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It is suggested that the designation FORTRAN 77 be used to distinguish this standard from previous FORTRAN standards and any possible future revisions.

FORTRAN 77 is a revision of AS 1486—1973, which was based on ISO/R 1539—1972 and ANSI X3.9—1966. It describes two levels of the FORTRAN language, referred to as FORTRAN and subset FORTRAN. FORTRAN is the full language and appears on the righthand pages; Subset FORTRAN is a subset of the full language and appears on the lefthand pages. Because FORTRAN 77 includes the subset, AS 1486—1973 is accordingly superseded by this standard.

Appendix A gives some background to the development of this standard and its relationship to the previous standard. References to 'ANSI X3.9—1966' in Appendix A should be taken to mean 'AS 1486—1973'.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Purpose

5 This standard specifies the form and establishes the interpretation of programs expressed in the FORTRAN language. The purpose of this standard is to promote portability of FORTRAN programs for use on a variety of data processing systems.

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1.2 Processor

The combination of a data processing system and the mechanism by which programs are transformed for use on that data processing system is called a processor in this standard.

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1.3 Scope

20 1.3.1 Inclusions. This standard specifies:

- (1) The form of a program written in the FORTRAN language
- 25 (2) Rules for interpreting the meaning of such a program and its data
- (3) The form of writing input data to be processed by such a program operating on data processing systems
- 30 (4) The form of the output data resulting from the use of such a program on data processing systems

1.3.2 Exclusions. This standard does not specify:

- 35 (1) The mechanism by which programs are transformed for use on a data processing system
- (2) The method of transcription of programs or their input or output data to or from a data processing medium
- 40 (3) The operations required for setup and control of the use of programs on data processing systems
- 45 (4) The results when the rules of this standard fail to establish an interpretation
- (5) The size or complexity of a program and its data that will exceed the capacity of any specific data processing system or the capability of a particular processor
- 50 (6) The range or precision of numeric quantities and the method of rounding of numeric results
- 55