# NAG Library Function Document nag\_sparse\_sym\_chol\_sol (f11jcc)

# 1 Purpose

nag\_sparse\_sym\_chol\_sol (f11jcc) solves a real sparse symmetric system of linear equations, represented in symmetric coordinate storage format, using a conjugate gradient or Lanczos method, with incomplete Cholesky preconditioning.

# 2 Specification

# 3 Description

nag sparse sym\_chol\_sol (f11jcc) solves a real sparse symmetric linear system of equations:

$$Ax = b$$
,

using a preconditioned conjugate gradient method (Meijerink and Van der Vorst (1977)), or a preconditioned Lanczos method based on the algorithm SYMMLQ (Paige and Saunders (1975)). The conjugate gradient method is more efficient if A is positive definite, but may fail to converge for indefinite matrices. In this case the Lanczos method should be used instead. For further details see Barrett  $et\ al.\ (1994)$ .

nag\_sparse\_sym\_chol\_sol (f11jcc) uses the incomplete Cholesky factorization determined by nag\_sparse\_sym\_chol\_fac (f11jac) as the preconditioning matrix. A call to nag\_sparse\_sym\_chol\_sol (f11jcc) must always be preceded by a call to nag\_sparse\_sym\_chol\_fac (f11jac). Alternative preconditioners for the same storage scheme are available by calling nag sparse sym sol (f11jec).

The matrix A, and the preconditioning matrix M, are represented in symmetric coordinate storage (SCS) format (see the fl1 Chapter Introduction) in the arrays  $\mathbf{a}$ ,  $\mathbf{irow}$  and  $\mathbf{icol}$ , as returned from nag\_sparse\_sym\_chol\_fac (fl1jac). The array  $\mathbf{a}$  holds the nonzero entries in the lower triangular parts of these matrices, while  $\mathbf{irow}$  and  $\mathbf{icol}$  hold the corresponding row and column indices.

#### 4 References

Barrett R, Berry M, Chan T F, Demmel J, Donato J, Dongarra J, Eijkhout V, Pozo R, Romine C and Van der Vorst H (1994) *Templates for the Solution of Linear Systems: Building Blocks for Iterative Methods* SIAM, Philadelphia

Meijerink J and Van der Vorst H (1977) An iterative solution method for linear systems of which the coefficient matrix is a symmetric M-matrix *Math. Comput.* **31** 148–162

Paige C C and Saunders M A (1975) Solution of sparse indefinite systems of linear equations SIAM J. Numer. Anal. 12 617–629

Salvini S A and Shaw G J (1995) An evaluation of new NAG Library solvers for large sparse symmetric linear systems *NAG Technical Report TR1/95* 

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# 5 Arguments

#### 1: **method** – Nag SparseSym Method

Input

On entry: specifies the iterative method to be used.

**method** = Nag\_SparseSym\_CG

The conjugate gradient method is used.

 $method = Nag\_SparseSym\_Lanczos$ 

The Lanczos method, SYMMLQ is used.

Constraint: **method** = Nag\_SparseSym\_CG or Nag\_SparseSym\_Lanczos.

2: **n** – Integer

On entry: the order of the matrix A. This **must** be the same value as was supplied in the preceding call to nag\_sparse\_sym\_chol\_fac (fl1jac).

Constraint:  $\mathbf{n} \geq 1$ .

3: **nnz** – Integer Input

On entry: the number of nonzero elements in the lower triangular part of the matrix A. This **must** be the same value as was supplied in the preceding call to nag sparse sym chol fac (f11jac).

Constraint:  $1 \le \mathbf{nnz} \le \mathbf{n} \times (\mathbf{n} + 1)/2$ .

4:  $\mathbf{a}[\mathbf{la}]$  – const double

Input

On entry: the values returned in array a by a previous call to nag\_sparse\_sym\_chol\_fac (f11jac).

5: **la** – Integer Input

On entry: the second dimension of the arrays a, irow and icol. This must be the same value as returned by a previous call to nag sparse sym chol fac (flljac).

Constraint:  $la \ge 2 \times nnz$ .

6: **irow**[la] – const Integer

Input

7: **icol[la]** – const Integer

Input

8: ipiv[n] - const Integer

Input

istr[n+1] – const Integer

Input

On entry: the values returned in the arrays **irow**, **icol**, **ipiv** and **istr** by a previous call to nag sparse sym chol fac (fl1jac).

10:  $\mathbf{b}[\mathbf{n}]$  – const double

9:

Input

On entry: the right-hand side vector b.

11: **tol** – double *Input* 

On entry: the required tolerance. Let  $x_k$  denote the approximate solution at iteration k, and  $r_k$  the corresponding residual. The algorithm is considered to have converged at iteration k if:

$$||r_k||_{\infty} \le \tau \times (||b||_{\infty} + ||A||_{\infty} ||x_k||_{\infty}).$$

If  $\mathbf{tol} \leq 0.0$ ,  $\tau = \max(\sqrt{\epsilon}, \sqrt{\mathbf{n}}\epsilon)$  is used, where  $\epsilon$  is the *machine precision*. Otherwise  $\tau = \max(\mathbf{tol}, 10\epsilon, \sqrt{\mathbf{n}}, \epsilon)$  is used.

Constraint: tol < 1.0.

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#### 12: **maxitn** – Integer

Input

On entry: the maximum number of iterations allowed.

Constraint:  $maxitn \ge 1$ .

# 13: $\mathbf{x}[\mathbf{n}]$ – double

Input/Output

On entry: an initial approximation to the solution vector x.

On exit: an improved approximation to the solution vector x.

#### 14: **rnorm** – double \*

Output

On exit: the final value of the residual norm  $||r_k||_{\infty}$ , where k is the output value of itn.

15: **itn** – Integer \*

Output

On exit: the number of iterations carried out.

#### 16: **comm** – Nag Sparse Comm \*

Input/Output

On entry/exit: a pointer to a structure of type Nag\_Sparse\_Comm whose members are used by the iterative solver.

### 17: **fail** – NagError \*

Input/Output

The NAG error argument (see Section 3.6 in the Essential Introduction).

# 6 Error Indicators and Warnings

## NE\_2\_INT\_ARG\_LT

On entry,  $\mathbf{la} = \langle value \rangle$  while  $\mathbf{nnz} = \langle value \rangle$ . These arguments must satisfy  $\mathbf{la} \geq 2 \times \mathbf{nnz}$ .

## NE\_ACC\_LIMIT

The required accuracy could not be obtained. However, a reasonable accuracy has been obtained and further iterations cannot improve the result.

#### NE\_ALLOC\_FAIL

Dynamic memory allocation failed.

# NE\_BAD\_PARAM

On entry, argument method had an illegal value.

#### NE COEFF NOT POS DEF

The matrix of coefficients appears not to be positive definite.

#### NE INT 2

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On entry, \mathbf{nnz} = \langle value \rangle, \mathbf{n} = \langle value \rangle.
Constraint: 1 \leq \mathbf{nnz} \leq \mathbf{n} \times (\mathbf{n} + 1)/2.
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## NE\_INT\_ARG\_LT

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On entry, maxitn = \langle value \rangle.
Constraint: maxitn \ge 1.
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On entry, \mathbf{n} = \langle value \rangle.
Constraint: \mathbf{n} \geq 1.
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#### 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 contact NAG for assistance.

# NE\_INVALID\_SCS

The SCS representation of the matrix A is invalid. Check that the call to nag\_sparse\_sym\_chol\_sol (f11jcc) has been preceded by a valid call to nag\_sparse\_sym\_chol\_fac (f11jac), and that the arrays **a**, **irow** and **icol** have not been corrupted between the two calls.

# NE\_INVALID\_SCS\_PRECOND

The SCS representation of the preconditioning matrix M is invalid. Check that the call to nag\_sparse\_sym\_chol\_sol (f11jcc) has been preceded by a valid call to nag\_sparse\_sym\_chol\_fac (f11jac), and that the arrays  $\bf a$ ,  $\bf irow$ ,  $\bf icol$ ,  $\bf ipiv$  and  $\bf istr$  have not been corrupted between the two calls.

#### NE NOT REQ ACC

The required accuracy has not been obtained in maxitn iterations.

#### NE PRECOND NOT POS DEF

The preconditioner appears not to be positive definite.

#### NE REAL ARG GE

On entry, **tol** must not be greater than or equal to 1.0: **tol** =  $\langle value \rangle$ .

# 7 Accuracy

On successful termination, the final residual  $r_k = b - Ax_k$ , where k = itn, satisfies the termination criterion

$$||r_k||_{\infty} \le \tau \times (||b||_{\infty} + ||A||_{\infty} ||x_k||_{\infty}).$$

The value of the final residual norm is returned in **rnorm**.

## 8 Parallelism and Performance

Not applicable.

## **9** Further Comments

The time taken by nag\_sparse\_sym\_chol\_sol (f11jcc) for each iteration is roughly proportional to the value of **nnzc** returned from the preceding call to nag\_sparse\_sym\_chol\_fac (f11jac). One iteration with the Lanczos method (SYMMLQ) requires a slightly larger number of operations than one iteration with the conjugate gradient method.

The number of iterations required to achieve a prescribed accuracy cannot be easily determined a priori, as it can depend dramatically on the conditioning and spectrum of the preconditioned matrix of the coefficients  $\bar{A} = M^{-1}A$ .

Some illustrations of the application of nag\_sparse\_sym\_chol\_sol (f11jcc) to linear systems arising from the discretization of two-dimensional elliptic partial differential equations, and to random-valued randomly structured symmetric positive definite linear systems, can be found in Salvini and Shaw (1995).

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# 10 Example

This example program solves a symmetric positive definite system of equations using the conjugate gradient method, with incomplete Cholesky preconditioning.

#### 10.1 Program Text

```
/* nag_sparse_sym_chol_sol (f11jcc) Example Program.
* Copyright 1998 Numerical Algorithms Group.
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* /
#include <nag.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <nag_stdlib.h>
#include <nag_string.h>
#include <nagf11.h>
int main(void)
{
 double
                        dtol;
                        *a = 0, *b = 0;
 double
                        *x = 0;
 double
                       rnorm, dscale;
 double
 double
                       tol;
 Integer
                       exit_status = 0;
                       *icol = 0;
 Integer
                       *ipiv = 0, nnzc, *irow = 0, *istr = 0;
 Integer
                       i;
 Integer
 Integer
                       n;
                       lfill, npivm;
 Integer
 Integer
                       maxitn;
 Integer
                       itn;
 Integer
                       nnz;
 Integer
                       num;
  char
                       nag_enum_arg[40];
 Nag_SparseSym_Method method;
 Nag_SparseSym_Piv
                       pstrat;
 Nag_SparseSym_Fact
                       mic;
 Nag_Sparse_Comm
                       comm;
 NagError
                        fail;
 INIT_FAIL(fail);
 printf("nag_sparse_sym_chol_sol (f11jcc) Example Program Results\n");
  /* Skip heading in data file */
 scanf(" %*[^\n]");
  /* Read algorithmic parameters */
 scanf("%ld%*[^\n]", &n);
scanf("%ld%*[^\n]", &nnz);
 scanf("%ld%lf%*[^\n]", &lfill, &dtol);
 scanf("%39s%*[^\n]", nag_enum_arg);
 /* nag_enum_name_to_value (x04nac).
  * Converts NAG enum member name to value
 method = (Nag_SparseSym_Method) nag_enum_name_to_value(nag_enum_arg);
 scanf("%39s%1f%*[^\n]", nag_enum_arg, &dscale);
 mic = (Nag_SparseSym_Fact) nag_enum_name_to_value(nag_enum_arg);
 scanf("%39s%*[^\n]", nag_enum_arg);
 pstrat = (Nag_SparseSym_Piv) nag_enum_name_to_value(nag_enum_arg);
 scanf("%lf%ld%*[^\n]", &tol, &maxitn);
 /* Read the matrix a */
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/* Allocate memory */
num = 2 * nnz;
irow = NAG_ALLOC(num, Integer);
icol = NAG_ALLOC(num, Integer);
a = NAG_ALLOC(num, double);
b = NAG_ALLOC(n, double);
x = NAG\_ALLOC(n, double);
istr = NAG_ALLOC(n+1, Integer);
ipiv = NAG_ALLOC(num, Integer);
if (!irow || !icol || !a || !x || !istr || !ipiv)
   {
    printf("Allocation failure\n");
    return EXIT_FAILURE;
for (i = 1; i <= nnz; ++i)
  scanf("%lf%ld%*[^\n]", &a[i-1], &irow[i-1], &icol[i-1]);</pre>
 /* Read right-hand side vector b and initial approximate solution x */
for (i = 1; i \le n; ++i)
  scanf("%lf", &b[i-1]);
 scanf(" %*[^\n]");
for (i = 1; i \le n; ++i)
   scanf("%lf", &x[i-1]);
 scanf("%*[^\n]");
 /* Calculate incomplete Cholesky factorization */
 /* nag_sparse_sym_chol_fac (f11jac).
  * Incomplete Cholesky factorization (symmetric)
nag_sparse_sym_chol_fac(n, nnz, &a, &num, &irow, &icol, lfill, dtol, mic,
                         dscale, pstrat, ipiv, istr, &nnzc, &npivm, &comm,
                         &fail);
if (fail.code != NE_NOERROR)
   {
    printf("Error from nag_sparse_sym_chol_fac (f11jac).\n%s\n",
           fail.message);
     exit_status = 1;
    goto END;
 /* Solve Ax = b */
 /* nag_sparse_sym_chol_sol (f11jcc).
 * Solver with incomplete Cholesky preconditioning
  * (symmetric)
nag_sparse_sym_chol_sol(method, n, nnz, a, num, irow, icol, ipiv, istr, b,
                         tol, maxitn, x, &rnorm, &itn, &comm, &fail);
 if (fail.code != NE_NOERROR)
    printf("Error from nag_sparse_sym_chol_sol (f11jcc).\n%s\n",
           fail.message);
     exit_status = 1;
     goto END;
/* Output x */
for (i = 1; i \le n; ++i)
  printf(" %16.4e\n", x[i-1]);
END:
NAG_FREE(irow);
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NAG_FREE(icol);
NAG_FREE(a);
NAG_FREE(b);
NAG_FREE(x);
NAG_FREE(ipiv);
NAG_FREE(istr);
return exit_status;
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## 10.2 Program Data

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nag_sparse_sym_chol_sol (f11jcc) Example Program Data
  16
                                    nnz
  1 0.0
                                    lfill, dtol
 Nag_SparseSym_CG
                                    method
 Nag_SparseSym_UnModFact 0.0
                                    mic dscale
 Nag_SparseSym_MarkPiv
                                    pstrat
  1.0e-6 100
                                    tol, maxitn
  4.
       1
       2
  1.
            1
       2
  5.
            2
  2.
       3
            3
  2.
       4
            2
 3.
       4
            4
 -1.
       5
       5
 1.
            4
  4.
       5
            5
  1.
       6
            2
 -2.
            5
       6
 3.
            6
       6
 2.
       7
            1
       7
            2
 -1.
-2.
       7
            3
 5.
       7
            7
                       a[i-1], irow[i-1], icol[i-1], i=1,...,nnz
                 21.
      18.
           -8.
 15.
 11.
      10.
           29.
                       b[i-1], i=1,...,n
            0.
                  0.
  0.
       0.
  0.
       0.
            0.
                       x[i-1], i=1,...,n
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#### 10.3 Program Results

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