NAG Library Routine Document

C02ALF

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

C02ALF determines the roots of a quartic equation with real coefficients.

2   Specification

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SUBROUTINE C02ALF (E, A, B, C, D, ZEROR, ZEROI, ERREST, IFAIL)
INTEGER          IFAIL
REAL (KIND=nag_wp) E, A, B, C, D, ZEROR(4), ZEROI(4), ERREST(4)
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3   Description

C02ALF attempts to find the roots of the quartic equation

$$ez^4 + az^3 + bz^2 + cz + d = 0,$$

where e, a, b, c and d are real coefficients with $e \neq 0$. The roots are located by finding the eigenvalues of the associated 4 by 4 (upper Hessenberg) companion matrix H given by

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & -d/e \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & -c/e \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -b/e \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -a/e \end{pmatrix}.$$

The eigenvalues are obtained by a call to F08PEF (DHSEQR). Further details can be found in Section 9.

To obtain the roots of a cubic equation, C02AKF can be used.

4   References

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

5   Arguments

1:    E – REAL (KIND=nag_wp)   *Input*

   On entry: e, the coefficient of z^4.

   Constraint: E $\neq$ 0.0.

2:    A – REAL (KIND=nag_wp)   *Input*

   On entry: a, the coefficient of z^3.

3:    B – REAL (KIND=nag_wp)   *Input*

   On entry: b, the coefficient of z^2.

4:    C – REAL (KIND=nag_wp)   *Input*

   On entry: c, the coefficient of z.

5: D – REAL (KIND=nag_wp) *Input*

On entry: d, the constant coefficient.

6: ZEROR(4) – REAL (KIND=nag_wp) array *Output*
7: ZEROI(4) – REAL (KIND=nag_wp) array *Output*

On exit: ZEROR(i) and ZEROI(i) contain the real and imaginary parts, respectively, of the ith root.

8: ERREST(4) – REAL (KIND=nag_wp) array *Output*

On exit: ERREST(i) contains an approximate error estimate for the ith root.

9: 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, E = 0.0.

IFAIL = 2

The companion matrix H cannot be formed without overflow.

IFAIL = 3

The iterative procedure used to determine the eigenvalues has failed to converge.

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

If IFAIL = 0 on exit, then the ith computed root should have approximately $|\log_{10}(\mathrm{ERREST}(i))|$ correct significant digits.

8   Parallelism and Performance

C02ALF is threaded by NAG for parallel execution in multithreaded implementations of the NAG Library.

C02ALF 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

The method used by the routine consists of the following steps, which are performed by routines from LAPACK in Chapter F08.

(a) Form matrix H.

(b) Apply a diagonal similarity transformation to H (to give H').

(c) Calculate the eigenvalues and Schur factorization of H'.

(d) Calculate the left and right eigenvectors of H'.

(e) Estimate reciprocal condition numbers for all the eigenvalues of H'.

(f) Calculate approximate error estimates for all the eigenvalues of H' (using the 1-norm).

10   Example

This example finds the roots of the quartic equation

$$z^4 + 2z^3 + 6z^2 - 8z - 40 = 0.$$

10.1 Program Text

```
      Program c02alfe

!     C02ALF Example Program Text

!     Mark 26 Release. NAG Copyright 2016.

!     .. Use Statements ..
      Use nag_library, Only: c02alf, nag_wp
!     .. Implicit None Statement ..
      Implicit None
!     .. Parameters ..
      Integer, Parameter               :: nin = 5, nout = 6
!     .. Local Scalars ..
      Real (Kind=nag_wp)               :: a, b, c, d, e
      Integer                          :: i, ifail
!     .. Local Arrays ..
      Real (Kind=nag_wp)               :: errest(4), zeroi(4), zeror(4)
!     .. Executable Statements ..
      Write (nout,*) 'C02ALF Example Program Results'

!     Skip heading in data file
      Read (nin,*)

      Read (nin,*) e, a, b, c, d
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```
      ifail = 0
      Call c02alf(e,a,b,c,d,zeror,zeroi,errest,ifail)

      Write (nout,*)
      Write (nout,*) ' Roots of quartic equation   ',                   &
        '        Error estimates'
      Write (nout,*) '                              ',                   &
        '        (machine-dependent)'
      Write (nout,*)

      Do i = 1, 4
        Write (nout,99999) ' z = ', zeror(i), zeroi(i), '*i', errest(i)
      End Do

99999 Format (1X,A,1P,E12.4,Sp,E12.4,A,8X,Ss,E9.1)
    End Program c02alfe
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10.2 Program Data

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C02ALF Example Program Data
 1.0   2.0   6.0  -8.0  -40.0 : Values of E, A, B, C and D
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10.3 Program Results

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 C02ALF Example Program Results

  Roots of quartic equation        Error estimates
                                    (machine-dependent)

  z =   2.0000E+00 +0.0000E+00*i        8.9E-16
  z =  -2.0000E+00 +0.0000E+00*i        1.1E-15
  z =  -1.0000E+00 +3.0000E+00*i        1.0E-15
  z =  -1.0000E+00 -3.0000E+00*i        1.0E-15
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