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## I INTRODUCTION

The program described herein was devised primarily to provide acquisition data to a ground based instrumentation net consisting mainly of various types of cameras. The cameras, in this case, are employed to photograph a flashing strobe light that is mounted on each pole of the ANNA geodetic satellite that is magnetically stabilized along its spin axis.

Provisions have been made to compute a satellite ephemeris by a differential correction procedure as the satellite is stepped around the orbit in some desired increment of time.

It is assumed that the density distribution of the Earth is axially symmetric and that the force field is represented by the principle term and the zonal terms 2 through 4. Provision is also made for accommodating the parameters of a model atmosphere. At each step computations are made to determine:

- 1) If a given observing site is in darkness (elevation angle to the Sun less than some desired  $\epsilon$ ).
- 2) If the elevation angle from the observing site to the satellite is positive or greater than some desired  $\epsilon'$ .
- 3) The components of the magnetic field (North, East, vertical, horizontal and total field) and the dip and declination.
- 4) Which strobe, if either, is visible to an observing site.
- 5) If the recorded image size on the photographic plate will be larger than some  $\epsilon''$ .

If the above conditions are satisfied, the program continues and computes the following additional information for each observing site:

- 1) Time of the observation.
- 2) The azimuth and range and the topocentric hour angle and declination to the satellite.
- 3) The latitude and longitude of the sub-satellite point.

- 4) The angle between the observer-satellite vector and the observer-moon vector.
- 5) If the satellite is illuminated by the Sun.
- 6) The angle between the observer-satellite vector and the center of the light cone.

Other features of the program are:

- 1) The selection of the most valuable observations for a station to make from series of possible observations. This is achieved by considering the azimuths at which the station has previously recorded data. On this basis, a final selection of flash times and the associated "look angles" from each site is made.
- 2) The preparation of teletype messages (see Appendix 1).
- 3) The capability to compute acquisition data for observers not concerned with the light (range or range-rate stations).
- 4) A station designated as a "share station" will not have flashes scheduled specifically for it. However, acquisition data will be computed for any scheduled flashes that may be observed by the "share station."

## II EPHEMERIS

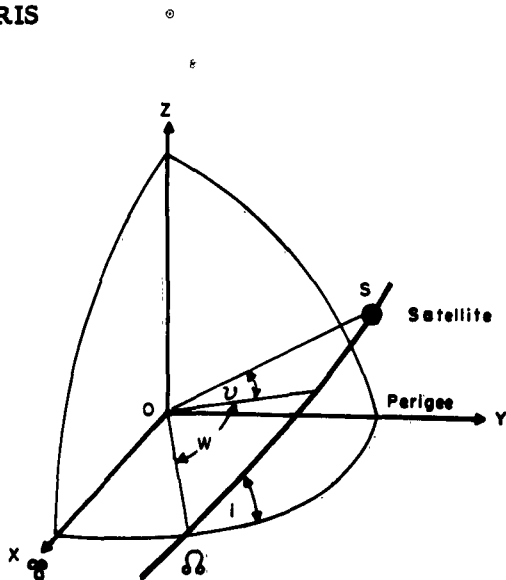


Figure 1

The standard elements (Figure 1)

- a = semi major axis
- e = eccentricity
- i = inclination
- $\Omega$  = right ascension of the ascending node
- $\omega$  = argument of perigee
- M = mean anomaly
- $\nu$  = true anomaly
- u =  $\omega + \nu$ , the argument of latitude

are used in the computation of the ephemeris. Time is considered the independent variable and, as the satellite is stepped around the orbit, computations are made to determine the perturbative effects of the Earth's oblateness and drag on the satellite's position.



The radial, transverse, and normal perturbative accelerations (see Figure 2) due to oblateness are:

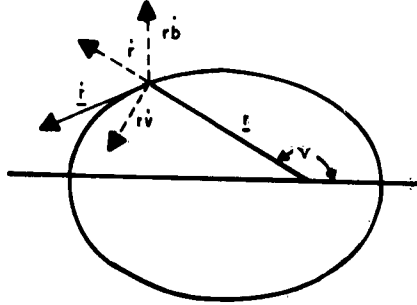


Figure 2

$$\begin{aligned}
 \dot{r}_B' &= -\frac{\mu}{r^2} \left\{ \frac{J}{r^2} \left[ 1 - \frac{3}{2} \sin^2 i (1 - \cos 2u) \right] \right. \\
 &\quad + \frac{4H}{5r^3} \sin i \left[ 3 \left( 1 - \frac{5}{4} \sin^2 i \right) \sin u + \frac{5}{4} \sin^2 i \sin 3u \right] \\
 &\quad + \frac{K}{r^4} \left[ \frac{1}{2} (1 - 5 \sin^2 i + \frac{35}{8} \sin^4 i) + \frac{5}{2} \cos 2u \sin^2 i (1 - \frac{7}{6} \sin^2 i) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \left. + \frac{35}{48} \cos 4u \sin^4 i \right] \right\} \\
 r\dot{v}_B' &= \frac{\mu}{r^2} \left\{ -\frac{J}{r^2} \sin^2 i \sin 2u + \frac{3H}{5r^3} \sin i \left[ \left( 1 - \frac{5}{4} \sin^2 i \right) \cos u + \frac{5}{4} \sin^2 i \cos 3u \right] \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - \frac{K}{r^4} \sin^2 i \left[ \sin 2u \left( 1 - \frac{7}{6} \sin^2 i \right) + \frac{7}{12} \sin^2 i \sin 4u \right] \right\} \\
 \dot{r}b_B' &= \frac{\mu}{r^2} \left\{ -\frac{2J}{r^2} \sin i \cos i \sin u + \frac{3H}{5r^3} \cos i \left[ 1 - \frac{5}{2} \sin^2 i (1 - \cos 2u) \right] \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - \frac{K}{r^4} \sin i \cos i \left[ 2 \sin u \left( 1 - \frac{7}{4} \sin^2 i \right) + \frac{7}{6} \sin^2 i \sin 3u \right] \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

The radial, transverse and normal perturbative accelerations due to drag are:

$$\dot{r}'_D = \frac{A}{m} \rho a e V \sin E \dot{E}$$

where:

$$\dot{E} = \frac{n}{1 - e \cos E}$$

$\rho$  = air density

$$r\dot{v}'_D = -\frac{A}{m} \rho a (1 - e^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} V \left[ 1 - d(1 - e \cos E)^2 / (1 - e^2) \right] \dot{E}$$

$$r\dot{b}'_D = -\frac{A}{m} \rho a \omega_s \left( \frac{1 - e \cos E}{n} \right)^2$$

where:

$$V = \left( \frac{\mu}{a} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \frac{1 + e \cos E}{1 - e \cos E} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left[ 1 - d \left( \frac{1 - e \cos E}{1 + e \cos E} \right) \right]$$

$$d = \left( \frac{\omega_s}{n} \right) (1 - e^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cos i$$

$\omega_s$  = rotational rate of the Earth

Expressions for the perturbative effect on the elements.

$$\dot{a}' = -\frac{2}{3} a \frac{\dot{n}'}{n}$$

$$\frac{\dot{n}'}{n} = -\frac{3}{1 - e^2} \left[ \frac{\dot{r}'}{\sqrt{\mu p}} e p \sin v + \frac{r\dot{v}'}{\sqrt{\mu p}} \frac{p^2}{r} \right]$$

where

$$p = a(1 - e^2)$$

$$e' = \frac{r\dot{r}'}{\sqrt{\mu p}} \left( \frac{p}{r} \sin v \right) + \frac{r^2\dot{v}'}{\sqrt{\mu p}} \left[ \left( \frac{p}{r} + 1 \right) \cos v + e \right]$$

$$i' = \frac{r^2\dot{b}'}{\sqrt{\mu p}} \cos u$$

$$\Omega' = \frac{r^2 \dot{b}}{\sqrt{\mu p}} \frac{\sin u}{\sin i}$$

$$\omega' = u' - \nu'$$

$$u' = -\Omega' \cos i$$

$$\nu' = \frac{1}{e} \left[ \frac{r \dot{r}}{\sqrt{\mu p}} \left( \frac{p}{r} \cos \nu \right) - \frac{r^2 \dot{\nu}}{\sqrt{\mu p}} \left( \frac{p}{r} + 1 \right) \sin \nu \right]$$

$$E' = \left( 1 - e^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} (u' - \omega') - \frac{a' e}{2a} \sin E - \frac{\dot{r}' r \dot{\nu}'}{\sqrt{\mu a}}$$

$$\text{Perigee height, } h_{\pi} = a(1 - e) - R e_{\pi}$$

$$\text{Radial distance, } r = a(1 - e \cos E)$$

The difference between the height of the satellite above the Earth ( $h''$ ) at any time and the height of the satellite above the Earth at perigee ( $h_{\pi}$ )

$$h'' - h_{\pi} = (R e_{\pi} - R e_{h''}) + a e [1 - \cos E]$$

The air density,  $\rho = \rho_{\pi} e^{-Kdh}$

where

$$K = \frac{1}{h} = \frac{1}{\text{scale height}}$$

$\rho_{\pi}$  = air density at perigee

The total perturbative effect of bulge and drag on the elements at any time

$$a = a' + (a_D + a_B) dt$$

$$e = e' + (e_D + e_B) dt$$

$$i = i' + (i_D + i_B) dt$$

$$\Omega = \Omega' + (\Omega_D + \Omega_B) dt$$

$$\omega = \omega' + (\omega_D + \omega_B) dt$$

$$E = E' + (\dot{E} + E_D + E_B)dt$$

$$u = u' + (\dot{u} + u_D + u_B)dt$$

where:

$$\dot{E} = \frac{n}{1 - e \cos E}$$

$$\dot{u} = \frac{\sqrt{1 - e^2}}{1 - e \cos E} \dot{E}$$

Dots denote the two body changes.

Primes denote the value at the previous step.

### III ACQUISITION DATA

At each step values of  $a$ ,  $e$ ,  $i$ ,  $\Omega$ ,  $\bar{u}$  and  $\nu$  are computed after which the program enters the "acquisition data" phase. The computations for this phase break into two groups: those which are made only once and those which are made once for each observation station.

When a coordinate system is not specified in what follows, an "Earth-fixed" system is to be assumed, i. e.,  $\underline{i}$  and  $\underline{j}$  in the equatorial plane with  $\underline{i}$  pointed toward Greenwich,  $\underline{k} = \underline{i} \times \underline{j}$ .

#### Group 1: Computations made only once

1) Compute  $\lambda_n$  = west longitude of node.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) } \theta_G &= \text{right ascension of Greenwich.} \\ &= \theta_{G_0} + (t - t_0) \dot{\theta}_1 + (t - t_0) \dot{\theta}_2 \\ &\quad \text{days} \quad \text{fract} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{b) } \lambda_n = \theta_G - \Omega \quad -\pi < \lambda_n \leq \pi$$

2) Compute  $\lambda_s$ , west longitude of sub-satellite point.

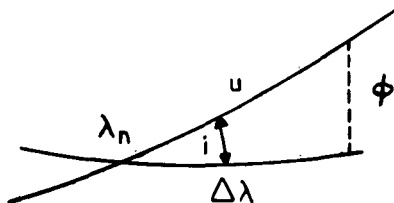


Figure 3

$$\Delta\lambda = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\cos i}{\cot u} \right)$$

$$\lambda_s = \lambda_n - \Delta\lambda \quad -\pi < \lambda_s \leq \pi$$

3) Compute  $\phi_s$ , the geodetic latitude of sub-satellite point.

$\delta$  = declination of satellite

$$\tan \delta = \frac{\sin i \sin u}{\sqrt{1 - \sin^2 i \sin^2 u}}$$

$$\tan \phi_s = \frac{1}{1 - \tilde{e}^2} \tan \delta; \quad \tilde{e}^2, \text{ spheroid eccentricity} = .0067686579$$

$$\phi_s = \tan^{-1} \left\{ \left( \frac{1}{1 - \tilde{e}^2} \right) \tan \delta \right\}$$

4) Compute  $r$ , distance from center of Earth to satellite.

$$r = a(1 - e \cos E)$$

Group 2: Computations made for each station at each time step

5) Elevation angle to the Sun

$$\bullet \quad \text{Elev} = \sin^{-1} [\sin \phi \sin \delta_{\odot} + \cos \phi \cos \delta_{\odot} \cos \beta]$$

where  $\phi$  = observers latitude

$\delta_{\odot}$  = declination of the Sun

$\beta$  = LST -  $\alpha_{\odot}$

LST = local sidereal time

$\alpha_{\odot}$  = right ascension of the Sun

where

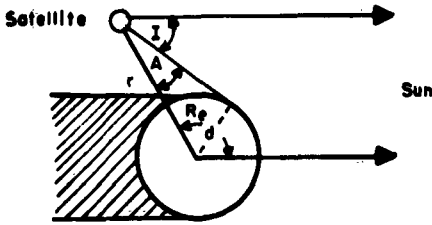
$$a) \quad \alpha_{\odot} = \ell_{\odot} - C_{16} \sin 2\ell_{\odot}; \quad \delta_{\odot} = C_{17} \sin \alpha_{\odot}$$

b)  $L_{\odot}$  = longitude of Sun at  $t_0$  (Jan 0.0 of year of interest)

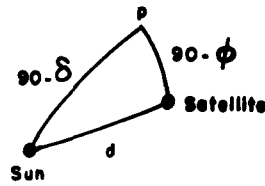
$$c) \quad \ell_{\odot} = L_{\odot} + C_2 (t - t_0) + C_{15} \sin (C_2 [t - t_0] - C_{14})$$

$$d) \quad \phi_{\odot} = \tan^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{1 - \tilde{e}^2} \delta_{\odot} \right\}; \quad \lambda_{\odot} = \theta_G - \alpha_{\odot}$$

6) If the satellite is illuminated by the Sun, the angle  $I$  must be positive (Figure 4a).



$$I = 180 - d - A$$



$$A = \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{R_e}{r} \right)$$

$$d = \cos^{-1} (\sin \phi_s \sin \phi_o + \cos \phi_s \cos \phi_o \cos \beta)$$

where:  $\phi_o$  denotes satellite

$$\beta = |RA_s - RA_o|$$

- 7) Magnetic dip and declination are computed by evaluating the gradient of the magnetic potential at altitude (details in Appendix II) to obtain the x, y and z components of the magnetic field. These quantities permit the computation of (Figure 5).

- a) Horizontal component of Earth's magnetic field (H)
- b) Total field vector (F)
- c) Vertical component of Earth's magnetic field (V)
- d) Horizontal component of Earth's magnetic field (H)
- e) Total field vector (F)

$$\text{Magnetic dip, } \alpha_m = \cos^{-1} \left[ \frac{H}{F} \right]$$

$$\text{Magnetic declination, } \delta_m = \cos^{-1} \left[ \frac{Z}{H} \right], \text{ plus Easterly}$$

- 8) The light angle,  $\theta$ , (Figure 6) is the angle between the station-satellite vector and a unit vector in the direction of the center of the light cone. Orientation of  $\hat{S}$ , a unit vector in direction of the North axis of the light cone as a function of its latitude ( $\phi$ ), longitude ( $\lambda$ ), magnetic dip ( $\alpha_m$ ) and magnetic declination ( $\delta_m$ ), is

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{S} = & \underline{i} \left\{ \cos \alpha_m \sin \delta_m \sin \lambda - \cos \lambda [\cos \delta_m \cos \alpha_m \sin \phi + \sin \alpha_m \cos \phi] \right\} \\ & + \underline{j} \left\{ \cos \alpha_m \sin \delta_m \cos \lambda + \sin \lambda [\cos \delta_m \cos \alpha_m \sin \phi + \sin \alpha_m \cos \phi] \right\} \\ & + \underline{k} \left\{ \cos \delta_m \cos \alpha_m + \sin \alpha_m \sin \phi \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \left\{ \frac{\underline{ST} \cdot \hat{S}}{|\underline{ST}|} \right\}$$

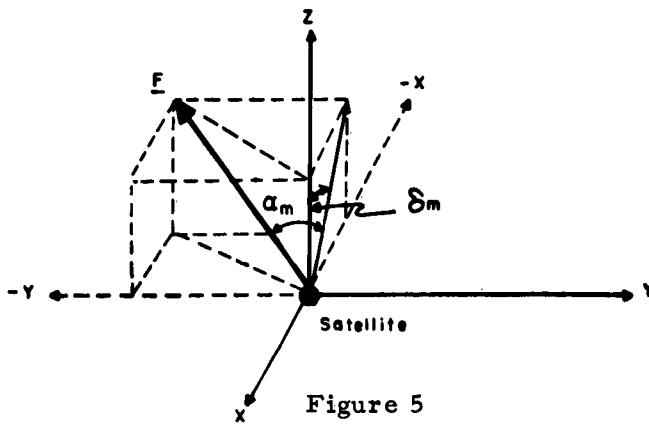


Figure 5

A vector from the center of the Earth to the satellite,  $\underline{OS}$ , is

$$\underline{OS} = r \left[ (\cos \phi_s \cos \lambda_E) \underline{i} + (\cos \phi_s \sin \lambda_E) \underline{j} + \sin \phi_s \underline{k} \right]$$

$$\underline{OT} = (R_e + h) \left[ (\cos \phi_T \cos \lambda_{E_T}) \underline{i} + (\cos \phi_T \sin \lambda_{E_T}) \underline{j} + \sin \phi_T \underline{k} \right]$$

$$\underline{OS} - \underline{OT} = \underline{TS}$$

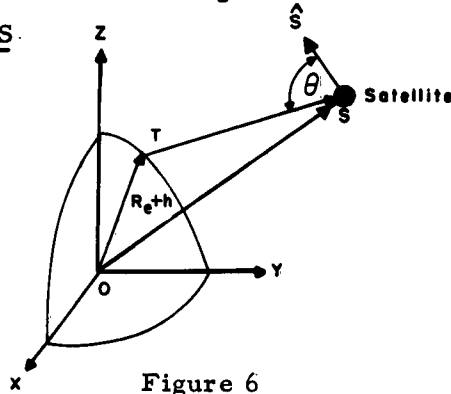


Figure 6

8) Elevation angle to the satellite

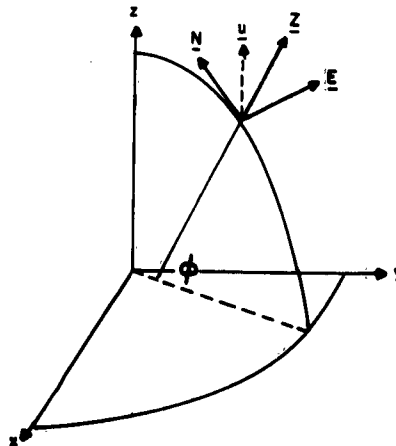


Figure 7



Define a unit vector  $\underline{Z}$  normal to the spheroid at the observer (Figure 7)

$$\underline{Z} = \cos \phi \cos \lambda \underline{E} \underline{i} + \cos \phi \sin \lambda \underline{E} \underline{j} + \sin \phi \underline{k}$$

A vector  $\underline{N}$ , in the meridian and pointing North

$$\underline{N} = -\sin \phi \cos \lambda \underline{E} \underline{i} + \sin \phi \sin \lambda \underline{E} \underline{j} + \cos \phi \underline{k}$$

$$\underline{E} = \underline{N} \times \underline{Z}$$

$\underline{u}$  is a unit vector from the station to the satellite

$$\underline{u} = \frac{\underline{TS}}{|\underline{TS}|} \quad (\text{see Figure 6})$$

$$\text{Elev Angle} = \sin^{-1} (\underline{Z} \cdot \underline{u})$$

10) Azimuth from the station to the satellite

$$\text{Azimuth} = \cos^{-1} \left\{ \frac{\underline{Z} \times \underline{u}}{|\underline{Z} \times \underline{u}|} \cdot (-\underline{E}) \right\}$$

11) Topocentric hour angle and declination.

$\underline{L}$ , a unit vector from the station to the satellite in inertial coordinates is

$$\underline{L} = x \underline{i} + y \underline{j} + z \underline{k}$$

$$\text{Declination} = \sin^{-1}(z)$$

$$\text{Right ascension} = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{y}{x} \right)$$

$$\text{Hour angle} = \text{LST} - \text{RA}$$

Some camera stations require the hour angle and declination of each flash. Since the ephemeris is stepped in time by an amount not equal to the time interval between flashes, but by a multiple of the interval between flash sequences, the time derivatives of  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  are computed and multiplied by the time between flash intervals to obtain the new coordinates of each flash. With these new coordinates, the right ascension and declination are then computed as noted above.

The time derivatives are

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= \dot{r} [1 - \sin^2 i \sin^2 u]^{\frac{1}{2}} \cos \lambda + \\ & r [(-\sin i \cos i \sin^2 u \dot{u} + \sin^2 i \sin u \cos u \dot{u}) / (1 - \sin^2 i \sin^2 u)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cos \lambda] + \\ & r [(1 - \sin^2 i \sin^2 u)^{\frac{1}{2}} \sin \lambda / (\cos^2 u \cos^2 i \sin^2 u) (\cos i \dot{u} - \\ & \sin i \sin u \cos u \dot{u}) + \dot{\Omega} - \omega_s] \\ \dot{y} &= -\dot{r} [1 - \sin^2 i \sin^2 u]^{\frac{1}{2}} \sin \lambda - \\ & r [-\sin i \cos i \sin^2 u \dot{u} + \sin^2 i \sin u \cos u \dot{u}] / (1 - \sin^2 i \sin^2 u)^{\frac{1}{2}} \sin \lambda + \\ & r [(1 - \sin^2 i \sin^2 u)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cos \lambda] / (\cos^2 u \cos^2 i \sin^2 u) (\cos i \dot{u} - \sin i \sin u \cos u \dot{u}) + \\ & \dot{\Omega} - \omega_s] \\ \dot{z} &= \dot{r} \sin i \sin u + r \cos i \sin u \dot{u} + r \sin i \cos u \dot{u} \end{aligned}$$

12) Image size of the flash

$$\text{Image diameter (in microns)} = a_1 q + a_2 q^2 + a_3 q^3$$

where  $a_1$ ,  $a_2$ ,  $a_3$  are functions of the plate emulsion. For 103F emulsion developed 8 minutes  $a_1 = 7.468$ ,  $a_2 = -0.112237$ ,  $a_3 = .0008352$

$$q = \left( \frac{D}{s} \right) (TB)^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{-0.46 \Delta m / \sinh}$$

D = aperture of camera

s = distance from satellite to observer = | TS |

T = transmission of lens

B = 9000 if  $\theta \leq 45^\circ$

150(105 -  $\theta_i$ ) if  $\theta > 45^\circ$

$\Delta m$  = atmospheric extinction at the zenith for the station; when an actual measurable value is unavailable,  $\Delta m = 1.25$  (the factor for moderate haze).

h = elevation angle

13) Right ascension,  $\alpha_m$ , and declination,  $\delta_m$ , of the moon are obtained from a lunar ephemeris listed in memory.  $\alpha_m$  and  $\delta_m$  are given for 0 hours U. T. of each day of the year. A six point interpolation yields the desired quantities at any time, t. For purposes of this program the vector from the center of the Earth to the Moon is taken as being the same as the vector from the observer to the Moon. The angle between the station-satellite vector and the station-moon vector,  $\underline{TM}$ , is:

$$\text{Moon Angle} = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{\underline{TS} \cdot \underline{TM}}{|\underline{TS}| |\underline{TM}|} \right)$$

Moon Phase,  $P_m$ , is determined from

$$P_m = R.A._m - R.A._\odot$$

$$\text{if } P_m = 0^\circ \pm 45^\circ, \text{ Phase new}$$

$$P_m = 180^\circ \pm 45^\circ, \text{ Phase full}$$

Otherwise, Phase quarter

14) Observation Selection. From a series of possible observations, one observation (the least valuable one) is discarded. If a station has made n good observations at azimuths  $A_1, A_2, A_3 \dots A_n$  and it is now possible to make an observation at azimuth B, a "value" is assigned to azimuth B in the following fashion:

$$\text{form } \bar{A} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n A_i$$

and

$$p = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (A_i - \bar{A})^2$$

take as the "value" of the observation

$$V(B) = e^{-p} \sin^2\left(\frac{\bar{A} - B}{2}\right)$$

Note that  $0 \leq V(B) \leq 1$ , that  $V(B)$  is zero if  $\bar{A} \approx B$ , and that it also is small if  $p$  is large (that is, there is a large "scatter" in the azimuths already observed). The values  $n$ ,  $p$ , and  $\bar{A}$  are "updated" as additional good observations are made.

## INPUT AND OUTPUT FORMATS

### A. For Determining Acquisition Data and Selecting Observations

The OGP program uses logical tapes 8 and 11 for input. Logical tapes 9, 10, 12 and 14 are used as intermediate binary tapes.

The acquisition data and selected observations are available as printed output on logical tape 5 with data select zero. With data select 4 the teletype messages to APL, NASA and the 1381st Geodetic Survey Squadron are punched from tape 5. (Teletype messages are also available as printed output on logical tape 6 with data select zero). Control cards necessary for this computation are input cards 1 through 6 (Table I ) and four station cards for each observing site involved (Table II ). Note that in the preparation of station cards (Table II) a station may be designated as a "Share Station."

### B. For Ephemeris Computation Only

If so desired, the ephemeris portion only is available in the form of latitude, longitude and time. In this instance the first six control cards must be followed by four blank cards.

TABLE I  
INPUT FORMAT - ELEMENT CARDS

<u>Card No.</u>	<u>Card Column</u>	<u>Format</u>	<u>Contents</u>
1	1-6	I2A6	Year, month, day of this run
	7-72		Job heading
2	1-12	F12.9	EPOCHT (days and decimals of day)
	13-16	I4	IYEAR (year of epoch)
	17-22	F6.3	CONANG (1/2 light angle in deg.)
	23-28	F6.3	SUNTST (Test for sun elev. in deg.)
	35-40	F6.3	DELTA E ( $\Delta E$ in deg.)
	42-56	F15.15	QJ2 ( $J_2$ )
	57-71	F15.15	QJ3 ( $J_3$ )
3	1-10	F10.6	WO ( $\omega_0$ in deg.)
	12-21	F10.6	RAO ( $\Omega_0$ in deg.)
	23-32	F10.5	AXIS (semi-major axis in nautical miles)
	34-43	F10.9	ECCNO (eccentricity)
	45-54	F10.8	XINC (inclination in degrees)
	56-61	F6.3	QMASS (mass of satellite in kilograms)
	63-72	F10.4	AREA (cross sectional area of satellite in square centimeters)
4	1-5	I5	NSTA (the number of stations to be considered)
	6-10	I5	NREV (number of revolutions to be considered for this run)
	15-25	F11.7	DM1 ( $M_0$ the initial mean anomaly in degrees)
5	1-10	I10	IRM (the maximum number of flash sequences to be allowed per revolution)
	11-20	I10	ILM (the maximum number of flash sequences to be allowed per load)
	23-34	F12.9	GDT (integer by which the interval between clock pulses is multiplied to determine time interval at which acquisition date is computed; the elements are integrated at one half this interval)

40-49	I10	INF (initial number of flash sequences executed to date)
50-59	I10	INFL (initial number of injections executed to date)
60-71	F12. 9	TIMP (epoch of an even flash time)
72	I1	• Blank if refined projections - "one" if long range (an identifier for message to NASA)
1-12	F12. 9	DDTT (time in seconds between flashes in a sequence)
13-24	F12. 9	TSTOP (stop time in days)
25-28	F4. 1	Minimum angle between station-satellite vector and station new moon vector in degrees
29-32	F4. 1	Minimum angle between station-satellite vector and station quarter moon vector in degrees
33-36	F4. 1	Minimum angle between station-satellite vector and station full moon vector in degrees
39-50	F12. 9	ELTIM (time in days at which acquisition data computations begin)
53-57	F5. 2	Minimum image size in microns
60	I1	Blank for acquisition data; 1 for ephemeris computation only

TABLE II  
STATION CARDS

<u>Card No.</u>	<u>Card Column</u>	<u>Format</u>	<u>Contents</u>	
1	1-24	4A6	Station number and name (number in col. 1-4 with leading zeros)	
	25-34	F10. 5	XLAT (station latitude in degrees)	
	35-44	F10. 5	XLONG (Station west longitude in degrees)	
	45-54	F10. 2	HEIGHT (height of station above MSL in feet)	
	70	I1	"1" if this is MOTS station	
	72	•	I1	"1" if this is camera station
				"2" if this is range station
"3" if this is range rate station				
2	1	I1	"1" if this station can only share flashes	
	11-20	F10. 7	DIAM (camera aperture in mm)	
	21-30	F10. 7	TRANS (lens transmission factor)	
	31-40	F10. 7	QM (atmospheric extinction at observer zenith)	
	41-50	F10. 7	A1 } Constants relative to film type and development procedure	
	51-60	F10. 7		A2
	61-70	F10. 7		A3
3	1-15	F15. 10	C (Average azimuth of all flashes observed from station)	
	16-30	F15. 10	D (Weight factor for selecting observations)	
4			Lowest elevation angle (degrees) attainable as a function of azimuth	
	1-3	(I3)	Elevation    Angle    0°-20° Azm (0°N)	
	4-6	(I3)	"      "      20-40	
	7-9	(I3)	"      "      40-60	
	10-12	(I3)	"      "      60-80	
	13-15	(I3)	"      "      80-100	
	16-18	(I3)	"      "      100-120	
	19-21	(I3)	"      "      120-140	



		<b>Elevation</b>	<b>Angle</b>	
22-24	(I3)			140-160
25-27	(I3)	"	"	160-180
28-30	(I3)	"	"	180-200
31-33	(I3)	"	"	200-220
34-36	(I3)	"	"	220-240
37-39	(I3)	"	"	240-260
40-42	(I3)	"	"	260-280
43-45	(I3)	"	"	280-300
46-48	(I3)	"	"	300-320
49-51	(I3)	"	"	320-340
52-54	(I3)	"	"	340-0

## GLOSSARY OF SYMBOLS USED

A	Cross sectional area of satellite in square centimeters
$C_{14}$	(longitude of perigee of sun-longitude of sun at January 0.0 for year of interest)
$C_{15}$	$e$ (eccentricity of earth's orbit)
$C_{16}$	$\tan^2$ (mean obliquity of ecliptic/2)
$C_{17}$	$\tan$ (mean obliquity of ecliptic)
J	$1623 \times 10^{-6}$
H	$-6 \times 10^{-6}$
K	$9 \times 10^{-6}$
$t_{\odot}$	longitude of sun at any time
m	mass of satellite in kilograms
n	Mean motion of satellite $(GM)^{1/2} / a^{3/2}$
$R_{e\pi}$	radius of earth at perigee
$R_{e_h}$	radius of earth at sub-satellite position
V	Satellite velocity
$\dot{\theta}_1$	$0^\circ.98564724$
$\dot{\theta}_2$	$360^\circ.98564724$
$\mu$	GM
$\phi_s$	Satellite latitude
$\lambda_E$	East longitude

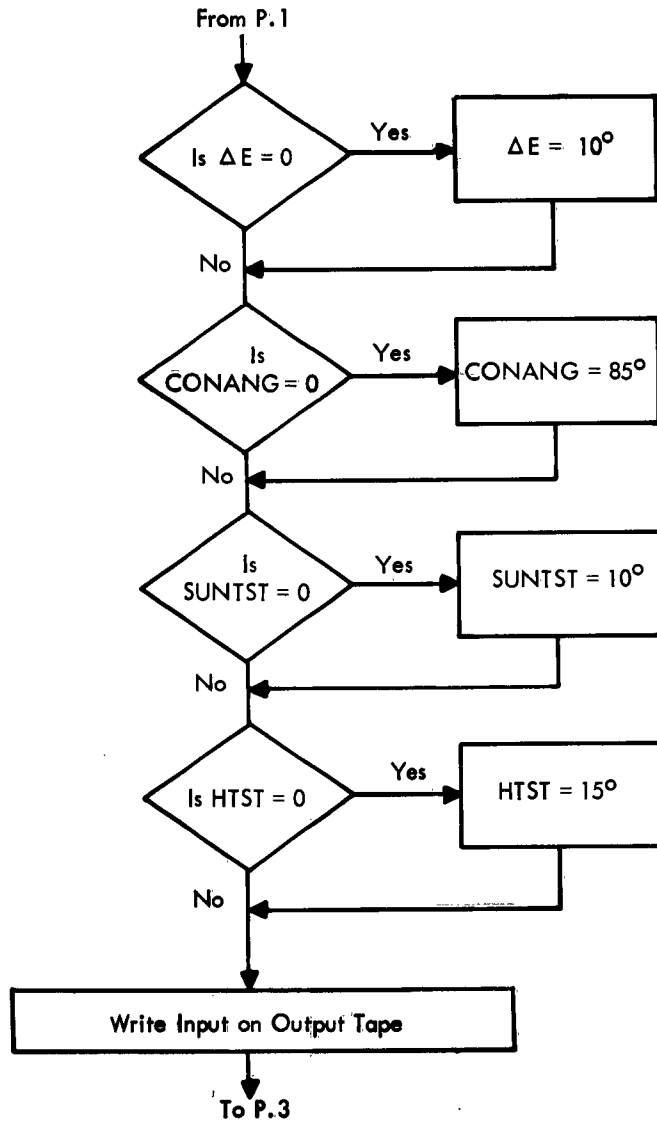
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Program Constants and  
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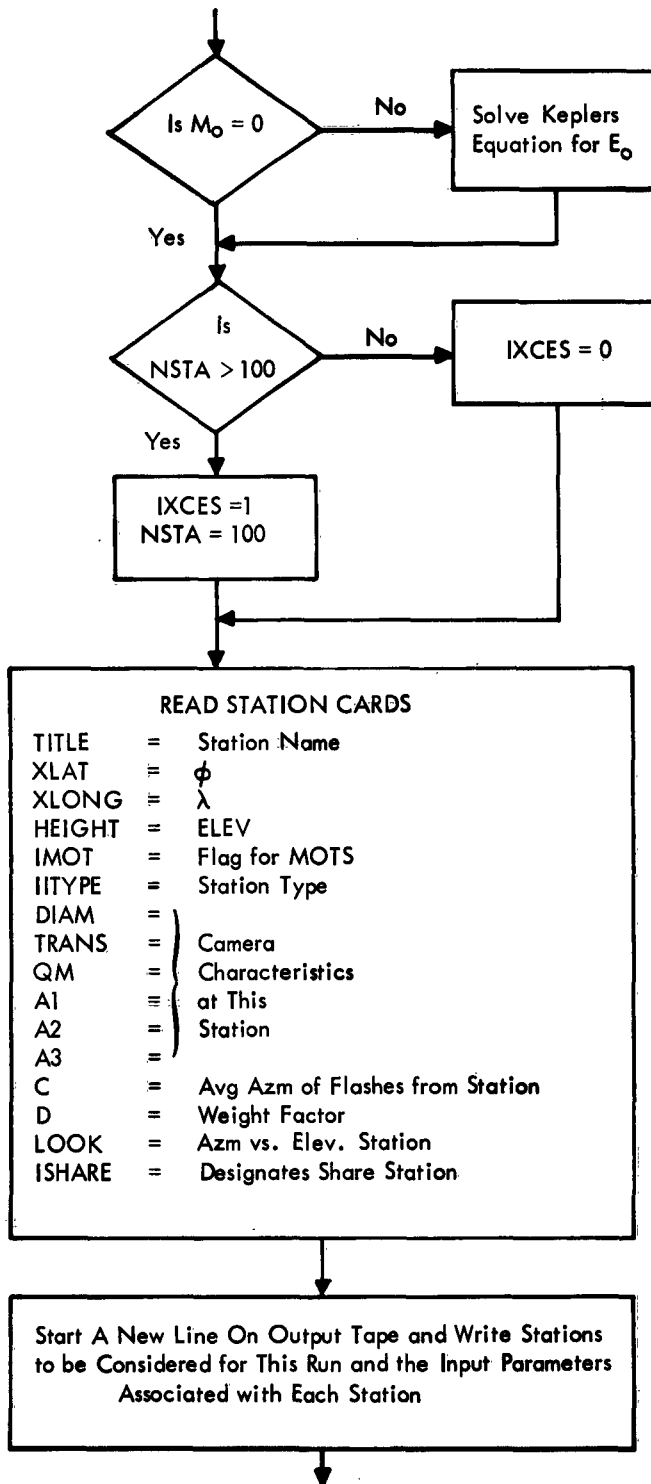
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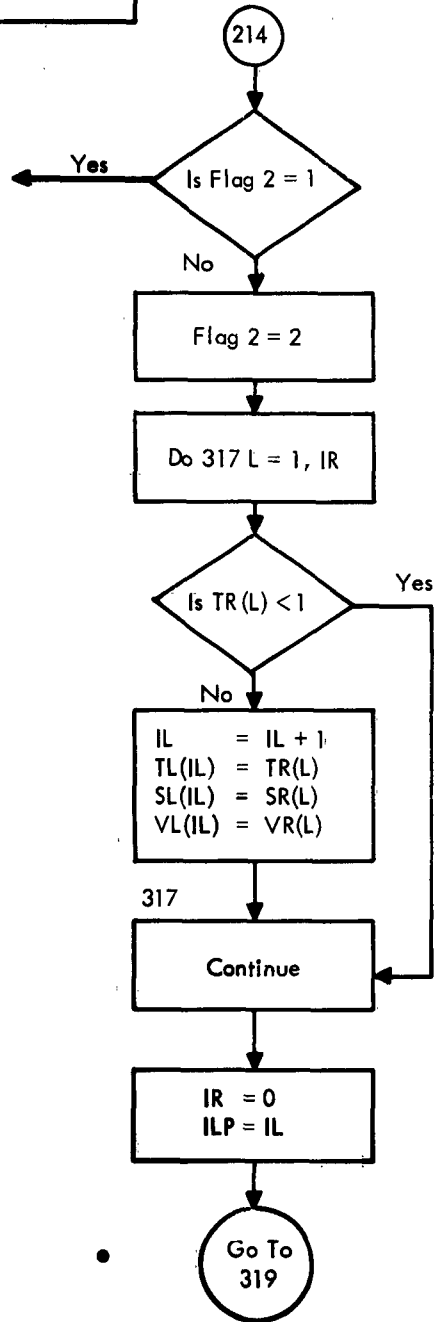
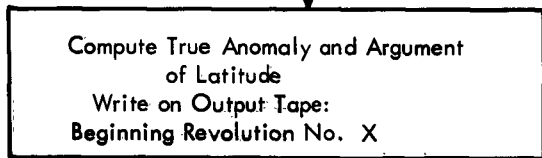
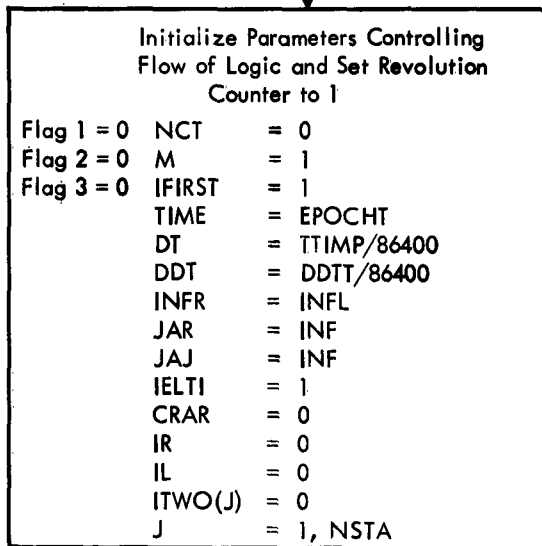
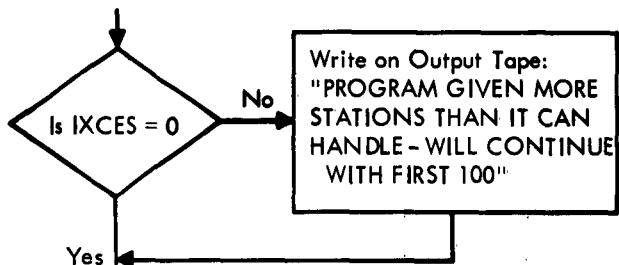
EPOCHT	=	Epoch of Elements in Days
IYEAR	=	Year of Epoch
CONANG	=	1/2 Cone Angle of Strobe Light
SUNTST	=	Maximum Sun Elevation Angle
DELTAE	=	$\Delta E$
QJ2	=	J2
QJ3	=	J3
WO	=	$\omega_0$
RAO	=	$\Omega_0$
AXIS	=	$a_0$
ECCNO	=	$e_0$
XINC	=	$i_0$
QMASS	=	Mass of Satellite
AREA	=	Area of Satellite
NSTA	=	No. of Stations
NREV	=	No. of Revolutions to be Considered
DM1	=	$M_0$
IRM	=	Max. No. of Flashes/Rev.
ILM	=	Max. No. of Flashes/Load
INFL	=	Initial No. of Flash Loads
TIMP	=	Epoch of an Even Clock Pulse
IP	=	Flag to Define Long Range or Refined Predictions
DDTT	=	Time Between Clock Pulses
TSTOP	=	Final Epoch
QLU1	=	Min. Angle Between Satellite & New Moon
QLU2	=	Min. Angle Between Satellite & Qtr. Moon
Q	=	Min. Angle Between Satellite & Full Moon
ELTIM	=	Time Look Angles Start
QIMSZ	=	Min. Image Size

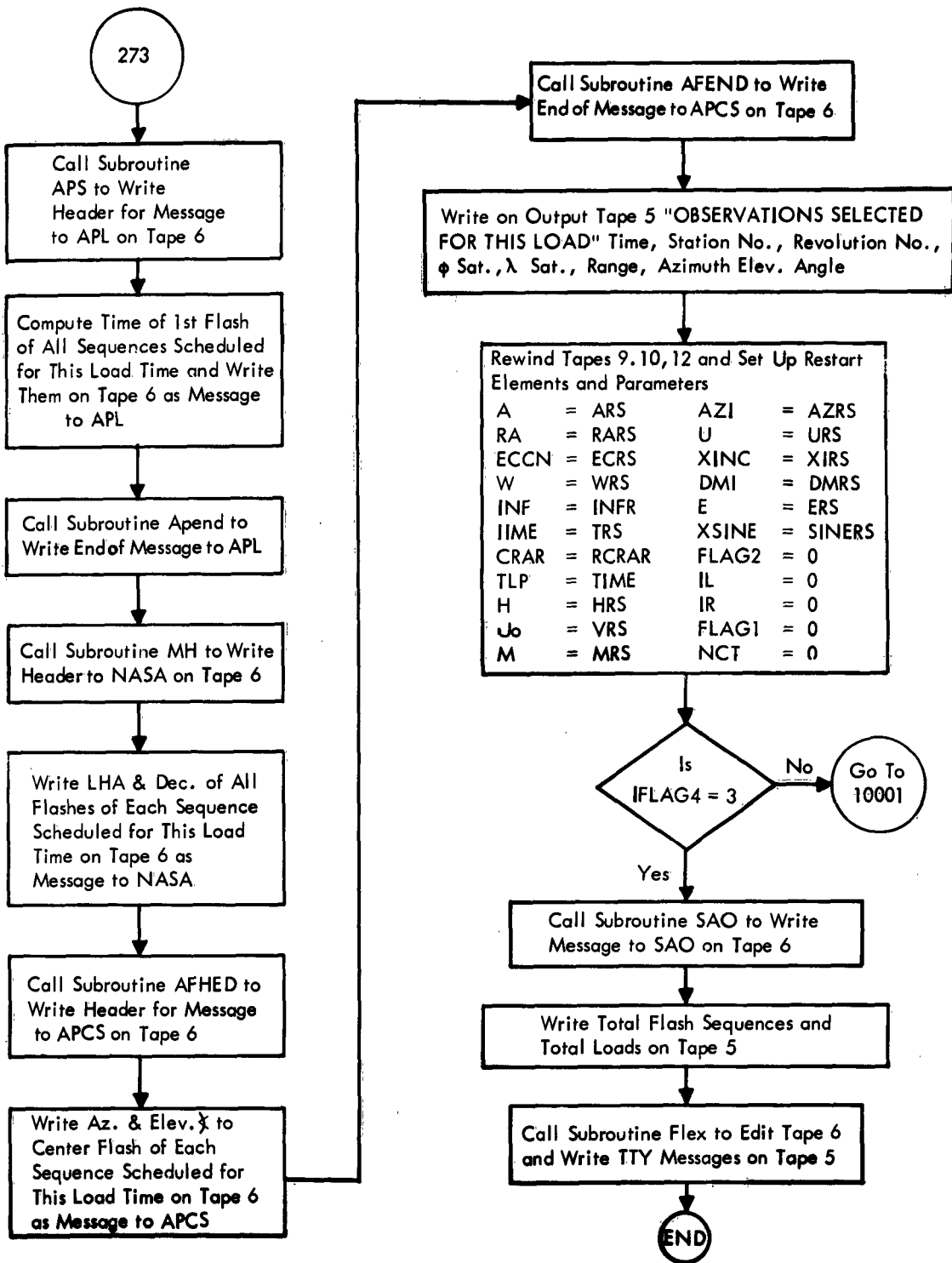
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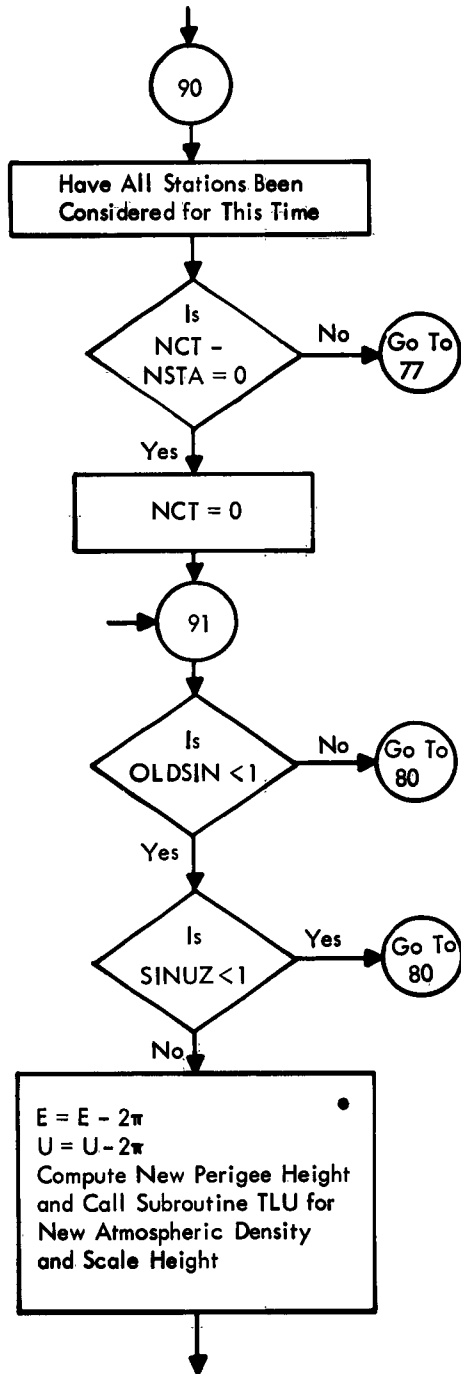
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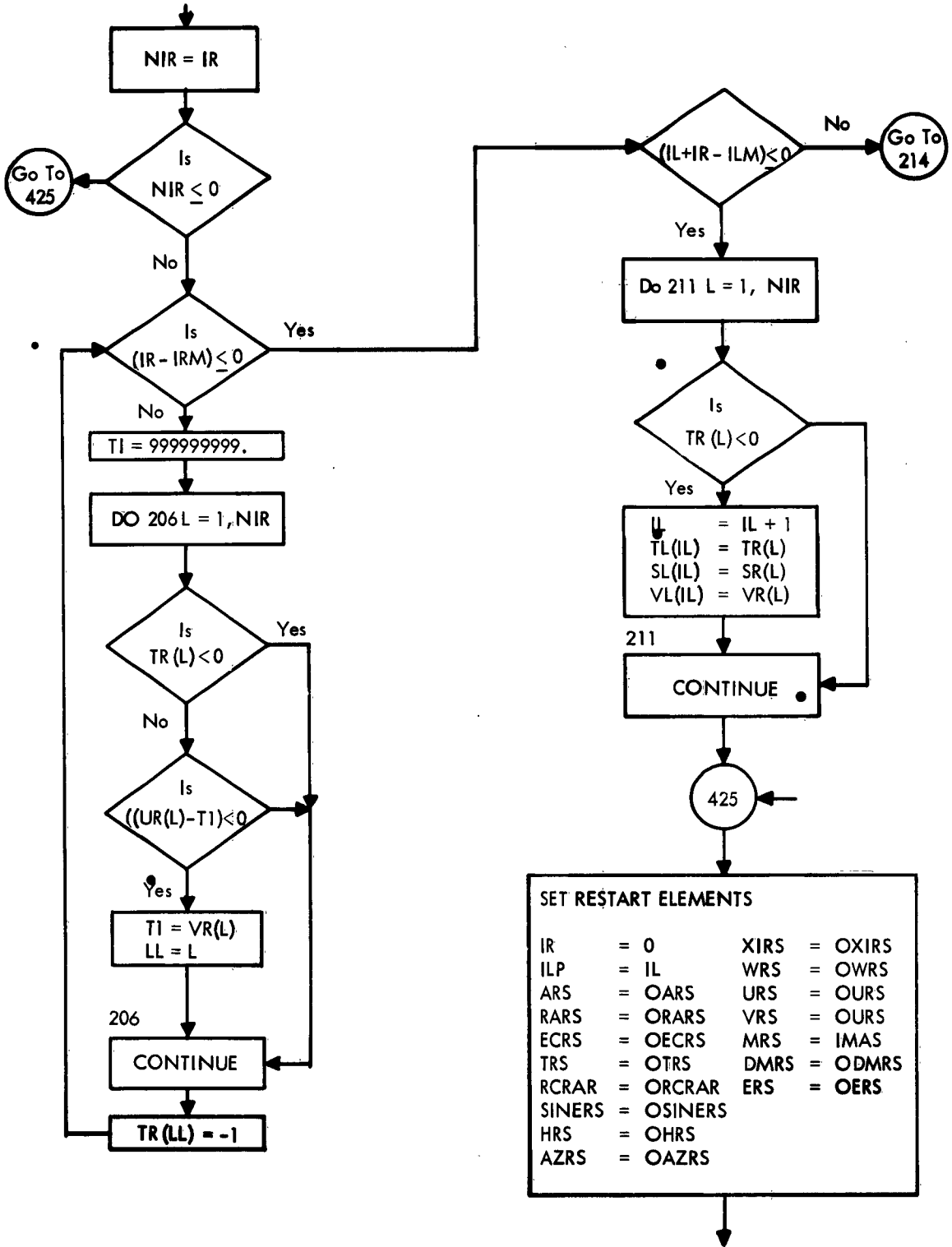


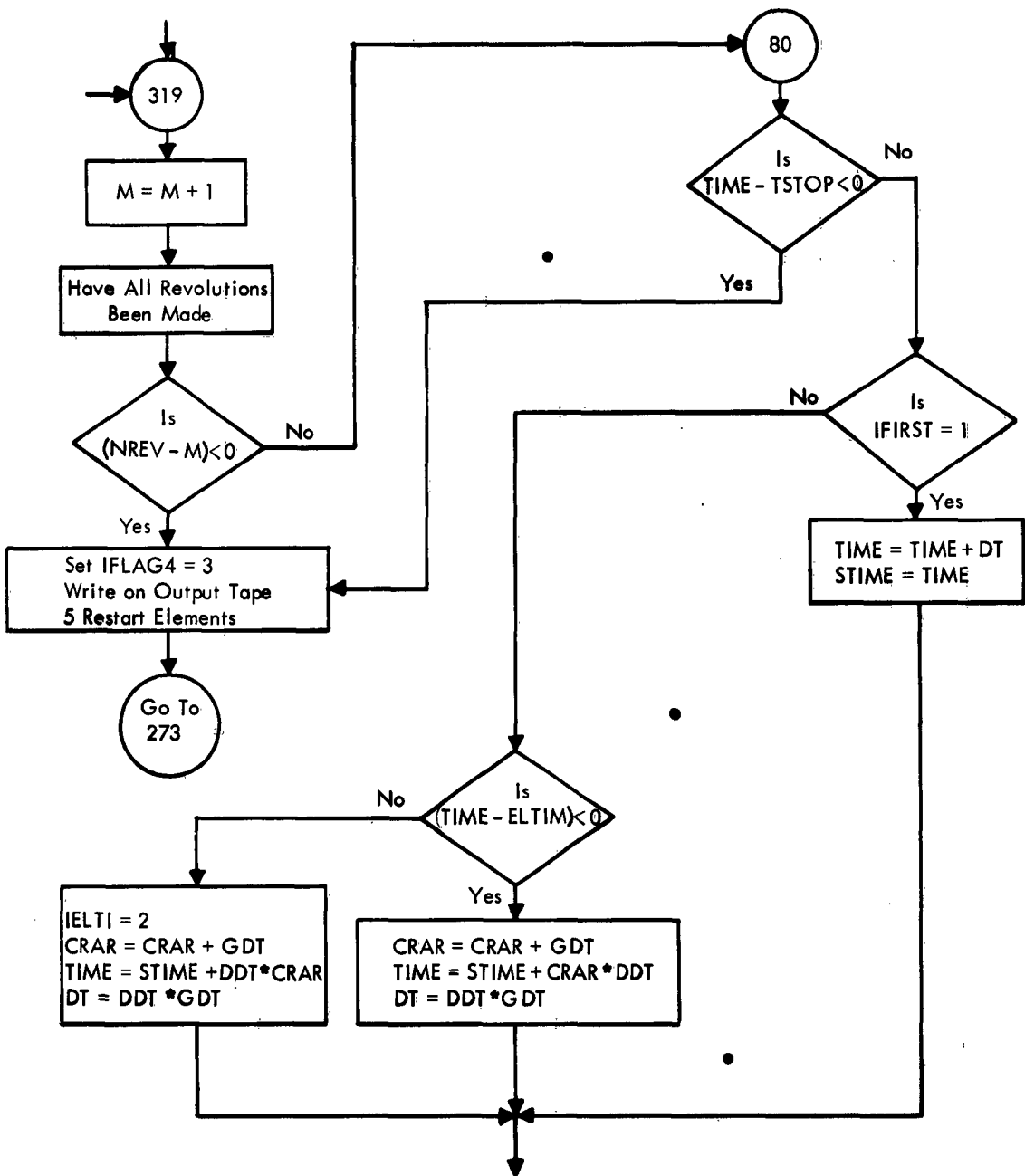


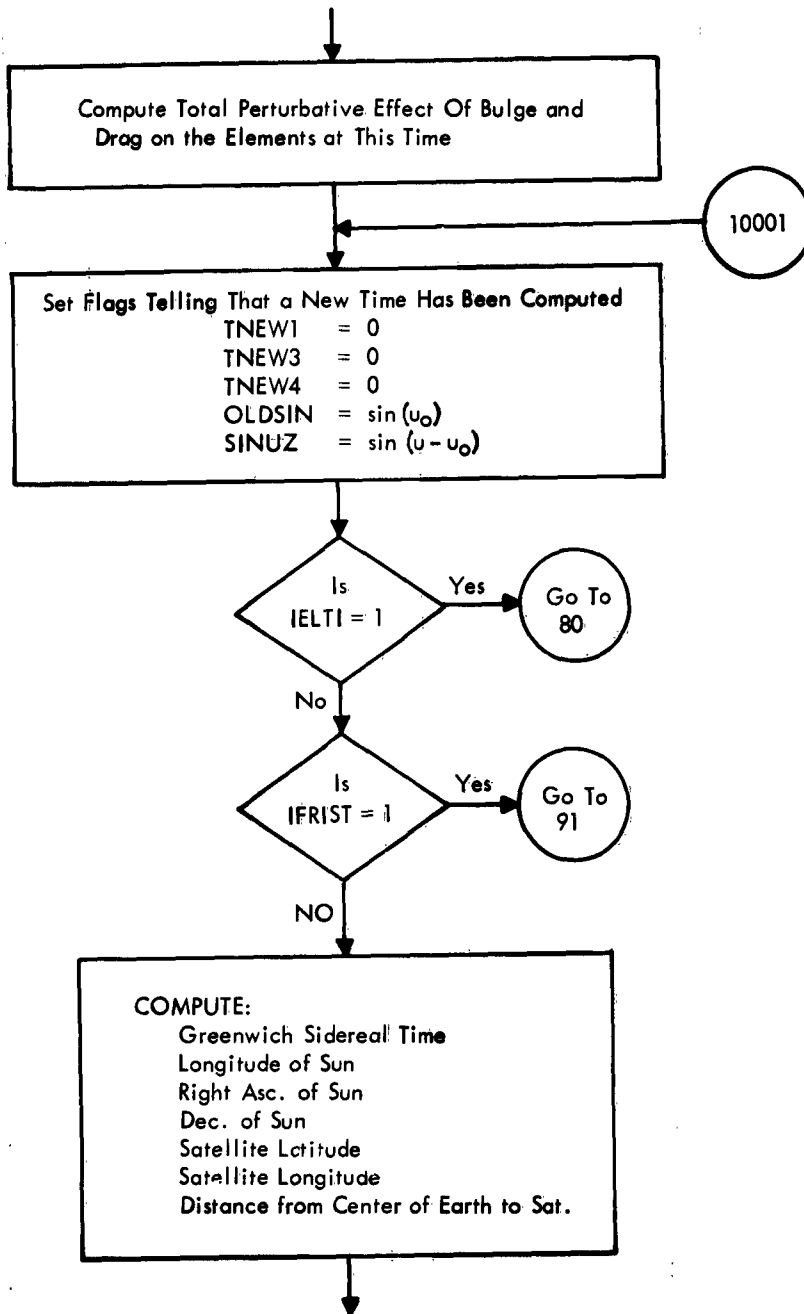


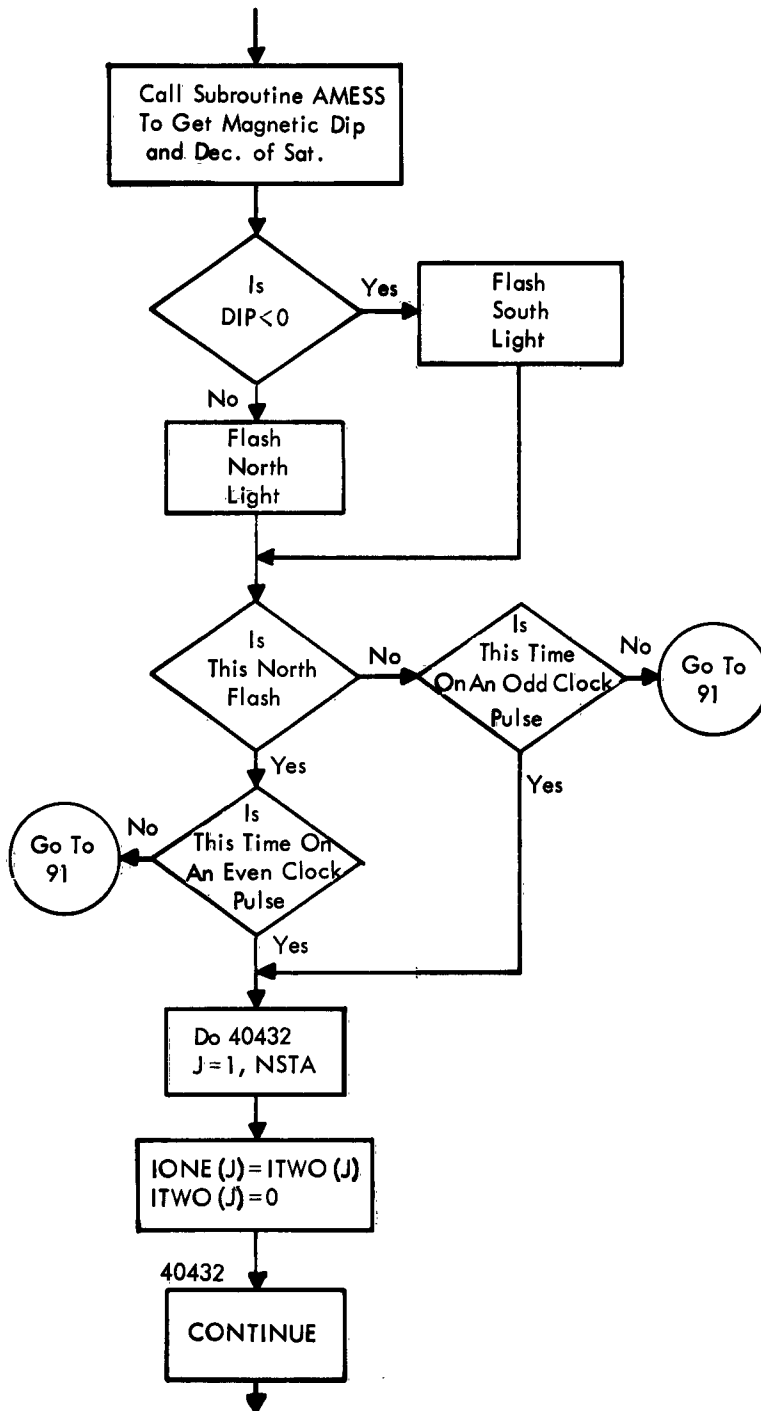


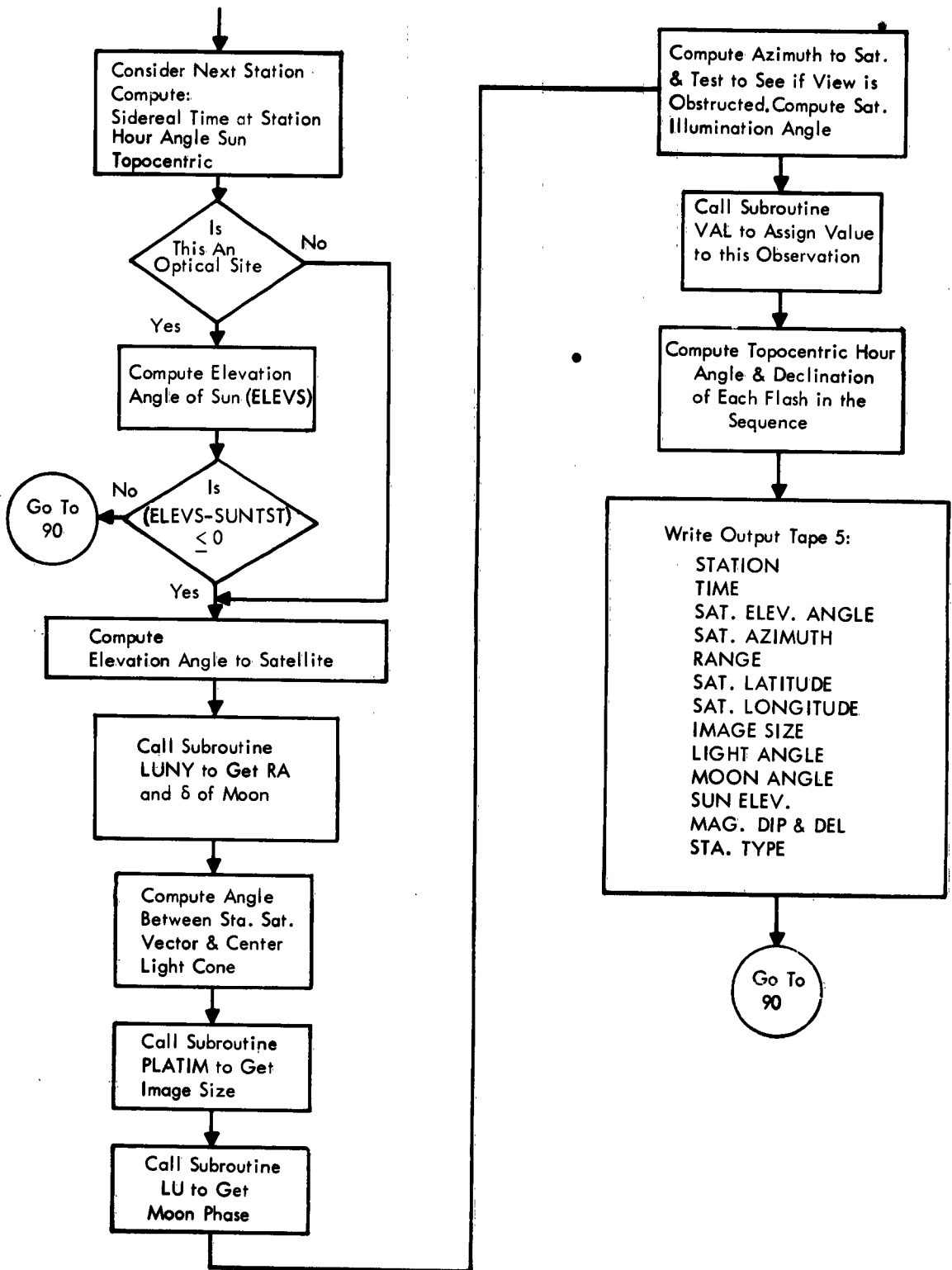














**where**

- f = satellite identification number
- g = year, day and month
- h = type of look angle (R for refined, P for long range)
- i = station number
- j = sequence number this day
- k = day number since Jan. 0
- l =  $\left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{hour} \\ \\ \end{array}$
- m =  $\left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{time of day} \\ \\ \end{array} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{min} \\ \\ \end{array} \right.$
- n =  $\left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \end{array} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{seconds to nearest } 1/10 \text{ second} \\ \\ \end{array} \right.$
- o = sign of Local Hour Angle (1 indicates negative, 0 indicates positive)
- p = Local Hour Angle to nearest 1/10 degree
- q = sign of declination (1 indicates negative, 0 indicates positive)
- r = declination to nearest 1/10 degree

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STA. NO.	DAY	HR	MIN	SEC	PASS NO.	SEQ. NO.	AZ(0°N)	ELEV (day)
XXXX	XXX	XX	XX	XX.XXX	XXXXXX	XXXXX	XXX.XX	XXX.XX

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## APPENDIX II

### Geomagnetic Field Calculations For a 5 Degree Polynomial

If one assumes that the earth's magnetic field at the point  $r, \theta$ , and  $\lambda$  (radial distance, co-latitude, and east longitude) arises from purely internal sources, then the components of the field (X, Y, Z) are given by:

$$\begin{aligned}
 X &= \sum_{n=1}^n \sum_{m=0}^n \frac{d}{d\theta} P_n^m \left[ g_n^m \cos m\phi + h_n^m \sin m\phi \right] \left( \frac{R_e}{r} \right)^{n+2} \\
 Y &= -\frac{1}{\sin \theta} \left[ \sum_{n=1}^n \sum_{m=0}^n P_n^m \left[ -m g_n^m \sin m\phi + m h_n^m \cos m\phi \right] \left( \frac{R_e}{r} \right)^{n+2} \right] \\
 Z &= \sum_{n=1}^n \sum_{m=0}^n P_n^m \left[ -(n+1) g_n^m \cos m\phi - (n+1) h_n^m \sin m\phi \right] \left( \frac{R_e}{r} \right)^{n+2}
 \end{aligned}$$

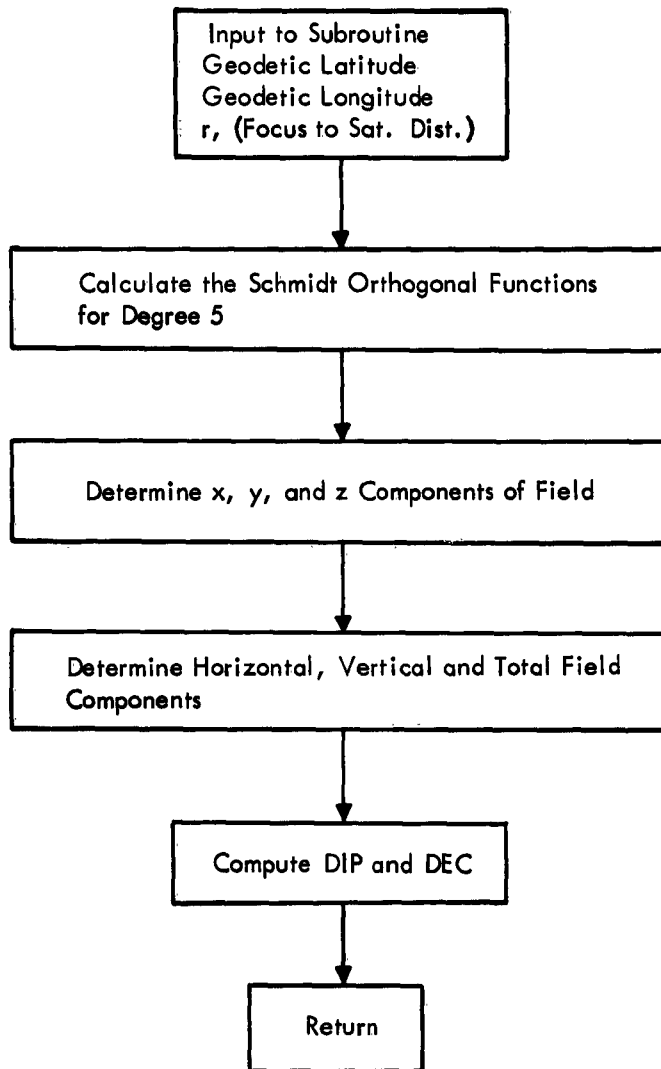
where  $P_n^m$  are the Schmidt orthogonal functions (using the associated Legendre functions; see Chapman and Bartels, Geomagnetism - Vol. II; pages 606-615); and  $g_n^m$  and  $h_n^m$  are the Schmidt coefficients of the geomagnetic field;  $R_e$  is the earth's radius in kilometers.

The total magnetic field, F, is then given by:

$$F = (X^2 + Y^2 + Z^2)^{1/2}$$

where F is calculated in gauss. To convert to gamma, the relationship 1 gauss =  $10^5$  gamma is used.

## Flow Chart for Geomagnetic Field Computations



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