NAG Fortran Library Routine Document

C02ALF

Note: before using this routine, please read the Users' Note for your implementation to check the interpretation of **bold italicised** terms and other implementation-dependent details.

1   Purpose

C02ALF determines the roots of a quartic equation with real coefficients.

2   Specification

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SUBROUTINE CO2ALF(E, A, B, C, D, ZEROR, ZEROI, ERREST, IFAIL)
INTEGER          IFAIL
real             E, A, B, C, D, ZEROR(4), ZEROI(4), ERREST(4)
```

3   Description

This routine attempts to find the roots of the quartic equation

$$ez^4 + az^3 + bz^2 + cz + d = 0,$$

where e, a, b, c and d are real coefficients with $e \neq 0$. The roots are located by finding the eigenvalues of the associated 4 by 4 (upper Hessenberg) companion matrix H given by

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & -d/e \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & -c/e \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -b/e \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -a/e \end{pmatrix}.$$

The eigenvalues are obtained by a call to F08PEF (SHSEQR/DHSEQR). Further details can be found in Section 8.

To obtain the roots of a cubic equation, C02AKF can be used.

4   References

Golub G H and van Loan C F (1996) *Matrix Computations* (3rd Edition) Johns Hopkins University Press, Baltimore

5   Parameters

1:    E – **real**   Input

   On entry: e, the coefficient of z^4.

   Constraint: E $\neq$ 0.0.

2:    A – **real**   Input

   On entry: a, the coefficient of z^3.

3:    B – **real**   Input

   On entry: b, the coefficient of z^2.

4:    C – **real**   Input

   On entry: c, the coefficient of z.

5:      D – **real**   *Input*

On entry: d, the constant coefficient.

6:      ZEROR(4) – **real** array   *Output*
7:      ZEROI(4) – **real** array   *Output*

On exit: ZEROR(i) and ZEROI(i) contain the real and imaginary parts, respectively, of the ith root.

8:      ERREST(4) – **real** array   *Output*

On exit: ERREST(i) contains an approximate error estimate for the ith root.

9:      IFAIL – INTEGER   *Input/Output*

On entry: IFAIL must be set to 0, -1 or 1. Users who are unfamiliar with this parameter should refer to Chapter P01 for details.

On exit: IFAIL $= 0$ unless the routine detects an error (see Section 6).

For environments where it might be inappropriate to halt program execution when an error is detected, the value -1 or 1 is recommended. If the output of error messages is undesirable, then the value 1 is recommended. Otherwise, for users not familiar with this parameter the recommended value is 0. **When the value -1 or 1 is used it is essential to test the value of IFAIL on exit.**

6   Error Indicators and Warnings

If on entry IFAIL $= 0$ or -1, explanatory error messages are output on the current error message unit (as defined by X04AAF).

Errors or warnings detected by the routine:

IFAIL $= 1$

On entry, E $= 0.0$.

IFAIL $= 2$

The companion matrix H cannot be formed without overflow.

IFAIL $= 3$

The iterative procedure used to determine the eigenvalues has failed to converge.

7   Accuracy

If IFAIL $= 0$ on exit, then the ith computed root should have approximately $|\log_{10}(\text{ERREST}(i))|$ correct significant digits.

8   Further Comments

The method used by the routine consists of the following steps, which are performed by routines from LAPACK in Chapter F08.

(a) Form matrix H.

(b) Apply a diagonal similarity transformation to H (to give H').

(c) Calculate the eigenvalues and Schur factorization of H'.

(d) Calculate the left and right eigenvectors of H'.

(e) Estimate reciprocal condition numbers for all the eigenvalues of H'.

(f) Calculate approximate error estimates for all the eigenvalues of H' (using the 1-norm).

9 Example

To find the roots of the quartic equation

$$z^4 + 2z^3 + 6z^2 - 8z - 40 = 0.$$

9.1 Program Text

Note: the listing of the example program presented below uses **bold italicised** terms to denote precision-dependent details. Please read the Users' Note for your implementation to check the interpretation of these terms. As explained in the Essential Introduction to this manual, the results produced may not be identical for all implementations.

```
*       C02ALF Example Program Text.
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*       .. Parameters ..
        INTEGER          NIN, NOUT
        PARAMETER        (NIN=5,NOUT=6)
*       .. Local Scalars ..
        real             A, B, C, D, E
        INTEGER          I, IFAIL
*       .. Local Arrays ..
        real             ERREST(4), ZEROI(4), ZEROR(4)
*       .. External Subroutines ..
        EXTERNAL         C02ALF
*       .. Executable Statements ..
        WRITE (NOUT,*) 'C02ALF Example Program Results'
*       Skip heading in data file
        READ (NIN,*)
        READ (NIN,*) E, A, B, C, D
        IFAIL = 0
*
        CALL C02ALF(E,A,B,C,D,ZEROR,ZEROI,ERREST,IFAIL)
*
        WRITE (NOUT,*)
        WRITE (NOUT,*) ' Roots of quartic equation  ',
     +  '        Error estimates'
        WRITE (NOUT,*) '                                      ',
     +  '        (machine-dependent)'
        WRITE (NOUT,*)
        DO 20 I = 1, 4
           WRITE (NOUT,99999) ' z = ', ZEROR(I), ZEROI(I), '*i', ERREST(I)
   20   CONTINUE
*
        STOP
*
99999 FORMAT (1X,A,1P,E12.4,SP,E12.4,A,8X,SS,E9.1)
        END
```

9.2 Program Data

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C02ALF Example Program Data
 1.0   2.0   6.0  -8.0  -40.0 : Values of E, A, B, C and D
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9.3 Program Results

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 C02ALF Example Program Results

  Roots of quartic equation          Error estimates
                                     (machine-dependent)

  z =    2.0000E+00 +0.0000E+00*i        2.6E-15
  z =   -2.0000E+00 +0.0000E+00*i        4.1E-15
  z =   -1.0000E+00 +3.0000E+00*i        3.4E-15
  z =   -1.0000E+00 -3.0000E+00*i        3.4E-15
```