1 Purpose

nag_dgelss (f08kac) computes the minimum norm solution to a real linear least squares problem

\[ \min_x ||b - Ax||_2. \]

2 Specification

```c
#include <nag.h>
#include <nagf08.h>

void nag_dgelss (Nag_OrderType order, Integer m, Integer n, Integer nrhs,
                double a[], Integer pda, double b[], Integer pdb, double s[],
                double rcond, Integer *rank, NagError *fail)
```

3 Description

nag_dgelss (f08kac) uses the singular value decomposition (SVD) of \( A \), where \( A \) is an \( m \) by \( n \) matrix which may be rank-deficient.

Several right-hand side vectors \( b \) and solution vectors \( x \) can be handled in a single call; they are stored as the columns of the \( m \) by \( r \) right-hand side matrix \( B \) and the \( n \) by \( r \) solution matrix \( X \).

The effective rank of \( A \) is determined by treating as zero those singular values which are less than \( r\text{cond} \) times the largest singular value.

4 References


5 Arguments

1: \( \text{order} \) – Nag_OrderType

\textit{Input}

\textit{On entry}: the \text{order} argument specifies the two-dimensional storage scheme being used, i.e., row-major ordering or column-major ordering. C language defined storage is specified by \text{order} = Nag_RowMajor. See Section 3.2.1.3 in the Essential Introduction for a more detailed explanation of the use of this argument.

\textit{Constraint}: \text{order} = Nag_RowMajor or Nag_ColMajor.

2: \( m \) – Integer

\textit{Input}

\textit{On entry}: \( m \), the number of rows of the matrix \( A \).

\textit{Constraint}: \( m \geq 0 \).
3: \( n \) – Integer 
\textit{Input}

\textit{On entry:} \( n \), the number of columns of the matrix \( A \).
\textit{Constraint:} \( n \geq 0 \).

4: \( \text{nrhs} \) – Integer
\textit{Input}

\textit{On entry:} \( r \), the number of right-hand sides, i.e., the number of columns of the matrices \( B \) and \( X \).
\textit{Constraint:} \( \text{nrhs} \geq 0 \).

5: \( a[\text{dim}] \) – double
\textit{Input/Output}

\textit{Note:} the dimension, \( \text{dim} \), of the array \( a \) must be at least
\( \max(1, \text{pda} \times n) \) when \( \text{order} = \text{Nag\_ColMajor} \);
\( \max(1, m \times \text{pda}) \) when \( \text{order} = \text{Nag\_RowMajor} \).

The \((i, j)\)th element of the matrix \( A \) is stored in
\( a[(j - 1) \times \text{pda} + i - 1] \) when \( \text{order} = \text{Nag\_ColMajor} \);
\( a[(i - 1) \times \text{pda} + j - 1] \) when \( \text{order} = \text{Nag\_RowMajor} \).

\textit{On entry:} the \( m \) by \( n \) matrix \( A \).
\textit{On exit:} the first \( \min(m, n) \) rows of \( A \) are overwritten with its right singular vectors, stored row-wise.

6: \( \text{pda} \) – Integer
\textit{Input}

\textit{On entry:} the stride separating row or column elements (depending on the value of \( \text{order} \)) in the array \( a \).

\textit{Constraints:}
\begin{align*}
\text{if} & \quad \text{order} = \text{Nag\_ColMajor}, \quad \text{pda} \geq \max(1, m); \\
\text{if} & \quad \text{order} = \text{Nag\_RowMajor}, \quad \text{pda} \geq \max(1, n).
\end{align*}

7: \( b[\text{dim}] \) – double
\textit{Input/Output}

\textit{Note:} the dimension, \( \text{dim} \), of the array \( b \) must be at least
\( \max(1, \text{pdb} \times \text{nrhs}) \) when \( \text{order} = \text{Nag\_ColMajor} \);
\( \max(1, \max(1, m, n) \times \text{pdb}) \) when \( \text{order} = \text{Nag\_RowMajor} \).

The \((i, j)\)th element of the matrix \( B \) is stored in
\( b[(j - 1) \times \text{pdb} + i - 1] \) when \( \text{order} = \text{Nag\_ColMajor} \);
\( b[(i - 1) \times \text{pdb} + j - 1] \) when \( \text{order} = \text{Nag\_RowMajor} \).

\textit{On entry:} the \( m \) by \( r \) right-hand side matrix \( B \).
\textit{On exit:} \( b \) is overwritten by the \( n \) by \( r \) solution matrix \( X \). If \( m \geq n \) and \( \text{rank} = n \), the residual sum of squares for the solution in the \( i \)th column is given by the sum of squares of elements \( n + 1, \ldots, m \) in that column.

8: \( \text{pdb} \) – Integer
\textit{Input}

\textit{On entry:} the stride separating row or column elements (depending on the value of \( \text{order} \)) in the array \( b \).

\textit{Constraints:}
\begin{align*}
\text{if} & \quad \text{order} = \text{Nag\_ColMajor}, \quad \text{pdb} \geq \max(1, m, n); \\
\text{if} & \quad \text{order} = \text{Nag\_RowMajor}, \quad \text{pdb} \geq \max(1, \text{nrhs}).
\end{align*}

9: \( s[\text{dim}] \) – double
\textit{Output}

\textit{Note:} the dimension, \( \text{dim} \), of the array \( s \) must be at least \( \max(1, \min(m, n)) \).
On exit: the singular values of \( A \) in decreasing order.

10: \texttt{rcond} – double

\emph{Input}

On entry: used to determine the effective rank of \( A \). Singular values \( s[i - 1] \leq rcond \times s[0] \) are treated as zero. If \( rcond < 0 \), \emph{machine precision} is used instead.

11: \texttt{rank} – Integer *

\emph{Output}

On exit: the effective rank of \( A \), i.e., the number of singular values which are greater than \( rcond \times s[0] \).

12: \texttt{fail} – NagError *

\emph{Input/Output}

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

6  \textbf{Error Indicators and Warnings}

\textbf{NE_ALLOC_FAIL}

Dynamic memory allocation failed.
See Section 3.2.1.2 in the Essential Introduction for further information.

\textbf{NE_BAD_PARAM}

On entry, argument \( \langle \text{value} \rangle \) had an illegal value.

\textbf{NE_CONVERGENCE}

The algorithm for computing the SVD failed to converge; \( \langle \text{value} \rangle \) off-diagonal elements of an intermediate bidiagonal form did not converge to zero.

\textbf{NE_INT}

On entry, \( m = \langle \text{value} \rangle \).
Constraint: \( m \geq 0 \).

On entry, \( n = \langle \text{value} \rangle \).
Constraint: \( n \geq 0 \).

On entry, \( nrhs = \langle \text{value} \rangle \).
Constraint: \( nrhs \geq 0 \).

On entry, \( pda = \langle \text{value} \rangle \).
Constraint: \( pda > 0 \).

On entry, \( pdb = \langle \text{value} \rangle \).
Constraint: \( pdb > 0 \).

\textbf{NE_INT_2}

On entry, \( pda = \langle \text{value} \rangle \) and \( m = \langle \text{value} \rangle \).
Constraint: \( pda \geq \max(1, m) \).

On entry, \( pda = \langle \text{value} \rangle \) and \( n = \langle \text{value} \rangle \).
Constraint: \( pda \geq \max(1, n) \).

On entry, \( pdb = \langle \text{value} \rangle \) and \( nrhs = \langle \text{value} \rangle \).
Constraint: \( pdb \geq \max(1, nrhs) \).

\textbf{NE_INT_3}

On entry, \( pdb = \langle \text{value} \rangle \), \( m = \langle \text{value} \rangle \) and \( n = \langle \text{value} \rangle \).
Constraint: \( pdb \geq \max(1, m, n) \).
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.

An unexpected error has been triggered by this function. Please contact NAG.
See Section 3.6.6 in the Essential Introduction for further information.

NE_NO_LICENCE

Your licence key may have expired or may not have been installed correctly.
See Section 3.6.5 in the Essential Introduction for further information.

7 Accuracy

See Section 4.5 of Anderson et al. (1999) for details.

8 Parallelism and Performance

nag_dgelss (f08kac) is threaded by NAG for parallel execution in multithreaded implementations of the NAG Library.

nag_dgelss (f08kac) 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 function. Please also consult the Users’ Note for your implementation for any additional implementation-specific information.

9 Further Comments

The complex analogue of this function is nag_zgelss (f08knc).

10 Example

This example solves the linear least squares problem

$$\min_{x} \| b - Ax \|_2$$

for the solution, $x$, of minimum norm, where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -0.09 & 0.14 & -0.46 & 0.68 & 1.29 \\ -1.56 & 0.20 & 0.29 & 1.09 & 0.51 \\ -1.48 & -0.43 & 0.89 & -0.71 & -0.96 \\ -1.09 & 0.84 & 0.77 & 2.11 & -1.27 \\ 0.08 & 0.55 & -1.13 & 0.14 & 1.74 \\ -1.59 & -0.72 & 1.06 & 1.24 & 0.34 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad b = \begin{pmatrix} 7.4 \\ 4.2 \\ 8.3 \\ 1.8 \\ 8.6 \\ 2.1 \end{pmatrix}.$$ 

A tolerance of 0.01 is used to determine the effective rank of $A$.

10.1 Program Text

/* nag_dgelss (f08kac) Example Program.  *
 * Copyright 2014 Numerical Algorithms Group. *
 *  
 * Mark 23, 2011.  */

#include <stdio.h>
#include <nag.h>
#include <nagstdlib.h>
#include <nagf16.h>
```c
#include <nagf08.h>

int main(void)
{
    /* Scalars */
    double rcond, rnorm;
    Integer exit_status = 0, i, j, m, n, nrhs, rank, pda, pdb;
    /* Arrays */
    *a = 0, *b = 0, *s = 0;
    /* Nag Types */
    NagError fail;
    Nag_OrderType order;

    ifdef NAG_COLUMN_MAJOR
    #define A(I, J) a[(J - 1) * pda + I - 1]
    #define B(I, J) b[(J - 1) * pdb + I - 1]
    order = Nag_ColMajor;
    #else
    #define A(I, J) a[(I - 1) * pda + J - 1]
    #define B(I, J) b[(I - 1) * pdb + J - 1]
    order = Nag_RowMajor;
    #endif
    INIT_FAIL(fail);

    printf("nag_dgelss (f08kac) Example Program Results\n\n");

    /* Skip heading in data file */
    ifdef _WIN32
    scanf_s("%*[\n"]);
    #else
    scanf("%*[\n"]);
    #endif
    ifdef _WIN32
    scanf_s("%"NAG_IFMT"%"NAG_IFMT"%"NAG_IFMT"%*[\n"]", &m, &n, &nrhs);
    #else
    scanf("%"NAG_IFMT"%"NAG_IFMT"%"NAG_IFMT"%*[\n"]", &m, &n, &nrhs);
    #endif
    if (m < 0 || n < 0 || nrhs < 0)
    {
        printf("Invalid m, n or nrhs\n");
        exit_status = 1;
        goto END;
    }

    ifdef NAG_COLUMN_MAJOR
    pda = m;
    pdb = m;
    #else
    pda = n;
    pdb = nrhs;
    #endif
    /* Allocate memory */
    if (!((a = NAG_ALLOC(m * n, double)) || (b = NAG_ALLOC(MAX(m, n) * nrhs, double)) || (s = NAG_ALLOC(MIN(m, n), double)))
    {
        printf("Allocation failure\n");
        exit_status = -1;
        goto END;
    }

    /* Read A and B from data file */
    for (i = 1; i <= m; ++i)
    { ifdef _WIN32
        for (j = 1; j <= n; ++j) scanf_s("%lf", &A(i, j));
    #else
        for (j = 1; j <= n; ++j) scanf("%lf", &A(i, j));
    #endif
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for (j = 1; j <= n; ++j) scanf("%lf", &A(i, j));
#endif
#ifdef _WIN32
    scanf_s("%*[\n]");
#else
    scanf("%*[\n]");
#endif
for (i = 1; i <= m; ++i)
#ifdef _WIN32
    for (j = 1; j <= nrhs; ++j) scanf_s("%lf", &B(i, j));
#else
    for (j = 1; j <= nrhs; ++j) scanf("%lf", &B(i, j));
#endif
#ifdef _WIN32
    scanf_s("%*[\n]");
#else
    scanf("%*[\n]");
#endif
/* Choose rcond to reflect the relative accuracy of the input data */
rcond = 0.01;

/* Solve the least squares problem min( norm2(b - Ax) ) for the x */
/* of minimum norm using nag_dgelss (f08kac).
*/
nag_dgelss(order, m, n, nrhs, a, pda, b, pdb, s, rcond, &rank, &fail);
if (fail.code != NE_NOERROR)
{
    printf("Error from nag_dgelss (f08kac).\n\n%s\n", fail.message);
    exit_status = 1;
    goto END;
}
printf("Least squares solution\n");
for (i = 1; i <= n; ++i)
{
    for (j = 1; j <= nrhs; ++j)
        printf(" %10.4f%s", B(i, j), j%7==0?"\n":"";
    printf("\n");
}

/* Print the effective rank of A */
printf("\nTolerance used to estimate the rank of A\n%11.2e\n", rcond);
printf("Estimated rank of A\n%6"NAG_IFMT"\n", rank);

/* Print singular values of A */
printf("\nSingular values of A\n");
for (i = 0; i < n; ++i) printf(" %10.4f%s", s[i], i%7 == 6?"\n":"";
printf("\n");

/* Compute and print estimate of the square root of the */
/* residual sum of squares using nag_dge_norm (f16rac). */
if (rank == n)
{
    nag_dge_norm(order, Nag_FrobeniusNorm, m - n, 1, &B(n+1,1), pdb, &rnorm,
&fail);
    if (fail.code != NE_NOERROR)
    {
        printf("Error from nag_dge_norm (f16rac).\n\n%s\n", fail.message);
        exit_status = 1;
        goto END;
    }
    printf("\nSquare root of the residual sum of squares\n%11.2e\n", rnorm);
}
END:
NAG_FREE(a);
NAG_FREE(b);
NAG_FREE(s);
    return exit_status;
};
#undef A
#undef B

10.2 Program Data

nag_dgelss (f08kac) Example Program Data

6 5 1 : m, n, nrhs
-0.09 0.14 -0.46 0.68 1.29
-1.56 0.20 0.29 1.09 0.51
-1.48 -0.43 0.89 -0.71 -0.96
-1.09 0.84 0.77 2.11 -1.27
0.08 0.55 -1.13 0.14 1.74
-1.59 -0.72 1.06 1.24 0.34 : matrix A

7.4
4.2
-8.3
1.8
8.6
2.1 : vector b

10.3 Program Results

nag_dgelss (f08kac) Example Program Results

Least squares solution
  0.6344
  0.9699
-1.4403
  3.3678
  3.3992

Tolerance used to estimate the rank of A
  1.00e-02

Estimated rank of A
  4

Singular values of A
  3.9997 2.9962 2.0001 0.9988 0.0025