# NAG Fortran Library Routine Document F08WHF (SGGBAL/DGGBAL)

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

F08WHF (SGGBAL/DGGBAL) balances a pair of real square matrices (A, B) of order n. Balancing usually improves the accuracy of computed generalized eigenvalues and eigenvectors.

# 2 Specification

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SUBROUTINE FO8WHF(JOB, N, A, LDA, B, LDB, ILO, IHI, LSCALE, RSCALE,

WORK, INFO)

ENTRY sgbal (JOB, N, A, LDA, B, LDB, ILO, IHI, LSCALE, RSCALE,

WORK, INFO)

INTEGER N, LDA, LDB, ILO, IHI, INFO

real A(LDA,*), B(LDB,*), LSCALE(*), RSCALE(*), WORK(*)

CHARACTER*1 JOB
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The ENTRY statement enables the routine to be called by its LAPACK name.

# 3 Description

Balancing may reduce the 1-norms of the matrices, and improve the accuracy of the computed eigenvalues and eigenvectors in the real generalized eigenvalue problem

$$Ax = \lambda Bx$$
.

F08WHF (SGGBAL/DGGBAL) is usually the first step in the solution of the above generalized eigenvalue problem. Balancing is optional but it is highly recommended.

The term 'balancing' covers two steps, each of which involves similarity transformations on A and B. The routine can perform either or both of these steps. Both steps are optional.

1. The routine first attempts to permute A and B to block upper triangular form by a similarity transformation:

$$PAP^{T} = F = \begin{pmatrix} F_{11} & F_{12} & F_{13} \\ & F_{22} & F_{23} \\ & & F_{33} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$PBP^{T} = G = \begin{pmatrix} G_{11} & G_{12} & G_{13} \\ & G_{22} & G_{23} \\ & & G_{33} \end{pmatrix}$$

where P is a permutation matrix,  $F_{11}$ ,  $F_{33}$ ,  $G_{11}$  and  $G_{33}$  are upper triangular. Then the diagonal elements of the matrix pairs  $(F_{11},G_{11})$  and  $(F_{33},G_{33})$  are generalized eigenvalues of (A,B). The rest of the generalized eigenvalues are given by the matrix pair  $(F_{22},G_{22})$  which are in rows and columns  $i_{lo}$  to  $i_{hi}$ . Subsequent operations to compute the generalized eigenvalues of (A,B) need only be applied to the matrix pair  $(F_{22},G_{22})$ ; this can save a significant amount of work if  $i_{lo}>1$  and  $i_{hi}< n$ . If no suitable permutation exists (as is often the case), the routine sets  $i_{lo}=1$  and  $i_{hi}=n$ .

2. The routine applies a diagonal similarity transformation to (F,G), to make the rows and columns of  $(F_{22},G_{22})$  as close in norm as possible:

$$DF\hat{D} = \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & D_{22} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} F_{11} & F_{12} & F_{13} \\ & F_{22} & F_{23} \\ & & F_{33} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \hat{D}_{22} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I \end{pmatrix}$$

$$DG\hat{D} = \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & D_{22} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} G_{11} & G_{12} & G_{13} \\ & G_{22} & G_{23} \\ & & G_{33} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \hat{D}_{22} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I \end{pmatrix}$$

This transformation usually improves the accuracy of computed generalized eigenvalues and eigenvectors.

## 4 References

Ward R C (1981) Balancing the generalized eigenvalue problem SIAM J. Sci. Stat. Comp. 2 141-152

## 5 Parameters

## 1: JOB – CHARACTER\*1

Input

On entry: specifies the operations to be performed on matrices A and B:

if JOB = 'N', no balancing is done. Initialize ILO = 1, IHI = N, LSCALE(i) = 1.0 and RSCALE(i) = 1.0, for i = 1, ..., n;

if JOB = 'P', only permutations are used in balancing;

if JOB = 'S', only scalings are are used in balancing;

if JOB = 'B', both permutations and scalings are used in balancing.

Constraint: JOB = 'N', 'P', 'S' or 'B'.

#### 2: N – INTEGER

Input

On entry: n, the order of the matrices A and B.

Constraint: N > 0.

## 3: A(LDA,\*) - real array

Input/Output

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

On entry: the n by n matrix A.

On exit: A is overwritten by the balanced matrix.

A is not referenced if JOB = 'N'.

#### 4: LDA – INTEGER

Input

On entry: the first dimension of the array A as declared in the (sub)program from which F08WHF (SGGBAL/DGGBAL) is called.

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

# 5: B(LDB,\*) - real array

Input/Output

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

On entry: the n by n matrix B.

On exit: B is overwritten by the balanced matrix.

B is not referenced if JOB = 'N'.

### 6: LDB – INTEGER

Input

On entry: the first dimension of the array B as declared in the (sub)program from which F08WHF (SGGBAL/DGGBAL) is called.

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

7: ILO – INTEGER 8: IHI – INTEGER Output

On exit:  $i_{lo}$  and  $i_{hi}$  are set such that A(i,j) = 0 and B(i,j) = 0 if i > j and  $1 \le j < i_{lo}$  or  $i_{hi} < i \le n$ .

If IOB = 'N' or 'S',  $i_{lo} = 1$  and  $i_{hi} = n$ .

9: LSCALE(\*) – *real* array

Output

**Note:** the dimension of the array LSCALE must be at least max(1, N).

On exit: details of the permutations and scaling factors applied to the left side of the matrices A and B. If  $P_i$  is the index of the row interchanged with row i and  $d_i$  is the scaling factor applied to row i, then

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{LSCALE}(i) = P_i, \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, i_{lo} - 1; \\ & \text{LSCALE}(i) = d_i, \text{ for } i = i_{lo}, \dots, i_{hi}; \\ & \text{LSCALE}(i) = P_i, \text{ for } i = i_{hi} + 1, \dots, n. \end{aligned}$$

The order in which the interchanges are made is n to  $i_{hi} + 1$ , then 1 to  $i_{lo} - 1$ .

10: RSCALE(\*) – *real* array

Output

**Note:** the dimension of the array RSCALE must be at least max(1, N).

On exit: details of the permutations and scaling factors applied to the right side of the matrices A and B. If  $P_j$  is the index of the column interchanged with column j and  $\hat{d}_j$  is the scaling factor applied to column j, then

RSCALE
$$(j) = P_j$$
, for  $j = 1, ..., i_{lo} - 1$ ;  
RSCALE $(j) = \hat{d}_j$ , for  $j = i_{lo}, ..., i_{hi}$ ;  
RSCALE $(j) = P_i$ , for  $j = i_{hi} + 1, ..., n$ .

The order in which the interchanges are made is n to  $i_{hi} + 1$ , then 1 to  $i_{lo} - 1$ .

11: WORK(\*) - real array

Workspace

**Note:** the dimension of the array WORK must be at least max(1, 6 \* N).

12: INFO – INTEGER Output

On exit: INFO = 0 unless the routine detects an error (see Section 6).

# 6 Error Indicators and Warnings

Errors or warnings detected by the routine:

INFO < 0

If INFO = -i, the *i*th parameter had an illegal value. An explanatory message is output, and execution of the program is terminated.

# 7 Accuracy

The errors are negligible, compared to those in subsequent computations.

## **8** Further Comments

F08WHF (SGGBAL/DGGBAL) is usually the first step in computing the real generalized eigenvalue problem but it is an optional step. The matrix B is reduced to the upper triangular form using the QR factororization routine F08AEF (SGEQRF/DGEQRF) and this orthogonal transformation Q is applied to

the matrix A by calling F08AGF (SORMQR/DORMQR). This is followed by F08WEF (SGGHRD/DGGHRD) which reduces the matrix pair into the generalized Hessenberg form.

If the matrix pair (A,B) is balanced by this routine, then any generalized eigenvectors computed subsequently are eigenvectors of the balanced matrix pair. In that case, to compute the generalized eigenvectors of the original matrix, F08WJF (SGGBAK/DGGBAK) must be called.

The total number of floating-point operations is approximately proportional to  $n^2$ .

The complex analogue of this routine is F08WVF (CGGBAL/ZGGBAL).

# 9 Example

See Section 9 of the documents for F08XEF (SHGEQZ/DHGEQZ) and F08YKF (STGEVC/DTGEVC).