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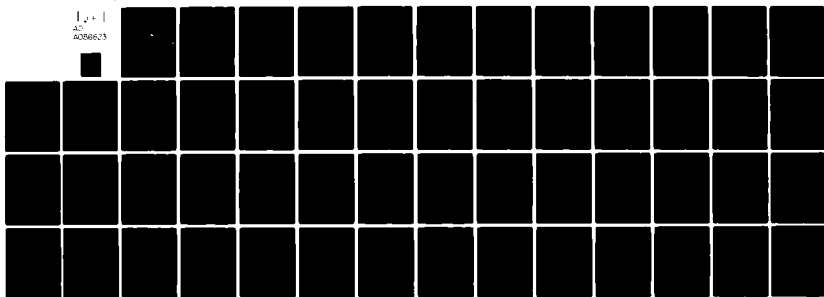
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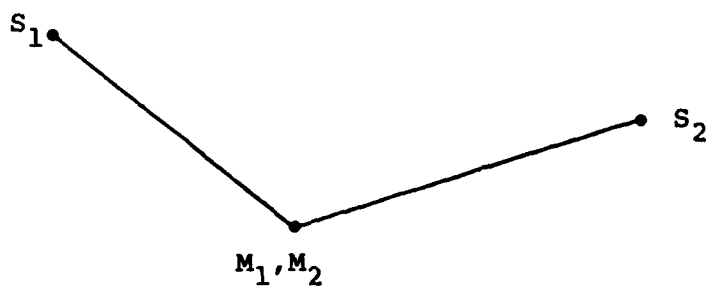
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This report presents an algorithm and HP-67/97 programs for position determination with Loran-C chains. Operational data cards are prepared in advance for Loran-C triplets. Position determination is performed using a single program card and an appropriate operational data card.

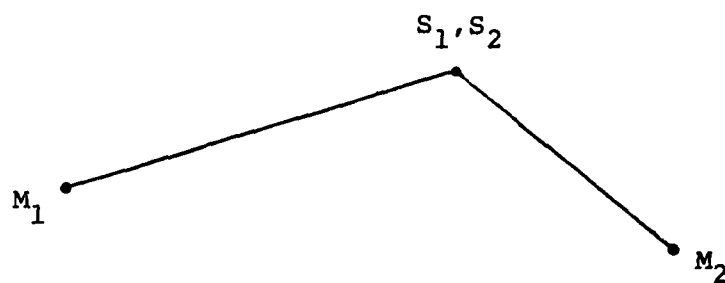
A. Introduction

The Loran system is a radio aid to navigation which utilizes the principle of hyperbolic fixing. The locus of points for which the difference in arrival time of synchronized signals from a pair of transmitters is constant determines a hyperbolic line of positions (LOP). The intersection of two hyperbolic lines of position from two pairs of transmitters determines position or a hyperbolic fix. That two pairs of stations are required for a fix does not necessarily mean that there are four separate stations, for one station of one pair may be colocated with one station of the other pair forming a *Loran triplet* (Figure 1). Triplets may be joined "end-to-end" by station colocation to form a *Loran chain* (Figure 2). Loran chains are common on both the East and West Coasts of the North American continent.

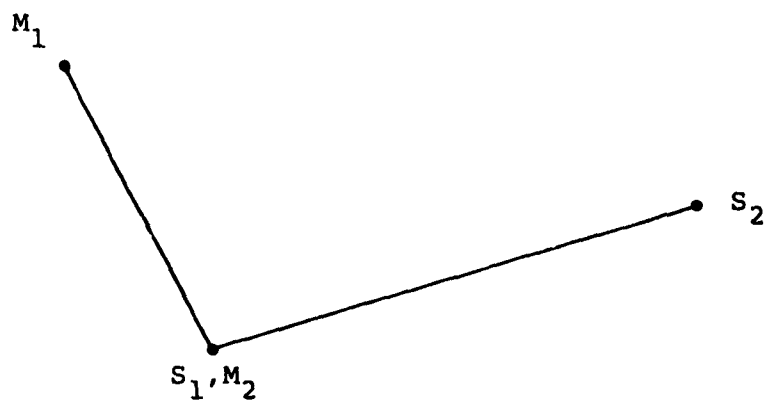
The early "Standard Loran" or Loran-A" operating at a frequency just below 2MHz is still in use in the Pacific area. The present day "Loran-C" operates at 100-kHz and is in use in both the Atlantic and Pacific Areas. The computational algorithm and programs described herein can be used for position determination with Loran-C triplets. Further information on the history, development and operation of the Loran systems may be found in References 1 and 2.



(a) Colocated Master Stations



(b) Colocated Slave Stations



(c) Colocated Master and Slave

Figure 1. Loran Triplets.

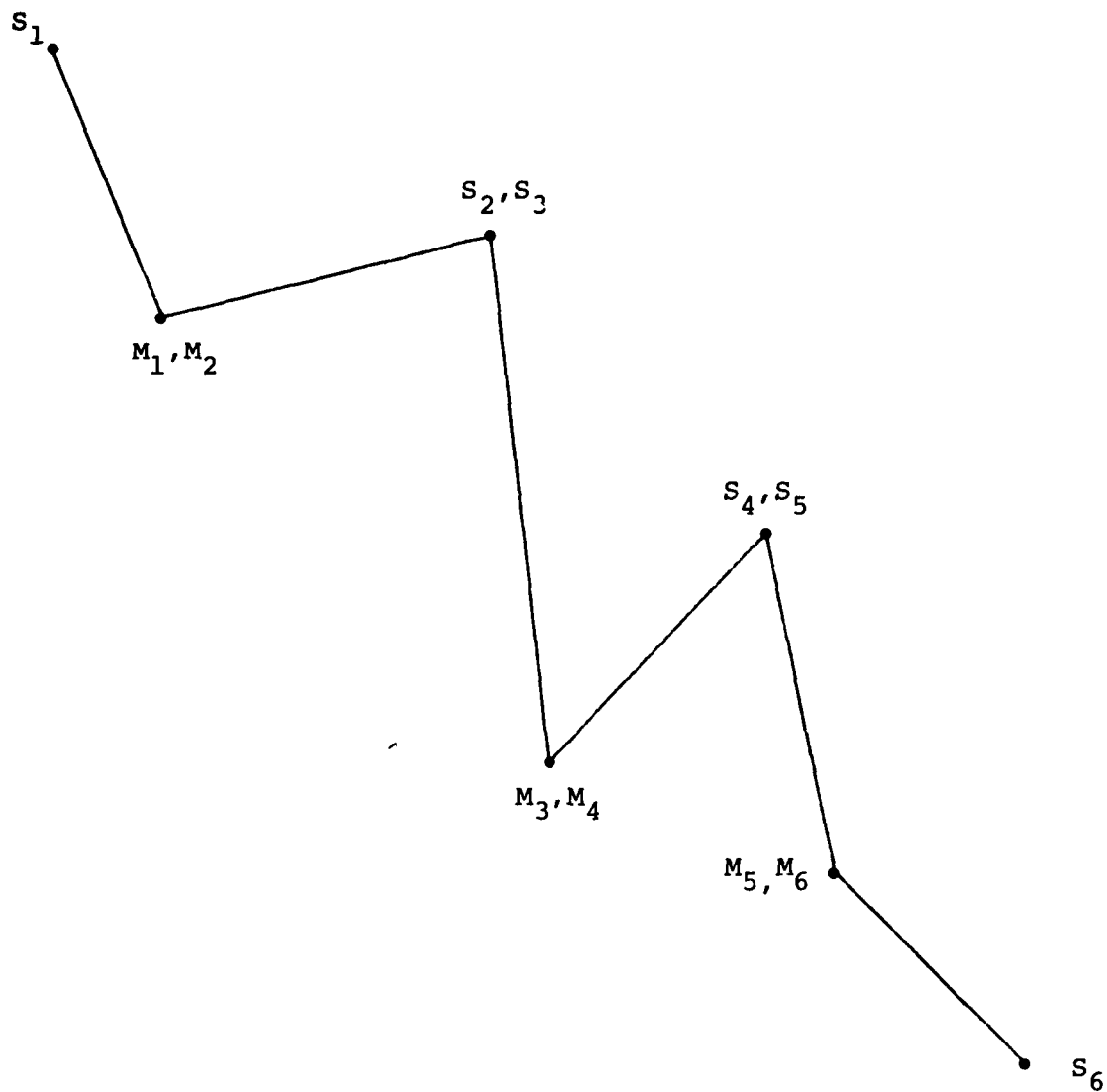


Figure 2. Loran Chain of Five Loran Triplets.

B. Program Description

One program card and one operational data card (described below) are all that is required for on-location position determination from Loran triplet time-difference measurements. Two program cards are required to prepare operational data cards; these operational data cards should be prepared and validated prior to on-location navigational use. Thus although three program cards are described only one program card is required for navigation; two program cards are used to prepare operational data cards during or prior to mission planning. The function of each program card and its intended use follows.

Program Card 1. This program card is used to prepare *master data cards*. A master data card requires the following information for a master(M) station/slave(S) station pair:

1. A M/S pair identification number.
2. The quantity Δt which is the sum of the coding delay plus the one way base line time in microseconds.
3. The latitude and longitude of the master station.
4. The latitude and longitude of the slave station.

Some preprocessing of these data is performed before the master data card is generated. The data generated require only one side of an HP-67/97 magnetic card for each M/S pair, thus a second M/S pair may be placed on side 2 of the card (thus conserving cards) if desired. It is envisaged that a master data card will be prepared in advance for each M/S pair that might be received within an area of operation.

Program Card 2. This program card is used to prepare an *operational data card* for every Loran triplet within an operational area. Each operational data card contains data merged from the master data cards which contain M/S pair information for each pair of the triplet. These merged data are validity checked, colocation of master or slave determined and encoded.

The only inputs required for this program are the two master data cards that comprise the Loran triplet. It is possible to prepare and store operational data cards rather than master data cards. This may be desirable if there is no scarcity of cards and storage space, however the number of possible Loran triplets is considerably larger than the number of M/S pairs.

Program Card 3. This program card is used in conjunction with an operational data card for position determination. Required input is the indicated time difference T for each M/S pair of the triplet. Output is the computed latitude and longitude of the fix. Note: Every Loran fix has two possible solutions. The unwanted solution can almost always be rejected by inspection, however, if the stations of the Loran triplet are nearly aligned then either solution may be valid even though only one solution should be consistent with the flight plan.

C. HP-67/97 Calculator Programs

1. User Instructions

CARD 1

Step	Instructions	Input Data/Units	Keys	Output Data/Units
1.	Read in program card (both sides)			
2.	Input a unique ID number for the Loran pair*	ID	f a	ID
3.	Input the coding delay Δt	Δt	f c	Δt
4a.	Input the master station latitude	ϕ_M	$\uparrow$	---
b.	and longitude (CHS for West)**	λ_M	A	---
5a.	Input the slave station latitude	ϕ_S	$\uparrow$	---
b.	and longitude (CHS for West)	λ_S	C	---
6a.	Run	None	E	crd
b.	Pass a blank data card through the card reader.			

* Note: Loran pairs are coded on the navigation maps using designators such as 9930X, 9930Y, 9930Z and 9930W. It is suggested that the ID's for these pairs be coded as 9930.1, 9930.2, 9930.3 and 9930.4, respectively. However, any consistent scheme is acceptable.

** The format for position data input is of the form:
+DDD.MMSSFF, where

DDD denotes degrees
 MMM denotes minutes
 SS denotes seconds
 FF denotes hundredths of a second.

The minus sign (-) denotes Southern latitudes or Western longitudes.

CARD 2

Step	Instructions	Input Data/Units	Keys	Output Data/Units
1.	Read in program card 2			
2a.	Start	---	E	9.00
b.	9.00 will flash in the display. Insert a master data card containing the first pair of a Loran triplet.			
c.	9.00 will flash in the display once more. Insert a master data card containing the second pair of the Loran triplet.			9.00
d.	If the data form a proper triplet, "crd" will appear in the display.			crd
e.	Pass both sides of a blank card thru the card reader to produce the operational data card for the Loran triplet.			
Should "error" appear in the display, then the two master data cards do not compare to form a Loran triplet. Both the latitude and longitude of the colocated stations must be identical on both master data cards in order to successfully produce an operational data card.				
Label the A key position with the identification number of the <u>first</u> Loran pair (the pair inserted in Step 2b) and label the B key position with the identification number of the <u>second</u> Loran pair (from Step 2c).				

CARD 3

Step	Instructions	Input Data/Units	Keys	Output Data/Units
1.	Read in both sides of the program card 3.			
2.	Read both sides of the operational data card for the Loran triplet that you are receiving.			
3a.	Set to compute Solution A.		f a	---
b.	Set to compute Solution B.		f b	---
4.	Input the observed time delay from the first Loran pair.	T	A	---
5.	Input the observed time delay from the second Loran pair.	T	B	---
6.	Compute fix Latitude Longitude		E R/S	Latitude Longitude
7.	Repeat from Step 2 with a new operational data card or from Steps 3 or 4 as required.			

2. Sample Problem

CARD 1

Step	Instructions	Input Data/Units	Keys	Output Data/Units
	In this series of examples we will prepare and use data cards for the Loran-C pairs 9930X and 9930Y.			
1.	Read in program card 1 (both sides)			
2.	Input the ID for 9930X	9930.1	f a	9930.10
3.	Input the coding delay Δt for 9930X	36389.66	f c	36389.66
4a.	Input the master station latitude	34.034604	↑	---
b.	and longitude (CHS for West)	-77.544676	A	---
5a.	Input the slave station latitude	46.463218	↑	---
b.	and longitude (CHS for West)	-53.102816	C	---
6a.	Compute	None	E	crd
b.	Pass a blank data card through the card reader. Label the card 9930X MASTER			---
7.	Input the ID for 9930Y	9930.2	f a	9930.2
8.	Input the coding delay Δt for 9930Y	52541.31	f c	52541.31
9a.	Input the master station latitude	34.034604	↑	---
b.	and longitude (CHS for West)	-77.544676	A	---
10a.	Input the slave station latitude	41.151193	↑	---
b.	and longitude (CHS for West)	-69.583909	C	---
11a.	Compute	None	E	crd
b.	Pass a blank data card (or the second side of the card used in Step 6b) through the card reader. Label the side 9930Y MASTER			
12.	These two cards will be used in the next example.			

CARD 2

Step	Instructions	Input Data/Units	Keys	Output Data/Units
1.	Read in program card 2.			
2a.	Start	---	E	9.00
b.	While 9.00 is flashing in the display, insert the MASTER data card for station 9930X into the card reader.			
c.	When 9.00 starts flashing in the display again, insert the MASTER data card for station 9930Y into the card reader.	---		9.00
d.	"Crd" will appear in the display.	---		crd
e.	Pass both sides of a blank card through the card reader. Label this card 9930X/9930Y OPERATIONAL DATA CARD. Then label the A key position 9990X and the B key position 9930Y. This card will be used in the next example.	---		0.00

CARD 3

Step	Instructions	Input Data/Units	Keys	Output Data/Units
	You are receiving 9930X and 9930Y and wish to obtain a fix.			
1.	Read in program card 3 (both sides)			---
2.	Read in the operational data card for the triplet 9930X/9930Y (both sides)			---
3.	Select Solution A.		f a	
4.	The indicated time delay is 49400 μ s from 9930Y. Input the indicated time delay.	49400	B	0.00
5.	The indicated time delay is 28800 μ s from 9930X. Input the indicated time delay.	28800	A	0.00
6.	Solution A: 42°44'57"N Latitude 41°07'32"W Longitude { Solution B: 27°00'07"S Latitude 102°27'12"E Longitude Since you are navigating over the North Atlantic, Solution A is the desired fix.		E R/S	42.4457 -41.0732
7.	Repeat from Step 2 with a new operational data card or from Steps 3 or 4 as required.			

3. Program Storage Allocations and Program Listings

Card 1.

Registers:

R0: ID	S0: L	RA:
R1: Δt	S1: T	RB:
R2: $2c$	S2: U	RC: θ_m
R3:	S3: V	RD: $\Delta\theta_m$
R4: θ_M	S4: X	RE: $\Delta\lambda$
R5: λ_M	S5: Y	RI: $\Delta\lambda_m$
R6: ϵ_{MS}	S6: $\delta_1 d$	
R7: θ_S	S7: $\Delta\lambda'_m$	
R8: λ_S	S8: d	
R9: ϵ_{SM}	S9: f	

Initial Flag Status and Use:

0: OFF, Unused	2: OFF, Unused
1: OFF, Unused	3: OFF, Unused

Display Status:

DSP 4, FIX, DEG.

User Control Keys:

A: $\phi_M \uparrow \lambda_M$	a: Station ID
B:	b:
C: $\phi_S \uparrow \lambda_S$	c: Δt
D:	d:
E: Prepare data card	e:

Card 2.

Registers:

R0: $\pm ID_1$	S0: $\pm ID_2$	RA:
R1: Δt_1	S1: Δt_2	RB:
R2: $2c_1$	S2: $2c_2$	RC:
R3:	S3:	RD:
R4: θ_{A1}	S4: θ_{A2}	RE: $a_p = 21295.87$
R5: λ_{A1}	S5: λ_{A2}	RI: $f = 1/298.26$
R6: ξ_{A1}	S6: ξ_{A2}	
R7: θ_{B1}	S7: θ_{B2}	
R8: λ_{B1}	S8: λ_{B2}	
R9: ξ_{B1}	S9: ξ_{B2}	

Initial Flag Status and Use:

0: OFF, Vertex determination	2: OFF, Validity checking
1: OFF, Unused	3: OFF, Unused

Display Status:

DSP 2, FIX, DEG

User Control Keys:

A:	a:
B:	b:
C:	c:
D:	d:
E: Run	e:

Card 3.

Registers:

R0: ID_1	S0: ID_2	RA: M
R1: Δt_1	S1: Δt_2	RB: u, N
R2: $(2c)_1$	S2: $(2c)_2$	RC: D, d
R3: A_1, c_2, P	S3: A_2	RD: $\Delta\sigma$
R4: $\theta_1 = \theta_F$	S4: θ_2	RE: $a_p = 21295.87$
R5: $\lambda_1 = \lambda_F$	S5: λ_2	RF: $f = 1/298.26$
R6: ξ_1	S6: ξ_2	
R7: C_1, c_1, H	S7: C_2	
R8: $B_1, S/a = r$	S8: B_2	
R9: α_1	S9:	

Initial Flag Status and Use:

0: OFF, Soln A, Soln B	2: OFF, M/S Vertex Flag
1: OFF, Unused	3: OFF, Unused

Display Status:

DSP 2, FIX, DEG

User Control Keys:

A: T_1	a: Soln A
B: T_2	b: Soln B
C:	c:
D:	d:
E: Run	e:

Main Routine: Renewal Solution			Compute and/or store:		
001 *LEL0	21 16 11	039 *LELE	21 15		
002 *ST00	35 00	040 RCL4	36 04		
003 *FTN	24	041 RCL7	36 07		
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014 *HMS*	16 36	052 RCL8	36 08		
015 *ST06	35 06	053 RCL5	36 05		
016 *GSE9	23 09	054 -	-45		
017 *ST07	35 07	055 ST0E	35 15		
018 *FTN	24	056 2	02		
019 *LEL9	21 09	057 ÷	-24		
020 *STY	-41	058 ST01	35 46		
021 *HMS*	16 36	059 P+S	16-51		
022 *TAN	42	060 RCLD	36 14		
023 1	01	061 COS	42		
024 *ENT1	-21	062 X2	53		
025 2	02	063 RCLC	36 13		
026 9	09	064 SIN	41		
027 6	03	065 X2	53		
028 .	-62	066 -	-45		
029 2	02	067 RCL1	36 46		
030 6	06	068 SIN	41		
031 1 X	52	069 X2	53		
032 P+S	16-51	070 X	-35		
033 *ST09	35 09	071 RCLD	36 14		
034 P+S	16-51	072 SIN	41		
035 -	-45	073 X2	53		
036 2	-35	074 +	-55		
037 *TAN*	16 43	075 ST00	35 00		
038 *FTN	24	076 ENT1	-21		

$$\theta_m = (\theta_1 + \theta_2)/2$$

$$\Delta\theta_m = (\theta_2 - \theta_1)/2$$

$$\Delta\lambda = \lambda_2 - \lambda_1$$

$$\Delta\lambda_m = \Delta\lambda/2$$

$$H = \cos^2 \Delta\theta_m - \sin^2 \theta_m$$

$$L = \sin^2 \Delta\theta_m + H \sin^2 \Delta\lambda_m$$

077	+	-55		115	RCL2	36 00	
078	1	00		116	RCL3	36 00	
079	-	-45		117		-45	
080	CHS	-22		118	ST05	35 05	
081	CHS	16 45		119	CHS	-22	
082	CHS	35 00		120	RCL4	36 04	
083	D+R	16 45		121	RCL1	36 04	
084	LSTX	16 00		122	>	-55	
085	SIN	41		123	+	-55	
086	+	-24		124	RCL9	36 00	
087	ST01	35 00		125	^	-35	
088	RCL0	36 00		126	4	04	
089	SIN	41		127	÷	-24	
090	RCL0	36 04		128	ST06	35 05	
091	COS	42		129	CHS	-22	
092	x	-55		130	RCL1	36 01	
093	XC	55		131	+	-55	
094	ENT:	-21		132	RCL8	36 00	
095	+	-55		133	SIN	41	
096	1	00		134	x	-35	
097	RCL0	36 00		135	R+0	16 46	
098	-	-45		136	F25	16 51	
099	÷	-24		137	ST02	35 02	
100	ST02	35 02		138	F25	16 51	
101	RCL0	36 04		139	RCL5	36 05	
102	SIN	41		140	RCL0	36 00	
103	RCL0	36 02		141	ENT1	-21	
104	COS	42		142	+	-55	
105	x	-55		143	1	01	
106	XC	55		144	-	-45	
107	ENT:	-21		145	4	04	
108	+	-55		146	RCL4	36 04	
109	RCL0	36 00		147	-	-45	
110	÷	-24		148	x	-35	
111	ST03	35 03		149	+	-55	
112	RCL2	36 02		150	RCL9	36 03	
113	+	-55		151	RCL1	36 01	
114	ST04	35 04		152	x	-35	

$$Y = U - V$$

$$\delta_1 d = f(TX - Y) / 4$$

$$2c = S/a_e = (T - \delta_1 d) \sin d$$

$$F/2 = [Y - (1 - 2L)(4 - X)]$$

$$-2G = fT$$

$$d = \cos^{-1}(1 - 2L)$$

$$T = d / \sin d$$

$$U = 2 \sin^2 \theta_m \cos^2 \theta_m / (1 - L)$$

$$V = 2 \sin^2 \Delta \theta_m \cos^2 \theta_m / L$$

$$X = U + V$$

Card 1: Continued.

153	^	-35	-FG	191	P+S	16-61	Store α_{12} in R_6 and α_{21} in R_9 .
154	CHS	-22		192	ST06	35 00	
155	RCLC	36 15		193	ST05	35 03	
156	TAN	43		194	R4	-21	
157	x	-35		195	ST+6	35-55 23	
158	4	04		196	ST-9	35-45 23	
159	÷	-24		197	0	00	
160	R+0	16 46	$Q = -(FG \tan \Delta\lambda)/4$	198	ST05	35 23	
161	RCLC	36 15		199	NOTA	16-61	
162	+	-55		200	P/S	51	
163	2	02					
164	÷	-24					
165	ST07	35 07	$\Delta\lambda'_m = (\Delta\lambda + Q)/2$				
166	1	01					
167	+R	74					
168	FCLD	36 14					
169	COS	42					
170	x	-35					
171	X=Y	-41					
172	RCLC	36 13	$\cos \Delta\theta_m \cos \Delta\lambda'_m$				
173	SIN	41	$\sin \theta_m \sin \Delta\lambda'_m$				
174	x	-35					
175	-P	34					
176	CLX	-51	t_2 is in the Y-register				
177	RCL7	36 07					
178	:	01					
179	+F	44					
180	CHS	-22					
181	RCLD	36 14					
182	SIN	41					
183	^	-35	$-\sin \Delta\theta_m \cos \Delta\lambda'_m$				
184	X=Y	-41					
185	RCLC	36 13	$\cos \theta_m \sin \Delta\lambda'_m$				
186	COS	42					
187	x	-35					
188	+P	34					
189	R4	-31	t_1 is in the X-register				
190	CLRG	16-53					

Card 1: Continued.

001	*L3L5	21 05	<u>Subroutine</u> Exchange storage of master and slave station data if the slave station is at the vertex of the triplet.
002	F0L7	36 07	
003	F0L4	36 04	
004	F0L7	36 07	
005	F0L7	-41	
006	F0L4	35 04	
007	F0L8	36 08	
008	F0L5	36 05	
009	F0L8	36 08	
010	F0L7	-41	
011	F0L5	35 05	Change sign of the ID to signal that the slave station is at the triplet vertex.
012	F0L9	36 09	
013	F0L6	36 06	
014	F0L9	36 09	
015	F0L7	-41	
016	F0L8	35 08	
017	F0L5	35 05	
018	F0L8	35 08	
019	F0L9	-41	
020	F0L6	35 06	
021	*L5L4	21 04	<u>Subroutine</u> Determine if the master station of one pair is co- located with the slave station of the other pair.
022	F0L4	36 04	
023	F0L8	16-51	
024	F0L7	36 07	
025	F0L9	16-52	
026	F0L8	24	
027	F0L6	36 06	
028	F0L8	16-51	
029	F0L5	36 05	
030	F0L8	16-51	
031	F0L9	16-52	Rearrange data and set F2 if a colocation is found.
032	F0L7	24	
033	F0L6	23 03	
034	F0L8	16 21 02	
035	F0L9	24	
036	F0L7	24	
037	F0L6	51	

Card 2: Continued.

Address	Operation	Comments	Address	Operation	Comments
001	STO A	21 11 11	038	STO A	35 11 11
002	STO B	16 01 01	039	STO B	36 08 08
003	STO C	16 01 01	040	STO C	36 08 08
004	STO D	21 11 11	041	STO D	36 08 08
005	STO E	16 01 01	042	STO E	36 08 08
006	STO F	16 01 01	043	STO F	36 08 08
007	STO G	21 11 11	044	STO G	36 08 08
008	STO H	16 01 01	045	STO H	36 08 08
009	STO I	16 01 01	046	STO I	36 08 08
010	STO J	21 11 11	047	STO J	36 08 08
011	STO K	16 01 01	048	STO K	36 08 08
012	STO L	16 01 01	049	STO L	36 08 08
013	STO M	21 11 11	050	STO M	36 08 08
014	STO N	16 01 01	051	STO N	36 08 08
015	STO O	16 01 01	052	STO O	36 08 08
016	STO P	21 11 11	053	STO P	36 08 08
017	STO Q	16 01 01	054	STO Q	36 08 08
018	STO R	16 01 01	055	STO R	36 08 08
019	STO S	21 11 11	056	STO S	36 08 08
020	STO T	16 01 01	057	STO T	36 08 08
021	STO U	16 01 01	058	STO U	36 08 08
022	STO V	21 11 11	059	STO V	36 08 08
023	STO W	16 01 01	060	STO W	36 08 08
024	STO X	16 01 01	061	STO X	36 08 08
025	STO Y	21 11 11	062	STO Y	36 08 08
026	STO Z	16 01 01	063	STO Z	36 08 08
027	STO A	16 01 01	064	STO A	36 08 08
028	STO B	21 11 11	065	STO B	36 08 08
029	STO C	16 01 01	066	STO C	36 08 08
030	STO D	16 01 01	067	STO D	36 08 08
031	STO E	21 11 11	068	STO E	36 08 08
032	STO F	16 01 01	069	STO F	36 08 08
033	STO G	16 01 01	070	STO G	36 08 08
034	STO H	21 11 11	071	STO H	36 08 08
035	STO I	16 01 01	072	STO I	36 08 08
036	STO J	16 01 01	073	STO J	36 08 08
037	STO K	21 11 11	074	STO K	36 08 08
038	STO L	16 01 01	075	STO L	36 08 08
039	STO M	16 01 01	076	STO M	36 08 08

Card 3: Loran Fixing Program

Fixing Routine

$$K = B_2 A_1 - B_1 A_2$$

$$B_2 C_1 \sin \xi_1$$

$$B_2 C_1 \cos \xi_1$$

$$B_1 C_2 \sin \xi_2$$

$$B_1 C_2 \cos \xi_2$$

C and S

ρ and γ

Error at Step 75 if time delay input is not valid for one of the pairs.

153	RCL3	36 03	191	-	-45	Display ϕ_2
154	X	-35	192	=	-34	
155	2	02	193	TAN	16 43	
156	X	-35	194	+HMS	16 35	
157	RCLC	36 13	195	PRTX	-14	
158	SIN	41	196	R/S	51	
159	X	-35	197	RCL9	35 05	
160	R+0	16 46	198	RCLD	36 14	
161	CHS	-22	199	SIN	41	
162	RCLC	36 13	200	+R	44	$\sin \Delta\sigma \cos \alpha_{12}$
163	+	-55	201	RCL4	35 04	
164	STO0	35 14	202	SIN	41	$\sin \Delta\sigma \sin \alpha_{12}$
165	STA7	35-35 07	203	X	-35	
166	RCL4	36 04	204	CHS	-22	
167	COS	42	205	RCL4	36 04	$\sin \theta_1 \sin \Delta\sigma \cos \alpha_{12}$
168	RCL9	36 09	206	COS	42	
169	COS	42	207	RCLD	36 14	
170	X	-35	208	COS	42	
171	RCLD	36 14	209	X	-35	$\cos \theta_1 \cos \Delta\sigma$
172	XZY	-41	210	+	-55	$-\sin \theta_1 \sin \Delta\sigma \cos \alpha_{12}$
173	+R	44	211	+P	34	$\Delta\eta$
174	RCLD	36 14	212	CLX	-51	
175	RCL4	36 04	213	RCL7	36 07	
176	SIN	41	214	-	-45	
177	+R	44	215	RCL5	36 05	
178	R1	16-31	216	+	-55	$\Delta\lambda = \Delta\eta - H$
179	+	-55	217	1	01	$\lambda_2 = \lambda_1 + \Delta\lambda$
180	XZY	-41	218	+R	44	
181	R1	16-31	219	+F	34	
182	-	-45	220	R4	-31	
183	XZ	53	221	+HMS	16 35	Display λ_2
184	RCLA	36 11	222	PRTX	-14	
185	XZ	53	223	R/S	51	
186	+	-55				
187	4X	54				
188	=	-24				
189	1	01				
190	RCL1	36 46				

D. Loran-C Fixing Algorithms

The development of the Loran fixing algorithms in this report is presented in more detail in a companion report [Ref. 3] and will not be repeated here.

The basic Loran-C equation [Ref. 4] can be written as

$$T = [T_S + p(T_S)] - [T_M + p(T_M)] + [T_B + p(T_N)] + \delta \quad (1)$$

where

T is the "indicated time difference" in microseconds,
 T_M, T_S is the distance, in microseconds, from the master and the slave to the receiver, respectively,
 T_B is the distance, in microseconds, between the master and the slave,
 δ is the assigned coding delay, in microseconds, and
 $p(T)$ is the secondary phase correction, in microseconds, for an all sea water path of length T .

The quantity

$$\Delta t = [T_B + p(T_B)] + \delta$$

is a constant for each master/slave pair. The following World Geodetic System 1972 (WGS 72) values have been adopted for Loran-C navigation [Ref. 4]:

$v_0 = 299792458$ meters/second is the velocity of light in free space,

$\eta = 1.000338$ is the index of refraction of the surface of the earth for standard atmosphere and 100kHz electromagnetic waves,

$a_e = 6378135.00$ meters is the equatorial radius of the earth, and

$f = 1/298.26$ is the flattening factor ($1 - b/a_e$, where b is the polar radius) of the earth.

Accurate formulas for computing the secondary phase correction $p(T)$ are contained in Reference 4, but for use with the handheld calculator the following linear approximation [Ref. 3] will be used:

$$p(T) = a_1 + a_2 T,$$

where

$$a_1 = -0.321,$$

and

$$a_2 = 0.000635.$$

Using this approximation, it is possible to solve Equation 1 for the quantity $T_S - T_M$. We find

$$T_S - T_M = (T - \Delta t)/(1 + a_2). \quad (2)$$

On the surface of a sphere a hyperbolic line of position can be represented by the equation [Ref. 3, page 175]

$$\tan r = \frac{\cos 2a - \cos 2c}{\sin 2c \cos \omega + \zeta \sin 2a} \quad (3)$$

where the origin of the coordinate system is at the prime focus of the spherical hyperbola, $2c$ is the spherical arc joining the foci, $2a$ is a constant for any one LOP, and r and ω are the spherical coordinates of a point on the LOP. If the base line of the coordinate system is the arc joining the foci then ω is the spherical polar angle from the base line to a point P on the LOP and r is the spherical polar distance (or arc) from the prime focus to P . Using the Loran system we take $\zeta = +1$ if the prime focus is at a master station and we take $\zeta = -1$ if the prime focus is at a slave station.

If we take $v = v_0/\eta$ to be the velocity of 100kHz electromagnetic radiation of the earth's surface then

$$2a = v(T_S - T_M)/a_e ,$$

or, using Eq. (2),

$$2a = (T - \Delta t)/a_p , \quad (4)$$

where

$$a_p = \frac{a_e(1 + a_2)}{v_0/\eta} = 21295.87 \text{ } \mu\text{s} .$$

The baseline between master and slave can be obtained from

$$2c = v T_B/a_e . \quad (5)$$

Here $2c$ is computed by program card 1 (preparation of master data cards) using the algorithm in Section E.

Consider a Loran-C triplet with master stations colocated. Let ξ_1 and ξ_2 denote the azimuth angles of slave 1 (S_1) and slave 2 (S_2), respectively, measured from North toward the East from the master stations (M) (see Fig. 3). Further, let α and r denote the azimuth and spherical polar arc (distance) of the receiver (R) from M. For this geometry, Eq. (3) can be written as

$$\tan r_i = \frac{B_i}{C_i \cos(\alpha - \xi_i) + A_i} \quad (6)$$

where

$$A_i = \zeta_i \sin 2a_i$$

$$B_i = \cos 2a_i - \cos 2c_i$$

and $C_i = \sin 2c_i$

for the i^{th} Loran pair, $i = 1, 2$. Since $r = r_1 = r_2$, $\tan r_i$ can be eliminated in Eq. (6). The resulting equation can be rewritten as

$$C \cos \alpha + S \sin \alpha = K, \quad (7)$$

where

$$C = B_1 C_2 \cos \xi_2 - B_2 C_1 \cos \xi_1,$$

$$S = B_1 C_2 \sin \xi_2 - B_2 C_1 \sin \xi_1,$$

and $K = B_2 A_1 - B_1 A_2$.

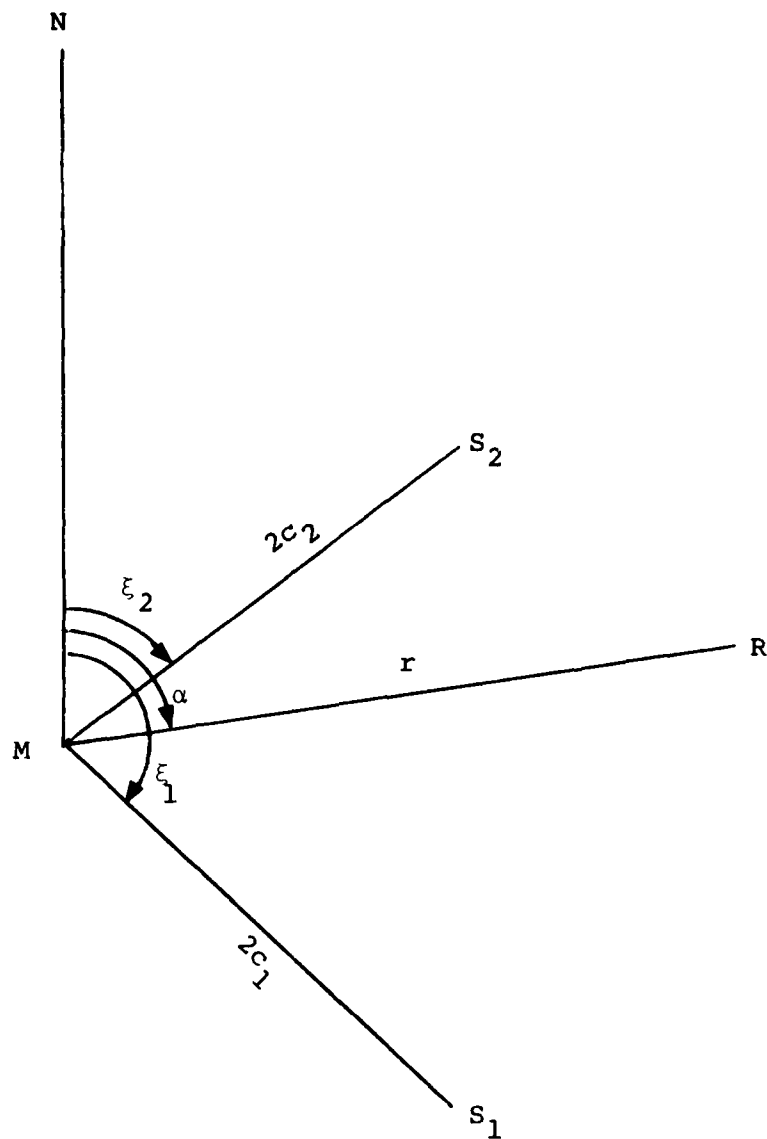


Figure 3. Geometry of a Loran Triplet and a Receiver.

If we define $\rho > 0$ and γ by the equations

$$\begin{aligned} \rho \cos \gamma &= C, \\ \rho \sin \gamma &= S, \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

then

$$\rho = \sqrt{C^2 + S^2},$$

and

$$\gamma = \text{qatn}(S, C).$$

Here the function $\text{qatn}(y, x)$ is the arctangent of y/x adjusted for the proper quadrant according to the signs of x and y . A compact form of this function is

$$\text{qatn}(y, x) = \tan^{-1} \frac{y}{x + 10^{-9} t(x = 0?)} + \pi t(x < 0?)$$

where

$$t(z) = 1 \text{ when } z \text{ is true}$$

and

$$t(z) = 0 \text{ when } z \text{ is false.}$$

When convenient we will use the notation $\text{qatn}(y/x)$ interchangeably with $\text{qatn}(y, x)$. The qatn function is equivalent to the polar angle obtained using the rectangular to polar conversion function on the HP-67/97.

Now substitute Eq. (8) into Eq. (7) and solve for

$$\alpha = \gamma \pm \cos^{-1}(\kappa/\rho) \tag{9}$$

to obtain the azimuth angle α of the two points of intersection of the LOP's. Finally we obtain a value for r by substituting each α into Eq. (5). We find that

$$r = \text{qatn} \left[\frac{B_i}{C_i \cos(\alpha - \xi_i) + A_i} \right] \quad \text{for } i = 1 \text{ or } 2.$$

The distance and azimuth from M or the triplet vertex can be converted into the latitude and longitude of the two possible positions of R .

The fixing algorithm then uses α and r in the *direct* solution algorithm of spheroidal geodesy (Section F).

E. The Reverse (Inverse) Solution Algorithm

This *reverse* solution algorithm is a modification of the first order in flattening (f) algorithm given by Thomas [Ref. 5, pp. 8-10]. Thomas' notation has been followed as closely as possible for ease of comparison of the algorithms. The q atn function is defined in Section D. West longitudes (λ) and South latitudes (ϕ) are negative. We are given the points $P_1(\phi_1, \lambda_1)$, $P_2(\phi_2, \lambda_2)$ on the spheroid and are to find the distance S between the points and the forward and back azimuths, α_{12} and α_{21} . Given quantities are $\phi_1, \lambda_1, \phi_2$ and λ_2 . No assumptions about the relative location of P_1 and P_2 are required. The modified *reverse* solution algorithm is:

$$\alpha_i = \tan^{-1}[(1-f) \tan \phi_i], \quad i = 1, 2,$$

$$\alpha_m = (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)/2, \quad \Delta\theta_m = (\theta_2 - \alpha_1)/2, \quad \Delta\lambda = \lambda_2 - \lambda_1,$$

$$\cos \theta_m = 1/2, \quad H = \cos^2 \Delta\theta_m - \sin^2 \theta_m = \cos^2 \alpha_m - \sin^2 \Delta\theta_m = \cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_2,$$

$$L = \sin^2 \Delta\theta_m + H \sin^2 \Delta\lambda = \sin^2(d/2), \quad 1 - L = \cos^2(d/2),$$

$$d = \cos^{-1}(1 - 2L), \quad U = 2 \sin^2 \theta_m \cos^2 \Delta\theta_m / (1 - L),$$

$$V = 2 \sin^2 \Delta\theta_m \cos^2 \alpha_m / L, \quad X = U + V, \quad Y = U - V,$$

$$T = 4 \sin d, \quad \lambda_1 d = f(TX - Y)/4, \quad S = a_e(T - \alpha_1 d) \sin d,$$

$$B = 2[Y - (1 - 2L)(4 - X)], \quad G = fT/2,$$

$$\alpha_2 = (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)/4, \quad \Delta\theta_m = (\theta_2 + \alpha_1)/2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
t_1 &= \text{qatn}(-\sin \Delta\theta_m \cos \Delta\lambda'_m, \cos \theta_m \sin \Delta\lambda'_m), \\
t_2 &= \text{qatn}(\cos \Delta\theta_m \cos \Delta\lambda'_m, \sin \theta_m \sin \Delta\lambda'_m), \\
\alpha_{12} &= t_1 + t_2, \quad \alpha_{21} = t_1 - t_2.
\end{aligned}$$

This reverse solution algorithm is used by program card 1 (preparation of master data cards) to compute the baseline distance $2c$ and the azimuths ξ_{MS} and ξ_{SM} between the master and slave stations of a Loran pair.

Details of the modifications made to Thomas' algorithm are contained in Reference 3.

F. The Direct Solution Algorithm

This *direct* solution algorithm is a modification of the first order in flattening (f) algorithm given by Thomas [Ref. 5, pp. 7-8]. Thomas' notation has been followed as closely as possible for ease of comparison of the algorithms. The *qatn* function is defined in Section D. West longitudes and South latitudes are negative. We are given the point $P_1(\phi_1, \lambda_1)$ on the spherioid, where ϕ_1, λ_1 are the geodetic latitude and longitude (geographic coordinates); the forward azimuth α_{12} and the distance S to a second point $P_2(\phi_2, \lambda_2)$; and from these we are to find the geographic coordinates ϕ_2, λ_2 and the back azimuth α_{21} . The given quantities are $\phi_1, \lambda_1, \alpha_{12}$ and S . No assumptions about the relative location of P_1 and P_2 are required. The modified *direct* solution algorithm is:

$$\theta_1 = \tan^{-1}[(1-f) \tan \phi_1], \quad M = \cos \theta_1 \sin \alpha_{12}$$

$$N = \cos \theta_1 \cos \alpha_{12}, \quad c_1 = fM, \quad c_2 = f(1 - M^2)/4,$$

$$D = 1 - 2c_2 - c_1M, \quad P = c_2/D, \quad \sigma_1 = \text{qatn}(N, \sin \theta_1)$$

$$d = S/(a_e D), \quad u = 2(\sigma_1 - d), \quad W = 1 - 2P \cos u,$$

$$V = \cos(u + d), \quad Y = 2PVW \sin d, \quad \Delta\sigma = d - Y,$$

$$\alpha_{21} = \text{qatn}[-M, -(N \cos \Delta\sigma - \sin \theta_1 \sin \Delta\sigma)],$$

$$K = (1-f) [M^2 + (N \cos \Delta\sigma - \sin \theta_1 \sin \Delta\sigma)^2]^{1/2},$$

$$\phi_2 = \tan^{-1}[(\sin \theta_1 \cos \Delta\sigma + N \sin \Delta\sigma)/K],$$

$$\Delta\lambda = \text{qatn}(\sin \phi_1 \sin \alpha_{12}, \cos \theta_1 \cos \Delta\sigma - \sin \theta_1 \sin \Delta\sigma \cos \alpha_{12}),$$

$$H = \phi_1^{-1}, \quad \lambda_2 = \lambda_1 - H, \quad \lambda_2 = \lambda_1 + \Delta\lambda.$$

This direct solution algorithm is used by program card 3 (improved fix program) to compute the latitude and longitude of the receiver using the azimuth and range of the receiver from the Loran triplet vertex.

Details of the modifications made to Thomas' algorithm are contained in Reference 3.

G. Discussion and Some Typical Results

The HP-67 program design specifications of COMPATWINGSPAC [Ref. 6] are contained in the following statement.

"There is a need for an HP-67 program that will compute a geographical position from two Loran delay rate readings. Several methodologies are available to compute the desired position but computational complexities increase with the desired accuracy and flexibility. The most desirable accuracy would be an error of less than 4 n.mi. at a range of 500 n.mi. with less error closer to the stations. It is likely that program length considerations will require that the station pairs have a common site (i.e. two slaves or two masters at the same location). This is not an unusual situation as evidenced by strings of station pairs along coast lines. A data card will probably be necessary for the station pairs to be used. However, more than one program card is unacceptable due to the decrease in functional utility when compared to the manual plotting method. As a final requirement, the fix should be obtainable on either side of the baselines connecting the stations, and not limited to a geometric position relative to one side or the other of the stations."

It was further stated that the maximum computation time to obtain a fix be 1.5 minutes.

It is felt that these design goals have been satisfied. Although one program is required to prepare master data cards for all Loran-C pairs and a second card is required to prepare

operational data cards, one each for every triplet, this preparation should be done only once. The data cards should be supplied to users verified and labeled, by the Fleet Mission Program Library. One program card and an appropriate operational data card are all that is required for the fixing algorithm.

The fixing algorithm will display one of the two possible receiver positions in 38 seconds following the entry of the time delay readings. Since there are situations in which *either* of the two solutions could be the valid solution; the decision of which solution to use should be left to the operator, not the program designer.

Testing of the algorithm for all Loran-C triplets and positions relative to those triplets was too extensive a program to be carried out in the available time. Some "typical" scenarios however are presented in Tables I through IV. As can be seen all errors are all well within the design specifications of 4 n.mi at 500 n.mi range from the stations. The time delay values in these Tables were generated using a program discussed in Reference 3. It is recommended that the P-3 community test the algorithm for accuracy in known areas of operation and examine the results for possible regions in which the algorithm may fall outside the design requirements. Such testing should be compatible with the known "unreliable regions" shown on the Loran-C charts.

Table I. Moffett Field South

Position		Indicated Time Delay		Fix		Error n.mi
Lat	Long	9940X	9940Y	Lat (N)	Long (W)	
24°N	122°W	27726.19	40912.76	23°59'55"	122°00'01"	0.08
26	122	27715.97	40998.39	25°59'57"	122°00'01"	0.05
28	122	27702.41	41117.84	27°59'59"	122°00'00"	0.02
30	122	27683.53	41291.85	29°59'59"	122°00'00"	0.02
32	122	27655.47	41555.46	32°00'00"	122°00'00"	0.00
34	122	27609.63	41959.57	34°00'00"	122°00'00"	0.00
36	122	27523.56	42544.11	36°00'00"	121°59'59"	0.01
38	122	27334.61	43248.22	38°00'00"	121°59'58"	0.03

Table II. Moffett Field West

Position		Indicated Time Delay		Fix		Error n.mi
Lat	Long	9940Y	9940W	Lat (N)	Long (W)	
37°N	122°W	42892.86	16257.23	36°59'59"	122°00'01"	0.02
37	125	43056.68	15765.13	37°00'00"	125°00'00"	0.00
37	128	43137.78	15327.12	37°00'00"	128°00'00"	0.00
37	131	43191.10	14970.77	37°00'00"	131°00'00"	0.00
37	134	43232.38	14683.74	37°00'00"	134°00'00"	0.00
37	137	43267.42	14449.40	37°00'00"	137°00'00"	0.00
37	140	43298.80	14254.02	37°00'00"	140°00'01"	0.01
37	143	43327.85	14087.43	37°00'01"	142°59'59"	0.02

Table III. Brunswick Northeast

Position		Indicated Time Delay		Fix		Error n.mi
Lat	Long	7930Z	9930X	Lat (N)	Long (W)	
60°N	30°W	52437.86	28451.72	60°00'03"	29°59'32"	0.24
58	35	51960.93	28391.50	58°00'00"	34°59'46"	0.11
56	40	50992.37	28359.15	55°59'59"	39°59'54"	0.06
54	45	49292.46	28370.85	53°59'59"	44°59'57"	0.03
52	50	47165.60	28490.64	52°00'00"	49°59'59"	0.01
50	55	45236.59	29070.48	50°00'00"	55°00'00"	0.00
48	60	44505.60	30991.94	48°00'00"	60°00'00"	0.00
46	65	44475.70	33697.14	46°00'00"	65°00'00"	0.00
44	70	44588.91	36567.42	43°59'59"	69°59'59"	0.02

Table IV. Jacksonville Southeast

Position		Indicated Time Delay		Fix		Error n.mi
Lat	Long	9930W	9930X	Lat (N)	Long (W)	
9°N	47°W	13058.04	36466.46	8°59'19"	46°59'22"	0.92
12	52	12984.71	37288.35	11°59'34"	51°59'37"	0.57
15	57	12898.73	38267.58	14°59'44"	56°59'47"	0.34
18	62	12793.91	39431.32	17°59'52"	61°59'54"	0.16
21	67	12656.52	40794.36	20°59'56"	66°59'57"	0.08
24	72	12451.30	42330.55	23°59'59"	71°59'59"	0.02
27	77	12097.12	43876.62	27°00'01"	77°00'00"	0.02
30	82	12973.95	44768.53	30°00'01"	82°00'06"	0.09

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APPENDIX. Loran-C Station Parameters

The following list contains the pertinent parameters for each Loran-C station pair. This list was compiled from data in Reference 4. Each column contains the following information:

1. The Loran-C station pair designator
2. Δt , the sum of the coding delay plus one way baseline time, including the secondary phase correction for an all seawater path, in microseconds.
3. The master station latitude.
4. The master station longitude.
5. The slave station latitude.
6. The slave station longitude.

In this list, negative longitudes are West and positive longitudes are East. If desired, this convention may be reversed since the algorithms are independent of such external conventions; if this is done, care should be taken that the signs of all longitudes in the list are reversed. In columns 3 through 6 the latitudes and longitudes appear to be in decimal form, but the actual format is DDD.MMSSFF (which is compatible with the HP-67/97 H.MS input mode) where

DDD designates degrees,
MM designates minutes,
SS designates seconds, and
FF designates hundredths of seconds.

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5990	West Coast, Canada
7930	North Atlantic
7960	Gulf of Alaska
7970	Norwegian Sea
7980	Southeast U.S.A.
7990	Mediterranean Sea
8970	Great Lakes
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