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SPLINT

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PURPOSE

The purpose of SPLINT is to produce a magnetic tape in IBM 370 format containing parameters for the Fortran plotting routines from parameter lists in PDP-11 format. This is accomplished through a series of entry points - one for each subroutine, one for initialization, and one for closing the file.

Each record shall contain one subroutine call in the format shown on Pages 9 and 10. Each file will contain all of the information needed for one plot. Special error handling features have been incorporated in case of an underflow or overflow in the floating point conversion from PDP-11 IBM 370 formats.

NOTE: Entry points also exist for using certain common blocks in the subroutines.

INITIAL CALL

This entry point is used to initialize the tape unit number and error processing flags. The format is:

JSR R5, SPLINT

.WORD KEY, FILE, SCALE, MAXB
.BYTE HALT, SUPPRESS, UNIT, DUMMY

WHERE: SPLINT = Starting address of SPLINT
KEY = \emptyset (for initialization)
FILE = Initial tape file number
SCALE = \emptyset Large arrays are in PDP-11 floating point
format.
 $\neq \emptyset$ Scale is a scaling factor for the arrays,
which are in PDP-11 integer format.
MAXB = Maximum number of BYTES in buffer and tape record
(should be a multiple of 4)
HALT = \emptyset Continue if over or under-flow occurs in
PDP-11 to IBM 370 conversion.
= 1 Halt after record containing the errors is
written.
SUPPRESS = \emptyset Print an error message if over-or-under flow
occurs.
=1 Suppress error message.
UNIT = Tape unit number.
DUMMY = Dummy variable

PLOT ROUTINE

ENTRY POINTS

A different entry point exists for each of the 18 plotting

routines. The entry point is specified by one of the arguments in the call.

The format is:

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JSR      R5, SPLINT
.WORD    Key { Key is a numerical value, not an address.
.WORD
:        {
.WORD    } Contain addresses of subroutine arguments
          } or common block elements.
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Key is an integer which corresponds to the value of key on Page 8 for each of the subroutines.

KEY = 0 is used for initialization
= 19 is used by Splint. A call with KEY = 19 is a
dummy call and does nothing
= 20 is used to finish a file

The addresses of the arguments must occur in the order shown in the fortran calling sequence for the subroutine. The arguments are assumed to have the following properties:

- (1) Integer values are single word
- (2) Floating point values are normalized
- (3) All character strings are contained in a buffer whose first word contains a byte count
- (4) The string for the variable DD is 12 Bytes long - no byte count is needed
- (5) Subroutine VLABEL -variable FMT will be a 12 character string, no byte count.

NOTE: Some of the subroutines have an argument for the length of a character string, however the byte count will be used to determine the number of characters to be transmitted. In order to avoid confusion, use the byte count as that argument or at least make certain that the two agree.

EXAMPLES

(1) To call SYSPLT (X,Y,IPN) :

```
JSR    R5, SPLINT      ; Key from Page 9 for subroutine SYSPLT
.WORD  4.
.WORD  X
.WORD  Y
.WORD  IPN
.
.
.
X:     .WORD  VALUE      ;FLOATING PT
Y:     .WORD  VALUE      ;FLOATING PT
IPN:   .WORD  VALUE      ;INTEGER
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(2) To call SYSSYM (X,Y,SIZE, BCD,N,THETA)

```
JSR    R5, Splint
.WORD  5.              ;Key from Page 9 for subroutine SYSSYM
.WORD  X
.WORD  Y
.WORD  SIZE
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.WORD BCD
.WORD N
.WORD THETA

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X: FLOATING POINT VALUE
Y: FLOATING POINT VALUE
SIZE: FLOATING POINT VALUE
BCD: BYTE COUNT
CHARACTERS
N: INTEGER VALUE
THETA: FLOATING POINT VALUE

NOTE: N and Byte count should agree. To insure this we can use the following calling sequence:

JSR R5, Splint

.WORD 5

.WORD X

.WORD Y

.WORD SIZE

.WORD BCD

.WORD BCD

;USES BYTE COUNT AS VALUE OF N

.WORD THETA

(3) To use common block LBLCOM of subroutine LABEL

COMMON/ LBLCOM/ ITEST, SLBL, STTL, SSCL.

JSR R5, Splint

.WORD 30. ;KEY from Page 10 for common block LBLCOM

.WORD ITEST

.WORD SLBL

.WORD STTL

.WORD SSCL

.
. .
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ITEST: .WORD VALUE ;INTEGER

SLBL: .WORD VALUE ;FLOATING POINT

STTL: .WORD VALUE ;FLOATING POINT

SSCL: .WORD VALUE ;FLOATING POINT

ERRORS

OVERFLOW AND UNDERFLOW

Over-and under-flows can result in conversion from PDP-11 to IBM 370 floating point formats. Unless the suppress flag is set, the following message will be printed:

OVER OR UNDERFLOW FILE XXXXXX RECORD XXXXXX POSITION XXXXXX

In addition, the V-Flag will be set upon return from Splint. If

the halt flag is set, the programme will halt after the record is written.
To proceed, press continue.

Underflows result in zero.

Overflows result in the largest positive or smallest negative
number available in 370 format.

ERRORS OR MAGNETIC TAPE

The system routine GET/PUT is used for writing magnetic tapes.
An uncorrectable parity error will result in the message:

FILE XXXXX RECORD XXXXX

RETRY ATTEMPTS UNSUCCESSFUL

If a carriage return is typed, execution will continue. Any
other character will cause the programme to halt and you will not be able
to continue.

CLOSING THE FILE

To close a file, a call must be made as follows:

JSR R5, Splint

.WORD 20.

This causes an EOF to be written on the tape and also clears
the file number, record number, and unit number flags.

A call must be made to the initialization routine in order to
write a new file.

CONTINUATION BLOCKS

Subroutines without variable length arrays will be 56₁₀ Bytes long.

The other subroutines will contain records with as many Bytes as are needed up to the maximum defined by the user. If additional room is needed, a record will be written with KEY=19 indicating a continuation of the previous record. The programme will produce as many continuation records as are needed.

COMMON BLOCKS

SUBROUTINE	COMMON NAME	1 KEY	2	3	4	5	6
LABEL	LBLCOM	30	ITEST	SLBL	STTL	SSCL	
LOGAXS	LOGCOM	31	ITEST	SLBL	STTL	SSCL	STICK
INTPLT	COMPLO	32	ITEST	XLNGTH	YLNTH		
CPLT	COMCPL	33	ITEST	XLNGTH	YLNTH		
CPLT	COMCPT	34	ITEST	XLNGTH	YLNTH		
XYPLOT	COMPLO	35	ITEST	SLNGTH	YLNTH		
XYPLT	COMPLT	36	ITEST	XLNGTH	YLNTH		
PLOTY	COMPLY	37	ITEST	XLNGTH	YLNTH		
PLOTXY	COMPXY	38	ITEST	XLNGTH	YLNTH		

NOTE: KEY 21 FMT is 12 words long 1 byte/word

 PRTNUM Key 8 NUM is integer.

 Key 22 NUM is real