

**nag\_mv\_z\_scores (g03zac)****1. Purpose**

**nag\_mv\_z\_scores (g03zac)** produces standardized values ( $z$ -scores) for a data matrix.

**2. Specification**

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

void nag_mv_z_scores(Integer n, Integer m, double x[], Integer tdx,
                    Integer nvar, Integer isx[], double s[], double e[],
                    double z[], Integer tdz, NagError *fail)
```

**3. Description**

For a data matrix,  $X$ , consisting of  $n$  observations on  $p$  variables, with elements  $x_{ij}$ , **nag\_mv\_z\_scores (g03zac)** computes a matrix,  $Z$ , with elements  $z_{ij}$  such that:

$$z_{ij} = \frac{x_{ij} - \mu_j}{\sigma_j}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n; \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, p,$$

where  $\mu_j$  is a location shift and  $\sigma_j$  is a scaling factor. Typically,  $\mu_j$  will be the mean and  $\sigma_j$  will be the standard deviation of the  $j$ th variable and therefore the elements in column  $j$  of  $Z$  will have zero mean and unit variance.

**4. Parameters****n**

Input: the number of observations in the data matrix,  $n$ .  
Constraint: **n**  $\geq$  1.

**m**

Input: the number of variables in the data array **x**.  
Constraint: **m**  $\geq$  **nvar**.

**x[n][tdx]**

Output: **x**[ $i - 1$ ][ $j - 1$ ] must contain the  $i$ th sample point for the  $j$ th variable  $x_{ij}$ , for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, \mathbf{m}$ .

**tdx**

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

**nvar**

Input: the number of variables to be standardised,  $p$ .  
Constraint: **nvar**  $\geq$  1.

**isx[m]**

Output: **isx**[ $j - 1$ ] indicates whether or not the observations on the  $j$ th variable are included in the matrix of standardized values.

If **isx**[ $j - 1$ ]  $\neq$  0, then the observations from the  $j$ th variable are included.

If **isx**[ $j - 1$ ] = 0, then the observations from the  $j$ th variable are not included.

Constraint: **isx**[ $j - 1$ ]  $\neq$  0 for **nvar** values of  $j$ .

**s[m]**

Input: if **isx**[ $j - 1$ ]  $\neq$  0, then **s**[ $j - 1$ ] must contain the scaling (standard deviation),  $\sigma_j$ , for the  $j$ th variable.

If **isx**[ $j - 1$ ] = 0, then **s**[ $j - 1$ ] is not referenced.

Constraint: if **isx**[ $j - 1$ ]  $\neq$  0, then **s**[ $j - 1$ ]  $>$  0.0 for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, \mathbf{m}$ .

**e[m]**

Input: if  $\mathbf{isx}[j-1] \neq 0$ , then  $\mathbf{e}[j-1]$  must contain the location shift (mean),  $\mu_j$ , for the  $j$ th variable.

If  $\mathbf{isx}[j-1] = 0$ , then  $\mathbf{e}[j-1]$  is not referenced.

**z[n][tdz]**

Output: the matrix of standardized values ( $z$ -scores),  $Z$ .

**tdz**

Input: the last dimension of the array  $\mathbf{z}$  as declared in the calling program.

Constraint:  $\mathbf{tdz} \geq \mathbf{nvar}$ .

**fail**

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

## 5. Error Indications and Warnings

### NE\_INT\_ARG\_LT

On entry,  $\mathbf{n}$  must not be less than 1:  $\mathbf{n} = \langle \text{value} \rangle$ .

On entry,  $\mathbf{nvar}$  must not be less than 1:  $\mathbf{nvar} = \langle \text{value} \rangle$ .

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

On entry,  $\mathbf{m} = \langle \text{value} \rangle$  while  $\mathbf{nvar} = \langle \text{value} \rangle$ .

These parameters must satisfy  $\mathbf{m} \geq \mathbf{nvar}$ .

On entry,  $\mathbf{tdx} = \langle \text{value} \rangle$  while  $\mathbf{m} = \langle \text{value} \rangle$ .

These parameters must satisfy  $\mathbf{tdx} \geq \mathbf{m}$ .

On entry,  $\mathbf{tdz} = \langle \text{value} \rangle$  while  $\mathbf{nvar} = \langle \text{value} \rangle$ .

These parameters must satisfy  $\mathbf{tdz} \geq \mathbf{nvar}$ .

### NE\_VAR\_INCL\_INDICATED

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

Constraint: these two numbers must be the same.

### NE\_INTARR\_REALARR

On entry,  $\mathbf{isx}[\langle \text{value} \rangle] = \langle \text{value} \rangle$ ,  $\mathbf{s}[\langle \text{value} \rangle] = \langle \text{value} \rangle$ .

Constraint: if  $\mathbf{isx}[j-1] = 0$  then  $\mathbf{s}[j-1] > 0.0$ ,  $j=1,2,\dots,m$ .

### 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

Means and standard deviations may be obtained using `nag_summary_stats_1var` (g01aac) or `nag_corr_cov` (g02bxc).

### 6.1. Accuracy

Standard accuracy is achieved.

### 6.2. References

None.

## 7. See Also

`nag_summary_stats_1var` (g01aac)

`nag_corr_cov` (g02bxc)

## 8. Example

A 4 by 3 data matrix is input along with location and scaling values. The first and third columns are scaled and the results printed.

## 8.1. Program Text

```

/* nag_mv_z_scores (g03zac) Example Program.
 *
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 * Mark 5, 1998.
 *
 */
#include <nag.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <nag_stdlib.h>
#include <nagg03.h>

#define NMAX 4
#define MMAX 3

main()
{
    double e[MMAX], s[MMAX], x[NMAX][MMAX], z[NMAX][MMAX];

    Integer nvar;
    Integer isx[MMAX];
    Integer i, j, m, n;
    Integer tdx=MMAX, tdz=MMAX;

    Vprintf("g03zac Example Program Results\n\n");

    /* Skip headings in data file */
    Vscanf("%*[^\\n]");
    Vscanf("%ld",&n);
    Vscanf("%ld",&m);
    Vscanf("%ld",&nvar);

    if (m <= MMAX && n <= NMAX)
    {
        for (i = 0; i < n; ++i)
        {
            for (j = 0; j < m; ++j)
                Vscanf("%lf",&x[i][j]);
        }
        for (j = 0; j < m; ++j)
            Vscanf("%ld",&isx[j]);

        for (j = 0; j < m; ++j)
            Vscanf("%lf",&e[j]);

        for (j = 0; j < m; ++j)
            Vscanf("%lf",&s[j]);

        g03zac(n, m, (double *)x, tdx, nvar, isx, s, e, (double *)z, tdz, NAGERR_DEFAULT);

        Vprintf("\nStandardized Values\n\n");
        for (i = 0; i < n; ++i)
        {
            for (j = 0; j < nvar; ++j)
                Vprintf("%8.3f",z[i][j]);
            Vprintf("\n");
        }
        exit(EXIT_SUCCESS);
    }
    else
    {
        Vprintf("Incorrect input value of n or m.\n");
        exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
    }
}

```

**8.2. Program Data**

```
g03zac Example Program Data
4 3 2
15.0 0.0 1500.0
12.0 1.0 1000.0
18.0 2.0 1200.0
14.0 3.0 500.0
 1      0      1
14.75 0.0 1050.0
 2.50 0.0 420.3
```

**8.3. Program Results**

```
g03zac Example Program Results
```

```
Standardized Values
```

```
 0.100  1.071
-1.100 -0.119
 1.300  0.357
-0.300 -1.309
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