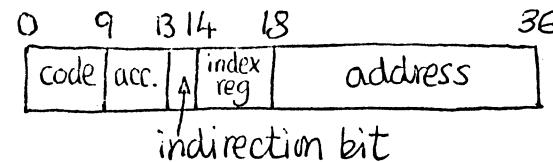


Synopsis of the DEC System 10

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 (i) and (iii) index reg is 0.

Calculation of the effective address E :-

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

## Summary of the Instructions used in Compiled Code

JRST E	goto E
JUMPE A,E	if $(A) = 0$ then goto E
JUMPGE A,E	if $(A) \geq 0$ then goto E
AOBJP A,E	$A := (A) + (1,1)$ ; if $(A) \geq 0$ then goto E
JSP A,E	$A := L$ ; goto E      where $L = \text{addr. of next instr.}$

CAME A,E	if $(A) = (E)$ then skip next instruction
TLNN A,E	if $(A_L) \wedge E \neq 0$ then skip next instr.

MOVE A,E	$A := (E)$
MOVEI A,E	$A := E$
MOVEM A,E	$E := (A)$
SETZM E	$E := 0$

HRRZ A,E	$A := (0, (E_R))$
HLRZ A,E	$A := (0, (E_L))$
HRI A,E	$A_R := E$
HRLZI A,E	$A := (E, 0)$
HRLM A,E	$E_L := (A_R)$
HRLZM A,E	$E := ((A_R), 0)$
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ADD A,E	$A := (A) + (E)$
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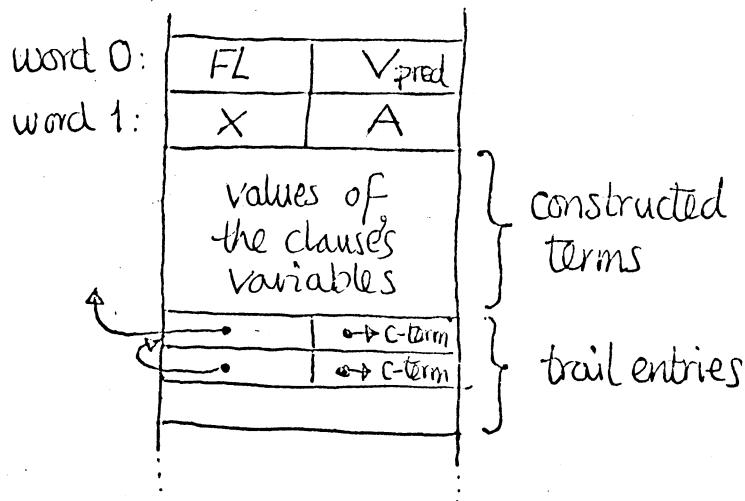
PUSH A,E	$A := (A) + (1,1)$ ; if $(A_L) = 0$ then interrupt; $(A_R) := (E)$ [push item onto a stack]
BLT A,E	$(A_R), (A_R) + 1, \dots, E := ((A_L)), ((A_L) + 1), \dots$ [transfer a block of words]

EXP E	data pointer E
XWD $X_1, X_2$	data word $(X_1, X_2)$

where

$(X) = \text{contents of } X$   
 $X_L = \text{left half of } X$   
 $X_R = \text{right half of } X$   
 $(x_1, x_2) = \text{word with left-half } x_1 \text{ and right-half } x_2$

## Format of an Environment



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

An input term is either:

- (i) a variable: via an index reg. X or Y → constructed term
- (ii) a void: → VOID 0
- (iii) an atom: → ATOM → functor
- (iv) an integer: → INT value
- (v) a skeleton: → SKEL → functor  
input terms

A constructed term is either

- (i) unassigned: where  $VOID = 1$
- (ii) a reference: → constructed term  $SKEL = 2$
- (iii) a molecule: → skeleton  $ATOM = 4$   
environment  $INT = 5$
- (iv) an atom: → functor
- (v) an integer:

## 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 tail entry (tail 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, T̄, 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.