

# Launch Interceptor Program: Requirements Specification

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## 1 Introduction

As part of a hypothetical anti-ballistic missile system, you will write a function called `DECIDE ()`. You can use the programming language of your choice.

`DECIDE ()` will generate a boolean signal which determines whether an interceptor should be launched based upon input radar tracking information. This radar tracking information is available at the instant the function is called.

`DECIDE ()` determines which combination of the several possible *Launch Interceptor Conditions* (LIC’s) are relevant to the immediate situation. The interceptor launch button is normally considered locked; only if all relevant combinations of launch conditions are met will the launch-unlock signal be issued.

`DECIDE ()` determines whether each of fifteen LIC’s is true for an input set of up to 100 *planar data points* representing radar echoes. The fifteen elements of a *Conditions Met Vector* (CMV) will be assigned boolean values true or false; each element of the CMV corresponds to one LIC’s condition.

The input *Logical Connector Matrix* (LCM), defines which individual LIC’s must be considered jointly in some way. The LCM is a 15x15 symmetric *matrix* with elements valued ANDD, ORR, or NOTUSED. The combination of LCM and CMV is stored in the *Preliminary Unlocking Matrix* (PUM), a 15x15 symmetric *matrix*.

Another input, the *Preliminary Unlocking Vector* (PUV) represents which LIC actually matters in this particular launch determination. Each element of the UV indicates how to combine the PUM

values to form the corresponding element of the *Final Unlocking Vector* (FUV), a 15-element *vector*. If, and only if, all the values in the FUV are true, should the launch-unlock signal be generated.

## 1.1 Input Variables

The values of the following global variables are available to your function:

**NUMPOINTS** The number of *planar data points*.

**POINTS** Array containing the coordinates of data points.

**PARAMETERS** Struct holding parameters for LIC's (see below).

**LCM** Logical Connector Matrix.

**PUV** Preliminary Unlocking Vector.

## 1.2 Output Variable

The output is:

**LAUNCH** Final launch / no launch decision encoded as "YES", "NO" on the standard output.

In addition, the following intermediate results are computed.

**CMV** Conditions Met Vector.

**PUM** Preliminary Unlocking Matrix.

**FUV** Final Unlocking Vector.

For C code, `decide.h` can be found at the end of this document in Appendix B.

## 2 Required Computations

It can be assumed that all input data and parameters that are measured in some form of units use the same, consistent units. For example, all lengths are measured in the same units that are used to define the planar space from which the input data comes. Therefore, no unit conversion is necessary.

Given the parameter values in the global struct **PARAMETERS**, the function `DECIDE()` must evaluate each of the *Launch Interceptor Conditions* (LICs) described below for the set of **NUMPOINTS** points:

$(X[0], Y[0]), \dots, (X[\text{NUMPOINTS}-1], Y[\text{NUMPOINTS}-1])$

where  $2 \leq \text{NUMPOINTS} \leq 100$

## 2.1 CMV

The *Conditions Met Vector* (CMV) should be set according to the results of these calculations, i.e. the global array element CMV[i] should be set to true if and only if the *i*th LIC is met. The 15 Launch Interceptor Conditions (LIC) are defined as follows:

0. There exists at least one set of two *consecutive* data points that are a distance greater than the length, **LENGTH1**, apart.

$$(0 \leq \text{LENGTH1})$$

1. There exists at least one set of three *consecutive* data points that cannot all be contained within or on a circle of radius **RADIUS1**.

$$(0 \leq \text{RADIUS1})$$

2. There exists at least one set of three *consecutive* data points which form an *angle* such that:  
angle < (**PI** – **EPSILON**)

or

$$\text{angle} > (\text{PI} + \text{EPSILON})$$

The second of the three *consecutive* points is always the *vertex* of the *angle*. If either the first point or the last point (or both) coincides with the *vertex*, the *angle* is undefined and the LIC is not satisfied by those three points.

$$(0 \leq \text{EPSILON} < \text{PI})$$

3. There exists at least one set of three *consecutive* data points that are the vertices of a triangle with area greater than **AREA1**.

$$(0 \leq \text{AREA1})$$

4. There exists at least one set of **Q\_PTS** *consecutive* data points that lie in more than **QUADS** *quadrants*. Where there is ambiguity as to which *quadrant* contains a given point, priority of decision will be by *quadrant* number, i.e., I, II, III, IV. For example, the data point (0,0) is in quadrant I, the point (-1,0) is in quadrant II, the point (0,-1) is in quadrant III, the point (0,1) is in quadrant I and the point (1,0) is in quadrant I.

$$(2 \leq \text{Q\_PTS} \leq \text{NUMPOINTS}), (1 \leq \text{QUADS} \leq 3)$$

5. There exists at least one set of two *consecutive* data points, (X[i],Y[i]) and (X[j],Y[j]), such that X[j] - X[i] < 0. (where i = j-1)

6. There exists at least one set of **N\_PTS** *consecutive* data points such that at least one of the points lies a distance greater than **DIST** from the line joining the first and last of these **N\_PTS** points. If the first and last points of these **N\_PTS** are identical, then the calculated distance to compare with **DIST** will be the distance from the coincident point to all other points of the **N\_PTS** *consecutive* points. The condition is not met when **NUMPOINTS** < 3.

$$(3 \leq \text{N\_PTS} \leq \text{NUMPOINTS}), (0 \leq \text{DIST})$$

7. There exists at least one set of two data points separated by exactly **K\_PTS** *consecutive* intervening points that are a distance greater than the length, **LENGTH1**, apart. The condition is not met when **NUMPOINTS** < 3.

$$1 \leq \mathbf{K\_PTS} \leq (\mathbf{NUMPOINTS} - 2)$$

8. There exists at least one set of three data points separated by exactly **A\_PTS** and **B\_PTS** *consecutive* intervening points, respectively, that cannot be contained within or on a circle of radius **RADIUS1**. The condition is not met when **NUMPOINTS** < 5.

$$1 \leq \mathbf{A\_PTS}, 1 \leq \mathbf{B\_PTS}$$

$$\mathbf{A\_PTS} + \mathbf{B\_PTS} \leq (\mathbf{NUMPOINTS} - 3)$$

9. There exists at least one set of three data points separated by exactly **C\_PTS** and **D\_PTS** *consecutive* intervening points, respectively, that form an *angle* such that:

$$\text{angle} < (\mathbf{PI} - \mathbf{EPSILON})$$

or

$$\text{angle} > (\mathbf{PI} + \mathbf{EPSILON})$$

The second point of the set of three points is always the *vertex* of the *angle*. If either the first point or the last point (or both) coincide with the *vertex*, the *angle* is undefined and the LIC is not satisfied by those three points. When **NUMPOINTS** < 5, the condition is not met.

$$1 \leq \mathbf{C\_PTS}, 1 \leq \mathbf{D\_PTS}$$

$$\mathbf{C\_PTS} + \mathbf{D\_PTS} \leq \mathbf{NUMPOINTS} - 3$$

10. There exists at least one set of three data points separated by exactly **E\_PTS** and **F\_PTS** *consecutive* intervening points, respectively, that are the vertices of a triangle with area greater than **AREA1**. The condition is not met when **NUMPOINTS** < 5.

$$1 \leq \mathbf{E\_PTS}, 1 \leq \mathbf{F\_PTS}$$

$$\mathbf{E\_PTS} + \mathbf{F\_PTS} \leq \mathbf{NUMPOINTS} - 3$$

11. There exists at least one set of two data points, (X[i],Y[i]) and (X[j],Y[j]), separated by exactly **G\_PTS** *consecutive* intervening points, such that X[j] - X[i] < 0. (where i < j) The condition is not met when **NUMPOINTS** < 3.

$$1 \leq \mathbf{G\_PTS} \leq \mathbf{NUMPOINTS} - 2$$

12. There exists at least one set of two data points, separated by exactly **K\_PTS** *consecutive* intervening points, which are a distance greater than the length, **LENGTH1**, apart. In addition, there exists at least one set of two data points (which can be the same or different from the two data points just mentioned), separated by exactly **K\_PTS** *consecutive* intervening points, that are a distance less than the length, **LENGTH2**, apart. Both parts must be true for the LIC to be true. The condition is not met when **NUMPOINTS** < 3.

$$0 \leq \mathbf{LENGTH2}$$

LIC	0	1	2	3	4	...	14
0	ANDD	ANDD	ORR	ANDD	NOTUSED	...	NOTUSED
1	ANDD	ANDD	ORR	ORR	NOTUSED	...	NOTUSED
2	ORR	ORR	ANDD	ANDD	NOTUSED	...	NOTUSED
3	ANDD	ORR	ANDD	ANDD	NOTUSED	...	NOTUSED
4	NOTUSED	NOTUSED	NOTUSED	NOTUSED	NOTUSED	...	NOTUSED
.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
14	NOTUSED	NOTUSED	NOTUSED	NOTUSED	NOTUSED	...	NOTUSED

Table 1: Logical Connector Matrix (LCM) for Example 1

13. There exists at least one set of three data points, separated by exactly **A\_PTS** and **B\_PTS** *consecutive* intervening points, respectively, that cannot be contained within or on a circle of *radius* **RADIUS1**. In addition, there exists at least one set of three data points (which can be the same or different from the three data points just mentioned) separated by exactly **A\_PTS** and **B\_PTS** *consecutive* intervening points, respectively, that can be contained in or on a circle of *radius* **RADIUS2**. Both parts must be true for the LIC to be true. The condition is not met when **NUMPOINTS** < 5.

$$0 \leq \mathbf{RADIUS2}$$

14. There exists at least one set of three data points, separated by exactly **E\_PTS** and **F\_PTS** *consecutive* intervening points, respectively, that are the vertices of a triangle with area greater than **AREA1**. In addition, there exist three data points (which can be the same or different from the three data points just mentioned) separated by exactly **E\_PTS** and **F\_PTS** *consecutive* intervening points, respectively, that are the vertices of a triangle with area less than **AREA2**. Both parts must be true for the LIC to be true. The condition is not met when **NUMPOINTS** < 5.

$$0 \leq \mathbf{AREA2}$$

## 2.2 PUM

The *Conditions Met Vector* (CMV) can now be used in conjunction with the *Logical Connector Matrix* (LCM) to form the *Preliminary Unlocking Matrix* (PUM). The entries in the LCM represent the logical connectors to be used between pairs of LICs to determine the corresponding entry in the PUM, i.e. LCM[i,j] represents the boolean operator to be applied to CMV[i] and CMV[j]. PUM[i,j] is set according to the result of this operation. If LCM[i,j] is NOTUSED, then PUM[i,j] should be set to true. If LCM[i,j] is ANDD, PUM[i,j] should be set to true only if (CMV[i] AND CMV[j]) is true. If LCM[i,j] is ORR, PUM[i,j] should be set to true if (CMV[i] OR CMV[j]) is true. (Note that the LCM is symmetric, i.e. LCM[i,j]=LCM[j,i] for all i and j.)

Assume that the given *Logical Connector Matrix* is as shown in Table 1. Also assume that the

Condition	Value
0	false
1	true
2	true
3	true
4	false
.	.
.	.
.	.
14	false

Table 2: Conditions Met Vector (CMV) for Example 1

LIC	0	1	2	3	4	...	14
0	*	false	true	false	true	...	true
1	false	*	true	true	true	...	true
2	true	true	*	true	true	...	true
3	false	true	true	*	true	...	true
4	true	true	true	true	*	...	true
.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
14	true	true	true	true	true	...	*

Table 3: Preliminary Unlocking Matrix (PUM) for Example 1

Condition Value	
0	false
1	true
2	true
3	true
4	true
.	.
.	.
.	.
14	true

Table 4: Final Unlocking Vector (FUV) for Example 2

entries in the CMV have been computed as described, giving the results in Table 2. The PUM in Table 3 is generated.

Explanation of selected PUM entries:

1. PUM[0,1] is false because LCM[0,1] is ANDD, and at least one of CMV[0] and CMV[1] is false.
2. PUM[0,2] is true because LCM[0,2] is ORR, and at least one of CMV[0] and CMV[2] is true.
3. PUM[1,2] is true because LCM[1,2] is ORR, and at least one of CMV[1] and CMV[2] is true.
4. PUM[2,3] is true because LCM[2,3] is ANDD, and both CMV[2] and CMV[3] are true.
5. PUM[0,4] is true because LCM[0,4] is NOTUSED.

## 2.3 FUV

The *Final Unlocking Vector* (FUV) is generated from the *Preliminary Unlocking Matrix*. The input PUV indicates whether the corresponding LIC is to be considered as a factor in signaling interceptor launch. FUV[i] should be set to true if PUV[i] is false (indicating that the associated LIC should not hold back launch) or if all elements in PUM row i are true.

A PUM is shown in Table 3, with  $PUV[0] = true$ ,  $PUV[1] = false$ ,  $PUV[2] = true, \dots$ . The FUV generated is in Table 4.

Explanation of selected FUV entries:

1. FUV[0] is false because PUV[0] is true, but PUM[0,1] and PUM[0,3] are false.
2. FUV[1] is true because PUV[1] is false.
3. FUV[2] is true because PUV[2] is true and PUM[2,i] is true for all  $i \neq 2$ ,  $0 \leq i \leq 14$ .

## 2.4 LAUNCH

The final launch/no launch decision is based on the FUV. The decision to launch requires that all elements in the FUV be true, i.e. LAUNCH should be set to true if and only if FUV[i] is true for all  $i$ ,  $0 \leq i \leq 14$ . For the example, LAUNCH is false because FUV[0] is false.

## A Glossary

**angle** An angle is formed by two rays which share a common endpoint called a vertex. If one ray is rotated about the vertex until it coincides with the other ray, the amount of rotation required is the measure of the angle. Three points can be used to determine an angle by drawing a ray from the second point through the first point and another ray from the second point through the third point. Note that different angles are described according to whether the ray is rotated clockwise or counterclockwise. Either can be used in this problem because of the way the LIC's are defined.

**CMV** (Conditions Met Vector) The CMV is a boolean vector whose elements have a one-to-one correspondence with the launch interceptor conditions. If the radar tracking data satisfy a certain LIC, then the corresponding element of the CMV is to be set to true.

**consecutive** Two points are consecutive if they are adjacent in the input data vectors X and Y. Thus  $(X[i], Y[i])$  and  $(X[i+1], Y[i+1])$  are adjacent.

**FUV** (Final Unlocking Vector) The FUV is a boolean vector which is the basis for deciding whether to launch an interceptor. If all elements of the FUV are true, a launch should occur.

**LCM** (Logical Connector Matrix) The LCM describes how individual LIC's should be logically combined. For example, the value of LCM[i,j] indicates whether LIC #i should combine with LIC #j by the logical AND, OR, or not at all.

**LIC** (Launch Interceptor Condition) If radar tracking data exhibit a certain combination of characteristics, then an interceptor should be launched. Each characteristic is an LIC.

**matrix** For purposes of this problem, a matrix can be considered to be a two-dimensional array.

**planar data points** Planar data points are points that are all located within the same plane.

**PUM** (Preliminary Unlocking Matrix) Every element of the boolean PUM corresponds to an element of the LCM. If the logical connection dictated by the LCM element gives the value "true", the corresponding PUM element is to be set to true.

**quadrant** The x and y axes of the Cartesian coordinate system divide a plane into four areas called quadrants. They are labeled I, II, III, IV, beginning with the area where both coordinates are positive and numbering counterclockwise.

**radius** The length of the radius of a circle is the distance from the center of the circle to any point on the circle's circumference.

**ray** A ray is a straight line that extends from a point.

**vector** For purposes of this problem, a vector may be considered to be a one-dimensional array.

**vertex** When two rays originate from a common point to form an angle, the point of their origination is called the vertex of that angle.

## B Global Declarations

```
// This is version 4 of this file .

#include <math.h>

////////// CONSTANT //////////

static const double PI = 3.1415926535;

////////// TYPE DECLARATIONS //////////

typedef enum { NOTUSED=777, ORR, ANDD } CONNECTORS;

// pointer to an array of 100 doubles
typedef double *COORDINATE;

// pointer to a 2-D array of [15,15] CONNECTORS
typedef CONNECTORS **CMATRIX;

// always in the range [0..1]
typedef int boolean;

// pointer to a 2-D array of [15,15] booleans
typedef boolean **BMATRIX;

// pointer to an array of 15 booleans
typedef boolean *VECTOR;

typedef enum { LT=1111, EQ, GT} COMPTYPE;

// inputs to the DECIDE() function
typedef struct {
```

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double LENGTH1;    // Length in LICs 0, 7, 12
double RADIUS1;   // Radius in LICs 1, 8, 13
double EPSILON;   // Deviation from PI in LICs 2, 9
double AREA1;     // Area in LICs 3, 10, 14
int Q_PTS;        // No. of consecutive points in LIC 4
int QUADS;        // No. of quadrants in LIC 4
double DIST;     // Distance in LIC 6
int N_PTS;       // No. of consecutive pts. in LIC 6
int K_PTS;       // No. of int. pts. in LICs 7, 12
int A_PTS;       // No. of int. pts. in LICs 8, 13
int B_PTS;       // No. of int. pts. in LICs 8, 13
int C_PTS;       // No. of int. pts. in LIC 9
int D_PTS;       // No. of int. pts. in LIC 9
int E_PTS;       // No. of int. pts. in LICs 10, 14
int F_PTS;       // No. of int. pts. in LICs 10, 14
int G_PTS;       // No. of int. pts. in LIC 11
double LENGTH2;  // Maximum length in LIC 12
double RADIUS2;  // Maximum radius in LIC 13
double AREA2;    // Maximum area in LIC 14
} PARAMETERS_T;

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////////// global variable declarations //////////

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PARAMETERS_T PARAMETERS;
static PARAMETERS_T PARAMETERS2;

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```

// X coordinates of data points
COORDINATE X;
static COORDINATE X2;

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```

// Y coordinates of data points
COORDINATE Y;
static COORDINATE Y2;

```

```

// Number of data points
int NUMPOINTS;
static int NUMPOINTS2;

```

```

// Logical Connector Matrix
CMATRIX LCM;
static CMATRIX LCM2;

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// Preliminary Unlocking Matrix
BMATRIX PUM;
static BMATRIX PUM2;

// Conditions Met Vector
VECTOR CMV;
static VECTOR CMV2;

// Final Unlocking Vector
VECTOR FUV;
static VECTOR FUV2;

// Decision: Launch or No Launch
boolean LAUNCH;
static boolean LAUNCH2;

// compares floating point numbers — see Nonfunctional Requirements
static inline
COMPTYPE DOUBLECOMPARE (double A,
                        double B)
{
    if (fabs(A-B)<0.000001) return EQ;
    if (A<B) return LT;
    return GT;
}

// function you must write
void DECIDE(void);

////////// end of file //////////

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