

# NAG Fortran Library Routine Document

## G05YFF

**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

G05YFF generates a sequence of quasi-random numbers using Sobol's method. It must be preceded by a call to G05YEF to initialize the generator for IDIM dimensions.

### 2 Specification

```
SUBROUTINE G05YFF (N, QUASI, IREF, IFAIL)
  INTEGER          N, IREF(2000), IFAIL
  double precision QUASI(N,*)
```

### 3 Description

G05YFF generates a sequence of N quasi-random numbers of dimension IDIM using Sobol's method.

### 4 References

None.

### 5 Parameters

- 1: N – INTEGER *Input*  
*On entry:* the number of quasi-random numbers required.  
*Constraint:*  $N \geq 1$ .
- 2: QUASI(N,\*) – *double precision* array *Output*  
**Note:** the second dimension of the array QUASI must be at least IDIM + 1 if IDIM must be odd and at least IDIM otherwise.  
*On exit:* contains N quasi-random numbers of dimension IDIM.
- 3: IREF(2000) – INTEGER array *Input/Output*  
*On entry:* contains vital information for the generator.  
*On exit:* updated information for the generation of a further set of quasi-random numbers.  
 IREF must not be changed between calls of G05YFF.
- 4: IFAIL – INTEGER *Input/Output*  
*On entry:* IFAIL must be set to 0, -1 or 1. If you are unfamiliar with this parameter you 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, if you are 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 = 1`

Incorrect initialization. `G05YEF` must be called prior to `G05YFF` and `IREF` must remain unaltered after this call.

`IFAIL = 2`

There have been too many calls to the generator. It is not able to deliver any more random numbers.

## 7 Accuracy

Not applicable.

## 8 Further Comments

None.

## 9 Example

This examples calls `G05YEF` and `G05YFF` to estimate the value of an integral.

### 9.1 Program Text

```
*      G05YFF Example Program Text
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*      .. Parameters ..
      INTEGER          NOUT
      PARAMETER       (NOUT=6)
*      .. Local Scalars ..
      DOUBLE PRECISION SUM, VSBL
      INTEGER          I, IDIM, IFAIL, ISKIP, NTIMES
*      .. Local Arrays ..
      DOUBLE PRECISION QUASI(2,16)
      INTEGER          IREF(2000)
*      .. External Functions ..
      DOUBLE PRECISION FUN
      EXTERNAL        FUN
*      .. External Subroutines ..
      EXTERNAL        G05YEF, G05YFF
*      .. Intrinsic Functions ..
      INTRINSIC       DBLE
*      .. Executable Statements ..
      WRITE (NOUT,99999) 'G05YFF Example Program Results'
      IDIM = 15
      NTIMES = 5000
      IFAIL = 0
      ISKIP = 20

*
      CALL G05YEF(IDIM,IREF,ISKIP,IFAIL)
*
      SUM = 0.0D0
      DO 20 I = 1, NTIMES
*
          CALL G05YFF(2,QUASI,IREF,IFAIL)
*
          SUM = SUM + FUN(IDIM,QUASI,2)
20 CONTINUE
      VSBL = SUM/DBLE(2*NTIMES)
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        WRITE (NOUT,99999)
        WRITE (NOUT,99999) 'Value of integral = ', VSBL
        STOP
*
99999  FORMAT (1X,A,F8.4)
        END
*
        DOUBLE PRECISION FUNCTION FUN(IDIM,X,N)
*      .. Scalar Arguments ..
        INTEGER                IDIM, N
*      .. Array Arguments ..
        DOUBLE PRECISION      X(N,IDIM)
*      .. Local Scalars ..
        DOUBLE PRECISION      TMP, TMP1
        INTEGER                J
*      .. Intrinsic Functions ..
        INTRINSIC              ABS
*      .. Executable Statements ..
        TMP = 1.0D0
        TMP1 = 1.0D0
        DO 20 J = 1, IDIM
            TMP = TMP*ABS(4.0D0*X(1,J)-2.0D0)
            TMP1 = TMP1*ABS(4.0D0*X(2,J)-2.0D0)
20     CONTINUE
        FUN = TMP + TMP1
        RETURN
        END
```

## 9.2 Program Data

None.

## 9.3 Program Results

G05YFF Example Program Results

Value of integral = 1.0273

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