

903 ALGOL Maintenance

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

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

Summary of Changes

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

Change Number		Brief Description
46	Interpreter	After error No. 18 to 14
47	Interpreter	Correction in print string
48	Interpreter	Tables, Array access changes

All these changes except number 36 and 46 incorporated in
Issue 4.

Changes after Issue 4

49	Dump Bump facility and "freeze namelist".	Interpreter Translator
50	Formal procedure parameterless and with parameters confused, Proceh correct by changing Propin PRAIMCH	Translator
51	Arctan errors corrected ARCTAN	Library Interpreter
52	Library scan, avoid error of library procedure too big, but not wanted anyway	Translator
53	Change COMPIL to allow 16K (LG) system	Translator
54	Tidy up Issue 4 mistakes	Translator Interpreter
55	Wrong code produced for parameter will array plus	Translator

(Numbering arbitrarily starts
at 30)

Algol change 30

Fault X:= 1234567;

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

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

Correction

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

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

Flowchart Change

Translator flow page 23 9.3.67.

Coding Change

in number, 0KQ

change 8 FAIL - 8 to 8 FIN

9 FAIL - 8 to 9 FIN

Consequent Changes

None

Algol Change 31

Fault

```
begin integer n1;  
      real a,x;  
read n1,x;  
procedure P(b): real (b);
```

Not detected as error.

Correction

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

Flowchart change

Page 123 Translator flow charts
after COMPILE [INOUT 20]
change SV:= /0 0 to
DECSTA:= SV:= /0 0

Coding Change Vol 3 Translator

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

Consequent changes

Extra store. 1 location only.

Algol Change 32

Fault

Corrupt code produced from program with
Formal switch with subscript used as actual parameter to
a procedure with label parameter

e.g. begin switch S: L1, L2
procedure P(A); value A; label A; goto A;
procedure Q(B); switch B; P(B [2]);
Q(S);

Correction

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

Interpreter must take action on INDFS

Documentation

Proc Record Manual updated with description of INDFS action

Flow chart

Page 26 }
Page 4 } of Interpreter Flow charts

Coding

- 1) Label ~~3N+5~~ F₃A J+5
Change 8 SPARE to 8 INDFS
- 2) Label INDSFL
after 8 ENFAIL
insert (L)

INDFS 11 FINDFP
8 FINDFP +1
8 ; +2 (ADDRESS := CONTENT of 3N + FP)

Consequent Changes

Storage 3 extra words in Interpreter

In the example above

procedure P(A) will be translated {
PE
GTF Bn,1
RETURN

procedure Q(B) will be translated {
PE
TIC (+2)
INDFS Bn,1
CF

Procedure call Q(S) will be
translated {
TICA
CF

Algol Change 33

Fault

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

Correction

Alter TABLE
in Translator and Interpreter

Documentation

No change

Coding

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

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

Consequent Changes

None

Fault

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

Correction

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

Elsewhere the value of FP is always found from the ~~stack~~ *stack* entry on FP *via FP*

Documentation

Pord Manual already updated

Flow

Interpreter sheets 2, 12, 17, 13

Coding

alter FINDFP
 EXECUT
 RETURN
 PE
 GTL4

Consequent changes

Total coding reduced by 11 locations

Fault

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

Correction (Translator only)

The "topmost" entry in the namelist was not being checked (i.e. the last ^{being} added to the namelist in the first block of the program)

The test to complete ^{scanning} running the namelist in ENDPRO must be altered.

Documentation

None

Flow

No Change

Coding

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

Consequent changes

Total coding (Translator) increased by 1

Algol Change 36

Not Implemented

Improvement

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

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

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

Coding

In ENDPRO

after JOIN + 8 (15 0)
insert 2 + 7
9 OUTEND
after L1-2 (8 test)
Change 8 OUTEND to 8 NEXT

This is not adequate

Consequent changes

Total translator code increased by 2

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

Fault

With translator of December 1966 the construction
if A>B then print A+B else B:=B+1;
is translated wrongly

Cause

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

Correction (Translator only)

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

Documentation

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

Flow Chart

Translator { Page 93
 { Page 89

Coding

Insert ~~in~~ ELSE call of INOUT (2) immediately after ELSE
Insert in IF check that sum of M + MREAD + MPRINT = 0
(can only be true if each one is zero
as negative values not used.)

Consequent changes +2 words of Translator

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

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

Algol Change 38

(Interpreter only)

Fault

- 1) 0.00 on data tape is input as a small non-zero number
(corrected by AIC2)
- 2) $1_{10^{-20}}$ input as zero correctly but $1_{10^{-24}}$ input as small positive non zero number!

Cause

The DIVTEN routine is sufficiently accurate for all standardised numbers except the special case of zero. Zero divided by 10 gives a very small non-zero-result. When standardised this result becomes significant.

AIC2 tested for zero before the division loop in input was started, thus ~~curing~~ 0.00 input. Case (2) occurs because the result goes zero during the loop.

Correction

Test for zero before using DIVTEN each time, on RDNM

Flow chart

Sheet 52 (Interpreter)

Coding

At RDNM16 insert 4 W3
 7 RDNM20

Consequent changes

Total Interpreter ~~angle~~ increased by + 2

Improvement

(interpreter only)

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

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

Details

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

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

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

After each entry from NXPORD, the time sharing program must re-enter at NXPORD + 2.

On completion of all current processing, the time sharing program must reset the contents of NXPORD + 2 and NXPORD + 3 in NXPORD and NXPORD + 1 respectively. NXPORD will be pointed to by an address in NXPDAD which will occupy "absolute" location.

This facility has not been used up to now (Aug 68)

Coding Changes

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

Documentation

Must put separate note in Algol Master file.



Consequent changes

Interpreter increase 21 extra words.

Algol Change 40

Improvement (Essential)

Change in Method of output/input of individual characters.

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

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

Consequent changes

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

Fault

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

Change Cure

Test if last delimiter was ; or begin at Left Hand Round Bracket L1 (and at AOP Arithmetic operator)

Flow

Sheet 117 (Translator) LRBRACK
add to test for FAIL 61
FAIL (61) if LASTDL = begin / ;

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

Coding

in LRBRACK
4 LASTDL (FAIL IF LAST DELIMETER WAS)
1 & 756000
7 FAIL ~ 61 (Right round bracket)
1 & 734000 (;)
7 FAIL
1 & 674000 ()
7 FNL
1&&754000
7 FAIL ("BEGIN")

(AOP)

4 LASTDL
2 & 216000
7 FAIL ~ 57 (FAIL IF LASTDL BEGIN)
2 & 130000
7 FAIL ~ 57 (FAIL IF LASTDL ;)

Algol Change 42

Change

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

Method

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

Documentation

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

Flow Chart

No change

Coding

Insert

PERM ~~4~~ 7795

in option after 8 OUT28

in START after 2 + 7795

to 2 PERM

replace 4 - 200 } by 4 PERM

{ NLP+1
1 - NLP+1 }

4 - 200 } by 4 PERM
1 - NLP+1 }

Algol Change 43

Improvement (Translator only)

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

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

Documentation

No change

Flow Chart

Sheet 16 (TAKCHA)

updated

Coding

Inserted in LETTER of TAKCHA

Consequent changes

Total Translator coding increased by 4.

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Algol Change 44

(Translator only)

Fault

: = not detected as error inside read or print list

Cure

Test in BECOMS for MREAD, MPRINT = 0

Flow Charts

Translator Sheet 105

FAIL 28 if MREAD or MPRINT = 1

Coding

Insert after 7 FAIL - 28

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

Consequent changes

+ 4 words to total Translator

Algol Change 45

Fault

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

Cure

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

Flow

Translator Sheet 80

Put in test if M = 0
then FAIL 35

Coding

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

Consequent Changes

Total Translator coding increased by + 1 words.

Algol Change 47

Interpreter

Fault in Print Statement

Fault

B (number) in inner string quotes just before 'message' in print statement, causes the output of extra lines or spaces, after the 'message' has been ~~on that output~~.

Cause

*print "L B10' ABCDEF \n 'L"; causes newline
newline after
ABCDEF printed*

Sheet 55 of flow diagram.

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

Cure

Coding $1 = 100$ } *storing*
 5 WS7 } i.e. stores a neg. no. in WS6

4 - 1
5 WS 6
OST 9 0559 4 WS 7

Changes for different method of array access.

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

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

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

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

The first address will point to the actual array with ~~18~~ ¹⁹ bit 18 set of the array is real.

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

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

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

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

/....cont.

cont.

Translator Changes

Page 113 of flow chart

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

[COMPILE (LIV)]

followed by LOOP taking the form

LOOP : ADDRESS (I):=NDAP (address:=relative NDA address)

DIM (I): = DIM

NDAP:= NDAP + 2 (reserve 2 words in NDA)
for each array

I:= I - 4

ARRCOM:= ARRCOM - 1

if ARRCOM ≠ 0 goto LOOP

BCR(D) etc

Page 58 of flow chart

after ARR and if f[J] ≠ 1 COMPILE (TIA,addr. (I))
instead of TA with loader code 1 instead of 2

Page 47 of flow chart

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

Addition

- 1) Provide entry point at 16 in Translator so that current contents of Namelist may be "frozen" i.e. incorporated into the permanent namelist.
- 2) Provide entry at 14 in Interpreter to enter dump facility at 8000, first testing to see if SP > 8000.

Documentation

Algol Manual change.

Coding

Marked on Issue 4 listing
at 16 put in jump to SETPERM
~~at~~ put in SETPERM after START

Interpreter
at 14 put in
DUMP

Consequent changes

Translator increased by 3 words.

Algol Change 50

N.B note at bottom

Fault

Something of the form

```
procedure PROC(F); real procedure F;  
begin  
    X := SIN(F(X));  
end ;
```

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

Connection

Alter the exit from FRED inside PARMCH

Flow

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

Consequent changes

None. I hope!

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

Note that the following program translates correctly:-

```
procedure PROC(F); real procedure F;  
begin  
    X := F(X);  
    X := SIN(F(X));  
end;
```

Algol Change 51

Errors in ARCTAN(X) Issue 4 library

Faults

- 1) if $X < -1$ wrong value given
- 2) if $X > 6 \times 10^9$ wrong value

Correction

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

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

Algol Change 52

Library ^{scan} ~~near~~ changes

Reason

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

Changes

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

Algol Change 53.

Change COMPILE to allow 16K (LG) system

Reason

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

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

Flow

Translator flow sheet 26

Coding

Insert call of PUNGRP

Consequent changes

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

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

Algol Change 54

Tidy up Issue 4 mistakes

Translator

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

Interpreter

Correction to make COPYAR work
(remove sign bit from array address)

Correction to storage of lowbound values.

Fault

SETORIGIN (200, +200)

gave corrupt code.

Reason

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

Cure

In AOP

Set ESAVE (new local workspace)

ESAVE:=E before using EXP

if unary plus detected set E:=ESAVE

N.B.

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

Algol Change 56

Fault

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

always gives false result because a PRIM RTOI is generated before ST to store the boolean result.
($B := \text{checkb } (\text{BP}(R))$): checkb gives true correctly or false)

checkb gives true or false correctly.

Change

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

*if ie my Nat Boolean
is effectively integer.*

Flow diagram

Page 120

Coding

After EZ in RRBRAK change

2 & 035100 to 2 & 035100
7 32 7; +5

Consequent changes

None. I hope!

Fault

Translator

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

Cause

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

ENT2
ENT-2 is on the END routine; before the test for error 40, therefore a closed loop is completed.

Change

In FAIL test for Error 40 ($FNO = 40$)
before branching to ENT 2

Flow diagrams

Page 8 and Page 90

Coding

Insert global label END40F in END routine.
Insert test for $END = 40$ in FAIL and branch to global label END 40F

Put in Issue 5 but
fault still comes up! ~~solve~~

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Dear Norman,

903 ALGOL

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

Yours sincerely,

Don

Don Hunter.

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visit-end's / repeat mode	Cut out output off library and from Translator and Interpreter NB. PAT beginning of Translation output 100 blends in the panel	
	Alter locate test for CS before storing	Interpreter
	Input-output changes for to allow special devices E.	Interpreter
	Changes to array access	Interpreter Translator
	Detection of type procedure used as non-type	Translator
	Large integer constant treated as real	Trans
	Detection of illegal char in inner string	Trans
Add Buffer Advance Decode QAPLOT, DRAWING etc to library names list	Translator	Corresponding
Add QAPLOT, Boffert to library type	Library	✓ no
Add Buffer Advance Decode Storage Structure to lib-type Check that $\oplus =$ is not in print list	Library Trans	✓

Correction
Changes to Translator
of December 66 suggested by D.H.
Ca.

Trans

Code
coded



INOPS, put into Interpreter	Integ.	Documented
After very permanent name list is allowed for in STAC	Trans	✓
Change to level 4 and allow PARM	Integ.	✓
N.B. Dump program Interpreter must store interpreter at NXPORD allow constant tryout of numbers $\leq 10^{-21}$	Integ.	✓
ATC2 incorporated in Interpreter	Integ.	Documented
in READ, PRINT put DECIMAL:=100 to cure deduction, following read not detected	Trans	Documented
Possible shorter floating point primitives	Integ.	Coded
920 Algol Mods	Integ.	✓
	Trans	✓

Error No 14 instead of error no 18

Detected open string
prob in RDNM

New \ instead of close string

Put in new double quotes
DIVIDE

Interr

✓

Make newlines follow
tittle at run time

Trans

✓

cut out references to
VBTR from OUTCHA
8 forms saved?

Interr

? 8

✓

Translator

Error messages and all
except parts of type in
Teleprinter

Trans

✓

Replace 8 32 and 8 33
in Translator by
8 OUT " 8 OUT 2
and general

Trans

(P)

Change library code to
recognise code as end of lib
tape and "ignore" loader stop
code

Trans

Change TABS for output
of " and <

Trans
Interr

Documented

✓

possibly in Inter rule 1 or @
cause corruption of table in date
zone

Interr

✓

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BGIRAH	Translated and Run	(for 11 min)	✓
PARACH	"	"	✓
INTNR	"	"	✓

Test of library scan

OK for large number of declarations
(60 declarations in outer block)
if SIN packed up

Fails if WAY (pointer) packed up

' JAWI

Addition of names in list as in manual
(entry 16)

Report Mode

Fault found, corrected by changing

FRFP in PARAYCH back to original

SQRT (ABS(I)) failed, OK now

but \rightarrow procedure P(F); real procedure F;

$X := \text{SIN}(F(X));$ now

now fails again

Error 90 not output repeatedly now

Under +

STICKIN(+10,20) still gives error

Changes for 16K Argos

Army changes already done

Pages 113, 47, 58, 45 of flowcharts

Other references to ~~the~~ compilation of TA

Pages 45 (array or string)

47 (array or procedure)

58 (array only)

121 (string only)

These are the only references to (consult TA)!