## 903 ALCOL Maintenance

This document gives details of changes made to the 903 ALGOL system since Issue 3 (about January 1967). It includes all Translator changes made since C.A.P. (Computer Analysts and Programmers) finished work on the Translator.

The document starts with a summary list of the changes. The numbering starts arbitarily at Change 30.

# Summary of Changes

Change number

Brief Description

30	• •	Translator	Large énteger constant treated as real
31		Translator	Declaration following <u>read</u> or <u>print</u> gives error now
32		Translator Interpreter	Correct code now given for Formal switch with subscript used as Actual parameter to a call by name paralold /a/c/ parameter
33		Translator	Characters " and - printed with correct parity now
34		Interpreter	Use of pointer FP abolished except in <u>code</u>
35		Translator	all own code procedures now picked up correctly from library tape.
36		Translator	(not implemented)
37		Translator	if A>B than print A+B else how translated correctly again
38		Interpreter	Input of 0.00 and 10,-24 now gives exactly zero
39		Interpreter	Program run on level 4
40		Interpreter	Change to Character input- output allows plotter etc.
41		Translator	Type procedure on its own gives error
42		Translator	Easy to add names to "built- in" namelist
43		Translator	Detect illegal character in parameter comment.
44		Translator	: = detected as error in <u>read</u> or <u>print</u>
45		Translator	Two commas in print statement

Change Number

46	•	Interpreter	After error No. 18 to 14
47		Interpreter	Correction in print string
48	Tra	". Array mess cha	nges

All these changes except number 36 and 46 incorporated in

Issue 4.

# Changes after Issue 4

	Dump	
49	Dup-facility and	Interpreter
( <b>7</b> .)	"freeze namelist".	Translator
50	Formal procedure parameterless and with parameters confused, Premeh correct by changing Propin PRAMCH	Translator
51	Aneten errors corrected ARCTAN	Library Interpreter
52	Library scan, avoid error ôf library procedure too big, but not wanted anyway	Translator
53	Change COMPIL to allow 16K (LG) system	Translator
54	Tidy up Issue 4 mistakes	Translator Interpreter
55	Wrong code produced for parameter will array plüs	Translator

Fault X:= 1234567;

gives error 8, as the constant is treated as an integer.

No reason why constant too big for integer should not be treated as real (unless change too difficult)

Correction

Change tests in Translator rountine NUMBER (Page 23 of flow charts)

For number without point or 10, if > 131071 branch to section to process real constants.

Flowchart Change

Translator flow page 23 9.3.67.

Coding Change

in number, OKQ

change 8 FAIL - 8 to 8 FIN 9 FAIL - 8 to 9 FIN

2 -112

Consequent Changes

None

Fault

real a,x;

read n1,x;

procedure P(b): real (b);

Not detected as error.

## Correction

In block OUT of translator in READ, PRINT set DECSTA to statement level

Flowchart change

Page 123 Translator flow charts after COMPIL (INOUT 20) change SV:= 0 0 to DECSTA:= SV:= 0 0

Coding Change Vol 3 Translator

Block OUT, lawel PRINT and add DECSTA to globals after 5 SV insert 5 DECSTA

Consequent changes

Extra store. 1 location only.

Fault

Formal switch with subscipt used as actual parameter to a procedure with label parameter

#### Correction

CAP corrected Translator in December, 1966. New Translator now gnerates new find function 5 (INDFS) (at the call of P in procedure Q above)

Interpreter must take action on INDFS

#### Documentation

Rend Parand-Manual updated with description of INDFS action

Flow chart

Page 26 ) Page 4 ) of Interpreter Flow charts

Coding

1) Label FBAJ+5 Change 8 SPARE to 8 INDES

2) Label INDSFL after 8 EMFAIL insert ①

> INDES 11 FINDEP 8 FINDEP +1 8 ; +2 (ADDRESS := CONTENT of 3N + FP)

Consequent Changes

Storage 3 extra words in Interpreter

In the example above <u>procedure</u> P(A) will be transplated <u>procedure</u> Q(B) will be transplated <u>PE</u> <u>TIC</u> (+2) <u>IND</u> <u>FE</u> <u>TIC</u> (-2) <u>IND</u> <u>FS</u> <u>FE</u> <u>TIC</u> <u>CF</u> <u>TIC</u> <u>TIC</u> <u>CF</u> <u>TIC</u> <u>TIC</u> <u>TIC</u> <u>TIC</u> <u>CF</u> <u>TIC</u> <u>TIC</u> <u>TIC</u> <u>TIC</u> <u>TIC</u> <u>CF</u> <u>TIC</u> <u>T</u>

## Fault

Characters " and (- are printed with wrong parity on output from Translator and Interpreter

Correction

Alter TABLE in Translator and Interpreter

## Documentation

No change

## Coding

In Translator and Interpreter Block TABLE at section beginning /4 160 alter /4 2082 to 4 2082

at section beginning /11 56 alter /11 7363 to .11 7363

# Consequent Changes

None

Fault

The store location FP was not updated correctly on certain cases of unit from for lessons and procedures

## Correction

pords

Abolish FP as far as pads are concerned i.e. FP will only be updated on entry to a machine code procedure.

Elsewhere the value of FP is always found from the stall stack entry on FP Vid EP

Documentation

Pord Manual already updated

## Flow

Interpreter sheets 2, 12, 17, 13

## Coding

alter FINDFP EXEQUT RETURN PE GTL4

Consequent changes

Total coding reduced by 11 locations

Fault '

Machine code procedure "added to" library tape was not copied onto end of pord tape

Correction

(Translator only)

The "topmost" entry in the namelist was not being checked (i.e. the last using added to the namelist in the first block of the program) The test to complete running the namelist in ENDPRO must be altered.

Documentation

None

Flow

No Change

Coding

In ENDPRO alter NOT + 4 (9 LOOP) insert 7 LOOP

Consequent changes

Total coding (Translator) increased by 1

Not Implemented

Improvement

Make translator library soon ignore loader stop code, and detect special character (erase) as end of library tape.

Convenience when producing library tape it will not be necessary to remove loader stop codes, by copying on a flexowriter.

This will also prevent the program going wild if a loader code> 7 is punched on tape i.e. a mispunching caused "parity bit" to be one.

Coding

In ENDPRO

after JOIN 4 8 (150) insert 2 4 7 9 OUTEND after L1-2 (8 test) Change 8 OUTEND to 8 NEXT

This is not adequate

Consequent changes

Total translator code increased by 2

Do not implement in current changes as Algol Manual describes old system.

Fault

With translator of December 1966 the construction

if AB then print A+B else  $\beta_{2} = B+1$ 

is translated wrongly

#### Cause

In attempting to allow: <u>print if A>B</u> then C else D; this error has been introduced

Correction (Translator only)

- 1) Put test in IF if MREAD or MPRINT # 0 then FAIL
- 2) Alter ELSE back to original *Le* call INOUT (2) before testing TS
- 3) see also flow chart pages 117 and 119 MPRINT is stacked at (and unstacked at ')' to allow print (if X=0 then A else B)

#### Documentation

Change Manual and facts card. (Error 67 if misused) Unge to 67 if misused or used in read or print

#### Flow Chart

Translator Page 93 Page 89

#### Coding

Insert \$n ELSE call of INOUT (2) immmediately after ELSE Wnsert in IF check that \$um of M + MREAD + MPRINT = 0 (can only be true if each one is zero?) as negative values not used.)

Consequent changes +) words of Translater

Programs with print if A>B then C else D will not translate + 2 words of Translator

print if A = B then ( else D is soon illegal but print (if A = B then ( else D) is OK now

(Interpreter only)

Fault

- 1) 0.00 on data tape is input as a small non-zero number (corrected by AIC2)
- 2) 1<sub>10</sub>-20 input as zero correctly but 1<sub>10</sub>-24 input as small positive non zero number!

Cause

The DIVIEN routine is sufficiently addurate for all standardised numbers except the special case of zero. Zero divided by 10 gives a very small non zero-result. When standardised this result becomes significant. AIC2 tested for zero before the division loop in input was started, thus array 0.00 input (ase (2) occurs because the result goes zero during the loop.

#### Correction

Test for zero before using DITEN each time, on RDNM

Flow chart

Sheet 52 (Interpreter)

Coding

At RDMM16 insert

4 W3 7 RDNM20

## Consequent changes

Total Interpreter engle increased by + 2

#### Improvement

#### (interpreter only)

It is highly desirable that Algol programs should be obeyed from level 4. This makes it easier to control the program with interrupts.

In particular, a dump facility and a debugging facility are required, controlled by interrupts.

## Details

Entry to start running a program, (at 10) and to continue after a wait, (entry at 9) cause drop to level 4. Continue after wait is in the standard 903 systems manner by continuing at the address held in location 20.

On level 1 interrupt, a routine is entered which places a break in NXFORD. At completion of the current pord the program enters a wait stop on level 4. Thus program may be stopped to do a dump.

Allowance has been made for a possible pseudo-time sharing routine, by placing suitable jumps in locations NXPORD and NXPORD + 1, a program can be entered after each pord is obeyed. A jump would be placed in NXPORD, to enter the "time sharing" program after every pord. A jump is placed in NXPORD + 1 (replacing a dynamic stop) which jumps to the time sharing routine to complete it if the Algol comes to a WAIT, or STOP, or final "END" (or halt code on data tape or run Rem time error stop)

After each entry from NXPORD, the time sharing program must reenter at NXPORD + 2.

On completion of all current processing, the time sharing program must reset the contents of NXPORD + 2 and NXPORD + 3 intENXPORD and NXPORD + 1 respectively. NXPORD will be pointed to by an address in NXPDAD which will occupy "absolute" location... The fundity has not leave used up the mages now (Aug 68)

#### Coding Changes

At NXPORD at end of EXECUT at SWAIT and CONTIN and insert NXPDAD near beginning of Interpreter

#### Documentation

Must put seperate note in Algol Master file.

## Consequent changes

Interpreter increase 21 éxtra words.

Improvement (Essential)

Change in Method of output/input of individual characters.

A table of addresses of routines for input and output of individuals characters will be provided. EXECUT will set all these jumps to the entry for paper tape input or output. The input and output to paper tape rougtines will do a special check to see if the required device is teleprinter. EXECUT will also clear a BUFFER area of 9 locations, one for each possible input device.

Special device routines must be entered by a call of a machine code procedure before their use for input or output. They procedure will place an appropriate address in the stable position for the device.

## Consequent changes

About 45 locations added to Interpreter Description of machine code procedures for using special I/O devices put in Master file.

#### (Translator only)

Fault

Type procedure with parameters standing on its own as if non-type, is not detected as error. Also I believe, A + B; as a statement, is not detected as error.

## Same Cure

Test  $\phi$ f last delimeter was (;) or begin at Left Hand Round Bracket L1 (and at AOP Arithmetic operator)

Flow

Sheet 117 (Translator) LRBRAK add to test for FAIL 61 FAIL (61) if LASTDL =  $\underline{\text{begin}}$  i

(AOP) Sheet 107 Add test before call of EXP (3) FAIL (57) if LASTDL = begin (;)

Coding

4 LASTDL (FAIL IF LAST DELIMETER WAS) in LRBRACK 1 & 756000 7 FAIL - 61 (Right round bracket) 1 & 734000 (;) 7 FAIL 1 & 674000 (]) 7 FNL 1& 4754000 7 FAIL ("BEGIN")

( ~ AOP) 4 LASTDL 2 & 216000

7 FAIL - 57 (FAIL IF LASTDL BEGIN) 2 & 130000 7 FAIL - 57 (FAIL IF LASTDL ;) Change

Make it easier to add names to the permanant "built-in" namelist of the Translator.

Method

Allocate a "fixed" location near beginning of store to hold address of start of permanent namelist

# Documentation

The sheet in the Algol Master File, "How to add names to the built-in namelist" December, 1966, has been updated (to May, 1967) with the necessary changes.

Flow Chart

No change

## Coding

Insert PERM A-7795 in option after 8 OUT2\$ in START after 2 + 7795 to 2 PERM replace 4 - 200 by 4 PERM  $1 - \frac{1112}{112}$  4 -200 by 4 PERM  $1 - \frac{1112}{12}$  4 -200 by 4 PERM  $1 - \frac{112}{12}$   $1 - \frac{112}{12}$  Improvement

(Translator only)

Detect illegal characters within parameter comment. This is important because of way parameter comments are detected, easy to get one as an error, which does not show up till many lines later.

Only seperators and letters are allowed in parameter comment. Delimeter will show up as error following closely on genuine mistake.

Documentation

No change

Flow Chart

Sheet 16 (TAKCHA) updated

Coding

Inserted in LETTER of TAKCHA

Consequent changes

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Total Translator coding increased by 4.

(Translator only)

Fault

: = not delected as error inside read or print list

Gure

Test in BECOMS for MREAD, MPRINT = 0

Flow Charts

Translator Sheet 105

FAIL 28 if MREAD or MPRINT = 1

Coding

Insert after 7 FAIL - 28 4 MREAD 1 MPRINT 7 ; + 2 8 FAIL -28

Consequent changes

+ 4 words to total Translator

## Fault

Comma followed by comma in print statement, not detected as an error, could produce corrupt code.

Cure

In SETPRO (which is called from INOUT) put in test for that there is an identifier to find.

Flow

Translator Sheet 80

Put in test if M = 0 then FAIL 35

## Coding

At SETPRO (in INOUT) at SETPRO + 2 insert 7 FAIL -35

Consequent Changes

Total Translator coding increased by + 1 words.

#### Interpreter

### Fault in Print Statement

Fault

B (number) in inner string quotes just before 'message' in print statement, causes the output of extra lines attenent, com after the 'message' has been op main composition prise "L B10' ABCDEF "To" 'L'; courses lifenties neivelines after ABCDEF printed or spaces, after the 'message' has been on that. output .

Cause

Sheet 55 of flow diagram.

When N is not negative, and the previous character was B, N is not set negative. When the 'message' has been output, the same loop i.e. N not negative will be taken again.

## Cure

Coding	1 = 10 0 5 WS7	i.e. stairs a neg. no.	in WS6
	4 1	x.	5
OST 9	5 VS 6 <del>0529</del> 4 VS 7		

Changes for different method of array access.

The main purpose of this change is to allow more than 8192 words of object code program. Arrays were referred to by a TA. operation which pointed to the array pair information contained in the object code. T.A. is limited to a 13 bit address. The total of object code will be reduced slightly (by 2 words per array) but the total amount of store taken for a program + data store will be increased by one word per MALIPS pord. New system.

New system MAMPS will have only one word after it, this will have a real/integer indicator and a relative address in the National Data Area (QAVNDA). Two locations in NDA will be reserved for each array.

> For all array references T.A. will be replaced by T.I.A. which will form the address of the array address pair in QAVNDA.

At run time, MAMPS (which has unchanged format) will store two addresses in the pair of locations in GANDA associated with each array.

The first address will point to the actual array with 125t bit18 set of the array is real.

The second address will point to the array map, which will be in the run time stack, and will be shared between all arrays declared by the smae MAMPS pord (as before).

The first word of the map will contain the number of dimensions of the arrays. The following words will be the previous layout of the map., that is the whole map will be of the form.

No. of dimensions Total size Offset Lowbound 1 C1 Lowbound 2 C2 Lowbound 3 etc.

The interpreter is changed to allow all this (at MAMPS, INDR, INDA, PE ( COPYAR ).

/....cont.

## Translater Changes

## Page 113 of flow chart

In RSBRAK after COMPIL [MAMPS, DIL, ARRCOM] test if type [I] = real array then LIN: = /0 0 else LIV: = 0 LIV: = LIV + NDAP (current free location of NDA)

COMPIL (LIV) (

followed by LOOP taking the form

LOOP : ADDRES (I):=NDAP (address:=relative NDA address) DIM (I): = DIM NDAP:= NDAP + 2 (reserve 2 words in NDA)

for each array

I:= I - 4 ARRCOU:= ARRCOU - 1 if ARRCOU  $\neq$  0 gots LOOP BCR(D) etc

Page 58 of flow chart

after ARR and if  $f(I) \not\approx 1$  COMPIL (TIA, addr. (I)) instead of TA with frader code 1 instead of 2

Page 47 of flow chart

after NAMOK if array then COMPIL (TIA, addr. (I) ) with loader code 1 instead of TA with loader code 2.

#### Addition

1) Provide entry point at 16 in Translator so that current contents of Namelist may be "frozen" i.e. incorporated into the permenant namelist.

2) Provide entry at 14 in Interpreter to enter dump facility at 8000, first testing to see if SP > 8000.

## Documentation

Algol Manual change.

## Coding

Marked on Issue 4 listing at 16 put in jump to SETPERM gt put in SETPERM after START Interpreter at 14 put in DUMP

Consequent changes

Translator increased by 3 words.

NB note at bottom

Fault

Something of the form

procedure PROC(F); real procedure F;

begin

$$X := SIN(F(X));$$
  
end;

this failed due to an error in PARMCH. The test in FRED for parameterless procedures apparently branches the wrong way. This appears to give spurious error.

Connection

Alter the exit from FRED inside PARMCH

Flow

The flow diagram shows the correct decision already, only the coding is wrong.

Consequent changes

None. I hope!



This change was wrong, original is correct. Translator has been patched back to original. Error is still there.

Note that the following morrow translates concertly: procedure PROC(F); real procedure F; beyin  $\chi := F(X);$ X := SIN(F(X);end;

# Errors in ARCTAN(X) Issue 4 library

## Faults

1) if X < -1 wrong value given

2) if  $X > 6 \times 10^{4}$  wrong value

## Correction

- 1) Replace the 9 instruction ommitted from Algol library version of Arcton.
- 2) Arctan uses PRIM 31 to add two numbers. Alter jump at PRIM 31 + 6 to ensure that result always set, PRIM 31 did assume that if 2nd value was zero the result was already in correct position on stack.

These errors were due to incorporation of new ARCTAN and other Maths routines from I.C.I. These rountines were faster by factor of 5 to 10 than the orginals.

Library non changes

## Reason

With Issue 4 the plotter procedures in QAPLT2 were large enough to give trouble to people compiling in Library mode. Any program with more than about 50 identifiers declared in the outermost block failed on the scan, even though the plotter procedures were not required.

## Changes

When the total possible space is filled, instead of failing immediately, the check is done to find whether the procedure is wanted. If not wanted, the library scan continues. If wanted, the FAIL message is given.

# Algol Change 53.

Change COMPIL to allow 16K (LG) system

#### Reason

At present COMPIL, if loader code 3 is compiled, outputs 6 blanks afterwards. 3 of these represent a relocatable binary word, increment zero (Code = 2 ° ~ 2020 word = zero).

Change so that the zero word is actually output by PUNGRP, with word = code = 0

## Flow

Translator flow sheet 26

## Coding

Insert call of PUNGRP

## Consequent changes

Total translator coding increased by 2. Paper tape output is as before.

16K(LG) system gets zero word handed over to loader, before the blanks were ignored and therefore the next word of pord code output by translator was treated as an increment to the code 3.

Tidy up Issue 4 mistakes

## Translator

Correct the values in PERM and SP + 1. Correct ommission and mistake in GETCHA. Delete output of block number in FAIL.

# Interpreter

Correction to make COPYAR work

(remove sign bit from array address)

Correction to storage of lowbound values.

Fault

SETORIGIN (200, +200)

gave corrupt code.

Reason

Unary plus, although ignored, changes value of E in Translator.

Cure

In AOP Set ESAVE (new local workspace) ESAVE:=E before using EXP if unary plus detected set E:=ESAVE

N.B.

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Something still wrong here SETORIGIN (200, + 200) now gives error 5. This is better than corrupt code, but I don't understand why!

Fault

boolean B; real R;

boolean procedure BP(X); real X; BP:=X > 0

B := BP(R);

always gives false result because a PRIM RTOI is generated before ST to store the boolean result. (B:= checkb (BP(R)): Checkb-gives-time correctly or false) Checkb give true or false correctly.

## Change

In RRBRAK (Translator) When Type (T) is boolean for E = 0sety TYPBOX: = 0 specifically

of it my Mat Booleon is appendively integer.

Flow diagram

Page 120

Coding

After EZ in RRBRAK change

2 & 035100 to 2 & 035100

7 32 7; +5

Consequent changes

None. I hope!

Fault

Translator

When error 40 displayed (end misused) the error is output repeatedly and indefinitely.

#### Cause

In processing of END in Translator when Error 40 detected the FAIL routine is entered. The FAIL rountine detects that current delimeter is end and branches to ENT 2 once the error message is displayed.

ENTL

WET-2 is on the END routine, before the test for error 40, therefore a closed loop is completed.

#### Change

In FAIL test for Error 40 (#NO = 40) before branching to ENT 2

Flow diagrams

Page 8 and Page 90

#### Coding

Insert global label END4OF in EMD rountime. Insert test for END = 40 in FAIL and branch to global label END 40F

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## 903 ALGOL

Thank you for sending me the flowcharts for the 903 Algol interpreter. I wonder if you would mind sending me a printout of the translator coding because the copy is all overwritten with the changes introduced last December? Ideally, I should like to have listings of the issue two translator and interpreter.

Yours sincerely,

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