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1. Introducing the Floating Point Engine™

The Innovative Systems™ (iS™) Floating Point Engine™ (FPE™) provides the most efficient floating point math capability for all members of the Apple II™ family. Based on the Motorola MC68881 floating point processor, the FPE brings a new dimension in computing power to the Apple II. The MC68881 is the same floating point processor used with the Motorola 68000 microprocessor. Although you may need not be concerned with specific capabilities of the FPE, software and programmers have access to:

- * Eight general purpose, 80-bit floating-point data registers.
- * Forty-six instructions, including 35 arithmetic operations.
- * Full ANSI-IEEE 754-1985 floating point standard.
- * Enhanced functions, including a complete set of trigonometric and transcendental functions.
- * Seven data formats: byte, word, and long word integers; single, double, and extended precision real numbers; and packed binary coded decimal string real numbers.
- * Twenty-two constants including pi, e, and powers of 10.
- * Concurrent instruction execution with the Apple II.

The FPE may be called in several ways. If the system software automatically loads all tools from your disk, then the FPE is directly callable from the Apple IIGS™ Standard Apple Numerics Environment (SANE™) toolset. You need only boot the FPETOOLS disk to install the FPE software called FPETOOL.INIT onto your system disk in the /SYSTEM/SYSTEM.SETUP directory. All calls intended for SANE automatically call the FPE once the system is rebooted from a complete shutdown. Thus, the FPE is transparent to you, except in terms of speed improvement. This technique works only with the GS series.

For those users who have Apple II, II+, or //e computers, the FPETOOLS disk contains a version of 8-bit SANE which addresses the FPE. This version of SANE replaces all calls except those calls to the Scanner and Formatter operations (FPSTR2DEC, FCSTR2DEC, and FDEC2STR). For further information, refer to Section 4.2.

For higher performance the FPE may be directly addressed through software by writing directly to the command or reading directly from the status registers, as appropriate, in normal slot space (\$C0nx, where n=8 plus the slot number). This technique works equally well with any Apple II, DOS 3.2, DOS 3.3, ProDOS 8™, ProDOS 16, and GS/OS™ without the overhead of using a toolset. Please refer to Chapters 3 and 5.

The FPE is also compatible with all versions of AppleWorks Classic. You need only boot the FPETOOLS installation disk to install FPE software patches to AppleWorks. These patches will provide a significant improvement in the calculation and recalculation time required by the spreadsheet and some database operations.

This manual describes how to communicate with the Innovative Systems FPE. It does not explain the inner workings of the Motorola MC68881 floating point coprocessor. Refer to the Motorola "MC68881/MC68882 Floating Point Coprocessor User's Manual", and related application notes, for details on how to use the MC68881. These items are available from Motorola or, for a nominal charge, from Innovative Systems.

This manual is written to address different levels of users. If you do not plan to write your own code, you need to read Chapters 1 and 2 only. If you intend to address the FPE using your own code, you will also need to read and to understand Chapters 3 through 10.

2. Installing the FPE.

Installation consists of three parts: hardware, software and slot enabling.

Hardware installation consists of plugging the FPE into an expansion slot in the Apple II. This means that you may use any slot numbered between 1 and 7. Don't try to use the memory expansion slot in the IIGS-it is not a peripheral slot. The slot you choose will be dictated by the slots you have available.

Note that there are only two ways you can damage the board during installation - static electricity and putting the board in backwards. If you carefully observe the following instructions, neither will be a problem:

1. Ensure all power to your computer is off by removing the power cord from the wall outlet.
2. Carefully remove the case cover from your computer as described in the owner's manual supplied by Apple.
3. Face the computer as you normally would if using it (keyboard toward you. Refer to Figure 2-1.).

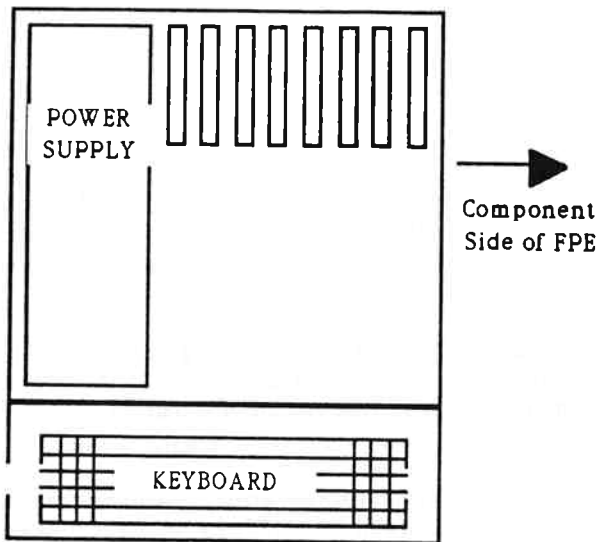


FIGURE 2-1 FPE Installation

4. Ground yourself by touching the top of the metal cover of the power supply on the left hand side of the computer.
5. Remove the FPE from the box and the anti-static plastic wrapping.
6. Plug the FPE into the slot of your choice, ensuring that the component side of the board (the side with the lettering) faces to your right, away from the power supply.
7. Replace the case cover, plug the computer power cord into the power outlet, apply power, and boot your computer as normal.
8. The computer should boot normally.

9. The computer is now ready for software installation.

2.2. Software

Software installation requires booting the FPETOOLS distribution disk. The software on this this disk will move certain files from the iS installation disk to your system disk.

1. Enable the slot if you have a IIGS and the slot requires enabling to use "YOUR CARD" (see Slot Enabling). Then power down the computer.
2. Boot the FPETOOLS installation disk. The disk will automatically locate the FPE and report the slot number to you.
3. Select option 3 from the Installation Menu. This test will verify that the FPE functions correctly.

NOTE:

1. If the installation software reports an error or your system hangs, verify that you have installed the FPE correctly (power down your system first, then reboot) and verify that you have enabled the slot (set it to "Your Card"), if you have an Apple IIGS. If the rerunning the test returns an error or your system hangs, please contact Innovative Systems for technical support.
2. If the test does not return (the system hangs) and you have an Applied Engineering TransWarp GS™, you will need to contact AE to obtain a modification to the TWGS. Contact AE customer support for more information.
4. If you have a IIGS, select option 1 to install the FPE Toolset on your system disk(s). Note that if your system disk is named "/hard1", for example, the disk name you should enter when requested is "/hard1". No directory information is required. After successful installation, all SANE calls (TOOL010 or \$xxxA) will then automatically access the FPE without any need to recompile, reconfigure, or replace any of your existing commercial or user-written software that uses the SANE Toolset.
5. If you have AppleWorks Classic, select option 2 to install a patch which provides the capability for AppleWorks to use the FPE when doing math. Because AppleWorks can be in a subdirectory, please provide the volume name and the subdirectory in response to the prompt from the initialization program. For example, if AppleWorks is located in directory "/AppleWorks" on volume "/hard1", please enter "/hard1/AppleWorks" when prompted. Also, if your Startup disk and your Program disk are the same, enter the same information after both prompts.
6. Select option 0 to exit the installation program.

Innovative Systems has provided a FPE toolset initialization file, coded specifically for each slot. These slot dependent files provide a small speed improvement over files which automatically locate the FPE slot, because the code uses direct addressing of the FPE slots rather than using indirect indexed addressing. Thus, if the FPE is in slot 2, you must have the file "FPETOOL.INIT.S2" in your "/SYSTEM/SYSTEM.SETUP" directory on your startup disk.

NOTE: USE OF ANY FPETOOL.INIT FILE NOT CORRESPONDING TO THE SLOT NUMBER CONTAINING THE FPE WILL CRASH YOUR SYSTEM.

Optimized code for accessing the FPE from a higher level language will be included in the particular software package you purchase (such as ORCA/C) and requires no installation on your part.

The iS FPETOOLS installation disk also includes sets of macros (M8.FPE and M16.FPE), definitions (E8.FPE and E16.FPE), and some examples for various development packages (APW, ORCA/M, MERLIN 8/16, MERLIN 16+, LISA816) for those who wish to write their own code. Separate macro libraries are provided for the 6502/65C02 and 65816 microprocessors. The user should use the macro library appropriate for his computer. These files may reside anywhere on the user's disk. The macros are included in the folders "FPE.IIGS" and "FPE.6502" on the installation disk.

2.3. Slot Enabling on the Apple IIGS

You may have to enable the slot in which the FPE is installed. Follow the instructions in your user's manual to use the control panel to select "Your Card" for the appropriate slot. If you install the FPE in slot 3 (recommended), you do not need to enable the slot as it is always properly enabled.

2.4. Slot Enabling on the Apple II, II+, and //e

No enabling is required for Apple II, II+, or //e computers because the slot I/O is normally active.

3. Access to the FPE

How does the System know which slots contains the FPE?

1. If you have an Apple IIGS and you have loaded the FPETOOL.INIT file corresponding to the slot containing the FPE, all calls to SANE will automatically go to the FPE.
2. If you write your own code to directly access the FPE, you must use the correct address for the slot locations: that is,

$\$c080 + 16 * \text{slot_number}$ (e.g., $\$c090$ for slot 1).

Refer to Chapter 9 for information on how to determine the FPE slot number without hard coding the slot number into your code.

Direct access means that software writes information directly to or reads data directly from the FPE coprocessor interface registers. These interface registers reside in the 16 locations reserved for the slot in which the card resides. These 16 locations are designated as Read-only, Write-only, or Read/Write, depending upon their purpose. In using direct access, the software does not need to "pass through" unnecessary general purpose code.

Direct access is the most efficient method of communicating with the FPE. It eliminates overhead; this is not to say it is always the best method of interfacing, however. Direct access programming requires a strong understanding of programming. Chapters 5 and 6 contain additional information necessary to do direct accessing of the FPE.

The Motorola MC68881 communicates with the host processor (6502, 65C02, or 65816) by way of Coprocessor Interface Registers (CIR). These registers are used for control of, transferring operands to, and returning status from the MC68881. The Apple II technical manuals and the Motorola "MC68881/68882 Floating-Point Coprocessor User's Manual" contain valuable information on accessing the registers and details which explain the uses for the CIRs. The iS FPE allows access to all the CIRs that are required to implement all MC68881 instructions. The only CIRs not accessible are those intended for use with the 68020/68030 microprocessors, and which do not impact performance with the 6502/65816. The registers implemented in the FPE and their base addresses are given in Table 3-1.

Table 3-1: Coprocessor Interface Register (CIR) Memory Map

Base Address Register	Location	Width	Type
Response	\$C0k0	16	R
Control	\$C0k2	16	W
Save	\$C0k4	16	R
Restore	\$C0k6	16	R/W
Command	\$C0k8	16	W
Condition	\$C0kA	16	W
Operand	\$C0kC	32	R/W

1. All transfers are byte swapped from normal 6502/65816 storage; that is, the MSB of the data is contained in the lowest memory address.
2. k is the number of the slot containing the FPE + 8.
3. Word transfers (16 bits) to the Operand register use addresses \$C0kC and \$C0kD. Multiple word transfers (32, 64, 80, and 96 bits) use all four locations (\$C0kC-\$C0kF). Note that for 80-bit transfers, the first data transfer requires that \$C0kE and \$C0kF receive \$0 values and that bits 65 to 80 are transferred to \$C0kC and \$C0kD.
4. All locations are located in the I/O page (\$00 or \$E1) of 65816 RAM space.
5. All locations are in page \$C0 of the 6502 RAM space.

Remember that the register addresses are base addresses; so the address for a specific slot is specified by replacing the k in the base address with 8 + slot number. For example, if the FPE is in slot 3, the Response register starts at \$C0b0. Additional information on peripheral card addressing is available in Chapter 6, "Programming for Peripheral Cards", pages 129-131 and 136-137 of the "Apple IIe Technical Reference Manual."

4. Interfacing to SANE

The Standard Apple Numerics Environment™ (SANE) defines a series of calls which provide numeric operations in accordance with IEEE Standard 754 Binary Floating-Point Arithmetic. SANE also provides several utility functions which include conversions of data from an ASCII representation to binary floating point and back again. This environment provides very accurate numerics. Unfortunately, SANE operations can be very slow. The iS FPE provides the numeric operations, but at a much faster rate.

Because SANE is standard with the Apple II computer, Innovative Systems provides numerics software package which replaces most of the routines in the SANE toolset. The software uses the same calling sequences, processes the commands in 80-bit precision, and generally provides the same results as those described in the "Apple Numerics Manual", available from your Apple dealer. One difference is that the transcendentals returned are slightly less accurate (76 bits or more of accuracy versus 80 bits from SANE); however, this change in accuracy should not adversely affect the performance of your software (see "Apple Numerics Manual, Second Edition", Chapters 28, and Chapter 10 of this manual for the details). Another difference is that the FPE does not process COMP type variables; however, COMP calls will work with the FPE toolset (except at the speed of the Apple II since the calls use the standard SANE code). Because the FPE toolset is a hybrid of calls to the FPE and to the standard SANE toolset code, use of the FPE toolset is automatic and transparent to most existing software.

4.1 Apple IIGS

To use the iS numerics software on an Apple IIGS, you must have copied the FPE.INIT from the iS source disk to the /SYSTEM/SYSTEM.SETUP subdirectory on the system disk. This is normally done by the FPETOOLS distribution disk.

4.2 Apple II, II+, and //e

The replacement for the SANE interface in the Apple II, II+, or //e is customized (to a specific absolute memory address) and is included on the FPETOOLS distribution disk in the "/FPETOOLS/FPE.6502/TOOLSET" directory. This toolset uses the following calls:

jsr	\$2100	to call the fp6502 routines
jsr	\$2104	to call the ELEMS6502 routines.

This toolset loads into locations beginning at \$(00)2100 and has a length of less than \$1000 bytes. The toolset has a filetype of BIN.

For more information, please refer to the "Apple Numerics Manual" available from Addison-Wesley Publishing Company, Inc.

4.3 AppleWorks™ Classic

The replacement for the AppleWorks Classic calls to the 8-bit SANE software is included on the FPETOOLS distribution disk.

4.2 AppleWorks™ GS

Support for AppleWorks GS is automatically provided as this package uses the GS/OS and ProDOS 16 SANE tool set calls.

5. How the FPE Transfers Data

The Innovative Systems FPE fully supports Motorola's MC68881 coprocessor dialog. The dialog consists of a rigidly structured combination of commands and response primitives. The commands tell the MC68881 what to do, and the primitives indicate actions that are required, including: transfer data, wait for synchronization, wait for completion of operation, and handle error conditions. Failure to follow the coprocessor protocol can result in destruction of your code during program execution.

The FPE allows three types of operations: Memory-to-Register (MEMREG), Register-to-Memory (REGMEM), and Register-to-Register (REGREG). MEMREG and REGMEM operations may be done at any precision. REGREG operations are always done in extended precision.

5.1 MEMREG and REGMEM Operations

MEMREG and REGMEM operations move data from Apple memory to a MC68881 floating point, control, or status register, and from a MC68881 floating point, control, or status register to Apple memory (refer to the flow charts in Figures 5-1 and 5-2). These operations are often called move-in or move-out operations, respectively. They require that the software

1. Write a command word (16 bits) to the Command register (\$C0k8)
2. Check the word in the Response register (\$C0k0) for a Null Come-Again (CA) (any value other than \$8900)
3. Transfer the operand byte(s) to or from the Operand register (\$C0kC)
4. Check the word in the Response register (\$C0k0) for a Null Release (i.e., the most significant bit (CA bit) is equal to 0)

The \$8000 and \$8900 signify that the values are written the way the MC68881 expects to write them; however, the 6502/65816 must read and write all data in byte reversed order (\$0089 in this case). The reason for the byte reversal is that the 6502 and the 65816 write the low byte of the accumulator to the low byte of memory or to a peripheral slot. This is opposite to the requirements of the MC68xxx series. Hence, the 68881 expects or reports the most significant byte (MSB) as the low address byte. You must transpose the byte order of all data (including 80 bit data) to satisfy the MC68881. Remember this because it applies to every command or operand transfer to, and operand and response transfer from, the FPE.

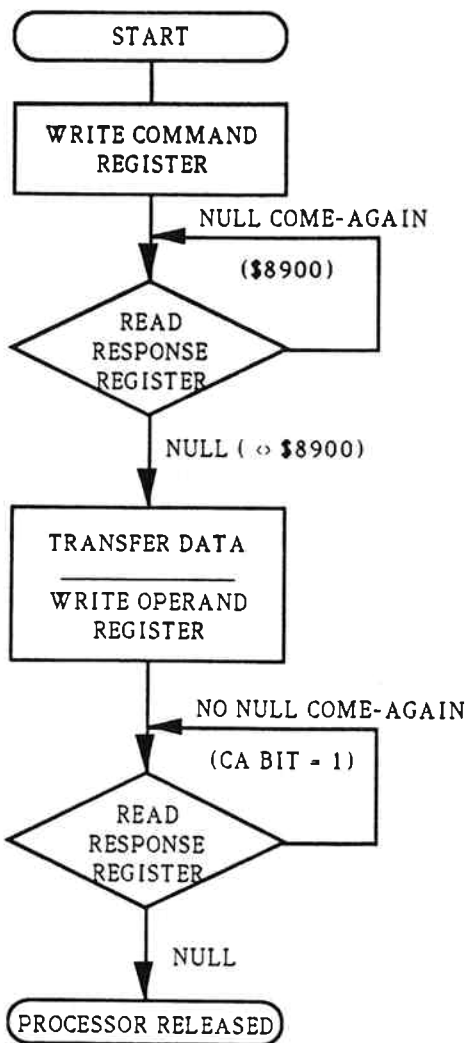


FIGURE 5-1. MOVE-IN SEQUENCE (MEMREG)

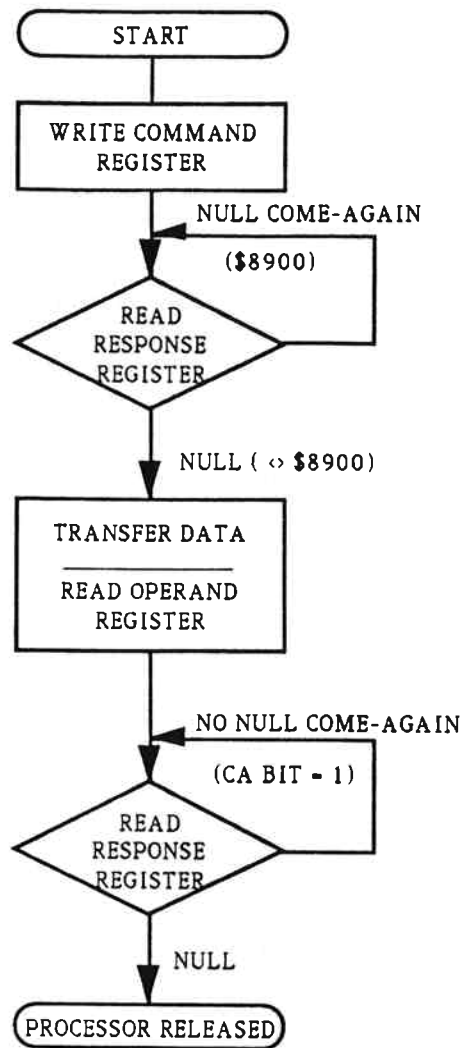


FIGURE 5-2. MOVE-OUT SEQUENCE (REGMEM)

You might even be wondering why we check for a value of \$8900. The answer is adaption. If the MC68881 was being used with an MC68020 microprocessor, the value read from the Response register would indicate the number of bytes to be transferred. In FPE applications, the MC68881 does the same, but the 6502/65816 cannot easily make sense of this value. So to improve processing time, Innovative Systems noted that \$8900 is the only response primitive that requires the 6502/65816 to wait before transferring data. Any other value from the Response register of the iS FPE implementation indicates that the 6502/65816 may transfer an operand. **Warning:** don't try to test for a non-\$8900 value as this will confuse the MC68881 and destroy any data in the FPE.

5.2 REGREG Operations

REGREG operations are used for operations that do not require operand data from memory to register transfers (refer to Figure 5-3). Examples include adding two registers (both registers having a data value), taking the sine of a value in a register, or even transferring a constant value from the ROM internal to the MC68881 to a register. The sequence of operations is:

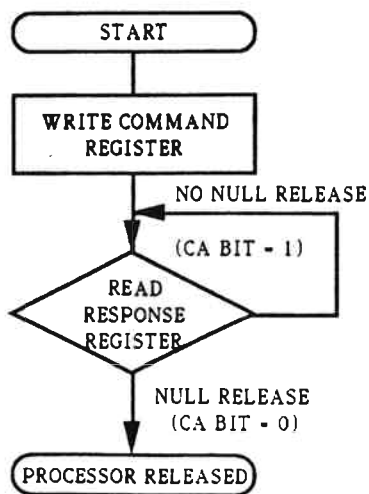


FIGURE 5-3. REGISTER/REGISTER SEQUENCE (REGREG)

1. Write the command to the Command register (\$C0k8)
2. Check the Response register for a Null Release (\$C0k0)

Since there are no external operands, a REGREG operation does not require that the software test for a Null Response in the Response register as the MEMREG and REGMEM operations do. Once it has written the command to the Command register (with correct byte order), the software need only test the Response register for the Null Release.

NOTE: Don't try to test for a non-\$8900 value as this will confuse the MC68881 and destroy any data in the FPE.

5.3 Checking Status

Example code segments for checking the status from the FPE are as follows:

65816 Version

<pre> loop1 ldy #response lda [<mc68881],y ; ; cmp #\$0089 beq loop1 </pre>	<pre> loop2 ldy #response lda [<mc68881],y and #\$0080 bne loop2 </pre>	<p>assumes the location containing the base address of the FPE is in the direct page check for Null Come-Again</p> <p>check for Null Release</p>
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6502 Version

<pre> loop1 ldy #response lda (mc68881),y ; ; ; ; ; tax iny lda (mc68881),y bne continue cpx #\$89 beq loop1 </pre>	<p>check for Null Come-Again (location containing the base address of the FPE is somewhere in memory, location designated by mc68881)</p>
<pre> continue </pre>	

loop2

ldy
lda
iny
lda
asl
bcs

#response
(mc68881),y
(mc68881),y
a
loop2

check for Null Release

always must read upper byte