

# A System of Subroutines for Iteratively Reweighted Least Squares Computations

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A description of a system of subroutines to compute solutions to the iteratively reweighted least squares problem is presented. The weights are determined from the data and linear fit and are computed as functions of the scaled residuals. Iteratively reweighted least squares is a part of robust statistics where "robustness" means relative insensitivity to moderate departures from assumptions. The software for iteratively reweighted least squares is cast as semiportable Fortran code whose performance is unaffected (in the sense that performance will not be degraded) by the computer or operating-system environment in which it is used. An  $\ell_1$  start and an  $\ell_2$  start are provided. Eight weight functions, a numerical rank determination, a convergence criterion, and a stem-and-leaf display are included.

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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this paper is to describe a system of Fortran subroutines written as modular mathematical software to solve the iteratively reweighted least squares problem. The software includes documentation for use and flow of control as comments in the subroutines. The specifications from which the software was written are contained in [12]. The collection of subroutines uses orthogonal factorizations by Householder transformations or the singular value decomposition from EISPACK II [7] to compute the  $\ell_2$  start and iterations for reweighted least squares. CL1 [2] computes the  $\ell_1$  start, an overdetermined solution in the  $\ell_1$  norm.

The computational tools that we provide include an interactive driver, eight weight functions, John Tukey's stem-and-leaf display [9, 15], and the diagonal of the "hat" matrix [10] which is the projection matrix  $P_A$  effectively computed as  $U\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} U^T$  from the singular value decomposition [7] or  $QQ^T$  from QR, the

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Householder transformations. Displaying the  $\ell_2$  condition of the matrix, the weights, residuals, and the convergence criterion is an option. Two forms of equilibration are also provided [16].

The usual statistical information—the number of observations, number of variables, maximum diagonal element of the "hat" matrix, condition number of the weighted data matrix, the maximum absolute value of the residuals, and the minimum weight—is optionally available. There is an option to provide the (weighted) sum of squared residuals and the sum of absolute residuals. Also available is the (weighted) R-squared statistic, the (weighted) standard error, and the (weighted) F statistic.

The software is available in the form of a basis tape suitable for use by the Fortran converter [1] from IMSL¹ to produce target Fortran code for CDC, Burroughs, Honeywell, PDP-10, and Univac machines. The source code is long precision IBM code acceptable to the Fortran converter. The PFORT verifier [14] was used to check the software.

We do not discuss the theoretical properties of iteratively reweighted least squares or the tuning constants for the weight functions in this paper. For such information we refer the reader to Holland and Welsch [11] and the references therein.

This paper is organized as follows: Section 2 defines the iteratively reweighted least squares problem, Section 3 describes the selection of rank for the data matrix and the reweighted data matrix, and Section 4 gives some numerical results. The weight functions are listed in Table I of Section 2. The subroutines for the computation are listed in Table II of Section 4.

# 2. ITERATIVELY REWEIGHTED LEAST SQUARES

The method of least squares has been the primary technique for fitting models to data for many years. It is versatile and numerically stable when computationally stable methods are used [13]. Despite its central role in the past, much work has been done by statisticians to improve least squares in the sense of getting more information about the data than is available from just the least squares solution or from the matrix factorizations that are used to obtain it.

The area of work that our software addresses is robust regression which is aimed at analyzing and improving the behavior of least squares estimation when the disturbances are not well behaved. We focus our attention on one of the computational procedures for robust linear regression, i.e., iteratively reweighted least squares.

Consider the model b = Ax + r where b is an  $m \times 1$  vector of observations, A is an  $m \times n$  data or design matrix, x is an  $n \times 1$  vector of parameters, and r is an  $m \times 1$  vector. The notation b = Ax + r corresponds to the statistical notation  $y = X\beta + \epsilon$  where y is  $n \times 1$ , X is  $n \times p$ ,  $\beta$  is  $p \times 1$ , and  $\epsilon$  is  $n \times 1$ .

The ordinary least squares problem is  $\min_{x} \sum_{i=1}^{m} ((r_i(x))/s)^2$  where r is a vector of residuals b - Ax, and s is a constant or fixed scale.

The weighted least squares problem is  $\min \sum_{i=1}^{m} W_{ii}((r_i(x))/s)^2$  which is solved by using ordinary least squares with  $W^{1/2}A$  and  $W^{1/2}b$  where W is a diagonal matrix of weights that are functions of scaled residuals.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> International Mathematical and Statistical Libraries, Inc., Sixth Floor, NBC Building, 7500 Bellaire, Houston, TX 77036.

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Name	w(u)	Range	Tuning constant
Andrews	$w_{A}(u) = \begin{cases} \sin(u/A)/(u/A) \\ 0 \end{cases}$ $w_{B}(u) = \begin{cases} [1 - (u/B)^{2}]^{2} \end{cases}$	$ u  \le \pi A$ $ u  > \pi A$	A = 1.339
Biweight	$w_{\rm B}(u) = \begin{cases} [1 - (u/{\rm B})^2]^2 \\ 0 \end{cases}$	$ u  \leq B$ $ u  > B$	B = 4.685
Cauchy	$w_{\rm C}(u) = 1/(1 + (u/{\rm C})^2)$	, ,	C = 2.385
Fair	$w_{\rm F}(u) = 1/(1 +  u/{\rm F} )$		F = 1.400
Huber	$w_{\mathrm{H}}(u) = \frac{1}{(1 +  u/\mathrm{F} )}$ $w_{\mathrm{H}}(u) = \begin{cases} 1 \\ H/ u  \end{cases}$	$ u  \le \mathbf{H}$ $ u  > \mathbf{H}$	H = 1.345
Logistic	$w_{\rm L}(u) = \tanh(u/{\rm L})/(u/{\rm L})$		L = 1.205
Talwar	$w_{\mathrm{T}}(u) = \begin{cases} 1 \\ 0 \end{cases}$	$ u  \leq T$  u  > T	T = 2.795
Welsch	$w_{\rm R}(u) = e^{-(u/{\rm R})^2}$	1 1	R = 2.985

Table I. Weight Functions (Where u = Scaled Residual), Range, and Default Tuning Constants

The iteratively reweighted least squares problem assumes a start  $\hat{x}^{(0)}$ , which can be obtained from  $\ell_2$ , ordinary least squares, least absolute residuals, that is to say, the overdetermined solution in the  $\ell_1$  norm, previous iterations of iteratively reweighted least squares, or a start specified by the user. Given  $\hat{x}^{(0)}$ , the problem is iterated to obtain the least squares solution  $\hat{x}^{(k+1)} = ((W^{(k+1)})^{1/2}A)^+ (W^{(k+1)})^{1/2}b$ , where  $A^+$  is the pseudoinverse of A and the diagonal matrix W is computed as a function of scaled residuals at the kth stage. The residual scaling function we use is the median absolute deviation, i.e., the median absolute value of the nonzero residuals. The modularity of the software makes readily possible the inclusion of additional residual scaling functions such as the interquartile range of the residuals. The software to compute the weights includes the eight weight functions listed in Table I.

To test convergence of iteratively reweighted least squares, we use the convergence criterion suggested by Dennis [4]. After the kth iteration, we compute a scale-independent measure of the gradient,  $A^{T}r$ , where r is the residuals b - Ax, which is

$$\frac{((W^{(k+1)})^{1/2}A_j)^{\mathrm{T}}((W^{(k+1)})^{1/2}r^{(k)})}{\|(W^{(k+1)})^{1/2}A_j\|_2\|(W^{(k+1)})^{1/2}r^{(k)}\|_2}$$

where  $\|\cdot\|$  is the Euclidean norm.

The problem of iteratively reweighted least squares is a problem in optimization in the sense that one is minimizing a function of scaled residuals. The function that is being minimized determines the formula for the weight function used. In general, we minimize  $\sum_{i=1,\rho}^{m} (r_i(x)/s)$  so that weight function is given by  $W(u) = \rho'(u)/|u|$ .

## 3. SELECTING THE RANK OF THE DATA MATRIX

Starting points for the iterations include  $\ell_2$ , ordinary least squares, and  $\ell_1$ , the overdetermined solution in the  $\ell_1$  norm [2], which corresponds to least-absolute-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> These are default values for the tuning constants which are designed to have 95 percent asymptotic efficiency with respect to ordinary least squares when the disturbances come from the normal or Gaussian distribution and the scaling function converges to the standard deviation of that disturbance distribution.

residuals regression. The  $\ell_2$  start and iterations subsequent to the  $\ell_1$ ,  $\ell_2$ , or user-supplied start are computed by orthogonal factorizations, i.e., Householder transformation or a combination of Householder transformations and the singular value decomposition.

The way in which we decide to use the QR (Householder transformations) or a combination of QR and MINFIT [7] (least squares solution by singular value decompsition) needs some explanation. Frequently the data matrix A, in the statistical model b = Ax + r, has some variables (columns) that are close in the numerical sense to being linear combinations of other columns of A. Since such a situation may occur, the numerical rank [8] of A must be determined before proceeding with the least squares computation. The numerical rank should be determined by the user, and the determination of rank should be made with respect to the certainty of the data. Since the rank must be determined at every iteration (reweighting may downweight rows, i.e., observations, to the extent that the effective deletion of observations creates rank degeneracy), it is necessary to estimate the condition of the weighted A as inexpensively as possible. For the  $\ell_2$ start and for all iterations after any start we default to a QR factorization with column pivoting. Unless A is exactly singular the completion of the QR factorization of A provides the upper triangular factor R whose condition is that of A. The condition estimate using R [3] is only  $O(n^2)$  operations, gives a reliable measure of the ill conditioning of A, and is used to determine whether QR is computationally sufficient or whether the computationally more expensive singular value decomposition MINFIT is necessary.

We strongly believe that the user should determine the rank of his data or design matrix by inspecting the singular values of A (which are the same as those of R). However, we provide a conservative default determination of rank associated with the condition of the matrix at each iteration relative to the square root of the precision of the computing machine that is used. Explicitly, the condition estimate of R as obtained by [3] is an estimate of the largest and smallest singular values,  $\sigma_{\max}$  and  $\sigma_{\min}$ , of A. If the ratio  $(\sigma_{\min}/\sigma_{\max}) < \epsilon^{1/2}$  where  $\epsilon$  is the relative precision of the arithmetic of the computing machine, the computation is continued by using the singular value decomposition. When the singular value decomposition is used, the number k of singular values such that

$$\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \cdots \sigma_k > 0, \qquad \sigma_{k+1} = \cdots \sigma_n = 0,$$

is determined from the certainty of the data or from the square root of the precision of the computing machine.

#### 4. SOME NUMERICAL RESULTS

The software to compute the solutions to the iteratively reweighted least squares problem consists of 17,500 lines of code, comments, and documentation for use. The 17,500 lines include all of the software that is required for the interactive driver and its options for use plus a selection of test matrices. The software includes "help" commands to give on-line information to users. The interactive driver is designed to operate effectively on any computer system that permits the transmission of four characters to and from a terminal. The subroutines, however, can also be used in a batch environment. All of the software is designed to be processed by the Fortran converter.

Table II

NAME	DESCRIPTION		
EQ02	COLUMN (MAX. ELEMENT) EQUILIBRATION		
EQ04	COLUMN (SQRT, SUM OF SQUARES) EQUILIBRATION		
EUNORM	EUCLIDIAN (SQRT, SUM OF SQUARES) NORM		
GETXL1 HMATSV	GET THE L1 START VECTOR FORMS DIAG OF H-MAT=U*SIGMA*SIGMA-PSEUDO-INV*U-TRANS		
HMATOR	FORMS DIAG OF H-MAT=Q*Q-TRANS		
IERRIO	WRITES IERR PARAMETER ON DSET		
IFLOOR	INTEGER FUNCTION FINDS FLOOR(REAL) \$\$		
IRLSQR	SUBROUTINE TO DO ONE I R L S ITERATION (QRSOL)		
IRLSSV	SUBROUTINE TO DO ONE I R L S ITERATION (MINSOL)		
MATIO1	WRITES MATRIX ON DSET, OPTIONAL HEADING		
MINFIT	SINGULAR VALUE DECOMPOSITION A=U*SIGMA*V-TRANSP SOLVES AX=B GIVEN OUTPUT FROM MINFIT		
MINSOL MSG1	WRITES VARIABLE-LENGTH MESSAGE ON DSET		
QR1	QR DECOMPOSITION, Q ORTHOGONAL TRANSFORMATIONS		
QR1SOL	SOLVES AX=B USING QR1		
RESTOR	RESTORE MATRIX WEIGHTS		
RESIDL	COMPUTES RESIDUAL B-AX		
SCLMAD	SCALE RESIDUALS BY SCALING FACTOR		
SLDSPY	DOES STEM AND LEAF DISPLAY (CALLS OTHERS) \$\$		
SLLEAF	DETERMINES STEMS AND LEAVES \$\$		
SLPRNT	PRINTS STEM AND LEAF DISPLAY \$\$		
SLSCAL	DETERMINES SCALE FACTOR AND UNIT FOR DISPLAY \$\$		
SLSORT SMAD	SHELL SORT IN INCREASING ORDER ** DETERMINES HAD SCALING FACTOR		
STARTO	USER START FOR I R L S		
START1	L1 START (FROM CL1) FOR I R L S		
START2	L2 START (FROM MINSOL) FOR I R L S		
START3	L2 START (FROM QR1) FOR I R L S		
SVMAX	ESTIMATES LARGEST S.V. OF UPPER TRIANGULAR MATRIX		
SVMIN	ESTIMATES SMALLEST S.V. OF UPPER TRIANGULAR MATRIX		
UNIFO1	UNIFORM (0,1) RANDOM NUMBER GENERATOR FUNCTION		
WANDRW WBIWGT	ANDREWS WEIGHTING FUNCTION \$ BIWEIGHT (BISQUARE) WEIGHTING FUNCTION \$		
WCAUCH	CAUCHY WEIGHTING FUNCTION \$		
WELSCH	WELSCH WEIGHTING FUNCTION \$		
WFAIR	FAIR WEIGHTING FUNCTION \$		
WGRAD2	COMPUTES SCALE INDEPENDANT MEASURE OF GRADIENT		
WHUBER	HUBER WEIGHTING FUNCTION \$		
WLOGIS WTALWR	LOGISTIC WEIGHTING FUNCTION \$ TALWAR (ZERO-ONE) WEIGHTING FUNCTION \$		
WUSER	USER-DEFINED WEIGHTING FUNCTION \$		
WUULII	SOLIC DEL TIED WEZGITING FONOTION S		
CL1	DOES AN L1 START		
CL1BLAS	BASIC LINEAR ALGEBRA ROUTINES FOR CL1		
HELP1 IRHELP	PRINTS HELP FOR I R L S		
IRLSDR	I R L S HELP COMMAND INTERACTIVE DRIVER FOR I R L S		
IROPN	GETS I1 OPTION FOR I R L S		
IROPNN	GETS I2 OPTION FOR I R L S		
IROPR	GETS REAL OPTION FOR I R L S		
IRPRNT	I R L S PRINT COMMAND		
IRPROP	I R L S OPTIONS COMMAND		
IRSTAT	I R L S STATISTICS COMMAND		
IRSTLF	I R L S STEM&LEAF COMMAND		
MATOA MATOB	GETS DATA MATRIX FOR I R L S GETS RHS VECTOR FOR I R L S		
MATRDR	READS A MATRIX AND B VECTOR FROM LOGICAL UNIT 10.		
MATO4	A(I,J) = 1 / (1 + ABS(J-I))		
MAT05	TLONGLEY DATA		
MAT06	TLONGLEY RHS		
MATO7	SLONGLEY DATA		
MATOS MATOS	LONGLEY RHS		
	LONGLEY DATA ROUTINES (MAT20 - MAT47) INCLUDE DRAPER&SMITH PROBLEMS		

<sup>\$ -</sup> WEIGHTING FUNCTIONS USED IN WEIGHTED LEAST SQUARES

<sup>\*\* -</sup> PART OF STEM AND LEAF

We have included a selection of test matrices including those from [5]. We chose this particular collection of matrices because of the widespread use of [5] as a reference and text. Some matrices are cast in integer form and then assigned as floating point numbers to ensure that there is uniform input to a variety of computing machines.

The name and a brief description of the subroutines that are needed for all options of the iteratively reweighted least squares problem are listed in Table II.

Selected results from one of the weight functions, Biweight, and the terminal session used to compute the results applied to [6] are given at the end of this section.

The data matrix given in [6] is

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0.499 & 11.1 \\ 1 & 0.558 & 8.9 \\ 1 & 0.604 & 8.8 \\ 1 & 0.441 & 8.9 \\ 1 & 0.550 & 8.8 \\ 1 & 0.528 & 9.9 \\ 1 & 0.418 & 10.7 \\ 1 & 0.480 & 10.5 \\ 1 & 0.467 & 10.7 \end{bmatrix}, \qquad b = \begin{bmatrix} 11.14 \\ 12.74 \\ 13.13 \\ 11.51 \\ 12.38 \\ 12.60 \\ 11.13 \\ 11.70 \\ 11.02 \\ 11.41 \end{bmatrix}$$

and has singular values 31.6, 0.110, and 0.395.

The software, on tape, for the iteratively reweighted least squares problem is available from IMSL (see footnote 1). The authors of this paper are responsible for any modifications that subsequent use may show to be necessary.

# Sample Terminal Session with Some Numerical Results

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.load irlsdr (start
EXECUTION BEGINS.
I R L S ENVIRONMENT INITIALIZED FOR LISTING OF COMMANDS TYPE HELP
  SPECIAL OPTION NUMBERS:
9 (II) OR 99 (I2) PRINTS HELP
8 (II) OR 98 (I2) KEEPS OLD OPTION
TYPE OPTIONS ON A NEW LINE
IRLS COMMAND (A4):
OPTION NUMBER? (I1): (9 GETS HELP)
 IHMAT COMMAND (IHMA):
                               SPECIFY WHETHER DIAGONAL OF H-MATRIX IS TO BE COMPUTED
  H = Q * Q-TRANSPOSE AFTER QRD
  H = U * SIGMA * SIGMA PSEUDO-INVERSE * U-TRANSPOSE
  AFTER SVD
 OPTIONS:
  O - DON'T COMPUTE IT (DEFAULT)
  1 - COMPUTE IT (AND PRINT CAN PRINT IT)
IRLS COMMAND (A4):
OPTION NUMBER? (II): (9 GETS HELP)
IRLS COMMAND (A4):
OPTION NUMBER? (I1): (9 GETS HELP)
IRLS COMMAND (A4):
. iuat
OPTION NUMBER? (12): (99 GETS HELP)
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IRLS COMMAND (A4):
OFTION NUMBER? (I1): (9 GETS HELP)
IRLS COMMAND (A4):
PPCO
OPTION NUMBER? (I1): (9 GETS HELP)
IRLS COMMAND (A4):
OPTION NUMBER? (I1): (9 GETS HELP)
.2
IRLS COMMAND (A4):
OPTION NUMBER? (II): (9 GETS HELP)
IRLS COMMAND (A4):
.star
OPTION NUMBER? (I1): (9 GETS HELP)
.2
SIGMA =
 0.3156455D+02 0.1096286D+00 0.3952402D+00
FROM L2-START, X =
 IRLS COMMAND (A4):
. 2710
AFTER ITERATION
                  O
                     X =
 WEIGHTS INITIALLY DEFAULT TO 1.00
       RESIDUAL(I)
                       WDIAG(I)
                                      HDIAG(I)
   1 -0.4442173D+00 0.1000000D+01 0.4178935D+00
   2 0.6868776D-01 0.1000000D+01 0.2418666D+00 3 0.4129893D-01 0.100000D+01 0.4172806D+00
   4 -0.1674311D+00 0.1000000D+01 0.6043904D+00
                    0.1000000D+01
   5 -0.2499867D+00
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     0.6599797D-01
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  10 -0.8915109D-02 0.1000000D+01 0.1873364D+00
GRADIENT (CONVERGENCE LEVEL) =
 0.0
               0.0
IRLS COMMAND (A4):
.iter
** ITERATION
               1 DONE
AFTER ITERATION
 0.9547460D+01 0.8910478D+01 -0.2087326D+00
PREVIOUS X =
 RESIDUAL(I)
                       WDIAG(I)
                                       HDIAG(I)
   4 -0.1092607D+00 0.9046122D+00 0.6607282D+00 5 -0.2313761D+00 0.7403244D+00 0.1693049D+00
    0.4142602D+00 0.5518823D+00 0.6524162D-01 0.9139889D-01 0.1000000D+01 0.2847991D+00
                                   0.2847991D+00
     0.6720272D-01 0.1000000D+01
0.4657812D-01 0.1000000D+01
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                                    0.33234260+00
  10 -0.6521455D-01 0.1000000D+01 0.2655901D+00
GRADIENT (CONVERGENCE LEVEL) =
 0.1038461D+00 0.9706292D-01 0.1202002D+00
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ster
OPTION NUMBER? (12): (99 GETS HELP)
.09
IRLS COMMAND (A4):
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               2 DONE
** ITERATION
               3 DONE
** ITERATION 
** ITERATION
               4 DONE
               5 DONE
**** CONVERGENCE ****
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IRLS COMMAND (A4):
AFTER ITERATION
                   5 X =
 0.9155766D+01 0.9175905D+01 -0.1818402D+00
PREVIOUS X =
 0.9158178D+01 0.9174296D+01 -0.1820108D+00
        RESIDUAL(I)
                         WDIAG(I)
                                          HDIAG(I)
    0.1796539D+00
0.7399968D-01
   5 -0.2223201D+00 0.7850388D+00
                     0.5855742D+00
     0.3995740D+00
     0.8439564D-01 0.100000DH01 0.2839598D+00 
0.4912152D-01 0.100000DH01 0.2289339DH00 
0.4813846D-01 0.100000DH01 0.3187368D+00
  10 -0.8522368D-01 0.1000000D+01 0.2722807D+00
GRADIENT (CONVERGENCE LEVEL) = 0.7435491D-04 0.7578489D-04 0.8261316D-04
IRLS COMMAND (A4):
. stat
OPTION NUMBER? (I1): (9 GETS HELP)
. 3
NOBS =
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 NOVAR =
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           0.8858282D+01
 SUMW =
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0.7124385D+00 (
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 = IHXAM
           0.5734170D+00
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 WSSR =
           0.1965639D+00
SAR
           0.1653490D+01
      =
 SER
      =
           0.2862110D+00
 WSER =
           0.1675725D+00
 RSQ
           0.8920167D+00
 WRSQ
      =
           0.9558760D+00
 FSTAT =
           0.2891243D+02
 WFST =
           0.7582183D+02
 IRLS COMMAND (A4):
 OPTION NUMBER? (I1): (9 GETS HELP)
                 RESIDUALS
          STEM-AND-LEAF DISPLAY, N =
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                 W-MATRIX
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IRLS COMMAND (A4):
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        5
                   ****
       10
                   MAXITER
                   PRCODE
                              PRINT OPTION (ON/OFF)
        1
                              OUTPUT DATASET
                   DSET
                               WEIGHTING FUNCTION
                   IWGT
                              COMPUTE H-MATRIX
        1
                   TAMHI
        - 1
                   CONVERGE
                              CONVERGENCE CHECKING
        2
                   DEVICE
                              FOR SAVING WEIGHTS
        2
                   START
                               START ALGORITHM
        ٥
                   ALGORITHM ITERATION (LS) ALGORITHM
        ŏ
                              CONTROLS STOPPING AFTER STEP
                   MODE
                              NO. OF ITERATIONS PER STEP
        9
                   STEPSIZE
                   ASCALING
                              A AND B SCALING MODE
 0.1345000D+01
                   TUNING
                               TUNING CONSTANT
 0.1018682D+00
                   RSCALE
                               SCALE FOR RESIDUALS
                               RANK TOLERANCE
 0.1490116D-07
                   ****
                              CONVERGENCE CONSTANT CONVERGENCE LEVEL
 0.100000D-03
                   CONVERGE
 0.8261316D-04
                   ****
IRLS COMMAND (A4):
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R; T=0.78/3.27 12:50:39

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