

# NAG Fortran Library Routine Document

## H02BFF

**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

H02BFF solves linear or integer programming problems specified in MPSX input format. It is not intended for large sparse problems.

### 2 Specification

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SUBROUTINE H02BFF(INFILE, MAXN, MAXM, OPTIM, XBLDEF, XBUDEF, MAXDPT,
1          MSGLVL, N, M, X, CRNAME, IWORK, LIWORK, RWORK, LRWORK,
2          IFAIL)
    INTEGER          INFILE, MAXN, MAXM, MAXDPT, MSGLVL, N, M,
1          IWORK(LIWORK), LIWORK, LRWORK, IFAIL
    real            XBLDEF, XBUDEF, X(MAXN), RWORK(LRWORK)
    CHARACTER*3      OPTIM
    CHARACTER*8      CRNAME(MAXN+MAXM)

```

### 3 Description

H02BFF solves linear programming (LP) or integer programming (IP) problems specified in MPSX (IBM (1971)) input format. It calls either E04MFF/E04MFA (to solve an LP problem) or H02BBF and H02BZF (to solve an IP problem); these routines are designed to solve problems of the form

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{minimize } c^T x \\ x \in R^n \end{array} \quad \text{subject to } l \leq \begin{pmatrix} x \\ Ax \end{pmatrix} \leq u$$

where  $c$  is an  $n$  element vector and  $A$  is an  $m$  by  $n$  matrix (i.e., there are  $n$  variables and  $m$  general linear constraints). H02BBF is used if at least one of the variables is restricted to take an integer value at the optimum solution. The document for H02BUF should be consulted for a detailed description of the MPSX format.

In the MPSX data file the first free row, that is, a row defined with the row type N, is taken as the objective row. Similarly, if there are more than one RHS, RANGES or BOUNDS sets, then the first set is used for the optimization. H02BFF also prints the solution to the problem using the row and column names specified in the MPSX data file (by calling H02BVF).

### 4 References

IBM (1971) MPSX – Mathematical programming system *Program Number 5734 XM4* IBM Trade Corporation, New York

### 5 Parameters

- 1: INFILE – INTEGER *Input*  
*On entry:* the unit number associated with the MPSX data file.  
*Constraint:*  $0 \leq \text{INFILE} \leq 99$ .
- 2: MAXN – INTEGER *Input*  
*On entry:* an upper limit for the number of variables in the problem.  
*Constraint:*  $\text{MAXN} \geq 1$ .

- 3: MAXM – INTEGER *Input*  
*On entry:* an upper limit for the number of constraints (including the objective) in the problem.  
*Constraint:* MAXM  $\geq$  1.
- 4: OPTIM – CHARACTER\*3 *Input*  
*On entry:* specifies the direction of the optimization. OPTIM must be set to 'MIN' for minimization and to 'MAX' for maximization.  
*Constraint:* OPTIM = 'MIN' or 'MAX'.
- 5: XBLDEF – *real* *Input*  
*On entry:* the default lower bound to be used for the variables in the problem, when none is specified in the BOUNDS section of the MPSX data file. For a standard LP or IP problem XBLDEF would normally be set to zero.
- 6: XBUDEF – *real* *Input*  
*On entry:* the default upper bound to be used for the variables in the problem, when none is specified in the BOUNDS section of the MPSX data file. For a standard LP or IP problem XBUDEF would normally be set to 'infinity' (i.e., XBUDEF  $\geq 10^{20}$ ).  
*Constraint:* XBUDEF  $\geq$  XBLDEF.
- 7: MAXDPT – INTEGER *Input*  
*On entry:* for an IP problem, MAXDPT must specify the maximum depth of the branch and bound tree.  
*Constraint:* MAXDPT  $\geq$  2.  
 For an LP problem, MAXDPT is not referenced.
- 8: MSGLVL – INTEGER *Input*  
*On entry:* the amount of printout produced by E04MFF/E04MFA or H02BBF, as indicated below. For a description of the printed output see Section 8.2 of the document for E04MFF/E04MFA or Section 5.1 of the document for H02BBF (as appropriate). All output is written to the current advisory message unit (as defined by X04ABF).  
 For an LP problem (E04MFF/E04MFA):
- | <b>Value</b> | <b>Definition</b>  |
|--------------|--|
| 0            | No output.   |
| 1            | The final solution only.   |
| 5            | One line of output for each iteration (no printout of the final solution). |
| 10           | The final solution and one line of output for each iteration.              |
- For an IP problem (H02BBF):
- | <b>Value</b> | <b>Definition</b>  |
|--------------|--|
| 0            | No output.   |
| 1            | The final IP solution only.  |
| 5            | One line of output for each node investigated and the final IP solution.   |
| 10           | The original LP solution (first node) with dummy names for the rows and columns, one line of output for each node investigated and the final IP solution with MPSX names for the rows and columns. |

- 9: N – INTEGER Output  
*On exit:*  $n$ , the actual number of variables in the problem.
- 10: M – INTEGER Output  
*On exit:*  $m$ , the actual number of general linear constraints in the problem.
- 11: X(MAXN) – *real* array Output  
*On exit:* the solution to the problem, stored in  $X(1), X(2), \dots, X(N)$ .  $X(i)$  is the value of the variable whose MPSX name is stored in  $CRNAME(i)$ , for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$ .
- 12: CRNAME(MAXN+MAXM) – CHARACTER\*8 array Output  
*On exit:* the first  $N$  elements contain the MPSX names for the variables in the problem.
- 13: IWORK(LIWORK) – INTEGER array Output  
*On exit:* the first  $(N + M)$  elements contain ISTATE (the status of the constraints in the working set at the solution). Further details can be found in Section 5 of the document for E04MFF/E04MFA or Section 5 of the document for H02BZF (as appropriate).
- 14: LIWORK – INTEGER Input  
*On entry:* the dimension of the array IWORK as declared in the (sub)program from which H02BFF is called.  
*Constraints:*  
for an LP problem,  $LIWORK \geq 4 \times MAXN + MAXM + 3$ ;  
for an IP problem,  $LIWORK \geq (25 + MAXN + MAXM) \times MAXDPT + 7 \times MAXN + 2 \times MAXM + 4$ .
- 15: RWORK(LRWORK) – *real* array Output  
*On exit:* the first  $(N + M)$  elements contain BL (the lower bounds), the next  $(N + M)$  elements contain BU (the upper bounds) and the next  $(N + M)$  elements contain CLAMDA (the Lagrange multipliers). Further details can be found in Section 5 of the document for E04MFF/E04MFA or Section 5 of the document for H02BZF (as appropriate). Note that for an IP problem the contents of BL and BU may not be the same as those originally specified by the user in the MPSX data file and/or via the parameters XBLDEF and XBUDEF.
- 16: LRWORK – INTEGER Input  
*On entry:* the dimension of the array RWORK as declared in the (sub)program from which H02BFF is called.  
*Constraints:*  
for an LP problem,  $LRWORK \geq 2 \times \min(MAXN, MAXM + 1)^2 + MAXM \times MAXN + 12 \times MAXN + 9 \times MAXM$ ;  
for an IP problem,  
 $LRWORK \geq MAXDPT \times (MAXN + 1) + 2 \times \min(MAXN, MAXM + 1)^2 + MAXM \times MAXN + 19 \times MAXN + 15 \times MAXM$ .
- 17: IFAIL – INTEGER Input/Output  
*On entry:* IFAIL must be set to 0, -1 or 1. Users who are unfamiliar with this parameter 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, for users 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 =  $i < 0$

Either MAXM and/or MAXN are too small or the MPSX data file is non-standard and/or corrupt. This corresponds to IFAIL =  $-i$  in Section 6 of the document for H02BUF.

IFAIL = 1

X is a weak local minimum. This means that the solution is not unique.

IFAIL = 2

The solution appears to be unbounded. This value of IFAIL implies that a step as large as XBUDEF would have to be taken in order to continue the algorithm. See Section 8.

IFAIL = 3

No feasible point was found, i.e., it was not possible to satisfy all the constraints to within the feasibility tolerance (defined internally as  $\sqrt{\text{machine precision}}$ ). See Section 8.

IFAIL = 4

The maximum number of iterations (defined internally as  $\max(50, 5(n + m))$ ) was reached before normal termination occurred. See Section 8.

IFAIL = 5

An input parameter is invalid. Refer to the printed output to determine which parameter must be re-defined.

IFAIL = 6

A serious error has occurred in an internal call to either E04MFF/E04MFA or H02BBF (as appropriate). Check all subroutine calls and array dimensions.

For an IP problem only:

IFAIL = 7

The solution reported is not the optimum solution. See Section 8.

IFAIL = 8

MAXDPT is too small. Try increasing its value (along with that of LIWORK and/or LRWORK if appropriate) and rerun H02BFF.

IFAIL = 9

No feasible integer point was found, i.e., it was not possible to satisfy all the integer variables to within the integer feasibility tolerance (defined internally as  $10^{-5}$ ). See Section 8.

## 7 Accuracy

The routine implements a numerically stable active set strategy and returns solutions that are as accurate as the condition of the problem warrants on the machine.

## 8 Further Comments

For an LP problem only:

If IFAIL = 2 on exit, users can obtain more information by making separate calls to H02BUF, E04MFF/E04MFA and H02BVF (in that order). Note that this will (by default) cause the final LP solution to be printed twice on the current advisory message unit (see X04ABF), once with dummy names for the rows and columns and once with user supplied names. To suppress the printout of the final LP solution with dummy names for the rows and columns, include the statement

```
CALL E04MHF(' Print Level = 5 ')
```

prior to calling E04MFF/E04MFA.

If IFAIL = 3 on exit, users are recommended to reset the value of the feasibility tolerance and rerun H02BFF. (Further advice is given under the description of IFAIL = 3 in Section 6 of the document for E04MFF/E04MFA.) For example, to reset the value of the feasibility tolerance to 0.01, include the statement

```
CALL E04MHF(' Feasibility Tolerance = 0.01 ')
```

prior to calling H02BFF.

If IFAIL = 4 on exit, users are recommended to increase the maximum number of iterations allowed before termination and rerun H02BFF. For example, to increase the maximum number of iterations to 500, include the statement

```
CALL E04MHF(' Iteration Limit = 500 ')
```

prior to calling H02BFF.

Note that H02BUF uses an 'infinite' bound size of  $10^{20}$  in the definition of  $l$  and  $u$ . In other words, any element of  $u$  greater than or equal to  $10^{20}$  will be regarded as  $+\infty$  (and similarly any element of  $l$  less than or equal to  $-10^{20}$  will be regarded as  $-\infty$ ). If this value is deemed to be inappropriate, users are recommended to reset the value of the 'infinite' bound size and make any necessary changes to BL and/or BU prior to calling E04MFF/E04MFA. For example, to reset the value of the 'infinite' bound size to 10000, include the statement

```
CALL E04MHF(' Infinite Bound Size = 1.0E+4 ')
```

prior to calling E04MFF/E04MFA.

For an IP problem only:

If IFAIL = 2, 3, 4, 7 or 9 on exit, users can obtain more information by making separate calls to H02BUF, H02BBF, H02BZF and H02BVF (in that order).

Note that H02BUF uses an 'infinite' bound size of  $10^{20}$  in the definition of  $l$  and  $u$ . In other words, any element of  $u$  greater than or equal to  $10^{20}$  will be regarded as  $+\infty$  (and similarly any element of  $l$  less than or equal to  $-10^{20}$  will be regarded as  $-\infty$ ). If this value is deemed to be inappropriate, users are recommended to reset the value of the parameter BIGBND (as described in H02BBF) and make any necessary changes to BL and/or BU prior to calling H02BBF.

## 9 Example

This example solves the same problem as the example for H02BUF, except that it treats it as an IP problem.

One of the applications of integer programming is to the so-called diet problem. Given the nutritional content of a selection of foods, the cost of each food, the amount available of each food and the consumer's minimum daily nutritional requirements, the problem is to find the cheapest combination. This gives rise to the following problem:

minimize

$$c^T x$$

subject to

$$Ax \geq b,$$

$$0 \leq x \leq u,$$

where

$$c = (3 \ 24 \ 13 \ 9 \ 20 \ 19)^T, \quad x = (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6)^T,$$

$x_1, x_2$  and  $x_6$  are real,

$x_3, x_4$  and  $x_5$  are integer,

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 110 & 205 & 160 & 160 & 420 & 260 \\ 4 & 32 & 13 & 8 & 4 & 14 \\ 2 & 12 & 54 & 285 & 22 & 80 \end{pmatrix}, \quad b = \begin{pmatrix} 2000 \\ 55 \\ 800 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and}$$

$$u = (4 \ 3 \ 2 \ 8 \ 2 \ 2)^T.$$

The rows of  $A$  correspond to energy, protein and calcium and the columns of  $A$  correspond to oatmeal, chicken, eggs, milk, pie and bacon respectively.

The MPSX data representation of this problem is given in Section 9.2 of the document for H02BFF.

## 9.1 Program Text

**Note:** the listing of the example program presented below uses *bold italicised* terms to denote precision-dependent details. Please read the Users' Note for your implementation to check the interpretation of these terms. As explained in the Essential Introduction to this manual, the results produced may not be identical for all implementations.

```
*      H02BFF Example Program Text
*      Mark 18 Revised.  NAG Copyright 1997.
*      .. Parameters ..
INTEGER          NIN, NOUT
PARAMETER       (NIN=5, NOUT=6)
INTEGER          MAXN, MAXM
PARAMETER       (MAXN=50, MAXM=50)
real
PARAMETER       (XBLDEF=0.0e0, XBUDEF=1.0e+20)
INTEGER          MAXDPT
PARAMETER       (MAXDPT=3*MAXN/2)
INTEGER          MSGLVL
PARAMETER       (MSGLVL=5)
INTEGER          LIWORK
PARAMETER       (LIWORK=(25+MAXN+MAXM)*MAXDPT+2*MAXM+7*MAXN+4)
INTEGER          LRWORK
PARAMETER       (LRWORK=MAXDPT*(MAXN+1)
+              +2*MAXN**2+MAXM*MAXN+19*MAXN+15*MAXM)
CHARACTER*3     OPTIM
PARAMETER       (OPTIM='MIN')
*      .. Local Scalars ..
INTEGER          IFAIL, INFILE, M, N
*      .. Local Arrays ..
real           RWORK(LRWORK), X(MAXN)
INTEGER          IWORK(LIWORK)
CHARACTER*8     CRNAME(MAXN+MAXM)
*      .. External Subroutines ..
EXTERNAL        H02BFF
*      .. Executable Statements ..
WRITE (NOUT,*) 'H02BFF Example Program Results'
*      Skip heading in data file
READ (NIN,*)
*
*      Solve the problem
*
INFILE = NIN
IFAIL = 0
*
CALL H02BFF(INFILE, MAXN, MAXM, OPTIM, XBLDEF, XBUDEF, MAXDPT, MSGLVL, N,
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+          M, X, CRNAME, IWORK, LIWORK, RWORK, LRWORK, IFAIL)
*
  STOP
  END

```

## 9.2 Program Data

H02BFF Example Program Data

```

NAME          DIET
ROWS
  G  ENERGY
  G  PROTEIN
  G  CALCIUM
  N  COST
COLUMNS
  OATMEAL  ENERGY    110.0
  OATMEAL  PROTEIN     4.0
  OATMEAL  CALCIUM     2.0
  OATMEAL  COST        3.0
  CHICKEN  ENERGY    205.0
  CHICKEN  PROTEIN    32.0
  CHICKEN  CALCIUM    12.0
  CHICKEN  COST       24.0
  INTEGER  'MARKER'           'INTORG'
  EGGS     ENERGY    160.0
  EGGS     PROTEIN    13.0
  EGGS     CALCIUM    54.0
  EGGS     COST       13.0
  MILK     ENERGY    160.0
  MILK     PROTEIN     8.0
  MILK     CALCIUM    285.0
  MILK     COST        9.0
  PIE      ENERGY    420.0
  PIE      PROTEIN     4.0
  PIE      CALCIUM    22.0
  PIE      COST       20.0
  INTEGER  'MARKER'           'INTEND'
  BACON    ENERGY    260.0
  BACON    PROTEIN    14.0
  BACON    CALCIUM    80.0
  BACON    COST       19.0
RHS
  DEMANDS  ENERGY    2000.0
  DEMANDS  PROTEIN    55.0
  DEMANDS  CALCIUM    800.0
BOUNDS
  UI  SERVINGS  OATMEAL    4.0
  UI  SERVINGS  CHICKEN    3.0
  UP  SERVINGS  EGGS       2.0
  UP  SERVINGS  MILK       8.0
  UP  SERVINGS  PIE        2.0
  UI  SERVINGS  BACON      2.0
ENDATA

```

## 9.3 Program Results

H02BFF Example Program Results

```

*** H02BFF
*** Start of NAG Library implementation details ***

Implementation title: Generalised Base Version
                    Precision: FORTRAN double precision
                    Product Code: FLBAS20D
                    Mark: 20A

```

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*** End of NAG Library implementation details ***

```

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Parameters
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Linear constraints.....          3          First integer solution..      OFF
Variables.....                   6          Max depth of the tree...      75

Feasibility tolerance... 1.05E-08          Print level.....              5
Infinite bound size..... 1.00E+20          EPS (machine precision). 1.11E-16

Integer feasibility tol. 1.00E-05          Iteration limit.....          50
Max number of nodes.....          NONE
    
```

```

** Workspace provided with MAXDPT = 75: LRWORK = 10075 LIWORK = 9679
** Workspace required with MAXDPT = 75: LRWORK = 677 LIWORK = 2587
    
```

\*\*\* Optimum LP solution \*\*\* 92.50000

\*\*\* Start of tree search \*\*\*

Node No	Parent Node	Obj Value	Varbl Chosen	Value Before	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	Value After	Depth
2	1	93.2	4	4.50	5.00	8.00	5.00	1
3	1	93.8	4	4.50	0.00	4.00	4.00	1
4	2	94.8	5	1.81	2.00	2.00	2.00	2
5	2	96.1	5	1.81	0.00	1.00	1.00	2
6	3	96.9	6	0.308	1.00	2.00	1.00	2
7	3	94.5	6	0.308	0.00	0.00	0.00	2
8	7	96.5	3	0.500	1.00	2.00	1.00	3
9	7	97.4	3	0.500	0.00	0.00	0.00	3
10	4	97.0	1	3.27	4.00	4.00	4.00	3

\*\*\* Integer solution \*\*\*

Node No	Parent Node	Obj Value	Varbl Chosen	Value Before	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	Value After	Depth
11	4	95.7	1	3.27	0.00	3.00	3.00	3
12	11	99.5	CO 4	5.19	6.00	8.00	6.00	4
13	11	96.2	4	5.19	5.00	5.00	5.00	4
14	5	97.3	CO 4	7.12	8.00	8.00	8.00	3
15	5	96.5	4	7.12	5.00	7.00	7.00	3
16	13	107.	CO 6	0.115	1.00	2.00	1.00	5
17	13	96.4	6	0.115	0.00	0.00	0.00	5
18	17	103.	CO 3	0.188	1.00	2.00	1.00	6
19	17	97.5	CO 3	0.188	0.00	0.00	0.00	6
20	15	100.	CO 6	0.769E-01	1.00	2.00	1.00	4
21	15	96.6	6	0.769E-01	0.00	0.00	0.00	4
22	8	97.2	CO 4	3.50	4.00	4.00	4.00	4
23	8	98.5	CO 4	3.50	0.00	3.00	3.00	4
24	21	100.	CO 3	0.125	1.00	2.00	1.00	5
25	21	97.3	CO 3	0.125	0.00	0.00	0.00	5
26	6	97.0	CO 4	2.88	3.00	4.00	3.00	3
27	6	105.	CO 4	2.88	0.00	2.00	2.00	3

\*\*\* End of tree search \*\*\*

Total of 27 nodes investigated.

Exit H02BFF - Optimum IP solution found.

Final IP objective value = 97.00000

Varbl	State	Value	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	Lagr Mult	Residual
OATMEAL	EQ	4.00000	4.00000	4.00000	3.000	0.000
CHICKEN	LL	0.00000	0.00000	3.00000	24.00	0.000
EGGS	LL	0.00000	0.00000	2.00000	13.00	0.000
MILK	LL	5.00000	5.00000	8.00000	9.000	0.000
PIE	EQ	2.00000	2.00000	2.00000	20.00	0.000



BACON	LL	0.00000	0.00000	2.00000	19.00	0.000
L Con	State	Value	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	Lagr Mult	Residual
ENERGY	FR	2080.00	2000.00	None	0.000	80.00
PROTEIN	FR	64.0000	55.0000	None	0.000	9.000
CALCIUM	FR	1477.00	800.000	None	0.000	677.0

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