#### 1. Purpose

**nag\_mv\_prin\_comp (g03aac)** performs a principal component analysis on a data matrix; both the principal component loadings and the principal component scores are returned.

## 2. Specification

```
#include <nag.h>
#include <nagg03.h>
```

## 3. Description

Let X be an n by p data matrix of n observations on p variables  $x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_p$  and let the p by p variance-covariance matrix of  $x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_p$  be S. A vector  $a_1$  of length p is found such that:

 $a_1^T S a_1$  is maximized subject to  $a_1^T a_1 = 1$ .

The variable  $z_1 = \sum_{i=1}^{p} a_{1i}x_i$  is known as the first principal component and gives the linear combination of the variables that gives the maximum variation. A second principal component,  $z_2 = \sum_{i=1}^{p} a_{2i}x_i$ , is found such that:

 $a_2^T S a_2$  is maximized subject to  $a_2^T a_2 = 1$  and  $a_2^T a_1 = 0$ .

This gives the linear combination of variables that is orthogonal to the first principal component that gives the maximum variation. Further principal components are derived in a similar way.

The vectors  $a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_p$ , are the eigenvectors of the matrix S and associated with each eigenvector is the eigenvalue,  $\lambda_i^2$ . The value of  $\lambda_i^2 / \sum \lambda_i^2$  gives the proportion of variation explained by the *i*th principal component. Alternatively, the  $a_i$ 's can be considered as the right singular vectors in a singular value decomposition with singular values  $\lambda_i$  of the data matrix centred about its mean and scaled by  $1/\sqrt{(n-1)}$ ,  $X_s$ . This latter approach is used in nag\_mv\_prin\_comp, with

$$X_{*} = V \Lambda P'$$

where  $\Lambda$  is a diagonal matrix with elements  $\lambda_i$ , P' is the p by p matrix with columns  $a_i$  and V is an n by p matrix with V'V = I, which gives the principal component scores.

Principal component analysis is often used to reduce the dimension of a data set, replacing a large number of correlated variables with a smaller number of orthogonal variables that still contain most of the information in the original data set.

The choice of the number of dimensions required is usually based on the amount of variation accounted for by the leading principal components. If k principal components are selected, then a test of the equality of the remaining p - k eigenvalues is

$$(n - (2p + 5)/6) \left\{ -\sum_{i=k+1}^{p} \log(\lambda_i^2) + (p - k) \log\left(\sum_{i=k+1}^{p} \lambda_i^2/(p - k)\right) \right\}$$

which has, asymptotically, a  $\chi^2$  distribution with  $\frac{1}{2}(p-k-1)(p-k+2)$  degrees of freedom.

Equality of the remaining eigenvalues indicates that if any more principal components are to be considered then they all should be considered.

Instead of the variance-covariance matrix the correlation matrix, the sums of squares and crossproducts matrix or a standardised sums of squares and cross-products matrix may be used. In the last case S is replaced by  $\sigma^{-1/2}S\sigma^{-1/2}$  for a diagonal matrix  $\sigma$  with positive elements. If the correlation matrix is used, the  $\chi^2$  approximation for the statistic given above is not valid.

The principal component scores, F, are the values of the principal component variables for the observations. These can be standardised so that the variance of these scores for each principal component is 1.0 or equal to the corresponding eigenvalue.

Weights can be used with the analysis, in which case the matrix X is first centred about the weighted means then each row is scaled by an amount  $\sqrt{w_i}$ , where  $w_i$  is the weight for the *i*th observation.

### 4. Parameters

#### pcmatrix

Input: indicates for which type of matrix the principal component analysis is to be carried out.

If **pcmatrix** = **Nag\_MatCorrelation**, then it is for the correlation matrix.

If  $pcmatrix = Nag_MatStandardised$ , then it is for the standardised matrix, with standardisations given by s.

If  $pcmatrix = Nag_MatSumSq$ , then it is for the sums of squares and cross-products matrix.

If **pcmatrix** = **Nag\_MatVarCovar**, then it is for the variance-covariance matrix.

 $\label{eq:constraint: pcmatrix = Nag_MatCorrelation, Nag_MatStandardised, Nag_MatSumSq or Nag_MatVarCovar.$ 

#### scores

Input: specifies the type of principal component scores to be used.

If scores = Nag\_ScoresStand, then the principal component scores are standardised so that F'F = I, i.e.,  $F = X_s P \Lambda^{-1} = V$ .

If scores = Nag\_ScoresNotStand, then the principal component scores are unstandardised, i.e.,  $F = X_s P = V \Lambda$ .

If  $scores = Nag_ScoresUnitVar$ , then the principal component scores are standardised so that they have unit variance.

If  $scores = Nag_ScoresEigenval$ , then the principal component scores are standardised so that they have variance equal to the corresponding eigenvalue.

 $\label{eq:constraint: scores} Constraint: \ scores Stand, \ Nag\_Scores NotStand, \ Nag\_Scores UnitVar, \ or \ Nag\_Scores Eigenval.$ 

#### $\mathbf{n}$

Input: the number of observations, n. Constraint:  $\mathbf{n} \geq 2$ .

#### m

Input: the number of variables in the data matrix, m. Constraint:  $\mathbf{m} \ge 1$ .

### x[n][tdx]

Input:  $\mathbf{x}[i-1][j-1]$  must contain the *i*th observation for the *j*th variable, for i = 1, 2, ..., n; j = 1, 2, ..., m.

### $\mathbf{t}\mathbf{d}\mathbf{x}$

Input: the last dimension of the array x as declared in the calling program. Constraint:  $\mathbf{tdx} \geq \mathbf{m}.$ 

#### isx[m]

Input:  $\mathbf{isx}[j-1]$  indicates whether or not the *j*th variable is to be included in the analysis. If  $\mathbf{isx}[j-1] > 0$ , then the variable contained in the *j*th column of **x** is included in the principal component analysis, for j = 1, 2, ..., m.

Constraint: isx[j-1] > 0 for **nvar** values of j.

# s[m]

Input: the standardisations to be used, if any.

If **pcmatrix** = **Nag\_MatStandardised**, then the first m elements of **s** must contain the standardisation coefficients, the diagonal elements of  $\sigma$ .

Constraint: if isx[j-1] > 0, then s[j-1] > 0.0, for j = 1, 2, ..., m.

Output: if  $pcmatrix = Nag_MatStandardised$ , then s is unchanged on exit.

If pcmatrix = Nag\_MatCorrelation, then s contains the variances of the selected variables. s[j-1] contains the variance of the variable in the *j*th column of x if isx[j-1] > 0.

If  $pcmatrix = Nag_MatSumSq$  or  $Nag_MatVarCovar$ , then s is not referenced.

# wt[n]

Input: the elements of wt must contain the weights to be used in the principal component analysis. The effective number of observations is the sum of the weights.

Constraint:  $\mathbf{wt}[i-1] \ge 0.0$ , for i = 1, 2, ..., n and the sum of weights  $\ge \mathbf{nvar}+1$ .

If  $\mathbf{wt}[i-1] = 0.0$  then the *i*th observation is not included in the analysis.

Note: If **wt** is set to the null pointer **NULL**, i.e., (double \*)0, then **wt** is not referenced and the effective number of observations is n.

## nvar

Input: the number of variables in the principal component analysis, p.

Constraint:  $1 \leq \mathbf{nvar} \leq \min(\mathbf{n}-1, \mathbf{m})$ .

# e[nvar][tde]

Output: the statistics of the principal component analysis.

 $\mathbf{e}[i-1][0]$ , the eigenvalues associated with the *i*th principal component,  $\lambda_i^2$ , for i = 1, 2, ..., p.  $\mathbf{e}[i-1][1]$ , the proportion of variation explained by the *i*th principal component, for i = 1, 2, ..., p.

 $\mathbf{e}[i-1][2]$ , the cumulative proportion of variation explained by the first *i* principal components, for i = 1, 2, ..., p.

e[i-1][3], the  $\chi^2$  statistics, for i = 1, 2, ..., p.

 $\mathbf{e}[i-1][4]$ , the degrees of freedom for the  $\chi^2$  statistics, for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, p$ .

If **pcmatrix**  $\neq$  **Nag\_MatCorrelation**, then  $\mathbf{e}[i-1][5]$  contains the significance level for the  $\chi^2$  statistic, for i = 1, 2, ..., p.

If pcmatrix = Nag\_MatCorrelation, then e[i-1][5] is returned as zero.

## tde

Input: the last dimension of the array  ${\bf e}$  as declared in the calling program. Constraint:  ${\bf tde} \geq 6.$ 

## p[nvar][tdp]

Output: the first **nvar** columns of **p** contain the principal component loadings,  $a_i$ . The *j*th column of **p** contains the **nvar** coefficients for the *j*th principal component.

## $\mathbf{tdp}$

Input: the last dimension of the array  $\mathbf{p}$  as declared in the calling program. Constraint:  $\mathbf{tdp} \ge \mathbf{nvar}$ .

## v[n][tdv]

Output: the first **nvar** columns of **v** contain the principal component scores. The *j*th column of **v** contains the **n** scores for the *j*th principal component.

If weights are supplied in the array **wt**, then any rows for which  $\mathbf{wt}[i-1]$  is zero will be set to zero.

 $\mathbf{tdv}$ 

Input: the last dimension of the array v as declared in the calling program. Constraint:  $\mathbf{tdv} \geq \mathbf{nvar}.$ 

## fail

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

### 5. Error Indications and Warnings

#### NE\_BAD\_PARAM

On entry, parameter **pcmatrix** had an illegal value. On entry, parameter **scores** had an illegal value.

#### NE\_INT\_ARG\_LT

On entry, **m** must not be less than 1:  $\mathbf{m} = \langle value \rangle$ . On entry, **n** must not be less than 2:  $\mathbf{n} = \langle value \rangle$ . On entry, **nvar** must not be less than 1: **nvar** =  $\langle value \rangle$ . On entry, **tde** must not be less than 6: **tde** =  $\langle value \rangle$ .

### NE\_2\_INT\_ARG\_LT

On entry,  $\mathbf{tdx} = \langle value \rangle$  while  $\mathbf{m} = \langle value \rangle$ . These parameters must satisfy  $\mathbf{tdx} \ge \mathbf{m}$ . On entry,  $\mathbf{tdv} = \langle value \rangle$  while  $\mathbf{nvar} = \langle value \rangle$ . These parameters must satisfy  $\mathbf{tdv} \ge \mathbf{nvar}$ . On entry,  $\mathbf{tdp} = \langle value \rangle$  while  $\mathbf{nvar} = \langle value \rangle$ . These parameters must satisfy  $\mathbf{tdp} \ge \mathbf{nvar}$ .

### NE\_2\_INT\_ARG\_GT

On entry, **nvar** =  $\langle value \rangle$  while **m** =  $\langle value \rangle$ . These parameters must satisfy **nvar**  $\leq$  **m**.

#### NE\_2\_INT\_ARG\_GE

On entry,  $\mathbf{nvar} = \langle value \rangle$  while  $\mathbf{n} = \langle value \rangle$ . These parameters must satisfy  $\mathbf{nvar} < \mathbf{n}$ .

## NE\_NEG\_WEIGHT\_ELEMENT

On entry,  $\mathbf{wt}[\langle value \rangle] = \langle value \rangle$ .

Constraint: when referenced, all elements of **wt** must be non-negative.

# NE\_VAR\_INCL\_INDICATED

The number of variables, **nvar** in the analysis =  $\langle value \rangle$ , while the number of variables included in the analysis via array **isx** =  $\langle value \rangle$ .

Constraint: these two numbers must be the same.

#### NE\_VAR\_INCL\_STANDARD

On entry, the standardisation element  $\mathbf{s}[\langle value \rangle] = \langle value \rangle$ , while the variable to be included  $\mathbf{isx}[\langle value \rangle] = \langle value \rangle$ .

Constraint: when a variable is to included, the standardisation element must be positive.

### NE\_OBSERV\_LT\_VAR

With weighted data, the effective number of observations given by the sum of weights =  $\langle value \rangle$ , while the number of variables included in the analysis,  $\mathbf{nvar} = \langle value \rangle$ . Constraint: effective number of observations >  $\mathbf{nvar} + 1$ .

#### NE\_SVD\_NOT\_CONV

The singular value decomposition has failed to converge. This is an unlikely error exit.

# NE\_ZERO\_EIGVALS

All eigenvalues/singular values are zero. This will be caused by all the variables being constant.

### NE\_ALLOC\_FAIL

Memory allocation failed.

#### NE\_INTERNAL\_ERROR

An internal error has occurred in this function. Check the function call and any array sizes. If the call is correct then please consult NAG for assistance.

### 6. Further Comments

#### 6.1. Accuracy

As nag\_mv\_prin\_comp uses a singular value decomposition of the data matrix, it will be less affected by ill-conditioned problems than traditional methods using the eigenvalue decomposition of the variance-covariance matrix.

# 6.2. References

Chatfield C and Collins A J (1980) Introduction to Multivariate Analysis Chapman and Hall. Cooley W C and Lohnes P R (1971) Multivariate Data Analysis Wiley.

Hammarling S (1985) The singular value decomposition in multivariate statistics SIGNUM 20(3) 2–25.

Kendall M G and Stuart A (1979) The Advanced Theory of Statistics (3 Volumes) Griffin (4th Edition).

Morrison D F (1967) Multivariate Statistical Methods McGraw-Hill.

# 7. See Also

None.

# 8. Example

A data set is taken from Cooley and Lohnes (1971), it consists of ten observations on three variables. The unweighted principal components based on the variance-covariance matrix are computed and unstandardised principal component scores requested.

# 8.1. Program Text

```
/* nag_mv_prin_comp Example Program.
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 *
 * Mark 5, 1998.
 *
 */
#include <nag.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <nag_stdlib.h>
#include <nagg03.h>
#define NMAX 12
#define MMAX 3
main()
ſ
  double p[MMAX][MMAX],s[MMAX];
  double e[MMAX][6];
  double v[NMAX][MMAX], x[NMAX][MMAX], wt[NMAX];
  double *wtptr=0;
  Integer isx[MMAX];
  Integer nvar,tdx=MMAX, tde=6, tdp=MMAX, tdv=MMAX;
  Integer i, j, m, n;
  Nag_PrinCompMat pcmatrix;
  Nag_PrinCompScores scores;
  char weight[2], matrix[2], std[2];
  Vprintf("g03aac Example Program Results\n\n");
  /* Skip heading in data file */
Vscanf("%*[^\n]");
  Vscanf("%s",matrix);
Vscanf("%s",std);
Vscanf("%s",weight);
  Vscanf("%ld",&n);
  Vscanf("%ld",&m);
  if (*matrix == 'C')
    pcmatrix = Nag_MatCorrelation;
  else if (*matrix == 'S')
    pcmatrix = Nag_MatStandardised;
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```
else if (*matrix == 'U')
 pcmatrix = Nag_MatSumSq;
else
 pcmatrix = Nag_MatVarCovar;
if (*std == 'S')
 scores = Nag_ScoresStand;
else if (*std == 'U')
  scores = Nag_ScoresNotStand;
else if (*std == 'Z')
 scores = Nag_ScoresUnitVar;
else
  scores = Nag_ScoresEigenval;
if (n <= NMAX && m <= MMAX)
  {
    if (*weight == 'U')
      {
        for (i = 0; i < n; ++i)
          {
            for (j = 0; j < m; ++j)</pre>
              Vscanf("%lf",&x[i][j]);
          }
      }
    else
      {
        for (i = 0; i < n; ++i)
          ł
            for (j = 0; j < m; ++j)
              Vscanf("%lf",&x[i][j]);
            Vscanf("%lf",&wt[i]);
          }
        wtptr = wt;
      }
    for (j = 0; j < m; ++j)
      ł
        Vscanf("%ld",&isx[j]);
      }
    Vscanf("%ld",&nvar);
    if (pcmatrix == Nag_MatStandardised)
      ſ
        for (j = 0; j < m; ++j)
          Vscanf("%lf",&s[j]);
      }
    Vprintf("Eigenvalues Percentage Cumulative
                                                        Chisq
                                                                   DF
                                                                           Sig\n");
    Vprintf("
                             variation variation\n\n");
    for (i = 0; i < nvar; ++i)</pre>
      {
        for (j = 0; j < 6; ++j)
    Vprintf("%11.4f",e[i][j]);</pre>
        Vprintf("\n");
      }
    Vprintf("\nEigenvalues \n\n");
    for (i = 0; i < nvar; ++i)</pre>
      ſ
        for (j = 0; j < nvar; ++j)
    Vprintf("%9.4f",p[i][j]);</pre>
        Vprintf("\n");
      }
    Vprintf("\nPrincipal component scores \n\n");
    for (i = 0; i < n; ++i)
      {
        Vprintf("%2ld", i+1);
        for (j = 0; j < nvar; ++j)
    Vprintf("%9.3f", v[i][j]);</pre>
        Vprintf("\n");
```

# 8.2. Program Data

}

g03aac Example Program Data V E U 10 3 7.0 4.0 3.0 4.0 1.0 8.0 6.0 3.0 5.0 8.0 6.0 1.0 8.0 5.0 7.0 7.0 2.0 9.0 5.0 3.0 3.0 9.0 5.0 8.0 7.0 4.0 5.0 8.0 2.0 2.0 1 1 1 3

### 8.3. Program Results

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Eigenvalues	Percentage variation	Cumulative variation	Chisq	DF	Sig
8.2739	0.6515	0.6515	8.6127	5.0000	0.1255
3.6761	0.2895	0.9410	4.1183	2.0000	0.1276
0.7499	0.0590	1.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000

### Eigenvalues

0.1376	0.6990	0.7017
0.2505	0.6609	-0.7075
-0.9583	0.2731	-0.0842

### Principal component scores

1 2 3 4 5 6 7	2.151 -3.804 -0.153 4.707 -1.294 -4.099 1.626	-0.173 -2.887 -0.987 1.302 2.279 0.144 -2.232	-0.107 -0.510 -0.269 -0.652 -0.449 0.803 -0.803
4	4.707	1.302	-0.652
5	-1.294	2.279	-0.449
6	-4.099	0.144	0.803
7	1.626	-2.232	-0.803
8	-2.114	3.251	0.168
9	0.235	0.373	-0.275
10	2.746	-1.069	2.094