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# HP Key Notes

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# Welcome Aboard!

For slightly over two years, we have been mailing a newsletter, HP-65 KEY NOTE, to HP-65 Users in the United States and in Canada. With the introduction of the HP-67 and HP-97, we decided to go into worldwide circulation of the newsletter. Hence: HP KEY NOTES.

As you look through the newsletter you will notice one concession to worldwide circulation: programs highlighted in HP KEY NOTES have two different numbers. This is done merely to satisfy certain computer peculiarities for the Library in the U.S. and the Library in Europe. It is very important that you use the correct number and order from the right Library. European Library services are extended to Users in Europe, North Africa, and the Middle East. All other countries must order programs from the Library in Corvallis, Oregon. The two addresses are listed on the back cover of HP KEY NOTES.

Notice that we now show the Library address as in Oregon. Since July of 1976 we have been gradually moving people and equipment to our new factory in Corvallis, Oregon. It has been a mammoth undertaking, and we hope that inevitable problems and delays caused by the move have not seriously inconvenienced anyone.

The photo shows our first completed building (on the right) and a second building nearing completion. (It will be finished in February 1977.) The buildings are on a 139-acre site northeast of Corvallis, which is in the beautiful Willamette Valley, about 80 miles south of Portland.

Although there are people and equipment that still must be moved to Oregon, for all practical purposes, we are here to stay, and (except for European areas) you should use only this address for all business.



# **Accessories Update**

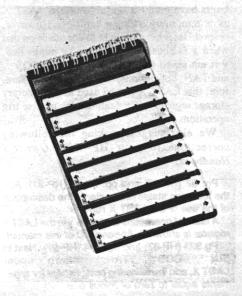
Because some of the accessories for the HP-67/97 calculators can be used for the HP-65, here is an up-to-date report on those accessories.

Foremost on HP-65 owners' "want list" has always been a better method for arranging, storing, and retrieving magnetic cards. Therefore you'll be happy to know that a new HP-67/97 accessory solves that problem. Pictured below is the new Program Card Holder that stores 40 magnetic cards in see-through plastic slots. There's also an open pocket behind each "page" of cards so that you can store notes, instructions, etc. The Program Card Holder can be ordered in three ways:

- A package of three Program Card Holders, model #00097-13142, for \$10.
- One pack of 40 Blank Magnetic Cards plus a Program Card Holder model #00097-13141, for \$20.
- Three packs of 40 Blank Magnetic Cards plus three Program Card Holders, model #00097-13143, for \$45.

Another HP-67/97 accessory you will need in the future is the model #00097-13154 Programming Pad, for \$4.00. It replaces all previous Programming Pads, including the one for the HP-65.

All of these—and other—accessories are available in the U.S. from your local HP dealer, or they can be ordered directly from the factory. In all other countries, these accessories are available from your HP dealer or from the nearest HP sales office. If you order by mail in the U.S., make checks or money orders payable to Hewlett-Packard and be sure to include any state or local taxes.



# **User Feedback**

Here are two items of interest to many of our HP-67/97 Users. They were brought to our attention, so we are passing them on to you to keep you well-informed and up to date.

# SIN-1 AND COS-1 OF SMALL-MAGNITUDE AGRUMENTS

We want to let you know that several HP-67/97 Users have pointed out a few specific argument values for which sin-1 (and to a lesser degree, cos-1) are in error to an extent that could be excessive for some applications. However, these arguments are very small in magnitude and thus infrequently encountered by most Users.

The six specific arguments affected and the resulting errors for  $\sin^{-1} \chi$  are:  $\chi = 0.000003000$  (error 0.6%), 0.000004000 (2.5%), 0.000005000 (4.0%), 0.000006000 (7.0%) 0.000007000 (8.0%), 0.000008000 (11.5%). No other values are affected. Notice that changing the magnitude of the above arguments by as little as  $\pm 0.000000001$  eliminates the larger-than-normal error.

We suggest inserting a note regarding this on page 92 of your HP-67 Owner's Handbook or on page 83 of your HP-97 Owner's Handbook.

# USING LAST X WITH **INVERSE TRIG OPERATIONS**

The LAST X register is primarily intended for error recovery in the event an undesired function is mistakenly executed; i.e., the "opposite" function can be easily executed on the same number, thus conveniently getting the User back to the previous step in the problem. Furthermore, with trigonometric functions, the inverse operation (SIN, SIN-1) can be used to directly return to the previous step in the problem. Thus, LAST X is not essential for easy error recovery when dealing with trig functions

In addition to this use of LAST X, some Users have found it useful to utilize LAST X as a temporary storage register. However, several Users have brought to our attention that when  $\chi$  is equal to either zero or minus one, x is not saved in LAST X for SIN-1, COS-1, and TAN-1 operations. We recommend, therefore, that LAST X not be used as a temporary storage register when dealing with inverse trig operations.

We also suggest making the following corrections to your HP-67/97 Owner's Handbooks.

Pg. 67 (HP-67) and pp. 58-59 (HP-97); Add the following statement to clarify the description of the use of the LAST X register.

A table of operations that save  $\chi$  in the LAST Xregister is shown in Appendix D of this manual. Pg.323 (HP-67) and pg. 294 (HP-97): Next to SIN-1, COS-1, TAN-1 shown under LAST X, add the following note: Except for arguments equal to zero or minus one.

# Library Corner

As of December 15, 1976, there were 5,265 programs logged into the HP-65 Users' Library. As you can see, HP-65 owners continue to find new uses for their calculator, and the Library continues to steadily flourish.

As of December 16, 1976, there were 320 programs logged into the HP-67/97 Users' Library. You will find some of them highlighted under "NEW PROGRAMS." And, of course, a large number of initial programs are the individual programs from the Application

## EUROPEAN LIBRARY NEWS

Although very similar to the Library in the U.S., the European Library is actually part of two "clubs." The official names are "HP-67/ 97 Users' Club-Europe' and the same for the HP-65. The Library operates much the same as the one in the U.S., but differs in the charges for programs and so forth. Of course, there is a somewhat more critical problem there; a total of 14 different currencies are accepted by the Library. Maybe that is why the clubs are located in Switzerland!

There are three applications manuals (no magnetic cards) available in the European area. Two are in French; they are:

- HP-67/97 Surveying Applications Manual #00097-90160
- HP-67/97 Civil Engineering Applications Manual #00097- 90161

The third one is in German; it is:

HP-67/96 Surveying Applications Manual #00097- 90162

These three manuals, each of which contains 13 to 20 programs, are available through your nearest HP sales office or dealer in the German and French speaking areas of Europe.

# German Civil Engineering Software Available

It should be of interest to all Civil Engineers in German-speaking areas that an extensive range of software is available through the two addresses noted below. Both of these sources have already contributed many programs for the HP-65 and have aquired a very good reputation among their colleagues.

Engineer Bureau Heiniger Feldweg 8 Wetzikon/Zurich Switzerland Engineer Bureau Weckmann Am Reulert 6 5100 Aachen

## ORDERING PROGRAMS

Germany

Any program you see in HP KEY NOTES can be ordered from either the Users' Library in Corvallis, Oregon, or from the Users' Library in Geneva, Switzerland. (Both \*In European areas, order by number 00201D.

addresses are on the back cover.) For most of the world, use the program number listed next to the program's title, and order from Corvallis. The only exception is if you live in the European areas; in that case, use the number listed in italic type below the program abstract, and order from Geneva.

Payment for programs must conform with the instructions from your Library area. Always use order forms if possible, and be sure to include any state or local taxes.

# **NEW PROGRAMS**

Following are some interesting programs we've received in the past few months. And, because the HP-67 and HP-97 are in the limelight at present, all the programs listed here are for those calculators. It is also significant that most of the first batch of programs submitted to the Library were games. So that is what you will find here.

We have not listed new HP-65 programs because a new Catalog Update of approximately 2,000 programs was just released. There are, however, two HP-65 programs featured on later pages of this issue. We will feature some new HP-65 programs—perhaps some from Europe or Asia—in the next issue of HP

# Concentration (00266D)\*

The player tries to memorize a random number that is displayed for only 21/2 seconds. If you are successful, a larger number will be displayed; if not, a smaller number will be displayed. Credit is given for each correct digit, and the game ends after three misses. Your score is the total number of correct digits, and it is represented by a description of your ability to remember numbers. It can range from a low ability of "total amnesia" to a high of "eidetic memory" on the scoring chart. Also, a difficulty factor can be entered at the start of any game. (111 steps)

Author: William M. Kolb Upper Marlboro, Maryland

\*In European areas, order by number 00195D.

# Shooting Gallery (00219D)\*

Step right up to the arcade, drop a quarter in the old shooting gallery machine, and try to hit the moving decimal point. You have 12 shots (2 six-guns), but the machine can shoot back! Try to beat the 200-point limit for a free game, but don't let the machine get six or more shots off at you or you lose! (140 steps)

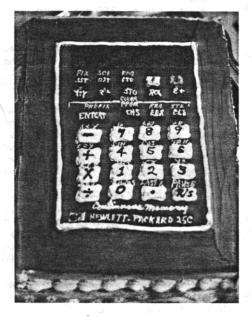
Author: Craig A. Pearce Berwyn, Illinois

# A High-Calory Calculator

Although this is not a programming trick or tip, it is a "far-out" application of HP calculators. Besides, we figured it would both interest and amuse you, and maybe give your spouses an idea for your birthday.

Saturday night, October 30, turned out to be quite a surprising time for Andy Burg of Los Angeles, California. His fiancée, his sister, and some friends had a surprise birthday party for him, and the birthday cake was, to say the least, most extraordinary—as you can see. What you can't see, however, is the amount of consternation caused by the cake. It took three tries by the baker before it came out anywhere near correct! The final layout was accurate except for the "g" functions. But if Mr. Burg's sister had trouble getting an HP-25C cake correct, can you imagine the problem she would have had with the multitudinous functions on the HP-67?

Anyway, the cake was a huge success, and it did feed 30 people at the surprise costume party. And we thank Mr. Burg for sharing the photo with all of our readers.



# Converting HP-65 Programs To The HP-67/97

If you have a lot of HP-65 programs and have purchased an HP-67 or HP-97, you probably want to know how to convert your old programs so you can use them with your new calculator. Remember: Although HP-65 and HP-67/97 blank magnetic cards are interchangeable, you cannot run an HP-65 program in an HP-67/97, or vice versa. The HP-65 uses a 6-bit word to represent program steps and the HP-67/97 uses an 8-bit word to do the same thing. (Also, all operations in the HP-67/97 are merged into single program steps.)

So, for the above reasons, there are some things to remember when you convert

programs. And, although it is usually advantageous to redevelop and rewrite HP-65 programs to utilize the added features of the HP-67/97, many HP-65 programs can be directly converted to the HP-67/97 by using the following guidelines.

1. A subroutine on the HP-67/97 is called with the GSB key.

HP-65	HP-67/97	
LBL A :	LBL A	
· f <sup>-1</sup>		
ln	e <sup>x</sup>	
В	GSB B	
RTN	RTN	

This also illustrates that all commands on the HP-67/97 are merged.

- 2. Keys [\*] SF1 and [\*] TF1 on theHP-65 have been replaced by CLF [1] and F? [1], respectively, on the HP-67/97. Flag 2 on the HP-65 should be replaced by flag 0 on the HP-67/97. This is because flag 2 on the HP-67/97 clears each time it is tested.
- There is no HP-67/97 test for flag off ( [1] TF1 on the HP-65). You should test for flag on, and then reverse the order of the next two commands. For example:

HP-6	55	HP-67/97	
:		au 🗓 💥 🗀 ta itu gal	
$f^{-1}$	Is flag 1	F?1 Is flag 1 on?	
TF1	Off?	GTO 0 Yes, then GTO	0.
GTO	Yes, then	GTO 1 No, then GTO	1.
1	GTO 1	LBL 0	
2	No, multiply	2	
X	by 2 and	<b>X</b>	
	continue		
•		•	

4. Conditionals skip only 1 step, instead of 2, when not satisified. Therefore, in some instances, it may be necessary to call a subroutine in an HP-67/97 program. For example:

HP-65	HP-67/97	
	upos o se obieniesos.	
g x≤y	x≤y?	
	GSB 0 Yes, execute	LBL (
	routine 0	1
		+
	2 Sept. 40. 11 ct	RTN
x steps.	X - 10 sprienpi	
	We as drowed 1 1000	

5. In the HP-65, pressing a user-definable key (A through E) when no such label exists in program memory, causes program execution to begin from the top of memory. Similarily, a GTO (label) within a program when the (label) does not exist transfers control to the top of program memory. On the HP-67/97, every label called must be specified, otherwise Error will appear on the display.

- 6. If an undefined subroutine (say, C) is called in a running HP-65 program, then C will be ignored and the first RTN encountered will act like a NOP. When an undefined subroutine is called on the HP-67/97, Error will appear on the display.
- 7. If a series of label-return programs are in program memory, and execution is started with R/S, the HP-65 will pass through the first return encountered and stop at the second. The HP-67/97, in the same situation, will stop at the first RTN.

 The HP-67/97 does not halt on underflow; it places 0 in the display or register and continues program execution.

The HP-67/97 does not have a NOP (no operation) statement. If it is necessary to have a "filler" step, you may insert a label (e.g., LBL 9), which is never called.

The display formatting of a program is "remembered" on the HP-67/97 magnetic card. The HP-65 command for displaying four decimal places is DSP •
 On the HP-67/97, this is accomplished by pressing FIX DSP 4.

11. There is no DMS- key on the HP-67/97. Instead, change the sign (CHS) of the angle (or time) in the display and add with H.MS+.

of the next two commands. For example:

12. There is no CLEAR STK key on the HP-67/97 because it is usually not essential to program operation. However, if the need arises, pressing CLX ENTER.

ENTER. ENTER. gives the same results.

13. The HP-65 uses R<sub>8</sub> for the DSZ operation, while the HP-67/97 uses I, or can decrement and skip indirectly. The following program sums the integers from 1 to n in decreasing order. Simply key in the value of n and press A.

HP-65	S	HP-67/97
LBL		
A		LBL A
STO 8	$R n \rightarrow R_8$	STO I
0	$0 \rightarrow x$	0
LBL		LBL 1
1		RCL I
RCL 8	3	+
+	$x + R_8 \rightarrow x$	DSZ I
g		GTO 1
	$R_8 - 1 \rightarrow R_8$	
GTO		
1		
RTN	Display sum	

- 14. There is no decimal 

  → octal key on the HP-67/97. If you need this function, you should get program #00173D, Hex-Octal Arithmetic, from the HP-67/97 Users' Library.
- 15. The key for the HP-65 means "do the opposite of the next step." For instance, for means x2 for INT means FRAC, and for LOG is 10x1.

# Equation Keystrokes ONLY!!

(The following program-editing technique was developed by C. Ray Kolker, Engineering Manager for Faxon Communications Corp. in Pasadena, California. Although Mr. Kolker's contribution is copyrighted, he felt it should be shared with the readers of HP KEY NOTES, and we agreed. Therefore, he gave us permission to print his technique for our readers all over the world. Ed.)

# EQUATION KEYSTROKES ONLY REQUIRED TO PROGRAM YOUR HP-65/67/97 PROGRAMMABLES\*

You bought a programmable calculator to save precious time and energy while solving math problems, those ranging from the simple to the very complex. Right? Now, would you like a way to save time and energy in the *use* of your programmable calculator?

I would like to introduce you to a simple, but extremely versatile, time-saving method of program writing. The expressions  $E = mc^2$ ,  $C^2 = A^2 + B^2$ , d = rt,  $X_L = 2\pi fL$ , 1/f = 1/p + 1/q, and DP = N/PD are but a few of the common, oftenused three-variable equations. All require exactly the same control-logic or program control instruction key codes. So, why not generate a simple, *universal*, control-logic program card; read it into program memory; key into memory only the equation keystrokes; then record the entire program (control-logic + equations) onto another program card? For instance:

Key this into memory: (HP-67/97)

LOCATING-LABELS FOR INSERTING EQUATIONS

Record onto a program card:



You have just recorded the control-logic for interchangeable solutions for *all* three-variable equations in *any* discipline!! (Solves for: A in terms of B and C, B in terms of A and C, and C in terms of A and B.) Once you have recorded this card, it can be used over and over again.

The hard part of programming is designing the program control-logic keystroke sequence. So, now that that's behind us (forever, we hope, for this type problem; why keep reinventing the

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wheel?), let's key in the easy part: the equation keystrokes.

# **EQUATION ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS**

PYTHAGOREAN THEOREM SAMPLE EQUATIONS AND KEYSTROKE SEQUENCES

$A = \sqrt{C^2 - B^2}$	$B = \sqrt{C^2 - A^2}$	$C = \sqrt{A^2 + B^2}$
Equation "A" Keystrokes	Equation "B" Keystrokes	Equation "C' Keystrokes
RCL C	RCL C	RCL A
g x²	g x²	g x²
RCL B	RCL A	RCL B
g x²	g x²	g x² +
f√x	f√x	f√x

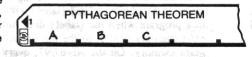
- In RUN mode, insert program card with three-variable, interchangeable-solution, control-logic program.
- 2. Enter equations.

Equation "A"—In RUN mode, press GTO 1. Switch to W/PRGM mode. Code 31 25 01 is displayed. Key Equation "A" keystrokes into program memory. Switch to RUN mode.

Equation "B"—In RUN mode, press GTO 2. Switch to W/PRGM mode. Code 31 25 02 is displayed. Key Equation "B" keystrokes into program memory. Switch to RUN mode.

Equation "C"—In RUN mode, press GTO 3. Switch to W/PRGM mode. Code 31 25 03 is displayed. Key Equation "C" keystrokes into program memory.

3. Record onto a program card:



It's done!! The program is loaded, recorded, and ready to use!

# **TESTING THE FINISHED PROGRAM**

In RUN mode, from the keyboard, perform the following operations:

a) Press 3, then A. 3.00 is displayed.
 Press 4, then B. 4.00 is displayed.

Press C. Answer 5.00 is displayed. Notice that input data is entered through two user-defined keys, such as A and B, and the answer is obtained by pressing C.

Press B. 4.00 is displayed.
 Press A. 3.00 is displayed.

Notice here that this test verifies that each equation is properly entered into program memory. Actually, when you pressed B, then A, you solved for each of them based on the original solution you made for "C" in step a. (All variables, including the answer variable, were stored in step a.)

Since all variables are stored, it is then convenient to modify data without the necessity for keying in that data which remains the same. If you wish to change only the value of "B", ("A" remaining the same), merely key in a new value from the keyboard (digits keys) and press B. Press C for a new answer.

To see how interchangeable solutions work, solve for:

(Note: Let A = 3, B = 4, C = 5.)

- C, entering A first then B, press C for answer (step a).
- C. entering B first then A, press C for answer.
- A, entering B first then C, press A for answer.
- A, entering C first then B, press A for answer.
- 5) B, entering A first then C, press B for answer.
- 6) B, entering C first then A, press B for answer.

This illustrates that data may be entered in any order; i.e., "A" first, then "B", or "B" first, then "A", etc.

Observe the following:

 a) Display information, such as DSP 9, h ENG, etc., may be entered in RUN mode before recording the completed program onto a program card.

(continued)

- b) Locating-labels, LBL's 1, 2, 3, etc., may optionally remain, providing convenience in locating the beginning of each equation in the finished program by pressing GTO 1, GTO 2, GTO 3, etc. in RUN mode, or may be deleted if they are required for other uses.
- c) If erroneous data is entered, the new data entered will write over the old data. Initialization is never required!!
- d) Arithmetic operations may be performed just prior to pressing an "answer" key, but this will make the "answer" key a data input key when it is pressed. Pressing the "answer" key again will make it an "answer" key providing the correct answer.
- Flag 3, and as many storage registers as there are variables are used.

## THERE'S MUCH MORE!!

This program is truly flexible. Look at this!! (Note: Refer to equation entry instructions.)

- Suppose, using the Pythagorean Theorem, you wish only to solve for "C". Merely insert equation "C" into LBL C, using GTO 3. The A and B keys are then data input keys only. C is the "answer" key.
- 2) If you need interchangeable solutions of a two-variable equation such as Volume of a Sphere, V = 4πr³/3, solve algebraically for "r" in terms of "V", then insert equation "r" into LBL A using GTO 1 and equation "V" into LBL B using GTO 2. To use this, enter data through key A or B. B or A becomes an "answer" key. ("LBL C is not used.)
- 3) If you wish to solve one, two, or three independent, two-variable equations such as Volume of a Sphere, just insert equation "V" into LBL A using GTO 1. To use this, merely enter data via key A, then press A again for the answer. The other one- or twoequations would be inserted into LBL's B and C respectively.
- 4) Or suppose you need interchangeable solutions of a five-variable equation, or solutions of two independent equations, one being a three-variable and the other a two-variable equation (such as Pythagorean Theorem and Volume of a Sphere)? Simply expand the three-variable interchangeable-solution program to a fivevariable program by adding LBL's D and E as follows:
  - a) In RUN mode, insert the program card with the three-variable, interchangeablesolution, control-logic program.
  - b) Press GTO.021. Switch to W/PRGM mode. Step 021, code 84 is displayed.
  - c) Key this into memory:

022 f LBL D 029 f LBL E STO E STO D LOCATINGh F? 3 h F? 3 LABELS R/S R/S f LBL 4 f LBL 5 STO E STO D 028 R/S 035 R/S

LBL's A, B, C, D, and E can be used for a five-variable interchangeable-solution problem, or LBL's A, B, and C can be used for the Pythagorean Theorem, while LBL's D and E are used for Volume of a Sphere.

Interchangeable solutions of up to 10 variables are easily accommodated on the HP-67/97 by simple expansion of this basic program! A similar programming technique can also be accomplished on the HP-65.

Enjoy enlarging your personalized program library with this program writing approach: EQUATION KEYSTROKES ONLY!!

# **Users Club Grows**

In just 2½ years, a dedicated group of calculator enthusiasts, inspired and led by **Richard J. Nelson**, have built the *HP-65 Users Club* into a close-knit organization that now includes Users of HP-25/25C/55/65/67/97 programmable calculators.

The club is a volunteer, non-profit, loosely organized, independent, worldwide group of people (now over 1500) who own and use Hewlett-Packard programmable calculators.

The primary objective of the club is to provide a means for HP programmable calculator Users to share their questions, problems, experiences, programs, and professional expertise for the common goal of obtaining the maximum use from their calculators. The club has three main activities:

- Monthly Newsletter. A 10-page (minimum) newsletter called 65 NOTES.
- Membership Identification. Members receive a membership list, which facilitates locating people with similar interests.
- Program Sharing. Members may participate in individual program exchange by adding their program titles and statistics to the "Share-a-Program" data base.

Local chapters have been formed in many U.S. cities and in foreign countries. One of the most active is the German Chapter, which publishes its own newsletter in German; it is called DISPLAY and is edited by Heinrich Schnepf.

For a sample newsletter and information about the club, send a self-addressed, business-size (at least 9" long) envelope with postage attached (two 13c stamps in U.S., 2 ounces foreign postage) to:

HP-65 Users Club Richard Nelson, Editor 2541 W. Camden Place Santa Ana, California 92704, USA

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# **Tips From The Users Club**

These two HP-67 programming tips were recently contributed to the HP-65 Users Club newsletter, 65 NOTES, by Art Leyenberger of Ridgewood, New Jersey. He also sent them to us so they could be shared with HP KEY NOTES readers.

# TESTING REGISTER CONTENTS OF HP-67

Using the REG keys of the HP-67, it takes approximately 59 seconds to test all 25 registers for non-zero contents. The usual procedure is to press REG, which will cause the display of the contents of registers 0 to 9 and 20 to 25. Then, REG must be pressed and REG pressed again to inspect registers 10 to 19 (the secondary registers). This procedure takes about 59 seconds regardless of the contents of the registers themselves.

If all that is needed is to test each register for non-zero contents, a subroutine may be used. This subroutine takes approximately 12 seconds to complete when the content of each register is zero. The maximum time for this subroutine (when all of the registers contain non-zero amounts) will be about 3 minutes.

If many registers contain non-zero values, this subroutine may be impractical. However, if only a few registers contain non-zero values and one wants to quickly locate these specific registers, this subroutine may be helpful.

To use the subroutine, press A. The display will show the register number and contents for all registers that have a non-zero value stored therein. When finished, the display will show 25.00. The subroutine is:

f LBL A	DSP 0
RCL (i)	f -x-
f x≠0	RCL (i)
GTO B	g x=y
f ISZ	R/S
GTO A	f -x-
f LBL B	f ISZ
h RC I	GTO A

# TABULATOR PROGRAM TIPS

Here is a good idea to extend the application of HP-67/97 Standard Pac Tabulator Program, #SD-02A.

It may be desirable when creating tables to reverse the column and row parameters. By inputting the number of columns and pressing A, instead of inputting the number of rows, after the values are entered for each row, the calculator will automatically display the row total. This may be done for each row (for as many rows as you have). Once all of the data has been entered, pressing will result in the column totals being displayed. Naturally, when using this technique with the tabulator program, the maximum number of columns that you may have will be limited to 24.

Since the number of columns that you have is usually a fixed amount and the number of rows may vary, and when the row totals need to be calculated before being written down, I have found that it is more helpful to use this program in this manner. Also, it seems more logical to work across each row, determine the row totals,

and then, when finished calculating, determine the column totals.

Another modification I use with this program (and other programs that I write when the size of the majority of the data to be entered is greater than 1000), is to enter four additional steps after the label A instruction. Starting with line number 28, they are: Enter, EEX, 3, and ×. This procedure allows me to enter the data as multiples of a thousand and lets the program bring the number up to its proper value. For example, the numbers 1000, 25300, 100000, and 750 would be entered as follows: 1, 25.3, 100, and .75. This saves time and reduces the amount of keypressing that I must do. It also helps me to comprehend amounts when I think of them and use them as multiples of a thousand.

# OUTSMARTING THE HP-67 "SMART" CARD READER

When using either the HP-67 or HP-97 programmable calculators, one example of the 'smart" card reader present in both machines is the programming aid of informing the user that there is additional information to be read from or recorded on the other side of the magnetic card (depending upon what mode the calculator is in, either W/PRGM or RUN). When recording a card, if there are more than 112 steps in the program that is currently in program memory or if there are instructions other than R/S after line 112, the display shows Crd. This prompts the user to insert the other side of the card into the card reader slot so that the remaining portion of the program can also be recorded. Likewise, when reading a card, if there is additional information on the other side of the card, after the first pass through the calculator the display will show Crd to signal the user of that fact.

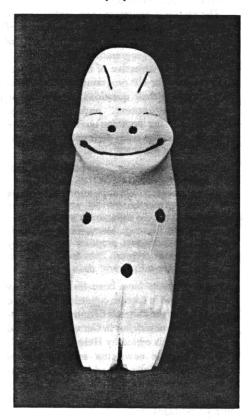
Often, the situtation arises where a program is less than 112 steps long and is recorded on side 1 of a magnetic card. Side 2 of the card may contain data that is necessary to run the program. Unfortunately, if this is the case, when side 1 of the card is read into the calculator, the display will show "0.00" (no prompting occurs). By not seeing **Crd** in the display, the user may forget to read-in side 2. Using the convention of recording a program on side 1 and the data on side 2 of a magnetic card, it would be quite helpful if the card reader would prompt for side 2 when reading a card.

Suppose a program is 90 steps in length and is in the program memory. In the W/PRGM mode, press GTO 113, then GLX. Now record the program onto side 1 of a magnetic card. The calculator will then prompt with Crd in the display. Switch to the RUN mode and press any key to clear the display. Assuming the proper data is stored in the registers, R(0) thru R(9) and R(A) thru R(E), press W/DATA and pass side 2 of the card through the calculator to record the data onto side 2. Now, once the card is clipped on both sides to protect it, whenever side 1 is read into the calculator, the display will show Crd to prompt the user to enter side 2 (which has the data recorded on it).

Although the prompting function of the HP-67/97 is a very useful feature indeed, with the above described technique it becomes even more useful, particularly with non-programming individuals or those who may be unfamiliar with the calculator. This technique proves that the "smart" card reader is in fact smart, but not as smart as the programmer.

# What's A Billiken?

The intense desire to acquire one of our new programmable calculators sometimes produces humorous situations. An example is the following letter—and photo. Will this produce results at the factory? Well, don't count on it. Orders are filled in the sequence received, and all of that depends on availability, the number of orders extant, and the volume of production. And, because we do not just "stamp-out" HP-67's and HP-97's, sometimes you have to wait a while to get one. But, anyway, here's an amusing (and *very* clever!) letter to one of our Customer Service people.



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I pray that his smiling countenance will kindle a warmth that will grow from a tiny spark into a roaring conflagration, and you will bestow upon my kneeling figure one small desire, an HP-97."

# Rapid Reverse Branching Made Easy

Some HP-67/97 owners have asked us for more information about rapid reverse branching as it applies to where a program will branch, based on the negative number stored in the I-register. Well, **Art Leyenberger** of Ridgewood, New Jersey, has come up with a clever idea that should clarify this function. Let's let him tell it in his words.

With regard to the rapid reverse branching capability of the calculator, I would like to offer what I think is a useful aid in determining where a program will branch to, based on the negative number stored in the I-register. For myself, at least, this formula makes the process clearer than that described in the handbook. With this formula, it is easy to determine the line number of a reverse branch instruction simply by plugging in the values of L and (i).

$$L1 = L + (i)$$

Where:

L1 = line number to which program will branch.

L = line number of the GTO or GSB instruction.

(i) = the negative number currently stored in I.

NOTE: If, after calculation of the formula, L1 is a negative number, add 224 to it to obtain the line number to which the program will branch.

# HP-67/97 Programming Tips

After you have read your Owner's Handbook and have mastered the operation of your new HP-67 or HP-97, you'll want to devise clever ways to program various functions. However, because of the nature of programming, everyone isn't likely to think of every way there is to formulate routines. So, in each issue of HP KEY NOTES, we'll try to bring you innovative tips you can use.

# SAVING SPACE WITH REGISTER ARITHMETIC

In many instances, the register arithmetic of the HP-67 and HP-97 can be used to save program steps. For instance, if you needed to calculate:

$$A(x + y^2)$$

$$A(x - y^2)$$

where A is stored in  $R_0$ , x is stored in  $R_1$ , and y is stored in  $R_2$ , you could do it in the stack using the code below.

006 007	RCL A	013 x 014 RTN	$A(x-y^2)$ in $y$
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## ARC TANGENT OF (x/y)

In many applications the arc tangent of the ratio of two quantities (x/y) must be calculated. This is a trivial problem unless the value of y is zero. In this case, the division of x by y would cause an Error, and program execution would halt.

One way to overcome this problem, in any angular mode, is to use the following subroutine instead of  $\div$ ,  $tan^{-1}$ ,

LBL I	
→P	Calculate $\theta(-180 \le \theta \le 180)$ .
R↓	Move $\theta$ to x.
cos )	Test $\theta$ to determine if it is in $2^{nd}$ or $3^{rd}$
x<0	quadrants.
GTO 0	
CLx )	If $\theta$ is in 1 <sup>st</sup> or 4 <sup>th</sup> quadrant, return final
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# THE PRINT/PAUSE OR STOP ROUTINE

The following routine (when called as a subroutine) automatically causes a print/pause of multiple results if the print flag is on, or it permits you to press R/S to obtain each result. See page L08-01 of the HP-67/97 Standard Pac for a description of setting and clearing the print flag.

LBL 9	RTN
F0?	LBL 1
	PRINT x
R/S	RTN

When subroutine 9 is called (GSB 9), flag 0 is tested. If the flag is on, the calculator moves to LBL 1, prints/pauses the display, and then returns to the main program. If flag 0 is off, the calculator stops at R/S. When R/S is pressed from the keyboard, the calculator executes the RTN command, goes back to the main program, and continues execution.

# Reversing The "Sense" Of Test-Cleared Flags F2 & F3

We received the following excellent idea and presentation from Chris Johansen of Auburndale, Massachusetts. If you are having trouble understanding or applying flags, here is an easy-and very clear-application you can study and perhaps use for your programs.

Occasionally, a user of the HP-67/97 would like his/her program to perform a single keystroke if a condition is false. While it is sometimes possible to design the program so that a true flag indicates the condition is false and a false flag indicates the true condition, it is more easily recalled and, for instance, in the case of numeric entry indicated by flag F3, it is sometimes demanded that the flag and the condition it indi-

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009	ST+1	025	*LBL2	041	CHS	055	ST+1	1 770
010	RCL1	026	CHS	042	ST+1	056	RCL1	068
011	PSE	027	*LBL1	843	RCL1	057	PSE	
012	GTOA	028	ST+1	044	PSE	<b>95</b> 8	GTOD	
013	*LBL2	029	RCL1	045	GTGC	413	0100	
014	CHS	030	PSE	943	0100	MAT	61.872	
015	GT01	931	STOR	ro eschi		*	A . Th	

# The "Void" Maker

Here is a note from Tak Y. Lee of Wellesley, Massachusetts. Not everyone has an HP-97, so we added the tape printouts to clarify his idea. When you roll-down the entries in the stack registers, you see only one at a time. The HP-97's tape graphically (and convincingly) shows what happens to the stack registers when you use CLX and Rt to clear the X-register.

and R seem to be two interchangeable keys for clearing the X-register to make way for further computations. In many instances it would seem that CLX is preferable to R. especially when you like to duplicate the contents in the T-register every time you drop the stack. But what you don't want is a "void" in your stack-loop. Don't jump to conclusions until you try the following programs (A & B) and see what key really is the "void" maker.

LBL A	LBL B	LBL 1
4	4	1
ENTER	ENTER	RTN
ENTER	ENTER	N.A. January
ENTER	ENTER	
CLX	R↓	We baye
GSB 1	CCD 4	
RTN	RTN	234 772

The results look all right. But, wait! Print out the stack and compare again. er coddae, it give

So, CLX, after all, is the key that puts a "void" in your stack-loop! As you can see, CLX, if followed

cates have the same logical sense.

As a contrived example, suppose a user wants to write an endless-loop program (or segment) that first presents a "cue" number (7, in this case) to request a possible input, then adds to register R, either the negative of the user's input or a zero, and then displays the current sum. Subroutines A and B, below, show two approaches. Shorter subroutine C takes advantage of the fact that the negative of zero is also zero. Subroutine D illustrates the main point of this letter: If there has been a data entry, F3 is true, and the first F3? clears F3 and performs the very next step, F3?, which, since F3 is clear (false) must skip over the following CLX; if there wasn't any data entry, F3 is already clear, and the first F3? skips a step to the CLX. The effect is to reverse the "DO if TRUE" rule, only clearing X if F3 is false. Finally, subroutine E proves that the shortest program may need to use a different approach.

\*LBLE

PSE

F3?

ST-1

RCL1

PSE

GTOE

by such keys as LBL , GTO , GSB , PES , e	etc., causes
the stack to subsequently "lift" on data	
you get the result shown:	- Parkers

	GSBA		GSBB
001	*LBLA	009	*LBLB
802	4	016	4
003	ENT?	011	ENT1
864	ENT1	012	ENT1
005	ENT†	013	ENT†
006	CLX	014	R4
0.00		4.06	
007	GSB1	015	GSB1
017-	*LBL1	017	*LBL:
018	1	018	1
019	RTN	019	RTN
008	RTH	016	RTH
sansta t	PRST	and a second	PRST
4.03	T	4.00	T.
4.00	Z	4.00	Ż
0.00	Ÿ	4.00	
1.00	X	1.00	
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# Application Pac Corrections

If you own some of our application pacs, check the following corrections and mark them in your copy—or mail in your old card and we will send you a revised card. If your copy is correct, you have a later, revised issue of the book and/or card.

# HP-67/97 MATH PAC 1

The program on the magnetic card for Optimal Scale, Plotting, MA1-04A, contains four more steps than the program listing on pages L04-01 and L04-02; the prerecorded card, however, is correct. Change your book as follows:

On page 04-02, the first sentence of the first paragraph should start with 92, not 96. On the same page, change both "2. Press 670 1 2 8." steps to: "2. Press 670 1 3 2."

On page 04-03, change 128 in step 7 to 132.
On page 04-05, the keystrokes for Example 3 should be: GTO 132.

The labels that have been changed are:

021	LBL 9	071	LBL D
. 13.2744.1	ISZ I	10.74	x<0?
	RCL E		GTO 0
	RCLA	is Pay	INT
	÷		RTN
	GSB D		LBL 0
٠.	RCL A		<b>↑</b>
	X		INT
029	STO 9		x = y?
			RTN
		10871	1
			_
		083	RTN

# If You Like Statistics You'll Love 00755A

Sometimes we receive a program that deserves to be highlighted in HP KEY NOTES. This one truly fits that category. Don't let the old number fool you; this is a complete revision of the original 00755. It is, in fact, a totally different program ... and two programs at that! So, if you are a statistically minded owner of the HP-65, you'll definitely want to order this contribution to the science of statistics.

The author is a professor of Management Science at the Tulane University Graduate School of Business Administration. And, we might add, a very astute HP-65 programmer. **Dr. Beckwith** has contributed 40 programs in the HP-65 Users' Library. Here's the abstract for #00755A.

# Edgeworth Series: Frequency Function and Probability Integral (#00755A)\*

Card 1 "fits" an Edgeworth Series curve (Edgeworth's form of the Gram-Charlier Series

## HP-67/97 E.E. PAC 1

The magnetic card for EE1-09A1, Butterworth or Chebyshev Filter Design, is recorded correctly, but the listing on page L09-01 is one step short. There should be a STO E at step 97; thus, everything from there to the end is pushed down one step.

## HP-67/97 SURVEYING PAC 1

A few of the original prerecorded cards for program SU1-14A, *Predetermined Area*, and the corresponding listing are incorrect. To determine if you have an incorrect card, run Example 1 on page 14-04 (under the heading "Two Sides Parellel"). If running the example results in an **Error** display after the area 36000.0000 is displayed, you have an incorrect card. A corrected card can be obtained by sending your old card to *Customer Support* (U.S. address on back cover).

Meanwhile, mark the following changes in your book, on pages L14-01 and L14-02.

Line Number	Change
058	Delete SPC
115	Change R/S to GTO 3
Between 136 and 137	Insert LBL 3
196	Change STO 5 to STO C
201	Change STO 2 to STO B

To check for another possible error, load data card SU1-17A3 (both sides) and press PES RCL 9. The number displayed should be: 1047.546710. (We have found some cards with: 1048.546710.) If your card is incorrect, send it back to us (see above) and we will mail back a correct card.

of Type A), based on the first four population or sample moments, and delivers the ordinate of the resulting frequency function. Card 2 delivers the ordinate of the corresponding distribution function, or probability integral. Provision is made for the automatic entry of (sample) parameter data following the use of the "Four Moments" program. (Catalog number 00754A, Four Moments, Skewness, Excess, Kurtosis—also one of Dr. Beckwith's programs.)

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# **One More Time!**

We have published many routines on the HP-65's firmware conversions, f→D.MS and f<sup>-1</sup>→D.MS, because the HP-65 firmware many times does not give the angle to the nearest second in f→D.MS conversion. And, of course, it gives *no more* than seconds. But many people need to work to the nearest second and some to finer than that.

Well, **Bob Edelen** of Aurora, Colorado, has found much shorter routines than those previously published in KEY NOTE. If you use these conversions, study the routines carefully. They should do the job for you. And think about Mr. Edelen's final sentence in his letter to us: "Maybe some user has a better and shorter way."

TO D.MS	6 (or H.MS)*	FROMD	.MS (or H.MS)*
LBL	23	LBL	23
Α	11	В	12
ENTER	41	EEX	43
f	31	4	04
→D.MS	03	X	71
STO 1	33 01	f-1	32
f <sup>−1</sup> s fs	32	INT	83
→D.MS	03	g LSTx	35 00
- Transpart	51	f	31
	83	INT	83
3	03	EEX	43
6	06	4	04
X	71	÷	81
RCL 1	34 01	f-1	32
+	61	→D.MS	03
RTN	24	g x→y	35 07
*Must be	in	3	03
degree	mode.	6	06
		0	00
		0	00
		÷	81
		+	61
		RTN	24
		*Must be	in
		degree r	mode.

# Machine Design On The HP-65

Here is the abstract of a program (actually, three programs in one) that was featured in KEY NOTE over a year ago. We present it again because the "B" revision makes it enormously better than it already was in the original version. If you are remotely interested in this subject, or in machine design in general, you'll want to investigate this program. And, as an added attraction, the documentation is among the very best in the Library.

# Synchronous Belt Indexer (Order #03801B)\*

These iterative programs compute the geometric parameters for incremental motion transmissions, using a constant angle driver such as a stepping motor or Geneva drive mechanism, synchronous (toothed) belt and pulleys, chain and sprockets, or gear and rack. Examples commonly used include: production-line work-positioners, punched-card/paper-tape indexers, and step-and-repeat mechanisms. Program 1 solves step-angle/pulley-size combinations with linear/step increment within user-defined limit-of-error. Prgrams 2 and 3 include an Error Warning for center distances less than the minimum center distance.

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# **More COGO Comments**

Several issues ago we printed an article about Carl M. King's "COGO-6500 Series of Coordinate Geometry Calculations for Surveyors." Some of you purchased these programs and made comments that the programs were written to accept azimuth only and not bearing and distance directly. So we asked Mr. King to write a reply and, so, for the benefit of our U.S. and Canadian readers, here is that letter.

I have endeavored to make the COGO programs as instructive and as easy to use as possible, within the limitations of a very small yet remarkably capable little computer. I call it a "computer" because it is programmable and is able to carry out relatively complicated instructions.

The COGO programs provide you with a virtually complete system of surveying calculations. The North-South, East-West system of coordinates provides the mapmaker with a precise method of plotting points on the flat drawing board. However, the measurements obtained by the surveyors in the field are obtained in a different form. Through the medium of the COGO programs we are able to take the raw data and convert it for the mapmaker. We are able to manipulate the data back and forth in a twinkling, and discover useful relationships, such as points of intersection, distances between intersections, and slopes of lines, all necessary and useful to the mapmaker.

In designing such a system the problem is twofold. We not only have to program the computer, but we have to "document" the program, which means we have to provide a training course for the User. The more complex a program is, the more extensive must be the documentation. In this particular case there is a communication gap in regards to the reading of angular directions or "headings." A "heading" is a general term for the direction in which you are proceeding. Headings can take several different forms depending on your habits and background. However, you need to communicate with a little handheld calculator, and it is much more economical and more convenient for you, in the long run, to learn to speak its language than it would be to program it to speak yours.

In the case of "bearings" VS "azimuths" we have several things going for us:

- 1. They are both expressed in the same units.
- 2. At least half of the time they both use North as the starting point.
- The calculator interprets plus (+) and minus (-) signs in a significant and predictable fashion.

It is this item 3 that gives the clue and the cue for communicating with the calculator. A bearing actually consists of an angle and a distance. You may attach a (+) or a (-) sign to the angle, and you may attach a (+) or a (-) sign to the distance. This provides four combinations, and enables you to specify the quadrant while entering the actual numerical bearings into the calculator.

Using a negative distance may seem unnatural to you at first, but it actually works. Just keep in mind that CCW angles are negative; and, for the S'ly quadrants, oppositely facing distances are negative. (The calculator calculates all its angles from the NORTH.) The qualified sur-

veyor will be quick to realize that going SW, for example, is just the opposite of going NE, and giving the calculator a negative distance is all that is required to designate the difference. I pointed this out in the COGO instructions in the form of a HINT. Maybe I should have enlarged on it a little more.

The other alternative of identifying the quadrant by number would have required the utilization of numerous program steps, and would have robbed the COGO programs of much of their convenience.

# A Positive Error?

In the last KEY NOTE, on page 4, there was a small error in the article "Are Flags (+) or (-)?" In the second line of the table, in the third column, there's a notation: [1] [752] (+). It was quite obvious that the (+) should have been a (-), and we feel sure that most people realized that when they read the article. We hope the error did not cause any confusion.

# A Better Way To Do Tan-1

This programming idea came from Tak Y. Lee of Wellesley, Massachusetts. If you haven't already discovered it by yourself, you'll find it very useful.

Dear Editor:

The HP-65 has no way to distinquish  $\tan^{-1}(-y/x)$  from  $\tan^{-1}(y/-x)$  if the arc tangent function is done with the [1] TAN keys. A better way to do it is to use the [1] R+P keys as follows:

(y including sign) ENTER (x including sign) f R→P g R↓

This way, for example,  $\tan^{-1}(-1/1) = -45^{\circ}$  and  $\tan^{-1}(1/-1) = 135^{\circ}$ , but  $\tan^{-1}(-1)$  is always  $-45^{\circ}$  when you use the  $\boxed{\phantom{0}}$ 

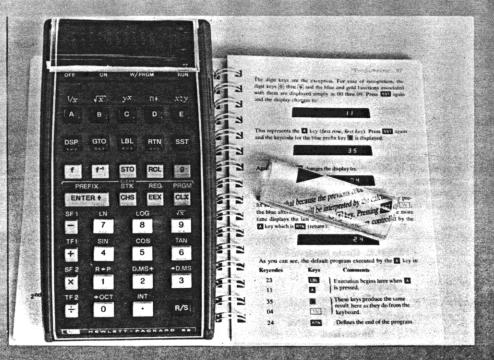
# **Bigger Than Life!**

If special requirements or applications make it necessary for you to photograph the display on your calculator, you might have some difficulty recording (on black and white film) the red LED numbers. Particularly when you also want to include the keyboard or the entire calculator. When you move the camera back in order to frame the entire calculator, the display is reduced in size, and the display is less brilliant because of the increased distance.

Mr. W.W. Trotti of Cayce, South Carolina, has found one solution to the problem. As you can see in the accompanying photograph, his modification greatly magnifies the display and

does not require altering the calculator. He used a Bausch & Lomb reading glass (which is made of clear plastic), cut it on a bandsaw to fit the HP-65, and mounted it over the display with double-backed (double-stick) adhesive tape.

Although Mr. Totti's "magnifier" does work and will double the size of the display, it does significantly cut down on the viewing angle at which you can easily read the displayed numbers. So, unless you need the increased size for photographic purposes or because of failing eyesight, you really don't need this modification. Also, another caution is that you cannot get the calculator in its case if you leave the magnifier on it.



(continued from page 2)

# Bell-Fruit Slot Machine (00218D)\*

A much-improved version of the HP-65 "Bell-Fruit" program, this program will simulate a Mills brand, 10-cent slot machine, both in standard payoffs as well as in precisely duplicating the same odds in which any particular combination will occur. It includes automatic recall of winnings by one key, a delayed action tumbler display, and a prestored seed for quick game start-up. (112 steps)

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\*In European areas, order by number 00202D.

Now, here is a series of five "word-game" programs from the inimitable word-game mastermind, John R. Rausch, of Franklin, Ohio. Many of Mr. Rausch's HP-65 wordgame programs were best sellers, and we are sure you will find these equally-probably even more-interesting. All of these programs utilize a keyboard overlay for alphabetic instead of numeric entries, and they are exceptionally well-documented and legible. And before you rush to order any one program, read the following abstracts carefully: some programs are dependent on others—as subroutines. In fact, you should order the "Word Game Subroutine" if you are interested in any of the programs.

# Word Encoder (#00253D)\*

This program is used to encode words into

a string of up to 50 positions and to write this string onto a data card to be used by such word games as "Word Bagles" (program #00255D), "Probe" (#00256D), and "Hangman" (#00257D). If you intend to write your own word game using this program to encode the words, you should also order the "Word Game Subroutine" (#00254D) to decode them. (139 steps)

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# Word Game Subroutine (#00254D)\*

The purpose of this subroutine is to interface word game programs with data-card words created by the program titled "Word Encoder" (program #00253D). Using this subroutine allows the programmer to concentrate on the mechanics of the game without having to program the entry of encoded words into his logic. One use of this subroutine may be found in the "Hangman Word Game" (#00257D). (90 steps)

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# Word Bagles (#00255D)\*

"Word Bagles" is a game in which you try to guess a three- to five-letter word. When you enter your guess word, you are given a clue that tells the number of letters you have guessed in their correct position and the number of letters you have guessed but have in the wrong position. This program also uses cards created by the "Word Encoder" program (#00253D). It will not function without the "Word Game Subroutine" (#00254D), which is not included and must be purchased separately. (194 steps)

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# Probe Word Game (#00256D)\*

"Probe" is a two-player game in which players compete against each other while trying to guess a word one letter at a time. Points are awarded for correct guesses. The word can have blanks on either end; however, a penalty is given for an incorrect blank guess. This program uses data cards created by the "Word Encoder" program (#00253D). It will not function without the "Word Game Subroutine" (#00254D), which is not included and must be purchased separately.

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# Hangman Word Game (#00257D)\*

This program uses words on a data card created by the "Word Encoder" program (#00253D) to play "Hangman" with you. After being told the number of letters, you try to discover the word by guessing letters. After each guess you are told the positions in the word in which that letter appears, plus the number of wrong guesses made so far. It will not function without the "Word Game Subroutine" (#00254D), which is not included and must be purchased separately.

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