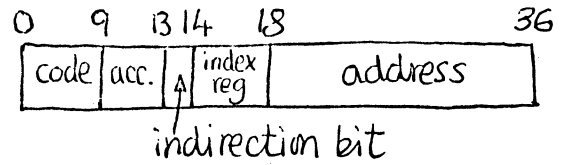


Synopsis of the DEC System 10

word : 36 bits
address : 18 bits

instruction/pointer format:



symbolic forms:

CODE ACC, E
or CODE E (if ACC=0)

where E is either (i) ADDRESS
or (ii) ADDR (INDEXREG)*
or (iii) @ ADDRESS
or (iv) @ ADDR (INDEXREG)*;

for (i) and (ii) indirection bit is 0
for (iii) and (iv) index reg is 0.

Calculation of the effective address E :-

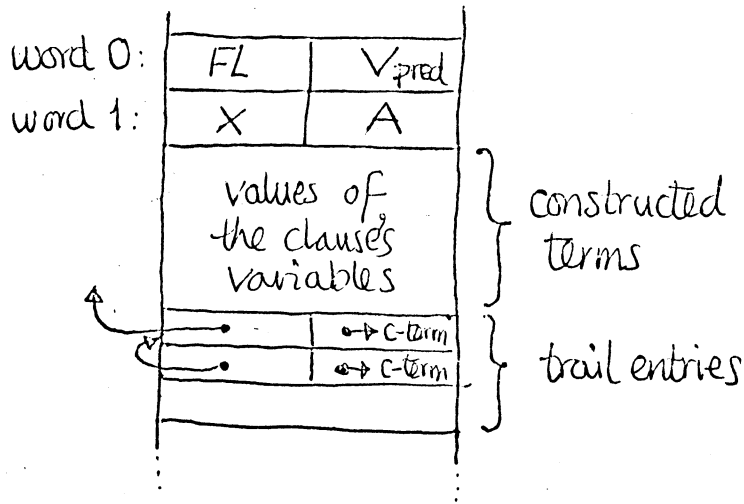
$E = ADDR + (\text{contents of INDEXREG if } INDEXREG \neq 0)$
if indirection bit is zero.

If the indirection bit is one, fetch the word from the above address and iterate the procedure until a word is encountered with a zero indirection bit.

fast registers: addresses 0 to 15_{10} .

* In the compiler clauses, the notation INDEXREG(ADDR) is used.

Format of an Environment



where V_{pred} is the address of the predecessor environment (for backtracking).

An input term is either:

- (i) a variable: constructed term
- (ii) a void: VOID 0
- (iii) an atom: functor
- (iv) an integer: INT value
- (v) a skeleton: functor
input terms

A constructed term is either

- (i) unassigned:
- (ii) a reference: constructed term
- (iii) a molecule: skeleton
environment
- (iv) an atom: functor
- (v) an integer:

where
 VOID = 1
 SKEL = 2
 ATOM = 4
 INT = 5

Use of Fast Registers

- ST : right-half = address of last word on the stack;
: left-half = - number of words left for allocation.
- V : address of the environment for the current clause.
- X : address of the environment of the parent clause.
- A : right-half = address of the parent's argument list,
followed by parent's continuation;
: left-half = right-half of X.
- FL : the failure label = address of next clause for
current predicate, or zero if there is none.
- TR : address of the last trail entry (trail entries
record variables which must be re-initialised
on backtracking).
- Y : address of an environment.
- C : the link register (saves the return address for
a run-time routine).
- T, T₁, B, B₁ : terms (input or constructed) needed as
parameters to run-time routines.
- PDL : a push-down list pointer, similar to ST,
used by the general unification routine.
- PFN : the principal functor of the first argument
of A (not yet used).
- R1, R2 : registers for holding temporary results.

Masks

- MASK MA : matches a molecule or atom.
- MASK MAS : matches a molecule, atom or skeleton.