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Subject: Eigenvalue problem

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Hi!

I have a mathematical problem with eigenvalues and -vectors.

I need a special solution for the usual eigenvalue problem  $A*x = \lambda*x$  where  $x$  is a vector and  $A$  a

positive definite and symmetric real matrix.

Using the EIGENQL function in IDL you can easily compute the eigenvectors and eigenvalues for that equation.

My problem is that I need a constrained solution in the form

$$A*v = B*v*D$$

$A$  is again the matrix to find the eigenvalues for,  $B$  is the constraint matrix and  $v$  is the vector of eigenvalues and  $D$  the matrix of eigenvectors.

Matlab offers a function for that. Here is the excerpt from their online help:

$[V,D] = \text{eig}(A,B)$  produces a diagonal matrix  $D$  of generalized eigenvalues and a full matrix  $V$  whose columns are the corresponding eigenvectors so that  $A*V = B*V*D$ .

(see <http://www.mathworks.com/access/helpdesk/help/techdoc/ref/eig.shtml> for the full documentation)

Does anyone have an IDL-function that does the same job? Or does anyone know how to do it with the IDL matrix tools?

Thanx for any advice!

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