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1. Purpose

To provide a subroutine to compute for a given argument  $x$ , all significant orders of Bessel functions of the first kind  $J_n(x)$ .

2. Restrictions

The argument  $x$  must be in the range  $0 < x < 207.0631$ .

3. Method

3.1 From the value of the argument  $x$ , a starting order is determined from the relationship:

$$n_s = 7 + (65.518x + 1.1765x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (\text{truncated to a multiple of } 4)$$

The value  $n_s$ , which is given in Table I as a function of  $x$ , is the total number of orders generated for argument  $x$ , and may be defined as the smallest multiple of 4 that satisfies the inequality:

$$J_n(x) < 1 \times 10^{-11} \quad \text{for all } n \geq n_s$$

Arbitrary values of 2 and 0, respectively, are assigned to  $J_{n_s}(x)$  and  $J_{n_s+1}(x)$ . The subroutine then computes all orders down to and including  $J_0(x)$  successively from the recurrence relation:

$$J_{n-1}(x) = \left( \frac{2n}{x} \right) J_n(x) - J_{n+1}(x)$$

The resulting table of  $n_s$  unnormalized Bessel functions, from  $J_0(x)$  to  $J_{n_s-1}(x)$ , inclusive, is then corrected by dividing each entry

by a normalization constant N determined from the unnormalized values in the following way:

$$N = J_0(x) + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} J_{2i}(x)$$

with the summation terminating with the term  $J_{n_s}(x)$ . Actually, in the subroutine, the summation is accumulated as the unnormalized Bessel functions are generated.

### 3.2 Accuracy

The accuracy of the  $J_n(x)$  functions obtained with this subroutine depends upon the portion of the particular Bessel function in question.

#### 3.2.1 Monotonic Region ( $x < n$ )

Since in this region the  $J_n(x)$  functions contain no zeros (except at the origin), the concept of relative error is to be preferred. The relative error in this region is smallest at the order nearest  $x$ , and gradually rises smoothly, for successively higher orders, until an order about 5 or 6 below the highest computed order ( $n_s - 1$ ) is reached. From this point to the highest computed order, the relative error rapidly increases and is largest for the highest order.

Typical errors for this region are as follows:

RELATIVE ERROR FOR VARIOUS ORDERS ( $x < n$ )

x	n	relative error	good* decimal places	n	relative error	good* decimal places	highest n	relative error	good* decimal places
1	1	$0.1 \times 10^{-10}$	11	5	$0 \times 10^{-16}$	14	11	$0.03 \times 10^{-4}$	16
6	6	3.7 "	10	17	13	15	23	2.6	15
12	12	4.6 "	10	29	16	18	35	8.8	16
18	18	6.4 "	10	37	22	17	43	21.0	15
24	24	8.4 "	10	45	37	17	51	36.0	15

\*Last place agreement within two units.

Lack of adequate reference tables prevents an extension of the foregoing table to higher values of  $x$ .

### 3.2.2 Oscillating region ( $x > n$ )

In this region, the  $J_n(x)$  functions are periodic with distances between zeros of 3-9 units in  $x$  depending upon the order. Thus absolute error appears to be a more useful measure in this region.

The absolute error of the  $J_n(x)$  functions as computed by this subroutine is highest in the vicinity of the zeros, and lowest in the vicinity of the maximums and minimums. An analysis of the errors in the vicinities of the zeros reveals that the average error obtained may be expressed

$$|\text{average absolute error}| \sim (3 + 0.21x)10^{-10} \text{ in the vicinity of the zeros}$$

The errors obtained in the vicinity of zeros have considerable scatter, and maximum errors may be twice the mean error approximated above. In addition, when the derivatives of the function in the vicinity of the zero is positive, the calculated values given by this subroutine are nearly always greater than the true values and vice versa. Although the above expression for the zero-vicinity error was derived principally from  $J_0(x)$  and  $J_{20}(x)$  data, it appears to be applicable for all orders given by this subroutine.

The average error in the vicinity of the maxima and minima of the  $J_n(x)$  functions appears to be more or less independent of both  $x$  and the order  $n$ . Typical absolute errors have been observed to be about  $3 \times 10^{-11}$  with maximum errors less than  $6 \times 10^{-11}$ .

#### 4. Usage

4.1 The argument must be a floating point number in the A and R registers.

#### 4.2 Calling sequence

$\alpha$  ) FCA argument  
TRA  $L_0$   
 $\alpha + 1$ ) PZE  $NMAX_8$   
PZE  $NREQ_8$   
 $\alpha + 2$ ) Error return  
Normal return

#### 4.3 Explanation of symbols

4.3.1  $NMAX_8$  is an octal interger (at binary point 18) that serves to specify the storage allocation of the  $J_n(x)$  table.  $NMAX_8$  normally has the value  $400_8$ , which provides for storing the maximum of  $256_{10}$  orders (from  $J_0$  to  $J_{255}$ , inclusive) designed for this subroutine.  $J_0$  is always stored at location  $L_0 + 0300_8$ ,  $J_1$  at location  $L_0 + 0302_8, \dots, J_{255}$  at location  $L_0 + 1276_8$ .

If a user knows that his arguments will never exceed 100, for example, then reference to Table I shows that  $140_{10}$  orders will be generated (from  $J_0$  to  $J_{139_{10}}$ , inclusive), or in octal  $214_8$  orders will be generated. Thus by setting  $NMAX_8 = 214_8$ , twice this number (2 locations are required per order) or  $430_8$  locations are reserved for the  $J_n$  table. Two objectives are therefore accomplished:

- a. Memory locations starting with location  $L_0 + 0730_8$  are unused and are thus available for other purposes.

- b. Arguments in excess of 101.4945 (from Table I) will cause an error return.

4.3.2 This subroutine normally computes all significant orders for a given argument  $x$ , with the total number of orders computed given in Table I as a function of  $x$ . For this normal type of operation,  $NREQ_8$ , an octal integer (at binary point 38) should be set to zero.

But if, for example, a type of problem arises where say the first  $20_{10}$  orders are always required, regardless of the value of  $x$ , then  $NREQ$  may be set to  $0024_8$ . The subroutine calculates the normal starting order, and then raises it, if necessary, in jumps of 4 to provide a starting order of from 4-7 higher orders than that specified by  $NREQ$ . This assures that all orders up to and including that specified by  $NREQ$  will be obtained to the full accuracy of the subroutine.

4.4.1 Error return is implemented when the argument is zero, negative, or exceeds the limits imposed by  $NMAX$  (see example in 4.3.1.b). The error return is made with the argument  $x$  in the A and R registers.

4.4.2 Normal return is made with the address of the highest order computed in the accumulator at binary point 38. The highest order itself ( $n_8-1$ ) is displayed as a decimal integer.

4.5 The subroutine is relocatable. Relocation subroutine RUG 1075 is included on the tape.

4.6 The subroutine destroys the L and V loops.

4.7 Options available are discussed in 4.3.1 and 4.3.2.

## 5. Coding Information

5.1 The subroutine occupies three tracks or  $192_{10}$  words. The  $J_n$  table always starts with  $J_0$  at location  $L_0 + 0300_8$  and extends up to a maximum value of  $J_{255}$  at  $L_0 + 1276_8$ .

5.2 Unused locations. A total of 13 locations are unused as follows:

L<sub>o</sub> + 0003  
0006  
0021  
0022  
0101  
0111  
0121  
0127  
0141  
0151  
0215  
0223  
0277

5.3 Locations used for temporary storage total 10 as follows:

L<sub>o</sub> + 0010  
0011  
0013  
0023  
0075  
0076  
0077  
0150  
0251  
0252

5.4 Constants (floating point)

1.1765	L <sub>o</sub> + 0136
2	0216
65.518	0226
7	0270

Constants (fixed point)

10 at 39	L <sub>o</sub> + 0212
0	0214

5.5 Execution time. The execution time for the subroutine depends upon the number of orders generated and is approximately as follows:

$$t = n_s/10 \quad \text{where } n_s \text{ is the number of orders generated}$$

## 6. Checkout

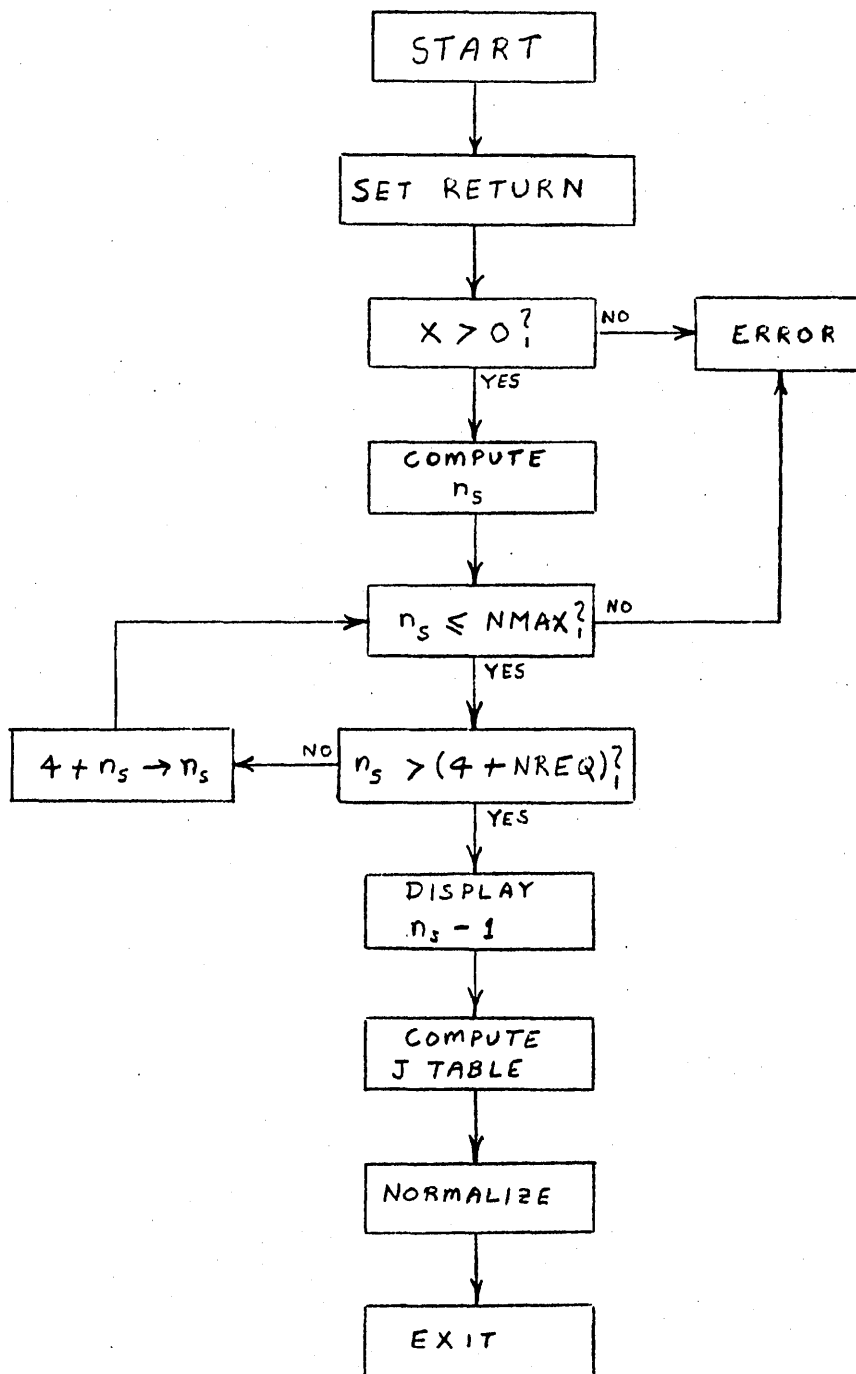
To check out this subroutine, numerous comparisons were made with the classic tables of Bessel functions. The accuracy figures given in 3.2 stemmed from an analysis of these comparisons. Reference tables include:

- a. Meissel's 18-decimal table of  $J_n(x)$  at unit interval in  $x$  up to  $x = 24$  as reprinted in Gray, Mathews, and MacRobert, "A Treatise on Bessel Functions," second edition, London, Macmillan, 1922.
- b. Harvard Computation Laboratory. Tables of the Bessel functions of the first kind, 12 vol. 1947-1951. Gives, for  $x$  less than 100, 18 decimal values for  $n = 0$  to  $n = 3$ , inclusive, and 10 decimal values for all higher orders. Interval in  $x$  ranges from 0.001 to 0.1.



TABLE I

<u>x</u>	<u><math>r_g</math></u>	<u>x</u>	<u><math>n_g</math></u>	<u>x</u>	<u><math>n_g</math></u>
0.	8	69.3458	108	159.5463	208
0.3790	12	72.8845	112	163.1939	212
1.2100	16	76.4336	116	166.8431	216
2.4699	20	79.9920	120	170.4936	220
4.1080	24	83.5587	124	174.1456	224
6.0695	28	87.1332	128	177.7987	228
8.3018	32	90.7145	132	181.4532	232
10.7580	36	94.3022	136	185.1087	236
13.3980	40	97.8957	140	188.7654	240
16.1889	44	101.4945	144	192.4230	244
19.1037	48	105.0982	148	196.0817	248
22.1207	52	108.7063	152	199.7413	252
25.2226	56	112.3186	156	203.4018	256
28.3952	60	115.9348	160	207.0631	
31.6273	64	119.5545	164		
34.9097	68	123.1774	168		
38.2348	72	126.8035	172		
41.5966	76	130.4324	176		
44.9899	80	134.0639	180		
48.4106	84	137.6980	184		
51.8551	88	141.3343	188		
55.3205	92	144.9729	192		
58.8042	96	148.6135	196		
62.3042	100	152.2560	200		
65.8186	104	155.9003	204		
69.3458		159.5463			



FLOW CHART FOR  $J_n(x)$

CODING SHEETS

0000.0	+15.7764.0	SAX	0020.0	+35.7772.0	FST
	+57.0012.0	TRA		+57.0034.0	TRA
0001.0	+00.7774.0	CLA	0021.0	-00.0000.0	---
	+22.7772.0	DIV		-00.0000.0	---
0002.0	+50.0115.0	TZE	0022.0	-00.0000.0	---
	+57.0113.0	TRA		-00.0000.0	---
0003.0	-00.0000.0	---	0023.0	+00.0000.0	---
	-00.0000.0	---		-00.0000.0	---
0004.0	+07.7772.0	FMP	0024.0	+35.7766.0	FST
	+57.0172.0	TRA		+57.0040.0	TRA
0005.0	+30.0010.0	FCA	0025.0	+30.7776.0	FCA
	+57.0016.0	TRA		+57.0142.0	TRA
0006.0	-00.0000.0	---	0026.0	+06.7774.0	FSB
	-00.0000.0	---		+57.0055.0	TRA
0007.0	+50.7770.0	STO	0027.0	+00.0000.0	---
	+57.0025.0	TRA		-00.0000.1	---
0010.0	+00.0000.0	---	0030.0	+30.7776.0	FCA
	-00.0000.0	---		+57.0041.0	TRA
0011.0	+00.0000.0	---	0031.0	+30.7760.0	FCA
	-00.0000.0	---		+57.0144.0	TRA
0012.0	+01.0015.0	ADD	0032.0	+30.7776.0	FCA
	+57.0126.0	TRA		+57.0045.0	TRA
0013.0	+00.0000.0	---	0033.0	+35.7760.0	FST
	-00.0000.0	---		+57.7772.1	TRA
0014.0	+05.7776.0	FDV	0034.0	+30.7766.0	FCA
	+57.0103.0	TRA		+57.0044.0	TRA
0015.0	+30.7760.0	FCA	0035.0	+03.0037.0	SUB
	+57.0001.1	TRA		+57.0146.0	TRA
0016.0	+43.0000.0	XAR	0036.0	+43.0000.0	XAR
	+57.0225.0	TRA		+57.0046.0	TRA
0017.0	+35.7762.0	FST	0037.0	+57.0001.0	---
	+57.0031.0	TRA		-20.7535.0	---

0040.0	+30.7776.0	FCA	0060.0	+43.0000.0	XAR
	+57.0050.0	TRA		+57.0001.0	TRA
0041.0	+35.7774.0	FST	0061.0	+36.7773.1	DIS
	+57.0052.0	TRA		+57.0221.0	TRA
0042.0	+06.7774.0	FSB	0062.0	+30.7764.0	FCA
	+57.0071.0	TRA		+57.0072.0	TRA
0043.0	+35.0010.0	FST	0063.0	+30.7772.0	FCA
	+57.0057.0	TRA		+57.0074.0	TRA
0044.0	+35.7776.0	FST	0064.0	+35.7776.0	FST
	+57.0054.0	TRA		+57.0174.0	TRA
0045.0	+35.7774.0	FST	0065.0	+06.7760.0	FSB
	+57.0062.0	TRA		+57.0153.0	TRA
0046.0	+66.0250.0	CTV	0066.0	+04.0010.0	FAD
	+57.0065.0	TRA		+57.0143.0	TRA
0047.0	+03.0051.0	SUB	0067.0	+35.7764.0	FST
	+57.0160.0	TRA		+57.0102.0	TRA
0050.0	+35.7774.0	FST	0070.0	+00.0004.0	---
	+57.0063.0	TRA		-00.0010.0	---
0051.0	+30.7607.1	---	0071.0	+35.7764.0	FST
	+77.7777.1	---		+57.0105.0	TRA
0052.0	+30.7762.0	FCA	0072.0	+35.7776.0	FST
	+57.0064.0	TRA		+57.0004.0	TRA
0053.0	+60.7773.0	STO	0073.0	+06.0076.0	FSB
	+57.0001.0	TRA		+57.0120.0	TRA
0054.0	+07.7772.0	FMP	0074.0	+06.0076.0	FSB
	+57.0042.0	TRA		+57.0020.0	TRA
0055.0	+35.7760.0	FST	0075.0	+00.0000.0	---
	+57.0066.0	TRA		-00.0000.0	---
0056.0	+00.7770.0	CLA	0076.0	+00.0000.0	---
	+57.0166.0	TRA		-00.0000.0	---
0057.0	+30.7772.0	FCA	0077.0	+00.0000.0	---
	+57.0073.0	TRA		-00.0000.0	---

0100.0	+30.7772.0	FCA	0120.0	+35.7772.0	FST
	+57.0110.0	TRA		+57.0032.0	TRA
0101.0	-00.0000.0	---	0121.0	-00.0000.0	---
	-00.0000.0	---		-00.0000.0	---
0102.0	+30.7766.0	FCA	0122.0	+04.0226.0	FAD
	+57.0014.0	TRA		+57.0171.0	TRA
0103.0	+35.7766.0	FST	0123.0	+35.7762.0	FST
	+57.0114.0	TRA		+57.0244.0	TRA
0104.0	+04.7772.0	FAD	0124.0	+41.0001.0	ALS
	+57.0130.0	TRA		+57.0240.0	TRA
0105.0	+04.0010.0	FAD	0125.0	+05.7776.0	FDV
	+57.0043.0	TRA		+57.0017.0	TRA
0106.0	+40.0000.0	---	0126.0	+60.0075.0	STO
	-00.0000.0	---		+57.0047.0	TRA
0107.0	+00.0000.0	---	0127.0	-00.0000.0	---
	-00.0024.0	----		-00.0000.0	---
0110.0	+07.7776.0	FMP	0130.0	+35.7772.0	FST
	+57.0176.0	TRA		+57.0140.0	TRA
0111.0	-00.0000.0	---	0131.0	+41.0043.0	ALS
	-00.0000.0	---		+01.7773.0	ADD
0112.0	+00.7767.0	CLA	0132.0	+40.0004.0	ARS
	+57.0154.0	TRA		+57.0053.0	TRA
0113.0	+43.0000.0	XAR	0133.0	+07.0136.0	FMP
	+57.0131.0	TRA		+57.0122.0	TRA
0114.0	+30.7762.0	FCA	0134.0	+60.7773.0	STO
	+57.0125.0	TRA		+57.0061.0	TRA
0115.0	+43.0000.0	XAR	0135.0	+03.7777.0	SUB
	+41.0043.0	ALS		+57.0247.0	TRA
0116.0	+01.7773.0	ADD	0136.0	+45.5136.0	---
	+57.0134.0	TRA		-65.1770.0	---
0117.0	+00.7766.0	CLA	0137.0	+00.0000.0	---
	+57.0135.0	TRA		-00.0000.1	---

0140.0	+07.7776.0	FMP	0160.0	+60.0023.0	STO
	+57.0026.0	TRA		+57.0170.0	TRA
0141.0	-00.0000.0	---	0161.0	+35.7763.0	FST
	-00.0000.0	---		+57.0173.0	TRA
0142.0	+35.7774.0	FST	0162.0	+00.7764.0	CLA
	+57.0152.0	TRA		+57.0145.0	TRA
0143.0	+35.0010.0	FST	0163.0	+04.0270.0	FAD
	+57.0056.0	TRA		+57.0175.0	TRA
0144.0	+05.7776.0	FDV	0164.0	+35.7776.0	FST
	+57.0033.0	TRA		+57.0274.0	TRA
0145.0	+35.7760.0	FST	0165.0	+30.7764.0	FCA
	+57.0156.0	TRA		+57.0200.0	TRA
0146.0	+50.0013.0	STO	0166.0	+03.0070.0	SUB
	+57.0152.0	TRA		+57.0177.0	TRA
0147.0	+01.7770.0	ADD	0167.0	+50.0075.0	TZE
	+57.7762.0	TRA		+57.0133.0	TRA
0150.0	+00.0000.0	---	0170.0	+41.0024.0	ALS
	-00.0000.0	---		+57.0035.0	TRA
0151.0	-00.0000.0	---	0171.0	+07.7760.0	FMP
	-00.0000.0	---		+57.0161.0	TRA
0152.0	+30.7760.0	FCA	0172.0	+06.7774.0	FSB
	+57.0164.0	TRA		+57.0220.0	TRA
0153.0	+35.7776.0	FST	0173.0	+44.7763.0	FSQ
	+57.0165.0	TRA		+57.0163.0	TRA
0154.0	+56.0260.0	CTV	0174.0	+34.0076.0	FCS
	+57.7771.0	TRA		+57.0104.0	TRA
0155.0	+33.0157.0	EXT	0175.0	+04.0106.0	FAD
	+57.0273.0	TRA		+57.0272.0	TRA
0156.0	+51.0075.0	TMI	0176.0	+06.7774.0	FSB
	+57.0167.0	TRA		+57.0024.0	TRA
0157.0	+00.0000.0	---	0177.0	+51.0005.0	TMI
	-77.7777.0	---		+57.0007.0	TRA

0200.0	+05.7775.0	FDV	0220.0	+35.7762.0	FST
	+57.0067.0	TRA		+57.0030.0	TRA
0201.0	+00.0000.0	CLA	0221.0	+30.7776.0	FCA
	+64.0300.0	CTL		+57.0241.0	TRA
0202.0	+57.0165.0	TRA	0222.0	+64.0230.0	CTL
	+65.0300.0	CFL		+57.0147.0	TRA
0203.0	+60.7766.0	STO	0223.0	-00.0000.0	---
	+57.0013.0	TRA		-00.0000.0	---
0204.0	+04.7772.0	FAD	0224.0	+40.0002.0	ARS
	+57.0230.0	TRA		+57.0246.0	TRA
0205.0	+60.0150.0	STO	0225.0	+01.0027.0	ADD
	+57.0117.0	TRA		+57.0036.0	TRA
0206.0	+66.0210.0	CTV	0226.0	+40.6044.1	---
	+57.0124.0	TRA		+35.1361.1	---
0207.0	+00.7766.0	CLA	0227.0	+00.0000.0	---
	+57.0224.0	TRA		-00.0003.1	---
0210.0	+00.0000.0	---	0230.0	+35.7772.0	FST
	+65.0310.0	CFL		+57.7770.1	TRA
0211.0	+57.0100.0	TRA	0231.0	+35.0076.0	FST
	+77.0000.0	HTR		+57.0245.0	TRA
0212.0	+00.0000.0	---	0232.0	+60.7770.0	STO
	-00.0005.0	---		+00.7775.0	CLA
0213.0	+03.6000.0	---	0233.0	+41.0023.0	ALS
	-00.0000.0	---		+60.7760.0	STO
0214.0	+00.0000.0	---	0234.0	+01.7770.0	ADD
	-00.0000.0	---		+60.7770.0	STO
0215.0	-00.0000.0	---	0235.0	+30.0201.0	FCA
	-00.0000.0	---		+01.7760.0	ADD
0216.0	+40.0000.0	---	0236.0	+35.0251.0	FST
	-00.0000.0	---		+30.7776.0	FCA
0217.0	+00.0000.0	---	0237.0	+35.0010.0	FST
	-00.0001.0	---		+57.0100.0	TRA

0240.0	+60.7775.0	STO	0260.0	+00.0000.0	---
	+57.0255.0	TRA		-00.0004.0	---
0241.0	+05.7760.0	FDV	0261.0	+40.0024.0	ARS
	+57.0231.0	TRA		+60.7763.0	STO
0242.0	+35.7772.0	FST	0262.0	+03.7766.0	SUB
	+57.0276.0	TRA		+51.0075.0	TMI
0243.0	+60.7767.0	STO	0263.0	+00.7770.0	CLA
	+57.0155.0	TRA		+01.7762.0	ADD
0244.0	+00.7766.0	CLA	0264.0	+60.7767.0	STO
	+57.0257.0	TRA		+03.7766.0	SUB
0245.0	+07.7762.0	FMP	0265.0	+51.0207.0	TMI
	+57.0242.0	TRA		+00.7766.0	CLA
0246.0	+45.0000.0	FNM	0266.0	+01.7770.0	ADD
	+57.0123.0	TRA		+60.7766.0	STO
0247.0	+40.0001.0	ARS	0267.0	+00.7763.0	CLA
	+57.0060.0	TRA		+57.7772.0	TRA
0250.0	+00.0003.1	---	0270.0	+70.0000.0	---
	+77.7770.0	---		-00.0000.0	---
0251.0	+00.0000.0	---	0271.0	+00.0000.0	---
	-00.0000.0	---		-00.0001.1	---
0252.0	+00.0000.0	---	0272.0	+41.0002.0	ALS
	-00.0000.0	---		+57.0203.0	TRA
0253.0	+00.7771.0	CLA	0273.0	+60.7762.0	STO
	+03.7770.0	SUB		+57.0112.0	TRA
0254.0	+51.0023.0	TMI	0274.0	+34.0076.0	FCS
	+42.7772.1	STA		+57.0204.0	TRA
0255.0	+60.7771.0	STO	0275.0	+00.0000.0	---
	+57.7771.1	TRA		-00.0306.0	---
0256.0	+01.0275.0	ADD	0276.0	+00.7775.0	CLA
	+57.0205.0	TRA		+57.0222.0	TRA
0257.0	+03.7770.0	SUB	0277.0	-00.0000.0	---
	+57.0206.0	TRA		-00.0000.0	---