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## SPACE CAPTURE

Space Capture is a game of skill and chance. The object of the game is to capture an imaginary space ship by destroying all the possible sectors that it might attempt to travel in. The game as presented herein utilizes a game board consisting of a grid containing 64 squares or sectors. The sectors are identified by X and Y coordinates. A pictorial of the playing board is illustrated below.


To start the game, the computer informs the player of a location
where the space ship was last observed. The player is then allowed to take one PHASOR SHOT by giving the X and Y coordinates of a SECTOR. The phasor shot will destroy the sector specified thereby preventing the space ship from traveling therein in the future. However, the player must be careful! If the space ship happens to be residing in a sector at the time it is destroyed by a phasor shot, then the space ship itself is considered destroyed. Since the object of the game is to CAPTURE the ship (for its cargo of course!), destroying the vessel is a losing move for the player.

The space ship is limited to moving only one sector at a time. As already mentioned, it may not move into an area that has been previously hit by a phasor shot. The ship's movement is also restricted to the boundaries of the eight by eight grid on which the game is played.

The maximum number of different moves the space ship has to choose from at any given time is thus eight. This is illustrated in the diagram shown below. This maximum number of possible moves, for instance, would be the case at the start of a game before a player had destroyed any sectors.


However, once the game is underway, the number of possible directions in which the space ship may move can be reduced. The example illustrated next shows the space ship in a position where only two moves are possible. This is because it is bounded on two sides by the edges of the playing grid. Additionally, the diagram
shows several sectors marked by a D. These represent sectors that have been destroyed by the phasor shots of the player. The space ship may not enter into those areas. Thus, in the example, the space ship is only able to move up to the position $\mathrm{X}=1$ and $\mathrm{Y}=2$ or to the right into the position $\mathrm{X}=2$ and $\mathrm{Y}=1$. The space ship would be CAPTURED in the illustration if those two sectors had also been destroyed so that it could not move out of the indicated position $\mathrm{X}=1$ and $\mathrm{Y}=1$.


The game is relatively simple as far as computer games go, but it is a lot of fun because the moves of the space ship are made essentially random by the program. One may create strategies to attempt to use to capture the space ship, but one can never be certain where the next move will be until the space ship is captured. Also, if one does not take care where one shoots the phasor shots, the elements of chance can again enter the game. Remember, destroying a sector with the space ship traveling in it at the time ends the game!

The program for the game as it will be presented here will reside with room to spare in about 5 pages ( 256 bytes per page) of an '8008' or '8080' microcomputer system. If a person has even less memory available, the program can readily be compacted by the removal of some non-essential text messages. More room could be saved by more effective subroutining and attention to the program's organization to reduce the number of times pointers are altered. These techniques would allow the program to fit easily in less than three pages of memory. The reader should remember that the follow-
ing program was designed so that the operation of the program could be easily followed. It was definitely not designed to minimize memory usage other than in the sense that this machine language version is many times more compact that would be required if the program utilized a higher level language for compilation or interpretation!

The fundamental operation of the program is outlined in the flow chart that appears on the next page. A brief verbal explanation of that chart will follow. Then the various portions of the program will be presented and discussed in detail.

## OUTLINE OF THE PROGRAM'S OPERATION

At the start of the program, a brief message is presented to explain the game to a new player. Next, the program determines if the operator desires to play a game. If not, a closing message is displayed and the program ends.

Assuming that a person elects to play a game, the program proceeds to select a semi-random starting point as the initial position of the space ship that is to be captured. The position of the space ship is then displayed as the WAS position to the operator. That is, the operator is informed of the LAST POSITION in which the space ship was observed. The operator then knows one position in which the space ship cannot be because the actual current position of the ship when the player fires a phasor shot will be in a sector adjacent to its last announced position. (Unless, of course, the ship has been captured.)

Once the WAS position has been displayed, the program proceeds to calculate a new position for the space ship to move into using an essentially random method. Whenever a calculation to move into a new sector has been made, the program must perform several tests. It must make sure that the new sector is within the bounds of the playing grid. And, it must make sure that it is not moving into a sector that has been destroyed by a player's phasor shot. If either of these tests fail, a new calculation is made to try


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another one of the eight possible adjacent sectors. If the program finds that all eight possible moves are blocked, the player wins. An appropriate message is then displayed.

Assuming that the space ship does have a valid move, the new position that it occupies is saved temporarily. If the player has not already expended an allotted number of shots, the program allows the operator to enter the coordinates of the sector that is to be eliminated from further occupation by the space ship. Once the coordinates have been entered, a test is made to see whether the space ship is presently in that sector. If so, the player loses as the space ship was destroyed versus being captured. If the space ship was not hit by the phasor shot, then the sector area is erased from a SECTOR MAP. Once an entry in the sector map has been erased, the space ship will be prevented from entering that sector in the future.

The game continues until the player uses up the allotted number of phasor shots, hits the space ship, or obtains a CAPTURE. At the conclusion of a game, the program queries the player as to whether a new game is to be played. Appropriate action is then taken as indicated above.

## TEXT MESSAGES USED BY THE PROGRAM

Close to a third of the memory space utilized by the program is for storing the ASCII code for various messages that are displayed during the program's operation. These messages are of esthetic value particularly if the game is to be enjoyed by those who may not be familiar with the operation of a computer. The contents of these messages may be altered by the reader as desired, including complete deletion in many instances if one desires to conserve memory space. The various message strings that are used in the program being presented are listed next.

$$
\begin{gathered}
\text { "SPACESHIP CAPTURE. YOU HAVE } 15 \text { PHASOR } \\
\text { SHOTS WITH WHICH TO DESTROY MY TRAVEL } \\
\text { SECTORS. IF ALL MY ADJACENT SECTORS } \\
\text { ARE DESTROYED I AM CAPTURED. IF YOU } \\
\text { HIT ME OR RUN OUT OF PHASOR ENERGY, } \\
\text { THEN YOU LOSE!"" } \\
\text { "WANT TO PLAY?", } \\
\text { "POOR SPORT!" } \\
\text { "'MY LAST POSITION WAS: X = " } \\
\text { ", Y = " } \\
\text { "YOU ARE FIRING TO: X = " } \\
\text { YOU HIT ME!! YOU LOSE!" } \\
\text { YOU ARE OUT OF PHASOR ENERGY, YOU LOSE!" } \\
\text { "\#!0\# DARN! YOU HAVE ME C A P T U R E D !!" }
\end{gathered}
$$

The introductory message in particular takes almost a page of storage in memory and may readily be deleted if memory is at a premium in the user's system. The reader who wants to reduce the memory requirements some more can abbreviate the other messages if desired.

The text messages shown above are all stored in one continuous section in memory in the form of ASCII codes for the various characters in each string. (Note: In this manual the standard seven bit ASCII code will be shown with the code augmented by an eighth bit commonly referred to as the PARITY bit. The parity bit will always be assumed to be in the logic one or marking condition unless otherwise noted.)

A subroutine frequently referred to by the game program is shown

| MSG, | LAM | Fetch a character |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| NDA | Set flags |  |
| RTZ | Finished if have zero byte |  |
| CAL PRINT | Else print character |  |
|  | INL | Advance low addr pointer |
|  | JFZ MSG | Continue display |
|  | INH | Or adv page addr pointer |
|  | JMP MSG | And then continue display |

The MSG subroutine is quite simple. The calling program simply sets up the H and L memory pointing registers to the starting address of a string of characters that are to be outputted. Then, when the MSG subroutine is executed, the routine proceeds to fetch the characters from memory and output them until a zero byte is encountered. The subroutine itself calls on a subroutine labeled PRINT which must be provided by the program user. The PRINT subroutine must be an actual device operating routine that will cause the ASCII character in the accumulator to be transmitted to the output device being used by the system. The PRINT subroutine provided by the user may use the CPU registers B through E if required but it should not alter the contents of the H and L CPU registers. (Unless, of course, in doing so it is able to restore them to their original values before returning to the calling program.)

The reader will see that the MSG subroutine is used through-out the program being described. Prior to calling the subroutine, the main program will always setup the H and L registers to the starting address of the character string that is to be displayed. The character strings that will be used in the example program have been presented previously. It hardly goes without saying, that if a reader desires to modify the text messages, and by doing so alters their starting addresses, that appropriate modifications must be made to the setup address values whenever the MSG subroutine is used. This is also the case if the user decides to store the text messages at locations other than those shown in the program provided herein.

The reader may refer to the flow chart presented earlier as the discussion of the actual operating portions of the program proceeds.

The first few procedures in the program consist of merely displaying the introductory message and then asking the prospective player if the playing of a game is desired.

Following the WANT TO PLAY query, the program then waits for a response from the system's input device which must be in the form of a letter Y for YES or N for NO. If a NO response is received at this point, then no game is to be played. The program will display the closing message and end the program. These first few operations are illustrated in the program listing below.

| START, | LHI 000 | Pointer to introductory |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | LLI 000 | Message |
|  | CAL MSG | Display introductory message |
| OVER, | LHI 000 | Pointer to WANT TO PLAY |
|  | LLI 325 | Message |
| INAGN, | CAL MSG | Display message |
|  | CAL CKINP | See if have input |
|  | CFS INPUTN | Set flags |
|  | Fetch character if ready |  |
|  | INL | Increment RANDOM cntr |
|  | CPI 316 | If input, was it N? |
|  | JFZ NOTNO | Jump ahead if not N |
|  | LHI 000 | Pointer to POOR SPORT |
|  | LLI 350 | Message |
|  | CAL MSG | Display message |
|  | HLT | End of session |

There are several instructions in the above routine that require elaboration. The reader may observe that there are references to two input subroutines. One is labeled CKINP. The other is designated

INPUTN. The subroutine labeled INPUTN is a user created subroutine that will accept a character from the system's input device. Typically, this would be an ASCII encoded keyboard. The subroutine is expected to return the inputted character in the accumulator. This subroutine is free to use CPU registers B through E in performing its function. The INPUTN subroutine should also provide an echo capability by sending the character inputted out to the system's display device. This is done so the operator may verify the character inputted. (This might be accomplished by simply calling the previously mentioned PRINT subroutine.)

The CKINP subroutine is a user provided routine that simply performs a check to see if the input device has a character waiting to be inputted. If so, the subroutine must return with the MSB of the accumulator set to ' 0 .' If a character is not ready, the subroutine should return with the most significant bit of the accumulator set to a logic ' 1 ' state.

The importance of having a separate subroutine (CKINP) that merely ascertains if a character is waiting will be explained here. The reader can see in the previous routine that if a character is ready to be received, the INPUTN subroutine will be called to actually obtain the data. However, whether or not a character is received, CPU register L will be incremented. CPU register L is actually used as a sort of random counter. The final value in register L will be determined by how long it takes for the player to respond with an input after a query from the program. This is because if there is no input the first time the instruction sequence is executed, the routine will eventually loop back to the point in the program labeled INAGN. Each time the program has to wait and goes back through the loop, the contents of register L are incremented. Naturally, this looping operation is being performed at a many-thousands-per-second rate.

How the final value in register L is used to form an essentially random number (when a valid input finally occurs) will be illustrated shortly. It is important to note that the inclusion of the separate CKINP subroutine is vital to the proper operation of the program being described. To reiterate, the CKINP subroutine must only ascertain if the input device has a character for the computer! It does not itself form a waiting loop for such a signal. That is accomplished
by the previous routine in the manner described!
The program continues with a portion to be illustrated next starting with the label NOTNO. The first part of this sequence completes the test of the player's response to the WANT TO PLAY? query. This is done by testing to see if the character Y for YES was inputted. If not, the program loops back to the label INAGN just described to continue looking for a valid input.

When a $Y$ response is received, the routine continues in the following manner. The value in register $L$ is transferred to the accumulator. It is trimmed by a masking operation to leave only the three least significant bits. This would leave an octal number in the range of zero to seven. A count of one is added to this value to give a number in the range 01 to 10 octal. This is the equivalent of decimal 1 to 8 , or the allowed coordinates along either the X or Y coordinate of the playing grid! This value is then saved in two temporary storage locations in memory to serve as the initial position of the space ship at the start of the game. Thus, the space ship will always have a starting point along a line corresponding to the diagonal where both coordinates are the same value. However, the actual value will vary with each game because of the random manner in which the number is generated (in register L) as alluded to previously. This gives some added variety to the game right from the beginning move!

The routine then continues by taking the value in the accumulator and reducing it by a masking operation back to the octal range 0 to 7. The value is then multiplied by 2 (RLC instruction) so that it will represent an even number in the range 00 to 16 octal.

At this point the value is converted to the low portion of an address. For this particular version of the program this is accomplished by the ORI 260 command which will form a value in the range 260 to 277 (octal). This address is stored temporarily in memory for use by a routine that will be explained in detail further on. Suffice it to say at this point that the address refers to a table that will contain the possible moves that the space ship might try to take.

The routine then continues by initializing a phasor shots taken counter that will keep track of how many shots the player has fired.

Because of the point in the overall program at which the counter is decremented, this counter is initialized to a value one greater than the number of shots that the player is to be allowed.

The routine concludes by filling a block of 64 (decimal) locations with all ones. This block of memory will serve as a shots taken map. Its use will be explained in detail later.

| NOTNO, | CPI 331 | If input, was it Y? |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | JFZ INAGN | If not, get a new input |
|  | LAL | Else, move random counter |
|  | NDI 007 | To ACC \& trim ASCII code |
|  | ADI 001 | Add 1 to get 1 - 8 |
|  | LHI 001 | Range and set up pointer |
|  | LLI 372 | To LAST position storage |
|  | LMA | Initialize X WAS value |
|  | INL | Advance pointer |
|  | LMA | Initialize Y WAS value |
|  | LLI 377 | Pointer to random cntr storage |
|  | NDI 007 | Reduce size |
|  | RLC | Make it an even value |
|  | ORI 260 | Form table pointer |
|  | LMA | And save table pointer |
|  | LHI 001 | Set pointer to shot counter |
|  | LLI 376 | Storage location |
|  | LMI 020 | Initialize to 16 decimal |
|  | LHI 003 | Set pointer to start of |
|  | LLI 300 | Shots taken map |
|  | LAI 377 | Fill accumulator with 1's |
|  |  |  |
| FILOOP | LMA | Initialize shots taken |
|  | INL | Map to all ones condition |
|  | JFZ FILOOP | Until map completed |

The next portion of the program starts by displaying the message MY LAST POSITION WAS: to the player. The routine then fetches the values of the X and Y coordinates that have been previously
stored in memory and outputs those values by forming the ASCII code for the appropriate numerical values and displaying them via the output display subroutine PRINT provided by the user.

Next, a subroutine termed TR YMOV is called. The TRYMOV subroutine, which will be discussed shortly, will attempt to move the space ship into an available free sector using a technique that selects a new location in an essentially random manner. If the TRYMOV subroutine cannot move the space ship, the program will not return in the normal manner as the space ship will have been captured. If, however, the space ship is able to move to a new sector, the program will continue as illustrated in the routine. At this point, the phasor shots taken counter will be decremented in value. If the player has not used up the allotted shots, the game continues.

If the player has used up the number of allotted phasor shots, the program continues to the label PHASOR. Here the program will display the message indicating that the player is out of phasor energy and has lost the game. The program will then loop back to the label OVER presented earlier to see if the player wants to start a new game.

| PLAYIN, | LHI 000 | Set pntr to POSITION WAS: |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | LLI 367 | X = message |
|  | CAL MSG | Display message |
|  | LHI 001 | Set pointer to X WAS |
|  | LLI 372 | Storage location |
|  | LAM | Fetch value |
|  | ORI 260 | Form ASCII code |
|  | CAL PRINT | Display position value |
|  | LHI 001 | Set pointer to Y = |
|  | LLI 026 | Message |
|  | CAL MSG | Display message |
|  | LHI 001 | Set pointer to Y WAS |
|  | LLI 373 | Storage location |
|  | LAM | Fetch value |
|  | ORI 260 | Form ASCII code |
|  | CAL PRINT | Display position value |
|  | CAL TRYMOV | Move the spaceship! |


|  | LHI 001 | Pointer to shots taken |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | LLI 376 | Counter storage |
| LBM | Fetch counter |  |
|  | DCB | Decrement value |
|  | LMB | Restore counter |
|  | JFZ CONTIN | Jump ahead if counter not 0 |
| PHASOR, | LHI 001 | If shots counter $=0$, |
|  | LLI 125 | Set pointer and display |
|  | CAL MSG | OUT OF ENERGY message |
|  | JMP OVER | Go see if want new game |

Provided that the player still has shots available with which to destroy travel sectors, the program continues at the label CONTIN. Here the message YOU ARE FIRING TO: is displayed. The program then allows the player to enter first the X and then the Y coordinate of the sector that the player wishes to destroy.

When obtaining the X coordinate, the program simply calls the subroutine INPUTN to obtain a character from the input device. The character obtained is checked to see if it is in the range of one to eight decimal. If not, the routine loops back to wait for a valid input. If so, the ASCII code is trimmed down to four bits and the value saved in a temporary location as the new value of $X$ in memory.

The program then prepares to receive the Y coordinate from the player.

| CONTIN, | LHI 001 <br> LLI 036 <br> CAL MSG | Set pointer to FIRING TO message Display message |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| INX, | CAL INPUTN | Fetch X value |
|  | CPI 261 | See if input is a |
|  | JTS INX | Digit in the range |
|  | CPI 271 | of one to eight decimal |
|  | JFS INX | Ignore input if not |
|  | LHI 001 | If valid input set pointer |


| LLI 370 | To new X storage location |
| :--- | :--- |
| NDI 017 | Trim off ASCII part |
| LMA | Save the new X value |
| LHI 001 | Set pointer to |
| LLI 026 | Y = message |
| CAL MSG | Display message |

The input for obtaining the Y coordinate from the player is handled in the same manner that was described for the portion of the program where the player responds to the WANT TO PLAY? query. Register L is again used as a counter whose final value will depend on how long it takes the player to enter the Y coordinate. When a valid character is received (in the range one to eight decimal), the trimmed number is saved in memory as the new coordinate along the Y axis. The value in register $L$ is then processed in the same manner as before to form an address that will be utilized by the TRYMOV subroutine that has already been referred to, and which will be described soon.

| INY, | CAL CKINP | See if have input |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| NDA | Set flags |  |
| CFS INPUTN | Fetch character if ready |  |
| INL | Advance random counter |  |
| CPI 261 | See if input |  |
| JTS INY | In decimal range |  |
| CPI 271 | One to eight |  |
| JFS INY | Else ignore input |  |
| LBL | Save random counter value |  |
| LHI 001 | Set pointer to new Y |  |
| LLI 371 | Storage location |  |
| NDI 017 | Trim ASCII part off |  |
| LMA | Save the new Y value |  |
| LAB | Move random counter to ACC |  |
| NDI 007 | Reduce it in size |  |
| RLC | Make it an even value |  |
| ORI 260 | Form random table pointer |  |
| LHI 001 | Set pointer to random table |  |
| LLI 377 | Pointer storage location |  |
| LMA | Save random pointer |  |

After the X and Y shot coordinates have been obtained from the player, the program continues at the point labeled HITEST. At this time the program must perform a check to determine whether the sector which the player has just destroyed is the same one in which the space ship might have been in. (Which is determined by the TRYMOV subroutine. Remember, the TRYMOV subroutine has already been called by the program, even though it has not yet been presented in detail in this discussion.) This is determined by testing to see if the coordinates of the player's phasor shot (stored in memory) match with the new location of the space ship (also stored in memory). If a match occurs here, then the space ship has been hit. That is a losing move for the player, and the program will display the appropriate message and return to see if the player wants to try a new game.

| HITEST, | LHI 001 | Set pointer to |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | LLI 370 | X phasor shot storage |
|  | LAM | Fetch X shot value |
|  | INL | Advance pointer to new |
|  | INL | X spaceship location value |
|  | CPM | Compare shot with location |
|  | JFZ ZERSEC | If not a match, no hit |
|  | DCL | Set pointer to Y phasor |
|  | LAM | Shot storage and fetch |
|  | INL | Advance pointer to new |
|  | INL | Y spaceship location value |
|  | CPM | Compare shot with location |
|  | JFZ ZERSEC | If not a match, no hit |
| BOMB, | LHI 001 |  |
|  | LLI 072 | Shot hit spaceship - set |
|  | CAL MSG | Pointer to HIT message |
|  | JMP OVER | See if want new game |

The next section of the program begins at the label ZERSEC. This portion of the program serves to zero-out a sector in the sector map whenever a sector is destroyed by a phasor shot made by the player.

As the reader knows, there are 64 different sectors in the 8 by 8
grid on which the game is played. At the beginning of a game, an area in memory is assigned as a sector map. This area consists of 64 consecutive locations in memory. In the sample program, the memory area is assigned to locations 300 to 377 (octal) on page 03 . The area is initialized (as mentioned earlier) by loading the value 377 into all 64 locations. Now, each time the player specifies a grid location by designating an X and Y coordinate, a memory location in the sector map is changed to be in a 000 (octal) condition. The location that is to be zeroed out is ascertained by performing a simple calculation. The fundamental calculation made may be expressed by the following formula:

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V=[(X-1) \times 8]+(Y-1)
$$

where X and Y are the respective coordinates given by the player when firing a phasor shot. The value V obtained by the calculation is then added to a base value ( 300 in the example program) to give an effective address in the sector map. By reviewing the above formula, the reader may verify that the calculation will yield the values from 0 to 63 decimal or 0 to 77 octal when all the possible coordinate values are considered. When added to the base value ( 300 in the example) this will yield a low address in the range 300 to 377 (octal).

A portion of the program (to be presented later) will prevent the space ship from moving into any location that has been zeroed-out in the sector map.

The ZERSEC portion of the program is presented next.

| ZERSEC, | LLI 370 | Get X shot value |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | LAM | From storage |
|  | SUI 001 | Subtract ' 1 ' |
|  | RLC |  |
|  | RLC | Multiply by eight |
|  | RLC |  |
|  | LDA | Save in register D temporarily |
|  | INL | Get Y shot value |
|  | LAM | From storage |


| SUI 001 | Subtract '1' |
| :--- | :--- |
| ADD | Add to previous calculations |
| ORI 300 | Form shot table address |
| LLA | Set low address pointer |
| LHI 003 | And page address of shot table |
| LMI 000 | Zero the entry in shot table |
| JMP PLAYIN | Continue with game |

The next portion of the program is the subroutine TRYMOV. This subroutine is the most complicated portion of the program. The subroutine serves the function of attempting to find a new location for the space ship. It does this by attempting to find a sector adjacent to the last position of the space ship that has not been destroyed by a phasor shot. The sector must also be within the boundaries of the 8 by 8 playing grid. Additionally, the direction of movement is accomplished in an essentially random manner so that the player will not be able to detect a reliable pattern of movement for the space ship!

The first few instructions of the subroutine fetch the address that points to the move table. This address is set up each time the player specifies the Y coordinate of a phasor shot (or answers the WANT TO PLAY? query at the beginning of a game). As discussed earlier, the address each time the subroutine is entered will have been selected in an essentially random manner.

The address refers to a position in a table which holds all the possible moves the space ship can make to an adjacent sector. A pictorial near the beginning of this article illustrated the eight possible moves the space ship could make if it was not bounded by the edges of the playing grid, or sectors that had been destroyed. Referral to that pictorial will show that the possible moves may be referenced by a value of $-1,0$, or +1 from its present position along each axis. One can convert this information into a table that holds all the possible moves. The table used consists of eight groups of two bytes per group. The first byte in a group holds a move along the X axis. The second stores a move along the Y axis. In the example program, the table is stored in locations 260 through 277 on page 03, and appears as shown on the following page.

MOVES TABLE ( $\mathrm{X}=-1$ )
$\mathrm{Y}=+1$
$X=0$
$\mathrm{Y}=+1$
$\mathrm{X}=+1$
$\mathrm{Y}=+1$
$X=-1$
$\mathrm{Y}=0$
$\mathrm{X}=+1$
$\mathrm{Y}=0$
$\mathrm{X}=-1$
$\mathrm{Y}=-1$
$X=0$
$\mathrm{Y}=-1$
$\mathrm{X}=+1$
$Y=-1$

The initial value of the address to the moves table is transferred from a temporary location in memory to the accumulator at the start of the TR YMOV subroutine. Also, a moves tried counter, which will be maintained in CPU register C during the subroutine, is initialized to a value of eight (decimal). The routine then goes on to the point labeled TRYSEC which marks a looping point within the subroutine.

At TRYSEC, the address value originally in the accumulator is moved to CPU register $L$ to set up the low portion of the address to the moves table. This value is also saved for possible later use in CPU register B. The high address of the moves table is set up in CPU register H , and an X move value fetched from the table. The X move value obtained from the table is then added to the X coordinate value representing the previous position of the space ship to form a new value along the X coordinate. At this point some tests must be made to ensure that the new value is within the boundaries of the playing grid. This is readily accomplished by checking to see that the new coordinate is between the range of 1 to 8 decimal. If the new value is within the playing grid, it is saved in a temporary location in memory. If it is not valid, the program jumps ahead to a routine that will advance the moves table pointer to the next X entry in the table
(by going to the label NOGDX which will advance the address temporarily stored in CPU register B TWO locations!)

If the new X value is $\mathrm{O} . \mathrm{K}$., the routine proceeds to advance the pointer to the moves table one location to obtain a Y move. A similar boundary checking procedure is performed again. If the new Y coordinate is valid, it too is saved in a temporary location in memory. If not, the program jumps ahead to the label NOGDY which will advance the moves table pointer just one location to the next $X$ entry.

If the new X and Y coordinates are within the boundaries of the playing grid, the program continues by executing the portion of the subroutine labeled CHECK. This part of the program ascertains whether the new sector the space ship is attempting to move into is available. That is, that it has not been destroyed by a previous phasor shot made by the player! This is readily accomplished by using the new coordinate values to once again calculate a position in the sector map and checking to see that the position has not been zeroed out. The calculation technique is exactly the same as that used by the routine ZERSEC explained earlier. If the sector is available, the program jumps ahead to the routine labeled SAVPOS. If not, the space ship must try to find another position in the grid. This is attempted by proceeding to the point labeled NOGDY.

The portion of the routine beginning with the label NOGDX serves to advance the moves table address pointer to the next X entry in the table. Since the table occupies just 20 (octal) locations in memory (in the example program locations 260 through 277 on page 03 ), and since the initial value may have been at any even valued address within that range, some special operations must be performed when advancing the pointer to the next X entry. First, it may be necessary to try every possible move in the table. Since the first position tried may have been the eighth entry in the table (four least significant bits of the address equal to 16 octal), one must keep the pointer in the range of 00 to 17 octal (for the four LSB's). This is readily accomplished by a masking operation that removes the four most significant bits. Then, since the table does not reside in the first 20 (octal) locations on a page in memory, the base address value of 260 (in the example) must be tacked back on to form the complete
address value. This procedure will force the moves table pointer to loop back to the value 260 when it reaches a value of 277 rather than going to 300 which would be outside the range of the table.

When the address of the next entry in the moves table has been set up, the routine checks to see if all eight possible moves have been tried by decrementing the counter being maintained in CPU register B. If not, the routine loops back to the point labeled TRYSEC. If, however, all eight possible moves have been tried, then the space ship has not been able to find a new position and it is captured. A message of defeat is then issued to the player. From that point, the program will go back to see if a new game is desired.

The portion of the routine labeled SAVPOS is executed if the space ship successfully finds a new sector to move into. This routine simply moves the X and Y coordinate values being temporarily saved in memory during the TRYMOV subroutine into the storage locations used to hold the new location. (This move actually places the new coordinates into the memory locations that are referenced the next time the message MY LAST LOCATION WAS: is displayed.)

Note that the SAVPOS routine ends with a RET instruction to conclude the subroutine. Thus, a return from the TRYMOV subroutine indicates that the space ship completed a successful move. If the space ship does not find a new sector to move into, the subroutine is not actually completed. Instead, a jump out of the subroutine to start a new game is executed.

The various portions of the TRYMOV subroutine are presented below.

| TRYMOV, | LHI 001 | Set pointer to <br> Random counter storage |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | LLI 377 | LAM |
|  | LCI 010 | Fetch value |
| Set a loop counter |  |  |
| TRYSEC, | LLA |  |
|  | LBA | Set pointer to moves table <br> Save pointer in B too |
|  | LHI 003 | Set pg pointer to moves table |


|  | LAM | Fetch an X move |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | LHI 001 | Change pointer to |
|  | LLI 372 | X WAS storage |
|  | ADM | Add X move to form new loc |
|  | CPI 001 | Now make boundaries test |
|  | JTS NOGDX | No good if less than one |
|  | CPI 011 | Or more than |
|  | JFS NOGDX | Eight decimal |
|  | LHI 001 | If OK, save in X temporarily |
|  | LLI 374 | Storage location |
|  | LMA | For awhile |
|  | INB | Advance pointer stored in B |
|  | LLB | And load new pointer |
|  | LHI 003 | To Y move location |
|  | LAM | Fetch a Y move |
|  | LHI 001 | Change pointer to |
|  | LLI 373 | Y WAS storage |
|  | ADM | Add Y move to form new loc |
|  | CPI 001 | Now make boundaries test |
|  | JTS NOGDY | No good if less than one |
|  | CPI 011 | Or more than |
|  | JFS NOGDY | Eight decimal |
|  | LHI 001 | If OK, save in Y temporarily |
|  | LLI 375 | Storage location |
|  | LMA | For awhile |
| CHECK, | DCL | Decrement pointer back to |
|  | LAM | X temp storage and fetch |
|  | SUI 001 | Subtract ' 1 ' |
|  | RLC |  |
|  | RLC | Multiply by eight |
|  | RLC |  |
|  | LDA | Save in D temporarily |
|  | INL | Advance pointer to |
|  | LAM | Y temp storage and fetch |
|  | SUI 001 | Subtract ' 1 ' |
|  | ADD | Add to previous calculations |
|  | ORI 300 | Form shot table address |
|  | LLA | Set low address pointer |
|  | LHI 003 | And page address pointer |


|  | LAM | Fetch entry from shot table |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | NDA | Set flags, now see if location |
|  | JFZ SAVPOS | Previously fired into |
|  | JMP NOGDY | Try another location if yes |
| NOGDX, | INB |  |
| NOGDY, | INB | Advance move table pointer |
|  | LAB | As required to get to next |
|  | NDI 017 | And make move value to ACC |
|  | ORI 260 | In bounds |
|  | DCC | Decrement loop counter |
|  | JFZ TRYSEC | If not 0, try another location |
|  | LHI 001 | Else set pointer |
|  | LLI 201 | To CAPTURED message |
|  | CAL MSG | Display message |
|  | JMP OVER | See if want new game |
|  |  |  |
| SAVPOS, | LHI 001 | Set pointer to X temporarily |
|  | LLI 374 | Storage location |
|  | LDM | Save value in D temporarily |
|  | INL | Advance pointer to Y temp |

That is all there is to the program! That is not so difficult, eh?

An assembled listing of the program for running on a 8008 system will be presented on the following pages. The program in the listing has been assembled to reside in pages 01 to 03 with page 04 reserved for the user's I/O routines. Page 00 and most of page 01 will be used to hold the various message strings mentioned previously. The ASCII data that should be stored in those locations is shown next. (Assuming the user is satisfied with the message strings illustrated.)


| 001 | 100 | 240 | 310 | 311 | 324 | 240 | 315 | 305 | 241 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 001 | 110 | 241 | 240 | 240 | 331 | 317 | 325 | 240 | 314 |
| 001 | 120 | 317 | 323 | 305 | 241 | 000 | 215 | 212 | 212 |
| 001 | 130 | 331 | 317 | 325 | 240 | 301 | 322 | 305 | 240 |
| 001 | 140 | 317 | 325 | 324 | 240 | 317 | 306 | 240 | 320 |
| 001 | 150 | 310 | 301 | 323 | 317 | 322 | 240 | 305 | 316 |
| 001 | 160 | 305 | 322 | 307 | 331 | 254 | 240 | 240 | 331 |
| 001 | 170 | 317 | 325 | 240 | 314 | 317 | 323 | 305 | 241 |
| 001 | 200 | 000 | 215 | 212 | 212 | 243 | 241 | 260 | 243 |
| 001 | 210 | 207 | 207 | 207 | 240 | 240 | 304 | 301 | 322 |
| 001 | 220 | 316 | 241 | 240 | 240 | 331 | 317 | 325 | 240 |
| 001 | 230 | 310 | 301 | 326 | 305 | 240 | 315 | 305 | 240 |
| 001 | 240 | 240 | 303 | 240 | 301 | 240 | 320 | 240 | 324 |
| 001 | 250 | 240 | 325 | 240 | 322 | 240 | 305 | 240 | 304 |
| 001 | 260 | 240 | 241 | 241 | 000 |  |  |  |  |

The starting address for each message string may be located from the above data presentation. The beginning of each message string has been underlined. The reader may desire to change some of the messages. If the reader elects to do so, and by so doing changes the starting address of a character string, then the appropriate pointer instruction in the operating portion of the program must be modified accordingly. The assembled program for an 8008 system is presented on the next several pages.

| 001350 | 307 |  | MSG, | LAM |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 001351 | 240 |  |  | NDA |
| 001352 | 053 |  |  | RTZ |
| 001353 | 106200 | 004 |  | CAL PRINT |
| 001356 | 060 |  |  | INL |
| 001357 | 110350 | 001 |  | JFZ MSG |
| 001362 | 050 |  |  | INH |
| 001363 | 104350 | 001 |  | JMP MSG |
| 001370 | 000 |  |  | 000 |
| 001371 | 000 |  |  | 000 |
| 001372 | 000 |  |  | 000 |
| 001373 | 000 |  |  | 000 |


| 001374 | 000 |  | 000 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 001375 | 000 |  | 000 |
| 001376 | 000 |  | 000 |
| 001377 | 000 |  | 000 |
| 002000 | 056000 | START, | LHI 000 |
| 002002 | 066000 |  | LLI 000 |
| 002004 | 106350001 |  | CAL MSG |
| 002007 | 056000 | OVER, | LHI 000 |
| 002011 | 066325 |  | LLI 325 |
| 002013 | 106350001 |  | CAL MSG |
| 002016 | 106000004 | INAGN, | CAL CKINP |
| 002021 | 240 |  | NDA |
| 002022 | 122020004 |  | CFS INPUTN |
| 002025 | 060 |  | INL |
| 002026 | 074316 |  | CPI 316 |
| 002030 | 110043002 |  | JFZ NOTNO |
| 002033 | 056000 |  | LHI 000 |
| 002035 | 066350 |  | LLI 350 |
| 002037 | 106350001 |  | CAL MSG |
| 002042 | 000 |  | HLT |
| 002043 | 074331 | NOTNO, | CPI 331 |
| 002045 | 110016002 |  | JFZ INAGN |
| 002050 | 306 |  | LAL |
| 002051 | 044007 |  | NDI 007 |
| 002053 | 004001 |  | ADI 001 |
| 002055 | 056001 |  | LHI 001 |
| 002057 | 066372 |  | LLI 372 |
| 002061 | 370 |  | LMA |
| 002062 | 060 |  | INL |
| 002063 | 370 |  | LMA |
| 002064 | 066377 |  | LLI 377 |
| 002066 | 044007 |  | NDI 007 |
| 002070 | 002 |  | RLC |
| 002071 | 064260 |  | ORI 260 |
| 002073 | 370 |  | LMA |
| 002074 | 056001 |  | LHI 001 |


| 002 | 076 | 066 | 376 |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 002 | 100 | 076 | 020 |  |
| 002 | 102 | 056 | 003 |  |
| 002 | 104 | 066 | 300 |  |
| 002 | 106 | 006 | 377 |  |
|  |  |  |  | LMI 376 |
| 002 | 110 | 370 |  | LLI 300 |
| 002 | 111 | 060 |  | LAI 377 |
| 002 | 112 | 110 | 110 | 002 |
|  |  |  |  | FILOOP, |
| 002 | 115 | 056 | 000 | LMA |
| 002 | 117 | 066 | 367 |  |
| 002 | 121 | 106 | 350 | 001 |
| 002 | 124 | 056 | 001 |  |
| 002 | 126 | 066 | 372 |  |
| 002 | 130 | 307 |  |  |
| 002 | 131 | 064 | 260 |  |
| 002 | 133 | 106 | 200 | 004 |
| 002 | 136 | 056 | 001 |  |
| 002 | 140 | 066 | 026 |  |
| 002 | 142 | 106 | 350 | 001 |


| 002210 | 066 | 036 |  |  | LLI 036 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 002212 | 106 | 350 | 001 |  | CAL MSG |
| 002215 | 106 | 020 | 004 | INX, | CAL INPUTN |
| 002220 | 074 | 261 |  |  | CPI 261 |
| 002222 | 160 | 215 | 002 |  | JTS INX |
| 002225 | 074 | 271 |  |  | CPI 271 |
| 002227 | 120 | 215 | 002 |  | JFS INX |
| 002232 | 056 | 001 |  |  | LHI 001 |
| 002234 | 066 | 370 |  |  | LLI 370 |
| 002236 | 044 | 017 |  |  | NDI 017 |
| 002240 | 370 |  |  |  | LMA |
| 002241 | 056 | 001 |  |  | LHI 001 |
| 002243 | 066 | 026 |  |  | LLI 026 |
| 002245 | 106 | 350 | 001 |  | CAL MSG |
| 002250 | 106 | 000 | 004 | INY, | CAL CKINP |
| 002253 | 240 |  |  |  | NDA |
| 002254 | 122 | 020 | 004 |  | CFS INPUTN |
| 002257 | 060 |  |  |  | INL |
| 002260 | 074 | 261 |  |  | CPI 261 |
| 002262 | 160 | 250 | 002 |  | JTS INY |
| 002265 | 074 | 271 |  |  | CPI 271 |
| 002267 | 120 | 250 | 002 |  | JFS INY |
| 002272 | 316 |  |  |  | LBL |
| 002273 | 056 | 001 |  |  | LHI 001 |
| 002275 | 066 | 371 |  |  | LLI 371 |
| 002277 | 044 | 017 |  |  | NDI 017 |
| 002301 | 370 |  |  |  | LMA |
| 002302 | 301 |  |  |  | LAB |
| 002303 | 044 | 007 |  |  | NDI 007 |
| 002305 | 002 |  |  |  | RLC |
| 002306 | 064 | 260 |  |  | ORI 260 |
| 002310 | 056 | 001 |  |  | LHI 001 |
| 002312 | 066 | 377 |  |  | LLI 377 |
| 002314 | 370 |  |  |  | LMA |
| 002315 | 056 | 001 |  | HITEST, | LHI 001 |
| 002317 | 066 | 370 |  |  | LLI 370 |
| 002321 | 307 |  |  |  | LAM |


| 002 | 322 | 060 |  |  | INL |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 002 | 323 | 060 |  |  | INL |
| 002 | 324 | 277 |  |  | CPM |
| 002 | 325 | 110 | 352002 |  | JFZ ZERSEC |
| 002 | 330 | 061 |  |  | DCL |
| 002 | 331 | 307 |  |  | LAM |
| 002 | 332 | 060 |  |  | INL |
| 002 | 333 | 060 |  |  | INL |
| 002 | 334 | 277 |  |  | CPM |
| 002 | 335 | 110 | 352002 |  | JFZ ZERSEC |
| 002 | 340 | 056 | 001 | BOMB, | LHI 001 |
| 002 | 342 | 066 | 072 |  | LLI 072 |
| 002 | 344 | 106 | 350001 |  | CAL MSG |
| 002 | 347 | 104 | 007002 |  | JMP OVER |
| 002 | 352 | 066 | 370 | ZERSEC, | LLI 370 |
| 002 | 354 | 307 |  |  | LAM |
| 002 | 355 | 024 | 001 |  | SUI 001 |
| 002 | 357 | 002 |  |  | RLC |
| 002 | 360 | 002 |  |  | RLC |
| 002 | 361 | 002 |  |  | RLC |
| 002 | 362 | 330 |  |  | LDA |
| 002 | 363 | 060 |  |  | INL |
| 002 | 354 | 307 |  |  | LAM |
| 002 | 365 | 024 | 001 |  | SUI 001 |
| 002 | 367 | 203 |  |  | ADD |
| 002 | 370 | 064 | 300 |  | ORI 300 |
| 002 | 372 | 360 |  |  | LLA |
| 002 | 373 | 056 | 003 |  | LHI 003 |
| 002 | 375 | 076 | 000 |  | LMI 000 |
| 002 | 377 | 104 | 115002 |  | JMP PLAYIN |
| 003 | 002 | 056 | 001 | TRYMOV, | LHI 001 |
| 003 | 004 | 066 | 377 |  | LLI 377 |
| 003 | 006 | 307 |  |  | LAM |
| 003 | 007 | 026 | 010 |  | LCI 010 |
| 003 | 011 | 360 |  | TRYSEC, | LLA |
| 003 | 012 | 310 |  |  | LBA |


| 003013 | 056 | 003 |  | LHI 003 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 003015 | 307 |  |  | LAM |
| 003016 | 056 | 001 |  | LHI 001 |
| 003020 | 066 | 372 |  | LLI 372 |
| 003022 | 207 |  |  | ADM |
| 003023 | 074 | 001 |  | CPI 001 |
| 003025 | 160 | 125003 |  | JTS NOGDX |
| 003030 | 074 | 011 |  | CPI 011 |
| 003032 | 120 | 125003 |  | JFS NOGDX |
| 003035 | 056 | 001 |  | LHI 001 |
| 003037 | 066 | 374 |  | LLI 374 |
| 003041 | 370 |  |  | LMA |
| 003042 | 010 |  |  | INB |
| 003043 | 361 |  |  | LLB |
| 003044 | 056 | 003 |  | LHI 003 |
| 003046 | 307 |  |  | LAM |
| 003047 | 056 | 001 |  | LHI 001 |
| 003051 | 066 | 373 |  | LLI 373 |
| 003053 | 207 |  |  | ADM |
| 003054 | 074 | 001 |  | CPI 001 |
| 003056 | 160 | 126003 |  | JTS NOGDY |
| 003061 | 074 | 011 |  | CPI 011 |
| 003063 | 120 | 126003 |  | JFS NOGDY |
| 003066 | 056 | 001 |  | LHI 001 |
| 003070 | 066 | 375 |  | LLI 375 |
| 003072 | 370 |  |  | LMA |
| 003073 | 061 |  | CHECK, | DCL |
| 003074 | 307 |  |  | LAM |
| 003075 | 024 | 001 |  | SUI 001 |
| 003077 | 002 |  |  | RLC |
| 003100 | 002 |  |  | RLC |
| 003101 | 002 |  |  | RLC |
| 003102 | 330 |  |  | LDA |
| 003103 | 060 |  |  | INL |
| 003104 | 307 |  |  | LAM |
| 003105 | 024 | 001 |  | SUI 001 |
| 003107 | 203 |  |  | ADD |
| 003110 | 064 | 300 |  | ORI 300 |
| 003112 | 360 |  |  | LLA |


| 003113 | 056 | 003 |  | LHI 003 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 003115 | 307 |  |  | LAM |
| 003116 | 240 |  |  | NDA |
| 003117 | 110 | 152003 |  | JFZ SAVPOS |
| 003122 | 104 | 126003 |  | JMP NOGDY |
| 003125 | 010 |  | NOGDX, | INB |
| 003126 | 010 |  | NOGDY, | INB |
| 003127 | 301 |  |  | LAB |
| 003130 | 044 | 017 |  | NDI 017 |
| 003132 | 064 | 260 |  | ORI 260 |
| 003134 | 021 |  |  | DCC |
| 003135 | 110 | 011003 |  | JFZ TRYSEC |
| 003140 | 056 | 001 |  | LHI 001 |
| 003142 | 066 | 201 |  | LLI 201 |
| 003144 | 106 | 350001 |  | CAL MSG |
| 003147 | 104 | 007002 |  | JMP OVER |
| 003152 | 056 | 001 | SAVPOS, | LHI 001 |
| 003154 | 066 | 374 |  | LLI 374 |
| 003156 | 337 |  |  | LDM |
| 003157 | 060 |  |  | INL |
| 003160 | 347 |  |  | LEM |
| 003161 | 066 | 372 |  | LLI 372 |
| 003163 | 373 |  |  | LMD |
| 003164 | 060 |  |  | INL |
| 003165 | 374 |  |  | LME |
| 003166 | 007 |  |  | RET |
| 003260 | 377 |  |  | 377 |
| 003261 | 001 |  |  | 001 |
| 003262 | 000 |  |  | 000 |
| 003263 | 001 |  |  | 001 |
| 003264 | 001 |  |  | 001 |
| 003265 | 001 |  |  | 001 |
| 003266 | 377 |  |  | 377 |
| 003267 | 000 |  |  | 000 |
| 003270 | 001 |  |  | 001 |
| 003271 | 000 |  |  | 000 |

003272 ..... 377 ..... 377
002273 ..... 377 ..... 377
003274 000 ..... 000
003275377 ..... 377
003276001 ..... 001
003277377 ..... 377

Do not forget that the program as presented will be using locations 300 through 377 on page 03 as a sector map. The reader should also make sure that the user provided I/O routines are loaded into memory at the indicated locations before attempting to operate the program!

## OPERATING THE SPACE CAPTURE PROGRAM

Once the program has been loaded into memory it is ready for operation. The program is started by executing a jump to location 000 on page 02 for the illustrated program, and placing the computer in the normal program execution run mode. From there on the program effectively guides the player. The program will continue to operate, playing game after game, until the player responds with a N for NO to the WANT TO PLAY? query.

The player will want to have a supply of paper with 8 by 8 grids marked out to keep track of the space ship's movements and sectors in which shots have been fired as the games progresses. If the game is to be used frequently, it is probably worthwhile to make up a good supply of the grid forms using a mimeograph or duplicating machine.

In case the reader has any doubts as to how the game is played,
the following illustrates an actual game played using the program. At the end of the illustration showing the dialogue between the computer and the player is a grid illustrating how the game progressed. The progress of the space ship is shown as a series of arrows indicating the direction of each movement. The phasor shots fired by the player are shown as a circled number in various sectors. The number refers to the actual shot number as the game progressed.

> SPACESHIP CAPTURE. YOU HAVE 15 PHASOR SHOTS WITH WHICH TO DESTROY MY TRAVEL SECTORS. IF ALL MY ADJACENT SECTORS ARE DESTROYED, I AM CAPTURED. IF YOU HIT ME OR RUN OUT OF PHASOR ENERGY, THEN YOU LOSE!

WANT TO PLAY? Y
MY LAST POSITION WAS: $\quad \mathrm{X}=7, \quad \mathrm{Y}=7$
YOU ARE FIRING TO: $\quad X=7, \quad Y=7$
MY LAST POSITION WAS: $\quad \mathrm{X}=8, \quad \mathrm{Y}=6$
YOU ARE FIRING TO: $\quad X=6, \quad Y=6$
MY LAST POSITION WAS: $\quad \mathrm{X}=8, \quad \mathrm{Y}=7$
YOU ARE FIRING TO: $\quad X=6, \quad Y=8$
MY LAST POSITION WAS: $\quad \mathrm{X}=8, \quad \mathrm{Y}=6$
YOU ARE FIRING TO: $\quad X=6, \quad Y=5$
MY LAST POSITION WAS: $\quad \mathrm{X}=8, \quad \mathrm{Y}=5$
YOU ARE FIRING TO: $\quad \mathrm{X}=6, \quad \mathrm{Y}=4$
MY LAST POSITION WAS: $\quad \mathrm{X}=7, \quad \mathrm{Y}=6$

YOU ARE FIRING TO: $\quad X=6, \quad Y=7$
MY LAST POSITION WAS: $\quad \mathrm{X}=8, \quad \mathrm{Y}=7$
YOU ARE FIRING TO: $\quad \mathrm{X}=7, \quad \mathrm{Y}=4$
MY LAST POSITION WAS: $X=7, \quad Y=6$
YOU ARE FIRING TO: $\quad X=8, \quad Y=4$
MY LAST POSITION WAS: $\quad \mathrm{X}=8, \quad \mathrm{Y}=6$
YOU ARE FIRING TO: $\quad X=8, \quad Y=6$
MY LAST POSITION WAS: $X=7, \quad \mathrm{Y}=5$
YOU ARE FIRING TO: $\quad \mathrm{X}=8, \quad \mathrm{Y}=7$
MY LAST POSITION WAS: $\quad \mathrm{X}=7, \quad \mathrm{Y}=6$
YOU ARE FIRING TO: $\quad X=7, \quad Y=6$
MY LAST POSITION WAS: $\quad \mathrm{X}=7, \quad \mathrm{Y}=5$
YOU ARE FIRING TO: $\quad \mathrm{X}=7, \quad \mathrm{Y}=5$
MY LAST POSITION WAS: $\quad \mathrm{X}=8, \quad \mathrm{Y}=5$
\#!0\#! DARN! YOU HAVE ME CAPTURED!!
WANT TO PLAY?


PICTORIAL OF THE MOVES MADE IN THE ILLUSTRATIVE SPACE CAPTURE GAME

The following is a listing of the program for an 8080 system. Only a few minor changes have been made in the program. Notably, the inclusion of stack pointer initializing instructions (required by the 8080 since it does not have a program counter stack on the CPU chip) at the labels START and OVER. Additionally, the double register ( H and L ) load instruction has been utilized when applicable instead of the individual commands required in an 8008 unit. Several other minor changes have been made to make use of the more powerful 8080 instruction set, but the basic structure of the program has not been altered so that the explanations of the various routines made earlier need not be elaborated upon.

| 001350 | 176 |  | MSG, | LAM |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 001351 | 247 |  |  | NDA |
| 001352 | 310 |  |  | RTZ |
| 001353 | 315200 | 004 |  | CAL PRINT |
| 001356 | 043 |  |  | INXH |
| 001357 | 303350 | 001 |  | JMP MSG |
| 001370 | 000 |  |  | 000 |
| 001371 | 000 |  |  | 000 |
| 001372 | 000 |  |  | 000 |
| 001373 | 000 |  |  | 000 |
| 001374 | 000 |  |  | 000 |
| 001375 | 000 |  |  | 000 |
| 001376 | 000 |  |  | 000 |
| 001377 | 000 |  |  | 000 |
| 002000 | 061350 | 001 | START, | LXS 350001 |
| 002003 | 041000 | 000 |  | LXH 000000 |
| 002006 | 315350 | 001 |  | CAL MSG |
| 002011 | 061350 | 001 | OVER, | LXS 350001 |
| 002014 | 041325 | 000 |  | LXH 325000 |
| 002017 | 315350 | 001 |  | CAL MSG |


| 002022 | 315 | 000 | 004 | INAGN, | CAL CKINP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 002025 | 247 |  |  |  | NDA |
| 002026 | 364 | 020 | 004 |  | CFS INPUTN |
| 002031 | 054 |  |  |  | INL |
| 002032 | 376 | 316 |  |  | CPI 316 |
| 002034 | 302 | 046 | 002 |  | JFZ NOTNO |
| 002037 | 041 | 350 | 000 |  | LXH 350000 |
| 002042 | 315 | 350 | 001 |  | CAL MSG |
| 002045 | 166 |  |  |  | HLT |
| 002046 | 376 | 331 |  | NOTNO, | CPI 331 |
| 002050 | 302 | 022 | 002 |  | JFZ INAGN |
| 002053 | 175 |  |  |  | LAL |
| 002054 | 346 | 007 |  |  | NDI 007 |
| 002056 | 306 | 001 |  |  | ADI 001 |
| 002060 | 041 | 372 | 001 |  | LXH 372001 |
| 002063 | 167 |  |  |  | LMA |
| 002064 | 054 |  |  |  | INL |
| 002065 | 167 |  |  |  | LMA |
| 002066 | 056 | 377 |  |  | LLI 377 |
| 002070 | 346 | 007 |  |  | NDI 007 |
| 002072 | 007 |  |  |  | RLC |
| 002073 | 366 | 260 |  |  | ORI 260 |
| 002075 | 167 |  |  |  | LMA |
| 002076 | 041 | 376 | 001 |  | LXH 376001 |
| 002101 | 066 | 020 |  |  | LMI 020 |
| 002103 | 041 | 300 | 003 |  | LXH 300003 |
| 002106 | 076 | 377 |  |  | LAI 377 |
| 002110 | 167 |  |  | FILOOP, | LMA |
| 002111 | 054 |  |  |  | INL |
| 0021.12 | 302 | 110 | 002 |  | JFZ FILOOP |
| 002115 | 041 | 367 | 000 | PLAYIN, | LXH 367000 |
| 002120 | 315 | 350 | 001 |  | CAL MSG |
| 002123 | 041 | 372 | 001 |  | LXH 372001 |
| 002126 | 176 |  |  |  | LAM |
| 002127 | 366 | 260 |  |  | ORI 260 |
| 002131 | 315 | 200 | 004 |  | CAL PRINT |



LXH 026001
CAL MSG
LXH 373001
LAM
ORI 260
CAL PRINT
CAL TRYMOV
LXH 376001
DCM
JFZ CONTIN
PHASOR, LXH 125001
CAL MSG
JMP OVER
CONTIN, LXH 036001
CAL MSG
INX, CAL INPUTN
CPI 261
JTS INX
CPI 271
JFS INX
LXH 370001
NDI 017
LMA
LXH 026001
CAL MSG
INY, CAL CKINP
NDA
CFS INPUTN
INL
CPI 261
JTS INY
CPI 271
JFS INY
LBL
LXH 371001
NDI 017

| 002265 | 167 |  |  | LMA |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 002266 | 170 |  |  | LAB |
| 002267 | 346 | 007 |  | NDI 007 |
| 002271 | 007 |  |  | RLC |
| 002272 | 366 | 260 |  | ORI 260 |
| 002274 | 041 | 377001 |  | LXH 377001 |
| 002277 | 167 |  |  | LMA |
| 002300 | 041 | 370001 | HITEST, | LXH 370001 |
| 002303 | 176 |  |  | LAM |
| 002304 | 054 |  |  | INL |
| 002305 | 054 |  |  | INL |
| 002306 | 276 |  |  | CPM |
| 002307 | 302 | 333002 |  | JFZ ZERSEC |
| 002312 | 055 |  |  | DCL |
| 002313 | 176 |  |  | LAM |
| 002314 | 054 |  |  | INL |
| 002315 | 054 |  |  | INL |
| 002316 | 276 |  |  | CPM |
| 002317 | 302 | 333002 |  | JFZ ZERSEC |
| 002322 | 041 | 072001 | BOMB, | LXH 072001 |
| 002325 | 315 | 350001 |  | CAL MSG |
| 002330 | 303 | 011002 |  | JMP OVER |
| 002333 | 056 | 370 | ZERSEC, | LLI 370 |
| 002335 | 176 |  |  | LAM |
| 002336 | 326 | 001 |  | SUI 001 |
| 002340 | 007 |  |  | RLC |
| 002341 | 007 |  |  | RLC |
| 002342 | 007 |  |  | RLC |
| 002343 | 127 |  |  | LDA |
| 002344 | 054 |  |  | INL |
| 002345 | 176 |  |  | LAM |
| 002346 | 326 | 001 |  | SUI 001 |
| 002350 | 202 |  |  | ADD |
| 002351 | 366 | 300 |  | ORI 300 |
| 002353 | 157 |  |  | LLA |
| 002354 | 046 | 003 |  | LHI 003 |
| 002356 | 066 | 000 |  | LMI 000 |


| 002360 | 303 | 115 | 002 |  | JMP PLAYIN |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 002363 | 041 | 377 | 001 | TRYMOV, | LXH 377001 |
| 002366 | 176 |  |  |  | LAM |
| 002367 | 016 | 010 |  |  | LCI 010 |
| 002371 | 157 |  |  | TRYSEC, | LLA |
| 002372 | 107 |  |  |  | LBA |
| 002373 | 046 | 003 |  |  | LHI 003 |
| 002375 | 176 |  |  |  | LAM |
| 002376 | 041 | 372 | 001 |  | LXH 372001 |
| 003001 | 206 |  |  |  | ADM |
| 003002 | 376 | 001 |  |  | CPI 001 |
| 003004 | 372 | 101 | 003 |  | JTS NOGDX |
| 003007 | 376 | 011 |  |  | CPI 011 |
| 003011 | 362 | 101 | 003 |  | JFS NOGDX |
| 003014 | 041 | 374 | 001 |  | LXH 374001 |
| 003017 | 167 |  |  |  | LMA |
| 003020 | 004 |  |  |  | INB |
| 003021 | 150 |  |  |  | LLB |
| 003022 | 046 | 003 |  |  | LHI 003 |
| 003024 | 176 |  |  |  | LAM |
| 003025 | 041 | 373 | 001 |  | LXH 373001 |
| 003030 | 206 |  |  |  | ADM |
| 003031 | 376 | 001 |  |  | CPI 001 |
| 003033 | 372 | 102 | 003 |  | JTS NOGDY |
| 003036 | 376 | 011 |  |  | CPI 011 |
| 003040 | 362 | 102 | 003 |  | JFS NOGDY |
| 003043 | 041 | 375 | 001 |  | LXH 375001 |
| 003046 | 167 |  |  |  | LMA |
| 003047 | 055 |  |  | CHECK, | DCL |
| 003050 | 176 |  |  |  | LAM |
| 003051 | 326 | 001 |  |  | SUI 001 |
| 003053 | 007 |  |  |  | RLC |
| 003054 | 007 |  |  |  | RLC |
| 003055 | 007 |  |  |  | RLC |
| 003056 | 127 |  |  |  | LDA |
| 003057 | 054 |  |  |  | INL |
| 003060 | 176 |  |  |  | LAM |

$003061 \quad 326001$
003063202
$003064 \quad 366300$
003066157
003067046003
$003071 \quad 176$
$003072 \quad 247$
$003073 \quad 302 \quad 125003$
$003 \quad 076 \quad 303102003$
$003101 \quad 004$
003102004
003103170
$003104 \quad 346 \quad 017$
$003106 \quad 366260$
003110015
$003111 \quad 302371 \quad 002$
$\begin{array}{lllll}003 & 114 & 041 & 201 & 001\end{array}$
$003117 \quad 315350001$
003122 - 303011002
$\begin{array}{lllll}003 & 125 & 041 & 374 & 001\end{array}$
003130126
$003131 \quad 054$
003132136
$\begin{array}{llll}003 & 133 & 056 & 372\end{array}$
003135162
$003136 \quad 054$
003137163
$003140 \quad 311$

SUI 001
ADD
ORI 300
LLA
LHI 003
LAM
NDA
JFZ SAVPOS
JMP NOGDY

NOGDX, INB
NOGDY, INB
LAB
NDI 017
ORI 260
DCC
JFZ TRYSEC
LXH 201001
CAL MSG
JMP OVER
SAVPOS, LXH 374001
LDM
INL
LEM
LLI 372
LMD
INL
LME
RET
$003260377 \quad 377$
003261001
001
$003262000 \quad 000$
003263001001
003264001001
003265001001
003266377
003267 000 ..... 000
003270001 ..... 001
003271000 ..... 000
003272377 ..... 377
003273377 ..... 377
003274000 ..... 000
003275377 ..... 377
003276001 ..... 001
003277377 ..... 377

004000

004020

004200

CKINP,

INPUTN,

PRINT,

The possibility of playing a game of chess against a computer has undoubtably crossed the minds of most people that have had exposure to computers in one way or another. However, the game's near-limitless number of possible board configurations and moves makes it impossible to program on a small computer system. An alternative is to simplify the game to allow it to be programmed for the small computer system. Hexpawn is one such game.

Hexpawn consists of a $3 \times 3$ playing board and six pawns, three pawns for each player. The starting configuration is illustrated below. The pawns move in a manner similar to their moves in chess. A pawn can move one square forward, provided the square it is moving to is vacant, or one square diagonally to capture an opponent's pawn. A diagonal move cannot be made if an opponent's pawn is not captured by the move. The object of the game is to move a pawn to the opponent's side of the board while blocking the opponent from doing so, or capture all of the opponent's pawns. A game is a draw when no one can make a legal move.


The game starts by the current board configuration being printed followed by a request for a human to enter the first move. Each move is made by entering the number of the square which contains the pawn to be moved, followed by the number of the square to
which the pawn is to be moved. The computer then makes its move, and prints the new board configuration. It then waits for the human's next move. After each move by the human and by the computer, the board is examined to determine if the game has been won by either side. When this occurs, an appropriate message is printed to indicate the end of the current game, and a new game is started. Should the human make an illegal move, the computer rejects the move and requests a new one.

As one can see, the game is fairly simple and requires no more than three or four moves by each side to complete. Thus, to make the game interesting, the program is written to provide the computer with ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE. The computer is given the ability to decide which move it should make in an effort to win the game. That is, after each move is made by the human player, the computer examines the board and decides which, of all possible moves, it will make. If a move is made by the computer which results in the computer losing the game, that move is noted as an undesired move which should not be made again when that same board configuration if encountered. Thus, the computer learns from its mistakes, and eventually becomes so efficient in its ability to play the game that the best one can hope for is to play to a draw with the computer.

This version of Hexpawn is written to reside in five pages (256 bytes per page) of an 8008 or 8080 microcomputer system. The program may be reduced somewhat be revising or removing some of the text messages, if the user is limited in the amount of memory available. There are also several portions of the program which could be rearranged into subroutines, allowing for further compression of the program. Also, the table which is used to restore the program to its initial state of ignorance may be deleted along with the associated restoration program steps. If this is done, the program can be restored by simply reloading the program into memory. Making such changes to the program can reduce the memory required to less than four pages. The program was written to make it easy to follow the logic rather than minimize the amount of memory required. The reader can see that the memory required is, however, considerably less than that needed to duplicate the same game using a higher level language.

The flow chart on the following page illustrates the basic flow of the program. As one may observe, the game progresses in the same manner as a chess game. Each side makes one move at a time, and checks the board at the completion of each move to determine whether there is a winner. A verbal description of the flow chart will now be presented.

## FUND AMENTAL OPERATION OF THE HEXPAWN PROGRAM

The program starts by printing an introductory message which describes the operation of the game for a person that is playing the game for the first time. A game is then started by displaying the playing board along with the opening positions of the pawns for the human player to examine.

The program next requests the human to input a move. When the move has been received, it is checked to determine whether the player's move was to the opposite side of the board. That would indicate the challenger had won the game. If not, the move is entered on the current board. The program then examines the board and determines which move it will make in response to the player's move. If the human's move was a winning move, the program will remove the last move that it made from its list of possible moves. Since the last move that the computer made resulted in a win by the human, it does not want to make the same mistake twice. One may note that it requires at least two moves by a human to win a game, so that there will always be an initial move by the program which can be deleted.

When the program examines the current playing board, it selects a move from a list of possible moves which it may make for the current board configuration. If this list has had all of its entries removed, because the human has won as a result of making those moves, the game is conceded to the human and the move that the program just made will be removed. Otherwise, the program makes the move indicated in the list. It then determines whether its move has won the game or has resulted in a draw (all remaining pawns are blocked from making a move). If the game is a win or draw, an appropriate message is printed. A new game is then started. If not, the game is continued and the program returns to print the current


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playing board for the player to examine.

## TABLES USED BY THE HEXPAWN PROGRAM

The most important portion of a program such as Hexpawn is that which decides what move is to be made for a specific board configuration. This operation is performed through the use of four tables in this program. These tables are used to: Find the matching board configuration, direct the program to the list of possible moves for each configuration, select the move to be made, and provide the actual codes for making the move. Each of these tables are presented in the listing at the end of this chapter. Due to the size of these tables, only sample entries of each will be presented in the following discussion.

The MODEL table is a table used by the program to determine the current board configuration. It consists of 33 pairs of bytes which define all the possible board configurations immediately following a human's move. The first byte of each pair indicates the positions of the program's pawns on the board. For each pawn in a square, the bit corresponding to that square is set to ' 1. ' If a pawn is not in a square, the bit corresponding to that square is ' 0 .' The squares of the board defined in the first byte are as follows:

| BIT POSITION | B7 | B6 | B5 | B4 | B3 | B2 | B1 | B0 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| BOARD POSITION | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | X | X |

The reader may note that bits B 1 and B 0 do not have any position on the playing board defined for them. The reason for this is that if any of the program's pawns reach position 7,8 , or 9 , the game will be over with the computer winning. It will not be necessary to store the fact that the program's pawn has reached the last row. Consequently, bits B1 and B0 will always be set to a zero. The same is true for the human's pawns, which are defined by the following bit definitions in the second byte of the model pair.

| BIT POSITION | B 7 | B 6 | B 5 | B 4 | B 3 | B 2 | B 1 | B 0 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| BOARD POSITION | X | X | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |

Bits B7 and B6 are not defined for any position on the board, since a move to position 1,2 , or 3 is a winning move for the human. Bits B 7 and B 6 of the second byte are always a zero.

For example, suppose the first move made by the human was from square 7 to square 4 . The current board configuration would be represented by the following byte pair (using octal notation):

$$
\begin{array}{cc}
\text { PGM'S PAWNS } & 340 \\
\text { HUMAN'S PAWNS } & 043
\end{array}
$$

This corresponds to a physical board configuration of:


When the program finds the byte pair in the model table that matches the current board, it sets up a pointer to the MODEL-TOMOVE INDEX table. The model-to-move index table consists of a list of pointers. Each entry in this table points of a list of possible moves for the current board configuration. The list of moves is contained in the MOVE INDEX table.

The move index table contains a list of moves which may be made for each of the 33 models in the model table. Each list contains from one to three numbers which indicate a possible move. Each list is terminated by a 200 octal entry. The move numbers range in value from 1 to 15 , and indicate possible moves taken from the list on the following page.

The move number is a number which is contained in the move index table. The number in the FROM column is the square on the playing board that the program's pawn is to be moved from. The TO column contains the square that the program's pawn is to be moved to. The result of the move is indicated in the last column. When a number of a move is read from the move index table, it is used to set up a pointer to the MOVE table.

The move table contains a four byte grouping for each of the
MOVE NO. FROM TO RESULT

| 1 | 1 | 4 | --- |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2 | 1 | 5 | CAPTURE |
| 3 | 2 | 4 | CAPTURE |
| 4 | 2 | 5 | $\cdots$ |
| 5 | 2 | 6 | CAPTURE |
| 6 | 3 | 5 | CAPTURE |
| 7 | 3 | 6 | --- |
| 8 | 4 | 7 | COMPUTER WINS |
| 9 | 4 | 8 | COMPUTER WINS |
| 10 | 5 | 7 | COMPUTER WINS |
| 11 | 5 | 8 | COMPUTER WINS |
| 12 | 5 | 9 | COMPUTER WINS |
| 13 | 6 | 8 | COMPUTER WINS |
| 14 | 6 | 9 | COMPUTER WINS |
| 15 | - | - | DRAW |

moves in the table above. The first byte has one bit set. This bit represents the original position of the program's pawn which is to be moved (as discussed previously). The second byte has a bit set to represent the position to which the program's pawn will be moved. The third byte indicates the position of the player's pawn which will be captured by the move, if the move results in a capture. If no capture will be made, the third byte will be all zeros. The fourth byte depicts the result of the move. If the fourth byte is zero, the program will continue with the game by requesting a move by the human. If the move results in the computer winning, the fourth byte will contain the ASCII code for the number of the square the computer will move into to win the game. This code is used in setting up the winning message. If the move will result in a draw, the fourth byte will contain the octal value 100 . The following example contains the four byte group used to define move number three. The reader may note that bytes 2 and 3 both correspond to square 4 of the playing board. Byte 2 indicates the program's pawn moving to square 4 , and byte 3 indicates the human's pawn at square 4 being captured by the move.

## MOVE NO. $3 \quad$ BYTE NO. $1 \quad 100$

BYTE NO. 2020
BYTE NO. 3040
BYTE NO. 4000

The move index table is the means by which the program learns to play the game. Each time a move is selected from the move index table that location in the table is saved. After every move, a test for a possible win by the human is made. If the human wins, the location in the move index table which was saved by the program is zeroed. Once zeroed, the program will not be able to make the same move. The program will skip that location and make the next move indicated in the list. For example, suppose in the first game the player's first move was from 7 to 4 . The program would find the first model in the model table as a match. It would fetch the pointer from the first location in the model-to-move index table and select move 7 as its first move. This sequence is illustrated below.

| MODEL <br> TABLE | MODEL-TO-MOVE <br> TABLE | MOVE INDEX <br> TABLE | MOVE <br> TABLE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $340 \longrightarrow 007$ | . |  |  |
| 043 | $000 \longrightarrow 004$ | . |  |
| $\cdot$ | 003 | 003 | $\mathbf{S}_{040}$ |
| $\cdot$ | $\cdot$ | 200 | 004 |
| $\cdot$ | $\cdot$ | $\cdot$ | 000 |
| $\cdot$ | $\cdot$ | $\cdot$ | 000 |

From this sequence it may be observed that the program has moved from square 3 to 6 . This move allows the human to win easily by moving from square 4 to 2 thus capturing the program's pawn. The program then removes 007 from the list of moves for the first model by loading a 000 in the first location of that list. Now, if the human makes the same opening move of square 7 to square 4 , the program will skip the first location in the list of moves for the first model, since it is zero. It will then make the second move, which is
move number 4. Thus, the program has learned that move number 7 was not the proper move to make for that particular board model.

Another manner in which the program learns is when all the moves for a specific model have been zeroed. When the program searches the move index table for a move, and it reaches the 200 byte, which terminates the list, it concedes the game to the human. The program knows that on the next move, no matter what move it makes, it will lose the game. At this point the program will go back to the previous move that it made before getting into the predicament and zero it in the move index table. In this way, the program is prevented from making the same move which brought it to the point of having to concede the game.

## TEXT MESSAGES USED IN HEXPAWN

There are several messages used in Hexpawn to inform the human player of the setup of the game, to indicate when the human has input an illegal move, to display the current board configuration, and to signify the outcome of the game. These messages are of variable length, and may require more than one line of output. The content of these messages may be altered by the reader, if desired, to reflect greater emotion by the program at winning and losing. The messages presented here were kept fairly low key to conserve memory space, since the operating program and associated tables alone require almost 1 K bytes of memory. The message strings are presented next.

[^0]"NO! NO!"

```
"I CONCEDE!"
"YOU WIN."
"NO GOOD! MUST START AGAIN"
"DRAW, NO ONE WINS."
"I MOVE TO
    I WIN! YOU LOSE!"
"I WIN! YOU HAVE NO PAWNS."
```

These text messages are stored as a continuous string of ASCII characters with each message terminated by a zero byte. The playing board, however, is stored on the same page as the model table and temporary data, as it is updated after each move by the program. The board output, FROM and TO messages are stored as shown next.
"X!X!X
$!\quad!$
$0!O!O$
FM " " TO "

The program uses a common subroutine to output these messages to the user's output device. This subroutine is called with memory pointer registers H and L set to the starting address of a message. It fetches each character from the storage area and presents it to the user's output routine in the accumulator. When it encounters the zero byte, it returns to the calling program. The listing for this routine is presented next. It is labeled MSG.

| MSG, | LAM | Fetch character to print |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | NDA | End of message? |
|  | RTZ | Yes, return |
|  | CAL PRINT | No, print character |
|  | INL | Incr low addr msg pointer |
|  | JFZ MSG | If non-0, continue output |
|  | INH | Else, incr page addr pointer |
|  | JMP MSG |  |

As one can see, the MSG subroutine is quite straight-forward. It simply fetches characters from memory starting at the location set up by the calling program in the H and L registers, and calls the user provided subroutine PRINT to output the character to the system output device. The PRINT subroutine must take the character in the accumulator and perform whatever is required to output that character to the printer or display device. This routine is free to use registers B through E in outputting the character. The only requirement is that if registers H and L must be used, they must be restored to their initial value before returning to the MSG subroutine.

The MSG subroutine is called to output every message by this program. Therefore, in order to change the messages, the reader simply stores the ASCII codes for the messages desired in a continuous string in memory, and then stores a zero byte to terminate the message. To output a message, the program sets the pointer to the starting address of the message and calls the MSG subroutine.

## THE HEXPAWN PROGRAM

The reader may refer to the flow chart presented previously during the following discussion of the operating portion of the program.

The first part of the Hexpawn program outputs the introductory message and resets the move index table to its initial state of intelligence. The move index table is initialized by transferring the contents of the RESTORE MOVE list into the ACTIVE MOVE list. The restore move list is a copy of the move index table with all the possible moves contained in it. The active move list is actually the move index table, which will have its contents zeroed as the program learns to play the game. This restore routine transfers the upper half of page 04 , which contains the restore list and the beginning of the text messages, down to the lower half of page 04, which contains the active move list, or move index table. The actual list, however, only requires approximately $3 / 8$ of the page. This should be noted so that one does not try to store messages in the area from 137 through 177 on page 04.

This restore routine is performed only when the program is started at the beginning. After each game is completed, the program returns
to the next section, starting at the label AGAIN so that the move index table will not be reset. The only way that the move index table can be reset is for the operator to restart the program.

The listing for the initial portion of the Hexpawn program is presented below.

| START, | LLI 076 | Set pointer to intro. msg |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | LHI 005 |  |
|  | CAL MSG | Print introduction |
|  | LHI 004 | Set pointer to move index pg |
|  | LDI 000 | Init. actv move list pointer |
| RSTR, | LEI 200 | Init. rstr move list pointer |
|  | LLE | Set restore list pointer |
|  | LLD | Fetch restore list entry |
|  | LLD | Set pointer to active list |
|  | LMA | Store entry in active list |
|  | IND | Increment active list pointer |
|  | INE | Increment restore list pointer |
|  | JFZ RSTR | Done? No, cont. transfer |

The next section of the program is the one which prepares the board output to display the current setup of the playing board. There are two points at which the program enters this routine. The first is at the instruction labeled AGAIN. This entry point resets the playing board, as stored in locations 03000 for the X pawns, and 03001 for the O pawns. This is the starting setup as shown in the figure on the first page of this chapter. It then proceeds to the other entry point of this routine. The second entry point is labeled PBD. This point is entered when the program is in the middle of a game. This portion of the routine sets up the board output message to display the current positions of the pawns in the following manner.

First, the board output message is cleared by storing space characters, ASCII code 240, at the locations in the board output that represent the possible pawn positions. The current positions of the X pawns and O pawns are then determined by the subroutines STX and STO.

When the STX subroutine is first called, the accumulator contains
the current X board as stored in location 03000 . This is rotated left one bit to load the CARRY with the condition of square 1 with respect to the presence of an $X$ pawn. If the carry is set to 1 , the ASCII code for an X is stored in the location of square 1 in the board output message. If the carry is reset to 0 , the routine simply returns and the contents of square 1 remain a space character. The next time STX is called, the accumulator contains the current X board rotated to the left one bit so that when it is rotated to the left again the carry will indicate the presence, or absence, of an X pawn for square 2. Each time the STX routine is called, the memory pointer registers H and L are set to indicate the location in the board output message where the X is to be stored if it is present at that location. The STO subroutine stores the ASCII code for the 0 character in the locations in the board output message where there are 0 pawns present in a manner similar to the STX subroutine. When the board output message is set to reflect the current board set up, the MSG subroutine is called to display the board for the player to examine. The following is the listing of this board set up and display routine.

| AGAIN, | LLI 000 | Set pointer to current board <br> Set board to starting setup |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | LHI 003 |  |
|  | LMI 340 |  |
|  | INL |  |
|  | LMI 007 |  |
| PBD, | LLI 302 | Set pointer to brd printout Set space char to clear board Store space in ' 1 ' |
|  | LBI 240 |  |
|  | LMB |  |
|  | LLI 304 |  |
|  | LMB | Store space in ' 2 ' |
|  | LLI 306 |  |
|  | LMB | Store space in ' 3 ' |
|  | LLI 311 |  |
|  | LMB | Store space in ' 4 ' |
|  | LLI 313 |  |
|  | LMB | Store space in ' 5 ' |
|  | LLI 315 |  |
|  | LMB | Store space in ' 6 ' |
|  | LLI 320 |  |
|  | LMB | Store space in ' 7 ' |
|  | LLI 322 |  |

LMB
LLI 324
LMB
LLI 000
LAM
INL
LBM
LLI 302
CAL STX
LLI 304
CAL STX
LLI 306
CAL STX
LLI 311
CAL STX
LCA
LAB
RLC
RLC
CAL STO
LBA
LLI 313
LAC
CAL STX
LCA
LAB
CAL STO
LBA
LLI 315
LAC
CAL STX
LAB
CAL STO
LLI 320
CAL STO
LLI 322
CAL STO
LLI 324
CAL STO
LLI 300

Store space in ' 8 '
Store space in ' 9 '
Set pointer to current $X$ board Fetch X board Advance to O board Fetch current O board Set pointer to 1 position If X here, store character Set pointer to 2 position If X here, store character Set pointer to 3 position If X here, store character Set pointer to 4 position If X here, store character Save X board Fetch O board Position to 4

If $O$ here, store character Save O board Set pointer to 5 position Fetch X board If X here, store character Save X board Fetch O board If $O$ here, store character Save O board
Set pointer to 6 position Fetch X board If X here, store character Fetch O board If $O$ here, store character
Set pointer to 7 position If $O$ here, store character
Set pointer to 8 position
If $O$ here, store character
Set pointer to 9 position
If $O$ here, store character
Set pointer to board printout

| STX, | RLC | Bit set? |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | RFC | No, return |
|  | LMI 330 | Yes, put X in board |
|  | RET |  |
| STO, | RLC | Bit set? |
|  | RFC | No, return |
|  | LMI 317 | Yes, put O in board |
|  | RET |  |

After the current board is outputted, the program requests the player to enter a move by first entering the number of the square which contains the pawn to be moved, and then the number of the square to which the pawn is to be moved. The input request is indicated by the output of the message FM which is output as part of the board output message. The program then calls the user supplied input routine to accept a character from the system input device.

The input subroutine is a user provided routine which must input a character from the keyboard device and return with the ASCII code for that character in the accumulator. This subroutine is free to use registers $A$ through $E$ in inputting the character. If registers $H$ and L are required to be used, they must be restored to their original contents before returning to the calling program. If the system's input device does not provide automatic echo of the inputted character to the output device, this input routine should include some provision for echoing the character received to the output device. This subroutine is called only in the move input routine being presented here.

When the FROM square is received, it is checked first to determine whether it is a valid number from 1 to 9 , since these are the only valid entries expected. This is checked by calling the FNUM subroutine. If the input is not within these limits, the ERROR routine is entered. The error routine is called at several points in the next group of routines whenever the move which has been input is found to be illegal. The error routine prints the message "NO! NO!"
and then jumps to the PBD entry point of the program to request a new input.

If the FROM input is valid, the 260 portion of the ASCII code is removed, and the binary value of the number entered is stored in location 03002 . The current O board is then checked to determine whether an O pawn does reside in the square designated by the input. The binary value of the FROM square is used as a counter by the RTAL subroutine which rotates the current $O$ board until the carry bit indicates the presence or absence of an $O$ pawn in that position. If there is no $O$ pawn, the error routine is entered.

The message TO is then output and the INPUT routine is called to input the square to which the pawn is to be moved. This input is also checked by calling the FNUM routine to determine whether it is within the limits of the expected input. If it is valid, it is changed to its binary value and stored in location 03003 . The program then proceeds to the next routine which checks that the move is legal.

The listing for this portion of the program is presented below.

| LLI 002 | Set pointer to input storage |
| :--- | :--- |
| CAL INPUT | Input FM move |
| LMA | Save input |
| CAL FNUM | Number valid? |
| JTS ERROR | No, error |
| LAM | Fetch number |
| NDI 017 | Delete ASCII code |
| LMA | Save FM location |
| LBA | Save bit count for RTAL |
| DCL | Set pointer to O board |
| LAM | Fetch O board |
| CAL RTAL | Is pawn in FM position? |
| JFC ERROR | No, illegal move |
| LLI 333 | Set pointer to TO msg |
| CAL MSG | Print TO |
| LLI 003 | Set pointer to input storage |
| CAL INPUT | Input TO move |
| LMA | Save TO input |


|  | CAL FNUM | Input valid? |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | JTS ERROR | No, error |
|  | LAM | Fetch number |
|  | NDI 017 | Delete ASCII code |
|  | LMA | Save TO location |
| ERROR, | LLI 364 | Set pointer to error message |
|  | LHI 005 |  |
|  | CAL MSG | Print error message |
|  | LHI 003 |  |
|  | JMP PBD | Print current board |
| RTAL, | DCB | Decrement bit count |
|  | RTZ | If zero, return |
|  | RLC | Else, rotate left |
|  | JMP RTAL |  |
| FNUM, | LAM | Fetch ASCII number |
|  | CPI 261 | Is number valid? |
|  | RTS | No, return with S flag set |
|  | SUI 272 | If number is valid, return |
|  | ADI 200 | With S flag set |
|  | RET |  |

Once the FROM and TO values are received, the move must be checked to determine whether it is legal. First, a move forward is checked by subtracting 3 from the FROM value and checking it with the value stored for the TO value. If the move is forward one square, the position of the X pawns must be checked to make sure an X pawn is not blocking the move. The BLK routine is entered to check the forward move. BLK sets the TO value as a counter and fetches the current X board, which is then rotated left by the RTAL subroutine, placing the bit corresponding to the location the $O$ pawn is to be moved, to the sign position in the accumulator. If this bit is set, the move is blocked by an X pawn and the error routine is entered. If not, the BLK routine returns to the mainstream of the program at the HMV label to make the move as entered.

If the move is not forward, a diagonal move to the left or right is
examined. By adding 1 to the forward move, the new value indicates a diagonal move to the right. If this matches the TO value, and is not equal to 7 , which would be an illegal move from 9 to 7 , the capture of an X pawn is checked, since a diagonal move must capture an opponent's pawn. If the move is not to the right, 2 is subtracted from the forward move and a diagonal move to the left is tested. If this matches and it is not equal to 3 , indicating an illegal move from 7 to 3 , an X pawn capture will be checked. If any of the above illegal conditions occur, the error routine is entered. When a capture move is indicated, the bit position in the current X board of the bit to be deleted is set up by the RTLP subroutine. The presence of an X pawn is checked, and if not there, the error routine is entered.

Once the preliminaries are complete, the move is checked for a win by the human player. If the move is to square 1,2 , or 3 , the human has won the game. The HWIN routine is then entered to perform the required steps to teach the program. This is accomplished by zeroing the last move made by the program in the move index table. The HWIN routine then outputs a congratulatory message and starts a new game.

If the move does not result in a win, the move is entered in the current O board by resetting the bit indicating the FROM position and setting the bit indicating the TO position. If a capture was made, the bit in the current X board in the TO position is reset.

The listing for this routine is shown below.

| DCL | Set FM pointer |
| :--- | :--- |
| LAM | Fetch FM |
| SUI 003 | Is move forward? |
| INL | Check against TO |
| CPM |  |
| JTZ BLK | Yes, check if legal |
| ADI 001 | No, move right 1 square |
| CPM | Is TO here |
| JTZ CKCAP | Yes, check for capture |
| SUI 002 | No, move left 1 square |
| CPI 003 | Is move from 7 to $3 ?$ |


|  | JTZ ERROR | Yes, illegal |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | CPM | Is TO here? |
|  | JFZ ERROR | No, illegal move |
| CKCAP, | CPI 007 | Is move to 7? |
|  | JTZ ERROR | Yes, error |
|  | I-BM | Fetch TO move |
|  | LAI 200 | Set up to calculate capture |
|  | CAL RTLP | Bit by rotating right |
|  | LEA | Save capture bit |
|  | LLI 000 | Set X board pointer |
|  | NDM | Capture? |
|  | JTZ ERROR | No, illegal move |
| HMV, | LLI 002 | Set pointer to FM |
|  | LAM | Fetch FM location |
|  | CAL RTAR | Set up FM bit |
|  | LDA | Save FM bit |
|  | INL | Set pointer to TO |
|  | LAM | Fetch TO location |
|  | CPI 004 | Human wins? |
|  | JTC HWIN | Yes, zero last move |
|  | CAL RTAR | Set up TO bit |
|  | LCA | Save TO bit |
|  | LLI 001 | Set pointer to current O board |
|  | LAM | Fetch current board |
|  | XRD | Clear old set |
|  | ORC | Set new position |
|  | LCA | Save new O board |
|  | LMA | Save current board |
|  | DCL |  |
|  | LAE | Fetch capture bit |
|  | NDA | Capture? |
|  | JTZ NOCP | No, skip |
|  | XRM | Yes, delete piece |
|  | LMA | Save current X board |
| RTAR, | LBA | Set bit count |
|  | LAI 001 | Set bit to rotate |
| RTLP, | DCB | Decrement bit count |
|  | RTZ | If zero, return |
|  | RRC | Else, rotate right |

JMP RTLP

| BLK, | LBM | Fetch TO move |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | LLI 000 | Set pointer to X board |
|  | LAM | Fetch X board |
| SET, | CAL RTAL | Check for blocked move |
|  | NDA | Is move blocked? |
|  | LEI ERROR | Yes, illegal move |
|  | JMP HMV | Set for no capture <br> Return to make human move |
| HWIN, | LLI 004 | Set pointer to last move |
|  | LHI 003 |  |
|  | LLM | Fetch last move address |
|  | LHI 004 |  |
|  | LMI 000 | Zero last move |
|  | LLI 315 | Set pointer to lose message |
|  | LHI 005 |  |
|  | CAL MSG | Print lose message |
|  | JMP AGAIN | Start new game |

Now that the human's move has been entered, it is time for the program to show what it knows about the game. This is the portion of the program which performs the table search and makes the resultant move that the program believes correct at the time for the given board configuration. The program first searches the model table for a matching model. If none is found, it is assumed that the move just input by the human is invalid. Some of the conditions which were not checked in the move input routine include a move forward into a square already occupied by an O pawn. (This results in the human eliminating one of his own pawns.) Or, a move from square 6 to square 4 in which an X pawn is captured. These moves will slip through the initial validity tests, but they do result in illegal board setups which are caught here. The only recourse for the program at this time is to start the game over again because the current board is unrecognizible.

When a model is found where the current X board and current O board match a byte pair in the model table, a pointer is calculated
from the relative position in the model table to the model-to-move index table. This pointer is calculated by dividing the low address of the X byte of the matching model by 2 and adding 106 to the result. The pointer is used to fetch the starting address of the list of possible moves in the move index table from the model-to-move index table.

The designated list of moves is then examined, and the first nonzero entry is used as the move the program will make in response to the current board model. If the program encounters a 200 byte in searching the table, it jumps to the ONO (OH! NO!) routine. Reaching a 200 byte indicates the program has made every move it can for the model, and they all lead to defeat. The ONO routine concedes defeat and also goes to the HWIN routine to eliminate the previous move with the intent that this model will not be encountered again.

When a move is found, a pointer is set up using the move number and the four bytes of the move are fetched from the move table. The last byte of this group is examined first to determine whether the program has won the game, indicated by the sign bit set in the last byte. Or, if the game is a draw, indicated by a 100 stored in the last byte. If the game is won by the computer, the WIN routine is entered to print the winning message and start a new game. If the game is a draw, the DRAW routine is entered, to print the draw message and start a new game. If the last byte is zero, the move is made as indicated by the first three bytes. The first byte has the bit set which is the FROM location of the X move, the second byte has the bit set which is the TO location of the X board and the third byte has the bit set which indicates which location in the $O$ board has been captured. If the third byte is zero, the move does not capture any $O$ pawn, and the game is continued by jumping to PBD.

When a capture is made, the O board is checked to determine whether all the $O$ pawns have been captured. If so, the program has won the game. At this point, the program deletes the move that it has just made from the move table because it knows that if there was only one O pawn on the board, the program has a move open which will allow it to win by moving to the opponent's side rather than gobbling up the last pawn. The program will then print a message to inform the human that he has no more pawns!

The listing for this final routine of the Hexpawn program is presented next. The reader will note the common MSG call followed by a jump to AGAIN which starts a new game. This instruction pair, labeled CMSG, was set up to conserve program space, as it is a common sequence used by several routines to print game concluding messages and then begin a new game.

| NOCP, | LDM | Save new X board |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | LLI 010 | Set pointer to model table |
| SMDL, | LAD | Fetch X board |
|  | CPM | X board match model? |
|  | JTZ OHLF | Yes, try O half |
|  | INL | Advance table pointer |
| SMD1, | INL |  |
|  | LAL | Check for end of table |
|  | CPI 112 | End of table? |
|  | JFZ SMDL | No, continue search |
|  | LLI 340 | No match, illegal move made |
|  | LHI 004 | Print "NO GOOD!" |
| CMSG, | CAL MSG | Print message |
|  | JMP AGAIN | Start new game |
| OHLF, | INL | Advance pointer to O board |
|  | LAC | Fetch current O board |
|  | CPM | O boards match? |
|  | JFZ SMD1 | No, continue search |
|  | DCL | Move pointer to X board |
|  | LAL | Set up to calculate pointer |
|  | RRC | Divide by 2 |
|  | ADI 106 | Add to start of mdl index tbl |
| - | LLA | Set pointer to mdl index tbl |
|  | LLM | Fetch pntr to move index tbl |
|  | LHI 004 | Set pntr to move index table |
| MFD1, | LAM | Fetch move number |
|  | NDA | Move number here? |
|  | JTS ONO | No move avail. Human wins |
|  | JFZ MOVE | Move found, make it |
|  | INL | Move zeroed, try next location |

MOVE, \begin{tabular}{ll}

LEL \& | Save move location |
| :--- |
| LLI 004 |
| LHI 003 | <br>

LME \& <br>
RLC \& Save location as last move <br>
RLC \& Set up pointer to move <br>
ADI 174 \& Storage table <br>
LLA \& <br>
LDM \& Set pointer <br>
INL \& Fetch FM bit <br>
LCM \& Advance pointer <br>
INL \& Fetch TO bit <br>
LEM \& Advance pointer <br>
INL \& Fetch capture bit <br>
LAM \& Advance pointer <br>
NDA \& Fetch contest bit <br>
JTS WIN \& Is game over? <br>
JFZ DRAW \& Yes, computer wins <br>
LLI 000 \& Yes, draw <br>
LAM \& Set pointer to X board <br>
XRD \& Fetch current X board <br>
ORC \& Clear old position <br>
LMA \& Set new position <br>
INL \& Save new X board <br>
LAE \& Advance pointer to O board <br>
NDA \& Fetch capture bit <br>
JTZ PBD \& Capture? <br>
XRM \& No, print new board <br>
LMA \& Yes, delete piece <br>
JFZ PBD \& Save new O board <br>
\& Non-0, continue game <br>
LLI 004 \& <br>
LLM \& Set pointer to last move <br>
LHI 004 \& Fetch last move location <br>
LMI 000 \& Set pointer to active move list <br>
LHI 005 \& Cancel last move <br>
LLI 330 \& Set pointer to msg 'I WIN <br>
CAL CMSG \& You HAVE NO PAWNS!" <br>
\& Print msg and start again
\end{tabular}

| WIN, | LLI 025 | Set pointer to store win move |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | LHI 005 |  |
|  | LMA | Store win move in message |
|  | LLI 011 | Print "I MOVE TO ." |
|  | JMP CMSG | 'I WIN, YOU LOSE" |
| DRAW, | LLI 052 | Prnt 'DRAW, NO ONE WINS' |
|  | LHI 005 |  |
|  | JMP CMSG | Print draw message |
| ONO, | LLI 374 | Print "I CONCEDE!"Then zero last move |
|  | LHI 004 |  |
|  | CAL MSG |  |

Well! That's it! Now the Hexpawn program is presented in its final assembled form to be loaded into an 8008 based microcomputer system. The operating portion of the program resides on pages 01 and 02 and the tables and messages are on pages 03 through 05. Due to the length of assembled listings for the tables and messages, they will be presented as an octal dump.

| 001 | 000 |  | 066 | 076 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 001 | 002 |  | 056 | 005 |
| 001 |  |  |  |  |
| 001 | 004 |  | 106 | 171 | 002


| START, | LLI 076 |
| :--- | :--- |
|  | LHI 005 |
|  | CAL MSG |
|  | LHI 004 |
|  | LDI 000 |
| RSTR, | LEI 200 |
|  | LLE |
|  | LAM |
|  | LLD |
|  | LMA |
|  | IND |
|  | INE |
| AGAIN, | JFZ RSTR |
|  | LLI 000 |
|  | LHI 003 |
|  | LMI 340 |


| 001034 | 060 | INL |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 001035 | 076007 | LMI 007 |
| 001037 | 066302 | PBD, LLI 302 |
| 001041 | 016240 | LBI 240 |
| 001043 | 371 | LMB |
| 001044 | 066304 | LLI 304 |
| 001046 | 371 | LMB |
| 001047 | 066306 | LLI 306 |
| 001051 | 371 | LMB |
| 001052 | 066311 | LLI 311 |
| 001054 | 371 | LMB |
| 001055 | 066313 | LLI 313 |
| 001057 | 371 | LMB |
| 001060 | 066315 | LLI 315 |
| 001062 | 371 | LMB |
| 001063 | 066320 | LLI 320 |
| 001065 | 371 | LMB |
| 001066 | 066322 | LLI 322 |
| 001070 | 371 | LMB |
| 001071 | 066324 | LLI 324 |
| 001073 | 371 | LMB |
| 001074 | 066000 | LLI 000 |
| 001076 | 307 | LAM |
| 001077 | 060 | INL |
| 001100 | 317 | LBM |
| 001101 | 066302 | LLI 302 |
| 001103 | 106157002 | CAL STX |
| 001106 | 066304 | LLI 304 |
| 001110 | 106157002 | CAL STX |
| 001113 | 066306 | LLI 306 |
| 001115 | 106157002 | CAL STX |
| 001120 | 066311 | LLI 311 |
| 001122 | 106157002 | CAL STX |
| 001125 | 320 | LCA |
| 001126 | 301 | LAB |
| 001127 | 002 | RLC |
| 001130 | 002 | RLC |
| 001131 | 106164002 | CAL STO |
| 001134 | 310 | LBA |
| 001135 | 066313 | LLI 313 |


| 001 | 137 | 302 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 001 | 140 | 106 | 157 | 002 |
| 001 | 143 | 320 |  |  |
| 001 | 144 | 301 |  |  |
| 001 | 145 | 106 | 164 | 002 |
| 001 | 150 | 310 |  |  |
| 001 | 151 | 066 | 315 |  |
| 001 | 153 | 302 |  |  |
| 001 | 154 | 106 | 157 | 002 |
| 001 | 157 | 301 |  |  |
| 001 | 160 | 106 | 164 | 002 |
| 001 | 163 | 066 | 320 |  |
| 001 | 165 | 106 | 164 | 002 |
| 001 | 170 | 066 | 322 |  |
| 001 | 172 | 106 | 164 | 002 |
| 001 | 175 | 066 | 324 |  |
| 001 | 177 | 106 | 164 | 002 |
| 001 | 202 | 066 | 300 |  |
| 001 | 204 | 106 | 171 | 002 |
| 001 | 207 | 066 | 002 |  |
| 001 | 211 | 106 | 000 | 006 |
| 001 | 214 | 370 |  |  |
| 001 | 215 | 106 | 303 | 002 |
| 001 | 220 | 160 | 207 | 002 |
| 001 | 223 | 307 |  |  |
| 001 | 224 | 044 | 017 |  |
| 001 | 226 | 370 |  |  |
| 001 | 227 | 310 |  |  |
| 001 | 230 | 061 |  |  |
| 001 | 231 | 307 |  |  |
| 001 | 232 | 106 | 223 | 002 |
| 001 | 235 | 100 | 207 | 002 |
| 001 | 240 | 066 | 333 |  |
| 001 | 242 | 106 | 171 | 002 |
| 001 | 245 | 066 | 003 |  |
| 001 | 247 | 106 | 000 | 006 |
| 001 | 252 | 370 |  |  |
| 001 | 253 | 106 | 303 | 002 |
| 001 | 256 | 160 | 207 | 002 |
| 001 | 261 | 307 |  |  |

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CAL STX
LCA
LAB
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LLI 315
LAC
CAL STX
LAB
CAL STO
LLI 320
CAL STO
LLI 322
CAL STO
LLI 324
CAL STO
LLI 300
CAL MSG
LLI 002
CAL INPUT
LMA
CAL FNUM
JTS ERROR
LAM
NDI 017
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DCL
LAM
CAL RTAL
JFC ERROR
LLI 333
CAL MSG
LLI 003
CAL INPUT
LMA
CAL FNUM JTS ERROR
LAM

| 001262 | 044 | 017 |  | NDI 017 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 001264 | 370 |  |  | LMA |
| 001265 | 061 |  |  | DCL |
| 001266 | 307 |  |  | LAM |
| 001267 | 024 | 003 |  | SUI 003 |
| 001271 | 060 |  |  | INL |
| 001272 | 277 |  |  | CPM |
| 001273 | 150 | 242002 |  | JTZ BLK |
| 001276 | 004 | 001 |  | ADI 001 |
| 001300 | 277 |  |  | CPM |
| 001301 | 150 | 317001 |  | JTZ CKCAP |
| 001304 | 024 | 002 |  | SUI 002 |
| 001306 | 074 | 003 |  | CPI 003 |
| 001310 | 150 | 207002 |  | JTZ ERROR |
| 001313 | 277 |  |  | CPM |
| 001314 | 110 | 207002 |  | JFZ ERROR |
| 001317 | 074 | 007 | CKCAP, | CPI 007 |
| 001321 | 150 | 207002 |  | JTZ ERROR |
| 001324 | 317 |  |  | LBM |
| 001325 | 006 | 200 |  | LAI 200 |
| 001327 | 106 | 234002 |  | CAL RTLP |
| 001332 | 340 |  |  | LEA |
| 001333 | 066 | 000 |  | LLI 000 |
| 001335 | 247 |  |  | NDM |
| 001336 | 150 | 207002 |  | JTZ ERROR |
| 001341 | 066 | 002 | HMV, | LLI 002 |
| 001343 | 307 |  |  | LAM |
| 001344 | 106 | 231002 |  | CAL RTAR |
| 001347 | 330 |  |  | LDA |
| 001350 | 060 |  |  | INL |
| 001351 | 307 |  |  | LAM |
| 001352 | 074 | 004 |  | CPI 004 |
| 001354 | 140 | 323002 |  | JTC HWIN |
| 001357 | 106 | 231002 |  | CAL RTAR |
| 001362 | 320 |  |  | LCA |
| 001363 | 066 | 001 |  | LLI 001 |
| 001365 | 307 |  |  | LAM |
| 001366 | 253 |  |  | XRD |
| 001367 | 262 |  |  | ORC |
| 001370 | 320 |  |  | LCA |


| 001371 | 370 |  | LMA |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 001372 | 061 |  | DCL |
| 001373 | 304 |  | LAE |
| 001374 | 240 |  | NDA |
| 001375 | 150002002 |  | JTZ NOCP |
| 002000 | 257 |  | XRM |
| 002001 | 370 |  | LMA |
| 002002 | 337 | NOCP, | LDM |
| 002003 | 066010 |  | LLI 010 |
| 002005 | 303 | SMDL, | LAD |
| 002006 | 277 |  | CPM |
| 002007 | 150034002 |  | JTZ OHLF |
| 002012 | 060 |  | INL |
| 002013 | 060 | SMD1, | INL |
| 002014 | 306 |  | LAL |
| 002015 | 074112 |  | CPI 112 |
| 002017 | 110005002 |  | JFZ SMDL |
| 002022 | 066340 |  | LLI 340 |
| 002024 | 056004 |  | LHI 004 |
| 002026 | 106171002 | CMSG, | CAL MSG |
| 002031 | 104026001 |  | JMP AGAIN |
| 002034 |  |  |  |
| 002034 | 060 | OHLF, | INL |
| 002035 | 302 |  | LAC |
| 002036 | 277 |  | CPM |
| 002037 | 110013002 |  | JFZ SMD1 |
| 002042 |  |  |  |
| 002042 | 061 |  | DCL |
| 002043 | 306 |  | LAL |
| 002044 | 012 |  | RRC |
| 002045 | 004106 |  | ADI 106 |
| 002047 | 360 |  | LLA |
| 002050 | 367 |  | LLM |
| 002051 | 056004 |  | LHI 004 |
| 002053 | 307 | MFD1, | LAM |
| 002054 | 240 |  | NDA |
| 002055 | 160314002 |  | JTS ONO |
| 002060 | 110067002 |  | JFZ MOVE |
| 002063 | 060 |  | INL |
| 002064 | 104053002 |  | JMP MFD1 |


| 002067 | 346 | MOVE, LEL |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 002070 | 066004 | LLI 004 |
| 002072 | 056003 | LHI 003 |
| 002074 | 374 | LME |
| 002075 | 002 | RLC |
| 002076 | 002 | RLC |
| 002077 | 004174 | ADI 174 |
| 002101 | 360 | LLA |
| 002102 | 337 | LDM |
| 002103 | 060 | INL |
| 002104 | 327 | LCM |
| 002105 | 060 | INL |
| 002106 | 347 | LEM |
| 002107 | 060 | INL |
| 002110 | 307 | LAM |
| 002111 | 240 | NDA |
| 002112 | 160262002 | JTS WIN |
| 002115 | 110274002 | JFZ DRAW |
| 002120 | 066000 | LLI 000 |
| 002122 | 307 | LAM |
| 002123 | 253 | XRD |
| 002124 | 262 | ORC |
| 002125 | 370 | LMA |
| 002126 | 060 | INL |
| 002127 | 304 | LAE |
| 002130 | 240 | NDA |
| 002131 | 150037001 | JTZ PBD |
| 002134 | 257 | XRM |
| 002135 | 370 | LMA |
| 002136 | 110037001 | JFZ PBD |
| 002141 |  |  |
| 002141 | 066004 | LLI 004 |
| 002143 | 367 | LLM |
| 002144 | 056004 | LHI 004 |
| 002146 | 076000 | LMI 000 |
| 002150 | 056005 | LHI 005 |
| 002152 | 066330 | LLI 330 |
| 002154 | 106026002 | CAL CMSG |
| 002157 |  |  |
| 002157 | 002 | STX, RLC |


| 002160 | 003 |  |  | RFC |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 002161 | 076 |  |  | LMI 330 |
| 002163 | 007 |  |  | RET |
| 002164 |  |  |  |  |
| 002164 | 002 |  | STO, |  | RLC |
| 002165 | 003 |  |  | RFC |
| 002166 | 076 |  |  | LMI 317 |
| 002170 | 007 |  |  | RET |
| 002171 |  |  |  |  |
| 002171 | 307 |  | MSG, | LAM |
| 002172 | 240 |  |  | NDA |
| 002173 | 053 |  |  | RTZ |
| 002174 | 106 | 100006 |  | CAL PRINT |
| 002177 | 060 |  |  | INL |
| 002200 | 110 | 171002 |  | JFZ MSG |
| 002203 | 050 |  |  | INH |
| 002204 | 104 | 171002 |  | JMP MSG |
| 002207 |  |  |  |  |
| 002207 |  | 364 | ERROR, | LLI 364 |
| 002211 | 056 | 005 |  | LHI 005 |
| 002213 | 106 | 171002 |  | CAL MSG |
| 002216 | 056 | 003 |  | LHI 003 |
| 002220 | 104 | 037001 |  | JMP PBD |
| 002223 |  |  |  |  |
| 002223 | 011 |  | RTAL, | DCB |
| 002224 | 053 |  |  | RTZ |
| 002225 | 002 |  |  | RLC |
| 002226 | 104 | 223002 |  | JMP RTAL |
| 002231 |  |  |  |  |
| 002231 | 310 |  | RTAR, | LBA |
| 002232 | 006 | 001 |  | LAI 001 |
| 002234 | 011 |  | RTLP, | DCB |
| 002235 | 053 |  |  | RTZ |
| 002236 | 012 |  |  | RRC |
| 002237 | 104 | 234002 |  | JMP RTLP |
| 002242 |  |  |  |  |
| 002242 | 317 |  | BLK, | LBM |
| 002243 | 066 | 000 |  | LLI 000 |
| 002245 | 307 |  |  | LAM |
| 002246 | 106 | 223002 |  | CAL RTAL |


| 0022 3 1 | 240 |  | SET, | NDAJTS ERROR |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 002252 | 160207 | 002 |  |  |
| 002255 | 046000 |  |  | LEI 000 |
| 002257 | 104341 | 001 |  | JMP HMV |
| 002262 |  |  |  |  |
| 002262 | 066025 |  | WIN, | LLI 025 |
| 002264 | 056005 |  |  | LHI 005 |
| 002266 | 370 |  |  | LMA |
| 002267 | 066011 |  |  | LLI 011 |
| 002271 | 104026 | 002 |  | JMP CMSG |
| 002274 |  |  |  |  |
| 002274 | 066052 |  | DRAW, | LLI 052 |
| 002276 | 056005 |  |  | LHI 005 |
| 002300 | 104026 | 002 |  | JMP CMSG |
| 002303 |  |  |  |  |
| 002303 | 307 |  | FNUM, | LAM |
| 002304 | 074261 |  |  | CPI 261 |
| 002306 | 063 |  |  | RTS |
| 002307 | 024272 |  |  | SUI 272 |
| 002311 | 004200 |  |  | ADI 200 |
| 002313 | 007 |  |  | RET |
| 002314 |  |  |  |  |
| 002314 | 066374 |  | ONO, | LLI 374 |
| 002316 | 056004 |  |  | LHI 004 |
| 002320 | 106171 | 002 |  | CAL MSG |
| 003323 |  |  |  |  |
| 002323 | 066004 |  | HWIN, | LLI 004 |
| 002325 | 056003 |  |  | LHI 003 |
| 002327 | 367 |  |  | LLM |
| 002330 | 056004 |  |  | LHI 004 |
| 002332 | 076000 |  |  | LMI 000 |
| 002334 | 066315 |  |  | LLI 315 |
| 002336 | 056005 |  |  | LHI 005 |
| 002340 | 106171 | 002 |  | CAL MSG |
| 002343 | 104026 | 001 |  | JMP AGAIN |
| 002346 |  |  |  |  |

## TEMPORARY DATA

$003000 \quad 000 \quad 000 \quad 000 \quad 000 \quad 000$

| 003 | 010 | 340 | 043 | 340 | 016 | 340 | 025 | 260 | 021 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 003 | 020 | 150 | 041 | 240 | 062 | 300 | 051 | 150 | 014 |
| 003 | 030 | 160 | 034 | 260 | 012 | 304 | 061 | 140 | 054 |
| 003 | 040 | 140 | 021 | 140 | 024 | 240 | 041 | 070 | 010 |
| 003 | 050 | 200 | 070 | 120 | 030 | 104 | 060 | 230 | 010 |
| 003 | 060 | 240 | 014 | 210 | 042 | 054 | 040 | 060 | 020 |
| 003 | 070 | 110 | 040 | 110 | 010 | 220 | 020 | 044 | 020 |
| 003 | 100 | 200 | 060 | 240 | 032 | 100 | 020 | 250 | 052 |
| 003 | 110 | 040 | 070 |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## MODEL-TO-MOVE INDEX TABLE

| 003 | 112 |  |  | 000 | 004 | 010 | 013 | 017 | 023 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 003 | 120 | 027 | 033 | 036 | 041 | 043 | 046 | 051 | 054 |
| 003 | 130 | 057 | 061 | 063 | 065 | 070 | 073 | 075 | 077 |
| 003 | 140 | 101 | 103 | 107 | 112 | 115 | 120 | 123 | 125 |
| 003 | 150 | 131 | 133 | 135 |  |  |  |  |  |

## MOVE TABLE

| 003 | 200 | 200 | 020 | 000 | 000 | 200 | 010 | 020 | 000 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 003 | 210 | 100 | 020 | 040 | 000 | 100 | 010 | 000 | 000 |
| 003 | 220 | 100 | 004 | 010 | 000 | 040 | 010 | 020 | 000 |
| 003 | 230 | 040 | 004 | 000 | 000 | 020 | 000 | 000 | 267 |
| 003 | 240 | 020 | 000 | 000 | 270 | 010 | 000 | 000 | 267 |
| 003 | 250 | 010 | 000 | 000 | 270 | 010 | 000 | 000 | 271 |
| 003 | 260 | 004 | 000 | 000 | 270 | 004 | 000 | 000 | 271 |
| 003 | 270 | 000 | 000 | 000 | 100 |  |  |  |  |

## BOARD OUTPUT MESSAGE

| 003 | 300 | 215 | 212 | 330 | 336 | 330 | 336 | 330 | 215 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 003 | 310 | 212 | 240 | 336 | 240 | 336 | 240 | 215 | 212 |
| 003 | 320 | 317 | 336 | 317 | 336 | 317 | 215 | 212 | 306 |
| 003 | 330 | 315 | 240 | 000 | 240 | 324 | 317 | 240 | 000 |


| 004 | 000 | 007 | 004 | 003 | 200 | 001 | 004 | 005 | 200 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 004 | 010 | 001 | 002 | 200 | 007 | 006 | 010 | 200 | 007 |
| 004 | 020 | 003 | 013 | 200 | 007 | 002 | 006 | 200 | 003 |
| 004 | 030 | 004 | 017 | 200 | 005 | 012 | 200 | 005 | 006 |
| 004 | 040 | 200 | 010 | 200 | 002 | 003 | 200 | 005 | 017 |
| 004 | 050 | 200 | 006 | 017 | 200 | 006 | 007 | 200 | 017 |
| 004 | 060 | 200 | 010 | 200 | 002 | 200 | 005 | 010 | 200 |
| 004 | 070 | 003 | 016 | 200 | 013 | 200 | 017 | 200 | 017 |
| 004 | 100 | 200 | 016 | 200 | 007 | 006 | 010 | 200 | 003 |
| 004 | 110 | 013 | 200 | 005 | 013 | 200 | 002 | 010 | 200 |
| 004 | 120 | 006 | 016 | 200 | 002 | 200 | 001 | 006 | 017 |
| 004 | 130 | 200 | 017 | 200 | 017 | 200 | 006 | 200 |  |

## RESTORE LIST

| 004 | 200 | 007 | 004 | 003 | 200 | 001 | 004 | 005 | 200 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 004 | 210 | 001 | 002 | 200 | 007 | 006 | 010 | 200 | 007 |
| 004 | 220 | 003 | 013 | 200 | 007 | 002 | 006 | 200 | 003 |
| 004 | 230 | 004 | 017 | 200 | 005 | 012 | 200 | 005 | 006 |
| 004 | 240 | 200 | 010 | 200 | 002 | 003 | 200 | 005 | 017 |
| 004 | 250 | 200 | 006 | 017 | 200 | 006 | 007 | 200 | 017 |
| 004 | 260 | 200 | 010 | 200 | 002 | 200 | 005 | 010 | 200 |
| 004 | 270 | 003 | 016 | 200 | 013 | 200 | 017 | 200 | 017 |
| 004300 | 200 | 016 | 200 | 007 | 006 | 010 | 200 | 003 |  |
| 004 | 310 | 013 | 200 | 005 | 013 | 200 | 002 | 010 | 200 |
| 004320 | 006 | 016 | 200 | 002 | 200 | 001 | 006 | 017 |  |
| 004 | 330 | 200 | 017 | 200 | 017 | 200 | 006 | 200 |  |

## MESSAGE STORAGE

| 004 | 340 | 215 | 212 | 316 | 317 | 240 | 307 | 317 | 317 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 004 | 350 | 304 | 241 | 240 | 315 | 325 | 323 | 324 | 240 |
| 004 | 360 | 323 | 324 | 301 | 322 | 324 | 240 | 301 | 307 |
| 004 | 370 | 301 | 311 | 316 | 000 | 215 | 212 | 311 | 240 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 005 | 000 | 303 | 317 | 316 | 303 | 305 | 304 | 305 | 241 |


| 005 | 010 | 000 | 215 | 212 | 311 | 240 | 315 | 317 | 326 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 005 | 020 | 305 | 240 | 324 | 317 | 240 | 240 | 254 | 215 |
| 005 | 030 | 212 | 311 | 240 | 327 | 311 | 316 | 241 | 240 |
| 005 | 040 | 331 | 317 | 325 | 240 | 314 | 317 | 323 | 305 |
| 005 | 050 | 241 | 000 | 215 | 212 | 304 | 322 | 301 | 327 |
| 005 | 060 | 254 | 316 | 317 | 240 | 317 | 316 | 305 | 240 |
| 005 | 070 | 327 | 311 | 316 | 323 | 256 | 000 | 215 | 212 |
| 005 | 100 | 310 | 305 | 322 | 305 | 247 | 323 | 240 | 324 |
| 005 | 110 | 310 | 305 | 240 | 302 | 317 | 301 | 322 | 304 |
| 005 | 120 | 215 | 212 | 261 | 336 | 262 | 336 | 263 | 215 |
| 005 | 130 | 212 | 264 | 336 | 265 | 336 | 266 | 215 | 212 |
| 005 | 140 | 267 | 336 | 270 | 336 | 271 | 215 | 212 | 311 |
| 005 | 150 | 247 | 315 | 240 | 330 | 254 | 240 | 331 | 317 |
| 005 | 160 | 325 | 247 | 322 | 305 | 240 | 317 | 215 | 212 |
| 005 | 170 | 315 | 317 | 326 | 305 | 240 | 317 | 316 | 305 |
| 005 | 200 | 240 | 323 | 321 | 325 | 301 | 322 | 305 | 240 |
| 005 | 210 | 306 | 317 | 322 | 327 | 301 | 322 | 304 | 240 |
| 005 | 220 | 311 | 306 | 240 | 326 | 301 | 303 | 301 | 316 |
| 005 | 230 | 324 | 215 | 212 | 317 | 322 | 240 | 317 | 316 |
| 005 | 240 | 305 | 240 | 323 | 321 | 325 | 301 | 322 | 305 |
| 005 | 250 | 240 | 304 | 311 | 301 | 307 | 317 | 316 | 301 |
| 005 | 260 | 314 | 314 | 331 | 240 | 324 | 317 | 240 | 303 |
| 005 | 270 | 301 | 320 | 324 | 325 | 322 | 305 | 215 | 212 |
| 005 | 300 | 331 | 317 | 325 | 240 | 323 | 324 | 301 | 322 |
| 005 | 310 | 324 | 256 | 215 | 212 | 000 | 215 | 212 | 331 |
| 005 | 320 | 317 | 325 | 240 | 327 | 311 | 316 | 256 | 000 |
| 005 | 330 | 215 | 212 | 311 | 240 | 327 | 311 | 316 | 241 |
| 005 | 340 | 240 | 331 | 317 | 325 | 240 | 310 | 301 | 326 |
| 005 | 350 | 305 | 240 | 316 | 317 | 240 | 320 | 301 | 327 |
| 005 | 360 | 316 | 323 | 256 | 000 | 215 | 212 | 316 | 317 |
| 005 | 370 | 241 | 240 | 316 | 317 | 241 | 000 |  |  |


| 006000 | 000 | INPUT |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 006 | 100 | 000 |

## OPERATING THE HEXPAWN PROGRAM

After loading the Hexpawn program into memory, the program execution is begun by jumping to the start address of the program which is at location 000 on page 01 . The program will print the introductory message followed by the starting position of the playing board. When the FM is displayed, the player enters the number of the square from which the pawn is to be moved. The program then prints TO, and the player enters the number of the square to which the pawn is to go. The program then makes its move, and the new board configuration is displayed. When the outcome of the game is evident to the program, a message is printed to indicate win, lose, or draw. A sample of three consecutive games is listed below. Note how the program goes through its learning process as the human player makes the same sequence of moves in each game.

HERE'S THE BOARD
$1|2| 3$
41516
71819
I'M X, YOU'RE O
MOVE ONE SQUARE FORWARD IF VACANT OR ONE SQUARE DIAGONALLY TO CAPTURE YOU START.
XIXIX
11
OlOIO
FM 8 TO 5
$I \mathrm{XIX}$
XIO
OI 10
FM 9 TO 6
11 X
XIOIX
OI 1
FM 5 TO 2
YOU WIN

```
XIXIX
    I I
OIOIO
FM }8\mathrm{ TO 5
    IXIX
XIOI
Ol IO
FM 9 TO 6
    |X|
XIXIO
OI I
FM 7 TO 5
xiolx
| I
FM 5 TO 2
YOU WIN.
XIXIX
    I I
OIOIO
FM 8 TO 5
    IXIX
XIOI
Ol 10
FM 9 TO 6
        IXI
XIXIO
Ol I
FM }7\mathrm{ TO 5
I MOVE TO 7,
I WIN! YOU LOSE!
```


## AN 8080 LISTING OF THE HEXPAWN PROGRAM

This final listing is the operating portion of the Hexpawn program written for an 8080 based system. The 8080 version makes use of the more powerful instruction set of the 8080 mainly in setting up pointers, and includes instructions to set up the stack pointer, a function not required by the 8008 . The operating portion of the 8080
version resides on pages 01 and 02 with the stack beginning at location 377 on page 02 . The tables and messages are located on pages 03,04 , and 05 exactly as defined for the 8008 version. The user defined I/O routines should be set up as defined previously. The functional operation of the program is exactly as described in the text, and, therefore, need not be expanded upon. So, for those readers with 8080 based systems, here is the listing for the Hexpawn program.


| 001067 | 160 | LMB |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 001070 | 056324 | LLI 324 |
| 001072 | 160 | LMB |
| 001073 | 056000 | LLI 000 |
| 001075 | 176 | LAM |
| 001076 | 054 | INL |
| 001077 | 106 | LBM |
| 001100 | 056302 | LLI 302 |
| 001102 | 315153002 | CAL STX |
| 001105 | 056304 | LLI 304 |
| 001107 | 315153002 | CAL STX |
| 001112 | 056306 | LLI 306 |
| 001114 | 315153002 | CAL STX |
| 001117 | 056311 | LLI 311 |
| 001121 | 315153002 | CAL STX |
| 001124 | 117 | LCA |
| 001125 | 170 | LAB |
| 001126 | 007 | RLC |
| 001127 | 007 | RLC |
| 001130 | $315160 \quad 002$ | CAL STO |
| 001133 | 107 | LBA |
| 001134 | 056313 | LLI 313 |
| 001136 | 171 | LAC |
| 001137 | 315153002 | CAL STX |
| 001142 | 117 | LCA |
| 001143 | 170 | LAB |
| 001144 | $315160 \quad 002$ | CAL STO |
| 001147 | 107 | LBA |
| 001150 | 056315 | LLI 315 |
| 001152 | 171 | LAC |
| 001153 | 315153002 | CAL STX |
| 001156 | 170 | LAB |
| 001157 | 315160002 | CAL STO |
| 001162 | 056320 | LLI 320 |
| 001164 | 315160002 | CAL STO |
| 001167 | 056322 | LLI 322 |
| 001171 | 315160002 | CAL STO |
| 001174 | 056324 | LLI 324 |
| 001176 | 315160002 | CAL STO |
| 001201 | 056300 | LLI 300 |




| 002024 | 315165002 | CMSG, | CAL MSG |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 002027 | 303026001 |  | JMP AGAIN |
| 002032 |  |  |  |
| 002032 | 054 | OHLF, | INL |
| 002033 | 171 |  | LAC |
| 002034 | 276 |  | CPM |
| 002035 | 012002 |  | JFZ SMD1 |
| 002040 |  |  |  |
| 002040 | 055 |  | DCL |
| 002041 | 175 |  | LAL |
| 002042 | 017 |  | RRC |
| 002043 | 106 |  | ADI 106 |
| 002045 | 157 |  | LLA |
| 002046 | 156 |  | LLM |
| 002047 | 004 |  | LHI 004 |
| 002051 | 176 | MFD1, | LAM |
| 002052 | 247 |  | NDA |
| 002053 | 372301002 |  | JTS ONO |
| 002056 | 065002 |  | JFZ MOVE |
| 002061 |  |  | INL |
| 002062 | 051002 |  | JMP MFD1 |
| 002065 |  |  |  |
| 002065 | 135 | MOVE, | LEL |
| 002066 | 004003 |  | LXH 004003 |
| 002071 | 163 |  | LME |
| 002072 | 007 |  | RLC |
| 002073 | 007 |  | RLC |
| 002074 |  |  | ADI 174 |
| 002076 | 157 |  | LLA |
| 002077 | 126 |  | LDM |
| 002100 | 054 |  | INL |
| 002101 | 116 |  | LCM |
| 002102 | 054 |  | INL |
| 002103 | 136 |  | LEM |
| 002104 | 054 |  | INL |
| 002105 | 176 |  | LAM |
| 002106 | 247 |  | NDA |
| 002107 | 372251002 |  | JTS WIN |
| 002112 | 302262002 |  | JFZ DRAW |
| 002115 | 056000 |  | LLI 000 |


| 002 | 117 | 176 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 002 | 120 | 252 |  |
| 002 | 121 | 261 |  |
| 002 | 122 | 167 |  |
| 002 | 123 | 054 |  |
| 002 | 124 | 173 |  |
| 002 | 125 | 247 |  |
| 002 | 126 | 312 | 036001 |
| 002 | 131 | 256 |  |
| 002 | 132 | 167 |  |
| 002 | 133 | 302 | 036001 |
| 002 | 136 |  |  |
| 002 | 136 | 056 | 004 |
| 002 | 140 | 156 |  |
| 002 | 141 | 046 | 004 |
| 002 | 143 | 066 | 000 |
| 002 | 145 | 041 | 330005 |
| 002 | 150 | 315 | 024002 |
| 002 | 153 |  |  |
| 002 | 153 | 007 |  |
| 002 | 154 | 320 |  |
| 002 | 155 | 066 | 330 |
| 002 | 157 | 311 |  |
| 002 | 160 |  |  |
| 002 | 160 | 007 |  |
| 002 | 161 | 320 |  |
| 002 | 162 | 066 | 317 |
| 002 | 164 | 311 |  |
| 002 | 165 |  |  |
| 002 | 165 | 176 |  |
| 002 | 166 | 247 |  |
| 002 | 167 | 310 |  |
| 002 | 170 | 315 | 100006 |
| 002 | 173 | 043 |  |
| 002 | 174 | 303 | 165002 |
| 002 | 177 |  |  |
| 002 | 177 | 041 | 364005 |
| 002 | 202 | 315 | 165002 |
| 002 | 205 | 046 | 003 |
| 002 | 207 | 303 | 036001 |

LAM
XRD
ORC
LMA
INL
LAE
NDA
JTZ PBD
XRM
LMA
JFZ PBD

LLI 004
LLM
LHI 004
LMI 000
LXH 330005
CAL CMSG
STX, RLC
RFC
LMI 330
RET

STO, RLC
RFC
LMI 317
RET

MSG, LAM
NDA
RTZ
CAL PRINT
INXH
JMP MSG

ERROR, LXH 364005
CAL MSG
LHI 003
JMP PBD

| 002212 | 005 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 002213 | 310 |  |
| 002214 | 007 |  |
| 002215 | 303 | 212002 |
| 002220 |  |  |
| 002220 | 107 |  |
| 002221 | 076 | 001 |
| 002223 | 005 |  |
| 002224 | 310 |  |
| 002225 | 017 |  |
| 002226 | 303 | 223002 |
| 002231 |  |  |
| 002231 | 106 |  |
| 002232 | 056 | 000 |
| 002234 | 176 |  |
| 002235 | 315 | 212002 |
| 002240 | 247 |  |
| 002241 | 372 | 177002 |
| 002244 | 036 | 000 |
| 002246 | 303 | 340001 |
| 002251 |  |  |
| 002251 | 062 | 025005 |
| 002254 | 041 | 011005 |
| 002257 | 315 | 024002 |
| 002262 |  |  |
| 002262 | 041 | 052005 |
| 002265 | 303 | 024002 |
| 002270 |  |  |
| 002270 | 176 |  |
| 002271 | 376 | 260 |
| 002273 | 370 |  |
| 002274 | 326 | 272 |
| 002276 | 306 | 200 |
| 002300 | 311 |  |
| 002301 |  |  |
| 002301 | 041 | 374004 |
| 002304 | 315 | 165002 |
| 002307 |  |  |
| 002307 | 041 | 004003 |
| 002312 | 156 |  |

RTAL, DCB
RTZ
RLC
JMP RTAL
RTAR, LBA
LAI 001
RTLP, DCB
RTZ.
RRC
JMP RTLP
BLK, LBM
LLI 000
LAM
CAL RTAL
SET, NDA
JTS ERROR
LEI 000
JMP HMV
WIN, STA 025005
LXH 011005
CAL CMSG
DRAW, LXH 052005
JMP CMSG
FNUM, LAM
CPI 260
RTS
SUI 272
ADI 200
RET
ONO, LXH 374004
CAL MSG
HWIN, LXH 004003
LLM

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002315066000
$\begin{array}{lllll}002 & 317 & 041 & 315 & 005\end{array}$
$002322 \quad 315165002$
$002325 \quad 303026001$
002330
006000000 INPUT,
$006100000 \quad$ PRINT,
006000000 INPUT,

LHI 004
LMI 000
LXH 315005
CAL MSG
JMP AGAIN

HANGMAN is a word game with which most readers are probably well acquainted. The object of the game is to determine what word a player is thinking of by guessing the letters that make up the word. When characters contained in the word are correctly identified, the positions of the letters that have been ascertained are disclosed. The goal of the game is to ascertain all the letters making up the concealed word with the least amount of incorrect guesses. The game in the form to be presented traditionally received its name from the practice of creating a sketch of a stick figure being hung from a hangman's scaffold. A portion of the stick figure, such as a head, arms, torso, or legs, would be drawn in each time an incorrect letter guess was made. If the stick figure was completed before the entire word had been correctly identified, the player lost.

In the computerized version of the game to be presented here, the computer will select a word from a list of words (which may be created by the reader if desired). The computer will then allow a player to enter guesses as to the letters contained in the word selected. Each time the player correctly identifies a letter contained in the word, the characters that have been ascertained will be displayed in their proper location within the word. Each time a guess is incorrect, the computer will add a letter towards the spelling of Hangman! A game is finished when a player correctly identifies the word selected by the computer. Or, when eight incorrect letter guesses result in the complete spelling of Hangman!

The game is relatively simple to implement on a computer. However, despite its relative simplicity programming wise, the game can be surprisingly fun and challenging. This is due primarily to the nature of the game, augmented by the fact that the programmer has a virtually unlimited reservoir of alternatives to use when creating a list of words for the computer to select from when playing a game.

Besides its use as a pure fun game, the program can also be applied to more serious considerations such as making it a learning or teaching tool. Since the level of the vocabulary that is placed in the
computer memory may be set as desired by the programmer, the game can be applied towards helping students develop vocabularies in virtually any subject. Additionally, one may readily change the language with which the game is played! French, Spanish, German, Maylasian! The computer will not care at all! The human player, though, may be suitably impressed with such variations!

## FUNDAMENTAL STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAM

The structure of the program is straightforward. Essentially, the computer is directed to select a word from a list of words in memory. A selected word is transferred to a buffer storage area. The player is asked to guess the letters in the selected word. Each time the player makes an entry, the buffer is scanned for any matches with the letter entered by the player. Appropriate matches are transferred to a working buffer that keeps track of all correct letter entries made by the player. Correct entries result in the contents of the working buffer being displayed to show the correct locations of letters properly identified by the player. Incorrect guesses by the player result in successive portions of the dreaded HANGMAN! being displayed. The overall flow of the program to be described here is illustrated in the flow chart on the following page.

## DETAILS OF THE PROGRAM

The operating portion of the program described here fits easily into less than 1 K of memory excluding a variable length word table. The word table is simply a list of words. The list may extend as far as the user desires in available memory. A sample word table is included in this article. However, the reader may create a new list of words for the game. The word list provided uses about four pages of memory if the entire list is used. However, the list may be shortened if memory space is at a premium. A version of the program assembled to reside on pages 02 through 04 (operating portion) with the word table starting on page 05 will be provided as part of this article.


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The first several routines in the program are used to initialize pointer storage locations and display a WANT A NEW WORD message to the system operator. Messages to be displayed by the program are stored as text strings in memory terminated by a zero byte. Text strings are displayed by calling a subroutine labeled MSG. MSG will output a string of characters pointed to by the H and L registers until a zero byte is detected. The actual MSG subroutine will be presented later. Suffice it to say at this point that one need only set up the H \& L CPU registers to the starting address of a text string stored in memory, then call the MSG subroutine when it is desired to display such messages.

Following the WANT A NEW WORD message display, the program waits for a response from the operator by calling a user defined input subroutine labeled INPUTN. INPUTN should be designed by the reader to accept a character from the system's imput device (such as a keyboard) and return the character in the accumulator to the calling program. The INPUTN subroutine should also perform an echo display function so that the operator may verify the input character. The subroutine is free to utilize CPU registers A through E as far as this program is concerned. The user should note that this program expects the eighth bit in the accumulator to be in a ' 1 ' condition when the remaining seven bits represent an ASCII encoded character.

If the operator responds to the WANT A NEW WORD query by entering the letter N for no, the program terminates after displaying an appropriate response. If a $Y$ for yes is entered, the program continues by calling upon a subroutine called MOVTAB. This subroutine will fetch a word from the program's word table. It will then transfer the word into a buffer. The buffer it is transferred into will be referred to as the word buffer in this article. The actual operation of the MOVTAB subroutine will be presented later. Suffice it to note at this time that upon return from the MOVTAB subroutine, a new word will be residing in the word buffer. The program will then be ready to start the playing of a game of Hangman!

| START, | LHI 003 |
| :--- | :--- |
|  | LLI 350 |
|  | LMI 001 |

Set pointer to
Number of guesses counter
Initialize counter

|  | LLI 356 | Pointer to word table pointer |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | LMI 000 | Initialize to |
|  | INL | Start of |
| NEWONE, | LMI 005 | Word table |
|  | LHI 004 | Pointer to WANT A |
|  | LLI 000 | NEW WORD? message |
|  | CAL MSG | Display message |
|  | CPI 316 | Fetch answer |
|  | JTZ NOMORE | Was it NO? |
|  | CPI 331 | Say GOODBYE if no |
|  | JFZ NEWONE | Else was it a YES? |
|  | CAL MOVTAB | If Y, fetch a word |
|  | JMP GUESS | Go play the game |
|  |  |  |
| NOMORE, | LHI 004 | Pointer to GOODBYE |
|  | LLI 025 | Message |
|  | CAL MSG | Display message |
|  | HLT | End of playing session |

The next portion of the program begins by sending a message telling the operator to GUESS A LETTER. The program then accepts an input from the player. The input is expected to be any alphabetical character.

The program will then scan the word buffer to see if the letter received from the player matches with any of the letters in the word. Whenever a match is detected, the letter is stored in the same position in a second buffer called the guesses buffer.

It should be pointed out that the word buffer and the guesses buffer are identical in length. (Eight bytes in this program.) In the example program, the word buffer starts at location 360 on page 03. The guesses buffer starts at location 370 on page 03. At the start of each game, the word buffer, as previously mentioned, will be loaded with a word taken from the word table. A word may be up to eight letters in length. If there are not eight letters in a word, the balance of the word buffer will be filled with zero bytes. Furthermore, at the time the word buffer obtains a new word, the guesses buffer is filled
with hyphens.
It thus becomes an easy matter to keep a record of correct guesses as the Hangman game progresses. Each time a position in the word buffer matches with the letter guessed by the player, the identical position in the guesses buffer is changed from a hyphen to the actual letter! The addressing scheme used in the program makes it easy to accomplish the objective. When a match is found in the word buffer, it is only necessary to add 010 (octal) to the buffer pointer to reach the corresponding position in the guesses buffer. The pictorial below should clarify the relationship.


ADDR
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ADDR
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If there is a match between the character inputted and any position in the word buffer, a flag is set (using register B). The word in the word buffer is scanned for a matching character until a zero byte is detected or the buffer pointer reaches the last address allocated for the buffer.

| GUESS, | LHI 004 | Pointer to GUESS A |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
|  | LLI 037 | LETTER message |
|  | CAL MSG | Display message |
|  | CAL INPUTN | Fetch a letter |
|  | LCA | Save letter in C |
| SCAN, | LBI 000 | Clear B for a flag register <br>  <br>  <br>  <br>  <br> LHI 003 <br> LLI 360 |
| Set pointer to <br> Word buffer |  |  |
| CKMTCH, | CPM | Look for a match <br>  <br>  <br>  <br>  <br>  <br>  <br> JFZ NOMTCH |
| INB | Skip ahead if not a match <br> Set B as a flag |  |


|  | LAI 010 | Advance pointer |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| ADL | To the guesses |  |
|  | LLA | Buffer |
|  | LMC | And deposit character |
|  | LAL | Decrease pointer |
|  | SUI 010 | Back to |
|  | LLA | Word buffer |
| NOMTCH, | INL | Advance buffer pointer |
|  | LAM | See if next character |
|  | NDA | Is a zero byte |
|  | JTZ EOWORD | End of word if so |
|  | LAI 007 | See if at |
|  | NDL | End of word buffer |
|  | JTZ EOWORD | End of word if so |
|  | LAC | Restore character to ACC |
|  | JMP CKMTCH | Check next position |

When the entire word buffer has been searched, the program checks the flag mentioned previously (in CPU register B) to determine if the player had made a correct letter guess. The flag will be set (have a value) if such was the case. It will still be zero if no match was detected.

If the flag was set during the SCAN operation, then the player has correctly determined a letter that exists in the word that the player is trying to identify. The program must now show the player how much of the word has been correctly identified. Thus, the program will first display an encouraging message. Then, the routine simply outputs the contents of the guesses buffer. The guesses buffer will contain all the locations of the letters that have been correctly identified during the game. Unidentified locations will still contain a hyphen. Thus, if a player had correctly identified the letters W and R in the spelling of WORD, the computer would output: W-R-.

As the program outputs the contents of the guesses buffer, it checks to see if any hyphens (referred to in the listing as dashes) are displayed. A software flag mechanism is used for this purpose. At the end of the guesses buffer outputting operation, the flag is tested. If
it is zero, then the player has identified the entire word. The program will then display a congratulations message and go back to see if the player wants to continue the game with a new word. If there are any hyphens left in the guesses buffer as indicated by the software flag being set, then the program loops back to allow the player to guess another letter.

The reader may note that the routine examines the word buffer to determine when to stop outputting the contents of the guesses buffer. This is because the word buffer will contain a zero byte at the end of the word if the word is less than eight characters in length. The guesses buffer does not contain such an indicator.

The portion of the program just discussed is presented next.

| EOWORD, | INB <br> DCB <br> JTZ HANGIT <br> LHI 004 <br> LLI 074 <br> CAL MSG <br> LHI 003 <br> LLI 353 <br> LMI 000 <br> LLI 370 | At end of word, exercise <br> The MATCH flag <br> If $=0$, no matches <br> If match(es), set pointer <br> To GOOD. YOU HAVE: msg <br> Display message <br> Set pointer to <br> Dashes counter storage <br> Clear dashes counter <br> Pointer to guesses buffer |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| NOTEND, | LAM <br> CPI 255 <br> JFZ AHEAD2 <br> LEL <br> LLI 353 <br> LBM <br> INB <br> LMB <br> LLE | Fetch a character <br> See if it is a dash <br> Skip next instruction if not <br> Save pointer temporarily <br> Set pointer to dashes counter <br> Fetch dashes value <br> Increment <br> Restore to memory <br> Restore saved pointer |
| AHEAD2, | CAL PRINT INL LAL SUI 010 | Print the character Advance the buffer pointer Decrease pointer To word buffer |


|  | LLA | Here |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| LAM | Fetch data from word buffer |  |
| NDA | And see if it is |  |
| JTZ ENDAGN | Zero byte, jump if so |  |
| LAL | Fetch pointer |  |
| NDI 007 | See if at end of word |  |
| JTZ ENDAGN | Buffer, jump if so |  |
| LAI 010 | Else restore pointer |  |
|  | ADL | Ahead to |
| LLA | The guesses buffer |  |
| ENDAGN, | LMP NOTEND | Do next character in buffer |
|  | LLI 353 |  |
|  | LBM | Pointer to dashes counter |
|  | INB | Fetch value |
|  | DCB | Exercise the dashes |
|  | JFZ GUESS | Flag register |
|  | LHI 004 | If reach hot completed |
|  | LLI 120 | To congratulations message |
|  | CAL MSG | Display message |
|  | JMP NEWONE | Go play with a new word |

For the case when the player has inputted a letter that does not exist in the word in the word buffer, the program must take a different course of action. This case is handled by a portion of the program that starts at the label HANGIT. Here the operator is informed of the incorrect guess by the display of the message NOPE. This message is then followed by the display of a portion or all of the HANGMAN! message.

Each time the player guesses incorrectly during a game, a letter is added to the message spelling out the word HANGMAN! In order to do this properly, the program maintains a counter of the number of incorrect guesses made. Then, the computer is simply used to determine how many letters of the HANGMAN! message to display. (The HANGMAN! message is simply stored in a buffer, starting at location 340 on page 03 in the example program.) If the entire HANGMAN! statement is not displayed, the balance of the message is shown as dash signs (hyphens). The number of dash signs to display is cal-
culated by subtracting the value of the counter (of incorrect guesses made) from 10 (octal) which is the number of characters in the HANGMAN! message. Thus, as the game progresses, the message HANGMAN! will appear more and more complete with each incorrect guess as illustrated below.


When eight incorrect guesses have been made in a game, the entire HANGMAN! message will be displayed. The player then loses the game. The program will then go back and see if the player wants to start with a new word.

The listing for the portion of the program that displays the dreaded HANGMAN! message is shown next.

| HANGIT, | LHI 004 | Pointer to NOPE |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | LLI 062 | Message |
|  | CAL MSG | Display message |
|  | LHI 003 | Set pointer to |
|  | LLI 350 | Number of guesses in counter |
|  | LBM | Fetch counter |
|  | INB | Increment it |
|  | LMB | Restore the counter |
|  | INL | Advance pointer |
|  | LMB | Save it again |
|  | LAI 010 | Calculate number of |
|  | SUB | Dashes left in HANGMAN! |
|  | INL | Advance pointer |
|  | LMA 340 | Save the value in memory |
|  |  | Init. pntr. to HANGMAN bfr |
|  |  |  |
|  | LLE | Set pntr to HANGMAN bfr |
|  | LAM | Fetch a character from buffer |
|  |  |  |


|  | INL | Advance the buffer pointer |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| LEL | Save temporarily in E |  |
| LLI 351 | Pointer to counter in memory |  |
| LBM | Fetch counter value |  |
| DCB | Decrement |  |
|  | LMB | Restore to memory |
|  | JFZ HANGMR | Continue if counter not zero |
| LLI 352 | Pntr to second cntr in memory |  |
| LCM | Fetch counter value |  |
| INC | Exercise counter value |  |
| DCC | To see if it is zero |  |
|  | JTZ NEWONE | Start new game if so |
|  | LAI 255 | Else load code for "‘-" |
|  |  |  |
|  | CAL PRINT | Display a dash |
|  | LCM | Fetch counter |
|  | DCC | Decrement |
|  | LMC | Restore |
|  | JFZ MRDASH | Until counter is zero |
|  | JMP GUESS | Then continue game |

The next portion of the program is a subroutine mentioned previously called MOVTAB. The primary function of this subroutine is to fetch a new word from a list or table of words stored in memory. However, the subroutine also performs a few other functions that need to be performed each time a new word (actually representing the start of a new game) is obtained.

The first thing the subroutine does is fetch the value of the counter used for keeping track of how many incorrect guesses were made during the last game played. This value will be used to determine how many words in the word table to skip over when selecting a new word. This method is used so that words will be selected from the table in a rather arbitrary fashion rather than simply taking the next word in the list. If the next word in the list was always taken, players might soon start remembering certain words or sequences of words which would soon make the game somewhat boring!

The program then initializes the guesses buffer to the all hyphens
condition by loading the ASCII code for the dash sign (255 octal) into all the locations in the buffer. In a similar fashion, the word buffer is cleared to the all zeroes condition in preparation for its receiving a new word from the word table.

These initial functions of the subroutine are shown below.

| MOVTAB, | LHI 003 | Pointer to number |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | LLI 350 | Of guesses counter |
|  | LBM | Fetch and save in B |
|  | LLI 370 | Pointer to guesses buffer |
|  | LCI 010 | Set a loop counter |
|  | LAI 255 | Set code for "." |
| DASHFL, | LMA | Fill guesses buffer |
|  | INL | With dashes |
|  | DCC | Until counter |
|  | JFZ DASHFL | Is zero |
| NXWORD, | LLI 360 |  |
|  | LCI 010 | Set pointer to word buffer |
|  | XRA | Set a loop counter |
|  |  | Clear the accumulator |
| ZEROFL, | LMA |  |
|  | INL | Fill word buffer |
|  | DCC | With zero bytes |
|  | JFZ ZEROFL | Until counter |
|  | Is zero |  |

Before explaining the operation of the portion of the subroutine that extracts a new word from the word table, it will be beneficial to explain the organization of the table.

The table consists of a list of words stored in memory in the following format.

| A | 1st letter of a word |
| :---: | :--- |
| $\mathrm{A}+1$ | 2nd letter of a word |
| $\mathrm{A}+2$ | 3rd letter of a word |


| $\mathrm{A}+\mathrm{N}$ | Nth letter of a word |
| :---: | :--- |
| $\mathrm{A}+\mathrm{N}+1$ | 000 word terminator code |
| B | 1st letter of a word |
| $\mathrm{B}+1$ | 2nd letter of a word |
| . | . |
| $\cdot$ | Nth letter of a word |
| $\mathrm{B}+\mathrm{N}$ | 000 word terminator code |
| $\mathrm{B}+\mathrm{N}+1$ | 1st letter of a word |
| C | . |
| . | 0 |
| $\cdot$ | 000 word terminator code |
| $\mathrm{C}+\mathrm{N}+1$ | 000 end of table terminator |
| D |  |

The reader should notice that each word in the list must be terminated by a zero byte. Words must also be limited to eight or less letters in length (or they would overflow the word buffer). The table is terminated by placing an additional zero byte immediately following the zero byte word terminator after the last word in the table. The word table in the program provided in this manual starts on page 05 at location 000 . The table may extend for as long as the user desires within available memory. (In the sample word list about 100 words are provided. These require about three pages of memory. Of course, the list may be shortened if necessary. Or the user may provide a completely original table of words.)

A word is extracted from the word table through the following procedure. First, a word table pointer is extracted from its storage location in memory and loaded into CPU registers H and L. This pointer will initially point to the first letter of a word in the table. Next, a character is extracted from the word table. The character obtained is first tested to see if it is a zero byte. A zero byte in place of an expected letter (as the first letter in a word) indicates that the end of the table has been reached. In that case, the pointer in H and L is reset back to the start of the word table.

Next, a second pointer is established in CPU registers D and E.

This pointer will be used to point to the word buffer during transfer operations from the word table. Now a character is fetched from the word table. Then the pointers in H and L and D and E are swapped and the character is transferred into the word buffer. (Unless a zero byte indicating the end of a word is detected. In that case no transfer takes place.) Next, the two sets of pointers are advanced. The process is then repeated until a whole word has been loaded into the word buffer.

When an entire word has been transferred into the word buffer, the routine advances the word table pointer once more. (This is so it will be advanced over the end of word terminator and be pointing at the first letter in the next word in the table.) Then the pointer is restored to its storage location in memory. Next, the routine fetches the number of guesses counter. It decrements the value of that counter. If the value is not zero after the decrement operation, then the routine loops back (to the label NXWORD), and proceeds to read the next word in the word table into the word buffer. (The reason for following this procedure was presented earlier.) When the counter reaches zero, it is stored in memory (at its 000 value) for use during the next game. The subroutine is then exited.

| LLI 356 | Set pointer to word table pntr |
| :--- | :--- |
| LAM | Fetch the low address |
| INL | Advance pointer |
| LHM | Set the page address |
| LLA | And low address |
| XRA | Clear the accumulator |
| CPM | See if first entry is zero |
| JFZ AHEAD3 | Skip ahead if not |
| LHI 005 | Reset pointer to start |
| LLI 000 | Of word table if so |
|  |  |
| LDI 003 | Set pointer to word |
| LEI 360 | Buffer in D and E |
|  |  |
| LAM | Fetch a character from table |
| NDA | Exercise flags |
| JTZ NEXT | If zero, have whole word |


|  | CAL SWITCH | Else swap pointers <br> Dep character in word buffer |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | LMA | INL |
|  | CAL SWITCH | Advance word buffer pointer <br> Swap pointers |
|  | INL | Advance word table low pntr |
|  | JFZ NOHIGH | If not zero, skip next <br> Advance table high pointer |
|  | INH |  |
| NOHIGH, | JMP BUFFMR | Continue transfer from table |
| NEXT, | INL |  |
|  | JFZ NOTHI | Advance table pointer |
|  | INH | Low address |
| NOTHI, | CAL SWITCH |  |
|  | LLI 356 address if required |  |
|  | LME | Save pointer in D and E |
|  | INL | Save table pointer low |
|  | LMD | Address and |
|  | DCB | High address |
|  | JFZ NXWORD | Decr number guesses counter |
|  | If not zero, get next word |  |

That completes the discussion of the major routines in the program. There are two more minor utility subroutines used in the program. One of these is simply a subroutine called SWITCH that is used to exchange the contents of CPU registers H and L with D and E . During this operation, CPU register C is used as a temporary register.

| SWITCH, | LCH | Put H into C temporarily |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | LHD | Load D into H |
|  | LDC | Now orig H from C to D |
|  | LCL | Put L into C temporarily |
|  | LLE | Load E into L |
|  | LEC | Now orig L from C to E |
|  | RET | Swapping oper. completed |

The other is the subroutine mentioned earlier called MSG. MSG simply outputs a string of characters from memory to an output device until it detects a zero byte.

| MSG, | LAM | Fetch a character |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | NDA | See if a zero byte |
| RTZ | Indicating end of string |  |
|  | CAL PRINT | If not, display character |
|  | INL | Increment low address pointer |
|  | JFZ MSG | Get next character unless |
|  | INH | Need to advance page address |
|  | JMP MSG | Then get next character |

The MSG subroutine above calls on another subroutine which has been termed PRINT. The PRINT subroutine must be an actual device operating subroutine that will cause the ASCII character in the accumulator to be transmitted to the output device being used by the system. The PRINT subroutine, which must be provided by the user, may use the CPU registers B through E if required. It should not alter the contents of the H and L CPU registers (unless the subroutine is able to restore those registers to their original values at the conclusion of the process).

## ASSEMBLED LISTING OF THE "HANGMAN!" PROGRAM FOR AN ' 8008 '

An assembled listing of the program for operation on an 8008 system is presented next. The operating portion of the program has been assembled to reside in pages 02 and 03. Page 04 is reserved for the various message strings used by the program plus the user provided I/O subroutines. The word table for the program is assumed to start on page 05 . A sample list of words for use with the program is provided in ASCII form at the end of the assembled listing.

| 002 | 000 | 056 | 003 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 002 | 002 | 066 | 350 |  |
| 002 | 004 | 076 | 001 |  |
| 002 | 006 | 066 | 356 |  |
| 002 | 010 | 076 | 000 |  |
| 002 | 012 | 060 |  |  |
| 002 | 013 | 076 | 005 |  |
| 002 | 015 | 056 | 004 |  |
| 002 | 017 | 066 | 000 |  |
| 002 | 021 | 106 | 110 | 003 |
| 002 | 024 | 106 | 200 | 004 |
| 002 | 027 | 074 | 316 |  |
| 002 | 031 | 150 | 047 | 002 |
| 002 | 034 | 074 | 331 |  |
| 002 | 036 | 110 | 015 | 002 |
| 002 | 041 | 106 | 347 | 002 |
| 002 | 044 | 104 | 057 | 002 |
| 002 | 047 | 056 | 004 |  |
| 002 | 051 | 066 | 025 |  |
| 002 | 053 | 106 | 110 | 003 |
| 002 | 256 | 000 |  |  |
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| 002 | 120 | 240 |  |
| 002 | 121 | 150 | 136002 |
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| 002 | 235 | 011 |  |  |
| 002 | 236 | 110 | 057 | 002 |
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| 003 | 010 | 360 |  |  | LLA |
| 003 | 011 | 250 |  |  | XRA |
| 003 | 012 | 277 |  |  | CPM |
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| 003 | 016 | 056 | 005 |  | LHI 005 |
| 003 | 020 | 066 | 000 |  | LLI 000 |
| 003 | 022 | 036 | 003 | AHEAD3, | LDI 003 |
| 003 | 024 | 046 | 360 |  | LEI 360 |
| 003 | 026 | 307 |  | BUFFMR, | LAM |
| 003 | 027 | 240 |  |  | NDA |
| 003 | 030 | 150 | 053003 |  | JTZ NEXT |
| 003 | 033 | 106 | 101003 |  | CAL SWITCH |
| 003 | 036 | 370 |  |  | LMA |
| 003 | 037 | 060 |  |  | INL |
| 003 | 040 | 106 | 101003 |  | CAL SWITCH |
| 003 | 043 | 060 |  |  | INL |
| 003 | 044 | 110 | 050003 |  | JFZ NOHIGH |
| 003 | 047 | 050 |  |  | INH |
| 003 | 050 | 104 | 026003 | NOHIGH, | JMP BUFFMR |
| 003 | 053 | 060 |  | NEXT, | INL |
| 003 | 054 | 110 | 060003 |  | JFZ NOTHI |
| 003 | 057 | 050 |  |  | INH |
| 003 | 060 | 106 | 101003 | NOTHI, | CAL SWITCH |
| 003 | 063 | 066 | 356 |  | LLI 356 |
| 003 | 065 | 374 |  |  | LME |
| 003 | 066 | 060 |  |  | INL |
| 003 | 067 | 373 |  |  | LMD |
| 003 | 070 | 011 |  |  | DCB |
| 003 | 071 | 110 | 370002 |  | JFZ NXWORD |
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| 003 | 101 | 325 | SWITCH, | LCH |
| 003 | 102 | 353 |  | LHD |
| 003 | 103 | 332 |  | LDC |
| 003 | 104 | 326 |  | LCL |
| 003 | 105 | 364 |  | LLE |
| 003 | 106 | 342 |  | LEC |
| 003 | 107 | 007 |  | RET |
| 003 | 110 | 307 | MSG, | LAM |
| 003 | 111 | 240 |  | NDA |
| 003 | 112 | 053 |  | RTZ |
| 003 | 113 | 106300004 |  | CAL PRINT |
| 003 | 116 | 060 |  | INL |
| 003 | 117 | 110110003 |  | JFZ MSG |
| 003 | 122 | 050 |  | INH |
| 003 | 123 | 104110003 |  | JMP MSG |
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| 003 | 376 | 255 |
| 003 | 377 | 255 |


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| 004 | 020 | 322 | 304 | 277 | 240 | 000 | 215 | 212 | 307 |
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| 004 | 050 | 240 | 314 | 305 | 324 | 324 | 305 | 322 | 272 |
| 004 | 060 | 240 | 000 | 215 | 212 | 316 | 317 | 320 | 305 |
| 004 | 070 | 241 | 240 | 240 | 000 | 215 | 212 | 307 | 317 |
| 004 | 100 | 317 | 304 | 256 | 240 | 331 | 317 | 325 | 240 |
| 004 | 110 | 310 | 301 | 326 | 305 | 272 | 240 | 240 | 000 |
| 004 | 120 | 215 | 212 | 303 | 317 | 316 | 307 | 322 | 301 |
| 004 | 130 | 304 | 325 | 314 | 301 | 324 | 311 | 317 | 316 |
| 004 | 140 | 323 | 241 | 000 |  |  |  |  |  |

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| 005 | 020 | 325 | 324 | 305 | 322 | 000 | 320 | 322 | 305 |
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| 007 | 270 | 305 | 322 | 317 | 000 | 332 | 317 | 317 | 314 |
| 007 | 300 | 317 | 307 | 331 | 000 | 332 | 305 | 316 | 311 |
| 007 | 310 | 324 | 310 | 000 | 331 | 301 | 327 | 316 | 000 |
| 007 | 320 | 331 | 317 | 314 | 313 | 000 | 331 | 305 | 314 |
| 007 | 330 | 314 | 317 | 327 | 000 | 331 | 325 | 314 | 305 |
| 007 | 340 | 000 | 324 | 322 | 311 | 303 | 313 | 314 | 305 |
| 007 | 350 | 000 | 305 | 316 | 304 | 000 | 000 |  |  |

A list of the messages used in the game (which reside on page 04 in the assembled listing just presented) is shown below in the order in which they appear in the messages table.

WANT A NEW WORD?<br>GOODBYE!<br>GUESS A LETTER:<br>NOPE!<br>GOOD. YOU HAVE:<br>\section*{CONGRATULATIONS!}

For those that want to use the word list supplied as an example, (pages 05 through 07 in the listing just presented) the list on the following page will serve as a reference. The words appear in the same order as they are stored in the list. (Remember, however, that the program will skip around the list as it selects the next word that will be played!)

| HELLO | BASKET | SAUNA |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| ARROW | BANQUET | SATIN |
| COMPUTER | BABBITT | SCEPTER |
| PREMIUM | BACKBONE | SCIENCE |
| NOTICE | AUDIBLE | SCRIBBLE |
| FUN | ASPIRIN | BEHIND |
| HEAVY | ASTEROID | DIGNIFY |
| RUBBER | APPROVAL | ELLIPTIC |
| RUSTLE | APOGEE | ELOQUENT |
| THWART | ANNUITY | ELUSIVE |
| OYSTER | ANODIZE | FEATHER |
| OXIDIZE | ALUMINUM | GALLOWS |
| OSSIFY | AIR | GARDEN |
| OPINION | AISLE | GAZELLE |
| OOZY | ADJOIN | MACABRE |
| ONEROUS | ABYSS | VALIANT |
| NOMAD | ABOLISH | VENISON |
| NOCTURNE | QUEUE | VIVID |
| NOMINATE | QUIVER | WEIGHT |
| NUMSKULL | QUALM | WEIRD |
| DAFFODIL | QUITE | WISE |
| SIDEREAL | QUIXOTIC | ZERO |
| CRICKET | QUOIN | ZOOLOGY |
| COURIER | QUOIT | ZENITH |
| COSMOS | QUOTIENT | YAWN |
| CHEMIST | RADIO | YOLK |
| CHEMICAL | RAISIN | YELLOW |
| CHICORY | RAPT | YULE |
| CHLORINE | RATIO | TRICKLE |
| CITIZEN | RAUCOUS | END |
| CITRUS | RAYON |  |
| CLOSET | RAZOR |  |
| COGENT | REALM |  |
| BIRD | REEK |  |
| BEETLE | REGISTER |  |
| BELIEVE | RIVET |  |
| BATHTUB | SCHOONER |  |

Once the program has been loaded into memory (along with the user provided I/O routines!) the program is ready to operate. Simply start program execution at page 02 location 000 . Operation from then on is directed by the program. A sample of the program's operation is illustrated below.
WANT A NEW WORD? ..... Y
GUESS A LETTER: ..... A
NOPE! ..... H--..
GUESS A LETTER: ..... E
GOOD. YOU HAVE: - E - -
GUESS A LETTER: R
NOPE! HA--..
GUESS A LETTER: L
GOOD. YOU HAVE: -ELL-
GUESS A LETTER: ..... B
NOPE! HAN-...
GUESS A LETTER: ..... S
NOPE! HANG--
GUESS A LETTER: O
GOOD. YOU HAVE: -ELLO
GUESS A LETTER: H
GOOD. YOU HAVE: HELLO
CONGRATULATIONS!
WANT A NEW WORD? ..... Y
GUESS A LETTER: ..... A
NOPE! H--..-
GUESS A LETTER: E
GOOD. YOU HAVE: --- - E
GUESS A LETTER: I
GOOD. YOU HAVE: - - I - E
GUESS A LETTER: O
GOOD. YOU HAVE: - O-I - E
GUESS A LETTER: U
NOPE! HA---.3-28
GUESS A LETTER: R
NOPE! HAN-.-.
GUESS A LETTER: ..... T
GOOD. YOU HAVE: - OTI - E
GUESS A LETTER: N
GOOD. YOU HAVE: NOTI - E
GUESS A LETTER ..... C
GOOD. YOU HAVE: NOTICECONGRATULATIONS!
WANT A NEW WORD? ..... Y
GUESS A LETTER: ..... W
NOPE! H-
GUESS A LETTER: ..... Y
NOPE! HA
GUESS A LETTER: ..... P
NOPE! HAN-
GUESS A LETTER: ..... N
NOPE! HANG--
GUESS A LETTER: ..... G
NOPE! HANGM-GUESS A LETTER: VNOPE! HANGMA-GUESS A LETTER: CNOPE! HANGMAN-GUESS A LETTER: XNOPE! HANGMAN!
WANT A NEW WORD? ..... N
GOODBYE!

The program will continue to operate until a player responds with a N for NO to the WANT A NEW WORD query. At that time, the program will halt. If it is desired to continue playing after a NO response to that question, the program may simply be restarted at the starting address (page 02 location 000 ).

## ASSEMBLED LISTING OF THE PROGRAM FOR AN 8080 SYSTEM

The following is an assembled listing of the HANGMAN! program designed to run on an 8080 system. Only minor changes have been made in the program to take advantage of some of the special capabilities of the 8080 instruction set. However, the basic organization of the program has not been altered so that the previous detailed discussion of the program's operation still applies. The message table and word list would be in the same format as the 8008 version. Of course, the user will need to provide the appropriate I/O routines for either version of the program. They can be placed in the same memory locations for the following 8080 version as was suggested for the 8008 example (on page 04 starting at locations 200 (input) and 300 (output)).

| 002 | 000 | 041 | 350 | 003 |  | START, |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 002 | 003 | 066 | 001 | LXH 350 003 |  |  |
| 002 | 005 | 056 | 356 |  | LMI 001 |  |
| 002 | 007 | 066 | 000 |  | LLI 356 |  |
| 002 | 011 | 054 |  |  | LMI 000 |  |
| 002 | 012 | 066 | 005 |  | LNL |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | LMI 005 |
| 002 | 014 | 061 | 200 | 004 |  | NEWONE, |
| 002 | 017 | 041 | 000 | 004 | LXS 200 004 |  |
| 002 | 022 | 315 | 032 | 003 |  | LXH 000 004 |
| 002 | 025 | 315 | 200 | 004 |  | CAL MSG |
| 002 | 030 | 376 | 316 |  | CAL INPUTN |  |
| 002 | 032 | 312 | 050 | 002 |  | CPI 316 |
| 002 | 035 | 376 | 331 |  | JTZ NOMORE |  |
| 002 | 037 | 302 | 014 | 002 |  | CPI 331 |
| 002 | 042 | 315 | 327 | 002 |  | JFZ NEWONE |
| 002 | 045 | 303 | 057 | 002 |  | CAL MOVTAB |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | JMP GUESS |
| 002 | 050 | 041 | 025 | 004 |  | NOMORE, |
| 002 | 053 | 315 | 032 | 003 |  | LXH 025 004 |
| 002 | 056 | 166 |  |  |  | CAL MSG |

$\begin{array}{lllll}002 & 057 & 041 & 037 & 004\end{array}$
$002062 \quad 315032003$
$002065 \quad 315 \quad 200004$
002070117

002071006000
002073041360003
$\begin{array}{llllll}002 & 076 & & 276 & & \\ 002 & 077 & 302 & 114 & 002\end{array}$
002102004
002103076010
002105205
002106157
$002107 \quad 161$
002110175
$002111 \quad 326 \quad 010$
002113157

002114054
$002115 \quad 176$
$002116 \quad 247$
$\begin{array}{llll}002 & 117 & 312 & 134 \\ 002\end{array}$
002122076007
002124245
$\begin{array}{lllll}002 & 125 & 312 & 134 & 002\end{array}$
$002130 \quad 171$
$002131 \quad 303076002$
$002134 \quad 004$
002135005
$002136 \quad 312 \quad 243002$
$\begin{array}{lllll}002 & 141 & 041 & 074 & 004\end{array}$
$002144 \quad 315032003$
$002147 \quad 041353003$
002152066000
$\begin{array}{llll}002 & 154 & 056 & 370\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{llll}002 & 156 & 176 & \\ 002 & 157 & 376 & 255\end{array}$

GUESS, LXH 037004
CAL MSG
CAL INPUTN
LCA

SCAN, LBI 000
LXH 360003

CKMTCH, CPM
JFZ NOMTCH
INB
LAI 010
ADL
LLA
LMC
LAL
SUI 010
LLA

NOMTCH, INL
LAM
NDA
JTZ EOWORD
LAI 007
NDL
JTZ EOWORD
LAC
JMP CKMTCH

EOWORD, INB
DCB
JTZ HANGIT
LXH 074004
CAL MSG
LXH 353003
LMI 000
LLI 370

NOTEND, LAM
CPI 255
$\left.\begin{array}{lllll}002 & 161 & & 302 & 171 \\ 002 \\ 002 & 164 & & 135 & \\ 002 & 165 & 056 & 353 & \\ 002 & 167 & & 064 & \\ 002 & 170 & 153 & & \\ 0 & & & & \\ 002 & 171 & & 315 & 300\end{array}\right) 004$

JFZ AHEAD2
LEL
LLI 353
INM
LLE
AHEAD2, CAL PRINT
INL
LAL
SUI 010
LLA
LAM
NDA
JTZ ENDAGN
LAL
NDI 007
JTZ ENDAGN
LAI 010
ADL
LLA
JMP NOTEND
ENDAGN, LLI 353
INM
DCM
JFZ GUESS
LXH 120004
CAL MSG
JMP NEWONE
HANGIT, LXH 062004
CAL MSG
LXH 350003
INM
LAM
INL
LMA
LAI 010
SUM
INL
LMA

| 002 | 265 | 036 | 340 |  | LEI 340 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 002 | 267 | 153 |  | HANGMR, | LLE |
| 002 | 270 | 176 |  |  | LAM |
| 002 | 271 | 315 | 300004 |  | CAL PRINT |
| 002 | 274 | 054 |  |  | INL |
| 002 | 275 | 135 |  |  | LEL |
| 002 | 276 | 056 | 351 |  | LLI 351 |
| 002 | 300 | 065 |  |  | DCM |
| 002 | 301 | 302 | 267002 |  | JFZ HANGMR |
| 002 | 304 | 056 | 352 |  | LLI 352 |
| 002 | 306 | 064 |  |  | INM |
| 002 | 307 | 065 |  |  | DCM |
| 002 | 310 | 312 | 014002 |  | JTZ NEWONE |
| 002 | 313 | 076 | 255 |  | LAI 255 |
| 002 | 315 | 315 | $300 \quad 004$ | MRDASH, | CAL PRINT |
| 002 | 320 | 065 |  |  | DCM |
| 002 | 321 | 302 | 315002 |  | JFZ MRDASH |
| 002 | 324 | 303 | 057002 |  | JMP GUESS |
| 002 | 327 | 041 | 350003 | MOVTAB, | LXH 350003 |
| 002 | 332 | 106 |  |  | LBM |
| 002 | 333 | 056 | 370 |  | LLI 370 |
| 002 | 335 | 016 | 010 |  | LCI 010 |
| 002 | 337 | 076 | 255 |  | LAI 255 |
| 002 | 341 | 167 |  | DASHFL, | LMA |
| 002 | 342 | 054 |  |  | INL |
| 002 | 343 | 015 |  |  | DCC |
| 002 | 344 | 302 | 341002 |  | JFZ DASHFL |
| 002 | 347 | 041 | 360003 | NXWORD, | LXH 360003 |
| 002 | 352 | 016 | 010 |  | LCI 010 |
| 002 | 354 | 257 |  |  | XRA |
| 002 | 355 | 167 |  | ZEROFL, | LMA |
| 002 | 356 | 054 |  |  | INL |
| 002 | 357 | 015 |  |  | DCC |
| 002 | 360 | 302 | 355002 |  | JFZ ZEROFL |


| 002 | 363 | 052 | 356 | 003 |  | LHLD 356003 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 002 | 366 | 257 |  |  |  | XRA |
| 002 | 367 | 276 |  |  |  | CPM |
| 002 | 370 | 302 | 376 | 002 |  | JFZ AHEAD3 |
| 002 | 373 | 041 | 000 | 005 |  | LXH 000005 |
| 002 | 376 | 021 | 360 | 003 | AHEAD3, | LXD 360003 |
| 003 | 001 | 176 |  |  | BUFFMR, | LAM |
| 003 | 002 | 247 |  |  |  | NDA |
| 003 | 003 | 312 | 014 | 003 |  | JTZ NEXT |
| 003 | 006 | 022 |  |  |  | STAD |
| 003 | 007 | 023 |  |  |  | INXD |
| 003 | 010 | 043 |  |  |  | INXH |
| 003 | 011 | 303 | 001 | 003 |  | JMP BUFFMR |
| 003 | 014 | 043 |  |  | NEXT, | INXH |
| 003 | 015 | 042 | 356 | 003 |  | SHLD 356003 |
| 003 | 020 | 005 |  |  |  | DCB |
| 003 | 021 | 302 | 347 | 002 |  | JFZ NXWORD |
| 003 | 024 | 041 | 350 | 003 |  | LXH 350003 |
| 003 | 027 | 066 | 000 |  |  | LMI 000 |
| 003 | 031 | 311 |  |  |  | RET |
| 003 | 032 | 176 |  |  | MSG, | LAM |
| 003 | 033 | 247 |  |  |  | NDA |
| 003 | 034 | 310 |  |  |  | RTZ |
| 003 | 035 | 315 | 300 | 004 |  | CAL PRINT |
| 003 | 040 | 043 |  |  |  | INXH |
| 003 | 041 | 303 | 032 | 003 |  | JMP MSG |

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