

## nag\_real\_cholesky (f03aec)

### 1. Purpose

**nag\_real\_cholesky (f03aec)** computes a Cholesky factorization of a real symmetric positive-definite matrix, and evaluates the determinant.

### 2. Specification

```
#include <nag.h>
#include <nagf03.h>

void nag_real_cholesky(Integer n, double a[], Integer tda, double p[],
                      double *detf, Integer *dete, NagError *fail)
```

### 3. Description

This function computes the Cholesky factorization of a real symmetric positive-definite matrix  $A = LL^T$  where  $L$  is lower triangular. The determinant is the product of the squares of the diagonal elements of  $L$ .

### 4. Parameters

#### n

Input:  $n$ , the order of the matrix  $A$ .  
Constraint:  $\mathbf{n} \geq 1$ .

#### a[n][tda]

Input: the upper triangle of the  $n$  by  $n$  positive-definite symmetric matrix  $A$ . The elements of the array below the diagonal need not be set.  
Output: the sub-diagonal elements of the lower triangular matrix  $L$ . The upper triangle of  $A$  is unchanged.

#### tda

Input: the second dimension of the array **a** as declared in the function from which nag\_real\_cholesky is called.  
Constraint:  $\mathbf{tda} \geq \mathbf{n}$ .

#### p[n]

Output: the reciprocals of the diagonal elements of  $L$ .

#### detf

#### dete

Output: the determinant of  $A$  is given by  $\mathbf{detf} \times 2.0^{\mathbf{dete}}$ . It is given in this form to avoid overflow or underflow.

#### fail

The NAG error parameter, see the Essential Introduction to the NAG C Library.

### 5. Error Indications and Warnings

#### NE\_NOT\_POS\_DEF

The matrix is not positive-definite, possibly due to rounding errors. The factorization could not be completed. **detf** and **dete** are set to zero.

#### NE\_INT\_ARG\_LT

On entry, **n** must not be less than 1:  $\mathbf{n} = \langle \text{value} \rangle$ .

#### NE\_2\_INT\_ARG\_LT

On entry, **tda** =  $\langle \text{value} \rangle$  while **n** =  $\langle \text{value} \rangle$ . These parameters must satisfy  $\mathbf{tda} \geq \mathbf{n}$ .

### 6. Further Comments

The time taken by the function is approximately proportional to  $n^3$ .

## 6.1. Accuracy

The accuracy of the determinant depends on the conditioning of the original matrix. For a detailed error analysis see Wilkinson and Reinsch (1971) p 25.

## 6.2. References

Wilkinson J H and Reinsch C (1971) *Handbook for Automatic Computation (Vol II, Linear Algebra)* Springer-Verlag pp 9–30.

## 7. See Also

nag\_real\_cholesky\_solve\_mult\_rhs (f04agc)

## 8. Example

To compute a Cholesky factorization and calculate the determinant of the real symmetric positive-definite matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 6 & 7 & 6 & 5 \\ 7 & 11 & 8 & 7 \\ 6 & 8 & 11 & 9 \\ 5 & 7 & 9 & 11 \end{pmatrix}.$$

### 8.1. Program Text

```
/* nag_real_cholesky(f03aec) Example Program
 *
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 */

#include <nag.h>
#include <math.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <nag_stdl�.h>
#include <nagf03.h>

#define NMAX 8
#define TDA NMAX

main()
{
    double detf, determ, a[NMAX][TDA], p[NMAX];
    Integer i, dete, j, n;
    static NagError fail;

    Vprintf("f03aec Example Program Results\n");
    /* Skip heading in data file */
    Vscanf("%*[^\n]");
    Vscanf("%ld\n", &n);
    if (n<1 || n>NMAX)
    {
        Vfprintf(stderr,"n is out of range: n = %5ld\n",n);
        exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
    }
    for (i=0; i<n; i++)
        for (j=0; j<n; j++)
            Vscanf("%lf", &a[i][j]);
    fail.print = TRUE;
    f03aec(n, (double *)a, (Integer)TDA, p, &detf, &dete, &fail);
    if (fail.code != NE_NOERROR)
        exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
    Vprintf("Array A after factorization\n");
    for (i=0; i<n; i++)
        for (j=0; j<n; j++)
            Vprintf("%9.4f%s", a[i][j], (j%8==7 || j==n-1) ? "\n" : " ");
}
```

```

Vprintf("\nArray p\n");
for (i=0; i<n; i++)
    Vprintf("%9.4f%s", p[i], (i%8==7 || i==n-1) ? "\n" : " ");
Vprintf("\ndetf = %9.4f          dete = %2ld\n\n", detf, dete);
determ = detf*pow(2.0,(double)dete);
Vprintf("Value of determinant = %9.4f\n", determ);
exit(EXIT_SUCCESS);
}

```

## 8.2. Program Data

```
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6   7   6   5
7   11  8   7
6   8   11  9
5   7   9   11
```

## 8.3. Program Results

```
f03aec Example Program Results
Array A after factorization
 6.0000   7.0000   6.0000   5.0000
 2.8577  11.0000   8.0000   7.0000
 2.4495   0.5941  11.0000   9.0000
 2.0412   0.6931   1.6645  11.0000

Array p
 0.4082   0.5941   0.4639   0.5283

detf =      0.0691          dete = 12

Value of determinant = 283.0000
```

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