
System Programming and Compiler Construction

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Module 3

Macros and Macro Processor



Contents as per syllabus

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- Macro definition and call
- Features of Macro facility: Simple, parameterized, conditional and nested.
- Design of Single pass Macro Processor, data structures used.



Introduction

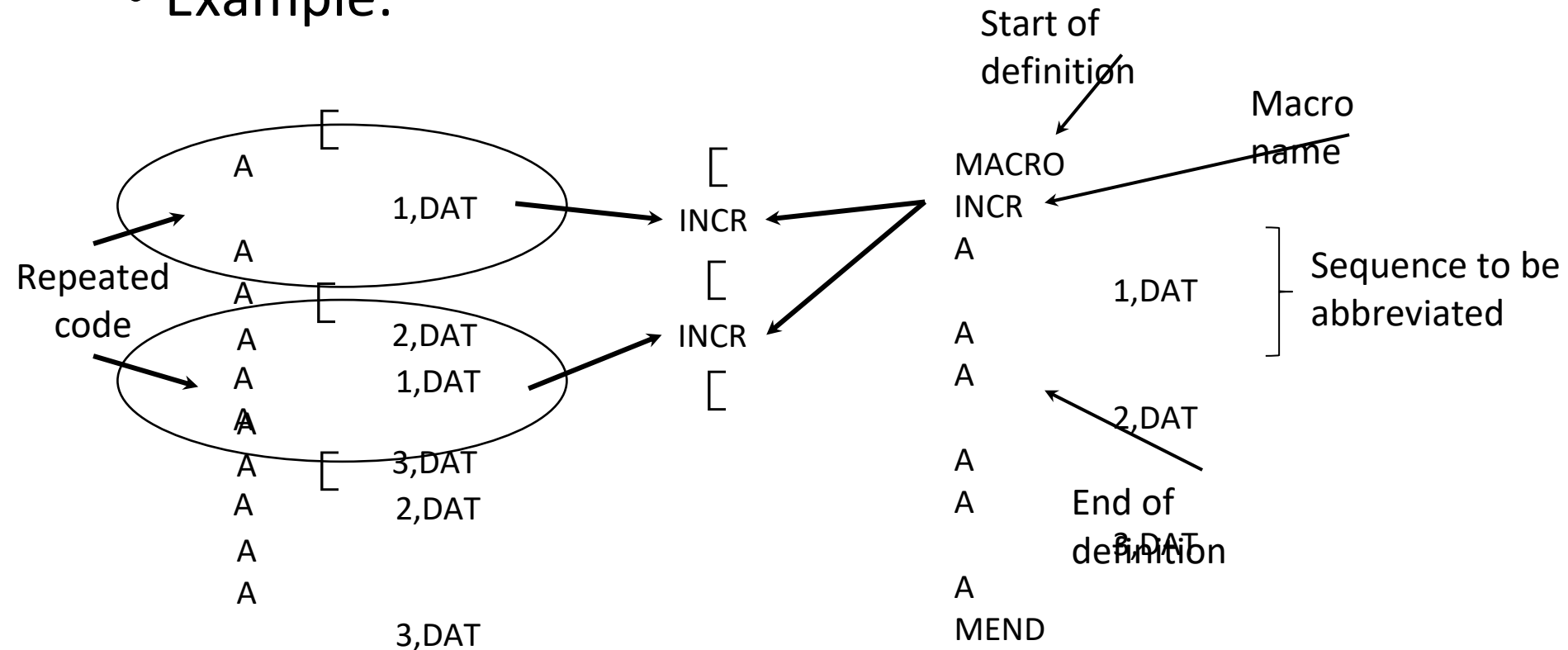
- Macro instructions or **Macros** are single line abbreviations for groups of instructions.
- Single instruction is used to represent a block of code.
- For every occurrence of this one line macro instruction, the macro processing assembler will substitute the entire block.



Macro Instruction

- Macro is an abbreviation for a series of operations.

- Example:



Macros in C

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
#define Square(x) ((x)*(x))
```

```
int main(void)
```

```
{
```

```
int a;
```

```
printf("enter a no : ");
```

```
scanf("%d",&a);
```

```
Square(a);
```

```
}
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
//Macro definition not  
included
```

```
int main(void)
```

```
{
```

```
int a;
```

```
printf("enter a no : ");
```

```
scanf("%d",&a);
```

```
((a)*(a));
```

```
}
```



Macros in Assembly code (8086)

```
macro print msg
    mov dx, offset msg
    mov ah, 09h
    int 21h
```

```
endm
```

```
data segment
```

```
Msg1 db "hello world$"
```

```
data ends
```

```
code segment
```

```
.
```

```
.
```

```
print msg1
```

```
.
```

```
.
```

```
end start
```

```
start:
```

```
.
```

```
.
```

```
mov dx, offset msg
```

```
mov ah, 09h
```

```
int 21h
```

```
.
```

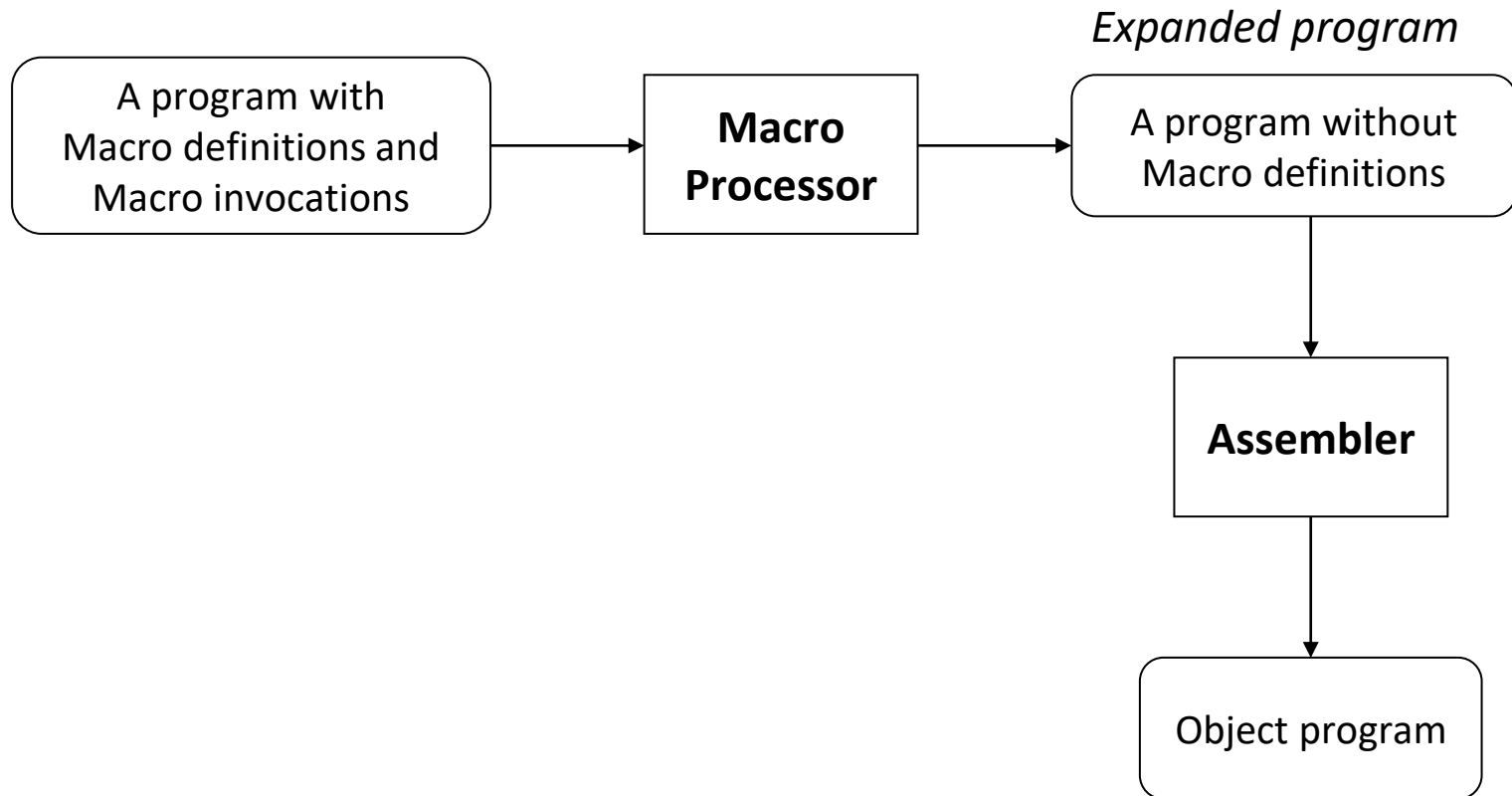
```
.
```

```
code ends
```

```
end start
```



Basic Macro Processor functions



Macro Processor is an in-built functions of Assembler



Features of Macro Facility

- Macro Instruction Arguments
- Conditional Macro Expansion
- Macro calls within Macros
- Macro Instruction defining Macros



Features of Macro Facility

Macro Instruction Arguments

- Macro calls replaces the call by a block of code.
- No flexibility to modify code that replaces the call.
- Extension for providing arguments or parameters in macro call.
- Macro instruction argument (dummy arguments) are used in definition.
- It is specified in the macro name line and distinguished by ‘&’
- Arguments that are not specified, are presumed blank by macro processor.



Features of Macro Facility

Macro Instruction Arguments

A 1,FIVE

A 2,FIVE

A 3,FIVE

A 1,FOUR

A 2,FOUR

A 3,FOUR

FIVE DC F'5'

FOUR DC F'4'



Features of Macro Facility

Macro Instruction Arguments

A 1,FIVE

A 2,FIVE

A 3,FIVE

A 1,FOUR

A 2,FOUR

A 3,FOUR

FIVE DC F'5'

FOUR DC F'4'

MACRO

ADDM &ARG

A 1, &ARG

A 2, &ARG

A 3, &ARG

MEND

ADDM FIVE

ADDM FOUR

FIVE DC F'5'

FOUR DC F'4'



Features of Macro Facility

Macro Instruction Arguments

When we pass more than one argument there are 2 ways to specify these arguments:-

1. Positional Arguments
2. Keyword Arguments.



Features of Macro Facility

Positional Parameter

MACRO

M1 &P1,&P2,&P3

MEND

M1 A, B, C

Keyword Parameter

MACRO

M1 &P1=,&P2=,&P3=

MEND

M1 &P1=A, &P2=B, &P3=C



Features of Macro Facility

Default Parameter

MACRO

M1 &P1=A, &P2=B

MEND

M1 &P1=, &P2=C



Features of Macro Facility

Macro Instruction Arguments

Original Source (single argument)	Expanded Source	Original Source (Multiple argument)	Expanded Source
MACRO		MACRO	
INCR		INCR &ARG1,&ARG2	
RG		A 1, &ARG1	
A	A	A 2, &ARG2	A
&ARG		MEND	
A	A	INCR DATA1,DATA2	A
ARGR	A	INCR DATA2,DATA1	A
A	A		
&ARG			
INCR			
MEND			



Features of Macro Facility

Conditional Macro Expansion

- **AIF** and **AGO** permit conditional reordering of the sequence of macro expansion.
- AIF
 - Conditional branch
 - Performs arithmetic test and branches if condition is true
- AGO
 - Unconditional branch (similar to 'go to' statement)
- Machine instructions that appear in the expansion of a macro call can be selected based on condition.
- Labels inside a Macro start with a period (.) eg: .FINISH



Features of Macro Facility

Conditional Macro Expansion

Original Source

```

Loop1  A  [ 1,DATA1
        A  2,DATA2
        A  3,DATA3

Loop2  A  [ 1,DATA3
        A  2,DATA2

Loop3  A  [ 1,DATA1
        [
  
```

Source with Macro

```

MACRO
&ARG0  VARY    &COUNT, &ARG1, &ARG2,&ARG3
&ARG0  A       1, &ARG1
        AIF    (&COUNT EQ 1).FINISH
        A      2,&ARG2
        AIF    (&COUNT EQ 2).FINISH
        A      3,&ARG3
.FINISH MEND

Loop1  [ VARY    3,DATA1,DATA2,DATA3
Loop2  [ VARY    2,DATA3,DATA2
Loop3  [ VARY    1,DATA1
      [
  
```

Expanded Source

```

      [
Loop1  [ A 1,DATA1
        A 2,DATA2
        A 3,DATA3
Loop2  [ A 1,DATA3
        A 2,DATA2
Loop3  [ A 1,DATA1
      [
  
```



Features of Macro Facility

Macro calls within Macros

- Also known as nested macro calls.
- A macro can be called within another macro.
- A macro can call itself (using AIF or AGO) so long as it doesn't go into an infinite loop.
- Macro calls within macros can have several levels



Features of Macro Facility

Macro calls within Macros

Source	Expanded Source (Level 1)	Expanded Source (Level 2)
MACRO		
ADD1 &ARG		
L 1,&ARG		
A 1,=F'1'		
ST 1,&ARG		
MEND		
MACRO		
ADDS &ARG1,&ARG2,&ARG3		
ADD1 &ARG1		
ADD1 &ARG2		
ADD1 &ARG3		
MEND		
ADDS [
[DATA1,DATA2,DATA		
3]		
	Expansion of ADDS	Expansion of ADD1
	[[
	ADD1 DATA1	L 1,DATA1
		A 1,=F'1'
		ST 1,DATA1
		L 1,DATA2
	ADD1 DATA2	A 1,=F'1'
		ST 1,DATA2
		L 1,DATA3
	ADD1 DATA3	A 1,=F'1'
		ST 1,DATA3



Features of Macro Facility

Macro Instruction defining Macros

- Macros can be defined within a macro.
- Inner macro definition is not defined until after the outer macro has been called.
- Group of macros can be defined for subroutine calls with some standardized calling sequence.
- Individual macros have names of the associated subroutines (as given by the argument &SUB).



Features of Macro Facility

Macro Instruction defining Macros

Definition of macro DEFINE	Definition of macro &SUB	MACRO			Macro name: DEFINE
		DEFINE &SUB			
		MACRO			Dummy macro name
		&SUB	&Y		Align boundary
		CNOP	0,4		Set reg 1 to parameter list pointer
		BAL	1,*+8		Parameter list pointer
		DC	A(&Y)		Address of subroutine
		L	15,=V(&SUB)		Transfer control to
		BALR	1	4,15	
		subroutine			
		MEND			
<hr/>					
DEFINE	MEND				
COS	COS				
COS	AR				
BAL	1,*+8				
DC	A(AR)	Address of AR			
L	15,=V(COS)	V denotes Address of external symbol			
BALR	14,15				



Implementation of Macros

There are 4 tasks that any macro instruction processor perform:

1. Recognize macro Definition
2. Save the Definition
3. Recognize calls
4. Expand calls and Substitute arguments.



2-Pass Macro Processor

- Assumptions
 - Functionally different from assembler
 - No nested macro calls or macro within macro definitions
- Assembler scans and processes lines of text.
 - A line can refer to another line by its address or name
 - Address or name **must** be available to assembler
- Macro definitions do not refer to anything outside themselves.
 - Macro calls refer only to macro definitions



2-Pass Macro Processor

- **Pass 1: handles macro definitions (Database)**
 - Input macro source deck
 - Output macro source deck copy (for pass 2)
 - Macro Definition Table (MDT) (to store definition body)
 - Macro Name Table (MNT) (to store names of defined macros)
 - Macro Definition Table Counter (MDTC) (next available entry in the MDT)
 - Macro Name Table Counter (MNTC) (next available entry in the MNT)
 - Argument List Array (ALA) (to substitute index markers for dummy arguments before storing macro definition)



2-Pass Macro Processor

- Pass 2: handles macro calls and expansion (Database)
 - Copy of input macro source deck
 - Output expanded source deck (i/p for assembler)
 - MDT
 - MNT
 - ALA
- Macro Definition Table Pointer (MDTP) (indicates the next line of text to be used during macro expansion)

from Pass 1



2-Pass Macro Processor

- Macro Definition Table

- Table of text lines
- 80 byte string entries
- Each line of macro definition is stored in MDT
- MACRO is omitted but MEND is kept to indicate the end.
- Name line is kept to facilitate keyword replacement

Index	Card		
[15	[INCR &ARG1, &ARG2,
&ARG3		&LAB	
16	#0	A	1,#1
17		A	2,#2
18		A	3,#3
19		MEND	
[[

MD

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2-Pass Macro Processor

- Macro Name Table (MNT)
 - Each entry consists of a character string (macro name) and pointer to entry in MDT
- Argument List Array (ALA)
 - Dummy arguments in definition replaced by index markers (eg. #1) in pass 1
 - Index markers replaced by arguments in macro call

Index	8 bytes Name	4 bytes MDT Index
⋮	⋮	⋮
3	"INCRbbbb"	15
⋮	⋮	⋮

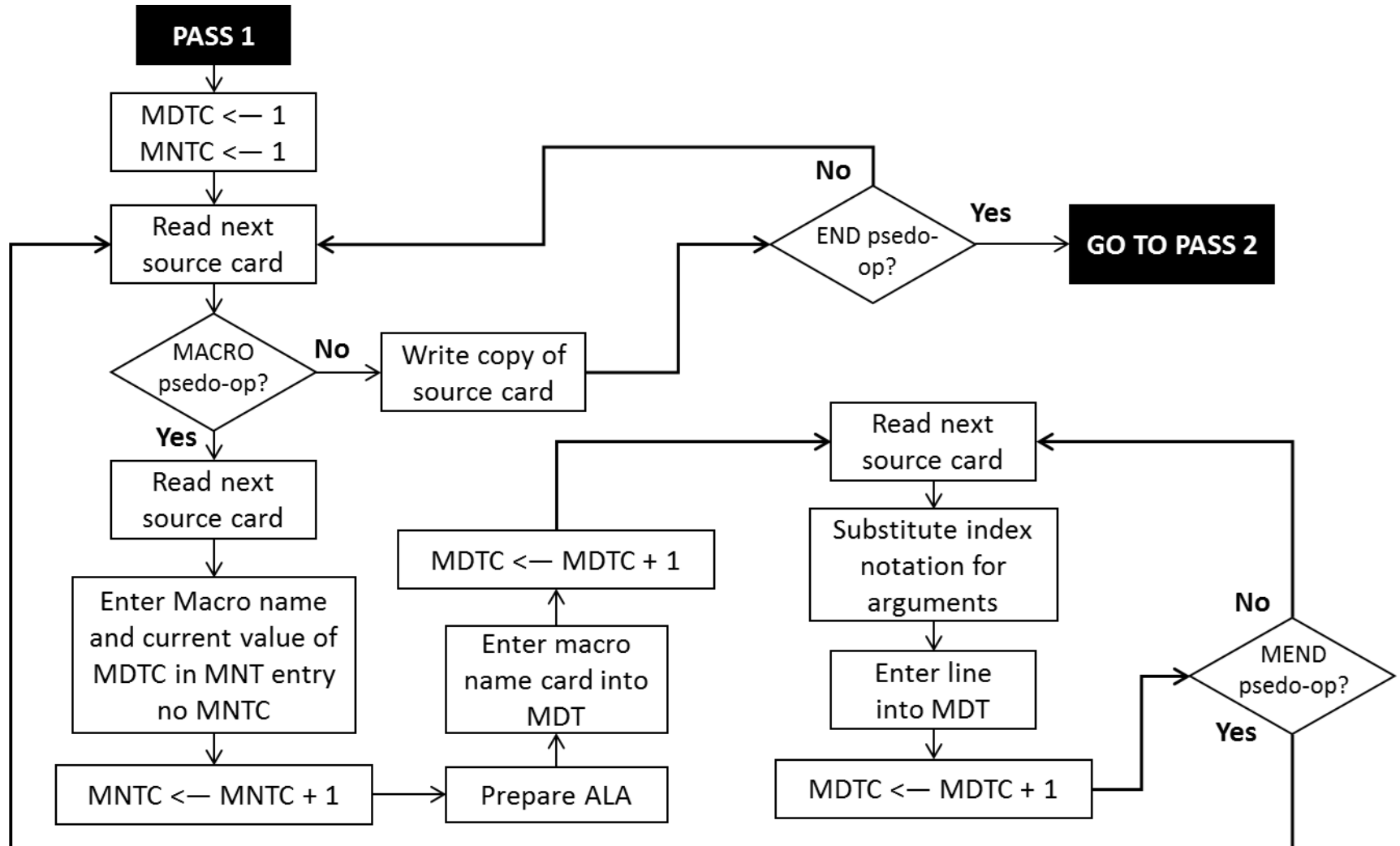
MNT

Index	8 bytes Argument
0	"LOOP1bbb"
1	"DATA1bbb"
2	"DATA2bbb"
3	"DATA3bbb"

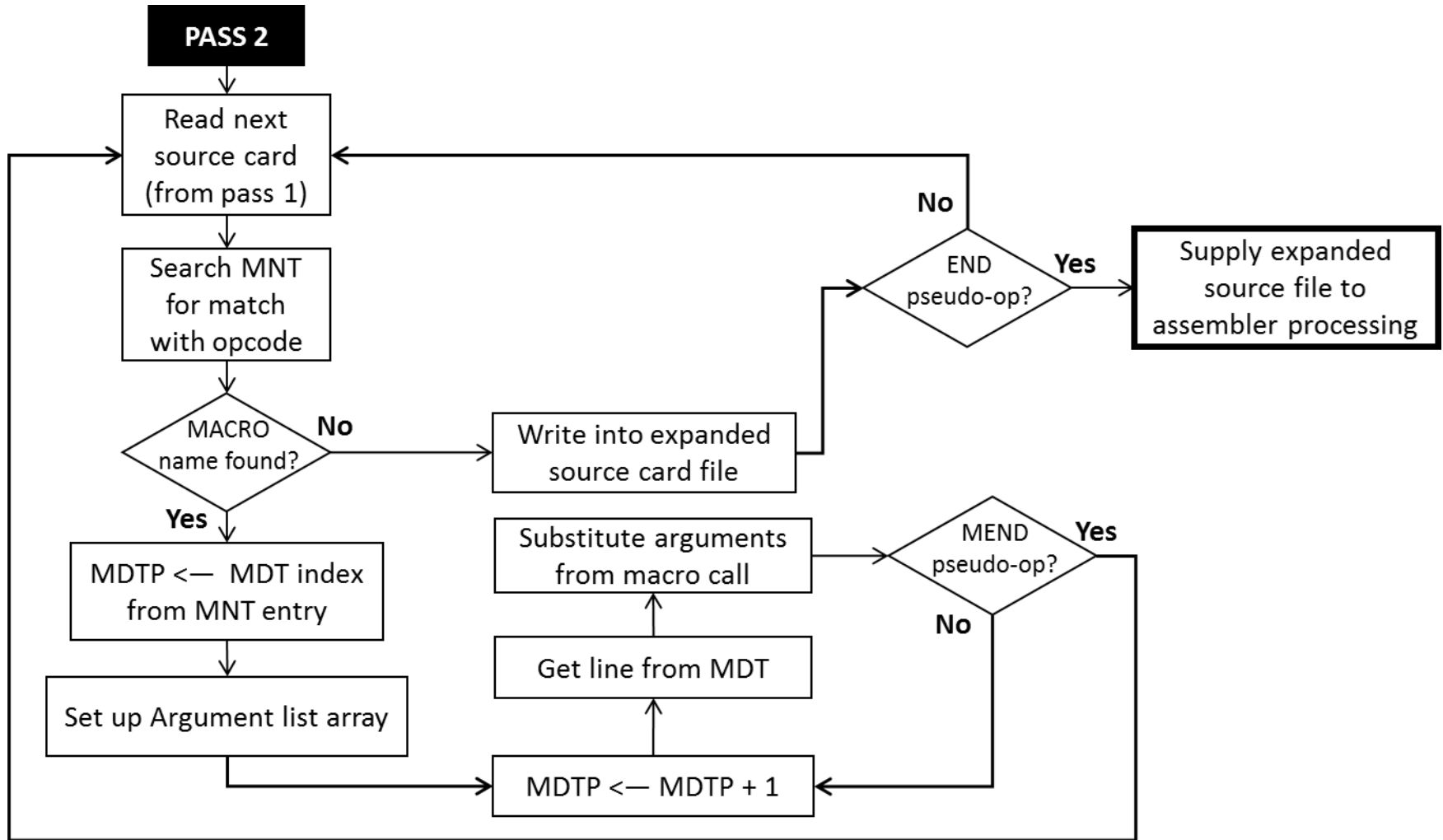
ALA



Macro Pass 1 Flow Chart



Macro Pass 2 Flow Chart



Example

MACRO

&LAB	INCR	&ARG1, &ARG2, &ARG3
&LAB	A	1, &ARG1
	A	2, &ARG2
	A	3, &ARG3

MEND

.

.

LOOP1 INCR DATA1,DATA2,DATA3

.

.

LOOP2 INCR DATA1,DATA2,DATA3

.

.



Example Pass1

MNT

Inde	Card	MDT Index
X	INCRbbbb	1

ALA

Index	Argument
0	&LAB
1	&ARG1
2	&ARG2
3	&ARG3

MD

Index	T	Card
1	&LAB	INCR &ARG1,&ARG2,&ARG3
2	#0	A 1,#1
3		A 2,#2
4		A 3,#3
5		MEND

MDTC	6
MNT	2

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Example Pass 2

MNT

Inde	Card	MDT Index
X	INCRbbbb	1

MD

Index	T Card
2	LOOP1 A 1,DATA1
3	A 2,DATA2
4	A 3,DATA3
5	MEND

ALA

Index	Argument
0	LOOP1bbb
1	DATA1bbb
2	DATA2bbb
3	DATA3bbb

MDTP	5
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University Questions

- Define Macro. Explain macro calls within macro giving example
- What is positional parameter in macro?
- Explain two pass macro processor with flowchart and databases
- Explain the different ways of parameter passing in macros?
- Detail the different features used in macro processing.



Practice Questions

```
ABC      START
          MACRO
          ADD  &ARG1, &ARG2
          L    1, &ARG1
          A    1, &ARG2
          MEND
          MACRO
          SUB  &ARG3, &ARG4
          L    1, &ARG3
          S    1, &ARG4
          MEND
          ADD DATA1, DATA2
          SUB DATA1, DATA2
DATA1     DC    F'9'
DATA2     DC    F'5'
          END
```

