# **NAG Library Function Document**

## nag zero nonlin egns rcomm (c05qdc)

## 1 Purpose

nag\_zero\_nonlin\_eqns\_rcomm (c05qdc) is a comprehensive reverse communication function that finds a solution of a system of nonlinear equations by a modification of the Powell hybrid method.

## 2 Specification

# 3 Description

The system of equations is defined as:

$$f_i(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

nag\_zero\_nonlin\_eqns\_rcomm (c05qdc) is based on the MINPACK routine HYBRD (see Moré *et al.* (1980)). It chooses the correction at each step as a convex combination of the Newton and scaled gradient directions. The Jacobian is updated by the rank-1 method of Broyden. At the starting point, the Jacobian is approximated by forward differences, but these are not used again until the rank-1 method fails to produce satisfactory progress. For more details see Powell (1970).

### 4 References

Moré J J, Garbow B S and Hillstrom K E (1980) User guide for MINPACK-1 *Technical Report ANL-80-74* Argonne National Laboratory

Powell M J D (1970) A hybrid method for nonlinear algebraic equations *Numerical Methods for Nonlinear Algebraic Equations* (ed P Rabinowitz) Gordon and Breach

## 5 Arguments

**Note**: this function uses **reverse communication**. Its use involves an initial entry, intermediate exits and re-entries, and a final exit, as indicated by the argument **irevcm**. Between intermediate exits and re-entries, **all arguments other than fvec must remain unchanged**.

#### 1: **irevcm** – Integer \*

Input/Output

On initial entry: must have the value 0.

On intermediate exit: specifies what action you must take before re-entering nag\_zero\_nonlin\_eqns\_rcomm (c05qdc) with **irevcm unchanged**. The value of **irevcm** should be interpreted as follows:

```
irevcm = 1
```

Indicates the start of a new iteration. No action is required by you, but x and fvec are available for printing.

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#### irevcm = 2

Indicates that before re-entry to nag\_zero\_nonlin\_eqns\_rcomm (c05qdc), **fvec** must contain the function values  $f_i(x)$ .

On final exit: irevcm = 0, and the algorithm has terminated.

Constraint: **irevcm** = 0, 1 or 2.

2: **n** – Integer

On entry: n, the number of equations.

Constraint:  $\mathbf{n} > 0$ .

3:  $\mathbf{x}[\mathbf{n}]$  – double Input/Output

On initial entry: an initial guess at the solution vector.

On intermediate exit: contains the current point.

On final exit: the final estimate of the solution vector.

4:  $\mathbf{fvec}[\mathbf{n}] - \mathbf{double}$  Input/Output

On initial entry: need not be set.

On intermediate re-entry: if irevcm = 1, fvec must not be changed.

If irevcm = 2, fvec must be set to the values of the functions computed at the current point x.

On final exit: the function values at the final point, x.

5: **xtol** – double *Input* 

On initial entry: the accuracy in  $\mathbf{x}$  to which the solution is required.

Suggested value:  $\sqrt{\epsilon}$ , where  $\epsilon$  is the **machine precision** returned by nag\_machine\_precision (X02AJC).

Constraint:  $xtol \ge 0.0$ .

6: **ml** – Integer Input

On initial entry: the number of subdiagonals within the band of the Jacobian matrix. (If the Jacobian is not banded, or you are unsure, set  $\mathbf{ml} = \mathbf{n} - 1$ .)

Constraint:  $\mathbf{ml} \geq 0$ .

7: **mu** – Integer Input

On initial entry: the number of superdiagonals within the band of the Jacobian matrix. (If the Jacobian is not banded, or you are unsure, set  $\mathbf{mu} = \mathbf{n} - 1$ .)

Constraint:  $\mathbf{mu} \geq 0$ .

8: **epsfcn** – double *Input* 

On initial entry: the order of the largest relative error in the functions. It is used in determining a suitable step for a forward difference approximation to the Jacobian. If **epsfcn** is less than **machine precision** (returned by nag\_machine\_precision (X02AJC)) then **machine precision** is used. Consequently a value of 0.0 will often be suitable.

Suggested value: epsfcn = 0.0.

#### 9: scale mode – Nag ScaleType Input

On initial entry: indicates whether or not you have provided scaling factors in diag.

If **scale\_mode** = Nag\_ScaleProvided the scaling must have been supplied in **diag**.

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Otherwise, if **scale\_mode** = Nag\_NoScaleProvided, the variables will be scaled internally.

Constraint: scale\_mode = Nag\_NoScaleProvided or Nag\_ScaleProvided.

10:  $\mathbf{diag}[\mathbf{n}] - \mathbf{double}$ 

Input/Output

On entry: if **scale\_mode** = Nag\_ScaleProvided, **diag** must contain multiplicative scale factors for the variables.

If scale\_mode = Nag\_NoScaleProvided, diag need not be set.

Constraint: if scale\_mode = Nag\_ScaleProvided, diag[i-1] > 0.0, for i = 1, 2, ..., n.

On exit: the scale factors actually used (computed internally if scale\_mode = Nag\_NoScaleProvided).

11: **factor** – double

Input

On initial entry: a quantity to be used in determining the initial step bound. In most cases, **factor** should lie between 0.1 and 100.0. (The step bound is **factor**  $\times \|\mathbf{diag} \times \mathbf{x}\|_2$  if this is nonzero; otherwise the bound is **factor**.)

Suggested value: factor = 100.0.

Constraint: factor > 0.0.

12:  $\mathbf{fjac}[\mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{n}] - \text{double}$ 

Input/Output

**Note**: the (i, j)th element of the matrix is stored in  $\mathbf{fjac}[(j-1) \times \mathbf{n} + i - 1]$ .

On initial entry: need not be set.

On intermediate exit: must not be changed.

On final exit: the orthogonal matrix Q produced by the QR factorization of the final approximate Jacobian.

13:  $r[n \times (n+1)/2] - double$ 

Input/Output

On initial entry: need not be set.

On intermediate exit: must not be changed.

On final exit: the upper triangular matrix R produced by the QR factorization of the final approximate Jacobian, stored row-wise.

14:  $\mathbf{qtf}[\mathbf{n}] - \mathbf{double}$ 

Input/Output

On initial entry: need not be set.

On intermediate exit: must not be changed.

On final exit: the vector  $Q^{T}f$ .

15: **iwsav**[17] – Integer

Communication Array

16:  $rwsav[4 \times n + 10]$  – double

Communication Array

The arrays iwsav and rwsav MUST NOT be altered between calls to nag zero nonlin eqns rcomm (c05qdc).

17: **fail** – NagError \*

Input/Output

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

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## 6 Error Indicators and Warnings

### NE\_BAD\_PARAM

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

#### **NE\_DIAG\_ELEMENTS**

On entry, **scale\_mode** = Nag\_ScaleProvided and **diag** contained a non-positive element.

### NE\_INT

```
On entry, irevcm = \langle value \rangle.
Constraint: irevcm = 0, 1 or 2.
On entry, ml = \langle value \rangle.
Constraint: ml \geq 0.
On entry, mu = \langle value \rangle.
Constraint: mu \geq 0.
On entry, n = \langle value \rangle.
Constraint: n > 0.
```

### **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\_NO\_IMPROVEMENT

The iteration is not making good progress, as measured by the improvement from the last  $\langle value \rangle$  iterations.

The iteration is not making good progress, as measured by the improvement from the last  $\langle value \rangle$  Jacobian evaluations.

#### **NE REAL**

```
On entry, factor = \langle value \rangle.
Constraint: factor > 0.0.
On entry, xtol = \langle value \rangle.
Constraint: xtol > 0.0.
```

### NE\_TOO\_SMALL

No further improvement in the solution is possible. **xtol** is too small: **xtol** =  $\langle value \rangle$ .

## 7 Accuracy

If  $\hat{x}$  is the true solution and D denotes the diagonal matrix whose entries are defined by the array **diag**, then nag zero nonlin eqns roomm (c05qdc) tries to ensure that

$$||D(x - \hat{x})||_2 \le \mathbf{xtol} \times ||D\hat{x}||_2.$$

If this condition is satisfied with  $xtol = 10^{-k}$ , then the larger components of Dx have k significant decimal digits. There is a danger that the smaller components of Dx may have large relative errors, but the fast rate of convergence of nag zero nonlin eqns roomm (c05qdc) usually obviates this possibility.

If **xtol** is less than *machine precision* and the above test is satisfied with the *machine precision* in place of **xtol**, then the function exits with **fail.code** = NE\_TOO\_SMALL.

**Note:** this convergence test is based purely on relative error, and may not indicate convergence if the solution is very close to the origin.

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The convergence test assumes that the functions are reasonably well behaved. If this condition is not satisfied, then nag\_zero\_nonlin\_eqns\_rcomm (c05qdc) may incorrectly indicate convergence. The validity of the answer can be checked, for example, by rerunning nag\_zero\_nonlin\_eqns\_rcomm (c05qdc) with a lower value for **xtol**.

#### 8 Parallelism and Performance

nag\_zero\_nonlin\_eqns\_rcomm (c05qdc) is threaded by NAG for parallel execution in multithreaded implementations of the NAG Library.

nag\_zero\_nonlin\_eqns\_rcomm (c05qdc) 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

The time required by nag\_zero\_nonlin\_eqns\_rcomm (c05qdc) to solve a given problem depends on n, the behaviour of the functions, the accuracy requested and the starting point. The number of arithmetic operations executed by nag\_zero\_nonlin\_eqns\_rcomm (c05qdc) to process the evaluation of functions in the main program in each exit is approximately  $11.5 \times n^2$ . The timing of nag\_zero\_nonlin\_eqns\_rcomm (c05qdc) is strongly influenced by the time spent evaluating the functions.

Ideally the problem should be scaled so that, at the solution, the function values are of comparable magnitude.

The number of function evaluations required to evaluate the Jacobian may be reduced if you can specify **ml** and **mu** accurately.

# 10 Example

This example determines the values  $x_1, \ldots, x_9$  which satisfy the tridiagonal equations:

$$(3-2x_1)x_1-2x_2 = -1, -x_{i-1} + (3-2x_i)x_i - 2x_{i+1} = -1, i = 2, 3, \dots, 8 -x_8 + (3-2x_9)x_9 = -1.$$

#### 10.1 Program Text

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```
int main(void)
          exit_status = 0, i, n = 9, irevcm, ml, mu;
 Integer
 double
           *diag = 0, *fjac = 0, *fvec = 0, *qtf = 0, *r = 0, *x = 0,
           *rwsav = 0;
 Integer *iwsav = 0;
          epsfcn, factor, xtol;
 double
  /* Nag Types */
 NagError fail;
 Nag_ScaleType scale_mode;
 INIT_FAIL(fail);
 printf("nag_zero_nonlin_eqns_rcomm (c05qdc) Example Program Results\n");
 if (n > 0)
      if (!(diag = NAG_ALLOC(n, double)) ||
          !(fjac = NAG_ALLOC(n*n, double)) ||
          !(fvec = NAG_ALLOC(n, double)) ||
          !(qtf = NAG_ALLOC(n, double)) ||
          !(r = NAG\_ALLOC(n*(n+1)/2, double)) | |
          !(x = NAG\_ALLOC(n, double)) | |
          !(iwsav = NAG_ALLOC(17, Integer)) ||
          !(rwsav = NAG\_ALLOC(4*n + 10, double)))
          printf("Allocation failure\n");
          exit_status = -1;
          goto END;
    }
 else
    {
      printf("Invalid n.\n");
      exit_status = 1;
      goto END;
  ^{\prime \star} The following starting values provide a rough solution. ^{\star \prime}
 for (i = 0; i < n; i++)
    x[i] = -1.0;
  /* nag_machine_precision (x02ajc).
   * The machine precision
   */
 xtol = sqrt(nag_machine_precision);
 for (i = 0; i < n; i++)
   diag[i] = 1.0;
 ml = 1;
 mu = 1;
 epsfcn = 0.0;
 scale_mode = Nag_ScaleProvided;
 factor = 100.0;
 irevcm = 0;
  /* nag_zero_nonlin_eqns_rcomm (c05qdc).
  * Solution of a system of nonlinear equations (function values only,
   * reverse communication)
 do
      nag_zero_nonlin_eqns_rcomm(&irevcm, n, x, fvec, xtol, ml, mu,
                                  epsfcn, scale_mode, diag, factor, fjac, r,
                                  qtf, iwsav, rwsav, &fail);
      switch (irevcm)
        case 1:
          /* x and fvec are available for printing */
```

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```
break;
        case 2:
          fcn(n, x, fvec);
          break;
    } while (irevcm != 0);
  if (fail.code != NE_NOERROR)
      printf("Error from nag_zero_nonlin_eqns_rcomm (c05qdc).\n%s\n",
             fail.message);
      exit_status = 1;
      if (fail.code != NE_TOO_SMALL &&
          fail.code != NE_NO_IMPROVEMENT)
        goto END;
    }
  printf(fail.code == NE_NOERROR ? "Final approximate" : "Approximate");
  printf(" solution\n\n");
 for (i = 0; i < n; i++)
printf("%12.4f%s", x[i], (i%3 == 2 || i == n-1)?"\n":" ");
  if (fail.code != NE_NOERROR)
    exit_status = 2;
END:
  NAG_FREE (diag);
  NAG_FREE(fjac);
  NAG_FREE(fvec);
  NAG_FREE(qtf);
  NAG_FREE(r);
  NAG_FREE(x);
 NAG_FREE(iwsav);
 NAG_FREE(rwsav);
  return exit_status;
}
static void NAG_CALL fcn(Integer n, const double x[], double fvec[])
{
  Integer k;
  for (k = 0; k < n; ++k)
      fvec[k] = (3.0-x[k]*2.0)*x[k]+1.0;
      if (k > 0)
        fvec[k] = x[k-1];
      if (k < n-1)
        fvec[k] -= x[k+1]*2.0;
}
```

#### 10.2 Program Data

None.

#### 10.3 Program Results

```
nag_zero_nonlin_eqns_rcomm (c05qdc) Example Program Results
Final approximate solution

-0.5707     -0.6816     -0.7017
-0.7042     -0.7014     -0.6919
-0.6658     -0.5960     -0.4164
```

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