

# NAG Library Routine Document

## F07FPF (ZPOSVX)

**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

F07FPF (ZPOSVX) uses the Cholesky factorization

$$A = U^H U \quad \text{or} \quad A = LL^H$$

to compute the solution to a complex system of linear equations

$$AX = B,$$

where  $A$  is an  $n$  by  $n$  Hermitian positive-definite matrix and  $X$  and  $B$  are  $n$  by  $r$  matrices. Error bounds on the solution and a condition estimate are also provided.

### 2 Specification

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SUBROUTINE F07FPF(FACT, UPLO, N, NRHS, A, LDA, AF, LDAF, EQUED, S, B,
1                LDB, X, LDX, RCOND, FERR, BERR, WORK, RWORK, INFO)
INTEGER          N, NRHS, LDA, LDAF, LDB, LDX, INFO
double precision S(*), RCOND, FERR(NRHS), BERR(NRHS), RWORK(N)
complex*16      A(LDA,*), AF(LDAF,*), B(LDB,*), X(LDX,*), WORK(2*N)
CHARACTER*1     FACT, UPLO, EQUED

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

### 3 Description

F07FPF (ZPOSVX) 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  $D_S A D_S$  and  $B$  by  $D_S B$ .

2. If FACT = 'N' or 'E', the Cholesky decomposition is used to factor the matrix  $A$  (after equilibration if FACT = 'E') as  $A = U^H U$  if UPLO = 'U' or  $A = LL^H$  if 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 routine 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 =  $N + 1$  is returned as a warning, but the routine 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

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

Higham N J (2002) *Accuracy and Stability of Numerical Algorithms* (2nd Edition) SIAM, Philadelphia

## 5 Parameters

- 1: FACT – CHARACTER\*1 *Input*  
*On entry:* 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'  
 AF contains the factorized form of  $A$ . If EQUED = 'Y', the matrix  $A$  has been equilibrated with scaling factors given by  $S$ .  $A$  and AF will not be modified.  
 FACT = 'N'  
 The matrix  $A$  will be copied to AF and factorized.  
 FACT = 'E'  
 The matrix  $A$  will be equilibrated if necessary, then copied to AF and factorized.  
*Constraint:* FACT = 'F', 'N' or 'E'.
- 2: UPLO – CHARACTER\*1 *Input*  
*On entry:* if UPLO = 'U', the upper triangle of  $A$  is stored.  
 If UPLO = 'L', the lower triangle of  $A$  is stored.  
*Constraint:* UPLO = 'U' or 'L'.
- 3: N – INTEGER *Input*  
*On entry:*  $n$ , the number of linear equations, i.e., the order of the matrix  $A$ .  
*Constraint:*  $N \geq 0$ .
- 4: NRHS – INTEGER *Input*  
*On entry:*  $r$ , the number of right-hand sides, i.e., the number of columns of the matrix  $B$ .  
*Constraint:* NRHS  $\geq 0$ .
- 5: A(LDA,\*) – **complex\*16** array *Input/Output*  
**Note:** the second dimension of the array  $A$  must be at least  $\max(1, N)$ .  
*On entry:* the  $n$  by  $n$  Hermitian matrix  $A$ .  
 If FACT = 'F' and EQUED = 'Y',  $A$  must have been equilibrated by the scaling factor in  $S$  as  $D_S A D_S$ .  
 If UPLO = 'U', the upper triangular part of  $A$  must be stored and the elements of the array below the diagonal are not referenced.  
 If UPLO = 'L', the lower triangular part of  $A$  must be stored and the elements of the array above the diagonal are not referenced.  
*On exit:* if FACT = 'F' or 'N', or if FACT = 'E' and EQUED = 'N',  $A$  is not modified.  
 If FACT = 'E' and EQUED = 'Y',  $A$  is overwritten by  $D_S A D_S$ .

- 6: LDA – INTEGER *Input*  
*On entry:* the first dimension of the array A as declared in the (sub)program from which F07FPF (ZPOSVX) is called.  
*Constraint:*  $LDA \geq \max(1, N)$ .
- 7: AF(LDAF,\*) – **complex\*16** array *Input/Output*  
**Note:** the second dimension of the array AF must be at least  $\max(1, N)$ .  
*On entry:* if FACT = 'F', AF contains the triangular factor  $U$  or  $L$  from the Cholesky factorization  $A = U^H U$  or  $A = LL^H$ , in the same storage format as A. If EQUED  $\neq$  'N', AF is the factorized form of the equilibrated matrix  $D_S A D_S$ .  
*On exit:* if FACT = 'N', AF returns the triangular factor  $U$  or  $L$  from the Cholesky factorization  $A = U^H U$  or  $A = LL^H$  of the original matrix A.  
 If FACT = 'E', AF returns the triangular factor  $U$  or  $L$  from the Cholesky factorization  $A = U^H U$  or  $A = LL^H$  of the equilibrated matrix A (see the description of A for the form of the equilibrated matrix).
- 8: LDAF – INTEGER *Input*  
*On entry:* the first dimension of the array AF as declared in the (sub)program from which F07FPF (ZPOSVX) is called.  
*Constraint:*  $LDAF \geq \max(1, N)$ .
- 9: EQUED – CHARACTER\*1 *Input/Output*  
*On entry:* if FACT = 'N' or 'E', EQUED need not be set.  
 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  $D_S A D_S$ .  
*On exit:* if FACT = 'F', EQUED is unchanged from entry.  
 Otherwise, if  $INFO \geq 0$ , EQUED specifies the form of the equilibration that was performed as specified above.  
*Constraint:* if FACT = 'F', EQUED = 'N' or 'Y'.
- 10: S(\*) – **double precision** array *Input/Output*  
**Note:** the dimension of the array S must be at least  $\max(1, N)$ .  
*On entry:* 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.  
*On exit:* if FACT = 'F', S is unchanged from entry.  
 Otherwise, if  $INFO \geq 0$  and EQUED = 'Y', S contains the scale factors,  $D_S$ , for A; each element of S is positive.
- 11: B(LDB,\*) – **complex\*16** 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 EQUED = 'N', B is not modified.  
 If EQUED = 'Y', B is overwritten by  $D_S B$ .

- 12: LDB – INTEGER *Input*  
*On entry:* the first dimension of the array B as declared in the (sub)program from which F07FPF (ZPOSVX) is called.  
*Constraint:*  $LDB \geq \max(1, N)$ .
- 13: X(LDX,\*) – **complex\*16** array *Output*  
**Note:** the second dimension of the array X must be at least  $\max(1, NRHS)$ .  
*On exit:* if INFO = 0 or INFO = 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  $D_S^{-1}X$ .
- 14: LDX – INTEGER *Input*  
*On entry:* the first dimension of the array X as declared in the (sub)program from which F07FPF (ZPOSVX) is called.  
*Constraint:*  $LDX \geq \max(1, N)$ .
- 15: RCOND – **double precision** *Output*  
*On exit:* if no constraints are violated, an estimate of the reciprocal condition number of the matrix  $A$  (after equilibration if that is performed), computed as  $RCOND = 1 / (\|A\|_1 \|A^{-1}\|_1)$ .
- 16: FERR(NRHS) – **double precision** array *Output*  
*On exit:* if INFO = 0 or N + 1, an estimate of the forward error bound for each computed solution vector, such that  $\|\hat{x}_j - x_j\|_\infty / \|x_j\|_\infty \leq FERR(j)$  where  $\hat{x}_j$  is the  $j$ th column of the computed solution returned in the array 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.
- 17: BERR(NRHS) – **double precision** array *Output*  
*On exit:* if INFO = 0 or 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).
- 18: WORK(2 × N) – **complex\*16** array *Workspace*
- 19: RWORK(N) – **double precision** array *Workspace*
- 20: 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 and INFO ≤ N

If INFO =  $i$  and  $i \leq N$ , 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

The triangular matrix  $U$  (or  $L$ ) 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

$$\text{if UPLO} = \text{'U'}, |E| \leq c(n)\epsilon|U^H||U|;$$

$$\text{if UPLO} = \text{'L'}, |E| \leq c(n)\epsilon|L||L^H|,$$

$c(n)$  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

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

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

## 8 Further Comments

The factorization of  $A$  requires approximately  $\frac{4}{3}n^3$  floating-point operations.

For each right-hand side, computation of the backward error involves a minimum of  $16n^2$  floating-point operations. Each step of iterative refinement involves an additional  $24n^2$  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  $8n^2$  operations.

The real analogue of this routine is F07FBF (DPOSVX).

## 9 Example

This example solves the equations

$$AX = B,$$

where  $A$  is the Hermitian positive-definite matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 3.23 & 1.51 - 1.92i & 1.90 + 0.84i & 0.42 + 2.50i \\ 1.51 + 1.92i & 3.58 & -0.23 + 1.11i & -1.18 + 1.37i \\ 1.90 - 0.84i & -0.23 - 1.11i & 4.09 & 2.33 - 0.14i \\ 0.42 - 2.50i & -1.18 - 1.37i & 2.33 + 0.14i & 4.29 \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 3.93 - 6.14i & 1.48 + 6.58i \\ 6.17 + 9.42i & 4.64 - 4.75i \\ -7.17 - 21.83i & -4.91 + 2.29i \\ 1.99 - 14.38i & 7.64 - 10.79i \end{pmatrix}.$$

Error estimates for the solutions, information on equilibration and an estimate of the reciprocal of the condition number of the scaled matrix  $A$  are also output.

## 9.1 Program Text

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*   F07FPF 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, LDAF, LDB, LDX, NRHSMX
PARAMETER       (LDA=NMAX,LDAF=NMAX,LDB=NMAX,LDX=NMAX,
+              NRHSMX=NMAX)
*   .. Local Scalars ..
DOUBLE PRECISION RCOND
INTEGER          I, IFAIL, INFO, J, N, NRHS
CHARACTER        EQUED
*   .. Local Arrays ..
COMPLEX *16     A(LDA,NMAX), AF(LDAF,NMAX), B(LDB,NRHSMX),
+              WORK(2*NMAX), X(LDX,NRHSMX)
DOUBLE PRECISION BERR(NRHSMX), FERR(NRHSMX), RWORK(NMAX), S(NMAX)
CHARACTER        CLABS(1), RLABS(1)
*   .. External Subroutines ..
EXTERNAL        X04DBF, ZPOSVX
*   .. Executable Statements ..
WRITE (NOUT,*) 'F07FPF Example Program Results'
WRITE (NOUT,*)
*   Skip heading in data file
READ (NIN,*)
READ (NIN,*) N, NRHS
IF (N.LE.NMAX .AND. NRHS.LE.NRHSMX) THEN
*
*       Read the upper triangular part of A from data file
*
READ (NIN,*) ((A(I,J),J=I,N),I=1,N)
*
*       Read B from data file
*
READ (NIN,*) ((B(I,J),J=1,NRHS),I=1,N)
*
*       Solve the equations AX = B for X
*
CALL ZPOSVX('Equilibration','Upper',N,NRHS,A,LDA,AF,LDAF,EQUED,
+          S,B,LDB,X,LDX,RCOND,FERR,BERR,WORK,RWORK,INFO)
*
IF ((INFO.EQ.0) .OR. (INFO.EQ.N+1)) THEN
*
*       Print solution, error bounds, condition number and the form
*       of equilibration
*
IFAIL = 0
CALL X04DBF('General',' ',N,NRHS,X,LDX,'Bracketed','F7.4',
+          'Solution(s)','Integer',RLABS,'Integer',CLABS,
+          80,0,IFAIL)
*
WRITE (NOUT,*)
WRITE (NOUT,*) 'Backward errors (machine-dependent)'
WRITE (NOUT,99999) (BERR(J),J=1,NRHS)
WRITE (NOUT,*)
WRITE (NOUT,*)
+   'Estimated forward error bounds (machine-dependent)'
WRITE (NOUT,99999) (FERR(J),J=1,NRHS)
WRITE (NOUT,*)
WRITE (NOUT,*) 'Estimate of reciprocal condition number'
WRITE (NOUT,99999) RCOND
WRITE (NOUT,*)
IF (EQUED.EQ.'N') THEN
WRITE (NOUT,*) 'A has not been equilibrated'
ELSE IF (EQUED.EQ.'Y') THEN
WRITE (NOUT,*)
+   'A has been row and column scaled as diag(S)*A*diag(S)'
END IF

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*
      IF (INFO.EQ.N+1) THEN
        WRITE (NOUT,*)
        WRITE (NOUT,*)
+       'The matrix A is singular to working precision'
      END IF
    ELSE
      WRITE (NOUT,99998) 'The leading minor of order ', INFO,
+      ' is not positive definite'
    END IF
  ELSE
    WRITE (NOUT,*) 'NMAX and/or NRHSMX too small'
  END IF
*
99999 FORMAT ((3X,1P,7E11.1))
99998 FORMAT (1X,A,I3,A)
END

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## 9.2 Program Data

F07FPF Example Program Data

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  4      2
( 3.23,  0.00) ( 1.51, -1.92) ( 1.90,  0.84) ( 0.42,  2.50)
              ( 3.58,  0.00) (-0.23,  1.11) (-1.18,  1.37)
              ( 4.09,  0.00) ( 2.33, -0.14)
              ( 4.29,  0.00) :End of matrix A

( 3.93, -6.14) ( 1.48,  6.58)
( 6.17,  9.42) ( 4.65, -4.75)
(-7.17,-21.83) (-4.91,  2.29)
( 1.99,-14.38) ( 7.64,-10.79)
                                     :End of matrix B

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## 9.3 Program Results

F07FPF Example Program Results

Solution(s)

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1  ( 1.0000,-1.0000) (-1.0000, 2.0000)
2  ( 0.0000, 3.0000) ( 3.0000,-4.0000)
3  (-4.0000,-5.0000) (-2.0000, 3.0000)
4  ( 2.0000, 1.0000) ( 4.0000,-5.0000)

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Backward errors (machine-dependent)

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  4.2E-17    5.4E-17

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Estimated forward error bounds (machine-dependent)

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  5.8E-14    7.4E-14

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Estimate of reciprocal condition number

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  6.6E-03

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A has not been equilibrated

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