

# NAG Fortran Library Routine Document

## F04BFF

**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

F04BFF computes the solution to a real system of linear equations  $AX = B$ , where  $A$  is an  $n$  by  $n$  symmetric positive-definite band matrix of band width  $2k + 1$ , and  $X$  and  $B$  are  $n$  by  $r$  matrices. An estimate of the condition number of  $A$  and an error bound for the computed solution are also returned.

### 2 Specification

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SUBROUTINE F04BFF (UPLO, N, KD, NRHS, AB, LDAB, B, LDB, RCOND, ERRBND,
1                  IFAIL)
    INTEGER          N, KD, NRHS, LDAB, LDB, IFAIL
    double precision AB(LDAB,*), B(LDB,*), RCOND, ERRBND
    CHARACTER*1      UPLO

```

### 3 Description

The Cholesky factorization is used to factor  $A$  as  $A = U^T U$ , if  $UPLO = 'U'$ , or  $A = LL^T$ , if  $UPLO = 'L'$ , where  $U$  is an upper triangular band matrix with  $k$  super-diagonals, and  $L$  is a lower triangular band matrix with  $k$  sub-diagonals. The factored form of  $A$  is then used to solve the system of equations  $AX = B$ .

### 4 References

Anderson E, Bai Z, Bischof C, Blackford S, Demmel J, Dongarra J J, Du Croz J J, Greenbaum A, Hammarling S, McKenney A and Sorensen D (1999) *LAPACK Users' Guide* (3rd Edition) SIAM, Philadelphia URL: <http://www.netlib.org/lapack/lug>

Higham N J (2002) *Accuracy and Stability of Numerical Algorithms* (2nd Edition) SIAM, Philadelphia

### 5 Parameters

- 1: UPLO – CHARACTER\*1 *Input*  
*On entry:* if  $UPLO = 'U'$ , the upper triangle of the matrix  $A$  is stored, if  $UPLO = 'L'$ , the lower triangle of the matrix  $A$  is stored.  
*Constraint:*  $UPLO = 'U'$  or  $'L'$ .
- 2: N – INTEGER *Input*  
*On entry:* the number of linear equations  $n$ , i.e., the order of the matrix  $A$ .  
*Constraint:*  $N \geq 0$ .
- 3: KD – INTEGER *Input*  
*On entry:* the number of super-diagonals  $k$  (and the number of sub-diagonals) of the band matrix  $A$ .  
*Constraint:*  $KD \geq 0$ .
- 4: NRHS – INTEGER *Input*  
*On entry:* the number of right-hand sides  $r$ , i.e., the number of columns of the matrix  $B$ .  
*Constraint:*  $NRHS \geq 0$ .

- 5: AB(LDAB,\*) – **double precision** array Input/Output

**Note:** the second dimension of the array AB must be at least  $\max(1, N)$ .

*On entry:* the  $n$  by  $n$  symmetric band matrix  $A$ . The upper or lower triangular part of the symmetric matrix is stored in the first  $KD + 1$  rows of the array. The  $j$ th column of  $A$  is stored in the  $j$ th column of the array AB as follows:

if UPLO = 'U',  $AB(k + 1 + i - j, j) = a_{ij}$  for  $\max(1, j - k) \leq i \leq j$ ;  
 if UPLO = 'L',  $AB(1 + i - j, j) = a_{ij}$  for  $j \leq i \leq \min(n, j + k)$ .

See Section 8 below for further details.

*On exit:* if IFAIL = 0 or  $N + 1$ , the factor  $U$  or  $L$  from the Cholesky factorization  $A = U^T U$  or  $A = LL^T$ , in the same storage format as  $A$ .

- 6: LDAB – INTEGER Input

*On entry:* the first dimension of the array AB as declared in the (sub)program from which F04BFF is called.

- 7: B(LDB,\*) – **double precision** array Input/Output

**Note:** the second dimension of the array B must be at least  $\max(1, NRHS)$ . To solve the equations  $Ax = b$ , where  $b$  is a single right-hand side, B may be supplied as a one-dimensional array with length  $LDB = \max(1, N)$ .

*On entry:* the  $n$  by  $r$  matrix of right-hand sides  $B$ .

*On exit:* if IFAIL = 0 or  $N + 1$ , the  $n$  by  $r$  solution matrix  $X$ .

- 8: LDB – INTEGER Input

*On entry:* the first dimension of the array B as declared in the (sub)program from which F04BFF is called.

*Constraint:*  $LDB \geq \max(1, N)$ .

- 9: RCOND – **double precision** Output

*On exit:* if IFAIL = 0 or  $N + 1$ , an estimate of the reciprocal of the condition number of the matrix  $A$ , computed as  $RCOND = 1 / (\|A\|_1 \|A^{-1}\|_1)$ .

- 10: ERRBND – **double precision** Output

*On exit:* if IFAIL = 0 or  $N + 1$ , an estimate of the forward error bound for a computed solution  $\hat{x}$ , such that  $\|\hat{x} - x\|_1 / \|x\|_1 \leq ERRBND$ , where  $\hat{x}$  is a column of the computed solution returned in the array B and  $x$  is the corresponding column of the exact solution  $X$ . If RCOND is less than **machine precision**, then ERRBND is returned as unity.

- 11: 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:

$IFAIL < 0$  and  $IFAIL \neq -999$

If  $IFAIL = -i$ , the  $i$ th argument had an illegal value.

$IFAIL = -999$

Allocation of memory failed. The INTEGER allocatable memory required is  $N$ , and the **double precision** allocatable memory required is  $3 \times N$ . Allocation failed before the solution could be computed.

$IFAIL > 0$  and  $IFAIL \leq N$

If  $IFAIL = i$ , the leading minor of order  $i$  of  $A$  is not positive-definite. The factorization could not be completed, and the solution has not been computed.

$IFAIL = N + 1$

$RCOND$  is less than **machine precision**, so that the matrix  $A$  is numerically singular. A solution to the equations  $AX = B$  has nevertheless been computed.

## 7 Accuracy

The computed solution for a single right-hand side,  $\hat{x}$ , satisfies an equation of the form

$$(A + E)\hat{x} = b,$$

where

$$\|E\|_1 = O(\epsilon)\|A\|_1$$

and  $\epsilon$  is the **machine precision**. An approximate error bound for the computed solution is given by

$$\frac{\|\hat{x} - x\|_1}{\|x\|_1} \leq \kappa(A) \frac{\|E\|_1}{\|A\|_1},$$

where  $\kappa(A) = \|A^{-1}\|_1 \|A\|_1$ , the condition number of  $A$  with respect to the solution of the linear equations. F04BFF uses the approximation  $\|E\|_1 = \epsilon \|A\|_1$  to estimate `ERRBND`. See Section 4.4 of Anderson *et al.* (1999) for further details.

## 8 Further Comments

The band storage scheme for the array `AB` is illustrated by the following example, when  $n = 6$ ,  $k = 2$ , and `UPLO = 'U'`:

On entry:

$$\begin{array}{cccccc} * & * & a_{13} & a_{24} & a_{35} & a_{46} \\ * & a_{12} & a_{23} & a_{34} & a_{45} & a_{56} \\ a_{11} & a_{22} & a_{33} & a_{44} & a_{55} & a_{66} \end{array}$$

On exit:

$$\begin{array}{cccccc} * & * & u_{13} & u_{24} & u_{35} & u_{46} \\ * & u_{12} & u_{23} & u_{34} & u_{45} & u_{56} \\ u_{11} & u_{22} & u_{33} & u_{44} & u_{55} & u_{66} \end{array}$$

Similarly, if `UPLO = 'L'` the format of `AB` is as follows:

On entry:

$$\begin{array}{cccccc} a_{11} & a_{22} & a_{33} & a_{44} & a_{55} & a_{66} \\ a_{21} & a_{32} & a_{43} & a_{54} & a_{65} & * \\ a_{31} & a_{42} & a_{53} & a_{64} & * & * \end{array}$$

On exit:

$$\begin{array}{cccccc} l_{11} & l_{22} & l_{33} & l_{44} & l_{55} & l_{66} \\ l_{21} & l_{32} & l_{43} & l_{54} & l_{65} & * \\ l_{31} & l_{42} & l_{53} & l_{64} & * & * \end{array}$$

Array elements marked `*` need not be set and are not referenced by the routine.

Assuming that  $n \gg k$ , the total number of floating-point operations required to solve the equations  $AX = B$  is approximately  $n(k+1)^2$  for the factorization and  $4nkr$  for the solution following the factorization. The condition number estimation typically requires between four and five solves and never more than eleven solves, following the factorization.

In practice the condition number estimator is very reliable, but it can underestimate the true condition number; see Section 15.3 of Higham (2002) for further details.

The complex analogue of F04BFF is F04CFF.

## 9 Example

To solve the equations

$$AX = B,$$

where  $A$  is the symmetric positive-definite band matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 5.49 & 2.68 & 0 & 0 \\ 2.68 & 5.63 & -2.39 & 0 \\ 0 & -2.39 & 2.60 & -2.22 \\ 0 & 0 & -2.22 & 5.17 \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 22.09 & 5.10 \\ 9.31 & 30.81 \\ -5.24 & -25.82 \\ 11.83 & 22.90 \end{pmatrix}.$$

An estimate of the condition number of  $A$  and an approximate error bound for the computed solutions are also printed.

### 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.

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*      F04BFF Example Program Text
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*      .. Parameters ..
      INTEGER          NIN, NOUT
      PARAMETER        (NIN=5, NOUT=6)
      INTEGER          KDMAX, NMAX, NRHSMX
      PARAMETER        (KDMAX=4, NMAX=8, NRHSMX=2)
      INTEGER          LDAB, LDB
      PARAMETER        (LDAB=KDMAX+1, LDB=NMAX)
      CHARACTER        UPLO
      PARAMETER        (UPLO='U')
*      .. Local Scalars ..
      DOUBLE PRECISION ERRBND, RCOND
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      INTEGER          I, IERR, IFAIL, J, KD, N, NRHS
*    .. Local Arrays ..
      DOUBLE PRECISION AB(LDAB,NMAX), B(LDB,NRHSMX)
*    .. External Subroutines ..
      EXTERNAL          F04BFF, X04CAF
*    .. Intrinsic Functions ..
      INTRINSIC          MAX, MIN
*    .. Executable Statements ..
      WRITE (NOUT,*) 'F04BFF Example Program Results'
      WRITE (NOUT,*)
*    Skip heading in data file
      READ (NIN,*)
      READ (NIN,*) N, KD, NRHS
      IF (N.LE.NMAX .AND. KD.LE.KDMAX .AND. NRHS.LE.NRHSMX) THEN
*
*        Read the upper or lower triangular part of the band matrix A
*        from data file
*
*        IF (UPLO.EQ.'U') THEN
          DO 20 I = 1, N
            READ (NIN,*) (AB(KD+1+I-J,J),J=I,MIN(N,I+KD))
20      CONTINUE
        ELSE IF (UPLO.EQ.'L') THEN
          DO 40 I = 1, N
            READ (NIN,*) (AB(1+I-J,J),J=MAX(1,I-KD),I)
40      CONTINUE
        END IF
*
*        Read B from data file
*
      READ (NIN,*) ((B(I,J),J=1,NRHS),I=1,N)
*
*        Solve the equations AX = B for X
*
      IFAIL = -1
      CALL F04BFF(UPLO,N,KD,NRHS,AB,LDAB,B,LDB,RCOND,ERRBND,IFAIL)
*
      IF (IFAIL.EQ.0) THEN
*
*        Print solution, estimate of condition number and approximate
*        error bound
*
      IERR = 0
      CALL X04CAF('General',' ',N,NRHS,B,LDB,'Solution',IERR)
*
      WRITE (NOUT,*)
      WRITE (NOUT,*) 'Estimate of condition number'
      WRITE (NOUT,99999) 1.0D0/RCOND
      WRITE (NOUT,*)
      WRITE (NOUT,*)
+      'Estimate of error bound for computed solutions'
      WRITE (NOUT,99999) ERBND
      ELSE IF (IFAIL.EQ.N+1) THEN
*
*        Matrix A is numerically singular. Print estimate of
*        reciprocal of condition number and solution
*
      WRITE (NOUT,*)
      WRITE (NOUT,*) 'Estimate of reciprocal of condition number'
      WRITE (NOUT,99999) RCOND
*
      WRITE (NOUT,*)
      IERR = 0
      CALL X04CAF('General',' ',N,NRHS,B,LDB,'Solution',IERR)
*
      ELSE IF (IFAIL.GT.0 .AND. IFAIL.LE.N) THEN
*
*        The matrix A is not positive definite to working precision
*
      WRITE (NOUT,99998) 'The leading minor of order ', IFAIL,
+      ' is not positive definite'

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      END IF
    ELSE
      WRITE (NOUT,*)
+      'One or more of NMAX, KDMAX and NRHSMX is too small'
    END IF
    STOP
*
99999 FORMAT (6X,1P,E9.1)
99998 FORMAT (1X,A,I3,A)
    END

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## 9.2 Program Data

F04BFF Example Program Data

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  4      1      2      :Values of N, KD and NRHS

  5.49   2.68
        5.63  -2.39
              2.60 -2.22
                    5.17 :End of matrix A

 22.09   5.10
   9.31  30.81
 -5.24 -25.82
 11.83  22.90      :End of matrix B

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## 9.3 Program Results

F04BFF Example Program Results

Solution

	1	2
1	5.0000	-2.0000
2	-2.0000	6.0000
3	-3.0000	-1.0000
4	1.0000	4.0000

Estimate of condition number  
7.4E+01

Estimate of error bound for computed solutions  
8.2E-15

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