

# Package ‘umfpackr’

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**Description** Solve linear and non-linear  
systems of equations using the sparse linear algebra package UMFPACK.

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**SystemRequirements**

For Linux and other non-Windows platforms the libsuitesparse-dev library is required.

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### Description

Functions `umf_solve` and `umf_solve_nl` have an argument `umf_control` that can be used to specify UMFPACK control parameters. These control parameters are described in detail in the [UMFPACK User Guide](#). This guide describes how the control options can be specified in C code. In the following paragraphs is explained how the C code can be translated to an R expression passed to argument `umf_control`.

In C code, the control parameters are stored in a numeric array `control` with elements specified with named numerical constants. For example, element `UMFPACK_ORDERING` contains a control parameter that specifies the ordering method. The allowed values for this parameters are specified with constants such as `UMFPACK_ORDERING_AMD`, `UMFPACK_ORDERING_CHOLMOD` and `UMFPACK_ORDERING_METIS`. For example, to use METIS, the specification in C code is:

```
control[UMFPACK_ORDERING] = UMFPACK_ORDERING_METIS;
```

The corresponding R expression passed to argument `umf_control` is

```
list(ORDERING = "METIS")
```

Thus in the R expression the control names are without prefix `UMFPACK_` and the possible values are specified with a character giving the name of the constant in UMFPACK excluding the prefix `UMFPACK_ORDERING_`.

Some UMFPACK control parameters are specified with numerical values. For example,

```
list(SYM_PIVOT_TOLERANCE = 0.05)
```

specifies the value of the symmetric pivot tolerance (the corresponding C code would be `control[UMFPACK_SYM_PIVOT_TOLERANCE] = 0.05`)

Another example of an R expression for argument `umf_control`:

```
list(STRATEGY = "UNSYMMETRIC", ORDERING = "METIS",  
     SCALE = "NONE")
```

### Warning

On Windows, `umfpackr` does not use the complete SuiteSparse package but only the UMFPACK and AMD modules. Therefore the only allowed ordering option on Windows is AMD.

### See Also

`umf_solve` and `umf_solve_nl`

umf\_solve

*Solves the system of linear equations using UMFPACK***Description**

This function solved the linear equations of the form  $Ax = b$  using UMFPACK.

**Usage**

```
umf_solve(a, b, umf_control = list())
```

**Arguments**

<code>a</code>	an object of class <code>dgCMatrix</code> (see <a href="#">dgCMatrix-class</a> )
<code>b</code>	the vector $b$
<code>umf_control</code>	A named list with control parameters passed to UMFPACK. For example, to use METIS column ordering use <code>umf_control = list(ORDERING = "METIS")</code> . Using METIS column ordering may require less memory than ordering options, which may be useful for very large matrices. See for more information <a href="#">umf_control</a> .

**Value**

the solution  $x$

**References**

- Dennis, J.E. Jr and Schnabel, R.B. (1997), *Numerical Methods for Unconstrained Optimization and Nonlinear Equations*, Siam.
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**See Also**

[umf\\_solve\\_nl](#) and [umf\\_control](#).

umf\_solve\_nl

*Solves a system of non-linear equations using UMFPACK***Description**

This function solves a system of non-linear equations  $F(x) = 0$  using Newton's method. UMFPACK is employed to solve the linear equations in each Newton iteration. Optionally a cubic line search is used when a Newton step does not yield a sufficient reduction of the function values.

**Usage**

```
umf_solve_nl(start, fn, jac, ..., control, global = c("no", "cline"),
             scaling = c("row", "col", "none"), umf_control = list())
```

**Arguments**

start	initial guess of the solution $x$
fn	the function $F$
jac	a function returning the Jacobian of the function as a dgCMatrix object
...	arguments passed to fn and jac
control	a list with control parameters. See Details.
global	The global strategy. Possible values are "no" (no global strategy, the default) and "cline" (cubic line search) (cubic line search)
scaling	Scaling method. Possible values are "row". "col" and "none". The default is "row". See Details.
umf_control	A named list with control parameters passed to UMFPACK. For example, to use METIS column ordering use <code>umf_control = list(ORDERING = "METIS")</code> . Using METIS column ordering may require less memory than ordering options, which may be useful for very large matrices. See for more information <a href="#">umf_control</a> .

**Details**

**Control options:** Argument control is a named list containing one or more of the following components:

ftol The function value tolerance. Convergence is reached if the largest function value is smaller than ftol. The default value is 1e-8.

xtol The relative step size tolerance. When the relative step size is smaller than xtol, then the iteration is stopped. The default value is 1e-8.

maxiter The maximum number of iterations. The default is 20.

trace A logical. If TRUE then the progress of the iteration is printed. The default is FALSE.

silent A logical. If TRUE then all output is suppressed. The default is FALSE.

`allow_singular` A logical value (default FALSE) indicating if a small correction to the Jacobian is applied when it is singular or too ill-conditioned. The method used is similar to a Levenberg-Marquardt correction and is explained in Dennis and Schnabel (1996) on page 151.

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**Scaling of the Jacobian:** For each iteration in the Newton method the linear system  $Js = F(x)$  is solved, where the Jacobian matrix  $J$  are the derivatives of the equations with respect to the variables, and  $s$  the Newton step. Scaling can improve the condition of the Jacobian. For *row scaling*, the system is transformed to  $D^{-1}Js = D^{-1}F(x)$ , where  $D$  is a diagonal matrix with row scaling factors. Here the scaling factors are the L1 norms of the rows of  $J$ . For *column scaling*, the system is transformed to  $JD^{-1}Ds = F(x)$ , where  $D$  is a diagonal matrix with column scaling factors, calculated from the L1 norms of the columns of  $J$ .

The scaling is only used to solve the non-linear equations and has no effect on the convergence of the Newton algorithm. Thus the iterations are considered to be converged when the maximum value of the unscaled function values  $F(x)$  is smaller than `ftol`.

## Value

a list with the following components:

<code>solved</code>	A logical equal to TRUE if convergence of the function values has been achieved.
<code>iter</code>	the number of iterations
<code>x</code>	the final values of $x$
<code>fval</code>	the function value
<code>message</code>	A string equal to "ok" if a solution has been found. Otherwise it describes the reason why the iteration was stopped without success

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## See Also

[umf\\_solve](#) and [umf\\_control](#).

**Examples**

```
library(umfpackr)

dslnex <- function(x, c) {
  y <- numeric(2)
  y[1] <- x[1]^2 + x[2]^2 - c
  y[2] <- exp(x[1]-1) + x[2]^3 - c
  y
}

jacdsln <- function(x, c) {
  n <- length(x)
  Df <- matrix(numeric(n*n),n,n)
  Df[1,1] <- 2*x[1]
  Df[1,2] <- 2*x[2]
  Df[2,1] <- exp(x[1]-1)
  Df[2,2] <- 3*x[2]^2

  return(as(Df, "dgCMatrix"))
}

xstart <- c(2,3)
print(umf_solve_nl(xstart, dslnex, jacdsln, c = 2,
  control = list(trace = TRUE)))

# now use METIs columns ordering (run this on Linux only)
if (.Platform$OS.type != "windows") {
  print(umf_solve_nl(xstart, dslnex, jacdsln, c = 2,
    control = list(trace = TRUE),
    umf_control = list(SCALE = "MAX",
      ORDERING = "METIS")))
}
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