

# NAG C Library Function Document

## nag\_zherfs (f07mvc)

### 1 Purpose

nag\_zherfs (f07mvc) returns error bounds for the solution of a complex Hermitian indefinite system of linear equations with multiple right-hand sides,  $AX = B$ . It improves the solution by iterative refinement, in order to reduce the backward error as much as possible.

### 2 Specification

```
void nag_zherfs (Nag_OrderType order, Nag_UptoType uplo, Integer n, Integer nrhs,
                 const Complex a[], Integer pda, const Complex af[], Integer pdaf,
                 const Integer ipiv[], const Complex b[], Integer pdb, Complex x[],
                 Integer pdx, double ferr[], double berr[], NagError *fail)
```

### 3 Description

nag\_zherfs (f07mvc) returns the backward errors and estimated bounds on the forward errors for the solution of a complex Hermitian indefinite system of linear equations with multiple right-hand sides  $AX = B$ . The function handles each right-hand side vector (stored as a column of the matrix  $B$ ) independently, so we describe the function of nag\_zherfs (f07mvc) 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\_UptoType *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**, then the upper triangular part of  $A$  is stored and  $A$  is factorized as  $PUDU^H P^T$ , where  $U$  is upper triangular;

if **uplo** = **Nag\_Lower**, then the lower triangular part of  $A$  is stored and  $A$  is factorized as  $PLDL^H P^T$ , 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: **a[dim]** – const Complex *Input*

**Note:** the dimension,  $dim$ , of the array **a** must be at least  $\max(1, \text{pda} \times n)$ .

If **order** = **Nag\_ColMajor**, the  $(i, j)$ th element of the matrix  $A$  is stored in **a** $[(j - 1) \times \text{pda} + i - 1]$  and if **order** = **Nag\_RowMajor**, the  $(i, j)$ th element of the matrix  $A$  is stored in **a** $[(i - 1) \times \text{pda} + j - 1]$ .

*On entry:* the  $n$  by  $n$  original Hermitian matrix  $A$  as supplied to nag\_zhetrf (f07mrc).

6: **pda** – Integer *Input*

*On entry:* the stride separating row or column elements (depending on the value of **order**) of the matrix  $A$  in the array **a**.

*Constraint:* **pda**  $\geq \max(1, n)$ .

7: **af[dim]** – const Complex *Input*

**Note:** the dimension,  $dim$ , of the array **af** must be at least  $\max(1, \text{pdaf} \times n)$ .

*On entry:* details of the factorization of  $A$ , as returned by nag\_zhetrf (f07mrc).

8: **pdaf** – Integer *Input*

*On entry:* the stride separating row or column elements (depending on the value of **order**) of the matrix in the array **af**.

*Constraint:* **pdaf**  $\geq \max(1, n)$ .

9: **ipiv[dim]** – const Integer *Input*

**Note:** the dimension,  $dim$ , of the array **ipiv** must be at least  $\max(1, n)$ .

*On entry:* details of the interchanges and the block structure of  $D$ , as returned by nag\_zhetrf (f07mrc).

10: **b[dim]** – const Complex *Input*

**Note:** the dimension,  $dim$ , of the array **b** must be at least  $\max(1, \text{pdb} \times nrhs)$  when **order** = **Nag\_ColMajor** and at least  $\max(1, \text{pdb} \times n)$  when **order** = **Nag\_RowMajor**.

If **order** = **Nag\_ColMajor**, the  $(i, j)$ th element of the matrix  $B$  is stored in **b** $[(j - 1) \times \text{pdb} + i - 1]$  and if **order** = **Nag\_RowMajor**, the  $(i, j)$ th element of the matrix  $B$  is stored in **b** $[(i - 1) \times \text{pdb} + j - 1]$ .

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

11:	<b>pdb</b> – Integer	<i>Input</i>
<i>On entry:</i> the stride separating matrix row or column elements (depending on the value of <b>order</b> ) in the array <b>b</b> .		
<i>Constraints:</i>		
	if <b>order</b> = Nag_ColMajor, <b>pdb</b> $\geq \max(1, \mathbf{n})$ ; if <b>order</b> = Nag_RowMajor, <b>pdb</b> $\geq \max(1, \mathbf{nrhs})$ .	
12:	<b>x[dim]</b> – Complex	<i>Input/Output</i>
<b>Note:</b> the dimension, <i>dim</i> , of the array <b>x</b> must be at least $\max(1, \mathbf{pdx} \times \mathbf{nrhs})$ when <b>order</b> = Nag_ColMajor and at least $\max(1, \mathbf{pdx} \times \mathbf{n})$ when <b>order</b> = Nag_RowMajor.		
If <b>order</b> = Nag_ColMajor, the $(i, j)$ th element of the matrix <i>X</i> is stored in <b>x</b> $[(j - 1) \times \mathbf{pdx} + i - 1]$ and if <b>order</b> = Nag_RowMajor, the $(i, j)$ th element of the matrix <i>X</i> is stored in <b>x</b> $[(i - 1) \times \mathbf{pdx} + j - 1]$ .		
<i>On entry:</i> the <i>n</i> by <i>r</i> solution matrix <i>X</i> , as returned by nag_zhetrs (f07msc).		
<i>On exit:</i> the improved solution matrix <i>X</i> .		
13:	<b>pdx</b> – Integer	<i>Input</i>
<i>On entry:</i> the stride separating matrix row or column elements (depending on the value of <b>order</b> ) in the array <b>x</b> .		
<i>Constraints:</i>		
	if <b>order</b> = Nag_ColMajor, <b>pdx</b> $\geq \max(1, \mathbf{n})$ ; if <b>order</b> = Nag_RowMajor, <b>pdx</b> $\geq \max(1, \mathbf{nrhs})$ .	
14:	<b>ferr[dim]</b> – double	<i>Output</i>
<b>Note:</b> the dimension, <i>dim</i> , of the array <b>ferr</b> must be at least $\max(1, \mathbf{nrhs})$ .		
<i>On exit:</i> <b>ferr</b> $[j - 1]$ contains an estimated error bound for the <i>j</i> th solution vector, that is, the <i>j</i> th column of <i>X</i> , for $j = 1, 2, \dots, r$ .		
15:	<b>berr[dim]</b> – double	<i>Output</i>
<b>Note:</b> the dimension, <i>dim</i> , of the array <b>berr</b> must be at least $\max(1, \mathbf{nrhs})$ .		
<i>On exit:</i> <b>berr</b> $[j - 1]$ contains the component-wise backward error bound $\beta$ for the <i>j</i> th solution vector, that is, the <i>j</i> th column of <i>X</i> , for $j = 1, 2, \dots, r$ .		
16:	<b>fail</b> – NagError *	<i>Output</i>
The NAG error parameter (see the Essential Introduction).		

## 6 Error Indicators and Warnings

### NE\_INT

On entry, **n** =  $\langle \text{value} \rangle$ .

Constraint: **n**  $\geq 0$ .

On entry, **nrhs** =  $\langle \text{value} \rangle$ .

Constraint: **nrhs**  $\geq 0$ .

On entry, **pda** =  $\langle \text{value} \rangle$ .

Constraint: **pda**  $> 0$ .

On entry, **pdaf** =  $\langle \text{value} \rangle$ .

Constraint: **pdaf**  $> 0$ .

On entry, **pdb** =  $\langle \text{value} \rangle$ .

Constraint: **pdb**  $> 0$ .

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

### NE\_INT\_2

On entry, **pda** =  $\langle value \rangle$ , **n** =  $\langle value \rangle$ .  
 Constraint: **pda**  $\geq \max(1, n)$ .

On entry, **pdaf** =  $\langle value \rangle$ , **n** =  $\langle value \rangle$ .  
 Constraint: **pdaf**  $\geq \max(1, n)$ .

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

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

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

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

### NE\_SINGULAR

The block diagonal matrix  $D$  is exactly singular.

### 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  $16n^2$  real floating-point operations. Each step of iterative refinement involves an additional  $24n^2$  real 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 5 and never more than 11. Each solution involves approximately  $8n^2$  real operations.

The real analogue of this function is nag\_dsyrfs (f07mhc).

## 9 Example

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

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -1.36 + 0.00i & 1.58 + 0.90i & 2.21 - 0.21i & 3.91 + 1.50i \\ 1.58 - 0.90i & -8.87 + 0.00i & -1.84 - 0.03i & -1.78 + 1.18i \\ 2.21 + 0.21i & -1.84 + 0.03i & -4.63 + 0.00i & 0.11 + 0.11i \\ 3.91 - 1.50i & -1.78 - 1.18i & 0.11 - 0.11i & -1.84 + 0.00i \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 7.79 & + & 5.48i & -35.39 & + & 18.01i \\ -0.77 & - & 16.05i & 4.23 & - & 70.02i \\ -9.58 & + & 3.88i & -24.79 & - & 8.40i \\ 2.98 & - & 10.18i & 28.68 & - & 39.89i \end{pmatrix}.$$

Here  $A$  is Hermitian indefinite and must first be factorized by nag\_zhetrf (f07mrc).

## 9.1 Program Text

```
/* nag_zherfs (f07mvc) 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, pda, pdaf, pdb, pdx;
    Integer ferr_len, berr_len;
    Integer exit_status=0;
    Nag_UptoType uplo_enum;
    NagError fail;
    Nag_OrderType order;

    /* Arrays */
    Integer *ipiv=0;
    char uplo[2];
    Complex *a=0, *af=0, *b=0, *x=0;
    double *berr=0, *ferr=0;

#ifdef NAG_COLUMN_MAJOR
#define A(I,J) a[(J-1)*pda + I - 1]
#define AF(I,J) af[(J-1)*pdaf + 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(I,J) a[(I-1)*pda + J - 1]
#define AF(I,J) af[(I-1)*pdaf + 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;
#endif

    INIT_FAIL(fail);
    Vprintf("f07mvc Example Program Results\n\n");
    /* Skip heading in data file */
    Vscanf("%*[^\n] ");
    Vscanf("%ld%ld%*[^\n] ", &n, &nrhs);
#ifdef NAG_COLUMN_MAJOR
    pda = n;
    pdaf = n;
    pdb = n;
    pdx = n;

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    pdb = n;
    pdx = n;
#else
    pda = n;
    pdaf = n;
    pdb = nrhs;
    pdx = nrhs;
#endif

    ferr_len = nrhs;
    berr_len = nrhs;

/* Allocate memory */
if ( !(ipiv = NAG_ALLOC(n, Integer)) ||
     !(a = NAG_ALLOC(n * n, Complex)) ||
     !(af = NAG_ALLOC(n * n, Complex)) ||
     !(b = NAG_ALLOC(n * nrhs, Complex)) ||
     !(x = NAG_ALLOC(n * nrhs, Complex)) ||
     !(berr = NAG_ALLOC(berr_len, double)) ||
     !(ferr = NAG_ALLOC(ferr_len, double)) )
{
    Vprintf("Allocation failure\n");
    exit_status = -1;
    goto END;
}

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

Vscanf(" %ls %*[^\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 , %lf )", &A(i,j).re, &A(i,j).im);
    }
    Vscanf("%*[^\n] ");
}
else
{
    for (i = 1; i <= n; ++i)
    {
        for (j = 1; j <= i; ++j)
            Vscanf(" (%lf , %lf )", &A(i,j).re, &A(i,j).im);
    }
    Vscanf("%*[^\n] ");
}
for (i = 1; i <= n; ++i)
{
    for (j = 1; j <= nrhs; ++j)
        Vscanf(" (%lf , %lf )", &B(i,j).re, &B(i,j).im);
}
Vscanf("%*[^\n] ");
/* Copy A to AF and B to X */
if (uplo_enum == Nag_Upper)
{
    for (i = 1; i <= n; ++i)
    {
        for (j = i; j <= n; ++j)
        {
            AF(i,j).re = A(i,j).re;

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        AF(i,j).im = A(i,j).im;
    }
}
else
{
    for (i = 1; i <= n; ++i)
    {
        for (j = 1; j <= i; ++j)
        {
            AF(i,j).re = A(i,j).re;
            AF(i,j).im = A(i,j).im;
        }
    }
    for (i = 1; i <= n; ++i)
    {
        for (j = 1; j <= nrhs; ++j)
        {
            X(i,j).re = B(i,j).re;
            X(i,j).im = B(i,j).im;
        }
    }
/* Factorize A in the array AF */
f07mrc(order, uplo_enum, n, af, pdaf, ipiv, &fail);
if (fail.code != NE_NOERROR)
{
    Vprintf("Error from f07mrc.\n%s\n", fail.message);
    exit_status = 1;
    goto END;
}
/* Compute solution in the array X */
f07msc(order, uplo_enum, n, nrhs, af, pdaf, ipiv, x, pdx,
        &fail);
if (fail.code != NE_NOERROR)
{
    Vprintf("Error from f07msc.\n%s\n", fail.message);
    exit_status = 1;
    goto END;
}
/* Improve solution, and compute backward errors and */
/* estimated bounds on the forward errors */
f07mvc(order, uplo_enum, n, nrhs, a, pda, af, pdaf, ipiv,
        b, pdb, x, pdx, ferr, berr, &fail);
if (fail.code != NE_NOERROR)
{
    Vprintf("Error from f07mvc.\n%s\n", fail.message);
    exit_status = 1;
    goto END;
}
/* Print solution */
x04dbc(order, Nag_GeneralMatrix, Nag_NonUnitDiag, n, nrhs, x, pdx,
        Nag_BracketForm, "%7.4f", "Solution(s)", Nag_IntegerLabels,
        0, Nag_IntegerLabels, 0, 80, 0, 0, &fail);
if (fail.code != NE_NOERROR)
{
    Vprintf("Error from x04dbc.\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%4 == 0 ?"\n":" ");
Vprintf("\nEstimated forward error bounds "
        "(machine-dependent)\n");
for (j = 1; j <= nrhs; ++j)
    Vprintf("%11.1e%s", ferr[j-1], j%4 == 0 ?"\n":" ");
Vprintf("\n");
END:
if (ipiv) NAG_FREE(ipiv);
if (a) NAG_FREE(a);

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if (af) NAG_FREE(af);
if (b) NAG_FREE(b);
if (x) NAG_FREE(x);
if (berr) NAG_FREE(berr);
if (ferr) NAG_FREE(ferr);
return exit_status;
}

```

## 9.2 Program Data

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f07mvc Example Program Data
4 2 :Values of N and NRHS
'L' :Value of UPLO
(-1.36, 0.00)
( 1.58,-0.90) (-8.87, 0.00)
( 2.21, 0.21) (-1.84, 0.03) (-4.63, 0.00)
( 3.91,-1.50) (-1.78,-1.18) ( 0.11,-0.11) (-1.84, 0.00) :End of matrix A
( 7.79, 5.48) (-35.39, 18.01)
(-0.77,-16.05) ( 4.23,-70.02)
(-9.58, 3.88) (-24.79, -8.40)
( 2.98,-10.18) ( 28.68,-39.89) :End of matrix B

```

## 9.3 Program Results

f07mvc Example Program Results

Solution(s)

	1	2
1	( 1.0000,-1.0000)	( 3.0000,-4.0000)
2	(-1.0000, 2.0000)	(-1.0000, 5.0000)
3	( 3.0000,-2.0000)	( 7.0000,-2.0000)
4	( 2.0000, 1.0000)	(-8.0000, 6.0000)

Backward errors (machine-dependent)

9.0e-17      5.8e-17

Estimated forward error bounds (machine-dependent)

2.6e-15      3.0e-15

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