

NAG Fortran Library Routine Document

F04BGF

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

F04BGF computes the solution to a real system of linear equations $AX = B$, where A is an n by n symmetric positive-definite tridiagonal matrix 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 F04BGF (N, NRHS, D, E, B, LDB, RCOND, ERRBND, IFAIL)
INTEGER           N, NRHS, LDB, IFAIL
double precision D(*), E(*), B(LDB,*), RCOND, ERRBND
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3 Description

A is factorized as $A = LDL^T$, where L is a unit lower bidiagonal matrix and D is diagonal, and the factored form of A is then used to solve the system of equations.

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: N – INTEGER *Input*
On entry: the number of linear equations n , i.e., the order of the matrix A .
Constraint: $N \geq 0$.
- 2: NRHS – INTEGER *Input*
On entry: the number of right-hand sides r , i.e., the number of columns of the matrix B .
Constraint: $NRHS \geq 0$.
- 3: D(*) – **double precision** array *Input/Output*
Note: the dimension of the array D must be at least $\max(1, N)$.
On entry: D must contain the n diagonal elements of the tridiagonal matrix A .
On exit: if $IFAIL = 0$ or $N + 1$, D is overwritten by the n diagonal elements of the diagonal matrix D from the LDL^T factorization of A .
- 4: E(*) – **double precision** array *Input/Output*
Note: the dimension of the array E must be at least $\max(1, N - 1)$.
On entry: E must contain the $(n - 1)$ sub-diagonal elements of the tridiagonal matrix A .

On exit: if IFAIL = 0 or N + 1, E is overwritten by the $(n - 1)$ sub-diagonal elements of the unit lower bidiagonal matrix L from the LDL^T factorization of A . (E can also be regarded as the super-diagonal of the unit upper bidiagonal factor U from the $U^T DU$ factorization of A .)

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

Note: the second dimension of the array B must be at least $\max(1, \text{NRHS})$. 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 $\text{LDB} = \max(1, N)$.

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 .

- 6: LDB – INTEGER *Input*

On entry: the first dimension of the array B as declared in the (sub)program from which F04BGF is called.

Constraint: $\text{LDB} \geq \max(1, N)$.

- 7: 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 $\text{RCOND} = 1 / (\|A\|_1 \|A^{-1}\|_1)$.

- 8: 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 $\|\hat{x} - x\|_1 / \|x\|_1 \leq \text{ERRBND}$, 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.

- 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 < 0 and IFAIL \neq -999

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

IFAIL = -999

Allocation of memory failed. The **double precision** allocatable memory required is N. In this case the factorization and the solution X have been computed, but RCOND and ERRBND have not been computed.

IFAIL > 0 and IFAIL ≤ 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 ϵ 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. F04BGF 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 total number of floating-point operations required to solve the equations $AX = B$ is proportional to nr . The condition number estimation requires $O(n)$ floating-point operations.

See Section 15.3 of Higham (2002) for further details on computing the condition number of tridiagonal matrices.

The complex analogue of F04BGF is F04CGF.

9 Example

To solve the equations

$$AX = B,$$

where A is the symmetric positive-definite tridiagonal matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 4.0 & -2.0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -2.0 & 10.0 & -6.0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -6.0 & 29.0 & 15.0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 15.0 & 25.0 & 8.0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 8.0 & 5.0 \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 6.0 & 10.0 \\ 9.0 & 4.0 \\ 2.0 & 9.0 \\ 14.0 & 65.0 \\ 7.0 & 23.0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

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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*      F04BGF Example Program Text
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*      .. Parameters ..
INTEGER          NIN, NOUT
PARAMETER        (NIN=5,NOUT=6)
INTEGER          NMAX, NRHSMX
PARAMETER        (NMAX=8,NRHSMX=2)
INTEGER          LDB
PARAMETER        (LDB=NMAX)
*      .. Local Scalars ..
DOUBLE PRECISION ERRBND, RCOND
INTEGER          I, IERR, IFAIL, J, N, NRHS
*      .. Local Arrays ..
DOUBLE PRECISION B(LDB,NRHSMX), D(NMAX), E(NMAX-1)
*      .. External Subroutines ..
EXTERNAL         F04BGF, X04CAF
*      .. Executable Statements ..
WRITE (NOUT,*) 'F04BGF Example Program Results'
WRITE (NOUT,*)
*      Skip heading in data file
READ (NIN,*)
READ (NIN,*) N, NRHS
IF (N.LE.NMAX .AND. NRHS.LE.NRHSMX) THEN
*
*      Read A from data file
*
      READ (NIN,*) (D(I),I=1,N)
      READ (NIN,*) (E(I),I=1,N-1)
*
*      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 F04BGF(N,NRHS,D,E,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) ERRBND
          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)

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      ELSE IF (IFAIL.GT.0 .AND. IFAIL.LE.N) THEN
        WRITE (NOUT,99998) 'The leading minor of order ', IFAIL,
+      ' is not positive definite'
      END IF
    ELSE
      WRITE (NOUT,*) 'NMAX and/or NRHSMX 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

F04BGF Example Program Data

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5      2      :Values of N and NRHS

4.0  10.0  29.0  25.0   5.0 :End of diagonal D
-2.0  -6.0  15.0   8.0      :End of sub-diagonal E

6.0  10.0
9.0   4.0
2.0   9.0
14.0 65.0
7.0  23.0      :End of matrix B

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9.3 Program Results

F04BGF Example Program Results

Solution

	1	2
1	2.5000	2.0000
2	2.0000	-1.0000
3	1.0000	-3.0000
4	-1.0000	6.0000
5	3.0000	-5.0000

Estimate of condition number
1.1E+02

Estimate of error bound for computed solutions
1.2E-14
