NAG Library Routine Document

F07AHF (DGERFS)

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

F07AHF (DGERFS) returns error bounds for the solution of a real system of linear equations with multiple right-hand sides, $AX = B$ or $A^TX = B$. It improves the solution by iterative refinement, in order to reduce the backward error as much as possible.

2   Specification

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SUBROUTINE F07AHF (TRANS, N, NRHS, A, LDA, AF, LDAF, IPIV, B, LDB, X,    &
                   LDX, FERR, BERR, WORK, IWORK, INFO)

INTEGER          N, NRHS, LDA, LDAF, IPIV(*), LDB, LDX, IWORK(N),    &
                 INFO
REAL (KIND=nag_wp) A(LDA,*), AF(LDAF,*), B(LDB,*), X(LDX,*),    &
                 FERR(NRHS), BERR(NRHS), WORK(3*N)
CHARACTER(1)     TRANS
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The routine may be called by its LAPACK name ***dgerfs***.

3   Description

F07AHF (DGERFS) returns the backward errors and estimated bounds on the forward errors for the solution of a real system of linear equations with multiple right-hand sides $AX = B$ or $A^TX = B$. The routine handles each right-hand side vector (stored as a column of the matrix B) independently, so we describe the function of F07AHF (DGERFS) in terms of a single right-hand side b and solution x.

Given a computed solution x, the routine computes the *component-wise backward error* β. This is the size of the smallest relative perturbation in each element of A and b such that x is the exact solution of a perturbed system

$$(A + \delta A)x = b + \delta b$$
$$\left|\delta a_{ij}\right| \le \beta\left|a_{ij}\right| \quad \text{and} \quad \left|\delta b_i\right| \le \beta\left|b_i\right|.$$

Then the routine estimates a bound for the *component-wise forward error* in the computed solution, defined by:

$$\max_i|x_i - \hat{x}_i|/\max_i|x_i|$$

where $\hat{x}$ is the true solution.

For details of the method, see the F07 Chapter Introduction.

4   References

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

5   Parameters

1:    TRANS – CHARACTER(1)   *Input*

   On entry: indicates the form of the linear equations for which X is the computed solution.

   TRANS = 'N'
        The linear equations are of the form $AX = B$.

   TRANS = 'T' or 'C'
        The linear equations are of the form $A^\mathrm{T} X = B$.

   Constraint: TRANS = 'N', 'T' or 'C'.

2:    N – INTEGER   *Input*

   On entry: n, the order of the matrix A.

   Constraint: N $\geq$ 0.

3:    NRHS – INTEGER   *Input*

   On entry: r, the number of right-hand sides.

   Constraint: NRHS $\geq$ 0.

4:    A(LDA, ∗) – REAL (KIND=nag_wp) array   *Input*

   Note: the second dimension of the array A must be at least $\max(1, \mathrm{N})$.

   On entry: the n by n original matrix A as supplied to F07ADF (DGETRF).

5:    LDA – INTEGER   *Input*

   On entry: the first dimension of the array A as declared in the (sub)program from which F07AHF (DGERFS) is called.

   Constraint: LDA $\geq \max(1, \mathrm{N})$.

6:    AF(LDAF, ∗) – REAL (KIND=nag_wp) array   *Input*

   Note: the second dimension of the array AF must be at least $\max(1, \mathrm{N})$.

   On entry: the LU factorization of A, as returned by F07ADF (DGETRF).

7:    LDAF – INTEGER   *Input*

   On entry: the first dimension of the array AF as declared in the (sub)program from which F07AHF (DGERFS) is called.

   Constraint: LDAF $\geq \max(1, \mathrm{N})$.

8:    IPIV(∗) – INTEGER array   *Input*

   Note: the dimension of the array IPIV must be at least $\max(1, \mathrm{N})$.

   On entry: the pivot indices, as returned by F07ADF (DGETRF).

9:    B(LDB, ∗) – REAL (KIND=nag_wp) array   *Input*

   Note: the second dimension of the array B must be at least $\max(1, \mathrm{NRHS})$.

   On entry: the n by r right-hand side matrix B.

10: LDB – INTEGER *Input*

On entry: the first dimension of the array B as declared in the (sub)program from which F07AHF (DGERFS) is called.

Constraint: $\text{LDB} \geq \max(1, \text{N})$.

11: X(LDX, *) – REAL (KIND=nag_wp) array *Input/Output*

Note: the second dimension of the array X must be at least $\max(1, \text{NRHS})$.

On entry: the n by r solution matrix X, as returned by F07AEF (DGETRS).

On exit: the improved solution matrix X.

12: LDX – INTEGER *Input*

On entry: the first dimension of the array X as declared in the (sub)program from which F07AHF (DGERFS) is called.

Constraint: $\text{LDX} \geq \max(1, \text{N})$.

13: FERR(NRHS) – REAL (KIND=nag_wp) array *Output*

On exit: $\text{FERR}(j)$ contains an estimated error bound for the jth solution vector, that is, the jth column of X, for $j = 1, 2, \ldots, r$.

14: BERR(NRHS) – REAL (KIND=nag_wp) array *Output*

On exit: $\text{BERR}(j)$ contains the component-wise backward error bound β for the jth solution vector, that is, the jth column of X, for $j = 1, 2, \ldots, r$.

15: WORK($3 \times \text{N}$) – REAL (KIND=nag_wp) array *Workspace*

16: IWORK(N) – INTEGER array *Workspace*

17: INFO – INTEGER *Output*

On exit: $\text{INFO} = 0$ unless the routine detects an error (see Section 6).

6 Error Indicators and Warnings

$\text{INFO} < 0$

If $\text{INFO} = -i$, argument i had an illegal value. An explanatory message is output, and execution of the program is terminated.

7 Accuracy

The bounds returned in FERR are not rigorous, because they are estimated, not computed exactly; but in practice they almost always overestimate the actual error.

8 Parallelism and Performance

F07AHF (DGERFS) is threaded by NAG for parallel execution in multithreaded implementations of the NAG Library.

F07AHF (DGERFS) 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 routine. Please also consult the Users' Note for your implementation for any additional implementation-specific information.

9 Further Comments

For each right-hand side, computation of the backward error involves a minimum of $4n^2$ floating-point operations. Each step of iterative refinement involves an additional $6n^2$ operations. At most five steps of iterative refinement are performed, but usually only one or two steps are required.

Estimating the forward error involves solving a number of systems of linear equations of the form $Ax = b$ or $A^{\mathrm{T}}x = b$; the number is usually 4 or 5 and never more than 11. Each solution involves approximately $2n^2$ operations.

The complex analogue of this routine is F07AVF (ZGERFS).

10 Example

This example solves the system of equations $AX = B$ using iterative refinement and to compute the forward and backward error bounds, where

$$
A = \begin{pmatrix} 1.80 & 2.88 & 2.05 & -0.89 \\ 5.25 & -2.95 & -0.95 & -3.80 \\ 1.58 & -2.69 & -2.90 & -1.04 \\ -1.11 & -0.66 & -0.59 & 0.80 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 9.52 & 18.47 \\ 24.35 & 2.25 \\ 0.77 & -13.28 \\ -6.22 & -6.21 \end{pmatrix}.
$$

Here A is nonsymmetric and must first be factorized by F07ADF (DGETRF).

10.1 Program Text

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    Program f07ahfe

!       F07AHF Example Program Text

!       Mark 25 Release. NAG Copyright 2014.

!       .. Use Statements ..
        Use nag_library, Only: dgerfs, dgetrf, dgetrs, nag_wp, x04caf
!       .. Implicit None Statement ..
        Implicit None
!       .. Parameters ..
        Integer, Parameter                :: nin = 5, nout = 6
        Character (1), Parameter           :: trans = 'N'
!       .. Local Scalars ..
        Integer                           :: i, ifail, info, lda, ldaf, ldb, ldx, &
                                             n, nrhs
!       .. Local Arrays ..
        Real (Kind=nag_wp), Allocatable  :: a(:,:), af(:,:), b(:,:), berr(:),    &
                                             ferr(:), work(:), x(:,:)
        Integer, Allocatable              :: ipiv(:), iwork(:)
!       .. Executable Statements ..
        Write (nout,*) 'F07AHF Example Program Results'
!       Skip heading in data file
        Read (nin,*)
        Read (nin,*) n, nrhs
        lda = n
        ldaf = n
        ldb = n
        ldx = n
        Allocate (a(lda,n),af(ldaf,n),b(ldb,nrhs),berr(nrhs),ferr(nrhs), &
          work(3*n),x(ldx,n),ipiv(n),iwork(n))

!       Read A and B from data file, and copy A to AF and B to X

        Read (nin,*)(a(i,1:n),i=1,n)
        Read (nin,*)(b(i,1:nrhs),i=1,n)
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        af(1:n,1:n) = a(1:n,1:n)
        x(1:n,1:nrhs) = b(1:n,1:nrhs)


!     Factorize A in the array AF

!     The NAG name equivalent of dgetrf is f07adf
        Call dgetrf(n,n,af,ldaf,ipiv,info)

        Write (nout,*)
        Flush (nout)
        If (info==0) Then

!       Compute solution in the array X

!       The NAG name equivalent of dgetrs is f07aef
          Call dgetrs(trans,n,nrhs,af,ldaf,ipiv,x,ldx,info)

!       Improve solution, and compute backward errors and
!       estimated bounds on the forward errors

!       The NAG name equivalent of dgerfs is f07ahf
          Call dgerfs(trans,n,nrhs,a,lda,af,ldaf,ipiv,b,ldb,x,ldx,ferr,berr, &
            work,iwork,info)

!       Print solution

!       ifail: behaviour on error exit
!              =0 for hard exit, =1 for quiet-soft, =-1 for noisy-soft
          ifail = 0

          Call x04caf('General',' ',n,nrhs,x,ldx,'Solution(s)',ifail)

          Write (nout,*)
          Write (nout,*) 'Backward errors (machine-dependent)'
          Write (nout,99999) berr(1:nrhs)
          Write (nout,*) 'Estimated forward error bounds (machine-dependent)'
          Write (nout,99999) ferr(1:nrhs)
        Else
          Write (nout,*) 'The factor U is singular'
        End If

99999 Format ((3X,1P,7E11.1))
      End Program f07ahfe
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10.2 Program Data

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F07AHF Example Program Data
  4  2                            :Values of N and NRHS
  1.80   2.88   2.05  -0.89
  5.25  -2.95  -0.95  -3.80
  1.58  -2.69  -2.90  -1.04
 -1.11  -0.66  -0.59   0.80     :End of matrix A
  9.52  18.47
 24.35   2.25
  0.77 -13.28
 -6.22  -6.21                    :End of matrix B
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10.3 Program Results

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 F07AHF Example Program Results

 Solution(s)
           1          2
 1     1.0000     3.0000
 2    -1.0000     2.0000
 3     3.0000     4.0000
 4    -5.0000     1.0000
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Backward errors (machine-dependent)
     9.4E-17    3.7E-17
Estimated forward error bounds (machine-dependent)
     2.4E-14    3.3E-14
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