

## NAG C Library Function Document

### nag\_dpprfs (f07ghc)

#### 1 Purpose

nag\_dpprfs (f07ghc) returns error bounds for the solution of a real symmetric positive-definite system of linear equations with multiple right-hand sides,  $AX = B$ , using packed storage. It improves the solution by iterative refinement, in order to reduce the backward error as much as possible.

#### 2 Specification

```
void nag_dpprfs (Nag_OrderType order, Nag_UploType uplo, Integer n, Integer nrhs,
  const double ap[], const double afp[], const double b[], Integer pdb,
  double x[], Integer pdx, double ferr[], double berr[], NagError *fail)
```

#### 3 Description

nag\_dpprfs (f07ghc) returns the backward errors and estimated bounds on the forward errors for the solution of a real symmetric positive-definite system of linear equations with multiple right-hand sides  $AX = B$ , using packed storage. The function handles each right-hand side vector (stored as a column of the matrix  $B$ ) independently, so we describe the function of nag\_dpprfs (f07ghc) in terms of a single right-hand side  $b$  and solution  $x$ .

Given a computed solution  $x$ , the function computes the *component-wise backward error*  $\beta$ . This is the size of the smallest relative perturbation in each element of  $A$  and  $b$  such that  $x$  is the exact solution of a perturbed system

$$(A + \delta A)x = b + \delta b \\ |\delta a_{ij}| \leq \beta |a_{ij}| \quad \text{and} \quad |\delta b_i| \leq \beta |b_i|.$$

Then the function estimates a bound for the *component-wise forward error* in the computed solution, defined by:

$$\max_i |x_i - \hat{x}_i| / \max_i |x_i|$$

where  $\hat{x}$  is the true solution.

For details of the method, see the f07 Chapter Introduction.

#### 4 References

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

#### 5 Parameters

1: **order** – Nag\_OrderType *Input*

*On entry:* the **order** parameter specifies the two-dimensional storage scheme being used, i.e., row-major ordering or column-major ordering. C language defined storage is specified by **order = Nag\_RowMajor**. See Section 2.2.1.4 of the Essential Introduction for a more detailed explanation of the use of this parameter.

*Constraint:* **order = Nag\_RowMajor** or **Nag\_ColMajor**.

2: **uplo** – Nag\_UploType *Input*

*On entry:* indicates whether the upper or lower triangular part of  $A$  is stored and how  $A$  has been factorized, as follows:

if **uplo** = **Nag\_Upper**, the upper triangular part of  $A$  is stored and  $A$  is factorized as  $U^T U$ , where  $U$  is upper triangular;

if **uplo** = **Nag\_Lower**, the lower triangular part of  $A$  is stored and  $A$  is factorized as  $LL^T$ , where  $L$  is lower triangular.

*Constraint:* **uplo** = **Nag\_Upper** or **Nag\_Lower**.

- 3: **n** – Integer *Input*  
*On entry:*  $n$ , the order of the matrix  $A$ .  
*Constraint:*  $n \geq 0$ .
- 4: **nrhs** – Integer *Input*  
*On entry:*  $r$ , the number of right-hand sides.  
*Constraint:* **nrhs**  $\geq 0$ .
- 5: **ap**[*dim*] – const double *Input*  
**Note:** the dimension, *dim*, of the array **ap** must be at least  $\max(1, n \times (n + 1)/2)$ .  
*On entry:* the  $n$  by  $n$  original symmetric positive-definite matrix  $A$  as supplied to nag\_dpptf (f07gdc).
- 6: **afp**[*dim*] – const double *Input*  
**Note:** the dimension, *dim*, of the array **afp** must be at least  $\max(1, n \times (n + 1)/2)$ .  
*On entry:* the Cholesky factor of  $A$  stored in packed form, as returned by nag\_dpptf (f07gdc).
- 7: **b**[*dim*] – const double *Input*  
**Note:** the dimension, *dim*, of the array **b** must be at least  $\max(1, \mathbf{pdb} \times \mathbf{nrhs})$  when **order** = **Nag\_ColMajor** and at least  $\max(1, \mathbf{pdb} \times n)$  when **order** = **Nag\_RowMajor**.  
 If **order** = **Nag\_ColMajor**, the  $(i, j)$ th element of the matrix  $B$  is stored in **b**[( $j - 1$ )  $\times$  **pdb** +  $i - 1$ ] and if **order** = **Nag\_RowMajor**, the  $(i, j)$ th element of the matrix  $B$  is stored in **b**[( $i - 1$ )  $\times$  **pdb** +  $j - 1$ ].  
*On entry:* the  $n$  by  $r$  right-hand side matrix  $B$ .
- 8: **pdb** – Integer *Input*  
*On entry:* the stride separating matrix row or column elements (depending on the value of **order**) in the array **b**.  
*Constraints:*  
     if **order** = **Nag\_ColMajor**, **pdb**  $\geq \max(1, n)$ ;  
     if **order** = **Nag\_RowMajor**, **pdb**  $\geq \max(1, \mathbf{nrhs})$ .
- 9: **x**[*dim*] – double *Input/Output*  
**Note:** the dimension, *dim*, of the array **x** must be at least  $\max(1, \mathbf{pdx} \times \mathbf{nrhs})$  when **order** = **Nag\_ColMajor** and at least  $\max(1, \mathbf{pdx} \times n)$  when **order** = **Nag\_RowMajor**.  
 If **order** = **Nag\_ColMajor**, the  $(i, j)$ th element of the matrix  $X$  is stored in **x**[( $j - 1$ )  $\times$  **pdx** +  $i - 1$ ] and if **order** = **Nag\_RowMajor**, the  $(i, j)$ th element of the matrix  $X$  is stored in **x**[( $i - 1$ )  $\times$  **pdx** +  $j - 1$ ].  
*On entry:* the  $n$  by  $r$  solution matrix  $X$ , as returned by nag\_dpptf (f07gdc).  
*On exit:* the improved solution matrix  $X$ .
- 10: **pdx** – Integer *Input*  
*On entry:* the stride separating matrix row or column elements (depending on the value of **order**) in the array **x**.

*Constraints:*

if **order** = **Nag\_ColMajor**, **pdx**  $\geq$   $\max(1, \mathbf{n})$ ;  
 if **order** = **Nag\_RowMajor**, **pdx**  $\geq$   $\max(1, \mathbf{nrhs})$ .

- 11: **ferr**[*dim*] – double *Output*  
**Note:** the dimension, *dim*, of the array **ferr** must be at least  $\max(1, \mathbf{nrhs})$ .  
*On exit:* **ferr**[*j* – 1] contains an estimated error bound for the *j*th solution vector, that is, the *j*th column of *X*, for *j* = 1, 2, ..., *r*.
- 12: **berr**[*dim*] – double *Output*  
**Note:** the dimension, *dim*, of the array **berr** must be at least  $\max(1, \mathbf{nrhs})$ .  
*On exit:* **berr**[*j* – 1] contains the component-wise backward error bound  $\beta$  for the *j*th solution vector, that is, the *j*th column of *X*, for *j* = 1, 2, ..., *r*.
- 13: **fail** – NagError \* *Output*  
 The NAG error parameter (see the Essential Introduction).

## 6 Error Indicators and Warnings

### NE\_INT

On entry, **n** =  $\langle value \rangle$ .  
 Constraint: **n**  $\geq$  0.

On entry, **nrhs** =  $\langle value \rangle$ .  
 Constraint: **nrhs**  $\geq$  0.

On entry, **pdb** =  $\langle value \rangle$ .  
 Constraint: **pdb**  $>$  0.

On entry, **pdx** =  $\langle value \rangle$ .  
 Constraint: **pdx**  $>$  0.

### NE\_INT\_2

On entry, **pdb** =  $\langle value \rangle$ , **n** =  $\langle value \rangle$ .  
 Constraint: **pdb**  $\geq$   $\max(1, \mathbf{n})$ .

On entry, **pdb** =  $\langle value \rangle$ , **nrhs** =  $\langle value \rangle$ .  
 Constraint: **pdb**  $\geq$   $\max(1, \mathbf{nrhs})$ .

On entry, **pdx** =  $\langle value \rangle$ , **n** =  $\langle value \rangle$ .  
 Constraint: **pdx**  $\geq$   $\max(1, \mathbf{n})$ .

On entry, **pdx** =  $\langle value \rangle$ , **nrhs** =  $\langle value \rangle$ .  
 Constraint: **pdx**  $\geq$   $\max(1, \mathbf{nrhs})$ .

### NE\_ALLOC\_FAIL

Memory allocation failed.

### NE\_BAD\_PARAM

On entry, parameter  $\langle value \rangle$  had an illegal value.

### NE\_INTERNAL\_ERROR

An internal error has occurred in this function. Check the function call and any array sizes. If the call is correct then please consult NAG for assistance.

## 7 Accuracy

The bounds returned in **ferr** are not rigorous, because they are estimated, not computed exactly; but in practice they almost always overestimate the actual error.

## 8 Further Comments

For each right-hand side, computation of the backward error involves a minimum of  $4n^2$  floating-point operations. Each step of iterative refinement involves an additional  $6n^2$  operations. At most 5 steps of iterative refinement are performed, but usually only 1 or 2 steps are required.

Estimating the forward error involves solving a number of systems of linear equations of the form  $Ax = b$ ; the number is usually 4 or 5 and never more than 11. Each solution involves approximately  $2n^2$  operations.

The complex analogue of this function is `nag_zpprfs` (f07gvc).

## 9 Example

To solve the system of equations  $AX = B$  using iterative refinement and to compute the forward and backward error bounds, where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 4.16 & -3.12 & 0.56 & -0.10 \\ -3.12 & 5.03 & -0.83 & 1.18 \\ 0.56 & -0.83 & 0.76 & 0.34 \\ -0.10 & 1.18 & 0.34 & 1.18 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 8.70 & 8.30 \\ -13.35 & 2.13 \\ 1.89 & 1.61 \\ -4.14 & 5.00 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Here  $A$  is symmetric positive-definite, stored in packed form, and must first be factorized by `nag_dpptrf` (f07gdc).

### 9.1 Program Text

```

/* nag_dpprfs (f07ghc) Example Program.
 *
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 */

#include <stdio.h>
#include <nag.h>
#include <nag_stdlib.h>
#include <nagf07.h>
#include <nagx04.h>

int main(void)
{
    /* Scalars */
    Integer i, j, n, nrhs, ap_len, afp_len, pdb, pdx, ferr_len, berr_len;
    Integer exit_status=0;
    NagError fail;
    Nag_UploType uplo_enum;
    Nag_OrderType order;
    /* Arrays */
    char uplo[2];
    double *afp=0, *ap=0, *b=0, *berr=0, *ferr=0, *x=0;

#ifdef NAG_COLUMN_MAJOR
#define A_UPPER(I,J) ap[J*(J-1)/2 + I - 1]
#define A_LOWER(I,J) ap[(2*n-J)*(J-1)/2 + I - 1]
#define B(I,J) b[(J-1)*pdb + I - 1]
#define X(I,J) x[(J-1)*pdx + I - 1]
    order = Nag_ColMajor;
#else
#define A_LOWER(I,J) ap[I*(I-1)/2 + J - 1]
#endif

```

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#define A_UPPER(I,J) ap[(2*n-I)*(I-1)/2 + J - 1]
#define B(I,J) b[(I-1)*pdb + J - 1]
#define X(I,J) x[(I-1)*pdx + J - 1]
    order = Nag_RowMajor;
#endifif

    INIT_FAIL(fail);
    Vprintf("f07ghc Example Program Results\n\n");
    /* Skip heading in data file */
    Vscanf("%*[\n] ");
    Vscanf("%ld%ld%*[\n] ", &n, &nrhs);
    ap_len = n * (n + 1)/2;
    afp_len = n * (n + 1)/2;
#ifdef NAG_COLUMN_MAJOR
    pdb = n;
    pdx = n;
#else
    pdb = nrhs;
    pdx = nrhs;
#endifif

    ferr_len = nrhs;
    berr_len = nrhs;

    /* Allocate memory */
    if ( !(afp = NAG_ALLOC(ap_len, double)) ||
        !(ap = NAG_ALLOC(afp_len, double)) ||
        !(b = NAG_ALLOC(n * nrhs, double)) ||
        !(berr = NAG_ALLOC(berr_len, double)) ||
        !(ferr = NAG_ALLOC(ferr_len, double)) ||
        !(x = NAG_ALLOC(n * nrhs, double)) )
    {
        Vprintf("Allocation failure\n");
        exit_status = -1;
        goto END;
    }

    /* Read A and B from data file, and copy A to AFP and B to X */

    Vscanf(" ' %1s '%*[\n] ", uplo);
    if (*(unsigned char *)uplo == 'L')
        uplo_enum = Nag_Lower;
    else if (*(unsigned char *)uplo == 'U')
        uplo_enum = Nag_Upper;
    else
    {
        Vprintf("Unrecognised character for Nag_UploType type\n");
        exit_status = -1;
        goto END;
    }
    if (uplo_enum == Nag_Upper)
    {
        for (i = 1; i <= n; ++i)
        {
            for (j = i; j <= n; ++j)
                Vscanf("%lf", &A_UPPER(i,j));
        }
        Vscanf("%*[\n] ");
    }
    else
    {
        for (i = 1; i <= n; ++i)
        {
            for (j = 1; j <= i; ++j)
                Vscanf("%lf", &A_LOWER(i,j));
        }
        Vscanf("%*[\n] ");
    }
    for (i = 1; i <= n; ++i)
    {
        for (j = 1; j <= nrhs; ++j)

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        Vscanf("%lf", &B(i,j));
    }
Vscanf("%*[^\\n] ");
for (i = 0; i < n * (n + 1) / 2; ++i)
    afp[i] = ap[i];
for (i = 1; i <= n; ++i)
    {
        for (j = 1; j <= nrhs; ++j)
            X(i,j) = B(i,j);
    }
/* Factorize A in the array AFP */
f07gdc(order, uplo_enum, n, afp, &fail);
if (fail.code != NE_NOERROR)
    {
        Vprintf("Error from f07gdc.\n%s\n", fail.message);
        exit_status = 1;
        goto END;
    }
/* Compute solution in the array X */
f07gec(order, uplo_enum, n, nrhs, afp, x, pdx, &fail);
if (fail.code != NE_NOERROR)
    {
        Vprintf("Error from f07gec.\n%s\n", fail.message);
        exit_status = 1;
        goto END;
    }
/* Improve solution, and compute backward errors and */
/* estimated bounds on the forward errors */
f07ghc(order, uplo_enum, n, nrhs, ap, afp, b, pdb, x, pdx, ferr, berr,
        &fail);
if (fail.code != NE_NOERROR)
    {
        Vprintf("Error from f07ghc.\n%s\n", fail.message);
        exit_status = 1;
        goto END;
    }
/* Print solution */
x04cac(order, Nag_GeneralMatrix, Nag_NonUnitDiag, n, nrhs, x, pdx,
        "Solution(s)", 0, &fail);
if (fail.code != NE_NOERROR)
    {
        Vprintf("Error from x04cac.\n%s\n", fail.message);
        exit_status = 1;
        goto END;
    }
Vprintf("\nBackward errors (machine-dependent)\n");
for (j = 1; j <= nrhs; ++j)
    Vprintf("%11.1e%s", berr[j-1], j%7==0 ?"\n":" ");
Vprintf("\nEstimated forward error bounds (machine-dependent)\n");
for (j = 1; j <= nrhs; ++j)
    Vprintf("%11.1e%s", ferr[j-1], j%7==0 ?"\n":" ");
Vprintf("\n");
END:
if (afp) NAG_FREE(afp);
if (ap) NAG_FREE(ap);
if (b) NAG_FREE(b);
if (berr) NAG_FREE(berr);
if (ferr) NAG_FREE(ferr);
if (x) NAG_FREE(x);
return exit_status;
}

```

## 9.2 Program Data

f07ghc Example Program Data

|       |       |      |                       |
|-------|-------|------|-----------------------|
| 4     | 2     |      | :Values of N and NRHS |
| 'L'   |       |      | :Value of UPLO        |
| 4.16  |       |      |                       |
| -3.12 | 5.03  |      |                       |
| 0.56  | -0.83 | 0.76 |                       |

```
-0.10  1.18  0.34  1.18  :End of matrix A
  8.70  8.30
-13.35  2.13
  1.89  1.61
 -4.14  5.00  :End of matrix B
```

### 9.3 Program Results

f07ghc Example Program Results

Solution(s)

|   | 1       | 2      |
|---|---------|--------|
| 1 | 1.0000  | 4.0000 |
| 2 | -1.0000 | 3.0000 |
| 3 | 2.0000  | 2.0000 |
| 4 | -3.0000 | 1.0000 |

Backward errors (machine-dependent)

|         |         |
|---------|---------|
| 8.3e-17 | 5.2e-17 |
|---------|---------|

Estimated forward error bounds (machine-dependent)

|         |         |
|---------|---------|
| 2.4e-14 | 2.2e-14 |
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