# **NAG Toolbox for MATLAB**

# f07hb

# 1 Purpose

f07hb uses the Cholesky factorization

$$A = U^{\mathrm{T}}U$$
 or  $A = LL^{\mathrm{T}}$ 

to compute the solution to a real system of linear equations

$$AX = B$$

where A is an n by n symmetric positive-definite band matrix of bandwidth  $(2k_d + 1)$  and X and B are n by r matrices. Error bounds on the solution and a condition estimate are also provided.

# 2 Syntax

# 3 Description

f07hb performs the following steps:

1. If **fact** = 'E', real diagonal scaling factors,  $D_S$ , are computed to equilibrate the system:

$$(D_S A D_S) (D_S^{-1} X) = D_S B.$$

Whether or not the system will be equilibrated depends on the scaling of the matrix A, but if equilibration is used, A is overwritten by  $D_SAD_S$  and B by  $D_SB$ .

- 2. If  $\mathbf{fact} = 'N'$  or 'E', the Cholesky decomposition is used to factor the matrix A (after equilibration if  $\mathbf{fact} = 'E'$ ) as  $A = U^{\mathrm{T}}U$  if  $\mathbf{uplo} = 'U'$  or  $A = LL^{\mathrm{T}}$  if  $\mathbf{uplo} = 'L'$ , where U is an upper triangular matrix and L is a lower triangular matrix.
- 3. If the leading i by i principal minor is not positive-definite, then the function returns with info = i. Otherwise, the factored form of A is used to estimate the condition number of the matrix A. If the reciprocal of the condition number is less than *machine precision*,  $info \ge N+1$  is returned as a warning, but the function still goes on to solve for X and compute error bounds as described below.
- 4. The system of equations is solved for X using the factored form of A.
- 5. Iterative refinement is applied to improve the computed solution matrix and to calculate error bounds and backward error estimates for it.
- 6. If equilibration was used, the matrix X is premultiplied by  $D_S$  so that it solves the original system before equilibration.

#### 4 References

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## 5 Parameters

# 5.1 Compulsory Input Parameters

#### 1: **fact – string**

Specifies whether or not the factorized form of the matrix A is supplied on entry, and if not, whether the matrix A should be equilibrated before it is factorized.

fact = 'F'

**afb** contains the factorized form of A. If **equed** = 'Y', the matrix A has been equilibrated with scaling factors given by **s**. **ab** and **afb** will not be modified.

fact = 'N'

The matrix A will be copied to **afb** and factorized.

fact = 'E'

The matrix A will be equilibrated if necessary, then copied to **afb** and factorized.

Constraint: fact = 'F', 'N' or 'E'.

#### 2: **uplo – string**

If uplo = 'U', the upper triangle of A is stored.

If  $\mathbf{uplo} = 'L'$ , the lower triangle of A is stored.

Constraint: uplo = 'U' or 'L'.

#### 3: kd - int32 scalar

 $k_d$ , the number of superdiagonals of the matrix A if **uplo** = 'U', or the number of subdiagonals if **uplo** = 'L'.

Constraint:  $\mathbf{kd} \geq 0$ .

#### 4: $ab(ldab_{\bullet}*) - double array$

The first dimension of the array ab must be at least kd + 1

The second dimension of the array must be at least  $max(1, \mathbf{n})$ 

The upper or lower triangle of the symmetric band matrix A, except if  $\mathbf{fact} = 'F'$  and  $\mathbf{equed} = 'Y'$ , in which case  $\mathbf{ab}$  must contain the equilibrated matrix  $D_S AD_S$ .

The matrix is stored in rows 1 to  $k_d + 1$ , more precisely,

if **uplo** = 'U', the elements of the upper triangle of A within the band must be stored with element  $A_{ij}$  in  $\mathbf{ab}(k_d+1+i-j,j)$  for  $\max(1j-k_d) \le i \le j$ ;

if **uplo** =  ${}^{i}L'$ , the elements of the lower triangle of A within the band must be stored with element  $A_{ii}$  in  $\mathbf{ab}(1+i-j,j)$  for  $j \le i \le \min(nj+k_d)$ .

#### 5: **afb(ldafb,\*)** - **double array**

The first dimension of the array **afb** must be at least  $\mathbf{kd} + 1$ 

The second dimension of the array must be at least  $max(1, \mathbf{n})$ 

If **fact** = 'F', **afb** contains the triangular factor U or L from the Cholesky factorization  $A = U^{T}U$  or  $A = LL^{T}$  of the band matrix A, in the same storage format as A). If **equed** = 'Y', **afb** is the factorized form of the equilibrated matrix A.

## 6: **equed** – **string**

If **fact** = 'N' or 'E', **equed** need not be set.

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If **fact** = 'F', **equed** must specify the form of the equilibration that was performed as follows:

if equed = 'N', no equilibration;

if equed = 'Y', equilibration was performed, i.e., A has been replaced by  $D_SAD_S$ .

Constraint: if fact = 'F', equed = 'N' or 'Y'.

### 7: $\mathbf{s}(*)$ – double array

**Note**: the dimension of the array **s** must be at least  $max(1, \mathbf{n})$ .

If fact = 'N' or 'E', s need not be set.

If **fact** = 'F' and **equed** = 'Y', **s** must contain the scale factors,  $D_S$ , for A; each element of **s** must be positive.

## 8: b(ldb,\*) - double array

The first dimension of the array **b** must be at least  $max(1, \mathbf{n})$ 

The second dimension of the array must be at least max(1, nrhs\_p)

The n by r right-hand side matrix B.

# 5.2 Optional Input Parameters

# 1: n - int32 scalar

*Default*: The second dimension of the array **ab** The second dimension of the array **afb** The dimension of the array **s**.

n, the number of linear equations, i.e., the order of the matrix A.

Constraint:  $\mathbf{n} \geq 0$ .

## 2: nrhs p - int32 scalar

Default: The second dimension of the array b.

r, the number of right-hand sides, i.e., the number of columns of the matrix B.

Constraint: **nrhs**  $\mathbf{p} \geq 0$ .

## 5.3 Input Parameters Omitted from the MATLAB Interface

ldab, ldafb, ldb, ldx, work, iwork

## 5.4 Output Parameters

#### 1: ab(ldab,\*) - double array

The first dimension of the array **ab** must be at least kd + 1

The second dimension of the array must be at least  $max(1, \mathbf{n})$ 

If **fact** = 'E' and **equed** = 'Y', **ab** contains  $D_SAD_S$ .

## 2: **afb(ldafb,\*)** - **double array**

The first dimension of the array **afb** must be at least kd + 1

The second dimension of the array must be at least  $max(1, \mathbf{n})$ 

If **fact** = 'N', **afb** returns the triangular factor U or L from the Cholesky factorization  $A = U^{T}U$  or  $A = LL^{T}$ .

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If **fact** = 'E', **afb** returns the triangular factor U or L from the Cholesky factorization  $A = U^{T}U$  or  $A = LL^{T}$  of the equilibrated matrix A (see the description of **ab** for the form of the equilibrated matrix).

## 3: **equed** – **string**

If fact = 'F', equed is unchanged from entry.

Otherwise, if  $info \ge 0$ , equed specifies the form of the equilibration that was performed as specified above.

#### 4: s(\*) – double array

**Note**: the dimension of the array **s** must be at least  $max(1, \mathbf{n})$ .

If fact = 'F', s is unchanged from entry.

Otherwise, if  $info \ge 0$  and equed = 'Y', s contains the scale factors,  $D_S$ , for A; each element of s is positive.

## 5: b(ldb,\*) - double array

The first dimension of the array **b** must be at least  $max(1, \mathbf{n})$ 

The second dimension of the array must be at least max(1, nrhs p)

If equed = 'N', **b** is not modified.

If **equed** = 'Y', **b** contains  $D_S B$ .

#### 6: x(ldx,\*) - double array

The first dimension of the array x must be at least  $max(1, \mathbf{n})$ 

The second dimension of the array must be at least max(1, nrhs p)

If **info** = 0 or **info**  $\geq N + 1$ , the *n* by *r* solution matrix *X* to the original system of equations. Note that the arrays *A* and *B* are modified on exit if **equed** = 'Y', and the solution to the equilibrated system is  $D_S^{-1}X$ .

#### 7: rcond – double scalar

If **info**  $\geq 0$ , an estimate of the reciprocal condition number of the matrix A (after equilibration if that is performed), computed as  $\mathbf{rcond} = 1/(\|A\|_1 \|A^{-1}\|_1)$ .

# 8: ferr(\*) - double array

**Note**: the dimension of the array **ferr** must be at least max(1, nrhs p).

If info = 0 or  $info \ge N + 1$ , an estimate of the forward error bound for each computed solution vector, such that  $\|\hat{x}_j - x_j\|_{\infty} / \|x_j\|_{\infty} \le ferr(j)$  where  $\hat{x}_j$  is the *j*th column of the computed solution returned in the array  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $x_j$  is the corresponding column of the exact solution X. The estimate is as reliable as the estimate for **rcond**, and is almost always a slight overestimate of the true error.

# 9: **berr**(\*) – **double array**

**Note**: the dimension of the array **berr** must be at least max(1, nrhs p).

If **info** = 0 or **info**  $\geq N+1$ , an estimate of the component-wise relative backward error of each computed solution vector  $\hat{x}_j$  (i.e., the smallest relative change in any element of A or B that makes  $\hat{x}_j$  an exact solution).

#### 10: info - int32 scalar

info = 0 unless the function detects an error (see Section 6).

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# 6 Error Indicators and Warnings

Errors or warnings detected by the function:

info = -i

If info = -i, parameter i had an illegal value on entry. The parameters are numbered as follows:

1: fact, 2: uplo, 3: n, 4: kd, 5: nrhs\_p, 6: ab, 7: ldab, 8: afb, 9: ldafb, 10: equed, 11: s, 12: b, 13: ldb, 14: x, 15: ldx, 16: rcond, 17: ferr, 18: berr, 19: work, 20: iwork, 21: info.

It is possible that **info** refers to a parameter that is omitted from the MATLAB interface. This usually indicates that an error in one of the other input parameters has caused an incorrect value to be inferred.

**info** > 0 and **info**  $\le N$ 

If info = i and  $i \le n$ , the leading minor of order i of A is not positive-definite, so the factorization could not be completed, and the solution has not been computed. rcond = 0 is returned.

info = N + 1

*U* is nonsingular, but **rcond** is less than *machine precision*, meaning that the matrix is singular to working precision. Nevertheless, the solution and error bounds are computed because there are a number of situations where the computed solution can be more accurate than the value of **rcond** would suggest.

# 7 Accuracy

For each right-hand side vector b, the computed solution x is the exact solution of a perturbed system of equations (A + E)x = b, where

$$|E| \le c(n)\epsilon |U^{\mathrm{T}}||U|,$$

c(n) is a modest linear function of n, and  $\epsilon$  is the **machine precision**. See Section 10.1 of Higham 2002 for further details.

If  $\hat{x}$  is the true solution, then the computed solution x satisfies a forward error bound of the form

$$\frac{\|x - \hat{x}\|_{\infty}}{\|\hat{x}\|_{\infty}} \le w_c \operatorname{cond}(A, \hat{x}, b)$$

where  $\operatorname{cond}(A, \hat{x}, b) = \||A^{-1}|(|A||\hat{x}| + |b|)\|_{\infty}/\|\hat{x}\|_{\infty} \le \operatorname{cond}(A) = \||A^{-1}||A|\|_{\infty} \le \kappa_{\infty}(A)$ . If  $\hat{x}$  is the jth column of X, then  $w_c$  is returned in  $\operatorname{berr}(j)$  and a bound on  $\|x - \hat{x}\|_{\infty}/\|\hat{x}\|_{\infty}$  is returned in  $\operatorname{ferr}(j)$ . See Section 4.4 of Anderson  $\operatorname{et} al.$  1999 for further details.

## **8** Further Comments

When  $n \gg k$ , the factorization of A requires approximately  $n(k+1)^2$  floating-point operations, where k is the number of superdiagonals.

For each right-hand side, computation of the backward error involves a minimum of 8nk floating-point operations. Each step of iterative refinement involves an additional 12nk operations. At most five steps of iterative refinement are performed, but usually only one or two steps are required. Estimating the forward error involves solving a number of systems of equations of the form Ax = b; the number is usually 4 or 5 and never more than 11. Each solution involves approximately 4nk operations.

The complex analogue of this function is f07hp.

# 9 Example

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fact = 'Equilibration';
uplo = 'U';
k\bar{d} = int32(1);
ab = [0, 2.68, -2.39, -2.22;
5.49, 5.63, 2.6, 5.17];
afb = zeros(2, 4);
equed = ' ';
s = zeros(4, 1);
b = [22.09, 5.1;
9.31, 30.81;
      -5.24, -25.82;
     11.83, 22.9];
[abOut, afbOut, equedOut, sOut, bOut, x, rcond, ferr, berr, info] = ...
f07hb(fact, uplo, kd, ab, afb, equed, s, b)
abOut =
              2.6800
          0
                         -2.3900
                                     -2.2200
    5.4900
              5.6300
                         2.6000
                                      5.1700
afbOut =
         0
                1.1438
                         -1.1497
                                      -1.9635
    2.3431
                          1.1306
                                      1.1465
               2.0789
equedOut =
Ν
sOut =
    0.4268
    0.4214
    0.6202
    0.4398
bOut =
   22.0900
               5.1000
    9.3100
             30.8100
   -5.2400 -25.8200
             22.9000
   11.8300
x =
              -2.0000
    5.0000
   -2.0000
              6.0000
   -3.0000
              -1.0000
    1.0000
               4.0000
rcond =
    0.0135
ferr =
   1.0e-13 *
    0.1996
    0.2833
berr =
   1.0e-15 *
    0.0864
    0.1105
info =
            0
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