

## NAG Library Function Document

### **nag\_regsn\_ridge\_opt (g02kac)**

## 1 Purpose

`nag_regsn_ridge_opt (g02kac)` calculates a ridge regression, optimizing the ridge parameter according to one of four prediction error criteria.

## 2 Specification

```
#include <nag.h>
#include <nagg02.h>
void nag_regsn_ridge_opt (Nag_OrderType order, Integer n, Integer m,
                           const double x[], Integer pdx, const Integer isx[], Integer ip,
                           double tau, const double y[], double *h, Nag_PredictError opt,
                           Integer *niter, double tol, double *nep, Nag_EstimatesOption orig,
                           double b[], double vif[], double res[], double *rss, Integer *df,
                           Nag_OptionL0O optloo, double perr[], NagError *fail)
```

## 3 Description

A linear model has the form:

$$y = c + X\beta + \epsilon,$$

where

$y$  is an  $n$  by 1 matrix of values of a dependent variable;

$c$  is a scalar intercept term;

$X$  is an  $n$  by  $m$  matrix of values of independent variables;

$\beta$  is an  $m$  by 1 matrix of unknown values of parameters;

$\epsilon$  is an  $n$  by 1 matrix of unknown random errors such that variance of  $\epsilon = \sigma^2 I$ .

Let  $\tilde{X}$  be the mean-centred  $X$  and  $\tilde{y}$  the mean-centred  $y$ . Furthermore,  $\tilde{X}$  is scaled such that the diagonal elements of the cross product matrix  $\tilde{X}^T \tilde{X}$  are one. The linear model now takes the form:

$$\tilde{y} = \tilde{X}\tilde{\beta} + \epsilon.$$

Ridge regression estimates the parameters  $\tilde{\beta}$  in a penalised least squares sense by finding the  $\tilde{b}$  that minimizes

$$\|\tilde{X}\tilde{b} - \tilde{y}\|^2 + h\|\tilde{b}\|^2, \quad h > 0,$$

where  $\|\cdot\|$  denotes the  $\ell_2$ -norm and  $h$  is a scalar regularization or ridge parameter. For a given value of  $h$ , the parameter estimates  $\tilde{b}$  are found by evaluating

$$\tilde{b} = (\tilde{X}^T \tilde{X} + hI)^{-1} \tilde{X}^T \tilde{y}.$$

Note that if  $h = 0$  the ridge regression solution is equivalent to the ordinary least squares solution.

Rather than calculate the inverse of  $(\tilde{X}^T \tilde{X} + hI)$  directly, `nag_regsn_ridge_opt (g02kac)` uses the singular value decomposition (SVD) of  $\tilde{X}$ . After decomposing  $\tilde{X}$  into  $UDV^T$  where  $U$  and  $V$  are orthogonal matrices and  $D$  is a diagonal matrix, the parameter estimates become

$$\tilde{b} = V(D^T D + hI)^{-1} D U^T \tilde{y}.$$

A consequence of introducing the ridge parameter is that the effective number of parameters,  $\gamma$ , in the model is given by the sum of diagonal elements of

$$D^T D (D^T D + hI)^{-1},$$

see Moody (1992) for details.

Any multi-collinearity in the design matrix  $X$  may be highlighted by calculating the variance inflation factors for the fitted model. The  $j$ th variance inflation factor,  $v_j$ , is a scaled version of the multiple correlation coefficient between independent variable  $j$  and the other independent variables,  $R_j$ , and is given by

$$v_j = \frac{1}{1 - R_j}, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, m.$$

The  $m$  variance inflation factors are calculated as the diagonal elements of the matrix:

$$(\tilde{X}^T \tilde{X} + hI)^{-1} \tilde{X}^T \tilde{X} (\tilde{X}^T \tilde{X} + hI)^{-1},$$

which, using the SVD of  $\tilde{X}$ , is equivalent to the diagonal elements of the matrix:

$$V (D^T D + hI)^{-1} D^T D (D^T D + hI)^{-1} V^T.$$

Although parameter estimates  $\tilde{b}$  are calculated by using  $\tilde{X}$ , it is usual to report the parameter estimates  $b$  associated with  $X$ . These are calculated from  $\tilde{b}$ , and the means and scalings of  $X$ . Optionally, either  $\tilde{b}$  or  $b$  may be calculated.

The method can adopt one of four criteria to minimize while calculating a suitable value for  $h$ :

(a) Generalized cross-validation (GCV):

$$\frac{ns}{(n - \gamma)^2};$$

(b) Unbiased estimate of variance (UEV):

$$\frac{s}{n - \gamma};$$

(c) Future prediction error (FPE):

$$\frac{1}{n} \left( s + \frac{2\gamma s}{n - \gamma} \right);$$

(d) Bayesian information criterion (BIC):

$$\frac{1}{n} \left( s + \frac{\log(n)\gamma s}{n - \gamma} \right);$$

where  $s$  is the sum of squares of residuals. However, the function returns all four of the above prediction errors regardless of the one selected to minimize the ridge parameter,  $h$ . Furthermore, the function will optionally return the leave-one-out cross-validation (LOOCV) prediction error.

## 4 References

Hastie T, Tibshirani R and Friedman J (2003) *The Elements of Statistical Learning: Data Mining, Inference and Prediction* Springer Series in Statistics

Moody J.E. (1992) The effective number of parameters: An analysis of generalisation and regularisation in nonlinear learning systems *In: Neural Information Processing Systems* (eds J E Moody, S J Hanson, and R P Lippmann) 4 847–854 Morgan Kaufmann San Mateo CA

## 5 Arguments

1: **order** – Nag\_OrderType *Input*

*On entry:* the **order** argument specifies the two-dimensional storage scheme being used, i.e., row-major ordering or column-major ordering. C language defined storage is specified by **order** = Nag\_RowMajor. See Section 3.2.1.3 in the Essential Introduction for a more detailed explanation of the use of this argument.

*Constraint:* **order** = Nag\_RowMajor or Nag\_ColMajor.

2: **n** – Integer *Input*

*On entry:*  $n$ , the number of observations.

*Constraint:* **n** > 1.

3: **m** – Integer *Input*

*On entry:* the number of independent variables available in the data matrix  $X$ .

*Constraint:* **m** ≤ **n**.

4: **x[dim]** – const double *Input*

**Note:** the dimension,  $dim$ , of the array **x** must be at least

$\max(1, \mathbf{pdx} \times \mathbf{m})$  when **order** = Nag\_ColMajor;  
 $\max(1, \mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{pdx})$  when **order** = Nag\_RowMajor.

The  $(i, j)$ th element of the matrix  $X$  is stored in

$\mathbf{x}[(j - 1) \times \mathbf{pdx} + i - 1]$  when **order** = Nag\_ColMajor;  
 $\mathbf{x}[(i - 1) \times \mathbf{pdx} + j - 1]$  when **order** = Nag\_RowMajor.

*On entry:* the values of independent variables in the data matrix  $X$ .

5: **pdx** – Integer *Input*

*On entry:* the stride separating row or column elements (depending on the value of **order**) in the array **x**.

*Constraints:*

if **order** = Nag\_ColMajor, **pdx** ≥ **n**;  
if **order** = Nag\_RowMajor, **pdx** ≥ **m**.

6: **isx[m]** – const Integer *Input*

*On entry:* indicates which  $m$  independent variables are included in the model.

**isx**[ $j - 1$ ] = 1  
The  $j$ th variable in **x** will be included in the model.

**isx**[ $j - 1$ ] = 0  
Variable  $j$  is excluded.

*Constraint:* **isx**[ $j - 1$ ] = 0 or 1, for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$ .

7: **ip** – Integer *Input*

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

*Constraints:*

$1 \leq \mathbf{ip} \leq \mathbf{m}$ ;  
Exactly **ip** elements of **isx** must be equal to 1.

8:	<b>tau</b> – double	<i>Input</i>
<i>On entry:</i> singular values less than <b>tau</b> of the SVD of the data matrix $X$ will be set equal to zero.		
<i>Suggested value:</i> <b>tau</b> = 0.0		
<i>Constraint:</i> <b>tau</b> $\geq 0.0$ .		
9:	<b>y[n]</b> – const double	<i>Input</i>
<i>On entry:</i> the $n$ values of the dependent variable $y$ .		
10:	<b>h</b> – double *	<i>Input/Output</i>
<i>On entry:</i> an initial value for the ridge regression parameter $h$ ; used as a starting point for the optimization.		
<i>Constraint:</i> <b>h</b> $> 0.0$ .		
<i>On exit:</i> <b>h</b> is the optimized value of the ridge regression parameter $h$ .		
11:	<b>opt</b> – Nag_PredictError	<i>Input</i>
<i>On entry:</i> the measure of prediction error used to optimize the ridge regression parameter $h$ . The value of <b>opt</b> must be set equal to one of:		
<b>opt</b> = Nag_GCV Generalized cross-validation (GCV);		
<b>opt</b> = Nag_UEV Unbiased estimate of variance (UEV)		
<b>opt</b> = Nag_FPE Future prediction error (FPE)		
<b>opt</b> = Nag_BIC Bayesian information criteron (BIC).		
<i>Constraint:</i> <b>opt</b> = Nag_GCV, Nag_UEV, Nag_FPE or Nag_BIC.		
12:	<b>niter</b> – Integer *	<i>Input/Output</i>
<i>On entry:</i> the maximum number of iterations allowed to optimize the ridge regression parameter $h$ .		
<i>Constraint:</i> <b>niter</b> $\geq 1$ .		
<i>On exit:</i> the number of iterations used to optimize the ridge regression parameter $h$ within <b>tol</b> .		
13:	<b>tol</b> – double	<i>Input</i>
<i>On entry:</i> iterations of the ridge regression parameter $h$ will halt when consecutive values of $h$ lie within <b>tol</b> .		
<i>Constraint:</i> <b>tol</b> $> 0.0$ .		
14:	<b>nep</b> – double *	<i>Output</i>
<i>On exit:</i> the number of effective parameters, $\gamma$ , in the model.		
15:	<b>orig</b> – Nag_EstimatesOption	<i>Input</i>
<i>On entry:</i> if <b>orig</b> = Nag_EstimatesOrig, the parameter estimates $b$ are calculated for the original data; otherwise <b>orig</b> = Nag_EstimatesStand and the parameter estimates $\tilde{b}$ are calculated for the standardized data.		
<i>Constraint:</i> <b>orig</b> = Nag_EstimatesOrig or Nag_EstimatesStand.		

16:	<b>b[ip + 1]</b> – double	Output
<i>On exit:</i> contains the intercept and parameter estimates for the fitted ridge regression model in the order indicated by <b>isx</b> . The first element of <b>b</b> contains the estimate for the intercept; <b>b[j]</b> contains the parameter estimate for the $j$ th independent variable in the model, for $j = 1, 2, \dots, \text{ip}$ .		
17:	<b>vif[ip]</b> – double	Output
<i>On exit:</i> the variance inflation factors in the order indicated by <b>isx</b> . For the $j$ th independent variable in the model, <b>vif[j - 1]</b> is the value of $v_j$ , for $j = 1, 2, \dots, \text{ip}$ .		
18:	<b>res[n]</b> – double	Output
<i>On exit:</i> <b>res[i - 1]</b> is the value of the $i$ th residual for the fitted ridge regression model, for $i = 1, 2, \dots, \text{n}$ .		
19:	<b>rss</b> – double *	Output
<i>On exit:</i> the sum of squares of residual values.		
20:	<b>df</b> – Integer *	Output
<i>On exit:</i> the degrees of freedom for the residual sum of squares <b>rss</b> .		
21:	<b>optloo</b> – Nag_OptionLOO	Input
<i>On entry:</i> if <b>optloo</b> = Nag_WantLOO, the leave-one-out cross-validation estimate of prediction error is calculated; otherwise no such estimate is calculated and <b>optloo</b> = Nag_NoLOO.		
<i>Constraint:</i> <b>optloo</b> = Nag_NoLOO or Nag_WantLOO.		
22:	<b>perr[5]</b> – double	Output
<i>On exit:</i> the first four elements contain, in this order, the measures of prediction error: GCV, UEV, FPE and BIC.		
If <b>optloo</b> = Nag_WantLOO, <b>perr[4]</b> is the LOOCV estimate of prediction error; otherwise <b>perr[4]</b> is not referenced.		
23:	<b>fail</b> – NagError *	Input/Output
The NAG error argument (see Section 3.6 in the Essential Introduction).		

## 6 Error Indicators and Warnings

### NE\_2\_INT\_ARG\_CONS

On entry, **ip** =  $\langle\text{value}\rangle$ ; **m** =  $\langle\text{value}\rangle$ .  
 Constraint:  $1 \leq \text{ip} \leq \text{m}$ .

### NE\_ALLOC\_FAIL

Dynamic memory allocation failed.

### NE\_BAD\_PARAM

On entry, argument  $\langle\text{value}\rangle$  had an illegal value.

### NE\_INT

On entry, **n** =  $\langle\text{value}\rangle$ .  
 Constraint: **n** > 1.

On entry, **niter** =  $\langle\text{value}\rangle$ .  
 Constraint: **niter**  $\geq 1$ .

On entry, **pdx** =  $\langle value \rangle$ .  
 Constraint: **pdx** > 0.

**NE\_INT\_2**

On entry, **m** =  $\langle value \rangle$  and **n** =  $\langle value \rangle$ .  
 Constraint: **m**  $\leq$  **n**.

On entry, **pdx** =  $\langle value \rangle$ ; **n** =  $\langle value \rangle$ .  
 Constraint: **pdx**  $\geq$  **n**.

On entry, **pdx** =  $\langle value \rangle$  and **m** =  $\langle value \rangle$ .  
 Constraint: **pdx**  $\geq$  **m**.

**NE\_INT\_ARG\_CONS**

On entry, **ip** =  $\langle value \rangle$ .  
 Constraint: sum(**isx**) = **ip**.

**NE\_INT\_ARRAY\_VAL\_1\_OR\_2**

On entry, **isx**[ $\langle value \rangle$ ] =  $\langle value \rangle$ .  
 Constraint: **isx**[ $j - 1$ ] = 0 or 1.

**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\_REAL**

On entry, **h** =  $\langle value \rangle$ .  
 Constraint: **h** > 0.0.

On entry, **tau** =  $\langle value \rangle$ .  
 Constraint: **tau**  $\geq$  0.0.

On entry, **tol** =  $\langle value \rangle$ .  
 Constraint: **tol** > 0.0.

**NE\_SVD\_FAIL**

SVD failed to converge.

**NW\_TOO\_MANY\_ITER**

Maximum number of iterations used.

**7 Accuracy**

Not applicable.

**8 Parallelism and Performance**

`nag_regsn_ridge_opt` (g02kac) is threaded by NAG for parallel execution in multithreaded implementations of the NAG Library.

`nag_regsn_ridge_opt` (g02kac) makes calls to BLAS and/or LAPACK routines, which may be threaded within the vendor library used by this implementation. Consult the documentation for the vendor library for further information.

Please consult the Users' Note for your implementation for any additional implementation-specific information.

## 9 Further Comments

`nag_regsn_ridge_opt` (g02kac) allocates internally  $\max(5 \times (\mathbf{n} - 1), 2 \times \mathbf{ip} \times \mathbf{ip}) + (\mathbf{n} + 3) \times \mathbf{ip} + \mathbf{n}$  elements of double precision storage.

## 10 Example

This example reads in data from an experiment to model body fat, and a ridge regression is calculated that optimizes GCV prediction error.

### 10.1 Program Text

```
/* nag_regsn_ridge_opt (g02kac) Example Program.
*
* Copyright 2008, Numerical Algorithms Group.
*
* Mark 9, 2009.
*/
/* Pre-processor includes */
#include <stdio.h>
#include <math.h>
#include <nag.h>
#include <nag_stdlib.h>
#include <nagg02.h>
#include <nagx04.h>

int main(void)
{
    /*Integer scalar and array declarations */
    Integer          exit_status = 0;
    Integer          df, i, ip, ip1, j, m, n, niter, one = 1;
    Integer          pdb, pdres, pdvif, pdx;
    Integer          *isx = 0;
    /*Double scalar and array declarations */
    double           h, nep, rss, tau, tol;
    double           *b = 0, *perr = 0, *res = 0, *vif = 0, *x = 0, *y = 0;
    /*Character scalar and array declarations */
    char             sopt[40], sorig[40], soptloo[40];
    /*NAG Types */
    Nag_OrderType    order;
    Nag_PredictError opt;
    Nag_EstimatesOption orig;
    Nag_OptionLOO    optloo;
    NagError         fail;

    INIT_FAIL(fail);

    printf("%s\n",
           "nag_regsn_ridge_opt (g02kac) Example Program Results");
    /* Skip heading in data file*/
    scanf("%*[^\n] ");
    /* Read in data and check array limits*/
    scanf("%ld%ld%lf%39s %lf%ld%39s %39s%*[^\\n] ",
          &n, &m, &h, sopt, &tol, &niter, sorig, soptloo);
    opt = (Nag_PredictError) nag_enum_name_to_value(sopt);
    orig = (Nag_EstimatesOption) nag_enum_name_to_value(sorig);
    optloo = (Nag_OptionLOO) nag_enum_name_to_value(soptloo);

    #ifdef NAG_COLUMN_MAJOR
    pdx = n;
    #define X(I, J) x[(J-1)*pdx + I-1]
    order = Nag_ColMajor;
    #else
    pdx = m;
    #define X(I, J) x[(I-1)*pdx + J-1]
    order = Nag_RowMajor;
    #endif
    if (!(b = NAG_ALLOC(m+1, double))) ||

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```

! (perr = NAG_ALLOC(5, double)) ||
! (res = NAG_ALLOC(n, double)) ||
! (vif = NAG_ALLOC(m, double)) ||
! (x = NAG_ALLOC(pdx*(order == Nag_RowMajor?n:m), double)) ||
! (y = NAG_ALLOC(n, double)) ||
! (isx = NAG_ALLOC(m, Integer)))
{
    printf("Allocation failure\n");
    exit_status = -1;
    goto END;
}
for (i = 1; i <= n; i++)
{
    for (j = 1; j <= m; j++)
        scanf("%lf ", &x(i, j));
    scanf("%lf ", &y[i-1]);
}
scanf("%*[^\n] ");
for (j = 0; j < m; j++)
    scanf("%ld ", &isx[j]);
scanf("%*[^\n] ");

/* Total number of variables.*/
ip = 0;
for (j = 0; j < m; j++)
{
    if (isx[j] == 1)
        ip = ip+1;
}
#ifndef NAG_COLUMN_MAJOR
pdb = n;
pdres = n;
pdvif = ip;
#else
pdb = one;
pdres = one;
pdvif = one;
#endif
/* Tolerance for setting singular values of H to zero.*/
tau = 0.00e0;
df = 0;
/* Call function.*/
/*
 * nag_regsn_ridge_opt (g02kac)
 * Ridge regression
 */
nag_regsn_ridge_opt(order, n, m, x, pdx, isx, ip, tau, y, &h, opt, &niter,
                     tol, &nep, orig, b, vif, res, &rss, &df, optloo, perr,
                     &fail);
if (fail.code != NE_NOERROR)
{
    printf("Error from nag_regsn_ridge_opt (g02kac).\n%s\n",
           fail.message);
    exit_status = 1;
    goto END;
}
/* Print results*/
printf("\n");
printf("%s %10.4f\n", "Value of ridge parameter:", h);
printf("\n");
printf("%s %13.4e\n", "Sum of squares of residuals:", rss);
printf("%s %5ld\n", "Degrees of freedom: ", df);
printf("%s %10.4f\n", "Number of effective parameters:", nep);
printf("\n");
ip1 = ip + 1;
/*
 * nag_gen_real_mat_print (x04cac)
 * Print real general matrix (easy-to-use)
 */
fflush(stdout);
nag_gen_real_mat_print(order, Nag_GeneralMatrix, Nag_NonUnitDiag, ip1, one,

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        b, pdb, "Parameter estimates", 0, &fail);
if (fail.code != NE_NOERROR)
{
    printf("Error from nag_gen_real_mat_print (x04cac).\n%s\n",
           fail.message);
    exit_status = 1;
    goto END;
}

printf("\n");
printf("%s%ld\n", "Number of iterations:                 ", niter);
printf("\n");
if (opt == Nag_GCV)
{
    printf("%s\n", "Ridge parameter minimises GCV");
}
else if (opt == Nag_UEV)
{
    printf("%s\n", "Ridge parameter minimises UEV");
}
else if (opt == Nag_FPE)
{
    printf("%s\n", "Ridge parameter minimises FPE");
}
else if (opt == Nag_BIC)
{
    printf("%s\n", "Ridge parameter minimises BIC");
}
printf("\n");
printf("%s\n", "Estimated prediction errors:");
printf("%s %10.4f\n", "GCV      =", perr[0]);
printf("%s %10.4f\n", "UEV      =", perr[1]);
printf("%s %10.4f\n", "FPE      =", perr[2]);
printf("%s %10.4f\n", "BIC      =", perr[3]);
if (optloo == Nag_WantLOO)
{
    printf("%s %10.4f\n", "LOO CV =", perr[4]);
}
printf("\n");

/*
 * nag_gen_real_mat_print (x04cac)
 * Print real general matrix (easy-to-use)
 */
fflush(stdout);
nag_gen_real_mat_print(order, Nag_GeneralMatrix, Nag_NonUnitDiag, n, one,
                      res, pdres, "Residuals", 0, &fail);
if (fail.code != NE_NOERROR)
{
    printf("Error from nag_gen_real_mat_print (x04cac).\n%s\n",
           fail.message);
    exit_status = 1;
    goto END;
}
printf("\n");
/*
 * nag_gen_real_mat_print (x04cac)
 * Print real general matrix (easy-to-use)
 */
fflush(stdout);
nag_gen_real_mat_print(order, Nag_GeneralMatrix, Nag_NonUnitDiag, ip, one,
                      vif, pdvif, "Variance inflation factors", 0,
                      &fail);
if (fail.code != NE_NOERROR)
{
    printf("Error from nag_gen_real_mat_print (x04cac).\n%s\n",
           fail.message);
    exit_status = 1;
    goto END;
}

```

```

END:
NAG_FREE(b);
NAG_FREE(perr);
NAG_FREE(res);
NAG_FREE(vif);
NAG_FREE(x);
NAG_FREE(y);
NAG_FREE(isx);

return exit_status;
}

```

## 10.2 Program Data

```

nag_regsn_ridge_opt (g02kac) Example Program Data
20 3 0.5 Nag_GCV 1.0e-4 25
Nag_EstimatesStand
Nag_WantLOO          : n, m, h, opt, tol, niter, orig, optloo
19.5 43.1 29.1 11.9
24.7 49.8 28.2 22.8
30.7 51.9 37.0 18.7
29.8 54.3 31.1 20.1
19.1 42.2 30.9 12.9
25.6 53.9 23.7 21.7
31.4 58.5 27.6 27.1
27.9 52.1 30.6 25.4
22.1 49.9 23.2 21.3
25.5 53.5 24.8 19.3
31.1 56.6 30.0 25.4
30.4 56.7 28.3 27.2
18.7 46.5 23.0 11.7
19.7 44.2 28.6 17.8
14.6 42.7 21.3 12.8
29.5 54.4 30.1 23.9
27.7 55.3 25.7 22.6
30.2 58.6 24.6 25.4
22.7 48.2 27.1 14.8
25.2 51.0 27.5 21.1      : End of data
1 1 1                      : isx

```

## 10.3 Program Results

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nag_regsn_ridge_opt (g02kac) Example Program Results

Value of ridge parameter:      0.0712

Sum of squares of residuals:    1.0917e+02
Degrees of freedom:           16
Number of effective parameters: 2.9059

Parameter estimates
      1
1     20.1950
2     9.7934
3     9.9576
4    -2.0125

Number of iterations:          6

Ridge parameter minimises GCV

Estimated prediction errors:
GCV      =      7.4718
UEV      =      6.3862
FPE      =      7.3141
BIC      =      8.2380
LOO CV =      7.5495

Residuals
      1

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```
1      -1.9894
2       3.5469
3      -3.0392
4      -3.0309
5      -0.1899
6      -0.3146
7       0.9775
8       4.0157
9       2.5332
10     -2.3560
11     0.5446
12     2.3989
13     -4.0876
14     3.2778
15     0.2894
16     0.7330
17     -0.7116
18     -0.6092
19     -2.9995
20      1.0110
```

## Variance inflation factors

	1
1	0.2928
2	0.4162
3	0.8089

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