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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 05 Dec 2007 14:30:01 GMT

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David

I agree with that. But the Eigenvalues from the different evaluations should be somehow related. So I was looking for the relationship between the two outputs and I cannot find it.

At this point I tend to just use pcomp. As Mort showed it gives the right result and the source code is readily available. Who know what the IMSL blackbox does?!? I just got thrown off by seeing the two different results and not being able to reconcile them.

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