
FORTRAN IV Reference Page

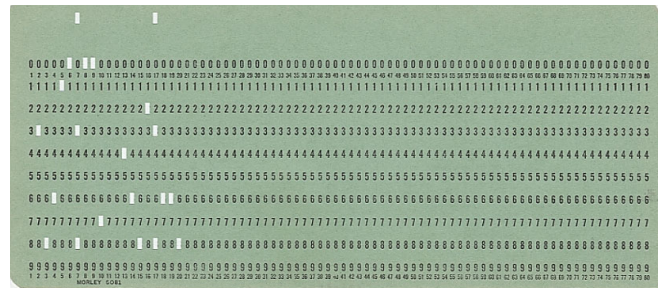
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Program Organization

All FORTRAN programs have the following format:

```
PROGRAM statement
variable declarations (optional)
executable statements
END statement
SUBROUTINE or FUNCTION modules (optional)
```

The original FORTRAN programs were prepared on a [keypunch](#) machine which punched holes into paper cards which had 80 characters maximum. For this reason, lines in a FORTRAN program are often referred to as "cards." Each card is either a "data" card, a "comment" card or a "statement" card.



Data Cards

All 80 characters of the line are used for program data as defined below.

Comment Cards

The first character on the card must be C; all other characters are ignored in subsequent processing.

Statement Cards

Statement cards are subdivided into four sections as follows:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
12345		6		789012345678901234567890123456789012345678901234567890123456789012		34567890		

- The first five characters are used for unique statement numbers. Numbers do not need to appear in sequence. Any statement (except the END statement) may have a statement number.
- The sixth character is called the "continuation" character. If more space is required from the previous card, include any character (except 0) in the 6th position of the next card.
- Positions 7-72 are used for the actual program code. Often programmers use a TAB (8 spaces) rather than type 7 spaces.
- Positions 73-80 are infrequently used, but when they are they are used for identification codes which are only of interest to the programmer, they are not computed.

Character set

(ASA Standard FORTRAN IV)

```
A .. Z
0 .. 9
=
+
-
*
/
(
)
,
.
$
```

Note: All modern versions of FORTRAN support more characters than these.

Identifiers

While FORTRAN is very picky about the placement of certain program elements on a card, it is supremely disinterested otherwise. For example, the keyword PROGRAM, which begins a FORTRAN program, may be typed,

```
PROGRAM
PRO GRAM
PR OG RAM
```

or even,

```
P R O   G   R   A   M
```

This is partly due to the difficulty in repairing a typographical error when using a keypunch machine. Likewise, whitespace is not required between syntactic objects in a program. In other words the FORTRAN executable statement,

```
DO 30 I = 10, 100
```

can also be written,

```
DO30I=10,100
```

Such forms can lead to serious errors. Imagine, for example, what would have occurred if the programmer accidentally punched a decimal point instead of a comma in the compressed example above.

Reserved words

FORTRAN has no reserved words. All words have meaning based on context. For example, the following is legal, though unwise, in FORTRAN

```
IF (IF.EQ.THEN) IF=IF*THEN
```

where the first use of the word IF refers to the keyword for a selection control structure, while the other uses refer to a variable named IF; likewise, THEN is used in the context of a variable in this statement.

Data types and Variables

Variable declaration

Variables are named through user-defined identifiers; however, they do not need to be

explicitly declared in a FORTRAN program. Variables are declared either implicitly, by use of the variable's name or explicitly through a "type" statements, either DATA or DIMENSION.

Any variable beginning with the letters I .. N is implicitly declared to be an INTEGER data type (see below) unless overridden by an explicit declaration. All other variables are implicitly declared to be REAL data type (see below) unless overridden.

Declaration statements require type name, followed by list of identifiers, for example:

```
INTEGER DAY,WEEK,MONTH
REAL IM67,QU45
LOGICAL DONE
```

Data types

Primitive

Numeric types

INTEGER	literal examples:	0 42 -12 +2345 0034	
REAL	literals:	0. 1.1 -.234 +12.34 1.234E-12	
DOUBLE PRECISION	literals:	13.D+1 13D1	
COMPLEX	literals:	CMPLX(1,2) CMPLX(+12739E3,0.) CMPLX(44.36,-12.2E16)	means 1 + 2i

Boolean type

LOGICAL	literals:	.TRUE. .FALSE.
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String type

CHARACTER	literals:	4HJOHN 6HR CASH 'JOHNNY CASH' -- note, not ASA standard
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User-defined

FORTRAN IV does not support the creation of a user-defined data type

Structured Data

Arrays

Arrays are created with DIMENSION statements and may have 1 to 7 subscripts (depending upon implementation).

```
DIMENSION W(1000)
DIMENSION X(10,10)
DIMENSION Z(4,6,8,10)
```

or

```
DIMENSION W(1000),X(10,10),Z(4,6,8,10)
```

Note that the variable arrays above will contain REAL data because no explicit data type was declared. To explicitly declare the type of value in the array use the form, for example,

```
DOUBLE PRECISION A,K,M(5,5,10),X
```

which will create three unstructured double precision variables (A, K and X) as well as an array of 250 double precision values (M).

FORTRAN stores arrays in column-major order meaning that the earlier subscripts vary most rapidly in the actual stored data. For example, X(1,2) is followed in memory by X(2,2) not X(1,3). Alternately, values can be referenced by variable subscripts such as X(K) or X(K+1); note the use of an integer variable subscript.

Records

FORTRAN IV does not support record structures.

Variable initialization

DATA statements are used to initialize variables. Data statements begin with the keyword DATA and are followed by identifiers and values, delimited by slashes. For example, either

```
DATA I,J,K/0,0,0/
```

or

```
DATA I,J,K/3*0/
```

results in the following:

I	J	K
0	0	0

while

```
DIMENSION L(2,3)
DATA L/1,2,3,4,5,6/
```

results in

L(1,1)	L(1,2)	L(1,3)
1	3	5
L(2,1)	L(2,2)	L(2,3)
2	4	6

Note that L is implicitly an array of integers. Also, notice the effect of column-major order.

Assignment Statements

Assignments are made as follows,

variable = expression

where the variable is either implicitly or explicitly declared and the expression is either a literal value (e.g. T=42.) or a computed value (e.g. I=K+L), as described below.

Expressions

Numeric

OPERATION	OPERATOR	ORDER OF PRIORITY
group	()	1
exponentiate	**	2
multiply	*	3
divide	/	3 (see note)
add	+	4
subtract	-	4

Note: type of operands affects result. For example,

10/4 evaluates to 2
10./4 evaluates to 2.5

Type conversion and coercions

In general, mixed mode math is discouraged in FORTRAN. When using operands with different types, automatic conversion occur as follows:

```

if any operand is COMPLEX, result is COMPLEX
else
  if any operand is DOUBLE PRECISION, result is DOUBLE PRECISION
  else
    if any operand is REAL, result is REAL
    else
      result is INTEGER

```

To convert from one data type to another explicitly, many built-in functions are provided. For example,

Conversion Functions		----- Function Result Type -----			
From:	To:	INTEGER	REAL	DOUBLE PRECISION	COMPLEX
		-----	-----	-----	-----
REAL		INT() IFIX() NINT() ³	AINT() ¹ ANINT()	DBLE()	CMPLX(A,B) ²
INTEGER			FLOAT()		
DOUBLE PRECISION		IDINT() ¹ IDNINT() ¹	SNGL()		
COMPLEX			REAL() AIMAG()		

¹ Truncates the real number. Same as: FLOAT(INT())
² Creates complex number A+Bi
³ "NINT" functions round to the nearest integer

Logical

OPERATION	OPERATOR	ORDER OF PRIORITY
comparison		(after numeric)
less than	.LT.	5

less than or equal to	.LE.	5
equal to	.EQ.	5
not equal to	.NE.	5
greater than or equal to	.GE.	5
greater than	.GT.	5
Boolean		
not	.NOT.	6
and	.AND.	7
or	.OR.	8

Character

No character manipulations were possible in FORTRAN IV; however, FORTRAN 77 included many of these useful features.

Function call

FORTRAN's many built-in functions evaluate as expressions. User-defined functions (see below) likewise are called as expressions. Below are some of the more commonly used functions of FORTRAN IV.

Function	----- Function Result Type / Parameter Type-----			
	INTEGER	REAL	DOUBLE PRECISION	COMPLEX
absolute value	IABS()	ABS()	DABS()	
square root		SQRT()	DSQRT()	CSQRT()
remainder of A/B	MOD(A,B)	AMOD(A,B)	DMOD(A,B)	
e**x		EXP()	DEXP()	CEXP()
natural log		ALOG()	DLOG()	CLOG()
base 10 log		ALOG10()	DLOG10()	
sine		SIN()	DSIN()	CSIN()
cosine		COS()	DCOS()	CCOS()
arctangent		ATAN()	DATAN()	
maximum of list	MAX0(A,B,...)	AMAX1(A,B,...)	DMAX1(A,B,...)	
minimum of list	MIN0(A,B,...)	AMIN1(A,B,...)	DMIN1(A,B,...)	
positive difference = A-MIN(A,B)	IDIM(A,B)	DIM(A,B)		
sign transfer = ABS(A)*sign of B	ISIGN(A,B)	SIGN(A,B)	DSIGN(A,B)	

Note: In this table, unless more than one parameter is explicitly demonstrated above, all functions require one parameter which is an expression of the indicated type.

When 2 or more parameters are required, they are separated by commas.

Some functions have results whose type differ from the parameters. The conversion functions above are the prime examples. In addition, FORTRAN IV has the following functions:

INTEGER maximum from list of REAL values	MAX1(A,B,...)
INTEGER minimum from list of REAL values	MIN1(A,B,...)
REAL maximum from list of INTEGER values	AMAX0(A,B,...)
REAL minimum from list of INTEGER values	AMIN0(A,B,...)

Control Statements

Branch

```

GO TO 1005           ; unconditional branch
                     go directly to statement number 1005

GO TO K              ; assigned branch
                     go to statement number whose value is stored in K

GO TO (10,20,1000,20),K  ; computed branch
                     K=1, 2, 3 or 4 branches to statement number 10, 20, 1000 or 20

```

Selection

Logical IF

IF (logical-expression) any valid statement *except* DO or IF

Evaluate the expression, then execute the statement only if the logical-expression was .TRUE. For example,

```
IF (X.GT.T*Z) Y=X/FLOAT(K)
```

Arithmetic IF

IF (numeric-expression) statement1,statement2,statement3

Evaluate the expression, then transfer to statement1 if the result is negative, to statement2 if zero, to statement3 if positive. For example,

```
IF (X/Y*Z) 100,300,50
```

If the result of the computation is negative, transfer to statement number 100, if zero transfer to statement number 300, if positive to statement number 50. Note that early FORTRAN had no block structure like the familiar { ... } or BEGIN ... END found in many other languages. Block structure can be simulated as follows, using a Java-like snippet for comparison.

Block-structure	Unstructured FORTRAN workaround
-----	-----
if (i == 42)	IF (I.NE.42) GOTO ###
{	STMT-1
stmt-1;	STMT-2
stmt-2;	STMT-3
stmt-3	### ≤ next statement goes here >
}	

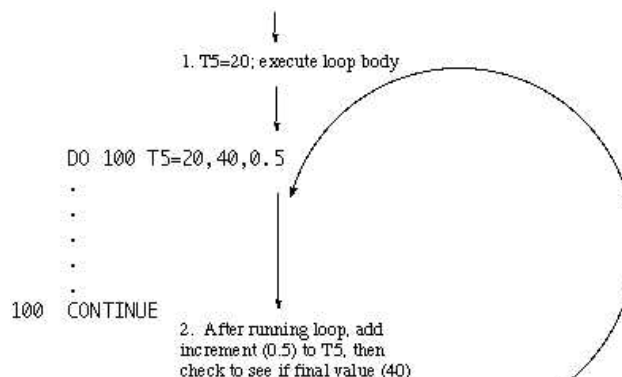
Repetition

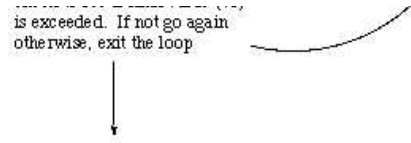
Regular DO

DO statement# variable = initialValue, finalValue, optionalIncrement

Do this statement and all other statements upto the card labelled with statement#, beginning by setting the variable to the initialValue, then incrementing by adding 1 (or the non-negative optional increment value) with each successive iteration until variable > finalValue. Once the loop is finished, proceed to the next card beyond the labelled statement#.

Note: Branching out of a DO loop body is allowed, but branching in is not.
Post-test loop; always executed at least once.





is exceeded. If not go again
otherwise, exit the loop

Nested DO

Unlike the IF statement, FORTRAN allows nesting of any number of DO loops within one another. The general form of a nested loop is,

```

      DO stmt#1 variable1 = start, finish, step
      .
      .
      .
        DO stmt#2 variable2 = start, finish, step
        .
        .
        .
      stmt#2   CONTINUE
      .
      .
      stmt#1 CONTINUE

```

Modularity

Functions

Functions may be used anywhere that an expression is expected in a FORTRAN program. As described above, a large number of functions are provided in the standard FORTRAN library. These built-in functions are referred to as *intrinsic functions*.

User-defined

Modern versions of FORTRAN have a much broader collection. Many books have been published with useful FORTRAN functions which are not available in the standard library. The programmer implements functions using the syntax,

```

      optResultType FUNCTION name(formalParamList)
      optFormalParameterDeclaration
      optLocalVarDeclaration
      executableStatements
      name = value
      RETURN
      END

```

for example,

```

      PROGRAM DEMO
      .
      .
      .
      IF (CMPVAL(M1,M2,M3)) GOTO 500
      .
      .
      .
      END
C ----- END OF PROGRAM -----
      LOGICAL FUNCTION CMPVAL(I,J,K)
      INTEGER SUM, HLFSUM
      LOGICAL RESULT
      SUM = I+J+K
      HLFSUM = SUM/2
      RESULT=(I.GT.HLFSUM).OR.(J.GT.HLFSUM).OR.(K.GT.HLFSUM)
      CMPVAL=RESULT
      RETURN
      END

```



```
C      ----- END OF FUNCTION -----
```

Subroutines

When a programmer needs to build a module which returns either 0 or more than 1 result, a subroutine is used, rather than a function. Form of the subroutine is similar to the function,

```
SUBROUTINE name(formalParamList)
  optFormalParameterDeclaration
  optLocalVarDeclaration
  executableStatements
RETURN
END
```

A subroutine receives values from the caller through the parameter list; likewise, the subroutine returns values by modifying the variables in the parameter list. Subroutines are invoked in a FORTRAN program as a statement, not an expression. The syntax used is,

```
CALL name(actualParamList)
```

General Limitations

0. Early versions of FORTRAN did not allow recursive function calls.
1. The names chosen for the formal parameters *must* agree in type with the actual parameters which will be passed or the data will be coerced to the new type.
2. Use of global variables is not allowed without use of a COMMON statement (discussed in references).
3. Subroutines and functions can be thought of as totally separate program units. For example, statement numbers which were used in the main program can be reused in the subprograms.

Input/Output Statements

Data Formats

Due to the nature of the original keypunched FORTRAN, data is highly formatted in a FORTRAN program. Consider, for example, a program that needs to process 4 three-digit integers, a real number, 2 characters, separated by a space and a six-digit integer.

For example,

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
1	2	3	4	7	6	5	4	9	9	9	9	-	3	4	.	5	6	7	8	L		Y	1	1	1	2	2	2
I4				I4				I4				F8.5				A11X A1				I6								

Input of formatted data

FORTRAN has several codes used to describe different types of data. For example,

I/O code	Data type for I/O
Iw	INTEGER
Fw.d	REAL
EW.d	REAL data in exponential form
Dw.d	DOUBLE PRECISION
Aw	ALPHAMERIC (character)
wX	space

where w refers to the total width of the field of data in characters and d refers to the number of digits after the decimal point. Input is handled through the use of numbered FORMAT statements. For example, to read the data above, one might use,

```
333    FORMAT(I4,I4,I4,F8.5,A1,1X,A1,I6)
```

or, alternately,

```
333    FORMAT(3I4,F8.5,A1,1X,A1,I6)
```

along with a READ statement,

```
READ(unit,formatStmtNumber) variableList
```

where unit is the integer associated with the input device. Standard input device units are machine specific and might be, for example,

```
2    magnetic tape
5    keyboard
6    console display
8    card punch
```

All version of FORTRAN in use today use unit 5 for keyboard input, and unit 6 for output to the terminal. Thus, we can read the variables able using,

```
333    FORMAT(3I4,F8.5,A1,1X,A1,I6)
      READ(5,333) INT1,INT2,INT3,REAL1,CHAR1,CHAR2,INT4
```

Output of formatted data

Output is handled much the same as input, with two significant difference: the first output character is not printed but is used as a control character as specified below.

First character in Output code	Meaning
Tn	Tab to location n on line
/	insert blank line
blank	single space
+	no carriage control
0	double space line
1	begin line on new page

Secondly, the format list may include literal strings to be output as well as the variable values. For example, we could output the values above using,

```
334    FORMAT('+OUT:',I6,'#',I6,'#',I6'#',I6,'#',E10.3)
      WRITE(6,334) INT1,INT2,INT3,INT4,REAL1
```

which displays, on the same line as the last output character,

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42
+	0	U	T	:			1	2	3	4	*			7	6	5	4	*			9	9	9	9	*	1	1	1	2	2	2	*	-	0	.	3	4	6	E	+	0	2
ctl	literal						I6				lit			I6				lit			I6				lit			I6				lit			E10.3							

Note that numeric data is right-justified in fields when more space is available. Character data is left-justified. Note also that width of the decimal field may result in a rounded displayed value.

List-directed I/O

Modern version of FORTRAN also allow input and output to be entered via delimited entry. For example, the same result as above could have been obtained from

```
READ(5,*) INT1,INT2,INT3,INT4
```

where all numeric values will be separated by whitespace in the input stream. Likewise, an output could be handled as,

```
WRITE(6,*) ' The output values:',INT1,', ',INT2,', ',INT3,', ',INT4
```

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[Sample #1](#)

[Sample #2](#)

[Sample #3](#)