nag_mv_orthomax (g03bac)

1. Purpose

nag_mv_orthomax (g03bac) computes orthogonal rotations for a matrix of loadings using a generalized orthomax criterion.

2. Specification

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

void nag_mv_orthomax(Nag_RotationLoading stand, double g, Integer nvar,
             Integer k, double fl[], Integer tdf, double flr[], double r[],
             Integer tdr, double acc, Integer maxit, Integer *iter, NagError *fail)
```

3. Description

Let Λ be the p by k matrix of loadings from a variable-directed multivariate method, e.g., canonical variate analysis or factor analysis. This matrix represents the relationship between the original p variables and the k orthogonal linear combinations of these variables, the canonical variates or factors. The latter are only unique up to a rotation in the k-dimensional space they define. A rotation can then be found that simplifies the structure of the matrix of loadings, and hence the relationship between the original and the derived variables. That is, the elements, λ^*_{ij}, of the rotated matrix, Λ^*, are either relatively large or small. The rotations may be found by minimizing the criterion:

$$V = \sum_{j=1}^{k}\sum_{i=1}^{p}(\lambda^*_{ij})^4 - \frac{\gamma}{p}\sum_{j=1}^{k}\left[\sum_{i=1}^{p}(\lambda^*_{ij})^2\right]^2$$

where the constant γ gives a family of rotations with $\gamma = 1$ giving varimax rotations and $\gamma = 0$ giving quartimax rotations.

It is generally advised that factor loadings should be standardised, so that the sum of squared elements for each row is one, before computing the rotations.

The matrix of rotations, R, such that $\Lambda^* = \Lambda R$, is computed using first an algorithm based on that described by Cooley and Lohnes (1971), which involves the pairwise rotation of the factors. Then a final refinement is made using a method similar to that described by Lawley and Maxwell (1971), but instead of the eigenvalue decomposition, the algorithm has been adapted to incorporate a singular value decomposition.

4. Parameters

stand

Input: indicates if the matrix of loadings is to be row standardised before rotation.

If **stand** = **Nag_RoLoadStand** the loadings are row standardised.

If **stand** = **Nag_RoLoadNotStand** the loadings are left unstandardised.

Constraint: **stand** = **Nag_RoLoadStand** or **Nag_RoLoadNotStand**.

g

Input: the criterion constant, γ, with $\gamma = 1.0$ giving varimax rotations and $\gamma = 0.0$ giving quartimax rotations.

Constraint: **g** ≥ 0.0.

nvar

Input: The number of original variables, p.
Constraint: **nvar** $\geq$ **k**.

k

Input: The number of derived variates or factors, k.
Constraint: **k** ≥ 2.

fl[nvar][tdf]

Input: the matrix of loadings, Λ. **fl**$[i-1][j-1]$ must contain the loading for the ith variable on the jth factor, for $i = 1, 2, \ldots, p$; $j = 1, 2, \ldots, k$.

Output: if **stand** = **Nag_RoLoadStand** the elements of **fl** are standardised so that the sum of squared elements for each row is 1.0 and then after, the computation of the rotations are rescaled; this may lead to slight differences between the input and output values of **fl**. If **stand** = **Nag_RoLoadNotStand**, **fl** will be unchanged on exit.

tdf

Input: the last dimension of the arrays **fl** and **flr** as declared in the calling program.
Constraint: **tdf** $\geq$ **k**.

flr[nvar][tdf]

Output: the rotated matrix of loadings, Λ^*. **flr**$[i-1][j-1]$ will contain the rotated loading for the ith variable on the jth factor, for $i = 1, 2, \ldots, p$; $j = 1, 2, \ldots, k$.

r[k][tdr]

Output: the matrix of rotations, R.

tdr

Input: the last dimension of the array **r** as declared in the calling program.
Constraint: **tdr** $\geq$ **k**.

acc

Input: indicates the accuracy required. The iterative procedure of Cooley and Lohnes (1971) will be stopped and the final refinement computed when the change in V is less than **acc** $\times$ max(1.0,V). If **acc** is greater than or equal to 0.0 but less than ***machine precision***, or if **acc** is greater than 1.0, then ***machine precision*** will be used instead.

It is suggested that **acc** be set to 0.00001.

Constraint: **acc** $\geq$ 0.0.

maxit

Input: the maximum number of iterations. It is suggested that **maxit** be set to 30.
Constraint: **maxit** $\geq$ 1.

iter

Output: the number of iterations performed.

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 **stand** had an illegal value.

NE_INT_ARG_LT

On entry, **k** must not be less than 2: **k** = ⟨*value*⟩.

NE_INT_ARG_LE

On entry, **maxit** must not be less than or equal to 0 : **maxit** = ⟨*value*⟩.

NE_REAL_ARG_LT

On entry, **g** must not be less than 0.0: **g** = ⟨*value*⟩.
On entry, **acc** must not be less than 0.0: **acc** = ⟨*value*⟩.

NE_2_INT_ARG_LT

On entry, **nvar** = ⟨*value*⟩ while **k** = ⟨*value*⟩.
These parameters must satisfy **nvar** $\geq$ **k**.
On entry, **tdf** = ⟨*value*⟩ while **k** = ⟨*value*⟩.
These parameters must satisfy **tdf** $\geq$ **k**.
On entry, **tdr** = ⟨*value*⟩ while **k** = ⟨*value*⟩.
These parameters must satisfy **tdr** $\geq$ **k**.

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

NE_ACC_ITER
The algorithm to find R has failed to reach the required accuracy in the given number of iterations, ⟨*value*⟩. Try increasing **acc** or increasing **maxit**. The returned solution should be a reasonable approximation.

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

If the results of a principal component analysis as carried out by nag_mv_prin_comp (g03aac) are to be rotated, the loadings as returned in the array **p** by nag_mv_prin_comp (g03aac) can be supplied via the parameter **fl** to nag_mv_orthomax. The resulting rotation matrix can then be used to rotate the principal component scores as returned in the array **v** by nag_mv_prin_comp (g03aac).

6.1. Accuracy

The accuracy is determined by the value of **acc**.

6.2. References

Cooley W C and Lohnes P R (1971) *Multivariate Data Analysis* Wiley.
Lawley D N and Maxwell A E (1971) *Factor Analysis as a Statistical Method* Butterworths (2nd Edition).

7. See Also

nag_mv_prin_comp (g03aac)

8. Example

The example is taken from page 75 of Lawley and Maxwell (1971). The results from a factor analysis of ten variables using three factors are input and rotated using varimax rotations without standardising rows.

8.1. Program Text

```
/* nag_mv_orthomax (g03bac) Example Program.
 *
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 *
 */

#include <nag.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <nag_stdlib.h>
#include <nagg03.h>

#define NMAX 10
#define MMAX 3

main()
{
  double g;
  double r[MMAX][MMAX];
  double fl[NMAX][MMAX],acc, flr[NMAX][MMAX];
  Integer iter, nvar;
  Integer i, j, k;
  Integer maxit;
  Integer tdf = MMAX;
  Integer tdr = MMAX;

  char char_stand[2];

  Nag_RotationLoading stand;

  Vprintf("g03bac Example Program Results\n\n");

  /* Skip heading in data file */
  Vscanf("%*[^\n]");

  Vscanf("%ld",&nvar);
  Vscanf("%ld",&k);
  Vscanf("%lf",&g);
  Vscanf("%s",char_stand);
  Vscanf("%lf",&acc);
  Vscanf("%ld",&maxit);

  if (*char_stand == 'S')
    stand = Nag_RoLoadStand;
  else
    stand = Nag_RoLoadNotStand;
  if (nvar <= NMAX && k <= MMAX)
    {
      for (i = 0; i < nvar; ++i)
        {
          for (j = 0; j < k; ++j)
            Vscanf("%lf",&fl[i][j]);
        }
      g03bac(stand, g, nvar, k, (double *)fl, tdf, (double *)flr, (double *)r,
             tdr, acc, maxit, &iter, NAGERR_DEFAULT);

      Vprintf("\n     Rotated factor loadings\n\n");
      for (i = 0; i < nvar; ++i)
        {
          for (j = 0; j < k; ++j)
            Vprintf("  %8.3f",flr[i][j]);
          Vprintf("\n");
        }
      Vprintf("\n     Rotation matrix\n\n");
      for (i = 0; i < k; ++i)
        {
          for (j = 0; j < k; ++j)
            Vprintf("  %8.3f",r[i][j]);
          Vprintf("\n");
        }
      exit(EXIT_SUCCESS);
    }
  else
    {
      Vprintf("Incorrect input value of nvar or k.\n");
      exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
    }
}
```

8.2. Program Data

```
g03bac Example Program Data
  10 3 1.0 U 0.00001 20
 0.788 -0.152 -0.352
 0.874  0.381  0.041
 0.814 -0.043 -0.213
 0.798 -0.170 -0.204
 0.641  0.070 -0.042
 0.755 -0.298  0.067
 0.782 -0.221  0.028
```

```
0.767 -0.091  0.358
0.733 -0.384  0.229
0.771 -0.101  0.071
```

8.3. Program Results

```
g03bac Example Program Results


     Rotated factor loadings

     0.329    -0.289    -0.759
     0.849    -0.273    -0.340
     0.450    -0.327    -0.633
     0.345    -0.397    -0.657
     0.453    -0.276    -0.370
     0.263    -0.615    -0.464
     0.332    -0.561    -0.485
     0.472    -0.684    -0.183
     0.209    -0.754    -0.354
     0.423    -0.514    -0.409

     Rotation matrix

     0.633    -0.534    -0.560
     0.758     0.573     0.311
     0.155    -0.622     0.768
```