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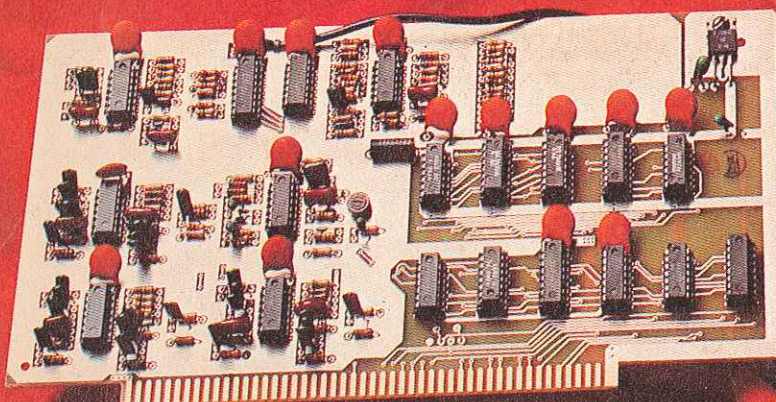
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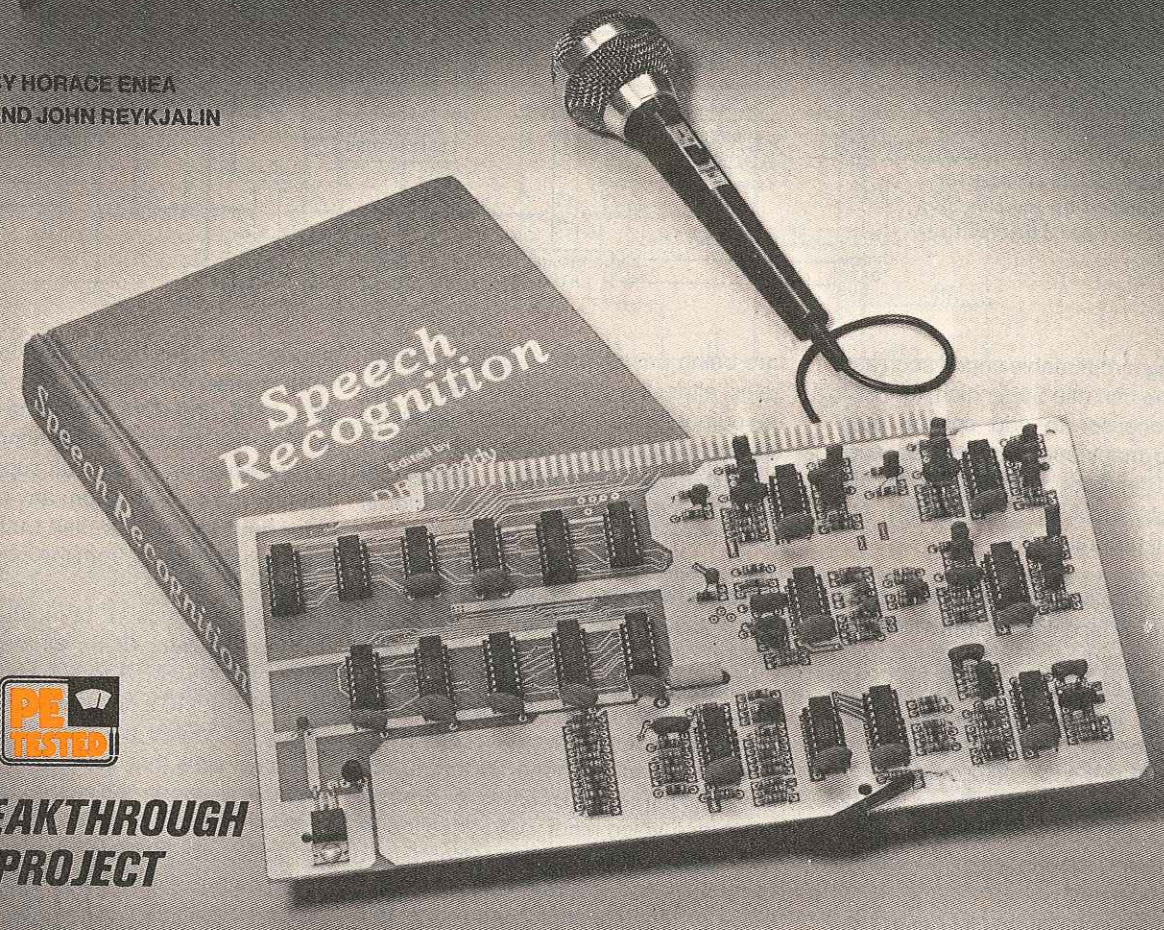
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IMAGINE being able to talk to your computer and have it respond by way of a hard-copy device or by activating some external appliance! Computer hobbyists can now enjoy this facility by building "Speechlab," a new, low-cost (under \$250) computer peripheral. To use it, all one does is plug the single Speechlab pc board into an Altair-bus connector (used by many microcomputer manufacturers), enter a special program, and the computer does the rest.

It's a state-of-the-art approach at a moderate cost.

One section of the program allows the user to "train" the computer to accept a vocal input (via a microphone), analyze the spoken word, and create a digitized version that is stored in memory. The second part of the program allows the user to speak to the Speechlab and have the computer generate the output selected for that particular sound.

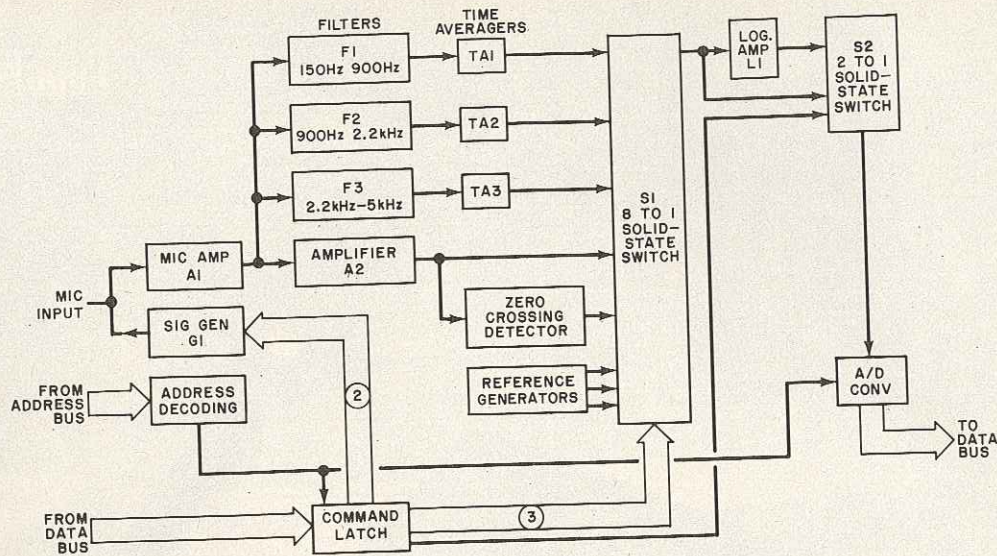
The vocabulary size of Speechlab is a

function of the speech recognition algorithm used and the amount of memory available. For the program used in this article, it is 64 bytes per spoken word.

The unique characteristics of Speechlab open many formerly closed doors. Since Speechlab will operate with any audio input (not necessarily a recognized language), a person who's vocally handicapped can operate almost any number of appliances (TV receiver, stereo system, solenoid-operated door,



Fig. 1. The mic input is amplified, filtered and applied to S1 along with raw audio, zero-crossing detection, and three reference voltages. Output of S1 is computer selected by switch S2 for digitizing.



etc.) using a repeatable sound such as a grunt. One can use Speechlab, too, as a vocal processor to add spoken commands to many computer games (such as the "Star Trek" game), or enter the world of artificial intelligence and advanced programming.

**Circuit Operation.** The basic block diagram of Speechlab is shown in Fig. 1. The audio input is amplified by A1 and applied to three 80-db/decade rolloff band-pass filters F1, F2, and F3. These filters encompass the ranges of 150 to 900 Hz, 900 Hz to 2.2 kHz, and 2.2 kHz to 5 kHz, respectively. These ranges correspond to the frequency ranges of the first three resonances of the average human vocal tract.

Each filter is passed to a time averager (TA1, TA2, and TA3) to generate a voltage proportional to the level of the speech waveform within each band.

The amplified audio signal from A1 is further amplified by A2 to generate an unfiltered waveform that can swing  $\pm 2$  volts about a rest level of 2 volts. This signal is also applied to a zero-crossing detector that generates a voltage proportional to the number of times the speech waveform crosses the 2-volt rest level in a given period of time, thus generating a measure of the dominant frequency in the speech signal.

These five voltages—TA1, TA2, TA3, A2, and ZCD—are fed to solid-state switch S1 along with three reference voltages used for calibration and self test. A computer output command selects one of these five voltages to be passed through S1.

The selected output from S1 is passed to a second solid-state switch (S2), and to a logarithmic amplifier (L1) that emphasizes the low-level signal be-

fore being passed to S2. Switch S2 can select either the direct output from S1, or the output from L1, and pass this selected signal to a 6-bit A/D converter where the voltage is converted to a digital value. The output of the A/D converter is fed to the computer data bus.

All operations of the Speechlab are controlled through a single I/O port (address AF<sub>hex</sub>). As shown in Fig. 2, six bits are used: bit-5 disables the 8-to-1 multiplexer (S1), and is used when switching between bands; bit-4 controls signal generator G1 which is used either to drive the microphone so that it acts like a miniature loudspeaker for prompting during voice input, or to drive the filters and zero-crossing detector during calibration and test; bit-3 selects either linear or logarithmic scaling of the voltage applied to the A/D converter; while bit-2, bit-1, and bit-0 select one of the eight signals from S1 for A/D conversion.

The input data word contains the 6-bit A/D output in bits 0 through 5, bit-6 is unused and is always 0, while bit-7 is the A/D converter status with a 1 corresponding to busy, and 0 corresponding to finished.

Speechlab is physically configured to occupy one slot in the Altair bus, and the complete schematic is shown in Fig. 3 through Fig. 7.

**Construction.** The two foil patterns (Speechlab uses one double-sided pc board) are shown half-size in Fig. 8. (Blow up to full size on film only.) Component layout is shown in Fig. 9.

All the components are mounted on one side of the board, with all the soldering done on the noncomponent side. Sockets are recommended for all IC's since most of them are MOS-types that

may be damaged by improper handling. Integrated circuits IC1, IC4, IC7, IC8, IC9, IC15, and IC16 should be selected so they are capable of delivering a 4-volt output when using a 5-volt supply. Dual flip-flop IC14 can be from any manufacturer but Fairchild, as their truth table is somewhat different from the conventional table.

Start construction by installing the voltage regulator (IC6), all the discrete components, and the IC sockets—do not install the IC's at this time. Check the board for correct parts installation, and to make sure that there are no solder bridges between adjacent foil traces. Mount the board in an Altair bus connector, and check for the presence of 5 volts at the output of the voltage regulator and at the appropriate socket pins. Remove the board from the computer.

Install IC2 through IC5, IC10 through IC14, and IC17 through IC22. Install the board back in the Altair bus connector, and turn on the computer. Load the test

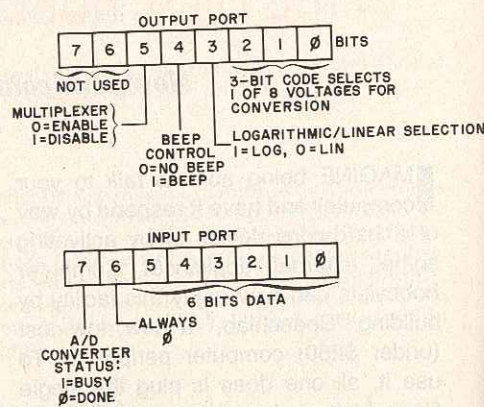


Fig. 2. Input and output port bit configuration.

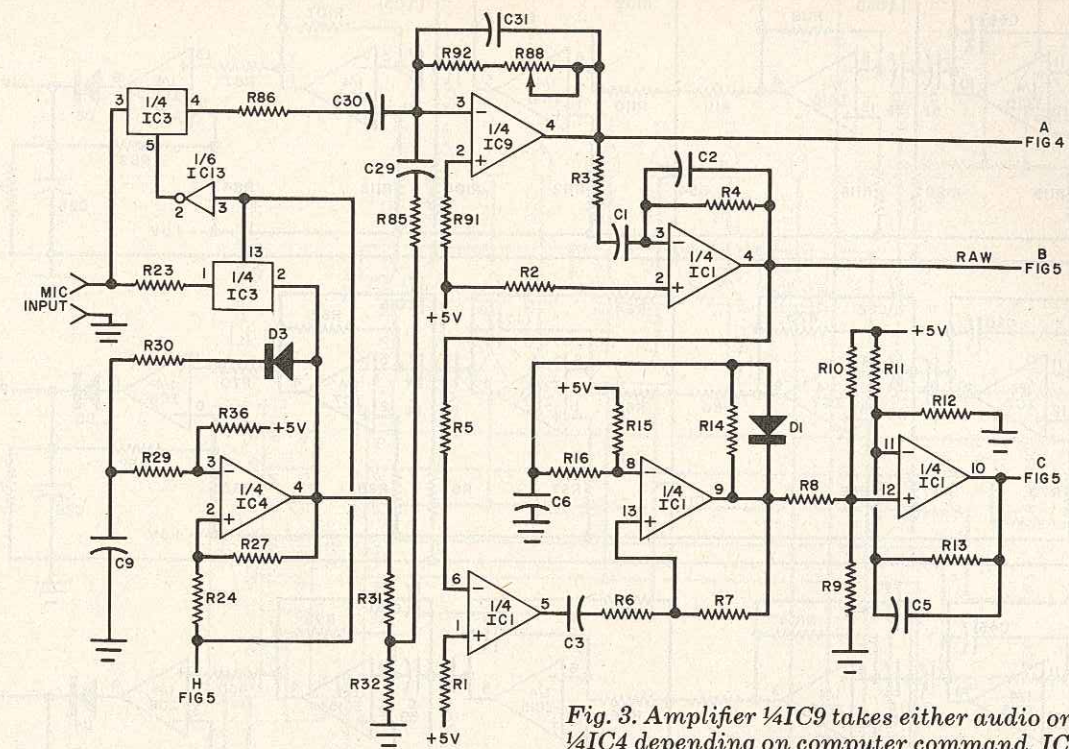


Fig. 3. Amplifier 1/4IC9 takes either audio or tone from 1/4IC4 depending on computer command. IC1 circuits are used as raw audio amplifier and zero-crossing detector.

#### PARTS LIST

Unless otherwise noted, the following capacitors are 10% Mylar types, and all picofarad sizes are CM05 types.

- C1, C16, C21, C43, C47, C49, C52, C57—0.0047  $\mu$ F
- C2, C31—100 pF
- C3, C17, C20—270 pF
- C4, C7, C8, C10, C12, C19, C27, C32, C33, C34, C35, C36, C37, C44, C55, C61, C62—0.1  $\mu$ F, 25-V disc
- C5, C14, C18, C24, C54, C60—0.01  $\mu$ F
- C6, C42, C45, C53, C56—240 pF
- C9, C40, C48—0.022  $\mu$ F
- C11, C29—47 pF
- C13—15  $\mu$ F, 25 V tantalum
- C15, C22, C51, C59—0.0015  $\mu$ F
- C23—0.0022  $\mu$ F
- C25, C26, C28, C38—1  $\mu$ F
- C30, C39, C46—0.047  $\mu$ F
- C41—0.1  $\mu$ F
- C50, C58—0.001  $\mu$ F
- D1, D3 through D6—1N4148 or 1N914 diode
- D2—1N746 diode
- IC1, IC4, IC7, IC8, IC9, IC15, IC16—LM3900 quad amp
- IC2—4051 8-to-1 analog multiplex
- IC3—4016 quad analog switch
- IC5—LM311 comparator
- IC6—78M05 5-volt regulator
- IC10—4024 7-stage binary counter
- IC11, IC18—74C174 D flip-flop
- IC12—4050 hex buffer
- IC13, IC22—4049 hex buffer inverter
- IC14—4013 (see text) dual-D flip-flop
- IC17—74LS30 8-input NAND gate
- IC19—8097 three-state hex buffer
- IC20—8093 three-state quad buffer
- IC21—4001 NOR gate
- MIC—Mura DX-121 dynamic microphone (part of stereo set Mura DX-242)

- L1—22- $\mu$ H choke
- Unless otherwise noted, the following resistors are 1/4-W, 5%
- R1—619,000 ohms, 1%
- R2—1 megohm, 1%
- R3—6810 ohms, 1%
- R4—332,000 ohms, 1%
- R5—200,000 ohms, 1%
- R6, R20, R21—30,000 ohms
- R7, R100—3 megohms
- R8, R9, R10, R12, R14, R16, R104—1 megohm
- R11—910,000 ohms
- R13—2.7 megohms
- R15, R48—10 megohms
- R17, R18—20,000 ohms
- R19, R22, R106—10,000 ohms
- R23—1000 ohms
- R24, R27—1.2 megohms
- R25, R34, R39—470,000 ohms
- R26, R38—750,000 ohms
- R28, R31—100,000 ohms
- R29—110,000 ohms
- R30—39,000 ohms
- R32—47,000 ohms
- R33, R41—68,100 ohms, 1%
- R35, R96, R102—75,000 ohms
- R36—3.9 megohms
- R37, R46—357,000 ohms, 1%
- R40, R50, R52, R54, R56, R58, R60, R61—10,000 ohms, 1%
- R42—12,100 ohms, 1%
- R43, R49—4750 ohms, 1%
- R44—4320 ohms, 1%
- R45, R47—681,000 ohms, 1%
- R51, R53, R55, R57, R59—4990 ohms, 1%
- R62—274,000 ohms, 1%
- R63—7500 ohms
- R64, R66, R72, R75—160,000 ohms
- R65, R71—12,000 ohms

- R67, R70—300,000 ohms
  - R68—931,000 ohms, 1%
  - R69—2 megohms
  - R73—620,000 ohms
  - R74, R76, R90, R92—62,000 ohms
  - R77—15,000 ohms
  - R78, R83, R84—147,000 ohms, 1%
  - R79, R80, R87—51,100 ohms, 1%
  - R81, R82, R89—174,000 ohms, 1%
  - R85—330,000 ohms
  - R86—680 ohms
  - R88—100,000-ohm pc trimmer potentiometer
  - R91—270,000 ohms
  - R93—249,000 ohms, 1%
  - R94—4300 ohms
  - R95, R97, R103, R105—360,000 ohms
  - R98, R101—820,000 ohms
  - R99—845,000 ohms, 1%
  - R107—158,000 ohms, 1%
  - R108—4700 ohms
  - R109, R111, R117, R119—82,000 ohms
  - R110, R116—5100 ohms
  - R112, R115—180,000 ohms
  - R113—549,000 ohms, 1%
  - R114—1.6 megohms
  - R118—510,000 ohms
  - R120—6800 ohms
  - R121—2000 ohms
  - Misc.—Sockets (one 8-pin, thirteen 14-pin, seven 16-pin), regulator mounting hardware, tie-wrap etc.
- Note 1: The following is available from Heuristics Inc., 900 N. San Antonio Rd. (Suite C-1), Los Altos CA 94022 (Tele: 415-948-2542): complete kit of all parts including pc board, sockets, microphone, hardware manual, and 200-page lab manual, SpeechBasic, and assembly language programs at \$249. (California residents please add 6 1/2% sales tax.)



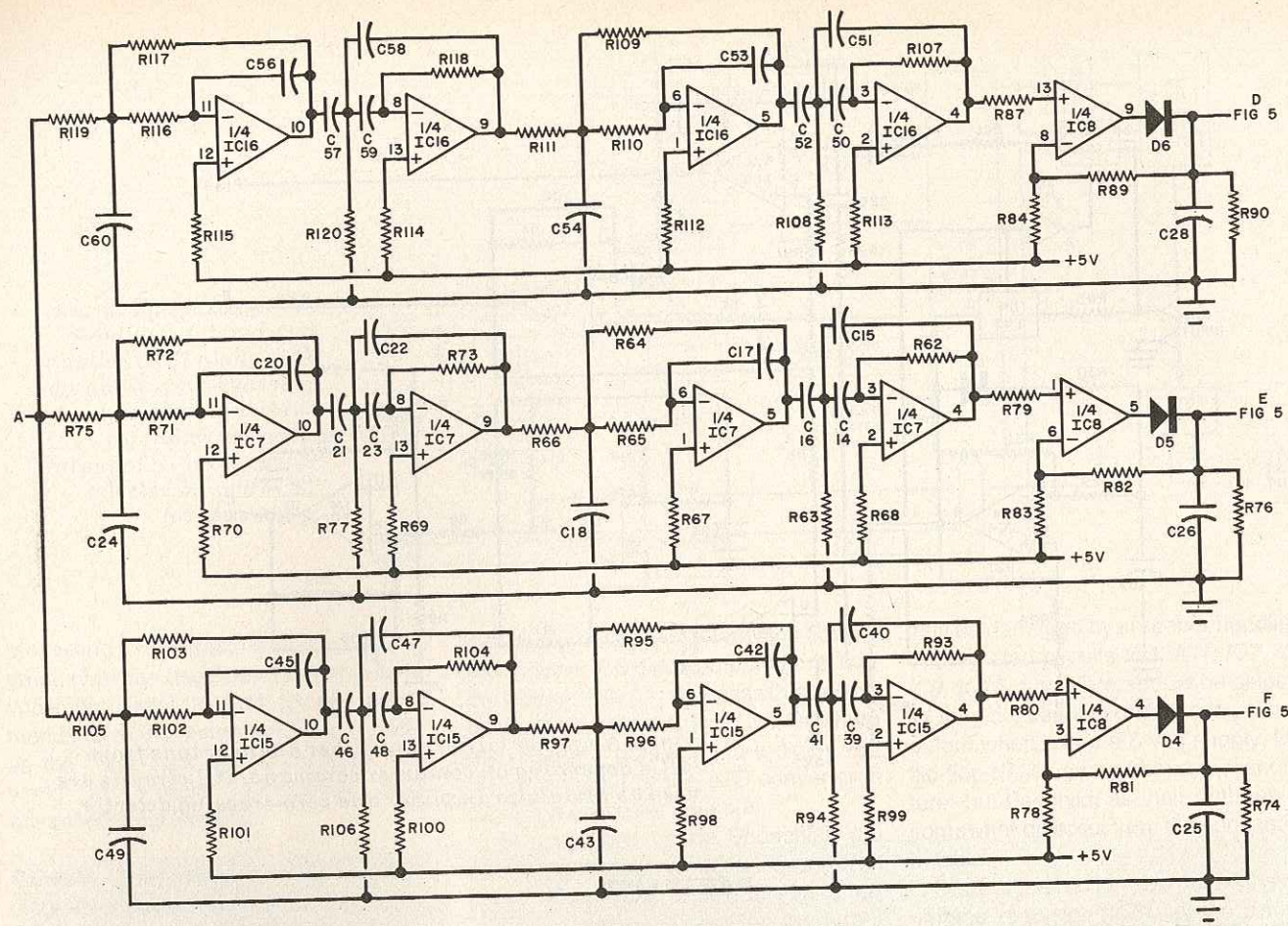


Fig. 4. Three bandpass filters and their associated time averagers. They encompass three ranges corresponding to frequency ranges of the first three resonances of an average human vocal tract.

program of Table I at 100 (hex). NOTE: all program data in this article is in hex. You must jump to your monitor routine at address 0164-0165. Load address 195 with 05 and run the program. This will input the fixed reference voltage levels to the A/D converter and check the signal paths from switch S1 to the computer data bus.

After running this program, examine locations 200 through 20F, 300 through 30F, and 400 through 40F. Location 200 through 20F should contain  $12 \pm 4$ , 300 through 30F should contain  $24 \pm 4$ , and 400 through 40F should contain  $36 \pm 4$ . Insert the remaining IC's in their sockets, load location 195 with 10, and run the test program (Table I). This test uses the signal generator (G1) to create an input for the filters, amplifiers, and zero-crossing detector, and thereby checks the remaining signal paths on the board and calibrates the microphone preamplifier. After running the program, examine locations 200 to 20F to see if it contains 16 to 18. If not, adjust potentiometer R88 and rerun the program until these outputs occur.

**Calibration and Test Program.** The test program (Table I) is a general-purpose calibration, test, and diagnostic program for the Speechlab. It loads at location 100 and requires memory from 100 to 600 for program and data areas. Locations 163-165 should be loaded

with a jump to your monitor address so that the program will return control to your monitor after execution. If you do not have a monitor, place a halt at this location. The program collects four 256-byte buffers of data from four of the eight pos-

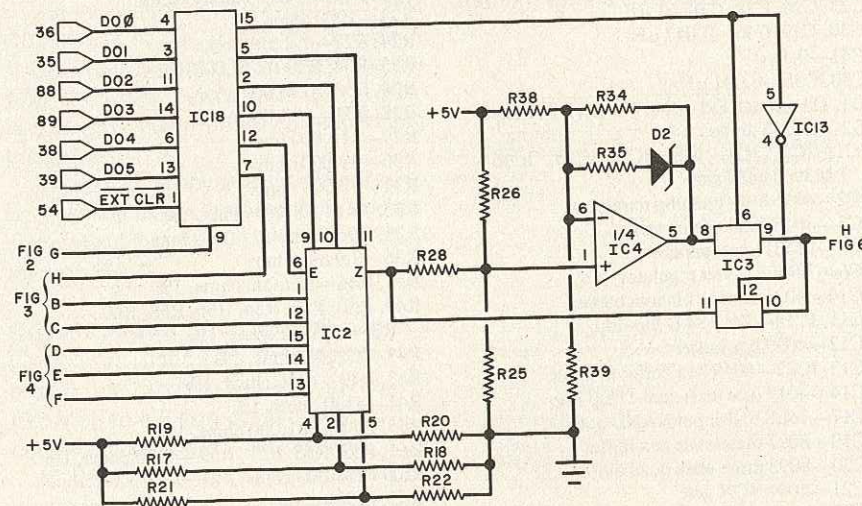


Fig. 5. Command latch (IC18) can activate tone generator and switch S1 (IC2). Op amp (1/4 IC4) is logarithmic amplifier.

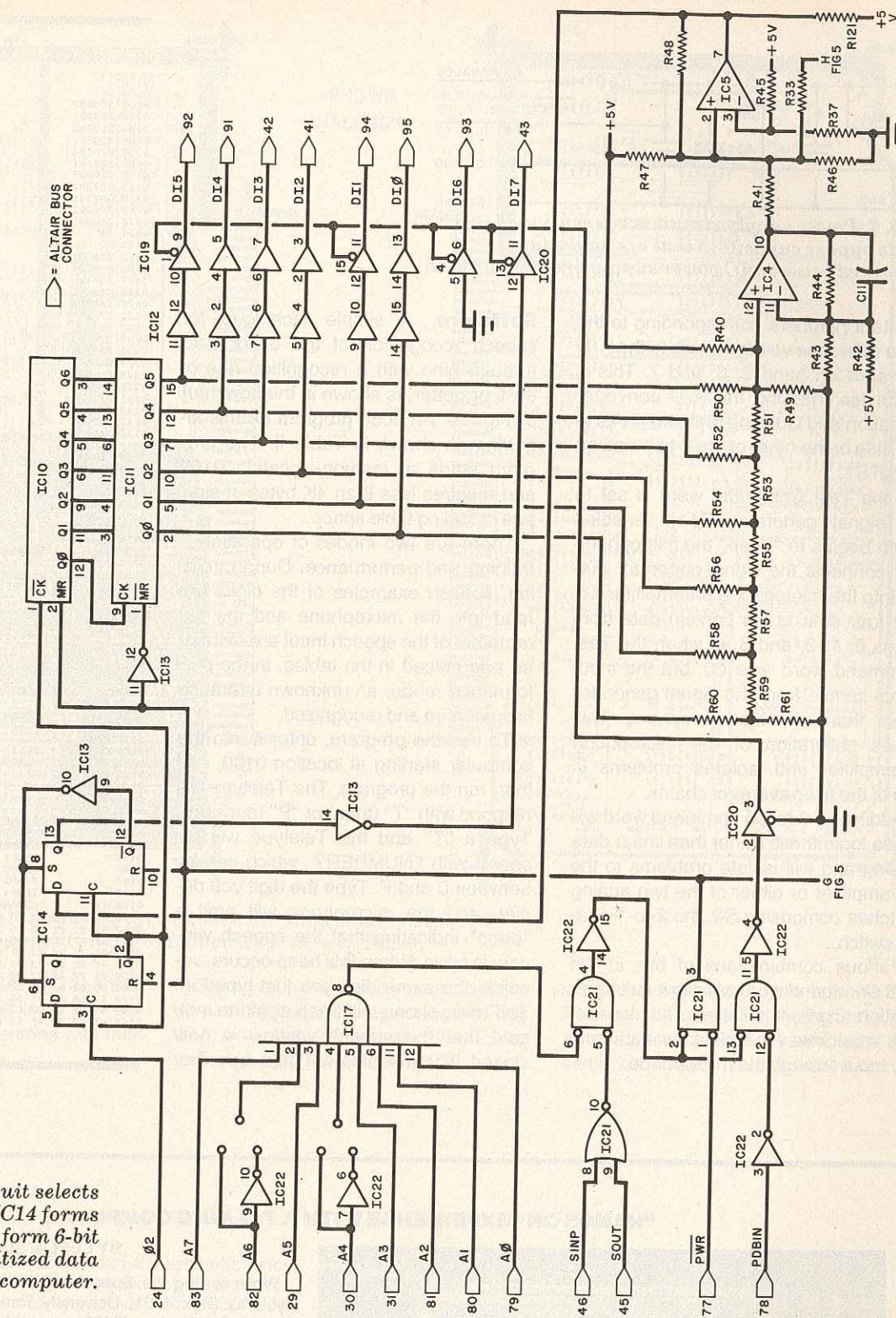


Fig. 6. IC17 circuit selects board address and IC14 forms S2. IC10 and IC11 form 6-bit A/D converter. Digitized data is then passed to computer.

sible inputs to the A/D converter. The first of the four bands is specified by the Test Command word, which also specifies beeper on/off and linear or logarithmic scaling. The next three bands are 1, 2, and 3 greater than specified by the Test Command word. Each band is sampled every five milliseconds until 256 samples have been collected from

each of the four bands. Data from the first band is stored in 200 to 2FF, the second band from 300 to 3FF, the third from 400 to 4FF, and the fourth from 500 to 5FF. For example, if the Test Command word is set to 00, after the test program is run, the four data areas will contain numbers representing the outputs of

band-0 (low frequency), band-1 (mid frequency), band-2 (high frequency), and band-3 (zero-crossing detector). Anything that was spoken into the microphone while the program was running, is filtered, converted into a binary number, and stored in the data areas.

If the Test Command word is set to 05, the first three data areas will contain



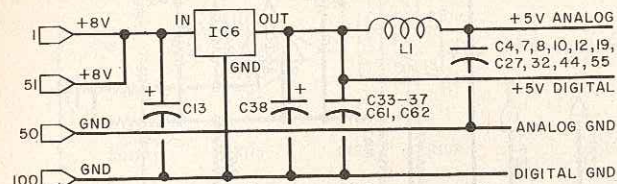


Fig. 7. Power supply circuit is conventional. Note bypass capacitors that are actually mounted between IC power supply pins and ground.

constant numbers corresponding to the three reference voltage levels to the A/D converter on band 5, 6, and 7. This is useful for checking the A/D converter operation and isolating problem areas to one side or the other of the 8-to-1 analog switch S1.

If the Test Command word is set to 10, signal generator G1 is enabled which begins to "beep" the microphone and connects the signal-generator output into the microphone preamplifier A1. The four data areas contain data from bands 0, 1, 2, and 3 as when the Test Command word was 00, but the input signal comes from the signal generator rather than from the microphone. This allows calibration of the microphone preamplifier and isolates problems in one of the filter-averager chains.

Adding bit-3 to the command word will cause logarithmic rather than linear data scaling and will isolate problems to the log amplifier or either of the two analog switches comprising S2, the 2-to-1 analog switch.

Various combinations of bits in the Test Command word will allow quick calibration and fault isolation, and also provide a quick way to look at raw data from any input through the microphone.

**Software.** A simple technique for speech recognition of the digits zero through nine with a recognition rate of 90% or better, is shown in the flowchart of Fig. 10. An 8080 program for this algorithm is shown in Table II. The program starts at memory location 0100 and requires less than 4K bytes of storage including table space.

There are two modes of operation—training and performance. During training, speech examples of the digits are read into the microphone and the parameters of the speech input are extracted and placed in the tables. In the performance mode, an unknown utterance is presented and recognized.

To use the program, enter it into the computer starting at location 0100, and then run the program. The Teletype will respond with "T" (train) or "P" (perform). Type a "T" and the Teletype will respond with "NUMBER?" which can be between 0 and F. Type the digit you desire, and the microphone will emit a "beep" indicating that the speech window is open. When this beep occurs, vocalize the same digit you just typed in. The microphone will beep again to indicate that the speech window is now closed. The machine will then type T or

TABLE I

|  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| 0100   | ORG 100H          |
| 0100 =   | START EQU 100H    |
| 0100 210002  | LXI H,START+100H  |
| 0103 228D01  | SHLD TEMP1        |
| 0104 210003  | LXI H,START+200H  |
| 0109 228F01  | SHLD TEMP2        |
| 010C 210004  | LXI H,START+300H  |
| 010F 229101  | SHLD TEMP3        |
| 0112 210005  | LXI H,START+400H  |
| 0115 229301  | SHLD TEMP4        |
| 0118 3A9501  | LDA COMAND        |
| 011B CD6601  | CALL INPUT        |
| 011E 2A8D01  | LHLD TEMP1        |
| 0121 77  | MOV M,A           |
| 0122 2C  | INR L             |
| 0123 228D01  | SHLD TEMP1        |
| 0126 3A9501  | LDA COMAND        |
| 0129 C601  | ADI 1             |
| 012B CD6601  | CALL INPUT        |
| 012E 2A8F01  | LHLD TEMP2        |
| 0131 77  | MOV M,A           |
| 0132 2C  | INR L             |
| 0133 228F01  | SHLD TEMP2        |
| 0136 3A9501  | LDA COMAND        |
| 0139 C602  | ADI 2             |
| 013B CD6601  | CALL INPUT        |
| 013E 2A9101  | LHLD TEMP3        |
| 0141 77  | MOV M,A           |
| 0142 2C  | INR L             |
| 0143 229101  | SHLD TEMP3        |
| 0146 3A9501  | LDA COMAND        |
| 0149 C603  | ADI 3             |
| 014B CD6601  | CALL INPUT        |
| 014E 2A9301  | LHLD TEMP4        |
| 0151 77  | MOV M,A           |
| 0152 2C  | INR L             |
| 0153 229301  | SHLD TEMP4        |
| 0156 CA5F01  | JZ STOP           |
| 0159 CB7701  | CALL DELAY        |
| 015C C31801  | JMP GO            |
| 015F 3E00  | STOP MVI A,0      |
| 0161 D3AF  | OUT OAFH          |
| 0163 C3XXXX  | JMP SYSTEM        |
| 0166 F620  | ORI 20H           |
| 0168 D3AF  | OUT OAFH          |
| 016A E5BF  | ANI 0DFH          |
| 016C D3AF  | OUT OAFH          |
| 016E DBAF  | IN OAFH           |
| 0170 17  | RAL               |
| 0171 DA6E01  | JC LOOP           |
| 0174 DBAF  | IN OAFH           |
| 0176 C9  | RET               |
| 0177 C5  | DELAY PUSH B      |
| 0178 3E05  | MVI A,5           |
| 017A FE00  | DELO CPI 0        |
| 017C CA8B01  | JZ RETDEL         |
| 017F 0649  | MVI B,69H         |
| 0181 00  | NOP               |
| 0182 00  | NOP               |
| 0183 05  | DCR B             |
| 0184 C2B101  | JNZ DEL1          |
| 0187 3B  | DCR A             |
| 0189 C37A01  | JMP DELO          |
| 018B C1  | POP B             |
| 018C C9  | RET               |
| C000 =   | SYSTEM EQU 0C000H |
| 018D   | TEMP1 DS 2        |
| 018F   | TEMP2 DS 2        |
| 0191   | TEMP3 DS 2        |
| 0193   | TEMP4 DS 2        |
| 0195 YY  | COMAND EQU \$     |
| 0100 21 00 02 22 8D 01 21 00 03 22 8F 01 21 00 04 22 |                   |
| 0110 91 01 21 00 05 22 93 01 3A 95 01 CD 66 01 2A 8D |                   |
| 0120 01 77 2C 22 8D 01 3A 95 01 C4 01 CD 66 01 2A 8F |                   |
| 0130 01 77 2C 22 8F 01 3A 95 01 C6 02 CD 66 01 2A 91 |                   |
| 0140 01 77 2C 22 91 01 3A 95 01 C4 03 CD 66 01 2A 93 |                   |
| 0150 01 77 2C 22 93 01 CA 5F 01 CD 77 01 C3 1B 01 3E |                   |
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| 0170 17 DA 6E 01 DB AF C9 C5 3E 05 FE 00 CA 8B 01 06 |                   |
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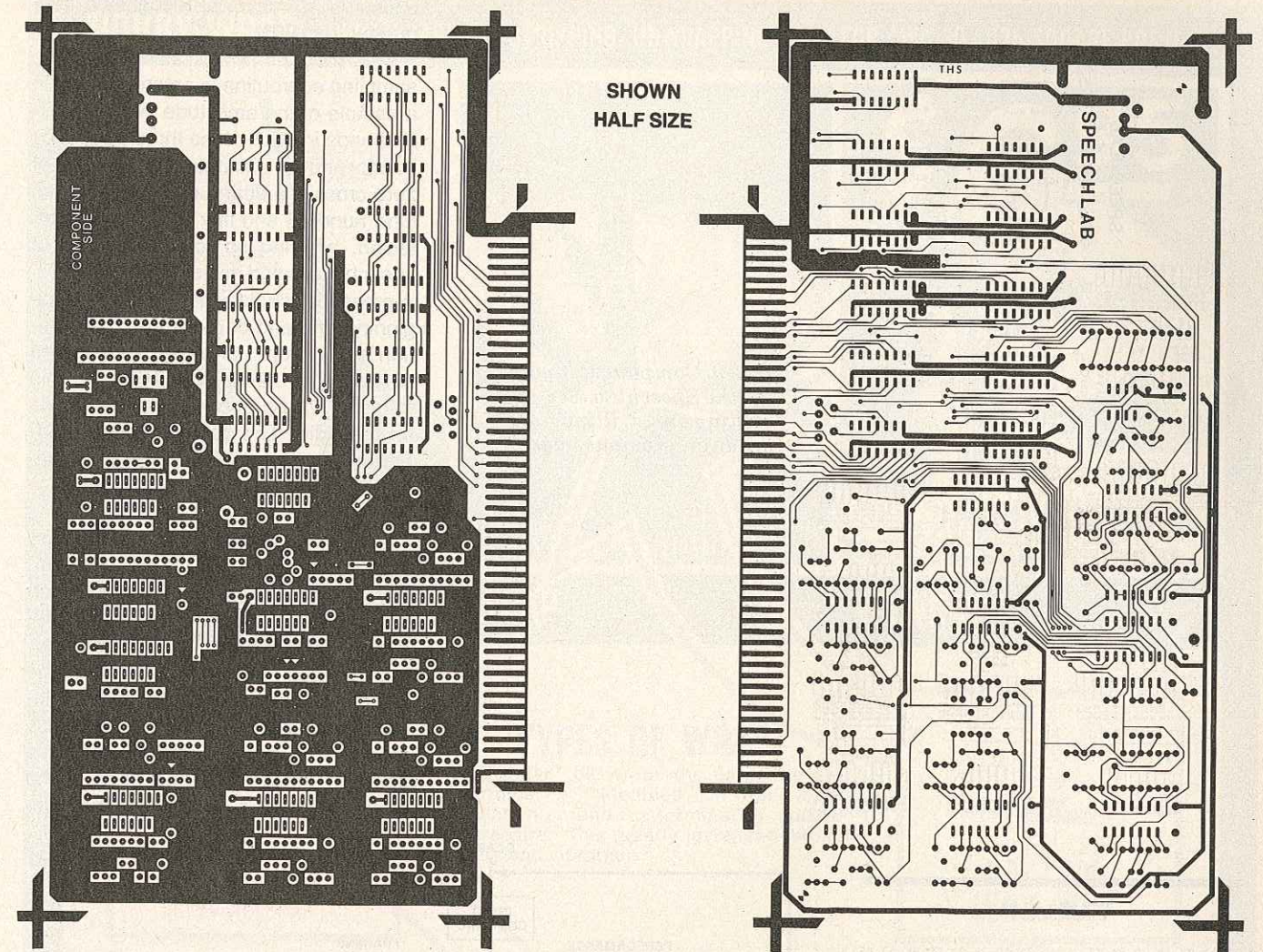


Fig. 8. Etching and drilling guides for pc board are shown half size. Guide at left is the component side. Component layout is in Fig. 9.

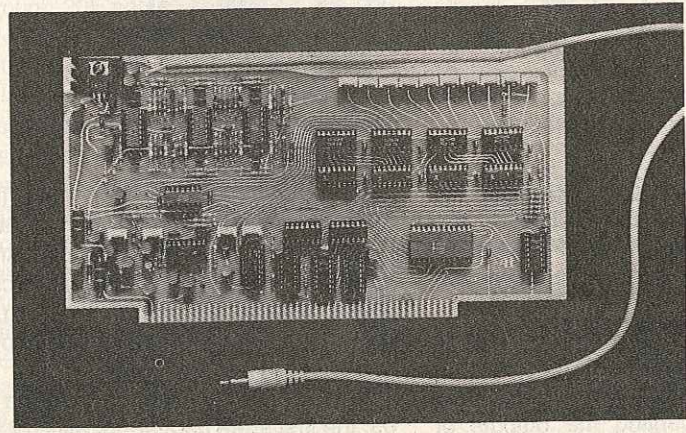
P again. You answer with a T, and the process is continued as long as you want. Do not exceed 16 entries with this sample program.

Once you have some vocalized digits in memory, run the program again. This time, when the Teletype asks T or P, answer with a P (for perform). Now, as you

speak the digits into the microphone, the Teletype will respond by typing that digit. When used in a quiet room, with the same vocalization, this algorithm can be

"HANDS ON" EXPERIENCE WITH A TALKING COMPUTER

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While testing the Speechlab, we borrowed an AI Cybernetic Systems (Box 4691, University Park, NM 88003) Model-1000 Speech Synthesizer (\$325, assembled) to see if our microcomputer could "talk" as well as "hear." The Model 1000 is designed to fit into one slot of an Altair bus and delivers its output via an audio cable that can be plugged into any audio amplifier system. The output level is 0.6 volt p-p; impedance is 1000 ohms; and frequency range is 150 to 4500 Hz.

This synthesizer is phoneme-oriented. Accordingly, you can program it to say anything, as opposed to speech synthesizers that have only several words fixed in ROM. Essentially, the Model 1000 is a hardwired analog of the human vocal tract and various portions of the circuit emulate the vocal cords, the lungs, and the variable-frequency resonant acoustic cavity of the mouth, tongue, lips and teeth.

All the information necessary to perform the synthesis functions are located within a ROM that is accessed by the program. Words and sentences are formed by supplying a string of ASCII characters as would be done when outputting to any port, except that these strings also use some non-alphanumeric characters (i.e., the "+" is used to form "th" as in "thaw" or "earth"). Each ASCII character represents a particular phonetic sound or phoneme. If desired, you can create a program that produces simultaneous printout and "voiceout" of the same string.

The device requires very little software to implement: less than 50 bytes of assembly language or a handful of BASIC statements. The manual accompanying the synthesizer covers speech generation in detail, how it is created, and what is involved. It also illustrates how to "mechanize" speech, with several examples shown.

After working with the synthesizer for a couple of weeks, we

found that we have a lot to learn about how humans create speech. After many hours of studying, experimenting, and re-doing programs, we made the Model-1000 utter some recognizable sentences. It is not easy, our experience showed, even when one uses the wealth of instructions provided.

Working with a phoneme-oriented speech synthesizer is a little like learning to use a microprocessor. All the logic is there, but programming it properly is another story. Like working with a processor for the first time, one must crawl frustratingly before walking. Slowly, however, the ideas start to percolate. Our computer still talks with a rather heavy "robotic" accent, but we have hopes that someday it will "humanize."

To paraphrase Sam Johnson: "Sir, a computer talking is like a dog walking on its hind legs. It is not done well; but you are surprised to find it done at all." We have a long road ahead to the "HAL-9000," but the first step has been taken.



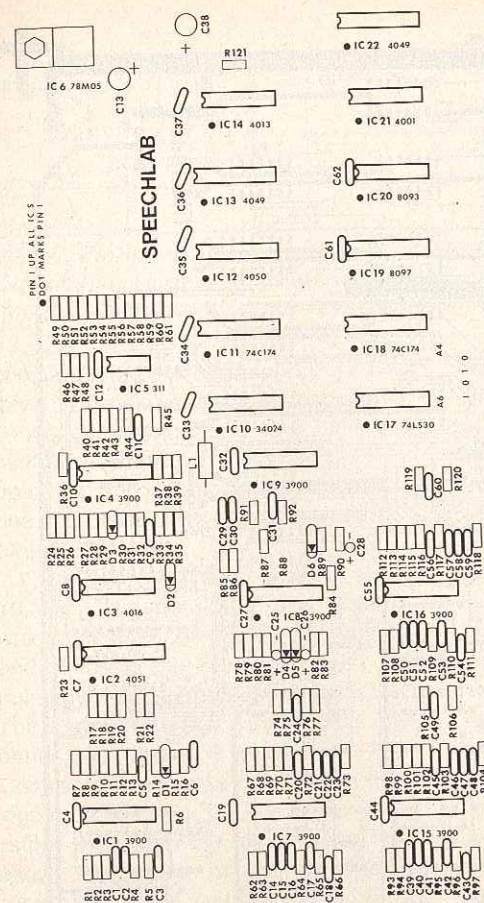


Fig. 9. Component layout for the Speechlab. See etching and drilling guide on previous page.

expected to have a recognition rate greater than 90%.

The program works as follows: the sampling subroutine is entered to obtain a sample of the amplitude every 10 milliseconds in each of the three frequency bands and to estimate the number of zero crossings during each time period. One hundred and fifty samples are collected, allowing up to 1.5 seconds of speech (between microphone "beeps"). A preset threshold is used to find the beginning and end of the word. The duration of the word can now be computed by a simple subtraction. Typically, this duration will be about 400-milliseconds for the digits. The duration time is divided by 16 to select 16 evenly spaced parameters from the three bands and zero-crossing information.

The 64 bytes obtained (16 parameters from each of the four bands) are compared with similar parameters which were collected during the training mode. A summation (running total) of the difference between the 64 parameters of the sample and the parameters of the training "templates" is computed. The totals represent a measure of the difference between the sample and each of the previously stored templates. The tem-

TABLE II

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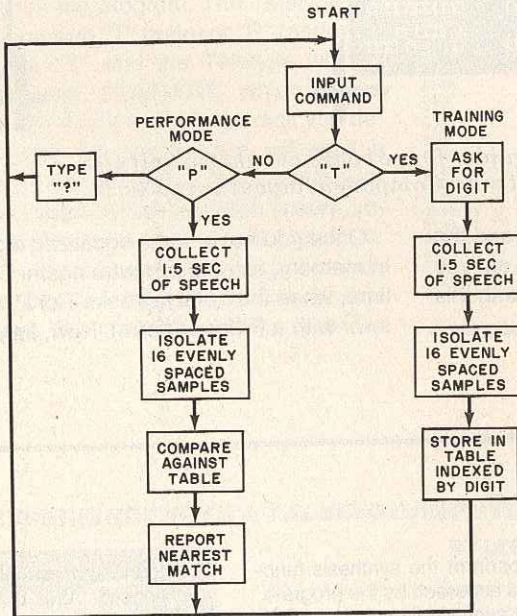
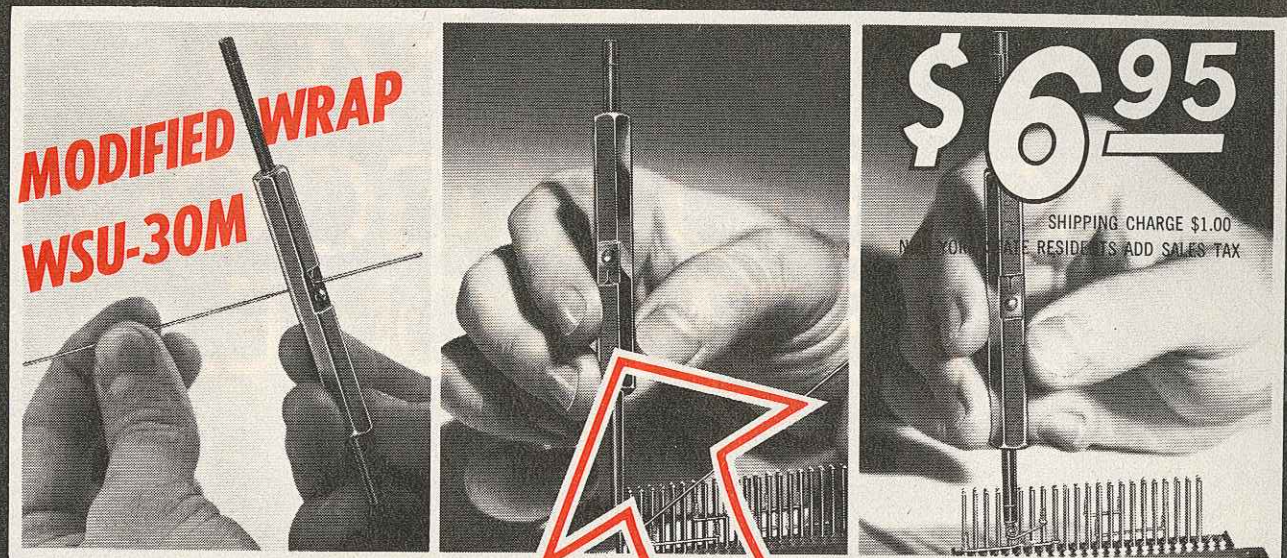


Fig. 10. Flow chart of a simple program that is used to "T" (train) and "P" (perform) a vocal operation. The program is shown in Table II.

plate with the smallest difference from the sample is then selected as the answer (output).

The above algorithm, while relatively simple, illustrates many of the basic concepts of speech recognition. A manual supplied with the Speechlab kit contains descriptions of other approaches to speech recognition, along with sample programs to demonstrate the techniques of speech recognition. ◇

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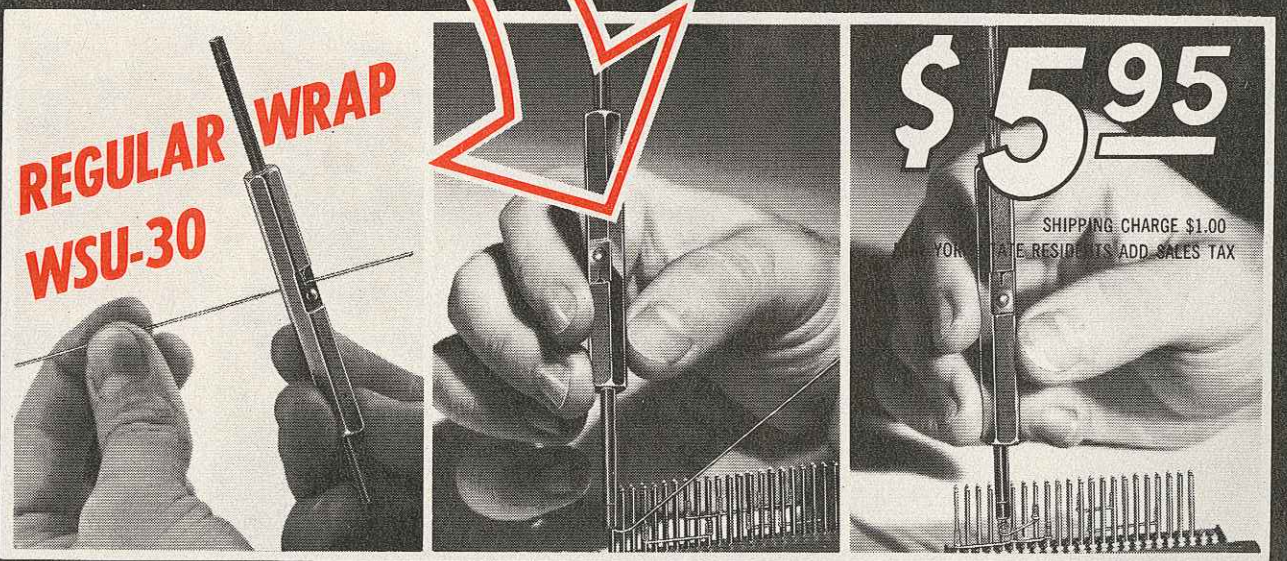


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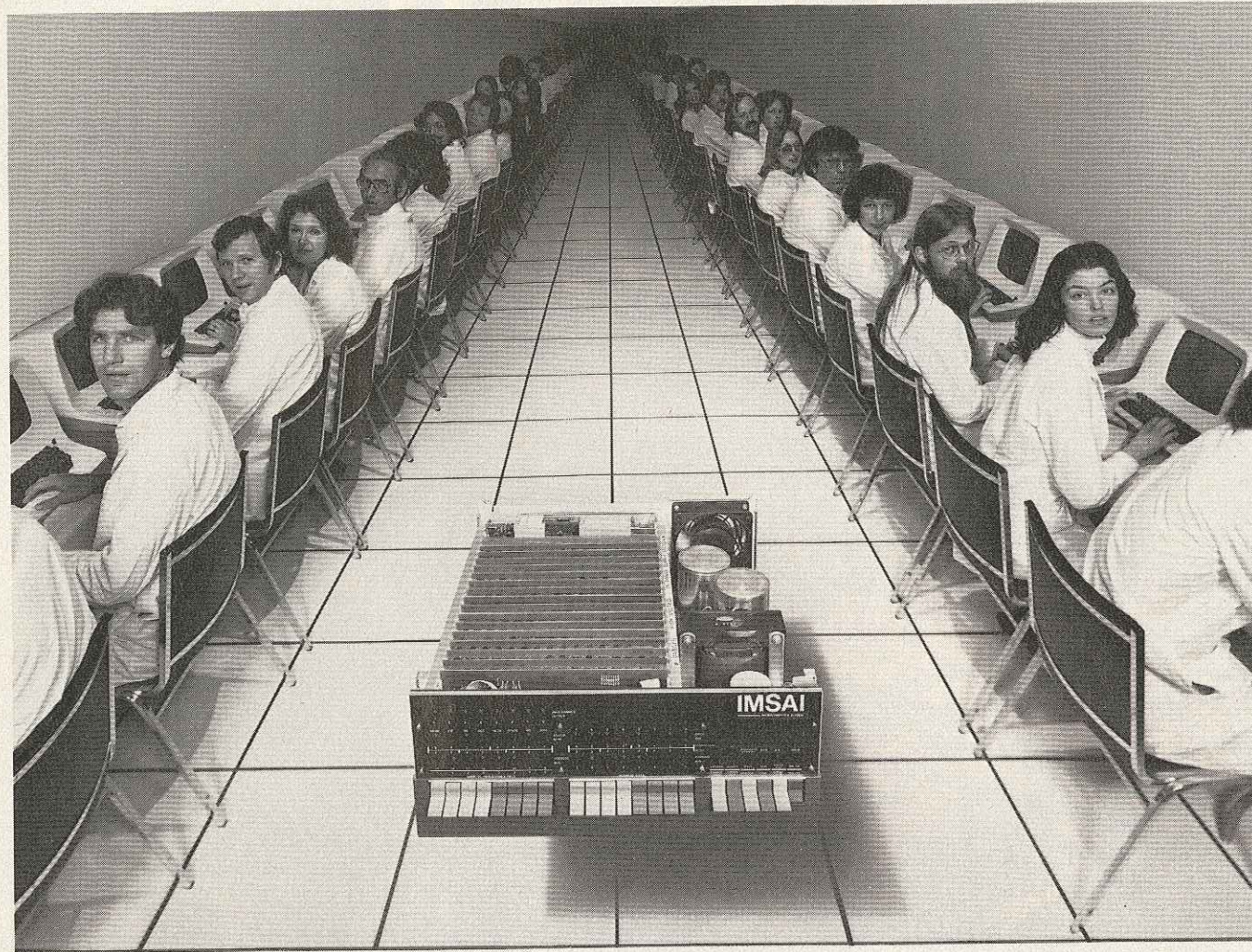


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