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The purpose of this newsletter is to provide instruction on Basic & Machine Language programming, Computer theory, operating techniques, computer expansion, plus provide answers to questions from our subscribers.

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We encourage the submission of Basic and Machine Language Programs as well as articles. All Programs must be well documented so the readers can understand how the program works. We will pay for programs and articles based upon their value to the newsletter. Material sent will not be returned unless return postage is included. Basic & ML programs should be sent on a tape or disk & comments should be sent as a DAT or BIN file.

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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

This isssue will mark the end of our first year of writing this newsletter. The experience has been very exciting for us and we hope that you have learned a great deal from having read our editorials. There is always more that could be done and as we approach our second year want to implement more things for the newsletter. We want to do Product Reviews. and have a news section on New Products. We will also be taking advertising from other firms to help defray our costs.

This month we are completing our series on Computer generated sounds. We included a Basic program with Machine Language Subroutines that will allow you to hear the sounds that are generated by 3 popular waveforms. Last month we introduced Random Numbers and this month we have a card shuffling and dealing program that uses random numbers.

Because of the number of requests for information on writing programs to use all 64K in 64K computers and to be used on 128K computers, we are starting a series of editorials on this subject. When these larger memories are available then special program writing techniques are required. We are going to present some of these techniques so that you can write programs for these larger memories.

Next month we will have a hardware project you can build for your computer. Would you like to see more of these? We would like to hear from you concerning subjects you would want us to discuss in the newsletter.

As the new year is upon us we want to wish each of you a Happy New Year and a very successful 1985.

RANDOM NUMBERS Part 2

Last month WE introduced random numbers and showed how they could be generated from We Basic. showed how to generate random sounds and cussed the problem of shuffling a deck of playing cards. month we wrote a program that will shuffle a deck of cards and deal them. We didn't put them in order but if you desire this you can use the sort technique that we presented in an earlier issue.

We mentioned last month two approaches to the problem of sorting a deck of cards. The first approach would be to pick one of the 4 suits and then to pick a card from that suit. There are 4 suits and 13 cards in each suit. The second approach would be to number the cards from 1 to 52 and randomly pick cards. This is the approach we took because it seemed less confusing.

CARD SHUFFLING Program Listing

2 ?"THIS PROGRAM SHUFFLES CARDS

4 ?" cOPYRIGHT (c) 1984

6 ?" dYNAMIC eLECTRONICS iNC.

10 ?" THIS PGM IS RND-1

15 ?

20 DIM N(13),S(13),E(13),W(13), D(52),X(52),S\$(52)

30 FOR J=1 TO 52

35 READ S\$(J)

40 X(J) = 0:D(J) = J

50 NEXT J

60 PRINT"THIS SHUFFLES THE DECK

70 FOR K=1 TO 52

80 A=RND(52)

90 IF A=0 THEN 80

100 IF D(A)=0 THEN 80

110 X(K)=A: D(A)=0

120 NEXT K

130 FOR K=1 TO 52:PRINT K; X(K); S\$(X(K))

150 NEXT K

IOU PRINT" HIS DEALS THE DELK

165 FOR X=1 TO 1000:NEXT X

170 PRINT"WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

180 FOR J=1 TO 13

190 FOR K=0 TO 3

200 V=4*J+K-3

210 W(J)=X(V):N(J)=X(V+1)

220 E(J)=X(V+2):S(J)=X(V+3)

230 NEXT K

235 PRINTS\$(N(J))" "; S\$(S(J))" ";S\$(E(J)); " ";S\$(W(J))

240 NEXT J

255 DATA 2*,3*,4*,5*,6*,7*,8*, 9*,10*,J*,Q*,K*,A*

265 DATA 2<,3<,4<,5<,6<,7<,8<,9<,10<,J<,Q<,K<,A<

275 DATA 2&,3&,4&,5&,6&,7&,8&, 9&,10&,J&,Q&,K&,A&

285 DATA 20,30,40,50,60,70,80, 90,100,J0,Q0,K0,A0

SHUFFLING

PROGRAM

(See the Shuffling Program Listing)

The first thing we did was to set up arrays for the cards. We used the dimension statement and set up an array for each hand which we called N(13), S(13, E(13), W(13) for the North, South, East, and West hands. Also we set up arrays D(52) for the deck, X(52) for the shuffled deck, and S\$(52) for the names of the cards. This is in statement 20. Statements 30 = 50 initializes the arrays. Notice we used the familiar Read and Data method of handling the names of the cards.

Shuffling Routine

Statements 60 through 130 shuffles the deck and prints the results. Let's discuss our shuffling technique. We have two arrays representing the original deck and the new deck. These are labeled D(N) and X(N). In our initialization we put the number of the card in

the Corresponding location tor that card in the original deck. In other words D(31) = 31 or D(N) = N. As we randomly select the cards we will replace the value for the card selected with a zero. On our next pass if we selected a card that had previously been selected then we will know this because the value will be zero. This is A in statements 80 and 90. The random number is selected in 80 and tested to see if the value in that location of the array is This is statement 100. If the value (A) is zero then that number has already been selected and we need to go back to 80 and pick another value. Using this approach it takes a few seconds to shuffle the deck. Statements 130 - 150 prints the results of the shuffled deck.

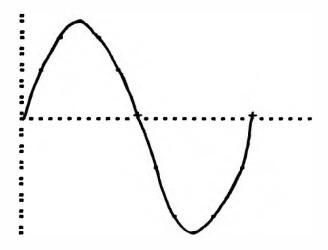
Dealing the Cards

We assume that South is the dealer and the values in the shuffled deck are distributed to the hands in the following order: West, North, East, and South. Remember X(N) was the shuffled array. We used two FOR NEXT LOOPS in statements 180 and 190. J represents the number of cards dealt in each hand and K represents the position to which a card is being dealt. The FOR - NEXT loops make this part easy. We are assuming there are 4 players which is standard for most card games. Statement 235 prints the cards as they are being dealt.

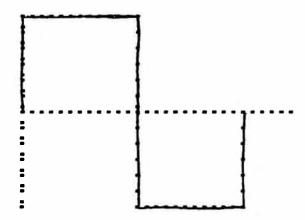
DATA Statements

The data is contained in statements 255 - 285. We used a *,<,&, and @ symbol to represent the suits. At first we used the up arrow but our word processor would not accept this so we changed to the @ symbol. You may want to use the up arrow as this looks similar to the symbol for spades.

COMPUTER SOUNDS (Part 3)



SINE WAVE

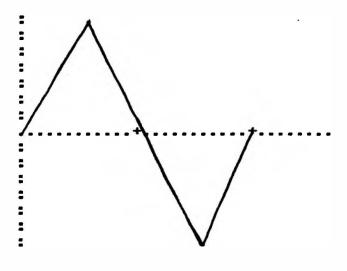


SQUARE WAVE

Last month we showed how to generate sounds by writing directly to the Digital to Analog Converter. In the first part of this series we discussed the Sine Wave and last month month we discussed Square Waves. We had a demonstration program that allowed various sounds to be made from the keyboard. Because basic is too slow we used a machine language subroutine that

we called from basic to increase the speed. This technique is very useful because basic is convenient for organizing a program and the machine language subroutines allow things to be done faster. This also minimizes the amount of machine language programming that must be done.

This month we want to look at popular waveforms and listen to the sounds that they produce. The basic waveform for all music, voice, and audio waveforms is the sinewave. The triangle wave is composed of a sinewave at the frequency of the triangle plus sinewaves that are odd multiples of the basic frequency. These higher frequencies called harmonics. Square waves also have these odd harmonic frequencies but they are larger in amplitude than the triangle The triangle and square waves are easy to generate and this is the reason we are discussing them. A square wave just alternates from the maximum level to the minimum level. triangle wave is generated by straight lines drawing increasing or decreasing its value by one unit as the time increases.



TRIANGLE WAVE

We used an approach for our

demonstration program that is similar to the one we used last month. To obtain the desired speed we wrote a machine language subroutine and were able to carry it in the first remark statement. Remember you can do this if there are no zeros in the remark statement. You can't save the program in ASCII format because some of the machine code values may be higher than 128 and ASCII will not handle these Also you may have values. trouble editing your program but you will not have any trouble saving the program as a Basic program after it is entered We would recomment correctly. that you enter statement 10 with remark statement and then about 35 spaces which you can fill in with the data last. Let's look at the machine language subroutine.

Machine Language Subroutine

We reserved memory locations 500 - 535 to store the values of the waveforms. Since we are comparing 3 different waveforms, we will store the values for each waveform in these loca-Basic will do this for tions. us and the machine language subroutine will take the values from memory and store them in the PIA which controls the digital to analog converter. tion 499 is the delay for each location and location 498 is the duration of the tones or the number of times it is repeated. A listing and discussion of the subroutine follows:

- 7687 LDX I 500 'Load the X register with the value 500.
- 7690 LDA X R+ 'Load A with the memory X is pointing to and increment X.
- 7692 STA E 65312 'Store A in 65312 which is the D/A Converter
- 7695 LDB E 499 ' Load B with

the value in 499
7698 DECB ' B=B-1
7699 BNE 7698 ' Go to 7698 if
B is not zero
7701 CMPXI 535 ' Compare X
with the value 535

7704 BLS 7690 ' Branch to 7690 if X is less than or the same as 1535

7706 RTS 'Return from Sub.

7707 LDA E 498 'Load A with the value in memory 498

7710 STA E 497 'Store A in 497 7713 BSR 7687 'Branch to the

subroutine at 7687 7715 DEC E 497 'Decrease the value in 497 by 1

7718 BNE 7713 'Branch if not equal to 7713

7720 RTS 'Return from sub.

The subroutine called from basic by the EXEC command is at 7707 if the Basic program starts with #30,1 in locations 25 and 26. To force basic to start at this location do the following: POKE 25,30: POKE 256 * 30,0 : This subroutine calls the subroutine at 7687 with the instruction in 7713. It counts the number of times the subroutine at 7687 is called with statements 7715 to 7718. Notice that it is usually easier to write programs with subroutines whether in basic or machine language because this groups each task into a subroutine.

The Subroutine at 7687 takes the values in locations 500 - 535 and presents them to the A/D converter. The time the machine language program stays on each location is determined by the B register which was loaded with location 499. This effectively controls the frequency. All of these parameters are set up from basic before calling the machine language subroutine.

Sound Program Discussion

The program first calculates the location of the machine lan-

guage subroutine contained in statement 10. This is statement 25. Next a menu is presented that allows one of the 3 waveforms or the time to be selected. You select the option you want by entering the number to the left of the desired feature. If you just press the enter key then the last sound is repeated. The subroutines start in locations 200, 400, 600, and 800. The first 3 subroutines calculate and store values for the waveforms in locations 500 -535. The subroutine at 800 allows a new time to be entered.

After the program is entered you will want to poke the machine language subroutine into the locations reserved in statement 10. After this is done save the program before you run it. Then run the program. You will be able to compare the 3 waveforms. The Sine waveform is the purest of the 3 and will not have any higher frequency sounds. The square wave has the most harmonics and will sound the fullest. The triangle wave is in between.

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- 12 ?"SOUND LEARNING PROGRAM
- 14 ?"THIS PGM IS SND-2
- 16 ?"cOPYRIGHT (c) 1984
- 18 ?"dYNAMIC eLECTRONICS iNC
- 19 PRINT
- 20 PRINT"ML PGM IS IN STMT 10
- 22 SOUND 100,10:POKE65315,255
- 25 U=256*PEEK(25)+27
- 30 PRINT"DATA IS IN LOCATIONS 500-535
- 40 PRINT"497=CYCLE COUNTER, 498=DURATION
- 50 PRINT"499 IS THE TIME
- 100 T=PEEK(499):IFT=0 THEN T=1: POKE 499,1
- 105 PRINT"TIME IS "T
- 110 PRINT"1 SINE WAVE
- 120 PRINT"2 TRIANGLE WAVE
- 130 PRINT"3 SQUARE WAVE
- 140 PRINT"4 CHANGE THE TIME
- 160 INPUT X
- 170 IF X=0 THEN 190
- 180 ON X GO SUB 200,400,600,800

- 190 PRINT:PRINTW\$:EXEC U: GD TO 100
- 200 PRINT"THIS LOADS SINE VALUES INTO MEM.
- 205 P=3.14159:X=P/18
- 210 FOR J=0 TO 35: A=X*J: Y=SIN(A):Z=31+31*Y
- 220 W=4*Z:POKE J+500,W
- **225 NEXT J**
- 230 W\$="SINE WAVE
- 235 RETURN
- 400 PRINT"THIS LOADS A TRIANGLE WAVE
- 405 FOR J=0 TO 17
- 410 V=14*J
- 415 POKE 500+J,V: POKE 536-J,V
- 420 NEXT J
- 425 POKE518,252
- 435 W\$="TRIANGLE WAVE"
- 440 RETURN
- 600 PRINT"THIS LOADS SQUARE WAVES
- 605 FOR J=500 TO 517
- 610 POKE J, 120
- 612 NEXT J
- 615 FOR J=518 TO 535
- 620 POKE J,0
- **625 NEXT J**
- 645 W\$="SQUARE WAVE
- **650 RETURN**
- 800 INPUT"ENTER NEW TIME";T
- 810 POKE 499, T: RETURN

After you have entered the program then the machine language values need to be poked into statement 10. If the beginning vectors are at 30,1 as stated earlier then the values to poke are as follows in decimal and hex.

Men	nory	Valu	16
7687	(1E07)	142	(8E)
7688		1	(01)
7689		244	(F4)
7690	(1E0A)	166	(A6)
7691		128	(80)
7692		183	(B7)
7693	(1EOD)	255	(FF)
7694		32	(20)
7695		246	(F6)
7696	(1E10)	1	(01)
7697		243	(F3)
7698		90	(5A)
7699		38	(26)
7700	(1E14)	253	(FD)

7701		140	(8C)
7702		2	(02)
7703		23	(17)
7704	(1E18)	35	(23)
7705		240	(F0)
7706		57	(39)
7707		182	(B6)
7708		1	(01)
7709		242	(F2)
7710	(1E1E)	183	(B7)
7711		1	(01)
7712		241	(F1)
7713		141	(BD)
7714		228	(E4)
7715		122	(7A)
7716		1	(01)
7717	(1E25)	241	(F1)
7718		38	(26)
7719		249	(F9)
7720	(1E28)	5 7	(39)

The following keyboard program will allow you to enter the values.

FOR J=7687 TO 7720:?J:INPUT X: POKE J, X: NEXT J

After the values have been entered then you can save the program and later reload it and the ML program will be contained within the program.

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OPERATING HINT

When entering programs use a "?" whenever you want something printed instead of typing "PRINT". This can be from the keyboard or within Basic Program Statements. Example: ? MEM or PRINT MEM displays the available memory left. Also when entering remarks in Basic Program Steps use an "?" instead of typing "REM".

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

QUESTION: Can a second Color Computer be used as a printer spooler?

ANSWER: Yes this would be a very economical way to obtain a printer spooler. A spooler is a memory that accepts characters quickly from the computer and passes them on to the printer at the printer's slower rate. This quickly frees the computer. With the low cost of Color Computers this is now economically attractive. The second computer would have to have software to handle this.

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