

# NAG Library Function Document

## nag\_search\_vector (m01fsc)

### 1 Purpose

nag\_search\_vector (m01fsc) searches a vector of arbitrary type data objects for the first or last match to a given value.

### 2 Specification

```
#include <nag.h>
#include <nagm01.h>

Nag_Boolean nag_search_vector (Pointer key, const Pointer vec, size_t n,
                               ptrdiff_t stride,
                               Integer (*compare)(const Nag_Pointer a, const Nag_Pointer b),
                               Nag_SortOrder order, Nag_SearchMatch final, Pointer *match,
                               NagError *fail)
```

### 3 Description

nag\_search\_vector (m01fsc) searches a sorted vector of  $n$  arbitrary type data objects, which are stored in the elements of an array at intervals of length **stride**. **vec** must have previously been sorted into the specified order.

The function searches for the first or last match depending on the value of **final**. It returns Nag\_TRUE if an exact match is found and **match** is set to point at that object. If there is no exact match then Nag\_FALSE is returned and **match** is set to point to either the next later element, if **final** = Nag\_First, or the next earlier element, if **final** = Nag\_Last.

### 4 References

None.

### 5 Arguments

- |    |   |              |
|----|---|--------------|
| 1: | <b>key</b> – Pointer  | <i>Input</i> |
|    | <i>On entry:</i> the object to search for.  |              |
| 2: | <b>vec[n]</b> – const Pointer   | <i>Input</i> |
|    | <i>On entry:</i> the array of objects to be searched.   |              |
| 3: | <b>n</b> – size_t   | <i>Input</i> |
|    | <i>On entry:</i> the number $n$ of objects to be searched.  |              |
|    | <i>Constraint:</i> $n \geq 0$ .   |              |
| 4: | <b>stride</b> – ptrdiff_t   | <i>Input</i> |
|    | <i>On entry:</i> the increment between data items in <b>vec</b> to be searched.   |              |
|    | <b>Note:</b> if <b>stride</b> is positive, <b>vec</b> should point at the first data object; otherwise <b>vec</b> should point at the last data object. |              |

It should be noted that `|stride|` must be greater than or equal to `size_of` (data objects), for the search to be performed successfully. However, the code performs no check for violation of this constraint.

*Constraint:* `|stride| > 0`.

5: **compare** – function, supplied by the user *External Function*

`nag_search_vector` (m01fsc) compares two data objects. If its arguments are pointers to a structure, this function must allow for the offset of the data field in the structure (if it is not the first).

The function must return:

- 1 if the first data field is less than the second,
- 0 if the first data field is equal to the second,
- 1 if the first data field is greater than the second.

The specification of **compare** is:

```
Integer compare (const Nag_Pointer a, const Nag_Pointer b)
```

1: **a** – const Nag\_Pointer *Input*

*On entry:* the first data field.

2: **b** – const Nag\_Pointer *Input*

*On entry:* the second data field.

6: **order** – Nag\_SortOrder *Input*

*On entry:* specifies whether the array will be sorted into ascending or descending order.

*Constraint:* **order** = Nag\_Ascending or Nag\_Descending.

7: **final** – Nag\_SearchMatch *Input*

*On entry:* specifies whether to search for the first or last match. This also determines the pointer returned if an exact match cannot be found.

*Constraint:* **final** = Nag\_First or Nag\_Last.

8: **match** – Pointer \* *Output*

*On exit:* if an exact match is found this is a pointer to a pointer to the matching data object. If an exact match is not found this is set to point to the nearest object. If **final** = Nag\_First this is the next later element, otherwise the next earlier element.

9: **fail** – NagError \* *Input/Output*

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

## 6 Error Indicators and Warnings

### NE\_BAD\_PARAM

On entry, argument **final** had an illegal value.

On entry, argument **order** had an illegal value.

**NE\_INT\_ARG\_EQ**

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

**NE\_INT\_ARG\_GT**

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

On entry, **stride** =  $\langle value \rangle$ .  
 Constraint:  $|\mathbf{stride}| \leq \langle value \rangle$ .

These arguments are limited to an implementation-dependent size which is printed in the error message.

**NE\_INT\_ARG\_LT**

On entry, **n** =  $\langle value \rangle$ .  
 Constraint: **n**  $\geq$  0.

**7 Accuracy**

Not applicable.

**8 Parallelism and Performance**

Not applicable.

**9 Further Comments**

The maximum time taken by the function is approximately proportional to  $\log_2 n$ .

**10 Example**

The example program reads a key and a list of real numbers, which have been sorted into ascending order. It then searches the list for the first number which matches the key.

**10.1 Program Text**

```

/* nag_search_vector (m01fsc) Example Program.
 *
 * Copyright 1990 Numerical Algorithms Group.
 *
 * Mark 2 revised, 1992.
 * Mark 5 revised, 1998.
 * Mark 7 revised, 2001.
 * Mark 8 revised, 2004.
 *
 */

#include <nag.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <nag_stdlib.h>
#include <nag_stddef.h>
#include <nagm01.h>

#ifdef __cplusplus
extern "C" {
#endif
static Integer NAG_CALL compare(const Nag_Pointer a, const Nag_Pointer b);
#ifdef __cplusplus
}
#endif

```

```

int main(void)
{
    Integer    exit_status = 0;
    NagError   fail;
    Pointer    match;
    double     key, *vec = 0;
    size_t     i, n;

    INIT_FAIL(fail);

    /* Skip heading in data file */
    scanf("%*[\n]");
    printf("nag_search_vector (m01fsc) Example Program Results\n");
    /* Read number of points and number to search for */
    scanf("%" NAG_UFMT "%lf", &n, &key);
    if (n >= 1)
    {
        if (!(vec = NAG_ALLOC(50, double)))
        {
            printf("Allocation failure\n");
            exit_status = -1;
            goto END;
        }
    }
    else
    {
        printf("Invalid n.\n");
        exit_status = 1;
        return exit_status;
    }
    for (i = 0; i < n; ++i)
        scanf("%lf", &vec[i]);
    /* nag_search_vector (m01fsc).
     * Searches a vector for either the first or last match to a
     * given value
     */
    if (nag_search_vector((Pointer) &key, (Pointer) vec, n,
                          (ptrdiff_t)(sizeof(double)), compare, Nag_Ascending,
                          Nag_First, &match, &fail))
    {
        printf("Exact match found: ");
        if (fail.code != NE_NOERROR)
        {
            printf("Error from nag_search_vector (m01fsc).\n%s\n",
                   fail.message);
            exit_status = 1;
            goto END;
        }
        printf("First match index: %u\n",
               (unsigned long)((double *) match - vec));
    }
    else
    {
        printf("No exact match found: ");
        if (match != NULL)
            printf("Nag_First nearest match index = %u\n",
                   (unsigned long)((double *) match - vec));
        else
            printf("No match in the input array\n");
    }
    END:
    NAG_FREE(vec);
    return exit_status;
}

static Integer NAG_CALL compare(const Nag_Pointer a, const Nag_Pointer b)
{
    double x = *((const double *) a);
    double y = *((const double *) b);
    return(x < y?-1:(x == y?0:1));
}

```

## **10.2 Program Data**

```
nag_search_vector (m01fsc) Example Program Data
20
2.3
0.5 0.5 1.1 1.2 1.2 1.2 1.3 2.1 2.3 2.3
2.3 2.3 4.1 5.8 5.9 6.3 6.5 6.5 8.6 9.9
```

## **10.3 Program Results**

```
nag_search_vector (m01fsc) Example Program Results
Exact match found: First match index: 8
```

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