

# NAG Library Routine Document

## H02BFF

**Note:** before using this routine, please read the Users' Note for your implementation to check the interpretation of ***bold italicised*** terms and other implementation-dependent details.

### 1 Purpose

H02BFF solves linear or integer programming problems specified in MPSX input format. It is not intended for large sparse problems.

### 2 Specification

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SUBROUTINE H02BFF (INFILE, MAXN, MAXM, OPTIM, XBLDEF, XBUDEF, MAXDPT,      &
                  MSGGLVL, N, M, X, CRNAME, IWORK, LIWORK, RWORK,        &
                  LRWORK, IFAIL)

INTEGER              INFILE, MAXN, MAXM, MAXDPT, MSGGLVL, N, M,          &
                    IWORK(LIWORK), LIWORK, LRWORK, IFAIL
REAL (KIND=nag_wp)  XBLDEF, XBUDEF, X(MAXN), RWORK(LRWORK)
CHARACTER(3)         OPTIM
CHARACTER(8)         CRNAME(MAXN+MAXM)
```

### 3 Description

H02BFF solves linear programming (LP) or integer programming (IP) problems specified in MPSX (see IBM (1971)) input format. It calls either E04MFF/E04MFA (to solve an LP problem) or H02BBF and H02BZF (to solve an IP problem); these routines are designed to solve problems of the form

$$\underset{x \in R^n}{\text{minimize}} c^T x \quad \text{subject to} \quad l \leq \begin{pmatrix} x \\ Ax \end{pmatrix} \leq u$$

where  $c$  is an  $n$ -element vector and  $A$  is an  $m$  by  $n$  matrix (i.e., there are  $n$  variables and  $m$  general linear constraints). H02BBF is used if at least one of the variables is restricted to take an integer value at the optimum solution. The document for H02BUF should be consulted for a detailed description of the MPSX format.

In the MPSX data file the first free row, that is a row defined with the row type N, is taken as the objective row. Similarly, if there are more than one RHS, RANGES or BOUNDS sets, then the first set is used for the optimization. H02BFF also prints the solution to the problem using the row and column names specified in the MPSX data file (by calling H02BVF).

### 4 References

IBM (1971) MPSX – Mathematical programming system *Program Number 5734 XM4* IBM Trade Corporation, New York

### 5 Arguments

- 1: INFILE – INTEGER *Input*  
*On entry:* the unit number associated with the MPSX data file.  
*Constraint:*  $0 \leq \text{INFILE} \leq 99$ .
- 2: MAXN – INTEGER *Input*  
*On entry:* an upper limit for the number of variables in the problem.  
*Constraint:*  $\text{MAXN} \geq 1$ .

- 3: MAXM – INTEGER *Input*  
*On entry:* an upper limit for the number of constraints (including the objective) in the problem.  
*Constraint:* MAXM  $\geq$  1.
- 4: OPTIM – CHARACTER(3) *Input*  
*On entry:* specifies the direction of the optimization. OPTIM must be set to 'MIN' for minimization and to 'MAX' for maximization.  
*Constraint:* OPTIM = 'MIN' or 'MAX'.
- 5: XBLDEF – REAL (KIND=nag\_wp) *Input*  
*On entry:* the default lower bound to be used for the variables in the problem when none is specified in the BOUNDS section of the MPSX data file. For a standard LP or IP problem XBLDEF would normally be set to zero.
- 6: XBUDEF – REAL (KIND=nag\_wp) *Input*  
*On entry:* the default upper bound to be used for the variables in the problem when none is specified in the BOUNDS section of the MPSX data file. For a standard LP or IP problem XBUDEF would normally be set to 'infinity' (i.e., XBUDEF  $\geq 10^{20}$ ).  
*Constraint:* XBUDEF  $\geq$  XBLDEF.
- 7: MAXDPT – INTEGER *Input*  
*On entry:* for an IP problem, MAXDPT must specify the maximum depth of the branch and bound tree.  
*Constraint:* MAXDPT  $\geq$  2.  
 For an LP problem, MAXDPT is not referenced
- 8: MSGLVL – INTEGER *Input*  
*On entry:* the amount of printout produced by E04MFF/E04MFA or H02BBF, as indicated below. For a description of the printed output see Section 9.2 in E04MFF/E04MFA or Section 5.1 in H02BBF (as appropriate). All output is written to the current advisory message unit (as defined by X04ABF).  
 For an LP problem (E04MFF/E04MFA):
- | Value | Definition   |
|-------|--|
| 0     | No output.   |
| 1     | The final solution only.   |
| 5     | One line of output for each iteration (no printout of the final solution). |
| 10    | The final solution and one line of output for each iteration.              |
- For an IP problem (H02BBF):
- | Value | Definition   |
|-------|--|
| 0     | No output.   |
| 1     | The final IP solution only.  |
| 5     | One line of output for each node investigated and the final IP solution.   |
| 10    | The original LP solution (first node) with dummy names for the rows and columns, one line of output for each node investigated and the final IP solution with MPSX names for the rows and columns. |

- 9: N – INTEGER *Output*  
*On exit:*  $n$ , the actual number of variables in the problem.
- 10: M – INTEGER *Output*  
*On exit:*  $m$ , the actual number of general linear constraints in the problem.
- 11: X(MAXN) – REAL (KIND=nag\_wp) array *Output*  
*On exit:* the solution to the problem, stored in  $X(1), X(2), \dots, X(N)$ .  $X(i)$  is the value of the variable whose MPSX name is stored in  $CRNAME(i)$ , for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$ .
- 12: CRNAME(MAXN + MAXM) – CHARACTER(8) array *Output*  
*On exit:* the first  $N$  elements contain the MPSX names for the variables in the problem.
- 13: IWORK(LIWORK) – INTEGER array *Output*  
*On exit:* the first  $(N + M)$  elements contain ISTATE (the status of the constraints in the working set at the solution). Further details can be found in Section 5 in E04MFF/E04MFA or H02BZF (as appropriate).
- 14: LIWORK – INTEGER *Input*  
*On entry:* the dimension of the array IWORK as declared in the (sub)program from which H02BFF is called.  
*Constraints:*  
for an LP problem,  $LIWORK \geq 4 \times MAXN + MAXM + 3$ ;  
for an IP problem,  $LIWORK \geq (25 + MAXN + MAXM) \times MAXDPT + 7 \times MAXN + 2 \times MAXM + 4$ .
- 15: RWORK(LRWORK) – REAL (KIND=nag\_wp) array *Output*  
*On exit:* the first  $(N + M)$  elements contain BL (the lower bounds), the next  $(N + M)$  elements contain BU (the upper bounds) and the next  $(N + M)$  elements contain CLAMDA (the Lagrange-multipliers). Further details can be found in Section 5 in E04MFF/E04MFA or H02BZF (as appropriate). Note that for an IP problem the contents of BL and BU may not be the same as those originally specified in the MPSX data file and/or via the arguments XBLDEF and XBUDEF.
- 16: LRWORK – INTEGER *Input*  
*On entry:* the dimension of the array RWORK as declared in the (sub)program from which H02BFF is called.  
*Constraints:*  
for an LP problem,  $LRWORK \geq 2 \times \min(MAXN, MAXM + 1)^2 + MAXM \times MAXN + 12 \times MAXN + 9 \times MAXM$ ;  
for an IP problem,  
 $LRWORK \geq MAXDPT \times (MAXN + 1) + 2 \times \min(MAXN, MAXM + 1)^2 + MAXM \times MAXN + 19 \times MAXN + 15 \times MAXM$ .
- 17: IFAIL – INTEGER *Input/Output*  
*On entry:* IFAIL must be set to 0, -1 or 1. If you are unfamiliar with this argument you should refer to Section 3.4 in How to Use the NAG Library and its Documentation for details.  
For environments where it might be inappropriate to halt program execution when an error is detected, the value -1 or 1 is recommended. If the output of error messages is undesirable, then the value 1 is recommended. Otherwise, if you are not familiar with this argument, the

recommended value is 0. **When the value  $-1$  or  $1$  is used it is essential to test the value of IFAIL on exit.**

*On exit:* IFAIL = 0 unless the routine detects an error or a warning has been flagged (see Section 6).

## 6 Error Indicators and Warnings

If on entry IFAIL = 0 or  $-1$ , explanatory error messages are output on the current error message unit (as defined by X04AAF).

Errors or warnings detected by the routine:

IFAIL =  $i$  and IFAIL < 0

Either MAXM and/or MAXN are too small or the MPSX data file is nonstandard and/or corrupt. This corresponds to IFAIL =  $-i$  in Section 6 in H02BUF.

IFAIL = 1

X is a weak local minimum. This means that the solution is not unique.

IFAIL = 2

The solution appears to be unbounded. This value of IFAIL implies that a step as large as XBUDEF would have to be taken in order to continue the algorithm. See Section 9.

IFAIL = 3

No feasible point was found, i.e., it was not possible to satisfy all the constraints to within the feasibility tolerance (defined internally as  $\sqrt{\text{machine precision}}$ ). See Section 9.

IFAIL = 4

The maximum number of iterations (defined internally as  $\max(50, 5(n + m))$ ) was reached before normal termination occurred. See Section 9.

IFAIL = 5

An input argument is invalid. Refer to the printed output to determine which argument must be redefined.

IFAIL = 6 (E04MFF/E04MFA or H02BBF)

A serious error has occurred in an internal call to one of the specified routines. Check all subroutine calls and array dimensions.

For an IP problem only:

IFAIL = 7

The solution returned may not be optimal. See Section 9.

IFAIL = 8

MAXDPT is too small. Try increasing its value (along with that of LIWORK and/or LRWORK if appropriate) and rerun H02BFF.

IFAIL = 9

No feasible integer point was found, i.e., it was not possible to satisfy all the integer variables to within the integer feasibility tolerance (defined internally as  $10^{-5}$ ). See Section 9.

IFAIL = -99

An unexpected error has been triggered by this routine. Please contact NAG.

See Section 3.9 in How to Use the NAG Library and its Documentation for further information.

IFAIL = -399

Your licence key may have expired or may not have been installed correctly.

See Section 3.8 in How to Use the NAG Library and its Documentation for further information.

IFAIL = -999

Dynamic memory allocation failed.

See Section 3.7 in How to Use the NAG Library and its Documentation for further information.

## 7 Accuracy

H02BFF implements a numerically stable active set strategy and returns solutions that are as accurate as the condition of the problem allows on the machine.

## 8 Parallelism and Performance

H02BFF is not thread safe and should not be called from a multithreaded user program. Please see Section 3.12.1 in How to Use the NAG Library and its Documentation for more information on thread safety.

H02BFF makes calls to BLAS and/or LAPACK routines, which may be threaded within the vendor library used by this implementation. Consult the documentation for the vendor library for further information.

Please consult the X06 Chapter Introduction for information on how to control and interrogate the OpenMP environment used within this routine. Please also consult the Users' Note for your implementation for any additional implementation-specific information.

## 9 Further Comments

For an LP problem only:

If IFAIL = 2 on exit, you can obtain more information by making separate calls to H02BUF, E04MFF/E04MFA and H02BVF (in that order). Note that this will (by default) cause the final LP solution to be printed twice on the current advisory message unit (see X04ABF), once with dummy names for the rows and columns and once with user-supplied names. To suppress the printout of the final LP solution with dummy names for the rows and columns, include the statement

```
CALL E04MHF/E04MHA(' Print Level = 5 ')
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prior to calling E04MFF/E04MFA.

If IFAIL = 3 on exit, you are recommended to reset the value of the feasibility tolerance and rerun H02BFF. (Further advice is given under the description of IFAIL = 3 in Section 6 in E04MFF/E04MFA.) For example, to reset the value of the feasibility tolerance to 0.01, include the statement

```
CALL E04MHF/E04MHA(' Feasibility Tolerance = 0.01 ')
```

prior to calling H02BFF.

If IFAIL = 4 on exit, you are recommended to increase the maximum number of iterations allowed before termination and rerun H02BFF. For example, to increase the maximum number of iterations to 500, include the statement

```
CALL E04MHF/E04MHA(' Iteration Limit = 500 ')
```

prior to calling H02BFF.

Note that H02BUF uses an 'infinite' bound size of  $10^{20}$  in the definition of  $l$  and  $u$ . In other words, any element of  $u$  greater than or equal to  $10^{20}$  will be regarded as  $+\infty$  (and similarly any element of  $l$  less than or equal to  $-10^{20}$  will be regarded as  $-\infty$ ). If this value is deemed to be inappropriate, you are recommended to reset the value of the 'infinite' bound size and make any necessary changes to BL and/or BU prior to calling E04MFF/E04MFA. For example, to reset the value of the 'infinite' bound size to 10000, include the statement

```
CALL E04MHF/E04MHA(' Infinite Bound Size = 1.0E+4 ')
```

prior to calling E04MFF/E04MFA.

For an IP problem only:

If IFAIL = 2, 3, 4, 7 or 9 on exit, you can obtain more information by making separate calls to H02BBF, H02BUF, H02BVF and H02BZF (in that order).

Note that H02BUF uses an 'infinite' bound size of  $10^{20}$  in the definition of  $l$  and  $u$ . In other words, any element of  $u$  greater than or equal to  $10^{20}$  will be regarded as  $+\infty$  (and similarly any element of  $l$  less than or equal to  $-10^{20}$  will be regarded as  $-\infty$ ). If this value is deemed to be inappropriate, you are recommended to reset the value of the argument BIGBND (as described in H02BBF) and make any necessary changes to BL and/or BU prior to calling H02BBF.

## 10 Example

This example solves the same problem as the example for H02BUF, except that it treats it as an IP problem.

One of the applications of integer programming is to the so-called diet problem. Given the nutritional content of a selection of foods, the cost of each food, the amount available of each food and the consumer's minimum daily nutritional requirements, the problem is to find the cheapest combination. This gives rise to the following problem:

minimize

$$c^T x$$

subject to

$$\begin{aligned} Ax &\geq b, \\ 0 &\leq x \leq u, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$c = (3 \quad 24 \quad 13 \quad 9 \quad 20 \quad 19)^T, x = (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6)^T,$$

$x_1, x_2$  and  $x_6$  are real,

$x_3, x_4$  and  $x_5$  are integer,

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 110 & 205 & 160 & 160 & 420 & 260 \\ 4 & 32 & 13 & 8 & 4 & 14 \\ 2 & 12 & 54 & 285 & 22 & 80 \end{pmatrix}, \quad b = \begin{pmatrix} 2000 \\ 55 \\ 800 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and}$$

$$u = (4 \quad 3 \quad 2 \quad 8 \quad 2 \quad 2)^T.$$

The rows of  $A$  correspond to energy, protein and calcium and the columns of  $A$  correspond to oatmeal, chicken, eggs, milk, pie and bacon respectively.

The MPSX data representation of this problem is given in Section 10.2.

## 10.1 Program Text

```

Program h02bffe

!      H02BFF Example Program Text

!      Mark 26 Release. NAG Copyright 2016.

!      .. Use Statements ..
      Use nag_library, Only: h02bff, nag_wp, x04acf, x04baf
!      .. Implicit None Statement ..
      Implicit None
!      .. Parameters ..
      Real (Kind=nag_wp), Parameter      :: xbl_default = 0.0E0_nag_wp
      Real (Kind=nag_wp), Parameter      :: xbu_default = 1.0E+20_nag_wp
      Integer, Parameter                  :: maxm = 50, maxn = 50, msglvl = 1,      &
                                         nindat = 7, nout = 6
      Integer, Parameter                  :: maxdpt = 3*maxn/2
      Integer, Parameter                  :: liwork = (25+maxn+maxm)*maxdpt + 2*      &
                                         maxm + 7*maxn + 4
      Integer, Parameter                  :: lrwork = maxdpt*(maxn+1) + 2*maxn**2      &
                                         + maxm*maxn + 19*maxn + 15*maxm
      Character (*), Parameter            :: fname = 'h02bffe.opt'
      Character (3), Parameter            :: optim = 'MIN'
!      .. Local Scalars ..
      Integer                             :: ifail, infile, m, mode, n
      Character (80)                      :: rec
!      .. Local Arrays ..
      Real (Kind=nag_wp)                  :: rwork(lrwork), x(maxn)
      Integer                             :: iwork(liwork)
      Character (8)                       :: crname(maxn+maxm)
!      .. Executable Statements ..
      Write (rec,99999) 'H02BFF Example Program Results'
      Call x04baf(nout,rec)

!      Open the data file for reading

      mode = 0

      ifail = 0
      Call x04acf(nindat,fname,mode,ifail)

!      Solve the problem

      infile = nindat

      ifail = 0
      Call h02bff(infile,maxn,maxm,optim,xbl_default,xbu_default,maxdpt,      &
                 msglvl,n,m,x,crname,iwork,liwork,rwork,lrwork,ifail)

99999 Format (1X,A)
End Program h02bffe

```

## 10.2 Program Data

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NAME          DIET
ROWS
  G  ENERGY
  G  PROTEIN
  G  CALCIUM
  N  COST
COLUMNS
  OATMEAL  ENERGY  110.0
  OATMEAL  PROTEIN   4.0
  OATMEAL  CALCIUM   2.0
  OATMEAL  COST      3.0
  CHICKEN  ENERGY  205.0
  CHICKEN  PROTEIN   32.0
  CHICKEN  CALCIUM   12.0
  CHICKEN  COST      24.0

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```

      INTEGER 'MARKER'
      EGGS    ENERGY    160.0
      EGGS    PROTEIN     13.0
      EGGS    CALCIUM     54.0
      EGGS    COST        13.0
      MILK    ENERGY    160.0
      MILK    PROTEIN     8.0
      MILK    CALCIUM     285.0
      MILK    COST         9.0
      PIE     ENERGY    420.0
      PIE     PROTEIN     4.0
      PIE     CALCIUM     22.0
      PIE     COST        20.0
      INTEGER 'MARKER'
      BACON   ENERGY    260.0
      BACON   PROTEIN     14.0
      BACON   CALCIUM     80.0
      BACON   COST        19.0
RHS
      DEMANDS ENERGY    2000.0
      DEMANDS PROTEIN     55.0
      DEMANDS CALCIUM     800.0
BOUNDS
      UI SERVINGS OATMEAL  4.0
      UI SERVINGS CHICKEN  3.0
      UP SERVINGS EGGS     2.0
      UP SERVINGS MILK     8.0
      UP SERVINGS PIE      2.0
      UI SERVINGS BACON    2.0
ENDATA

```

### 10.3 Program Results

H02BFF Example Program Results

\*\*\* IP solver

Parameters

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Linear constraints.....	3	First integer solution..	OFF
Variables.....	6	Max depth of the tree...	75
Feasibility tolerance...	1.05E-08	Print level.....	1
Infinite bound size.....	1.00E+20	EPS (machine precision).	1.11E-16
Integer feasibility tol.	1.00E-05	Iteration limit.....	50
Max number of nodes.....	NONE		
** Workspace provided with MAXDPT = 75: LRWORK = 10075 LIWORK = 9679			
** Workspace required with MAXDPT = 75: LRWORK = 677 LIWORK = 2587			

Varbl	State	Value	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	Lagr Mult	Residual
OATMEAL	EQ	4.00000	4.00000	4.00000	3.000	0.000
CHICKEN	LL	0.00000	0.00000	3.00000	24.00	0.000
EGGS	LL	0.00000	0.00000	2.00000	13.00	0.000
MILK	LL	5.00000	5.00000	8.00000	9.000	0.000
PIE	EQ	2.00000	2.00000	2.00000	20.00	0.000
BACON	LL	0.00000	0.00000	2.00000	19.00	0.000



L Con	State	Value	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	Lagr Mult	Residual
ENERGY	FR	2080.00	2000.00	None	0.000	80.00
PROTEIN	FR	64.0000	55.0000	None	0.000	9.000
CALCIUM	FR	1477.00	800.000	None	0.000	677.0

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