# NAG Library Function Document nag_sparse_herm_chol_fac (f11jnc) 

## 1 Purpose

nag_sparse_herm_chol_fac (f11jnc) computes an incomplete Cholesky factorization of a complex sparse Hermitian matrix, represented in symmetric coordinate storage format. This factorization may be used as a preconditioner in combination with nag_sparse_herm_chol_sol (f11jqc).

## 2 Specification

```
#include <nag.h>
#include <nagf11.h>
void nag_sparse_herm_chol_fac (Integer n, Integer nnz, Complex a[],
    Integer la, Integer irow[], Integer icol[], Integer lfill, double dtol,
    Nag_SparseSym_Fact mic, double dscale, Nag_SparseSym_Piv pstrat,
    Integer ipiv[], Integer istr[], Integer *nnzc, Integer *npivm,
    NagError *fail)
```


## 3 Description

nag_sparse_herm_chol_fac (f11jnc) computes an incomplete Cholesky factorization (see Meijerink and Van der Vorst (1977)) of a complex sparse Hermitian $n$ by $n$ matrix $A$. It is designed specifically for positive definite matrices, but may also work for some mildly indefinite cases. The factorization is intended primarily for use as a preconditioner with the complex Hermitian iterative solver nag_sparse_herm_chol_sol (f11jqc).
The decomposition is written in the form

$$
A=M+R
$$

where

$$
M=P L D L^{\mathrm{H}} P^{\mathrm{T}}
$$

and $P$ is a permutation matrix, $L$ is lower triangular complex with unit diagonal elements, $D$ is real diagonal and $R$ is a remainder matrix.
The amount of fill-in occurring in the factorization can vary from zero to complete fill, and can be controlled by specifying either the maximum level of fill lifll, or the drop tolerance dtol. The factorization may be modified in order to preserve row sums, and the diagonal elements may be perturbed to ensure that the preconditioner is positive definite. Diagonal pivoting may optionally be employed, either with a user-defined ordering, or using the Markowitz strategy (see Markowitz (1957)), which aims to minimize fill-in. For further details see Section 9.

The sparse matrix $A$ is represented in symmetric coordinate storage (SCS) format (see Section 2.1.2 in the f11 Chapter Introduction). The array a stores all the nonzero elements of the lower triangular part of $A$, while arrays irow and icol store the corresponding row and column indices respectively. Multiple nonzero elements may not be specified for the same row and column index.
The preconditioning matrix $M$ is returned in terms of the SCS representation of the lower triangular matrix

$$
C=L+D^{-1}-I
$$

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## 5 Arguments

1: $\quad \mathbf{n}$ - Integer
Input
On entry: $n$, the order of the matrix $A$.
Constraint: $\mathbf{n} \geq 1$.
2: $\quad \mathbf{n n z}$ - Integer
Input
On entry: the number of nonzero elements in the lower triangular part of the matrix $A$.
Constraint: $1 \leq \mathbf{n n z} \leq \mathbf{n} \times(\mathbf{n}+1) / \mathbf{2}$.
3: a[la] - Complex
Input/Output
On entry: the nonzero elements in the lower triangular part of the matrix $A$, ordered by increasing row index, and by increasing column index within each row. Multiple entries for the same row and column indices are not permitted. The function nag_sparse_herm_sort (f11zpc) may be used to order the elements in this way.
On exit: the first nnz elements of a contain the nonzero elements of $A$ and the next nnzc elements contain the elements of the lower triangular matrix $C$. Matrix elements are ordered by increasing row index, and by increasing column index within each row.

4: $\mathbf{l a}$ - Integer Input
On entry: the dimension of the arrays a, irow and icol. These arrays must be of sufficient size to store both $A$ (nnz elements) and $C$ (nnzc elements).

Constraint: $\mathbf{l a} \geq 2 \times \mathbf{n n z}$.
irow[la] - Integer Input/Output
icol[la] - Integer
Input/Output
On entry: the row and column indices of the nonzero elements supplied in a.

## Constraints:

irow and icol must satisfy these constraints (which may be imposed by a call to nag_sparse_herm_sort (f11zpc)):

$$
\begin{aligned}
& 1 \leq \operatorname{irow}[i] \leq \mathbf{n} \text { and } 1 \leq \operatorname{icol}[i] \leq \operatorname{irow}[i] \text {, for } i=0,1, \ldots, \mathbf{n n z}-1 ; \\
& \text { irow }[i-1]<\mathbf{i r o w}[i] \text { or } \operatorname{irow}[i-1]=\mathbf{i r o w}[i] \text { and } \mathbf{i c o l}[i-1]<\mathbf{i c o l}[i] \text {, for } \\
& i=1,2, \ldots, \mathbf{n n z}-1 .
\end{aligned}
$$

On exit: the row and column indices of the nonzero elements returned in a.

7: lfill - Integer Input
On entry: if lfill $\geq 0$ its value is the maximum level of fill allowed in the decomposition (see Section 9.2). A negative value of lifll indicates that dtol will be used to control the fill instead.

8: dtol - double
Input
On entry: if lfill $<0$, dtol is used as a drop tolerance to control the fill-in (see Section 9.2); otherwise dtol is not referenced.

Constraint: if lfill $<0$, dtol $\geq 0.0$.
9: mic - Nag_SparseSym_Fact
Input
On entry: indicates whether or not the factorization should be modified to preserve row sums (see Section 9.3).
$\mathbf{m i c}=$ Nag_SparseSym_ModFact $^{\text {St }}$
The factorization is modified.
$\mathbf{m i c}=$ Nag_SparseSym_UnModFact $^{\text {St }}$
The factorization is not modified.
Constraint: mic $=$ Nag_SparseSym_ModFact or Nag_SparseSym_UnModFact.

10: dscale - double
Input
On entry: the diagonal scaling parameter. All diagonal elements are multiplied by the factor $(1.0+$ dscale $)$ at the start of the factorization. This can be used to ensure that the preconditioner is positive definite. See also Section 9.3.

11: pstrat - Nag_SparseSym_Piv Input
On entry: specifies the pivoting strategy to be adopted.
pstrat $=$ Nag_SparseSym_NoPiv $^{\text {_Son }}$
No pivoting is carried out.
pstrat $=$ Nag_SparseSym_MarkPiv
Diagonal pivoting aimed at minimizing fill-in is carried out, using the Markowitz strategy (see Markowitz (1957)).
pstrat $=$ Nag_SparseSym_UserPiv $^{2}$
Diagonal pivoting is carried out according to the user-defined input array ipiv.
Suggested value: pstrat $=$ Nag_SparseSym_MarkPiv.
Constraint: pstrat = Nag_SparseSym_NoPiv, $\quad$ Nag_SparseSym_MarkPiv or
Nag_SparseSym_UserPiv.
12: $\quad \mathbf{i p i v}[\mathbf{n}]$ - Integer
Input/Output
On entry: if pstrat $=$ Nag_SparseSym_UserPiv, $\mathbf{i p i v}[i-1]$ must specify the row index of the diagonal element to be used as a pivot at elimination stage $i$. Otherwise ipiv need not be initialized.

Constraint: if pstrat $=$ Nag_SparseSym_UserPiv, ipiv must contain a valid permutation of the integers on $[1, \mathbf{n}]$.

On exit: the pivot indices. If $\operatorname{ipiv}[i-1]=j$, the diagonal element in row $j$ was used as the pivot at elimination stage $i$.

13: $\quad \operatorname{istr}[\mathbf{n}+\mathbf{1}]$ - Integer
Output
On exit: $\operatorname{istr}[i-1]-1$, for $i=1,2, \ldots, \mathbf{n}$, is the starting address in the arrays a, irow and icol of row $i$ of the matrix $C$. istr[ $\mathbf{n}]-1$ is the address of the last nonzero element in $C$ plus one.

14: nnzc - Integer *
Output
On exit: the number of nonzero elements in the lower triangular matrix $C$.
15: npivm - Integer *
Output
On exit: the number of pivots which were modified during the factorization to ensure that $M$ was positive definite. The quality of the preconditioner will generally depend on the returned value of npivm. If npivm is large the preconditioner may not be satisfactory. In this case it may be advantageous to call nag_sparse_herm_chol_fac (f11jnc) again with an increased value of either lfill or dscale. See also Sections 9.3 and 9.4.

16: fail - NagError *
Input/Output
The NAG error argument (see Section 2.7 in How to Use the NAG Library and its Documentation).

## 6 Error Indicators and Warnings

NE_ALLOC_FAIL
Dynamic memory allocation failed.
See Section 3.2.1.2 in How to Use the NAG Library and its Documentation for further information.

## NE_BAD_PARAM

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

## NE_INT

On entry, $\mathbf{n}=\langle$ value $\rangle$.
Constraint: $\mathbf{n} \geq 1$.
On entry, $\mathbf{n n z}=\langle$ value $\rangle$.
Constraint: $\mathbf{n n z} \geq 1$.

## NE_INT_2

On entry, $\mathbf{l} \mathbf{a}=\langle$ value $\rangle$ and $\mathbf{n n z}=\langle$ value $\rangle$.
Constraint: la $\geq 2 \times \mathbf{n n z}$.
On entry, $\mathbf{n n z}=\langle$ value $\rangle$ and $\mathbf{n}=\langle$ value $\rangle$.
Constraint: $\mathbf{n n z} \leq \mathbf{n} \times(\mathbf{n}+1) / 2$

## 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.

An unexpected error has been triggered by this function. Please contact NAG.
See Section 3.6.6 in How to Use the NAG Library and its Documentation for further information.
A serious error has occurred in an internal call to nag_sparse_herm_sort (f11zpc). Check all function calls and array sizes. Seek expert help.

## NE_INVALID_ROWCOL_PIVOT

On entry, a user-supplied value of ipiv is repeated.
On entry, a user-supplied value of ipiv lies outside the range $[1, \mathbf{n}]$.

## NE_INVALID_SCS

On entry, $I=\langle$ value $\rangle, \operatorname{icol}[I-1]=\langle$ value $\rangle$ and $\operatorname{irow}[I-1]=\langle$ value $\rangle$.
Constraint: $\mathbf{i c o l}[I-1] \geq 1$ and $\operatorname{icol}[I-1] \leq \operatorname{irow}[I-1]$.
On entry, $I=\langle$ value $\rangle$, irow $[I-1]=\langle$ value $\rangle$ and $\mathbf{n}=\langle$ value $\rangle$.
Constraint: irow $[I-1] \geq 1$ and $\operatorname{irow}[I-1] \leq \mathbf{n}$.

## NE_NO_LICENCE

Your licence key may have expired or may not have been installed correctly.
See Section 3.6.5 in How to Use the NAG Library and its Documentation for further information.

## NE_NOT_STRICTLY_INCREASING

On entry, $\mathbf{a}[i-1]$ is out of order: $i=\langle$ value $\rangle$.
On entry, the location (irow $[I-1], \mathbf{i c o l}[I-1]$ ) is a duplicate: $I=\langle$ value $\rangle$. Consider calling nag_sparse_herm_sort (f11zpc) to reorder and sum or remove duplicates.

## NE_REAL

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

## NE_TOO_SMALL

The number of nonzero entries in the decomposition is too large. The decomposition has been terminated before completion. Either increase la, or reduce the fill by setting pstrat $=$ Nag_SparseSym_MarkPiv, reducing lfill, or increasing dtol.

## 7 Accuracy

The accuracy of the factorization will be determined by the size of the elements that are dropped and the size of any modifications made to the diagonal elements. If these sizes are small then the computed factors will correspond to a matrix close to $A$. The factorization can generally be made more accurate by increasing lfill, or by reducing dtol with lfill $<0$.
If nag_sparse_herm_chol_fac (f11jnc) is used in combination with nag_sparse_herm_chol_sol (f11jqc), the more accurate the factorization the fewer iterations will be required. However, the cost of the decomposition will also generally increase.

## 8 Parallelism and Performance

nag_sparse_herm_chol_fac (f11jnc) 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 x06 Chapter Introduction for information on how to control and interrogate the OpenMP environment used within this function. Please also consult the Users' Notefor your implementation for any additional implementation-specific information.

## 9 Further Comments

### 9.1 Timing

The time taken for a call to nag_sparse_herm_chol_fac (flljnc) is roughly proportional to $\mathbf{n n z c} \mathbf{c}^{2} / \mathbf{n}$.

### 9.2 Control of Fill-in

If lfill $\geq 0$, the amount of fill-in occurring in the incomplete factorization is controlled by limiting the maximum 'level' of fill-in to lfill. The original nonzero elements of $A$ are defined to be of level 0 . The fill level of a new nonzero location occurring during the factorization is defined as:

$$
k=\max \left(k_{\mathrm{e}}, k_{\mathrm{c}}\right)+1
$$

where $k_{\mathrm{e}}$ is the level of fill of the element being eliminated, and $k_{\mathrm{c}}$ is the level of fill of the element causing the fill-in.

If lfill $<0$, the fill-in is controlled by means of the 'drop tolerance' dtol. A potential fill-in element $a_{i j}$ occurring in row $i$ and column $j$ will not be included if

$$
\left|a_{i j}\right|<\mathbf{d t o l} \times \sqrt{\left|a_{i i} a_{j j}\right|}
$$

For either method of control, any elements which are not included are discarded if mic $=$ Nag_SparseSym_UnModFact, or subtracted from the diagonal element in the elimination row if mic $=$ Nag_SparseSym_ModFact . $^{\text {S }}$.

### 9.3 Choice of Arguments

There is unfortunately no choice of the various algorithmic arguments which is optimal for all types of complex Hermitian matrix, and some experimentation will generally be required for each new type of matrix encountered.

If the matrix $A$ is not known to have any particular special properties, the following strategy is
 returned for npivm is significantly larger than zero, i.e., a large number of pivot modifications were required to ensure that $M$ was positive definite, the preconditioner is not likely to be satisfactory. In this case increase either lfill or dscale until npivm falls to a value close to zero. Once suitable values of lifll and dscale have been found try setting mic $=$ Nag_SparseSym_ModFact to see if any improvement can be obtained by using modified incomplete Cholesky.
nag_sparse_herm_chol_fac (f11jnc) is primarily designed for positive definite matrices, but may work for some mildly indefinite problems. If npivm cannot be satisfactorily reduced by increasing lfill or dscale then $A$ is probably too indefinite for this function.
For certain classes of matrices (typically those arising from the discretization of elliptic or parabolic partial differential equations), the convergence rate of the preconditioned iterative solver can sometimes be significantly improved by using an incomplete factorization which preserves the row-sums of the original matrix. In these cases try setting mic $=$ Nag_SparseSym_ModFact.

### 9.4 Direct Solution of positive definite Systems

Although it is not their primary purpose, nag_sparse_herm_chol_fac (f11jnc) and nag_sparse_herm_ precon_ichol_solve (f11jpc) may be used together to obtain a direct solution to a complex Hermitian positive definite linear system. To achieve this the call to nag_sparse_herm_precon_ichol_solve (f11jpc) should be preceded by a complete Cholesky factorization

$$
A=P L D L^{\mathrm{H}} P^{\mathrm{T}}=M
$$

A complete factorization is obtained from a call to nag_sparse_herm_chol_fac (f11jnc) with lfill $<0$ and $\mathbf{d t o l}=0.0$, provided npivm $=0$ on exit. A nonzero value of npivm indicates that $\bar{a}$ is not positive definite, or is ill-conditioned. A factorization with nonzero npivm may serve as a preconditioner, but will not result in a direct solution. It is therefore essential to check the output value of npivm if a direct solution is required.
The use of nag_sparse_herm_chol_fac (fl1jnc) and nag_sparse_herm_precon_ichol_solve (fl1jpc) as a direct method is illustrated in nag_sparse_herm_precon_ichol_solve (f11jpc).

## 10 Example

This example reads in a complex sparse Hermitian matrix $A$ and calls nag_sparse_herm_chol_fac (f11jnc) to compute an incomplete Cholesky factorization. It then outputs the nonzero elements of both $A$ and $C=L+D^{-1}-I$.

The call to nag_sparse_herm_chol_fac (f11jnc) has lfill $=0$, mic $=$ Nag_SparseSym_UnModFact, dscale $=0.0$ and pstrat $=$ Nag_SparseSym_MarkPiv, giving an unmodified zero-fill factorization of an unperturbed matrix, with Markowitz diagonal pivoting.

### 10.1 Program Text

```
/* nag_sparse_herm_chol_fac (f11jnc) Example Program.
    *
    * NAGPRODCODE Version.
    *
    * Copyright 2016 Numerical Algorithms Group.
    *
    * Mark 26, 2016.
    */
```

\#include <nag.h>
\#include <nag_stdlib.h>
\#include <naga02.h>
\#include <nagf11.h>
int main(void)
\{
/* Scalars */
Integer exit_status $=0$;
double dscale, dtol;
Integer i, la, lfill, n, nnz, nnzc, npivm;
/* Arrays */
Complex *a $=0$;
Integer *icol $=0, *_{i p i v}=0, *_{\text {irow }}=0, * i s t r=0$;
char nag_enum_arg[100];
/* NAG types */
Nag_SparseSym_Piv pstrat;
Nag_SparseSym_Fact mic;
NagError fail;
INIT_FAIL(fail);
printf("nag_sparse_herm_chol_fac (flljnc) Example Program Results ${ }^{\prime}$ ");
/* Skip heading in data file */
\#ifdef _WIN32
scanf_s("\%*[^\n]");
\#else
scanf("\%*[^\n]");
\#endif
/* Read algorithmic parameters */
\#ifdef _WIN32
scanf_s("\%" NAG_IFMT "\%*[^\n]\%" NAG_IFMT "\%*[^\n]", \&n, \&nnz);
\#else
scanf("\%" NAG_IFMT "\%*[^\n]\%" NAG_IFMT "\%*[^\n]", \&n, \&nnz);
\#endif
/* Allocate memory */
la $=3$ * nnz;
if (! (a = NAG_ALLOC(la, Complex)) ||
! (icol = NAG_ALLOC(la, Integer)) ||
! (ipiv $=$ NAG_ALLOC (n, Integer)) ||
! (irow $=$ NAG_ALLOC (la, Integer) ) || ! istr $=$ NAG_ALLOC $(\mathrm{n}+1$, Integer $)$ )
)
\{
printf("Allocation failure\n");
exit_status = -1;
goto END;
\}
\#ifdef _WIN32
scanf_s("\%" NAG_IFMT "\%lf\%*[^\n]", \&lfill, \&dtol);
\#else
scanf("\%" NAG_IFMT "\%lf\%*[^\n]", \&lfill, \&dtol);
\#endif

```
#ifdef _WIN32
    scanf_s("%99s%*[^\n]", nag_enum_arg, (unsigned)_countof(nag_enum_arg));
#else
    scanf("%99s%*[^\n]", nag_enum_arg);
#endif
    /* nag_enum_name_to_value (x04nac).
        * Converts NAG enum member name to value
        */
    mic = (Nag_SparseSym_Fact) nag_enum_name_to_value(nag_enum_arg);
#ifdef _WIN32
    scanf_s("%lf%*[^\n]", &dscale);
#else
    scanf("%lf%*[^\n]", &dscale);
#endif
#ifdef _WIN32
    scanf_s("%99s%*[^\n]", nag_enum_arg, (unsigned)_countof(nag_enum_arg));
#else
    scanf("%99s%*[^\n]", nag_enum_arg);
#endif
    pstrat = (Nag_SparseSym_Piv) nag_enum_name_to_value(nag_enum_arg);
    /* Read the matrix a */
    for (i = 0; i < nnz; i++)
#ifdef _WIN32
        scanf_s(" ( %lf , %lf ) %" NAG_IFMT "%" NAG_IFMT "%*[^\n] ",
                        &a[i].re, &a[i].im, &irow[i], &icol[i]);
#else
        scanf(" ( %lf , %lf ) %" NAG_IFMT "%" NAG_IFMT "%*[^\n] ",
                &a[i].re, &a[i].im, &irow[i], &icol[i]);
#endif
    /* Calculate incomplete Cholesky factorization using
        * nag_sparse_herm_chol_fac (f11jnc).
        */
    nag_sparse_herm_chol_fac(n, nnz, a, la, irow, icol, lfill, dtol, mic,
                            dscale, pstrat, ipiv, istr, &nnzc, &npivm, &fail);
    if (fail.code != NE_NOERROR) {
        printf("Error from nag_sparse_herm_chol_fac (f11jnc).\n%s\n",
                fail.message);
        exit_status = 1;
        goto END;
    }
    /* Output original matrix */
    printf(" Original Matrix \n");
    printf(" n = %4" NAG_IFMT ", nnz = %4" NAG_IFMT "\n", n, nnz);
    printf("%8s%16s%23s%9s\n", "i", "a[i]", "irow[i]", "icol[i]");
    for (i = 0; i < nnz; i++)
        printf("%8" NAG_IFMT " (%13.4e, %13.4e) %8" NAG_IFMT " %8" NAG_IFMT " \n",
                i, a[i].re, a[i].im, irow[i], icol[i]);
    printf("\n");
    /* Output details of the factorization */
    printf(" Factorization \n");
    printf(" n = %4" NAG_IFMT ", nnzc = %4" NAG_IFMT ", npivm = %4" NAG_IFMT
            "\n", n, nnzc, npivm);
    printf("%8s%16s%23s%9s\n", "i", "a[i]", "irow[i]", "icol[i]");
    for (i = nnz; i < nnz + nnzc; i++)
        printf("%8" NAG_IFMT " (%13.4e, %13.4e) %8" NAG_IFMT " %8" NAG_IFMT " \n",
                i, a[i].re, a[i].im, irow[i], icol[i]);
    printf("\n%8s%12s\n", "i", "ipiv[i-1]");
    for (i = 1; i <= n; i++)
        printf("%8" NAG_IFMT "%8" NAG_IFMT "\n", i, ipiv[i - 1]);
END:
    NAG_FREE(a);
    NAG_FREE(icol);
```

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    NAG_FREE(ipiv);
    NAG_FREE(irow);
    NAG_FREE(istr);
    return exit_status;
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\}

### 10.2 Program Data



### 10.3 Program Results



| 28 | $(5.1351 e-01$, | $-1.5405 e+00)$ | 7 |
| :--- | :---: | ---: | :--- |
| 29 | $(1.7431 e-01$, | $-3.4862 e-01)$ | 7 |
| 30 | $(-6.1408 e-01$, | $5.3521 e-01)$ | 7 |
| 31 | $3.1974 e+00$, | $0.0000 e+00)$ | 6 |
| 3 |  | 7 |  |
| 1 | ipiv[i-1] |  |  |
| 1 | 3 |  |  |
| 2 | 4 |  |  |
| 3 | 5 |  |  |
| 4 | 6 |  |  |
| 5 | 1 |  |  |
| 6 | 7 |  |  |
| 7 | 2 |  |  |

