

Introduction to BLUPF90 software suite

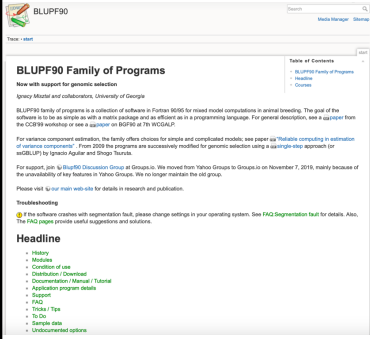


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BLUPF90 software suite



- Collection of software
- Fortran ≥ 90
- Computations in AB & G
- Since 1997/1998 by Ignacy Misztal
- Several developers + collaborators
- Simple, efficient, and comprehensive
- Very general models

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BLUPF90 software main developers



- + Several contributors
- Research turns into code
- Which programs?

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BLUPF90 software suite

- blupf90
RBF with rapid equations
- remif90
Expression Maximization RMF
- airemf90
Average Information RMF
- gibbsxf90
Reproduction Analysis - Mixed Models
- thrgibbsxf90
Reproduction Analysis - Longitudinal Models

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Programs

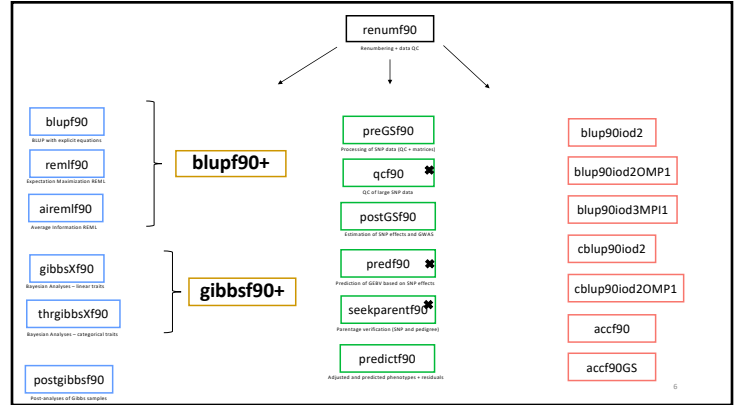
Available for research (free)

- BLUPF90+ - a combined program of blupf90, remf90, and airemf90
- GIBBSF90+ - a combined program of gibbsf90, gibbs2f90, gibbs3f90, thrgibbsf90, and thrgibbs3f90
- POSTGIBBSF90 - statistics and graphics for post-Gibbs analysis (S. Tsuneta)
- RENUMF90 - a renumbering program that also can check pedigrees and assign unknown parent groups; supports large data sets
- PREGSF90 - genomic preprocessor that combines genomic and pedigree relationships (I. Aguilar)
- POSTGSF90 - genomic postprocessor that extracts SNP solutions after genomic evaluations (single step, GBLUP) (I. Aguilar)
- PREDICTF90 - a program to calculate adjusted y , y_{hat} , and residuals (I. Aguilar)
- PREDF90 - a program to predict direct genomic value (DGV) for animals based on genotypes and SNP solution
- QCF90 - a quality-control tool on genotypes and pedigree information (Y. Masuda)
- INBUPGF90 - a program to calculate inbreeding coefficients with incomplete pedigree (I. Aguilar)
- SEEKPARENTF90 - a program to verify paternity and parent discovery using SNP markers (I. Aguilar)

No longer updated (as of May 2022)

- BLUPF90 - BLUP in memory
- REMF90 - accelerated EM REML
- AIREMF90 - Average Information REML with several options including EM-REML and heterogeneous residual variances (S. Tsuneta)
- GIBBSF90 - simple block implementation of Gibbs sampling - no genomic
- GIBBS1F90 - as above but faster for creating mixed model equations only once
- GIBBS2F90 - as above but with joint sampling of correlated effects
- GIBBS3F90 - as above with support for heterogeneous residual variances
- THRGIBBSF90 - Gibbs sampling for any combination of categorical and linear traits (D. Lee) - no genomic
- THRGIBBS1F90 - as above but simplified with several options (S. Tsuneta)
- THRGIBBS3F90 - as above with heterogeneous residual variances for linear traits

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RENUMF90

The **renumbering software** for the BLUPF90 suite

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RENUMF90

- **Renumbers data and pedigree**
- **Creates a parameter file for BLUPF90 family**
 - Parameter file can be modified by the users for new models
- **Traces back pedigree for individuals in the data**
- **Performs comprehensive pedigree checks**
- **Provides data statistics**
- **Creates an Xref file for genotyped individuals**
- **Computes inbreeding by default in $v \geq 1.157$**

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RENUMF90

• Supports

- virtually any dataset
- multiple traits
- different models (effects) per trait
- alphanumeric and numeric fields
- unknown parent groups
- covariates for random regression models

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RENUMF90 – Input files

• Data file and pedigree file as flat files

- Columns separated by at least one SPACE
- No TABS !!!! (current version checks for it)
- Input files cannot contain character #
- Missing sire/dams must have code 0
- code 00 is treated as a known animal

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RENUMF90 – Output files

• Creates files to be used by BLUPF90 family

- renf90.inb - file with inbreeding
- renf90.tables - cross reference file with renumbered and original effects
- renf90.fields - description of the effects in each field of renf90.dat

- renf90.dat - recoded data
- renaddxx.ped - renumbered pedigree + statistics
- renf90.par - new parameter file

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RENUMF90 parameter file

MANDATORY

renumf90 --show-template

Keyword	possible value	description
DATAFILE	character	The name of data file to be processed
TRAITS	integer	Position for phenotype (trait) in the data file
FIELDS_PASSED TO OUTPUT	integer	Position for the columns in the original data that will be passed to the renumbered data without changes Keep empty if not needed
WEIGHT(S)	integer	The position(s) for weight in the data file Keep empty if not needed
RESIDUAL_VARIANCE	real value(s)	Residual (co)variance
EFFECT	(next slide ...)	Description of an effect Repeatable

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RENUMF90 parameter file

Effects

Keyword	Possible value	effect type	form
EFFECT	integer (column where the effect is)	cross	alpha
			numer
		cov	

Keyword (only for covariables)	Possible value	form
NESTED	integer (column where the effect is)	alpha
		numer

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RENUMF90 parameter file

Model: $y = \text{farm} + \text{sex} + \beta \text{age} + e$

Fixed linear model

```

DATAFILE
data1.txt
TRAITS
5
FIELDS_PASSED TO OUTPUT
2
WEIGHT(S)

RESIDUAL_VARIANCE
1.0
EFFECT #1st effect - farm
2 cross alpha
EFFECT #2nd effect - sex
3 cross numer
EFFECT #3rd effect - age
4 cov
    
```

```

data1.txt
ID farm sex age phen
ID006 A 1 1.0 3.0
ID009 A 2 1.0 2.0
ID012 A 1 2.0 4.0
ID007 B 2 2.0 6.0
ID010 B 1 1.0 3.0
ID013 B 2 2.0 6.0
ID008 C 1 2.0 6.0
ID011 C 2 1.0 6.0
ID014 C 1 1.0 8.0
ID015 C 2 2.0 4.0
    
```

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RENUMF90 parameter file

Random Effects

Keyword after EFFECT	possible value	description
RANDOM	diagonal	Non-correlated
	animal	Correlation structure among animals

Keyword	possible value	description
OPTIONAL	pe	Permanent environmental
	mat	Maternal
	mpe	Permanent environmental maternal (only if mat is used)

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RENUMF90 parameter file

Random effects file section

Keyword after RANDOM (animal only)	possible value	description
FILE	character	Name of the pedigree file for animal models only

Keyword after FILE (for RANDOM animal only)	possible value	description
FILE_POS	integer	Specifies positions in the pedigree for ani sire dam alternate_dam yob Default: 1 2 3 0 0 <i>/if maternal effect alternate_dam</i>

Keyword (for RANDOM animal only)	possible value	description
SNP_FILE	character	Optional: If genomic info is to be used Name of the SNP file Format: ID 011122211155152222

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RENUMF90 parameter file

Pedigree options

Keyword (for RANDOM animal only)	possible value	description
PED_DEPTH	Integer	Optional Specifies the depth of pedigree search Default = 3 All pedigree = 0
GEN_INT	Integer min avg max	Optional Specifies min, avg, max generation interval; if yob is present Average used to predict yob of parents
REC_SEX	Integer	Optional Specifies which parent has records Checks if records are found in specific sex

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RENUMF90 parameter file

Unknown Parent Group options

Keyword (for RANDOM animal only)	possible value	description
UPG_TYPE	yob 1990 1992 ...	Optional UPG assigned based on yob
	in_pedigrees	Missing parent receives -x x is the UPG number
	group_unisex	UPG based on the information in pedigree Ex. UPG by breed FILE_POS 1 2 3 0 0 4 #the 6th field indicates which column the UPG code is in the pedigree
	group_sex	Separate UPG code for unknown sire and dam FILE_POS 1 2 3 0 0 4 5 #the 6th and 7th fields indicate which columns the UPG codes are in the pedigree

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RENUMF90 parameter file

Inbreeding option

Keyword (for RANDOM animal only)	possible value	description
INBREEDING		Default in RENUMF90 ≥ v1.157
	pedigree	Calculates inbreeding code and saves it in the numbered pedigree file (Default in RENUMF90 ≥ v1.157)
	File <name>	Reads inbreeding from an external file format: original_ID inbreeding (0 to 1)
	self x	Calculates inbreeding with selfing x is the column in the pedigree file with the number of selfing generations
	No-inbreeding	Turn inbreeding calculation off in RENUMF90 ≥ v1.157

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Inbreeding methods in renumf90

- Six methods
 - Speed up depends on the pedigree structure (depth)

OPTION inbreeding_method n → #method number

- 1: Meuwissen and Luo (1992)
- 2: Modified Meuwissen & Luo by Sargolzaei & Iwaisaki (2004)
- 3: Modified Colleau by Sargolzaei et al. (2005)
- 4: Recursive tabular
- 5: Tier (1990) with groups (not finished yet)
- 6: Hybrid parallel computing

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RENUMF90 parameter file

Random Regression options

Keyword	possible value	description
RANDOM_REGRESSION		Specifies that random regression should be applied to the random* effects
	data	If covariables are in the data

Keyword	possible value	description
RR_POSITON	Integer	Specifies positions of covariables if RANDOM_REGRESSION type is data

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RENUMF90 parameter file

(CO)VARIANCES for Random effects

Keyword	possible value	description
(CO)VARIANCES	real	(co)variance for the animal effect dimension should account for number of traits and random correlated effects

32.79	-7.22	-11.07
-7.22	258.06	87.66
-11.07	87.66	194.34

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RENUMF90 parameter file

(CO)VARIANCES structure

- 3 trait (T1-T3) and 2 correlated effects (E1-E2)

		E1			E2		
		T1	T2	T3	T1	T2	T3
E1	T1						
	T2						
	T3						
E2	T1						
	T2						
	T3						

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RENUMF90 parameter file

(CO)VARIANCES for Random effects

Keyword	possible value	description
(CO)VARIANCES	real	(co)variance for non-correlated random effects

Keyword	possible value	description
(CO)VARIANCES_PE	real	(co)variance for the PE effect if present

Keyword	possible value	description
(CO)VARIANCES_MPE	real	(co)variance for the MPE effect if present

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RENUMF90 parameter file

Creating interaction between effects

Keyword	possible value	description
COMBINE	integer	Should come before DATAFILE COMBINE 7 2 3 4 Columns 2, 3, 4 are combined into 7 They can be numer or alpha

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RENUMF90 parameter file

Keyword	optional	possible values
COMBINE	optional	definition of new field as a combination of existing fields
DATAFILE	mandatory	name of raw data file
TRATS	mandatory	positions of observations in the raw data file
FIELDS_PASSED	mandatory	positions of items in the raw data file to be passed to renf90.dat
WEIGHT(S)	mandatory	positions of weights in the raw data file
RESIDUAL_VARIANCE	mandatory	residual covariance matrix
EFFECT	mandatory	effect description
NESTED	optional	positions of nested covariates
RANDOM	optional	declaration of random effect
OPTIONAL	optional	declaration of MAT, PE, MPE
FILE	optional	name of raw pedigree file
FILE_PDS	optional	positions of animal ID, sire ID, and dam ID
SNP_FILE	optional	name of SNP marker file
PED_DEPTH	optional	the maximum generation back from animals with phenotype and/or genotype
GEN_INT	optional	generation interval to set unknown parent groups (UPG)
REC_SEX	optional	check if records are found in specific sex
UPG_TYPE	optional	UPG specification
INBREEDING	optional	create pedigree file with inbreeding code
RANDOM_REGRESSION	optional	put covariates for random regressions
RR_POSITION	optional	positions of covariates for random regressions
(CO)VARIANCES	optional	covariance components
(CO)VARIANCES_PE	optional	covariance components for animal PE effects
(CO)VARIANCES_MPE	optional	covariance components for maternal PE effects
OPTION	optional	option parameters

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RENUMF90 parameter file

Options passed to blupf90

- All lines that begin with the keyword OPTION are passed to parameter file renf90.par
 - Unless they are specific to renumf90
- This allows automation of process by using scripts
- For example:
 - OPTION sol se
 - OPTION use_yams

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RENUMF90 parameter file

Hints

- Keyword EFFECT is repeated as many times as effects in the model
- If (CO)VARIANCES for any effect are missing, default matrix with 1.0 in diagonal and 0.1 on off-diagonal will be used

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RENUMF90 parameter file

Model: $y = \text{farm} + \text{sex} + \beta \text{ age} + e$

```
DATAFILE
data1.txt
TRAITS
5
FIELDS_PASSED TO OUTPUT
2
WEIGHT(S)

RESIDUAL_VARIANCE
1.0
EFFECT #1st effect - farm
2 cross alpha
RANDOM
diagonal
(CO)VARIANCES
0.5
EFFECT #2nd effect - sex
3 cross number
EFFECT #3rd effect - age
4 cov
```

What if we want to consider farm as random?

```
data1.txt
ID farm sex age phen
ID006 A 1 1.0 3.0
ID009 A 2 1.0 2.0
ID012 A 1 2.0 4.0
ID007 B 2 2.0 6.0
ID010 B 1 1.0 3.0
ID013 B 2 2.0 6.0
ID008 C 1 2.0 6.0
ID011 C 2 1.0 6.0
ID014 C 1 1.0 8.0
ID015 C 2 2.0 4.0
```

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RENUMF90 parameter file

Model: $y = \text{farm} + \text{sex} + \beta \text{ age} + \text{animal} + e$

```
DATAFILE
data1.txt
TRAITS
5
FIELDS_PASSED TO OUTPUT
2
WEIGHT(S)

RESIDUAL_VARIANCE
1.0
EFFECT #1st effect - farm
2 cross alpha
EFFECT #2nd effect - sex
3 cross number
EFFECT #3rd effect - age
4 cov
EFFECT #4th effect - animal
1 cross alpha
RANDOM
animal
FILE
ped1.txt
FILE_POS
1 2 3 0 0
(CO)VARIANCES
0.5
```

What if we want to consider animal effect as random?

```
ped1.txt          data1.txt
ID Sire Dam ID farm sex age phen
ID006 ID001 ID003 ID006 A 1 1.0 3.0
ID009 ID001 ID004 ID009 A 2 1.0 2.0
ID012 ID001 ID005 ID012 A 1 2.0 4.0
ID007 ID001 ID003 ID007 B 2 2.0 6.0
ID010 ID001 ID004 ID010 B 1 1.0 3.0
ID013 ID002 ID005 ID013 B 2 2.0 6.0
ID008 ID002 ID003 ID008 C 1 2.0 6.0
ID011 ID002 ID004 ID011 C 2 1.0 6.0
ID014 ID002 ID005 ID014 C 1 1.0 8.0
ID015 ID002 ID003 ID015 C 2 2.0 4.0
```

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RENUMF90 output files

Pedigree file: renaddxx.ped

Data file: renf90.dat

Parameter file: renf90.par

Inbreeding file: renf90.inb

Renumbering table: renf90.table

Fields table: renf90.fields

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RENUMF90 output files

Pedigree file: renaddxx.ped

• Structure:

1. Animal ID (from 1)
2. Parent 1 ID or UPG number for parent 1
3. Parent 2 ID or UPG number for parent 2
4. 3 minus number of known parents
5. Known or estimated year of birth (0 if not provided)
6. Number of known parents
if genotyped: 10+number of known parents
7. Number of records
8. Number of progeny as parent 1
9. Number of progeny as parent 2
10. Original animal ID

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RENUMF90 output files Pedigree file: renaddxx .ped

- If option for inbreeding is used:

Column 4:

$\text{inb/upg code} = 4000 / [(1+ms)(1-Fs) + (1+md)(1-Fd)]$

ms (md) is 0 if sire (dam) is known, and 1 otherwise
Fs (Fd) is the coefficient of inbreeding of sire (dam)

Ex: For an animal with both parents known and F=0
 $\text{inb/upg code} = 2000$

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RENUMF90 output files Inbreeding file: renf90 .inb

- If the keyword INBREEDING is used, renf90.inb will have:

origID	Inbreeding	newID
A71342462	0.059204	6927175
A17194772	0.032106	29
A13476873	0.002958	6550405
A12EP4813	0.000000	61
A14347077	0.019187	6550336
A64547711	0.026603	12
A71922314	0.000000	6942899
A17274771	0.019961	42
AS3301967	0.000000	6550416
A42GF7566	0.000000	167
A3ZS6645	0.000000	25
A07818367	0.000000	7117564
A17354770	0.050361	55
AS3401908	0.000000	31
A13556872	0.063467	6550439
A14507075	0.071151	6550347

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RENUMF90 output files parameter file: renf90 .par

```
# BLUPF90 parameter file created by RENUMF90
DATAFILE
renf90.dat
NUMBER_OF_TRAITS
1
NUMBER_OF_EFFECTS
7
OBSERVATION(S)
1
WEIGHT(S)
1
EFFECTS: POSITIONS_IN_DATAFILE NUMBER_OF_LEVELS TYPE_OF_EFFECT[EFFECT NESTED]
2 2 cross
3 12018 cross
RANDOM_RESIDUAL_VALUES
0.60000
RANDOM_GROUP
2
RANDOM_TYPE
#RE_#M_#UPG#MB
FILE
renadd02.ped
(CO)VARIANCES
0.40000
OPTION SNP_file genotypes.txt
OPTION map_file $m_map.txt

DATAFILE
phenotypes.txt
TRAITS
3
FIELDS_PASSED_TO_OUTPUT
WEIGHT(S)
RESIDUAL_VARIANCE
0.60
EFFECT
2 cross alpha #sex
EFFECT
1 cross alpha
RANDOM
animal
FILE
pedigree.txt
FILE_PDS
1 2 3 0 0
SNP_FILE
phenotypes.txt
PED_DEPTH
7
(CO)VARIANCES
0.40
OPTION map_file gen_map.txt
```

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renumf90 FAQ

- 1) renumf90 cannot find the data file [Check for typos](#)
- 2) How to include quadratic covariable? [Column in data file](#)
- 3) Error when trying to use covariable [2 cov number](#)
- 4) Fixed effects in renf90.dat are different from original [renf90.tables](#)
- 5) I want to have original IDs in renf90.dat [FIELDS_PASSED TO OUTPUT](#)

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renumf90 FAQ

6) When and how to run renumf90?

a) Objective to compare models

Run renumf90 ONCE with the most complete model
Remove effects from renf90.par

b) Objective to compare non-genomic vs genomic model

Run renumf90 ONCE with SNP file
For non-genomic: Remove option for SNP file from renf90.par

c) Objective to mask phenotypes for some animals for validation

Run renumf90 ONCE with the complete data
Remove animals from renf90.dat

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renumf90 quick trick

- renumf90 --help
- renumf90 --show-template

```

[~/blupf90] day133 renumf90 --help
renumf90 version 1.15B with zlib

renumf90 parameter file [-options ...]

...--version show version number
...--show-template show template parameter file
...--parameter file for renumf90
...--help
...--help

TARGETS
=====
FILES_PASSED_TO_OUTPUT
=====
AIC(DFI)
RESIDUAL_VARIANCE
EFFECT
RANDOM
SPATIAL
FILE
FILE_POS
MAP_FILE
MAP_DEPTH
MAP_TYPE
MINRECORDING
FIXED_REGRESSION
RANDOM_REGRESSION
MAP_POSITION
COVARIANCES
COVARIANCES_PE
COVARIANCES_PVE
=====
OPTIONS
=====
OPTION min_iter 10
OPTION max_iter_readLine 800
OPTION max_iter_readLine 300
    
```

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blupf90+

- blupf90: MME solver
- airemlf90: variance components using Average Information REML
- remlf90: variance components using Expectation Maximization REML

Mixed Model Equations Solver
Variance Components Estimation

$$\begin{bmatrix} X'R^{-1}X & X'R^{-1}W \\ W'R^{-1}X & W'R^{-1}W+A^{-1}\otimes G_0^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \beta \\ \hat{u} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} X'R^{-1}y \\ W'R^{-1}y \end{bmatrix}$$

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blupf90+

MME Solver

Default

VC Estimation

- AI-REML:

OPTION method VCE

- EM-REML:

OPTION method VCE

OPTION EM-REML xx

↳ # of EM rounds

xx > 0 : switch to aireml

xxx < 0 : does not switch if convergence is reached

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blupf90+

- Supports virtually any model used in AB&G:
 - animal model
 - models with maternal effect
 - MPE
 - PE
 - Random Regression
 - Social interaction
 - Multiple traits
 - up to 70 if no correlated effects
 - up to [70/number of correlated effects]

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blupf90+

- Computes generalized solutions by several methods:
 - Preconditioner Conjugate Gradient (PCG)
 - Default Iterative method (fast)
 - Successive over-relaxation (SOR)
 - an iterative method based on Gauss-Seidel
 - Direct solution using sparse Cholesky factorization
 - FSPAK or YAMS (greater memory requirements)
- The solution values change among methods, but estimable functions should be the same
- Prediction error variances can be obtained using sparse inverse (FSPAK or YAMS)

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blupf90+ with PCG

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Iteration on data with preconditioned conjugate gradient (PCG)

Algorithm

Preconditioned conjugate gradient (PCG) is an iterative method to solve the linear equations. This method is easily harmonized with the iteration of data technique. Intermediate data is kept in only 4 vectors and the aim iteration will be done solving the vectors. BLUPF90CG is a program implementing the algorithm. Here we will introduce a basic idea needed to understand what the program does. See Stranden and Lohman (2005) and Turuda et al. (2005) for detailed algorithm.

The mixed model equations can be written as

$$Cx = b$$

where C is the left-hand side matrix, x is the solution vector and b is the right-hand side vector. If we have a matrix M which is an approximation of C , above equations are equivalent to

$$M^{-1}Cx = M^{-1}b$$

This matrix M is called preconditioner. If $M = C$, the equations are immediately solved. BLUPF90 uses $M = \text{diag}(C)$ so its inverse is easily calculated.

The residual is expressed as

$$r = b - Cx$$

and the algorithm tries to reduce with a statistics containing the residual. The **convergence** criterion is

$$r^T r = \frac{\|b - Cx\|^2}{\|b\|^2}$$

where $\| \cdot \|$ means the norm.

If $M^{-1}C$ has a better condition than C , the convergence is reached is faster

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Parameter file for blupf90+

```
# BLUPF90 parameter file created by RENUMF90
DATAFILE
  ../renf90.dat
NUMBER_OF_TRAITS
  2
NUMBER_OF_EFFECTS
  5
OBSERVATION(S)
  1
  2
WEIGHT(S)
  1
EFFECTS: POSITIONS_IN_DATAFILE NUMBER_OF_LEVELS TYPE_OF_EFFECT[EFFECT NESTED]
  3 4 40593 cross
  5 5 2 cross
  6 0 4 cross
  7 0 8 cross
  8 8 51811 cross
RANDOM_RESIDUAL_VALUES
  2.5300 1.3425
  1.3425 29.714
RANDOM_GROUP
  5
RANDOM_TYPE
  add_an_upginb
FILE
  ../renadd05.ped
(CO)VARIANCES
  0.7600 2.2391
  2.2391 30.609
```

Unlimited number of traits and effects

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Parameter file for blupf90+

```
# BLUPF90 parameter file created by RENUMF90
DATAFILE
../renf90.dat
NUMBER_OF_TRAITS
2
NUMBER_OF_EFFECTS
5
OBSERVATION(S)
1 2
WEIGHT(S)
1 2
EFFECTS: POSITIONS_IN_DATAFILE NUMBER_OF_LEVELS TYPE_OF_EFFECT[EFFECT NESTED]
3 4 40593 cross
5 5 2 cross
6 0 4 cross
7 0 8 cross
8 8 91811 cross
RANDOM_RESIDUAL_VALUES
2.5300 1.3425
RANDOM_GROUP
1.3425 29.714
RANDOM_TYPE
5
add_an_upginb
FILE
../renadd05.ped
(CO)VARIANCES
0.7600 2.2391
2.2391 30.609
```

As many columns as the number of traits

Number of levels

Type of effect

- As many rows as the NUMBER_OF_EFFECTS
- Model definition for each trait
- Different models per trait are supported
- If an effect is missing for one trait use 0

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Parameter file for blupf90+

```
# BLUPF90 parameter file created by RENUMF90
DATAFILE
../renf90.dat
NUMBER_OF_TRAITS
2
NUMBER_OF_EFFECTS
5
OBSERVATION(S)
1 2
WEIGHT(S)
1 2
EFFECTS: POSITIONS_IN_DATAFILE NUMBER_OF_LEVELS TYPE_OF_EFFECT[EFFECT NESTED]
3 4 40593 cross
5 5 2 cross
6 0 4 cross
7 0 8 cross
8 8 91811 cross
RANDOM_RESIDUAL_VALUES
2.5300 1.3425
RANDOM_GROUP
1.3425 29.714
RANDOM_TYPE
5
add_an_upginb
FILE
../renadd05.ped
(CO)VARIANCES
0.7600 2.2391
2.2391 30.609
```

Should be a square matrix with dimension equal to the number of traits

- Use zero (0.0) to indicate uncorrelated residual effects between traits
- e.g. For a 3-trait model

43.1	0.0	0.0
0.0	5.1	3.2
0.0	3.2	10.3

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Parameter file for blupf90+

```
# BLUPF90 parameter file created by RENUMF90
DATAFILE
../renf90.dat
NUMBER_OF_TRAITS
2
NUMBER_OF_EFFECTS
5
OBSERVATION(S)
1 2
WEIGHT(S)
1 2
EFFECTS: POSITIONS_IN_DATAFILE NUMBER_OF_LEVELS TYPE_OF_EFFECT[EFFECT NESTED]
3 4 40593 cross
5 5 2 cross
6 0 4 cross
7 0 8 cross
8 8 91811 cross
RANDOM_RESIDUAL_VALUES
2.5300 1.3425
RANDOM_GROUP
1.3425 29.714
RANDOM_TYPE
5
add_an_upginb
FILE
../renadd05.ped
(CO)VARIANCES
0.7600 2.2391
2.2391 30.609
```

Definition of random effects

RANDOM_GROUP
RANDOM_TYPE
FILE
(CO)VARIANCES

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Definition of random effects

- RANDOM_GROUP
 - Number of the effect(s) from list of effects
 - Correlated effects should be consecutive e.g. Maternal effects, Random Regression
- RANDOM_TYPE
 - diagonal, add_animal, add_sire, add_an_upg, add_an_upginb, add_an_self, user_file, user_file_i, or par_domin
- FILE
 - Pedigree file, parental dominance, or user file
- (CO)VARIANCES
 - Square matrix with dimension equal to the number_of_traits*number_of_correlated_effects

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(CO)VARIANCES

- Assuming a 3 trait (T1-T3) and 2 correlated effects (E1-E2)

		E1			E2		
		T1	T2	T3	T1	T2	T3
E1	T1						
	T2						
	T3						
E2	T1						
	T2						
	T3						

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RANDOM_TYPE

- Diagonal**
 - for permanent environment effects
 - assumes no correlation between levels of the effect
- add_sire**
 - To create a relationship matrix using sire and maternal grandsire
 - Pedigree file:
 - individual number, sire number, maternal grandsire number
- add_animal**
 - To create a relationship matrix using sire and dam information
 - Pedigree file:
 - animal number, sire number, dam number

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RANDOM_TYPE

- add_an_upg**
 - As before but using rules for unknown parent group
 - Pedigree file:
 - animal number, sire number, dam number, parent code
 - missing sire/dam can be replaced by upg number, usually greater than maximum number of animals
 - Parent code = 3 - # of known parents
 - 1 both parents known
 - 2 one parent known
 - 3 both parents unknown
- add_an_upginb**
 - As before but using rules for unknown parent group and inbreeding
 - Pedigree file:
 - animal number, sire number, dam number, inb/upg code
 - missing sire/dam can be replaced by upg number, usually greater than maximum number of animals
 - inb/upg code = $4000 / [(1+ms)(1-Fs) + (1+md)(1-Fd)]$
 - ms (md) is 0 if sire (dam) is known and 1 otherwise
 - Fs(Fd) inbreeding coefficient of the sire (dam)

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RANDOM_TYPE

- Add_an_self**
 - To create a relationship matrix when there is selfing
 - Pedigree file:
 - individual number, parent 1 number, parent 2, number of selfing generations
- user_file**
 - An inverted matrix is read from file
 - Matrix is stored only upper- or lower-triangular
 - Matrix file:
 - row, col, value
- user_file_i**
 - As before but the matrix will be inverted by the program
- par_domin**
 - A parental dominance file created by program RENDOM

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OPTIONS for blupf90+

- Program behavior can be modified by adding extra options at the end of the par file
- `OPTION option_name x1 x2 ...`
- `option_name`: each program has its definition of options
- The number of optional parameters (x1, x2, ...) to control the behavior depends on the option

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Options for blupf90+

Options

`OPTION conv_crit 1e-12`

Set convergence criteria (default 1e-12)

`OPTION maxrounds 10000`

Set maximum number of rounds (default 5000)

`OPTION solv_method FSPAK`

Select solutions by FSPAK, SOR or PCG (default PCG)

`OPTION r_factor 1.6`

Set relaxation factor for SOR (default 1.4)

`OPTION sol 1e`

Store solutions and standard errors

`OPTION store_pev_pec 6`

Store triangular matrices of standard errors and its covariances for correlated random effects such as direct-maternal effects and random-regression effects in 'pev_pec_050'

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Options for blupf90+

**Missing data
Not pedigree!**

`OPTION missing -999`

Specify missing observations (default 0) in integer

`OPTION residual1`

y-hat and residual will be included in 'yhat_residual'

`OPTION blksize 3`

Set block size for preconditioner (default 1)

`OPTION use_yams`

Run the program with YAMS (modified FSPAK)

`OPTION snp_file snp`

Specify the SNP file name to use genotype data.

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New options for blupf90+

- Storing reliabilities based on PEV

`OPTION store_accuracy X`

Number of animal effect

$$Rel = 1 - \frac{PEV}{\sigma_a^2(1+f)}$$

- Adjusts for f (inbreeding) from **A**, **G**, or **H**
- Turn inbreeding adjustment off
- `OPTION correct_accuracy_by_inbreeding_direct 0`
- Storing solutions with original ID if `renumf90` was used to renumber the data
- `OPTION origID`
- Only `solutions.original` is created

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Common parameter file for blupf90+

```
# BLUPF90 parameter file created by RENUF90
DATAFILE
renf90.dat
NUMBER_OF_TRAITS
1
NUMBER_OF_EFFECTS
2
OBSERVATION(S)
1
WEIGHT(S)
1
EFFECTS: POSITIONS_IN_DATAFILE NUMBER_OF_LEVELS TYPE_OF_EFFECT(EFFECT NESTED)
2 2 2 cross
3 12010 cross
RANDOM_RESIDUAL_VALUES
0.60000
RANDOM_GROUP
2
RANDOM_TYPE
add_an_uprind
FILE
renad02.ped
(CO)VARIANCES
0.40000
OPTION SNP_file genotypes.txt
OPTION map_file gen_map.txt
```

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Common problem in blupf90+

- Wrong data file and pedigree name
 - Program may not stop if file name does not exist
 - Check outputs for data file name and number of records and pedigree read

```
round = 4995 convergence = NaN
round = 4996 convergence = NaN
round = 4997 convergence = NaN
round = 4998 convergence = NaN
round = 4999 convergence = NaN
round = 5000 convergence = NaN
5001 iterations, convergence criterion= NaN
solutions stored in file: "solutions"
```

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VC Estimation

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REML

- blupf90+ has 2 REML algorithms
 - EM-REML: expectation-maximization (EM) algorithm
 - AI-REML: average information (AI) algorithm
- REML = restricted/residual maximum likelihood
 - Patterson and Thompson (1971)
- Most used method for VCE in AB&G

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EM-REML

- This method requires iterations:

$$y = X\beta + Zu + e \quad \begin{bmatrix} X'X & X'Z \\ Z'X & Z'Z + A^{-1}\frac{\sigma_e^2}{\sigma_u^2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \beta \\ \hat{u} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} X'y \\ Z'y \end{bmatrix}$$

- set initial variance components
- compute $\hat{\beta}$ and \hat{u} via mixed model equations
- update variance components with the following equations

$$\hat{\sigma}_a^2 = \frac{\hat{u}'A^{-1}\hat{u} + \text{tr}(A^{-1}C^{uu})}{N_a} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Inverse of LHS for} \\ \text{animal effect} \end{array}$$

$$\hat{\sigma}_e^2 = \frac{y'(y - X\hat{\beta} - Z\hat{u})}{N - \text{rank}(X)} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{\# animals} \\ \text{(rank of A)} \end{array}$$

- go to 1 or stop if the parameters do not change anymore

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EM-REML

- Simpler equations
 - More complicated equations in multiple-trait models
- Easier to understand
- Very slow convergence (looks stable but may not converge)
- Computationally demanding, especially for C^{uu}

$$\begin{bmatrix} \hat{\beta} \\ \hat{u} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} X'X & X'Z \\ Z'X & Z'Z + A^{-1}\frac{\sigma_e^2}{\sigma_u^2} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} X'y \\ Z'y \end{bmatrix}$$

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AI-REML

$$\hat{\theta}_{n+1} = \hat{\theta}_n - H^{-1}(\hat{\theta}_n)d(\hat{\theta}_n)$$

Vector of variance components
Gradient (score vector)

Hessian Matrix

Average-information algorithm uses this matrix as Hessian, P = Projection or hat matrix

$$H(\theta) = \mathcal{I}_A(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2}y'PZAZ'PZAZ'Py & -\frac{1}{2}y'PZAZ'PPy \\ -\frac{1}{2}y'PPZAZ'Py & -\frac{1}{2}y'PPPy \end{bmatrix}$$

Gradient

$$-2d(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \text{tr}(PZAZ') - y'PZAZ'Py \\ \text{tr}(P) - y'PPy \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{N_a}{\sigma_a^2} - \frac{\text{tr}(A^{-1}C^{uu})}{(\sigma_a^2)^2} - \frac{u'A^{-1}u}{(\sigma_a^2)^2} \\ \frac{N - \text{rank}(X)}{\sigma_e^2} - \frac{1}{\sigma_e^2} \left[N_a - \frac{\text{tr}(A^{-1}C^{uu})}{\sigma_a^2} \right] - \frac{e'e}{(\sigma_e^2)^2} \end{bmatrix}$$

expensive

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AI-REML

- Computationally demanding
- Much faster than EM-REML
 - Fewer iterations
- Provides estimation of standard errors
- BUT
 - For complex models and poor starting values
 - Slow convergence
 - Parameter estimates out of the parameter space
 - In some cases, initial rounds with EM-REML may help

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VC Estimation

- AI-REML:

OPTION method VCE

- EM-REML:

OPTION method VCE

OPTION EM-REML, **xxx**

↓ # of EM rounds

xxx > 0 : switch to aireml

xxx < 0 : does not switch if convergence is reached

Original options for
airemlf90 and remlf90
also work!

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Options for blupf90+

OPTION se_covar_function <label> <function>

<label>

A name for a particular function (e.g. P1 for phenotypic variance of trait 1, H2_1 for heritability for trait 1, rg12 for genetic correlation between traits 1 and 2. ...).

<function>

A formula to calculate a function of (co)variances to estimate SD. All terms of the function should be written with no spaces.

Each term of the function corresponds to (co)variance elements and could include any random effects (G) and residual (R) (co)variances.

G_eff1_eff2_trt1_trt2

R_trt1_trt1

Examples:

OPTION se_covar_function P G_2_2_1_1+G_2_3_1_1+G_3_3_1_1+G_4_4_1_1+R_1_1

OPTION se_covar_function H2d G_2_2_1_1/(G_2_2_1_1+G_2_3_1_1+G_3_3_1_1+G_4_4_1_1+R_1_1)

OPTION se_covar_function rg12 G_2_2_1_2/(G_2_2_1_1*G_2_2_2_2)**0.5

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Does blupf90+ for VCE always converge?

- When the expected variance is very small, or the covariance matrix is close to non-positive definite, try the following starting values:
 - much smaller = 0.00001
 - much bigger = 1000
- If blupf90+ does not converge with AI-REML but converges with EM-REML with the same data set and the same model:
 - run EM-REML again but with a smaller starting value to check the estimate because it could be an artifact
 - use OPTION EM-REML inside blupf90+ as an initial point for AI-REML:
 - OPTION EM-REML **xxx**

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blupf90+ quick trick

- blupf90+ --help

```
blupf90+ day11@blupf90+ --help
blupf90+
*****
*****
*****
Computation of variance components, solutions, and s.e.
Default: Bayesian mixed variance components estimation
for fixed model animals, use blupf90+ --help-general
* OPTION help_file help
Specify the help file name to use genotype data.
* OPTION method VCE (default: BLUP with blupf90 options)
Run algorithm for variance component estimation (default: running blupf90)
* OPTION conv_crit 1e-12
Convergence criterion (default: 1e-10)
* OPTION maximum_iter
Maximum rounds (default: 5000).
More heuristically, calculate BLUP without iterating REML and save statistics
* OPTION EM_REML 10
Run EM-REML (EM/REML) for first 10 rounds (default: 0).
* OPTION use_ems
Run the program with EMS (modified FSPML). The computing time can be dramatically improved.
* OPTION tol 1e-12
Tolerance (or precision) (default: 1e-14) for positive definite matrix and g-inverse subroutines.
Convergence may be much faster by changing this value.
* OPTION sol 10
Store solutions and those standard errors...
* OPTION output
Store solutions with original files.
* OPTION store_covar
Store V2xV2cov matrix of standard errors and its covariances for correlated random effects
such as fixed random effects and random regression effects in "var_ems_store".
* OPTION residual
What and residuals will be included in "what_residual".
* OPTION missing 999
Specify the missing value (default: 0) as integer.
* OPTION output_dir 1 2 3 ...
1: effect files number
2: second trait number
including the covariance between traits 1 and 2 for effect 1.
* More information:
Application program details: http://www.ahs.usma.edu/ahs/ahs/ahs1001/ahs1001application\_program.html
blupf90+ manual: http://www.ahs.usma.edu/ahs/ahs1001/ahs1001manual.html
```

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gibbsf90+

- `gibbs1f90`: stores single trait matrices once – fast for multi-trait models
- `gibbs2f90`: `gibbs1f90` with joint sampling of correlated effects – Maternal effects and RRM
- `gibbs3f90`: `gibbs2f90` with heterogeneous residual variance
- `thrgibbs1f90`: for linear-threshold models
- `thrgibbs3f90`: `thrgibbs1f90` with heterogeneous residual variance

Variance Components Estimation
Mixed Model Equations Solver

$$\begin{bmatrix} X'R^{-1}X & X'R^{-1}W \\ W'R^{-1}X & W'R^{-1}W+A^{-1}\otimes G_0^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \beta \\ u \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} X'R^{-1}y \\ W'R^{-1}y \end{bmatrix}$$

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Linear

Default

Threshold (-Linear)

OPTION cat 0 2 5

- Categories renumbered from 1
- Missing records is only 0

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Bayes Theorem

$$p(\theta|y) = p(y|\theta) p(\theta)$$

↑ Likelihood function
indicates how likely the observations are from a distribution (with particular parameters)

↑ prior probability of unknown θ

↑ posterior probability of unknown θ with known y

- Basic idea of Gibbs sampling:
- Gibbs sampling is a numerical method to draw samples from a posterior distribution (not always explicitly available)
- Draw samples = generate random numbers following a distribution
- The results are random numbers (not theoretical formulas)
- The posterior distribution will be drawn based on the numerical values (like a histogram)

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Ingredients for Gibbs sampling

- 1) Theoretical derivation: conditional posterior distribution for each unknown parameter
- 2) Software: a random number generator for a particular distribution

```
# Basic Gibbs sampling for mu (normal) and sigma2 (inverted chi-square)
y <- c(14,16,18)
N <- length(y)
n.samples <- 100
mu <- rep(0,n.samples)
sigma2 <- rep(0,n.samples)

# initial value
mu[1] <- 0
sigma2[1] <- 10

# sampling
for(i in 2:n.samples){
  mu[i] <- rnorm(1, mean=mean(y), sd=sqrt(sigma2[i-1]*N)) # using the most recent sigma2
  df <- N-2
  S <- sum((y-mu[i])^2)
  sigma2[i] <- rinvchisq(1, df=df, scale=S) # using the most recent mu
}
```

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gibbsf90+

- Name of parameter file?
`gibbs1.par`
- Number of samples and length of burn-in?
`samples=10,000 to 100,000; burn-in=0`
- Give n to store every n-th sample?
`10`
- `gibbsf90+ parfile.par --samples i --burnin j --interval k`

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gibbsf90+

- Procedure
 - Run `gibbsf90+` to estimate variance components
 - Run `postgibbsf90` to process the samples and check convergence
 - Run `gibbsf90+` with new variance components to estimate breeding values (2k to 10k samples)
`OPTION fixed_var mean X`
└─ Number of the animal effect

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gibbsf90+

```
OPTION cat 0 0 2 5
```

'0' indicate that the first and second traits are linear. '2' and '5' indicate that the third and fourth traits are categorical with 2 (binary) and 5 categories.

```
OPTION fixed_var all
```

Store all samples for solutions in "all_solutions" and posterior means and SD for all effects in "final_solutions", assuming that (co)variances in the parameter file are known.

```
OPTION fixed_var all 1 2 3
```

Store all samples for solutions in "all_solutions" and posterior means and SD for 1, 2, and 3 effects in "final_solutions", assuming that (co)variances in the parameter file are known.

```
OPTION fixed_var mean
```

Only posterior means and SD for solutions are calculated for all effects in "final_solutions", assuming that (co)variances in the parameter file are known.

```
OPTION fixed_var mean 1 2 3
```

Only posterior means and SD for solutions are calculated for effects 1, 2, and 3 in "final_solutions", assuming that (co)variances in the parameter file are known.

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```
OPTION save_halfway_samples n
```

This option can help the 'cold start' (to continue the sampling when the program accidentally stops before completing the run). An integer value *n* is needed. In every *n* rounds, the program saves intermediate samples to 2 files (`last_solutions` and `binary_final_solutions`). The program can restart the sampling from the last round where the intermediate files were saved. The program also writes a log file `save_halfway_samples.txt` with useful information for the next run.

To restart, add `OPTION cont 1` to your parameter file and run `gibbsf90+` again. Input 3 numbers (samples, burn-in, and interval) according to `save_halfway_samples.txt`. `Gibbsf90+` can take care of all restarting process by itself, so no other tools are needed.

Tips

- Small *n* will make the program slow because of frequent file writing. The *n* should be a multiple of the interval (the 3rd number you will input in the beginning of the program).
- If the program stops during burn-in, the restart will fail because `gibbs_samples` is not created. Recommendation is `burn-in=0` (but it doesn't provide posterior mean and SD for solutions).
- The cold start may add tiny numerical errors to the samples. Samples from the cold start won't be identical to samples from a non-stop analysis.
- If, unfortunately, the program is killed during its saving the intermediate samples, the cold start will fail. To avoid this, you can manually make a backup for `gibbs_samples`, `fort.99_last_solutions`, and `binary_final_solutions` at some point and write them back if needed.

```
OPTION se_covar_function <label> <function>
```

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gibbsf90+

```
OPTION hetres_int col nlev
```

```
OPTION hetres_int 5 10
```

The position "5" to identify the interval in the data file and the number of intervals "10" for heterogeneous residual variances.

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gibbsf90+

<p>Data (datasire)</p> <pre>1 - hys 2 - sire 3 - y1 4 - heterogeneous clat 5 - y2</pre> <p>cat datasire</p> <pre>6 13 317.55 1 644.26 3 10 280.44 1 563.85 37 1 270.52 5 543.63 53 10 286.43 5 579.84</pre>	<p>Parameter file (ex5)</p> <pre>DATAFILE datasire NUMBER_OF_TRAITS NUMBER_OF_EFFECTS OBSERVATION(S) WEIGHT(S) EFFECTS: POSITIONS_IN_DATAFILE 1 1 100 cross 2 2 50 cross RANDOM_RESIDUAL_VALUES 500 100 100 1000 RANDOM_GROUP RANDOM_TYPE diagonal FILE (CO)VARIANCES 75 10 10 150 OPTION hetres_int 4 5</pre>	<pre>round 98 209. 416. 416. 828. Residual variance, interval 1 df_r 1997 ee/n 99.4738134864675 101. 202. 202. 412. Residual variance, interval 2 df_r 1997 ee/n 146.518188769043 148. 296. 296. 602. Residual variance, interval 3 df_r 1997 ee/n 198.183671561078 198. 397. 397. 886. Residual variance, interval 4 df_r 1997 ee/n 232.307903786663 228. 455. 455. 917. Residual variance, interval 5 df_r 1997 ee/n 301.189371418363 311. 622. 622. 0.126E+04</pre>
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gibbsf90+ quick trick

- `gibbsf90+ --help`

```
(dependencies) [ay11] gibbsf90+ --help
*****
* gibbsf90+ *
*****
gibbs sampler for mixed threshold-linear models involving multiple categorical
and linear variables.
Residual and variances can be estimated in advance.
For help about genomics, use gibbsf90+ --help-genomic
* OPTION oap_file oap
Specify the OAP file name to use genotype data.
* OPTION cat 0 0 2 5
"0" indicates that the first and second traits are linear.
"2" and "5" indicate that the third and fourth traits are categorical with 2 (binary) and 5 categories.
* OPTION fixed_var all
Store all results for solutions in all solutions and posterior means and SD for all effects in final_solutions
This assumes that (co)variances in the parameter file are known.
* OPTION fixed_var all 1 2 3
Store all results for solutions in all solutions and posterior means and SD for 1, 2, and 3 effects in final_solutions
This assumes that (co)variances in the parameter file are known.
* OPTION fixed_var none
Only posterior means and SD for solutions are calculated for all effects in final_solutions
This assumes that (co)variances in the parameter file are known.
* OPTION fixed_var none 1 2 3
Only posterior means and SD for solutions are calculated for effects 1, 2, and 3 in final_solutions
This assumes that (co)variances in the parameter file are known.
```

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gibbsf90+ quick trick II

- Optimizing gibbsf90+ when using genomic data

Run `renumf90` with the following option:
`OPTION animal_order genotypes`

Run `gibbsf90+` with the following option:
`OPTION separate_dense`

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postgibbsf90

- Basic idea of post-Gibbs analysis:
- Summarize and visualize the samples drawn by gibbsxf90
- Confirm if the chain converged
- Find the most probable value = posterior mode as a “point estimate”
- Find the reliability of the estimates = the highest posterior density as a “confidence interval”

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postgibbsf90

- Name of parameter file?
gibbs1.par
- Burn-in?
0
- Give n to store every n-th sample? (1 means read all samples)
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- input files
gibbs_samples, fort.99
- output files
"postgibbs_samples"
all Gibbs samples for additional post analyses
"postmean"
posterior means
"poststd"
posterior standard deviations
"postout"

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postgibbsf90

at least > 10 is recommended
> 30 may be better

Pos.	eff1	eff2	trt1	trt2	MCE	Monte Mean	Carlo Error by HPD Interval (95%)	Time Series Effective sample size	Median	Mode	Independent chain size	
1	4	4	1	1	1.362E-02	0.9889	0.7788	1.215	70.4	0.9844	0.9861	18
2	4	4	1	2	1.288E-02	1.006	0.777	1.219	84.1	1.006	0.952	18
3	4	4	2	2	1.847E-02	1.66	1.347	1.987	80.3	1.652	1.579	25
4	0	0	1	1	9.530E-03	24.47	24.07	24.84	425.6	24.47	24.53	2
5	0	0	1	2	8.253E-03	11.84	11.54	12.18	395.8	11.83	11.82	2
6	0	0	2	2	1.233E-02	30.1	29.65	30.58	387.8	30.09	29.97	5

***** p. Lower and upper bounds of Mean ± 1.96PSD io ratio between first half and second half of the samples ; should be < 1.0

Pos.	eff1	eff2	trt1	trt2	PSD	Mean	PSD Interval (95%)	Geweke diagnostic	Autocorrelations lag: 1 10 50	Independent # batches
1	4	4	1	1	0.1144	0.9889	0.7648 1.213	-0.02	0.853 0.188 0.049	50
2	4	4	1	2	0.1182	1.006	0.7742 1.237	-0.11	0.828 0.111 -0.066	50
3	4	4	2	2	0.1656	1.66	1.335 1.984	0.06	0.828 0.108 -0.021	36
4	0	0	1	1	0.1967	24.47	24.09 24.86	-0.01	0.034 0.029 -0.062	450
5	0	0	1	2	0.1643	11.84	11.51 12.16	0.03	0.032 -0.006 -0.016	450
6	0	0	2	2	0.2429	30.1	29.62 30.57	-0.02	0.07 -0.014 0.037	180

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postgibbsf90

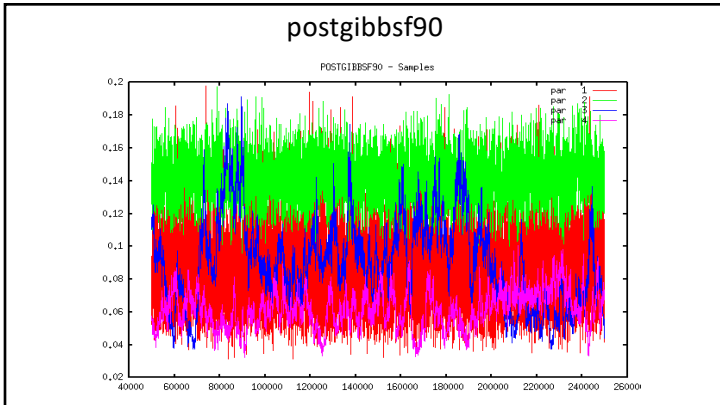
```
Choose a graph for samples (= 1) or histogram (= 2); or exit (= 0)
1

positions
1 2 3 # choose from the position numbers 1 through 6

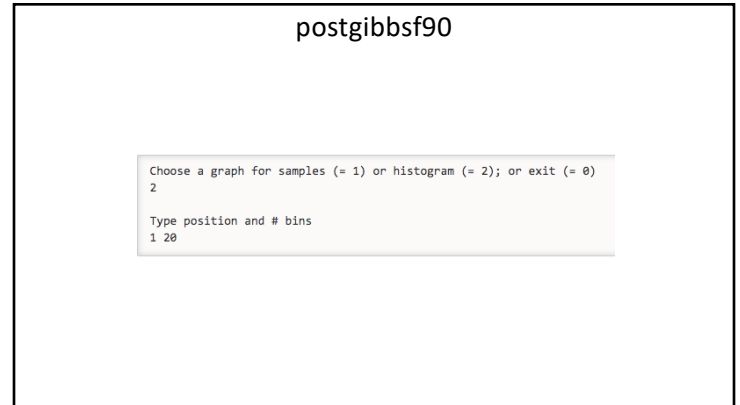
If the graph is stable (not increasing or decreasing), the convergence is met.
All samples before that point should be discarded as burn-in.

print = 1; other graphs = 2; or stop = 0
2
```

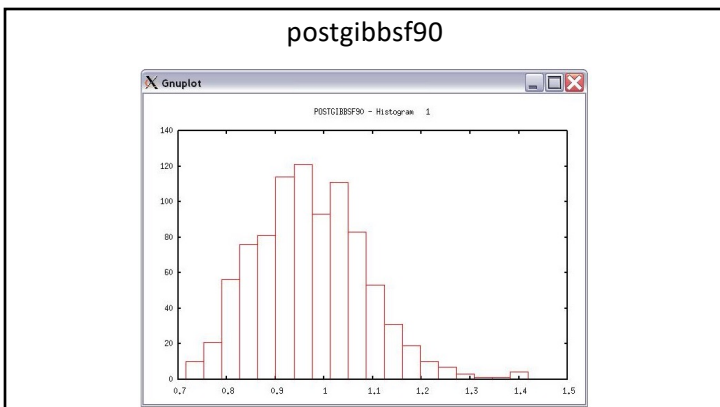
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- ### Common problems for blupf90 family
- Wrong position or formats for observation and effects
 - Misspelling of Keywords
 - Program may stop
 - (Co)variance matrices not symmetric, not positive definite
 - Program may not stop
 - Large numbers (e.g. 305-day milk yield 10,000 kg)
 - Scale down i.e. 10,000 / 1,000 = 10

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General output from blupf90 family

- Output printed on the screen is not saved to any file!
- Should use redirection or pipes to store output

renumf90

```
Renumf90 renum.par | tee renum.log
```

blupf90+

```
blupf90+ renf90.par | tee blup.log
```

gibbsf90+

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Run in background + Save output

```
$vi gibbs.sh
#type the following commands inside gibbs.sh
gibbsf90+ <<AA > gibbs.log
renf90.par
1000 0
10
AA
#save and exit
$bash gibbs.sh & #can replace bash with sh
```

```
$vi bp.sh
#type the following commands inside bp.sh
blupf90+ <<AA > blup.log
renf90.par
AA
#save and exit
$bash bp.sh & #can replace bash by sh
```

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