

NAG Library Routine Document

G01HDF

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

G01HDF returns a probability associated with a multivariate Student's t -distribution.

2 Specification

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FUNCTION G01HDF (N, TAIL, A, B, NU, DELTA, ISCOV, RC, LDRC, EPSABS,      &
                EPSREL, NUMSUB, NSAMPL, FMAX, ERREST, IFAIL)
REAL (KIND=nag_wp) G01HDF
INTEGER              N, ISCOV, LDRC, NUMSUB, NSAMPL, FMAX, IFAIL
REAL (KIND=nag_wp) A(N), B(N), NU, DELTA(N), RC(LDRC,N), EPSABS,      &
                EPSREL, ERREST
CHARACTER(1)        TAIL(N)

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3 Description

A random vector $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ that follows a Student's t -distribution with ν degrees of freedom and covariance matrix Σ has density:

$$\frac{\Gamma((\nu + n)/2)}{\Gamma(\nu/2)\nu^{n/2}\pi^{n/2}|\Sigma|^{1/2}\left[1 + \frac{1}{\nu}x^T\Sigma^{-1}x\right]^{(\nu+n)/2}},$$

and probability p given by:

$$p = \frac{\Gamma((\nu + n)/2)}{\Gamma(\nu/2)\sqrt{|\Sigma|}(\pi\nu)^n} \int_{a_1}^{b_1} \int_{a_2}^{b_2} \cdots \int_{a_n}^{b_n} (1 + x^T\Sigma^{-1}x/\nu)^{-(\nu+n)/2} dx.$$

The method of calculation depends on the dimension n and degrees of freedom ν . The method of Dunnet and Sobel is used in the bivariate case if ν is a whole number. A Plackett transform followed by quadrature method is adopted in other bivariate cases and trivariate cases. In dimensions higher than three a number theoretic approach to evaluating multidimensional integrals is adopted.

Error estimates are supplied as the published accuracy in the Dunnet and Sobel case, a Monte-Carlo standard error for multidimensional integrals, and otherwise the quadrature error estimate.

A parameter δ allows for non-central probabilities. The number theoretic method is used if any δ is nonzero.

In cases other than the central bivariate with whole ν , G01HDF attempts to evaluate probabilities within a requested accuracy $\max(\epsilon_a, \epsilon_r \times I)$, for an approximate integral value I , absolute accuracy ϵ_a and relative accuracy ϵ_r .

4 References

Dunnet C W and Sobel M (1954) A bivariate generalization of Student's t -distribution, with tables for certain special cases *Biometrika* **41** 153–169

Genz A and Bretz F (2002) Methods for the computation of multivariate t -probabilities *Journal of Computational and Graphical Statistics* (**11**) 950–971

5 Arguments

- 1: N – INTEGER *Input*
On entry: n , the number of dimensions.
Constraint: $1 < N \leq 1000$.
- 2: TAIL(N) – CHARACTER(1) array *Input*
On entry: defines the calculated probability, set TAIL(i) to:
 TAIL(i) = 'L'
 If the i th lower limit a_i is negative infinity.
 TAIL(i) = 'U'
 If the i th upper limit b_i is infinity.
 TAIL(i) = 'C'
 If both a_i and b_i are finite.
Constraint: TAIL(i) = 'L', 'U' or 'C', for $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$.
- 3: A(N) – REAL (KIND=nag_wp) array *Input*
On entry: a_i , for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, the lower integral limits of the calculation.
 If TAIL(i) = 'L', A(i) is not referenced and the i th lower limit of integration is $-\infty$.
- 4: B(N) – REAL (KIND=nag_wp) array *Input*
On entry: b_i , for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, the upper integral limits of the calculation.
 If TAIL(i) = 'U', B(i) is not referenced and the i th upper limit of integration is ∞ .
Constraint: if TAIL(i) = 'C', B(i) > A(i).
- 5: NU – REAL (KIND=nag_wp) *Input*
On entry: ν , the degrees of freedom.
Constraint: NU > 0.0.
- 6: DELTA(N) – REAL (KIND=nag_wp) array *Input*
On entry: DELTA(i) the noncentrality parameter for the i th dimension, for $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$; set DELTA(i) = 0 for the central probability.
- 7: ISCOV – INTEGER *Input*
On entry: set ISCOV = 1 if the covariance matrix is supplied and ISCOV = 2 if the correlation matrix is supplied.
Constraint: ISCOV = 1 or 2.
- 8: RC(LDRC,N) – REAL (KIND=nag_wp) array *Input/Output*
On entry: the lower triangle of either the covariance matrix (if ISCOV = 1) or the correlation matrix (if ISCOV = 2). In either case the array elements corresponding to the upper triangle of the matrix need not be set.
On exit: the strict upper triangle of RC contains the correlation matrix used in the calculations.
- 9: LDRC – INTEGER *Input*
On entry: the first dimension of the array RC as declared in the (sub)program from which G01HDF is called.
Constraint: LDRC \geq N.

- 10: EPSABS – REAL (KIND=nag_wp) Input
On entry: ϵ_a , the absolute accuracy requested in the approximation. If EPSABS is negative, the absolute value is used.
Suggested value: 0.0.
- 11: EPSREL – REAL (KIND=nag_wp) Input
On entry: ϵ_r , the relative accuracy requested in the approximation. If EPSREL is negative, the absolute value is used.
Suggested value: 0.001.
- 12: NUMSUB – INTEGER Input
On entry: if quadrature is used, the number of sub-intervals used by the quadrature algorithm; otherwise NUMSUB is not referenced.
Suggested value: 350.
Constraint: if referenced, NUMSUB > 0.
- 13: NSAMPL – INTEGER Input
On entry: if quadrature is used, NSAMPL is not referenced; otherwise NSAMPL is the number of samples used to estimate the error in the approximation.
Suggested value: 8.
Constraint: if referenced, NSAMPL > 0.
- 14: FMAX – INTEGER Input
On entry: if a number theoretic approach is used, the maximum number of evaluations for each integrand function.
Suggested value: $1000 \times N$.
Constraint: if referenced, FMAX \geq 1.
- 15: ERREST – REAL (KIND=nag_wp) Output
On exit: an estimate of the error in the calculated probability.
- 16: IFAIL – INTEGER Input/Output
On entry: IFAIL must be set to 0, -1 or 1. If you are unfamiliar with this argument you should refer to Section 3.4 in How to Use the NAG Library and its Documentation for details.
For environments where it might be inappropriate to halt program execution when an error is detected, the value -1 or 1 is recommended. If the output of error messages is undesirable, then the value 1 is recommended. Otherwise, if you are not familiar with this argument, the recommended value is 0. **When the value -1 or 1 is used it is essential to test the value of IFAIL on exit.**
On exit: IFAIL = 0 unless the routine detects an error or a warning has been flagged (see Section 6).

6 Error Indicators and Warnings

If on entry IFAIL = 0 or -1, explanatory error messages are output on the current error message unit (as defined by X04AAF).

Errors or warnings detected by the routine:

IFAIL = 1

On entry, $N = \langle value \rangle$.
Constraint: $1 < N \leq 1000$.

IFAIL = 2

On entry, $TAIL(k) = \langle value \rangle$.
Constraint: $TAIL(k) = 'L', 'U' \text{ or } 'C'$.

IFAIL = 4

On entry, $k = \langle value \rangle$.
Constraint: $B(k) > A(k)$ for a central probability.

IFAIL = 5

On entry, $NU = \langle value \rangle$.
Constraint: degrees of freedom $NU > 0.0$.

IFAIL = 8

On entry, $ISCOV = \langle value \rangle$.
Constraint: $ISCOV = 1 \text{ or } 2$.

IFAIL = 9

On entry, the information supplied in RC is invalid.

IFAIL = 10

On entry, $LDRC = \langle value \rangle$ and $N = \langle value \rangle$.
Constraint: $LDRC \geq N$.

IFAIL = 12

On entry, $NUMSUB = \langle value \rangle$.
Constraint: $NUMSUB \geq 1$.

IFAIL = 13

On entry, $NSAMPL = \langle value \rangle$.
Constraint: $NSAMPL \geq 1$.

IFAIL = 14

On entry, $FMAX = \langle value \rangle$.
Constraint: $FMAX \geq 1$.

IFAIL = -99

An unexpected error has been triggered by this routine. Please contact NAG.

See Section 3.9 in How to Use the NAG Library and its Documentation for further information.

IFAIL = -399

Your licence key may have expired or may not have been installed correctly.

See Section 3.8 in How to Use the NAG Library and its Documentation for further information.

IFAIL = -999

Dynamic memory allocation failed.

See Section 3.7 in How to Use the NAG Library and its Documentation for further information.

7 Accuracy

An estimate of the error in the calculation is given by the value of ERREST on exit.

8 Parallelism and Performance

G01HDF is not threaded in any implementation.

9 Further Comments

None.

10 Example

This example prints two probabilities from the Student's *t*-distribution.

10.1 Program Text

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Program g01hdfc
!
!   G01HDF Example Program Text
!
!   Mark 26 Release. NAG Copyright 2016.
!
!   .. Use Statements ..
!   Use nag_library, Only: g01hdf, nag_wp
!   .. Implicit None Statement ..
!   Implicit None
!   .. Parameters ..
!   Integer, Parameter          :: nin = 5, nout = 6
!   .. Local Scalars ..
!   Real (Kind=nag_wp)          :: epsabs, epsrel, errest, nu, prob
!   Integer                     :: fmax, i, ifail, iscov, ldrc, n,      &
!                               nsampl, numsub
!
!   .. Local Arrays ..
!   Real (Kind=nag_wp), Allocatable :: a(:), b(:), delta(:), rc(:, :)
!   Character (1), Allocatable     :: tail(:)
!   .. Executable Statements ..
!   Write (nout,*) 'G01HDF Example Program Results'
!   Write (nout,*)
!
!   Skip heading in data file
!   Read (nin,*)
!
!   Read (nin,*) n, iscov
!
!   ldrc = n
!
!   numsub = 200
!   nsampl = 8
!   fmax = 25000
!   epsabs = 0.0E0_nag_wp
!   epsrel = 1.0E-3_nag_wp

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        Allocate (tail(n),a(n),b(n),delta(n),rc(ldrc,n))

d_lp: Do
    ifail = 0

    Read (nin,*,Iostat=ifail)
    If (ifail==0) Then
        Read (nin,*,Iostat=ifail) nu
        If (ifail/=0) Then
            Exit d_lp
        End If
    Else
        Exit d_lp
    End If
    Read (nin,*) tail(1:n)
    Read (nin,*) a(1:n)
    Read (nin,*) b(1:n)
    Read (nin,*) delta(1:n)
    Read (nin,*)(rc(i,1:n),i=1,n)

!    Calculate probability
    ifail = 0
    prob = g01hdf(n,tail,a,b,nu,delta,iscov,rc,ldrc,epsabs,epsrel,numsub, &
        nsampl,fmax,errest,ifail)

    Write (nout,99999) 'Probability: ', prob
    Write (nout,99998) 'Error estimate:', errest
    Write (nout,*)
End Do d_lp

99999 Format (2X,A24,E24.8)
99998 Format (2X,A24,E24.2)
End Program g01hdfe

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10.2 Program Data

G01HDF Example Program Data

5 1 : n iscov

Example 1

10.0 : nu

U U U U U : tails

-1.0e-1 -1.0e-1 -1.0e-1 -1.0e-1 -1.0e-1 : lower bounds

888 888 888 888 888 : upper bounds

0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 : delta

1.0 0.75 0.75 0.75 0.75

0.75 1.0 0.75 0.75 0.75

0.75 0.75 1.0 0.75 0.75

0.75 0.75 0.75 1.0 0.75

0.75 0.75 0.75 0.75 1.0 : correlation matrix

Example 2

3.0 : nu

L L L L L : tails

888 888 888 888 888 : lower bounds

-1.0e-1 -1.0e-1 -1.0e-1 -1.0e-1 -1.0e-1 : upper bounds

1.0 2.0 3.0 3.0 3.0 : delta

1.0 0.75 0.75 0.75 0.75

0.75 1.0 0.75 0.75 0.75

0.75 0.75 1.0 0.75 0.75

0.75 0.75 0.75 1.0 0.75

0.75 0.75 0.75 0.75 1.0 : correlation matrix

10.3 Program Results

G01HDF Example Program Results

Probability:	0.30164222E+00
Error estimate:	0.11E-04
Probability:	0.86224881E-04
Error estimate:	0.73E-07
