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Abstract

A simple yet very powerful system has been developed that merges the artificial intelligence qualities of a production system with the real-time control capabilities of FORTH. FORPS (FORTH-based Production System) offers the advantages of intelligent, rule-based control in a small package offering high speed, extensibility, and simplicity. A practical example of the system is presented in the development of an obstacle avoidance program to aid in controlling an overhead manipulator transport system. Several other potential applications to the area of control are discussed.

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## Introduction

This paper presents a method for combining the real-time power and versatility of FORTH with the intelligent decision-making structure of a production rule system. This hybrid system is called FORPS (FORTH-based Production System). It is concise, yet it provides the potential deductive power of a rule production system. Since FORPS is written in FORTH, it maintains the many advantages of a FORTH programming environment. An overview of the FORPS design and a source code listing are provided in Appendix A to give the interested reader the opportunity to use FORPS. The first section of this paper presents a brief description of production systems, followed by a discussion of some of the features of FORTH for real-time applications. An example is then presented in which FORPS is applied to the problem of obstacle avoidance in the transportation of a mobile manipulation system. This particular manipulator system is the Advanced Servomanipulator (ASM) developed at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) for the Consolidated Fuel Reprocessing Program (CFRP) [1]. The potential for applying FORPS to other real-time problems is also explored. While the program examples and FORPS are written in FORTH, previous exposure to FORTH is not essential to understanding the majority of this paper.

### What is a Production System?

Of the several artificial intelligence (AI) programming techniques available, production systems have perhaps gained the widest acceptance. A production system is fundamentally a collection of condition-action rules. An individual production consists of a conditional clause and an action statement, usually bound together in an IF..THEN structure. Following is an example of a production as it might appear written in plain English [2]:

**Production 1**

If it has feathers  
and it flies  
and it lays eggs  
Then it is a bird

This rule states that if "it" (the object in question) has feathers, flies, and lays eggs, then make the deduction that it is a bird. A production system implemented for a specific area of knowledge is often referred to as an expert system. A system of this nature might consist of several hundred similar rules.

A major advantage of production systems is that they are easily extended to accommodate new information. Production systems consider all rules equally by means of the inference engine, a program that scans through the set of all rules and executes the action portion of a rule whenever its conditional clause is satisfied. If, however, more than one rule is satisfied at the same time, a method of "conflict resolution" (based on a set of priorities) determines which rule to "fire" (i.e., execute). This method of evaluation gives relative independence to the rules, making it easy to add new knowledge to a production system even after installation. Many production systems are in fact designed to be developed incrementally through the gradual addition of new rules [2,3].

A major drawback of traditional production systems is the amount of time required to arrive at a final conclusion. Other major shortcomings are the limited input/output capability of production systems and the need for specialized machines to run them. An unfortunate consequence of these limitations is that production systems are often unable to solve real-time, real-world problems.

## What is FORTH?

Charles H. Moore began developing the FORTH programming language during the late sixties. At that time, "traditional languages did not provide the power, ease, or flexibility" [4] he needed, and he began development of a new programming tool that eventually evolved into FORTH. From the start, the concept of FORTH was dominated by Moore's principle, "keep it simple."

A significant advantage of FORTH is that it provides full power and control over all of the machine's capabilities. It is possible to access any memory location simply by specifying its address. This applies to all input/output ports, making it very easy and efficient to read/write to peripheral devices such as A/D converters, timers, counters, and switches. This ability is crucial for the sensing necessary to real-time control. Control over the machine and its peripherals, combined with its speed and programming ease, makes FORTH a logical choice for real-time control applications.

### Example of a Real-time FORTH Application

A prime example of a real-time application of FORTH is the Advanced Integrated Maintenance System (AIMS) being developed at ORNL (see Fig. 1). A pair of digitally controlled master/slave servo-manipulators--the Advanced Servomanipulators (ASM)--are being built for use in a teleoperated remote handling system (see Fig. 2). The AIMS system is a prototype for a system ultimately intended for application in a nuclear fuel reprocessing facility, with the slave manipulators mounted on an overhead transport system within a radioactive "hot cell" and the master operated from a remotely located control facility.

Four software packages are being developed for AIMS [5]: a servo control package, a transporter and television camera package, a communication package, and a man-machine interface (MMI). The servo package controls the servo loops operating between the master and slave joint motors. This software, which must run at a frequency of at least 100 Hz, is handled by eight Motorola 68000 microprocessors. The camera and transporter package controls positioning of the overhead transporter and the multiple in-cell cameras. The transporter allows the ASM to be moved to any desired location within the cell, and the cameras provide visual monitoring of maintenance operations. The communication package provides information transfer between devices via a local area network. The MMI is the link between the operator and the other three control packages. It runs on two Motorola 68000 processors to perform command selection and provide system information and status for the operator. All four software packages must run in real time, and all are written in FORTH. A more detailed description of the AIMS control system can be found in reference 5.

#### The Need for Artificial Intelligence

In many areas of AIMS software, the addition of some form of AI would substantially improve overall system operation. For example, the MMI is used by the operator to perform functions such as changing task modes, analyzing system status and statistics, diagnosing faults and failures, and controlling the camera and overhead transport packages. Currently, the operator is required to mentally process a significant amount of this information. It would be advantageous to have the MMI ease the operator's workload by performing a larger percentage of intelligent processing of system information for tasks such as obstacle avoidance, automatic camera tracking, and system diagnostics. With greater machine intelligence, operation of the system should become easier, more efficient, and safer. It is important, however, that this

added intelligence operate in real time without slowing system response; otherwise, such efforts will hinder rather than help the operator.

### Why FORPS?

To implement traditional AI programming techniques on the AIMS through a standard production system would be difficult, time consuming, and costly due to the time and effort invested in AIMS' FORTH-based software. It would be more desirable to develop a system that would allow use of AI production system techniques without rewriting major portions of existing code. In other words, write production systems from within FORTH. Because FORTH is extensible and is easily customized to any application, the logical solution was to extend FORTH to recognize production system rule structures. FORPS is based on this concept.

### The FORPS Design

The design philosophy of FORPS is based on the criteria that it should be small, simple, and fast enough to be applicable to real-time problems. Further, it should provide the power of a basic production system while maintaining FORTH's approach to programming (e.g., extensible, flexible, fast, etc.). One important goal was that it be possible to execute any legal FORTH word at any point within a production rule. (In a real-time control situation it is desirable to be able to perform an operation--such as scanning an I/O port--within the conditional clause of a rule.) The ability to execute any FORTH word from within either the conditional phase or the action phase of a rule gives the programmer a higher degree of flexibility and power, two FORTH qualities that FORPS attempts to preserve.

FORPS is intentionally very simple and short in order to keep it fast for use in real-time applications. It consists of only five rule-defining words and the inference engine, but the fundamental components and potential power of a full-fledged production system are completely intact. The object code is less than 3 Kbytes. It is possible to add enhancements to a minimum FORPS system if a special need becomes apparent. As an example of its theoretical usefulness, FORPS has been used to solve the classic AI problem, "The Towers of Hanoi."

#### Rule Definition Words

The main task of writing a production system is defining the rules. FORPS contains only five rule-defining words: **RULE:**, **PRIORITY:**, **\*IF\***, **\*THEN\***, and **\*END\***. Following is an example of a rule definition:

```

RULE: IS-A-BIRD      PRIORITY: 1
*IF* HAS-FEATHERS
      FLIES
      LAYS-EGGS
*THEN*. "The animal is a bird."
*END*

```

Consider the construction of this rule. **RULE:** takes the next word, **IS-A-BIRD**, as the name of the rule being defined. **PRIORITY:** sets up a relative priority for rules in case the conditional clause of more than one rule is satisfied at the same time. In such an event, the rule with the higher priority is executed. The use of **PRIORITY:** is strictly optional. When **PRIORITY:** is not used, a rule receives the lowest default priority, zero.

**\*IF\*** begins the conditional portion of the rule. Each word that follows **\*IF\*** becomes a part of the conditional clause that will be



executed when the inference engine scans conditionals. These words must be predefined, executable FORTH words. In the above rule, HAS-FEATHERS, FLIES, and LAYS-EGGS would all be FORTH-defined words that presumably would return values according to the state of the system (i.e., the data in memory and the conditions of the I/O ports). For example, HAS-FEATHERS would most likely return a true value if the animal in question has feathers. This value might come either directly from a variable in memory or from a peripheral device that performs a test to see if the animal has this quality.

The word \*THEN\* marks the beginning of the action portion of the rule. The words that follow must also be predefined, executable FORTH words, because they will be executed by the inference engine whenever the conditional clause is satisfied and the rule is of highest priority. The word \*END\* simply marks the end of the rule definition.

Additional rules would be defined in a manner similar to the example above. All rules in the system would then be loaded by the standard FORTH compiler. To run the system, the inference engine is invoked with the "FORPS" command and sequentially scans the rules to determine which conditional clauses are satisfied. The satisfied rule with the highest priority is then executed, and the inference engine repeats this cyclical process until none of the conditional clauses are satisfiable or until an explicit HALT command is executed.

#### Application to Obstacle Avoidance

A practical application of FORPS is the real-time problem of obstacle avoidance. The ASM is transported through its cell environment by way of an overhead transport system, which an operator controls with a joystick while observing the system's motion through several television cameras. An additional graphic cell map is computer

generated as shown in Fig. 3. The cell map displays the manipulator's position within the cell as well as the location of potential obstacles, which are color coded according to their height relative to the height of the manipulator: Red obstacles are higher than the manipulator and represent absolute obstructions; Yellow obstacles are lower than but very nearly the height of the manipulator and are considered potential hazards. Information concerning the height and location of all objects is statically maintained within the cell map's data base. Although there are obvious problems with a static representation of objects within the cell, their solution is beyond the present scope of this work.

A production-based program consisting of seven rules has been written to assist the operator in obstacle avoidance during manipulator transportation (see Appendix B). This obstacle avoidance system overlays the existing transporter control software. Its function is to analyze the operator's direction requests and prevent the execution of requests that would result in collision with an obstacle. The production system scans data stored in the cell-map data base to determine if the manipulator is being directed toward an object of potentially dangerous height. If the manipulator would come close to hitting an obstacle, a warning is displayed, but the operator is allowed to proceed in the desired direction. If the path is blocked, the transporter is prevented from proceeding in the requested direction, and a "PATH OBSTRUCTED" message is displayed for the operator. In certain instances it may be necessary to proceed cautiously near an obstacle; an "override" switch is available to the operator to override the system's control. Walls are shown in white, and the operator is never allowed to command the transporter to collide with a wall.

Some important observations should be made concerning this application. First, the obstacle avoidance system was written using existing FORTH code and data structures. Words to move the transporter

and to access and display the cell map's data had already been written for an unintelligent cell-map/transporter system. Because these words were already in use, design and operation of the obstacle avoidance production system was accomplished in a very short time (roughly four hours). Second, the system operates in real time. There is no response difference between this and the previous, unintelligent cell-map/transporter system. Third, this simple system may be extended easily by adding rules to increase its intelligence. One possible enhancement is the addition of an automated path-finding routine in which the operator specifies a destination and the program autonomously transports the manipulator safely through the cell to that location.

A major advantage of using FORPS to solve this problem is the ease with which high-level condition-action rules can be implemented. The obstacle avoidance problem lends itself to a definition in terms of production rules because one naturally orders the significant events in terms of rules such as "if there is no obstacle, then move the transporter as requested," and "if there is a wall, then prevent movement and print a warning message." These if/then constructs obviously could be implemented with conventional programming techniques, but FORPS provides a flexible, orderly framework which allows efficient program development. It is also likely that a conventional approach would execute more slowly and be prone to logical errors.

#### Other Applications

The obstacle avoidance system is just one of many potential applications for which FORPS is ideally suited. Another practical application of FORPS being considered at ORNL is ASM system diagnostics, in which an expert system would perform continuous diagnostic tests on the ASM. The many potential causes of faults and failures include mechanical breakdowns in the gear driven arms, electrical faults in the

amplifiers and wiring, and logical failures in the processors controlling the ASM. An expert diagnostics program is envisioned that would run on a dedicated processor, continually monitoring the system's status. Upon detection of an error, the arms would be shut down and specific diagnostic routines would be performed. Since the monitoring of system errors amounts to little more than the continual cycling through of several tests, a FORPS production system would be an ideal way to construct a diagnostics system.

Similar possibilities exist for applying FORPS methodology to problems such as television camera control, overhead crane operation, coordinated arm tasks, and manipulator maintenance. FORPS also could be extended to development of expert systems on personal computers.

#### Summary

FORPS is a production system developed in a FORTH programming environment. It is very simple and fast, yet maintains the many advantages of FORTH. Its simplicity, makes possible real-time execution speeds. FORPS potentially possesses the power of a traditional production system and, since it is extensible, additional capabilities can be added if such needs become evident. Furthermore, the experienced FORTH programmer can learn and implement it easily.

Because of its unique qualities, FORPS makes possible the application of rule-based AI programming techniques to real-time control problems such as the ASM obstacle avoidance system, which runs in real time to assist the operator in transporting the ASM through its obstructed environment. Similar opportunities exist for applying FORPS to other FORTH-based systems in which it may be necessary or desirable to add a degree of intelligent control. By combining the real-time input/output capabilities of FORTH with a rule production structure, a tool is now available to apply AI techniques to real-time, real-world problems.

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**APPENDIX A**

**FORPS Source Code**

## 460 LIST

```

0 ( FORPS -- a FORth-based Production System ) ( CJM 8/19/85)
1 1 3 *THRU
2 EXIT
3
4 FORPS is under the copywrite of Mertin Marietta Energy Systems.
5 It is in the public domain and may be used freely
6 as long as no false claims are made to its authorship.
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10 1304 W. Springfield Ave.
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12
13 This software was developed at Oak Ridge National Laboratory,
14 Oak Ridge, TN, under the Consolidated Fuel Reprocessing Program.
15

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## 461 LIST

```

0 ( FORPS constants and variables ) ( CJM=8/15/85)
1 10 CONSTANT MAX-RULES 16 CONSTANT RULE-LEN
2 VARIABLE NO-ACTIVITY VARIABLE 'SP-IF VARIABLE 'NOOP
3 VARIABLE >RULE-TABLE VARIABLE >LAST-RULE VARIABLE CYCLE
4 VARIABLE HIGH-PRI VARIABLE BEST-ACTIVE-RULE
5 CREATE RULE-TABLE MAX-RULES RULE-LEN * ALLOT
6
7 : >ACTION ( a -a ) 4 + ;
8 : >FIRE-CELL ( a -a ) 8 + ;
9 : >PRIORITY ( a -a ) 12 + ;
10 : HALT NO-ACTIVITY TRUE ;
11 : "ERROR" 1 ABORT " NO RULES LOADED" ;
12 : "RESET-FORPS" RULE-TABLE DUP >RULE-TABLE ! MAX-RULES
13 RULE-LEN * ERASE ( ' ) "ERROR" RULE-TABLE ! ; "RESET-FORPS"
14 : NOOP ; ' NOOP 'NOOP ! ' NOOP 4- @ CONSTANT COLON-CFA
15

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## 462 LIST

```

0 ( FORPS rule defining words ) ( CJM=8/15/85)
1 : COND-PFA! ( a ) HERE >RULE-TABLE @ ! ;
2 : ACTION-PFA! ( a ) HERE >RULE-TABLE @ >ACTION ! ;
3 : RULE: >RULE-TABLE RULE-LEN / MAX-RULES * ABORT " no room"
4 CURRENT W@ CONTEXT W! CREATE COND-PFA! -4 ALLOT
5 COLON-CFA , SHUDGE ] ;
6 : PRIORITY: >RULE-TABLE @ -' IF NUMBER ELSE DROP EXECUTE THEN
7 SWAP >PRIORITY W! ; IMMEDIATE
8 : "if" -1 'S 4- 'SP-IF ! ;
9 : "IF" >RULE-TABLE @ >FIRE-CELL (COMPILE) LITERAL
10 COMPILE "if" ; IMMEDIATE
11 : "then" ( *n ) -1 'SP-IF @ 'S DO AND 4 *LOOP SWAP ! ;
12 : "THEN" COMPILE "then" COMPILE EXIT COLON-CFA ,
13 ACTION-PFA! ; IMMEDIATE
14 : "END" RULE-LEN >RULE-TABLE +! COMPILE EXIT SHUDGE
15 R> DROP ; IMMEDIATE

```

## 463 LIST

```

0 ( FORPS Inference engine ) ( CJM=8/15/85)
1 : SET-DEFAULT -1 HIGH-PRI ! 'NOOP BEST-ACTIVE-RULE ! ;
2 : RT-LIMITS ( -n n ) >LAST-RULE @ RULE-TABLE ;
3 : CLEAR-FIRES RT-LIMITS DO 0 I >FIRE-CELL ! RULE-LEN *LOOP ;
4 : TEST-RULE-CONDS RT-LIMITS DO I @EXECUTE RULE-LEN *LOOP ;
5 : SELECT-BEST-RULE NO-ACTIVITY TRUE SET-DEFAULT
6 RT-LIMITS DO I DUP >FIRE-CELL @
7 IF DUP >PRIORITY W@ DUP HIGH-PRI @ >
8 IF HIGH-PRI ! >ACTION BEST-ACTIVE-RULE !
9 NO-ACTIVITY FALSE
10 ELSE 2DROP THEN
11 ELSE DROP THEN RULE-LEN *LOOP ;
12 : FIRE-RULE BEST-ACTIVE-RULE @ @EXECUTE ;
13 : FORPS >RULE-TABLE @ 4- >LAST-RULE ! 0 CYCLE !
14 BEGIN 1 CYCLE +! CLEAR-FIRES TEST-RULE-CONDS
15 SELECT-BEST-RULE FIRE-RULE NO-ACTIVITY @ UNTIL ;

```

## 1060 LIST

```

0 FORPS -- FORTH-based Production System
1 FORPS is a simple Production System designed to take full
2 advantage of the powers of FORTH. Basic production-like rules
3 are constructed using the words RULE:, "IF", "THEN" and "END".
4 These rules are put into a table of the following format:
5     CO.ID. pfa | ACTION pfa | FIRE cell | PRIORITY value
6     four bytes | four bytes | four bytes | two bytes
7 Rule 1      :      :      :      :
8   :         :         :         :
9 Rule n      :      :      :      :
10
11 The COND. pfa is the pfa of the conditional portion of the
12 rule and the ACTION pfa is the action portion's pfa. The FIRE
13 cell holds the result of the conditional pfa's execution.
14 PRIORITY is a number between 0 and 65534 used in the choosing
15 of the best-active-rule during "conflict-resolution".

```

## 1061 LIST

```

0 FORPS constants and variables
1 MAX-RULES maximum number of rules allowed in table
2 RULE-LEN length of a single rule table entry
3 NO-ACTIVITY true if no rules fired during the cycle
4 'SP-IF saves the para. stack addr. at start of cond.
5 'RULE-TABLE pointer into the rule table
6 'LAST-RULE address of last rule in table
7 CYCLE number of cycles executed
8 HIGH-PRI highest priority of all rules fired
9 BEST-ACTIVE-RULE action pfa of highest priority active rule
10 'ACTION, 'FIRE FLAG, 'PRIORITY offsets into rule-table
11 HALT sets NO_ACTIVITY to true -- causes FORPS to terminate
12 'ERROR* stored as 1st rule when RESET - aborts from FORPS
13 'RESET* clears rule-table and loads 'ERROR* as 1st rule
14 NOOP no-operation, used as default BEST-ACTIVE-RULE
15 COLON-CFA cfa of : -- the contents of the cfa of : words

```

## 1062 LIST

```

0 FORPS rule words
1 COND-PFA! stores condition-pfa of rule into table
2 ACTION-PFA! stores action-pfa of rule into table
3 RULE: adds a rule to the dictionary -- creates two words
4 with one head: first is cond word, second is action word
5 PRIORITY: loads the rule's priority cell with the value of
6 the next word in the input stream (usually a number)
7 'if* runtime version of "IF", saves stack pointer and puts
8 a -1 on stack for subsequent use by "then"
9 'IF* compiles as a literal a pointer to the rule's
10 fire-cell (for use by "then"), and compiles "if"
11 "then" runtime version of "THEN" -- AND's the cond. stack
12 items and stores the result in the rule's FIRE cell
13 "THEN" compiles "then", compiles EXIT to stop cond. word,
14 and compiles COLON-CFA to begin rule's action word
15 "END" increas. rule counter and ends rule compilation

```

## 1063 LIST

```

0 Inference engine
1 SET-DEFAULT sets BEST-ACTIVE-RULE to NOOP, clears priority
2 RT-LIMITS puts the rule-table's addr. limits on the stack
3 CLEAR-FIRES clears the fire flags of all rules
4 TEST-RULE-CONDS executes in order each rule's condition pfa
5 EXECUTE-ACTIVE-RULES executes the action of the highest
6 priority rule which has fired. If no rules fired NO-ACTIVITY
7 will be set to true and the FORPS loop will terminate
8 FIRE-RULE fires the BEST-ACTIVE-RULE
9 FORPS the main inference loop of the production system.
10 After resetting #RULES and CYCLES, the inference loop is
11 entered and continues until a cycle passes in which no
12 rules have fired. The inference loop has three functions: it
13 increments the cycle counter, clears all fire cells, tests
14 the conditional clauses, and executes the highest priority,
15 active rule.

```



**APPENDIX B**

**Obstacle Avoidance Productions**

## 360 LIST

```

0 ( Cellmap PS constants & variables ) ( CJM=8/09/85)
1 1 CONSTANT WALL 7 CONSTANT LOW-OBS 2 CONSTANT HIGH-OBS
2 1CLOSE 40 + CONSTANT ROBOT-POS
3
4 VARIABLE STARTED VARIABLE NEWDIR WARIABLE DIR-CONTENTS
5 VARIABLE XDIR VARIABLE YDIR VARIABLE ZDIR
6 VARIABLE CELL-EXIT VARIABLE CPAD-STATE
7 VARIABLE OVERRIDE
8
9
10 : TRAN_CELL_HAP STARTED FALSE FORPS ;
11 ( TRAN_CELL_HAP simply executes
12 the production system rule set )
13
14
15

```

## 361 LIST

```

0 ( Cellmap input words ) HEX ( CJM=8/09/85)
1
2 : ?MENU-SEL PAD VALUE @ 80000000 AND NOT ;
3 : ?CELL-PAD PAD-VALUE @ 3FFFFFFF AND 5 = ;
4 : ?CELL-CHD PAD-VALUE @ DUP 3FFFFFFF AND PAD-VALUE !
5 40000000 AND ;
6 :- CPAD-ALLOW 80000000 PAD-VALUE +1 ;
7 : READ-JOYSTICK ( --n/n) -FFFF40 C@ 1F AND 1F XOR
8 FFFF42 C@ 3 AND 3 XOR ;
9 : READ-OVERRIDE ( -n) FFFF42 C@ F AND DUP 7 = SWAP 8. = OR
10 DUP IF OVERRIDE TRUE THEN PAUSE ;
11
12
13
14
15

```

## 382 LIST

```

0 ( Cellmap menu words ) ( CJM=8/09/85)
1 : CPAD-ACCENT -200 100 NOVABS 1 PRMFIL WHITE COMP
2 135 35 RECREL UNCOMP ;
3 : ACCENT-CPAD ?CELL-PAD IF CPAD-STATE @ NOT
4 IF CPAD-ACCENT 1 CPAD-STATE ! THEN
5 ELSE CPAD-STATE @ IF CPAD-ACCENT 0 CPAD-STATE ! THEN THEN ;
6 : CPAD-CHECK ?MENU-SEL IF ACCENT-CPAD ?CELL-CHD IF ?CELL-PAD
7 IF 1 CELL-EXIT ! THEN THEN CPAD-ALLOW THEN ;
8 : CELL-PAD -200 100 NOVABS CYAN 32 10 NOVREL
9 3 0 TEXTC V " EXIT" 0 0 TEXTC ;
10 : CELL-HAP-INIT 1 PRMFIL 0 CELL-EXIT ! 0 CPAD-STATE !
11 BLACK FLOOD CELL-ORG CELL-CHAR RESTARER CELL-PAD 2 0 TEXTC
12 CUR_STOP CPAD-ALLOW ;
13 : CELL-HAP-EXIT BLACK FLOOD 3 0 0 CLOAD 4 0 0 CLOAD CR
14 CUR_REPORT STAT_INIT HEAD_INIT 0 1 MENU STATUS_HANDLER ;
15

```

## 383 LIST

```

0 ( Obstacle detection words ) ( CJM=8/09/85)
1 : WORST ( n n - n) OVER 1 = OVER 1 = OR IF 2DROP 1 ELSE
2 OVER 2 = OVER 2 = OR IF 2DROP 2 ELSE
3 7 = SWAP 7 = OR IF 7 ELSE 0 THEN THEN THEN ;
4 : SCAN-DIR ( - n) XDIR @ YDIR @
5 2DUP 17 = SWAP 11 = + ROBOT-POS + C@ >R
6 2DUP 18 = SWAP 2 = + ROBOT-POS + C@ >R
7 19 = SWAP -7 = + ROBOT-POS + C@ R) R) WORST WORST
8 DIR-CONTENTS C1 ;
9
10 : POS-TEXT RED 2 0 TEXTC -200 -20 NOVABS ;
11 : BELL 7 ENIT ;
12 : NT 0 0 TEXTC ;
13 : W " COMPILER POS-TEXT COMPILER vJet" 34 STRING
14 COMPILER NT ; IMMEDIATE
15 : CLEAR-MSG W." " BLACK 1 PRMFIL 190 15 RECREL ;

```

## 384 LIST

```

0      ( MAPPER PS constants & variables )          ( CJM=8/09/85)
1
2 : CUR>INC ( -xyz) ZDIR @ NEWZ @ * H ?LEGAL NEWZ !
3   XDIR @ NEWX @ * YDIR @ NEWY @ * XY ?LEGAL NEWY !
4   DUP NEWX ! NEWY @ NEWZ @ ;
5 : CUR>XYZ ( n/n--x/y/z)
6     DUP 2 = IF DROP -1 THEN 6 * SWAP
7     DUP 3 = IF DROP 0 -1 ELSE DUP 4 = IF DROP -1 0 ELSE
8     DUP 2 = IF DROP 1 0 ELSE DUP 1 = IF DROP 0 1 ELSE
9     DROP 0 0 THEN THEN THEN THEN ROT ;
10 : READ-JOYSTICK-CMD ( -n) PAUSE READ-JOYSTICK OVER 16 <
11 IF CUR>XYZ ELSE 2DROP 1 CELL-EXIT ! 0 0 0 THEN
12 ZDIR ! OVER OVER YDIR ! XDIR ! OR ZDIR @ OR PAUSE ;
13
14
15

```

## 385 LIST

```

0      ( Obstacle avoidance rules )                ( CJM=8/09/85)
1 *RESET-PS* ( clear PS rule table )
2
3 RULE: START-UP PRIORITY: 10 ( initialize cell map )
4 *IF* NOT( STARTED @ )
5 *THEN* CELL-MAP-INIT
6 *STARTED TRUE NEWDIR FALSE CELL-EXIT FALSE
7 *END*
8
9 RULE: GET-DIR PRIORITY: 0 ( get new direction request )
10 *IF* NOT( NEWDIR @ )
11 *THEN* CPAD-CHECK
12 READ-OVERRIDE IF CLEAR-MSG W." OVER-RIDE" THEN
13 READ-JOYSTICK-CMD IF CLEAR-MSG SCAN-DIR
14 NEWDIR TRUE THEN
15 *END*

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## 386 LIST

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0      ( Direction checking rules )
1 RULE: RED-OBJ PRIORITY: 1 ( destination obstructed )
2 *IF* NEWDIR @ DIR-CONTENTS C@ HIGH-OBS =
3 *THEN* OVERRIDE @
4 IF DIR-CONTENTS FALSE
5 ELSE NEWDIR FALSE W." OBSTRUCTED PATH" BELL THEN
6 *END*
7 RULE: YELLOW-OBJ PRIORITY: 1 ( destination hazardous )
8 *IF* NEWDIR @ DIR-CONTENTS C@ LOW-OBS =
9 *THEN* W." HAZARDOUS AREA" BELL
10 DIR-CONTENTS FALSE
11 *END*
12 RULE: WHITE-OBJ PRIORITY: 1 ( destination blocked by wall )
13 *IF* NEWDIR @ DIR-CONTENTS C@ WALL =
14 *THEN* W." BLOCKED BY WALL" BELL NEWDIR FALSE
15 *END*

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0      ( Move ok rule )                            ( CJM=8/09/85)
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2 RULE: MAKE-MOVE PRIORITY: 1 ( destination clear - make move)
3 *IF* NEWDIR @ NOT( DIR-CONTENTS C@ )
4 *THEN* CUR>INC RUNNING OVERRIDE FALSE NEWDIR FALSE
5 *END*
6
7 RULE: EXIT-MAP PRIORITY: 5 ( exit from cell map )
8 *IF* CELL-EXIT @
9 *THEN* CELL-MAP-EXIT HALT
10 *END*
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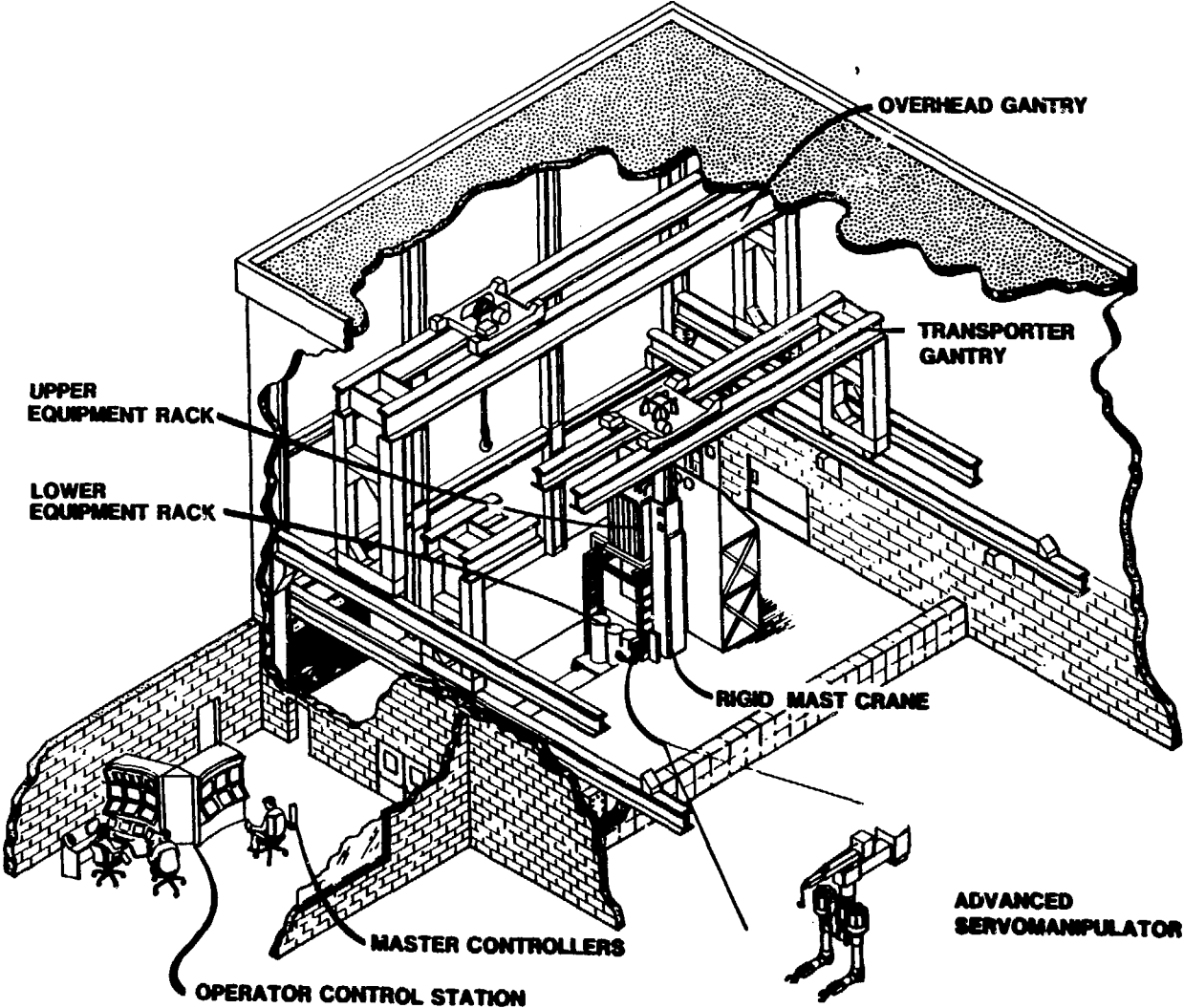
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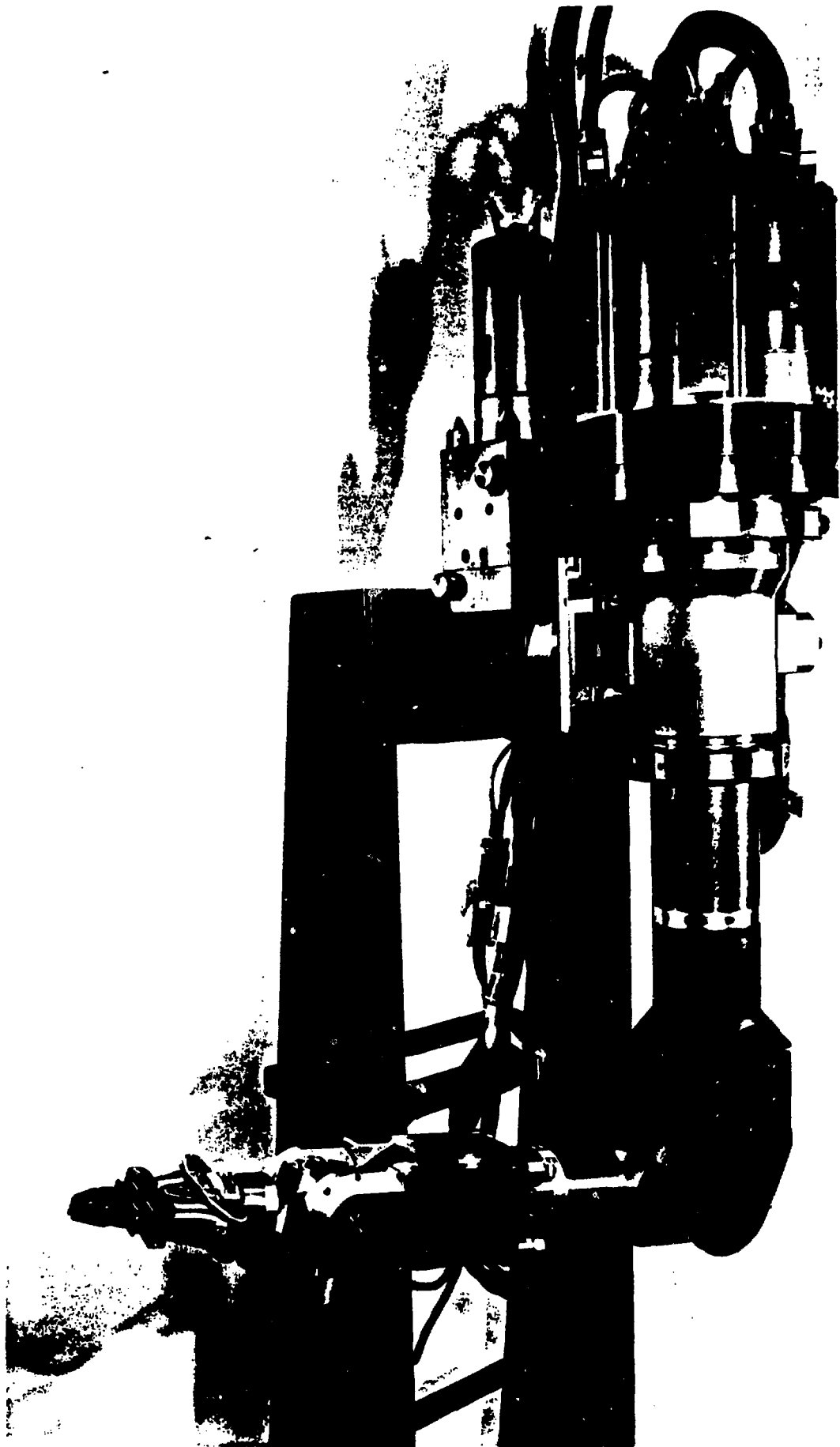
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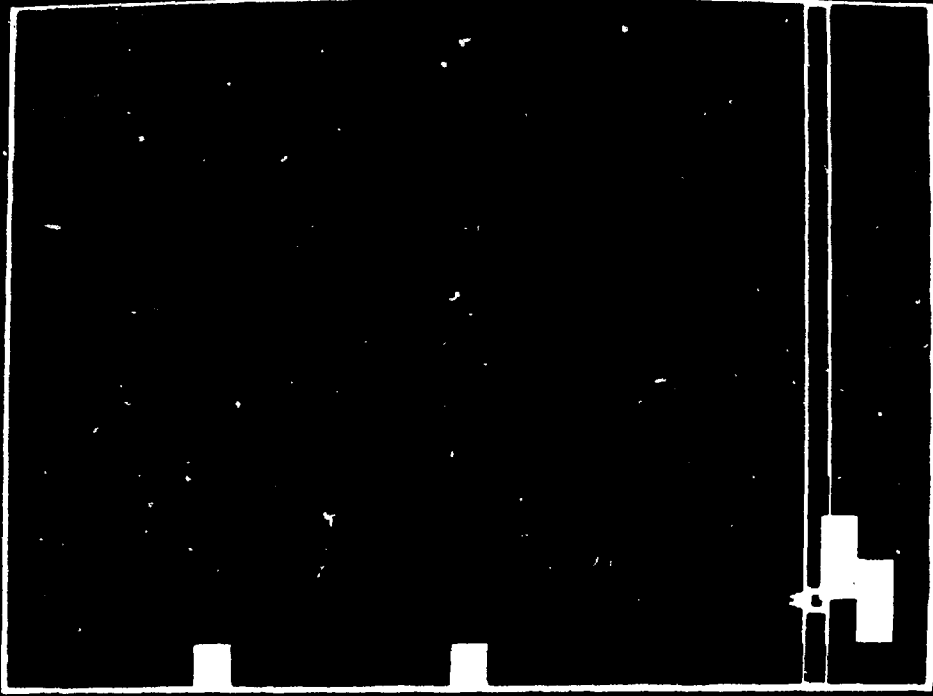
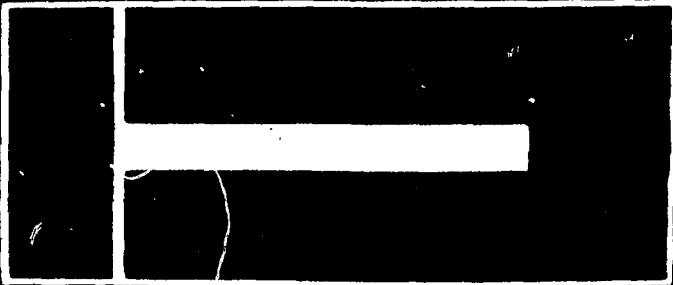
Fig. 2. The Advanced Servomanipulator (ASM).

Fig. 3. Graphic cell map display.

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MANIPULATOR POSITION X 6  
Y 12  
Z 12

