

# NAG Library Function Document

## nag\_real\_cholesky (f03aec)

### 1 Purpose

nag\_real\_cholesky (f03aec) computes a Cholesky factorization of a real symmetric positive definite matrix, and evaluates the determinant.

### 2 Specification

```
#include <nag.h>
#include <nagf03.h>
void nag_real_cholesky (Integer n, double a[], Integer tda, double p[],
    double *detf, Integer *dete, NagError *fail)
```

### 3 Description

nag\_real\_cholesky (f03aec) computes the Cholesky factorization of a real symmetric positive definite matrix  $A = LL^T$  where  $L$  is lower triangular. The determinant is the product of the squares of the diagonal elements of  $L$ .

### 4 References

Wilkinson J H and Reinsch C (1971) *Handbook for Automatic Computation II, Linear Algebra* Springer–Verlag

### 5 Arguments

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| 1: | <b>n</b> – Integer   | <i>Input</i>        |
|    | <i>On entry:</i> $n$ , the order of the matrix $A$ .   |                     |
|    | <i>Constraint:</i> $n \geq 1$ .  |                     |
| 2: | <b>a[n × tda]</b> – double   | <i>Input/Output</i> |
|    | <b>Note:</b> the $(i, j)$ th element of the matrix $A$ is stored in $\mathbf{a}[(i - 1) \times \mathbf{tda} + j - 1]$ .                                      |                     |
|    | <i>On entry:</i> the upper triangle of the $n$ by $n$ positive definite symmetric matrix $A$ . The elements of the array below the diagonal need not be set. |                     |
|    | <i>On exit:</i> the sub-diagonal elements of the lower triangular matrix $L$ . The upper triangle of $A$ is unchanged.                                       |                     |
| 3: | <b>tda</b> – Integer   | <i>Input</i>        |
|    | <i>On entry:</i> the stride separating matrix column elements in the array <b>a</b> .  |                     |
|    | <i>Constraint:</i> $\mathbf{tda} \geq \mathbf{n}$ .  |                     |
| 4: | <b>p[n]</b> – double   | <i>Output</i>       |
|    | <i>On exit:</i> the reciprocals of the diagonal elements of $L$ .  |                     |

5:	<b>def</b> – double *	<i>Output</i>
6:	<b>dete</b> – Integer *	<i>Output</i>

*On exit:* the determinant of  $A$  is given by  $\text{def} \times 2.0^{\text{dete}}$ . It is given in this form to avoid overflow or underflow.

7:	<b>fail</b> – NagError *	<i>Input/Output</i>
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The NAG error argument (see Section 3.6 in the Essential Introduction).

## 6 Error Indicators and Warnings

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

On entry, **tda** =  $\langle\text{value}\rangle$  while **n** =  $\langle\text{value}\rangle$ . These arguments must satisfy  $\text{tda} \geq \text{n}$ .

### NE\_INT\_ARG\_LT

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

### NE\_NOT\_POS\_DEF

The matrix is not positive definite, possibly due to rounding errors. The factorization could not be completed. **def** and **dete** are set to zero.

## 7 Accuracy

The accuracy of the determinant depends on the conditioning of the original matrix. For a detailed error analysis see page 25 of Wilkinson and Reinsch (1971).

## 8 Parallelism and Performance

Not applicable.

## 9 Further Comments

The time taken by nag\_real\_cholesky (f03aec) is approximately proportional to  $n^3$ .

## 10 Example

To compute a Cholesky factorization and calculate the determinant of the real symmetric positive definite matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 6 & 7 & 6 & 5 \\ 7 & 11 & 8 & 7 \\ 6 & 8 & 11 & 9 \\ 5 & 7 & 9 & 11 \end{pmatrix}.$$

### 10.1 Program Text

```
/* nag_real_cholesky (f03aec) Example Program.
*
* Copyright 1990 Numerical Algorithms Group.
*
* Mark 1, 1990.
* Mark 8 revised, 2004.
*/
#include <nag.h>
#include <math.h>
```

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <nag_stdlib.h>
#include <nagf03.h>

#define A(I, J) a[(I) *tda + J]

int main(void)
{
    Integer  dete, exit_status = 0, i, j, n, tda;
    NagError fail;
    double   *a = 0, determ, detf, *p = 0;

    INIT_FAIL(fail);

    printf("nag_real_cholesky (f03aec) Example Program Results\n");
    /* Skip heading in data file */
    scanf("%*[^\n]");
    scanf("%" NAG_IFMT "\n", &n);
    if (n >= 1)
    {
        if (!(a = NAG_ALLOC(n*n, double)) ||
            !(p = NAG_ALLOC(n, double)))
        {
            printf("Allocation failure\n");
            exit_status = -1;
            goto END;
        }
        tda = n;
    }
    else
    {
        printf("Invalid n.\n");
        exit_status = 1;
        return exit_status;
    }
    for (i = 0; i < n; i++)
        for (j = 0; j < n; j++)
            scanf("%lf", &A(i, j));
    /* nag_real_cholesky (f03aec).
     * LL^T factorization and determinant of real symmetric
     * positive-definite matrix
     */
    nag_real_cholesky(n, a, tda, p, &detf, &dete, &fail);
    if (fail.code != NE_NOERROR)
    {
        printf("Error from nag_real_cholesky (f03aec).\n%s\n",
               fail.message);
        exit_status = 1;
        goto END;
    }
    printf("Array A after factorization\n");
    for (i = 0; i < n; i++)
        for (j = 0; j < n; j++)
            printf("%9.4f%s", A(i, j), (j%8 == 7 || j == n-1)? "\n": " ");
    printf("\nArray p\n");
    for (i = 0; i < n; i++)
        printf("%9.4f%s", p[i], (i%8 == 7 || i == n-1)? "\n": " ");
    printf("\ndetf = %9.4f      dete = %2" NAG_IFMT "\n\n", detf, dete);
    determ = detf*pow(2.0, (double) dete);
    printf("Value of determinant = %9.4f\n", determ);
END:
    NAG_FREE(a);
    NAG_FREE(p);
    return exit_status;
}

```

## 10.2 Program Data

```
nag_real_cholesky (f03aec) Example Program Data
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 6   7   6   5
 7   11  8   7
 6   8   11  9
 5   7   9   11
```

## 10.3 Program Results

```
nag_real_cholesky (f03aec) Example Program Results
Array A after factorization
 6.0000    7.0000    6.0000    5.0000
 2.8577   11.0000    8.0000    7.0000
 2.4495    0.5941   11.0000    9.0000
 2.0412    0.6931   1.6645   11.0000

Array p
 0.4082    0.5941    0.4639    0.5283

dclf =    0.0691          dete = 12
Value of determinant = 283.0000
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