





GALAHAD ROOTS

USER DOCUMENTATION

GALAHAD Optimization Library version 5.0

1 SUMMARY

This package uses classical formulae together with Newton's method to find all the real roots of a real polynomial.

ATTRIBUTES — Versions: GALAHAD_ROOTS_single, GALAHAD_ROOTS_double. Uses: GALAHAD_SYMBOLS, GALAHAD_SPACE, GALAHAD_SPECFILE, GALAHAD_SORT. Date: November 2010. Origin: N. I. M. Gould, Rutherford Appleton Laboratory. Language: Fortran 95 + TR 15581 or Fortran 2003.

2 HOW TO USE THE PACKAGE

The package is available using both single and double precision reals, and either 32-bit or 64-bit integers. Access to the 32-bit integer, single precision version requires the USE statement

USE GALAHAD_ROOTS_single

with the obvious substitution GALAHAD_ROOTS_double, GALAHAD_ROOTS_single_64 and GALAHAD_ROOTS_double_64 for the other variants.

If it is required to use more than one of the modules at the same time, the derived types ROOTS_control_type, ROOTS_inform_type and ROOTS_data_type (Section 2.2) and the subroutine ROOTS_solve, (Section 2.3) must be renamed on one of the USE statements.

2.1 Real and integer kinds

We use the terms integer and real to refer to the fortran keywords REAL(rp_) and INTEGER(ip_), where rp_ and ip_ are the relevant kind values for the real and integer types employed by the particular module in use. The former are equivalent to default REAL for the single precision versions and DOUBLE PRECISION for the double precision cases, and correspond to rp_ = real32 and rp_ = real64, respectively, as supplied by the fortran iso_fortran_env module. The latter are default (32-bit) and long (64-bit) integers, and correspond to ip_ = int32 and ip_ = int64, respectively, again from the iso_fortran_env module.

2.2 The derived data types

Three derived data types are accessible from the package.

2.2.1 The derived data type for holding control parameters

The derived data type ROOTS_control_type is used to hold controlling data. Default values may be obtained by calling ROOTS_initialize (see Section 2.3.1), while components may also be changed by calling ROOTS_read_specfile (see Section 2.5.1). The components of ROOTS_control_type are:

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

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

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- print_level is a scalar variable of type INTEGER (ip_), 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 , debugging information will be provided. The default is print_level = 0.
- tol is an INTENT(IN) scalar of type REAL(rp_) that should be set to the required accuracy of the roots. Every effort will be taken to ensure that each computed root x_c lies within $\pm \text{tol } x_e$ of its exact equivalent x_e , although sometimes the required accuracy will not be possible. The default is tol = EPSILON(1.0) (EPSILON(1.0D0) in GALAHAD_ROOTS_double).
- 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..
- 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 ignoring 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 = "".

2.2.2 The derived data type for holding informational parameters

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

- status is a scalar variable of type INTEGER (ip_), that gives the exit status of the algorithm. See Section 2.4 for details.
- alloc_status is a scalar variable of type INTEGER (ip_), 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.

2.2.3 The derived data type for holding problem data

The derived data type ROOTS_data_type is used to hold all the data for a particular problem, between calls of ROOTS procedures. This data should be preserved, untouched, from the initial call to ROOTS_initialize to the final call to ROOTS_terminate.

2.3 Argument lists and calling sequences

There are three procedures for user calls (see Section 2.5 for further features):

- 1. The subroutine ROOTS_initialize is used to set default values, and initialize private data.
- 2. The subroutine ROOTS_solve is called to find the real roots of the polynomial

$$\sum_{i=0}^{d} a_i x^i \tag{2.1}$$

of degree d, where the coefficients a_i , $0 \le i \le d$ are real.

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3. The subroutine ROOTS_terminate allows the user to automatically deallocate array components of the private data, allocated by ROOTS_solve, at the end of the solution process.

2.3.1 The initialization subroutine

Default values are provided as follows:

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

- data is a scalar INTENT (INOUT) argument of type ROOTS_data_type (see Section 2.2.3). It is used to hold data about the problem being solved.
- control is a scalar INTENT (OUT) argument of type ROOTS_control_type (see Section 2.2.1). On exit, control contains default values for the components as described in Section 2.2.1. These values should only be changed after calling ROOTS_initialize.
- inform is a scalar INTENT (OUT) argument of type ROOTS_inform_type (see Section 2.2.2). A successful call to ROOTS_initialize is indicated when the component status has the value 0.

2.3.2 The solution subroutine

The roots of the polynomial (2.1) are found as follows

```
CALL ROOTS_solve( A, nroots, ROOTS, control, inform, data )
```

- is an INTENT (IN) rank-one array of type REAL (rp_), whose lower bound must be 0 and whose upper bound specifies the degree, d, of the polynomial. The entries A(i), $i = 0, \ldots$, UBOUND (A), must contain the values of the real coefficients a_i , $0 \le i \le d$. **Restrictions:** UBOUND (A, 1) ≥ 0 .
- nroots is an INTENT (OUT) scalar of type INTEGER (ip_), that gives the number of real roots of the polynomial.
- ROOTS is an INTENT (OUT) rank-one array of length d and type REAL (rp_). On exit, ROOTS (:nroots) give the values of the real roots of the polynomial in increasing order. **Restrictions:** SIZE (ROOTS) \geq UBOUND (A, 1).
- control is a scalar INTENT (IN) argument of type ROOTS_control_type (see Section 2.2.1). Default values may be assigned by calling ROOTS_initialize prior to the first call to ROOTS_solve.
- inform is a scalar INTENT (INOUT) argument of type ROOTS_inform_type (see Section 2.2.2). A successful call to ROOTS_solve is indicated when the component status has the value 0. For other return values of status, see Section 2.4.
- data is a scalar INTENT (INOUT) argument of type ROOTS_data_type (see Section 2.2.3). It is used to hold data about the problem being solved. It must not have been altered by the user since the last call to ROOTS_initialize.

2.3.3 The termination subroutine

All previously allocated arrays are deallocated as follows:

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

- data is a scalar INTENT (INOUT) argument of type ROOTS_data_type exactly as for ROOTS_solve, which must not have been altered by the user since the last call to ROOTS_initialize. On exit, array components will have been deallocated.
- control is a scalar INTENT (IN) argument of type ROOTS_control_type exactly as for ROOTS_solve.
- inform is a scalar INTENT (OUT) argument of type ROOTS_inform_type exactly as for ROOTS_solve. Only the component status will be set on exit, and a successful call to ROOTS_terminate is indicated when this component status has the value 0. For other return values of status, see Section 2.4.

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2.4 Warning and error messages

A negative value of inform%status on exit from ROOTS_solve 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 occured. 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 occured. 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. Either the specified degree of the polynomial in degree is less than 0, or the declared dimension of the array ROOTS is smaller than the specified degree.

2.5 Further features

In this section, we describe an alternative means of setting control parameters, that is components of the variable control of type ROOTS_control_type (see Section 2.2.1), by reading an appropriate data specification file using the subroutine ROOTS_read_specifile. This facility is useful as it allows a user to change ROOTS control parameters without editing and recompiling programs that call ROOTS.

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 ROOTS_read_specfile must start with a "BEGIN ROOTS" command and end with an "END" command. The syntax of the specifile is thus defined as follows:

```
( .. lines ignored by CQP_read_specfile .. )
BEGIN CQP
    keyword value
    .....
    keyword value
END
( .. lines ignored by CQP_read_specfile .. )
```

where keyword and value are two strings separated by (at least) one blank. The "BEGIN ROOTS" 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 CQP SPECIFICATION

and

END CQP SPECIFICATION
```

are acceptable. Furthermore, between the "BEGIN ROOTS" 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 !

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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 ROOTS_read_specifile 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 ROOTS_read_specfile.

2.5.1 To read control parameters from a specification file

Control parameters may be read from a file as follows:

```
CALL CQP_read_specfile( control, device )
```

control is a scalar INTENT (INOUT) argument of type ROOTS_control_type (see Section 2.2.1). Default values should have already been set, perhaps by calling ROOTS_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 2.2.1) of control that each affects are given in Table 2.1.

| command | component of control | value type |
|------------------------|-------------------------|------------|
| error-printout-device | %error | integer |
| printout-device | %out | integer |
| print-level | %print_level | integer |
| root-tolerance | %tol | real |
| space-critical | %space_critical | logical |
| deallocate-error-fatal | %deallocate_error_fatal | logical |
| output-line-prefix | %prefix | character |

Table 2.1: Specifle commands and associated components of control.

device is a scalar INTENT (IN) argument of type INTEGER (ip_), that must be set to the unit number on which the specifle 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.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Use of common: None.

Workspace: Provided automatically by the module.

Other routines called directly: None.

Other modules used directly: ROOTS_solve calls the GALAHAD packages GALAHAD_SYMBOLS, GALAHAD_SPACE, GALAHAD_SPECFIL and GALAHAD_SORT.

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

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

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METHOD

Littlewood and Ferrari's algorithms are used to find estimates of the real roots of cubic and quartic polynomials, respectively; a stabilized version of the well-known formula is used in the quadratic case. Newton's method and/or methods based on the companion matrix are used to further refine the computed roots if necessary. Madsen and Reid's (1975) method is used for polynomials whose degree exceeds four.

References:

The basic method is that given by

K. Madsen and J. K. Reid, "FORTRAN Subroutines for Finding Polynomial Zeros". Technical Report A.E.R.E. R.7986, Computer Science and System Division, A.E.R.E. Harwell, Oxfordshire, U.K. (1975)

5 **EXAMPLE OF USE**

Suppose we wish to solve the quadratic, cubic, quartic and quintic equations

$$x^{2} - 3x + 2 = 0$$

$$x^{3} - 6x^{2} + 11x - 6 = 0$$

$$x^{4} - 10x^{3} + 35x^{2} - 50x + 24 = 0 \text{ and}$$

$$x^{5} - 15x^{4} + 85x^{3} - 225x^{2} + 274x - 120 = 0.$$

Then we may use the following code:

```
! THIS VERSION: GALAHAD 2.1 - 22/03/2007 AT 09:00 GMT.
  PROGRAM GALAHAD ROOTS EXAMPLE
  USE GALAHAD_ROOTS_double
                                    ! double precision version
  IMPLICIT NONE
  INTEGER, PARAMETER :: wp = KIND( 1.0D+0 ) ! set precision
  REAL ( KIND = wp ), PARAMETER :: one = 1.0_wp
  INTEGER :: degree, nroots
  REAL ( KIND = wp ) :: A( 0 : 5 ), ROOTS( 5 )
  TYPE ( ROOTS_data_type ) :: data
  TYPE ( ROOTS_control_type ) :: control
  TYPE ( ROOTS_inform_type ) :: inform
  control%tol = EPSILON( one ) ** 0.75
                                             ! accuracy requested
  DO degree = 2, 5
                                              ! polynomials of degree 2 to 5
    IF ( degree == 2 ) THEN
      A(0) = 2.0_{wp}
      A(1) = -3.0_{wp}
      A(2) = 1.0_{wp}
      WRITE( 6, "( ' Quadratic ' )" )
      CALL ROOTS_solve( A( : degree ), nroots, ROOTS( : degree ),
                        control, inform, data )
    ELSE IF ( degree == 3 ) THEN
      A(0) = -6.0 \text{ wp}
      A(1) = 11.0 \text{ wp}
      A(2) = -6.0 \text{ wp}
      A(3) = 1.0_{wp}
      WRITE( 6, "( /, ' Cubic ' )" )
      CALL ROOTS_solve( A( : degree ), nroots, ROOTS( : degree ),
                        control, inform, data )
    ELSE IF ( degree == 4 ) THEN
```

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```
A(0) = 24.0_{wp}
   A(1) = -50.0_{wp}
   A(2) = 35.0_{wp}
   A(3) = -10.0_{wp}
   A(4) = 1.0_{wp}
   WRITE( 6, "( /, ' Quartic ' )" )
   CALL ROOTS_solve( A( : degree ), nroots, ROOTS( : degree ),
                    control, inform, data )
  ELSE IF ( degree == 5 ) THEN
   A(0) = -120.0_{wp}
   A(1) = 274.0_{wp}
   A(2) = -225.0_{wp}
   A(3) = 85.0_{wp}
   A(4) = -15.0_{wp}
   A(5) = 1.0_wp
   WRITE(6, "(/, 'Quintic')")
   CALL ROOTS_solve( A( : degree ), nroots, ROOTS( : degree ),
                     control, inform, data )
 END IF
  IF ( nroots == 0 ) THEN
   WRITE( 6, "( ' no real roots ' )" )
 ELSE IF ( nroots == 1 ) THEN
   WRITE( 6, "( ' 1 real root ' )" )
 ELSE IF ( nroots == 2 ) THEN
   WRITE( 6, "( ' 2 real roots ' )" )
 ELSE IF ( nroots == 3 ) THEN
   WRITE( 6, "( ' 3 real roots ' )" )
 ELSE IF ( nroots == 4 ) THEN
   WRITE( 6, "( ' 4 real roots ')")
 ELSE IF ( nroots == 5 ) THEN
   WRITE( 6, "( ' 5 real roots ' )" )
 IF ( nroots /= 0 ) WRITE( 6, "( ' roots: ', 5ES10.2 )" ) ROOTS( : nroots )
END DO
END PROGRAM GALAHAD_ROOTS_EXAMPLE
```

This produces the following output:

```
Quadratic
2 real roots
roots: 1.00E+00 2.00E+00

Cubic
3 real roots
roots: 1.00E+00 2.00E+00 3.00E+00

Quartic
4 real roots
roots: 1.00E+00 2.00E+00 3.00E+00 4.00E+00

Quintic
5 real roots
roots: 1.00E+00 2.00E+00 3.00E+00 4.00E+00 5.00E+00
```

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