

1 SUMMARY

To **solve a sparse unsymmetric system of linear equations**. Given a square unsymmetric sparse matrix \mathbf{A} of order n and a matrix \mathbf{B} of n rhs right hand sides, this subroutine solves the system $\mathbf{AX}=\mathbf{B}$ or $\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{X}=\mathbf{B}$.

The method used is a parallel direct method based on a sparse multifrontal variant of Gaussian elimination. An initial ordering for the pivotal sequence is chosen using the pattern of the matrix $\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{A}^T$ and is later modified for reasons of numerical stability. Other Harwell Subroutine Library codes might be more appropriate for symmetric sparse matrices (for example, MA27 or MA47), or for very unsymmetric and very sparse matrices (for example, MA38 or MA48).

There is a version of the code for uniprocessors which is in Fortran 77. The parallel versions are machine dependent but only require simple features like starting parallel tasks and locks. In principle, we can easily supply a code for any shared memory parallel machine but the only two platforms on which this has been tested extensively are the CRAY C90 and the SGI power challenge.

ATTRIBUTES — **Remark:** **Versions:** MA41A/AD. **Calls:** The HSL routines: MC21, MC47, and MC51. The BLAS routines: XERBLA, LSAME, _AXPY, _COPY, _SCAL, _SWAP, I_AMAX, _GER, _TRSV, _GEMV, _GEMM, _TRSM. Machine dependent routines for parallel processing (see Section 3). **Date:** Aug. 2000. **Language:** Fortran 77 with parallel extensions to Fortran language. Portable OpenMP based parallel version also available. **Size:** \approx 280 Kbytes. **Origin:** P. R. Amestoy (ENSEEIH-IRIT, Toulouse, France), I. S. Duff (Rutherford Appleton Laboratory) and C. Puglisi. **Conditions on external use:** (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv).

2 HOW TO USE THE ROUTINE

2.1 Argument lists and calling sequences

There are only two entries:

- (a) MA41I/ID sets default values for the components of the arrays that hold control parameters. Normally the user will call MA41I/ID prior to any call to MA41A/AD. If non-default values for any of the control parameters are required, they should be set immediately after the call to MA41I/ID.
- (b) A Fortran driver subroutine MA41A/AD has been designed as a user friendly interface to the multifrontal code. This driver, in addition to providing the normal functionality of a sparse solver, incorporates some pre- and post-processing. This driver enables the user to preprocess the matrix to obtain a maximum transversal so that the permuted matrix has a zero-free diagonal, to perform prescaling of the original matrix (a choice of scaling strategies is provided), to use iterative refinement to improve the solution, and finally to perform error analysis. The last two options, iterative refinement and error analysis, are available only when the right hand side matrix \mathbf{B} is a vector.

The driver routine MA41A/AD offers similar functionalities to other sparse direct solvers, depending on the value of one of its parameters (JOB). These are:

- (i) JOB = 1 accepts the pattern of \mathbf{A} and chooses pivots from the diagonal using a selection criterion to preserve sparsity. It uses the pattern of $\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{A}^T$ but ignores numerical values. It subsequently constructs subsidiary information for the actual factorization (a JOB=2 call). An option exists for the user to input the pivot sequence, in which case only the necessary information for a JOB = 2 entry will be generated. We call the JOB=1 entry, the “analysis phase”.
- (ii) JOB = 2 factorizes a matrix \mathbf{A} using the information from a previous call with JOB = 1. The actual pivot sequence used may differ slightly from that of this earlier call if \mathbf{A} is not diagonally dominant. We call the JOB=2 entry, the “factorization phase”.
- (iii) JOB = 3 uses the factors generated by a JOB = 2 call to solve a system of equations $\mathbf{AX}=\mathbf{B}$ or $\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{X}=\mathbf{B}$. We call the JOB=3 entry, the “solve phase”.

A call with JOB=3 must be preceded by a call with JOB=2, which in turn must be preceded by a call

with `JOB=1`. Since the information passed from one call to the next is not corrupted by the second, several calls with `JOB=2` for matrices with the same sparsity pattern but different values may follow a single call with `JOB=1`, and similarly several calls with `JOB=3` can be used for different right-hand side matrix **B**.

Other values for the parameter `JOB` can invoke combinations of these three basic operations (see Section 2.1.2).

2.1.1 To set default values of controlling parameters

The single precision version

```
CALL MA41I (CNTL, ICNTL, KEEP)
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The double precision version

```
CALL MA41ID (CNTL, ICNTL, KEEP)
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`CNTL` is a REAL (DOUBLE PRECISION in the D version) array of length 10 that need not be set by the user. On return it contains default values. For further information see Section 2.2.

`ICNTL` is an INTEGER array of length 20 that need not be set by the user. On return it contains default values. For further information see Section 2.2.

`KEEP` is an INTEGER array of length 50 that need not be set by the user. `MA41I/ID` sets default values for some of the components of `KEEP`. This array must be preserved by the user between calls to `MA41A/AD`.

2.1.2 To perform matrix factorization and solution

The single precision version

```
CALL MA41A (JOB, N, NRHS, NE, IRN, JCN, ASPK, RHS, LRHS, COLSCA,
*          ROWSCA, KEEP, IS, MAXIS, S, MAXS, CNTL, ICNTL, INFO,
*          RINFO)
```

The double precision version

```
CALL MA41AD (JOB, N, NRHS, NE, IRN, JCN, ASPK, RHS, LRHS, COLSCA,
*          ROWSCA, KEEP, IS, MAXIS, S, MAXS, CNTL, ICNTL, INFO,
*          RINFO)
```

`JOB` is an INTEGER variable that must be set by the user to determine the actions to be performed by this driver. Possible values of `JOB` are:

- 1 Analysis
- 2 Numerical factorization
- 3 Solution
- 4 Analysis and numerical factorization
- 5 Numerical factorization and solution
- 6 Analysis, numerical factorization and solution

`N` is an INTEGER variable that must be set by the user to the order n of the matrix **A**. It is not altered by the subroutine. **Restriction:** $N \geq 1$.

`NRHS` is an INTEGER variable that must be set by the user to the number of right hand sides to be solved. It is not altered by the subroutine. **Restriction:** $NRHS \geq 1$.

`NE` is an INTEGER variable that must be set by the user to the number of entries being input. It is not altered by the subroutine. **Restriction:** $NE \geq 1$.

`IRN` and `JCN` are INTEGER arrays of length `NE`. `IRN(K)` and `JCN(K)`, $K=1, \dots, NE$ must be set by the user to hold the row and column indices, respectively, for the matrix entries. They are not altered by the subroutine except when a permutation for a zero-free diagonal is requested (`ICNTL(6) ≠ 0`).

`ASPK` is a REAL (DOUBLE PRECISION in the D version) array of length `NE`. The user must set `ASPK(K)` to the value of the entry in row `IRN(K)` and column `JCN(K)` of the matrix. It is not altered by the subroutine.

RHS is a REAL (DOUBLE PRECISION in the D version) matrix of dimension LRHS x NRHS that is only accessed when JOB = 3, 5, or 6. On entry, RHS (I , K) must hold the Ith component of the Kth right-hand side of the equations being solved. On exit, RHS (I , K) will hold the Ith component of the Kth solution vector. For other values of JOB, RHS is not accessed and can be declared to have size one (LRHS=1 and NRHS=1).

LRHS is an INTEGER variable that must be set by the user to the first dimension of the matrix **B** (as declared in the calling program). When JOB = 3, 5, or 6 it must be $\geq N$. For other values of JOB, LRHS must be greater than zero. It is not altered by the subroutine.

COLSCA, **ROWSCA** are REAL (DOUBLE PRECISION in the D version) arrays of length N that are used to hold scaling factors for the columns and rows of the original matrix, respectively. These arrays need to be set by the user only if ICNTL(8) = -1. If ICNTL(8)=0, COLSCA and ROWSCA are not accessed and so can be declared to have size one. For any other values of ICNTL(8), the scaling arrays are computed during the factorization phase except when ICNTL(6)=5, where the scaling arrays are computed during the analysis phase. The scaling arrays computed during the analysis phase (ICNTL(6)=5) can be used during factorization by setting ICNTL(8)=7. The factors of the scaled matrix $\text{diag}(\text{ROWSCA}(i)) \mathbf{A} \text{diag}(\text{COLSCA}(i))$ are computed.

KEEP is an INTEGER array of length 50 that need not be set by the user. It must not be changed since the call to MA41I/ID and must be preserved between calls to MA41A/AD for the same matrix.

IS is an INTEGER array of length MAXIS. It need not be set by the user unless the ordering is provided by the user (ICNTL(7)=1). In this case, IS(I), I=1, ... N holds the position of variable I in the pivot order. Note that, even when the ordering is provided by the user, the analysis must be performed before numerical factorization. IS must be preserved between calls to MA41A/AD.

MAXIS is an INTEGER variable that must be set by the user to the size of the array IS. If the ordering is provided by the user (ICNTL(7)=1), then value of MAXIS to run the analysis phase is $NE+12*N+1$. If the ordering is determined by the analysis phase, then the minimum value of MAXIS to run the analysis phase is $2*NE+11*N+1$. For numerical factorization, MAXIS must be greater than INFO(7) as output from the analysis phase on the same matrix. It is not altered by the subroutine.

S is a REAL (DOUBLE PRECISION in the D version) array of length MAXS. It need not be set by the user but must be preserved between successive calls to MA41A/AD.

MAXS is an INTEGER variable that must be set by the user to the size of the working array S. It is not accessed in the analysis phase (JOB=1) except when ICNTL(6) ≥ 2 . After the analysis phase, an indication of the minimum space required to run the numerical factorization is available in INFO(8). Increasing the value of MAXS can improve the performance of the factorization phase in a multiprocessor environment. It is not altered by the subroutine.

CNTL is a REAL (DOUBLE PRECISION in the D version) array of length 10 that contains control parameters and must be set by the user. Default values for the components may be set by a call to MA41I/ID. Details of the control parameters are given in Section 2.2.

ICNTL is an INTEGER array of length 20 that contains control parameters and must be set by the user. Default values for the components may be set by a call to MA41I/ID. Details of the control parameters are given in Section 2.2.

INFO is an INTEGER array of length 20 that need not be set by the user. On return from MA41A/AD, a non-negative value for INFO(1) indicates that the subroutine has performed successfully. For nonzero values, see Section 2.3. For the meaning of the value of other components of INFO, see Section 2.2.

RINFO is a REAL (DOUBLE PRECISION in the D version) array of length 20 that need not be set by the user. This array supplies information on the execution of MA41A/AD. For the meaning of the value of the components of RINFO, see Section 2.2.

2.2 Arrays for control and information

The components of the arrays CNTL and ICNTL control the action of MA41A/AD. Default values are set by MA41I/ID. Only the first two components of CNTL and the first 11 components of ICNTL are presently used by MA41A/AD. The remaining components are set to zero by MA41I/ID and are not

accessed in MA41A/AD. The components of the arrays RINFO and INFO provide information on the action of MA41A/AD.

CNTL(1) has default value 0.01 and is used for threshold pivoting. If CNTL(1) is nonzero, numerical pivoting will be performed. In general, a larger value of CNTL(1) leads to greater fill-in but a more accurate factorization. If CNTL(1) is zero, no pivoting will be performed and the subroutine will fail if a zero pivot is encountered. If the matrix **A** is diagonally dominant, then setting CNTL(1) to zero will decrease the factorization time while still providing a stable decomposition. Values greater than 1.0 are treated as 1.0, and less than zero as zero.

CNTL(2) must be set to the tolerance for the convergence of iterative refinement. The default value for MA41A is 10^{-5} and for MA41AD is 10^{-10} .

ICNTL(1) has default value 6. It is the output stream for error messages. If it is negative, these messages will be suppressed.

ICNTL(2) has default value -1. It is the output stream for diagnostic printing and for warning messages. If it is negative, these messages are suppressed.

ICNTL(3) has default value -1. It is the output stream for the printing of statistics. If it is negative, the statistics are not printed.

ICNTL(4) is used by MA41A/AD to control printing of error, warning, and diagnostic messages. It has default value 2. Possible values are:

- <1 No messages output.
- 1 Only error messages printed.
- 2 Errors and warnings printed.
- 3 Errors and warnings and terse diagnostics (only first ten entries of arrays printed).
- 4 Errors and warnings and all information on input and output parameters printed.

ICNTL(5) has default value 1 and is equal to the number of parallel tasks. In the OpenMP version, it corresponds to the number of parallel threads created. On a uniprocessor machine, the user is strongly encouraged not to change the value of ICNTL(5) from its default value since the storage management is quite different for the multiprocessor version and would be very inefficient on a uniprocessor.

ICNTL(6) has default value 6 and is only accessed and operational on a call that includes an analysis phase (JOB = 1, 4, or 6). In these cases, if ICNTL(6)=1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6, a column permutation of the original matrix based on the HSL routine MC64 is computed. Column permutations are then applied to the original matrix to get a zero-free diagonal. Except for ICNTL(6)=1, the numerical values of the original matrix, ASPK(NE), need be provided by the user during the analysis phase and the real working array S is also accessed. An indication of its minimum size MAXS is indicated below. If the permutation obtained is not the identity matrix the minimum value of MAXS to run the analysis is $2*NE+12*N+1$. The user is advised to set ICNTL(6) only when the matrix is very unsymmetric. If the ordering is provided by the user (ICNTL(7)=1), then the value of ICNTL(6) is treated as zero.

Possible values of ICNTL(6) are:

- 0 No column permutation computed.
- 1 The permuted matrix has as many entries on its diagonal possible. The values on the diagonal are of arbitrary size. $MAXS \geq 0$.
- 2 The smallest values on the diagonal of the permuted matrix is maximized. $MAXS \geq N+NE$.
- 3 Variant of option 2 with different performance. $MAXS \geq 2*NE$.
- 4 The sum of the diagonal entries of the permuted matrix is maximized. $MAXS \geq 2*N+2*NE$.
- 5 The product of the diagonal entries of the permuted matrix is maximized. Vectors are also computed to scale the permuted matrix so that the nonzero diagonal entries of the permuted matrix are one in absolute and all the off-diagonal entries are less than or equal to one in absolute value. If automatic choice of scaling was required (ICNTL(8)=7) then the scaling vectors are stored in COLSCA and ROWSCA and ICNTL(8) is set to -1.

$$\text{MAXS} \geq 3 * \text{N} + 2 * \text{NE}.$$

- 6 Automatic decision: based on the structural symmetry of the matrix, the value of ICNTL(6) is automatically chosen by the software. Combined with automatic scaling option (ICNTL(8)=7), ICNTL(8) will be set to the appropriate value and/or scaling vectors will be co

Other values are treated as 0.

ICNTL(7) has default value 0 and must be set by the user to 1 if the pivot order in IS is to be used. For any other value of ICNTL(7), a suitable pivot order will be chosen automatically.

ICNTL(8) has default value 7 and is used to describe the scaling strategy. Note that scaling is performed only when the numerical factorization step is performed (JOB = 2, 4, 5, or 6). If ICNTL(8) is not equal to any of the values listed below then ICNTL(8) is treated as if it had its default value of 0 (no scaling). If the matrix is known to be very badly scaled, our experience has been that option 6 is the most robust but the best scaling is very problem dependent. Possible values of ICNTL(8) are:

- 1 scaling arrays COLSCA and ROWSCA must be set on entry to the factorization phase.
- 0 no scaling
- 1 Diagonal scaling
- 2 Scaling based on Harwell Library Subroutine MC29 and further discussed in Curtis and Reid *J. Inst. Maths. Applics.* **10** 118-124 (1972)
- 3 Column scaling
- 4 Row and column scaling
- 5 Scaling based on MC29 followed by column scaling
- 6 Scaling based on MC29 followed by row and column scaling.
- 7 Automatic choice of scaling value (and scaling vectors if combined to option ICNTL(6)=5) done during the analysis phase.

If ICNTL(8)=0, COLSCA and ROWSCA are not accessed.

ICNTL(9) has default value 1. If ICNTL(9)=1 the system of equations $\mathbf{AX}=\mathbf{B}$ is solved. For other values the system $\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{X}=\mathbf{B}$ is solved.

ICNTL(10) has default value 0. It corresponds to the maximum number of steps of iterative refinement. If ICNTL(10)=0, iterative refinement is not performed. When ICNTL(10) < 0 or NRHS > 1 ICNTL(10) is treated as zero.

ICNTL(11) has default value 0. A positive value will return the infinite norm of the input matrix, the computed solution, and the scaled residual in RINFO(4) to RINFO(6), respectively, a backward error estimate in RINFO(7) and RINFO(8), and an estimate of the forward error in RINFO(9). If ICNTL(11) is negative or zero or NRHS > 1 no estimates are returned.

INFO(1) is zero if the routine is successful, is negative if an error occurred, and is positive for a warning (see Section 2.3).

INFO(2) holds additional information concerning the error (see Section 2.3).

Statistics produced after analysis phase

INFO(3) Estimated real space needed for factors.

INFO(4) Estimated integer space needed for factors.

INFO(5) Estimated maximum frontal size.

INFO(6) Number of nodes in the tree.

INFO(7) Minimum value of MAXIS estimated by the analysis phase to run the numerical factorization.

INFO(8) Minimum value of MAXS estimated by the analysis phase to run the numerical factorization.

Statistics produced after factorization

- INFO(9) Size of the real space used to store the LU factors.
INFO(10) Size of the integer space used to store the LU factors.
INFO(11) Order of largest frontal matrix.
INFO(12) Number of off-diagonal pivots.
INFO(13) Number of uneliminated variables sent to the father.
INFO(14) Number of memory compresses.

Statistics produced after solution

- INFO(15) Number of solution steps in iterative refinement.
INFO(16) to INFO(20) are not currently used by MA41A/AD.

Statistics produced after analysis phase

- RINFO(1) The estimated number of floating-point operations to perform the factorization.

Statistics produced after factorization

- RINFO(2) Number of floating-point operations for the assembly process.
RINFO(3) Number of floating-point operations for the elimination process.

Statistics produced after solve with error analysis

- RINFO(4) Infinite norm of the input matrix, where

$$\|\mathbf{A}\|_{\infty} = \max_{i=1,n} \sum_{j=1}^n |a_{ij}| .$$

- RINFO(5) Infinite norm of the computed solution, where

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|_{\infty} = \max_{i=1,n} |x_i| .$$

- RINFO(6) Norm of scaled residuals

$$\frac{\max_{i=1,n} \left| \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} x_j - b_i \right|}{\|\mathbf{A}\|_{\infty} \|\mathbf{x}\|_{\infty}} .$$

- RINFO(7), RINFO(8) and RINFO(9) are used to hold information on the backward error. See Section 2.4.

- RINFO(10) to RINFO(20) are not currently used by MA41A/AD.

2.3 Error diagnostics

A successful return from MA41A/AD is indicated by a value of INFO(1) equal to zero.

A negative value of INFO(1) is associated with an error message which will be output on unit ICNTL(1).

- 1 Value of N is out of range. Value given is held in INFO(2).
- 2 Value of NE is out of range. Value given is held in INFO(2).
- 3 JOB has a wrong value or analysis was not performed prior to the factorization. Value given is held in INFO(2).
- 4 Error in permutation array in position INFO(2) when ICNTL(7)=1.
- 5 Not enough space to preprocess the input matrix. MAXS must be increased to at least INFO(2).
- 6 The matrix is structurally singular. The estimated structural rank of the matrix is given in INFO(2).
- 7 Error return from analysis. MAXIS is too small to run the analysis and must be increased. INFO(2) holds the minimum size of the corresponding working array to perform analysis.

- 8 Error return from numerical factorization. MAXIS is too small and must be increased to at least INFO(2).
- 9 Error return from the factorization phase or during the analysis phase when ICNTL(6) > 1. MAXS is too small and must be increased to at least INFO(2).
- 10 The matrix is numerically singular. INFO(2) holds an estimate of the rank of the matrix.
- 11 Error return from solution phase. MAXS is too small and must be increased to at least INFO(2).
- 12 Not enough space to postprocess the solution (iterative refinement and/or error analysis phase). MAXS is too small and must be increased to at least INFO(2). This failure occurs after a solution has been calculated so it is possible that the solution returned in RHS is satisfactory.
- 13 Error return from solution phase. Value of LRHS is smaller than N. Value given is held in INFO(2).
- 14 Value of NRHS is out of range. Value given is held in INFO(2).
- 15 Value of LRHS is out of range. Value given is held in INFO(2).

A positive value of INFO(1) is associated with a warning message which will be output on unit ICNTL(2).

- +1 Index (in IRN or JCN) out of range. Action taken by subroutine is to ignore any such entries and continue. INFO(2) is set to the number of faulty entries. Details of the first ten are printed on unit ICNTL(2).
- +2 During error analysis the max-norm of the computed solution was found to be zero.
- +4 Real working array used during the factorization phase might be increased to at least INFO(2) to improve performance in a parallel environment.
- +8 Warning return from the iterative refinement routine. More than ICNTL(10) iterations are required.
- +16 Warning return from the solve phase. Error analysis (ICNTL(11) > 0) or iterative refinement (ICNTL(10) > 0) has been invoked with multiple right hand sides (NRHS > 1). ICNTL(11) and ICNTL(10) are considered as 0.
- +x where x=3,5,6,7,9,10,11,12,13,14,15, 17, 18 19,20,21,22,23, 25, 26,27,28, 29,30,31 are combinations of the above warnings corresponding to summing the constituent warnings.

2.4 Error estimates

We calculate an estimate of the sparse backward error using the theory and measure developed by Arioli, Demmel, and Duff (1989). We use the notation $\bar{\mathbf{x}}$ for the computed solution and a modulus sign on a vector or matrix to indicate the vector or matrix obtained by replacing all entries by their moduli. The scaled residual

$$\frac{|\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{A}\bar{\mathbf{x}}|_i}{(|\mathbf{b}| + |\mathbf{A}|\bar{\mathbf{x}})_i} \quad (1)$$

is calculated for all equations except those for which the numerator is nonzero and the denominator is small. For the exceptional equations,

$$\frac{|\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{A}\bar{\mathbf{x}}|_i}{(|\mathbf{A}|\bar{\mathbf{x}})_i + \|\mathbf{A}_i\|_\infty \|\bar{\mathbf{x}}\|_\infty} \quad (2)$$

is used instead, where \mathbf{A}_i is row i of \mathbf{A} . The largest scaled residual (1) is returned in RINFO(7) and the largest scaled residual (2) is returned in RINFO(8). If all equations are in category (1), zero is returned in RINFO(8). The computed solution $\bar{\mathbf{x}}$ is the exact solution of the equation

$$(\mathbf{A} + \delta\mathbf{A})\mathbf{x} = (\mathbf{b} + \delta\mathbf{b})$$

where $\delta\mathbf{A}_{ij} \leq \max(\text{RINFO}(7), \text{RINFO}(8))|\mathbf{A}_{ij}|$ and $\delta\mathbf{b}_i \leq \max(\text{RINFO}(7)|\mathbf{b}_i, \text{RINFO}(8)\|\mathbf{A}_i\|_\infty \|\bar{\mathbf{x}}\|_\infty)$. Note that $\delta\mathbf{A}$ respects the sparsity in \mathbf{A} . An upper bound for the forward error is returned in RINFO(9).

Reference

Arioli, M. Demmel, J. W., and Duff, I. S. (1989). Solving sparse linear systems with sparse backward error. *SIAM J. Matrix Anal. and Applics.* **10**, 165-190.

3 GENERAL INFORMATION

Use of common: None.

Workspace: Parts of the arrays IS and S are used as workspace by the routines.

Other routines called directly:

BLAS routines: XERBLA, LSAME, SAXPY/DAXPY, SCOPY/DCOPY, SSCAL/DSCAL, SSWAP/DSWAP, ISAMAX/IDAMAX, SGER/DGER, STRSV/DTRSV, SGEMV/DGEMV, SGEMM/DGEMM, STRSM/DTRSM (Fortran version of the BLAS routines can be provided).

HSL routines: MC21, MC29, MC47, MC51 and MC64.

All the other subroutines called by the principal subroutines are in the MA41 or the MC51 package. They are:

MA41B/BD, MA41C/CD, MA41D/DD, MA41E/ED, MA41F/FD, MA41G/GD, MA41J/JD, MA41K/KD, MA41L/LD, MA41M/MD, MA41N/ND, MA41O/OD, MA41P/PD, MA41Q/QD, MA41R/RD, MA41S/SD, MA41T/TD, MA41U/UD, MA41V/VD, MA41W/WD, MA41X/XD, MA41Y/YD, MA41Z/ZD, although at present MA41Z/ZD is a dummy routine that might be used in a later version of the code.

Those in the MC51 package are:

MC51A/AD, MC51B/BD, MC51C/CD, MC51D/DD, MC51E/ED, MC51F/FD, MC51G/GD, MC51H/HD, MC51I/ID, MC51J/JD, MC51K/KD, MC51L/LD, MC51M/MD, MC51N/ND, MC51O/OD, MC51P/PD, MC51Q/QD, MC51S/SD, MC51T/TD, MC51U/UD, MC51V/VD, MC51W/WD, MC51X/XD, MC51Y/YD, MC51Z/ZD.

The MC51 package calls MC29 from the Harwell Subroutine Library and the BLAS routines: _SWAP, _AXPY, _GER, I_AMAX, _GEMM, _TRSM.

Subroutines for parallel version: The standard code is for sequential computation but versions are available for shared memory parallel computers. For these versions, an extra subroutine MA41H/HD is required. There must also be calls for handling concurrency. MA41A/AD has been linked with the multitasking library of the following target computers.

In the portable OpenMP parallel version of the code the following routines have been used: OMP_INIT_LOCK, OMP_DESTROY_LOCK, OMP_SET_LOCK, OMP_UNSET_LOCK, OMP_SET_NUM_THREADS, OMP_GET_THREAD_NUM.

On CRAYs, the following routines have been used: LOCKASGN, LOCKREL, LOCKON, LOCKOFF.

Input/output: Error, warning and diagnostic messages only. Error messages on unit ICNTL(1), which has default value 6. Messages can be suppressed by setting ICNTL(1) negative. Warning and diagnostic messages can optionally be printed on unit ICNTL(2), which has default value -1. Messages are also suppressed if ICNTL(4) is set to zero. Statistics on the decomposition can be optionally printed on unit ICNTL(3).

Restrictions: $N \geq 1$, $NE \geq 1$, $NRHS \geq 1$, $LRHS \geq 1$.

4 METHOD

A parallel version of sparse Gaussian elimination is used.

The JOB=1 entry chooses pivots from the diagonal using the Approximate Minimum Degree algorithm of Amestoy, Davis and Duff (An approximate minimum degree ordering algorithm, 1996, *SIAM J. Matrix Anal. and Applics.* **17**, 886-905) and employing a generalized element model of the elimination thus avoiding the need to store the filled-in pattern explicitly. The elimination is represented as an assembly tree.

The JOB=2 entry factorizes the matrix by using the assembly tree generated by a JOB=1 call. At each stage in this unsymmetrized version of the multifrontal approach, pivoting and elimination are performed on full submatrices and partial pivoting with a threshold criterion is used to control the growth in the factors. The parallelism of the elimination tree and the parallelism coming from the frontal matrix elimination steps are combined. Thus a JOB=2 entry can be used to factor general unsymmetric systems and will perform well on shared memory parallel computers. The number of parallel tasks created during factorization can be explicitly controlled by the user.

The JOB=3 entry uses the factors from the JOB=2 entry to solve systems of equations either by loading the appropriate parts of the vectors into an array of the current frontsize and using full matrix code or by indirect addressing at each stage, whichever performs better.

In addition, MA41A/AD offers pre-processing and post-processing facilities. Permutations for a zero-free diagonal (Duff and Koster, 1997, *SIAM J. Matrix Anal. and Applics.* **20**, 4, 889-901) can be applied to very unsymmetric matrices and can help reduce fill-in. Prescaling of the input matrix can help reduce fill-in during factorization and can improve the numerical accuracy. A range of classical scalings are provided and can be automatically performed during the factorization phase. Iterative refinement can be optionally performed after the solution step. Finally MA41A/AD also enables the user to perform classical error analysis based on the residuals.

The multifrontal approach is discussed in detail by Duff and Reid, *SIAM J. Sci. Stat. Comput.* **5** (1984), 633-641 and Duff, *Parallel Computing* **3** 193-204 (1986). The tuned multiprocessor version of the code described here is based on work by Duff, *Parallel Computing* **3** 193-204 (1986), Duff, *J. Comput. Appl. Math.* **27** 229-239 (1989), Amestoy and Duff, *Int. J. Supercomputer Applics.* **3** (3) 41-59 (1989), Amestoy, CERFACS Report TH/PA/91/2 (1990), Amestoy and Duff, *Int. J. Supercomputer Applics.* **7** (1) (1993). The unsymmetrization of the multifrontal approach is based on the work of Amestoy and Puglisi, ENSEEIHT-IRIT Report RT/APO/00/3 (2000).

5 EXAMPLES OF USE

The use of the package is illustrated on the solution of the single set of equations

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 & & & \\ 3 & & -3 & & 6 & \\ & -1 & 1 & 2 & & \\ & & & 2 & & \\ 4 & & & & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 20 \\ 24 \\ 9 \\ 6 \\ 13 \end{pmatrix} .$$

The driver MA41A/AD is used with JOB=6 and the solution and error estimates are printed. Note that this example does not illustrate all the facilities.

Program

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C
C Simple example of use of MA41 Package
C
      PROGRAM MA41ST

C Set array dimensions
C NMAX   = Maximum order of matrix
C NZMAX  = Maximum number of entries in matrix
C NRHSMX = Maximum number of right hand sides to be solved
C MAXSP  = Maximum size of the REAL working space
C MAXIW  = Maximum size of the INTEGER working space
      INTEGER NMAX, NZMAX, NRHSMX, MAXSP, MAXIW
      PARAMETER (NMAX=10,NZMAX=20,NRHSMX=10,MAXSP=800,MAXIW=800)

C Declare MA41 parameters
      INTEGER JOB, N, NRHS, NZ, IRN(NZMAX), JCN(NZMAX)
      DOUBLE PRECISION ASPK(NZMAX), RHS(NMAX,NRHSMX), COLSCA(NMAX), ROWSCA(NMAX)
      INTEGER KEEP(50), IW(MAXIW)
      DOUBLE PRECISION S(MAXSP), CNTL(10)
      INTEGER ICNTL(20), INFO(20)
      DOUBLE PRECISION RINFO(20)

C Local variables
      INTEGER I, J, INFILE, LP

C Set input and output streams
      INFILE = 5
      LP     = 6

C Read matrix and right-hand side
      READ (INFILE,*) N,NZ,NRHS
      READ (INFILE,*) (IRN(I),I=1,NZ)
      READ (INFILE,*) (JCN(I),I=1,NZ)

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      READ (INFILE,*) (ASPK(I),I=1,NZ)
      DO 10 J=1, NRHS
        READ (INFILE,*) (RHS(I,J),I=1,N)
10    CONTINUE

C-----
C Initialization of control parameters
C-----
      CALL MA41ID (CNTL, ICNTL, KEEP)
C Request error analysis and iterative refinement
      ICNTL(10) = 10
      ICNTL(11) = 1

C-----
C Analyse sparsity pattern using minimum degree ordering
C Scale (column scaling) and factorize matrix
C Solve the equations, and perform error analysis
C-----
      JOB = 6
      CALL MA41AD (JOB, N, NRHS, NZ, IRN, JCN, ASPK, RHS, NRHSMX,
*                COLSCA, ROWSCA, KEEP, IW, MAXIW, S, MAXSP,
*                CNTL, ICNTL, INFO, RINFO)

C Print error and residual
      DO 15 J=1, NRHS
        WRITE(LP, '(A/(10F8.4))') 'Solution is:', (RHS(I,J), I=1, N)
15    CONTINUE
        WRITE(LP, '(A,F8.4)') 'Backward error is (class 1)', RINFO(7)
        WRITE(LP, '(A,F8.4)') 'Backward error is (class 2)', RINFO(8)
        WRITE(LP, '(A,F8.4)') 'Forward error is          ', RINFO(9)

C Error if INFO(1) is negative
      IF (INFO(1).LT.0) WRITE(LP, '(A)') ' Error in MA41AD'

      STOP
      END

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Data

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      5   12   1
      1   2   4   5   2   1   5   3   2   3   1   3
      2   3   3   5   1   1   2   4   5   2   3   3
      3.0 -3.0 2.0 1.0 3.0 2.0 4.0 2.0 6.0 -1.0 4.0 1.0
      20.0 24.0 9.0 6.0 13.0

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Output

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Solution is:
      1.0000 2.0000 3.0000 4.0000 5.0000
Backward error is (class 1) 0.0000
Backward error is (class 2) 0.0000
Forward error is          0.0000

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