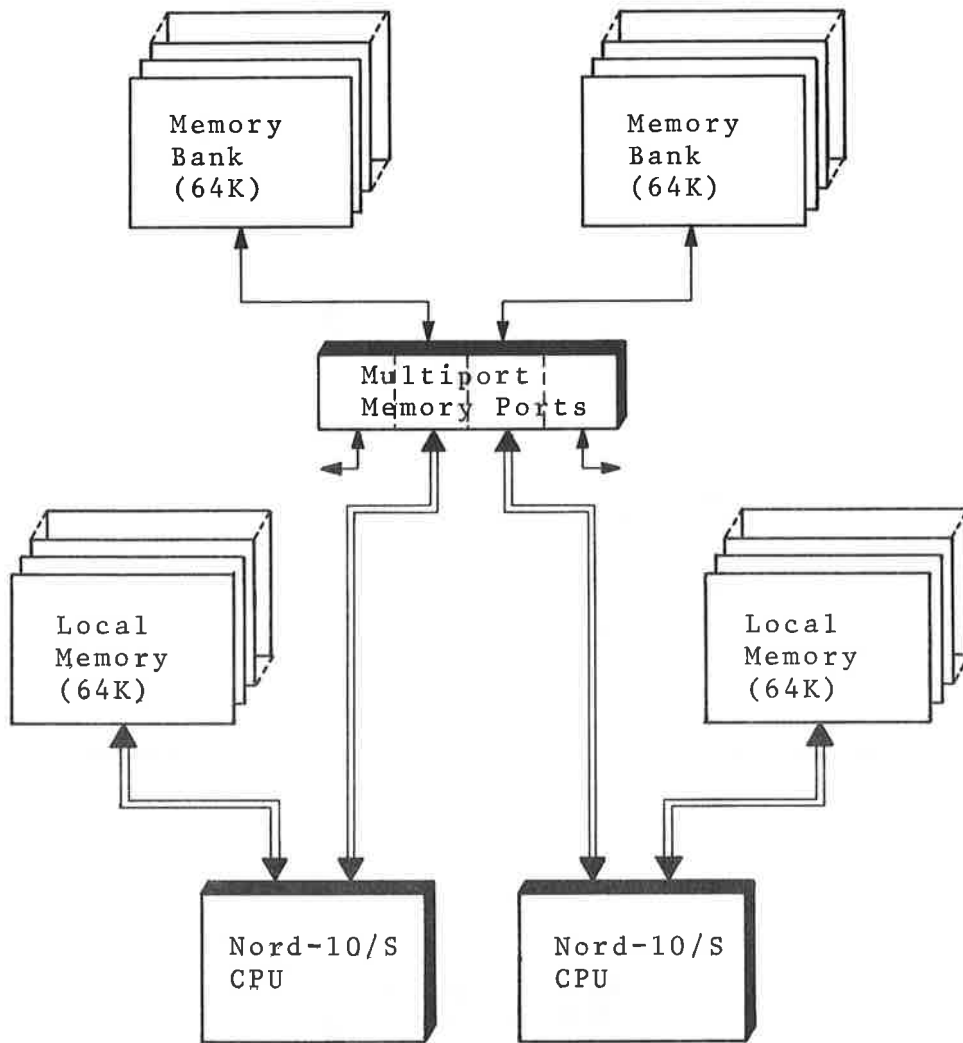


Figure 2.4: NORD-10/S Two-processor System

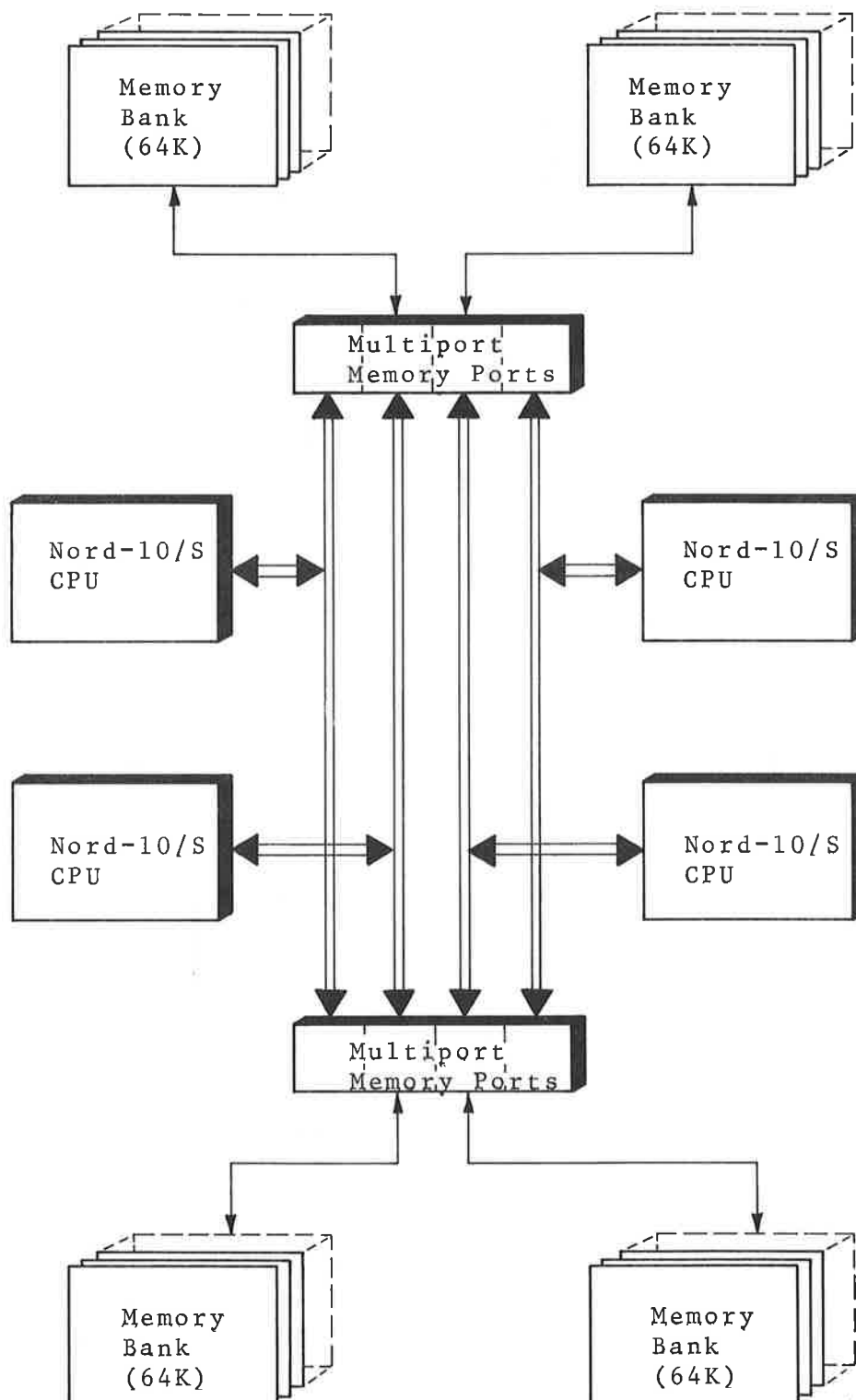
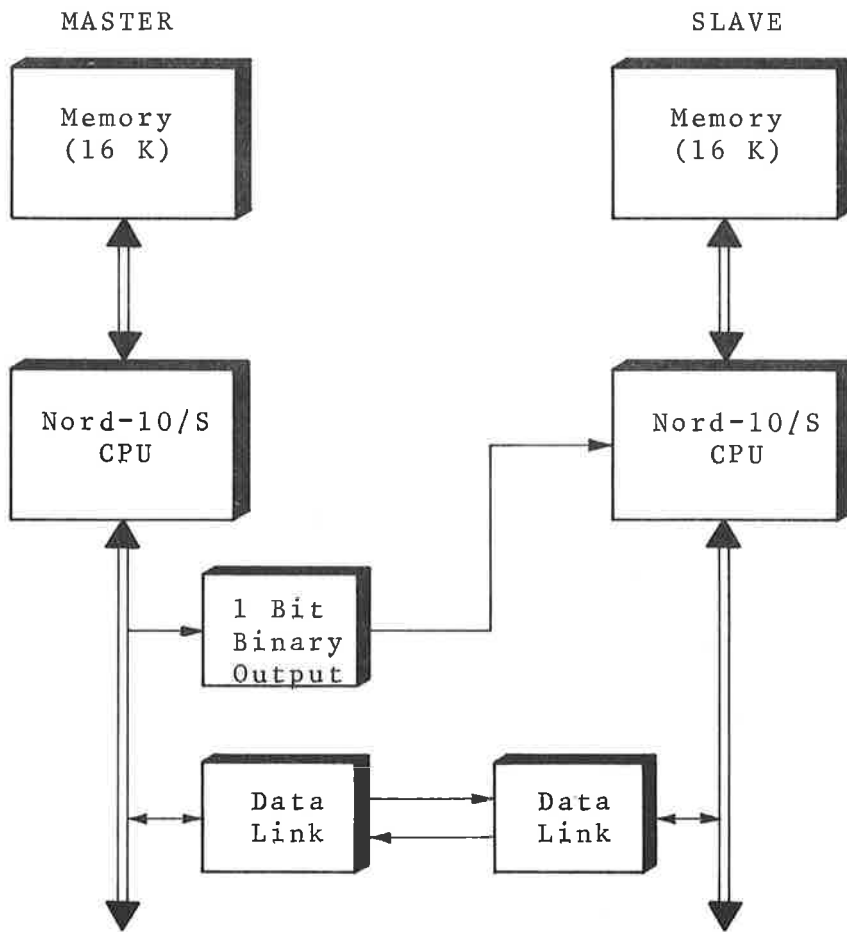


Figure 2.5: NORD-10/S Four-processor System

## 2.4 REMOTE OPERATION

Several facilities for the remote operation of the NORD-10/S are available. Remote operation here means one NORD-10/S being controlled by another NORD-10/S. In some cases, the two machines may be in the same room, or they are connected over telephone lines using low or high speed modem.

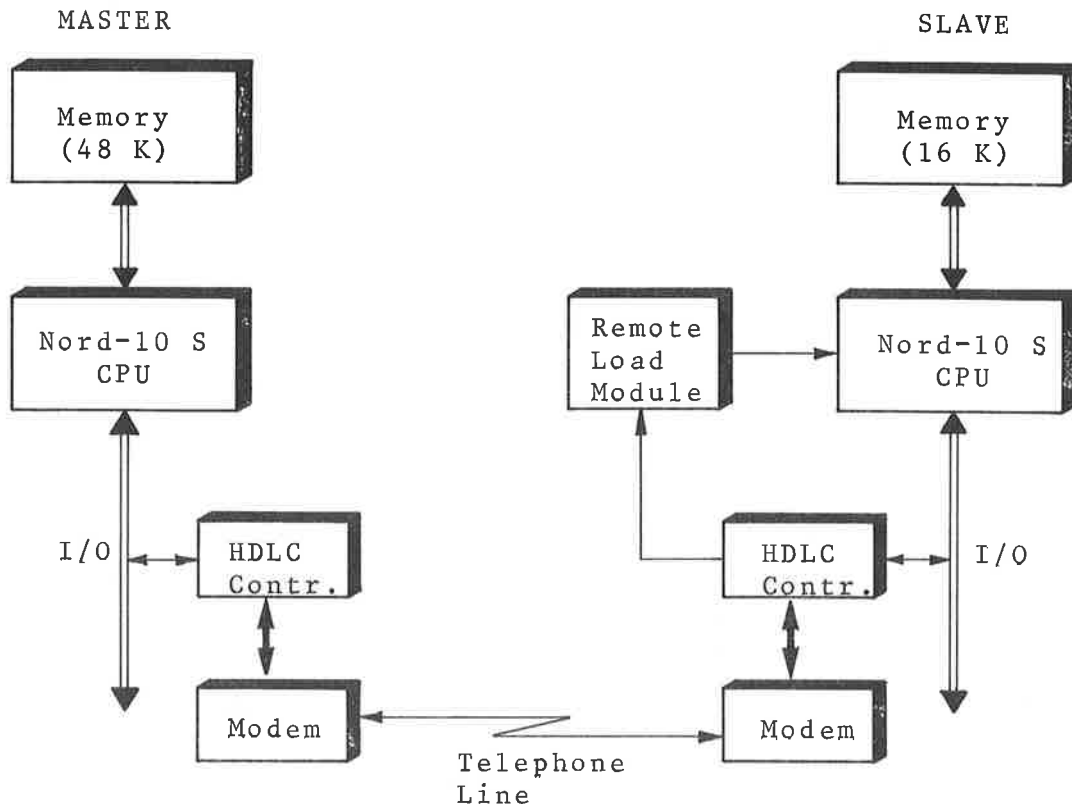
The simplest form of remote operation is shown in Figure 2.6.



**Figure 2.6:** Remote LOAD from Master CPU

In this case, the automatic LOAD function built into the micro-programmed control unit of all NORD-10/S CPU's is used to start reading data via the data link. The LOAD function is described in Section 8.2.





**Figure 2.7:** *Example of Remote LOAD via Telephone Line and HDLC Protocol*

In the example shown in Figure 2.7, the SLAVE computer is equipped with a Remote Load Module, which decodes a special "Remote Load Trigger" frame sent by the MASTER Computer, thus, activating a load micro-program in the slave. A remote load operation may be initiated both by the MASTER computer and by an operator at the SLAVE computer site.

A closer control of the slave computer is obtained by using the test connector developed for automatic debugging of CPU and micro-processor. This system is shown in Figure 2.8.

In the automated TEST system, the operator's panel connections of the slave computer are replaced by a TEST connector, which is controlled by a special interface in the master computer. The master CPU thereby obtains direct control of buses and micro-processor in the slave computer. This may be used for automatic checkout, diagnostics, and microprogram debugging.

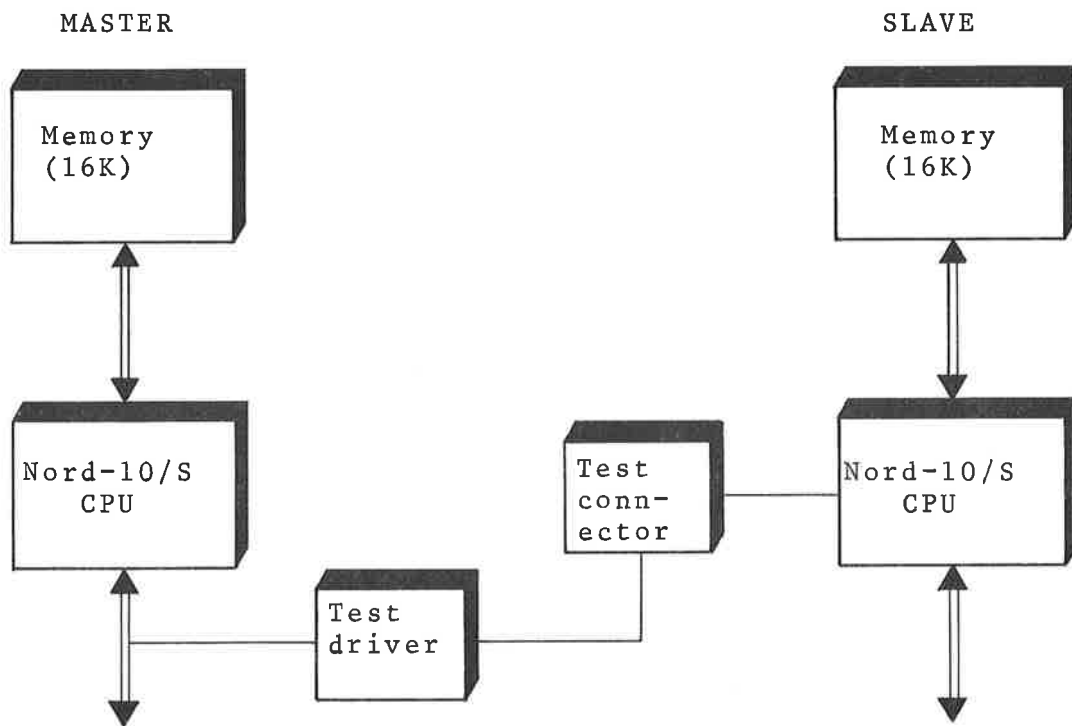
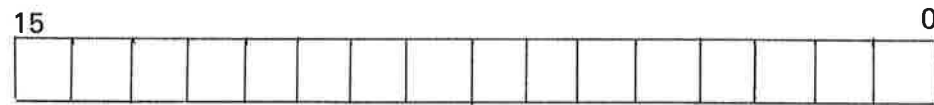


Figure 2.8: Automated TEST System

## 2.5 *INSTRUCTION AND DATA FORMATS*

The NORD-10/S has a 16-bit word format. The bits are conventionally numbered 0 to 15 with the most significant bit numbered 15 and the least significant bit numbered 0.



16-bit NORD-10/S word

**Figure 2.9:** *NORD-10/S Bit Numbering Convention*

The content of a NORD-10/S word is conventionally represented by a 6-digit octal number. Thus, the content of a word with all 16 bits set to zero is represented as 000000, while the contents of a word with all bits set to one is represented as 177777.

### 2.5.1 *Instruction Formats*

All NORD-10/S instructions are contained in one single 16-bit word.

The instruction set is divided into the following five subclasses:

- Memory Reference Instructions
- Operate Instructions
- Input/Output Control Instructions
- System Control Instructions
- Customer Specified Instructions

In Chapter 3, each instruction is given a short description. This includes a diagram showing the instruction format.

### 2.5.2 *Data Formats*

The standard NORD-10/S instruction set provides instructions for the following six different data formats:

1. Single bit
2. 8-bit byte
3. 16-bit word
4. 32-bit double word
5. 48-bit floating point word
6. 32-bit floating point word (optional, instead of 48-bit floating point)

### 2.5.2.1 Single Bit

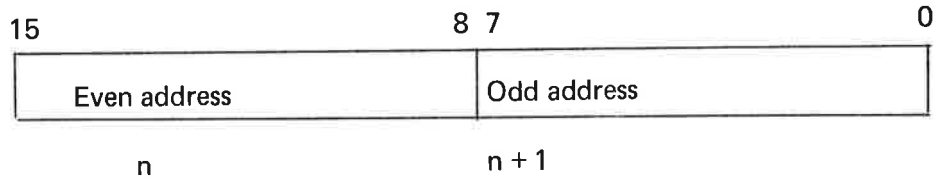
A single bit data word is typically used for a logical variable; the bit instructions (see Section 3.2.6) are used for manipulation of single bit variables. The bit instructions specify operations on any bit in any of the general registers, as well as the accumulator indicator K.

### 2.5.2.2 8-Bit Byte

Two instructions are available in the standard NORD-10/S instruction set for byte manipulations, i.e., load byte and store byte (see Section 3.1.6).

A byte consists of 8 bits, giving a range of  $0 \leq X \leq 255$ .

The byte addressing (see Section 3.1.6) is such that when two bytes are packed into a word, the even byte address points to the left half of the word.



Byte Format

### 2.5.2.3 16-Bit Word

The most common data word format is the 16-bit word contained in one memory location or one register.

Representation of negative numbers is in 2's complement. The skip instruction (see Section 3.2.4) also contains instructions to treat numbers as unsigned (magnitude) numbers.

Range

$$-32768 \leq X \leq 32767$$

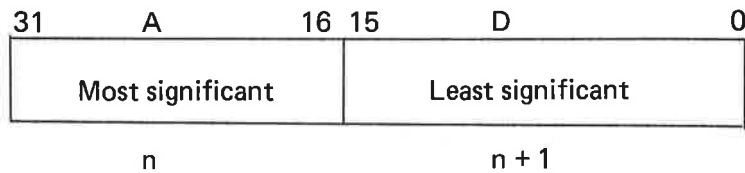
or

$$0 \leq X \leq 65535$$

#### 2.5.2.4 32-Bit Double Word

Two instructions are available to handle double word formats, load double and store double (see Sections 3.1.2 and 3.1.3).

A double word is a 32-bit number which occupies two consecutive locations ( $n, n + 1$ ) in memory, and where negative numbers are in 2's complement.



#### Double Word Format

A double word is always referred to by the address of its most significant part. Normally, a double word is transferred to the registers so that the most significant part is contained in the A register and the least significant in the D register. Range as integers:

$$-2^{147\ 483\ 648} \leq X \leq 2^{147\ 483\ 647}$$

#### 2.5.2.5 48-Bit Floating Point Word

The standard NORD-10/S instruction set provides full floating point hardware arithmetic instructions, load floating, store floating, add, subtract, multiply, and divide floating, convert floating to integer, and convert integer to floating.

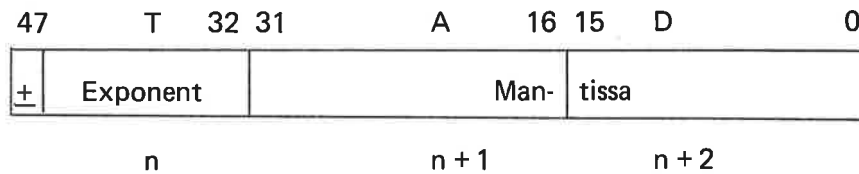
The data format of floating point words is of 32 bits mantissa magnitude, one bit for sign and 15 bits for a biased exponent.

The mantissa is always normalized,  $0.5 \leq \text{mantissa} < 1$ . The exponent base is 2, the exponent is biased with  $2^{14}$ . A standardized floating zero contains zero in all 48 bits.

In main memory, one floating point data word occupies three 16-bit core locations, which are addressed by the address of the exponent part.

- n      exponent and sign
- n + 1    most significant part of mantissa
- n + 2    least significant part of mantissa

In CPU registers, bits 0-15 of the mantissa are in the D register, bits 16-31 in the A register and bits 32-47, exponent and sign, in the T register. These three registers together are defined as the floating accumulator.



#### Floating Word Format

The accuracy is 32 bits or approximately 10 decimal digits; any integer up to  $2^{32}$  has an exact floating point representation.

The range is

$$2^{-16384} \cdot 0.5 \leq X < 2^{16383} \cdot 1 \text{ or } X = 0$$

or

$$10^{-4920} < X < 10^{4920}$$

#### Examples (octal format):

	T	A	D
0:	0	0	0
+1:	040001	100000	0
-1:	140001	100000	0

#### 2.5.2.6 32-bit Floating Point Word

As an option, the NORD-10/S may be equipped with microprogram for 32-bit floating point format instead of the standard 48-bit format described in Section 2.5.2.5. The instructions affected are:

FAD	Floating Point Add
FSB	Floating Point Subtract
FMU	Floating Point Multiply
FDV	Floating Point Divide
NLZ	Convert Integer to Floating Point
DNZ	Convert Floating Point to Integer

The data format of 32-bit floating point words is of 23 bits mantissa magnitude, one bit for sign and 9 bits for a biased exponent. These 33 bits are packed in two 16-bit words by omitting the most significant bit of the mantissa, which is always a one in non-zero numbers.

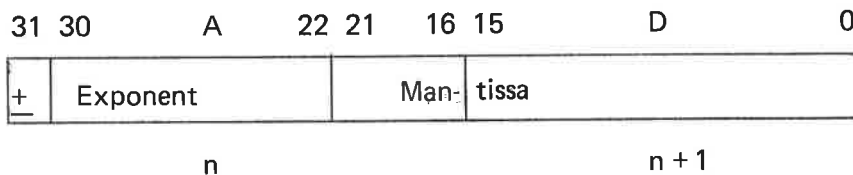
The mantissa is always normalized,  $0.5 \leq \text{mantissa} \leq 1$ . The exponent base is 2, the exponent is biased with  $2^8$ .

A standardized floating zero contains zero in all 32 bits.

In main memory, one 32-bit floating point data word occupies two 16-bit memory locations, which are addressed by the address of the exponent part.

n            exponent, sign and mantissa bits 16-21  
 n + 1       mantissa bits 0-15

In CPU registers, bits 0-15 of the mantissa are in the D register, bits 16-21 and exponent and sign are in the A register. These two registers together are defined as the 32-bit floating accumulator. The T register is not affected by 32-bit Floating Point operations.



**32-bit Floating Point Word Format**

The accuracy is 23 bits or approximately 7 decimal digits. Any integer up to  $2^{23}$  has an exact floating point representation.

The range is

$$2^{-256} \cdot 0.5 \leq X < 2^{255} \cdot 1 \text{ or } X = 0$$

or

$$10^{-76} < X < 10^{76}$$

Examples (octal format):

	A	D
0:	0	0
+1.0:	040100	0
-1.0:	140100	0
+3.0:	040240	0

## 2.6 *INTERRUPT SYSTEM*

The NORD-10/S Interrupt System allows priority interrupt handling at extremely high speed. The interrupt system consists of 16 program levels in hardware, each program level with its own complete set of general registers and status indicators. The program levels are numbered from 0 to 15 with increasing priority; program level 15 has the highest priority, program level 0 has the lowest. The context switching from one program level to another is completely automatic and requires only 1  $\mu$ s.

All program levels can be activated by program. In addition, program levels 10-13 and 15 can be activated by external devices and program level 14 by CPU internal hardware status interrupts.

As many as 2048 vectored interrupts may be connected.

By using these program levels, large programming systems may be greatly simplified. Independent tasks may be organized at different program levels with all priority decisions determined by hardware and with almost no overhead because of the rapid context switching.

The program level to run is controlled from the two 16-bit registers:

PIE	Priority Interrupt Enable
PID	Priority Interrupt Detect

Each program level is controlled by the corresponding bits in these registers. The PIE register is program controlled and the PID register is controlled by both program and vectored interrupts.

At any time, the highest program level, which has its corresponding bits set in both PIE and PID is running. This level is called PL.

A change from a lower to a higher program level is caused by an interrupt request. A change from a higher program level to a lower takes place when the program on the higher program level gives up its priority.



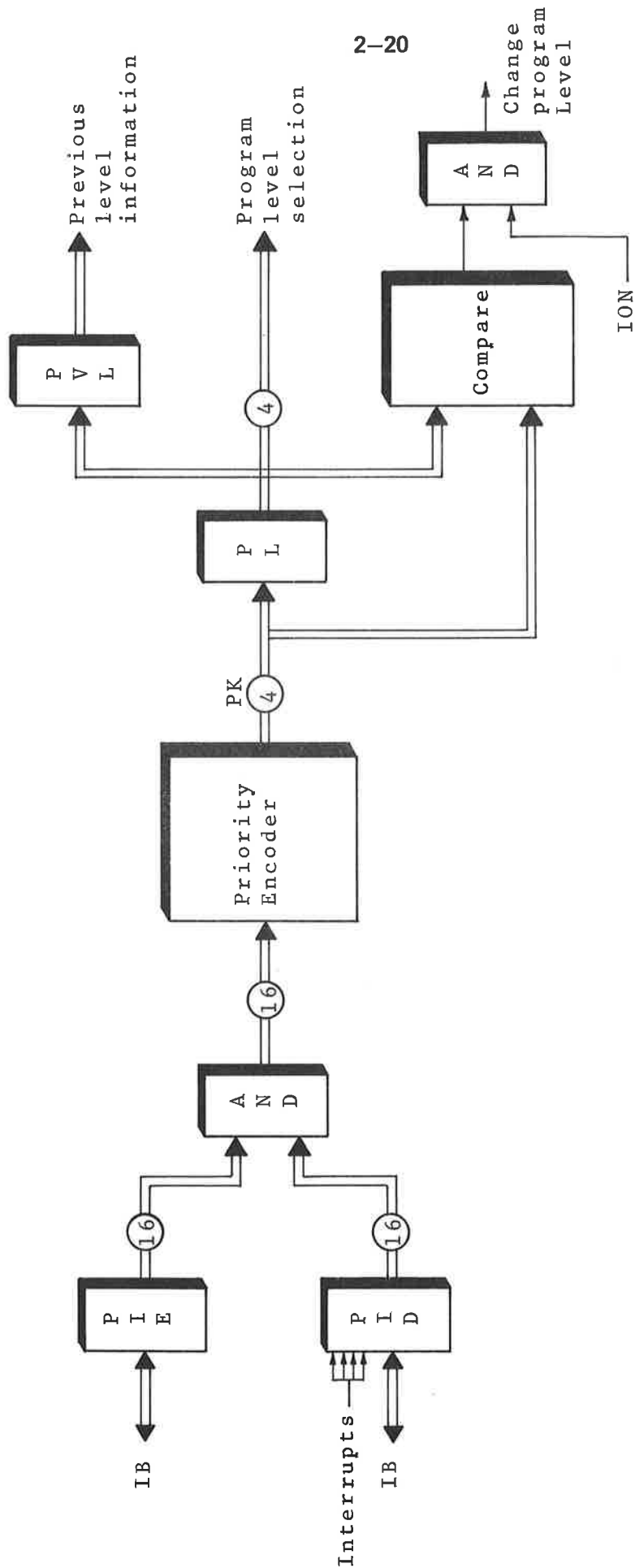


Figure 2.10: Program Level Control

## 2.7 MEMORY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

The Memory Management System is designed to extend the NORD-10/S's physical address space to provide a virtual memory and to provide a sophisticated memory and privileged instruction protection system.

The basic parts of the system are the:

- Paging System
- Memory Protection System
- Ring Protection System

The Paging System is an automatic address interpretation system which maps a 16-bit virtual address, as seen from the program, into an 18-bit physical address. This implies that the maximum memory size may be extended from 64K words to 256K words. The system also allows programs to be written for 64K virtual memory with only parts of the program residing in physical memory at a given time, the rest being kept on mass storage.

The Paging System divides the memory into memory blocks or pages of 1024 words or 1K words. The pointers to these pages are found in the page-index-tables. In NORD-10/S there are four page-index-tables each consisting of 64 words, which each yield a full 64K address space. The tables are kept in high-speed registers with 16 bits word length.

Two independent protection systems are also included in the Memory Management System: the Memory Protection System and the Ring Protection System.

The Memory Protection System is a protection system for each individual page of memory. Each individual page may be protected against:

- read accesses
- write accesses
- instructions fetch accesses

and any combination of these. Thus, there are eight modes of memory protection for each page.

The Ring Protection System is a combined privileged instruction and inter-page memory protection system. The system divides the pages into four classes called rings: ring 0, ring 1, ring 2 and ring 3. Ring 3 is called the highest ring and ring 0 the lowest ring. A program located on a particular page is said to run on the ring the page belongs to. Programs running on ring 2 and ring 3 may use the whole NORD-10/S's instruction repertoire while programs running on ring 0 and 1 may only operate on a restricted instruction set.

The inter-page protection feature allows programs on a high ring to access pages on a lower ring while programs on a lower ring are not permitted to access pages on a higher ring. If a prohibited ring access or privileged instruction execution is attempted, the illegal operation will not proceed and an internal hardware status interrupt will occur to indicate an error.

This Ring Protection System will protect large programming systems against illegal operations by allowing independent tasks to be placed on different rings. The recommended way of organizing a system is as follows:

Ring 0: User programs  
Ring 1: Compilers, assembler  
Ring 2: Operating systems  
Ring 3: Kernel of operating systems

One should note that the two protection systems are independent of each other and that both the individual memory protection mode and the ring mode must be satisfied before an operation is performed. For example, if a program PROG tries to read from page P belonging to ring 2, then PROG must be running on ring 2 or 3 *and* page P's individual memory protection mode must allow P to be read.

### 3 INSTRUCTION REPERTOIRE

In the NORD-10/S all instructions occupy a single word, 16 bits, yielding a very efficient user of memory and also producing code with unusual efficiency with regard to speed. Floating point arithmetic operations and floating/integer conversions are standard.

Note that in this chapter one is always referring to the register set on the current program level, for example, "the A register" means "the A register on current program level".

In this manual, the instruction set of NORD-10/S is divided into the following five subclasses:

- Memory Reference Instructions
- Operate Instructions
- Input/Output Control Instructions
- System Control Instructions
- Customer Specified Instructions

Each instruction is given a short description. This includes its mnemonic as used in the assembly language, octal code, a diagram showing its format, timing information and special comments. For each instruction, the systems and indicators that can be affected by the instruction are listed.

The definitions used in the descriptions are as follows:

#### General Registers:

A A register  
 D D register  
 T T register  
 L L register  
 X X register  
 B B register  
 P Program counter  
 STS Status register containing PTM, TG, K, Z, Q, O, C, M

Status Word:

## Bit

0	PTM	Page table mode
1	TG	Rounding indicator for floating point operations
2	K	One bit accumulator
3	Z	Error indicator
4	Q	Dynamic overflow indicator
5	O	Static overflow indicator
6	C	Carry indicator
7	M	Multi-shift link indicator
8-11	PL	Program level indicator
14	PONI	Memory Management On indicator
15	IONI	Interrupt System On indicator

Internal Registers:

STS	Status word (see above)
OPR	Operator's panel
LMP	Lamp register
PGS	Paging status register
PCR	Paging control register
PVL	Previous level register
IIC	Internal interrupt code
IIE	Internal interrupt enable
PID	Priority interrupt detect
PIE	Priority interrupt enable
ALD	Automatic load descriptor
PES	Memory error register
IR	Instruction register
PEA	Memory error address
CILR	Cache inhibit limits register
ECCR	Error correction control register
CCLR	Clear cache

Abbreviations:

EL	Effective location
EW	Effective word
AD	Double accumulator
FA	Floating accumulator
DW	Double word
FW	Floating word
sr	source register
dr	destination register
∧	Logical AND
∨	Logical inclusive OR
∨	Logical exclusive OR
( )	The contents of
μs	Microsecond
ns	Nanosecond

The NORD-10 instructions are controlled from a micro-processor which takes its instructions from a high speed bipolar read-only memory (cycle time – 65 ns).

The execution time of a NORD-10/S instruction is primarily given by the number of micro instructions and the speed of the main memory.

The NORD-10 may efficiently utilize memories of different type and speed. It will make full use of a bipolar TTL memory and may also run with , for example, a slow core memory.

With the cache memory option, one is able to obtain a speed nearly as fast as that of a bipolar TTL memory.

The instruction times given in Chapter 3 are as measured from a program running on a standard NORD-10/S with all references in cache memory.

If this is not the actual case, the following changes should be made:

For indirect addressing add  $0.45 \mu\text{s}$ .

For each read reference to Local Memory add  $0.45 \mu\text{s}$ .

For each write reference to Local Memory add  $0 \mu\text{s}$ .

For each read reference to Multiport Memory via 0.5 m cable add  $0.85 \mu\text{s}$ .

For each write reference to Multiport Memory via 0.5 m cable add  $0.35 \mu\text{s}$ .

### 3.1 MEMORY REFERENCE INSTRUCTIONS

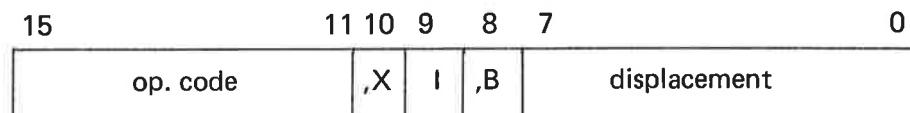
Memory reference instructions specify operations in words in memory. For all the memory reference instructions in NORD-10/S, the addressing mode is the same, with the exception of the conditional jump, the byte and the register block instructions. The addressing structure for these memory reference instructions is given under the specific instruction specification.

The NORD-10/S has the following groups of memory references instructions:

- Store Instructions
- Load Instructions
- Arithmetic and Logical Instructions
- Sequencing Instructions
- Byte Instructions
- Register Block Instructions

#### 3.1.1 Addressing Structure

In memory reference instruction words, 11 bits are used to specify the address of the desired word(s) in memory, 3 address mode bits and an 8-bit signed displacement using 2's complement for negative numbers and sign extension. (Note that excluded from this is the conditional jump, the byte and the register block instructions.)



NORD-10/S uses a relative addressing system, which means that the address is specified relative to the contents of the program counter or relative to the contents of the B and/or X registers.

The three addressing mode bits called ",X", "I" and ",B" provide eight different addressing modes.

The addressing mode bits have the following meaning:

- The I bit specifies indirect addressing.
- The ,B bit specifies address relative to the contents of the B register, pre-indexing. The indexing by ,B takes place before a possible indirect addressing.

- The ,X bit specifies address relative to the contents of the X register post-indexing. The indexing by ,X takes place after a possible indirect addressing.

If all the ,X, I and ,B bits are zero, the normal relative addressing mode is specified. The effective address is equal to the contents of the program counter plus the displacement, (P) + disp.

The displacement may consist of a number ranging from -128 to +127. Therefore, this addressing mode gives a dynamic range for directly addressing 128 locations backwards and 127 locations forwards.

Generally, a memory reference instruction will have the form:

<operation code> <addressing mode> <displacement>

Note that there is no addition in execution time for relative addressing, pre-indexing, post-indexing or both. Indirect addressing, however, adds one extra memory cycle to the listed execution time.

The address computation is summarized in Table 3.1. The symbols used are defined as follows:

,X	Bit 10 of the instruction
I	Bit 9 of the instruction
,B	Bit 8 of the instruction
disp.	Contents of bits 0-7 of the instruction (displacement)
(X)	Contents of the X register
(B)	Contents of the B register
(P)	Contents of the P register
( )	Means contents of the register or word

The effective address is the address of that memory location which is finally accessed after all address modifications (pre- and post-indexing) have taken place in the memory address computation.

,X	I	,B	Mnemonic	Effective Address
0	0	0		(P) + disp.
0	1	0	I	((P) + disp.)
0	0	1	,B	(B) + disp.
0	1	1	,B I	((B) + disp.)
1	0	0	,X	(X) + disp.
1	0	1	,B ,X	(B) + disp. + (X)
1	1	0	I ,X	((P) + disp.) + (X)
1	1	1	,B I ,X	((B) + disp.) + (X)

**Table 3.1: Addressing Modes**



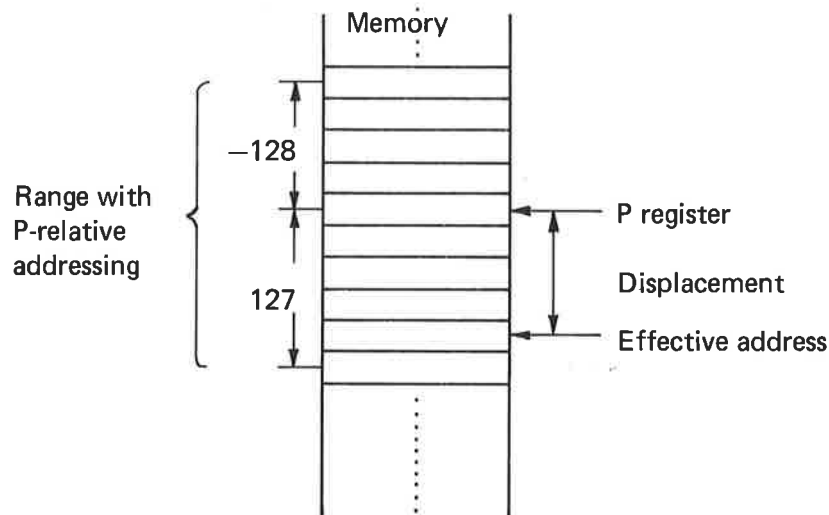
Wise and competent use of the NORD-10/S addressing modes will result in efficient programs. Advanced readers may wish to skip the rest of this section after perusing Table 3.1, which summarizes the addressing structure.

#### P-relative Addressing, X=0, I=0, B=0

The *P-relative* addressing mode is specified by setting the ,X, I and ,B bits all to zero. In this mode, the displacement bits (bits 0-7) specify a positive or negative 7-bit address relative to the current value of the program counter (P register).

#### Example:

Suppose memory location 403 contains the instruction `004002`, which in this chapter we shall represent by `STA * 2`, and this instruction is executed. The ,X, I and ,B bits are all set to zero indicating P-relative addressing and a positive displacement of 2 is given; the contents of the A register will therefore be stored in memory location 405. If, instead, location 403 contains the instruction `JMP * -2` and it is executed, the next instruction to be executed will be taken from location 401. While there is an obvious limitation to this mode of addressing (locations more than 128 words away from the instruction being executed cannot be accessed), this mode of addressing is still quite useful for doing local jumps and accessing nearby constants and variables.



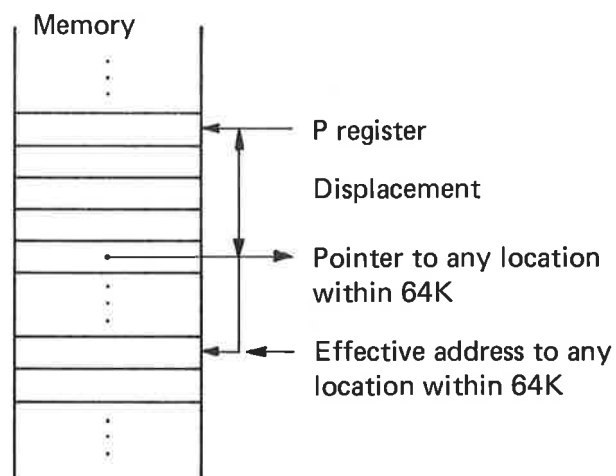
**Figure 3.1:** *Schematic Illustration of P-relative Addressing*

Indirect P-relative Addressing ,X=0 ,I=1 ,B=0

Since one must be able to access memory locations more than  $128_{10}$  words away from the instruction being executed, the simplest method of doing this is to use the *indirect P-relative* addressing mode, specified by setting the I bit to one and the ,X bit and ,B bit to zero in memory address instructions. In this mode an address relative to program counter is computed, exactly as for P-relative addressing, by adding the displacement to the value of the program counter, but rather than the addressed location actually being accessed, the contents of the addressed location are used as a 16-bit address of a memory location which is accessed instead.

Example:

Suppose location 405 contains the instruction LDA I \* 2 (045002g) and that this instruction is executed. Let us also suppose memory location 16003 contains the value 17 and that memory location 407 contains 016003. The net result of executing the instruction in location 405 is to load the value 17 into the A register. First the displacement 2 of the LDA instruction is added to the value of the location counter 405, giving the result 407; then the contents of location 407, 16003 are used as an address and the contents of this address 17 are finally loaded into the A register.

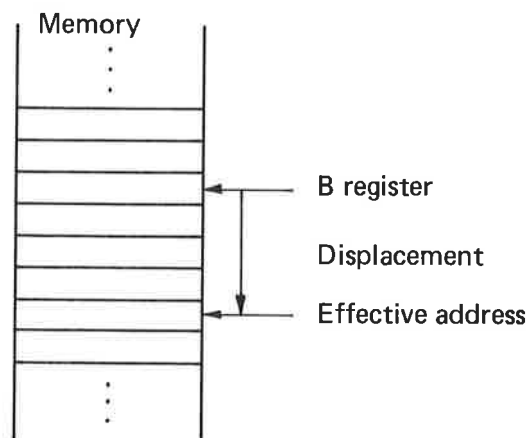


**Figure 3.2:** Schematic Illustration of Indirect P-relative Addressing

B-relative Addressing ,X=0 ,I=0 ,B=1

The above two addressing modes are quite sufficient, in fact, theoretically, either one alone is sufficient. However, if the NORD-10/S provided only one or both of the two addressing modes already described, it would not be particularly convenient for program efficiency. For instance, suppose that two subprograms, each a couple of hundred words long, need to communicate. Within each subprogram memory accesses are commonly made using P-relative addressing or occasionally, indirect P-relative addressing. But between the subprograms indirect P-relative addressing would have to be used almost exclusively since, in general, locations in one subprogram, which instruction in the other subprogram must access, will not be less than 128 words apart. But this is very inefficient since both subprograms must contain indirect pointers to data and instructions local to the other subprogram.

To overcome this difficulty another addressing mode is available *B-relative* addressing, which permits both subprograms to directly address a common data area. B register relative addressing is specified by setting the ,X and I bits to zero and the ,B bit to one in memory address instructions. This addressing mode is quite closely related to P-relative addressing, but instead the displacement is added to the current value of the B register, the resultant sum is used to specify the memory location accessed.



**Figure 3.3:** *Schematic Illustration of B-relative Addressing*

Example:

Let location 405 contain the instruction LDA - 4 ,B (044774<sub>g</sub>) and the B register contains the value 10035. Execute the instruction in location 405. This causes the contents of location 10031 to be loaded into the A register. The minus 4 in the displacement field of the LDA instruction in location 405 is added to the contents of the B register, 10035, giving a sum of 10031, and the contents of location 10031 are loaded into the A register.

Indirect B-relative Addressing ,X=0 I=1 ,B=1

Naturally, there is also an indirect B-relative addressing mode which is specified by setting the ,B and I bits to one and the ,X bit to zero in memory reference instructions. This mode has the same relationship to B-relative addressing that indirect P-relative addressing has to P-relative addressing. This permits a subprogram to access data or locations in other subprograms indirectly via pointers in an area common to several subprograms. This address mode is used extensively for calling library routines.

Example:

Let location 10031 contain the instruction JPL I 3 ,B (135403<sub>g</sub>) and the B register contain 400, a pointer to an area common to several subprograms. Furthermore, let location 403 contain the value 2000. If the instruction in location 10031 is executed, the subroutine beginning at location 2000 will be called. The displacement, 3, in the JPL instruction is added to the contents of the B register, 400, giving a result of 403. The contents of location 403, 2000, are then used as a pointer to the subroutine.

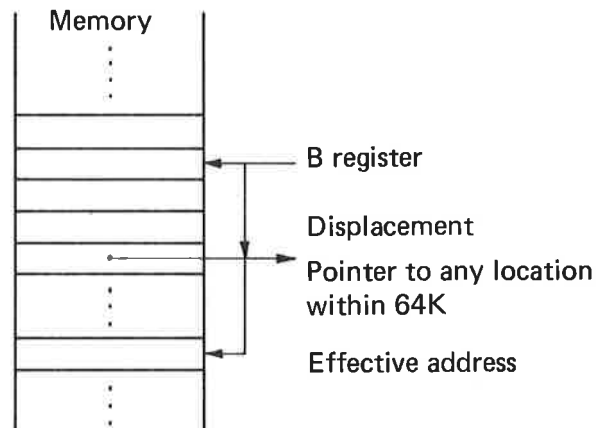


Figure 3.4: Schematic Illustration of Indirect B-relative Addressing

X-relative (or indexed) Addressing ,X=1 I=0 B=0

The other four addressing modes all involve use of the X register. The simplest of these is *X-relative* addressing which works like P- and B-relative addressing, but the displacement is added to the X register's contents during the address calculation instead of to the contents of the P or B register. This addressing mode is often used for randomly accessing the elements of a block of data.

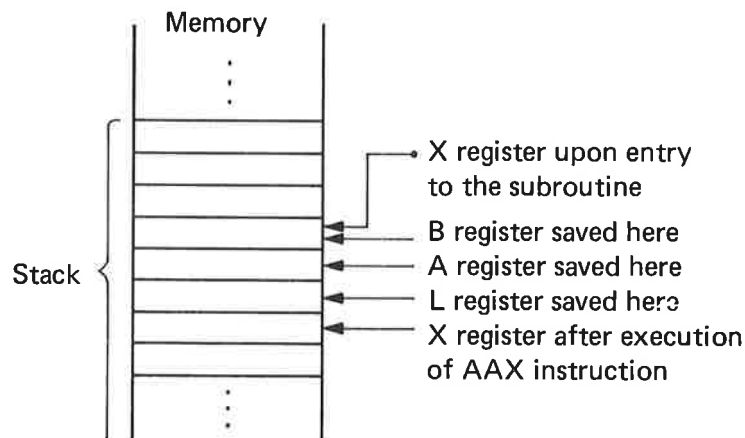
Example:

Let a recursive subroutine, when being called, save the contents of the L, A and B registers in a three word block on a push down stack, and the X register point to the first free register in the stack. The following code might then be found at the beginning of the recursive subroutine:

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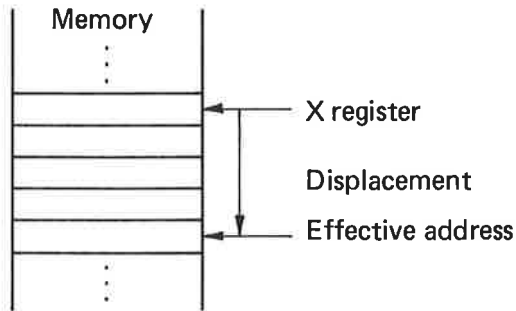
SUB,   STA 1,X
       COPY SL DA
       STA 2,X
       COPY SB DA
       STA 0,X
       AAX 3
       ....
       ....
       ....

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**Figure 3.5:** *Illustration of the Effect of the Stack Code.*

For another example reread B-relative addressing, substituting "X register" for "B register".

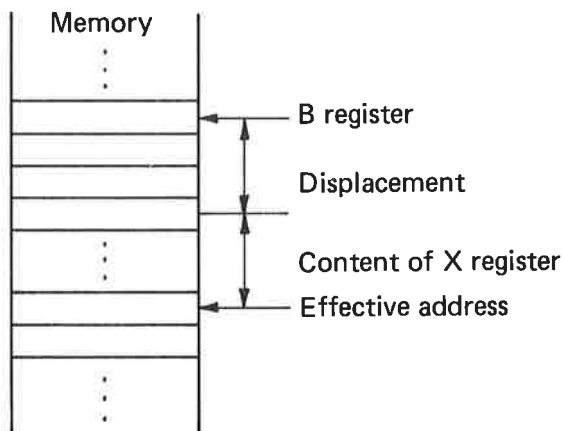


**Figure 3.6:** *Schematic Illustration of X-relative Addressing*

B-relative Indexed Addressing ,X=1 I=0 ,B=1

When the ,X and ,B bits are set to one and the I bit to zero in memory reference instructions, the mode is called *B-relative indexed* addressing. In this mode, the contents of the X and B registers and the displacement are all added together to form the effective address.

B-relative indexed addressing is often very useful, for instance, when accessing row by row elements of a two-dimensional array stored column by column.



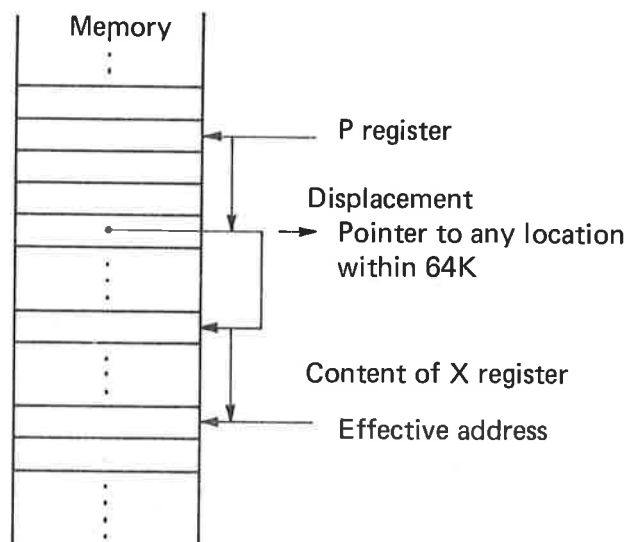
**Figure 3.7:** *Schematic Illustration of B-relative Indexed Addressing*

Indirect P-relative Indexed Addressing ,X=1 I=1 ,B=0

The last two addressing modes are difficult to describe, but very useful. Indirect P-relative indexed addressing is selected by setting the ,X and I bits to one and the ,B bit to zero in the memory address instruction. This mode allows successive elements of an array arbitrarily placed in memory to be accessed in a convenient manner.

The address calculation in the mode takes place as follows. The contents of the P register, say 4002, are added to the displacement, say -1, and produce a sum, 4001. The contents of the location 4001, say 10100, are added to the contents of the X register, say -100, to produce a new sum, 10000, the effective address. By incrementing the X register, successive locations may be accessed. For instance, using the above example, locations 10000 through 10100 can be successively accessed by stepping the contents of the X register from -100 to zero.

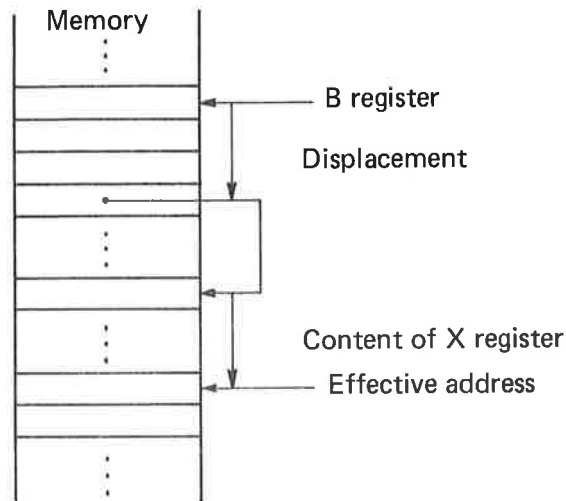
Readers are advised to go over this example carefully. Stepping through an array in this fashion is done very often.



**Figure 3.8:** *Schematic Illustration of Indirect P-relative Indexed Addressing*

#### Indirect B-relative Indexed Addressing ,X=1 I=1 ,B=1

The final addressing mode, *indirect B-relative indexed* addressing, is identical to indirect P-relative indexed addressing except that the contents of the B register are used instead of the contents of the P register in the effective address computation. This mode can therefore be used to step through arrays pointed to from a data area common to several subprograms.



**Figure 3.9.** *Schematic Illustration of Indirect B-relative Indexed Addressing*

### 3.1.2 Store Instructions

**STZ** Store zero Code: 000 000

Format: STX <address mode> <disp.>

The effective location is cleared.

Affected: (EL)

Time: 1.3  $\mu$ s

**STA** Store A register Code: 004 000

Format: STA <address mode> <disp.>

The contents of the A register are stored in the effective location.

Affected: (EL)

Time: 1.3  $\mu$ s

**STT** Store T register Code: 010 000

Format: STT <address mode> <disp.>

The contents of the T register are stored in the effective location.

Affected: (EL)

Time: 1.3  $\mu$ s



STX	Store X register	Code: 014 000
	Format: STX <address mode> <disp.>	
	The contents of the X register are stored in the effective location. The address of this instruction may be modified by the contents of the X register.	
	Affected: (EL)	Time: 1.3 $\mu$ s
STD	Store double word	Code: 020 000
	Format: STD <address mode> <disp.>	
	The contents of the A register are stored in the effective location, and the contents of the D register are stored in the effective location plus one.	
	Affected: (EL),(EL + 1)	Time: 2.2 $\mu$ s
STF	Store floating accumulator	Code: 030 000
	Format: STF <address mode> <disp.>	
	The contents of the floating accumulator are stored in three memory locations, starting with exponent part in effective location.	
	Affected: (EL), (EL + 1), (EL + 2)	Time 2.8 $\mu$ s
MIN	Increment memory and skip if zero	Code: 040 000
	Format: MIN <address mode> <disp.>	
	Effective word is read and incremented by one and then restored in the effective location. If the result becomes zero, the next instruction is skipped.	
	Affected: (EL), (P)	True Time: 2.9 $\mu$ s False Time: 2.6 $\mu$ s

3.1.3 *Load Instructions*

LDA	Load A register	Code: 044 000
	Format: LDA <address mode> <disp.>	
	The effective word is loaded into the A register.	
	Affected: (A)	Time: 1.0 $\mu$ s
LDT	Load T register	Code: 050 000
	Format: LDT <address mode> <disp.>	
	The effective word is loaded into the T register.	
	Affected: (T)	Time: 1.0 $\mu$ s
LDX	Load X register	Code: 054 000
	Format: LDX <address mode> <disp.>	
	The effective word is loaded into the X register. The address of this instruction may be modified by the previous contents of the X register.	
	Affected: (X)	Time: 1.0 $\mu$ s
LDD	Load double word	Code: 024 000
	Format: LDD <address mode> <disp.>	
	The contents of the effective location are loaded into the A register, and the contents of the effective location plus one are loaded into the D register.	
	Affected: (A), (D)	Time: 1.6 $\mu$ s
LDF	Load floating accumulator	Code: 034 000
	Format: LDF <address mode> <disp.>	
	The contents of the effective location and the two following locations are loaded into the floating accumulator, i.e., T, A and D registers.	
	Affected: (T), (A), (D)	Time: 2.0 $\mu$ s

### 3.1.4 *Arithmetical and Logical Instructions*

**ADD**      Add to A register      Code: 060 000

Format: ADD <address mode> <disp.>

The effective word is added to the A register with the result in the A register. The carry indicator is set to 1 if a carry occurs from the sign bit positions of the adder, otherwise the carry indicator is reset to 0. If the sign of the result is different, overflow has occurred, and both the dynamic and static overflow indicators are set to one. If the condition for overflow does not exist, the dynamic overflow indicator is reset to 0, while the static overflow indicator is left unchanged.

Affected: (A), C, O, Q

Time: 1.0  $\mu$ s

**SUB**      Subtract from A register      Code: 064 000

Format: SUB <address mode> <disp.>

The 2's complement of the effective word is formed and added to the contents of the A register with the result in the A register. The same rules as for ADD apply for the setting of the overflow and carry indicators.

Affected: (A), C, O, Q

Time: 1.0  $\mu$ s

**AND**      Logical and      Code: 070 000

Format: AND <address mode> <disp.>

The logical product of the effective word and the contents of the A register are formed, with the result in the A register. The logical product contains a one in each bit position for which there is a corresponding one in both the A register and the effective word, otherwise the bit position contains a zero.

Affected: (A)

Time: 1.0  $\mu$ s

ORA	Logical inclusive or  Format: OR <address mode> <disp.>  Logical inclusive or is formed between the effective word and the contents of the A register, with the result in the A register. Logical inclusive or contains a zero in each bit position for which there is a corresponding zero in both the A register and the effective word, otherwise the bit position contains a one. Affected: (A)	Code: 074 000          Time: 1.0 $\mu$ s
MPY	Multiply integer  Format: MPY <address mode> <disp.>  The effective word and the A register are multiplied and the result is placed in the A register. Both numbers are regarded as signed integers and the result as a 16-bit signed integer. If the result in absolute value is greater than 32767, overflow has occurred and the static and dynamic overflow indicators are set to one. Affected: (A), O, Q	Code: 120 000          Time: 8.7 $\mu$ s
FAD	Add to floating accumulator  Format: FAD <address mode> <disp.>  The contents of the effective location and the two following locations are added to the floating accumulator with the result in the floating accumulator. The previous setting of the carry and overflow indicators are lost. Affected: (T), (A), (D), C, O, Q, TG	Code: 100 000          Time: 3.6 - 14.0 $\mu$ s*

For 32 bit floating point operation, add 5  $\mu$ s.

\* Time dependent of operands mantissa overlap.

FSB	Subtract from floating accumulator	Code: 104 000
	Format: FSB <address mode> <disp.>	
	The contents of the effective location and the two following locations are subtracted from the floating accumulator with the result in the floating accumulator. The previous setting of the carry and overflow indicators are lost.	
	Affected: (T), (A), (D), C, O, Q, TG	Time: 3.9 - 16.5 $\mu$ s*
	For 32 bit floating point operation, add 5 $\mu$ s.	
FMU	Multiply floating accumulator	Code: 110 000
	Format: FMU <address mode> <disp.>	
	The contents of the floating accumulator are multiplied with the number of the effective floating word locations with the result in the floating accumulator. The previous setting of the carry and overflow indicators are lost.	
	Affected: (T), (A), (D), O, Q, TG	Time: 13.5 $\mu$ s
	For 32 bit floating point operation, add 2 $\mu$ s.	
FDV	Divide floating accumulator	Code: 114 000
	Format: FDV <address mode> <disp.>	
	The contents of the floating accumulator are divided by the number in the effective floating word locations. Result in floating accumulator. If division by zero is attempted, the error indicator Z is set to one. The error indicator Z may be sensed by a BSKP instruction (see BOP). The previous setting of the carry and overflow indicators are lost.	
	Affected: (T), (A), (D), Z, C, O, Q, TG	Time: 4.3 - 15.2 $\mu$ s*
	For 32 bit floating point operation, add 0 $\mu$ s.	

\* Time dependent of operands mantissa overlap.

3.1.5 *Sequencing Instructions*

JMP      Jump      Code: 124 000

Format: JMP <address mode> <disp.>

The effective address is loaded into the program counter and the next instruction is taken from the effective address of the JMP instruction.

Affected: (P)

Time: 1.1  $\mu$ s

JPL      Transfer P to L and jump      Code: 134 000

Format: JPL <address mode> <disp.>

The contents of the program counter are transferred to the L register, the effective address is loaded into the program counter and the next instruction is taken from the effective address of the JPL instruction. Note that the program counter points to the instruction after the jump (it has been incremented before transfer to the L register)

Affected: (P), (L)

Time: 1.1  $\mu$ s

CJP      Conditional jump

Instruction bits 8-10 are used to specify one of 8 jump conditions. If the specified condition becomes true, the displacement is added to the program counter and a jump relative to current location takes place. The range is 128 locations backwards and 127 locations forwards. If the specified condition is false, no jump takes place. Execution time depends on condition, but is the same for all instructions.

A conditional jump instruction must be specified by means of the eight mnemonics listed below. It is illegal to specify CJP followed by any combinations of ,B, I and ,X.

The eight jump conditions are:

JAP      Jump if A register is positive or zero,      Code: 130 000  
A bit 15 = 0.

Format: JAP <disp.>

JAN	Jump if A register is negative, A bit = 1. Format: JAN <disp.>	Code: 130 400
JAZ	Jump if A register is zero. Format: JAZ <disp.>	Code: 131 000
JAF	Jump if A register is filled (not zero) Format: JAF <disp.>	Code: 131 400
JXN	Jump if X register is negative, i.e., X bit 15 = 1. Format: JXN <disp.>	Code: 133 400
JXZ	Jump if X register is zero. Format: JXZ <disp.>	Code: 133 000
JPC	Count and jump if register is positive or zero. Format: JPC <disp.>  X is incremented by one, and if the X bit 15 equals zero after the incrementation, the jump takes place.	Code: 132 000
JNC	Count and jump if X register is negative. Format: JNC <disp.>  X is incremented by one; if then the X bit 15 equals one, the jump takes place. Affected: (P) and (X) for JPC and JNC.	Code: 132 400  Time: Conditional false: 0.8 $\mu$ s Conditional true: 1.1 $\mu$ s





SBYT Store byte Code: 142 600

Format: SBYT

The byte contained in the A register bits 0-7 is stored in one half of the effective location pointed by the T and X registers, the second half of this effective location being unchanged. The contents of the A register are unchanged.

Affected: (EL)

Time:

Left byte: 8.1  $\mu$ s

Right byte: 5.9  $\mu$ s

### 3.1.7 Register Block Instructions

To facilitate the programming of registers on different program levels, two instructions, SRB and LRB, are available for storing and loading of a complete register block to and from memory.

A register block always consists of the following registers in this sequence:

- P Program counter
- X X register
- T T register
- A A register
- D D register
- L L register
- STS Status register, bits 1-7, bit 0 and bits 8-15 are zero.
- B B register

The addressing for these two instructions is as follows:

The contents of the X register specify the effective memory address from where the register block is read or written into.

The specifications for the two instructions are as follows:

15	7 6	3 2	0
LRB	level	000	
SRB		010	

SRB      Store Register Block      Code: 152 402

Format: SRB <level<sub>g</sub> \* 10<sub>g</sub>>

The instruction SRB <level<sub>g</sub> \* 10<sub>g</sub>> stores the contents of the register block on the program level specified in the level field of the instruction. The specified register block is stored in succeeding memory locations starting at the location specified by the contents of the X register.

If the current program level is specified, the stored P register points to the instruction following SRB.

Affected: (EL), +1 +2 +3 +4 +5 +6 +7      Time 9.5 μs  
             P ·    X   T   A   D   L   STS B

Example:

Let the contents of the X register be 042562, then the instruction

SRB 140<sub>g</sub>

stores the contents of the register block on program level 12 into the memory addresses 042562, 042563, . . . , 042571.

LRB      Load Register Block      Code: 152 600

Format: LRB <level<sub>g</sub> \* 10<sub>g</sub>>

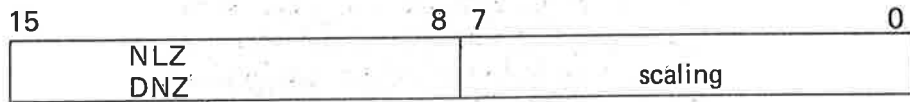
The instruction <LRB level<sub>g</sub> \* 10<sub>g</sub>> loads the contents of the register block on program level specified in the level field of the instruction. The specified register block is loaded by the contents of succeeding memory locations starting at the location specified by the contents of the X register. If the current program level is specified, the P register is not affected. The LRB instruction is privileged, see Section 6.5.1.

Affected: All the registers on specified program level are affected. Note: If the current level is specified, the P register is *not* affected.

Time: 7.1 μs

## 3.2 OPERATE INSTRUCTIONS

### 3.2.1 Floating Point Conversion Instructions



Two instructions are available. A single precision fixed point number may be converted to a floating point number. A floating point number may be converted to a fixed point single precision number. For both instructions the scaling factor is specified in the displacement part of the instruction. The range of the scaling factor is from  $-128$  to  $+127$ , which gives a conversion range from approximately  $10^{-39}$  to  $10^{39}$ . The execution time depends on the scaling factor and the argument to convert.

The two subinstructions are described in Section 3.2.1.1 for the standard 48-bit floating point format, and in Section 3.2.1.2 for the alternative optional 32-bit floating point format.

#### 3.2.1.1 Standard 48-bit Floating Point Conversion

NLZ      Normalize      Code: 151 400

Format: NLZ <scaling>

Converts the number in the A register to a standard form floating number in the floating accumulator, using the scaling of the NLZ instruction as a scaling factor. For integers, the scaling factor should be +16, a larger scaling factor will result in a higher floating point number. Because of the single precision fixed point number, the D register will be cleared.

Affected: (T), (A), (D)

Time: 2.1 - 6.6  $\mu$ s\*

\* Time dependent upon number of shifts.

DNZ Denormalize

Code: 152 000

Format: DNZ &lt;scaling&gt;

Converts the floating number in the floating accumulator to a single precision fixed point number in the A register, using the scaling of the DNZ instruction as a scaling factor.\*\*

When converting to integers, the scaling factor should be  $-16$ , a greater scaling factor will cause the fixed point number to be greater. After this instruction the contents of the T and D registers will all be zeros.

If the conversion causes underflow, the T, A and D registers will all be set to zero.

If the conversion causes overflow\*\*\*, the error indicator Z is set to one. Overflow occurs if the resulting integer in absolute value is greater than 32767.

The conversion will truncate and negative numbers are converted to positive numbers before conversion. The result will again be converted to a negative number.

Some examples:

T-A-D before conversion (in decimal)		A after conversion
0.9	DNZ $-20_8$	0
3.141592	DNZ $-20_8$	.3
3.141592	DNZ $-17_8$	6
3.141592	DNZ $-16_8$	12
3.7	DNZ $-20_8$	3
3.7	DNZ $-17_8$	7
3.7	DNZ $-21_8$	1
-3.141592	DNZ $-20_8$	-3
-3.7	DNZ $-20_8$	-3
32768.0	DNZ $-20_8$	Overflow
-32768.0	DNZ $-20_8$	Overflow

Affected: (A), (T), (D), Z

Time: 2.6 - 7.6  $\mu s^*$ 

\* Time dependent upon number of shifts.

\*\* When converting an exact floating point zero, scaling factors more negative than  $-16$  will give erroneous results.

\*\*\* The overflow test is fail-proof for a scaling constant of  $-20_8$  only.

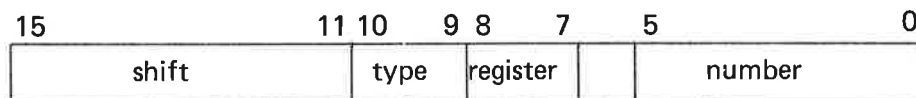
### 3.2.1.2 Optional 32-bit Floating Point Conversion

The normalize and denormalize operations for 32-bit floating point use the same instruction codes as for 48-bit floating point operations, but do not affect the T register. For the 32-bit DNZ operations, the scaling factor should *always* be  $-16$ , other scaling factors will not cause a different result, but will affect the test for overflow.

Time for NLZ:  
1.6 - 10.4\*

Time for DNZ:  
2.1 - 10.9\*

### 3.2.2 *Shift Instructions*



Shift instructions operate on registers. A shift instruction consists of three parts: the register to be shifted (specified by the shift register fields), type of shift to be performed (specified by the type field) and the number of shifts to be performed (specified by the number field). A shift instruction will have the form:

<shift register> <type> <number>

Every shift instruction causes the last bit which is discarded to be contained in the M; the multi-shift indicator. This may then be used as an input for the next shift instruction.

Note that bit 6 in the instruction is ignored.

The time of a shift instruction is independent of the type of shift.

The following four specifications of the <shift register> are available:

SHT      Shift the T register (reg. field 00)                      Code: 154 000

Format: SHT <type> <number>

The T register is shifted as specified by the <type> and <number>.

Affected: (T), M

Time:  $1.6 + 0.26 \cdot N_0$

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\* Time dependent upon number of shifts.

SHD	Shift the D register (reg. field 01)  Format: SHD <type> <number>  The D register is shifted as specified by the <type> and <number>. Affected: (D), M	Code: 154 200     Time: $1.6 + 0.26 \cdot N_0$
SHA	Shift the A register (reg. field 10)  Format: SHA <type> <number>  The A register is shifted as specified by the <type> and <number>. Affected: (A), M	Code: 154 400     Time: $1.6 + 0.26 \cdot N_0$
SAD	Shift the A and D registers connected (reg. field 11)  Format: SAD <type> <number>  Bit 0 of the A register is connected to bit 15 of the D register. Affected: (A), (D), M	Code: 154 600     Time: $2.4 + 0.26 \cdot N_0$

type field

For each shift instruction, the following four types of shift can be specified, one at a time:

Mnemonic		type field	
nil	Arithmetical shift. During right shifts, the sign bit (bit 15) is extended during the shifting, in left shift zeros are fed into vacated bit positions.	0 0	Code: 000 000
ROT	Rotational shift. In single register shift bit 0 is connected to bit 15, in double shifts bit 0 of the D register is connected to bit 15 of the A register.	0 1	Code: 001 000

Mnemonic		type field	
ZIN	Zero end input	1 0	Code: 002 000
LIN	Link end input The contents of the M indicator will be shifted into the vacated bit(s).	1 1	Code: 003 000

### number field

The <number> of the instruction in the number field is a signed number, 5 bits plus sign, which specifies the shift direction (positive or negative shift) and the number of shifts.

$N \geq 0$ , i.e., if bit 5 = 0 then shift left  
 $N < 0$ , i.e., if bit 5 = 1 then shift right

The maximum number of shifts is 31 left shifts and 32 right shifts.

Only the A, T and D registers may be shifted. If any other register is to be shifted, its contents must first be placed in the A, T or D register.

If no shift direction is specified, left shift is assumed.

The number of shifts is interpreted by the assembler as an octal number.

A right shift may be specified either by the correct 6 bit negative shift count or by writing the mnemonic code SHR followed by the positive number of right shifts. A shift instruction to shift the accumulator 3 positions to the right may be specified by one of the following identical instructions:

```
SHA 758
SHA 100-38
SHA SHR 38
```

In a right shift, nothing should be written between the SHR mnemonic and the number of shifts\* (a space to distinguish between SHR and the number is necessary). SHR must be the last mnemonic used in the instruction.

Some examples of correctly specified shift instructions:

#### Example 1:

Shift the A and D registers connected 8 positions (octal 10) left.

```
SAD 108
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\* This is an assembler peculiarity.

Example 2:

Rotate the T register 6 places to the left.

SHT ROT 6

Example 3:

Shift the connected A and D registers 16 positions to the left. Rotate shift is specified which, in this case, will cause the contents of the A and D registers to be exchanged. The same effect may be obtained by means of a SWAP SA DD instruction.

SAD ROT 20

Example 4:

Shift the D register two places to the right. Feed zeros into the left end during the shifting. Bits 15 and 14 in the D register will become zero.

SHD ZIN SHR 2

### 3.2.3 *Register Operations*

The register operation instructions specify operations between any two general registers; a source register (sr) and a destination register (dr). Any instructions may consist of the parts:

<register operation> <sub-instruction> <sr> <dr>

There are ten basic register operations belonging to the two groups:

ROP register operations (Section 3.2.3.1)

EXTended register operation instructions (Section 3.2.3.2)

In addition, there are two instructions for accessing single registers outside current program level (see Section 3.2.3.3) and two instructions for accessing a whole register block outside current program level (see Section 3.1.7).

Only the ROP instructions have sub-instructions.

The ROP register instructions are:

RADD Register addition,  $dr \leftarrow dr + sr$  Code: 146 000

RSUB Register subtraction,  $dr \leftarrow dr - sr$  Code: 146 600



RAND	Register logical AND, $dr \leftarrow dr \wedge sr$	Code: 144 400
RORA	Register logical OR, $dr \leftarrow dr \vee sr$	Code: 145 500
REXO	Register logical exclusive OR, $dr \leftarrow dr \nabla sr$	Code: 145 000
SWAP	Register exchange, $sr \leftarrow dr$ and $dr \leftarrow sr$	Code: 144 000
COPY	Register transfer, $dr \leftarrow sr$	Code: 146 100

The EXTended register instructions are:

RMPY	Integer inter-register multiply, $AD \leftarrow dr * sr$	Code: 141 200
RDIV	Integer inter-register divide $AD / \langle sr \rangle \rightarrow A \leftarrow \text{Quotient}$ $D \leftarrow \text{Remainder}$	Code: 141 600
EXR	Execute register, Instruction register $\leftarrow sr$	Code: 140 600
MIX3	Multiply index by 3, $X \leftarrow ((A) - 1) * 3$	Code: 143 200

The source registers  $\langle sr \rangle$  are specified as follows:

SD	D register	as source	Code: 10
SP	Program counter	as source	Code: 20
SB	B register	as source	Code: 30
SL	L register	as source	Code: 40
SA	A register	as source	Code: 50
ST	T register	as source	Code: 60
SX	X register	as source	Code: 70

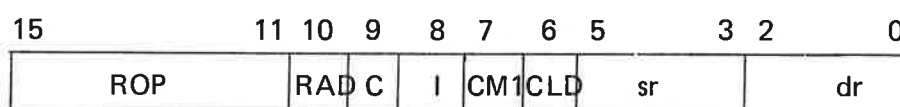
If no source register is specified, zero will be taken as the source register.

The destination registers  $\langle dr \rangle$  are specified as follows:

DD	D register	as destination	Code: 1
DP	Program counter	as destination	Code: 2
DB	B register	as destination	Code: 3

DL	L register	as destination	Code: 4
DA	A register	as destination	Code: 5
DT	T register	as destination	Code: 6
DX	X register	as destination	Code: 7

### 3.2.3.1 ROP Register Operation Instructions



The instruction decodes bits 0-10 as follows:

Bits 0-2 specify one out of seven registers to be the destination register. The destination register will be loaded with the result of the ROP instruction.

dr = 0: Normally, a no operation instruction, except that the carry indicator will be reset if RAD = 1.

Bits 3-5 specify the one out of eight registers which contain the value to be used as the source register operand.

sr = 0: Produces a source value equal to zero.

CLD = 1: Clear destination register before operation. If the source and the destination register are the same, the register as source is not cleared.

CM1 = 1: Use complement (one's complement) of source register as operand. The source register remains unchanged.

Bits 8 and 9 are decoded in two different ways, depending on whether the RAD bit is zero or one.

RAD = 1: Add source to destination.

When RAD = 1, bits C and I are decoded as follows:

C = 1,  
I = 0: Also add old carry to destination, ADC.

C = 0,  
I = 1: Also add 1 to destination, AD1.

It is not possible to both add previous carry and to add 1 in the same ROP instruction. (If this is attempted, 1 will be added regardless of the status of the carry indicator.)

RAD = 0: Binary register operations.

The C and I bits are decoded as follows:

C,I=0,0: Register swap, destination and source exchanged, SWAP

C,I=0,1: Logical and, RAND

C,I=1,0: Logical exclusive or, REXO

C,I=1,1: Logical inclusive or, RORA

If RAD = 1, the overflow and carry indicators are set according to the same rules as apply for ADD: if RAD = 0, the overflow and carry indicators remain unchanged.

The following groups of ROP mnemonics are mutually exclusive, i.e., only one may be used in a ROP instruction.

(SD, SP, SB, SL, SA, ST, SX)

Only one source register must be specified.

(DD, DP, DB, DL, DA, DT, DX)

Only one destination register must be specified.

(ADC, AD1)

Both 1 and old carry cannot be added in the same instruction.

(RADD, RSUB, SWAP, RAND, REXO, RORA, COPY)

Only one type of operation must be specified.

(ADC, AD1, SWAP, RAND, REXO, RORA)

Add 1 or add carry may not be used together with the binary register operations.

(RSUB, CM1, ADC, AD1)

RSUB uses CM1 and AD1.

The recommended way to specify ROP instructions is to use the following mnemonics which will be correctly translated by the assembly language.

RADD,  $dr \leftarrow dr + sr$  Register addition  
 RSUB,  $dr \leftarrow dr - sr$  Register subtraction  
 RAND,  $dr \leftarrow dr \wedge sr$  Register logical AND  
 RORA,  $dr \leftarrow dr \vee sr$  Register logical OR  
 REXO,  $dr \leftarrow dr \nabla sr$  Register logical exclusive OR  
 SWAP,  $dr \leftrightarrow sr$  Register exchange  
 COPY,  $dr \leftarrow sr$  Register transfer

Note that the ROP instruction is included in the above mentioned mnemonics.

Time: RADD, RSUB, RAND, REXO, RORA  $0.6 \mu s$

Time: SWAP  $1.4 \mu s$

If the P register is used as destination (DP), an additional micro cycle (260 ns) will be required.

The assembly language will also permit use of the following combined mnemonics:

CM2	= CM1 AD1	Two's complement
EXIT	= COPY SL DP	Return from subroutine
RCLR	= COPY 0	Register clear
RINC	= RADD AD1	Register increment
RDCR	= RADD CM1	Register decrement

The mnemonics RCLR, RINC and RDCR should be followed only by the destination register specifications.

Some examples of use of the ROP instruction.

Example 1:

Add the contents of the A and X registers with the result in the X register:

RADD SA DX

Example 2:

Complement (two's complement) the A register:

COPY CM2 SA DA

Decoding of				Result of Instructions
RAD	C - CM1 CLD	Instructions		
0 0 0 0 0		SWAP		$\langle sr \rangle \leftrightarrow \langle dr \rangle$
0 0 0 0 1		SWAP	CLD	$\langle dr \rangle \leftarrow \langle sr \rangle, sr \leftarrow 0$
0 0 0 1 0		SWAP	CM1	$\langle dr \rangle \leftarrow \overline{\langle sr \rangle}, sr \leftarrow \langle dr \rangle$
0 0 0 1 1		SWAP	CM1 CLD	$\langle dr \rangle \leftarrow \overline{\langle sr \rangle}, sr \leftarrow 0$
0 0 1 0 0		RAND		$\langle dr \rangle \leftarrow \langle dr \rangle \wedge sr$
0 0 1 0 1		RAND	CLD	$\langle dr \rangle \leftarrow 0$
0 0 1 1 0		RAND	CM1	$\langle dr \rangle \leftarrow \langle dr \rangle \wedge \overline{sr}$
0 0 1 1 1		RAND	CM1 CLD	$\langle dr \rangle \leftarrow 0$
0 1 0 0 0		REXO		$\langle dr \rangle \leftarrow \langle dr \rangle \vee sr$
0 1 0 0 1		REXO	CLD	$\langle dr \rangle \leftarrow sr$
0 1 0 1 0		REXO	CM1	$\langle dr \rangle \leftarrow \langle dr \rangle \vee \overline{sr}$
0 1 0 1 1		REXO	CM1 CLD	$\langle dr \rangle \leftarrow \overline{sr}$
0 1 1 0 0		RORA		$\langle dr \rangle \leftarrow \langle dr \rangle \vee sr$
0 1 1 0 1		RORA	CLD	$\langle dr \rangle \leftarrow sr$
0 1 1 1 0		RORA	CM1	$\langle dr \rangle \leftarrow \langle dr \rangle \vee \overline{sr}$
0 1 1 1 1		RORA	CM1 CLD	$\langle dr \rangle \leftarrow \overline{sr}$
1 0 0 0 0		RADD	1)	$\langle dr \rangle \leftarrow \langle dr \rangle + sr$
1 0 0 0 1		RADD	1) CLD	$\langle dr \rangle \leftarrow sr$
1 0 0 1 0		RADD	1) CM1	$\langle dr \rangle \leftarrow \langle dr \rangle + \overline{sr}$
1 0 0 1 1		RADD	1) CM1 CLD	$\langle dr \rangle \leftarrow \overline{sr}$
1 0 1 0 0		RADD	1) AD1	$\langle dr \rangle \leftarrow \langle dr \rangle + sr + 1$
1 0 1 0 1		RADD	2) AD1 CLD	$\langle dr \rangle \leftarrow sr + 1$
1 0 1 1 0		RADD	1-2) AD1 CM1	$\langle dr \rangle \leftarrow \langle dr \rangle - sr$
1 0 1 1 1		RADD	1-2) AD1 CM1 CLD	$\langle dr \rangle \leftarrow -sr$
1 1 0 0 0		RADD	1) ADC	$\langle dr \rangle \leftarrow \langle dr \rangle + sr + c$
1 1 0 0 1		RADD	1) ADC CLD	$\langle dr \rangle \leftarrow sr + c$
1 1 0 1 0		RADD	1) ADC CM1	$\langle dr \rangle \leftarrow \langle dr \rangle + \overline{sr} + c$
1 1 0 1 1		RADD	1) ADC CM1 CLD	$\langle dr \rangle \leftarrow \overline{sr} + c$
1 1 1 0 0	} not applicable			
1 1 1 0 1				
1 1 1 1 0				
1 1 1 1 1				

Table 3.2: The ROP Instruction

This table shows all possible combinations of the ROP instructions and their results.

dr destination register  
 sr source register  
 $\overline{sr}$  one's complement of sr  
 c old carry

- 1) RADD CLD is equal to COPY  
 2) RADD AD1 CM1 is equal to RSUB

Example 3:

Subtract the contents of the T register from the contents of the B register, with the result in the B register:

RSUB ST DB

Example 4:

Increment the X register by one:

RINC DX

Example 5:

Decrement the L register by one. (One's complement of zero equals -1 in two's complement.):

RDCR DL

Example 6:

Clear the T register:

RCLR DT

Example 7:

Set the X register equal to one:

RCLR AD1 DX

Example 8:

Set the B register equal to minus one:

RCLR CM1 DB

Example 9:

Copy the contents of the X register into the T register:

COPY SX DT

Example 10:

Exchange the contents of the A and D registers:

```
SWAP DA DD
```

Example 11:

Form logical AND between the contents of the L and X registers with the result in the X register:

```
RAND SL DX
```

Example 12:

Copy the contents of the A register into the X register and clear the A register (the CLD code causes a destination register of zero to be swapped):

```
SWAP CLD SA DX
```

Some short programs using ROP instructions:

Example 13:

Form the two's complement of the 32 bit double word in A and D:

```
COPY CM2 SD DD
COPY CM1 ADC SA DA
```

Example 14:

Add together the two double word length numbers N1 and N2 with the result in the A and D registers:

```
LDD N1
SWAP SA DD
ADD N2+1
SWAP SA DD
RADD ADC DA
ADD N2
```

Example 15:

Subroutine jump, and return from subroutine to main program:

ERR, NORM,	JPL WAIT	SUBR	% ERROR STOP
-----			
SUBR,	LDA	OLA	
	SUB	PER	
	SKP	IF	DA EQL 0
		EXIT	% ERROR EXIT
		EXIT	AD1

The JPL instruction will place the address of the WAIT instruction into the L register. (When JPL is executed, the program counter points to the address after this instruction.)

The subroutine SUBR has two exits, one to the location immediately following the jump (EXIT), which in this case is an error exit, and one to the location two addresses after the jump.

Note: If the P register is used as source (SP), the P register has already been incremented and points to the next instruction.

### 3.2.3.2 EXTended Register Operation Instructions

RMPY Integer inter-register multiply Code: 141 200

Format: RMPY <sr> <dr>

The sr and dr fields are used to specify the two operands to be multiplied (represented as two's complement integers), the codes are the same as for ROP (see Section 3.2.3).

The result is a 32-bit signed integer which will be placed in the A and D registers with the 16 most significant bits in the A register and the 16 least significant bits in the D register.

Affected: (A), (D)

Time: 7.9  $\mu$ s



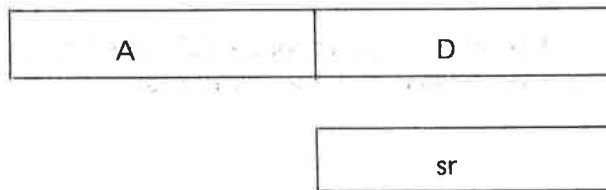
RDIV Integer inter-register divide Code: 141 600

Format: RDIV <sr>

The 32-bit signed integer contained in the double accumulator AD is divided by the contents of the register in the sr field, with the quotient in the A register and the remainder in the D register, i.e.,  $AD/sr \rightarrow A \leftarrow \text{quotient}, D \leftarrow \text{remainder}$ .

The sign of the remainder is always equal to the dividend (AD). The destination field of the instruction is not used. If the division causes overflow, the error indicator Z is set to one.

The numbers are considered as fixed point integers with the fixed point after the right-most position.



Affected: (A), (D), Z, C, O, Q Time: 11.8  $\mu$ s

Example:

Before Division:		After Division:		
Double accumulator	Divisor	A	D	Z
22	4	5	2	0
-22	4	-5	-2	0
378452	-16	-23653	-4	0
32767	1	32767	0	0
32768	1			1
65535	2	32762	1	0

EXR Execute register Code: 140 600

Format: EXR <sr>

The contents of the register specified in the <sr> field of the instruction are transferred to the instruction register, and the contents are then executed as an instruction.

Note: If the instruction specified by the contents of <sr> is a memory reference instruction with relative addressing, the address will be relative to the EXR <sr> instruction. If the instruction specified by the contents of <sr> is a JPL instruction, the L register will point to the instruction after the EXR <sr>. Note also that it is illegal to have an EXR <sr>, where the contents of <sr> are a new EXR <sr>, if it is tried, the error indicator Z is set to one.

Affected: (IR), affections of the specified instructions.

Time: 2.0  $\mu$ s

MIX 3 Multiply index by 3

Code: 143 200

Format: MIX3

The X register is set equal to the contents of the A register minus one multiplied by three, i.e.,

$$(X) \leftarrow [(A) - 1] * 3$$

Affected: (X)

Time: 1.0  $\mu$ s

### 3.2.3.3 Inter Level Register Instructions

In the NORD-10/S there are 16 complete sets of registers and status indicators, one set for each level.

The access to and from registers outside the current program level is by two instructions:

IRR Inter Register Read  
IRW Inter Register Write

The format of this instruction is as follows:



Bits 0-2 specify the register to be read, using the same codes and mnemonics as are used for specifying destination registers for the register operations. Refer to Section 3.2.3.

Bits 3-6 specify the program level number. It is possible to read the current program level as well as all outside program levels.

IRR      Inter register read      Code: 153 600

Format: IRR <level<sub>g</sub> \* 10<sub>g</sub>> <dr>

This instruction is used to read into the A register on current program level one of the general registers inside/outside current program level. If bits 0-2 are zero, the status register on specified program level will be read into the A register bits 1-7, with bits 8-15 and bit 0 cleared. The IRR instruction is privileged.

Time: 1.4 μs

Example:

The instruction IRR 160 DP will copy the contents of the program counter on program level 14 into the A register on current program level.

IRW      Inter register write      Code: 153 400

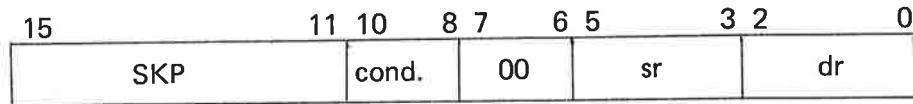
Format: IRW <level<sub>g</sub> \* 10<sub>g</sub>> <dr>

This instruction is used to write the A register on current program level into one of the general registers. It is also possible to write into the registers on current level. Then, if the P register is specified, the IRW instruction will be a dummy instruction. If bits 0-2 are zero, the A register bits 1-7 are written into the status register on specified level. The IRW instruction is privileged.

Time: 1.4 μs

Example:

The instruction IRW 110 will copy the bits 0-7 of the A register on current program level into the status register on program level 9.

3.2.4 *Skip Instructions*

SKP      Skip next instruction if specified condition is true.      Code: 140 000

Format: SKP <dr> <cond.> <sr>

The cond. field specifies one of eight conditions between the registers dr and sr. If the specified condition is true, the next instruction is skipped. If not, the next instruction is not skipped. The register dr (destination register) and sr (source register) are specified as for register operation registers. See Section 3.2.3.

Note that bits 6 and 7 are both zero. Otherwise, the instruction would belong to the EXTended instruction. See Section 3.2.3.2.

The SKP conditions test upon the result of the arithmetic expression  $(dr) - (sr)$  which set the four indicators:

s    sign  
z    result zero  
c    carry  
o    overflow

Time:  
No skip: 0.8  $\mu$ s  
Skip: 1.1  $\mu$ s

The eight SKP conditions are as follows: (next page)

Mnemonic	Condition field	Condition true if:	
EQL	0 0 0	$z = 1$	Equal. The condition tests for equality between the source and destination registers $(dr) = (sr) = 0$ .
GEQ	0 0 1	$s = 0$	Greater or equal to. $(dr) - (sr) \geq 0$ . The contents of the source and destination registers are treated as signed numbers. Overflow is not taken care of.
GRE	0 1 0	$sVo = 0$	Greater or equal to. $(dr) - (sr) \geq 0$ . The contents of the source and destination registers are treated as signed numbers. Overflow is taken care of.
MGRE	0 1 1	$c = 1$	Magnitude greater or equal to. $(dr) - (sr) \geq 0$ . The contents of the source and destination registers are treated as unsigned magnitudes, where 000 000 is the lowest and 177 777 the highest number. Overflow is taken care of.
UEQ	1 0 0	$z = 0$	Unequal to. The condition tests for equality between the source and destination registers $(dr) \neq (sr) \neq 0$ .
LSS	1 0 1	$s = 1$	Less than $(dr) - (sr) < 0$ . The contents of the source and destination registers are treated as signed numbers. Overflow is not taken care of.
LST	1 1 0	$sVo = 1$	Less than $(dr) - (sr) < 0$ . The contents of the destination and source registers are treated as signed numbers. Overflow is taken care of.

Mnemonic	Condition field	Condition true if:	
MLST	1 1 1	$c = 0$	Magnitude less than $(dr) - (sr) < 0$ . The contents of the source and destination registers are treated as unsigned magnitudes, where 000 000 is the lowest number and 177 777 is the highest number. Overflow is taken care of.

By swapping the register code in the sr and dr fields and inverting the relationship code, it is also possible to test these relationships.

- > Greater than
- ≤ Less than or equal

The programmer is advised to use the same format as in these examples when specifying a skip instruction. (The mnemonic IF and the number 0, which both have the value zero, are used for easy readability.)

Comparing a register with zero:

```

SKP IF DL UEQ 0 Skip if L register ≠ 0
SKP IF DX GRE 0 Skip if X register ≥ 0
SKP IF DB LSS 0 Skip if B register < 0
SKP IF 0 LSS ST Skip if T register > 0
SKP IF 0 GRE SD Skip if D register < 0

```

Comparing the arithmetic value of the contents of two registers:

```

SKP IF DD EQL SL Skip if D register = L register
SKP IF DT UEQ SX Skip if T register ≠ X register
SKP IF DB LSS SA Skip if B register < A register or
Skip if A register > B register
SKP IF DX GRE SB Skip if X register ≥ B register or
Skip if B register ≤ X register

```

Comparing two magnitude numbers:

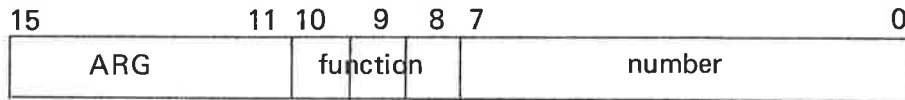
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SKP IF DL MGRE ST Skip if L register ≥ T register or
Skip if T register ≤ L register
SKP IF DB MLST SX Skip if B register < X register or
Skip if X register > B register

```

The magnitude tests are especially useful when comparing the relationship between memory addresses which are represented as magnitude numbers in a computer with more than 32K memory.

### 3.2.5 *Argument Instructions*



Argument instructions operate on registers. The function field is used to specify one out of eight argument instructions. The number field is used to specify the argument, a signed number ranging from -128 to 127.

Bits 8 and 9 in the function field specify one out of four registers, B, A, T or X, and bit 10 one of the operations: set argument to or add argument to.

The eight argument instructions are:

SAA     Set argument to A register                     Code: 170 400

Format: SAA <number>

AAA     Add argument to A register                     Code: 172 400

Format: AAA <number>

SAX     Set argument to X register                     Code: 171 400

Format: SAX <number>

AAX     Add argument to X register                     Code: 173 400

Format: AAX <number>

SAT     Set argument to T register                     Code: 171 000

Format: SAT <number>

AAT     Add argument to T register                     Code: 173 000

Format: AAT <number>

SAB     Set argument to B register                     Code: 170 000

Format: SAB <number>

AAB      Add argument to B register      Code: 172 000

Format: AAB <number>

Time: 1.1  $\mu$ s

An argument instruction should be specified by means of one of the eight mnemonics listed above.

Examples of argument instructions:

Example 1:

Set the contents of the T register equal to  $13_g$ . Bits 8-15 will become zero:

SAT  $13_g$

Example 2:

Set the contents of the B register equal to  $-26_g$ . Bits 8-15 will become one, sign extension:

SAB  $-26_g$

Example 3:

Add 3 to the contents of the X register. The addition is modulo  $2^{15}$ .

AAX 3

Example 4:

Subtract 6 from the contents of the A register (module  $2^{15}$ ).

AAA -6

Example 5:

The contents of the A register will be  $177\ 640_g$  after the execution of this instruction (sign extension).

SAA  $-140_g$

In an add argument instruction the carry and overflow indicators are set according to the same rules as apply for the ADD instruction. See Section 3.1.4.



### 3.2.6 Bit Operation Instructions



**BOP** Bit Operation

The BOP instruction specifies operation on single bits in one of the seven general registers, or the status register.

The specific bit to be manipulated is specified by the <dr> and <bn> fields in the instruction. The <dr> field specifies the particular register and the <bn> field the particular bit in that register.

The register dr is specified by means of the same mnemonics as used for destination registers in the ROP and SKP instructions (see Section 3.2.3), *except* if dr = 0 the status register is specified.

The BOP instruction may use a one bit accumulator register, K, to hold temporary results.

Sixteen different sub-instructions are available in the BOP instruction.

In the following description "bit" means the bit specified by destination register dr and bit number bn. Note that bn is specified by octal numbers and the "bits" are numbered 0, 10, 20, 30, . . . , 170.

The eight control indicators of the status register which may be operated upon by means of the BOP instruction should be specified with the following mnemonics: (Subscript<sub>0</sub> signifies the complement of the specified bit.)

SSPTM	Page table mode (SSPTM = 0)
SSTG	Rounding indicator for floating point operations
SSK	One bit accumulator indicator
SSZ	Error indicator
SSQ	Dynamic overflow indicator
SSO	Static overflow indicator
SSC	Carry indicator
SSM	Multi-shift link indicator

### 3.2.6.1 Bit Skip Instructions

Four sub-instructions are available to test the setting of the specified bit.

BSKP ZRO <bn> <dr>           Skip next instruction if bit = 0.  
Time: 1.1/1.4  $\mu$ s\*

BSKP ONE <bn> <dr>           Skip next instruction if bit = 1  
Time: 1.1/1.4  $\mu$ s\*

BSKP BCM <bn> <dr>           Skip next instruction if bit<sub>0</sub> = K  
Time: 1.7/1.9  $\mu$ s\*

BSKP BAC <bn> <dr>           Skip next instruction if bit = K  
Time: 1.7/1.9  $\mu$ s\*

### 3.2.6.2 Bit Setting Instructions

Four sub-instructions are available to set the specified bit.

BSET ZRO <bn> <dr>           bit  $\leftarrow$  0  
Time: 0.6  $\mu$ s

BSET ONE <bn> <dr>           bit  $\leftarrow$  1  
Time: 0.6  $\mu$ s

BSET BCM <bn> <dr>           bit  $\leftarrow$  bit<sub>0</sub>, complement bit  
Time: 0.6  $\mu$ s

BSET BAC <bn> <dr>           bit  $\leftarrow$  K  
Time: 1.4  $\mu$ s

—  
 \* False/True

### 3.2.6.3 One Bit Accumulator Instructions

Eight sub-instructions are available to specify operations between the specified bit and the one bit accumulator, K.

BSTA <bn> <dr>	$\text{bit} \leftarrow K, K \leftarrow 0$	Store and clear Time: 1.6 $\mu\text{s}$
BSTC <bn> <dr>	$\text{bit} \leftarrow K_0, K \leftarrow 1$	Store complement and set. Time: 1.6 $\mu\text{s}$
BLDA <bn> <dr>	$K \leftarrow \text{bit}$	Load Time: 1.4 $\mu\text{s}$
BLDC <bn> <dr>	$K \leftarrow \text{bit}_0$	Load complement Time: 1.4 $\mu\text{s}$
BANC <bn> <dr>	$K \leftarrow \text{bit}_0 \wedge K$	Logical AND complement Time: 1.4 $\mu\text{s}$
BORC <bn> <dr>	$K \leftarrow \text{bit}_0 \vee K$	Logical OR complement Time: 1.4 $\mu\text{s}$
BAND <bn> <dr>	$K \leftarrow \text{bit} \wedge K$	Logical AND Time: 1.4 $\mu\text{s}$
BORA <bn> <dr>	$K \leftarrow \text{bit} \vee K$	Logical OR Time: 1.4 $\mu\text{s}$

Some examples of correctly specified bit operation instructions.

Example 1:

Skip next instruction if the carry indicator is set.

BSKP ONE SSC

Example 2:

Reset the static overflow indicator.

BSET ZRO SSO

Example 3:

Complement the sign bit in the T register (complement a floating point number).

BSET BCM 170<sub>8</sub> DT

Example 4:

Set bit 6 in the X register to one.

BSET ONE 60<sub>8</sub> DX

Example 5:

Copy A register bit 14 into X register bit.

BLDA 160<sub>8</sub> DA      % K ← A bit 14  
BSET BAC 150<sub>8</sub> DX    % X bit 13 ←, K ← 0

### 3.2.7 *Accumulator Transfer Instructions*

The internal registers in NORD-10/S which cannot be reached by the register instructions are controlled by the following four instructions:

TRA	Transfer to A register (Section 3.2.7.1)
TRR	Transfer from A register (Section 3.2.7.2)
MCL	Masked clear (Section 3.2.7.2)
MST	Masked set (Section 3.2.7.2)

The registers which are read and/or controlled by these instructions are:

Name	Code <sub>g</sub>	Description
STS	1	Status register. Bits 0-7 may be read or set, while bits 8-11 (PL), bit 14 (PONI) and bit 15 (IONI) may only be read.
OPR	2	Operator's panel switch register (see Section 7.2).
LMP	2	Operator' panel lamp register (see Section 7.3).
PGS	3	Paging status register (see Section 6.5.2).
PCR	3	Paging control register (see Section 6.3.1)
PVL	4	Previous level. The contents of the register are: $IRR \langle \text{previous level} * 10_g \rangle DP$ (see Section 5.4).
IIC	5	Internal interrupt code (see Section 5.4)
IIE	5	Internal interrupt enable (see Section 5.4)
PID	6	Priority interrupt detect (see Section 5.1)
PIE	7	Priority interrupt enable (see Section 5.1)
CCLR	10	Clear cache (see Section 9.3.2)
CSR	10	Cache status register (see Section 9.3.3)
ALD	12	Automatic load descriptor (see Section 8.2.4)
CILR	12	Cache inhibit limits register (see Section 9.2.5)
PES	13	Memory error status (see Section 5.4.11)
ECCR	15	Error correction control register (see Section 5.5.2)
PEA	15	Memory error address (see Section 5.4.11)

**Table 3.3:** *Survey of Registers Controlled by Accumulator Transfer Instructions*

Codes not shown should not be used. See also Table 3.4.

There are also two instructions for accessing single registers outside current program level (see Section 3.2.3.3).

### 3.2.7.1 Transfer to A Register

TRA      Transfer to A register      Code: 150 000

Format: TRA <register name>

The register which may be transferred to the A register with the TRA instruction is shown in Table 3.4. The contents of the register specified by the <register name> are copied into the A register. The operator's panel and the paging systems are optional, and without these options a TRA instruction, which tries to read a non-implemented register, will cause the A register to be cleared. The TRA instruction is privileged.

Time: 2.1  $\mu$ s

### 3.2.7.2 Transfer from A Register

The transfer from the A register may be either an ordinary transfer of all 16 bits or a selective setting of zeros and ones.

The three sub-instructions are:

TRR      Transfer to register      Code: 150 100

Format: TRR <register name>

The contents of the A register are copied in the A register specified by <register name>. The registers which TRR may operate on are shown in Table 3.4. The TRR instruction is privileged.

Time: 2.4  $\mu$ s

MCL      Masked clear      Code: 150 200

Format: MCL <register name>

For each bit which is a one in the A register the corresponding bit specified by <register name> will be set to zero. The register which MCL may operate on is shown in Table 3.4. The MCL instruction is privileged.

Time: 2.9  $\mu$ s

MST Masked set

Code: 150 300

Format: MST &lt;register name&gt;

For each bit which is a one in the A register the corresponding bit in the register specified by <register name> will be set to one. The registers which MST may operate on are shown in Table 3.4. The MST instruction is privileged.

Time: 2.9  $\mu$ s

Register Name	Code <sub>8</sub>	TRA	TRR	MCL	MST
STS	1	x	x	x	x
OPR	2	x			
LMP	2		x		
PGS	3	x			
PCR	3		x		
PVL	4	x			
IIC	5	x			
IIE	5		x		
PID	6	x	x	x	x
PIE	7	x	x	x	x
CCLR	10		x		
CSR	10	x			
ALD	12	x			
CILR	12		x		
PES	13	x			
ECCR	15		x		
PEA	15	x			

Table 3.4: Accumulator Transfer Instructions

### 3.3 INPUT/OUTPUT CONTROL INSTRUCTIONS

IOX      Input/Output execute      Code: 164 000

Format: IOX <device register address>

Time: 1.7  $\mu$ s



All program controlled transfers between the CPU A register and the external devices are controlled by using the IOX instruction. The IOX instruction is loaded into the instruction register, IR, of the CPU. The CPU in its turn generates the Input/Output timing and enables the selection of the appropriate device, which is specified by its device register address, <device register address>, bits 0-10. These 11 bits define an upper limit of 2048 device register addresses to the number of registers that may be addressed. Some registers may require two device register addresses, one for reading and one for writing. Different devices will, however, require different number of devices register addresses. Thus, the maximum number of physical devices that may be connected will depend on the specific configuration of devices.

Simple devices will usually require at least three different instructions (addresses), write control register, read status register, and read or write data buffer register. More complex devices like magnetic tape units may need up to eight instructions. Instructions for the same device are assigned successive device register addresses.

The IOX instruction is privileged. See Section 6.5.1.

#### 3.3.1 Recommended Device Addresses

Device addresses used for Norsk Data A.S. produced equipment on a standard Input/Output bus follow a preset assignment. The standard address formats for the different groups of devices are shown in Figure 3.5.



Device Group	Standard Group Address	Address Bits									
		10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Directly controlled registers	e 000	0	e	0	0	0	register number				
Synchronous Modems	e 100	0	e	0	0	1	modem no.	channel	control	transfer	
Asynchronous Modems	e 200	0	e	0	1	0	display no.	channel	control	transfer	
Teletypes	e 300	0	e	0	1	1	Teletype no.	channel	control	transfer	
Paper tape devices, line printers, etc.	e 400	0	e	1	0	0	device type	channel	control	transfer	
Mass storage devices	e 500	0	e	1	0	1	mass storage no.	reg. no.	transfer		
Plotters, other DMA devices	e 600	0	e	1	1	0	device type + reg. no.	control	transfer		
Miscellaneous	e 700	0	e	1	1	1		transfer			

2000  
1000  
400  
200  
100  
40  
20  
10  
4  
2  
1

**Table 3.5:** Standard Device Addresses for Norsk Data Produced Equipment

The e bit is used for extension of the groups, extension: e = 1.  
The e is normally equal to zero.

channel =  $\begin{cases} 0 & \text{input channel, i.e., input devices} \\ 1 & \text{output channel, i.e., output devices} \end{cases}$

control =  $\begin{cases} 0 & \text{data register} \\ 1 & \text{status or control registers} \end{cases}$

transfer =  $\begin{cases} 0 & \text{input transfer} \\ 1 & \text{output transfer} \end{cases}$

Bit 10 is used to distinguish between Norsk Data produced and customer produced equipment, bit 10 equals zero: Norsk Data produced equipment.

In the following, some examples are given of device addresses. For further programming specifications a NORD-10 Input/Output manual should be consulted.

Example 1:

Teletype Addresses

The codes below are relevant for the first Teletype, Teletype number 0. The codes for the first eight Teletypes are found by adding  $10_8 * N$  for the codes given, where N is the specific Teletype number.

Input Channel

IOX 300	Read Data Register
IOX 302	Read Status Register
IOX 303	Write Control Register

Output Channel

IOX 305	Write Data Register
IOX 306	Read Status Register
IOX 307	Write Control Register

Example 2:

Paper Tape Reader Addresses

IOX 400	Read Data Register
IOX 402	Read Status Register
IOX 403	Write Control Register

Example 3:

Paper Tape Punch Addresses

IOX 411	Write Data Register
IOX 412	Read Status Register
IOX 413	Write Control Register

Example 4:

## Line Printer Addresses:

IOX 431	Write Data Register
IOX 432	Read Status Register
IOX 433	Write Control Register

Example 5:

The standard device addresses for some of the mass storage devices are as follows:

500	Disk I with four units
510	Disk II with four units
520	Magnetic tape I with four units
530	Magnetic tape II with four units
540	Drum I
550	Drum II
560	Drum III
570	Drum IV

and the standard register addresses within each device:

0	Core Address Register
3	Sector Block Address Register
4	Status Control Register
7	Word Count Register

Example 6:

## Drum Addresses

The codes below are relevant for drum I.

IOX 540	Read Core Address
IOX 541	Load Core Address
IOX 542	Read Sector Counter
IOX 543	Load Block Address
IOX 544	Read Status Register
IOX 545	Load Control Register
IOX 547	Load Word Count Register

### 3.3.2 *Format of Status and Control Word*

The format of status and control word may be assigned by the designer of each device controller. The following standard is used by Norsk Data for its own device control cards (when applicable) and is recommended for customer use.

#### Status Word

Bit	0	Ready for transfer, interrupt enabled
	1	Error interrupt enabled
	2	Device active
	3	Device ready for transfer
	4	Inclusive OR of errors
	5	Error indicator
	6	Error indicator
	7	Error indicator
	8	Error indicator
	9	Error indicator
	10	Error indicator
	11	Operational mode of device
	12	Operational mode of device
	13	Operational mode of device
	14	Operational mode of device
	15	Operational mode of device

#### Control Word

Bit	0	Enable interrupt on device ready for transfer
	1	Enable interrupt on errors
	2	Activate device
	3	Test mode
	4	Device clear
	5	Address bit 16
	6	Address bit 17
	7	Not assigned
	8	Not assigned
	9	Unit
	10	Unit
	11	Device operation
	12	Device operation
	13	Device operation
	14	Device operation
	15	Device operation

### 3.4 SYSTEM CONTROL INSTRUCTIONS

The following seven instruction are denoted as the system control instructions:

ION	Interrupt system on
IOF	Interrupt system off
IDENT	Identify Input/Output interrupt
PON	Memory management on
POF	Memory management off
MON	Monitor call
WAIT	Wait or give up priority

Except from the MON instruction, all the system control instructions belong to the class of privileged instructions. See Section 6.5.1.

#### 3.4.1 Interrupt Control Instructions

Note: A complete description of the NORD-10/S Interrupt System is found in Chapter 5.

The NORD-10/S computer has a priority interrupt system with 16 program levels. Each program level has its own set of registers and status indicators. The priority is increasing: program level 15 has the highest priority, program level 0 the lowest.

The arrangement of the 16 program levels are as follows:

15	Reserved extremely fast user interrupts
14	Internal hardware status interrupts
13-10	Vectored interrupts, maximum 2048 vectored interrupts
9-8	System programming
7-0	User programming levels

All 16 program levels can be activated by program control. In addition, program level 15, 13, 12, 11 and 10 may also be activated from external devices.

The program level to run is controlled from the two 16-bit registers:

PIE	Priority interrupt enable
PID	Priority interrupt detect

Each bit in the two registers is associated with the corresponding program level. The PIE register is controlled by program only.



In addition, the following three registers are available to ease the interrupt programming:

- IIE Internal interrupt enable
- IIC Internal interrupt code
- PVL Previous level causing internal hardware status interrupt

Their uses are found in Section 5.4. In NORD-10/S there are possibilities for 2048 vectored Input/Output interrupts where each physical Input/Output unit will have its own unique identification code and priority. The IDENT instruction is used to distinguish between vectored interrupts.

IDENT Identify vectored interrupts Code: 143 600

Format: IDENT <program level number>

When a vectored interrupt occurs, the IDENT instruction is used to identify and service the actual Input/Output device causing the interrupt. Actually, there are four IDENT instructions, one to identify and serve Input/Output interrupts on each of the four levels 10, 11, 12 and 13. The particular level to serve is specified by the program level number.

The four instructions are:

IDENT	PL10	Identify Input/Output interrupt on level 10	Code: 143 604
IDENT	PL11	Identify Input/Output interrupt on level 11	Code: 143 611
IDENT	PL12	Identify Input/Output interrupt on level 12	Code: 143 622
IDENT	PL13	Identify Input/Output interrupt on level 13	Code: 143 643

The identification code of the Input/Output device is returned to bits 0-8 on the A register with bits 9-15 all zeros.

If the IDENT instruction is executed, but there is no device to serve, the A register is unchanged. An IOX error interrupt to level 14 will occur if enabled. Refer to Section 5.4.7.

If several devices on the same program level have simultaneous interrupts, the priority is determined by which Input/Output Slot the device is plugged into, and the interrupt line to the corresponding PID bit will remain active until all devices have been serviced. When a device responds to an IDENT, it turns off its interrupt signal. The IDENT instruction is privileged. See Section 6.5.1.

Time: 1.9  $\mu$ s

For NORD-10/S the identification codes are standardized for Input/Output devices delivered from Norsk Data.

Table 3.6 shows the IOX addresses and IDENT codes used in standard software.

### 3.4.2 *Memory Management Control Instructions*

A full description of memory management is given in Chapter 6. The paging system is controlled by the two privileged instructions:

PON and POF

PON      Memory management on      Code: 150 410

Format: PON

This instruction should only be used with the interrupt system on and with the necessary internal hardware status interrupts enabled. The page index tables and the PCR registers should be initialized before PON is executed. The PON instruction is privileged. See Section 6.5.1.

The instruction executed after the PON instruction will use the page index table specified by PCR.

Time: 1.1  $\mu$ s



POF      Memory management off      Code: 150 404

Format: POF

This instruction is a privileged instruction and may only be executed if the ring bits are 11 or 10. See Section 6.5.

The instruction will turn off the memory management system, and the next instruction will be taken from a physical address (in lower 64K), specified by the virtual address following the POF instruction.

The CPU will be in an unrestricted mode without any hardware protection features, i.e., all instructions are legal and all memory "available".

Time: 1.1  $\mu$ s

### 3.4.3      *Monitor Call Instruction*

MON      Monitor Call      Code: 153 000

Format: MON <number>

The instruction is used for monitor calls, and causes an internal interrupt to program level 14. The parameter <number> following MON must be specified between  $-200g$  and  $177g$ . This provides for 256 different monitor calls. This parameter, sign extended, is also loaded into the T register on program level 14.

Time: 1.6  $\mu$ s

### 3.4.4 *Wait or Give Up Priority*

WAIT Wait

Code: 151 000

Format: WAIT <number<sub>g</sub>>

The WAIT instruction will cause the computer to stop if the interrupt system is not on. The program counter will point to the instruction after the WAIT.

In this programmed wait the STOP button on the operator's panel is lighted. To start the program in the instruction after the WAIT, push the CONTINUE button or type ! on the console TTY.

If the interrupt system is on, WAIT will cause an exit from the program level now operating (the corresponding bit in PID is reset), and the program level with the highest priority will be entered, which normally will then have a lower priority than the program level which executes the WAIT instruction. Therefore, the WAIT instruction means "Give up priority".

If there are no interrupt requests on any program level when the WAIT instruction is executed, program level zero is entered. *A WAIT instruction on program level zero is ignored.*

Note that it is legal to specify WAIT followed by a number less than 400<sub>g</sub>. This may be useful to detect in which location the program stopped. The WAIT instruction is displayed at the operator's panel, IR register. The WAIT instruction is privileged. See Section 6.5.1.

Time: 2.4  $\mu$ s

### 3.5 CUSTOMER SPECIFIED INSTRUCTIONS

The remaining free codes on the skip instruction may be used to augment the NORD-10/S instruction set. The codes to be used for customer specified instructions are as follows:

1401XX	1403XX	1405XX	1407XX
1411XX	1413XX	1415XX	1417XX
1421XX	1423XX	1425XX	1427XX
1431XX	1433XX	1435XX	1437XX

These 16 instructions have provisions for 16 new entry points in a Read-only-memory outside the address space in the 1K standard Read-only memory.

If these instructions are not implemented, they will cause an internal hardware status interrupt to level 14 (ROM out of range).

All the 16 customer specified instructions have the source (sr) and destination (dr) fields available for further specifications.

These fields may either be used to let the customer specified instruction operate on the general registers, or used to augment the number of customer specified instructions.

If the sr and dr fields are used to increase the number of customer specified instructions, up to 1024 instructions may be added.

Norsk Data A.S. should be contacted for further information on specifications and programming rules for the NORD-10/S micro-processor.

DEVICE		STANDARD		EXTENSION	
	Level	IDENT	IOX	IDENT	IOX
Tape punch	10	2,22	410-413, 414-417	32	+1000
Tape reader	12	2,22	400-403, 404-407	32	+1000
Line printer	10	3,23	430-433, 434-437	33	+1000
Card reader	12	3,23	420-423, 424-427	33	+1000
Sync. modem	10, 12	4,14	100-107, 110-117	20, 24	120-127, 130-137
Digital registers	10, 12	17	770-777	27	+1000
Teletype	10, 12	1, 5, 6, 7, 44-47	300-377	50-57	+1000
Async. modem	10, 12	60-67	200-277	70-77	+1000
Analog/digital converter			720-727		+1000
Digital/analog converter			730-737		+1000
Versatec plotter	11	4	600-607	14	+1000
Disk, 10 MB	11	1, 5	500-507, 510-517		
Drum	11	2, 6	540-547, 550-557		
Mag. tape	11	3, 7	520-527, 530-537		
Disk, 33/66/250 MB	11		1540-1547		
Floppy Disk	11		1560-1567		
Real-time clock	13	1	10-13	2	14-17

**Table 3.6:** *Standard IOX addresses and IDENT codes*



## 4 THE INPUT/OUTPUT SYSTEM

### 4.1 INPUT/OUTPUT HARDWARE

#### 4.1.1 *General Description*

In NORD-10/S all Input/Output device interface cards are made to a common standard. The Bus Control modules contain a prewired bus with a number of identical interface slots permitting any mixture of devices without changing the backwiring and plug panel. Device plugs are also to a common standard.

This system permits the use of printed backplane wiring for all wiring within one module. Cable connectors are plugged directly into the backplane.

A Local I/O Bus is controlled by a Bus Receiver, and all devices connected to this module may be programmed for transfer of characters or words one by one via the A register or for transfer directly to memory, direct memory access.

The direct memory access channel, DMA, has a transfer capacity of 1M word/second. There may be a single very high-speed device requiring this speed, or several different slower devices sharing the channel. In the latter case, there will be no channel time overhead in switching between devices. Thus, several devices using the channel simultaneously, will be given a total throughput equivalent to the maximum speed of the channel.

An optional controller which permits control of the devices from two different CPU's, multi-machine environment, is also available.

All modules shown in Figure-4.1 are standard 19" modules. The maximum size memory is 256K. The CPU module contains the CPU and 8 standard memory slots.

The connection between the CPU module and the Bus Control module is through the Main Input/Output Bus. The local bus in the Bus Control module is logically the same general Input/Output bus only separated from the first by electronic switches. Each new Bus Control module requires a Bus Receiver that contains the necessary buffer and control and also 16 memory address registers to be used by the local Input/Output devices in that control module. Thus, in case of DMA transfer, the individual device need not supply the memory address, since this is integrated in the controller.

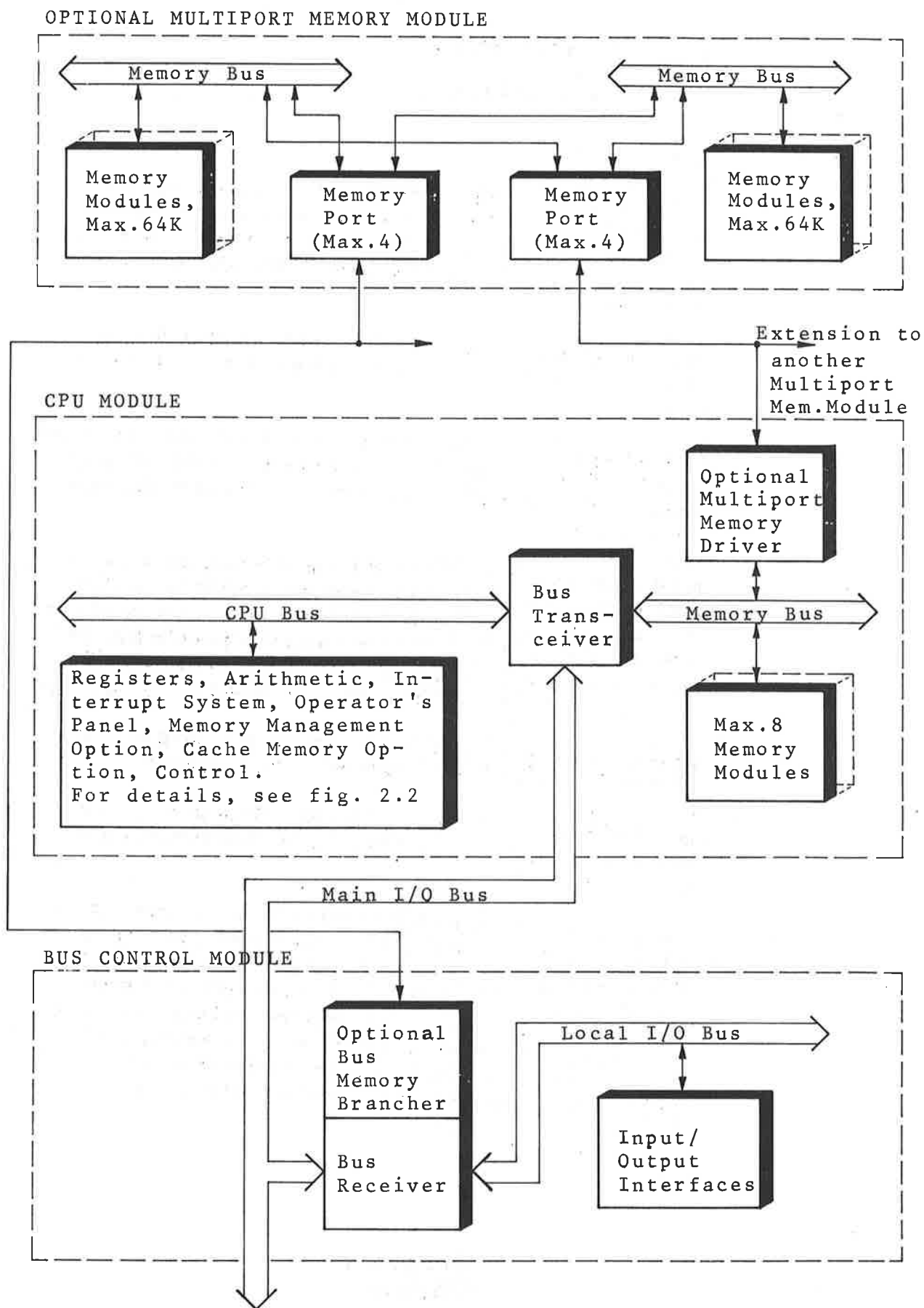


Figure 4.1: NORD-10/S Bus System

The position of the device interface in the modules determines the interrupt priority of the device. If several devices within one module are connected to the same program level, the device closest to the controller has the highest priority within that level. Also, if two devices in the same module compete for a direct memory access, the device closest to the controller has the highest priority and will win the first access.

#### 4.1.2 *Input/Output Bus Architecture*

The general layout of the Input/Output Bus system is shown in Figure 4.1. One of the important features in this structure is the electronic separation of the local I/O bus at each Bus Receiver.

Within each Bus Receiver there are provisions to protect the system from being influenced by malfunctioning devices. This is done by giving each Bus Receiver the possibility of disconnecting the local I/O bus controlled by the Bus Receiver.

For maximum DMA throughput, a Multiport Memory and Bus Memory Brancher should be used. See NORD-10 Input/Output manual (ND-06.004) for hardware details of signal levels, signal definition and timing.

#### 4.1.3 *Vectored Interrupt Identification*

The NORD-10/S has a multiprogram system with 16 program levels. Each program level has a complete set of registers. Of these 16 program levels, 5 are available to external devices. These are: 15, 13, 12, 11 and 10.

Several different interrupt sources may be connected to the program levels 10, 11, 12 and 13, while program level 15 is reserved for extremely fast user Input/Output.

To identify which device is interrupting, a "who are you" type of instruction is used. This returns a 9-bit identification from the interrupting device to the A register. The instruction has the format:

IDENT <program level number>

and is described in Section 3.4.1.

For program level 15, which is exclusively reserved for user Input/Output, there is no identification system, and identification is obtained by reading a status word.



## 4.2 INPUT/OUTPUT PROGRAMMING

The recommended way to perform Input/Output in a software system is to use standard Input/Output subroutines. Input/Output subroutines and drivers for all standard devices are available from Norsk Data A.S.

Data transfer between the A register and an external device will be controlled by IOX instructions containing an 11-bit "Device Register Address" – DRA.

For direct memory access devices, such as disks, drums and magnetic tape, the IOX instruction is used to write or read control information to or from the controller of the specific device. Complex devices, such as those mentioned, may need several DRA's. A punch, reader, Teletype input or Teletype output will require at least three DRA instructions.

The three instructions are:

```
IOX <load device control register>
IOX <read device status register>
IOX <read device data buffer register> or
    <write device data buffer register>
```

Norsk Data's standard for use of the bits in device status and device control register is shown in Section 3.3.1.

The Input/Output system makes it possible for the programmer to control external devices in a tight and flexible manner.

Detailed information about DRA, status, control, etc., for different devices is found in the "Programming Specification" for each device type.

### 4.2.1 Programming Examples

The following example shows a simple subroutine which reads a byte from the tape reader:

```
INPUT,   SAA 4
          IOX DEVC + RDR          % SET CONTROL (ACTIVATE
                                % DEVICE)
          IOX DEVS + RDR         % READ DEVICE STATUS
          BSKP ONE 30 DA         % DEVICE READY?
          JMP * - 2              % NO
          IOX RDEVB + RDR        % READ DEVICE BUFFER
          EXIT

RDR      = 400                  % 1. DRA FOR TAPE READER
DEVC     = 3
DEVS     = 2
RDEVB    = 0
```

Programming examples for complex devices may be found in the appropriate programming manuals.

#### 4.2.2 *Input/Output Interrupt Programming*

Input/Output via waiting loops as shown in the previous section is very ineffective due to the fact that most of the computer time will be spent in the Input/Output loops. This may be avoided by utilizing the interrupt system. An interrupt will occur every time the device is ready for transfer.

The necessary software will normally be:

- Input/Output subroutines which will put a byte into a device buffer. (Software buffers.)
- Interrupt identification sequences on the programming levels which the devices are connected to (using the IDENT instructions).
- Interrupt drivers for each device type. The identification sequence will branch to the driver of the interrupting device. The driver will fetch a byte from the device buffer and output it to the device (output device) or read a byte from the device and put it into the device buffer (input device). The user of such a system, however, will only “see” the Input/Output subroutines and does not have to bother with details.

#### 4.2.3 *Design of an Input/Output Handler Routine*

This is an example of a simple Input/Output driver system:

```

% PROGRAM ON LEVEL 12
RET,      WAIT
INT12,    SAA 0
          IDENT PL12          % GET INTERRUPT IDENTIFICATION
          RADD SA DP          % ADD NUMBER TO
                                % P REGISTER
          JMP ERROR          % IDENT 0 MEANS I/O
                                % SYSTEM ERROR
          JMP DRIVER1        % GO TO 1. DRIVER
          JMP DRIVER2
          —
          JMP DRIVERN
          JMP RET
% DRIVER FOR AN INPUT DEVICE

```

```
DRIVER1, IOX STATUS          % READ DEVICE STATUS
          BSKP ZRO 40 DA
          JMP ERROR          % DEVICE ERROR
          IOX RBUF          % READ DEVICE BUFFER
          -
          -
          -
          PUT BYTE INTO BUFFER ETC.
          ENABLE AND ACTIVATE DEVICE FOR NEXT TRANSFER

          JMP RET
```

## 5 THE INTERRUPT SYSTEM

The NORD-10/S interrupt system is designed to simplify programming, and to allow multiprogramming at extremely high efficiency.

This is achieved by use of a complete set of registers and status indicators for each program level.

There are 16 program levels in NORD-10/S and, therefore, 16 sets of registers and status indicators. Each set consists of: A, D, T, L, X and B registers, program counter and each of the status indicators O, Q, Z, C, M, K, PTM and TG.

The context switching from one program level to another is completely automatic and requires only 1.0  $\mu$ s; the saving and unsaving of all registers and indicators are included.

In addition to the 16 program levels, there are 10 internal hardware status interrupts connected to program level 14, and a maximum of 512 vectored interrupts connected to each of the program levels 13, 12, 11 and 10.

For both internal hardware status interrupts and vectored interrupts there is an automatic priority identification mechanism, thus, no polling of interrupts is necessary.

The arrangement of the 16 program levels are as follows:

- 15: Reserved extremely fast user interrupts
- 14: Internal hardware status interrupts, 10.
- 13-10: Vectored interrupts, up to 2048 vectored interrupts.
- 9-8: System programming
- 7-0: Programming levels

The priority is increasing, program level 15 has the highest priority, program level 0, the lowest.

The structure of a large programming system may be greatly simplified by the user of these program levels where independent tasks may be organized at different program levels with all priority decisions determined by hardware, and with almost no overhead because of the rapid context switching.

All 16 program levels can be activated by program control. In addition, program levels 15, 13, 12, 11 and 10 may also be activated from external devices.

## 5.1 CONTROL OF PROGRAM LEVELS

The program level to run is controlled from the two 16-bit registers:

PIE	Priority Interrupt Enable
PID	Priority Interrupt Detect

Each bit in the two registers is associated with the corresponding program level. The PIE register is controlled by program only. The PID register is controlled both by program and hardware interrupts. At any time, the highest program level which has its corresponding bits set in both PIE and PID is running.

The actual hardware mechanisms for this are as follows:

The number of the current program level is called PL ( $0 \leq PL \leq 15$ ), and this 4-bit PL register controls which register set (context block) to use.

The PL number is constantly compared to a 4-bit register PIK. PIK always contains the number of the highest program level which has its corresponding bits set in both PIE and PID. Whenever PIK is unlike PL, an automatic change of context block will take place through a short micro-program sequence. This sequence will do the following:

1. Read PL and store it in the PVL register, previous program level.
2. Read PIK and store it into PL.
3. Resume operation with a new register set determined by PL.

This complete sequence requires only  $1.0 \mu s$  from the completion of the instruction currently working when the interrupt took place, and until the first instruction is started on the new level with its new set of registers and status.

The programming control of the interrupt system is as follows:

PID and PIE may be read to the A register with the instructions:

TRA PID and TRA PIE.

Three instructions are available for the setting of these registers:

1. TRR PID and TRR PIE

The TRR instruction will copy the A register into the specified register.

2. MST PID and MST PIE

The MST, masked set, instruction will set the bits in the specified register to one where the corresponding bits in the A register are ones. (The A register is used as a mask for selection of which bit to set.)

### 3. MCL PID and MCL PIE

The MCL, masked clear, instruction will reset to zero the bits in the specified register where the corresponding bits in the A register are ones.

In addition to TRA, TRR, MCL and MST, the PID register is also controlled in the following ways.

External interrupts may set PID bits 15, 13, 12, 11, 10 and internal hardware status may set PID bit 14.

The resetting of PID bits is also controlled by the WAIT instruction, which will reset PID on current program level. (The WAIT instruction is also called "Give up Priority".)

For example, a program on program level 14, which issues a WAIT instruction, will cause PID bit 14 to be zero, which again will cause a new program level to be entered because PIK became different from PL (= 14).

The interrupt system is also controlled by the two instructions:

ION	Turn on interrupt system
IOF	Turn off interrupt system

When power is turned on, the power-up sequence will reset PID, PIE and PL, and the register set on program level zero will be used.

The ION instruction will resume operation at the highest program level at the time ION is executed, if a condition for change of program levels exists, the ION instruction will be the last instruction executed at the old program level, and the P register at the old program level will point to the instruction after ION.

The IOF instruction will turn off the mechanisms for changing of program level, and PL will remain unchanged.

IOF and ION may also be used to disable the interrupt system for short periods, for example in order to prevent software timing hazards.

### 5.1.1 *Program Level Activation*

All program levels may be activated by program, by setting the appropriate bits in PIE and PID.

Example:

If program level 9 is already enabled, bit 9 in PIE is set, then the program level is activated from a lower program level by setting bit 9 in PID.

```

SAA 0
BSET ONE 110 DA  % SET BIT 9 TO ONE
MST PID          % SET PID BIT 9
NEXT, .....

```

The MST PID will be the last instruction executed, and the P register at the lower program level will point to the NEXT instruction.

Note that it is not possible to program-activate a program level which has already been activated (i.e., has its PID bit set to one), if it is attempted, the program level will only be entered once.

## 5.2 *INITIALIZATION OF INTERRUPT SYSTEM*

The initialization of the NORD-10/S interrupt system is simple. After power-up, PIE and PL will be zero and register block zero is used. The initialization sequence must include the following:

1. Enabling of the desired program levels by setting PIE. The IIE, internal interrupt enable register, must also be set according to which internal hardware status interrupts are enabled.
2. The program counter on all program levels used, must be initialized. The program counter must point to the entry point of that particular program level.

The remaining initialization of registers may be performed either at program level itself at the time of the first entry, or together with the initialization of the program counter. Note that if error indicator Z has enabled internal hardware status interrupt, the Z indicator in the status word must be set to zero on all active program levels before the interrupt system is turned on.

3. A TRA IIC and TRA PEA should be executed to reset any internal interrupt and the memory error address register.
4. The PID register should be set to trigger desired initial level.
5. The last instruction in the initialization sequence is ION.



### 5.3 *INTERRUPT PROGRAM ORGANIZATION*

A program at a program level will be organized as a loop, which is executed once each time the program level is activated.

```
ENTRX, —           % FIRST ENTRY POINT
—
—
—
      WAIT           % GIVE UP PRIORITY
      JMP ENTRX
```

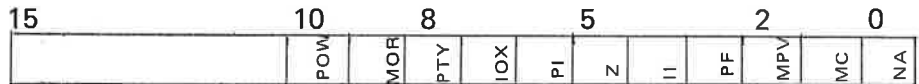
Note that a WAIT instruction on program level zero will reset PID bit zero, but since there are no program levels with lower priority, the program on program level zero will be re-entered at the instruction following the WAIT.

**5.4 INTERNAL HARDWARE STATUS INTERRUPTS**

All internal hardware status interrupts are connected to program level number 14.

Internal hardware status interrupts are individually enabled by an 11-bits register called IIE, internal interrupt enable. IIE is set by the TRR IIE instruction.

The internal hardware status interrupts are assigned to the IIE register in the following way :



Bit No.	IIC Code	Cause
0	0	Not assigned
MC	1	Monitor call
PV	2	Protect Violation. Page number is found in the Paging Status Register.
PF	3	Page fault. Page not in core.
II	4	Illegal instruction. Not implemented instruction.
Z	5	Error indicator The Z indicator is set
PI	6	Privileged instruction
IOX	7	IOX error No answer from external device
PTY	8	Memory parity error
MOR	9	Memory out of range Addressing non-existent memory
POW	10	Power fail interrupt
11-15		Not assigned

**Table 5.1:** *Internal Hardware Status Interrupt*

In order to optimize the processing of internal hardware status interrupts, the instruction

### TRA IIC

will return to the A register, bits 0-3, the contents of IIC, with bits 4-15 zero. (Only power fail interrupt may cause more than one source for internal hardware interrupts, and if that is the case, power fail interrupt will have priority immediately.)

The instruction TRA IIC will automatically reset IIC.

Note that if the interrupt is caused by the error indicator Z, the Z indicator on that program level must be cleared by program control from program level 14. (Otherwise, another interrupt will occur.)

#### Example:

```

—
—
LDA      (3777      % ENABLE ALL INTERRUPTS
TRR      IIE
TRA      IIC
TRA      PEA        % RESET ERROR LOCK
ION      (Refer to Section 5.2.)
—
—
—
LEV14,  TRA      IIC
        RADD     SA DP      % COMPUTED GO TO
        JMP      ERROR     % 0 NOT ASSIGNED
        JMP      MONCL    % 1 MONITOR CALL
        JMP      PROTIV   % 2 PROTECT VIOLATION
—
—
—
—
—
EXIT14, WAIT
        JMP      LEV14

```

When an internal interrupt occurs, the P register on the offending level has been incremented and points to the instruction after the one that caused the interrupt.\*

\* Note: If MOR, PF or PV occur during an instruction fetch cycle, the P register is NOT incremented. For PF and PV, this situation is indicated by bit 15 of the PGS register. See Section 6.5.2.

In some cases, it is necessary to know which program level caused the internal hardware status interrupt. This is done with the instruction

TRA PVL

which reads the PVL register, previous program level (level causing internal interrupt) into bits 3-6 in the A register, with remaining bits in the A register being equal to the code for inter-register read the P register, i.e., the contents of the A register:

$$\text{IRR} \langle \text{previous level}_g * 10_g \rangle \text{ DP}$$

This technique gives quick access to the P register of the program level causing the internal interrupt.

Example:

TRA	PVL	% A:=IRR <level> DP
EXR	SA	% A:=P register on offending level
COPY	SA DX	
LDA	-1 ,X	% A:=Offending instruction

Note: PVL is only set when entering level 14 from a level with *lower* priority. Care should be taken so that programs on level 14 and level 15 do not cause internal interrupts.

#### 5.4.1 *Monitor Call Interrupt*

A monitor call has been executed. The level may be found as previously explained. *The number of the call is automatically set to the T register on level 14.*

Note that this number is 8-bit with sign-extension, i.e., in the range 200<sub>g</sub> to 177<sub>g</sub>. See Section 3.4.3.

#### 5.4.2 *Protect Violation Interrupt*

A protect violation has occurred. Two types of violations are possible :

- Memory protect violation

This means that an illegal reference type (Read, Write, Fetch or Indirect) has been attempted.

- Ring violation

This means that a program has tried to access an area with higher Ring Status.

Details regarding this interrupt is found in the Paging Status register. See Section 6.5.2.

#### 5.4.3 *Page Fault Interrupt*

The program has tried to reference a page that is presently not in core. Information regarding page number, etc. is found in the Paging Status register, Section 6.5.2.

#### 5.4.4 *Illegal Instruction Interrupt*

Attempted execution of an instruction that is not implemented causes this interrupt.

#### 5.4.5 *Error Indicator Interrupt*

The Z indicator in the STS register has been set. This may be caused by several conditions:

- FDV with 0.0
- EXR of an EXR instruction
- DNZ overflow
- RDIV overflow
- Programmed setting of Z (BSET, MST or TRR)

Note: Level 14 must always reset the Z indicator on the offending level, otherwise, a new interrupt will occur as the level is re-entered.

#### 5.4.6 *Privileged Instruction Interrupt*

Attempted execution of a privileged instruction causes this interrupt. The privileged instructions are listed in Section 6.5.1.

**5.4.7** *IOX Error Interrupt*

The addressed Input/Output device gives no connect signal. This may be due to a malfunctioning or missing device, or no device answers to an IDENT instruction.

**5.4.8** *Memory Parity Error Interrupt*

A memory parity error has occurred. The least significant 16 bits of the failing address can be read from the PEA register (TRA PEA).

Further information may be read from the PES register.

**5.4.9** *Memory Out of Range Interrupt*

This interrupt occurs when the program addresses non-existing memory. The least significant 16 bits of the referenced address can be read from the PEA register.

Further information may be read from the PES register.

**5.4.10** *Power Fail Interrupt*

This interrupt is triggered by the (optional) Power Sense Unit. It is possible for this interrupt to occur simultaneously with some other internal interrupt. In this case, the Power Fail Interrupt has priority.

## 5.5 MEMORY CONTROL AND STATUS

### 5.5.1 Error Detection

Two kinds of memory modules may be used:

- 18 bits; 16 data + 2 parity bits

or

- 21 bits; 16 data + 5 error correction control bits

(The two kinds of modules may be mixed in local memory.)

Utilizing the error correction feature, all single errors will be corrected and normally not reported.

All multiple errors will be reported.

Error correction on single errors is automatically done and adds 80ns to the memory cycle.

Two internal registers will give additional information about memory errors (Parity error or Memory out of range).

The registers can be read by the

TRA PES and  
TRA PEA

instructions.

PEA (Parity Error Address) normally holds the lower 16 bits address of the latest memory reference, while PES (Parity Error Status) holds further information regarding the error.

As soon as a memory error occurs, the PES and PEA will be blocked, thus preventing overwriting.

The PES has the following format:

15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
NA	C5/LB	C4/UB	C3	C2	C1	C0	ERC	OVR	BLC	NA	NA	DMA	Fetch	MA17	MA16

- Bits 0-1: Address bits 16 and 17 of the offending address.
- Bit 2: Error occurred during instruction fetch.
- Bit 3: Error occurred during a DMA reference.
- Bits 4-5: Not assigned.
- Bit 6: Blocked. Memory error has occurred.
- Bit 7: Overrun.
- Bit 8: Error Correction. Error has occurred on a 21-bit module. Bits 9-13 will hold a code giving additional Error information.

Note: If a parity error has occurred on an 18-bit module, this bit will remain a zero. Bits 9-12 *do not* give any relevant information, while bits 13 and 14 indicate which byte the parity error occurred in.

- Bits 9-13: If bit 8 is set, the code given by these bits will indicate what kind of error occurred. Refer to Table 5.2.
- If bit 8 is cleared, bits 9-12 do not hold valid information, while bit 13 indicates parity error in upper byte.
- Bit 14: Parity error occurred in lower byte.
- Bit 15: Not assigned.

The blocking of PES and PEA is released as PEA is read. This means that PES should always be read ahead of PEA.



Correction codes given by PES bits 9-13:

(13) C4	(12) C3	(11) C2	(10) C1	(9) C0	No Error	Single data Error	Single code Error	Multiple Errors
0	0	0	0	0	Good			
0	0	0	0	1				EC0 EC1
0	0	0	1	0				
.....								
0	0	0	1	1		E0		
0	0	1	0	0			EC2	
0	0	1	0	1		E1		
.....								
0	0	1	1	0				ME0
0	0	1	1	1		E2		
0	1	0	0	0			EC3	
.....								
0	1	0	0	1		E3		
0	1	0	1	0				ME1
0	1	0	1	1		E4		
.....								
0	1	1	0	0		E5		
0	1	1	0	1		E6		
0	1	1	1	0		E7		
.....								
0	1	1	1	1				ME2
1	0	0	0	0			EC4	
1	0	0	0	1		E8		
.....								
1	0	0	1	0		E9		
1	0	0	1	1		E10		
1	0	1	0	0		E11		
.....								
1	0	1	0	1				ME3
1	0	1	1	0		E12		ME4
1	0	1	1	1				
.....								
1	1	0	0	0		E13		
1	1	0	0	1				ME5
1	1	0	1	0		E14		
.....								
1	1	0	1	1				ME6
1	1	1	0	0		E15		
1	1	1	0	1				ME7
.....								
1	1	1	1	0				ME8
1	1	1	1	1				ME9

Table 5.2.

E0-E15: Indicates which data bit was in error.  
 EC0-EC4: Indicates which error correction bit was in error.  
 ME0-ME9: Indicates multiple errors have occurred.

The blocking of PES and PEA is released as PEA is read. This means that PES should always be read ahead of PEA.

### 5.5.2 Error Correction Control

An error correction control register gives control information to the error correction logic. These control informations will be set by executing a

TRR ECCR.

The format is as follows:



Note: Bits 0, 1 and 3 are used for test purposes only.

Bit 0: will force data bit 0 to a one, thus giving parity error

Bit 1: will force data bit 15 to a one, thus giving parity error.

Bit 2: Parity interrupt control bit.  
 If this bit is a zero, only multiple errors will generate a parity error interrupt.

If this bit is a one, all errors will generate a parity error interrupt.

Note: This bit has effect on 21 bits memory modules only.

Bit 3: Disable. When this bit is set, error correction and parity error interrupt are disabled.

## 5.6 VECTORED INTERRUPTS

In NORD-10 there may be up to 2048 vectored interrupts, typically each physical input/output unit will have its own unique interrupt response code and priority.

These vectored interrupts must be connected to the four program levels 13, 12, 11 and 10.

The standard way of connecting is as follows:

Level 13: Real-time clock  
 Level 12: Input devices  
 Level 11: Mass storage devices  
 Level 10: Output devices

The vectored interrupts are connected to the corresponding bits in the PID register.

When a vectored interrupt occurs, the IDENT instruction is used to find out which device gave interrupt on this program level, if several devices have simultaneous interrupt. The priority is determined by which Input/Output slot the device is plugged into. For further information, see Section 4.1.3, or the Input/Output manual.

The IDENT instruction provides a very fast response time, and no polling of devices is required.

### Programming example:

```

LEV13, WAIT          % GIVE UP
      SAA            0
      IDENT         PL13  % IDENTIFY DEVICE ON LEVEL 13
      RADD         SA DP  % COMPUTED GO TO
      JMP          ERR13 % CODE 0, ERROR
      JMP          DRIV1  % CODE 1
      JMP          DRIV2  % CODE 2
      ---
      ---
      JMP          DRIVN  % CODE N
  
```

Note that only four instructions are required from time of the interrupt until the specific Input/Output driver is entered.

The IDENT instruction will turn off the interrupt signal of the device which gave interrupt. If several devices have their interrupt signals on, the interrupt line to the corresponding PID bit will remain active, and as soon as the WAIT instruction has reset one bit in PID, this bit will be set again, and the WAIT instruction will have no effect.

## 6 MEMORY MANAGEMENT

The Memory Management System includes a Paging System, a Memory Protection System and a Ring Protection System.

The Memory Management System may be used for several purposes, such as:

- dynamic memory allocation or paging
- program relocation
- maximum physical address space size is 256K words
- Memory Protection of each individual page
- privileged instructions and ring-structured program protection

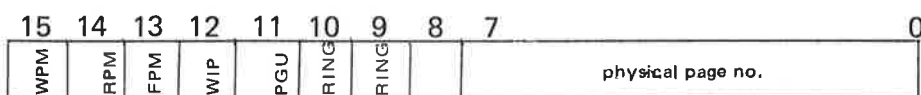
## 6.1 MEMORY MANAGEMENT ARCHITECTURE

The Memory Management System consists of four page index tables, 16 paging control registers and control circuits.

Each page index table consists of 64 high-speed registers with a word length of 16 bits.

The page size is fixed to 1K words, thus each page index table will map the full 64K virtual address space of the NORD-10.

Each entry in a page index table has the following format:



Bits 13-15: Memory protect bits.  
See Section 6.4.

Bit 12: Written in page.  
This bit is automatically set by hardware.  
See Section 6.3.2.

Bit 11: Page used.  
This bit is automatically set by hardware.  
See Section 6.3.2.

Bits 9-10: Ring bits.  
These bits decide which ring this page belongs to.  
See Section 6.5.

Bit 8: Not used.

Bits 0-7: Physical page number.  
Eight bits give a maximum of 256 physical pages or 256K words.

Each program level has its own paging control register (PCR). The PCR's make it possible to let different program levels utilize different page index tables and ring protection.

## 6.2 VIRTUAL TO PHYSICAL ADDRESS MAPPING

A virtual address is a 16-bit address as seen from the program. By means of the Memory Management System a virtual address (VA) may be mapped into a physical address (PA).

This may be illustrated with Figure 6.1.

DIP:	Displacement within page	$0 \leq \text{DIP} \leq 1023$
VPN:	Virtual page number	$0 \leq \text{VPN} \leq 63$
PT:	Page index table	$0 \leq \text{PT} \leq 3$
APT:	Alternative page index table	$0 \leq \text{APT} \leq 3$
PL:	Program level	$0 \leq \text{PL} \leq 15$
PPN:	Physical page number	$0 \leq \text{PPN} \leq 255$
R:	Ring	
PM:	Permit flags	
PTM:	Page table mode (status bit 0)	
PTS:	Page table select flag	

PL determines which PCR to use (illustrated in Table 6.1). That PCR determines which page index table to select and VPN address an entry in the selected page index table. The contents of this entry (PPN) together with DIP determines the 18-bit physical address.

At the same time the protect bits of the page index table is compared with the reference type. A Memory Protect Violation interrupt may possibly result.

Also, the ring bits of the appropriate PCR are compared with the ring bits of the actual page index table entry. A Permit (protect) Violation interrupt may result. The ring bits in the page index table entry are moved to the PCR if no Permit Violation occurs. Thus, a program can go from a higher ring to a lower ring, never from a lower to a higher one.

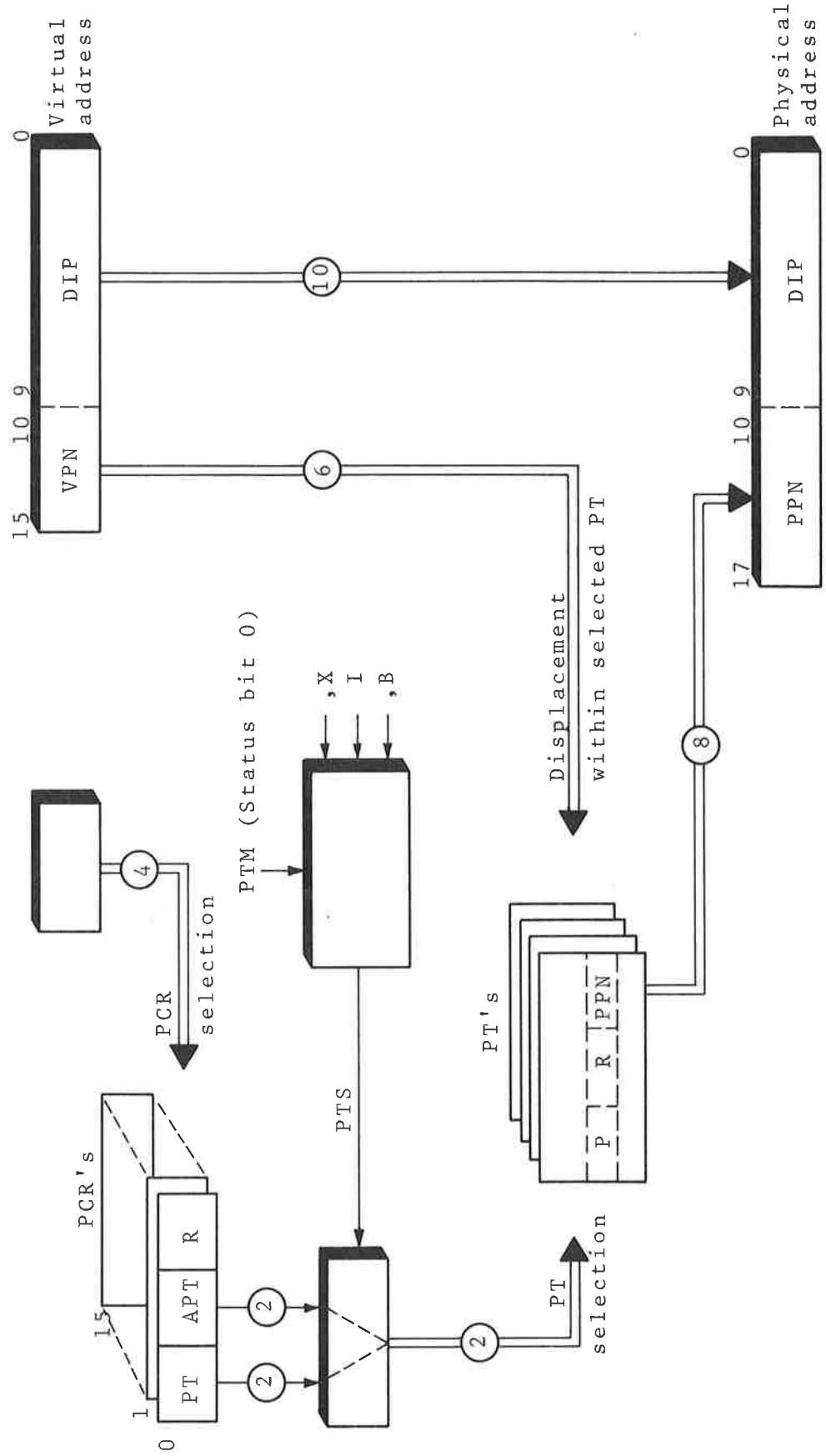


Figure 6.1: Virtual to Physical Address Mapping

### 6.3 CONTROL OF MEMORY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

The Memory Management System is controlled as follows:

#### 6.3.1 Control of Paging Control Registers

The PCR's are set with the instruction:

TRR PCR

This instruction operates together with the contents of the A register.

The A register has the following format:

15	10 9 8	7 6	3 2 1 0
	PT	APT	level 0 ring ring

Note: Bit 2 should always be 0 when writing to PCR. Bit 2 equals 1 carries a special meaning relevant for micro-program and hardware test programs only.

- Bits 9-10: Page table number (0-3)
- Bits 7-8: Alternative page table number (0-3)
- Bits 3-6: Program level (PCR number) (0-15)
- Bit 2: Equals zero
- Bits 0-1: Ring number (0-3)

#### 6.3.2 Control of Page Index Tables

All four page index tables are accessed as main memory residing in the topmost 256 locations in the 64K virtual address space, i.e.:

177400 <sub>8</sub> – 177477 <sub>8</sub>	Page index table 0
177500 <sub>8</sub> – 177577 <sub>8</sub>	Page index table 1
177600 <sub>8</sub> – 177677 <sub>8</sub>	Page index table 2
177700 <sub>8</sub> – 177777 <sub>8</sub>	Page index table 3

When the program runs in ring 3 (or paging off), the virtual addresses from 177400<sub>8</sub> to 177777<sub>8</sub> are interpreted directly as page index table addresses and the automatic address mapping is inactive for these addresses. For programs in ring 0, 1 or 2 the mapping function is active for all virtual addresses and the page index table is not accessible.



All entries in a page index table are under program control only, except for the two bits PGU and WIP, which are also controlled automatically by the Memory Management System.

Bit 12: WIP – Written in page

If this bit is set, the page has been written into, and it needs to be written back to mass storage. If it is zero, the page has not been modified and need not be rewritten. This bit is automatically set to one the first time a write occurs and then remains set. It is cleared by program (whenever a new page is brought from mass storage).

Bit 11: PGU – Page used

PGU = 1; the page has been used. The bit is automatically set whenever the page is accessed and then remains set. The bit is cleared by program. This bit may be used in operating systems to determine which page should be swapped.

The alternative page index table is used if the memory reference is *not* P relative, and status bit 0 (PTM) is 1. This feature has two uses:

- The Operating System may easily reference data through a users' page index table while still using its own page index table for instruction fetch and P relative data references.
- Special user programs may access 64K of instructions and 64K data.

For a detailed description of mapping in different addressing modes, refer to Table 6.1.

Addressing mode				Address mapping with PTM = 1	
,X	I	,B	Mnemonic	Via PT	Via APT
0	0	0		(P) + disp.	—
0	1	0	I	(P) + disp.	((P) + disp.)
0	0	1	,B	—	(B) + disp.
0	1	1	,B I	—	(B) + disp.; ((B) + disp.)
1	0	0	,X	—	(X) + disp.
1	0	1	,B ,X	—	(B) + (X) + disp.
1	1	0	I ,X	(P) + disp.	((P) + disp.) + (X)
1	1	1	,B I ,X	—	(B) + disp.; ((B) + disp.) + (X)
Instruction fetch				(P)	—

Table 6.1: Use of Alternate Page Table

The main principle is that all P-relative memory references are mapped via PT and all other references are mapped via APT. This feature is used only by processes which require access to two segments with different virtual address spaces and gives one process access to 128K of virtual memory.

Note: With PTM = 0, ALL addresses are mapped via PT. This is the normal user mode.

### 6.3.3 *Turning the Memory Management System On or Off*

The Memory Management System is controlled by the two privileged instructions PON and POF.

PON	Turn on Memory Management System (Paging on)	Code: 150 410 Time: 1.1 $\mu$ s
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The instruction executed after the PON instruction will go through the address mapping mechanisms.

POF	Turn off Memory Management System	Code: 150 404 Time: 1.1 $\mu$ s
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The instruction will turn off the Memory Management System and the next instruction will be taken from a physical address in the lower 64K, specified by the virtual address following the POF instruction.

The machine will then be an unrestricted mode without any hardware protection feature, i.e., all instructions are legal and all memory "available".

## 6.4 MEMORY PROTECTION SYSTEM

The Memory Management System is also used for memory protection. The system also works in 1K memory blocks (pages) and three bits in each index table entry are used for memory protection purposes.

A protection violation will cause an internal hardware status interrupt to level 14 and the instruction causing the violation is not executed.

The three bits used, 15-13 have the following meaning:

Bit 15: WPM – Write permitted.

WPM = 0. It is impossible to write into locations in this page regardless of the ring bits.

WPM = 1. Locations in this page may be written into if the ring bits allow. See Section 6.5.

If an attempt is made to write into a write protected page, an internal interrupt to program level 14 will occur, and no writing will take place.

Bit 14: RPM – Read permitted.

RPM = 0. Locations in this page may not be read (they may be executed).

RPM = 1. Locations in this page may be read if the ring bits allow. See Section 6.5.

If an attempt is made to read from a read protected page, an internal interrupt to program level 14 will occur.

Bit 13: FPM – Fetch permitted

FPM = 0. Locations in this page may not be executed as instructions.

FPM = 1. Locations in this page may be used as instructions.

If an attempt is made to execute in fetch protected memory, an internal interrupt to program level 14 will occur and the execution is not started.

Indirect addresses may be taken both from pages which have FPM = 1 and from pages which have RPM = 1.

All combinations of WPM, RPM and FPM are permitted. If WPM, RPM and FPM all are zero, this is interpreted as page not being in core, and an internal interrupt to program level 14 is generated. The remaining bits 0-12 may then be used, for example, to specify the mass storage address of this page.

## 6.5 RING PROTECTION SYSTEM

The Memory Management System includes a Ring Protection System, where 64K virtual address space is divided into four different classes of programs, or rings.

Two bits in each page index table entry are used to specify which ring the page belongs to.

One of these ring bits, bit 10, also specifies a mode bit. If bit 10 is one, the program executing from this page is said to be in system mode, and it can execute all NORD-10 instructions. If this bit is zero, privileged instructions may not be executed from this page.

The ring bits have the following meaning:

Bit 10 9

0 0 Ring 0:

Programs executing from this page may not execute privileged instructions. The program may only access locations with ring zero. This access is controlled by the RPM, WPM and FPM bits. Locations outside ring 0 are completely inaccessible.

0 1 Ring 1:

Programs executing from this page may not execute privileged instructions. The program may access locations in ring 1 and ring 0. Access is controlled by the RPM, WPM and FPM bits.

1 0 Ring 2:

All instructions are permitted when executed from this page. The program may access locations in ring 2, 1 and 0. This access is controlled by the RPM, WPM and FPM bits.

1 1 Ring 3:

All instructions are permitted and the whole address space is accessible if not protected by the RPM, WPM and FPM bits. The page tables may be accessed.

An illegal ring access or illegal execution of privileged instruction will cause an internal hardware status interrupt to program level 14, and the instruction which caused the interrupt will not be executed.

The recommended way of using the ring bits is as follows:

- Ring 0: User program
- Ring 1: Compiler, assembler
- Ring 2: Operating system (utilities, commands)
- Ring 3: Kernel of operating systems

By mapping all these programs into each other, the highest rings will have straight-forward access (through the same page index table) to all lower rings, and the passing of information between rings is greatly facilitated.

Associated with the ring bits in a page index table entry are the two ring bits in each PCR.

The ring bits are initialized by means of the TRR PCR instruction. Refer to Section 6.3.1.

A program is said to run on the ring which is indicated by the ring bits in the page index table entry that was referenced on the last instruction fetch cycle. For each program level, there is a PCR that holds the valid ring bits at any given time.

It is only possible to go from a higher ring level to a lower. Attempts to go from a lower ring level to a higher, causes an internal hardware status interrupt and the instruction is not executed.

### 6.5.1 *Privileged Instructions*

The instructions available only to programs running in system mode (ring 2 or 3) are termed privileged instructions, which are:

IOF	Turn off interrupt system
ION	Turn on interrupt system
POF	Turn off memory management
PON	Turn on memory management
WAIT	Give up priority, reset current PID bit
IOT	NORD-1 compatible Input/Output
IDENT	Identify interrupt
IOX	Input/Output

TRA	Transfer to A register
TRR	Transfer to register
MCL	Masked clear of register
MST	Masked set of register
LRB	Load register block
SRB	Store register block
IRW	Inter-register write
IRR	Inter-register read

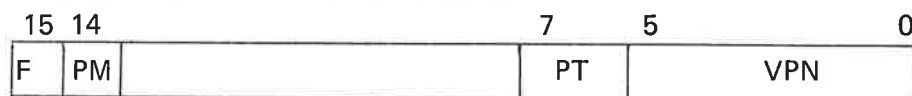
### 6.5.2 *Paging Status Register*

The paging status register is used for further specifications when a page fault or a memory protect violation occurs.

The instruction TRA PGS is used to read this register.

Errors lock the PGS register, TRA PGS unlocks it again.

The bits in PGS have the following meaning:



#### PGS Format

Bit 15: Memory management interrupt occurred during an instruction fetch.

Bit 14: 1 = Permit violation interrupt  
0 = Ring protect violation interrupt

Permit violation has priority if both conditions occur.

Bits 6-7: Page index table number

Bits 0-5: Virtual page number

Note that bits 0-7 are the eight least significant bits of the physical page index table entry.

If bit 15 is a one, the page fault or protection violation occurred during the fetch of an instruction. In this case, the P register has not been incremented, and the instruction causing the violation (and the restart point) is found from the P register on the program level which caused the interrupt.

If bit 15 is zero, the page fault or protection violation occurred during the data cycles of an instruction. In this case, the P register points to the instruction after the instruction causing the internal hardware status interrupt. When the cause of the internal hardware status interrupt has been removed, the restart point will be found by subtracting one from the P register.

It is possible that to execute a floating point instruction, four page faults may occur before the instruction can be computed. (Fetch fault, a new page fault, data cycle fault and a new data cycle fault because the data was placed on a page boundary.) Therefore, a minimum of four pages in main memory is necessary in order to execute a general program requiring 64K virtual memory space.



**6.6**      *TIMING*

Page table access is performed in parallel with cache memory look-up, and consequently there is no timing overhead associated with the memory management system. However, if the cache memory option is not installed and the memory management system is turned off, execution times are reduced by  $0.1 \mu\text{s}$  for each reference to local memory (i.e., LDA will use  $1.8 \mu\text{s}$  instead of  $1.9 \mu\text{s}$ ).

## 7 OPERATOR'S PANEL

### 7.1 *PANEL ELEMENTS*

The operator's panel for the NORD-10/S computer has the following elements:

1. An 18-bit switch register
2. An 18-bit light diode register
3. 16 selector push-buttons and 16 associated light emitting diodes.
4. 6 mode indicators
5. A two-digit display and two push-buttons
6. 10 control buttons
7. Power on/off button
8. Panel key-lock

## 7.2 *18-BIT SWITCH REGISTER*

This register is used to present 18-bit data to the CPU. Normally, only 16 of these are used. The switches may be read from program with the TRA OPR instruction. In installations with big memory (more than 64K) 18 switches and lamps may be needed to represent the possible 18-bit addresses for the "examine memory" function. When the paging system is on, switches 16 and 17 select page table number.

### 7.3 18-BIT LIGHT EMITTING DIODE REGISTER

This is used to display 16-bit data or 18-bit addresses from the CPU. Register contents, addresses and contents of memory locations may be displayed in this register. The register 16-bits, can be set with the TRR LMP instruction (the user register — see below — must be selected).

#### 7.4 *16 SELECTOR PUSH-BUTTONS AND 16 ASSOCIATED LIGHT EMITTING DIODES*

These push-buttons are used to select one of 16 possible registers to be displayed in the data display register. When one button is pushed (a register selected), this is indicated with light in the associated diode above the button.

The possible register selections are:

##### ACTIVE LEVELS

When this button is pushed, the data display (described above) will show the active program levels. 16 diodes (0-15) are used, one for each of the 16 levels. In this mode the lamps are provided with after-glow so that it is possible to observe a single instruction on a program level.

##### DMA ADR

If this button is pushed, the data display will show the active DMA (Direct Memory Access) address. (See also Section 7.6.4.)

##### ADR

This register shows the actual memory address being referenced, excluding DMA references and instruction (program) addresses.

##### P ADR

This is the memory address each time an instruction is read (fetch cycle). Effectively the data display will show the program address.

##### U

This is the user register set by the TRR LMP instruction.

Note: If the U register is set from program by TRR LMP and the U is NOT selected, the setting of U will disturb the displaying of the selected register. The degree of disturbance will depend on the frequency of the U updating related to the panel interrupt frequency.

## DATA

Displays data going to and from memory and on the I/O bus.

## EXM

This selection has two uses:

## CPU in STOP

The data display will show the contents of the memory location whose address is set in the switch register when the SET ADDRESS button was last pushed (see below). When the CPU stops, this address is preset to zero. (The selected address is always zero after pushing the SINGLE INSTR button.) Use of the '/' (see Section 8.1.2) in MOPC will also set the memory address displayed.

## CPU runs

The data display will show the contents of the memory location whose address is set in the switch register. The memory location is sampled after each panel interrupt (about every 2-3 ms). The panel interrupt is handled directly by microprogram.

## IR

This selection will display the CPU instruction register.

## STS, P, L, B, X, T, A, D

If one of these is selected, the data display will show the contents of that register. The register is sampled at each panel interrupt. There is a complete set of these registers on each of the 16 interrupt levels, so one has to select the appropriate level when one of these registers is examined. See Section 7.5.

## 7.5 *DISPLAY LEVEL SELECT*

This consists of two push-buttons, “+” and “-”, and a two-digit display. By means of the two buttons, the level may be stepped up or down. The contents of the display show the selected level. If the display is stepped outside the limits 0-15, the 2 digit display will shown the active program level and the selected registers (STS, P, L, B, X, T, A or D) is taken from the active level.

## 7.6 CONTROL BUTTONS

These 10 push-buttons are used to control the CPU and to modify registers and memory. The function of each of the buttons is given below.

### 7.6.1 *Master Clear*

Pushing this button will generate a hardware master clear signal. This signal sets the control logic in the CPU and the Input/Output system to a defined state and the micro-programmed operator's communication (MOPC) is started. If the CPU is running when "MASTER CLEAR" is pushed, the program cannot be restarted by pushing the CONTINUE button, because the contents of the P and A registers are lost. The PIE register is reset by the master clear function.

Light in the MASTER CLEAR button indicates an error input to the CPU from the operator's communication program or one of the load programs. The light is reset when the MASTER CLEAR button is pushed.

### 7.6.2 *Restart*

This button generates a restart signal. When this signal is detected by the micro-program in stop mode, the CPU will start in address 20. The RESTART button has no effect when the CPU is running. If the CPU is running, the STOP button must be pushed before the RESTART. To be sure that the program has been started on level zero, the MASTER CLEAR button should also be pushed.

### 7.6.3 *Load*

The LOAD button starts automatic program load from a device. The device may be an Input/Output device or a mass storage device, depending on the setting of a switch register (ALD) on the Panel Control Card. The use of this register is explained in Section 8.2.4.

When a load program is active, the LOAD button lights.



#### 7.6.4 *Decode Address*

This button is used in connection with the displaying of addresses (DMA ADR, ADR or P ADR selected). When this button is pushed, the address is not displayed directly. The address space is divided into 4K segments and each bit in the display register represents one segment. Bit 0 is lighted if address 0 - 7777<sub>8</sub> are used, etc. Light in the buttons indicates the state of the address display register.

#### 7.6.5 *Set Address*

When the machine is in stop mode and a memory examine is wanted, the address must be set up in the panel switch register and the SET ADDRESS button pushed. The address is now saved and is not changed before the SET ADDRESS button is pushed again with a new content in the switch register. This address is also changed when a memory examine is executed from the console device (character “/” used).

Note that this button is used in stop mode only. When the machine is running, the address in the switch register is used directly.

When the machine enters stop mode, the register used by the set address function is set to zero. This means that after a single instruction the examined address is zero.

#### 7.6.6 *Deposit*

When an address is selected with the SET ADDRESS button, the contents of this cell may be changed with the DEPOSIT button. The new contents are set up in the switch register and the DEPOSIT button pushed. The display selection must be EXM.

#### 7.6.7 *Enter Register*

This button is used to load a register. One of the registers STS, P, L, B, X, T, A or D is selected with the register selection switches. Level is selected with the level selector. The contents of the switch register are now stored in the selected register when the ENTER REGISTER button is pushed.

**7.6.8**     *Single Instruction*

Pushing the SINGLE INSTRUCTION button causes a program to advance one instruction. The address is taken from the P register and the CPU goes back to stop mode after execution of one instruction. The instruction is executed on the level given by the PIE and PID registers.

**7.6.9**     *Continue*

When this button is pressed, the machine starts running from the address specified by the P register. The level is given by the contents of the PIE and PID registers. If the MASTER CLEAR is first pressed, PIE is cleared and the program is started on level 0.

If the light on the CONTINUE button is on, it indicates that the CPU is running.

**7.6.10**    *Stop*

Pushing this button stops the machine, i.e., the micro-program running in stop mode is started. The stop mode is indicated by light in the STOP button.

**7.7**      *MODE INDICATORS*

**INTERRUPT**

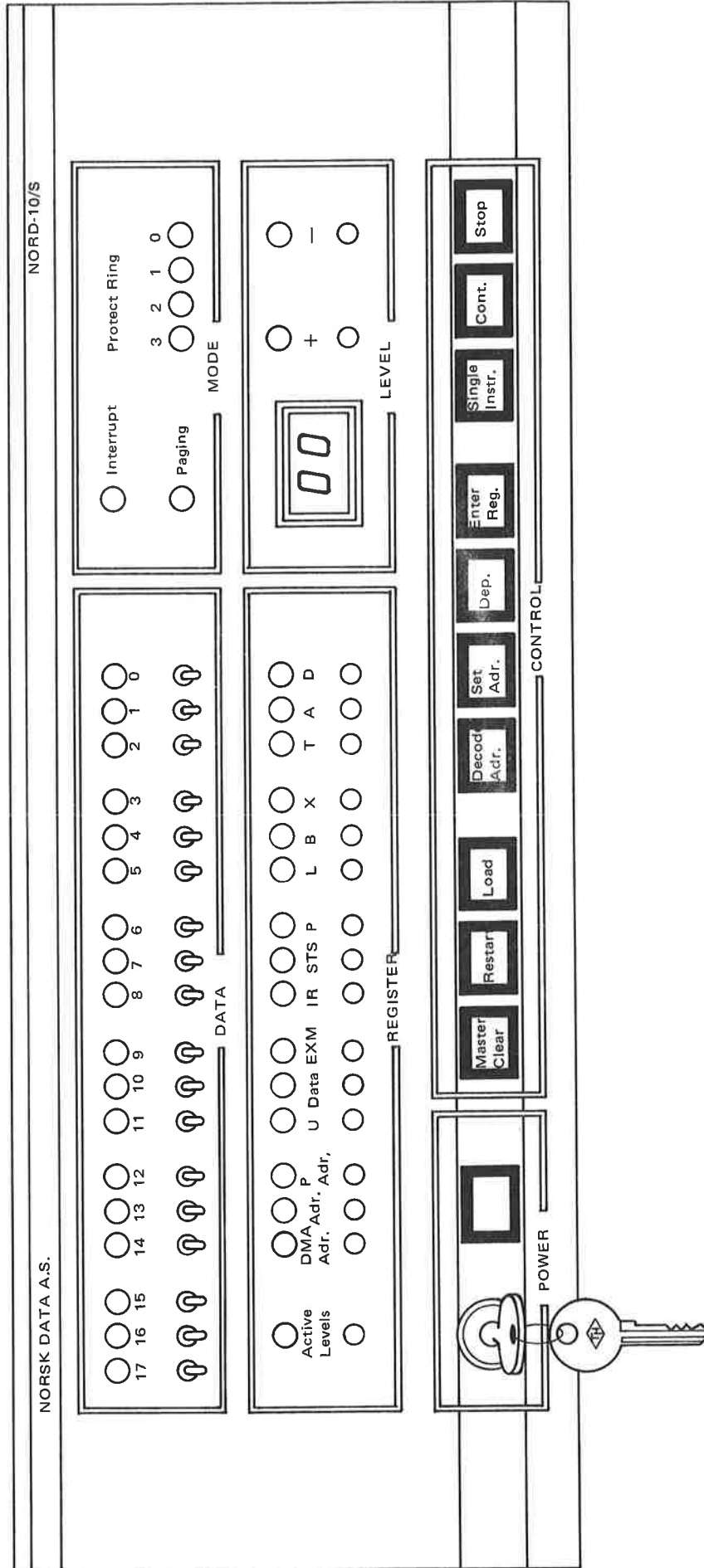
Indicates that the interrupt system is turned on, i.e., an ION instruction has been executed.

**PAGING**

Indicates that the paging system is turned on, i.e., a PON instruction has been executed.

**RING**

Four indicators show active program protect rings. These indicators are provided with after-glow so that it is possible to observe even the shortest execution run on each ring.





## 8 OPERATOR'S COMMUNICATION

The NORD-10/S has a micro-program in the read only memory for communication between the operator and the machine. This program is called MOPC (Micro-programmed Operator's Communication).

MOPC is always running when the machine is in stop mode, or the state of the machine, when MOPC is running, is defined as the stop mode.

The NORD-10/S may either be controlled from the NORD-10/S operator's panel (see Chapter 7) or from a Teletype or visual display unit. The micro-program is designed in such a way that either the operator's panel or the Teletype (visual display unit) may control the NORD-10/S.

The NORD-10/S operator's communication includes bootstrap programs and automatic hardware load from both character oriented devices and mass storage devices.

When communicating with the MOPC program, the following characters are legal input characters:

<u>Characters:</u>	<u>Use:</u>
0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	Octal digits used to specify addresses and data
@	Restart MOPC, clear PIE
\$	Octal load
&	Binary load
!	Start program in main memory
/	Specifies register or memory cell examine
CR (carriage return)	Terminator of line
LF (line feed)	Echoed, no other effect
␣ (space)	Octal number before the space is ignored
B	Used to specify 64K bank number (page table number when paging is on)
I	Internal register examine
R	Specifies operation on one of the eight registers STS, D, P, B, L, A, T, X on a specified level

Characters:

Use:

\*

Current location counter for memory  
examine

All other characters are ignored and followed by "?".

## 8.1 *FUNCTIONS*

### 8.1.1 *Start a Program*

Format:

<octal number> !

The machine is started in the address given by the octal number. If the octal number is omitted, the P register is used as start address, i.e., this is a "continue function". The program level will be the same as when the computer was stopped (if Master Clear has not been pushed or @ typed).

### 8.1.2 *Memory Examine*

Format:

<octal number> /

The octal number before the character "/" specifies the memory address.

When the "/" is typed, the contents of the specified memory cell are printed out as an octal number.

If a CR (carriage return) is given, the contents of the next memory cell are printed out.

When the paging system is on, the Bank number (see Section 8.1.8) specifies which page table is used, and page faults and protected violations are ignored. In this case, <octal number> specifies a virtual address.

Example:

717/003456	% EXAMINE ADDRESS 717
717/003456 (CR)	% EXAMINE ADDRESS 717
003450 (CR)	% EXAMINE ADDRESSES 720
000013	% AND 721



### 8.1.3 *Memory Deposit*

Format:

<octal number> (CR)

After a memory examine, the contents of the memory cell may be changed by typing an octal number terminated by CR.

Example:

717/003456 3475 (CR)	% THE CONTENTS OF
003450 1700 (CR)	% ADDRESS 717 IS CHANGED
000123 (CR)	% FROM 3456 TO 3475 AND 720
123456	% IS CHANGED FROM 3450 TO
	% 1700. 721 CONTAINS 123 AND
	% REMAINS UNCHANGED

### 8.1.4 *Register Examine*

Format:

<octal number> R <octal number> /

The first octal number specifies the program level (0-17), if this number is omitted, program level zero is assumed.

The second octal number specifies which register on that level to examine, the following codes apply:

0	Status register, bits 0-7
1	D register
2	P register
3	B register
4	L register
5	A register
6	T register
7	X register

After the "/" is typed, the contents of the register is printed out.

Examples:

R5/	A register level 0
7R2/	P register level 7

### 8.1.5 *Register Deposit*

Format:

<octal number> (CR)

After a register examine, the contents of the register may be changed by typing an octal number terminated by CR.

Examples:

R5/ 123456 54321(CR)           % CONTENT OF A REGISTER  
                                           % ON LEVEL 0 IS CHANGED  
                                           % TO 054321

7R2/ 000044 55(CR)           % CONTENT OF P REGISTER  
                                           % ON LEVEL 7 IS CHANGED  
                                           % TO 000055

### 8.1.6 *Internal Register Examine*

Format:

I <octal number> /

The octal number specifies which internal register is examined, the following codes apply:

0	PANS	Operator's Panel Status, used by operator's panel micro-program only.
1	STS	Status register, program level is contained in bits 8-11, bit 14 = PONI and bit 15 = IONI
2	OPR	Operator's panel switch register
3	PGS	Paging status register
4	PVL	Previous program level (GETR PVL DP)
5	IIC	Internal interrupt code
6	PID	Priority interrupt detect
7	PIE	Priority interrupt enable
10	CSR	Cache status register, for maintenance only
11	ACTL	Active level, decoded

12	ALD	Automatic load descriptor
13	PES	Memory error status
14	MPC	Micro-program counter (will show a constant)
15	PEA	Memory error address
16	IO	I/O transfer. Do not use.
17	—	Will show an arbitrary register. Do not use.

### 8.1.7 *Internal Register Deposit*

Format:

<octal number> (CR)

After an internal register examine the contents of the internal register with the same internal register code. It may be changed by typing an octal number terminated by CR. For deposit, the following internal register codes apply:

0	PANC	Operator's panel control, used by operator's panel micro-program only.
1	STS	Status register, only bits 0-7 will be changed.
2	LMP	Operator' panel lamp register (will be overwritten unless U register is selected)
3	PCR	Paging control register
4	MISC	"Miscellaneous" register (used by micro-program to control IONI, PONI, MCALL and MOPC)
5	IIE	Internal interrupt enable
6	PID	Priority interrupt detect
7	PIE	Priority interrupt enable
10	CCLR	Cache Clear
11	—	Not used

- |    |      |                                                              |
|----|------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| 12 | CILR | Cache inhibit limits register                                |
| 13 | CAR  | Instruction register, used by micro-program subroutine only. |
| 14 | IR   | Instruction register, used by the EXR instruction only.      |
| 15 | ECCR | Error correction control register                            |
| 16 | IO   | I/O transfer. Do not use.                                    |
| 17 | -    | Will change an arbitrary register. Do not use.               |

Examples:

17/ 030013 0(CR)	% EXAMINE PIE AND CHANGE % TO 000000
112/ 021540 20044	% EXAMINE ALD AND CHANGE % CILR TO 020044

**8.1.8** *Current Location Counter*

When \* is typed, an octal number is printed indicating the current address on which a memory examine or memory deposit will take place. The current location counter is set by the memory examine command /, and it is also incremented for each time carriage return is typed.

**8.1.9** *Break Function*

When @ is typed, the MOPC is restarted. This function is also used to terminate an octal load. PIE is set to zero.

**8.1.10** *Bank Number*

Format:

<octal number> B

This command is used when the computer has more than 64K memory. The memory is divided into 64K banks (0-3).

This command has to be used to specify the bank number when a memory examine/deposit has to be done.

## 8.2 *BOOTSTRAP LOADERS*

The NORD-10 has bootstrap loaders for both mass storage and character oriented devices. Three different load formats are standard:

- Octal format load
- Binary format load
- Mass storage load

### 8.2.1 *Octal Format Load*

Octal load is (normally) started by typing:

<physical device address> \$

The operator's communication will start taking its input from the device with the specified device address. The actual device must conform with the programming specification of either Teletype or tape reader. The device address is the lowest address associated with the device.

During octal load there is no echoing of characters. All legal operators' commands are accepted. Illegal commands terminate the loading and "?" is typed on the console. (In installations without console an attention lamp is turned on.) Normally, @ or ! is used to terminate an octal load.

If no device address precedes the \$ command, then \$ is nearly equivalent to pushing the LOAD button on the operator's panel. See also Section 8.2.4.)

### 8.2.2 *Binary Format Load*

Binary load is (normally) started by typing:

<physical device address> &

Loading will take place from the specified device. This device must conform with the programming specifications of either Teletype or tape reader. The device address is the lowest address associated with the device.

The binary information must obey the following format:

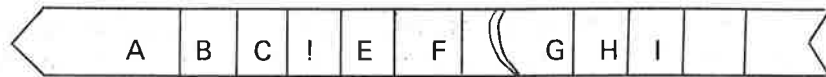


Figure 8.1 : *Binary Load Format*

- A Any types not including ! (ASCII 41<sub>g</sub>)
- B (Optional) octal number (any number of digits) terminated with a non-octal character\* :
- C (Optional) octal number terminated with the character ! (see below)
- ! Signals start of binary information (ASCII 41<sub>g</sub>)
- E Block start address. Presented as two bytes (16 bits), most significant byte first.
- F Word count. Presented as two bytes (16 bits), most significant byte first. (E, F and H is not included in F.)
- G Binary information. Each word (16 bits) presented as two bytes, most significant byte first.
- H Checksum. Presented as two bytes (16 bits), most significant byte first. The checksum is the 16-bit arithmetic sum of all words in G.
- I Action code. If I is a blank (zero), then the program is started in the address previously found in the octal number B (see above). If B is not specified, B = 0 is assumed. If I is not a blank, then control is returned to the operator's communication, which decodes I. (The number B will be found in the P register on level 0.)

If no device address precedes the & command, then the & is nearly equivalent to pushing the LOAD button on the operator's panel (see Section 8.2.4).

If a checksum error is detected, "?" is typed (in installations without console an attention lamp is turned on) on the console and control is returned to the operator's communication.

Note that the binary loader does not require any of the main memory.

The binary load will change the registers on level 0.

The binary load format is compatible with the format dumped by the )BPUN command in the MAC assembler.

\* Line feed (ASCII 12<sub>g</sub>) is ignored within octal numbers.

### 8.2.3 *Mass Storage Load*

When loading from mass storage, 1K words will be read from mass storage address 0 into main memory starting in address 0. After a successful load, the CPU is started in main memory address 0.

If an error occurs, the loading is terminated and "?" is typed on the console and control is returned to the operator's communication. (Note: in installations without console, an attention lamp is turned on.)

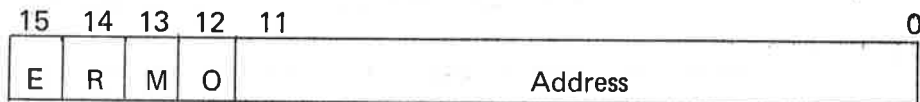
The actual mass storage must conform with either drum or disc programming specification.

Mass storage load must be started by typing \$ or &, or pushing the LOAD button on the operator's panel. However, this requires a special setting of the ALD. Refer to Section 8.2.4 for details.

### 8.2.4 *Automatic Load Descriptor*

The NORD-10 has a 16-bit switch register called Automatic Load Descriptor (ALD) (located on the Panel Driver Card). This register specifies the load procedure to use when the LOAD button is pushed or when a single \$ or & is typed.

The ALD format is as follows:



#### Automatic Load Descriptor (ALD) Format

##### E Extensions

If this bit (bit 15) is 1, then the load function is extended. Effectively, the micro-program jumps to the micro address found in ALD, bits 0-11.

(The E bit is used when starting micro-programmed diagnostic programs. The start address is put in ALD bits 0-11.)

**R Restart\***

If this bit (bit 14) is 1, the load function degenerates to a jump to main memory address:

Address = 4 \* (ALD bits 0-13)

This bit is used when the bootstrap program is held in read only main memory. (Note: E = 0.)

**M Mass Storage Load**

If this bit (bit 13) is 1, mass storage load is taken from the device whose (lowest) address is found in ALD bits 0-10 (unit 0). (Note: E = R = 0.)

**O Octal Format Load**

If this bit (bit 12) is set, octal format load will take place from the device whose (lowest) address is found in ALD bits 0-10.

If bit 12 is not set, binary format load will take place from the device whose (lowest) address is found in ALD bits 0-10.

Note: \$ will override this bit, a single \$ will start an octal format load from the device whose (lowest) address is found in ALD bits 0-10. (Note: E = R = M = 0.)

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\* Not to be confused with the RESTART button on the operator's panel.



## 8.2.5 Examples

Following is a table showing possible use of the ALD setting.

Command	<n> \$	\$	<n> &	&	Pushing LOAD
ALD					
000300	Octal load from <n>	Octal load from 300	Binary load from <n>	Binary load from 300	Binary load from 300
010400	Octal load from <n>	Octal load from 400	Binary load from <n>	Octal load from 400	Octal load from 400
020540	Octal load from <n>	Mass storage load from 540	Binary load from <n>	Mass storage load from 540	Mass storage load from 540
077760	Octal load from <n>	Start in address 177700	Binary load from <n>	Start in address 177700	Start in address 177700
103000	Jump to $\mu$ address 3000	Jump to $\mu$ address 3000	Jump to $\mu$ address 3000	Jump to $\mu$ address 3000	Jump to $\mu$ address 3000

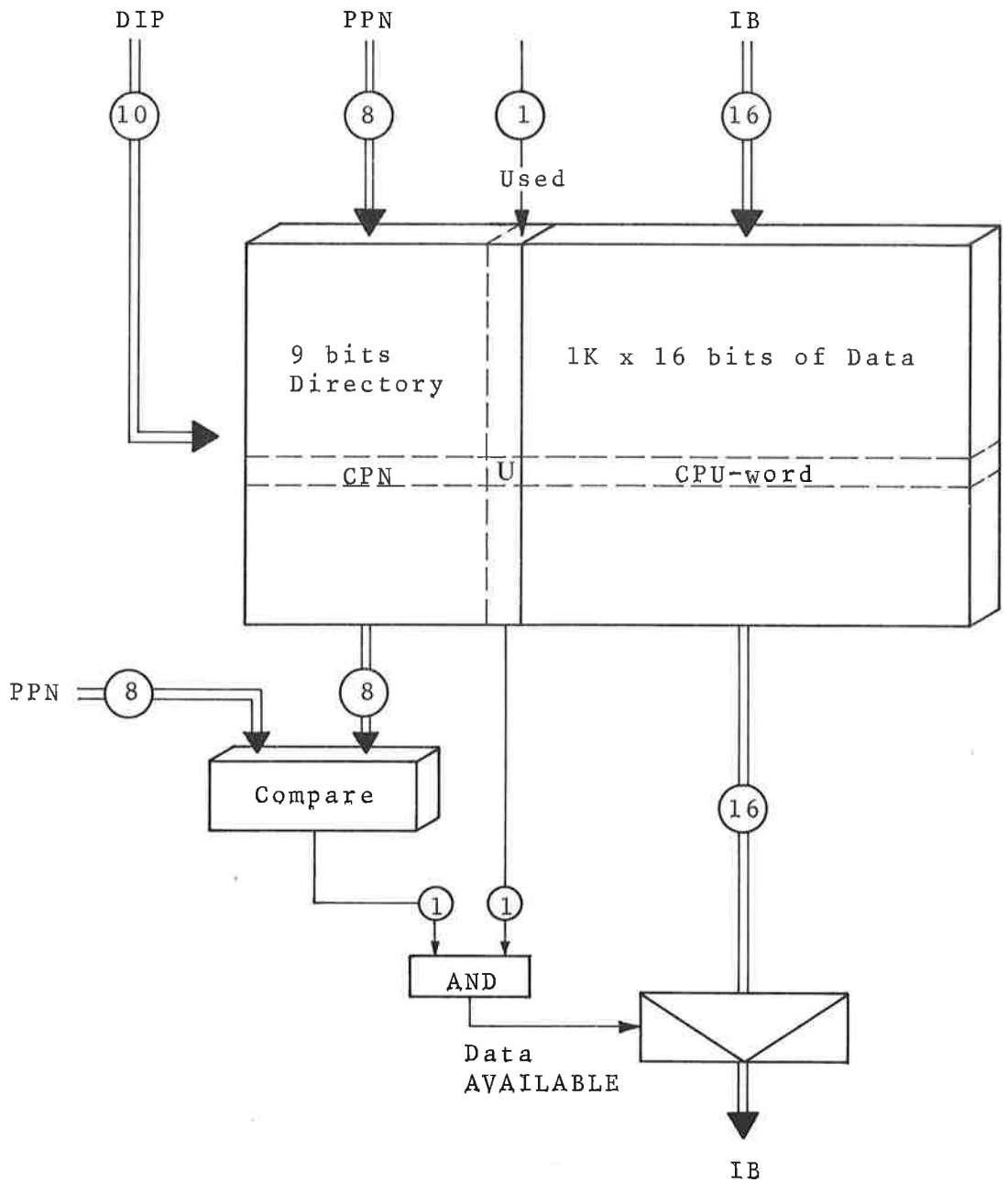
Table 8.1

**9 CACHE MEMORY**

The Cache Buffer Memory is an option which significantly reduces the average memory access and cycle times. This effect is particularly noticeable when the Multiport Memory System is used, since this system has the longest access time (see Chapter 3). This increase in average memory speed is achieved by keeping copies of the most recently referenced memory words in a 1K word bipolar memory called a Cache Memory.

9.1 CACHE MEMORY ARCHITECTURE

The Cache Memory is organized as a 1K by 25 bits look-up table, as illustrated in Figure 9.1. A word in Cache is identified with the main memory word of which it is a copy by means of its main memory physical address.



- U: Used (Data valid)
- DIP: Displacement within page (R 0-9)
- PPN: Physical page number (MR 10-17)
- CPN: Cache page number

Figure 9.1: Cache Memory Organization (not shown are the two limit registers which hold the Cache inhibit limits.)

The Cache Memory is homogenous, i.e., the Cache Memory does not discriminate between data words, instructions or indirect addresses stored in main memory.

Each word in the Cache Memory has the following format:

CPN, 8 BITS	U	DATA WORD, 16 BITS
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DATA WORD : This is a copy of a word in main memory.

U: Use bit. Indicates that the Cache word in this location is valid.

CPN: Cache Page Number. This is the physical page number of the main memory word of which the cache data word is a copy.

The connections between the Cache Memory and the CPU bus structure is shown in Figure 2.2.

## 9.2 *CACHE MEMORY ACCESS*

### 9.2.1 *Definitions*

DIP:	Displacement within page	$0 \leq \text{DIP} \leq 1023$
PPN:	Physical page number	$0 \leq \text{PPN} \leq 255$
CPN:	Cache page number	$0 \leq \text{CPN} \leq 255$

### 9.2.2 *Cache Addressing*

The Cache is addressed by DIP, which means that all memory locations with the same DIP will share one location in Cache. This location will be occupied by the word with this DIP that was accessed most recently by the CPU.

### 9.2.3 *Read Access*

When the CPU presents a request for a word from memory, the DIP is used to access the word in Cache Memory that may possibly be the requested one. This is the case if  $\text{CPN} = \text{PPN}$  and  $U = 1$ , and in this case the data is presented to the CPU registers from the Cache Memory.

If  $\text{CPN} \neq \text{PPN}$  or  $U = 0$ , this particular word is *not* present in the Cache, and the request is forwarded to the main memory control. When the main memory presents the data to the CPU registers, a copy is written into the Cache Memory, at the same time setting  $\text{CPN} := \text{PPN}$  and  $U := 1$  to identify this word for possible later use. The previously held word in this location is simply overwritten.

### 9.2.4 *Write Access*

Requests from the CPU to write into memory are always forwarded to the main memory control. In parallel with the main memory access, a copy is written into the Cache Memory along with its corresponding PPN and setting  $U := 1$ . In this manner, the main memory will always contain only relevant and correct information. This is of special importance in case of power failure, and when several processors have access to a shared memory.

### 9.2.5 Cache Inhibit Area

The Cache Memory system contains two 8-bit registers which define a contiguous area in memory which will *not* be copied into Cache when accessed. The inhibited area includes all pages with:

$$\text{Lower limit} \leq \text{PPN} \leq \text{Upper limit}$$

The inhibit feature is intended for use on memory areas that are operated upon by high-frequency DMA transfers and/or parallel processors, to ensure that the CPU does not operate on stale data that might reside in Cache.

Note that data is not removed from Cache when the Cache inhibit area is expanded, therefore, expansion of the Cache inhibit area should always be accompanied by Cache initialization (see Section 9.3.2).

“Master Clear” will cause all of main memory to be inhibited.

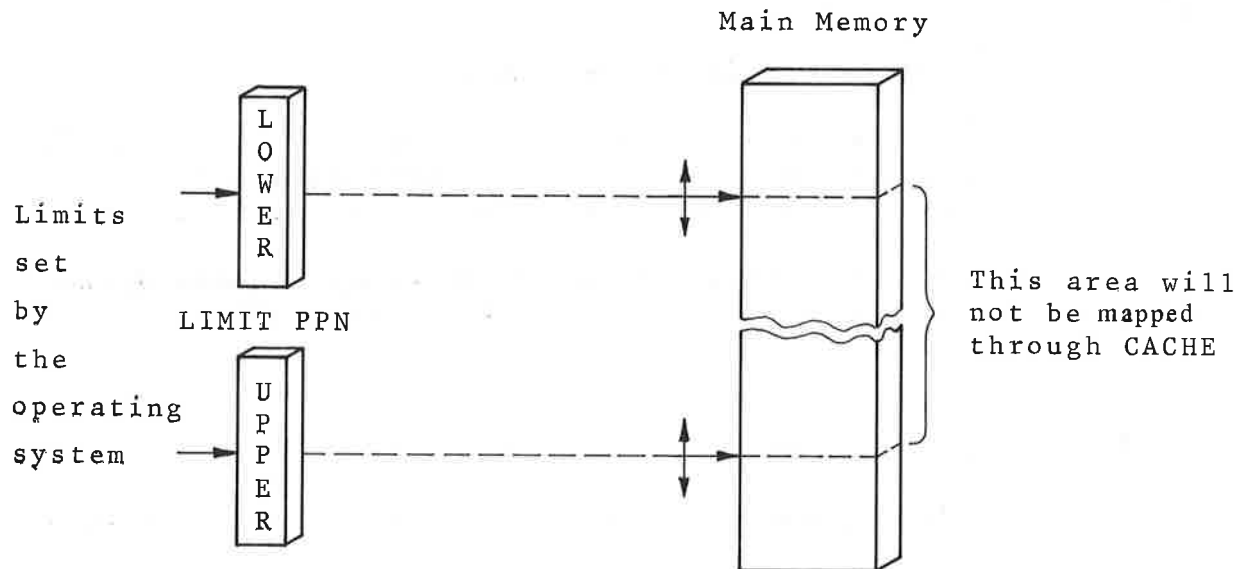


Figure 9.2: Cache Limits

### 9.3 CONTROL OF THE CACHE MEMORY

The operating system must perform two actions to control the Cache Memory:

- Setting of the Cache inhibit limit registers.
- Initialization of the Cache Memory after a DMA transfer outside the Cache Inhibit area.

Note that the Cache control instructions have no effect on machines without the Cache Memory installed.

#### 9.3.1 Setting of Cache Inhibit Limits

The Cache Inhibit Limits may be set by performing the instruction

TRR 12<sub>g</sub>

with the following contents in the A register:

15	8 7	0
Upper limit (page no.)	Lower limit (page no.)	

Note: An expansion of the cache inhibit area should always be followed by the "Clear Cache" instruction (see Section 9.3.2).

#### 9.3.2 Cache Initialization

Cache initialization is obtained by performing the "Clear Cache" instruction

TRR 10<sub>g</sub>

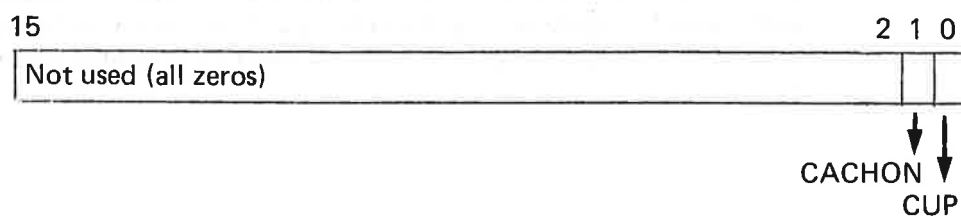
which will clear all U-bits in the Cache Memory. After the "Clear Cache" instruction, the Cache Memory will be disabled for 35 $\mu$ s while the U-bits are being cleared.

### 9.3.3 Cache Status Register

This register is only used by diagnostic programs. It may be transferred to the A register by performing the

TRA 10<sub>8</sub>

instruction, and it has the following format:



- Bit 0: CUP (Cache up-date) is a "1" if the last memory reference (i.e., the instruction read-out for the TRA 10<sub>8</sub>) caused writing into cache.
- Bit 1: CACHON (Cache on); is a "1" on all machines with the Cache Memory installed, except during the 35 $\mu$ s period following a "TRR 10<sub>8</sub>" instruction or "Master Clear", while the U-bits are being set to zero.



#### 9.4 *CACHE TIMING*

The Cache Memory access runs in parallel with the Memory Management Page Table look-up, on the same time-base, so that the tests on CPN and U are completed at the same time as the physical memory address is ready. If the data word is available in cache, it will at this time be present at the CPU register inputs, giving a cache access time of  $0.2\mu\text{s}$ . This is the same as the Memory Management delay, so that the Cache Memory system will not incur any extra delay on memory accesses that must be forwarded to main memory. However, the  $0.2\mu\text{s}$  delay will now occur on references to main memory also when the Memory Management System is turned off.

## APPENDIXES



## APPENDIX A

## NORD-10 MNEMONICS AND THEIR OCTAL VALUES

AAA	: 172400	FAD	: 100000	MPY	: 120000
AAB	: 172000	FDV	: 114000	MST	: 150300
AAT	: 173000	FMU	: 110000	NLZ	: 151400
AAX	: 173400	FSB	: 104000	ONE	: 000200
ACT	: 000400	GRE	: 001000	OPR	: 000002
ADC	: 001000	I	: 001000	ORA	: 074000
ADD	: 060000	IDENT	: 143600	PCR	: 000003
AD1	: 000400	IF	: 000000	PEA	: 000015
ALD	: 000012	IIC	: 000005	PES	: 000013
AND	: 070000	IIE	: 000005	PGS	: 000003
,B	: 000400	IOF	: 150401	PID	: 000006
BAC	: 000600	ION	: 150402	PIE	: 000007
BANC	: 177000	IOT	: 160000	PIN	: 002000
BAND	: 177200	IOX	: 164000	PL10	: 000004
BCM	: 000400	IRR	: 153600	PL11	: 000011
BLDA	: 176600	IRW	: 153400	PL12	: 000022
BLDC	: 176400	JAF	: 131400	PL13	: 000043
BORA	: 177600	JAN	: 130400	POF	: 150404
BORC	: 177400	JAP	: 130000	PON	: 150410
BSET	: 174000	JAZ	: 131000	PVL	: 000004
BSKP	: 175000	JMP	: 124000	RADD	: 146000
BSTA	: 176200	JNC	: 132400	RAND	: 144400
BSTC	: 176000	JPC	: 132000	RCLR	: 146100
CCLR	: 000010	JPL	: 134000	RDCR	: 146200
CILR	: 000012	JXN	: 133400	RDIV	: 141600
CLD	: 000100	JXZ	: 133000	REXO	: 145000
CM1	: 000200	LBYT	: 142200	RINC	: 146400
CM2	: 000600	LDA	: 044000	RMPY	: 141200
COPY	: 146100	LDD	: 024000	RORA	: 145400
CSR	: 000010	LDF	: 034000	ROT	: 001000
DA	: 000005	LDT	: 050000	RSUB	: 146600
DB	: 000003	LDX	: 054000	SA	: 000050
DD	: 000001	LIN	: 003000	SAA	: 170400
DL	: 000004	LMP	: 000002	SAB	: 170000
DNZ	: 152000	LRB	: 152600	SAD	: 154600
DP	: 000002	LST	: 003000	SAT	: 171000
DT	: 000006	MCL	: 150200	SAX	: 171400
DX	: 000007	MGRE	: 001400	SB	: 000030
ECCR	: 000015	MIN	: 040000	SBYT	: 142600
EQL	: 000000	MIX3	: 143200	SD	: 000010
EXIT	: 146142	MLST	: 003400	SHA	: 154400
EXR	: 140600	MON	: 153000	SHD	: 154200

SHR	:	000200	SSQ	:	000040	SUB	:	064000
SHT	:	154000	SSTG	:	000010	SWAP	:	144000
SKA	:	001000	SSZ	:	000030	SX	:	000070
SKP	:	140000	ST	:	000060	TRA	:	150000
SL	:	000040	STA	:	004000	TRR	:	150100
SP	:	000020	STD	:	020000	UEQ	:	002000
SRB	:	152402	STF	:	030000	WAIT	:	151000
SSC	:	000060	STS	:	000001	,X	:	002000
SSK	:	000020	STT	:	010000	ZIN	:	002000
SSM	:	000070	STX	:	014000	ZRO	:	000000
SSO	:	000050	STZ	:	000000			

APPENDIX B

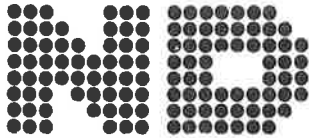
NORD-10/S INSTRUCTION CODE

15 14 13 12 11 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0

0	000.000	STZ	0	0	0	0	0										
	004.000	STA	0	0	0	0	1										
	010.000	STT	0	0	0	1	0										
	014.000	STX	0	0	0	1	1										
1	020.000	STD	0	0	1	0	0										
	024.000	LDD	0	0	1	0	1										
	030.000	STF	0	0	1	1	0										
	034.000	LDF	0	0	1	1	1										
2	040.000	MIN	0	1	0	0	0	XIB	DISPLACEMENT Δ								
	044.000	LDA	0	1	0	0	1										
	050.000	LDT	0	1	0	1	0										
	054.000	LDX	0	1	0	1	1										
3	060.000	ADD	0	1	1	0	0										
	064.000	SUB	0	1	1	0	1										
	070.000	AND	0	1	1	1	0										
	074.000	ORA	0	1	1	1	1										
4	100.000	FAD	1	0	0	0	0										
	104.000	FSB	1	0	0	0	1										
	110.000	FMU	1	0	0	1	0										
	114.000	FDV	1	0	0	1	1										
5	120.000	MPY	1	0	1	0	0										
	124.000	JMP	1	0	1	0	1										
	130.000	CJP	1	0	1	1	0	SUBIN.									
	134.000	JPL	1	0	1	1	1										
6	140.000	SKP + EXT	1	1	0	0	0	SUBIN.	EXT			S			D		
	144.000	ROP	1	1	0	0	1	RAD	ADC	AD1	CM1	CLD					
	150.000	MIS	1	1	0	1	0	SUBIN.									
	154.000	SHT	1	1	0	1	1	ZIN	ROT	SHA	SHD		NUMBER OF SHIFTS				
7	160.000	N.A.	1	1	1	0	0										
	164.000	IOX	1	1	1	0	1					DEVICE ADDRESS					
	170.000	ARG	1	1	1	1	0	FUNCTION				ARGUMENT					
	174.000	BOP	1	1	1	1	1	FUNCTION			BIT NO.				D		

100.000  
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