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Subject: Re: Matrix calculus

Posted by [Kenneth P. Bowman](#) on Thu, 09 Oct 2008 18:14:24 GMT

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In article

<e842ca8d-f6ce-48c3-af02-772487cefb8f@i18g2000prf.googlegroups.com>,  
jameskuyper@verizon.net wrote:

> Kenneth P. Bowman wrote:

>> In article

>> <2fa450be-1a5e-4efd-a703-b6bb2e879383@k30g2000hse.googlegroups.com>,

>> silviadncl@gmail.com wrote:

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>>> How can i compute eigenvalues and eigenvectors of a complex

>>> matrix(hermitian)?

>>> Thank you

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>> LA\_EIGENQL

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> The documentation for LA\_EIGENQL says that it is for "real  
> nonsymmetric or complex non-Hermitian array A". I don't think that  
> means that it won't work on real symmetric arrays, or complex  
> Hermitian arrays, but it does mean that it wasn't optimized for such  
> arrays.

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> Take a look at <[http://idlastro.gsfc.nasa.gov/idl\\_html\\_help/](http://idlastro.gsfc.nasa.gov/idl_html_help/IMSL_EIG.html)  
> IMSL\_EIG.html>, and in particular, the /SYMMETRIC option.

My IDL Help (6.4.1) says LA\_EIGENQL "computes selected eigenvalues and eigenvectors of an n-by-n real symmetric or complex Hermitian array A".

LA\_EIGENPROBLEM and LA\_EIGENVEC are for general non-symmetric matrices.

Ken

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