

## NAG Library Function Document

### nag\_regsn\_mult\_linear\_delete\_var (g02dfc)

#### 1 Purpose

nag\_regsn\_mult\_linear\_delete\_var (g02dfc) deletes an independent variable from a general linear regression model.

#### 2 Specification

```
#include <nag.h>
#include <nagg02.h>

void nag_regsn_mult_linear_delete_var (Integer ip, double q[], Integer tdq,
    Integer indx, double *rss, NagError *fail)
```

#### 3 Description

When selecting a linear regression model it is sometimes useful to drop independent variables from the model and to examine the resulting sub-model. nag\_regsn\_mult\_linear\_delete\_var (g02dfc) updates the  $QR$  decomposition used in the computation of the linear regression model. The  $QR$  decomposition may come from nag\_regsn\_mult\_linear (g02dac), nag\_regsn\_mult\_linear\_addrem\_obs (g02dcc), nag\_regsn\_mult\_linear\_add\_var (g02dec) or a previous call to nag\_regsn\_mult\_linear\_delete\_var (g02dfc).

For the general linear regression model with  $p$  independent variables fitted, nag\_regsn\_mult\_linear (g02dac) or nag\_regsn\_mult\_linear\_add\_var (g02dec) computes a  $QR$  decomposition of the (weighted) independent variables and forms an upper triangular matrix  $R$  and a vector  $c$ . To remove an independent variable  $R$  and  $c$  have to be updated. The column of  $R$  corresponding to the variable to be dropped is removed and the matrix is then restored to upper triangular form by applying a series of Givens rotations. The rotations are then applied to  $c$ . Note that only the first  $p$  elements of  $c$  are affected.

The method used means that while the updated values of  $R$  and  $c$  are computed an updated value of  $Q$  from the  $QR$  decomposition is not available so a call to nag\_regsn\_mult\_linear\_add\_var (g02dec) cannot be made after a call to nag\_regsn\_mult\_linear\_delete\_var (g02dfc).

nag\_regsn\_mult\_linear\_upd\_model (g02ddc) can be used to calculate the parameter estimates,  $\hat{\beta}$ , from the information provided by nag\_regsn\_mult\_linear\_delete\_var (g02dfc).

#### 4 References

Golub G H and Van Loan C F (1996) *Matrix Computations* (3rd Edition) Johns Hopkins University Press, Baltimore

Hammarling S (1985) The singular value decomposition in multivariate statistics *SIGNUM Newsl.* **20(3)** 2–25

#### 5 Arguments

1: **ip** – Integer *Input*

*On entry:* the number of independent variables already in the model,  $p$ .

*Constraint:* **ip**  $\geq 1$ .

2: **q[ip  $\times$  tdq]** – double *Input/Output*

**Note:** the  $(i, j)$ th element of the matrix  $Q$  is stored in **q**[( $i - 1$ )  $\times$  **tdq** +  $j - 1$ ].

*On entry:* the results of the  $QR$  decomposition as returned by nag\_regsn\_mult\_linear (g02dac), nag\_regsn\_mult\_linear\_addrem\_obs (g02dcc), nag\_regsn\_mult\_linear\_add\_var (g02dec) or previous calls to nag\_regsn\_mult\_linear\_delete\_var (g02dfc).

*On exit:* the updated  $QR$  decomposition. The first **ip** elements of the first column of **q** contain the updated value of  $c$ , the upper triangular part of columns 2 to **ip** contain the updated  $R$  matrix.

- 3: **tdq** – Integer *Input*  
*On entry:* the stride separating matrix column elements in the array **q**.  
*Constraint:* **tdq**  $\geq$  **ip** + 1.
- 4: **indx** – Integer *Input*  
*On entry:* indicates which independent variable is to be deleted from the model.  
*Constraint:*  $1 \leq$  **indx**  $\leq$  **ip**.
- 5: **rss** – double \* *Input/Output*  
*On entry:* the residual sum of squares for the full regression.  
*Constraint:* **rss**  $\geq$  0.0.  
*On exit:* the residual sum of squares with the (**indx**)th variable removed. Note that the residual sum of squares will only be valid if the regression is of full rank.
- 6: **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\_GT

On entry, **indx** =  $\langle value \rangle$  while **ip** =  $\langle value \rangle$ . These arguments must satisfy **indx**  $\leq$  **ip**.

### NE\_2\_INT\_ARG\_LT

On entry, **tdq** =  $\langle value \rangle$  while **ip** + 1 =  $\langle value \rangle$ . These arguments must satisfy **tdq**  $\geq$  **ip** + 1.

### NE\_ALLOC\_FAIL

Dynamic memory allocation failed.

### NE\_DIAG\_ELEM\_ZERO

On entry, a diagonal element,  $\langle value \rangle$ , of  $R$  is zero.

### NE\_INT\_ARG\_LT

On entry, **indx** =  $\langle value \rangle$ .

Constraint: **indx**  $\geq$  1.

On entry, **ip** =  $\langle value \rangle$ .

Constraint: **ip**  $\geq$  1.

### NE\_REAL\_ARG\_LT

On entry, **rss** must not be less than 0.0: **rss** =  $\langle value \rangle$ .

## 7 Accuracy

There will inevitably be some loss in accuracy in fitting a model by dropping terms from a more complex model rather than fitting it afresh using `nag_regsn_mult_linear` (g02dac).

## 8 Parallelism and Performance

Not applicable.

## 9 Further Comments

None.

## 10 Example

A dataset consisting of 12 observations on four independent variables and one dependent variable is read in. The full model, including a mean term, is fitted using `nag_regsn_mult_linear` (g02dac). The value of `indx` is read in and that variable dropped from the regression. The parameter estimates are calculated by `nag_regsn_mult_linear_upd_model` (g02ddc) and printed. This process is repeated until `indx` is 0.

### 10.1 Program Text

```

/* nag_regsn_mult_linear_delete_var (g02dfc) Example Program.
 *
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 *
 * Mark 2, 1991.
 * Mark 8 revised, 2004.
 */

#include <nag.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <nag_stdlib.h>
#include <nagg02.h>

#define X(I, J) x[(I) *tdx + J]
#define Q(I, J) q[(I) *tdq + J]
int main(void)
{
    Integer          exit_status = 0, i, indx, ip, ipmax, j, m, n, rank, *sx = 0,
                    tdq, tdx;
    char             nag_enum_arg[40];
    double           *b = 0, *com_ar = 0, *cov = 0, df, *h = 0, *p = 0, *q = 0;
    double           *res = 0, rss, *se = 0, tol, *wt = 0, *wtptr, *x = 0, *y = 0;
    Nag_Boolean      svd, weight;
    Nag_IncludeMean  mean;
    Nag_Error        fail;

    INIT_FAIL(fail);

    printf("nag_regsn_mult_linear_delete_var (g02dfc) Example Program "
           "Results\n");
    /* Skip heading in data file */
    scanf("%*[^\\n]");
    scanf("%ld %ld", &n, &m);
    scanf(" %39s", nag_enum_arg);
    /* nag_enum_name_to_value (x04nac).
     * Converts NAG enum member name to value
     */
    weight = (Nag_Boolean) nag_enum_name_to_value(nag_enum_arg);
    scanf(" %39s", nag_enum_arg);
    mean = (Nag_IncludeMean) nag_enum_name_to_value(nag_enum_arg);
    ipmax = m+1;
    if (n >= 1 && m >= 1)
    {
        if (!(h = NAG_ALLOC(n, double)) ||

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!(res = NAG_ALLOC(n, double)) ||
!(wt = NAG_ALLOC(n, double)) ||
!(x = NAG_ALLOC((n)*(m), double)) ||
!(y = NAG_ALLOC(n, double)) ||
!(sx = NAG_ALLOC(m, Integer)) ||
!(b = NAG_ALLOC(ipmax, double)) ||
!(cov = NAG_ALLOC(ipmax*(ipmax+1)/2, double)) ||
!(p = NAG_ALLOC(ipmax*(ipmax+2), double)) ||
!(q = NAG_ALLOC((n)*(ipmax+1), double)) ||
!(se = NAG_ALLOC(ipmax, double)) ||
!(com_ar = NAG_ALLOC(5*(ipmax-1)+ipmax*ipmax, double)))
{
printf("Allocation failure\n");
exit_status = -1;
goto END;
}
tdx = m;
tdq = ipmax+1;
}
else
{
printf("Invalid n or m.\n");
exit_status = 1;
return exit_status;
}

if (weight)
  wtptr = wt;
else
  wtptr = (double *) 0;

if (wtptr)
{
for (i = 0; i < n; ++i)
{
for (j = 0; j < m; ++j)
scanf("%lf", &X(i, j));
scanf("%lf%lf", &y[i], &wt[i]);
}
}
else
{
for (i = 0; i < n; ++i)
{
for (j = 0; j < m; ++j)
scanf("%lf", &X(i, j));
scanf("%lf", &y[i]);
}
}
for (i = 0; i < m; ++i)
  sx[i] = 1;
ip = m;
if (mean == Nag_MeanInclude)
  ip += 1;
/* Set tolerance */
tol = 0.00001e0;
/* nag_regsn_mult_linear (g02dac).
 * Fits a general (multiple) linear regression model
 */
nag_regsn_mult_linear(mean, n, x, tdx, m, sx, ip, y, wtptr, &rss,
                      &df, b, se, cov, res, h, q, tdq, &svd, &rank,
                      p, tol, com_ar, &fail);
if (fail.code != NE_NOERROR)
{
printf("Error from nag_regsn_mult_linear (g02dac).\n%s\n",
      fail.message);
exit_status = 1;
goto END;
}

printf("Results from full model\n");

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if (svd)
    printf("Model not of full rank\n\n");
printf("Residual sum of squares = %13.4e\n", rss);
printf("Degrees of freedom = %3.1f\n\n", df);
while (scanf("%ld", &indx) != EOF)
{
    if (indx != 0)
    {
        /* nag_regsn_mult_linear_delete_var (g02dfc).
        * Delete an independent variable from a general linear
        * regression model
        */
        nag_regsn_mult_linear_delete_var(ip, q, tdq, indx, &rss,
                                        &fail);
        if (fail.code != NE_NOERROR)
        {
            printf(
                "Error from nag_regsn_mult_linear_delete_var (g02dfc). "
                "\n%s\n", fail.message);
            exit_status = 1;
            goto END;
        }

        ip = ip - 1;
        if (ip == 0)
            printf("No terms left in model\n");
        else
        {
            printf("Variable %4ld dropped\n", indx);
            /* nag_regsn_mult_linear_upd_model (g02ddc).
            * Estimates of regression parameters from an updated model
            */
            nag_regsn_mult_linear_upd_model(n, ip, q, tdq, &rss, &df, b, se,
                                           cov, &svd, &rank, p, tol, &fail);
            if (fail.code != NE_NOERROR)
            {
                printf("Error from nag_regsn_mult_linear_upd_model "
                    "(g02ddc).\n%s\n", fail.message);
                exit_status = 1;
                goto END;
            }

            printf("Residual sum of squares = %13.4e\n", rss);
            printf("Degrees of freedom = %3.1f\n\n", df);
            printf("Parameter estimate   Standard error\n\n");
            for (j = 0; j < ip; j++)
                printf("%15.4e%15.4e\n", b[j], se[j]);
        }
    }
}
END:
NAG_FREE(h);
NAG_FREE(res);
NAG_FREE(wt);
NAG_FREE(x);
NAG_FREE(y);
NAG_FREE(sx);
NAG_FREE(b);
NAG_FREE(cov);
NAG_FREE(p);
NAG_FREE(q);
NAG_FREE(se);
NAG_FREE(com_ar);
return exit_status;
}

```

## 10.2 Program Data

```
nag_regsn_mult_linear_delete_var (g02dfc) Example Program Data
 12 4 Nag_FALSE Nag_MeanInclude
1.0 1.4 0.0 0.0 4.32
1.5 2.2 0.0 0.0 5.21
2.0 4.5 0.0 0.0 6.49
2.5 6.1 0.0 0.0 7.10
3.0 7.1 0.0 0.0 7.94
3.5 7.7 0.0 0.0 8.53
4.0 8.3 1.0 4.0 8.84
4.5 8.6 1.0 4.5 9.02
5.0 8.8 1.0 5.0 9.27
5.5 9.0 1.0 5.5 9.43
6.0 9.3 1.0 6.0 9.68
6.5 9.2 1.0 6.5 9.83
2
4
0
```

## 10.3 Program Results

```
nag_regsn_mult_linear_delete_var (g02dfc) Example Program Results
```

Results from full model

Residual sum of squares = 8.4066e-02

Degrees of freedom = 7.0

Variable 2 dropped

Residual sum of squares = 2.1239e-01

Degrees of freedom = 8.0

Parameter estimate	Standard error
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3.6372e+00	1.5083e-01
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6.1264e-01	2.8007e-02
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-6.0154e-01	4.2335e-01
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1.6709e-01	7.8656e-02
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Variable 4 dropped

Residual sum of squares = 3.3220e-01

Degrees of freedom = 9.0

Parameter estimate	Standard error
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3.5974e+00	1.7647e-01
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6.2088e-01	3.2706e-02
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2.4247e-01	1.7235e-01
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