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COMPUTER TERMINALS AND COMPUTER GRAPHICS

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## COMPUTER TERMINALS

- PRINTING TERMINALS
- ALPHANUMERIC TERMINALS
- GRAPHIC TERMINALS

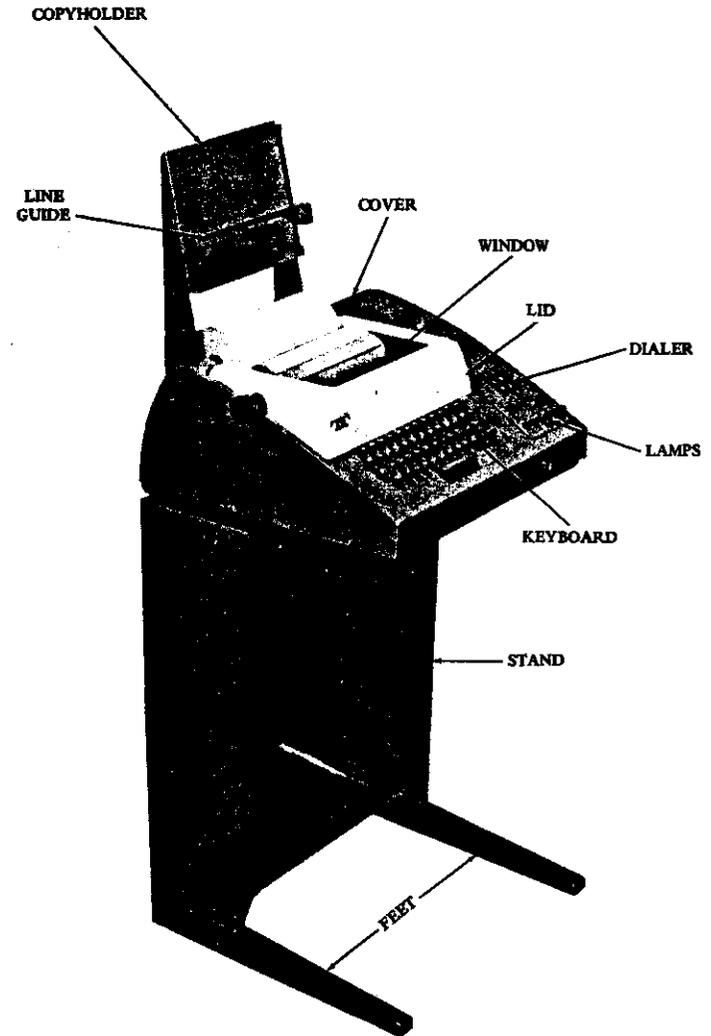


Figure 2 - Model 33 Keyboard Send-Receive (KSR)  
Teletypewriter Set

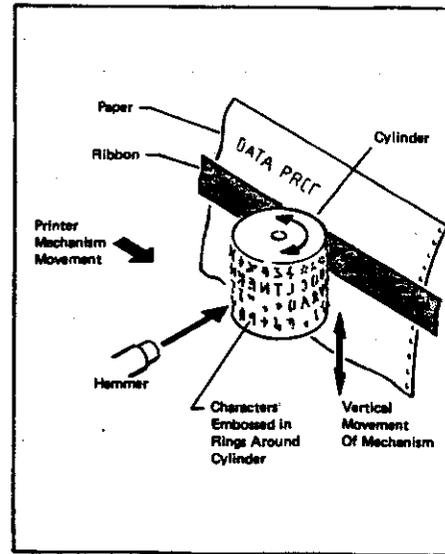
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One of the first computer terminals.

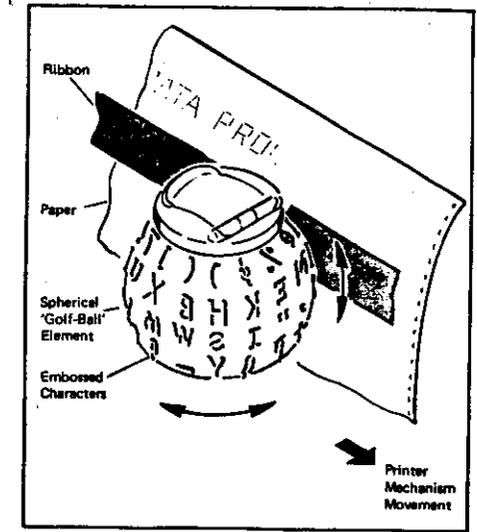
# PRINTING TERMINALS

## BASIC COMPONENTS:

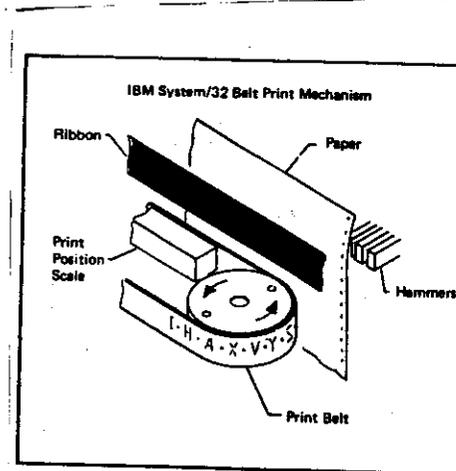
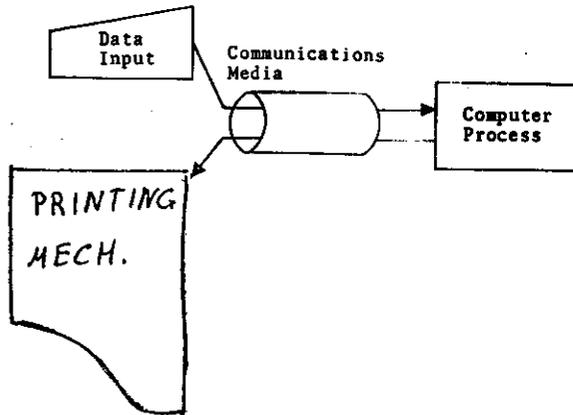
- THE PRINTING MECHANISM
- THE CONTROL LOGIC
- THE CHARACTER GENERATOR, IF NECESSARY
- THE KEYBOARD
- THE COMMUNICATION INTERFACE



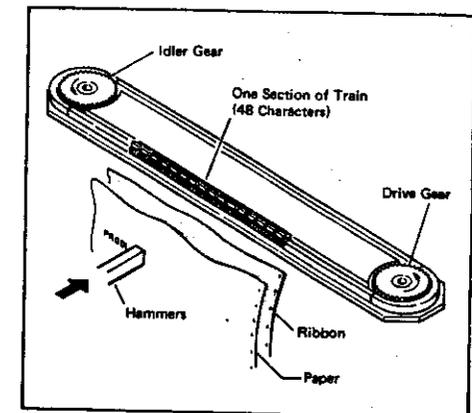
Part of a cylinder printing mechanism consists of a complete character set embossed in a series of rings around the small cylinder. To print, the mechanism moves the cylinder into position along the paper, rotates it and shifts it vertically, then strikes it with a hammer.



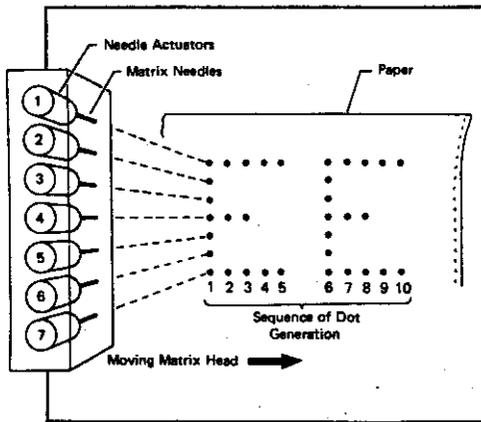
Golf ball printing mechanism performs its printing functions much as the cylinder mechanism, except that the sphere itself strikes the paper without the aid of a hammer.



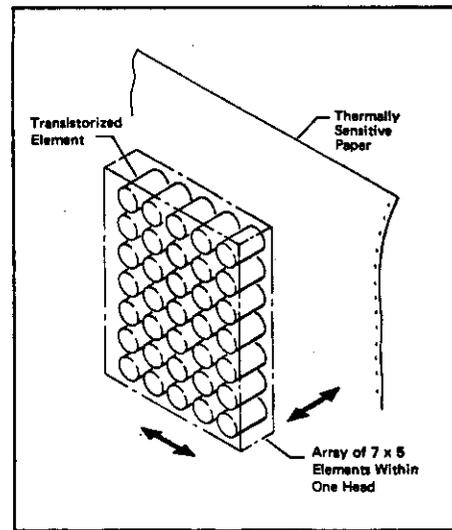
This printing character belt moves at constant speed. Precisely timed hammers make the impressions. The hammer may strike the belt or the paper.



Similar to a belt machine, the train printer consists of a series of linked character "stugs" moving at constant speed. Precisely timed hammers make the impression striking from behind the paper.



Serial matrix printers employ a single head that moves across the page. Electromagnetically driven pins in the head form the characters from dot patterns. Each scan of the print head across the page produces one line of print. The number of pins varies, but 7 is most common.



A single thermal matrix head moves across the paper and stops momentarily at each character position. The matrix head elements are transistors that when switched on produce heat. The hot spots force a heat sensitive dye in the paper to change color and create a series of dots.

## ALPHANUMERIC TERMINALS

OR

## CRT TERMINALS

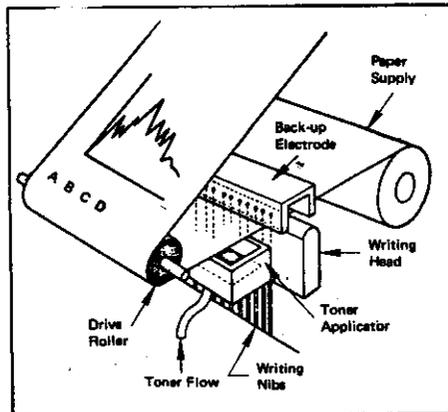
OR

## VDU (VIDEO DISPLAY UNITS)

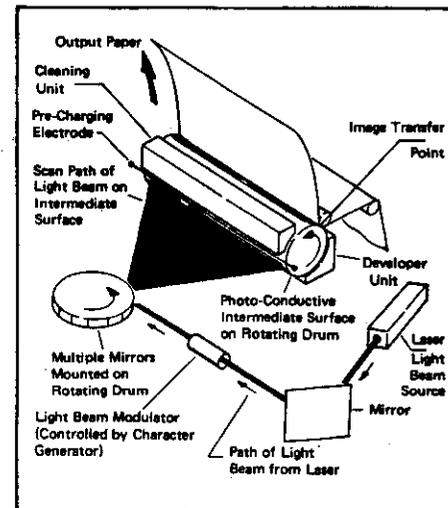
### CRT TERMINALS

#### BASIC COMPONENTS:

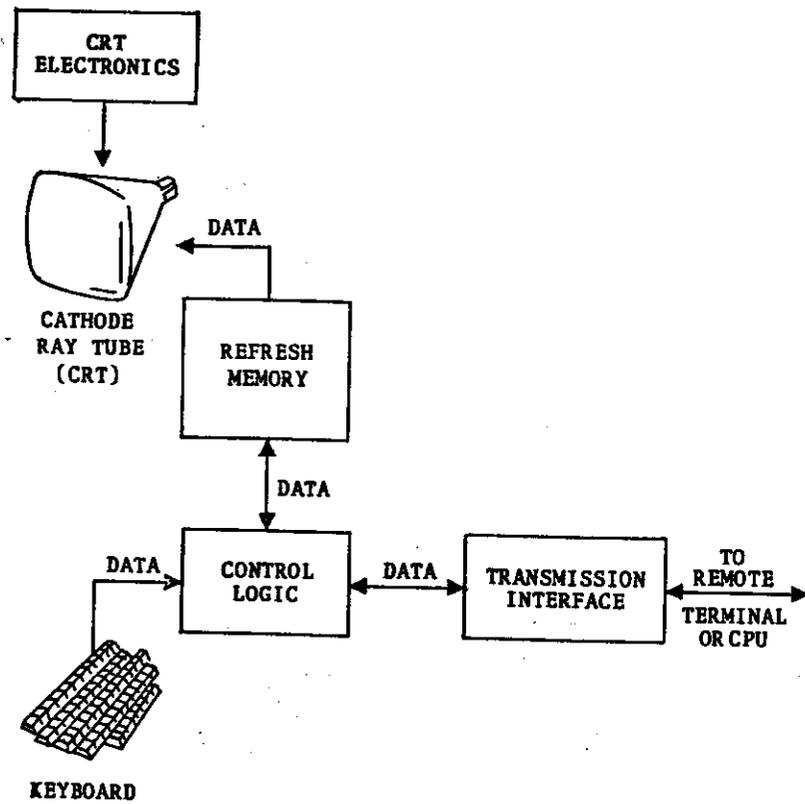
- THE MONITOR, OR DISPLAY SCREEN
- THE DATA STORE
- THE CHARACTER GENERATOR
- THE KEYBOARD, INTERFACE WITH THE USER
- THE COMMUNICATION INTERFACE, WITH THE COMPUTER



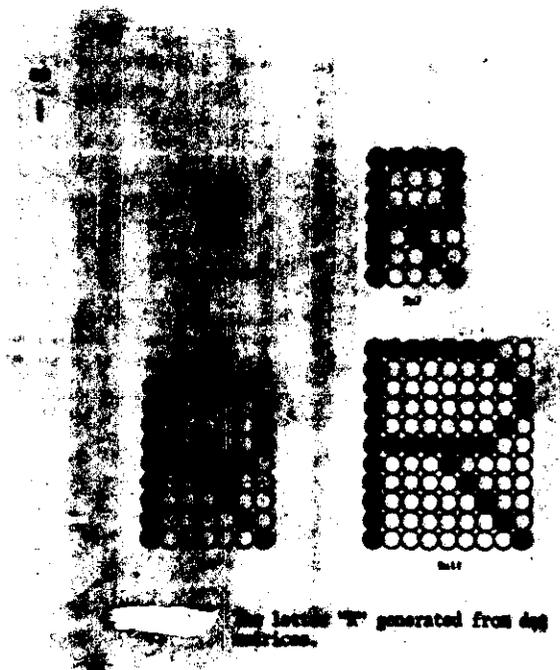
Direct electrostatic printers use a specially-coated paper passing over an array of styli or nibs. Each stylus is charged to produce the required output. The paper then passes through a toner bath from which the charged areas attract ink particles.

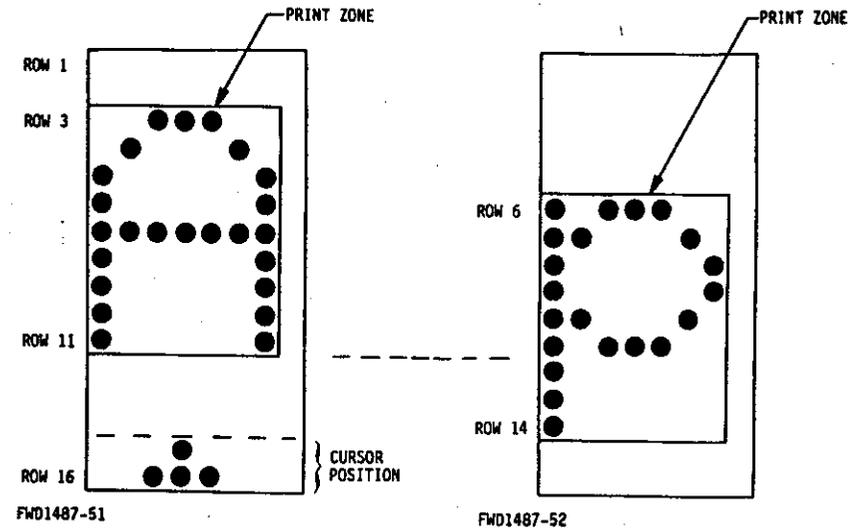
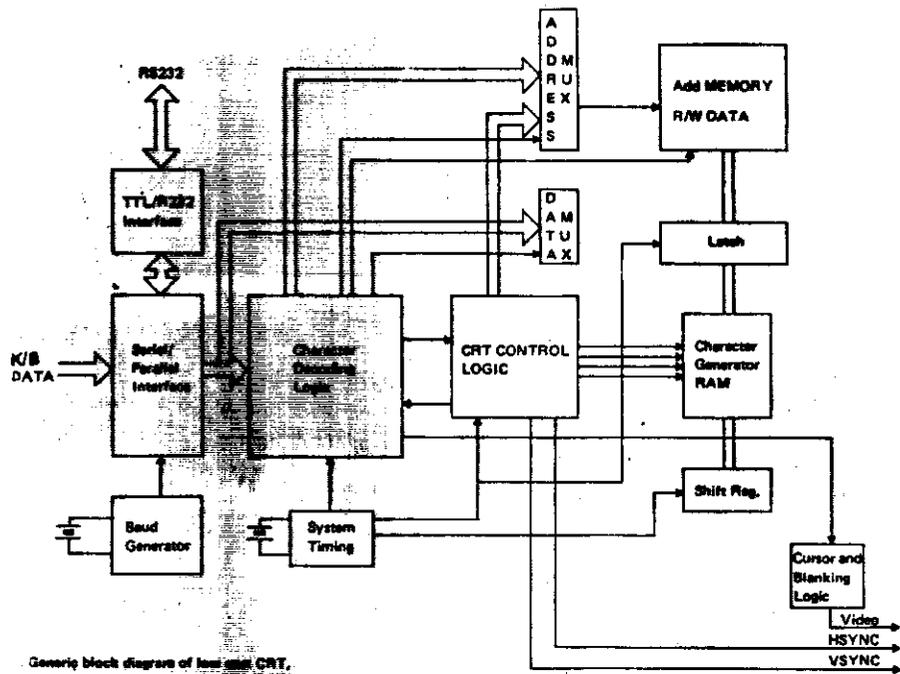


Indirect electrostatic (laser) printers need no special paper. A modulated laser light beam, aimed at an intermediate surface (drum), forms dot matrix characters photoelectrically. The drum is then toned with ink powder and transfers the ink to the paper. Heat fuses the ink to the paper.



Typical CRT Display Terminal Functional Block Diagram

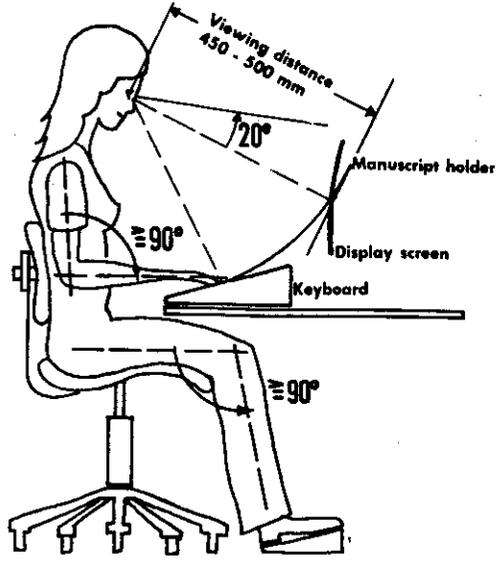




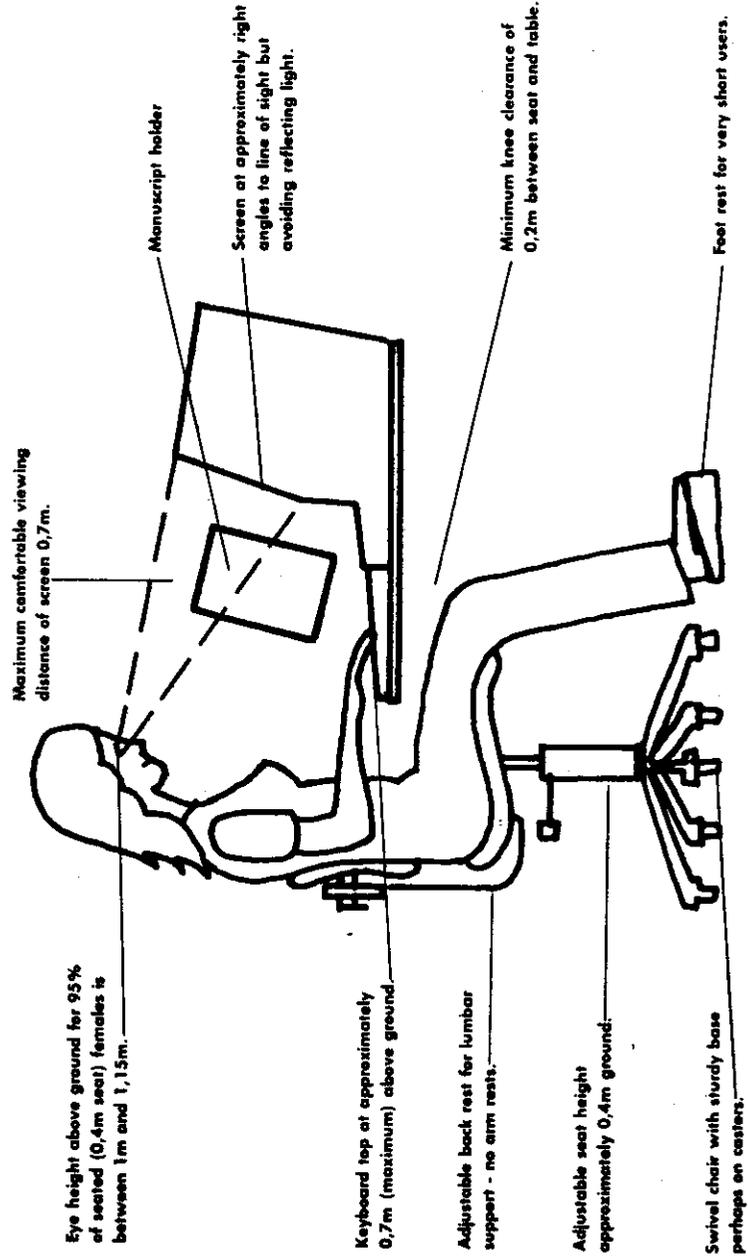
Standard Uppercase Letter

Standard Lowercase Below-the-Line Letter

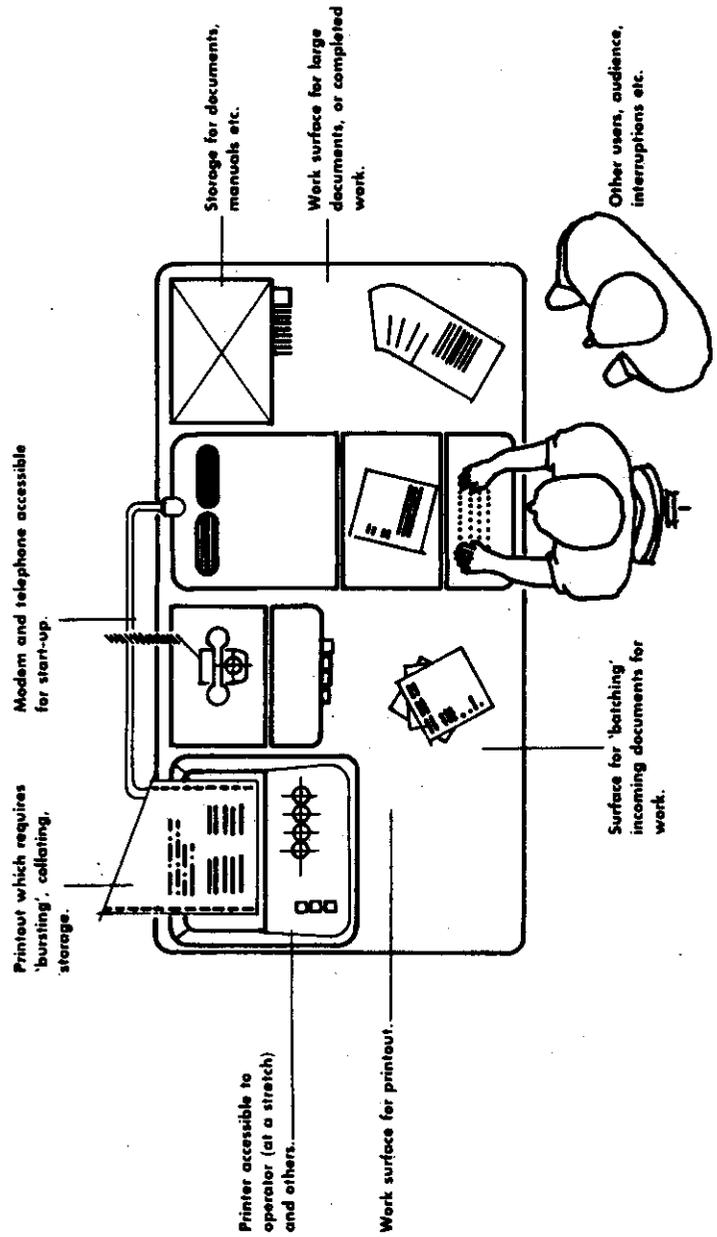
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Recommended viewing distance.



Typical dimensions for a VDT workstation.



VDT-printer workstation with work surfaces and storage facilities.

~~DESCRIPTORS~~

~~SMART TERMINALS~~

INTELLIGENT (?) TERMINALS ----- PROGRAMMABLE TERMINALS

COMPONENTS OF A PROGRAMMABLE TERMINAL

KEYBOARD

DISPLAY

CHARACTER GENERATOR

MICROPROCESSOR (CONTROLLER)

INTERNAL STORAGE

EXTERNAL STORAGE

COMMUNICATION LINE

PERIPHERALS, E.G. PRINTER

CRT TERMINALS

FIRST GENERATION ( TILL 1974):

TTL LOGIC, 150 ICs

SECOND GENERATION ( 1975):

TTL LOGIC, MICROPROCESSOR, 100 ICs

THIRD GENERATION (1978)

TTL LOGIC, MICROPROCESSOR, CRT CONTROLLER  
60 ICs

TODAY:

MICROPROCESSOR, CUSTOM LSI, TTL LOGIC  
19 ICs . .OR LESS

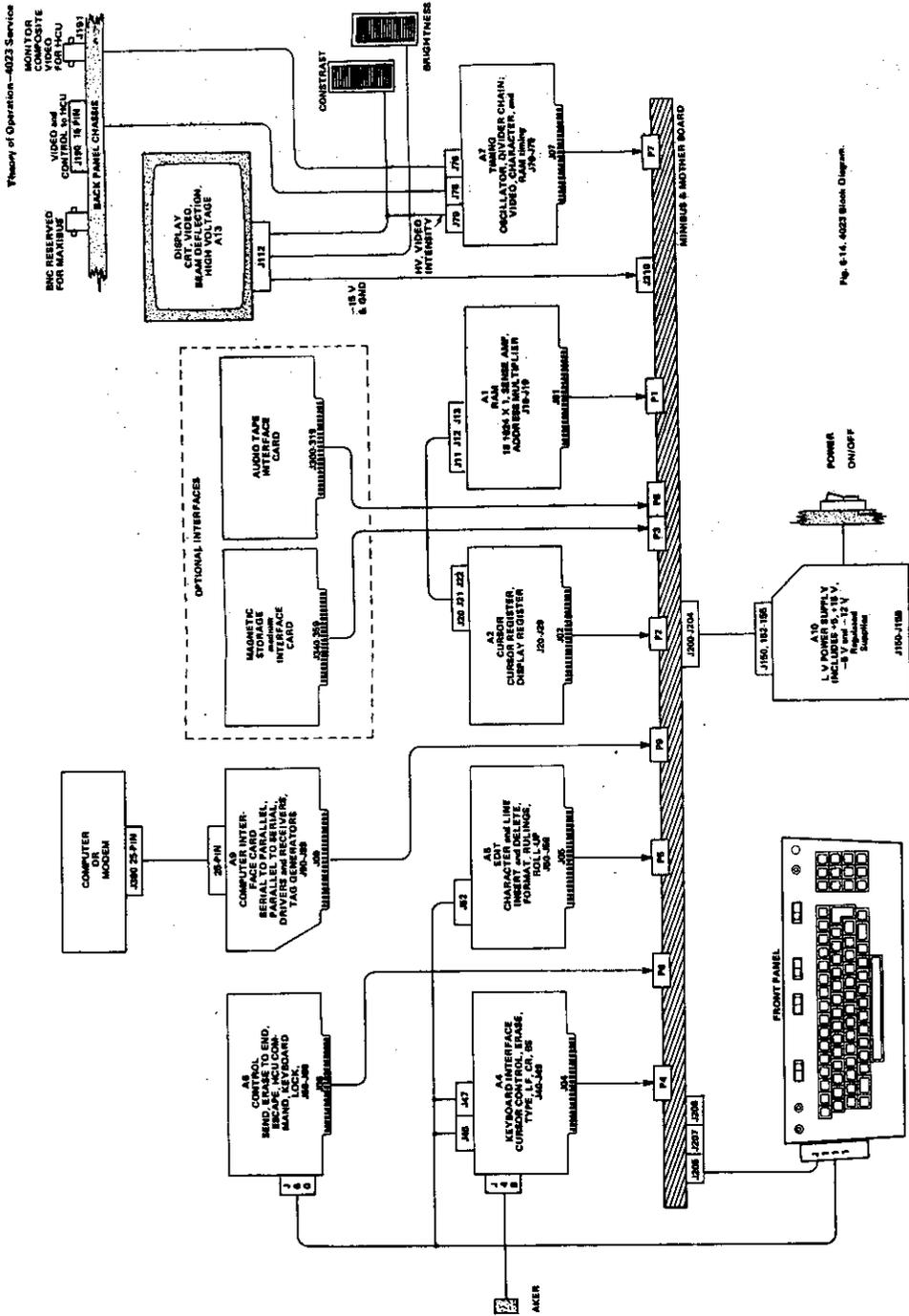
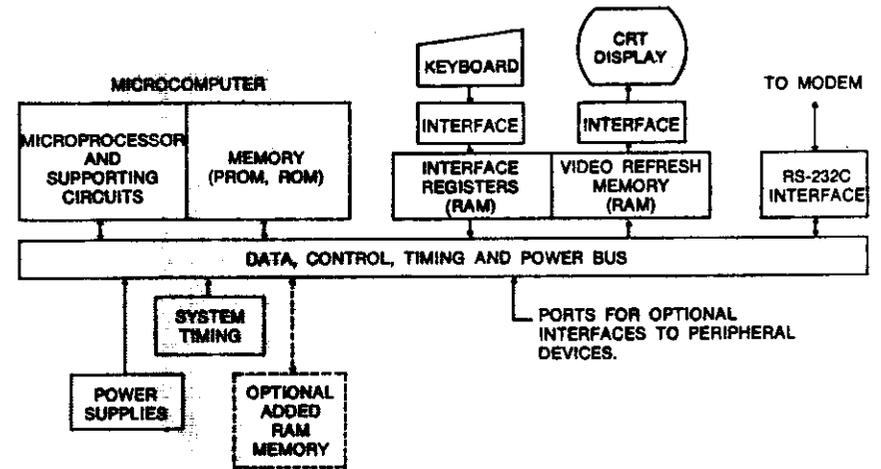


Fig. 6-14. 4023 Block Diagram.



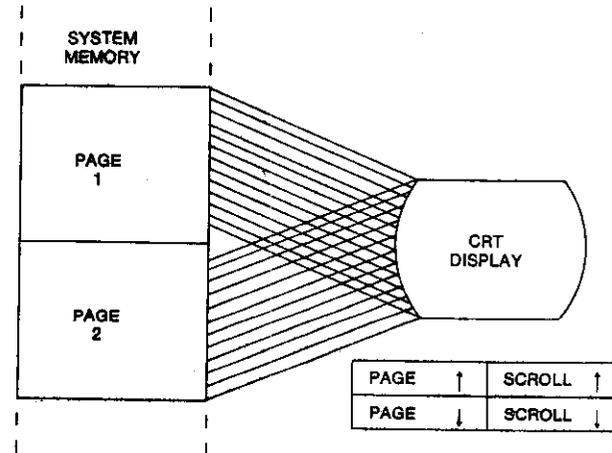
BLOCK DIAGRAM OF A MODERN ALPHANUMERIC TERMINAL

Block diagram of an early alpha-numeric terminal

**ALPHANUMERIC DISPLAY TERMINALS**

**ADVANCED FEATURES:**

- EXTENSIVE DISPLAY
- VIDEO ATTRIBUTES (INVERTED VIDEO, UNDERLINE, FLASHING)
- PROGRAMMABLE KEYS
- ALTERNATE CHARACTER SET
- PRINTER PORT
- DETACHABLE KEYBOARD
- LARGE SCREEN

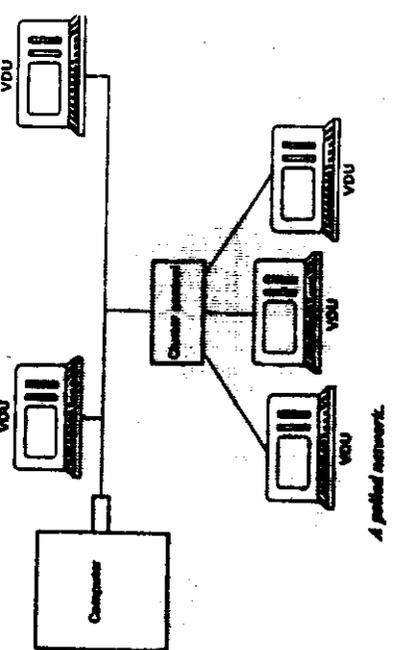
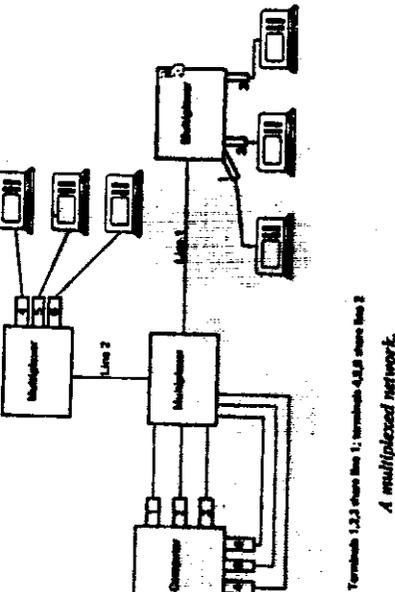
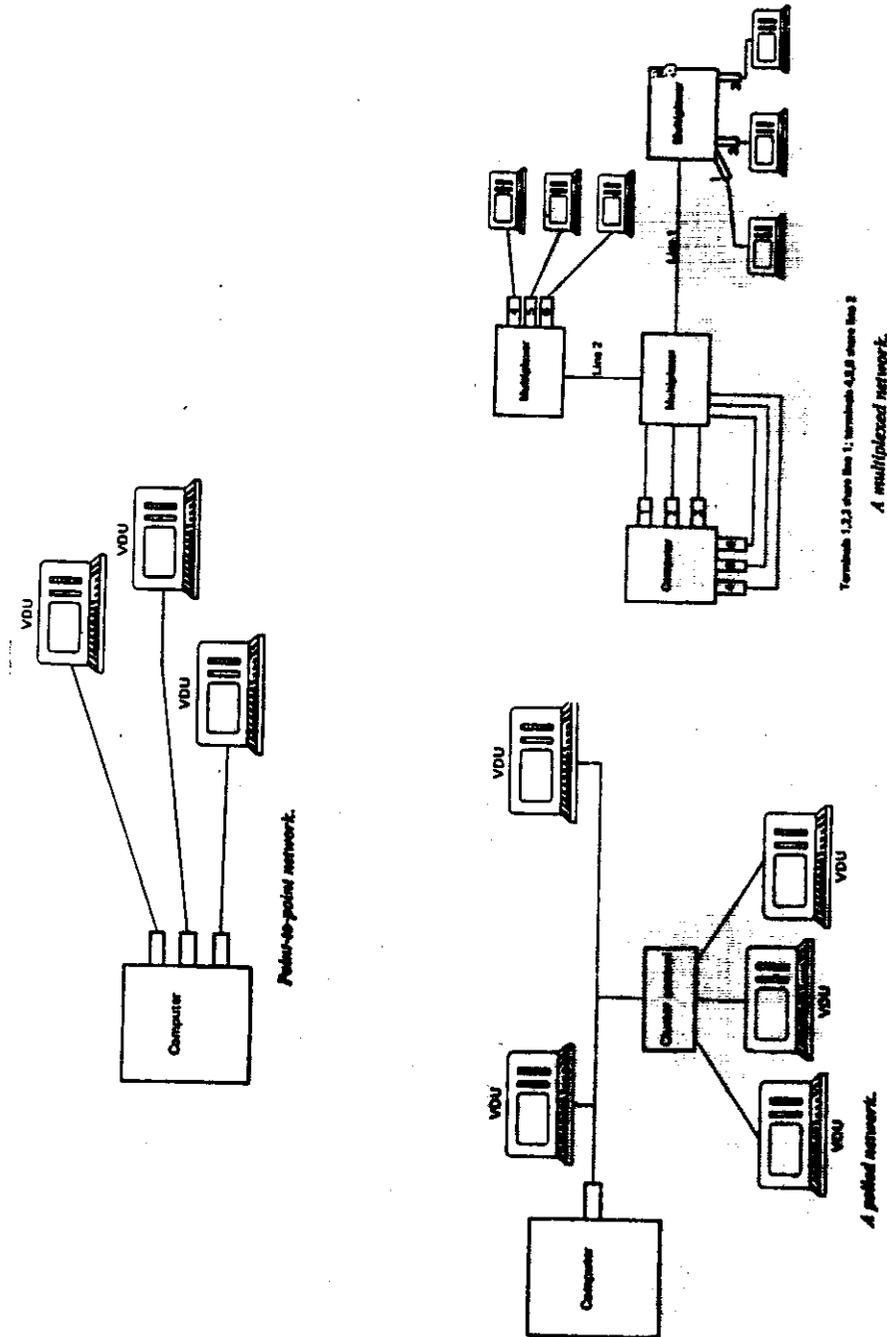


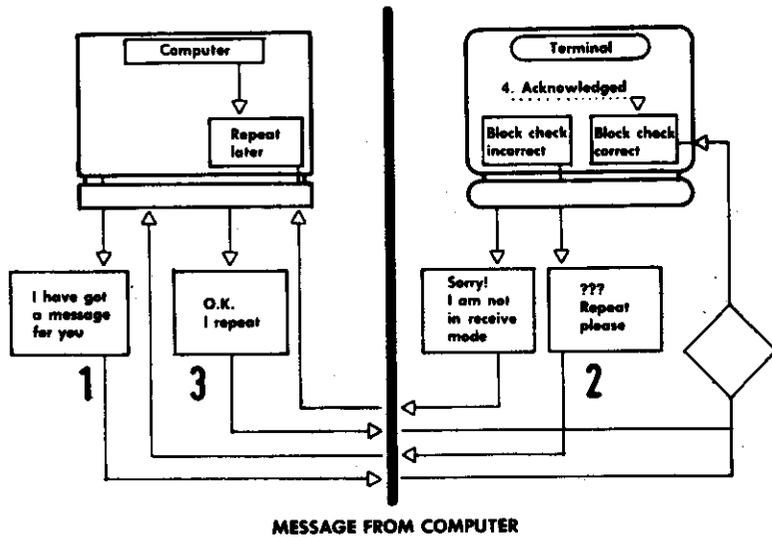
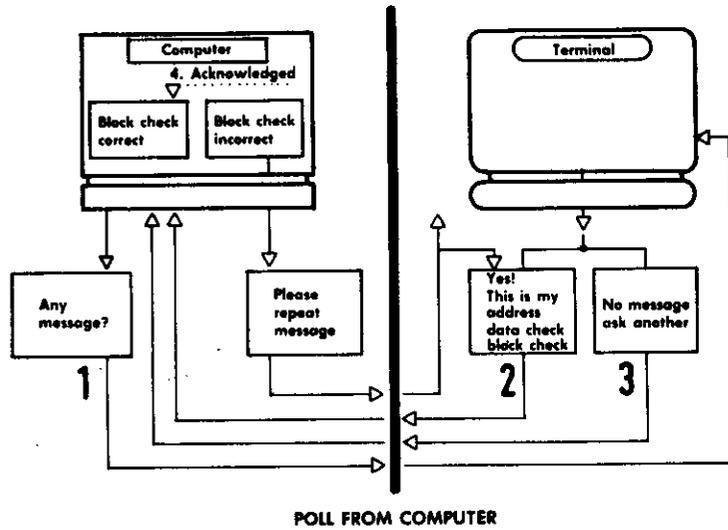
**MULTI-PAGES TERMINAL**

Table 2. ASCII Code Chart

|                |                |                |                |                | 0 0 0          | 0 0 1          | 0 1 0 | 0 1 1 | 1 0 0 | 1 0 1 | 1 1 0 | 1 1 1 |     |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|
| b <sub>7</sub> | b <sub>6</sub> | b <sub>5</sub> | COLUMN         |                |                |                | ROW   |       |       |       |       |       |     |
|                |                |                | b <sub>4</sub> | b <sub>3</sub> | b <sub>2</sub> | b <sub>1</sub> | 0     | 1     | 2     | 3     | 4     | 5     | 6   |
| 0              | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0              | NUL            | DLE   | SP    | 0     | •     | P     | '     | p   |
| 0              | 0              | 0              | 1              | 1              | 1              | SOM            | DC1   | !     | 1     | A     | Q     | a     | q   |
| 0              | 0              | 1              | 0              | 2              | 2              | STX            | DC2   | "     | 2     | B     | R     | b     | r   |
| 0              | 0              | 1              | 1              | 3              | 3              | ETX            | DC3   | #     | 3     | C     | S     | c     | s   |
| 0              | 1              | 0              | 0              | 4              | 4              | EOT            | DC4   | \$    | 4     | D     | T     | d     | t   |
| 0              | 1              | 0              | 1              | 5              | 5              | ENQ            | NAK   | %     | 5     | E     | U     | e     | u   |
| 0              | 1              | 1              | 0              | 6              | 6              | ACK            | SYN   | &     | 6     | F     | V     | f     | v   |
| 0              | 1              | 1              | 1              | 7              | 7              | BEL            | ETB   | '     | 7     | G     | W     | g     | w   |
| 1              | 0              | 0              | 0              | 8              | 8              | BS             | CAN   | (     | 8     | H     | X     | h     | x   |
| 1              | 0              | 0              | 1              | 9              | 9              | HT             | EM    | )     | 9     | I     | Y     | i     | y   |
| 1              | 0              | 1              | 0              | 10             | 10             | LF             | SUB   | *     | :     | J     | Z     | j     | z   |
| 1              | 0              | 1              | 1              | 11             | 11             | VT             | ESC   | +     | ;     | K     | [     | k     | (   |
| 1              | 1              | 0              | 0              | 12             | 12             | FF             | FS    | ,     | <     | L     | \     | l     | !   |
| 1              | 1              | 0              | 1              | 13             | 13             | CR             | GS    | -     | =     | M     | ]     | m     | }   |
| 1              | 1              | 1              | 0              | 14             | 14             | SO             | RS    | .     | >     | N     | ^     | n     | ~   |
| 1              | 1              | 1              | 1              | 15             | 15             | SI             | US    | /     | ?     | O     | _     | o     | DEL |

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*Polling. With several terminals sharing a common line to the central processor, one way of ensuring that they all receive adequate service is for the central processor to scan or poll each terminal in turn, (a) transmitting data or (b) receiving data from the terminal.*

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**JOHN WILEY & SONS, 1980**

– Computer Graphics

– Non-Interactive (Passive,  
Batch)

Hard-Copy Devices (Plotters)

– Interactive

Graphic Displays

– Plotters

– Pen Plotters

. Drum

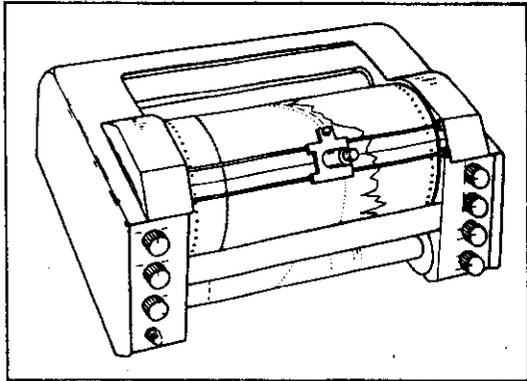
. Flatbed

– Photo-Plotters

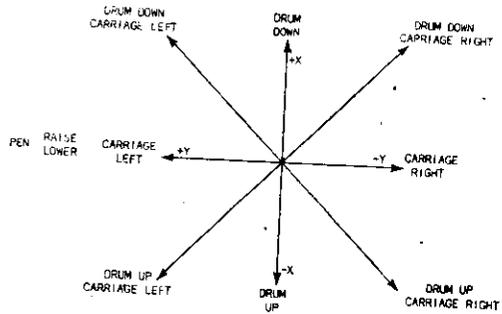
– Microfilm

– Electrostatic Plotters

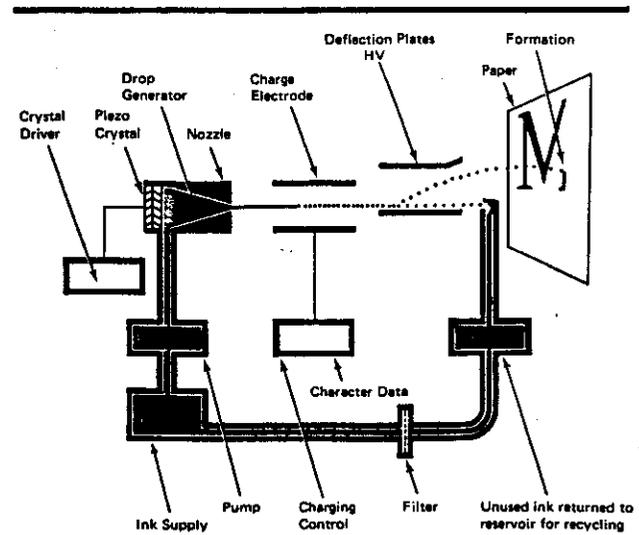
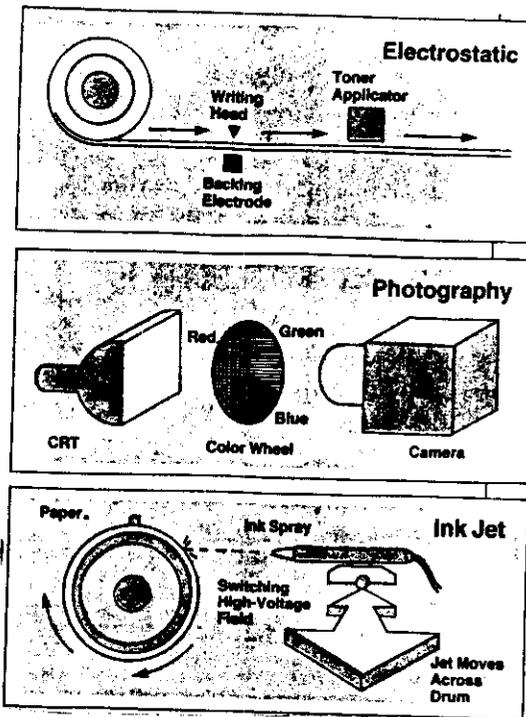
– Ink-Jet Plotters

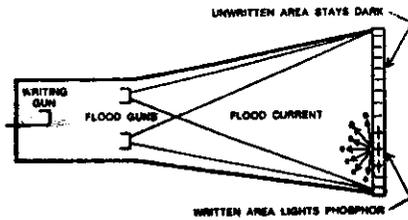


Drum-type plotter



Direction of movement related to control code as viewed from front of plotter. Graphs are plotted with axes oriented as shown.





Principle of a storage tube display

anic Displays

orage Tube Displays

refreshed, Line Drawing,  
Stroke, Calligraphic

aster Scan

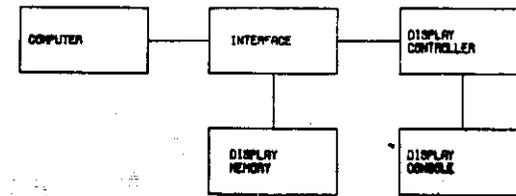
## Storage Tube Displays

### Advantages .

- Low Cost
- Good Resolution
- No Flicker
- High Density Graphs Possible

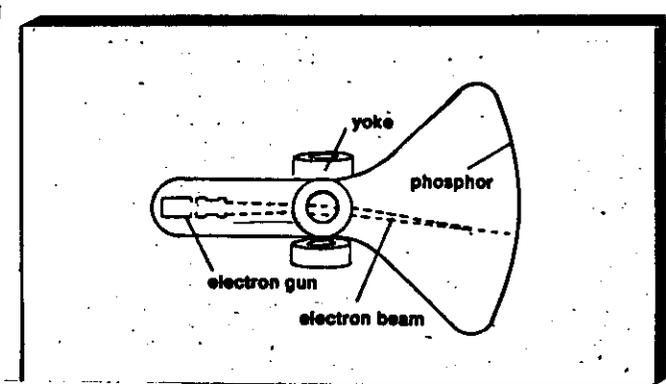
### Disadvantages .

- No Partial Erase
- No Dynamic Display
- Low Speed



REFRESHED DISPLAY

Principle of a refreshed display



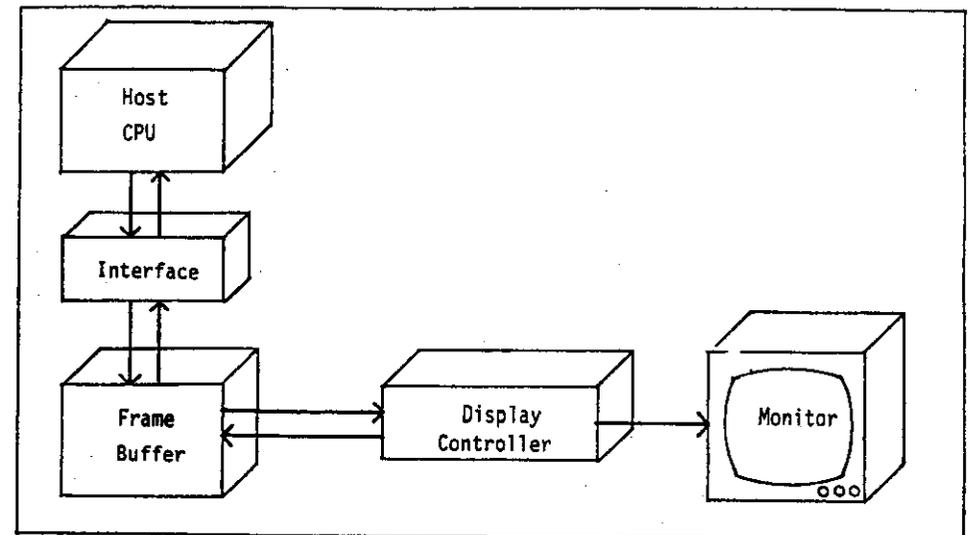
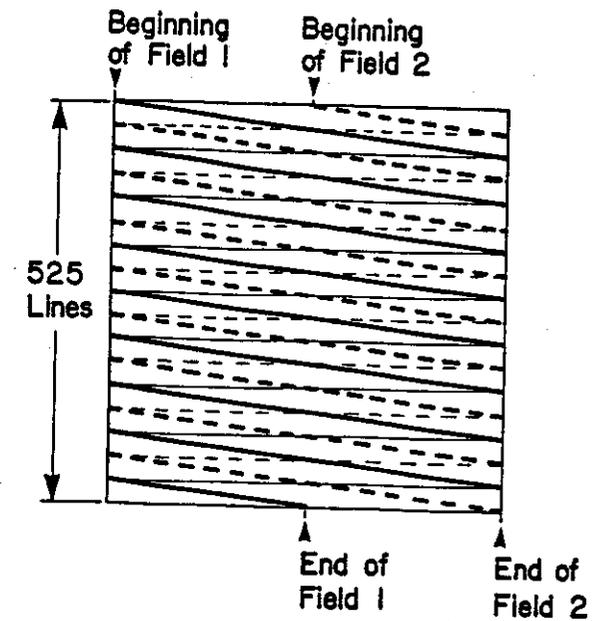
## Refreshed Displays

### Advantages .

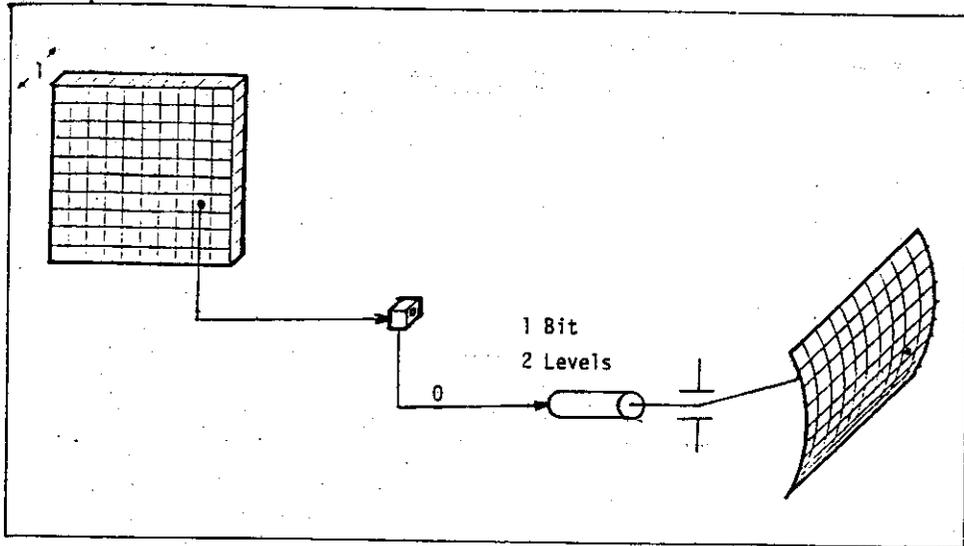
- High Level Interaction
- Dynamics

### Disadvantages .

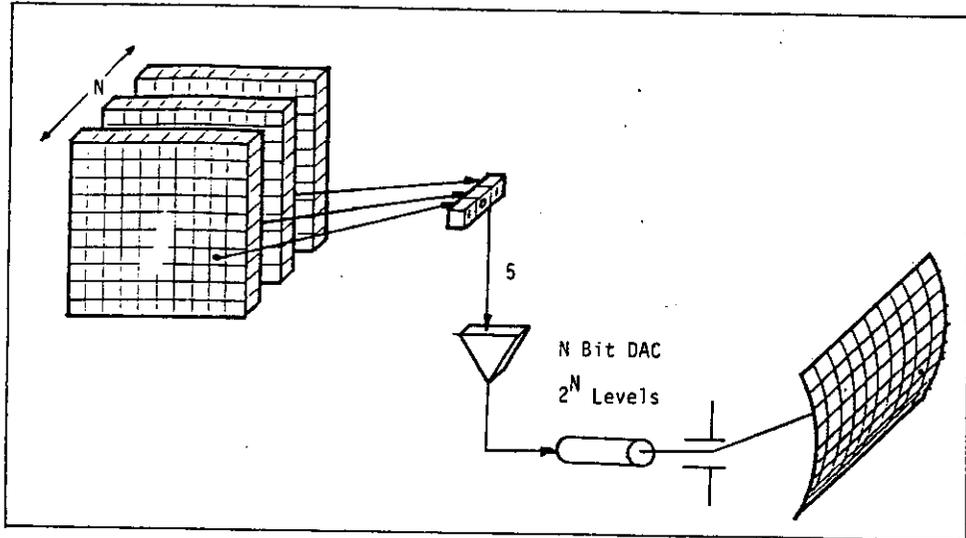
- High Cost
- Possible Flicker with High Density Graphs
- Expensive Interface



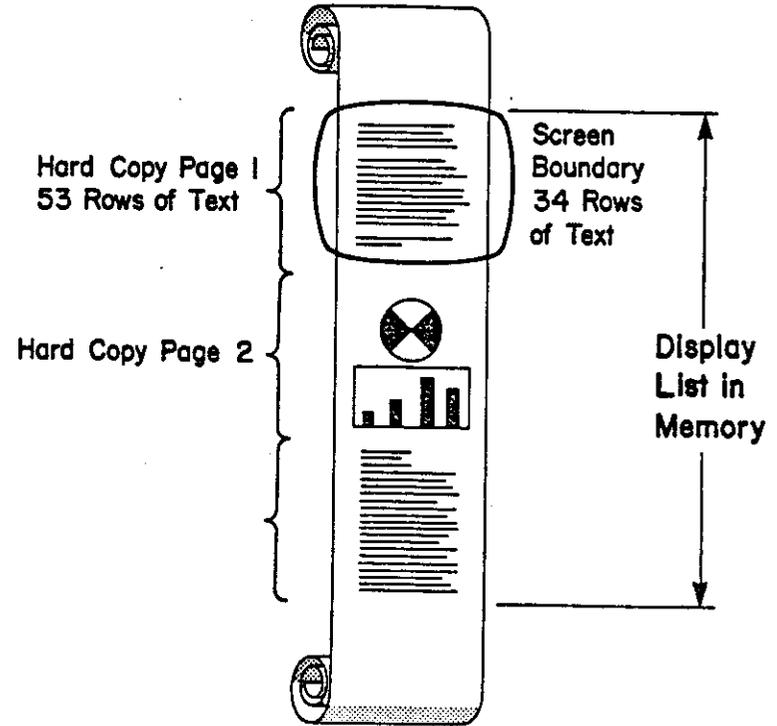
General frame buffer system.



Black and white frame buffer system with 1 bit plane



Black and white frame buffer system with N bit planes driving a DAC.

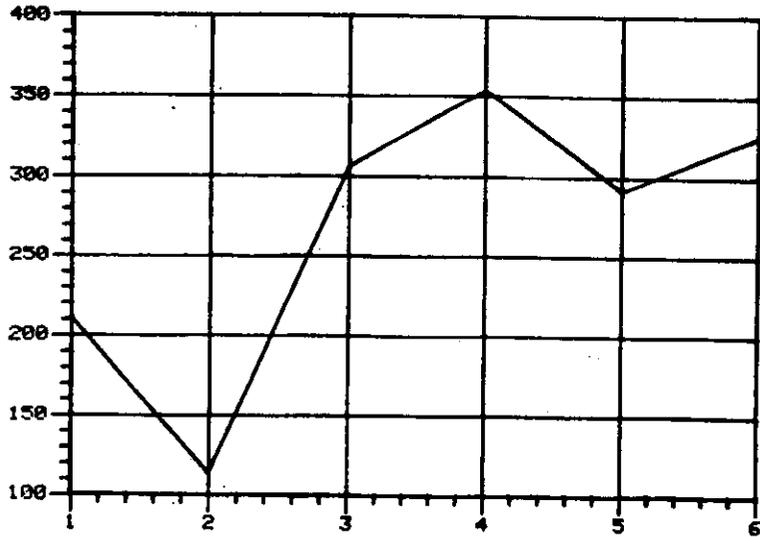


SCROLLING TEXT AND GRAPHICS

PLOT-10 EXAMPLES

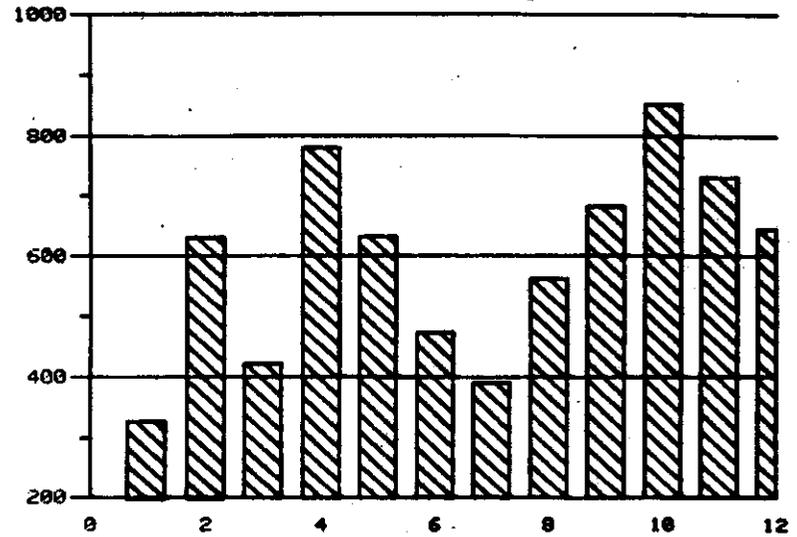
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DIMENSION XDATA(7),YDATA(7)
DATA XDATA/6.,1.,2.,3.,4.,5.,6./
DATA YDATA/6.,211.,114.,306.,354.,291.,385./
CALL INITT(120)
CALL BINITT
CALL CHECK(XDATA,YDATA)
CALL DISPLAY(XDATA,YDATA)
CALL FINITT(0.700)
STOP
END
    
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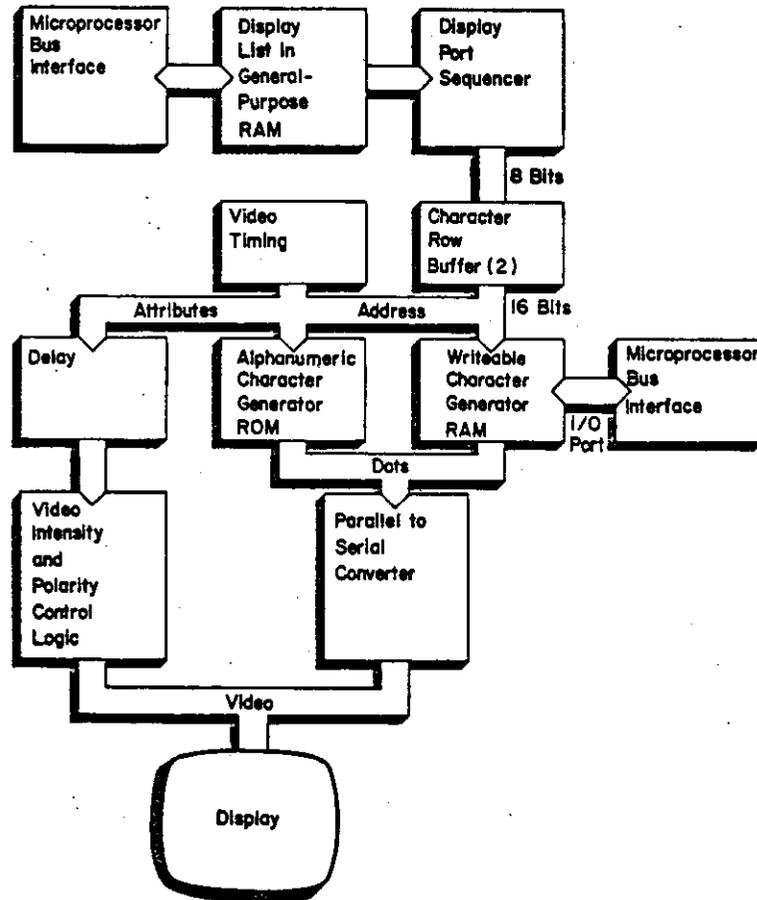
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DIMENSION XDATA(4),YDATA(13)
DATA XDATA/-1.,12.,1.,1./
DATA YDATA/12.,328.,632.,421.,790.,632.,472.,390.,562.,
& 680.,852.,729.,645./
CALL INITT(30)
CALL BINITT
CALL UBARST(0,0,0)
CALL XFRM(1)
CALL CHECK(XDATA,YDATA)
CALL DISPLAY(XDATA,YDATA)
CALL TINPUT(1)
CALL FINITT(0.700)
STOP
END
    
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Bar Chart

STANDARDS



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