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NAME: Sine-cosine Routine
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ABSTRACT: The purpose of this routine is to find the
sine or cosine of a floating point number.

PROGRAM WRITEUP

1. IDENTIFICATION

1.1 PDP-1, Single Precision Floating Point Interpretive Routines;
Sine-cosine routine

2. ABSTRACT

2.1 Purpose

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2.2 Calling Sequences

Sine and cosine are defined as Macro instructions which result in "jsp sin" and "jsp cos".

2.3 Storage and Execution Time

The routines require 171_8 registers. The approximate execution times in milliseconds, are sin, 5.79; cos, 7.56.

3. PURPOSE

The floating sine-cosine routine finds the sine or cosine of a floating point number located in floating accumulator, and leaves the result, a floating point number, in fam and fae.

6. RESTRICTIONS

6.1 Subroutines required

The floating point interpreter and the arithmetic routines are required for the routine.

7. PROPERTIES

7.1 Symbols defined: sin, cos

7.3 Accuracy:

At least 5 decimal places. The theoretical limit is:

$$\text{emax} = \frac{\text{approximation} - \text{function}}{\text{function}} < 10^{-6}$$



8. METHOD

8.1 Informal description

The program first checks the magnitude of the argument and properly adjusts it to be in the form:

$$\sin \frac{W}{2} X \quad \text{where } -1 \leq X \leq 1$$

The approximation used is:

$$\sin \frac{\tilde{w}}{2} X = C_1 X + C_3 X^3 + C_5 X^5 + C_7 X^7$$

$$\text{where } C_1 = 1.57079$$

$$C_3 = -.645921$$

$$C_5 = .079488$$

$$C_7 = .00436248$$

8.3 Reference

The approximation was taken from Cecil Hastings, Approximations for Digital Computers, Princeton, New Jersey, Princeton University Press, 1955, p. 139.