Simple test cases for analog computer (1) Two coupled linear algebraic equations $3x_1 + 4x_2 = -3$ (solution is $2x_1 + 5x_2 = +12$ ($x_1 = -9, x_2 = +6$) analog computer implementation: $\chi_1 = -(1 + \frac{4}{3}\chi_2) = -(1 + 1.33\chi_2)$ $\chi_{2} = -\left(-\frac{12}{5} + \frac{2}{5}\chi_{1}\right) = -\left(-2.40 + 0.400\chi_{1}\right)$ 2) Damped oscillator $ODE: \ddot{\chi} + 2S\omega_n \dot{\chi} + \omega_n^2 \chi =$ ICS: $\dot{\chi}(0) \equiv V_0$, $\chi(0) = \chi_0$ analog computer implementation: $\frac{\chi}{\omega_n} = -(2S\dot{\chi} + \omega_n\chi)$ $\dot{x}(t) = V_0 + \int \ddot{x}(\tau) d\tau$ $x(t) = x_0 + \int_{\tau=0}^{\tau=t} \dot{x}(\tau) d\tau$

GP-10 circuit to solve coupled linear algebraic equations







A NEW MODULAR, STACKABLE ANALOG/HYBRID COMPUTER

Micropatch, centerpiece, of the new 7000 Building Block analog/Hybrid computing system, replaces mechanical panels and patch cords with a digital computer controlled electronic switch network. Once programmed, Micropatch operates identically to traditional patch panel computers. Through a host digital computer, simulations are programmed directly from differential equation statements. From digital computer memory, stored simulation programs are instantly recalled for immediate use.



ANALOG/HYBRID COMPUTING SYSTEMS



The availability of low cost analog multiplexers and digital interface devices has made electronic patching a practical reality. Taking advantage of recent integrated circuit developments, Micropatch is compatible and easily used with even the smallest microcomputers. For the first time, analog computers are programmed with common high level languages such as BASIC. PASCAL or FORTRAN. Treated as a digital computer peripheral, a Micropatch system can produce complex, nonlinear, high order simulations with only a few hundred bytes of a digital computer's usable memory.

Micropatch offers individuals not trained in the art of analog computer programming the opportunity to work with analog simulation models. From equations that are written in a state-variable form, a model is entered into the host digital computer via its keyboard/CRT. There the digital computer arranges equation statements into Micropatch switching commands, calculates coefficients and scales variables. Instantly the Micropatch is programmed and constants are entered. A simulation is ready to run only milliseconds after equation entry.

Convenient, unlimited program storage expands analog simulation into new di-

mensions of use. Once a model is digitally formatted it may be indefinitely stored. A virtual limitless number of analog models may be digitally stored and thus be available for instant use. An applications library can assume a live and accessible status as users may call simulations from a memory list. Interchange between libraries is encouraged as transfer can occur through written high level language statements or electronically through an exchange of discs or other mass storage devices.

A quick, useable access to a program library should enhance analog simulation's educational value. A keyboard entry is all that's needed to convert Micropatch into a physical system simulator. Through digital retrieval, one Micropatch system can become a chemical reactor, an automotive suspension, a non-linear vibrating membrane, a diseased heart, a servo controller or any physical phenomena that can be described with a set of ordinary differential equations. The simulation is perpetually on-call, ready for devotion to educational experiments. As patching and tedious program checkout are handled by the digital computer, a student spends virtually no time preparing the simulation for study

Quick recall of programs makes it feasible for a simulation, at any time, to be periodically analyzed. As frequently as desired, a researcher may retrieve and study a simulation. In the development of mathematical models frequent evaluations lay the foundations for minds to transform intuitive understandings into analytical derivations. Modifications, parameter changes and interactions with a model are the ingredients for successful math model developments. Micropatch's accessibility for repeated studies is expected to hasten the creation and validation of system models.

Once a model is declared valid, quick recall expands application possibilities. Analog simulations have proven records in product design, the selection of equipment or components, the development of operating procedures, the evaluation of safety considerations, the treatment of diseases and the optimization of processes. Convenient program storage will expand these proven application areas and open the door for analog simulation's entry into new and related fields of use.

A major Micropatch design feature is that electronic patching is provided without sacrificing the versatility of traditional analog computers. All the non-linearities, discontinuities and empirical functions that analog computer programmers so artfully incorporate into simulations are equally within Micropatch's capabilities. Advanced operational techniques can be implemented if the programmer chooses.

The full range of analog computing functions is met with a combination of patch panel and electronic patching. Certain electronic switch terminations are brought to a patch panel where analog functions may be applied. Once a function is patch ... continued on back page

GROWTH IN COMBINED UNIT SIMULATION SYSTEMS

An increasing number of organizations are finding that combined 808 Analog Signal Processors provide an excellent means of meeting medium and large simulation requirements. Six or more low cost 808 units, mounted into a standard electronic enclosure, can be operated by one 985 Control Unit. Linear and non-linear simulations requiring in excess of 50 amplifiers are well within the combined unit capacity.

Some of the more recent installations are given below:

- Sperry Flight Systems, Phoenix, AZ
- Sperry Avionics, Phoenix, AZ
- Aerojet Strategic Propulsion Company, Sacramento, CA
- Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD

NEWCOMPUTER... cont. from front, page ed, if then is incorporated into the electronic switch network. By mixing patched functions with electronic programming, a Micropatch system can be arranged to meet a variety of computing requirements.

Micropatch is one of two 7000 Building Block units. The other is the model GP-10 traditionally patched analog computer. A 7000 system may be composed of one or more of either or a combination of both. Modular and stackable, Micropatch and the GP-10 are the building blocks that provide the flexibility needed to efficiently construct simulation systems. Each may be operated alone for small applications or blocked together to meet practically any sized requirement. Systems may begin small and grow as demands increase. Large systems may be disassembled into smaller ones. The building block organization lets purchasers buy no more equipment than is necessary to handle the job.

Structured much like the Comdyna GP-6, each GP-10 computing *unit handles* up to fourth order simulations, has four time scales per integrator, a full complement of non-linear elements and utilizes GP-6 accessories. Also like the GP-6, the GP-10 offers quality analog computing at a low

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808 Analog Signal Processor

- Bendix Corporation, N. Hollywood, CA
- Hughes Aircraft Company, El Segundo, CA
- TRW, Inc., Redondo Beach, CA

cost. Inclusion of GP-10 units into a 7000 system provides the opportunity to minimize the overall cost per operation. A blend of the GP-10 with Micropatch yields the best possible cost effective system.

To mix electronic and patched programming, Micropatch utilizes a transfer function approach to handle the terms of a differential equation model. Each term of a state variable equation is treated as an input/output function of a variable or variables. Whether a term is linear, nonlinear, simple or complex, it is viewed by the programmer as a transfer function. Inherent to the basic Micropatch switching network are the combined functions of sign determination and multiplication by a constant. These are the basic Micropatch transfer functions. Equations with terms having only these operations are limited to linear simulations. To produce other functions, the basic linear operations must be combined with operations that are created through patched techniques. To include a patched function:

- 1. A term's variable is electronically directed to a specific panel output location.
- by patched operations.

- Boeing Corporation, Seattle, WA
 General Electric Company, Evendale,
- OH — Grumman Aerospace Corporation,
- Beth page, NY
- **3.** The conditioned variable is patched to a specific Micropatch panel input location.
- The input is electronically given a designated sign, digitally attenuated and connected as one term of a selected equation.

In addition to its programming versatility, a major strength of the 7000 Series is its strong capabilities to interact with digital computers. Distinguishing features include an ail electronic amplifier address, analog/digital and digital/analog conversion and an interface for bidirectional digital computer data transfer. As a hybrid computer, the 7000 may be operated entirely from the host digital computer as well as from a desk top control module.

Although most attention will likely focus on the unique, electronic patching network, we believe that the most powerful feature of the 7000 Building Block Series is its adaptability to meet a diversity of analog/hybrid computing requirements. Whether small or large, patch cord or electronically programmed, a system can be structured for every budget and need.

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7000 literature is to be availab



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SIMULATOR TIE-INS ... an aid to control systems development

In the analysis of control designs there is often a need to test and develop physical components in a working environment. As the electrical analogs of real apparatus, analog simulators provide such environments. Where parts or ail of actual facilities can be replaced by a simulator tie-in, a physical component can be tested under realistic but predictable operating conditions.

Comdyna 7000 analog/hybrid computer systems are designed for tie-in applications. They are accurate, inexpensive and can be configured to the exact size of a simulation requirement. Mountable into an electronic rack or enclosure, a 7000 simulator is quickly integrated into laboratory facilities. Good trunking enables signals to be easily transported to and from instrumentation and control devices. A large and sturdy patching area of standard banana plugs and jacks facilitates the programming of simulation models and their tie-in with physical equipment.

7000 simulators are also designed for easy tie-in to microcomputing systems. Standard models offer a microcomputer interface with an instruction set for multiplexing analog variables and converting the variables to digital data. With the MICROPATCH option analog simulation programs can be electronically patched and digitally stored. With the multiplying digital/analog converter expansion, simulation parameters may be digitally set and controlled by microcomputer programs.



The 7000 Analog/Hybrid Computing Systems offers a building block construction that can be configured to specific simulation requirements.

MICROPATCH... now available for the Apple II

MICROPATCH programs can now be formatted, stored and executed with the Apple II processor. By entering a set of state-variable differential equations into the Apple, a MICROPATCH program can be electronically patched for immediate use as a pure analog computer simulation or as an Apple based hybrid computer simulation. Once formatted, the MICRO-PATCH program can be stored and recalled with use of the Apple's disc and controller.

While the Apple package offers plug-in convenience, the software is not limited to the Apple processor. Written in BASIC, the program is easily transferred to other computers. With the entry of a few machine language routines, the BASIC program of any microcom-



puter can be utilized.

MICROPATCH is a computing unit of the 7000 Analog/Hybrid Computing Systems. It operates identically to traditional analog computers except that an electronic switching network replaces patch cord programming and digital computer storage replaces mechanical patch panels. MICRO-PATCH simulations have the same hands-on benefits as patch panel computer simulations. They can be tied into physical equipment or used as stand-alone simulators.

May 1983 DATA ACQUISITION WITH THE GP-10

Small analog computers are highly useful to digital data acquisition programs. Simple patch panel functions can reduce software requirements, increase operating speeds and add parallelism to signal processing. Analog computer variables are voltage signals like raw measurements but they are superior for conversion and handling by the digital computer.

The GP-10 analog computing unit offers an inexpensive and convenient addition to a digital data acquisition facility. The GP-10, with microcomputer interface, is a complete data acquisition system. No matter what type of conversion is used, the GP-10 analog unit provides front end operations that include general purpose filtering, signal conditioning and arithmetic manipulation of instrumentation variables. Operations that would otherwise burden the digital computer program can often be handled with a few analog panel connections.

ANALOG COMPUTER HANDBOOK

The text and laboratory work book, written by Dr. Violet B. Haas, Electrical Engineering Department, Purdue University, has been published by Publications Press, P.O. Box 1998, Bloomington, IN, 47402. Books may be purchased directly from the publisher or from Comdyna, Inc. at \$9.00 each.

Dr. Haas developed the handbook for use in an undergraduate controls program. Material and experiments cover analog computer programming, dynamic systems



As a complete data acquisition unit, the GP-10 plugs into a microcomputer I/O bus. Microcomputer routines multiplex the analog computer variables, control the analog/digital converter and sense single bit logic states. The universal parallel interface port is adaptable to all microcomputer models. A standard interface with software is available for the Apple II.

Where the applications concern both data acquisition and control, digital/analog converters can be

simulation and fundamentals of control theory. All experiments can be handled with the Comdyna GP-6 analog computer.

HYBRID PHARMACOKINETICS

Pharmacokinetics simulations are now being performed on a hybrid computing system that consists of the GP-10 analog simulation unit and Apple II microcomputer. in the simulation of drug absorption, distribution and elimination in the body, the Apple inputs the simulated drug regimens and monitors included. The user thus has the options to construct continuous controllers from analog patch panel components, utilize digital control with either voltage or multiplying digital/analog converters or apply state control with the interface unit's single bit outputs.

From a selection of computing and interface options, a GP-10 can be custom configured to meet a wide range of signal handling needs. Prices start under \$1,000.

digitized drug concentrations.

Analog simulations have proved useful in the research, education and clinical application of pharmacokinetics models. The inclusion of a central processor has added the capabilities to store and retrieve patient data, perform statistical analyses, compile reports and aid the deployment of drug models. All the benefits of analog computer simulation regarding the development of mathematical models and prediction of patient drug doses has been maintained or enhanced.

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PRICE SHEET

Each Comdyna analog/hybrid computer that is included herein is priced by adding options and features to a basic configuration. Section A that follows lists general accessories that may be used with all or most systems and do not require installation at the time of the system's purchase.

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WARRANTY

Ail products are covered by a one year warranty. In event of an operational defect, the product will be repaired by either replacing the defective part or repaired at the factory, at no cost, providing that the defect is not the result of abuse. The warranty covers defects in workmanship and all electronic malfunctions.

SEVEN DAY CONSIGNMENT - EVALUATION PURCHASE

Purchase orders may be accepted on a seven day consignment-evaluation basis. On this basis, one standard system will be consigned to purchaser for a seven day evaluation period. After the seven day period, the unit is either accepted or it may be returned and the purchase order cancelled. Consignee is to be responsible for the unit's safekeeping during the period and for shipping charges. To be effective, the purchase order must state "Seven Day Consignment-Evaluation."

DESCRIPTION	QTY	UNIT	EXT
7000 ANALOG/HYBRID COMPUTING SYSTEMS			
Primary System			
Chassis completely wired does not include power supply or 7976 interface network.		\$ 125	
Desk top 7003 (single computing units only)		125	
Rack Mount, 7013 (single or multiple units)	select one 1 ea.	-	
Power Supply			
Low Current, 7116 (single units)		95	
Medium Current, 7117 (2-4 units)		145	
High Current, 7118 (5-8 units)	select one 1 ea.	195 _	
Interface Network, 7976 required tor Micropatch and for use of 7986 control unit or external digital computer.	optional 1 ea.	175 _	
Control Unit 7986 requires 7976 network	optional 1 ea.	675 _	
Analog/Digital Converter, 7093 12 bit w/8 bit DAC curve generator	optional 1 ea.	34 5 _	
Microcomputer Connecting Cable see Section A	optional 1 ea.	-	
COMPUTING UNITS			
GP-10 Basic inc. wired chassis, 2 ea. 911 quad amp, grps., patch cord set.	quantityea.	89 5 _	
Control and Address Group, 7979 requires 7976 interface net- work. (1 per basic)	optionalea.	165 _	
Integrating Capacitor Group 1:1, 10:1, 400:1 and 4000:1 time scales. (1 per basic)	optionalea.	250 _	
Dual Multiplier Network see Section A (1 per basic)	optionalea.	-	
Alternate integrating Capacitor Groups			
1:1 Time Scale, 7171		115 _	<u> </u>
10:1 Time Scale, 7172		55 _	
400:1 Time Scale, 7173		40 _	
4000:1 Time Scale, 7174		40 _	

DESCRIPTION	QTY	UNIT	EXT
MICROPATCH Basic inc. wired chassis, 1 ea. 7979 control/ address, 1 ea. 7912 quad integrator, 1 ea. 7975 quad switch, patch cord set	quantity ea	1935	
Quad integrator 7912 (expansion 1 per basic)	optional 1 ea.	345	
Attenuator-Switch Group, 7975 (expansion 1-3 per basic)	optionalea.	795	
Attenuator-Switch Group, 7975A alternate to 7975, same except attenuators are 12 bit resolution.	optional ea.	9 45 .	
Dual Multiplier/Divider, 7282 1 % FS accuracy (1 per basic)	optional ea.	170	
Alternate multiplier, 0.5% accuracy	add	100	
Alternate multiplier, 0.1% accuracy	add	275	
Patch Cord Set, 7840 (additional patch cords for expanded unit)	optionalea.	60.	
MULTIPLYING DIGITAL/ANALOG CONVERTERS			
Eight Channel Assembly, 796 ten bit resolution, printed circuit board, used with 7976 interface.	quantity ea.	650 .	
Eight Channel Assembly, 796A same as 796 except resolution is twelve bits.	quantityea.	795 .	
Installation in Comdyna computing units consult factory			
Patch Panel and Chassis, 796C Rack mountable chassis, completely wired for patched inputs and outputs of two 796 MDAC assemblies. (1 per two 796 assemblies)	optionalea.	195	
GP-6 DESK TOP ANALOG COMPUTER			
Inc. standard eight amplifier basic unit, slow time and repetitive operation feature, digital voltmeter readout, dual multiplier network-1% accuracy, patch cord set and microcomputer interface connector.	quantity <u>ea.</u>	1845	, -
Alternate multiplier, 0.5% accuracy	addea.	100	
Alternate multiplier, 0.1% accuracy	addea.	245	
Cassette Training Program, 101	quantityea.	55	
Tutor Cassette Player, 615	quantity ea.	95	
MICROHYBRID I INTERFACE UNIT			
Standard Basic Unit inc. fully wired chassis, asynchronous logic functions, sixteen channel multiplexer, patch cord set, GP-6 connecting cable.	quantityea.	1075	
I/O Port, 932, (one per basic)	optionalea.	80	
Quad Amplifier Group, 911 (one per basic)	optionalea.	130	
Dual Downcounter Group, 938 (one per basic)	optionalea.	115	
Analog/Digital Converter see below (one per basic)	optionalea.		
Multiplying Digital/Analog Converter see below (one-four per basic)	optionalea.		
Microcomputer Connecting Cable see Section A (one per basic)	optional <u>ea</u> .		
766 INTERFACE UNIT			
Basic Unit inc. desktop chassis, GP-6 connecting cable, eight channel multiplexer, flat cable for 24 bit parallel I/O	quantityea.	250	
Microcomputer interface options (one per basic)			
Apple II	optional ea.	95	
Other Microcomputer Models (consult factory)	optional ea.		
Analog Digital Converter see below (one per basic)	optionalea.		
Multiplying Digital/Analog Converter (see below) (one or two per basic	optionalea.		

DESCRIPTION	QTY	UNIT	EXT
Converters for Microhybrid I and 766 Interface			
Analog/Digital, 7091 8 bit plus sign	••••	95	
Analog/Digital, 7093 12 bit plus sign and includes 8 bit DAC curve generator.		345	
Multiplying Digital/Analog, 937 8 bit resolution		75	
Multiplying Digital/Analog, 935 12 bit plus sign resolution		125	<u></u>
808 ANALOG SIGNAL PROCESSOR			
Basic Unit inc. fully wired rack mount chassis. two 911 guad			
amplifier groups but without integrating capacitors, patch cord set	quantityea.	995	
Expanded Integrating Capacitor Set inc. four 1:1, 10:1, 400:1 and 4000:1 time scale integrating capacitors with time scale relay.	optionalea.	250	
Dual Multiplier Network see Section A (one or two per basic)	optionalea.		
809 ANALOG SIGNAL PROCESSOR			
Basic Unit inc. fully wired rack mount chassis, two 911 quad amplifier groups but without integrating capacitors, card programming facilities.	quantityea.	995	
Integrating Capacitors see below (one or two sets per basic)			
Dual Multiplier Network see Section A (one or two per basic)	optionalea.		
General Program Card, model 400	optionalea.	25	
Amplifier Balance Program Card, model 410	optional 1 ea.	32	
Control Connector male 10 pin	optionalea.	7	
General Programming Kit	optionalea.	45	
Integrating Capacitors for 809 and alternates for 808			
1:1 Time Scale		115	
10:1 Time Scale	ea.	50	
400:1 Time Scale	ea.	40	
4000:1 Time Scale	ea.	40	
Other time scales consult factory			
CONTROL UNIT. MODEL 785			
Organizes up to six 808/809 Analog Signal Processors into a single operating system, inc. digital voltmeter readout, slow and fast time base, repetitive operation timing unit, push button mode control and amplifier address switches.	quantityea.	750	
MATH MODEL SIMULATOR			
Self-contained instructional package inc. complete Math Model Simulator and "Introduction to Systems and System Simulation" text and laboratory work book.	quantityea.	495	
Analog/digital and Digital/analog Converter Expansion eight bits including sign with Apple II connecting cable.	optionalea.	195	
 SECTION A (ACCESSORIES AND GENERAL OPTIONS) MULTIPLIER/DMDERS Multiplication/division accuracy is selected from a choice of three dual multiplier networks. The plug-in assemblies may be field installed and exchanged on a full credit basis to upgrade existing systems. Dual Multiplier Network, 782-1 1% full scale accuracy Dual Multiplier Network, 782-5 0.5% full scale accuracy 		150 2 50	·
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Dual Multiplier Network, 785-0.1% full scale accuracy		393	

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SECTION A (ACCESSORIES AND GENERAL OPTIONS)

SIMULATION SUB-SYSTEMS

- The following may be furnished in either desktop or rack mounting housings
- Variable Diode Function Generator, 701 eleven segments, fixed breakpoints
- Variable Diode Function Generator, 709 eleven segments, variable breakpoints
- Transfer Function Simulator, 771 inc. power supply
- Three Mode Controller, 717 inc. power supply
- Attenuator Expansion Group, 731 inc. seven potentiometers with push button coefficient setting switches.

The following are printed circuit assemblies.

- Variable Diode Function Generator, 705 Dual channels, eleven segments each, variable breakpoints, screw driver set adjustments.
- Sine-Cosine Input Card, 450 signal shaping input for 705 VDFG, enables VDFG to produce 360 degree sine-cosine functions.

MICROCOMPUTER INTERFACE CABLES

Apple II plugs into peripheral connector

TRS-80plugs into parallel port

AIM 65 plugs into parallel port

Other microcomputer models consult factory.

BANANA PLUG MODULES AND ELEMENTS

D/A Electronic Switch, 9302

Comparator Feedback Element, 9390

Single Pole, Double Throw Function Switch, 9408

Coefficient Attenuator, 9447

Adjustable Hard Limiter, 9517

Zero Limiter, 9528

Adjustable Dead Space, 9520

Absolute Value, 9560

Hysteresis, 9570

3 Input Summer Network, 9700

Patchable Diode, 9780

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"Analog Computer Handbook" by Dr. Violet B. Haas a laboratory text and work book.

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Pamona Shorting Plug Stack-up Patch Cords 5, 8 or 12 inch lengths Stack-up Patch Cords custom length Patch Cord Kits 44 patch cords: 5, 7, 10, 12 inch lengths 220 VOLT OPERATION add per system

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