

## nag\_convolution\_real (c06ekc)

### 1. Purpose

**nag\_convolution\_real (c06ekc)** calculates the circular convolution or correlation of two real vectors of period  $n$ .

### 2. Specification

```
#include <nag.h>
#include <nagc06.h>
```

```
void nag_convolution_real(Nag_VectorOp operation, Integer n, double x[],
    double y[], NagError *fail)
```

### 3. Description

This function computes:

if **operation** = **Nag\_Convolution**, the discrete convolution of  $x$  and  $y$ , defined by

$$z_k = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} x_j y_{k-j} = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} x_{k-j} y_j;$$

if **operation** = **Nag\_Correlation**, the discrete correlation of  $x$  and  $y$  defined by

$$w_k = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} x_j y_{k+j}.$$

Here  $x$  and  $y$  are real vectors, assumed to be periodic, with period  $n$ , i.e.,  $x_j = x_{j \pm n} = x_{j \pm 2n} = \dots$ ;  $z$  and  $w$  are then also periodic with period  $n$ .

**Note:** this usage of the terms ‘convolution’ and ‘correlation’ is taken from Brigham (1974). The term ‘convolution’ is sometimes used to denote both these computations.

If  $\hat{x}$ ,  $\hat{y}$ ,  $\hat{z}$  and  $\hat{w}$  are the discrete Fourier transforms of these sequences, i.e.

$$\hat{x}_k = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} x_j \exp\left(-i2\pi \frac{jk}{n}\right)$$

etc., then  $\hat{z}_k = \sqrt{n} \hat{x}_k \hat{y}_k$  and  $\hat{w}_k = \sqrt{n} \bar{\hat{x}}_k \hat{y}_k$  (the bar denoting complex conjugate).

This function calls the same auxiliary functions as **nag\_fft\_real (c06eac)** and **nag\_fft\_hermitian (c06ebc)** to compute discrete Fourier transforms, and there are some restrictions on the value of  $n$ .

### 4. Parameters

#### **operation**

Input: the computation to be performed:

if **operation** = **Nag\_Convolution**,  $z_k = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} x_j y_{k-j}$ ;

if **operation** = **Nag\_Correlation**,  $w_k = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} x_j y_{k+j}$ ;

Constraint: **operation** = **Nag\_Convolution** or **Nag\_Correlation**.

#### **n**

Input: the number of values,  $n$ , in one period of the vectors **x** and **y**.

Constraint: **n** > 1. The largest prime factor of **n** must not exceed 19, and the total number of prime factors of **n**, counting repetitions, must not exceed 20.

**x[n]**

Input: the elements of one period of the vector  $x$ .  $\mathbf{x}[j]$  must contain  $x_j$ , for  $j = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$ .  
 Output: the corresponding elements of the discrete convolution or correlation.

**y[n]**

Input: the elements of one period of the vector  $y$ .  $\mathbf{y}[j]$  must contain  $y_j$ , for  $j = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$ .  
 Output: the discrete Fourier transform of the convolution or correlation returned in the array  $\mathbf{x}$ ; the transform is stored in Hermitian form, exactly as described in the document nag\_fft\_real (c06eac).

**fail**

The NAG error parameter, see the Essential Introduction to the NAG C Library.

## 5. Error Indications and Warnings

### NE\_C06\_FACTOR\_GT

At least one of the prime factors of  $\mathbf{n}$  is greater than 19.

### NE\_C06\_TOO\_MANY\_FACTORS

$\mathbf{n}$  has more than 20 prime factors.

### NE\_INT\_ARG\_LE

On entry,  $\mathbf{n}$  must not be less than or equal to 1:  $\mathbf{n} = \langle \text{value} \rangle$ .

### NE\_BAD\_PARAM

On entry, parameter **operation** had an illegal value.

## 6. Further Comments

The time taken by the function is approximately proportional to  $n \log n$ , but also depends on the factorization of  $n$ . The function is faster than average if the only prime factors are 2, 3 or 5; and fastest of all if  $n$  is a power of 2.

The function is particularly slow if  $n$  has several unpaired prime factors, i.e., if the ‘square-free’ part of  $n$  has several factors.

### 6.1. Accuracy

The results should be accurate to within a small multiple of the *machine precision*.

### 6.2. References

Brigham E O (1974) *The Fast Fourier Transform* Prentice-Hall.

## 7. See Also

nag\_fft\_real (c06eac)

## 8. Example

This program reads in the elements of one period of two real vectors  $x$  and  $y$  and prints their discrete convolution and correlation (as computed by nag\_convolution\_real). In realistic computations the number of data values would be much larger.

### 8.1. Program Text

```
/* nag_convolution_real(c06ekc) Example Program
 *
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 *
 * Mark 1, 1990.
 */

#include <nag.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <nag_stdlib.h>
#include <nagc06.h>
```

```

#define NMAX 64

main()
{
    Integer j, n;
    double xa[NMAX], xb[NMAX], ya[NMAX], yb[NMAX];

    Vprintf("c06ekc Example Program Results\n");
    /* Skip heading in data file */
    Vscanf("%*[^\\n]");
    while (scanf("%ld", &n) != EOF)
        if (n > 1 && n <= NMAX)
        {
            for (j = 0; j < n; ++j)
            {
                Vscanf("%lf%lf", &xa[j], &ya[j]);
                xb[j] = xa[j];
                yb[j] = ya[j];
            }
            c06ekc(Nag_Convolution, n, xa, ya, NAGERR_DEFAULT);
            c06ekc(Nag_Correlation, n, xb, yb, NAGERR_DEFAULT);
            Vprintf("\n          Convolution   Correlation\n\n");
            for (j = 0; j < n; ++j)
                Vprintf("%5ld %13.5f %13.5f\n", j, xa[j], xb[j]);
        }
        else
        {
            Vfprintf(stderr, "\n n = %ld which is an invalid value of n.\n", n);
            exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
        }
    exit(EXIT_SUCCESS);
}

```

## 8.2. Program Data

c06ekc Example Program Data  
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|      |      |
|------|------|
| 1.00 | 0.50 |
| 1.00 | 0.50 |
| 1.00 | 0.50 |
| 1.00 | 0.50 |
| 1.00 | 0.00 |
| 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 0.00 | 0.00 |

## 8.3. Program Results

c06ekc Example Program Results

|   | Convolution | Correlation |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| 0 | 0.50000     | 2.00000     |
| 1 | 1.00000     | 1.50000     |
| 2 | 1.50000     | 1.00000     |
| 3 | 2.00000     | 0.50000     |
| 4 | 2.00000     | 0.00000     |
| 5 | 1.50000     | 0.50000     |
| 6 | 1.00000     | 1.00000     |
| 7 | 0.50000     | 1.50000     |
| 8 | 0.00000     | 2.00000     |

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