# **NAG Toolbox for MATLAB**

# f07vg

## 1 Purpose

f07vg estimates the condition number of a real triangular band matrix.

# 2 Syntax

## 3 Description

f07vg estimates the condition number of a real triangular band matrix A, in either the 1-norm or the  $\infty$ -norm:

$$\kappa_1(A) = \|A\|_1 \|A^{-1}\|_1 \quad \text{or} \quad \kappa_{\infty}(A) = \|A\|_{\infty} \|A^{-1}\|_{\infty}.$$

Note that 
$$\kappa_{\infty}(A) = \kappa_1(A^{\mathrm{T}})$$
.

Because the condition number is infinite if A is singular, the function actually returns an estimate of the **reciprocal** of the condition number.

The function computes  $\|A\|_1$  or  $\|A\|_\infty$  exactly, and uses Higham's implementation of Hager's method (see Higham 1988) to estimate  $\|A^{-1}\|_1$  or  $\|A^{-1}\|_\infty$ .

## 4 References

Higham N J 1988 FORTRAN codes for estimating the one-norm of a real or complex matrix, with applications to condition estimation *ACM Trans. Math. Software* **14** 381–396

### 5 Parameters

### 5.1 Compulsory Input Parameters

### 1: norm p - string

Indicates whether  $\kappa_1(A)$  or  $\kappa_{\infty}(A)$  is estimated.

**norm** 
$$\mathbf{p} = '1'$$
 or 'O'

$$\kappa_1(A)$$
 is estimated.

norm 
$$p = 'I'$$

$$\kappa_{\infty}(A)$$
 is estimated.

Constraint: norm p = '1', 'O' or 'I'.

#### 2: **uplo – string**

Indicates whether A is upper or lower triangular.

$$uplo = 'U'$$

A is upper triangular.

$$uplo = 'L'$$

A is lower triangular.

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

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#### 3: diag – string

Indicates whether A is a nonunit or unit triangular matrix.

$$diag = 'N'$$

A is a nonunit triangular matrix.

$$diag = 'U'$$

A is a unit triangular matrix; the diagonal elements are not referenced and are assumed to be

Constraint: diag = 'N' or 'U'.

#### 4: 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:  $\mathbf{kd} \geq 0$ .

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

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

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

The n by n triangular band matrix A.

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  $A_{ii}$  in  $\mathbf{ab}(k_d+1+i-j,j)$  for  $\max(1j-k_d) \le i \le j$ ;

if **uplo** = '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  $j \le i \le \min(nj+k_d)$ .

If diag = 'U', the diagonal elements of A are assumed to be 1, and are not referenced.

### 5.2 Optional Input Parameters

#### 1: n - int32 scalar

Default: The second dimension of the array ab.

n, the order of the matrix A.

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

### 5.3 Input Parameters Omitted from the MATLAB Interface

ldab, work, iwork

### 5.4 Output Parameters

#### 1: rcond – double scalar

An estimate of the reciprocal of the condition number of A. **rcond** is set to zero if exact singularity is detected or the estimate underflows. If **rcond** is less than **machine precision**, A is singular to working precision.

### 2: 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:

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

1: norm\_p, 2: uplo, 3: diag, 4: n, 5: kd, 6: ab, 7: ldab, 8: rcond, 9: work, 10: iwork, 11: 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.

## 7 Accuracy

The computed estimate **rcond** is never less than the true value  $\rho$ , and in practice is nearly always less than  $10\rho$ , although examples can be constructed where **rcond** is much larger.

#### **8 Further Comments**

A call to f07vg involves solving a number of systems of linear equations of the form Ax = b or  $A^{T}x = b$ ; the number is usually 4 or 5 and never more than 11. Each solution involves approximately 2nk floating-point operations (assuming  $n \gg k$ ) but takes considerably longer than a call to f07ve with one right-hand side, because extra care is taken to avoid overflow when A is approximately singular.

The complex analogue of this function is f07vu.

# 9 Example

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