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• Update to 3.1 versioning
• Large set of content updates from Hong Bo Peng
• Added a "Concepts" page
• Restructure and title changes
• Updates from Mike Perks
• New glossary
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About this publication

This publication describes how to configure the IBM® Linear Algebra Package (LAPACK) library and how to program applications that use it on the IBM Software Development Kit for Multicore Acceleration (SDK). It contains reference information about APIs for the library and sample applications showing usage of these APIs.

Audience

The target audience for this document is application programmers using the SDK. You should have a basic understanding of programming on the Cell Broadband Engine™ Architecture (Cell/B.E.) and common terminology associated with the Cell/B.E. platform.

Related documentation

Open source LAPACK documentation is available from the netlib Web site at: [http://netlib.org/lapack/](http://netlib.org/lapack/)

For a list of SDK documentation, see “Related documentation” on page 37.

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What’s new

What’s new in this publication.

All LAPACK routines are available for use in the SDK. These routines include real single precision, real double precision, complex single precision, and complex double precision.

The following 5 routines have been optimized to use features of the Cell/B.E. Synergistic Processing Elements (SPEs):

- **DGETRS** - Linear equation solver.
- **DPOTRS** - Linear equation (symmetric positive definite) solver
- **DGELQF** - Computes the LQ factorization of a general matrix.
- **DGESVD** - Computes the singular value decomposition (SVD) of a real M-by-N matrix A using implicit zero-shift QR algorithm, optionally computing the left and/or right singular vectors.
- **DGESDD** - Computes the singular value decomposition (SVD) of a real M-by-N matrix A using a divide-and-conquer algorithm. It optionally computes the left and/or right singular vectors.
# Concepts

These are the main concepts and terms used when describing LAPACK.

| **DMA** | Direct Memory Access. This is a technique for using a special purpose controller to generate the source and destination addresses for a memory or I/O transfer. |
| **PPE** | IBM PowerPC® Processor Element. The general purpose processor in the Cell/B.E.. |
| **PPU** | IBM PowerPC Processor Unit. The part of the PPE that executes instructions from its main memory. |
| **SPE** | Synergistic processor element. These extend the PowerPC 64 architecture by acting as cooperative offload processors (synergistic processors), with direct memory access (DMA) and synchronization mechanisms to communicate with them (memory flow control), and with enhancements for real time management. There are eight SPEs on each Cell/B.E. processor die. |
| **SPU** | Synergistic processor unit. This is the part of an SPE that executes instructions from its local store (LS). |
Part 1. Overview of LAPACK

The LAPACK (Linear Algebra Package) library is based upon a published standard interface for commonly used linear algebra operations in high performance computing (HPC) and other scientific domains. It provides routines for solving systems of simultaneous linear equations, least-squares solutions of linear systems of equations, eigenvalue problems, and singular value problems. The associated matrix factorizations LU decomposition (lower triangular matrix L and upper triangular matrix U), Cholesky decomposition, QR decomposition (orthogonal matrix Q and upper triangular matrix R), and SVD (Singular value decomposition) are provided. Dense and banded matrices are handled, but not general sparse matrices.

The LAPACK API is available with standard ANSI C and standard FORTRAN 77 interfaces. LAPACK implementations are also available as open source from [http://netlib.org](http://netlib.org).

Each LAPACK routine has up to four versions, as detailed in the following table:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Precision</th>
<th>Routine name prefix</th>
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<td>Real single precision</td>
<td>S</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>real double precision</td>
<td>D</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>complex single precision</td>
<td>C</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>complex double precision</td>
<td>Z</td>
</tr>
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</table>

The LAPACK library in the IBM Software Development Kit for Multicore Acceleration (SDK) supports all C/S/D/Z LAPACK routines. All routines are available as PPE APIs and conform to the standard LAPACK FORTRAN 77 interface.

The following routines have been optimized to use features of the Synergistic Processing Elements (SPEs):
- **DGETRF** - Computes the LU factorization of a general matrix
- **DGETRS** – Linear equation solver
- **DGETRI** - Computes the inverse of a general matrix using an LU factorization
- **DGEQRF** - Computes the QR factorization of a general matrix
- **DGELQF** - Compute the LQ factorization of a general matrix
- **DPOTRF** - Computes the Cholesky factorization of a symmetric positive matrix
- **DPOTRS** – Linear equation (symmetric positive definite) solver
- **DBDSQR** - Computes the singular value decomposition of a real bi-diagonal matrix using an implicit zero-shift QR algorithm
- **DSTEQR** - Computes the singular value decomposition of a real symmetric tridiagonal matrix using an implicit QR algorithm
- **DGESVD** - Computes the singular value decomposition (SVD) of a real matrix using an implicit zero-shift QR algorithm, optionally computing the left and/or right singular vectors.
• DGESDD - Computes the singular value decomposition (SVD) of a real matrix using a divide-and-conquer algorithm, optionally computing the left and/or right singular vectors.
Chapter 1. Conventions

The following table explains the typographical conventions used in this documentation.

Table 2. Typographical conventions

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<tr>
<th>Typeface</th>
<th>Indicates</th>
<th>Example</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Bold</strong></td>
<td>Used for specific emphasis with lowercase commands, executables, compiler options and directives. If you specify -O3, the compiler assumes -qhot=level=0. To prevent all HOT optimizations with -O3, specify -qnohot.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><em>Italics</em></td>
<td>Parameters or variables whose actual names or values are to be supplied by the user. Italics are also used to introduce new terms. Make sure that you update the size parameter if you return more than the size requested.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>monospace</strong></td>
<td>Programming keywords and library functions, compiler built-in functions, examples of program code, command strings, or user-defined names. If one or two cases of a switch statement are typically executed much more frequently than other cases, break out those cases by handling them separately before the switch statement.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Part 2. Installing and configuring LAPACK

Installation of the LAPACK library occurs during installation of the Software Development Kit for Multicore Acceleration. No additional configuration for LAPACK is necessary after installing the SDK.

Part 3. Programming with LAPACK

The following topics describe how to program applications to use the LAPACK library.
Chapter 2. Basic structure of the LAPACK library

The following tables show the location of the files installed with the LAPACK package:

Table 3. LAPACK library contents (X86)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Platform</th>
<th>X86 or X86_64 (Development)</th>
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</table>
| PPE 32-bit library     | /opt/cell/sysroot/usr/lib/liblapack.a  
|                        | /opt/cell/sysroot/usr/lib/liblapack.so  
|                        | /opt/cell/sysroot/usr/lib/liblapack.so.3.1.1  |
| PPE 64-bit library     | /opt/cell/sysroot/usr/lib64/liblapack.a  
|                        | /opt/cell/sysroot/usr/lib64/liblapack.so  
|                        | /opt/cell/sysroot/usr/lib64/liblapack.so.3.1.1  |
| PPE header files       | /opt/cell/sysroot/usr/include/lapack.h  
|                        | /opt/cell/sysroot/usr/include/lapack_errno.h  |
| Example Code           | /opt/cell/sdk/src/lapack-examples-source.tar  |

Table 4. LAPACK library contents (Cell/B.E. and PowerXCell 8i processors)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Platform</th>
<th>Cell/B.E. or Power Host (Development or execution including Full-System Simulator)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| PPE 32-bit library     | /usr/lib/liblapack.a  
|                        | /usr/lib/liblapack.so  
|                        | /usr/lib/liblapack.so.3.1.1  |
| PPE 64-bit library     | /usr/lib64/liblapack.a  
|                        | /usr/lib64/liblapack.so  
|                        | /usr/lib64/liblapack.so.3.1.1  |
| PPE header files       | /usr/include/lapack.h  
|                        | /usr/include/lapack_errno.h  |
| Example Code           | /opt/cell/sdk/src/lapack-examples-source.tar  |

The following table describes the important file components of the LAPACK library.

Table 5. File descriptions

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>File</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>lapack.h</td>
<td>Contains the C function interface of LAPACK on PPE for DP</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>lapack_errno.h</td>
<td>Defines the error codes that LAPACK functions can return through a pointer. This file is included in the lapack.h header file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>liblapack.a</td>
<td>Contains the static library which contains the LAPACK library for Cell/B.E.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>liblapack.so</td>
<td>Shared LAPACK library for Cell/B.E.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>lapack-examples-source.tar</td>
<td>Contains two examples that demonstrate how to use the LAPACK library with the Software Development Kit for Multicore Acceleration</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Chapter 3. Programming FORTRAN applications

This topic describes how to program FORTRAN applications using the LAPACK library.

Calling LAPACK routines

In Fortran programs, most LAPACK routines can be invoked with the CALL statement, such as CALL Routine-name (argument_1, ..., argument_n). The following is an example:

CALL DGETRF(m, n, A, lda, ipiv, info);

Passing arguments for arrays

Arrays are declared in Fortran by specifying the array name, the number of dimensions, and the range of each dimension in a DIMENSION statement or an explicit data type statement, such as INTEGER, REAL, DOUBLE PRECISION, and so forth. For example, for a two-dimensional array in Fortran77, use DATA_TYPE A(E1:E2, F1:F2), where A is the name of the array, E1 and F1 are the lower bounds of the first and second dimensions, respectively, and E2 and F2 are the upper bounds of the first and second dimensions, respectively. If either of the lower bounds is not specified, such as in A(E2,F1:F2), the value is assumed to be 1. The upper bounds are always required for each dimension.

Differences between dynamic linking and static linking

You do not need to modify your existing Fortran compilation procedures when using LAPACK. When linking and running your program, you must modify your existing Makefiles for LAPACK in order to set up the necessary libraries. When using dynamic linking, specify which libraries will be linked. When using static linking, add -Wl,--export-dynamic to your linker flags so that the symbols in LAPACK library are exported as dynamic symbols in the resulting binary. If you are accessing LAPACK from a Fortran program, you can compile and link using the commands shown in the table below. Or, you can follow the samples provided in LAPACK examples to use the build tool provided with the Software Development Kit for Multicore Acceleration.

Table 6. Compiler options for Fortran programs

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<th>Compiler</th>
<th>Environment</th>
<th>Fortran compiler command</th>
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<td>ppu-gfortran</td>
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<td>ppu-gfortran -m32 -ff2c abc.f -llapack -lblas (Dynamic linking)</td>
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<td>ppu-gfortran -m32 -ff2c abc.f -Wl,--export-dynamic -Wl,-Bstatic,-llapack,-lalf,-Bdynamic -lblas -lspe2 -lpthread -ldl (Static linking)</td>
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<tr>
<td>64 bit application, 32 bit integer, 64 bit pointer</td>
<td>ppu-gfortran -m64 -ff2c abc.f -llapack -lblas (Dynamic linking)</td>
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<tr>
<td>ppxlf 32 bit application, 32 bit integer, 32 bit pointer</td>
<td><code>ppuxlf -qextname -q32 abc.f -llapack -lblas</code> (Dynamic linking)</td>
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<td><code>ppuxlf -qextname -q32 abc.f -Wl,--export-dynamic -Wl,-Bstatic,-llapack,-lalf,-Bdynamic -lblas -lspe2 -lpthread -ldl</code> (Static linking)</td>
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Chapter 4. Programming C applications

This topic describes how to program C applications using the LAPACK library.

Calling LAPACK routines

Before calling LAPACK routines from your C program, add the following statement to your program to include the LAPACK header file:

```c
#include <lapack.h>
```

This file contains entries for all of the LAPACK routines. You can invoke the LAPACK routines using the following type of statement: Routine-name (argument_1, ..., argument_n) Here is an example:

```c
dgetrf_(&m, &n, A, &lda, &ipiv, &info);
```

Passing arguments for arrays

In C programs, arrays are arranged in storage in row-major order. This means that the last subscript expression increases most rapidly, the next-to-the-last subscript expression increases less rapidly, and so forth, with the first subscript expression increasing the least rapidly. LAPACK routines require that arrays passed as arguments must be in column-major order. This is the array storage convention used by Fortran programs. To pass an array from your C program to LAPACK, to have LAPACK process the data correctly, and to get a result that is in the proper form for your C program, choose one of the following methods:

- Build and process the matrix, logically transposed from the outset, and transpose the results as necessary.
- Before the LAPACK call, transpose the input arrays. Then, following the LAPACK call, transpose any arrays updated as output.
- If there are arguments in the LAPACK calling sequence indicating whether the arrays are to be processed in normal or transposed form, such as the trans arguments in the DGETRS_ routines, use these arguments in combination with the matrix equivalence rules to avoid transposing your data in separate operations.

Differences between dynamic linking and static linking

To compile C programs calling LAPACK routines, specify the -I option to identify the location of the LAPACK header file. For X86 machines, the location is /opt/cell/sysroot/usr/include. For PowerPC machines and CBEA BladeCenter® servers, the location is already included in the default search path, /usr/include.

When linking and running your program, modify your existing Makefiles for LAPACK in order to set up the necessary libraries. When using dynamic linking, specify which libraries will be linked. When using static linking, add -Wl,--export-dynamic to your linker flags so that the symbols in the LAPACK library are exported as dynamic symbols in the output binary.

If you are accessing LAPACK from a C program, you can compile and link using the commands shown in the table below. Or you can follow the procedure listed in “Building the LAPACK example code” on page 21 to use the build tool included in the Software Development Kit for Multicore Acceleration.
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<td>ppu-gcc –m64 abc.c -Wl,--export-dynamic -Wl,-Bstatic,-llapack,-lalf,-Bdynamic –lblas -lspe2 -lpthread -ldl (Static linking)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ppuxlc</td>
<td>32 bit application, 32 bit integer, 32 bit pointer</td>
<td>ppuxlc -q32 abc.c –llapack –lblas (Dynamic linking)</td>
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Chapter 5. Tuning the LAPACK library for performance

The LAPACK library provides additional features to help you optimize available resources and create high performance code.

The LAPACK routines use algorithms tailored to efficiently use specific characteristics of the Cell Broadband Engine Architecture, such as double buffering and dual issue, to achieve high performance.

When writing your code to use the LAPACK library, apply the following guidelines to optimize performance.

1. Use 128-byte aligned data. Memory access is more efficient when data is 128-byte aligned.

2. Supply a matrix whose number of rows and columns is greater than 1024.

3. Use the NUMA APIs to interleave the memory of the data on different nodes or bind the memory and processor to node0. You can try different modes to find out which gives the best performance. For example, if you want to interleave memory on both processors, you can run your application by typing the following command:
   
   `numactl --interleave=all <Your_Application> <Options>`

4. When operating on a matrix whose number of rows and columns is less than 1024, you can specify that LAPACK use fewer SPEs. LAPACK routines can do automatic adjustment for smaller size matrices. Interactive determination of the most efficient matrix size improves performance.

Environment variables

The following table lists the environment variables you can modify.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Variable name</th>
<th>Purpose</th>
<th>Default value</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>LAPACK_NUMSPES</td>
<td>Specifies the number of SPEs to use.</td>
<td>16</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Chapter 6. Catching failures

At run time, you can encounter different types of errors that are specifically related to the use of the LAPACK routines. It is good practice to check for a nonzero value of INFO on return from a LAPACK routine.

Invalid arguments

If you supply an illegal value as an input argument to a LAPACK routine, the routine will set INFO to a negative value (greater than LAPACK_ERR_BASE) and cause the error handler XERBLA to write a message to the standard output. For example,

** On entry to SGESV parameter number 4 had an illegal value

This message is caused by passing a value of LDA to SGESV that is less than the value of the argument N. To remove this error, check the input arguments, recompile, re-link, and then run your program again.

Computational failures

A positive value of INFO returned by a LAPACK routine results from a failure in the algorithm process. The following are common causes of this failure:
• A matrix is singular (to working precision)
• Asymmetric matrix is not positive definite
• An iterative algorithm for computing eigenvalues or eigenvectors fails to converge in the permitted number of iterations.

For example, if you call SGESVX to solve a system of equations with a coefficient matrix that is approximately singular, the routine might detect exact singularity at the i-th stage of the LU factorization. If this happens, the routine returns INFO = i, or in most cases it will compute an estimate of the reciprocal condition number that is less than machine precision. In this case it returns INFO = n+1. A failure with a return value of INFO > 0 causes control to return to the calling program. Check for a nonzero value of INFO on return from a LAPACK to catch these failures.

Program exceptions

A failure in the runtime environment might cause a LAPACK routine to return a negative value for INFO (less than LAPACK_ERR_BASE). Common causes of this failure are:
• Out of memory
• A Cell/B.E. SPE resource is unavailable or not functioning correctly

For example, the return value E_LAPACK_INIT indicates that there is no accelerator available and the LAPACK library cannot initialize the environment to do the calculation. To remove this error, check the runtime environment, ensure that there is enough memory, and that the accelerator is functioning correctly. Finally, run your program again.
Chapter 7. Memory size limitations

The Cell/B.E. memory size and lack of swap partition limits the matrix size processed by the LAPACK library.

The following tables provides an approximation of how much memory will be used by the DGESVD and DGESDD routines. Use these tables to determine how large the matrix will be after one processing cycle. These limits assume a $N \times N$ square matrix containing double precision floating point numbers.

Table 9. Memory limitation when calling DGESVD from LAPACK library

<table>
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<tr>
<th>JOBU</th>
<th>JOBVT</th>
<th>Additional Memory required by the LAPACK library</th>
<th>Matrix size limitation for BladeCenter QS21 (2GB)</th>
<th>Matrix size limitation for BladeCenter QS22 (8GB)</th>
<th>Matrix size limitation for BladeCenter QS22 (32GB)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>A/S</td>
<td>A/S</td>
<td>$5^\circ N \times N$</td>
<td>7000 x 7000</td>
<td>14000 x 14000</td>
<td>28000 x 28000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>A/S</td>
<td>N/O</td>
<td>$4^\circ N \times N$</td>
<td>7900 x 7900</td>
<td>15800 x 15800</td>
<td>31600 x 31600</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>N/O</td>
<td>A/S</td>
<td>$4^\circ N \times N$</td>
<td>7900 x 7900</td>
<td>15800 x 15800</td>
<td>31600 x 31600</td>
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<tr>
<td>N/O</td>
<td>N/O</td>
<td>$3^\circ N \times N$</td>
<td>9100 x 9100</td>
<td>18200 x 18200</td>
<td>36400 x 36400</td>
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</table>

Table 10. Memory limitation when calling DGESDD from LAPACK library

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<th>JOBJZ</th>
<th>Additional Memory required by the LAPACK library</th>
<th>Matrix size limitation for BladeCenter QS21 (2GB)</th>
<th>Matrix size limitation for BladeCenter QS22 (8GB)</th>
<th>Matrix size limitation for BladeCenter QS22 (32GB)</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>N</td>
<td>$5^\circ N \times N + 17^\circ N$</td>
<td>7300 x 7300</td>
<td>14600 x 14600</td>
<td>29000 x 29000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>O</td>
<td>$13^\circ N \times N + 11^\circ N$</td>
<td>4500 x 4500</td>
<td>9000 x 9000</td>
<td>17408 x 17408</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>S/A</td>
<td>$12^\circ N \times N + 11^\circ N$</td>
<td>4700 x 4700</td>
<td>9400 x 9400</td>
<td>17408 x 17408</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Chapter 8. LAPACK programming examples

To build the examples listed in this document, follow this procedure:

Building the LAPACK example code
1. Cut and paste the Makefile source from an online or PDF copy of this document into an editor and save it as "Makefile".
2. Cut and paste the example source from an online or PDF copy of this document into an editor and save the file with a name such as doc_example.c
3. Edit the Makefile to use the name of the source file that you chose in the previous step. If you did not use "doc_example.c" then substitute the name you chose into the lines that contain doc_example and doc_example.a.
4. Copy the Makefile and the example source file into your development source directory (for example into /opt/sandbox/).
5. From a shell prompt, type the following commands:

   $ cd /opt/sandbox
   $ export CELL_TOP=/opt/cell/sdk
   $ make

The following Makefile is similar to other SDK library Makefiles; however the IMPORTS line is different.

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# PROLOG END TAG zYx
```
Example: Inverse matrix application

The following sample application shows you how to use the LAPACK library. It invokes the DGETRF and DGETRI routines to get an inverse matrix.

```c
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <lapack.h>

int main( int argc, char *argv[] )
{
    int info = 0;
    double *a;
    int *ipiv;
    int n;
    int i,j;

    if( argc < 2 )
    {
        fprintf(stderr, "%s
", argv[0]);
        return 0;
    }

    n = atoi(argv[1]);

    posix_memalign((void **)&ipiv, 128, sizeof(int)*n);
    posix_memalign((void **)&a, 128, sizeof(double)*n*n);
    if( a == NULL || ipiv == NULL )
    {
        fprintf(stderr, "a/ipiv malloc error\n");
        return 0;
    }

    for( i = 0; i < n; i++ )
    {
        for( j = 0; j < n; j++ )
        {
            a[i+j*n] = (drand48() - 0.5f)*4;
        }
    }

    /*---------Call Cell LAPACK library---------*/
    dgetrf_( &n, &n, a, &n, ipiv, &info);
    if( info != 0 )
```
{  
    fprintf(stderr, "Call dgetrf error\n");  
    goto end;  
}  

/******Query workspace******/  
double workspace;  
int tmp=-1;  
int lwork;  
double *work;  
  
dgetri_(&n, a, &n, ipiv, &workspace, &tmp, &info);  
lwork = (int)workspace;  
work = malloc(sizeof(double)*lwork);  
if(work == NULL)  
{   
    printf("work malloc error\n");  
    goto end;  
}  

/******Call Cell LAPACK library******/  
dgetri_(&n, a, &n, ipiv, work, &lwork, &info);  
if( info != 0 )  
{   
    fprintf(stderr, "Call dgetri error\n");  
    free(work);  
    goto end;  
}  
printf("Inverse matrix completed!\n");  

end:  
    free(ipiv);  
    free(a);  
    return 0;  
}  

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Part 4. LAPACK PPE APIs

The LAPACK package provides optimized APIs.

The LAPACK package included with the Software Development Kit for Multicore Acceleration includes optimized LAPACK routines.

The following routines have been optimized to use features of the Synergistic Processing Elements (SPEs):

- DGETRF - Computes the LU factorization of a general matrix
- DGETRS – Linear equation solver
- DGETRI - Computes the inverse of a general matrix using an LU factorization
- DGEQRF - Computes the QR factorization of a general matrix
- DGELQF - Computes the LQ factorization of a general matrix
- DPOTRF - Computes the Cholesky factorization of a symmetric positive matrix
- DPOTRS – Linear equation (symmetric positive definite) solver
- DBDSQR - Computes the singular value decomposition of a real bi-diagonal matrix using an implicit zero-shift QR algorithm
- DSTEQR - Computes the singular value decomposition of a real symmetric tridiagonal matrix using an implicit QR algorithm
- DGESVD - Computes the singular value decomposition (SVD) of a real matrix using an implicit zero-shift QR algorithm, optionally computing the left and/or right singular vectors
- DGESDD - Computes the singular value decomposition (SVD) of a real matrix using a divide-and-conquer algorithm, optionally computing the left and/or right singular vectors.

For general information about LAPACK, or for specific syntax information about these APIs, refer to the netlib documentation at [http://netlib.org/lapack/](http://netlib.org/lapack/). In addition to the features documented in this link, the Cell/B.E. LAPACK library provides extended error information in INFO. For example, if the output of *info is less than LAPACK_ERR_BASE (defined in the lapack_errno.h header file), then an error specific to the Cell Broadband Engine Architecture occurred during the call to that routine.
Part 5. Appendixes
Appendix A. Accessibility features

Accessibility features help users who have a physical disability, such as restricted mobility or limited vision, to use information technology products successfully.

The following list includes the major accessibility features:
- Keyboard-only operation
- Interfaces that are commonly used by screen readers
- Keys that are tactilely discernible and do not activate just by touching them
- Industry-standard devices for ports and connectors
- The attachment of alternative input and output devices

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- The GNU Project debugger, GDB, is supported through many different forums on the Web, but primarily at the GDB Web site [http://www.gnu.org/software/gdb/gdb.html](http://www.gnu.org/software/gdb/gdb.html)

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- C/C++ Language Extensions for Cell Broadband Engine Architecture
- Cell Broadband Engine Linux Reference Implementation Application Binary Interface Specification
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- Cell Broadband Engine Programmer’s Guide
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Glossary

This glossary provides definitions for terms included in this publication.

**ALF.** Accelerated Library Framework. This an API that provides a set of services to help programmers solving data parallel problems on a hybrid system. ALF supports the multiple-program-multiple-data (MPMD) programming style where multiple programs can be scheduled to run on multiple accelerator elements at the same time. ALF offers programmers an interface to partition data across a set of parallel processes without requiring architecturally-dependent code.

**Barcelona Supercomputing Center.** Spanish National Supercomputing Center, supporting IBM BladeCenter servers and Linux on Cell/B.E.

**Broadband Engine.** See CBEA.

**CBEA.** Cell Broadband Engine Architecture. A new architecture that extends the 64-bit PowerPC Architecture™. The CBEA and the Cell Broadband Engine are the result of a collaboration between Sony, Toshiba, and IBM, known as STI, formally started in early 2001.

**Cell BE processor.** The Cell BE processor is a multi-core broadband processor based on IBM’s Power Architecture.

**Cell Broadband Engine processor.** See Cell BE.

**GNU.** GNU is Not Unix. A project to develop free Unix-like operating systems such as Linux.

**GPL.** GNU General Public License. Guarantees freedom to share, change and distribute free software.

**HTTP.** Hypertext Transfer Protocol. A method used to transfer or convey information on the World Wide Web.

**Makefile.** A descriptive file used by the `make` command in which the user specifies: (a) target program or library, (b) rules about how the target is to be built, (c) dependencies which, if updated, require that the target be rebuilt.

**NUMA.** Non-uniform memory access. In a multiprocessing system such as the Cell/B.E., memory is configured so that it can be shared locally, thus giving performance benefits.

**PDF.** Portable document format.

**RPM.** Originally an acronym for Red Hat Package Manager, and RPM file is a packaging format for one or more files used by many Linux systems when installing software programs.

**SDK.** Software development toolkit for Multicore Acceleration. A complete package of tools for application development.
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