GALAHAD   ARC

1 SUMMARY

This package uses a **cubic regularization method to find a (local) unconstrained minimizer of a differentiable objective function $f(\mathbf{x})$ of many variables x.** The method offers the choice of direct and iterative solution of the key regularization subproblems, and is most suitable for large problems. First derivatives are required, and if second derivatives can be calculated, they will be exploited—if the product of second derivatives with a vector may be found but not the derivatives themselves, that may also be exploited.

ATTRIBUTES — Versions: `GALAHAD_ARC_single`, `GALAHAD_ARC_double`. **Uses:** `GALAHAD_CLOCK`, `GALAHAD_SYM-BOLS`, `GALAHAD_NLPT`, `GALAHAD_SPECFILE`, `GALAHAD_PSLS`, `GALAHAD_GLRT`, `GALAHAD_RQS`, `GALAHAD_DPS`, `GALAHAD_LMS`, `GALAHAD_SHA`, `GALAHAD_SPACE` and `GALAHAD_NORMS`. **Date:** May 2015. **Origin:** N. I. M. Gould, Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, and Ph. L. Toint, The University of Namur, Belgium. **Language:** Fortran 95 + TR 15581 or Fortran 2003.

2 HOW TO USE THE PACKAGE

Access to the package requires a `USE` statement such as

Single precision version

        USE GALAHAD_ARC_single

Double precision version

        USE GALAHAD_ARC_double

If it is required to use both modules at the same time, the derived types `SMT_type`, `NLPT_userdata_type`, `ARC_time_-type`, `ARC_control_type`, `ARC_inform_type`, `ARC_data_type` and `NLPT_problem_type`, (Section 2.3) and the subroutines `ARC_initialize`, `ARC_solve`, `ARC_terminate`, (Section 2.4) and `ARC_read_specfile` (Section 2.8) must be renamed on one of the `USE` statements.

2.1 Matrix storage formats

If available, the Hessian matrix $\mathbf{H} = \nabla_{xx} f(x)$ may be stored in a variety of input formats.

2.1.1 Dense storage format

The matrix $\mathbf{H}$ is stored as a compact dense matrix by rows, that is, the values of the entries of each row in turn are stored in order within an appropriate real one-dimensional array. Since $\mathbf{H}$ is symmetric, only the lower triangular part (that is the part h_{ij} for $1 \leq j \leq i \leq n$) need be held. In this case the lower triangle should be stored by rows, that is component $i*(i-1)/2+j$ of the storage array `H%val` will hold the value h_{ij} (and, by symmetry, h_{ji}) for $1 \leq j \leq i \leq n$.

2.1.2 Sparse co-ordinate storage format

Only the nonzero entries of the matrices are stored. For the l-th entry of $\mathbf{H}$, $1 \leq j \leq i \leq n$, its row index i, column index j and value h_{ij} are stored in the l-th components of the integer arrays `H%row`, `H%col` and real array `H%val`, respectively. Note that only the entries in the lower triangle should be stored.

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2.1.3 Sparse row-wise storage format

Again only the nonzero entries are stored, but this time they are ordered so that those in row i appear directly before those in row $i+1$. For the i-th row of **H**, the i-th component of the integer array `A%ptr` holds the position of the first entry in this row, while `A%ptr` $(m+1)$ holds the total number of entries plus one. The column indices j, $1 \le j \le i$, and values h_{ij} of the entries in the i-th row are stored in components $l = $ `H%ptr`$(i), \ldots,$`H%ptr` $(i+1)-1$ of the integer array `H%col`, and real array `H%val`, respectively. Note that as before only the entries in the lower triangle should be stored. For sparse matrices, this scheme almost always requires less storage than its predecessor.

2.1.4 Diagonal storage format

If **H** is diagonal (i.e., $h_{ij} = 0$ for all $1 \le i \ne j \le n$) only the diagonals entries h_{ii}, $1 \le i \le n$, need be stored, and the first n components of the array `H%val` may be used for the purpose.

2.2 Integer kinds

We use the term long `INTEGER` to denote `INTEGER(kind=long)`, where `long = selected_int_kind(18))`.

2.3 The derived data types

Seven derived data types are accessible from the package.

2.3.1 The derived data type for holding matrices

The derived data type `SMT_TYPE` is used to hold the Hessian matrix **H** if this is available. The components of `SMT_TYPE` used here are:

n   is a scalar component of type default `INTEGER`, that holds the dimension of the matrix.

ne   is a scalar variable of type default `INTEGER`, that holds the number of matrix entries.

type is a rank-one allocatable array of type default `CHARACTER`, that is used to indicate the matrix storage scheme used. Its precise length and content depends on the type of matrix to be stored (see §2.3.2).

val   is a rank-one allocatable array of type default `REAL` (double precision in `GALAHAD_ARC_double`) and dimension at least `ne`, that holds the values of the entries. Each pair of off-diagonal entries $h_{ij} = h_{ji}$ of the *symmetric* matrix **H** is represented as a single entry (see §2.1.1–2.1.3). Any duplicated entries that appear in the sparse co-ordinate or row-wise schemes will be summed.

row   is a rank-one allocatable array of type default `INTEGER`, and dimension at least `ne`, that may hold the row indices of the entries. (see §2.1.2).

col   is a rank-one allocatable array of type default `INTEGER`, and dimension at least `ne`, that may hold the column indices of the entries (see §2.1.2–2.1.3).

ptr   is a rank-one allocatable array of type default `INTEGER`, and dimension at least `n + 1`, that may hold the pointers to the first entry in each row (see §2.1.3).

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2.3.2 The derived data type for holding the problem

The derived data type `NLPT_problem_type` is used to hold the problem. The relevant components of `NLPT_problem_type` are:

n   is a scalar variable of type default `INTEGER`, that holds the number of optimization variables, n.

H   is scalar variable of type `SMT_TYPE` that holds the Hessian matrix **H**. The following components are used here:

   H%type   is an allocatable array of rank one and type default `CHARACTER`, that is used to indicate the storage scheme used. If the dense storage scheme (see Section 2.1.1) is used, the first five components of H%type must contain the string `DENSE`. For the sparse co-ordinate scheme (see Section 2.1.2), the first ten components of H%type must contain the string `COORDINATE`, for the sparse row-wise storage scheme (see Section 2.1.3), the first fourteen components of H%type must contain the string `SPARSE_BY_ROWS`, and for the diagonal storage scheme (see Section 2.1.4), the first eight components of H%type must contain the string `DIAGONAL`.

   For convenience, the procedure `SMT_put` may be used to allocate sufficient space and insert the required keyword into H%type. For example, if `nlp` is of derived type `ARC_problem_type` and involves a Hessian we wish to store using the co-ordinate scheme, we may simply

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CALL SMT_put( nlp%H%type, 'COORDINATE' )
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   See the documentation for the GALAHAD package `SMT` for further details on the use of `SMT_put`.

   H%ne   is a scalar variable of type default `INTEGER`, that holds the number of entries in the **lower triangular** part of **H** in the sparse co-ordinate storage scheme (see Section 2.1.2). It need not be set for any of the other three schemes.

   H%val   is a rank-one allocatable array of type default `REAL` (double precision in `GALAHAD_ARC_double`), that holds the values of the entries of the **lower triangular** part of the Hessian matrix **H** in any of the storage schemes discussed in Section 2.1.

   H%row   is a rank-one allocatable array of type default `INTEGER`, that holds the row indices of the **lower triangular** part of **H** in the sparse co-ordinate storage scheme (see Section 2.1.2). It need not be allocated for any of the other three schemes.

   H%col   is a rank-one allocatable array variable of type default `INTEGER`, that holds the column indices of the **lower triangular** part of **H** in either the sparse co-ordinate (see Section 2.1.2), or the sparse row-wise (see Section 2.1.3) storage scheme. It need not be allocated when the dense or diagonal storage schemes are used.

   H%ptr   is a rank-one allocatable array of dimension n+1 and type default `INTEGER`, that holds the starting position of each row of the **lower triangular** part of **H**, as well as the total number of entries plus one, in the sparse row-wise storage scheme (see Section 2.1.3). It need not be allocated when the other schemes are used.

G   is a rank-one allocatable array of dimension n and type default `REAL` (double precision in `GALAHAD_ARC_double`), that holds the gradient **g** of the objective function. The j-th component of G, $j = 1,\ldots,n$, contains $\mathbf{g}_j$.

f   is a scalar variable of type default `REAL` (double precision in `GALAHAD_ARC_double`), that holds the value of the objective function.

X   is a rank-one allocatable array of dimension n and type default `REAL` (double precision in `GALAHAD_ARC_double`), that holds the values **x** of the optimization variables. The j-th component of X, $j = 1,\ldots,n$, contains x_j.

pname is a scalar variable of type default `CHARACTER` and length 10, which contains the "name" of the problem for printing. The default "empty" string is provided.

VNAMES is a rank-one allocatable array of dimension n and type default CHARACTER and length 10, whose j-th entry contains the "name" of the j-th variable for printing. This is only used if "debug" printing control%print_level > 4) is requested, and will be ignored if the array is not allocated.

2.3.3 The derived data type for holding control parameters

The derived data type ARC_control_type is used to hold controlling data. Default values may be obtained by calling ARC_initialize (see Section 2.4.1), while components may also be changed by calling GALAHAD_ARC_read_spec (see Section 2.8.1). The components of ARC_control_type are:

error is a scalar variable of type default INTEGER, that holds the stream number for error messages. Printing of error messages in ARC_solve and ARC_terminate is suppressed if error ≤ 0. The default is error = 6.

out is a scalar variable of type default INTEGER, that holds the stream number for informational messages. Printing of informational messages in ARC_solve is suppressed if out < 0. The default is out = 6.

print_level is a scalar variable of type default INTEGER, that is used to control the amount of informational output which is required. No informational output will occur if print_level ≤ 0. If print_level $= 1$, a single line of output will be produced for each iteration of the process. If print_level ≥ 2, this output will be increased to provide significant detail of each iteration. The default is print_level = 0.

maxit is a scalar variable of type default INTEGER, that holds the maximum number of iterations which will be allowed in ARC_solve. The default is maxit = 1000.

start_print is a scalar variable of type default INTEGER, that specifies the first iteration for which printing will occur in ARC_solve. If start_print is negative, printing will occur from the outset. The default is start_print = -1.

stop_print is a scalar variable of type default INTEGER, that specifies the last iteration for which printing will occur in ARC_solve. If stop_print is negative, printing will occur once it has been started by start_print. The default is stop_print = -1.

print_gap is a scalar variable of type default INTEGER. Once printing has been started, output will occur once every print_gap iterations. If print_gap is no larger than 1, printing will be permitted on every iteration. The default is print_gap = 1.

non_monotone is a scalar variable of type default INTEGER, that specifies the history-length for non-monotone descent strategy. Any non-positive value results in standard monotone descent, for which merit function improvement occurs at each iteration. There are often definite advantages in using a non-monotone strategy with a modest history, since the occasional local increase in the merit function may enable the algorithm to move across (gentle) "ripples" in the merit function surface. However, we do not usually recommend large values of non_monotone. The default is non_monotone = 1.

model is a scalar variable of type default INTEGER, that specifies which model to be used to approximate $f(\mathbf{x})$ when computing the step. Possible values are:

0 the model is chosen automatically on the basis of which option looks likely to be the most efficient at any given stage of the solution process. Different models may be used at different stages. **Not yet implemented.**

1 a first-order model, not involving the Hessian, will be used.

2 a second-order model, using the Hessian, will be used.

3 a barely-second-order model, in which the Hessian is approximated by the identity matrix, will be used.

4 a secant-based sparse second-order model, in which the Hessian is approximated within its sparsity pattern using secant formulae will be used.

    5 a secant-based second-order model, in which the Hessian is approximated by a limited-memory BFGS formula, will be used.

    6 a secant-based second-order model, in which the Hessian is approximated by a limited-memory symmetric rank-one (SR1) formula, will be used.

The default is `model = 2`.

`norm` is a scalar variable of type default `INTEGER`, that specifies which norm is to be used to define the regularization. In particular the norm $\|\cdot\|$ will be defined by a symmetric, positive-definite matrix $\mathbf{P}$ so that for every vector $\mathbf{v}$, $\|\mathbf{v}\|^2 = \mathbf{v}^T\mathbf{P}\mathbf{v}$. If `%subproblem_direct = .FALSE.`, the same $\mathbf{P}$ also defines the preconditioner to be used to accelerate the generalized-Lanczos inner model minimization. Possible values are:

    -3 the user's own norm will be used.

    -2 a norm based on a limited-memory BFGS formula will be used.

    -1 the Euclidean (ℓ_2-) norm is used.

    0 the type is chosen automatically on the basis of which option looks likely to be the most efficient at any given stage of the solution process. Different norms may be used at different stages. **Not yet implemented.**

    1 $\mathbf{P}$ is the diagonal of the Hessian matrix, suitably modified to ensure that it is significantly positive definite, is used.

    2 $\mathbf{P}$ is the Hessian matrix whose entries outside a band of given semi-bandwidth are replaced by zeros (see `nsemib` below).

    3 $\mathbf{P}$ is the Hessian matrix whose entries outside a bandwidth-reduced reordered band of given semi-bandwidth are replaced by zeros (see `nsemib` below).

    4 $\mathbf{P}$ is the (possibly perturbed) Hessian, using the Schnabel-Eskow modification method to ensure that the resultant matrix is positive definite.

    5 $\mathbf{P}$ is the (possibly perturbed) Hessian, using the Gill-Murray-Poncéleon-Saunders modification method to ensure that the resultant matrix is positive definite. **Not yet implemented.**

    6 $\mathbf{P}$ will be that from the incomplete factorization of the Hessian using the Lin-Moré method.

    7 $\mathbf{P}$ will be that from the incomplete factorization of the Hessian using the method implemented by HSL_MI28.

    8 $\mathbf{P}$ will be that from the incomplete factorization of the Hessian using Munksgaars's method. **Not yet implemented.**

    9 $\mathbf{P}$ will be that from an expanding band of the Hessian. **Not yet implemented.**

    10 $\mathbf{P}$ will be that which gives a diagonalising norm as implemented in `ARC_DPS`. Note that this is currently **only** available when `subproblem_direct = .TRUE.` (see below).

The default is `norm = 1`.

`semi_bandwidth` is a scalar variable of type default `INTEGER`, that specifies the semi-bandwidth of $\mathbf{P}$ when `norm = 2`, if appropriate. The default is `semi_bandwidth = 5`.

`max_dxg` is a scalar variable of type default `INTEGER`, that specifies the maximum number of sparse difference vectors used by the model when `model = 4`. The default is `max_dxg = 100`.

`lbfgs_vectors` is a scalar variable of type default `INTEGER`, that specifies the number of limited-memory vectors used in the model when `model = 5` or `6`, and/or by the norm when `norm = -2`, if appropriate. The default is `lbfgs_vectors = 10`.

`icfs_vectors` is a scalar variable of type default `INTEGER`, that specifies the number of multiples of the problem dimension `n` that is available to hold fill-in when computing the Lin-Moré factorization. The default is `icfs_vectors = 10`.

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mi28_lsize is a scalar variable of type default INTEGER, that specifies the maximum number of fill entries within each column of the incomplete factor L computed by HSL_MI28. In general, increasing mi28_lsize improves the quality of the preconditioner but increases the time to compute and then it. Values less than 0 are treated as 0. The default is mi28_lsize = 10.

mi28_rsize is a scalar variable of type default INTEGER, that specifies the the maximum number of entries within each column of the strictly lower triangular matrix R used in the computation of the preconditioner by HSL_MI28. Rank-1 arrays of size mi28_rsize * n are allocated internally to hold R. Thus the amount of memory used, as well as the amount of work involved in computing the preconditioner, depends on mi28_rsize. Setting mi28_rsize > 0 generally leads to a higher quality preconditioner than using mi28_rsize = 0, and choosing mi28_rsize ≥ mi28_lsize is generally recommended. The default is mi28_rsize = 10.

alive_unit is a scalar variable of type default INTEGER. If alive_unit > 0, a temporary file named alive_file (see below) will be created on stream number alive_unit on initial entry to GALAHAD_ARC_solve, and execution of GALAHAD_ARC_solve will continue so long as this file continues to exist. Thus, a user may terminate execution simply by removing the temporary file from this unit. If alive_unit ≤ 0, no temporary file will be created, and execution cannot be terminated in this way. The default is alive_unit = 60.

advanced_start is a scalar variable of type default INTEGERthat specifies the number of evaluations of the objective function that may be performed If the user wishes to try to select a good initial value of the regularization weight. If the user is content with the initial value provided, advanced_start should be set to 0, and this is the default.

stop_g_absolute is a scalar variable of type default REAL (double precision in GALAHAD_ARC_double), that is used to specify the maximum permitted (infinity) norm of the gradient of the objective function (see Section 4) at the estimate of the solution sought. The default is stop_g_absolute = 10^{-5}.

stop_g_relative is a scalar variable of type default REAL (double precision in GALAHAD_ARC_double), that is used to specify the largest relative reduction in the norm of the gradient of the objective function that will be permitted (see Section 4) at the estimate of the solution sought compared to that at the initial point. The default is stop_g_relative = 1.

stop_s is a scalar variable of type default REAL (double precision in GALAHAD_ARC_double), that is used to specify the minimum acceptable correction step $\mathbf{s}$ relative to the current estimate of the solution $\mathbf{x}$ The algorithm will be deemed to have converged if $|s_i| \leq$ stop_s $* \max(1, |x_i|)$ for all $i = 1, \ldots, n$. The default is stop_s = u, where u is EPSILON(1.0) (EPSILON(1.0D0) in GALAHAD_ARC_double).

initial_weight is a scalar variable of type default REAL (double precision in GALAHAD_ARC_double), that holds the required initial value of the regularization weight. If initial_weight ≤ 0, the weight will be chosen automatically by GALAHAD_ARC_solve The default is initial_weight = 100.0.

minimum_weight is a scalar variable of type default REAL (double precision in GALAHAD_ARC_double), that holds the largest permitted value of the regularization weight as the algorithm proceeds. The default is minimum_weight = 10^{-8}.

weight_increase, weight_decrease, weight_increase_max and weight_decrease_min are scalar variables of type default REAL (double precision in GALAHAD_ARC_double), that control the maximum amounts by which the regularization weight can contract or expand during an iteration. The weight will be decreased by powers of weight_decrease, but not in total more than weight_decrease_min, until it is smaller than the norm of the current step. It can be increased by at most a factor weight_increase, but not in total less than weight_increase_max. The defaults are weight_increase = 2.0, weight_decrease = 0.5, weight_increase_max = 100.0 and weight_decrease_min = 0.1.

eta_successful, eta_very_successful and eta_too_successful are scalar variables of type default REAL (double precision in GALAHAD_ARC_double), that control the acceptance and rejection of the trial step and the updates

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to the regularization weight. At every iteration, the ratio of the actual reduction in the merit function following the trial step to that predicted by the model is computed. The step is accepted whenever this ratio exceeds `eta_successful`; otherwise the regularization weight will be reduced. If, in addition, the ratio exceeds `eta_very_successful` but not `eta_too_successful`, the regularization weight may be increased. The defaults are `eta_successful` $= 10^{-8}$, `eta_very_successful = 0.9` and `eta_too_successful = 2.0`.

`obj_unbounded` is a scalar variable of type default `REAL` (double precision in `GALAHAD_ARC_double`), that specifies smallest value of the objective function that will be tolerated before the problem is declared to be unbounded from below. The default is `potential_unbounded` $= -u^{-2}$, where u is `EPSILON(1.0)` (`EPSILON(1.0D0)` in `GALAHAD_ARC_double`).

`cpu_time_limit` is a scalar variable of type default `REAL` (double precision in `GALAHAD_ARC_double`), that is used to specify the maximum permitted CPU time. Any negative value indicates no limit will be imposed. The default is `cpu_time_limit = - 1.0`.

`clock_time_limit` is a scalar variable of type default `REAL` (double precision in `GALAHAD_ARC_double`), that is used to specify the maximum permitted elapsed system clock time. Any negative value indicates no limit will be imposed. The default is `clock_time_limit = - 1.0`.

`hessian_available` is a scalar variable of type default `LOGICAL`, that should be set `.TRUE.` if the user will provide second derivatives (either by providing an appropriate evaluation routine to the solver or by reverse communication, see Section 2.6), and `.FALSE.` if the second derivatives are not explicitly available. The default is `hessian_available = .TRUE.`.

`subproblem_direct` is a scalar variable of type default `LOGICAL`, that should be set `.TRUE.` if a direct (factorization) method is desired when solving for the step, and `.FALSE.` if an iterative method suffices. The default is `subproblem_direct = .FALSE.`.

`renormalize_weight` is a scalar variable of type default `LOGICAL`, that should be set `.TRUE.` if the regularization weight is to be re-normized to account for the shape of the regularization norm every iteration, and `.FALSE.` if no re-normalization is required. The default is `renormalize_weight = .FALSE.`.

`space_critical` is a scalar variable of type default `LOGICAL`, that must be set `.TRUE.` if space is critical when allocating arrays and `.FALSE.` otherwise. The package may run faster if `space_critical` is `.FALSE.` but at the possible expense of a larger storage requirement. The default is `space_critical = .FALSE.`.

`deallocate_error_fatal` is a scalar variable of type default `LOGICAL`, that must be set `.TRUE.` if the user wishes to terminate execution if a deallocation fails, and `.FALSE.` if an attempt to continue will be made. The default is `deallocate_error_fatal = .FALSE.`.

`alive_file` is a scalar variable of type default `CHARACTER` and length 30, that gives the name of the temporary file whose removal from stream number `alive_unit` terminates execution of `GALAHAD_ARC_solve`. The default is `alive_unit = ALIVE.d`.

`prefix` is a scalar variable of type default `CHARACTER` and length 30, that may be used to provide a user-selected character string to preface every line of printed output. Specifically, each line of output will be prefaced by the string `prefix(2:LEN(TRIM( prefix ))-1)`, thus ignoreing the first and last non-null components of the supplied string. If the user does not want to preface lines by such a string, they may use the default `prefix = ""`.

`PSLS_control` is a scalar variable of type `PSLS_control_type` whose components are used to control the preconditioning aspects of the calculation, as performed by the package `GALAHAD_PSLS`. See the specification sheet for the package `GALAHAD_PSLS` for details, and appropriate default values (but note that values for `PSLS_control%preconditioner`, `PSLS_control%semi_bandwidth` and `PSLS_control%icfs_vectors` may be overridden by `GALAHAD_ARC_solve`).

GLRT_control is a scalar variable of type GLRT_control_type whose components are used to control the iterative regularization step calculation (if any), performed by the package GALAHAD_GLRT. See the specification sheet for the package GALAHAD_GLRT for details, and appropriate default values (but note that value of GLRT_control%unitm may be changed by GALAHAD_ARC_solve).

RQS_control is a scalar variable of type RQS_control_type whose components are used to control the direct regularization step calculation (if any), performed by the package GALAHAD_RQS. See the specification sheet for the package GALAHAD_RQS for details, and appropriate default values (but note that values of RQS_control%initial_multiplier and RQS_control%new_h may be changed by GALAHAD_ARC_solve).

DPS_control is a scalar variable of type DPS_control_type whose components are used to control the direct regularization step calculation, in a diagonalising norm, (if any), performed by the package GALAHAD_DPS. See the specification sheet for the package GALAHAD_DPS for details, and appropriate default values (but note that values of DPS_control%initial_multiplier and DPS_control%new_h may be changed by GALAHAD_ARC_solve).

LMS_control and LMS_control_prec are scalar variables of type LMS_control_type whose components are used to control the limited memory secant approximations for the model Hessian and regularization norm as performed by the package GALAHAD_LMS. See the specification sheet for the package GALAHAD_LMS for details, and appropriate default values.

SHA_control is a scalar variable of type SHA_control_type whose components are used to control the calculation of the sparse model Hessian (if required), performed by the package GALAHAD_SHA. See the specification sheet for the package GALAHAD_SHA for details, and appropriate default values.

2.3.4 The derived data type for holding timing information

The derived data type ARC_time_type is used to hold elapsed CPU and system clock times for the various parts of the calculation. The components of ARC_time_type are:

total is a scalar variable of type default REAL, that gives the CPU total time spent in the package.

preprocess is a scalar variable of type default REAL (double precision in GALAHAD_ARC_double), that gives the CPU time spent reordering the problem to standard form prior to solution.

analyse is a scalar variable of type default REAL (double precision in GALAHAD_ARC_double), that gives the CPU time spent analysing required matrices prior to factorization.

factorize is a scalar variable of type default REAL (double precision in GALAHAD_ARC_double), that gives the CPU time spent factorizing the required matrices.

solve is a scalar variable of type default REAL (double precision in GALAHAD_ARC_double), that gives the CPU time spent using the factors to solve relevant linear equations.

clock_total is a scalar variable of type default REAL, that gives the total elapsed system clock time spent in the package.

clock_preprocess is a scalar variable of type default REAL (double precision in GALAHAD_ARC_double), that gives the elapsed system clock time spent reordering the problem to standard form prior to solution.

clock_analyse is a scalar variable of type default REAL (double precision in GALAHAD_ARC_double), that gives the elapsed system clock time spent analysing required matrices prior to factorization.

clock_factorize is a scalar variable of type default REAL (double precision in GALAHAD_ARC_double), that gives the elapsed system clock time spent factorizing the required matrices.

clock_solve is a scalar variable of type default REAL (double precision in GALAHAD_ARC_double), that gives the elapsed system clock time spent using the factors to solve relevant linear equations.

2.3.5 The derived data type for holding informational parameters

The derived data type `ARC_inform_type` is used to hold parameters that give information about the progress and needs of the algorithm. The components of `ARC_inform_type` are:

`status` is a scalar variable of type default `INTEGER`, that gives the exit status of the algorithm. See Sections 2.6 and 2.7 for details.

`alloc_status` is a scalar variable of type default `INTEGER`, that gives the status of the last attempted array allocation or deallocation. This will be 0 if `status = 0`.

`bad_alloc` is a scalar variable of type default `CHARACTER` and length 80, that gives the name of the last internal array for which there were allocation or deallocation errors. This will be the null string if `status = 0`.

`iter` is a scalar variable of type default `INTEGER`, that holds the number of iterations performed.

`cg_iter` is a scalar variable of type default `INTEGER`, that gives the total number of conjugate-gradient iterations required.

`factorization_status` is a scalar variable of type default `INTEGER`, that gives the return status from the matrix factorization.

`max_entries_factors` is a scalar variable of type long `INTEGER`, that gives the maximum number of entries in any of the matrix factorizations performed during the calculation.

`factorization_max` is a scalar variable of type default `INTEGER`, that gives the largest number of factorizations required during a subproblem solution.

`factorization_integer` is a scalar variable of type default `INTEGER`, that gives the amount of integer storage used for the matrix factorization.

`factorization_real` is a scalar variable of type default `INTEGER`, that gives the amount of real storage used for the matrix factorization.

`f_eval` is a scalar variable of type default `INTEGER`, that gives the total number of objective function evaluations performed.

`g_eval` is a scalar variable of type default `INTEGER`, that gives the total number of objective function gradient evaluations performed.

`h_eval` is a scalar variable of type default `INTEGER`, that gives the total number of objective function Hessian evaluations performed.

`obj` is a scalar variable of type default `REAL` (double precision in `GALAHAD_ARC_double`), that holds the value of the objective function at the best estimate of the solution found.

`norm_g` is a scalar variable of type default `REAL` (double precision in `GALAHAD_ARC_double`), that holds the value of the norm of the objective function gradient at the best estimate of the solution found.

`weight` is a scalar variable of type default `REAL` (double precision in `GALAHAD_ARC_double`), that holds the current value of the regularization weight.

`factorization_average` is a scalar variable of type default `REAL` (double precision in `GALAHAD_ARC_double`), that gives the average number of factorizations per subproblem solved.

`time` is a scalar variable of type `ARC_time_type` whose components are used to hold elapsed elapsed CPU and system clock times for the various parts of the calculation (see Section 2.3.4).

PSLS_inform is a scalar variable of type PSLS_inform_type whose components give information about the progress and needs of the preconditioning stages of the algorithm performed by the package GALAHAD_PSLS. See the specification sheet for the package GALAHAD_PSLS for details.

GLRT_inform is a scalar variable of type GLRT_inform_type whose components give information about the progress and needs of the iterative solution stages of the algorithm performed by the package GALAHAD_GLRT. See the specification sheet for the package GALAHAD_GLRT for details.

RQS_inform is a scalar variable of type RQS_inform_type whose components give information about the progress and needs of the direct solution stages of the algorithm performed by the package GALAHAD_RQS. See the specification sheet for the package GALAHAD_RQS for details.

DPS_inform is a scalar variable of type DPS_inform_type whose components give information about the progress and needs of the direct solution, in a diagonalising norm, stages of the algorithm performed by the package GALAHAD_DPS. See the specification sheet for the package GALAHAD_DPS for details.

LMS_inform and LMS_inform_prec are scalar variables of type LMS_inform_type whose components give information about the progress and needs of the limited memory secant approximations for the model Hessian and regularization norm as performed by the package GALAHAD_LMS. See the specification sheet for the package GALAHAD_LMS for details.

SHA_inform is a scalar variable of type SHA_inform_type whose components give information about the progress and needs of the sparse model Hessian calculation performed by the package GALAHAD_SHA. See the specification sheet for the package GALAHAD_SHA for details.

2.3.6 The derived data type for holding problem data

The derived data type ARC_data_type is used to hold all the data for a particular problem, or sequences of problems with the same structure, between calls of ARC procedures. This data should be preserved, untouched (except as directed on return from GALAHAD_ARC_solve with positive values of inform%status, see Section 2.6), from the initial call to ARC_initialize to the final call to ARC_terminate.

2.3.7 The derived data type for holding user data

The derived data type NLPT_userdata_type is available to allow the user to pass data to and from user-supplied subroutines for function and derivative calculations (see Section 2.5). Components of variables of type NLPT_userdata_type may be allocated as necessary. The following components are available:

integer is a rank-one allocatable array of type default INTEGER.

real is a rank-one allocatable array of type default REAL (double precision in GALAHAD_ARC_double)

complex is a rank-one allocatable array of type default COMPLEX (double precision complex in GALAHAD_ARC_double).

character is a rank-one allocatable array of type default CHARACTER.

logical is a rank-one allocatable array of type default LOGICAL.

integer_pointer is a rank-one pointer array of type default INTEGER.

real_pointer is a rank-one pointer array of type default REAL (double precision in GALAHAD_ARC_double)

complex_pointer is a rank-one pointer array of type default COMPLEX (double precision complex in GALAHAD_ARC_double).

character_pointer is a rank-one pointer array of type default CHARACTER.

logical_pointer is a rank-one pointer array of type default LOGICAL.

2.4 Argument lists and calling sequences

There are three procedures for user calls (see Section 2.8 for further features):

1. The subroutine `ARC_initialize` is used to set default values, and initialize private data, before solving one or more problems with the same sparsity and bound structure.

2. The subroutine `ARC_solve` is called to solve the problem.

3. The subroutine `ARC_terminate` is provided to allow the user to automatically deallocate array components of the private data, allocated by `ARC_solve`, at the end of the solution process. It is important to do this if the data object is re-used for another problem **with a different structure** since `ARC_initialize` cannot test for this situation, and any existing associated targets will subsequently become unreachable.

We use square brackets [ ] to indicate `OPTIONAL` arguments.

2.4.1 The initialization subroutine

Default values are provided as follows:

        CALL ARC_initialize(data, control, inform)

`data` is a scalar `INTENT(INOUT)` argument of type `ARC_data_type` (see Section 2.3.6). It is used to hold data about the problem being solved.

`control` is a scalar `INTENT(OUT)` argument of type `ARC_control_type` (see Section 2.3.3). On exit, `control` contains default values for the components as described in Section 2.3.3. These values should only be changed after calling `ARC_initialize`.

`inform` is a scalar `INTENT(OUT)` argument of type `ARC_inform_type` (see Section 2.3.5). A successful call to `ARC_initialize` is indicated when the component `status` has the value 0. For other return values of `status`, see Section 2.7.

2.4.2 The minimization subroutine

The minimization algorithm is called as follows:

        CALL ARC_solve(nlp, control, inform, data, userdata[, eval_F, eval_G,   &
                        eval_H, eval_HPROD])

`nlp` is a scalar `INTENT(INOUT)` argument of type `NLPT_problem_type` (see Section 2.3.2). It is used to hold data about the problem being solved. For a new problem, the user must allocate all the array components, and set values for `nlp%n` and the required integer components of `nlp%H` if second derivatives will be used. Users are free to choose whichever of the matrix formats described in Section 2.1 is appropriate for **H** for their application.

The component `nlp%X` must be set to an initial estimate, $\mathbf{x}^0$, of the minimization variables. A good choice will increase the speed of the package, but the underlying method is designed to converge (at least to a local solution) from an arbitrary initial guess.

On exit, the component `nlp%X` will contain the best estimates of the minimization variables **x**.

Restrictions: `nlp%n` > 0 and `nlp%H%type` $\in \{$'`DENSE`','`COORDINATE`','`SPARSE_BY_ROWS`','`DIAGONAL`'$\}$.

`control` is a scalar `INTENT(IN)` argument of type `ARC_control_type` (see Section 2.3.3). Default values may be assigned by calling `ARC_initialize` prior to the first call to `ARC_solve`. The arguments `control%PSLS_control-%preconditioner`, `control%PSLS_control%semi_bandwidth`, `control%PSLS_control%lbfgs_vectors` and `control%PSLS_control%icfs_vectors` will be overridden by `control%norm`, `control%semi_bandwidth`, `control%lbfgs_vectors` and `control%icfs_vectors`, respectively.

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inform is a scalar `INTENT(INOUT)` argument of type `ARC_inform_type` (see Section 2.3.5). On initial entry, the component `status` must be set to the value 1. Other entries need note be set. A successful call to `ARC_solve` is indicated when the component `status` has the value 0. For other return values of `status`, see Sections 2.6 and 2.7.

data is a scalar `INTENT(INOUT)` argument of type `ARC_data_type` (see Section 2.3.6). It is used to hold data about the problem being solved. With the possible exceptions of the components `eval_status` and `U` (see Section 2.6), it must not have been altered **by the user** since the last call to `ARC_initialize`.

userdata is a scalar `INTENT(INOUT)` argument of type `NLPT_userdata_type` whose components may be used to communicate user-supplied data to and from the `OPTIONAL` subroutines `eval_F`, `eval_G`, `eval_H` and `eval_HPROD` (see Section 2.3.7).

eval_F is an `OPTIONAL` user-supplied subroutine whose purpose is to evaluate the value of the objective function $f(\mathbf{x})$ at a given vector $\mathbf{x}$. See Section 2.5.1 for details. If `eval_F` is present, it must be declared `EXTERNAL` in the calling program. If `eval_F` is absent, `GALAHAD_ARC_solve` will use reverse communication to obtain objective function values (see Section 2.6).

eval_G is an `OPTIONAL` user-supplied subroutine whose purpose is to evaluate the value of the gradient of the objective function $\nabla_x f(\mathbf{x})$ at a given vector $\mathbf{x}$. See Section 2.5.2 for details. If `eval_G` is present, it must be declared `EXTERNAL` in the calling program. If `eval_G` is absent, `GALAHAD_ARC_solve` will use reverse communication to obtain gradient values (see Section 2.6).

eval_H is an `OPTIONAL` user-supplied subroutine whose purpose is to evaluate the value of the Hessian of the objective function $\nabla_{xx} f(\mathbf{x})$ at a given vector $\mathbf{x}$. See Section 2.5.3 for details. If `eval_H` is present, it must be declared `EXTERNAL` in the calling program. If `eval_H` is absent, `GALAHAD_ARC_solve` will use reverse communication to obtain Hessian function values (see Section 2.6).

eval_HPROD is an `OPTIONAL` user-supplied subroutine whose purpose is to evaluate the value of the product $\nabla_{xx} f(\mathbf{x})\mathbf{v}$ of the Hessian of the objective function $\nabla_{xx} f(\mathbf{x})$ with a given vector $\mathbf{v}$. See Section 2.5.4 for details. If `eval_HPROD` is present, it must be declared `EXTERNAL` in the calling program. If `eval_HPROD` is absent, `GA-LAHAD_ARC_solve` will use reverse communication to obtain Hessian-vector products (see Section 2.6).

eval_PREC is an `OPTIONAL` user-supplied subroutine whose purpose is to evaluate the value of the product $\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{x})\mathbf{v}$ of the user's preconditioner with a given vector $\mathbf{v}$. See Section 2.5.5 for details. If `eval_PREC` is present, it must be declared `EXTERNAL` in the calling program. If `eval_PREC` is absent, `GALAHAD_ARC_solve` will use reverse communication to obtain products with the preconditioner (see Section 2.6).

2.4.3 The termination subroutine

All previously allocated arrays are deallocated as follows:

```
CALL ARC_terminate( data, control, inform )
```

data is a scalar `INTENT(INOUT)` argument of type `ARC_data_type` exactly as for `ARC_solve`, which must not have been altered **by the user** since the last call to `ARC_initialize`. On exit, array components will have been deallocated.

control is a scalar `INTENT(IN)` argument of type `ARC_control_type` exactly as for `ARC_solve`.

inform is a scalar `INTENT(OUT)` argument of type `ARC_inform_type` exactly as for `ARC_solve`. Only the component `status` will be set on exit, and a successful call to `ARC_terminate` is indicated when this component `status` has the value 0. For other return values of `status`, see Section 2.7.

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2.5 Function and derivative values

2.5.1 The objective function value via internal evaluation

If the argument eval_F is present when calling GALAHAD_ARC_solve, the user is expected to provide a subroutine of that name to evaluate the value of the objective function $f(\mathbf{x})$. The routine must be specified as

```
SUBROUTINE eval_F( status, X, userdata, f )
```

whose arguments are as follows:

status is a scalar INTENT(OUT) argument of type default INTEGER, that should be set to 0 if the routine has been able to evaluate the objective function and to a non-zero value if the evaluation has not been possible.

X   is a rank-one INTENT(IN) array argument of type default REAL (double precision in GALAHAD_ARC_double) whose components contain the vector $\mathbf{x}$.

userdata is a scalar INTENT(INOUT) argument of type NLPT_userdata_type whose components may be used to communicate user-supplied data to and from the subroutines eval_F, eval_G, eval_H, eval_HPROD and eval_PREC (see Section 2.3.7).

f   is a scalar INTENT(OUT) argument of type default REAL (double precision in GALAHAD_ARC_double), that should be set to the value of the objective function $f(\mathbf{x})$ evaluated at the vector $\mathbf{x}$ input in X.

2.5.2 Gradient values via internal evaluation

If the argument eval_G is present when calling GALAHAD_ARC_solve, the user is expected to provide a subroutine of that name to evaluate the value of the gradient the objective function $\nabla_x f(\mathbf{x})$. The routine must be specified as

```
SUBROUTINE eval_G( status, X, userdata, G )
```

whose arguments are as follows:

status is a scalar INTENT(OUT) argument of type default INTEGER, that should be set to 0 if the routine has been able to evaluate the gradient of the objective function and to a non-zero value if the evaluation has not been possible.

X   is a rank-one INTENT(IN) array argument of type default REAL (double precision in GALAHAD_ARC_double) whose components contain the vector $\mathbf{x}$.

userdata is a scalar INTENT(INOUT) argument of type NLPT_userdata_type whose components may be used to communicate user-supplied data to and from the subroutines eval_F, eval_G, eval_H, eval_HPROD and eval_PREC (see Section 2.3.7).

G is a rank-one INTENT(OUT) argument of type default REAL (double precision in GALAHAD_ARC_double), whose components should be set to the values of the gradient of the objective function $\nabla_x f(\mathbf{x})$ evaluated at the vector $\mathbf{x}$ input in X.

2.5.3 Hessian values via internal evaluation

If the argument eval_H is present when calling GALAHAD_ARC_solve, the user is expected to provide a subroutine of that name to evaluate the values of the Hessian of the objective function $\nabla_{xx} f(\mathbf{x})$. The routine must be specified as

```
SUBROUTINE eval_H( status, X, userdata, Hval )
```

whose arguments are as follows:

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status is a scalar `INTENT(OUT)` argument of type default `INTEGER`, that should be set to 0 if the routine has been able to evaluate the Hessian of the objective function and to a non-zero value if the evaluation has not been possible.

X is a rank-one `INTENT(IN)` array argument of type default `REAL` (double precision in `GALAHAD_ARC_double`) whose components contain the vector $\mathbf{x}$.

userdata is a scalar `INTENT(INOUT)` argument of type `NLPT_userdata_type` whose components may be used to communicate user-supplied data to and from the subroutines `eval_F`, `eval_G`, `eval_H`, `eval_HPROD` and `eval_PREC` (see Section 2.3.7).

Hval is a scalar `INTENT(OUT)` argument of type default `REAL` (double precision in `GALAHAD_ARC_double`), whose components should be set to the values of the Hessian of the objective function $\nabla_{xx} f(\mathbf{x})$ evaluated at the vector $\mathbf{x}$ input in `X`. The values should be input in the same order as that in which the array indices were given in `nlp%H`.

2.5.4 Hessian-vector products via internal evaluation

If the argument `eval_HPROD` is present when calling `GALAHAD_ARC_solve`, the user is expected to provide a subroutine of that name to evaluate the sum $\mathbf{u} + \nabla_{xx} f(\mathbf{x})\mathbf{v}$ involving the product of the Hessian of the objective function $\nabla_{xx} f(\mathbf{x})$ with a given vector $\mathbf{v}$. The routine must be specified as

```
SUBROUTINE eval_HPROD( status, X, userdata, U, V, got_h )
```

whose arguments are as follows:

status is a scalar `INTENT(OUT)` argument of type default `INTEGER`, that should be set to 0 if the routine has been able to evaluate the sum $\mathbf{u} + \nabla_{xx} f(\mathbf{x})\mathbf{v}$ and to a non-zero value if the evaluation has not been possible.

X is a rank-one `INTENT(IN)` array argument of type default `REAL` (double precision in `GALAHAD_ARC_double`) whose components contain the vector $\mathbf{x}$.

userdata is a scalar `INTENT(INOUT)` argument of type `NLPT_userdata_type` whose components may be used to communicate user-supplied data to and from the subroutines `eval_F`, `eval_G`, `eval_H`, `eval_HPROD` and `eval_PREC` (see Section 2.3.7).

U is a rank-one `INTENT(INOUT)` array argument of type default `REAL` (double precision in `GALAHAD_ARC_double`) whose components on input contain the vector $\mathbf{u}$ and on output the sum $\mathbf{u} + \nabla_{xx} f(\mathbf{x})\mathbf{v}$.

V is a rank-one `INTENT(IN)` array argument of type default `REAL` (double precision in `GALAHAD_ARC_double`) whose components contain the vector $\mathbf{v}$.

got_h is an `OPTIONAL` scalar `INTENT(IN)` argument of type default `LOGICAL`. If the Hessian has already been evaluated at the current $\mathbf{x}$ `got_h` will be `PRESENT` and set `.TRUE.`; if this is the first time the Hessian is to be accessed at $\mathbf{x}$, either `got_h` will be absent or `PRESENT` and set `.FALSE.`. This gives the user the opportunity to reuse "start-up" computations required for the first instance of $\mathbf{x}$ to speed up subsequent products.

2.5.5 Preconditioner-vector products via internal evaluation

If the argument `eval_PREC` is present when calling `GALAHAD_ARC_solve`, the user is expected to provide a subroutine of that name to evaluate the product $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{x})\mathbf{v}$ involving the user's preconditioner $\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{x})$ with a given vector $\mathbf{v}$. The symmetric matrix $\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{x})$ should ideally be chosen so that the eigenvalues of $\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{x})(\nabla_{xx} f(\mathbf{x}))^{-1}$ are clustered. The routine must be specified as

```
SUBROUTINE eval_PREC( status, X, userdata, U, V )
```

---

whose arguments are as follows:

status   is a scalar INTENT(OUT) argument of type default INTEGER, that should be set to 0 if the routine has been able to evaluate the product $\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{x})\mathbf{v}$ and to a non-zero value if the evaluation has not been possible.

X   is a rank-one INTENT(IN) array argument of type default REAL (double precision in GALAHAD_ARC_double) whose components contain the vector $\mathbf{x}$.

userdata is a scalar INTENT(INOUT) argument of type NLPT_userdata_type whose components may be used to communicate user-supplied data to and from the subroutines eval_F, eval_G, eval_H and eval_PREC (see Section 2.3.7).

U   is a rank-one INTENT(OUT) array argument of type default REAL (double precision in GALAHAD_ARC_double) whose components on output should contain the product sum $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{x})\mathbf{v}$.

V   is a rank-one INTENT(IN) array argument of type default REAL (double precision in GALAHAD_ARC_double) whose components contain the vector $\mathbf{v}$.

2.6   Reverse Communication Information

A positive value of inform%status on exit from ARC_solve indicates that GALAHAD_ARC_solve is seeking further information—this will happen if the user has chosen not to evaluate function or derivative values internally (see Section 2.5). The user should compute the required information and re-enter GALAHAD_ARC_solve with inform%status and all other arguments (except those specifically mentioned below) unchanged.

Possible values of inform%status and the information required are

2.   The user should compute the objective function value $f(\mathbf{x})$ at the point $\mathbf{x}$ indicated in nlp%X. The required value should be set in nlp%f, and data%eval_status should be set to 0. If the user is unable to evaluate $f(\mathbf{x})$—for instance, if the function is undefined at $\mathbf{x}$—the user need not set nlp%f, but should then set data%eval_status to a non-zero value.

3.   The user should compute the gradient of the objective function $\nabla_x f(\mathbf{x})$ at the point $\mathbf{x}$ indicated in nlp%X. The value of the i-th component of the gradient should be set in nlp%G(i), for $i = 1, \ldots, n$ and data%eval_status should be set to 0. If the user is unable to evaluate a component of $\nabla_x f(\mathbf{x})$—for instance, if a component of the gradient is undefined at $\mathbf{x}$—the user need not set nlp%G, but should then set data%eval_status to a non-zero value.

4.   The user should compute the Hessian of the objective function $\nabla_{xx} f(\mathbf{x})$ at the point $\mathbf{x}$ indicated in nlp%X. The value l-th component of the Hessian stored according to the scheme input in the remainder of nlp%H (see Section 2.3.2) should be set in nlp%H%val(l), for $l = 1, \ldots,$ nlp%H%ne and data%eval_status should be set to 0. If the user is unable to evaluate a component of $\nabla_{xx} f(\mathbf{x})$—for instance, if a component of the Hessian is undefined at $\mathbf{x}$—the user need not set nlp%H%val, but should then set data%eval_status to a non-zero value.

5.   The user should compute the product $\nabla_{xx} f(\mathbf{x})\mathbf{v}$ of the Hessian of the objective function $\nabla_{xx} f(\mathbf{x})$ at the point $\mathbf{x}$ indicated in nlp%X with the vector $\mathbf{v}$ and add the result to the vector $\mathbf{u}$. The vectors $\mathbf{u}$ and $\mathbf{v}$ are given in data%U and data%V respectively, the resulting vector $\mathbf{u} + \nabla_{xx} f(\mathbf{x})\mathbf{v}$ should be set in data%U and data%eval_status should be set to 0. If the user is unable to evaluate the product—for instance, if a component of the Hessian is undefined at $\mathbf{x}$—the user need not set nlp%H%val, but should then set data%eval_status to a non-zero value.

6.   The user should compute the product $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{x})\mathbf{v}$ of their preconditioner $\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{x})$ at the point $\mathbf{x}$ indicated in nlp%X with the vector $\mathbf{v}$. The vectors $\mathbf{v}$ is given in data%V, the resulting vector $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{x})\mathbf{v}$ should be set in data%U and data%eval_status should be set to 0. If the user is unable to evaluate the product—for instance, if a component of the preconditioner is undefined at $\mathbf{x}$—the user need not set data%U, but should then set data%eval_status to a non-zero value.

2.7 Warning and error messages

A negative value of `inform%status` on exit from `ARC_solve` or `ARC_terminate` indicates that an error has occurred. No further calls should be made until the error has been corrected. Possible values are:

-1. An allocation error occurred. A message indicating the offending array is written on unit `control%error`, and the returned allocation status and a string containing the name of the offending array are held in `inform%alloc_status` and `inform%bad_alloc`, respectively.

-2. A deallocation error occurred. A message indicating the offending array is written on unit `control%error` and the returned allocation status and a string containing the name of the offending array are held in `inform%alloc_status` and `inform%bad_alloc`, respectively.

-3. The restriction `nlp%n` > 0 or requirement that `nlp%H_type` contains its relevant string `'DENSE'`, `'COORDINATE'`, `'SPARSE_BY_ROWS'` or `'DIAGONAL'` has been violated.

-7. The objective function appears to be unbounded from below on the feasible set.

-9. The analysis phase of the factorization failed; the return status from the factorization package is given in the component `inform%factor_status`.

-10. The factorization failed; the return status from the factorization package is given in the component `inform%factor_status`.

-11. The solution of a set of linear equations using factors from the factorization package failed; the return status from the factorization package is given in the component `inform%factor_status`.

-15. The preconditioner $\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{x})$ appears not to be positive definite.

-16. The problem is so ill-conditioned that further progress is impossible.

-17. The step is too small to make further impact.

-18. Too many iterations have been performed. This may happen if `control%maxit` is too small, but may also be symptomatic of a badly scaled problem.

-19. The elapsed CPU or system clock time limit has been reached. This may happen if either `control%cpu_time_limit` or `control%clock_time_limit` is too small, but may also be symptomatic of a badly scaled problem.

-82. The user has forced termination of `GALAHAD_ARC_solve` by removing the file named `control%alive_file` from unit `control%alive_unit`.

2.8 Further features

In this section, we describe an alternative means of setting control parameters, that is components of the variable `control` of type `ARC_control_type` (see Section 2.3.3), by reading an appropriate data specification file using the subroutine `ARC_read_specfile`. This facility is useful as it allows a user to change `ARC` control parameters without editing and recompiling programs that call `ARC`.

A specification file, or specfile, is a data file containing a number of "specification commands". Each command occurs on a separate line, and comprises a "keyword", which is a string (in a close-to-natural language) used to identify a control parameter, and an (optional) "value", which defines the value to be assigned to the given control parameter. All keywords and values are case insensitive, keywords may be preceded by one or more blanks but values must not contain blanks, and each value must be separated from its keyword by at least one blank. Values must not contain more than 30 characters, and each line of the specfile is limited to 80 characters, including the blanks separating keyword and value.

The portion of the specification file used by ARC_read_specfile must start with a "BEGIN ARC" command and end with an "END" command. The syntax of the specfile is thus defined as follows:

```
( .. lines ignored by ARC_read_specfile .. )
  BEGIN ARC
     keyword    value
     .......    .....
     keyword    value
  END
( .. lines ignored by ARC_read_specfile .. )
```

where keyword and value are two strings separated by (at least) one blank. The "BEGIN ARC" and "END" delimiter command lines may contain additional (trailing) strings so long as such strings are separated by one or more blanks, so that lines such as

```
BEGIN ARC SPECIFICATION
```

and

```
END ARC SPECIFICATION
```

are acceptable. Furthermore, between the "BEGIN ARC" and "END" delimiters, specification commands may occur in any order. Blank lines and lines whose first non-blank character is ! or * are ignored. The content of a line after a ! or * character is also ignored (as is the ! or * character itself). This provides an easy manner to "comment out" some specification commands, or to comment specific values of certain control parameters.

The value of a control parameters may be of three different types, namely integer, logical or real. Integer and real values may be expressed in any relevant Fortran integer and floating-point formats (respectively). Permitted values for logical parameters are "ON", "TRUE", ".TRUE.", "T", "YES", "Y", or "OFF", "NO", "N", "FALSE", ".FALSE." and "F". Empty values are also allowed for logical control parameters, and are interpreted as "TRUE".

The specification file must be open for input when ARC_read_specfile is called, and the associated device number passed to the routine in device (see below). Note that the corresponding file is REWINDed, which makes it possible to combine the specifications for more than one program/routine. For the same reason, the file is not closed by ARC_read_specfile.

2.8.1   To read control parameters from a specification file

Control parameters may be read from a file as follows:

```
CALL ARC_read_specfile( control, device )
```

control is a scalar INTENT(INOUT) argument of type ARC_control_type (see Section 2.3.3). Default values should have already been set, perhaps by calling ARC_initialize. On exit, individual components of control may have been changed according to the commands found in the specfile. Specfile commands and the component (see Section 2.3.3) of control that each affects are given in Table 2.1.

device is a scalar INTENT(IN) argument of type default INTEGER, that must be set to the unit number on which the specfile has been opened. If device is not open, control will not be altered and execution will continue, but an error message will be printed on unit control%error.

command	component of `control`	value type
error-printout-device	%error	integer
printout-device	%out	integer
print-level	%print_level	integer
start-print	%start_print	integer
stop-print	%stop_print	integer
iterations-between-printing	%print_gap	integer
maximum-number-of-iterations	%maxit	integer
alive-device	%alive_unit	integer
history-length-for-non-monotone-descent	%non_monotone	integer
model-used	%model	integer
norm-used	%norm	integer
semi-bandwidth-for-band-norm	%semi_bandwidth	integer
number-of-lbfgs-vectors	%lbfgs_vectors	integer
max-number-of-secant-vectors	%max_dxg	integer
number-of-lin-more-vectors	%icfs_vectors	integer
mi28-l-fill-size	%mi28_lsize	integer
mi28-r-entry-size	%mi28_rsize	integer
advanced-start	%advanced_start	integer
absolute-gradient-accuracy-required	%stop_g_absolute	real
relative-gradient-reduction-required	%stop_g_relative	real
minimum-relative-step-allowed	%stop_s	real
initial-regularization-weight	%initial_weight	real
minimum-regularization-weight	%minimum_weight	real
successful-iteration-tolerance	%eta_successful	real
very-successful-iteration-tolerance	%eta_very_successful	real
too-successful-iteration-tolerance	%eta_too_successful	real
regularization-weight-minimum-decrease-factor	%weight_decrease_min	real
regularization-weight-decrease-factor	%weight_decrease	real
regularization-weight-increase-factor	%weight_increase	real
regularization-weight-maximum-increase-factor	%weight_increase_max	real
minimum-objective-before-unbounded	%obj_unbounded	real
maximum-cpu-time-limit	%cpu_time_limit	real
maximum-clock-time-limit	%clock_time_limit	real
hessian-available	%hessian_available	logical
sub-problem-direct	%subproblem_direct	logical
retrospective-trust-region	%retrospective_trust_region	logical
renormalize-weight	%renormalize_weight	logical
space-critical	%space_critical	logical
deallocate-error-fatal	%deallocate_error_fatal	logical
alive-filename	%alive_file	character

Table 2.1: Specfile commands and associated components of `control`.

2.9 Information printed

If `control%print_level` is positive, information about the progress of the algorithm will be printed on unit `control-%out`. If `control%print_level = 1`, a single line of output will be produced for each iteration of the process. This will include the values of the objective function and the norm of its gradient, the ratio of actual to predicted decrease following the step, the value of the regularization weight and the time taken so far. In addition, if a direct solution of the

subproblem has been attempted, the Lagrange multiplier from the secular equation and the number of factorizations used will be recorded, while if an iterative solution has been used, the numbers of phase 1 and 2 iterations will be given.

If `control%print_level` ≥ 2 this output will be increased to provide significant detail of each iteration. This extra output includes residuals of the linear systems solved, and, for larger values of `control%print_level`, values of the variables and gradients. Further details concerning the attempted solution of the models may be obtained by increasing `control%RQS_control%print_level`, `control%DPS_control%print_level` and `control%GLRT_control%print_level`, while details about factorizations are available by increasing `control%PSLS_control%print_level`. See the specification sheets for the packages `GALAHAD_GLRT`, `GALAHAD_PSLS`, `GALAHAD_RQS` and `GALAHAD_DPS` for details.

3 GENERAL INFORMATION

Use of common: None.

Workspace: Provided automatically by the module.

Other routines called directly: None.

Other modules used directly: `ARC_solve` calls the **GALAHAD** packages `GALAHAD_CLOCK`, `GALAHAD_SYM-BOLS`, `GALAHAD_NLPT`, `GALAHAD_SPECFILE`, `GALAHAD_PSLS`, `GALAHAD_GLRT`, `GALAHAD_RQS`, `GALAHAD_DPS`, `GALAHAD_LMS`, `GALAHAD_SHA`, `GALAHAD_SPACE` and `GALAHAD_NORMS`.

Input/output: Output is under control of the arguments `control%error`, `control%out` and `control%print_level`.

Restrictions: `nlp%n` > 0 and `nlp%H_type` $\in \{$'DENSE', 'COORDINATE', 'SPARSE_BY_ROWS', 'DIAGONAL' $\}$.

Portability: ISO Fortran 95 + TR 15581 or Fortran 2003. The package is thread-safe.

4 METHOD

An adaptive cubic regularization method is used. In this, an improvement to a current estimate of the required minimizer, $\mathbf{x}_k$ is sought by computing a step $\mathbf{s}_k$. The step is chosen to approximately minimize a model $m_k(\mathbf{s})$ of $f(\mathbf{x}_k + \mathbf{s})$ that includes a weighted term $\sigma_k \|\mathbf{s}_k\|^3$ for some specified positive weight σ_k. The quality of the resulting step $\mathbf{s}_k$ is assessed by computing the "ratio" $(f(\mathbf{x}_k) - f(\mathbf{x}_k + \mathbf{s}_k))/(m_k(\mathbf{0}) - m_k(\mathbf{s}_k))$. The step is deemed to have succeeded if the ratio exceeds a given $\eta_s > 0$, and in this case $\mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \mathbf{x}_k + \mathbf{s}_k$. Otherwise $\mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \mathbf{x}_k$, and the weight is increased by powers of a given increase factor up to a given limit. If the ratio is larger than $\eta_v \geq \eta_d$, the weight will be decreased by powers of a given decrease factor again up to a given limit. The method will terminate as soon as $\|\nabla_x f(\mathbf{x}_k)\|$ is smaller than a specified value.

Either linear or quadratic models $m_k(\mathbf{s})$ may be used. The former will be taken as the first two terms $f(\mathbf{x}_k) + \mathbf{s}^T \nabla_x f(\mathbf{x}_k)$ of a Taylor series about $\mathbf{x}_k$, while the latter uses an approximation to the first three terms $f(\mathbf{x}_k) + \mathbf{s}^T \nabla_x f(\mathbf{x}_k) + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{s}^T \mathbf{B}_k \mathbf{s}$, for which $\mathbf{B}_k$ is a symmetric approximation to the Hessian $\nabla_{xx} f(\mathbf{x}_k)$; possible approximations include the true Hessian, limited-memory secant and sparsity approximations and a scaled identity matrix. Normally a two-norm regularization will be used, but this may change if preconditioning is employed.

An approximate minimizer of the cubic model is found using either a direct approach involving factorization or an iterative (conjugate-gradient/Lanczos) approach based on approximations to the required solution from a so-called Krlov subspace. The direct approach is based on the knowledge that the required solution satisfies the linear system of equations $(\mathbf{B}_k + \lambda_k \mathbf{I})\mathbf{s}_k = -\nabla_x f(\mathbf{x}_k)$ involving a scalar Lagrange multiplier λ_k. This multiplier is found by uni-variate root finding, using a safeguarded Newton-like process, by `GALAHAD_RQS` or `GALAHAD_DPS` (depending on the norm chosen). The iterative approach uses `GALAHAD_GLRT`, and is best accelerated by preconditioning with good approximations to $\mathbf{B}_k$ using `GALAHAD_PSLS`. The iterative approach has the advantage that only matrix-vector products

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$\mathbf{B}_k\mathbf{v}$ are required, and thus $\mathbf{B}_k$ is not required explicitly. However when factorizations of $\mathbf{B}_k$ are possible, the direct approach is often more efficient.

References:

The generic adaptive cubic regularization method is described in detail in

C. Cartis, N. I. M. Gould and Ph. L. Toint, "Adaptive cubic regularisation methods for unconstrained optimization. Part I: motivation, convergence and numerical results" *Mathematical Programming* **127(2)** (2011) 245–295,

and uses "tricks" as suggested in

N. I. M. Gould, M. Porcelli and Ph. L. Toint, "Updating the regularization parameter in the adaptive cubic regularization algorithm". *Computational Optimization and Applications* **53(1)** (2012) 1-22.

5 EXAMPLES OF USE

Suppose we wish to minimize the parametric objective function $f(\mathbf{x}) = (x_1 + x_3 + p)^2 + (x_2 + x_3)^2 + \cos x_1$ when the parameter p takes the value 4. Starting from the initial guess $\mathbf{x} = (1,1,1)$, we may use the following code:

```
   PROGRAM GALAHAD_ARC_EXAMPLE  !  GALAHAD 2.6 - 02/06/2015 AT 15:50 GMT.
   USE GALAHAD_ARC_double                     ! double precision version
   IMPLICIT NONE
   INTEGER, PARAMETER :: wp = KIND( 1.0D+0 )    ! set precision
   TYPE ( NLPT_problem_type ):: nlp
   TYPE ( ARC_control_type ) :: control
   TYPE ( ARC_inform_type ) :: inform
   TYPE ( ARC_data_type ) :: data
   TYPE ( NLPT_userdata_type ) :: userdata
   EXTERNAL :: FUN, GRAD, HESS
   INTEGER :: s
   INTEGER, PARAMETER :: n = 3, h_ne = 5
   REAL ( KIND = wp ), PARAMETER :: p = 4.0_wp
! start problem data
   nlp%n = n ; nlp%H%ne = h_ne              ! dimensions
   ALLOCATE( nlp%X( n ), nlp%G( n ) )
   nlp%X = 1.0_wp                           ! start from one
! sparse co-ordinate storage format
   CALL SMT_put( nlp%H%type, 'COORDINATE', s ) ! Specify co-ordinate storage
   ALLOCATE( nlp%H%val( h_ne ), nlp%H%row( h_ne ), nlp%H%col( h_ne ) )
   nlp%H%row = (/ 1, 3, 2, 3, 3 /)          ! Hessian H
   nlp%H%col = (/ 1, 1, 2, 2, 3 /)          ! NB lower triangle
! problem data complete
   ALLOCATE( userdata%real( 1 ) )           ! Allocate space for parameter
   userdata%real( 1 ) = p                   ! Record parameter, p
   CALL ARC_initialize( data, control, inform ) ! Initialize control parameters
   control%subproblem_direct = .TRUE.       ! Use a direct method
!  control%print_level = 1
   inform%status = 1                        ! set for initial entry
   CALL ARC_solve( nlp, control, inform, data, userdata, eval_F = FUN,        &
               eval_G = GRAD, eval_H = HESS )  ! Solve problem
   IF ( inform%status == 0 ) THEN           ! Successful return
     WRITE( 6, "( ' ARC: ', I0, ' iterations -',                             &
   &     ' optimal objective value =',                                       &
   &        ES12.4, /, ' Optimal solution = ', ( 5ES12.4 ) )" )             &
```

```
   inform%iter, inform%obj, nlp%X
ELSE                                          ! Error returns
  WRITE( 6, "( ' ARC_solve exit status = ', I6 ) " ) inform%status
END IF
CALL ARC_terminate( data, control, inform )  ! delete internal workspace
DEALLOCATE( nlp%X, nlp%G, nlp%H%val, nlp%H%row, nlp%H%col, userdata%real )
END PROGRAM GALAHAD_ARC_EXAMPLE

SUBROUTINE FUN( status, X, userdata, f )     ! Objective function
USE GALAHAD_NLPT_double, ONLY: NLPT_userdata_type
INTEGER, PARAMETER :: wp = KIND( 1.0D+0 )
INTEGER, INTENT( OUT ) :: status
REAL ( KIND = wp ), INTENT( OUT ) :: f
REAL ( KIND = wp ), DIMENSION( : ),INTENT( IN ) :: X
TYPE ( NLPT_userdata_type ), INTENT( INOUT ) :: userdata
f = ( X( 1 ) + X( 3 ) + userdata%real( 1 ) ) ** 2 +                      &
    ( X( 2 ) + X( 3 ) ) ** 2 + COS( X( 1 ) )
status = 0
RETURN
END SUBROUTINE FUN

SUBROUTINE GRAD( status, X, userdata, G )    ! gradient of the objective
USE GALAHAD_NLPT_double, ONLY: NLPT_userdata_type
INTEGER, PARAMETER :: wp = KIND( 1.0D+0 )
INTEGER, INTENT( OUT ) :: status
REAL ( KIND = wp ), DIMENSION( : ), INTENT( IN ) :: X
REAL ( KIND = wp ), DIMENSION( : ), INTENT( OUT ) :: G
TYPE ( NLPT_userdata_type ), INTENT( INOUT ) :: userdata
G( 1 ) = 2.0_wp * ( X( 1 ) + X( 3 ) + userdata%real( 1 ) ) - SIN( X( 1 ) )
G( 2 ) = 2.0_wp * ( X( 2 ) + X( 3 ) )
G( 3 ) = 2.0_wp * ( X( 1 ) + X( 3 ) + userdata%real( 1 ) ) +           &
         2.0_wp * ( X( 2 ) + X( 3 ) )
status = 0
RETURN
END SUBROUTINE GRAD

SUBROUTINE HESS( status, X, userdata, Hval ) ! Hessian of the objective
USE GALAHAD_NLPT_double, ONLY: NLPT_userdata_type
INTEGER, PARAMETER :: wp = KIND( 1.0D+0 )
INTEGER, INTENT( OUT ) :: status
REAL ( KIND = wp ), DIMENSION( : ), INTENT( IN ) :: X
REAL ( KIND = wp ), DIMENSION( : ), INTENT( OUT ) :: Hval
TYPE ( NLPT_userdata_type ), INTENT( INOUT ) :: userdata
Hval( 1 ) = 2.0_wp - COS( X( 1 ) )
Hval( 2 ) = 2.0_wp
Hval( 3 ) = 2.0_wp
Hval( 4 ) = 2.0_wp
Hval( 5 ) = 4.0_wp
status = 0
RETURN
END SUBROUTINE HESS
```

Notice how the parameter p is passed to the function evaluation routines via the `real` component of the derived type `userdata`. The code produces the following output:

```
ARC: 7 iterations - optimal objective value = -1.0000E+00
```

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```
 Optimal solution =  -3.1416E+00  8.5841E-01 -8.5841E-01
```

If the Hessian is unavailable, but products of the form $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{H}\mathbf{v}$ are, the same problem may be solved as follows:

```
   PROGRAM GALAHAD_ARC2_EXAMPLE    !  GALAHAD 2.6 - 02/06/2015 AT 15:50 GMT.
   USE GALAHAD_ARC_double                      ! double precision version
   IMPLICIT NONE
   INTEGER, PARAMETER :: wp = KIND( 1.0D+0 )    ! set precision
   TYPE ( NLPT_problem_type ):: nlp
   TYPE ( ARC_control_type ) :: control
   TYPE ( ARC_inform_type ) :: inform
   TYPE ( ARC_data_type ) :: data
   TYPE ( NLPT_userdata_type ) :: userdata
   EXTERNAL :: FUN, GRAD, HESSPROD
   INTEGER, PARAMETER :: n = 3, h_ne = 5
   REAL ( KIND = wp ), PARAMETER :: p = 4.0_wp
! start problem data
   nlp%n = n ; nlp%H%ne = h_ne               ! dimensions
   ALLOCATE( nlp%X( n ), nlp%G( n ) )
   nlp%X = 1.0_wp                            ! start from one
! problem data complete
   ALLOCATE( userdata%real( 1 ) )            ! Allocate space for parameter
   userdata%real( 1 ) = p                    ! Record parameter, p
   CALL ARC_initialize( data, control, inform ) ! Initialize control parameters
   control%hessian_available = .FALSE.       ! Hessian products will be used
   inform%status = 1                         ! Set for initial entry
   CALL ARC_solve( nlp, control, inform, data, userdata, eval_F = FUN,       &
                eval_G = GRAD, eval_HPROD = HESSPROD )  ! Solve problem
   IF ( inform%status == 0 ) THEN            ! Successful return
     WRITE( 6, "( ' ARC: ', I0, ' iterations -',                            &
    &     ' optimal objective value =',                                     &
    &        ES12.4, /, ' Optimal solution = ', ( 5ES12.4 ) )" )            &
     inform%iter, inform%obj, nlp%X
   ELSE                                      ! Error returns
     WRITE( 6, "( ' ARC_solve exit status = ', I6 ) " ) inform%status
   END IF
   CALL ARC_terminate( data, control, inform )  ! delete internal workspace
   DEALLOCATE( nlp%X, nlp%G, userdata%real )
   END PROGRAM GALAHAD_ARC2_EXAMPLE

   SUBROUTINE FUN( status, X, userdata, f )     ! Objective function
   USE GALAHAD_NLPT_double, ONLY: NLPT_userdata_type
   INTEGER, PARAMETER :: wp = KIND( 1.0D+0 )
   INTEGER, INTENT( OUT ) :: status
   REAL ( KIND = wp ), INTENT( OUT ) :: f
   REAL ( KIND = wp ), DIMENSION( : ),INTENT( IN ) :: X
   TYPE ( NLPT_userdata_type ), INTENT( INOUT ) :: userdata
   f = ( X( 1 ) + X( 3 ) + userdata%real( 1 ) ) ** 2 +                      &
       ( X( 2 ) + X( 3 ) ) ** 2 + COS( X( 1 ) )
   status = 0
   RETURN
   END SUBROUTINE FUN

   SUBROUTINE GRAD( status, X, userdata, G )     ! gradient of the objective
   USE GALAHAD_NLPT_double, ONLY: NLPT_userdata_type
   INTEGER, PARAMETER :: wp = KIND( 1.0D+0 )
```

```
   INTEGER, INTENT( OUT ) :: status
   REAL ( KIND = wp ), DIMENSION( : ), INTENT( IN ) :: X
   REAL ( KIND = wp ), DIMENSION( : ), INTENT( OUT ) :: G
   TYPE ( NLPT_userdata_type ), INTENT( INOUT ) :: userdata
   G( 1 ) = 2.0_wp * ( X( 1 ) + X( 3 ) + userdata%real( 1 ) ) - SIN( X( 1 ) )
   G( 2 ) = 2.0_wp * ( X( 2 ) + X( 3 ) )
   G( 3 ) = 2.0_wp * ( X( 1 ) + X( 3 ) + userdata%real( 1 ) ) +            &
            2.0_wp * ( X( 2 ) + X( 3 ) )
   status = 0
   RETURN
   END SUBROUTINE GRAD

   SUBROUTINE HESSPROD( status, userdata, U, V, X ) ! Hessian-vector product
   USE GALAHAD_NLPT_double, ONLY: NLPT_userdata_type
   INTEGER, PARAMETER :: wp = KIND( 1.0D+0 )
   INTEGER, INTENT( OUT ) :: status
   REAL ( KIND = wp ), DIMENSION( : ), INTENT( INOUT ) :: U
   REAL ( KIND = wp ), DIMENSION( : ), INTENT( IN ) :: V
   REAL ( KIND = wp ), DIMENSION( : ), OPTIONAL, INTENT( IN ) :: X
   TYPE ( NLPT_userdata_type ), INTENT( INOUT ) :: userdata
   U( 1 ) = U( 1 ) + 2.0_wp * ( V( 1 ) + V( 3 ) ) - COS( X( 1 ) ) * V( 1 )
   U( 2 ) = U( 2 ) + 2.0_wp * ( V( 2 ) + V( 3 ) )
   U( 3 ) = U( 3 ) + 2.0_wp * ( V( 1 ) + V( 2 ) + 2.0_wp * V( 3 ) )
   status = 0
   RETURN
   END SUBROUTINE HESSPROD
```

Notice that storage for the Hessian is now not needed. This produces the same output.

   If the user prefers to provide function and gradient information and Hessian-vector products without calls to specified routines, the following code is appropriate. Note the product with the user-provided preconditioner

$$\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{x}) = \left(\begin{array}{ccc} \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{4} \end{array} \right)$$

which is a suitable approximation to the inverse of the Hessian:

```
   PROGRAM GALAHAD_ARC3_EXAMPLE  !  GALAHAD 2.6 - 02/06/2015 AT 15:50 GMT.
   USE GALAHAD_ARC_double                    ! double precision version
   IMPLICIT NONE
   INTEGER, PARAMETER :: wp = KIND( 1.0D+0 )    ! set precision
   TYPE ( NLPT_problem_type ):: nlp
   TYPE ( ARC_control_type ) :: control
   TYPE ( ARC_inform_type ) :: inform
   TYPE ( ARC_data_type ) :: data
   TYPE ( NLPT_userdata_type ) :: userdata
   EXTERNAL :: FUN, GRAD, HESS
   INTEGER :: s
   INTEGER, PARAMETER :: n = 3, h_ne = 5
   REAL ( KIND = wp ), PARAMETER :: p = 4.0_wp
! start problem data
   nlp%n = n ; nlp%H%ne = h_ne               ! dimensions
   ALLOCATE( nlp%X( n ), nlp%G( n ) )
   nlp%X = 1.0_wp                            ! start from one
! problem data complete
   CALL ARC_initialize( data, control, inform ) ! Initialize control parameters
```

```fortran
      control%hessian_available = .FALSE.        ! Hessian products will be used
!     control%psls_control%preconditioner = - 3  ! Apply uesr's preconditioner
      inform%status = 1                          ! Set for initial entry
      DO                                         ! Loop to solve problem
        CALL ARC_solve( nlp, control, inform, data, userdata )
        SELECT CASE ( inform%status )            ! reverse communication
        CASE ( 2 )                               ! Obtain the objective function
          nlp%f = ( nlp%X( 1 ) + nlp%X( 3 ) + p ) ** 2 +                        &
                  ( nlp%X( 2 ) + nlp%X( 3 ) ) ** 2 + COS( nlp%X( 1 ) )
          data%eval_status = 0                   ! record successful evaluation
        CASE ( 3 )                               ! Obtain the gradient
          nlp%G( 1 ) = 2.0_wp * ( nlp%X( 1 ) + nlp%X( 3 ) + p ) - SIN( nlp%X( 1 ) )
          nlp%G( 2 ) = 2.0_wp * ( nlp%X( 2 ) + nlp%X( 3 ) )
          nlp%G( 3 ) = 2.0_wp * ( nlp%X( 1 ) + nlp%X( 3 ) + p ) +               &
                       2.0_wp * ( nlp%X( 2 ) + nlp%X( 3 ) )
          data%eval_status = 0                   ! record successful evaluation
        CASE ( 5 )                               ! Obtain Hessian-vector product
          data%U( 1 ) = data%U( 1 ) + 2.0_wp * ( data%V( 1 ) + data%V( 3 ) ) -  &
                        COS( nlp%X( 1 ) ) * data%V( 1 )
          data%U( 2 ) = data%U( 2 ) + 2.0_wp * ( data%V( 2 ) + data%V( 3 ) )
          data%U( 3 ) = data%U( 3 ) + 2.0_wp * ( data%V( 1 ) + data%V( 2 ) +    &
                        2.0_wp * data%V( 3 ) )
          data%eval_status = 0                   ! record successful evaluation
        CASE ( 6 )                               ! Apply the preconditioner
          data%U( 1 ) = 0.5_wp * data%V( 1 )
          data%U( 2 ) = 0.5_wp * data%V( 2 )
          data%U( 3 ) = 0.25_wp * data%V( 3 )
          data%eval_status = 0                   ! record successful evaluation
        CASE DEFAULT                             ! Terminal exit from loop
          EXIT
        END SELECT
      END DO
      IF ( inform%status == 0 ) THEN             ! Successful return
        WRITE( 6, "( ' ARC: ', I0, ' iterations -',                            &
       &    ' optimal objective value =',                                      &
       &      ES12.4, /, ' Optimal solution = ', ( 5ES12.4 ) )" )              &
        inform%iter, inform%obj, nlp%X
      ELSE                                       ! Error returns
        WRITE( 6, "( ' ARC_solve exit status = ', I6 ) " ) inform%status
      END IF
      CALL ARC_terminate( data, control, inform )  ! Delete internal workspace
      END PROGRAM GALAHAD_ARC3_EXAMPLE
```