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Abstract

The forest Stand Generator, STAG¹, estimates missing tree heights, height-to-crown base, or both to produce complete stand descriptions (height, diameter, live-crown-ratio, species, and tree expansion factor) for use in the conifer growth and yield simulator, CACTOS². Complete descriptions are also produced from stand tables or from the summary statistics of elevation basal area and number of trees per acre by species. By producing a complete stand description, STAG ensures that most forms of inventory data can be analyzed by CACTOS to estimate future growth and yield under a wide array of silvicultural regimes and management instruments.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The forests of northern California are characterized by stands of mixed species as well as mixed ages and sizes. Inventories of these stands usually contain diameter at breast height (DBH) for each tree with only occasional measurements of heights and crowns. In other instances, only stand summary statistics or stand table data are recorded, and hence, no individual tree information is available. However, the California Conifer Timber Output Simulation System, CACTOS, (Wensel, Daugherty, and Meerschaert (1986), Wensel, Meerschaert, and Biging (1987), Wensel and Biging (1987)), requires that species, diameter at breast height (DBH), tree height (H), height-to-crown base (HCB) or live crown ratio (LCR), and number of trees per acre be supplied for each tree making up the stand description. To obtain the most accurate representation to project with CACTOS, these variables should be measured for all trees.

It is evident that forest managers need a means by which these data can be supplemented to form a complete stand description, as described above, so that individual tree growth and yield projections can be performed on the stands of interest for all different levels of data availability. This paper will discuss the operation of the forest stand generator, STAG, designed to meet this need. The estimation procedures used in STAG to: (1) fill in missing measurements of tree height, height to the crown base or both; (2) generate stands from summary statistics and, (3) to convert stand table data, numbers of trees by DBH classes and species, to individual tree records are described in Biging and Robards (1987) and Van Deusen (1984).

STAG is written in standard FORTRAN 77 code (ANSI, 1978) and is operational on the following systems:

- (1) IBM-PC compatibles under MS-DOS v2.1 and higher
- (2) Apple Macintosh personal computers
- (3) Data General Mini-computers under AOS/VS

The general structure of STAG is illustrated in figure 1. The components are treated in detail in sections which follow.

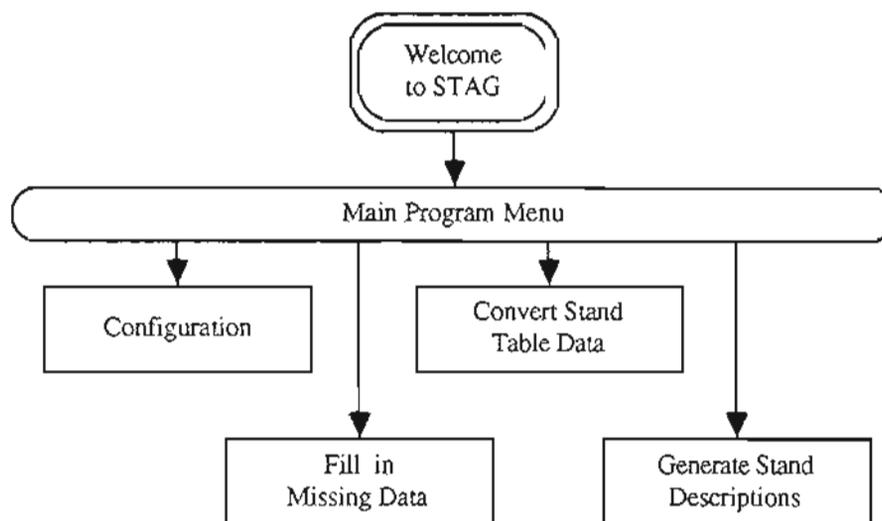


Figure 1. Structure of the components of STAG.

Menu Operation

STAG is a user-friendly, interactive program that makes use of menus, or command lists. Two-letter commands are entered from the keyboard at the various program prompts. Arguments to these commands can be entered to adjust the function of the routines invoked from their initial, default conditions. The command list can be displayed by typing **pc**, for print commands, at any of the program prompts. Only the commands available to the user within each routine are displayed. All of the commands are described in detail in section IV.

Stand Description

The stand description that STAG reads and/or creates has two types of records - header and tree records. The header records contain the stand label, number of tree records, elevation, and site and age of each species present. The complete tree record required by CACTOS includes the following five items:

- (1) a two digit species code
- (2) diameter at breast height in inches (DBH)
- (3) total height in feet
- (4) live crown ratio
- (5) number of trees per acre represented by the tree record

This information comprises the tree list representing a stand that is created on output from STAG and which CACTOS uses for simulation. Since these data are frequently drawn from a sample, it is important that they be carefully examined to see that they really do represent the stand of interest.

The tree records may be incomplete, as STAG is designed to fill in missing heights and crown ratios. Alternatively a description may be of a stand table, where the entries are species, diameter class (diameter class intervals must be 2 inches or less), and number of trees per acre in that diameter class for a given species. Stand description files can be entered outside of STAG or CACTOS using either a standard text editor or Entry, the CACTOS System stand description entry program (Meerschaert and Wensel, 1987).

II. INPUT AND OUTPUT FILES

STAG accepts one type of user input file and produces four types of output files.

The input file recognized by STAG is:

- (1) a CACTOS stand description file (Wensel, Daugherty and Meerschaert, 1986) that may be complete, or incomplete in one or more items discussed in detail under Section II.A.

The primary output file created by STAG is:

- (1) a completed stand description file that can be used for growth and yield projection in CACTOS

Other output files which can be created by STAG include:

- (2) the externally saved stand description files, created by the `es` command, used to save copies for later use of the stand description at the time the `es` command was invoked (optional)
- (3) the report file used to save information selected by the user during the course of the simulation (optional). The report commands that can be selected are discussed in section II.B. and IV.D.
- (4) a file containing height coefficients updated using local data (optional)

All input and output files are referenced by file names chosen by the user. STAG allows up to 32 characters for a file name. Be aware that the computer system you use may mandate different limits on file name lengths. Individual systems may support the use of path names as part of the file name.

The authors recommend adoption of a naming convention that gives each file name a root and an ending. The root indicates the stand being processed and the ending indicates the type of file. Root names are at the discretion of the user, but they should have a meaningful pattern developed to fit the application. In the examples that follow, the suffixes serve the function of indicating the process that was used in STAG to complete the stand description file.

- `.sd` stand description file
- `.sda` stand description created in STAG using the distributional apportionment process
- `.sdm` stand description which utilized the missing data routines of STAG to estimate missing values
- `.sdg` stand description created in STAG using the stand generation routines
- `.srp` STAG report file

STAG has special filenames that are reserved and should be avoided by the user. These include: "exp1", "exp2", "exp1.low", "exp2.low", and "stbin". These reserved filename are used for storing values used in stand generation and for storing user configuration parameters. Overwriting these files will prevent STAG from working properly.

Standard FORTRAN notation is provided here to describe the format of each line of input and output. Real numbers are expressed in the form rFw.d where w is the field width (total number of characters including blanks and decimal); d is the number of characters to the right of the decimal; and r is the number of times this format is repeated by this specification. An actual decimal point in the field overrides the number specified by d in Fw.d. Thus, the format 5F8.3 specifies 5 real numbers 8 characters wide with 3 places to the right of the decimal. Integer formats are of the form rIw, where w is the field width and r is the repeater. Character formats are of the form rAw, where w is the number of characters in the field and r is the repeater.

II.A. Stand description input file

STAG operates on an incomplete stand description input file and fills in missing data to provide a complete description. A complete stand description input file must have the structure presented below, but with an incomplete stand description values for total height and/or live crown ratio may be missing.

When working with stand table data the structure of the stand description is similar to that of a description file comprised of individual trees. However, in this case, the diameter entry represents the diameter class midpoint usually expressed in an integer value such as 12 or 14. Values for total height and live crown ratio are not required to form a description based upon these stand table data. See Table 1 below for a summary of the data requirements for the stand description files when there is missing data and for converting stand table data and appendix A for an example of a stand description file.

Line(1) Stand description label, tree record count, elevation, and a number which indicates the file type (format A20, I10,I9,19X, I3). These indicators are shown in the following table:

<u>code</u>	<u>meaning</u>
0 or 1	raw data file with all heights measured in feet to the tip of the tree
2	heights are in feet to the merchantable top
3	heights are in 16.5 foot logs above a 1.5 foot stump
4	heights are in 1/2 logs

Line(2) Fifty year site indices for (in this order) ponderosa pine, sugar pine, incense cedar, Douglas-fir, white fir, red fir, lodgepole pine, white pine, Jeffrey pine, miscellaneous conifer, chinquapin, black oak, tan oak, and miscellaneous hardwoods (format 14F5.0). STAG does not use site index in any of its functions, but CACTOS uses site index extensively, therefore it must be entered for every species present. Zeros or blanks may be entered for species not present on the plot.

Line (3) Breast height ages for (in this order) ponderosa pine, sugar pine, incense cedar, Douglas-fir, white fir, red fir, lodgepole pine, white pine, Jeffrey pine, miscellaneous conifer, chinquapin, black oak, tan oak, and miscellaneous hardwood (format 14F5.0). Zeroes or blanks may be entered if actual values are unknown. (Age is a descriptive variable used in CACTOS only and is not needed for any of the models to function in either CACTOS or STAG.)

Line (4-end) Individual tree records follow, one per line. Each tree record has the following five items (format 5F8.3, i.e., one line for each tree record):

Table 1. Structure of stand description files for individual trees and for stand tables.

<u>Stand description using individual trees</u>	<u>Stand description using stand table data</u>
(1) species code (see Table 2)	(1) species code (see Table 2)
(2) DBH in inches	(2) diameter class midpoint
(3) total height in feet (optional)	(3) average total height in feet of trees in the diameter class (optional)
(4) live crown ratio ³ in decimal fraction (optional)	(4) live crown ratio in decimal fraction (optional)
(5) per-acre expansion factor	(5) per-acre expansion factor

There are fourteen species that STAG recognizes on input. These species are listed in Table 2.

Table 2. Species codes and names using in STAG.

<u>Species Code</u>	<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Scientific Name</u>
01	ponderosa pine	<i>Pinus ponderosa</i> (Laws.)
02	sugar pine	<i>Pinus lambertiana</i> (Dougl.)
03	incense cedar	<i>Libocedrus decurrens</i> (Torr.)
04	Douglas-fir	<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i> (Mirb.) Franco
05	white fir	<i>Abies concolor</i> (Gord. and Glend.) Lindl.
06	red fir	<i>Abies magnifica</i> (A. Murr.)
07	lodgepole pine	<i>Pinus contorta</i> (Dougl.)
08	white pine	<i>Pinus monticola</i> (Dougl.)
09	Jeffrey pine	<i>Pinus jeffreyi</i> (Grev. & Balf.)
10	miscellaneous conifers	n.a.
11	chinquapin	<i>Castanopsis chrysophylla</i> (Dougl.) A. DC.
12	black oak	<i>Quercus kelloggii</i> (Newb.)
13	tan oak	<i>Lithocarpus densiflorus</i> (Hook. & Arn.)
14	miscellaneous hardwoods	n.a.

These species are grouped into 8 different species groups during the simulation process. These groups are shown below in Table 3.

³ Live crown ratio is defined as (H-HCB)/H where H=total height and HCB=height-to-crown base.

Table 3. Species groups used for modelling in STAG.

Group No.	Species Group	Species Included in Group
1	Ponderosa Pine (PP)	ponderosa pine, jeffrey pine, lodgepole pine
2	Sugar Pine (SP)	sugar pine, white pine
3	Incense Cedar (IC)	incense cedar
4	Douglas-fir (DF)	Douglas-fir, miscellaneous conifers
5	White Fir (WF)	white fir
6	Red Fir (RF)	red fir
7	Other Hardwoods (OH)	all hardwoods except black oak (note that the equations were derived mainly from chinquapin and tanbark oak)
8	Black Oak (BO)	black oak

II.B. Report File

In addition to the completed stand description files, one or more report files may be generated by the user while inside any of the main STAG functions except the configuration routine. The report file provides the user with a means of saving information which describes, or summarizes the characteristics of the trees contained in the stand description file. Many of the important report commands contained in CACTOS have been incorporated into STAG. These include the following commands:

Command	Description
pf	graphs the stand profile of the trees in the stand description
dt	graphs the diameter distribution of the trees in the stand description
st	produces stock tables for the trees in the stand description

The report file is opened with the `rp` command. Any number of report files can be used during the course of a simulation, but only one may be open at a time. Reports can be saved in the report file by adding the argument `o=r` or `o=b` to the command used to generate the report (see section IV).

II.C. Updated Height Coefficient File

While in the missing data routine (`md`), you are able to update the coefficients of the height models (Biging and Robards, 1987) using either a pseudo-Bayesian or an adhoc technique for use on either the current stand descriptions or on others at a later time (see section III.A). To use the updated coefficients at a later time, you must place them in a special file recognized by STAG for this purpose. This can be accomplished by use of the update height coefficient command (`uh`) discussed in section IV.D. This file is a binary sequentially accessed file and is written and read by STAG very quickly.

III. USES OF STAG

The stand generator, STAG, is a sophisticated processor developed to ensure that data sets destined for use in the CACTOS projection system are complete. Since there are different levels of data availability the stand generator was designed to (1): fill in missing measurements of tree height and/or height to the crown base found in inventory field data; (2) convert stand table data, numbers of trees by DBH classes and species, to individual tree records, and (3) generate stands from summary statistics. Each of these capabilities is discussed in detail below.

III.A. Filling in Missing or incomplete Data

Inventory field data collected by forest land managers for use with CACTOS often have missing values. The values may be missing at random, or missing because the sample design called for sub-sampling total height and/or live crown ratio. In either of these cases, STAG is able to fill in missing height or live crown ratio variables. If desired, the user has the option of adding random errors to the estimates to reflect the variability found in the modelling data set.

When heights are sub-sampled, the available height data can be used to localize the height prediction model. This is accomplished using either a pseudo-Bayesian approach or an ad-hoc approach that adjusts the amount of change to the model parameters by a constant ratio between 0 and 1. Within the ad-hoc procedure, a weight of zero causes the update routine to abort (no update), while a weight of one places all the emphasis on the local sample to determine the coefficient values to be used for the height prediction equations. The pseudo-Bayesian approach is more conservative than the ad-hoc procedure. If the local sample is small then the updated coefficients for the height prediction equation are quite close to the database values. If, however, there is a large local sample, then the pseudo-Bayesian estimates are a compromise between the database values and those determined from the local sample. See Van Deusen (1983) and Biging and Robards (1987) for more information on the updating procedure.

STAG, unlike CACTOS, allows four different types of tree height measurements: total heights, heights to a merchantable top (≤ 6.5 in.), or heights measured to whole (16.5 ft.) or half logs (8.25 ft.). Within a STAG stand description file all heights must be of the same measurement standard. For the six major conifer species (species group numbers 1-6) STAG, using a taper equation, solves for total height whenever height to a merchantable top or number of 16.5 ft. logs is supplied⁴.

There are several cases when STAG does not estimate total height from merchantable height or number of logs. These cases include: 1) when taper equations do not exist for a species (note: there are no taper equations for any species other than the six major conifer species); 2) when the merchantable top is greater than 6.5 inches (total height predictions become inaccurate when the merchantable top is too large); and 3) when tree DBH is less than 8 inches (a tree is considered unmerchantable if its DBH is too small). In these cases, height is set to missing and can be filled in using the standard techniques within STAG.

⁴ The height conversion process is not intended to encourage the measurement of other than total heights. Rather, it is intended to allow the use of older inventory data.

III.B. Converting Stand Tables into Complete Tree Lists

Stand table information can be used to develop distributions from which individual trees and their accompanying dimensions (diameter, heights and crown ratios) can be generated. The tree list so produced has the property that reclassification of the diameters would reproduce the original stand table. Also, the sum of the tree weights of pseudo-individual trees within a diameter class equals the original tree weight from a diameter class of the stand table. The tree weight represents (in this case) the probability of the tree having actually been on the plot. This new tree list mimics the inherent variability found in inventory data and produces a list of trees having diameters different than the diameter class midpoints of the stand table. This procedure also completes the tree list by supplying height, crown ratio and tree weight (expansion factor) of each generated tree. In essence, this process produces a facsimile of a permanent plot using only the numbers of trees by diameter class and species. The resultant tree list is quite large, but is currently limited to be between 100-500 records. This procedure is only recommended when the width of the diameter classes is less than or equal to two inches so that an accurate portrayal of the diameter distribution can be obtained.

III.C. Generating Stand Descriptions

STAG has the additional ability of generating complete tree lists when only summary statistics are available to describe the stand of interest. This capability has obvious utility for transforming summary information into a form that can be used with the CACTOS individual tree projection system. It also can be used to produce stand descriptions so that investigation of forest growth dynamics can be performed in the absence of data. While this is not a generally recommended procedure, it can be important when the manager is evaluating the performance of stands that currently do not exist, but which he or she may wish to establish in the future. These hypothetical stands can easily be created within the interactive environment of STAG. It is possible to iteratively generate various components of the stand until the user has built a stand matching the desired description. See Appendix B for a demonstration of how this interactive process can be used. The information required to create a stand description includes: stand elevation, basal area per acre by species, the number of trees per acre by species, and site index for each species of interest.

IV. PROGRAM COMMANDS

STAG is operated by entering two letter commands at various descriptive prompts. Some commands will cause the program to prompt the user for further input, such as names for input and output files. These prompts can be suppressed by entering arguments to the commands that can use them. For example, the name of the report file can be specified with the command `rp` as follows:

```
md:rp >demo.srp
```

This would automatically open the report file "demo.srp" and automatically overwrite it if it exists. These arguments are described in Table 4. The commands that take advantage of these arguments are described in the appropriate sections.

Table 4. Command Arguments used in STAG

<u>Argument</u>	<u>Use</u>
>output	cause output to go to file "output", automatically overwriting file if it already exists.
>>output	cause output to go to file "output", automatically append file if it already exists.
<input	cause input to come from file "input", if "input" does not exist, another file will be prompted for.
p=plist	cause operation to be performed on plots contained in <i>plist</i> . <i>Plist</i> is specified by listing the plots, starting at one for the first plot in memory, to be used in the operation. This listy can include ranges. For example, the following command will produce diameter distributions for the plots listed: <pre>md:dt p=1,2,3,8-14,18,21-45</pre> Note that the plots listed in <i>plist</i> do not have to appear in any special order.
s=slist	cause operation to be performed on species specified in <i>slist</i> . The same rules apply for <i>slist</i> as apply for <i>plist</i> .
o=s r b	cause output from procedure to be routed to the [s]creen, [r]eport file, or [b]oth. Specify only one letter for this argument.
nomore	cause output going to screen not to stop at each screenful of data.

IV.A. The Main Program

From the main program, the user can enter routines to "fill in" missing data, create a stand description based upon summary statistics, convert stand table data to individual tree data, or change the program configuration. The prompt in the main program is:

stag:

The main program menu contains the following commands:

cf enter the program configuration routine

ex exit from the program

da* [] [>|>>output]
enter the distributional apportionment routine which converts stand tables into complete tree lists

md* [] [>|>>output]
enter the missing data routine

pc print commands

sg [] [>|>>output]
enter the stand generation routine

* These routines can be run in interactive batch mode by adding the argument "b" to form dab and mdb.

IV.B. Special Features available in STAG

Many commands require the use of input and output files. When prompted for a filename, a list of files on the current working directory can be obtained by entering a question mark "?" in response to the prompt "Enter a filename here:". Thus, if you do not recall the name of the input or output file requested, you can obtain a list of the files on your directory.

There is a special command, available at all of STAG's command prompts, that allows you to branch to DOS. The branch command, **br**, allows the user to return to DOS while STAG is temporarily suspended. This allows you, among other things, to run other programs, delete files or to get a current directory listing without having to exit the program and re-load your input file. To return to STAG from a branch, type **EXIT** at the DOS prompt. STAG will return to the working directory from which it started.

IV.C. The configuration routine

The commands available to the user while within the configuration routine are summarized below in Table 5.

The configuration routine allows the user to change default values of parameters that affect program output such as the cubic and board foot minimum DBH's used in report generation. The parameters have a default value which can be examined by typing **ps** - print current configuration status.

The user can redefine any of these parameters and can save the new configuration by using the **sc** - save current configuration command. At any time if the user wants to restore the original default parameters he or she may do so by using the **rc** - reset to default parameters. Thus, no matter how many changes have been invoked the **rc** command will restore the parameters to their condition when the program was purchased.

In a similar fashion the **rh** command can be used to reset the height equation parameters to their original default values. This feature would commonly be used after the height coefficients have been updated using the pseudo-Bayes or ad hoc parameter update methods described under the section on missing data. In this case, the user may have used the updated coefficients to work with a particular set of data, but now wants to work with different data not requiring updated coefficient values.

Table 5. Summary of the commands available from within the configuration routine.

The configuration routine menu uses the prompt "config:" and contains the following commands:

Command	Description of the command function
b m	Set the board foot minimum DBH. The default value is 8.0 inches.
b t	Set the board foot merchantable top to a value of 6 or 8 inches. The default value is 6 inches.
c m	Set the cubic foot minimum DBH. The default value is 0.0 inches.
c t	Set the cubic foot minimum DBH. The default value is 8.0 inches.
e x	Exit the configuration routine and return to the main menu.
h c	Set the highlight codes for displaying tree lists. The user may set highlight codes that accentuate the missing values and their estimates in the stand description files. The default value is reverse video.
m x	Set the maximum number of records created in the distributional apportionment routine. The number of records created ranges from 100-500. If record quintupling is to be utilized in CACTOS, then mr should be set to 100 and re set to "off". Otherwise, set mr to 500 and re to "on" and STAG will create 500 tree records with random variation built into the tree list.
p c	Print the list of available commands.
p s	Print the current configuration status.
r c	Reset to default the configuration parameters. If at any time the user wants to revert to the configuration supplied at the time of purchase of the program the rc command will accomplish this.
r h	Reset to default the height equation parameters.
r e	Set flag to add random errors to predictions. This command allows the user to add random errors to the predictions of height and or height-to-crown base used in the missing data routine (md). It is recommended that random errors routinely be added to the predictions.
s c	[>output] Save the current configuration. This command allows the user to tailor his/her configuration file and to save this configuration for future use in STAG. The new configuration will be in operation until another save (sc) is conducted or until reset to the default configuration parameters (rc).
s k	Set the title page skip. The user can decide to print the title page or to forego printing the title page upon invoking STAG.

IV.D. Data Manipulation Routines.

The primary routines in STAG are for filling in missing data, generating stand descriptions and converting stand tables into complete tree lists. These routines are called from the main routine by typing `md`, `sg`, or `da`, respectively. The commands available to the user varies by the particular routine that is in effect. Table 6 summarizes the palette of commands available within the three data manipulation routines.

Table 6. Command summary for the data manipulation routines.

Command	Options of the command (listed parenthetically) / Description of the command function	Routines from which the command can be invoked
<code>a b</code>		<code>md</code> <code>sg</code> <code>da</code>
	Abort without saving the tree list (stand description). This allows the user to exit the current routine without having estimated the missing values for height and height-to-crown base for individual trees.	
<code>da</code>	<code>{p=plist}</code>	<code>da</code>
	Invoke the distributional apportionment routine which converts stand tables into complete tree lists.	
<code>dp</code>	<code>[r=skip]</code> <code>[o=s r b]</code> <code>[s=slist]</code> <code>[p=plist]</code> <code>[nomore]</code> <code>[<input]</code> <code>[>output]</code>	<code>md</code> <code>sg</code> <code>da</code>
	Display the tree list(s). This command allows the user to display on the screen each tree's value for species, DBH, total height, live crown ratio and tree expansion factor. If the highlight codes are specified in the configuration command to, say, reverse video then the missing values are highlighted. After invoking the <code>md</code> command to "fill in" missing data, the estimates of the tree's dimensions that are "filled in" are highlighted. Tables created by this command may be saved in the report file.	
<code>dt</code>	<code>[o=s r b]</code> <code>[s=slist]</code> <code>[p=plist]</code> <code>[nomore]</code>	<code>md</code> <code>sg</code> <code>da</code>
	Graph the diameter distribution of the plot(s). The user controls the species to be included in the graph. Graphs created by this command may be saved in the report file.	
<code>ex</code>		<code>md</code> <code>sg</code> <code>da</code>
	Exit the missing data routine and save the tree list.	
<code>md</code>	<code>[p=plist]</code>	<code>md</code>
	Invoke the missing data routine. When the command <code>md</code> is invoked the program will automatically check for missing heights and height-to-crown base measurements in the tree list. It will then "fill in" these missing values with estimates based upon statistical models developed for coniferous forests from a diverse geographic region in northern California. In the missing data routine height estimates can be localized to a specific data set using the <code>uh</code> command which updates the height coefficients using the currently loaded plots and employing a Bayesian approach or an adhoc weighting scheme. Thus, the user has control over the method in which missing heights are estimated. For more detail see the section on the <code>uh</code> command.	

Table 6 continued.

Command	Options of the command (listed parenthetically) / Description of the command function	Routines from which the command can be invoked
<code>pc</code>	Print a list of the available commands.	md sg da
<code>pf</code>	[o=s r b] [s=slist] [p=plist] [nomore] Graph the crown profile of the plot(s), showing the average tree height and crown length by diameter class. The user controls the species to graph. Graphs created by this command may be saved in the report file.	md sg da
<code>rh</code>	Reset the height coefficients to the default values supplied with the program.	md
<code>rp</code>	Open a report file.	[> >>output] md sg da
<code>rt</code>	Restore internally saved plots. Plots saved using the <code>sv</code> command can be restored by the user. This can be useful, say, when the users initially save the files before invoking the missing data routine. If after using, say, the <code>adhoc</code> method of updating height coefficients the user does not like the results then the plots can be restored to their condition prior to filling in missing data using the updated height coefficients.	md sg da
<code>rx</code>	[<input] Read a coefficient file saved externally with the <code>uh</code> command. The coefficient file contains the parameter values for the height model for each species group that STAG recognizes.	md
<code>sg</code>	Add a species to the generated plot. This feature allows the user to generate a stand description for multiple species. When prompted for species information you can enter a "?" to see a list of species and species codes.	sg
<code>st</code>	[o=r s b] [p=plist] Print the stock table for each plot(s) indicating average DBH, stems/acre, basal area/acre, and cubic and board foot volumes/acre by species groups. Tables created by this command may be saved in the report file.	md sg da

Table 6 continued.

Command	Options of the command (listed parenthetically) / Description of the command function	Routines from which the command can be invoked
<code>s v</code>	Internally save the plots in memory (stand description). Stand descriptions saved in this fashion can be restored using the <code>rt</code> command.	<code>md s g da</code>
<code>uh</code>	Update the height coefficients using the current plots to localize the relationships and externally save these values. When the <code>uh</code> command is issued the user must decide if a pseudo-Bayesian or adhoc parameter update method is to be employed.	<code>[>output] md</code>

IV.E. Interactive Batch

The `md` and `da` commands called from the main menu prompt `stag:` can be run in batch mode. This is useful when the stand table expansion or missing data routines need to be invoked, but no reports are needed or wanted. To run these routines in batch mode, the user types in the command `mdb` or `dab` followed by the input and output file specifications. The files are specified as `<input_file` and `>output_file` where the user supplies the correct names. The program then opens the input and output files, runs the appropriate routines on the input data, and writes the converted results to the output file.

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APPENDIX A. SAMPLE STAND DESCRIPTION INPUT FILES

A.1. Stand Description With Missing Data

line	Column																																			
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
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3	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.																					0.										
4	1.000	6.000	40.300	0.	2.600																															
5	1.000	10.000	0.	0.	2.600																															
6	1.000	18.000	100.900	0.	1.200																															
7	2.000	8.000	0.	0.	2.400																															
8	2.000	10.000	49.900	0.	4.700																															
9	2.000	14.000	75.600	0.	2.400																															
10	2.000	16.000	81.200	0.	1.900																															
11	2.000	36.000	138.900	0.	0.400																															
12	2.000	38.000	152.100	0.	0.400																															
13	2.000	42.000	150.000	0.	0.200																															
14	2.000	44.000	145.700	0.	0.200																															
15	2.000	46.000	0.	0.	0.400																															
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18	3.000	8.000	0.	0.	10.600																															
19	3.000	10.000	0.	0.	3.500																															
20	3.000	16.000	0.	0.	1.400																															
21	3.000	18.000	0.	0.	0.800																															
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24	3.000	26.000	0.	0.	0.300																															
25	3.000	28.000	0.	0.	0.300																															
26	3.000	30.000	0.	0.	0.500																															
27	3.000	34.000	0.	0.	0.500																															
28	3.000	36.000	0.	0.	0.300																															
29	3.000	38.000	0.	0.	0.500																															
30	3.000	40.000	0.	0.	0.300																															
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A.2. Stand description for Distributional Apportionment

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1	dist. app. plot 1														10							4500																										
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3	40.	50.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.															
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16	0.	50.	0.	10.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.														
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26	2.000	22.000				.000	.000				.000	10.000																																				
27	4.000	24.000				.000	.000				.000	5.642																																				
28	4.000	26.000				.000	.000				.000	8.456																																				

APPENDIX B. SAMPLE RUNSTREAMS

E.1. Configuration Routine

WELCOME TO

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      SS      TT      AA  AA   GG  G
SS  SS   TT      AA  AA   GGGGGGG
SSSSS   TT      AA  AA   GGGGG
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with title page
skip off (see
below).

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Crane Mills Lumber Co.	Louisiana-Pacific Corp. (Sonora)
Diamond Land Co.	Michigan-California Lumber Co.
Fruit Growers Supply	Santa Fe Pacific Timber Co.

Research conducted under AES projects 3679-ms and 3815-ms.

enter "return" to continue

MAIN PROGRAM

Type "pc" to get a list of commands

stag:cf

CONFIGURATION ROUTINE

Type "pc" to get a list of available commands.

- CURRENT CONFIGURATION STATUS -

re - Add random errors.....ON
Height coefficients.....DEFAULT
sk - Title page skip.....OFF
mr - Max. number of records in d.a....500
cm - Cubic minimum diameter..... .0"
ct - Cubic merch top..... 4.0"
bm - Board foot minimum diameter..... 8.0"
bt - Board foot merch top..... 6.0"
hc - Highlight Code..... 3

config:pc

CONFIGURATION COMMANDS

bm - set board foot minimum DBH
bt - set board foot merchantable top
cm - set cubic foot minimum DBH
ct - set cubic foot merchantable top
ex - exit configuration routine
hc - set highlight codes for displaying tree lists
mr - set max. number of records created in "distributional
apportionment"
pc - print commands
ps - print current configuration status
rc - reset to default configuration parameters
rh - reset to default height equation parameters
re - set flag to add random errors to predictions
sc - save current configuration
sk - set title page skip

OPTIONS: [>or>>output] [<input]

config:bm

Board foot min. DBH = 8.0 enter new: 8.0

config:bt

Board foot merch top = 6 in.- enter new (6 or 8): 6

config:cm

Cubic min. DBH = .0 enter new;
(must be less than board ft DBH min.): 4.0

Enter the
configuration
routine.

Current status is
printed
automatically.

Print commands.

These options are
available on
routines that use
files.

Set the board foot
minimum DBH.

Set the board foot
merchantable top.

Set the cubic foot
minimum DBH.

<pre> config:ct Cubic merch top = 4 in. - Enter new (4 or 6): 4 config:mr Maximum number of records produced in dist. app. is 500 Enter new maximum (100-500): 100 config:re Current random error flag is set to 1 Enter new flag value (1=add random errors, 0=don't): 0 config:sk Title page skip is currently 0 enter new (0=print,1=skip): 1 config:sc Current configuration saved in: STBIN config:ex Exiting initialization routine stag:ex stag: user termination </pre>	<pre> Set the cubic foot merchantable top. Set the max. number of records produced in distributional apportionment. Set flag to add or not to add random errors to height and crown estimates. Set the title page skip for future runs. Save the current configuration in the STAG file "stbin". </pre>
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B.2. Filling in Missing Data

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MAIN PROGRAM

Type "pc" to get a list of commands

stag:md

FILL IN MISSING DATA

Open the plot data input file
Enter a file name here: mddemo.sd

Open the output tree list file
Enter a file name here: mddemo.out

Reading 29 tree records from : missing data demo

Read in 1 plots containing 29 tree records

Type "pc" to get a list of commands

md:md

Filling in missing data on: missing data demo

md:dp

Display tree records
plot label : missing data demo

no.	sp	dbh	ht	cr	exp
1	PP	6.5	40.	.494	2.64
2	PP	10.7	53.	.430	2.670
3	PP	18.8	100.	.454	1.281
4	SP	8.4	43.	.432	2.453
5	SP	10.2	49.	.419	4.799
6	SP	14.6	75.	.434	2.465
7	SP	16.3	81.	.426	1.928
8	IC	36.0	138.	.413	.446
9	IC	38.2	152.	.421	.458
10	IC	42.5	150.	.397	.205
11	IC	44.0	145.	.382	.237

Header with title skip.

Enter missing data routine.

Specify input and output files.

Fill in missing data.

Display the tree list.

Notice that the filled in data are highlighted.

md:dt s=1,2

Print diameter distribution

Plot label : missing data demo
species = PP SP

dbh	trees	15	30	45
2 - 4	0.			
4 - 6	0.			
6 - 8	3.	111		
8 -10	2.	11		
10-12	7.	1111111		
12-14	0.			
14-16	2.	11		
16-18	2.	11		
18-20	1.	1		
20-22	0.			
22-24	0.			
24-26	0.			
26-28	0.			
28-30	0.			
30-32	0.			
32-34	0.			
34-36	0.			
36-38	0.			
38-40	0.			
40-42	0.			
42-44	0.			
44-46	0.	1		
46-48	0.			
48+	0.			

total	19.			

Print a diameter distribution to the screen (default), use species 1 and 2 (PP and SP).

md:st

STOCK TABLE

Plot label = missing data demo

species	dbar	tpa	basar	cfvol	bdvol
Pond. Pine	14.68	7.	8.4	.26	1.51
Sugar Pine	18.06	13.	22.9	.80	5.39
Cedar misc	39.27	1.	11.3	.42	3.55
Douglas Fir	33.12	2.	11.9	.47	3.37
White Fir	11.24	17.	11.9	.29	1.28
Chinquapin	8.70	36.	15.0	.39	.00
H.W. misc	6.40	25.	5.5	.03	.00
Totals	12.52	102.	87.0	2.67	15.11

Print a stock table.

md:es >>mddemo.es

Saving tree list for plot : missing data demo

md:uh

WHAT kind of height parameter update do you want?

- [0] none
- [1] pseudo-Bayes
- [2] adhoc

Enter here:1

Open the coefficient output file
Enter a file name here:mddemo.uh

Coefficients saved in file: mddemo.uh

md:rx <mddemo.uh

Height coefficients read from file: mddemo.uh

md:rh

Height coefficients reset to default

md:ex

Saving tree list for plot : missing data demo

stag:ex

stag: user termination

Externally save what's in memory to the file "mddemo.es", automatically appending if it exists.

Parameter update using local data.

This is how you would use the updated coefficients in a later run. STAG already has the updated coefficients in memory for this run.

This is how to reset the height coefficients to default values.

"ex" quits and saves the plots in memory, "ab" quits and aborts the plots in memory so no save occurs.

B.3. Distributional Apportionment

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MAIN PROGRAM

Type "pc" to get a list of commands

stag:da <dademo.sd >dademo.out

DISTRIBUTIONAL APPORTIONMENT

Reading 10 tree records from : dist. app. plot 1
Reading 12 tree records from : dist. app. plot 2
Read in 2 plots containing 22 tree records
Type "pc" to get a list of commands

da:dp

Display tree records

plot label : dist. app. plot 1

no.	sp	dbh	ht	cr	exp
1	PP	10.0	0.	.000	10.000
2	PP	12.0	0.	.000	10.000
3	PP	14.0	0.	.000	10.000
4	PP	16.0	0.	.000	10.000
5	PP	18.0	0.	.000	10.000
6	SP	14.0	0.	.000	10.000
7	SP	16.0	0.	.000	10.000
8	SP	18.0	0.	.000	10.000
9	SP	20.0	0.	.000	10.000
10	SP	22.0	0.	.000	10.000

Enter
distributional
apportionment
routine, use
dademo.sd as
input and route
output to
dademo.out.

Look at stand
tables loaded
into memory.

Display tree records
 plot label : dist. app. plot 2

no.	sp	dbh	ht	cr	exp
1	WF	6.0	0.	.000	20.000
2	WF	8.0	0.	.000	20.000
3	WF	10.0	0.	.000	20.000
4	WF	12.0	0.	.000	20.000
5	WF	14.0	0.	.000	20.000
6	SP	14.0	0.	.000	10.000
7	SP	16.0	0.	.000	10.000
8	SP	18.0	0.	.000	10.000
9	SP	20.0	0.	.000	10.000
10	SP	22.0	0.	.000	10.000
11	DF	24.0	0.	.000	5.642
12	DF	26.0	0.	.000	8.456

da:da

Creating tree list from stand table on plot : dist. app. plot 1

Creating tree list from stand table on plot : dist. app. plot 2

da:dp p=1

Display tree records
 plot label : dist. app. plot 1

no.	sp	dbh	ht	cr	exp
1	PP	9.0	45.	.599	2.128
2	PP	9.2	55.	.418	3.272
3	PP	10.8	63.	.742	.871
4	PP	10.1	56.	.519	3.666
5	PP	10.0	58.	.333	.062
6	PP	11.8	55.	.370	.113
7	PP	12.1	64.	.753	.219
8	PP	12.8	64.	.567	6.238
9	PP	11.6	62.	.350	.794
10	PP	11.3	66.	.579	1.922
11	PP	12.3	70.	.370	.714
12	PP	14.0	58.	.429	.379
13	PP	14.0	59.	.297	.251
14	PP	15.0	73.	.558	3.000
15	PP	14.3	68.	.353	5.491
16	PP	14.4	79.	.670	.144
17	PP	13.7	83.	.470	.736
18	PP	15.8	65.	.600	.223
19	PP	15.7	73.	.440	2.210
20	PP	16.6	67.	.232	.100
21	PP	15.8	76.	.549	.174
22	PP	16.8	82.	.522	6.189
23	PP	16.2	80.	.363	.963
24	PP	16.7	93.	.546	.098
25	PP	16.2	91.	.504	.044

Create the stand descriptions.

Look at the new list of trees for the first plot.

26	PP	17.5	66.	.344	.048
27	PP	18.0	78.	.468	3.462
28	PP	17.5	79.	.306	2.748
29	PP	18.3	92.	.567	1.175
30	PP	18.0	87.	.433	2.566
31	SP	14.1	59.	.435	.637
32	SP	14.2	61.	.421	.268
33	SP	14.1	65.	.560	2.968
34	SP	14.7	73.	.478	5.649
35	SP	13.0	77.	.619	.045
36	SP	14.1	79.	.456	.433
37	SP	15.3	67.	.488	.374
38	SP	15.5	66.	.407	2.555
39	SP	15.8	69.	.230	.054
40	SP	15.6	81.	.580	.131
41	SP	16.7	83.	.484	5.993
42	SP	16.7	77.	.351	.847
43	SP	15.7	92.	.566	.046
44	SP	17.2	70.	.500	.050
45	SP	17.6	82.	.508	4.308
46	SP	18.3	80.	.408	2.198
47	SP	18.7	87.	.497	1.045
48	SP	18.1	87.	.451	2.400
49	SP	19.9	75.	.501	.233
50	SP	19.5	78.	.386	.378
51	SP	19.1	93.	.524	.890
52	SP	20.7	94.	.443	7.569
53	SP	20.1	88.	.279	.204
54	SP	21.0	103.	.544	.618
55	SP	19.8	100.	.355	.108
56	SP	23.0	93.	.541	.081
57	SP	21.4	94.	.490	3.018
58	SP	22.3	87.	.357	.356
59	SP	22.0	103.	.476	4.024
60	SP	21.9	102.	.364	2.480
61	SP	22.5	110.	.454	.041

da:ex

Saving tree list for plot : dist. app. plot 1

Saving tree list for plot : dist. app. plot 2

stag:ex

stag: user termination

Looks good, let's quit.

B.4. Stand Generation

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MAIN PROGRAM

Type "pc" to get a list of commands

stag:sg

Enter the stand generation routine.

MAKE A HYPOTHETICAL PLOT DESCRIPTION

Open the output tree list file
Enter a file name here:sgdemo.sd

Enter a plot description (20 char max):demo s. g. plot

Enter the elevation of this plot:3500

Type "pc" to get a list of commands

sg:sg

Start generating species with some small white fir.

*** MAKE ALL ENTRIES PER ACRE ***
All tree weights = 1, the number of tree records will be the same as the number of trees specified

Enter the following information:
species code.....(1-14)
basal area (>6 inches).....(5-400)
number of trees(>6 inches)...(5-500)

Enter here (separated by commas):5,50,170

Enter the site index of this species:88

white fir
50 ft² BA
170 TPA
site index 88.

Species.....White Fir
Quadratic mean DBH..... 7.3
Predicted average DBH... 7.5
Number of trees > 6"....170

[RETURN] Generate species, [R]etry, or [A]bort :

[RETURN] Generate species, [R]etry, or [A]bort :r

*** MAKE ALL ENTRIES PER ACRE ***

All tree weights = 1, the number of tree records will be the same as the number of trees specified

Enter the following information:

species code.....(1-14)
basal area (>6 inches).....(5-400)
number of trees(>6 inches)...(5-330)

Enter here (separated by commas):1,200,50

Enter the site index of this species:99

Species.....Pond. Pine
Quadratic mean DBH.....27.1
Predicted average DBH...26.5
Number of trees > 6".... 50

[RETURN] Generate species, [R]etry, or [A]bort :r

*** MAKE ALL ENTRIES PER ACRE ***

All tree weights = 1, the number of tree records will be the same as the number of trees specified

Enter the following information:

species code.....(1-14)
basal area (>6 inches).....(5-400)
number of trees(>6 inches)...(5-330)

Enter here (separated by commas):1,200,25

Enter the site index of this species:99

Species.....Pond. Pine
Quadratic mean DBH.....38.3
Predicted average DBH...38.0
Number of trees > 6".... 25

[RETURN] Generate species, [R]etry, or [A]bort :

Developing Weibull distribution ...

Filling in diameters ...

Total plot basal area... 250.
Total number of trees... 195

Filling in missing data on: demo s. g. plot

We don't like the size of the trees, we try to make them larger by decreasing the number of trees per acre.

Av. DBH is 27.1 in.

Av.DBH is still not large enough.

Av.DBH is 38.3 in.

This is what we think we want.

sg:pf

Print stand profile

Plot label : demo s. g. plot
All species combined

DBH	Trees	feet above ground								
		24	48	72	96	120	144	168	192	
0 - 2	0.									
2 - 4	0.									
4 - 6	27.		====>>>>>							
6 - 8	101.		====>>>>>							
8 -10	41.		====>>>>>>>							
10-12	1.		====>>>>>>>>>							
12-14	1.		====>>>>>>>>>>>>>							
14-16	2.		====>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>							
16-18	2.		====>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>							
18-20	3.		====>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>							
20-22	3.		====>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>							
22-24	5.		====>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>							
24-26	3.		====>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>							
26-28	15.		====>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>							
28-30	4.		====>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>							
30-32	6.		====>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>							
32-34	4.		====>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>							
34-36	1.		====>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>							
36-38	1.		====>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>							
total										
220.										

sg:ex

Saving tree list for plot : demo s. g. plot

stag:ex

stag: user termination

For another dimension we can also look at the stand profile.

When we like what we see, we can quit , note that we can also do an external save at any point and then go back to a previously internally saved condition.