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Presents a computer model written in GPSS (General Purpose Simulation System) designed to simulate and study the productivity and in-woods operation of a rubber-tired feller/buncher.

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# A PROGRAM AND DOCUMENTATION FOR SIMULATION OF A RUBBER-TIRED FELLER-BUNCHER

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Computer modeling of forest harvesting systems has many applications, each requiring a different approach to simulation. Simulations range from technical descriptions of the machine components for equipment design to overviews of large systems where the model estimates the changes in productivity caused by major system changes. The Forestry Sciences Laboratory personnel at Houghton, Michigan, have been developing harvesting simulators as a forest engineering research tool for several years (Bradley *et al.* 1976; Bradley and Winsauer 1976, 1978; USDA Forest Service 1978; Winsauer 1980).

The purpose of this paper is to document a computer model for a rubber-tired, frame-steered feller/buncher (fig. 1). The model was developed to provide a detailed study of the machine's operation in the woods during felling and bunching. It allows the user to determine cost and productivity under various stand and harvest conditions, ways to increase machine efficiency, or to study the effect of changing harvest patterns on cost and productivity. Complete variable lists, program listings, and flow charts are included in Appendices A, B, and C.

## THE EQUIPMENT STUDIED

The feller/buncher simulated is a rubber-tired frame-steered chassis with a shear mounted on the front. The shear accumulator can hold one or more trees, but the machine must drive up to each tree to fell it.

## MODEL OBJECTIVES

The primary objective of this model is to allow a detailed study of the productivity and operation of the feller/buncher in the woods. For input, the model requires data on the machine's operating characteristics, the stand, and the type of harvest to be carried out.

After simulating the harvest of a plot, the model reports productivity figures such as: trees, tons and volume per hour and per load, total cycles, tree per cycle, distance traveled, and skid bunches completed.

Additional output gives details of the woods operation, distributions of cycle times, distances, number of trees per bunch, size of skidder bunches, frequency and length of delays, etc.

## SIMULATION LANGUAGE—GPSS

The simulation is written in General Purpose Simulation Language (GPSS) with output subroutines written in FORTRAN. GPSS is a discrete event simulation language developed by IBM (Schriber 1974). The user constructs a block diagram by arranging the discrete events of a system in their logical structure. The block diagram is made up from a group of specific GPSS block types. These blocks then become the GPSS program. A basic understanding of the GPSS language allows the user to accurately interpret or modify the simulation.



Figure 1.—*Typical rubber-tired type feller/buncher.*

Most versions of GPSS have a standard output format that contains allthe data in a very concise form. The FORTRAN subroutines are used to present the output values of most interest in an organized, labeled form.

## MODEL ASSUMPTIONS

The basic time unit used in the model is a centi-minute; i.e., 1/100 of a minute. The feller works one shift a day for the number of days chosen by the user. All volume measures are in 1/100 cubic foot.

It is assumed that the feller/buncher operates in an area far enough in advance of the skidder to minimize interactions between machines. To simulate a hot logging operation, this model can be combined with a complete skidding-chipping or skidding-loader model. Another alternative would be to add a "black box" skidder segment, a simplified segment, used to create the machine interactions without providing a detailed study of the skidder operation.

Since an efficient skidder load usually contains more trees than the shear can hold, the feller/buncher may shear and drop several loads at one location to create the skidder bunch.

The following assumptions are made about the feller/buncher's behavior:

1. A feller/buncher cycle is defined as starting after a load is dropped and ending when the next load is dropped.
2. The machine has an accumulating shear. (The model can easily be changed to single head shear by limiting the accumulator load to one.).
3. The feller/buncher must move up to each tree to shear it. It travels back and forth across a relatively narrow strip of forest, cutting trees marked for cutting as it encounters them, working its way along the trip until the far end of the plot is reached. It then moves to the next strip and repeats the process (fig. 2).
4. The feller will cut and accumulate multiple trees before dropping them. It will drop the accumulator head load when the accumulator head is full or if the next tree to cut is too far away.
5. When the feller must drop the trees held in the accumulator head, it will carry the load to the partial bunch and drop the trees there. If no partial skidder bunch has been started or if the partial bunch is judged to be too far away, it will drop them at the location of the last tree cut.

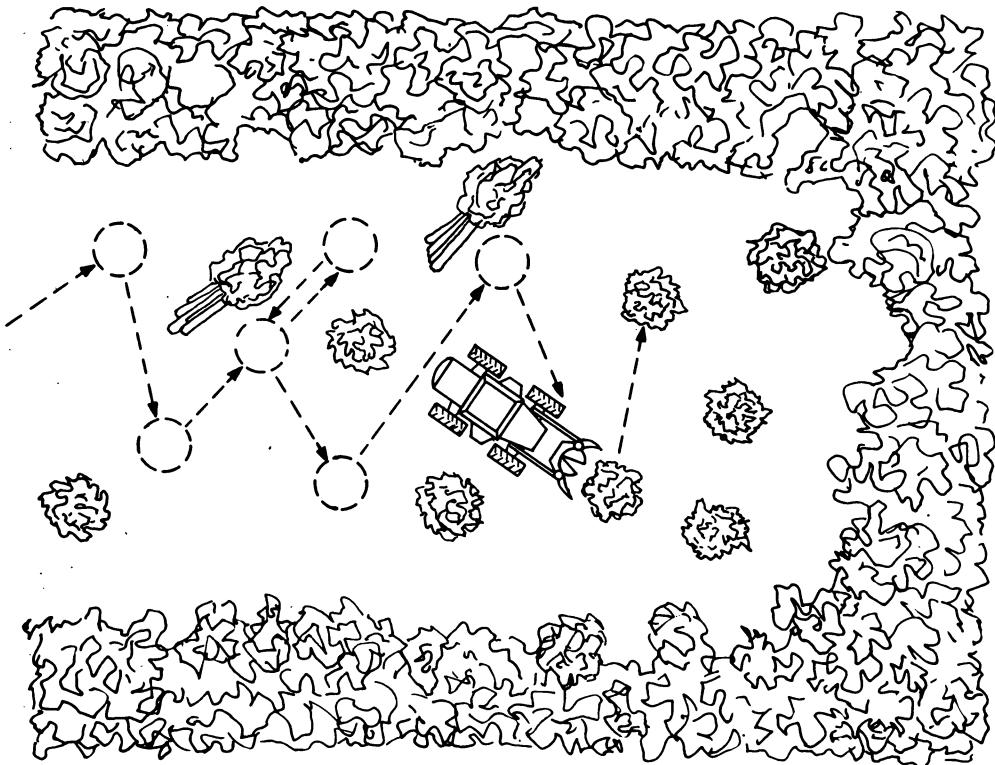


Figure 2.—Feller/buncher travel pattern.

6. The feller/buncher operator can quit for the day or stop for a break only after dropping the trees in the accumulator head.
7. Mechanical and nonmechanical delays for the feller are also incorporated into the model. For ease of programming, they are assumed to occur in a cycle after the feller/buncher drops the current load of trees.

## MODEL DESCRIPTION

The model consists of two GPSS segments:

1. TIMER SEGMENT
  2. FELLER/BUNCHER SEGMENT
- and two FORTRAN subroutines for formatted (easily read) output.

The TIMER SEGMENT (fig. 3) controls the daily schedule, keeps track of the days worked, and sends information to the subroutines to produce the formatted output. The TIMER signals the start of the day, the rest breaks and lunch (two 15-minute breaks a day and ½-hour lunch are assumed), and the end of the workday. The TIMER then completes the 24-hour day and produces an output report of the previous day's operation and production. Output is produced at the end of 24 hours, not at the end of the shift, to include the time needed for the feller to

complete the bunch being worked on before quitting for the day. If the required number of days have been simulated, the model shuts off. Otherwise, the start of another workday is signaled, and the process continues.

The FELLER/BUNCHER SEGMENT (fig. 4) models a rubber-tired, frame-steered feller/buncher with an accumulating head shear mounted on the front. The machine must move up to each tree to cut it.

It moves through the woods along a strip but travels back and forth within the strip in order to reach the trees to be cut. The feller/buncher attempts to create bunches large enough to be skidded economically.

## DATA NEEDS

GPSS accepts machine and stand data in several forms (table 1). For additional information on data types and card formats, see a GPSS Programming Manual (Schriber 1974).

Most of the data required in the main program are expected in the form of GPSS VARIABLES. These VARIABLES are then defined at the end of the deck in terms of the available machine and stand data.

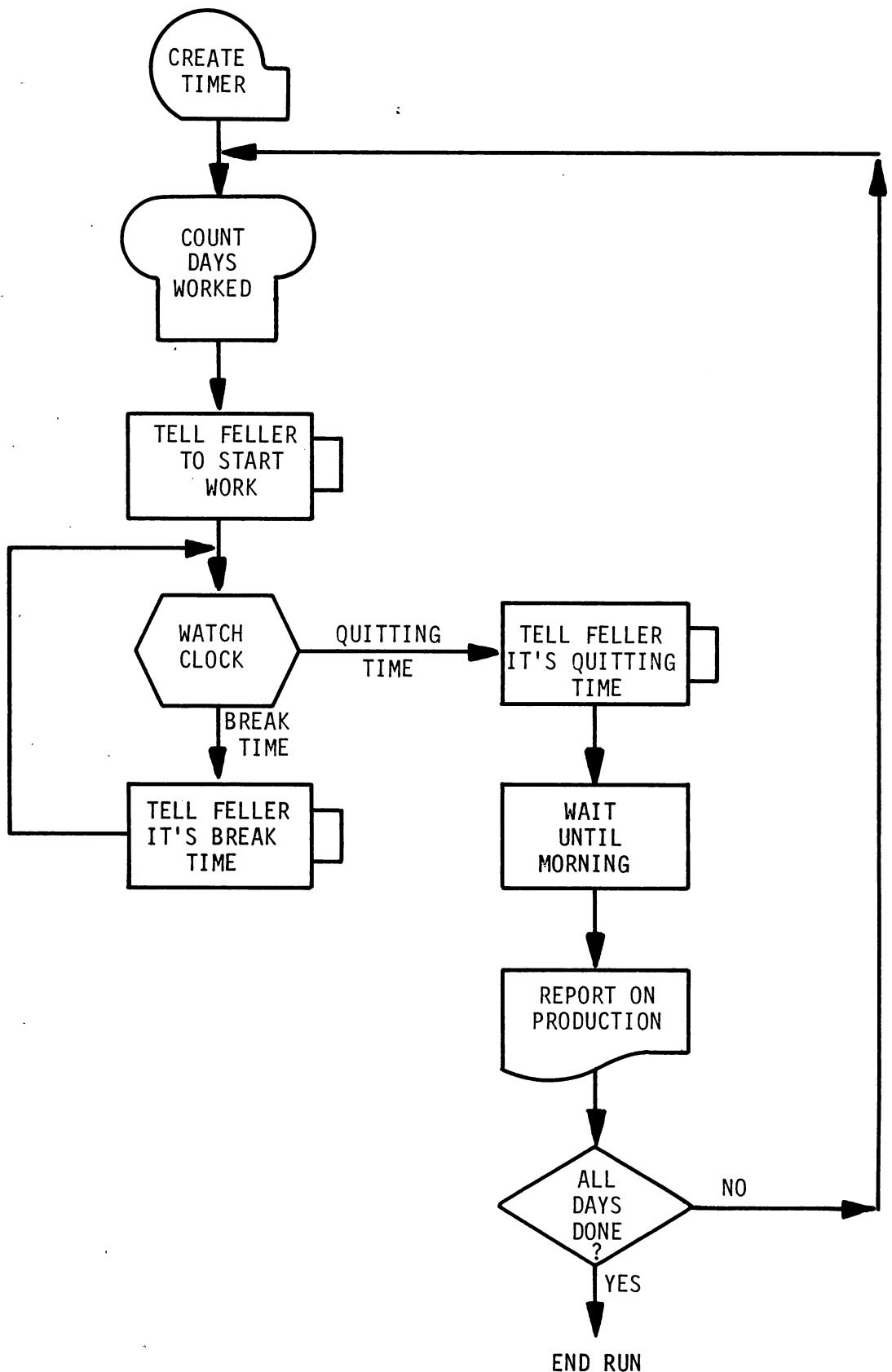


Figure 3.—Timer segment—overview.

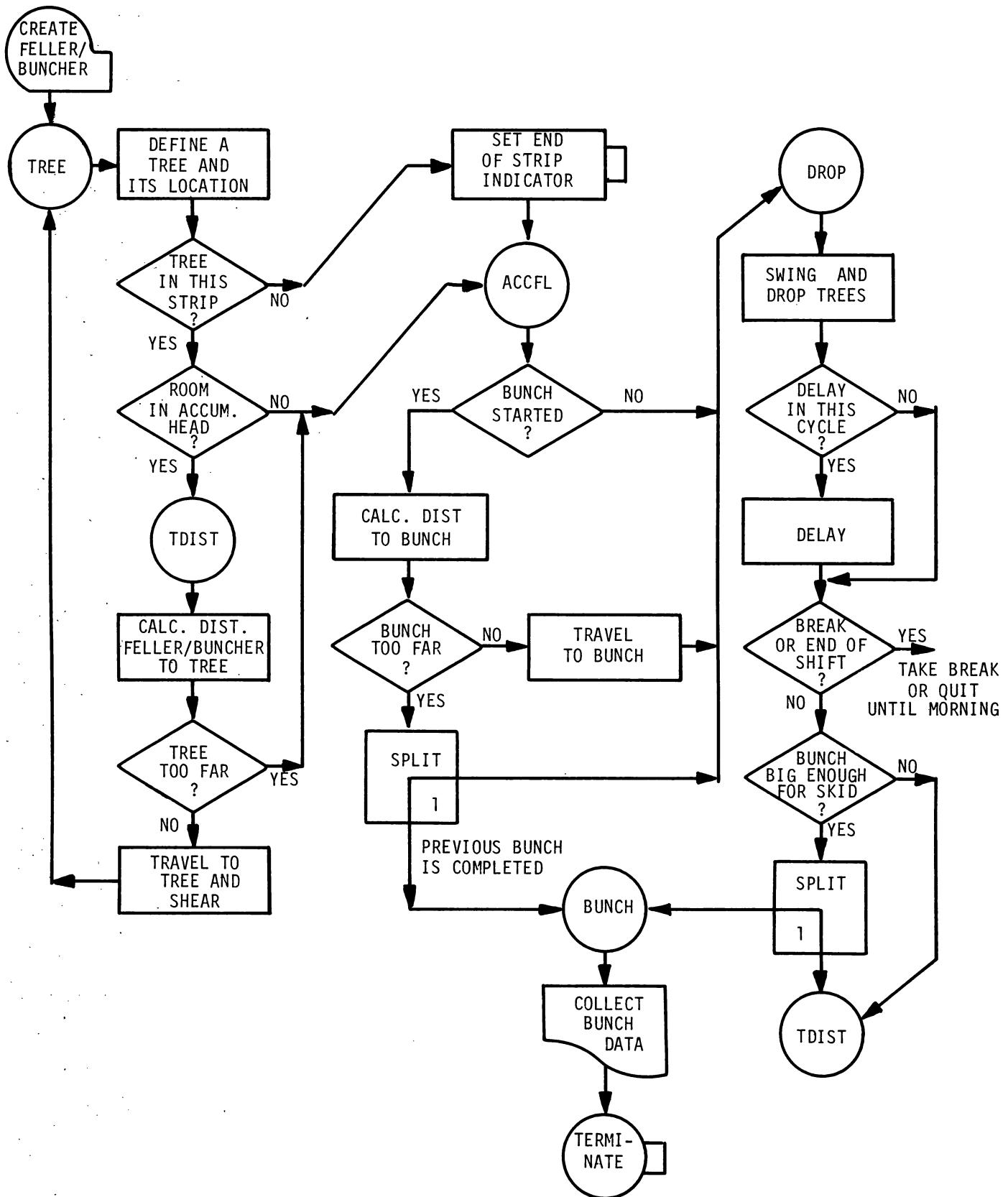


Figure 4.—*Feller/buncher segment*—overview.

Table 1.—PSS data input forms

Input data type	Input form in GPSS	Example
Simple averages or constants	Initialized SAVEVALUES	Ave d.b.h. = inches
Range of values	Initialized SAVEVALUES for mean and $\frac{1}{2}$ width of interval	Shear Time = 10 to 14 c min = $12 \pm 2$ c min
Equations	VARIABLES	Volume = .13 d.b.h. <sup>2</sup> - .28
Frequency distributions	FUNCTIONS	D.B.h. (in.)    4   5   6   7   8 Percent trees 23   25   30   15   5
Mean and variance for a standard distribution such as normal, poisson exponential, etc.	SAVEVALUES and FUNCTIONS for the distribution	Wait time is normally distributed with mean = 10 variance = 9

This allows the user flexibility in data form while avoiding card shuffling in the main program. For example, changing a shear time from a constant (GPSS SAVEVALUE) to a frequency distribution (GPSS FUNCTION) is accomplished by simply redefining the shear time VARIABLE and supplying the appropriate cards.

The input data cards follow the VARIABLE definitions and are supplied as FUNCTIONS or SAVEVALUES depending upon the VARIABLE definition. An exception to this convention is the use of GPSS SAVEVALUES (constants) merely for summary purposes (average stand d.b.h., average tree height, etc.).

Four types of data describing the equipment and harvesting operation must be supplied.

1. Stand data (table 2).
2. Machine data dependent upon stand conditions (table 3).
3. Machine data (independent of stand) (table 4).
4. Simulation run control (table 5).

The output example presented in this paper uses the information in tables 2 through 5 as input. These data were gathered from time studies carried out during Forest Service case studies. The data in the tables are empirical, so they represent the operating characteristics of this machine under the stand conditions found during the time studies. Different harvest conditions may require new time study data.

## SIMULATION OUTPUT

The simulation run produces two pages of formatted output for each day of the run (figs. 5 and 6). These present a summary of the stand data and a cumulative productivity report.

Additional, standard GPSS output is produced at the end of the run by the GPSS processor and supplies complete run details (fig. 7).

The first page of the standard output presents a simulation "map" listing all the blocks in the model and the number of transactions that have moved through each block. This is of primary value while debugging the model. The listing of the QUEUE sta-

Table 2.—Stand data

Data required	Case study	Form required by program	Name
Average stand diameter	5.1 in d.b.h.	SAVEVALUE	X\$AVDBH
Average stand volume	2,842 cu ft./acre	SAVEVALUE	X\$AVVOL
Average tree height	60 ft	SAVEVALUE	X\$AVHGT
Average trees/acre	550 trees/acre (all sizes)	SAVEVALUE	X\$TRPAC
Strip length	660 ft	SAVEVALUE	X\$STPLN
Distance between strips	32 ft	SAVEVALUE	X\$MVSTP
Density of wood	55 lb/cu ft	SAVEVALUE	X\$LBCFT
Hours in daily work shift	8 hours	SAVEVALUE	X\$WKDAY
Actual tree diameter	Diameter distribution	SAVEVALUE	V\$TDIAD
	d.b.h. (in.)	2   4   6   8   10   12   14   16   18   20	
	Percent trees	25.4   22.5   30.4   8.6   6.3   3.2   2.0   1.1   .4   .2	
Volume of trees	Volume of trees (cu ft) Volume = $-0.283 + 0.0031(d.b.h.^2)$ tree height = $-0.283 + 0.186(d.b.h.^2)$	VARIABLE	V\$TVOL

Table 3.—Machine data dependent on stand conditions

Date required	Case study	Form required by program	Name
Expected X coordinate of the next tree to be cut	X coordinate equally likely to fall anywhere in the strip X coordinate = strip width X (Rand #1) + 1	VARIABLE	V\$XCORD
Expected Y coordinate of the next tree to be cut <sup>1</sup>	Distribution of the difference in feet (next tree's Y coordinate—current tree's Y coordinate)	VARIABLE	V\$YCORD
Percent trees	Y DIF	0 2 4 6 8 10 12 14 16 18	
	Percent trees	18 30 16 12 8 4 4 3 3 2	
Maximum distance feller will travel to add another tree to accumulator head	8 feet	SAVEVALUE	X\$ADLIM
Maximum distance feller will travel to add additional trees to a partial bunch	45 feet	SAVEVALUE	X\$BDLIM

<sup>1</sup>The empirical distribution of the expected location for the next tree to be cut could be replaced with an analytic function (Bradley, Dennis P. An analytical procedure to locate trees for simulated tree harvest, (manuscript in process).

Table 4.—Machine data

Data required	Case study	Form required by program	Name
Travel time (based on distance)	Travel speed Mean = 150 ft/min St. dev. = 50 ft/min	VARIABLE	V\$FBTRAV
Shear time per tree	Shear time Mean = 25 centi-min St. dev. = 12 centi-min	VARIABLE	V\$FBSHR
Drop time per load	Drop time Mean = 15 centi-min St. dev. = 9 centi-min	VARIABLE	V\$FBDRP
Maximum size of skidder bunch the feller creates (sum total of diameters)	Bunch diameter limit 45 inches	VARIABLE	V\$BUNLM
Gal/hr fuel used	4.7 gal/hr	SAVEVALUE	X\$FBGPH
Length of nonmechanical delay per cycle (including cycles with zero delay)	Distribution of nonmechanical delays (min)	VARIABLE	V\$NMDLY
Length of mechanical delay per cycle (including cycles with zero delay)	LENGTH OF DELAY	0 0-1 1-2 2-5 5-10 10-20 20-50	V\$MCDLY
	Percent of cycles	97.3 .9 .5 .5 .4 .3 .1	
	LENGTH OF DELAY	0 0-5 5-10 10-50	
	Percent of cycles	99.4 .2 .2 .2	

Table 5.—*Simulation run control*

Data required	Case study	Form required by program	
Random number generators:	Random number 1 2 3 4 5 6	Use for GPSS scheduler generate normal random distribution tree location distribution d.b.h. distribution not used delay distributions	RMULT card
Number of days	5 days		
Standard output	every 5th day		Start card

tistics provides detailed information on how the feller/buncher spends its time in the woods. The SAVEVALUE list contains all the totals necessary to calculate productivity if the FORTRAN subroutines cannot be used.

#### Example:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{FBHR} &= 4,006 = \text{feller hours} \times 100 \\ \text{FBTRE} &= 3,785 \text{ trees cut} \\ 3,785/40.06 &\times 94.48 \text{ trees/hour} \end{aligned}$$

#### FULL TREE FIELD CHIPPING SIMULATOR

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#### I. STAND CHARACTERISTICS.

2842.00 CU FT. AVERAGE VOLUME PER ACRE.  
5.10 INCHES, AVERAGE DBH.  
60.00 FEET, AVERAGE TREE HEIGHT.  
550.00 AVERAGE NUMBER OF TREES PER ACRE.  
8.90 FEET, AVERAGE TREE SPACING.

#### II. SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS AS SPECIFIED BY THE ANALYST.

A. FELLER-BUNCHER, 1 MACHINE RUBBER-TIRED TYPE  
MACHINE LIMITATIONS,

THE ACCUMULATOR-SHEAR WILL TRY TO OBTAIN A LOAD OF UP TO 5.0 TREES  
BUNCH LIMITATIONS DICTATED BY SKIDDER CAPACITY:

THE FELLER-BUNCHERS TRY TO ACHIEVE SKIDDER BUNCHES WITH A TOTAL SUM OF DIAMETERS EQUAL TO 120.

Figure 5.—*Simulation output—system and stand characteristics.*

FELLER-BUNCHER PRODUCTION AND COST SUMMARY

I.	A.	40.06	HOURS WORKED BY FELLER-BUNCHER INCLUDING 298.00 MINUTES OF PERSONAL BREAKS, 223.50 MINUTES MECHANICAL DELAY, 178.80 MINUTES NON-MECHANICAL DELAY
B.	1	FELLER-BUNCHER.	RUBBER-TIRED TYPE.
II.	A.	1490	TOTAL ACCUMULATOR CYCLES COMPLETED = ALL MACHINES. 2.54 AVERAGE NUMBER OF TREES PER CYCLE. 20.76 AVERAGE VOLUME PER CYCLE = CU.FT.
B.	348	BUNCHES COMPLETED	
C.	3785	10.88 AVERAGE NUMBER OF TREES PER BUNCH. 4.28 AVERAGE NUMBER OF CYCLES PER BUNCH. 88.87 AVERAGE VOLUME PER BUNCH = CU.FT.	
D.	30927.3	TOTAL TREES FELLED.	
E.	850.50	TOTAL VOLUME FELLED = CU.FT.	
F.	77027	TOTAL TONS FELLED	
		TOTAL DISTANCE TRAVELED = FEET	
III.	A.	37.19	AVERAGE NUMBER OF CYCLES PER MACHINE HOUR.
B.	8.69	AVERAGE NUMBER OF BUNCHES COMPLETED PER MACHINE HOUR.	
C.	94.48	AVERAGE NUMBER OF TREES FELLED PER MACHINE HOUR.	
D.	772.02	AVERAGE VOLUME FELLED PER MACHINE HOUR.	
E.	21.23	AVERAGE NUMBER OF TONS FELLED PER MACHINE HOUR.	
F.	1922.79	AVERAGE DISTANCE TRAVELED PER MACHINE HOUR = FEET.	
IV.	A.	188.28	TOTAL GALLONS OF FUEL USED BY THE FELLER-BUNCHER. 4.70 GALLONS PER HOUR. .22 GALLONS PER TON. .61 GALLONS PER CUNIT.



Additional details of the in-woods operations are provided by the GPSS TABLES (figs. 8-10). The cycle time table FBTIM (cycle time starts after the feller/buncher drops one load and ends when it drops the next) shows there were 1,490 cycles with an average cycle time of 161 centi-minutes. Of all 1,490 cycles, 240 cycles or 16 percent took between 100 and 125 centi-minutes.

It should be noted that all of the output was obtained by random processes in the model. Therefore, the output data are themselves a random sample of what could happen. If the model is run again with different random samples, the exact results will be different but will reflect the underlying means and variance of the system. An average over several days or several runs is the best estimate of an actual system.

## RELIABILITY

The simulation described here used data obtained in a previous study of mechanized thinning. Three simulation runs were made using different random number sequences to insure different random samples. Simulated production figures were averaged and compared with the productivity observed during the actual thinning (table 6). The greatest error of 14.7 percent appears in cycles/hour with delay. A portion of this error can be attributed to the simulation runs having a higher percent of productive time on the runs made. Other runs, with different random number sequences, would alter the number and duration of delays, hence the cycles/hour. The comparison indicates the model is a reasonably accurate mirror of the real system. Obviously, the better the input data, the more useful the output!

## KNOWN GPSS SYSTEMS DIFFERENCES

The program listed in the Appendix is operational on a UNIVAC 1110 under an implementation of GPSS called GPSS-X8, obtained through Use Program Li-

brary Interchange (UPLI). It should run under most GPSS Processors with only minor changes. The following should be checked for your system.

**INITIAL cards**—In GPSS-X8, the INITIAL cards appear last in the deck.

They should be moved to the head of the deck for most other GPSS processors.

**JOB CONTROL cards**—These are unique to each computer lab and must be obtained locally.

**HELP BLOCKS**—In GPSS-X8, HELP BLOCKS (line 65-80 in the program) are used to pass an array of up to five integer values to a FORTRAN subroutine. Only a one-way transfer is permitted, the subroutine cannot pass arguments back to GPSS.

Some versions of GPSS do not allow HELP BLOCKS. In this case, the program can be run without lines 48 to 80 and the data obtained instead from the standard output. If some form of HELP BLOCKS are allowed, the HELP BLOCKS formats and the subroutines may have to be changed. See the GPSS manual for your computer installation.

## CONCLUSIONS

Most harvesting system changes have relatively complex effects on productivity. The simulation model provides an in-depth look at the operation of this machine in the woods and makes it possible to study the effect of a change in any one system characteristic or stand factor or many changes at the same time. It can also be combined with a model of skidding and chipping operations to provide productivity information for a whole-tree system. Perhaps the greatest value of a GPSS model is the ease with which it can be modified to suit the exact requirements of your system. Although this requires some knowledge of GPSS, it makes simulation an extremely valuable tool.

Table 6.—Corroboration of simulated productivity with field data

Field data and simulated productivity	Productive time worked	Trees per hour		Cycles per hour		Average number trees	
		No delays	With delays	No delays	With delays	/Cycle	/Skidbunch
Percent							
Field data	73	132	94	48	34	2.8	10.1
Simulation runs <sup>1</sup>	78	130	98	51	39	2.5	10.8
(Error)	(6.8)	(-1.5)	(4.1)	(5.8)	(14.7)	(-10.7)	(-6.9)

<sup>1</sup>Average of three simulation trials using different random number sequences.

### CYCLE TIME (CENTI-MINUTES)

	ENTRIES IN TABLE	MEAN ARGUMENT	STANDARD DEVIATION	SUM OF ARGUMENTS
TABLE	40	1.00	0.00	40.00
ITERABLE	40	1.00	0.00	40.00
ITERATOR	40	1.00	0.00	40.00

OVERFLOW	UPPER LIMIT	OBSERVED FREQUENCY	PERCENT OF	SUMMATIVE PERCENTAGE	CUMULATIVE FREQUENCY	MULTIPLE OF THE MEAN	DEVIATION FROM MEAN	240341.
3	1.770	1	2	5	5	1.00	-0.70	1.00
3	1.610-34	1	2	5	5	0.90	-0.80	1.00
3	3.240-50	1	2	5	5	0.80	-0.90	1.00
3	240341.	1	2	5	5	0.70	-1.00	1.00

VOLUME (CU. FT. X 100) PER ACCUMULATOR HEAD LOAD

ENTRIES IN TABLE	MEAN ARGUMENT	STANDARD DEVIATION	SUM OF ARGUMENTS	SUM
TABLE	MEAN	STANDARD DEVIATION	SUM OF ARGUMENTS	SUM
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TABLE	MEAN	STANDARD DEVIATION	SUM OF ARGUMENTS	SUM

Upper Limit	Observed Frequency (%)
0	0
2	10
4	20
6	30
8	40
10	50
12	60
14	65
16	70
18	75
20	78
22	80
24	82
26	84
28	86
30	88
32	90
34	92
36	94
38	96
40	98
42	99
44	100

# NUMBER OF TREES PER ACCUMULATOR HEAD LOAD

TABLE ACCTR	ENTRIES IN TABLE		MEAN ARGUMENT	STANDARD DEVIATION	SUM OF ARGUMENTS	
		1490	2.54	1.52	3785.	
1	OBSERVED FREQUENCY	PERCENT OF TOTAL	CUMULATIVE PERCENTAGE	CUMULATIVE REMAINDER	MULTIPLE OF MEAN	DEVIATION FROM MEAN
1	537	36.04	39.0	64.0	.78	-1.00
2	314	21.07	59.1	42.9	.78	.35
3	222	14.90	72.0	28.0	1.18	.30
4	131	8.79	80.8	19.2	1.57	.96
5	286	19.19	100.0	0.0	1.97	1.62

# NUMBER OF TREES PER SKIDDER BUNCH

TABLE BTRE	ENTRIES IN TABLE		MEAN ARGUMENT	STANDARD DEVIATION	SUM OF ARGUMENTS	
		348	10.86	3.57	3779.	
1	OBSERVED FREQUENCY	PERCENT OF TOTAL	CUMULATIVE PERCENTAGE	CUMULATIVE REMAINDER	MULTIPLE OF MEAN	DEVIATION FROM MEAN
1	2	.57	.5	99.4	.09	-2.76
2	8	2.86	1.4	98.6	.27	-2.92
3	8	2.86	3.2	96.4	.36	-1.92
4	11	3.16	6.9	93.1	.46	-1.36
5	16	4.60	11.5	88.5	.55	-1.08
6	20	5.75	17.2	82.8	.64	-1.08
7	26	7.47	24.7	75.3	.73	-0.92
8	33	9.48	34.2	65.8	.82	-0.92
9	40	11.49	45.7	54.3	.91	-0.03
10	43	12.36	58.0	42.0	1.01	-0.24
11	44	11.78	69.8	32.0	1.10	-0.56
12	32	9.20	79.0	21.0	1.19	-0.87
13	20	5.75	84.8	11.0	1.29	-0.87
14	20	5.75	90.2	7.0	1.38	-1.16
15	19	5.46	92.8	4.7	1.47	-1.44
16	12	5.59	96.3	2.0	1.57	-1.80
17	6	1.45	98.0	0.9	1.66	-2.00
18	4	1.72	99.1	0.8	1.75	-2.28
19	1	1.28	99.4	0.5	1.84	-2.56
20	2	0.57	100.0	0.0	1.93	-2.84

Figure 9.—Simulation output.

# VOLUME (CU. FT. X 100) PER SKIDDER BUNCH

TABLE BVOL	ENTRIES IN TABLE		MEAN ARGUMENT	STANDARD DEVIATION	SUM OF ARGUMENTS	
		348	8877.64	4055.18	3089420.	
1	OBSERVED FREQUENCY	PERCENT OF TOTAL	CUMULATIVE PERCENTAGE	CUMULATIVE REMAINDER	MULTIPLE OF MEAN	DEVIATION FROM MEAN
1000	2	.57	.5	99.4	.11	-1.94
2000	5	1.44	2.0	98.0	.22	-1.70
3000	13	3.74	5.7	94.3	.33	-1.45
4000	14	4.02	9.8	90.2	.45	-1.20
5000	21	6.03	15.8	84.0	.56	-0.95
6000	32	9.20	25.0	75.0	.67	-0.71
7000	45	12.93	37.9	62.1	.78	-0.46
8000	37	11.76	47.4	52.6	.90	-0.21
9000	32	10.90	55.2	42.8	1.01	-0.03
10000	20	9.95	64.4	32.0	1.12	-0.27
11000	18	8.91	70.1	20.9	1.24	-0.52
12000	18	8.16	83.0	11.0	1.35	-0.77
13000	16	7.60	88.0	7.0	1.46	-0.02
14000	18	7.60	92.0	1.0	1.58	-0.56
15000	16	7.01	94.8	.80	1.69	-0.76
16000	9	5.59	97.4	.50	1.80	-0.05
17000	7	5.57	97.7	.2	1.91	-0.35
18000	1	5.28	98.3	.0	2.04	-0.48
19000	4	5.15	99.4	.0	2.14	-0.59
20000	1	5.08	99.7	.0	2.24	-0.74
21000	1	5.28	100.0	.0	2.35	-0.48

Figure 10.—Simulation output.

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## APPENDIX A

### VARIABLE LISTS AND DEFINITIONS

#### DEFINITIONS

##### IMPLICIT TIME UNIT—CENTI-MINUTE

##### Model Segments, Transactions, and Parameters

##### Segment 1—TIMER

Transactions—1 time keeper  
Parameters—None

##### Segment 2—FELLER/BUNCHER

Transactions—Feller/buncher  
Parameters

P1—not currently used  
P2—clock time marking cycle  
P3—current X coordinate of the feller/buncher  
P4—current Y coordinate of the feller/buncher

P5—tree number being cut  
P6—X coordinate of the tree  
P7—Y coordinate of the tree  
P8—tree diameter

P9—distance from feller/buncher to tree  
P10—end of strip indicator  
P11—sum of tree diameters in current accumulator load  
P12—volume of current accumulator load

P13—number of trees in accumulator load

#### FUNCTIONS

DBH	Distribution of tree diameters in the stand
HYP	Distribution used to calculate the length of the hypotenuse of a right triangle
SNORM	Distribution used to obtain a normal distribution for sampling with a mean 0, variance = 1, lower end truncated
YCDIF	Distribution of the distance along the strip from current tree to next tree; i.e., difference in Y coordinates
MCDLY	Distribution of the occurrence and duration of mechanical delay
NMDLY	Distribution of the occurrence and duration of nonmechanical delays

#### SAVEVALUES

ACCLM	Accumulator head limit of this load, number of trees
ACLM1	Accumulator head limit, maximum number of trees
ADLIM	Accumulator distance limit, maximum distance feller will travel to add another tree to load, feet
AVDBH	Mean stand diameter, inches $\times$ 100
AVHGT	Mean stand height, feet
AVVOL	Mean vol/acre, cu ft $\times$ 100

BDLIM	Bunch distance limit, maximum distance feller will travel to add trees to a partial skidder bunch, feet	XDIF	Distance between the feller's current location and its next location across strip, ft
BNCOM	Number of skidder bunches complete and ready for skidding	YDIF	Distance between the feller's current location and its next location along strip, ft
BNLM1	Maximum sum of diameter for skidder bunch size limit, inches		
BRKTM	Total time spent on breaks, centi-minutes		
BUNLM	Current bunch size limit—sum of diameter, inches	COFFE DAY	Set by timer to indicate coffee breaks
DAYS	Number of days worked	LUNCH	Set by timer to indicate beginning of workday
DELNM	Total time lost to nonmechanical delays, centi-minutes		Set by timer to indicate lunch break
DELYM	Total time lost to mechanical delay, centi-minutes		
FBACC	Total number of feller/buncher accumulator loads	ACCTR	Trees per accumulator load
FBDIS	Total distance feller has traveled, feet	ACCVL	Volume per accumulator load, cu ft × 100
FBGPH	Feller/buncher fuel usage, gal/hr × 10	BDIA	Sum of diameter of trees in skid bunch, inches
FBHR	Total time feller has worked, hours × 100	BTRE	Trees per skidder bunch
FBTIM	Total time feller has been on job, minutes × 100	BVOL	Volume per skidder bunch, cu ft × 100
FBTRE	Total trees cut	FBTIM	Cycle time for feller/buncher from drop to drop, including delays, centi-minutes
FBTYP	Feller/buncher type code, rubber-tired = 1		
FBVOL	Total volume cut, cu ft × 100		
FDRP1	Mean drop time, centi-minutes	BREAK	Coffee and lunch break time
FDRP2	Standard deviation drop time, centi-minutes	FBDRP	Swing and drop time
FSHR1	Mean shear time, centi-minutes	FBSHR	Position and shear time
FSHR2	Standard deviation shear time, centi-minutes	FBTRV	All travel time
FTRV1	Mean travel speed, ft/min	MCDLY	Mechanical delays
FTRV2	Standard deviation travel speed, ft/min	NMDLY	Nonmechanical delays
LBCFT	Density of stand species, lb/cu ft		
MAX	Longest distance of travel (X or Y direction), ft		
MIN	Shortest distance of travel (X or Y direction), ft		
MVSTP	Distance feller travels between strips, ft	ACCLM	Accumulator head limit, number of trees
NUMFB	Number of feller/bunchers on job	BREAK	Time between breaks, centi-minutes
PBDIA	Partial bunch sum of diameter, inches	BRKTM	Time spent on breaks, centi-minutes
PBEND	Partial bunch end of strip indicator	BUNLM	Skidder bunch limit, sum of diameter, inches
PBTRE	Partial bunch number of trees	DELNM	Nonmechanical delay time, centi-minutes
PBVOL	Partial bunch—current volume, cu ft × 100	DELYM	Mechanical delay time, centi-minutes
PBX	Partial bunch X coordinate	FBDRP	Swing and drop time, centi-minutes
PBY	Partial bunch Y coordinate	FBHR	Total time, hours × 100
STPLN	Length of strip, ft	FBSHR	Shear time, centi-minutes
STPWH	Width of strip, ft	FBTRV	Travel time, centi-minutes
STRIP	Number of strips harvested	HYP	Length of hypotenuse of a right triangle
TRPAC	Mean stand density, trees/acre	MCDLY	Length of mechanical delay
WKDAY	Length of work shift, hours	NEWY	Y coordinate when skidder changes strips
		NIGHT	Remainder of 24 hours after work shift, centi-minutes

## SWITCHES

COFFE DAY  
Set by timer to indicate coffee breaks  
Set by timer to indicate beginning of workday  
LUNCH  
Set by timer to indicate lunch break

## TABLES

ACCTR	Trees per accumulator load
ACCVL	Volume per accumulator load, cu ft × 100
BDIA	Sum of diameter of trees in skid bunch, inches
BTRE	Trees per skidder bunch
BVOL	Volume per skidder bunch, cu ft × 100
FBTIM	Cycle time for feller/buncher from drop to drop, including delays, centi-minutes

## QUEUES

BREAK	Coffee and lunch break time
FBDRP	Swing and drop time
FBSHR	Position and shear time
FBTRV	All travel time
MCDLY	Mechanical delays
NMDLY	Nonmechanical delays

## VARIABLES

ACCLM	Accumulator head limit, number of trees
BREAK	Time between breaks, centi-minutes
BRKTM	Time spent on breaks, centi-minutes
BUNLM	Skidder bunch limit, sum of diameter, inches
DELNM	Nonmechanical delay time, centi-minutes
DELYM	Mechanical delay time, centi-minutes
FBDRP	Swing and drop time, centi-minutes
FBHR	Total time, hours × 100
FBSHR	Shear time, centi-minutes
FBTRV	Travel time, centi-minutes
HYP	Length of hypotenuse of a right triangle
MCDLY	Length of mechanical delay
NEWY	Y coordinate when skidder changes strips
NIGHT	Remainder of 24 hours after work shift, centi-minutes

NMDLY	Length of nonmechanical delay, centi-minutes	WKDAY	Length of work shift, centi-minutes
NXDIF	Used to make distance in X direction positive	XCORD	X coordinate (across strip) of tree location, ft
NYDIF	Used to make distance in Y direction positive	YCORD	Y coordinate (down strip) of tree distance, ft
RATIO	Ratio between the legs of a right triangle	XDIF	X distance from feller/buncher to tree
SPEED	Feller/buncher travel speed, ft/min	YDIF	Y distance from feller/buncher to tree
TDIAM	Tree diameter, inches	XDIF1	X distance from feller/buncher to parent bunch
TVOL	Tree volume, cu ft $\times$ 100	YDIF1	Y distance from feller/buncher to parent bunch

## APPENDIX B

### PROGRAM LISTING

FELLER BUNCHER SIMULATOR  
UPDATED JAN 1981

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WATER ENGINEERING PROJECT, HOUGHTON, MICHIGAN  
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MASTER TIMER AND REPORT GENERATOR

THIS SEGMENT CONTROLS THE STOP AND START OF THE FELLER BUNCHER,  
THE HOURS WORKED PER DAY, X\$WKDAY ARGUMENT (A ON START CARD)  
DAYS WORKED (ARGUMENT A ON START CARD)

IT ALSO CALCULATES OUTPUT VALUES, VALUES TO BE SENT TO HELP BLOCKS,

WKDAY	VARIABLE	X\$WKDAY*6000	WORKDAY IN CENTIMINUTES
BREAK	VARIABLE	X\$WKDAY/4	TIME BETWEEN BREAKS
NIGHT	VARIABLE	(24-X\$WKDAY)*6000	REST OF 24 HOURS IN CENTIMINUTES
* NUMBER OF CURRENT WORKING DAY			
TIMER	GENERATE	DAY\$+1	
IXDAY	SAVEVALUE	DAY\$+1	
LOGICCES	DAYBREAK		TIME FOR COFFEE BREAK
DAY	LOGICCES	COFFBREAK	WORK UNTIL LUNCH TIME
LOGICCES	LOGICCES	CUNSBRK	AFTERNOON COFFEE
LOGICCES	LOGICCES	CYSBRK	END OF WORK DAY
LOGICCES	LOGICCES	CYSBREAK	WAIT UNTIL NEXT MORNING
LOGICCES	LOGICCES	DAY	
LOGICCES	LOGICCES	DAYNIGHT	

\* \* \* HELP BLOCKS GENERATE REPORT AT END OF EACH DAY

\* \* \* REPORT VARIABLES

13	SAVEVALUE	FBHRM,V\$FBHR	HOURS FB HAVE WORKED
14	SAVEVALUE	BRKTM,V\$BRKTM	TIME FB SPENT ON BREAKS IN MIN*100
15	SAVEVALUE	DELNH,V\$DELNH	MECHANICAL DELAY TIME OF FB
16	SAVEVALUE	DXS\$SBREAK,M\$60	NON-MECHANICAL DELAY TIME OF FB
	VARIABLE	G\$SMCDLY,*QCSBREAK	
	VARIABLE	G\$SNMBLDY,*QCSNMDLY	
	VARIABLE	DELNH	



THIS SEGMENT MODELS A RUBBER-TIRED FELLER BUNCHER WITH AN ACCUMULATING SHEAR ATTACHED TO THE FRONT THE FELLER TRAVELS FROM TREE TO TREE CUTTING EACH

THE FELLER TRAVELS FROM TREE TO TREE, CUTTING EACH TREE GENERALLY CUTTING A REASONABLE WIDE SWATH OR STRIP THROUGH THE WOODS.

THE FELLER COMBINES MULTIPLE ACCUMULATOR HEAD BUNCHES TO OBTAIN BUNCHES LARGE ENOUGH FOR THE SKIDDER.

## **FELLER BUNCHER PARAMETER ASSIGNMENTS**

## DEFINING VARIABLES FOR FELLER BUNCHER

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\* \* \* \* \* OUTPUT TABLES FOR FELLER BUNCHER  
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 ACCYR TABLE P1 20' 25' 25  
 ACTCR TABLE P1 30' 1,12  
 \* BOIA TABLE P1 40' 5' 30  
 BIRE TABLE P1 30' 1,25  
 BIVOL TABLE P1 20' 1,60, 25







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* * * QUIT = TABULATE TIME ON BREAKS AND CHECK IF ITS TIME TO QUIT
* * * QUIT SAVE VALUE FBTIME+, MP2 TABULATE CYCLE TIME
* * * DEPART
120 * * * SAVE VALUE FBACC+,1
121 TABULATE ACCYL
122 TABULATE ACCTR
123 TABULATE DAY
124 * * * TABULATE GATE LS
125 * * * MARK START OF CYCLE
126 * * * ASSIGN 2 11'0
127 * * * ASSIGN 12'0
128 * * * ASSIGN 13'0
129 * * * ASSIGN 10'0
130 * * * MARK END OF CYCLE
131 * * * SAVE VALUE ACCLM, VSACCLM SET NEW ACC HEAD LIMIT
132 * * * ? IS THIS A COMPLETE BUNCH OR THE END OF A STRIP ?
133 * * * IF SO GO TO BNCOM TO COLLECT BUNCH DATA
134 * * * IF NOT A COMPLETE BUNCH GO BACK TO FELL NEXT TREE
135 * * * TEST & BNCOM = BUNCH COMPLETE OFFSPRING GOES TO COMPLETE BUNCH WHILE PARENT "FELLER BUNCHER" GOES TO CUT NEXT TREE
136 * * * BNCOM PRIORITY 16 BUNCH
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      * * * DEFINING FUNCTIONS
      THIS INPUT DATA WAS OBTAINED FROM TIME STUDIES CARRIED OUT IN 1974
      YCDIF FUNCTION RN3/D10      YDIST FROM CURRENT TREE TO NEXT TREE
      18.0/.48,.2/.64,4/.76,.6/.84,.8/.88,10/.92,12/.95,14/.98,16/1.,18
      DBH DISTRIBUTION
      0/.2254,4/.497,6/.783,C11,DIA
      1/.0,2
      * NMDLY FUNCTION RN6/C8      NON-MECHANICAL DELAY
      0/.0,.973,0/.982,100/.687,200/.992,500/.996,1000/.999,2000/1.,0,5000
      * MCDLY FUNCTION RN6/C5      MECHANICAL DELAY
      0/.0,.994,0/.996,500/.688,1000/1.,0,5000

      * * * INITIAL CONDITIONS FOR THE STAND
      INITIAL XSAVDBH/.510
      INITIAL XSAVHGT/.200
      INITIAL XSAVPAC/.550
      INITIAL XSAVTRPLN/.660
      INITIAL XSAVSTRPLH/.400
      INITIAL XSAVSTPFLH/.320
      INITIAL XSAVSTPSFT/.325
      INITIAL XSAVSTPKD/.8
      INITIAL XSAVSTPKDAY/.8
      INITIAL XSAVSTPKDAYS/.8

      * * * INITIAL CONDITIONS FOR THE STAND DBH
      AVE STAND DBH (IN*100) ACRE)
      STAND VOL (.01 CU FT)
      TREES/ACRE HEIGHT (FT)
      STRIP LENGTH (FT)
      DISTANCE BETWEEN STRIPS (FT)
      WOODS DENSITY (FT)
      HOURS IN A WORK SHIFT
      HOURS IN A WORK DAY

      * * * INITIAL CONDITIONS FOR THE RUBBER TIRED FELLER/BUNCHER
      ACCUMULATOR DISTANCE LIMIT
      BUNCH CONSUMPTION (GAL/PER HR + 10)
      FUEL CONSUMPTION (GAL/HR + 10)
      MEAN TRAVEL SPEED (FT/MIN)
      ST. DEV.

      * * * INITIAL CONDITIONS FOR THE RUBBER TIRED FELLER/BUNCHER
      MEAN SHEAR TIME (CENT MINUTES)
      MEAN DROP TIME (CENT MINUTES)
      MAX DEVEL. DROPE TIME
      MAXIMUM # TREES IN ACC HEAD

      * * * INITIAL CONDITIONS FOR THE RUBBER TIRED FELLER BUNCHER CODE
      MAX SKIDDER BUNCHER = SUM OF DIA (IN)
      RMULT
      START
      END
      INITIAL XSBNTM/.120
      INITIAL XSFBCY/.120
      INITIAL XSFCONDITONS FOR THE RUN
      INITIAL XSFCONDITONS FOR THE RUN
      RMULT
      START
      END

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75*      NTREE = X1
76*      FBVOL = X2/100,
77*      C FBVOL = VOL FELLED ALL MACHINES
78*      FBCNT = FBVOL/100
79*      C FBCNT FELLER-BUNCHER VOL. IN CUNITS.
80*      BNCOM = X3
81*      C BNCOM = BUNCHES COMPLETED
82*          FBHR = X4/100.
83*          FBDIS = X5
84*      C FBDIS = DIST. TRAV. ALL MACHINES
85*          RETURN
86*          30 CONTINUE
87*          FBACC = X1
88*      C FBACC NUMBER OF ACCUMULATOR COMPLETED CYCLES.
89*          XDEN = X2
90*      C POUNDS OF WOOD PER CUBIC FOOT.
91*          FBTNS = X3*XDEN/200000
92*          FBGPH = X4/10
93*      C FELLER-BUNCHER TOTAL GALLONS USED
94*      C FELLER-BUNCHER VOL. IN TONS
95*          IF( FBTYP.EQ.0 )WRITE(6,1)FBHR,BREAK,DELAY,DELNM,NUMFB
96*          IF( FBTYP.EQ.1 )WRITE(6,2)FBHR,BREAK,DELAY,DELNM,NUMFB
97*      C
98*          FBTPC = NTREE*1./FBACC
99*      C FBTPC TREES PER CYCLE
100*          FBVPC = FBVOL/FBACC
101*      C FBVPC VOLUME PER CYCLE
102*          WRITE(6,3)FBACC,FBTPC,FBVPC
103*      C
104*          FBTPB = NTREE*1./BNCOM
105*      C FBTPB = AVE. TREES PER COMPLETED BUNCH.
106*          WRITE(6,4)BNCOM,FBTPB
107*      C
108*          FBCPB = FBACC*1./BNCOM
109*          WRITE(6,5)FBCPB
110*      C
111*          FBVPB = FBVOL/BNCOM
112*      C FBVPB = AVE. VOL. PER BUNCH
113*          WRITE(6,6)FBVPB,NTREE,FBVOL,FBTNS,FBDIS
114*      C
115*          CYCHR = FBACC/FBHR
116*          WRITE(6,7)CYCHR
117*      C
118*          FBBMH = BNCOM/FBHR
119*      C FBBMH = AVE. BUNCHES PER MACHINE HOUR
120*          FBTMH = NTREE/FBHR
121*      C FBTMH = TREES FELLED PER MACHINE HOUR
122*          FBVMH = FBVOL/ FBHR
123*      C FBVMH = VOL. FELLED PER MACHINE HOUR
124*          FBATH = FBTNS/FBHR
125*      C FBATH AVERAGE TONS PER HOUR
126*          FBDMH = FBDIS/FBHR
127*      C FBDMH = DIST. TRAV. PER MACHINE HOUR
128*          WRITE(6,8)FBBMH,FBTMH,FBVMH,FBATH,FBDMH
129*      C
130*      C FELLER-BUNCHER GALLONS/HOUR
131*          FBGPT = FBGPH/FBATH
132*      C FELLER-BUNCHER GALLONS PER TON
133*          FBGPC = FBGPH/(FBVMH/100)
134*      C FELLER-BUNCHER GALLONS PER.CUNIT
135*          FBTGU = FBGPH*FBHR
136*          WRITE(6,11)FBTGU,FBGPH,FBGPT,FBGPC
137*          RETURN
138*      END

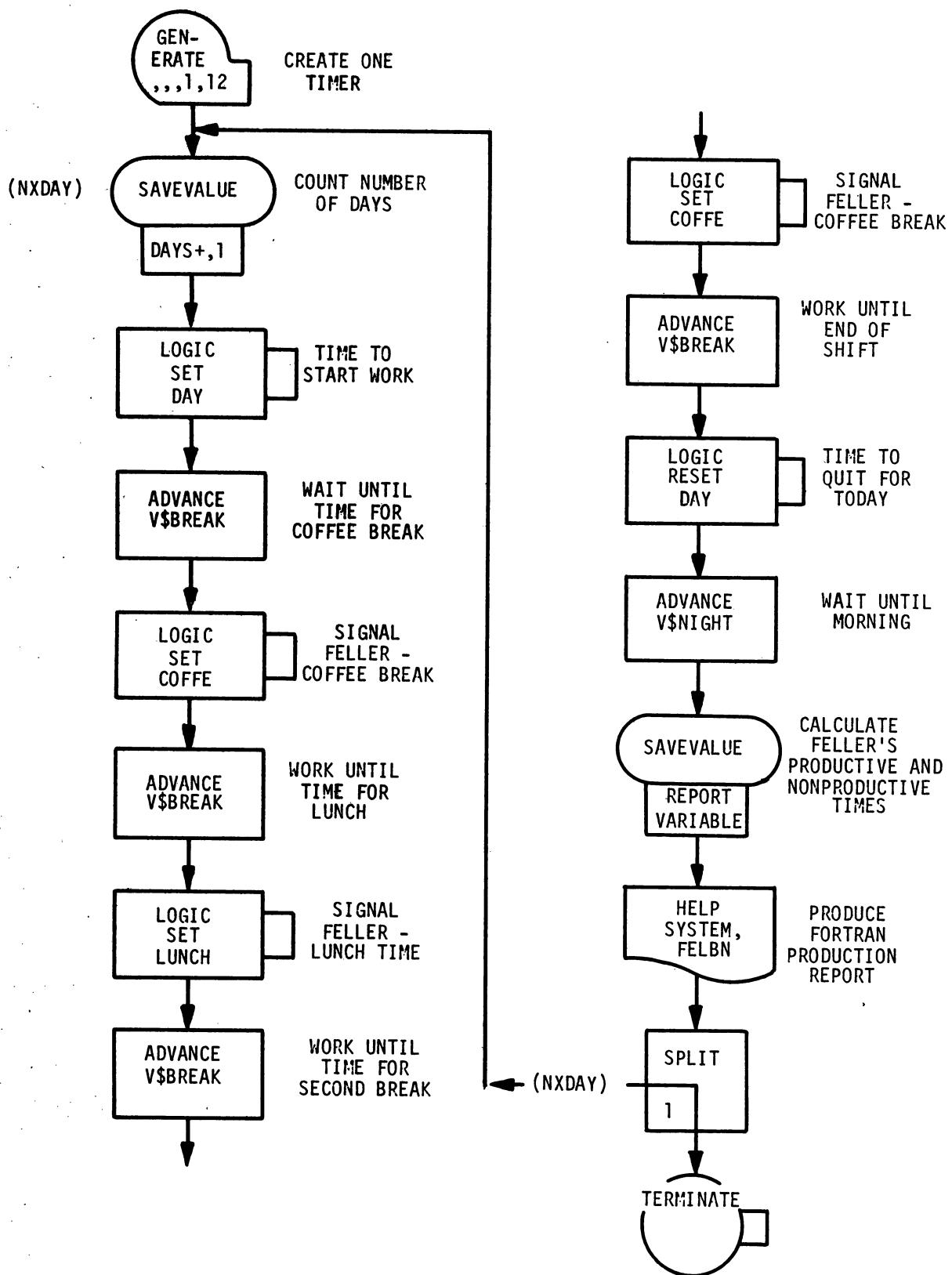
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## APPENDIX C

### COMPLETE FLOW CHARTS

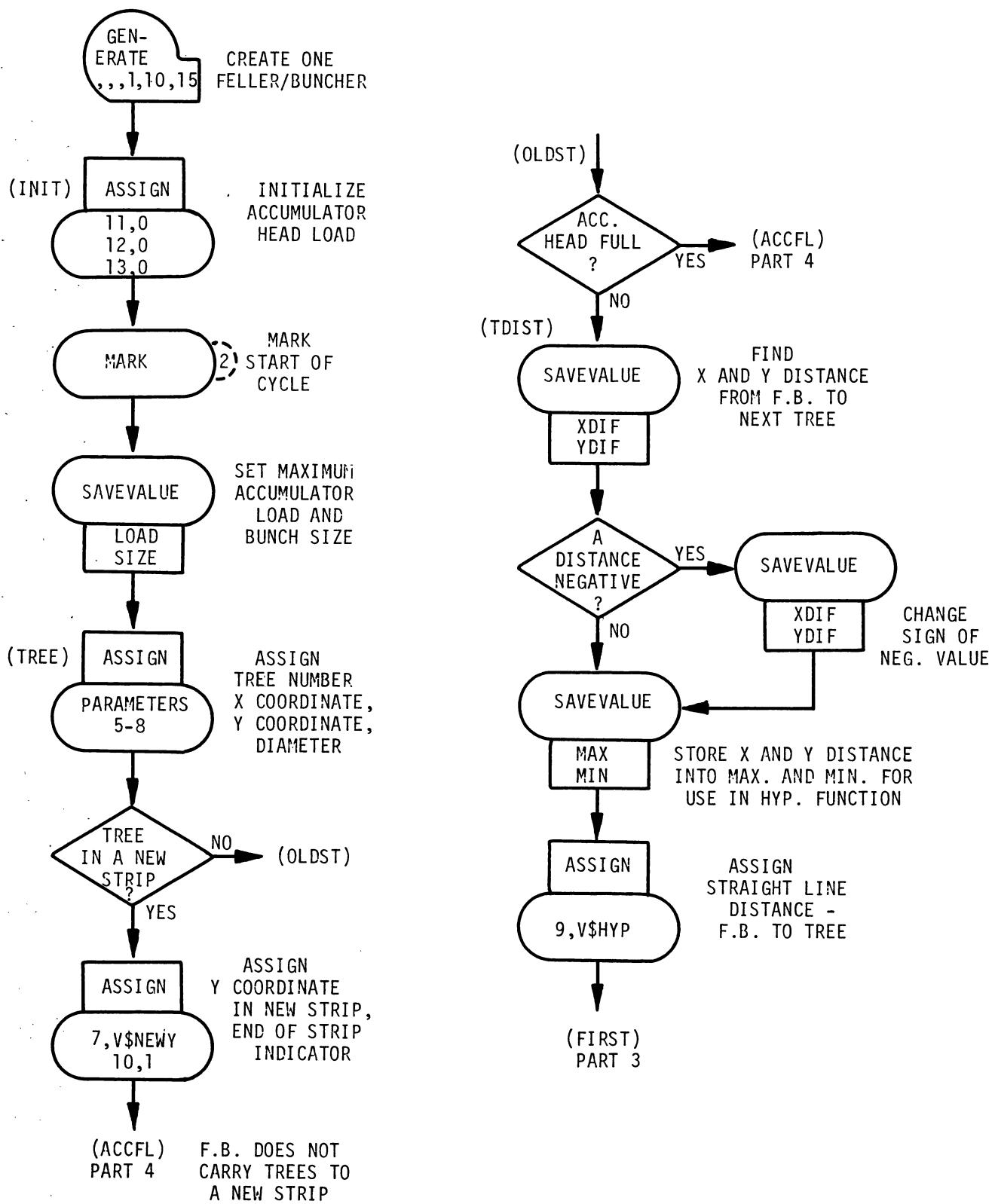
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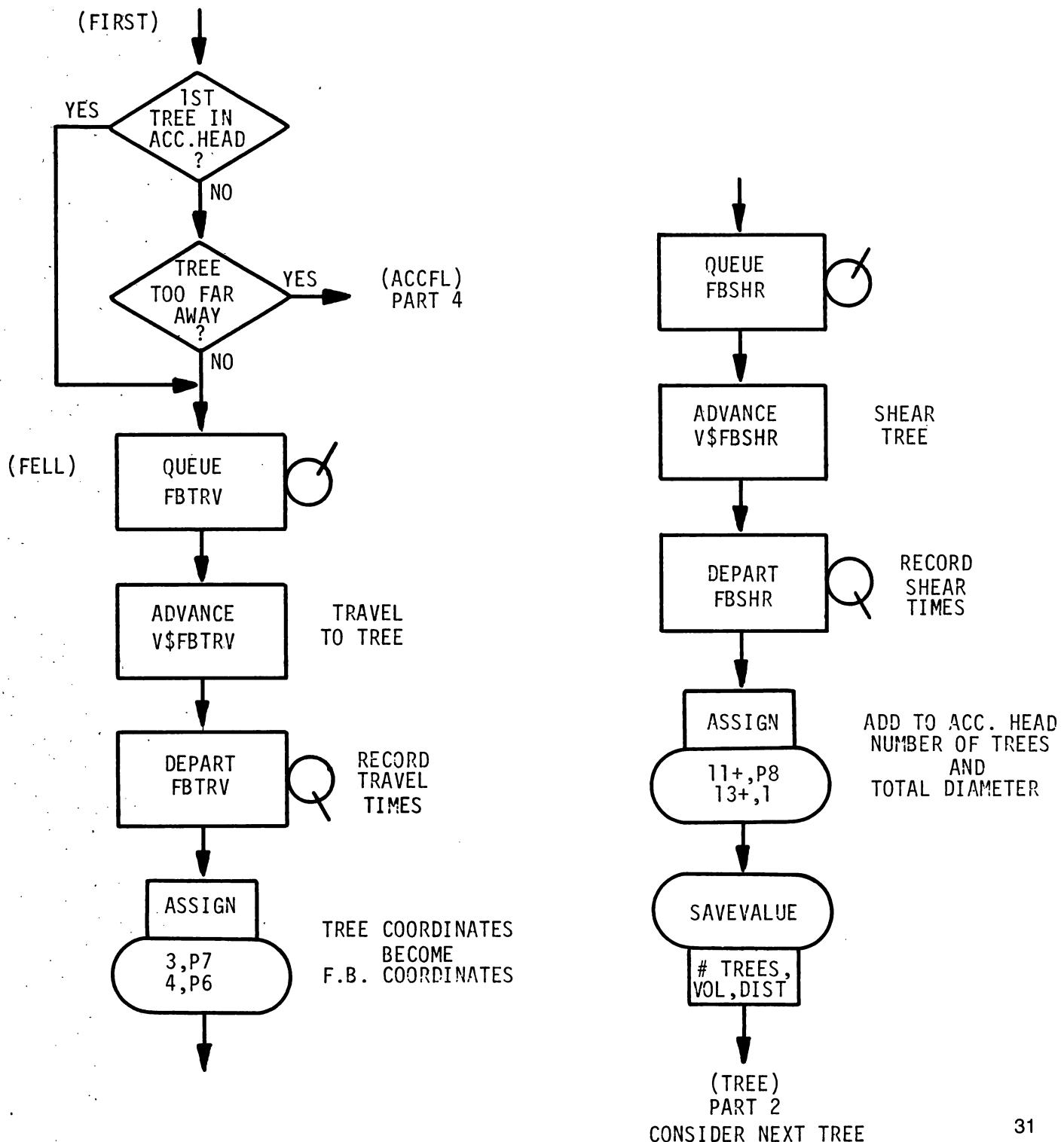


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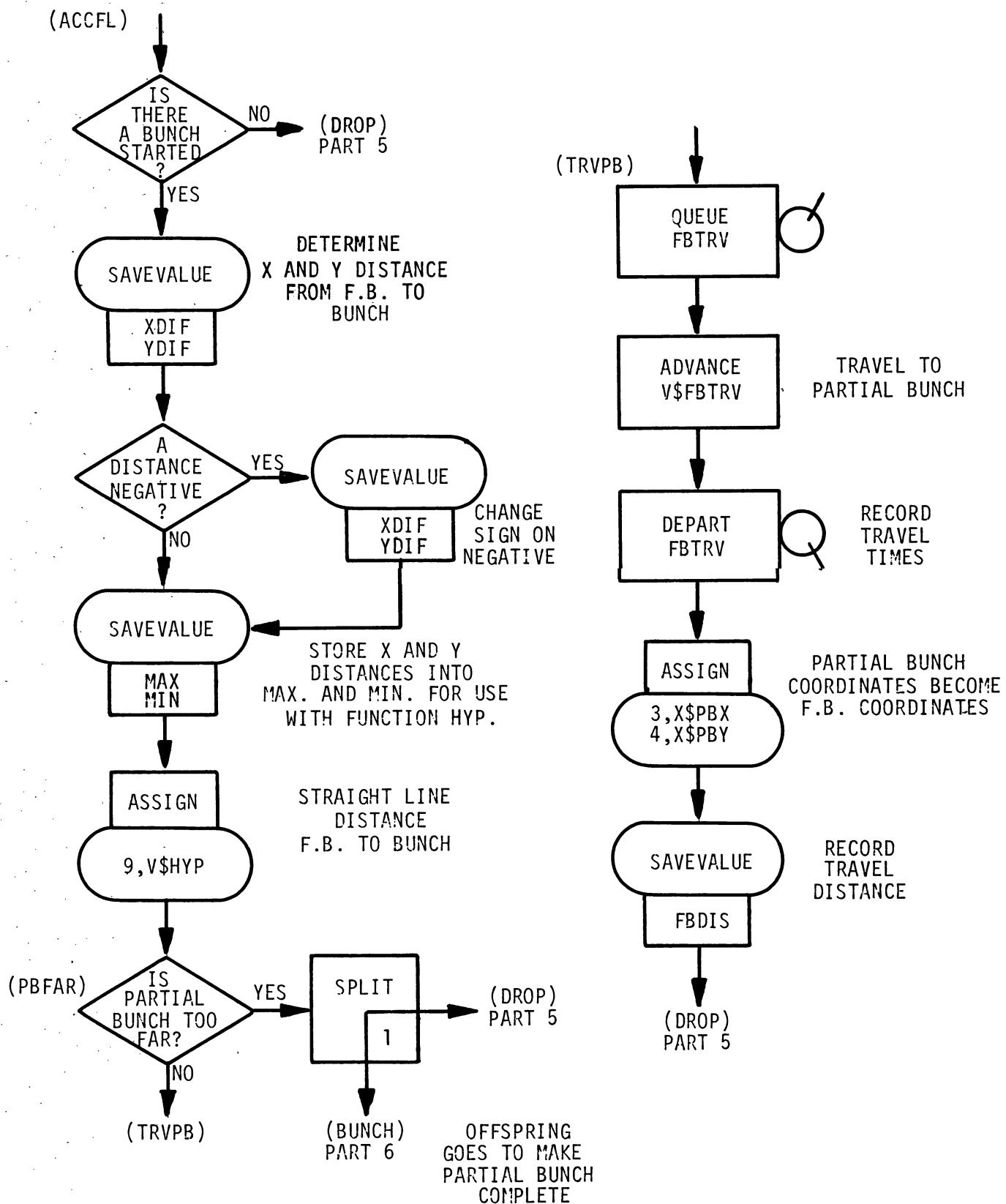


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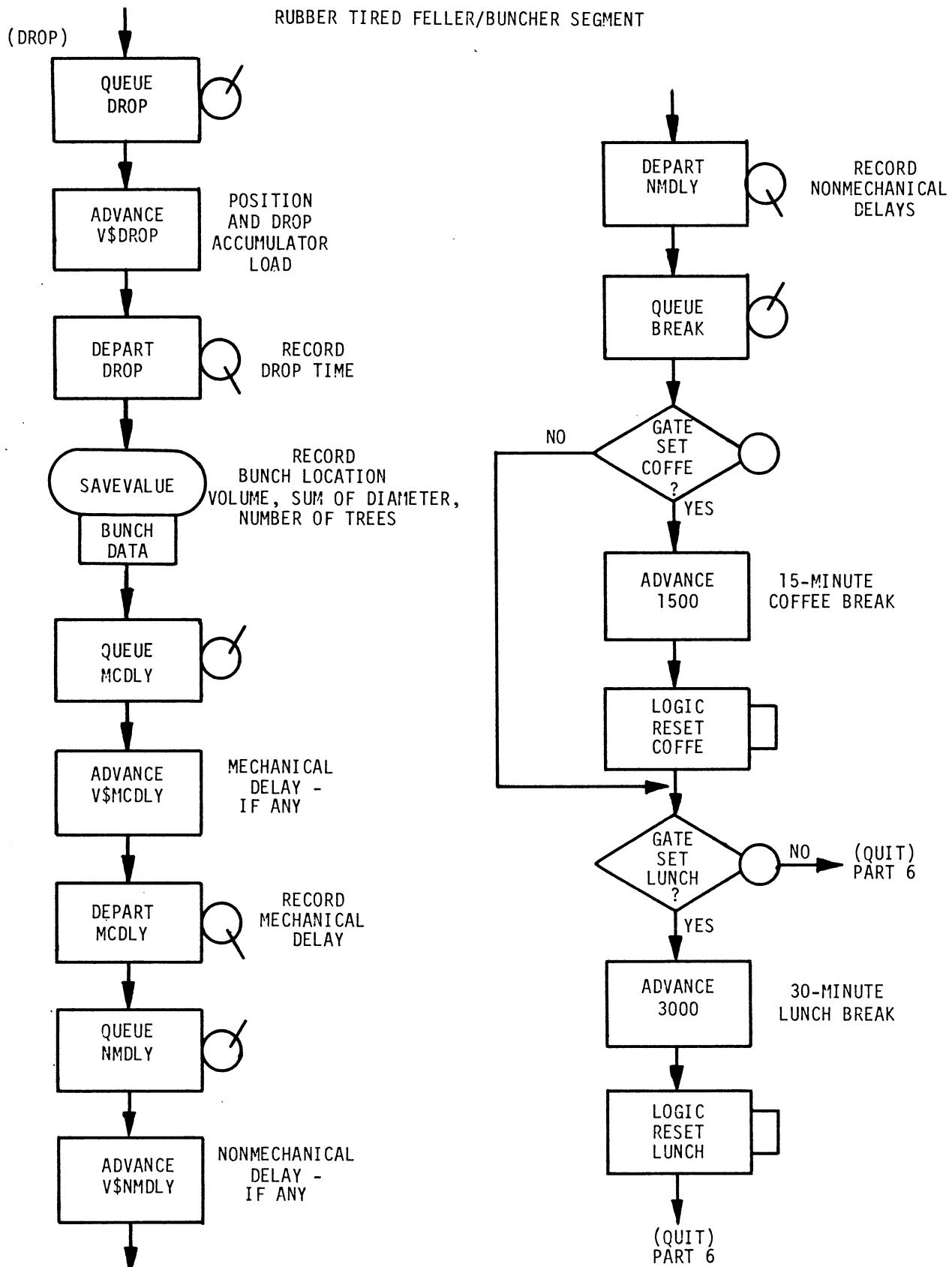
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COMPLETE FLOW CHARTS - PART 6 OF 6

RUBBER TIRED FELLER/BUNCHER SEGMENT

