

# NAG Library Routine Document

## F07AAF (DGESV)

**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

F07AAF (DGESV) computes the solution to a real system of linear equations

$$AX = B,$$

where  $A$  is an  $n$  by  $n$  matrix and  $X$  and  $B$  are  $n$  by  $r$  matrices.

### 2 Specification

```
SUBROUTINE F07AAF(N, NRHS, A, LDA, IPIV, B, LDB, INFO)
INTEGER          N, NRHS, LDA, IPIV(N), LDB, INFO
double precision A(LDA,*), B(LDB,*)
```

The routine may be called by its LAPACK name ***dgesv***.

### 3 Description

F07AAF (DGESV) uses the  $LU$  decomposition with partial pivoting and row interchanges to factor  $A$  as

$$A = PLU,$$

where  $P$  is a permutation matrix,  $L$  is unit lower triangular, and  $U$  is upper triangular. The factored form of  $A$  is then used to solve the system of equations  $AX = B$ .

### 4 References

Anderson E, Bai Z, Bischof C, Blackford S, Demmel J, Dongarra J J, Du Croz J J, Greenbaum A, Hammarling S, McKenney A and Sorensen D (1999) *LAPACK Users' Guide* (3rd Edition) SIAM, Philadelphia <http://www.netlib.org/lapack/lug>

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

### 5 Parameters

- 1: N – INTEGER *Input*  
*On entry:*  $n$ , the number of linear equations, i.e., the order of the matrix  $A$ .  
*Constraint:*  $N \geq 0$ .
- 2: NRHS – INTEGER *Input*  
*On entry:*  $r$ , the number of right-hand sides, i.e., the number of columns of the matrix  $B$ .  
*Constraint:*  $NRHS \geq 0$ .
- 3: A(LDA,\*) – ***double precision*** array *Input/Output*  
**Note:** the second dimension of the array  $A$  must be at least  $\max(1, N)$ .  
*On entry:* the  $n$  by  $n$  coefficient matrix  $A$ .

*On exit:* the factors  $L$  and  $U$  from the factorization  $A = PLU$ ; the unit diagonal elements of  $L$  are not stored.

4: LDA – INTEGER *Input*

*On entry:* the first dimension of the array  $A$  as declared in the (sub)program from which F07AAF (DGESV) is called.

*Constraint:*  $LDA \geq \max(1, N)$ .

5: IPIV(N) – INTEGER array *Output*

*On exit:* if no constraints are violated, the pivot indices that define the permutation matrix  $P$ ; at the  $i$ th step row  $i$  of the matrix was interchanged with row  $IPIV(i)$ .  $IPIV(i) = i$  indicates a row interchange was not required.

6: B(LDB,\*) – **double precision** array *Input/Output*

**Note:** the second dimension of the array  $B$  must be at least  $\max(1, NRHS)$ .

*On entry:* the  $n$  by  $r$  right-hand side matrix  $B$ .

*On exit:* if  $INFO = 0$ , the  $n$  by  $r$  solution matrix  $X$ .

7: LDB – INTEGER *Input*

*On entry:* the first dimension of the array  $B$  as declared in the (sub)program from which F07AAF (DGESV) is called.

*Constraint:*  $LDB \geq \max(1, N)$ .

8: INFO – INTEGER *Output*

*On exit:*  $INFO = 0$  unless the routine detects an error (see Section 6).

## 6 Error Indicators and Warnings

Errors or warnings detected by the routine:

$INFO < 0$

If  $INFO = -i$ , the  $i$ th argument had an illegal value. An explanatory message is output, and execution of the program is terminated.

$INFO > 0$

If  $INFO = i$ ,  $u_{ii}$  is exactly zero. The factorization has been completed, but the factor  $U$  is exactly singular, so the solution could not be computed.

## 7 Accuracy

The computed solution for a single right-hand side,  $\hat{x}$ , satisfies the equation of the form

$$(A + E)\hat{x} = b,$$

where

$$\|E\|_1 = O(\epsilon)\|A\|_1$$

and  $\epsilon$  is the **machine precision**. An approximate error bound for the computed solution is given by

$$\frac{\|\hat{x} - x\|_1}{\|x\|_1} \leq \kappa(A) \frac{\|E\|_1}{\|A\|_1}$$

where  $\kappa(A) = \|A^{-1}\|_1 \|A\|_1$ , the condition number of  $A$  with respect to the solution of the linear equations. See Section 4.4 of Anderson *et al.* (1999) for further details.

Following the use of F07AAF (DGESV), F07AGF (DGECON) can be used to estimate the condition number of  $A$  and F07AHF (DGERFS) can be used to obtain approximate error bounds. Alternatives to F07AAF (DGESV), which return condition and error estimates directly are F04BAF and F07ABF (DGESVX).

## 8 Further Comments

The total number of floating-point operations is approximately  $\frac{2}{3}n^3 + 2n^2r$ , where  $r$  is the number of right-hand sides.

The complex analogue of this routine is F07ANF (ZGESV).

## 9 Example

This example solves the equations

$$Ax = b,$$

where  $A$  is the general matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1.80 & 2.88 & 2.05 & -0.89 \\ 5.25 & -2.95 & -0.95 & -3.80 \\ 1.58 & -2.69 & -2.90 & -1.04 \\ -1.11 & -0.66 & -0.59 & 0.80 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad b = \begin{pmatrix} 9.52 \\ 24.35 \\ 0.77 \\ -6.22 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Details of the  $LU$  factorization of  $A$  are also output.

### 9.1 Program Text

```
*      F07AAF Example Program Text
*      Mark 21 Release. NAG Copyright 2004.
*      .. Parameters ..
      INTEGER          NIN, NOUT
      PARAMETER        (NIN=5,NOUT=6)
      INTEGER          NMAX
      PARAMETER        (NMAX=8)
      INTEGER          LDA, LDB
      PARAMETER        (LDA=NMAX,LDB=NMAX)
*      .. Local Scalars ..
      INTEGER          I, IFAIL, INFO, J, N
*      .. Local Arrays ..
      DOUBLE PRECISION A(LDA,NMAX), B(LDB)
      INTEGER          IPIV(NMAX)
*      .. External Subroutines ..
      EXTERNAL        DGESV, X04CAF
*      .. Executable Statements ..
      WRITE (NOUT,*) 'F07AAF Example Program Results'
      WRITE (NOUT,*)
*      Skip heading in data file
      READ (NIN,*)
      READ (NIN,*) N
      IF (N.LE.NMAX) THEN
*
*          Read A and B from data file
*
*          READ (NIN,*) ((A(I,J),J=1,N),I=1,N)
*          READ (NIN,*) (B(I),I=1,N)
*
*          Solve the equations Ax = b for x
*
*          CALL DGESV(N,1,A,LDA,IPIV,B,LDB,INFO)
*
*          IF (INFO.EQ.0) THEN
*
*              Print solution
*
*              WRITE (NOUT,*) 'Solution'
```

```

      WRITE (NOUT,99999) (B(I),I=1,N)
*
*      Print details of factorization
*
      WRITE (NOUT,*)
      IFAIL = 0
      CALL X04CAF('General',' ',N,N,A,LDA,
+              'Details of factorization',IFAIL)
*
*      Print pivot indices
*
      WRITE (NOUT,*)
      WRITE (NOUT,*) 'Pivot indices'
      WRITE (NOUT,99998) (IPIV(I),I=1,N)
*
      ELSE
      WRITE (NOUT,99997) 'The (', INFO, ', ', INFO, ')',
+      ' element of the factor U is zero'
      END IF
      ELSE
      WRITE (NOUT,*) 'NMAX too small'
      END IF
*
99999 FORMAT ((3X,7F11.4))
99998 FORMAT ((3X,7I11))
99997 FORMAT (1X,A,I3,A,I3,A,A)
      END

```

## 9.2 Program Data

F07AAF Example Program Data

```

4                               :Value of N

1.80   2.88   2.05  -0.89
5.25  -2.95  -0.95  -3.80
1.58  -2.69  -2.90  -1.04
-1.11  -0.66  -0.59   0.80   :End of matrix A

9.52  24.35   0.77  -6.22   :End of vector b

```

## 9.3 Program Results

F07AAF Example Program Results

```

Solution
1.0000   -1.0000   3.0000   -5.0000

Details of factorization
      1      2      3      4
1      5.2500   -2.9500  -0.9500  -3.8000
2      0.3429   3.8914   2.3757   0.4129
3      0.3010  -0.4631  -1.5139   0.2948
4     -0.2114  -0.3299   0.0047   0.1314

Pivot indices
      2      2      3      4

```

---