# NAG Library Chapter Introduction

# f08 – Least Squares and Eigenvalue Problems (LAPACK)

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# 1    Scope of the Chapter

This chapter provides functions for the solution of linear least squares problems, eigenvalue problems and singular value problems, as well as associated computations. It provides functions for:

solution of linear least squares problems

solution of symmetric eigenvalue problems

solution of nonsymmetric eigenvalue problems

solution of singular value problems

solution of generalized linear least squares problems

solution of generalized symmetric-definite eigenvalue problems

solution of generalized nonsymmetric eigenvalue problems

solution of generalized singular value problems

matrix factorizations associated with the above problems

estimating condition numbers of eigenvalue and eigenvector problems

estimating the numerical rank of a matrix

solution of the Sylvester matrix equation

Functions are provided for both *real* and *complex* data.

For a general introduction to the solution of linear least squares problems, you should turn first to Chapter f04. The decision trees, at the end of Chapter f04, direct you to the most appropriate functions in Chapters f04 or f08. Chapters f04 and f08 contain *Black Box* (or *driver*) functions which enable standard linear least squares problems to be solved by a call to a single function.

For a general introduction to eigenvalue and singular value problems, you should turn first to Chapter f02. The decision trees, at the end of Chapter f02, direct you to the most appropriate functions in Chapters f02 or f08. Chapters f02 and f08 contain *Black Box* (or *driver*) functions which enable standard types of problem to be solved by a call to a single function. Often functions in Chapter f02 call Chapter f08 functions to perform the necessary computational tasks.

The functions in this chapter (Chapter f08) handle only *dense*, *band*, *tridiagonal* and *Hessenberg* matrices (not matrices with more specialised structures, or general sparse matrices). The tables in Section 3 and the decision trees in Section 4 direct you to the most appropriate functions in Chapter f08.

The functions in this chapter have all been derived from the LAPACK project (see Anderson *et al.* (1999)). They have been designed to be efficient on a wide range of high-performance computers, without compromising efficiency on conventional serial machines.

# 2    Background to the Problems

This section is only a brief introduction to the numerical solution of linear least squares problems, eigenvalue and singular value problems. Consult a standard textbook for a more thorough discussion, for example Golub and Van Loan (2012).

## 2.1    Linear Least Squares Problems

The *linear least squares problem* is

$$\underset{x}{\text{minimize}} \| b - Ax \|_2, \tag{1}$$

where $A$ is an $m$ by $n$ matrix, $b$ is a given $m$ element vector and $x$ is an $n$-element solution vector.

In the most usual case $m \geq n$ and $\text{rank}(A) = n$, so that $A$ has *full rank* and in this case the solution to problem (1) is unique; the problem is also referred to as finding a *least squares solution* to an *overdetermined* system of linear equations.

When $m < n$ and rank$(A) = m$, there are an infinite number of solutions $x$ which exactly satisfy $b - Ax = 0$. In this case it is often useful to find the unique solution $x$ which minimizes $\|x\|_2$, and the problem is referred to as finding a *minimum norm solution* to an *underdetermined* system of linear equations.

In the general case when we may have rank$(A) < \min(m, n)$ – in other words, $A$ may be *rank-deficient* – we seek the *minimum norm least squares* solution $x$ which minimizes both $\|x\|_2$ and $\|b - Ax\|_2$.

This chapter (Chapter f08) contains driver functions to solve these problems with a single call, as well as computational functions that can be combined with functions in Chapter f07 to solve these linear least squares problems. The next two sections discuss the factorizations that can be used in the solution of linear least squares problems.

## 2.2 Orthogonal Factorizations and Least Squares Problems

A number of functions are provided for factorizing a general rectangular $m$ by $n$ matrix $A$, as the product of an *orthogonal* matrix (*unitary* if complex) and a *triangular* (or possibly trapezoidal) matrix.

A real matrix $Q$ is *orthogonal* if $Q^{\mathrm{T}}Q = I$; a complex matrix $Q$ is *unitary* if $Q^{\mathrm{H}}Q = I$. Orthogonal or unitary matrices have the important property that they leave the 2-norm of a vector invariant, so that

$$\|x\|_2 = \|Qx\|_2,$$

if $Q$ is orthogonal or unitary. They usually help to maintain numerical stability because they do not amplify rounding errors.

Orthogonal factorizations are used in the solution of linear least squares problems. They may also be used to perform preliminary steps in the solution of eigenvalue or singular value problems, and are useful tools in the solution of a number of other problems.

### 2.2.1 *QR* factorization

The most common, and best known, of the factorizations is the $QR$ *factorization* given by

$$A = Q \begin{pmatrix} R \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{if } m \geq n,$$

where $R$ is an $n$ by $n$ upper triangular matrix and $Q$ is an $m$ by $m$ orthogonal (or unitary) matrix. If $A$ is of full rank $n$, then $R$ is nonsingular. It is sometimes convenient to write the factorization as

$$A = (Q_1 Q_2) \begin{pmatrix} R \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

which reduces to

$$A = Q_1 R,$$

where $Q_1$ consists of the first $n$ columns of $Q$, and $Q_2$ the remaining $m - n$ columns.

If $m < n$, $R$ is trapezoidal, and the factorization can be written

$$A = Q(R_1 R_2), \quad \text{if } m < n,$$

where $R_1$ is upper triangular and $R_2$ is rectangular.

The $QR$ factorization can be used to solve the linear least squares problem (1) when $m \geq n$ and $A$ is of full rank, since

$$\|b - Ax\|_2 = \left\| Q^{\mathrm{T}}b - Q^{\mathrm{T}}Ax \right\|_2 = \left\| \begin{pmatrix} c_1 - Rx \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} \right\|_2,$$

where

$$c \equiv \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} Q_1^{\mathrm{T}}b \\ Q_2^{\mathrm{T}}b \end{pmatrix} = Q^{\mathrm{T}}b;$$

and $c_1$ is an $n$-element vector. Then $x$ is the solution of the upper triangular system

$$Rx = c_1.$$

The residual vector $r$ is given by

$$r = b - Ax = Q \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The residual sum of squares $\|r\|_2^2$ may be computed without forming $r$ explicitly, since

$$\|r\|_2 = \|b - Ax\|_2 = \|c_2\|_2.$$

### 2.2.2 *LQ* factorization

The *LQ factorization* is given by

$$A = (L \quad 0)Q = (L \quad 0)\begin{pmatrix} Q_1 \\ Q_2 \end{pmatrix} = LQ_1, \qquad \text{if } m \le n,$$

where $L$ is $m$ by $m$ lower triangular, $Q$ is $n$ by $n$ orthogonal (or unitary), $Q_1$ consists of the first $m$ rows of $Q$, and $Q_2$ the remaining $n - m$ rows.

The $LQ$ factorization of $A$ is essentially the same as the $QR$ factorization of $A^{\mathrm{T}}$ ($A^{\mathrm{H}}$ if $A$ is complex), since

$$A = (L \quad 0)Q \Leftrightarrow A^{\mathrm{T}} = Q^{\mathrm{T}} \begin{pmatrix} L^{\mathrm{T}} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The $LQ$ factorization may be used to find a minimum norm solution of an underdetermined system of linear equations $Ax = b$ where $A$ is $m$ by $n$ with $m < n$ and has rank $m$. The solution is given by

$$x = Q^{\mathrm{T}} \begin{pmatrix} L^{-1}b \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

### 2.2.3 *QR* factorization with column pivoting

To solve a linear least squares problem (1) when $A$ is not of full rank, or the rank of $A$ is in doubt, we can perform either a $QR$ factorization with column pivoting or a singular value decomposition.

The *QR factorization with column pivoting* is given by

$$A = Q \begin{pmatrix} R \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} P^{\mathrm{T}}, \quad m \ge n,$$

where $Q$ and $R$ are as before and $P$ is a (real) permutation matrix, chosen (in general) so that

$$|r_{11}| \ge |r_{22}| \ge \cdots \ge |r_{nn}|$$

and moreover, for each $k$,

$$|r_{kk}| \ge \left\| R_{k:j,j} \right\|_2, \quad j = k+1, \ldots, n.$$

If we put

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} R_{11} & R_{12} \\ 0 & R_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

where $R_{11}$ is the leading $k$ by $k$ upper triangular sub-matrix of $R$ then, in exact arithmetic, if $\mathrm{rank}(A) = k$, the whole of the sub-matrix $R_{22}$ in rows and columns $k+1$ to $n$ would be zero. In numerical computation, the aim must be to determine an index $k$, such that the leading sub-matrix $R_{11}$ is well-conditioned, and $R_{22}$ is negligible, so that

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} R_{11} & R_{12} \\ 0 & R_{22} \end{pmatrix} \simeq \begin{pmatrix} R_{11} & R_{12} \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then $k$ is the effective rank of $A$. See Golub and Van Loan (2012) for a further discussion of numerical rank determination.

The so-called basic solution to the linear least squares problem (1) can be obtained from this factorization as

$$x = P \begin{pmatrix} R_{11}^{-1} \hat{c}_1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

where $\hat{c}_1$ consists of just the first $k$ elements of $c = Q^{\mathrm{T}} b$.

### 2.2.4 Complete orthogonal factorization

The $QR$ factorization with column pivoting does not enable us to compute a *minimum norm* solution to a rank-deficient linear least squares problem, unless $R_{12} = 0$. However, by applying for further orthogonal (or unitary) transformations from the right to the upper trapezoidal matrix $\begin{pmatrix} R_{11} & R_{12} \end{pmatrix}$, $R_{12}$ can be eliminated:

$$\begin{pmatrix} R_{11} & R_{12} \end{pmatrix} Z = \begin{pmatrix} T_{11} & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

This gives the **complete orthogonal factorization**

$$\mathrm{AP} = Q \begin{pmatrix} T_{11} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} Z^{\mathrm{T}}$$

from which the minimum norm solution can be obtained as

$$x = PZ \begin{pmatrix} T_{11}^{-1} & \hat{c}_1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

### 2.2.5 Updating a *QR* factorization

Section 2.2.1 gave the forms of the $QR$ factorization of an $m$ by $n$ matrix $A$ for the two cases $m \geq n$ and $m < n$. Taking first the case $m \geq n$, the least squares solution of

$$Ax = b = \begin{matrix} n \\ m-n \end{matrix} \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

is the solution of

$$Rx = Q_1^{\mathrm{T}} b.$$

If the original system is now augmented by the addition of $p$ rows so that we require the solution of

$$\begin{pmatrix} A \\ B \end{pmatrix} x = \begin{matrix} m \\ p \end{matrix} \begin{pmatrix} b \\ b_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

where $B$ is $p$ by $n$, then this is equivalent to finding the least squares solution of

$$\hat{A}x = \begin{matrix} n \\ p \end{matrix} \overset{n}{\begin{pmatrix} R \\ B \end{pmatrix}} x = \begin{pmatrix} Q_1^{\mathrm{T}} b \\ b_3 \end{pmatrix} = \hat{b}.$$

This now requires the $QR$ factorization of the $n + p$ by $n$ triangular-rectangular matrix $\hat{A}$.

For the case $m < n \leq m + p$, the least squares solution of the augmented system reduces to

$$\hat{A}x = \begin{pmatrix} B \\ R_1 & R_2 \end{pmatrix} x = \begin{pmatrix} b_3 \\ Q^{\mathrm{T}} b \end{pmatrix} = \hat{b},$$

where $\hat{A}$ is pentagonal.

In both cases $\hat{A}$ can be written as a special case of a triangular-pentagonal matrix consisting of an upper triangular part on top of a rectangular part which is itself on top of a trapezoidal part. In the first case

there is no trapezoidal part, in the second case a zero upper triangular part can be added, and more generally the two cases can be combined.

### 2.2.6 Other factorizations

The $QL$ and $RQ$ **factorizations** are given by

$$A = Q \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ L \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{if } m \geq n,$$

and

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & R \end{pmatrix} Q, \quad \text{if } m \leq n.$$

The factorizations are less commonly used than either the $QR$ or $LQ$ factorizations described above, but have applications in, for example, the computation of generalized $QR$ factorizations.

## 2.3 The Singular Value Decomposition

The *singular value decomposition* (SVD) of an $m$ by $n$ matrix $A$ is given by

$$A = U \Sigma V^{\mathrm{T}}, \quad \left( A = U \Sigma V^{\mathrm{H}} \text{in the complex case} \right)$$

where $U$ and $V$ are orthogonal (unitary) and $\Sigma$ is an $m$ by $n$ diagonal matrix with real diagonal elements, $\sigma_i$, such that

$$\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \cdots \geq \sigma_{\min(m,n)} \geq 0.$$

The $\sigma_i$ are the *singular values* of $A$ and the first $\min(m,n)$ columns of $U$ and $V$ are the *left* and *right singular vectors* of $A$. The singular values and singular vectors satisfy

$$Av_i = \sigma_i u_i \quad \text{and} \quad A^{\mathrm{T}} u_i = \sigma_i v_i \quad \left( \text{or } A^{\mathrm{H}} u_i = \sigma_i v_i \right)$$

where $u_i$ and $v_i$ are the $i$th columns of $U$ and $V$ respectively.

The computation proceeds in the following stages.

1. The matrix $A$ is reduced to bidiagonal form $A = U_1 B V_1^{\mathrm{T}}$ if $A$ is real ($A = U_1 B V_1^{\mathrm{H}}$ if $A$ is complex), where $U_1$ and $V_1$ are orthogonal (unitary if $A$ is complex), and $B$ is real and upper bidiagonal when $m \geq n$ and lower bidiagonal when $m < n$, so that $B$ is nonzero only on the main diagonal and either on the first superdiagonal (if $m \geq n$) or the first subdiagonal (if $m < n$).

2. The SVD of the bidiagonal matrix $B$ is computed as $B = U_2 \Sigma V_2^{\mathrm{T}}$, where $U_2$ and $V_2$ are orthogonal and $\Sigma$ is diagonal as described above. The singular vectors of $A$ are then $U = U_1 U_2$ and $V = V_1 V_2$.

If $m \gg n$, it may be more efficient to first perform a $QR$ factorization of $A$, and then compute the SVD of the $n$ by $n$ matrix $R$, since if $A = QR$ and $R = U \Sigma V^{\mathrm{T}}$, then the SVD of $A$ is given by $A = (QU) \Sigma V^{\mathrm{T}}$.

Similarly, if $m \ll n$, it may be more efficient to first perform an $LQ$ factorization of $A$.

This chapter supports two primary algorithms for computing the SVD of a bidiagonal matrix. They are:

(i) the divide and conquer algorithm;

(ii) the $QR$ algorithm.

The divide and conquer algorithm is much faster than the $QR$ algorithm if singular vectors of large matrices are required.

## 2.4 The Singular Value Decomposition and Least Squares Problems

The SVD may be used to find a minimum norm solution to a (possibly) rank-deficient linear least squares problem (1). The effective rank, $k$, of $A$ can be determined as the number of singular values which exceed a suitable threshold. Let $\hat{\Sigma}$ be the leading $k$ by $k$ sub-matrix of $\Sigma$, and $\hat{V}$ be the matrix consisting of the first $k$ columns of $V$. Then the solution is given by

$$x = \hat{V}\hat{\Sigma}^{-1}\hat{c}_1,$$

where $\hat{c}_1$ consists of the first $k$ elements of $c = U^{\mathrm{T}}b = U_2^{\mathrm{T}}U_1^{\mathrm{T}}b$.

## 2.5    Generalized Linear Least Squares Problems

The simple type of linear least squares problem described in Section 2.1 can be generalized in various ways.

1.  Linear least squares problems with **equality constraints**:

    $$\text{find } x \text{ to minimize } S = \|c - Ax\|_2^2 \quad \text{subject to} \quad Bx = d,$$

    where $A$ is $m$ by $n$ and $B$ is $p$ by $n$, with $p \leq n \leq m + p$. The equations $Bx = d$ may be regarded as a set of equality constraints on the problem of minimizing $S$. Alternatively the problem may be regarded as solving an overdetermined system of equations

    $$\begin{pmatrix} A \\ B \end{pmatrix} x = \begin{pmatrix} c \\ d \end{pmatrix},$$

    where some of the equations (those involving $B$) are to be solved exactly, and the others (those involving $A$) are to be solved in a least squares sense. The problem has a unique solution on the assumptions that $B$ has full row rank $p$ and the matrix $\begin{pmatrix} A \\ B \end{pmatrix}$ has full column rank $n$. (For linear least squares problems with **inequality constraints**, refer to Chapter e04.)

2.  **General Gauss–Markov linear model problems**:

    $$\text{minimize } \|y\|_2 \quad \text{subject to} \quad d = Ax + By,$$

    where $A$ is $m$ by $n$ and $B$ is $m$ by $p$, with $n \leq m \leq n + p$. When $B = I$, the problem reduces to an ordinary linear least squares problem. When $B$ is square and nonsingular, it is equivalent to a **weighted linear least squares problem**:

    $$\text{find } x \text{ to minimize } \left\| B^{-1}(d - Ax) \right\|_2.$$

    The problem has a unique solution on the assumptions that $A$ has full column rank $n$, and the matrix $(A, B)$ has full row rank $m$. Unless $B$ is diagonal, for numerical stability it is generally preferable to solve a weighted linear least squares problem as a general Gauss–Markov linear model problem.

## 2.6    Generalized Orthogonal Factorization and Generalized Linear Least Squares Problems

### 2.6.1  Generalized *QR* Factorization

The **generalized *QR* (GQR) factorization** of an $n$ by $m$ matrix $A$ and an $n$ by $p$ matrix $B$ is given by the pair of factorizations

$$A = QR \quad \text{and} \quad B = QTZ,$$

where $Q$ and $Z$ are respectively $n$ by $n$ and $p$ by $p$ orthogonal matrices (or unitary matrices if $A$ and $B$ are complex). $R$ has the form

$$R = \begin{array}{c} m \\ n-m \end{array}\!\!\begin{pmatrix} \overset{m}{R_{11}} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{if } n \geq m,$$

or

$$R = n \begin{pmatrix} \overset{n}{R_{11}} & \overset{m-n}{R_{12}} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{if } n < m,$$

where $R_{11}$ is upper triangular. $T$ has the form

$$T = \begin{array}{c} \\ n \end{array} \begin{pmatrix} \overset{p-n}{0} & \overset{n}{T_{12}} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{if } n \le p,$$

or

$$T = \begin{array}{c} n-p \\ p \end{array} \begin{pmatrix} \overset{p}{T_{11}} \\ T_{21} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{if } n > p,$$

where $T_{12}$ or $T_{21}$ is upper triangular.

Note that if $B$ is square and nonsingular, the GQR factorization of $A$ and $B$ implicitly gives the $QR$ factorization of the matrix $B^{-1}A$:

$$B^{-1}A = Z^{\mathrm{T}}(T^{-1}R)$$

without explicitly computing the matrix inverse $B^{-1}$ or the product $B^{-1}A$ (remembering that the inverse of an invertible upper triangular matrix and the product of two upper triangular matrices is an upper triangular matrix).

The GQR factorization can be used to solve the general (Gauss–Markov) linear model problem (GLM) (see Section 2.5, but note that $A$ and $B$ are dimensioned differently there as $m$ by $n$ and $p$ by $n$ respectively). Using the GQR factorization of $A$ and $B$, we rewrite the equation $d = Ax + By$ as

$$\begin{aligned} Q^{\mathrm{T}}d \quad &= Q^{\mathrm{T}}Ax + Q^{\mathrm{T}}By \\ &= Rx + TZy. \end{aligned}$$

We partition this as

$$\begin{pmatrix} d_1 \\ d_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{array}{c} m \\ n-m \end{array} \begin{pmatrix} \overset{m}{R_{11}} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} x + \begin{array}{c} m \\ n-m \end{array} \begin{pmatrix} \overset{p-n+m}{T_{11}} & \overset{n-m}{T_{12}} \\ 0 & T_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

where

$$\begin{pmatrix} d_1 \\ d_2 \end{pmatrix} \equiv Q^{\mathrm{T}}d, \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} \equiv Zy.$$

The GLM problem is solved by setting

$$y_1 = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad y_2 = T_{22}^{-1}d_2$$

from which we obtain the desired solutions

$$x = R_{11}^{-1}(d_1 - T_{12}y_2) \quad \text{and} \quad y = Z^{\mathrm{T}}\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

### 2.6.2 Generalized *RQ* Factorization

The **generalized *RQ* (GRQ) factorization** of an $m$ by $n$ matrix $A$ and a $p$ by $n$ matrix $B$ is given by the pair of factorizations

$$A = RQ, \quad B = ZTQ$$

where $Q$ and $Z$ are respectively $n$ by $n$ and $p$ by $p$ orthogonal matrices (or unitary matrices if $A$ and $B$ are complex). $R$ has the form

$$R = \begin{array}{c} \\ m \end{array} \begin{pmatrix} \overset{n-m}{0} & \overset{m}{R_{12}} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{if } m \le n,$$

or

$$R = \begin{array}{c} \\ m-n \\ n \end{array}\begin{array}{c} n \\ \left( \begin{array}{c} R_{11} \\ R_{21} \end{array} \right) \end{array}, \quad \text{if } m > n,$$

where $R_{12}$ or $R_{21}$ is upper triangular. $T$ has the form

$$T = \begin{array}{c} \\ n \\ p-n \end{array}\begin{array}{c} n \\ \left( \begin{array}{c} T_{11} \\ 0 \end{array} \right) \end{array}, \quad \text{if } p \geq n,$$

or

$$T = \begin{array}{c} \\ p \end{array}\begin{array}{cc} p & n-p \\ \left( \begin{array}{cc} T_{11} & T_{12} \end{array} \right) \end{array}, \quad \text{if } p < n,$$

where $T_{11}$ is upper triangular.

Note that if $B$ is square and nonsingular, the GRQ factorization of $A$ and $B$ implicitly gives the $RQ$ factorization of the matrix $AB^{-1}$:

$$AB^{-1} = \left( RT^{-1} \right) Z^{\mathrm{T}}$$

without explicitly computing the matrix $B^{-1}$ or the product $AB^{-1}$ (remembering that the inverse of an invertible upper triangular matrix and the product of two upper triangular matrices is an upper triangular matrix).

The GRQ factorization can be used to solve the linear equality-constrained least squares problem (LSE) (see Section 2.5). We use the GRQ factorization of $B$ and $A$ (note that $B$ and $A$ have swapped roles), written as

$$B = TQ \quad \text{and} \quad A = ZRQ.$$

We write the linear equality constraints $Bx = d$ as

$$TQx = d,$$

which we partition as:

$$\begin{array}{c} \\ p \end{array}\begin{array}{cc} n-p & p \\ \left( \begin{array}{cc} 0 & T_{12} \end{array} \right) \end{array}\left( \begin{array}{c} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{array} \right) = d \quad \text{where} \quad \left( \begin{array}{c} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{array} \right) \equiv Qx.$$

Therefore $x_2$ is the solution of the upper triangular system

$$T_{12}x_2 = d.$$

Furthermore,

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \|Ax - c\|_2 & = & \|Z^{\mathrm{T}}Ax - Z^{\mathrm{T}}c\|_2 \\ & = & \|RQx - Z^{\mathrm{T}}c\|_2 . \end{array}$$

We partition this expression as:

$$\begin{array}{c} \\ n-p \\ p+m-n \end{array}\begin{array}{cc} n-p & p \\ \left( \begin{array}{cc} R_{11} & R_{12} \\ 0 & R_{22} \end{array} \right) \end{array}\left( \begin{array}{c} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{array} \right) - \left( \begin{array}{c} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{array} \right),$$

where $\left( \begin{array}{c} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{array} \right) \equiv Z^{\mathrm{T}}c.$

To solve the LSE problem, we set

$$R_{11}x_1 + R_{12}x_2 - c_1 = 0$$

which gives $x_1$ as the solution of the upper triangular system

$$R_{11}x_1 = c_1 - R_{12}x_2.$$

Finally, the desired solution is given by

$$x = Q^{\mathrm{T}} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

### 2.6.3 Generalized Singular Value Decomposition (GSVD)

The **generalized (or quotient) singular value decomposition** of an $m$ by $n$ matrix $A$ and a $p$ by $n$ matrix $B$ is given by the pair of factorizations

$$A = U \Sigma_1 [0, R] Q^{\mathrm{T}} \quad \text{and} \quad B = V \Sigma_2 [0, R] Q^{\mathrm{T}}.$$

The matrices in these factorizations have the following properties:

– $U$ is $m$ by $m$, $V$ is $p$ by $p$, $Q$ is $n$ by $n$, and all three matrices are orthogonal. If $A$ and $B$ are complex, these matrices are unitary instead of orthogonal, and $Q^{\mathrm{T}}$ should be replaced by $Q^{\mathrm{H}}$ in the pair of factorizations.

– $R$ is $r$ by $r$, upper triangular and nonsingular. $[0, R]$ is $r$ by $n$ (in other words, the 0 is an $r$ by $n - r$ zero matrix). The integer $r$ is the rank of $\begin{pmatrix} A \\ B \end{pmatrix}$, and satisfies $r \le n$.

– $\Sigma_1$ is $m$ by $r$, $\Sigma_2$ is $p$ by $r$, both are real, non-negative and diagonal, and $\Sigma_1^{\mathrm{T}} \Sigma_1 + \Sigma_2^{\mathrm{T}} \Sigma_2 = I$. Write $\Sigma_1^{\mathrm{T}} \Sigma_1 = \mathrm{diag}(\alpha_1^2, \ldots, \alpha_r^2)$ and $\Sigma_2^{\mathrm{T}} \Sigma_2 = \mathrm{diag}(\beta_1^2, \ldots, \beta_r^2)$, where $\alpha_i$ and $\beta_i$ lie in the interval from 0 to 1. The ratios $\alpha_1/\beta_1, \ldots, \alpha_r/\beta_r$ are called the **generalized singular values** of the pair $A$, $B$. If $\beta_i = 0$, then the generalized singular value $\alpha_i/\beta_i$ is **infinite**.

$\Sigma_1$ and $\Sigma_2$ have the following detailed structures, depending on whether $m \ge r$ or $m < r$. In the first case, $m \ge r$, then

$$\Sigma_1 = \begin{array}{c} k \\ l \\ m - k - l \end{array} \begin{pmatrix} \overset{k}{I} & \overset{l}{0} \\ 0 & C \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \Sigma_2 = \begin{array}{c} l \\ p - l \end{array} \begin{pmatrix} \overset{k}{0} & \overset{l}{S} \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Here $l$ is the rank of $B$, $k = r - l$, $C$ and $S$ are diagonal matrices satisfying $C^2 + S^2 = I$, and $S$ is nonsingular. We may also identify $\alpha_1 = \cdots = \alpha_k = 1$, $\alpha_{k+i} = c_{ii}$, for $i = 1, 2, \ldots, l$, $\beta_1 = \cdots = \beta_k = 0$, and $\beta_{k+i} = s_{ii}$, for $i = 1, 2, \ldots, l$. Thus, the first $k$ generalized singular values $\alpha_1/\beta_1, \ldots, \alpha_k/\beta_k$ are infinite, and the remaining $l$ generalized singular values are finite.

In the second case, when $m < r$,

$$\Sigma_1 = \begin{array}{c} k \\ m - k \end{array} \begin{pmatrix} \overset{k}{I} & \overset{m-k}{0} & \overset{k+l-m}{0} \\ 0 & C & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$\Sigma_2 = \begin{array}{c} m - k \\ k + l - m \\ p - l \end{array} \begin{pmatrix} \overset{k}{0} & \overset{m-k}{S} & \overset{k+l-m}{0} \\ 0 & 0 & I \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Again, $l$ is the rank of $B$, $k = r - l$, $C$ and $S$ are diagonal matrices satisfying $C^2 + S^2 = I$, and $S$ is nonsingular, and we may identify $\alpha_1 = \cdots = \alpha_k = 1$, $\alpha_{k+i} = c_{ii}$, for $i = 1, 2, \ldots, m - k$, $\alpha_{m+1} = \cdots = \alpha_r = 0$, $\beta_1 = \cdots = \beta_k = 0$, $\beta_{k+i} = s_{ii}$, for $i = 1, 2, \ldots, m - k$ and $\beta_{m+1} = \cdots = \beta_r = 1$. Thus, the first $k$ generalized singular values $\alpha_1/\beta_1, \ldots, \alpha_k/\beta_k$ are infinite, and the remaining $l$ generalized singular values are finite.

Here are some important special cases of the generalized singular value decomposition. First, if $B$ is square and nonsingular, then $r = n$ and the generalized singular value decomposition of $A$ and $B$ is equivalent to the singular value decomposition of $AB^{-1}$, where the singular values of $AB^{-1}$ are equal to the generalized singular values of the pair $A$, $B$:

$$AB^{-1} = (U\Sigma_1 RQ^\mathrm{T})(V\Sigma_2 RQ^\mathrm{T})^{-1} = U(\Sigma_1 \Sigma_2^{-1})V^\mathrm{T}.$$

Second, for the matrix $C$, where

$$C \equiv \begin{pmatrix} A \\ B \end{pmatrix}$$

if the columns of $C$ are orthonormal, then $r = n$, $R = I$ and the generalized singular value decomposition of $A$ and $B$ is equivalent to the CS (Cosine–Sine) decomposition of $C$:

$$\begin{pmatrix} A \\ B \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} U & 0 \\ 0 & V \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_1 \\ \Sigma_2 \end{pmatrix} Q^\mathrm{T}.$$

Third, the generalized eigenvalues and eigenvectors of $A^\mathrm{T}A - \lambda B^\mathrm{T}B$ can be expressed in terms of the generalized singular value decomposition: Let

$$X = Q \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & R^{-1} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then

$$X^\mathrm{T}A^\mathrm{T}AX = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \Sigma_1^\mathrm{T}\Sigma_1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad X^\mathrm{T}B^\mathrm{T}BX = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \Sigma_2^\mathrm{T}\Sigma_2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Therefore, the columns of $X$ are the eigenvectors of $A^\mathrm{T}A - \lambda B^\mathrm{T}B$, and 'nontrivial' eigenvalues are the squares of the generalized singular values (see also Section 2.8). 'Trivial' eigenvalues are those corresponding to the leading $n - r$ columns of $X$, which span the common null space of $A^\mathrm{T}A$ and $B^\mathrm{T}B$. The 'trivial eigenvalues' are not well defined.

### 2.6.4 The Full CS Decomposition of Orthogonal Matrices

In Section 2.6.3 the CS (Cosine-Sine) decomposition of an orthogonal matrix partitioned into two submatrices $A$ and $B$ was given by

$$\begin{pmatrix} A \\ B \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} U & 0 \\ 0 & V \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_1 \\ \Sigma_2 \end{pmatrix} Q^\mathrm{T}.$$

The full CS decomposition of an $m$ by $m$ orthogonal matrix $X$ partitions $X$ into four submatrices and factorizes as

$$\begin{pmatrix} X_{11} & X_{12} \\ X_{21} & X_{22} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} U_1 & 0 \\ 0 & U_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_{11} & -\Sigma_{12} \\ \Sigma_{21} & \Sigma_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} V_1 & 0 \\ 0 & V_2 \end{pmatrix}^\mathrm{T}$$

where, $X_{11}$ is a $p$ by $q$ submatrix (which implies the dimensions of $X_{12}$, $X_{21}$ and $X_{22}$); $U_1$, $U_2$, $V_1$ and $V_2$ are orthogonal matrices of dimensions $p$, $m - p$, $q$ and $m - q$ respectively; $\Sigma_{11}$ is the $p$ by $q$ single-diagonal matrix

$$\Sigma_{11} = \begin{matrix} \\ k_{11} - r \\ r \\ p - k_{11} \end{matrix} \overset{\displaystyle k_{11} - r \quad\quad r \quad\quad q - k_{11}}{\begin{pmatrix} I & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & C & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \end{pmatrix}}, \quad k_{11} = \min(p, q)$$

$\Sigma_{12}$ is the $p$ by $m - q$ single-diagonal matrix

$$\Sigma_{12} = \begin{matrix} \\ p - k_{12} \\ r \\ k_{12} - r \end{matrix} \overset{\displaystyle m - q - k_{12} \quad\quad r \quad\quad k_{12} - r}{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & S & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I \end{pmatrix}}, \quad k_{12} = \min(p, m - q),$$

$\Sigma_{21}$ is the $m - p$ by $q$ single-diagonal matrix

$$\Sigma_{21} = \begin{array}{c} m-p-k_{21} \\ r \\ k_{21}-r \end{array} \begin{pmatrix} \begin{array}{ccc} q-k_{21} & r & k_{21}-r \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{ccc} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & S & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I \end{array} \end{pmatrix}, \quad k_{21} = \min(m-p, q),$$

and, $\Sigma_{21}$ is the $m-p$ by $q$ single-diagonal matrix

$$\Sigma_{22} = \begin{array}{c} k_{22}-r \\ r \\ m-p-k_{22} \end{array} \begin{pmatrix} \begin{array}{ccc} k_{22}-r & r & m-q-k_{22} \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{ccc} I & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & C & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{array} \end{pmatrix}, \quad k_{22} = \min(m-p, m-q)$$

where $r = \min(p, m-p, q, m-q)$ and the missing zeros remind us that either the column or the row is missing. The $r$ by $r$ diagonal matrices $C$ and $S$ are such that $C^2 + S^2 = I$.

This is equivalent to the simultaneous singular value decomposition of the four submatrices $X_{11}$, $X_{12}$, $X_{21}$ and $X_{22}$.

## 2.7   Symmetric Eigenvalue Problems

The *symmetric eigenvalue problem* is to find the *eigenvalues*, $\lambda$, and corresponding *eigenvectors*, $z \neq 0$, such that

$$Az = \lambda z, \quad A = A^{\mathrm{T}}, \quad \text{where } A \text{ is real.}$$

For the *Hermitian eigenvalue problem* we have

$$Az = \lambda z, \quad A = A^{\mathrm{H}}, \quad \text{where } A \text{ is complex.}$$

For both problems the eigenvalues $\lambda$ are real.

When all eigenvalues and eigenvectors have been computed, we write

$$A = Z\Lambda Z^{\mathrm{T}} \quad \left( \text{or } A = Z\Lambda Z^{\mathrm{H}} \text{ if complex} \right),$$

where $\Lambda$ is a diagonal matrix whose diagonal elements are the eigenvalues, and $Z$ is an orthogonal (or unitary) matrix whose columns are the eigenvectors. This is the classical *spectral factorization* of $A$.

The basic task of the symmetric eigenproblem functions is to compute values of $\lambda$ and, optionally, corresponding vectors $z$ for a given matrix $A$. This computation proceeds in the following stages.

1.  The real symmetric or complex Hermitian matrix $A$ is reduced to *real tridiagonal form $T$*. If $A$ is real symmetric this decomposition is $A = QTQ^{\mathrm{T}}$ with $Q$ orthogonal and $T$ symmetric tridiagonal. If $A$ is complex Hermitian, the decomposition is $A = QTQ^{\mathrm{H}}$ with $Q$ unitary and $T$, as before, *real symmetric tridiagonal*.

2.  Eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the real symmetric tridiagonal matrix $T$ are computed. If all eigenvalues and eigenvectors are computed, this is equivalent to factorizing $T$ as $T = S\Lambda S^{\mathrm{T}}$, where $S$ is orthogonal and $\Lambda$ is diagonal. The diagonal entries of $\Lambda$ are the eigenvalues of $T$, which are also the eigenvalues of $A$, and the columns of $S$ are the eigenvectors of $T$; the eigenvectors of $A$ are the columns of $Z = QS$, so that $A = Z\Lambda Z^{\mathrm{T}}$ ($Z\Lambda Z^{\mathrm{H}}$ when $A$ is complex Hermitian).

This chapter supports four primary algorithms for computing eigenvalues and eigenvectors of real symmetric matrices and complex Hermitian matrices. They are:

(i)   the divide-and-conquer algorithm;

(ii)  the $QR$ algorithm;

(iii) bisection followed by inverse iteration;

(iv)  the Relatively Robust Representation (RRR).

The divide-and-conquer algorithm is generally more efficient than the traditional $QR$ algorithm for computing all eigenvalues and eigenvectors, but the RRR algorithm tends to be fastest of all. For further information and references see Anderson *et al.* (1999).

## 2.8   Generalized Symmetric-definite Eigenvalue Problems

This section is concerned with the solution of the generalized eigenvalue problems $Az = \lambda Bz$, $ABz = \lambda z$, and $BAz = \lambda z$, where $A$ and $B$ are real symmetric or complex Hermitian and $B$ is positive definite. Each of these problems can be reduced to a standard symmetric eigenvalue problem, using a Cholesky factorization of $B$ as either $B = LL^{\mathrm{T}}$ or $B = U^{\mathrm{T}}U$ ($LL^{\mathrm{H}}$ or $U^{\mathrm{H}}U$ in the Hermitian case).

With $B = LL^{\mathrm{T}}$, we have

$$Az = \lambda Bz \Rightarrow \left(L^{-1}AL^{-\mathrm{T}}\right)\left(L^{\mathrm{T}}z\right) = \lambda\left(L^{\mathrm{T}}z\right).$$

Hence the eigenvalues of $Az = \lambda Bz$ are those of $Cy = \lambda y$, where $C$ is the symmetric matrix $C = L^{-1}AL^{-\mathrm{T}}$ and $y = L^{\mathrm{T}}z$. In the complex case $C$ is Hermitian with $C = L^{-1}AL^{-\mathrm{H}}$ and $y = L^{\mathrm{H}}z$.

Table 1 summarises how each of the three types of problem may be reduced to standard form $Cy = \lambda y$, and how the eigenvectors $z$ of the original problem may be recovered from the eigenvectors $y$ of the reduced problem. The table applies to real problems; for complex problems, transposed matrices must be replaced by conjugate-transposes.

|     | Type of problem | Factorization of **B** | Reduction | Recovery of eigenvectors |
|-----|-----------------|------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|
| 1.  | $Az = \lambda Bz$ | $B = LL^{\mathrm{T}}$, $B = U^{\mathrm{T}}U$ | $C = L^{-1}AL^{-\mathrm{T}}$, $C = U^{-\mathrm{T}}AU^{-1}$ | $z = L^{-\mathrm{T}}y$, $z = U^{-1}y$ |
| 2.  | $ABz = \lambda z$ | $B = LL^{\mathrm{T}}$, $B = U^{\mathrm{T}}U$ | $C = L^{\mathrm{T}}AL$, $C = UAU^{\mathrm{T}}$ | $z = L^{-\mathrm{T}}y$, $z = U^{-1}y$ |
| 3.  | $BAz = \lambda z$ | $B = LL^{\mathrm{T}}$, $B = U^{\mathrm{T}}U$ | $C = L^{\mathrm{T}}AL$, $C = UAU^{\mathrm{T}}$ | $z = Ly$, $z = U^{\mathrm{T}}y$ |

**Table 1**
Reduction of generalized symmetric-definite eigenproblems to standard problems

When the generalized symmetric-definite problem has been reduced to the corresponding standard problem $Cy = \lambda y$, this may then be solved using the functions described in the previous section. No special functions are needed to recover the eigenvectors $z$ of the generalized problem from the eigenvectors $y$ of the standard problem, because these computations are simple applications of Level 2 or Level 3 BLAS (see Chapter f16).

## 2.9   Packed Storage for Symmetric Matrices

Functions which handle symmetric matrices are usually designed so that they use either the upper or lower triangle of the matrix; it is not necessary to store the whole matrix. If either the upper or lower triangle is stored conventionally in the upper or lower triangle of a two-dimensional array, the remaining elements of the array can be used to store other useful data. However, that is not always convenient, and if it is important to economize on storage, the upper or lower triangle can be stored in a one-dimensional array of length $n(n+1)/2$; that is, the storage is almost halved.

This storage format is referred to as *packed storage*; it is described in Section 3.3.2 in the f07 Chapter Introduction.

Functions designed for packed storage are usually less efficient, especially on high-performance computers, so there is a trade-off between storage and efficiency.

## 2.10  Band Matrices

A *band* matrix is one whose elements are confined to a relatively small number of subdiagonals or superdiagonals on either side of the main diagonal. Algorithms can take advantage of bandedness to reduce the amount of work and storage required. The storage scheme for band matrices is described in Section 3.3.4 in the f07 Chapter Introduction.

If the problem is the generalized symmetric definite eigenvalue problem $Az = \lambda Bz$ and the matrices $A$ and $B$ are additionally banded, the matrix $C$ as defined in Section 2.8 is, in general, full. We can reduce the problem to a banded standard problem by modifying the definition of $C$ thus:

$$C = X^{\mathrm{T}} A X, \quad \text{where} \quad X = U^{-1} Q \quad \text{or} \ L^{-\mathrm{T}} Q,$$

where $Q$ is an orthogonal matrix chosen to ensure that $C$ has bandwidth no greater than that of $A$.

A further refinement is possible when $A$ and $B$ are banded, which halves the amount of work required to form $C$. Instead of the standard Cholesky factorization of $B$ as $U^{\mathrm{T}} U$ or $LL^{\mathrm{T}}$, we use a *split Cholesky* factorization $B = S^{\mathrm{T}} S$, where

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} U_{11} & \\ M_{21} & L_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

with $U_{11}$ upper triangular and $L_{22}$ lower triangular of order approximately $n/2$; $S$ has the same bandwidth as $B$.

## 2.11  Nonsymmetric Eigenvalue Problems

The *nonsymmetric eigenvalue problem* is to find the *eigenvalues*, $\lambda$, and corresponding *eigenvectors*, $v \neq 0$, such that

$$Av = \lambda v.$$

More precisely, a vector $v$ as just defined is called a *right eigenvector* of $A$, and a vector $u \neq 0$ satisfying

$$u^{\mathrm{T}} A = \lambda u^{\mathrm{T}} \quad \left( u^{\mathrm{H}} A = \lambda u^{\mathrm{H}} \quad \text{when } u \text{ is complex} \right)$$

is called a *left eigenvector* of $A$.

A real matrix $A$ may have complex eigenvalues, occurring as complex conjugate pairs.

This problem can be solved via the *Schur factorization* of $A$, defined in the real case as

$$A = ZTZ^{\mathrm{T}},$$

where $Z$ is an orthogonal matrix and $T$ is an upper quasi-triangular matrix with 1 by 1 and 2 by 2 diagonal blocks, the 2 by 2 blocks corresponding to complex conjugate pairs of eigenvalues of $A$. In the complex case, the Schur factorization is

$$A = ZTZ^{\mathrm{H}},$$

where $Z$ is unitary and $T$ is a complex upper triangular matrix.

The columns of $Z$ are called the *Schur vectors*. For each $k$ ($1 \leq k \leq n$), the first $k$ columns of $Z$ form an orthonormal basis for the *invariant subspace* corresponding to the first $k$ eigenvalues on the diagonal of $T$. Because this basis is orthonormal, it is preferable in many applications to compute Schur vectors rather than eigenvectors. It is possible to order the Schur factorization so that any desired set of $k$ eigenvalues occupy the $k$ leading positions on the diagonal of $T$.

The two basic tasks of the nonsymmetric eigenvalue functions are to compute, for a given matrix $A$, all $n$ values of $\lambda$ and, if desired, their associated right eigenvectors $v$ and/or left eigenvectors $u$, and the Schur factorization.

These two basic tasks can be performed in the following stages.

1.  A general matrix $A$ is reduced to *upper Hessenberg form* $H$ which is zero below the first subdiagonal. The reduction may be written $A = QHQ^{\mathrm{T}}$ with $Q$ orthogonal if $A$ is real, or $A = QHQ^{\mathrm{H}}$ with $Q$ unitary if $A$ is complex.

2.  The upper Hessenberg matrix $H$ is reduced to Schur form $T$, giving the Schur factorization $H = STS^{\mathrm{T}}$ (for $H$ real) or $H = STS^{\mathrm{H}}$ (for $H$ complex). The matrix $S$ (the Schur vectors of $H$) may optionally be computed as well. Alternatively $S$ may be postmultiplied into the matrix $Q$ determined in stage 1, to give the matrix $Z = QS$, the Schur vectors of $A$. The eigenvalues are obtained from the diagonal elements or diagonal blocks of $T$.

3.   Given the eigenvalues, the eigenvectors may be computed in two different ways. Inverse iteration can be performed on $H$ to compute the eigenvectors of $H$, and then the eigenvectors can be multiplied by the matrix $Q$ in order to transform them to eigenvectors of $A$. Alternatively the eigenvectors of $T$ can be computed, and optionally transformed to those of $H$ or $A$ if the matrix $S$ or $Z$ is supplied.

The accuracy with which eigenvalues can be obtained can often be improved by *balancing* a matrix. This is discussed further in Section 2.14.6 below.

## 2.12   Generalized Nonsymmetric Eigenvalue Problem

The *generalized nonsymmetric eigenvalue problem* is to find the eigenvalues, $\lambda$, and corresponding *eigenvectors*, $v \neq 0$, such that

$$Av = \lambda Bv.$$

More precisely, a vector $v$ as just defined is called a *right eigenvector* of the matrix pair $(A, B)$, and a vector $u \neq 0$ satisfying

$$u^{\mathrm{T}} A = \lambda u^{\mathrm{T}} B \quad \left( u^{\mathrm{H}} A = \lambda u^{\mathrm{H}} B \text{ when } u \text{ is complex} \right)$$

is called a *left eigenvector* of the matrix pair $(A, B)$.

If $B$ is singular then the problem has one or more *infinite eigenvalues* $\lambda = \infty$, corresponding to $Bv = 0$. Note that if $A$ is nonsingular, then the equivalent problem $\mu Av = Bv$ is perfectly well defined and an infinite eigenvalue corresponds to $\mu = 0$. To deal with both finite (including zero) and infinite eigenvalues, the functions in this chapter do not compute $\lambda$ explicitly, but rather return a pair of numbers $(\alpha, \beta)$ such that if $\beta \neq 0$

$$\lambda = \alpha / \beta$$

and if $\alpha \neq 0$ and $\beta = 0$ then $\lambda = \infty$. $\beta$ is always returned as real and non-negative. Of course, computationally an infinite eigenvalue may correspond to a small $\beta$ rather than an exact zero.

For a given pair $(A, B)$ the set of all the matrices of the form $(A - \lambda B)$ is called a matrix *pencil* and $\lambda$ and $v$ are said to be an eigenvalue and eigenvector of the pencil $(A - \lambda B)$. If $A$ and $B$ are both singular and share a common null space then

$$\det(A - \lambda B) \equiv 0$$

so that the pencil $(A - \lambda B)$ is *singular* for all $\lambda$. In other words any $\lambda$ can be regarded as an eigenvalue. In exact arithmetic a singular pencil will have $\alpha = \beta = 0$ for some $(\alpha, \beta)$. Computationally if some pair $(\alpha, \beta)$ is small then the pencil is singular, or nearly singular, and no reliance can be placed on any of the computed eigenvalues. Singular pencils can also manifest themselves in other ways; see, in particular, Sections 2.3.5.2 and 4.11.1.4 of Anderson *et al.* (1999) for further details.

The generalized eigenvalue problem can be solved via the *generalized Schur factorization* of the pair $(A, B)$ defined in the real case as

$$A = QSZ^{\mathrm{T}}, \quad B = QTZ^{\mathrm{T}},$$

where $Q$ and $Z$ are orthogonal, $T$ is upper triangular with non-negative diagonal elements and $S$ is upper quasi-triangular with 1 by 1 and 2 by 2 diagonal blocks, the 2 by 2 blocks corresponding to complex conjugate pairs of eigenvalues. In the complex case, the generalized Schur factorization is

$$A = QSZ^{\mathrm{H}}, \quad B = QTZ^{\mathrm{H}},$$

where $Q$ and $Z$ are unitary and $S$ and $T$ are upper triangular, with $T$ having real non-negative diagonal elements. The columns of $Q$ and $Z$ are called respectively the *left* and *right generalized Schur vectors* and span pairs of *deflating subspaces* of $A$ and $B$, which are a generalization of invariant subspaces.

It is possible to order the generalized Schur factorization so that any desired set of $k$ eigenvalues correspond to the $k$ leading positions on the diagonals of the pair $(S, T)$.

The two basic tasks of the generalized nonsymmetric eigenvalue functions are to compute, for a given pair $(A, B)$, all $n$ values of $\lambda$ and, if desired, their associated right eigenvectors $v$ and/or left eigenvectors $u$, and the generalized Schur factorization.

These two basic tasks can be performed in the following stages.

1.  The matrix pair $(A, B)$ is reduced to *generalized upper* Hessenberg form $(H, R)$, where $H$ is upper Hessenberg (zero below the first subdiagonal) and $R$ is upper triangular. The reduction may be written as $A = Q_1 H Z_1^T, B = Q_1 R Z_1^T$ in the real case with $Q_1$ and $Z_1$ orthogonal, and $A = Q_1 H Z_1^H, B = Q_1 R Z_1^H$ in the complex case with $Q_1$ and $Z_1$ unitary.

2.  The generalized upper Hessenberg form $(H, R)$ is reduced to the generalized Schur form $(S, T)$ using the generalized Schur factorization $H = Q_2 S Z_2^T$, $R = Q_2 T Z_2^T$ in the real case with $Q_2$ and $Z_2$ orthogonal, and $H = Q_2 S Z_2^H$, $R = Q_2 T Z_2^H$ in the complex case. The generalized Schur vectors of $(A, B)$ are given by $Q = Q_1 Q_2$, $Z = Z_1 Z_2$. The eigenvalues are obtained from the diagonal elements (or blocks) of the pair $(S, T)$.

3.  Given the eigenvalues, the eigenvectors of the pair $(S, T)$ can be computed, and optionally transformed to those of $(H, R)$ or $(A, B)$.

The accuracy with which eigenvalues can be obtained can often be improved by *balancing* a matrix pair. This is discussed further in Section 2.14.8 below.

## 2.13 The Sylvester Equation and the Generalized Sylvester Equation

The Sylvester equation is a matrix equation of the form

$$AX + XB = C,$$

where $A$, $B$, and $C$ are given matrices with $A$ being $m$ by $m$, $B$ an $n$ by $n$ matrix and $C$, and the solution matrix $X$, $m$ by $n$ matrices. The solution of a special case of this equation occurs in the computation of the condition number for an invariant subspace, but a combination of functions in this chapter allows the solution of the general Sylvester equation.

Functions are also provided for solving a special case of the generalized Sylvester equations

$$AR - LB = C, \quad DR - LE = F,$$

where $(A, D)$, $(B, E)$ and $(C, F)$ are given matrix pairs, and $R$ and $L$ are the solution matrices.

## 2.14 Error and Perturbation Bounds and Condition Numbers

In this section we discuss the effects of rounding errors in the solution process and the effects of uncertainties in the data, on the solution to the problem. A number of the functions in this chapter return information, such as condition numbers, that allow these effects to be assessed. First we discuss some notation used in the error bounds of later sections.

The bounds usually contain the factor $p(n)$ (or $p(m, n)$), which grows as a function of the matrix dimension $n$ (or matrix dimensions $m$ and $n$). It measures how errors can grow as a function of the matrix dimension, and represents a potentially different function for each problem. In practice, it usually grows just linearly; $p(n) \leq 10n$ is often true, although generally only much weaker bounds can be actually proved. We normally describe $p(n)$ as a 'modestly growing' function of $n$. For detailed derivations of various $p(n)$, see Golub and Van Loan (2012) and Wilkinson (1965).

For linear equation (see Chapter f07) and least squares solvers, we consider bounds on the relative error $\|x - \hat{x}\| / \|x\|$ in the computed solution $\hat{x}$, where $x$ is the true solution. For eigenvalue problems we consider bounds on the error $\left| \lambda_i - \hat{\lambda}_i \right|$ in the $i$th computed eigenvalue $\hat{\lambda}_i$, where $\lambda_i$ is the true $i$th eigenvalue. For singular value problems we similarly consider bounds $|\sigma_i - \hat{\sigma}_i|$.

Bounding the error in computed eigenvectors and singular vectors $\hat{v}_i$ is more subtle because these vectors are not unique: even though we restrict $\|\hat{v}_i\|_2 = 1$ and $\|v_i\|_2 = 1$, we may still multiply them by arbitrary constants of absolute value 1. So to avoid ambiguity we bound the *angular difference* between $\hat{v}_i$ and the true vector $v_i$, so that

$$
\begin{aligned}
\theta(v_i, \hat{v}_i) &= \text{acute angle between } v_i \text{ and } \hat{v}_i \\
&= \arccos\left|v_i^{\mathrm{H}}\hat{v}_i\right|.
\end{aligned}
\tag{2}
$$

Here $\arccos(\theta)$ is in the standard range: $0 \leq \arccos(\theta) < \pi$. When $\theta(v_i, \hat{v}_i)$ is small, we can choose a constant $\alpha$ with absolute value 1 so that $\|\alpha v_i - \hat{v}_i\|_2 \approx \theta(v_i, \hat{v}_i)$.

In addition to bounds for individual eigenvectors, bounds can be obtained for the spaces spanned by collections of eigenvectors. These may be much more accurately determined than the individual eigenvectors which span them. These spaces are called *invariant subspaces* in the case of eigenvectors, because if $v$ is any vector in the space, $Av$ is also in the space, where $A$ is the matrix. Again, we will use angle to measure the difference between a computed space $\hat{S}$ and the true space $S$:

$$
\begin{aligned}
\theta\left(S, \hat{S}\right) &= \text{acute angle between } S \text{ and } \hat{S} \\
&= \max_{\substack{s \in S \\ s \neq 0}} \min_{\substack{\hat{s} \in \hat{S} \\ \hat{s} \neq 0}} \theta(s, \hat{s}) \quad \text{or} \quad \max_{\substack{\hat{s} \in \hat{S} \\ \hat{s} \neq 0}} \min_{\substack{s \in S \\ s \neq 0}} \theta(s, \hat{s})
\end{aligned}
\tag{3}
$$

$\theta\left(S, \hat{S}\right)$ may be computed as follows. Let $S$ be a matrix whose columns are orthonormal and span $S$. Similarly let $\hat{S}$ be an orthonormal matrix with columns spanning $\hat{S}$. Then

$$
\theta\left(S, \hat{S}\right) = \arccos \sigma_{\min}\left(S^{\mathrm{H}}\hat{S}\right).
$$

Finally, we remark on the accuracy of the bounds when they are large. Relative errors like $\|\hat{x} - x\|/\|x\|$ and angular errors like $\theta(\hat{v}_i, v_i)$ are only of interest when they are much less than 1. Some stated bounds are not strictly true when they are close to 1, but rigorous bounds are much more complicated and supply little extra information in the interesting case of small errors. These bounds are indicated by using the symbol $\lesssim$, or 'approximately less than', instead of the usual $\leq$. Thus, when these bounds are close to 1 or greater, they indicate that the computed answer may have no significant digits at all, but do not otherwise bound the error.

A number of functions in this chapter return error estimates and/or condition number estimates directly. In other cases Anderson *et al.* (1999) gives code fragments to illustrate the computation of these estimates, and a number of the Chapter f08 example programs, for the driver functions, implement these code fragments.

### 2.14.1 Least squares problems

The conventional error analysis of linear least squares problems goes as follows. The problem is to find the $x$ minimizing $\|Ax - b\|_2$. Let $\hat{x}$ be the solution computed using one of the methods described above. We discuss the most common case, where $A$ is overdetermined (i.e., has more rows than columns) and has full rank.

Then the computed solution $\hat{x}$ has a small normwise backward error. In other words $\hat{x}$ minimizes $\|(A + E)\hat{x} - (b + f)\|_2$, where

$$
\max\left(\frac{\|E\|_2}{\|A\|_2}, \frac{\|f\|_2}{\|b\|_2}\right) \leq p(n)\epsilon
$$

and $p(n)$ is a modestly growing function of $n$ and $\epsilon$ is the **machine precision**. Let $\kappa_2(A) = \sigma_{\max}(A)/\sigma_{\min}(A)$, $\rho = \|Ax - b\|_2$, and $\sin(\theta) = \rho/\|b\|_2$. Then if $p(n)\epsilon$ is small enough, the error $\hat{x} - x$ is bounded by

$$
\frac{\|x - \hat{x}\|_2}{\|x\|_2} \lesssim p(n)\epsilon\left\{\frac{2\kappa_2(A)}{\cos(\theta)} + \tan(\theta)\kappa_2^2(A)\right\}.
$$

If $A$ is rank-deficient, the problem can be *regularized* by treating all singular values less than a user-specified threshold as exactly zero. See Golub and Van Loan (2012) for error bounds in this case, as well as for the underdetermined case.

The solution of the overdetermined, full-rank problem may also be characterised as the solution of the linear system of equations

$$\begin{pmatrix} I & A \\ A^{\mathrm{T}} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} r \\ x \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} b \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

By solving this linear system (see Chapter f07) component-wise error bounds can also be obtained (see Arioli *et al.* (1989)).

### 2.14.2 The singular value decomposition

The usual error analysis of the SVD algorithm is as follows (see Golub and Van Loan (2012)).

The computed SVD, $\hat{U}\hat{\Sigma}\hat{V}^{\mathrm{T}}$, is nearly the exact SVD of $A + E$, i.e., $A + E = \left(\hat{U} + \delta\hat{U}\right)\hat{\Sigma}\left(\hat{V} + \delta\hat{V}\right)$ is the true SVD, so that $\hat{U} + \delta\hat{U}$ and $\hat{V} + \delta\hat{V}$ are both orthogonal, where $\|E\|_2/\|A\|_2 \leq p(m,n)\epsilon$, $\left\|\delta\hat{U}\right\| \leq p(m,n)\epsilon$, and $\left\|\delta\hat{V}\right\| \leq p(m,n)\epsilon$. Here $p(m,n)$ is a modestly growing function of $m$ and $n$ and $\epsilon$ is the **machine precision**. Each computed singular value $\hat{\sigma}_i$ differs from the true $\sigma_i$ by an amount satisfying the bound

$$|\hat{\sigma}_i - \sigma_i| \leq p(m,n)\epsilon\sigma_1.$$

Thus large singular values (those near $\sigma_1$) are computed to high relative accuracy and small ones may not be.

The angular difference between the computed left singular vector $\hat{u}_i$ and the true $u_i$ satisfies the approximate bound

$$\theta(\hat{u}_i, u_i) \lesssim \frac{p(m,n)\epsilon\|A\|_2}{\mathrm{gap}_i}$$

where

$$\mathrm{gap}_i = \min_{j \neq i}|\sigma_i - \sigma_j|$$

is the *absolute gap* between $\sigma_i$ and the nearest other singular value. Thus, if $\sigma_i$ is close to other singular values, its corresponding singular vector $u_i$ may be inaccurate. The same bound applies to the computed right singular vector $\hat{v}_i$ and the true vector $v_i$. The gaps may be easily obtained from the computed singular values.

Let $\hat{S}$ be the space spanned by a collection of computed left singular vectors $\{\hat{u}_i, i \in I\}$, where $I$ is a subset of the integers from 1 to $n$. Let $S$ be the corresponding true space. Then

$$\theta(\hat{S}, S) \lesssim \frac{p(m,n)\epsilon\|A\|_2}{\mathrm{gap}_I}.$$

where

$$\mathrm{gap}_I = \min\left\{|\sigma_i - \sigma_j| \quad \text{for } i \in I, j \notin I\right\}$$

is the absolute gap between the singular values in $I$ and the nearest other singular value. Thus, a cluster of close singular values which is far away from any other singular value may have a well determined space $\hat{S}$ even if its individual singular vectors are ill-conditioned. The same bound applies to a set of right singular vectors $\{\hat{v}_i, i \in I\}$.

In the special case of bidiagonal matrices, the singular values and singular vectors may be computed much more accurately (see Demmel and Kahan (1990)). A bidiagonal matrix $B$ has nonzero entries only on the main diagonal and the diagonal immediately above it (or immediately below it). Reduction of a dense matrix to bidiagonal form $B$ can introduce additional errors, so the following bounds for the bidiagonal case do not apply to the dense case.

Using the functions in this chapter, each computed singular value of a bidiagonal matrix is accurate to nearly full relative accuracy, no matter how tiny it is, so that

$$|\hat{\sigma}_i - \sigma_i| \leq p(m,n)\epsilon\sigma_i.$$

The computed left singular vector $\hat{u}_i$ has an angular error at most about

$$\theta(\hat{u}_i, u_i) \lesssim \frac{p(m,n)\epsilon}{\text{relgap}_i}$$

where

$$\text{relgap}_i = \min_{j \neq i} |\sigma_i - \sigma_j| / (\sigma_i + \sigma_j)$$

is the *relative gap* between $\sigma_i$ and the nearest other singular value. The same bound applies to the right singular vector $\hat{v}_i$ and $v_i$. Since the relative gap may be much larger than the absolute gap, this error bound may be much smaller than the previous one. The relative gaps may be easily obtained from the computed singular values.

### 2.14.3 The symmetric eigenproblem

The usual error analysis of the symmetric eigenproblem is as follows (see Parlett (1998)).

The computed eigendecomposition $\hat{Z}\hat{\Lambda}\hat{Z}^{\mathrm{T}}$ is nearly the exact eigendecomposition of $A + E$, i.e., $A + E = (\hat{Z} + \delta\hat{Z})\hat{\Lambda}(\hat{Z} + \delta\hat{Z})^{\mathrm{T}}$ is the true eigendecomposition so that $\hat{Z} + \delta\hat{Z}$ is orthogonal, where $\|E\|_2/\|A\|_2 \leq p(n)\epsilon$ and $\|\delta\hat{Z}\|_2 \leq p(n)\epsilon$ and $p(n)$ is a modestly growing function of $n$ and $\epsilon$ is the **machine precision**. Each computed eigenvalue $\hat{\lambda}_i$ differs from the true $\lambda_i$ by an amount satisfying the bound

$$|\hat{\lambda}_i - \lambda_i| \leq p(n)\epsilon\|A\|_2.$$

Thus large eigenvalues (those near $\max_i |\lambda_i| = \|A\|_2$) are computed to high relative accuracy and small ones may not be.

The angular difference between the computed unit eigenvector $\hat{z}_i$ and the true $z_i$ satisfies the approximate bound

$$\theta(\hat{z}_i, z_i) \lesssim \frac{p(n)\epsilon\|A\|_2}{\text{gap}_i}$$

if $p(n)\epsilon$ is small enough, where

$$\text{gap}_i = \min_{j \neq i} |\lambda_i - \lambda_j|$$

is the *absolute gap* between $\lambda_i$ and the nearest other eigenvalue. Thus, if $\lambda_i$ is close to other eigenvalues, its corresponding eigenvector $z_i$ may be inaccurate. The gaps may be easily obtained from the computed eigenvalues.

Let $\hat{S}$ be the invariant subspace spanned by a collection of eigenvectors $\{\hat{z}_i, i \in I\}$, where $I$ is a subset of the integers from 1 to $n$. Let $S$ be the corresponding true subspace. Then

$$\theta(\hat{S}, S) \lesssim \frac{p(n)\epsilon\|A\|_2}{\text{gap}_I}$$

where

$$\text{gap}_I = \min\{|\lambda_i - \lambda_j| \quad \text{for } i \in I, j \notin I\}$$

is the absolute gap between the eigenvalues in $I$ and the nearest other eigenvalue. Thus, a cluster of close eigenvalues which is far away from any other eigenvalue may have a well determined invariant subspace $\hat{S}$ even if its individual eigenvectors are ill-conditioned.

In the special case of a real symmetric tridiagonal matrix $T$, functions in this chapter can compute the eigenvalues and eigenvectors much more accurately. See Anderson *et al.* (1999) for further details.

### 2.14.4 The generalized symmetric-definite eigenproblem

The three types of problem to be considered are $A - \lambda B$, $AB - \lambda I$ and $BA - \lambda I$. In each case $A$ and $B$ are real symmetric (or complex Hermitian) and $B$ is positive definite. We consider each case in turn, assuming that functions in this chapter are used to transform the generalized problem to the standard symmetric problem, followed by the solution of the symmetric problem. In all cases

$$\text{gap}_i = \min_{j \neq i} \left| \lambda_i - \lambda_j \right|$$

is the *absolute gap* between $\lambda_i$ and the nearest other eigenvalue.

1.  $A - \lambda B$. The computed eigenvalues $\hat{\lambda}_i$ can differ from the true eigenvalues $\lambda_i$ by an amount

$$\left| \hat{\lambda}_i - \lambda_i \right| \lesssim p(n)\epsilon \left\| B^{-1} \right\|_2 \|A\|_2.$$

The angular difference between the computed eigenvector $\hat{z}_i$ and the true eigenvector $z_i$ is

$$\theta(\hat{z}_i, z_i) \lesssim \frac{p(n)\epsilon \left\| B^{-1} \right\|_2 \|A\|_2 (\kappa_2(B))^{1/2}}{\text{gap}_i}.$$

2.  $AB - \lambda I$ or $BA - \lambda I$. The computed eigenvalues $\hat{\lambda}_i$ can differ from the true eigenvalues $\lambda_i$ by an amount

$$\left| \hat{\lambda}_i - \lambda_i \right| \lesssim p(n)\epsilon \|B\|_2 \|A\|_2.$$

The angular difference between the computed eigenvector $\hat{z}_i$ and the true eigenvector $z_i$ is

$$\theta(\hat{z}_i, z_i) \lesssim \frac{p(n)\epsilon \|B\|_2 \|A\|_2 (\kappa_2(B))^{1/2}}{\text{gap}_i}.$$

These error bounds are large when $B$ is ill-conditioned with respect to inversion ($\kappa_2(B)$ is large). It is often the case that the eigenvalues and eigenvectors are much better conditioned than indicated here. One way to get tighter bounds is effective when the diagonal entries of $B$ differ widely in magnitude, as for example with a *graded matrix*.

1.  $A - \lambda B$. Let $D = \text{diag}\left(b_{11}^{-1/2}, \ldots, b_{nn}^{-1/2}\right)$ be a diagonal matrix. Then replace $B$ by $DBD$ and $A$ by $DAD$ in the above bounds.

2.  $AB - \lambda I$ or $BA - \lambda I$. Let $D = \text{diag}\left(b_{11}^{-1/2}, \ldots, b_{nn}^{-1/2}\right)$ be a diagonal matrix. Then replace $B$ by $DBD$ and $A$ by $D^{-1}AD^{-1}$ in the above bounds.

Further details can be found in Anderson *et al.* (1999).

### 2.14.5 The nonsymmetric eigenproblem

The nonsymmetric eigenvalue problem is more complicated than the symmetric eigenvalue problem. In this section, we just summarise the bounds. Further details can be found in Anderson *et al.* (1999).

We let $\hat{\lambda}_i$ be the $i$th computed eigenvalue and $\lambda_i$ the $i$th true eigenvalue. Let $\hat{v}_i$ be the corresponding computed right eigenvector, and $v_i$ the true right eigenvector (so $Av_i = \lambda_i v_i$). If $I$ is a subset of the integers from 1 to $n$, we let $\lambda_I$ denote the average of the selected eigenvalues: $\lambda_I = \left( \sum_{i \in I} \lambda_i \right) / \left( \sum_{i \in I} 1 \right)$, and similarly for $\hat{\lambda}_I$. We also let $S_I$ denote the subspace spanned by $\{v_i, i \in I\}$; it is called a right invariant subspace because if $v$ is any vector in $S_I$ then $Av$ is also in $S_I$. $\hat{S}_I$ is the corresponding computed subspace.

The algorithms for the nonsymmetric eigenproblem are normwise backward stable: they compute the exact eigenvalues, eigenvectors and invariant subspaces of slightly perturbed matrices $(A + E)$, where $\|E\| \le p(n)\epsilon\|A\|$. Some of the bounds are stated in terms of $\|E\|_2$ and others in terms of $\|E\|_F$; one may use $p(n)\epsilon$ for either quantity.

Functions are provided so that, for each $(\hat{\lambda}_i, \hat{v}_i)$ pair the two values $s_i$ and $sep_i$, or for a selected subset $\boldsymbol{I}$ of eigenvalues the values $s_{\boldsymbol{I}}$ and $sep_{\boldsymbol{I}}$ can be obtained, for which the error bounds in Table 2 are true for sufficiently small $\|E\|$, (which is why they are called asymptotic):

| Simple eigenvalue | $\left|\hat{\lambda}_i - \lambda_i\right| \lesssim \|E\|_2/s_i$ |
|---|---|
| Eigenvalue cluster | $\left|\hat{\lambda}_{\boldsymbol{I}} - \lambda_{\boldsymbol{I}}\right| \lesssim \|E\|_2/s_{\boldsymbol{I}}$ |
| Eigenvector | $\theta(\hat{v}_i, v_i) \lesssim \|E\|_F/sep_i$ |
| Invariant subspace | $\theta\left(\hat{S}_{\boldsymbol{I}}, S_{\boldsymbol{I}}\right) \lesssim \|E\|_F/sep_{\boldsymbol{I}}$ |

**Table 2**
Asymptotic error bounds for the nonsymmetric
eigenproblem

If the problem is ill-conditioned, the asymptotic bounds may only hold for extremely small $\|E\|$. The global error bounds of Table 3 are guaranteed to hold for all $\|E\|_F < s \times sep/4$:

| Simple eigenvalue | $\left|\hat{\lambda}_i - \lambda_i\right| \leq n\|E\|_2/s_i$ | Holds for all $E$ |
|---|---|---|
| Eigenvalue cluster | $\left|\hat{\lambda}_{\boldsymbol{I}} - \lambda_{\boldsymbol{I}}\right| \leq 2\|E\|_2/s_{\boldsymbol{I}}$ | Requires $\|E\|_F < s_{\boldsymbol{I}} \times sep_{\boldsymbol{I}}/4$ |
| Eigenvector | $\theta(\hat{v}_i, v_i) \leq \arctan\left(2\|E\|_F/\left(sep_i - 4\|E\|_F/s_i\right)\right)$ | Requires $\|E\|_F < s_i \times sep_i/4$ |
| Invariant subspace | $\theta\left(\hat{S}_{\boldsymbol{I}}, S_{\boldsymbol{I}}\right) \leq \arctan\left(2\|E\|_F/\left(sep_{\boldsymbol{I}} - 4\|E\|_F/s_{\boldsymbol{I}}\right)\right)$ | Requires $\|E\|_F < s_{\boldsymbol{I}} \times sep_{\boldsymbol{I}}/4$ |

**Table 3**
Global error bounds for the nonsymmetric eigenproblem

### 2.14.6 Balancing and condition for the nonsymmetric eigenproblem

There are two preprocessing steps one may perform on a matrix $A$ in order to make its eigenproblem easier. The first is *permutation*, or reordering the rows and columns to make $A$ more nearly upper triangular (closer to Schur form): $A' = PAP^{\mathrm{T}}$, where $P$ is a permutation matrix. If $A'$ is permutable to upper triangular form (or close to it), then no floating-point operations (or very few) are needed to reduce it to Schur form. The second is *scaling* by a diagonal matrix $D$ to make the rows and columns of $A'$ more nearly equal in norm: $A'' = DA'D^{-1}$. Scaling can make the matrix norm smaller with respect to the eigenvalues, and so possibly reduce the inaccuracy contributed by roundoff (see Chapter 11 of Wilkinson and Reinsch (1971)). We refer to these two operations as *balancing*.

Permuting has no effect on the condition numbers or their interpretation as described previously. Scaling, however, does change their interpretation and further details can be found in Anderson *et al.* (1999).

### 2.14.7 The generalized nonsymmetric eigenvalue problem

The algorithms for the generalized nonsymmetric eigenvalue problem are normwise backward stable: they compute the exact eigenvalues (as the pairs $(\alpha, \beta)$), eigenvectors and deflating subspaces of slightly perturbed pairs $(A + E, B + F)$, where

$$\|(E, F)\|_F \leq p(n)\epsilon\|(A, B)\|_F.$$

Asymptotic and global error bounds can be obtained, which are generalizations of those given in Tables 2 and 3. See Section 4.11 of Anderson *et al.* (1999) for details. Functions are provided to compute estimates of reciprocal conditions numbers for eigenvalues and eigenspaces.

### 2.14.8 Balancing the generalized eigenvalue problem

As with the standard nonsymmetric eigenvalue problem, there are two preprocessing steps one may perform on a matrix pair $(A, B)$ in order to make its eigenproblem easier; permutation and scaling, which together are referred to as balancing, as indicated in the following two steps.

1. The balancing function first attempts to permute $A$ and $B$ to block upper triangular form by a similarity transformation:

$$PAP^T = F = \begin{pmatrix} F_{11} & F_{12} & F_{13} \\ & F_{22} & F_{23} \\ & & F_{33} \end{pmatrix},$$

$$PBP^T = G = \begin{pmatrix} G_{11} & G_{12} & G_{13} \\ & G_{22} & G_{23} \\ & & G_{33} \end{pmatrix},$$

where $P$ is a permutation matrix, $F_{11}$, $F_{33}$, $G_{11}$ and $G_{33}$ are upper triangular. Then the diagonal elements of the matrix $(F_{11}, G_{11})$ and $(G_{33}, H_{33})$ are generalized eigenvalues of $(A, B)$. The rest of the generalized eigenvalues are given by the matrix pair $(F_{22}, G_{22})$. Subsequent operations to compute the eigenvalues of $(A, B)$ need only be applied to the matrix $(F_{22}, G_{22})$; this can save a significant amount of work if $(F_{22}, G_{22})$ is smaller than the original matrix pair $(A, B)$. If no suitable permutation exists (as is often the case), then there is no gain in efficiency or accuracy.

2. The balancing function applies a diagonal similarity transformation to $(F, G)$, to make the rows and columns of $(F_{22}, G_{22})$ as close as possible in the norm:

$$DFD^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} I & & \\ & D_{22} & \\ & & I \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} F_{11} & F_{12} & F_{13} \\ & F_{22} & F_{23} \\ & & F_{33} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I & & \\ & D_{22}^{-1} & \\ & & I \end{pmatrix},$$

$$DGD^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} I & & \\ & D_{22} & \\ & & I \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} G_{11} & G_{12} & G_{13} \\ & G_{22} & G_{23} \\ & & G_{33} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I & & \\ & D_{22}^{-1} & \\ & & I \end{pmatrix}.$$

This transformation usually improves the accuracy of computed generalized eigenvalues and eigenvectors. However, there are exceptional occasions when this transformation increases the norm of the pencil; in this case accuracy could be lower with diagonal balancing.

See Anderson *et al.* (1999) for further details.

### 2.14.9 Other problems

Error bounds for other problems such as the generalized linear least squares problem and generalized singular value decomposition can be found in Anderson *et al.* (1999).

## 2.15  Block Partitioned Algorithms

A number of the functions in this chapter use what is termed a *block partitioned algorithm*. This means that at each major step of the algorithm a *block* of rows or columns is updated, and much of the computation is performed by matrix-matrix operations on these blocks. These matrix-matrix operations make efficient use of computer memory and are key to achieving high performance. See Golub and Van Loan (2012) or Anderson *et al.* (1999) for more about block partitioned algorithms.

The performance of a block partitioned algorithm varies to some extent with the **block size** – that is, the number of rows or columns per block. This is a machine-dependent constant, which is set to a suitable value when the library is implemented on each range of machines.

# 3    Recommendations on Choice and Use of Available Functions

## 3.1    Available Functions

The tables in the following sub-sections show the functions which are provided for performing different computations on different types of matrices. Each entry in the table gives the NAG function short name.

Black box (or driver) functions are provided for the solution of most problems. In a number of cases there are *simple drivers*, which just return the solution to the problem, as well as *expert drivers*, which return additional information, such as condition number estimates, and may offer additional facilities such as balancing. The following sub-sections give tables for the driver functions.

### 3.1.1  Driver functions

#### 3.1.1.1  Linear least squares problems (LLS)

| Operation | real | complex |
|---|---|---|
| solve LLS using $QR$ or $LQ$ factorization | f08aac | f08anc |
| solve LLS using complete orthogonal factorization | f08bac | f08bnc |
| solve LLS using SVD | f08kac | f08knc |
| solve LLS using divide-and-conquer SVD | f08kcc | f08kqc |

#### 3.1.1.2  Generalized linear least squares problems (LSE and GLM)

| Operation | real | complex |
|---|---|---|
| solve LSE problem using GRQ | f08zac | f08znc |
| solve GLM problem using GQR | f08zbc | f08zpc |

#### 3.1.1.3  Symmetric eigenvalue problems (SEP)

| Function and storage scheme | real | complex |
|---|---|---|
| simple driver | f08fac | f08fnc |
| divide-and-conquer driver | f08fcc | f08fqc |
| expert driver | f08fbc | f08fpc |
| RRR driver | f08fdc | f08frc |
| **packed storage** simple driver | f08gac | f08gnc |
| divide-and-conquer driver | f08gcc | f08gqc |
| expert driver | f08gbc | f08gpc |

| band matrix | | |
|---|---|---|
| simple driver | f08hac | f08hnc |
| divide-and-conquer driver | f08hcc | f08hqc |
| expert driver | f08hbc | f08hpc |

| tridiagonal matrix | |
|---|---|
| simple driver | f08jac |
| divide-and-conquer driver | f08jcc |
| expert driver | f08jbc |
| RRR driver | f08jdc |

### 3.1.1.4 Nonsymmetric eigenvalue problem (NEP)

| Function and storage scheme | real | complex |
|---|---|---|
| simple driver for Schur factorization | f08pac | f08pnc |
| expert driver for Schur factorization | f08pbc | f08ppc |
| simple driver for eigenvalues/vectors | f08nac | f08nnc |
| expert driver for eigenvalues/vectors | f08nbc | f08npc |

### 3.1.1.5 Singular value decomposition (SVD)

| Function and storage scheme | real | complex |
|---|---|---|
| simple driver | f08kbc | f08kpc |
| divide-and-conquer driver | f08kdc | f08krc |
| simple driver for one-sided Jacobi SVD | f08kjc | |
| expert driver for one-sided Jacobi SVD | f08khc | |

### 3.1.1.6 Generalized symmetric definite eigenvalue problems (GSEP)

| Function and storage scheme | real | complex |
|---|---|---|
| simple driver | f08sac | f08snc |
| divide-and-conquer driver | f08scc | f08sqc |
| expert driver | f08sbc | f08spc |
| **packed storage** | | |
| simple driver | f08tac | f08tnc |
| divide-and-conquer driver | f08tcc | f08tqc |
| expert driver | f08tbc | f08tpc |
| **band matrix** | | |
| simple driver | f08uac | f08unc |
| divide-and-conquer driver | f08ucc | f08uqc |
| expert driver | f08ubc | f08upc |

### 3.1.1.7 Generalized nonsymmetric eigenvalue problem (GNEP)

| Function and storage scheme | real | complex |
|---|---|---|
| simple driver for Schur factorization | f08xcc | f08xqc |
| expert driver for Schur factorization | f08xbc | f08xpc |
| simple driver for eigenvalues/vectors | f08wcc | f08wqc |
| expert driver for eigenvalues/vectors | f08wbc | f08wpc |

### 3.1.1.8 Generalized singular value decomposition (GSVD)

| Function and storage scheme | real | complex |
|---|---|---|
| singular values/vectors | f08vcc | f08vqc |

### 3.1.2 Computational functions

It is possible to solve problems by calling two or more functions in sequence. Some common sequences of functions are indicated in the tables in the following sub-sections; an asterisk ($*$) against a function name means that the sequence of calls is illustrated in the example program for that function.

### 3.1.2.1 Orthogonal factorizations

Functions are provided for $QR$ factorization (with and without column pivoting), and for $LQ$, $QL$ and $RQ$ factorizations (without pivoting only), of a general real or complex rectangular matrix. A function is also provided for the $RQ$ factorization of a real or complex upper trapezoidal matrix. (LAPACK refers to this as the $RZ$ factorization.)

The factorization functions do not form the matrix $Q$ explicitly, but represent it as a product of elementary reflectors (see Section 3.3.6). Additional functions are provided to generate all or part of $Q$ explicitly if it is required, or to apply $Q$ in its factored form to another matrix (specifically to compute one of the matrix products $QC$, $Q^\mathrm{T}C$, $CQ$ or $CQ^\mathrm{T}$ with $Q^\mathrm{T}$ replaced by $Q^\mathrm{H}$ if $C$ and $Q$ are complex).

| | Factorize without pivoting | Factorize with pivoting | Factorize (blocked) | Generate matrix $Q$ | Apply matrix $Q$ | Apply $Q$ (blocked) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| $QR$ factorization, real matrices | f08aec | f08bfc | f08abc | f08afc | f08agc | f08acc |
| $QR$ factorization, real triangular-pentagonal | | | f08bbc | | | f08bcc |
| $LQ$ factorization, real matrices | f08ahc | | | f08ajc | f08akc | |
| $QL$ factorization, real matrices | f08cec | | | f08cfc | f08cgc | |
| $RQ$ factorization, real matrices | f08chc | | | f08cjc | f08ckc | |
| $RQ$ factorization, real upper trapezoidal matrices | f08bhc | | | | f08bkc | |
| $QR$ factorization, complex matrices | f08asc | f08btc | f08apc | f08atc | f08auc | f08aqc |
| $QR$ factorization, complex triangular-pentagonal | | | f08bpc | | | f08bqc |
| $LQ$ factorization, complex matrices | f08avc | | | f08awc | f08axc | |
| $QL$ factorization, complex matrices | f08csc | | | f08ctc | f08cuc | |

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *RQ* factorization, complex matrices | f08cvc | | | f08cwc | f08cxc | |
| *RQ* factorization, complex upper trapezoidal matrices | f08bvc | | | | f08bxc | |

To solve linear least squares problems, as described in Sections 2.2.1 or 2.2.3, functions based on the *QR* factorization can be used:

| | |
|---|---|
| real data, full-rank problem | f08aac, f08aec and f08agc, f08abc and f08acc, f16yjc |
| complex data, full-rank problem | f08anc, f08asc and f08auc, f08apc and f08aqc, f16zjc |
| real data, rank-deficient problem | f08bfc*, f16yjc, f08agc |
| complex data, rank-deficient problem | f08btc*, f16zjc, f08auc |

To find the minimum norm solution of under-determined systems of linear equations, as described in Section 2.2.2, functions based on the *LQ* factorization can be used:

| | |
|---|---|
| real data, full-rank problem | f08ahc*, f16yjc, f08akc |
| complex data, full-rank problem | f08avc*, f16zjc, f08axc |

### 3.1.2.2 Generalized orthogonal factorizations

Functions are provided for the generalized *QR* and *RQ* factorizations of real and complex matrix pairs.

| | **Factorize** |
|---|---|
| Generalized *QR* factorization, real matrices | f08zec |
| Generalized *RQ* factorization, real matrices | f08zfc |
| Generalized *QR* factorization, complex matrices | f08zsc |
| Generalized *RQ* factorization, complex matrices | f08ztc |

### 3.1.2.3 Singular value problems

Functions are provided to reduce a general real or complex rectangular matrix $A$ to real bidiagonal form $B$ by an orthogonal transformation $A = QBP^{\mathrm{T}}$ (or by a unitary transformation $A = QBP^{\mathrm{H}}$ if $A$ is complex). Different functions allow a full matrix $A$ to be stored conventionally (see Section 3.3.1), or a band matrix to use band storage (see Section 3.3.4 in the f07 Chapter Introduction).

The functions for reducing full matrices do not form the matrix $Q$ or $P$ explicitly; additional functions are provided to generate all or part of them, or to apply them to another matrix, as with the functions for orthogonal factorizations. Explicit generation of $Q$ or $P$ is required before using the bidiagonal $QR$ algorithm to compute left or right singular vectors of $A$.

The functions for reducing band matrices have options to generate $Q$ or $P$ if required.

Further functions are provided to compute all or part of the singular value decomposition of a real bidiagonal matrix; the same functions can be used to compute the singular value decomposition of a real or complex matrix that has been reduced to bidiagonal form.

| | Reduce to bidiagonal form | Generate matrix $Q$ or $P^{\mathrm{T}}$ | Apply matrix $Q$ or $P$ | Reduce band matrix to bidiagonal form | SVD of bidiagonal form ($QR$ algorithm) | SVD of bidiagonal form (divide and conquer) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| real matrices | f08kec | f08kfc | f08kgc | f08lec | f08mec | f08mdc |
| complex matrices | f08ksc | f08ktc | f08kuc | f08lsc | f08msc | |

Given the singular values, f08flc is provided to compute the reciprocal condition numbers for the left or right singular vectors of a real or complex matrix.

To compute the singular values and vectors of a rectangular matrix, as described in Section 2.3, use the following sequence of calls:

**Rectangular matrix (standard storage)**

| | |
|---|---|
| real matrix, singular values and vectors | f08kec, f08kfc*, f08mec |
| complex matrix, singular values and vectors | f08ksc, f08ktc*, f08msc |

**Rectangular matrix (banded)**

| | |
|---|---|
| real matrix, singular values and vectors | f08lec, f08kfc, f08mec |
| complex matrix, singular values and vectors | f08lsc, f08ktc, f08msc |

To use the singular value decomposition to solve a linear least squares problem, as described in Section 2.4, the following functions are required:

| | |
|---|---|
| real data | f16yac, f08kec, f08kfc, f08kgc, f08mec |
| complex data | f16zac, f08ksc, f08ktc, f08kuc, f08msc |

### 3.1.2.4 Generalized singular value decomposition

Functions are provided to compute the generalized SVD of a real or complex matrix pair $(A, B)$ in upper trapezoidal form. Functions are also provided to reduce a general real or complex matrix pair to the required upper trapezoidal form.

| | Reduce to trapezoidal form | Generalized SVD of trapezoidal form |
|---|---|---|
| real matrices | f08vgc | f08yec |
| complex matrices | f08vuc | f08ysc |

Functions are provided for the full CS decomposition of orthogonal and unitary matrices expressed as 2 by 2 partitions of submatrices. For real orthogonal matrices the CS decomposition is performed by f08rac, while for unitary matrices the equivalent function is f08rnc.

### 3.1.2.5 Symmetric eigenvalue problems

Functions are provided to reduce a real symmetric or complex Hermitian matrix $A$ to real tridiagonal form $T$ by an orthogonal similarity transformation $A = QTQ^{\mathrm{T}}$ (or by a unitary transformation $A = QTQ^{\mathrm{H}}$ if $A$ is complex). Different functions allow a full matrix $A$ to be stored conventionally (see Section 3.3.1 in the f07 Chapter Introduction) or in packed storage (see Section 3.3.2 in the f07 Chapter Introduction); or a band matrix to use band storage (see Section 3.3.4 in the f07 Chapter Introduction).

The functions for reducing full matrices do not form the matrix $Q$ explicitly; additional functions are provided to generate $Q$, or to apply it to another matrix, as with the functions for orthogonal factorizations. Explicit generation of $Q$ is required before using the $QR$ algorithm to find all the eigenvectors of $A$; application of $Q$ to another matrix is required after eigenvectors of $T$ have been found by inverse iteration, in order to transform them to eigenvectors of $A$.

The functions for reducing band matrices have an option to generate $Q$ if required.

| | Reduce to tridiagonal form | Generate matrix $Q$ | Apply matrix $Q$ |
|---|---|---|---|
| real symmetric matrices | f08fec | f08ffc | f08fgc |
| real symmetric matrices (packed storage) | f08gec | f08gfc | f08ggc |
| real symmetric band matrices | f08hec | | |
| complex Hermitian matrices | f08fsc | f08ftc | f08fuc |
| complex Hermitian matrices (packed storage) | f08gsc | f08gtc | f08guc |
| complex Hermitian band matrices | f08hsc | | |

Given the eigenvalues, f08flc is provided to compute the reciprocal condition numbers for the eigenvectors of a real symmetric or complex Hermitian matrix.

A variety of functions are provided to compute eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the real symmetric tridiagonal matrix $T$, some computing all eigenvalues and eigenvectors, some computing selected eigenvalues and eigenvectors. The same functions can be used to compute eigenvalues and eigenvectors of a real symmetric or complex Hermitian matrix which has been reduced to tridiagonal form.

**Eigenvalues and eigenvectors of real symmetric tridiagonal matrices:**

*The original (non-reduced) matrix is Real Symmetric or Complex Hermitian*

| | |
|---|---|
| all eigenvalues (root-free $QR$ algorithm) | f08jfc |
| all eigenvalues (root-free $QR$ algorithm called by divide-and-conquer) | f08jcc or f08jhc |
| all eigenvalues (RRR) | f08jlc |
| selected eigenvalues (bisection) | f08jjc |

*The original (non-reduced) matrix is Real Symmetric*

| | |
|---|---|
| all eigenvalues and eigenvectors ($QR$ algorithm) | f08jec |
| all eigenvalues and eigenvectors (divide-and-conquer) | f08jcc or f08jhc |
| all eigenvalues and eigenvectors (RRR) | f08jlc |
| all eigenvalues and eigenvectors (positive definite case) | f08jgc |
| selected eigenvectors (inverse iteration) | f08jkc |

*The original (non-reduced) matrix is Complex Hermitian*

| | |
|---|---|
| all eigenvalues and eigenvectors ($QR$ algorithm) | f08jsc |
| all eigenvalues and eigenvectors (divide and conquer) | f08jvc |
| all eigenvalues and eigenvectors (RRR) | f08jyc |
| all eigenvalues and eigenvectors (positive definite case) | f08juc |
| selected eigenvectors (inverse iteration) | f08jxc |

The following sequences of calls may be used to compute various combinations of eigenvalues and eigenvectors, as described in Section 2.7.

**Sequences for computing eigenvalues and eigenvectors**

*Real Symmetric matrix (standard storage)*

| | |
|---|---|
| all eigenvalues and eigenvectors (using divide-and-conquer) | f08fcc |
| all eigenvalues and eigenvectors (using $QR$ algorithm) | f08fec, f08ffc*, f08jec |

all eigenvalues and eigenvectors (RRR)                                    f08fec, f08fgc, f08jlc
selected eigenvalues and eigenvectors (bisection and inverse iteration)    f08fec, f08fgc, f08jjc,
                                                                          f08jkc*


*Real Symmetric matrix (packed storage)*

all eigenvalues and eigenvectors (using divide-and-conquer)                f08gcc
all eigenvalues and eigenvectors (using $QR$ algorithm)                    f08gec, f08gfc and f08jec
all eigenvalues and eigenvectors (RRR)                                     f08gec, f08ggc, f08jlc
selected eigenvalues and eigenvectors (bisection and inverse iteration)    f08gec, f08ggc, f08jjc,
                                                                          f08jkc*


*Real Symmetric banded matrix*

all eigenvalues and eigenvectors (using divide-and-conquer)                f08hcc
all eigenvalues and eigenvectors (using $QR$ algorithm)                    f08hec*, f08jec


*Complex Hermitian matrix (standard storage)*

all eigenvalues and eigenvectors (using divide-and-conquer)                f08fqc
all eigenvalues and eigenvectors (using $QR$ algorithm)                    f08fsc, f08ftc*, f08jsc
all eigenvalues and eigenvectors (RRR)                                     f08fsc, f08fuc, f08jyc
selected eigenvalues and eigenvectors (bisection and inverse iteration)    f08fsc, f08fuc, f08jjc,
                                                                          f08jxc*


*Complex Hermitian matrix (packed storage)*

all eigenvalues and eigenvectors (using divide-and-conquer)                f08gqc
all eigenvalues and eigenvectors (using $QR$ algorithm)                    f08gsc, f08gtc*, f08jsc
all eigenvalues and eigenvectors (RRR)                                     f08gsc, f08guc and f08jyc
selected eigenvalues and eigenvectors (bisection and inverse iteration)    f08gsc, f08guc, f08jjc,
                                                                          f08jxc*


*Complex Hermitian banded matrix*

all eigenvalues and eigenvectors (using divide-and-conquer)                f08hqc
all eigenvalues and eigenvectors (using $QR$ algorithm)                    f08hsc*, f08jsc

### 3.1.2.6 Generalized symmetric-definite eigenvalue problems

Functions are provided for reducing each of the problems $Ax = \lambda Bx$, $ABx = \lambda x$ or $BAx = \lambda x$ to an equivalent standard eigenvalue problem $Cy = \lambda y$. Different functions allow the matrices to be stored either conventionally or in packed storage. The positive definite matrix $B$ must first be factorized using a function from Chapter f07. There is also a function which reduces the problem $Ax = \lambda Bx$ where $A$ and $B$ are banded, to an equivalent banded standard eigenvalue problem; this uses a split Cholesky factorization for which a function in Chapter f08 is provided.

|  | **Reduce to standard problem** | **Reduce to standard problem (packed storage)** | **Reduce to standard problem (band matrices)** |
|---|---|---|---|
| real symmetric matrices | f08sec | f08tec | f08uec |
| complex Hermitian matrices | f08ssc | f08tsc | f08usc |

The equivalent standard problem can then be solved using the functions discussed in Section 3.1.2.5. For example, to compute all the eigenvalues, the following functions must be called:

| real symmetric-definite problem | f07fdc, f08sec*, f08fec, f08jfc |
| --- | --- |
| real symmetric-definite problem, packed storage | f07gdc, f08tec*, f08gec, f08jfc |
| real symmetric-definite banded problem | f08ufc*, f08uec*, f08hec, f08jfc |
| complex Hermitian-definite problem | f07frc, f08ssc*, f08fsc, f08jfc |
| complex Hermitian-definite problem, packed storage | f07grc, f08tsc*, f08gsc, f08jfc |
| complex Hermitian-definite banded problem | f08utc*, f08usc*, f08hsc, f08jfc |

If eigenvectors are computed, the eigenvectors of the equivalent standard problem must be transformed back to those of the original generalized problem, as indicated in Section 2.8; functions from Chapter f16 may be used for this.

### 3.1.2.7 Nonsymmetric eigenvalue problems

Functions are provided to reduce a general real or complex matrix $A$ to upper Hessenberg form $H$ by an orthogonal similarity transformation $A = QHQ^T$ (or by a unitary transformation $A = QHQ^H$ if $A$ is complex).

These functions do not form the matrix $Q$ explicitly; additional functions are provided to generate $Q$, or to apply it to another matrix, as with the functions for orthogonal factorizations. Explicit generation of $Q$ is required before using the $QR$ algorithm on $H$ to compute the Schur vectors; application of $Q$ to another matrix is needed after eigenvectors of $H$ have been computed by inverse iteration, in order to transform them to eigenvectors of $A$.

Functions are also provided to balance the matrix before reducing it to Hessenberg form, as described in Section 2.14.6. Companion functions are required to transform Schur vectors or eigenvectors of the balanced matrix to those of the original matrix.

|  | **Reduce to Hessenberg form** | **Generate matrix $Q$** | **Apply matrix $Q$** | **Balance** | **Back-transform vectors after balancing** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| real matrices | f08nec | f08nfc | f08ngc | f08nhc | f08njc |
| complex matrices | f08nsc | f08ntc | f08nuc | f08nvc | f08nwc |

Functions are provided to compute the eigenvalues and all or part of the Schur factorization of an upper Hessenberg matrix. Eigenvectors may be computed either from the upper Hessenberg form by inverse iteration, or from the Schur form by back-substitution; these approaches are equally satisfactory for computing individual eigenvectors, but the latter may provide a more accurate basis for a subspace spanned by several eigenvectors.

Additional functions estimate the sensitivities of computed eigenvalues and eigenvectors, as discussed in Section 2.14.5.

|  | **Eigenvalues and Schur factorization ($QR$ algorithm)** | **Eigenvectors from Hessenberg form (inverse iteration)** | **Eigenvectors from Schur factorization** | **Sensitivities of eigenvalues and eigenvectors** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| real matrices | f08pec | f08pkc | f08qkc | f08qlc |
| complex matrices | f08psc | f08pxc | f08qxc | f08qyc |

Finally functions are provided for reordering the Schur factorization, so that eigenvalues appear in any desired order on the diagonal of the Schur form. The functions f08qfc and f08qtc simply swap two diagonal elements or blocks, and may need to be called repeatedly to achieve a desired order. The

functions f08qgc and f08quc perform the whole reordering process for the important special case where a specified cluster of eigenvalues is to appear at the top of the Schur form; if the Schur vectors are reordered at the same time, they yield an orthonormal basis for the invariant subspace corresponding to the specified cluster of eigenvalues. These functions can also compute the sensitivities of the cluster of eigenvalues and the invariant subspace.

|  | **Reorder Schur factorization** | **Reorder Schur factorization, find basis for invariant subspace and estimate sensitivities** |
|---|---|---|
| real matrices | f08qfc | f08qgc |
| complex matrices | f08qtc | f08quc |

The following sequences of calls may be used to compute various combinations of eigenvalues, Schur vectors and eigenvectors, as described in Section 2.11:

| | |
|---|---|
| real matrix, all eigenvalues and Schur factorization | f08nec, f08nfc*, f08pec |
| real matrix, all eigenvalues and selected eigenvectors | f08nec, f08ngc, f08pec, f08pkc |
| real matrix, all eigenvalues and eigenvectors (with balancing) | f08nhc*, f08nec, f08nfc, f08njc, f08pec, f08pkc |
| complex matrix, all eigenvalues and Schur factorization | f08nsc, f08ntc*, f08psc |
| complex matrix, all eigenvalues and selected eigenvectors | f08nsc, f08nuc, f08psc, f08pxc* |
| complex matrix, all eigenvalues and eigenvectors (with balancing) | f08nvc*, f08nsc, f08ntc, f08nwc, f08psc, f08pxc |

### 3.1.2.8 Generalized nonsymmetric eigenvalue problems

Functions are provided to reduce a real or complex matrix pair $(A_1, R_1)$, where $A_1$ is general and $R_1$ is upper triangular, to generalized upper Hessenberg form by orthogonal transformations $A_1 = Q_1 H Z_1^T$, $R_1 = Q_1 R Z_1^T$, (or by unitary transformations $A_1 = Q_1 H Z_1^H$, $R = Q_1 R_1 Z_1^H$, in the complex case). These functions can optionally return $Q_1$ and/or $Z_1$. Note that to transform a general matrix pair $(A, B)$ to the form $(A_1, R_1)$ a $QR$ factorization of $B$ $(B = \tilde{Q} R_1)$ should first be performed and the matrix $A_1$ obtained as $A_1 = \tilde{Q}^T A$ (see Section 3.1.2.1 above).

Functions are also provided to balance a general matrix pair before reducing it to generalized Hessenberg form, as described in Section 2.14.8. Companion functions are provided to transform vectors of the balanced pair to those of the original matrix pair.

|  | **Reduce to generalized Hessenberg form** | **Balance** | **Backtransform vectors after balancing** |
|---|---|---|---|
| real matrices | f08wfc | f08whc | f08wjc |
| complex matrices | f08wtc | f08wvc | f08wwc |

Functions are provided to compute the eigenvalues (as the pairs $(\alpha, \beta)$) and all or part of the generalized Schur factorization of a generalized upper Hessenberg matrix pair. Eigenvectors may be computed from the generalized Schur form by back-substitution.

Additional functions estimate the sensitivities of computed eigenvalues and eigenvectors.

|  | Eigenvalues and generalized Schur factorization ($QZ$ algorithm) | Eigenvectors from generalized Schur factorization | Sensitivities of eigenvalues and eigenvectors |
|---|---|---|---|
| real matrices | f08xec | f08ykc | f08ylc |
| complex matrices | f08xsc | f08yxc | f08yyc |

Finally, functions are provided for reordering the generalized Schur factorization so that eigenvalues appear in any desired order on the diagonal of the generalized Schur form. f08yfc and f08ytc simply swap two diagonal elements or blocks, and may need to be called repeatedly to achieve a desired order. f08ygc and f08yuc perform the whole reordering process for the important special case where a specified cluster of eigenvalues is to appear at the top of the generalized Schur form; if the Schur vectors are reordered at the same time, they yield an orthonormal basis for the deflating subspace corresponding to the specified cluster of eigenvalues. These functions can also compute the sensitivities of the cluster of eigenvalues and the deflating subspace.

|  | Reorder generalized Schur factorization | Reorder generalized Schur factorization, find basis for deflating subspace and estimate sensitivites |
|---|---|---|
| real matrices | f08yfc | f08ygc |
| complex matrices | f08ytc | f08yuc |

The following sequences of calls may be used to compute various combinations of eigenvalues, generalized Schur vectors and eigenvectors

| | |
|---|---|
| real matrix pair, all eigenvalues (with balancing) | f08aec, f08agc (or f08abc, f08acc), f08wfc, f08whc, f08xec* |
| real matrix pair, all eigenvalues and generalized Schur factorization | f08aec, f08afc, f08agc (or f08abc, f08acc), f08wfc, f08xec |
| real matrix pair, all eigenvalues and eigenvectors (with balancing) | f16qfc, f16qhc, f08aec, f08afc, f08agc (or f08abc, f08acc), f08wfc, f08whc, f08xec, f08ykc*, f08wjc |
| complex matrix pair, all eigenvalues (with balancing) | f08asc, f08auc (or f08apc, f08aqc), f08wtc, f08wvc, f08xsc* |
| complex matrix pair, all eigenvalues and generalized Schur factorization | f08asc, f08atc, f08auc (or f08apc, f08aqc), f08wtc, f08xsc |
| complex matrix pair, all eigenvalues and eigenvectors (with balancing) | f16tfc, f16thc, f08asc, f08atc, f08auc (or f08apc, f08aqc), f08wtc, f08wvc, f08xsc, f08yxc*, f08wwc |

### 3.1.2.9 The Sylvester equation and the generalized Sylvester equation

Functions are provided to solve the real or complex Sylvester equation $AX \pm XB = C$, where $A$ and $B$ are upper quasi-triangular if real, or upper triangular if complex. To solve the general form of the Sylvester equation in which $A$ and $B$ are general square matrices, $A$ and $B$ must be reduced to upper (quasi-) triangular form by the Schur factorization, using functions described in Section 3.1.2.7. For more details, see the documents for the functions listed below.

|                   | **Solve the Sylvester equation** |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| real matrices     | f08qhc                           |
| complex matrices  | f08qvc                           |

Functions are also provided to solve the real or complex generalized Sylvester equations

$$AR - LB = C, \qquad DR - LE = F,$$

where the pairs $(A, D)$ and $(B, E)$ are in generalized Schur form. To solve the general form of the generalized Sylvester equation in which $(A, D)$ and $(B, E)$ are general matrix pairs, $(A, D)$ and $(B, E)$ must first be reduced to generalized Schur form.

|                   | **Solve the generalized Sylvester equation** |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| real matrices     | f08yhc                                       |
| complex matrices  | f08yvc                                       |

### 3.2   NAG Names and LAPACK Names

The functions may be called either by their NAG short names or by their NAG long names which contain their double precision LAPACK names.

References to Chapter f08 functions in the manual normally include the LAPACK double precision names, for example nag_dgeqrf (f08aec). The LAPACK routine names follow a simple scheme. Each name has the structure **xyyzzz**, where the components have the following meanings:

– the initial letter **x** indicates the data type (real or complex) and precision:

    s    – real, single precision

    d    – real, double precision

    c    – complex, single precision

    z    – complex, double precision

– the second and third letters **yy** indicate the type of the matrix $A$ or matrix pair $(A, B)$ (and in some cases the storage scheme):

    bd   – bidiagonal

    di   – diagonal

    gb   – general band

    ge   – general

    gg   – general pair ($B$ may be triangular)

    hb   – (complex) Hermitian band

    he   – Hermitian

    hg   – generalized upper Hessenberg

    hp   – Hermitian (packed storage)

    hs   – upper Hessenberg

    op   – (real) orthogonal (packed storage)

    or   – (real) orthogonal

    pt   – symmetric or Hermitian positive definite tridiagonal

    sb  – (real) symmetric band

    sp  – symmetric (packed storage)

    st  – (real) symmetric tridiagonal

    sy  – symmetric

    tg  – triangular pair (one may be quasi-triangular)

    tp  – triangular-pentagonal

    tr  – triangular (or quasi-triangular)

    un  – (complex) unitary

    up  – (complex) unitary (packed storage)

– the last three letters **zzz** indicate the computation performed. For example, qrf is a $QR$ factorization.

Thus the function nag_dgeqrf performs a $QR$ factorization of a real general matrix; the corresponding function for a complex general matrix is nag_zgeqrf.

### 3.3  Matrix Storage Schemes

In this chapter the following storage schemes are used for matrices:

    – conventional storage in a two-dimensional array;

    – packed storage for symmetric or Hermitian matrices;

    – packed storage for orthogonal or unitary matrices;

    – band storage for general, symmetric or Hermitian band matrices;

    – storage of bidiagonal, symmetric or Hermitian tridiagonal matrices in two one-dimensional arrays.

These storage schemes are compatible with those used in Chapters f07 and f16, but different schemes for packed, band and tridiagonal storage are used in a few older functions in Chapters f01, f02, f03 and f04.

#### 3.3.1  Conventional storage

Please see Section 3.3.1 in the f07 Chapter Introduction for full details.

#### 3.3.2  Packed storage

Please see Section 3.3.2 in the f07 Chapter Introduction for full details.

#### 3.3.3  Band storage

Please see Section 3.3.4 in the f07 Chapter Introduction for full details.

#### 3.3.4  Tridiagonal and bidiagonal matrices

A symmetric tridiagonal or bidiagonal matrix is stored in two one-dimensional arrays, one of length $n$ containing the diagonal elements, and one of length $n-1$ containing the off-diagonal elements. (Older functions in Chapter f02 store the off-diagonal elements in elements $2:n$ of a vector of length $n$.)

#### 3.3.5  Real diagonal elements of complex matrices

Please see Section 3.3.6 in the f07 Chapter Introduction for full details.

### 3.3.6 Representation of orthogonal or unitary matrices

A real orthogonal or complex unitary matrix (usually denoted $Q$) is often represented in the NAG C Library as a product of *elementary reflectors* – also referred to as *elementary Householder matrices* (usually denoted $H_i$). For example,

$$Q = H_1 H_2 \cdots H_k.$$

You need not be aware of the details, because functions are provided to work with this representation, either to generate all or part of $Q$ explicitly, or to multiply a given matrix by $Q$ or $Q^{\mathrm{T}}$ ($Q^{\mathrm{H}}$ in the complex case) without forming $Q$ explicitly.

Nevertheless, the following further details may occasionally be useful.

An elementary reflector (or elementary Householder matrix) $H$ of order $n$ is a unitary matrix of the form

$$H = I - \tau v v^{\mathrm{H}} \tag{4}$$

where $\tau$ is a scalar, and $v$ is an $n$-element vector, with $|\tau|^2 \|v\|_2^2 = 2 \times \mathrm{Re}(\tau)$; $v$ is often referred to as the *Householder vector*. Often $v$ has several leading or trailing zero elements, but for the purpose of this discussion assume that $H$ has no such special structure.

There is some redundancy in the representation (4), which can be removed in various ways. The representation used in Chapter f08 and in LAPACK (which differs from those used in some of the functions in Chapters f01, f02 and f04) sets $v_1 = 1$; hence $v_1$ need not be stored. In real arithmetic, $1 \le \tau \le 2$, except that $\tau = 0$ implies $H = I$.

In complex arithmetic, $\tau$ may be complex, and satisfies $1 \le \mathrm{Re}(\tau) \le 2$ and $|\tau - 1| \le 1$. Thus a complex $H$ is not Hermitian (as it is in other representations), but it is unitary, which is the important property. The advantage of allowing $\tau$ to be complex is that, given an arbitrary complex vector $x$, $H$ can be computed so that

$$H^{\mathrm{H}} x = \beta(1, 0, \ldots, 0)^{\mathrm{T}}$$

with *real* $\beta$. This is useful, for example, when reducing a complex Hermitian matrix to real symmetric tridiagonal form, or a complex rectangular matrix to real bidiagonal form.

## 3.4   Argument Conventions

### 3.4.1 Option Arguments

In addition to the **order** argument of type Nag_OrderType, most functions in this Chapter have one or more option arguments of various types; only options of the correct type may be supplied.

For example,

```
nag_dsytrd(Nag_RowMajor,Nag_Upper,...)
```
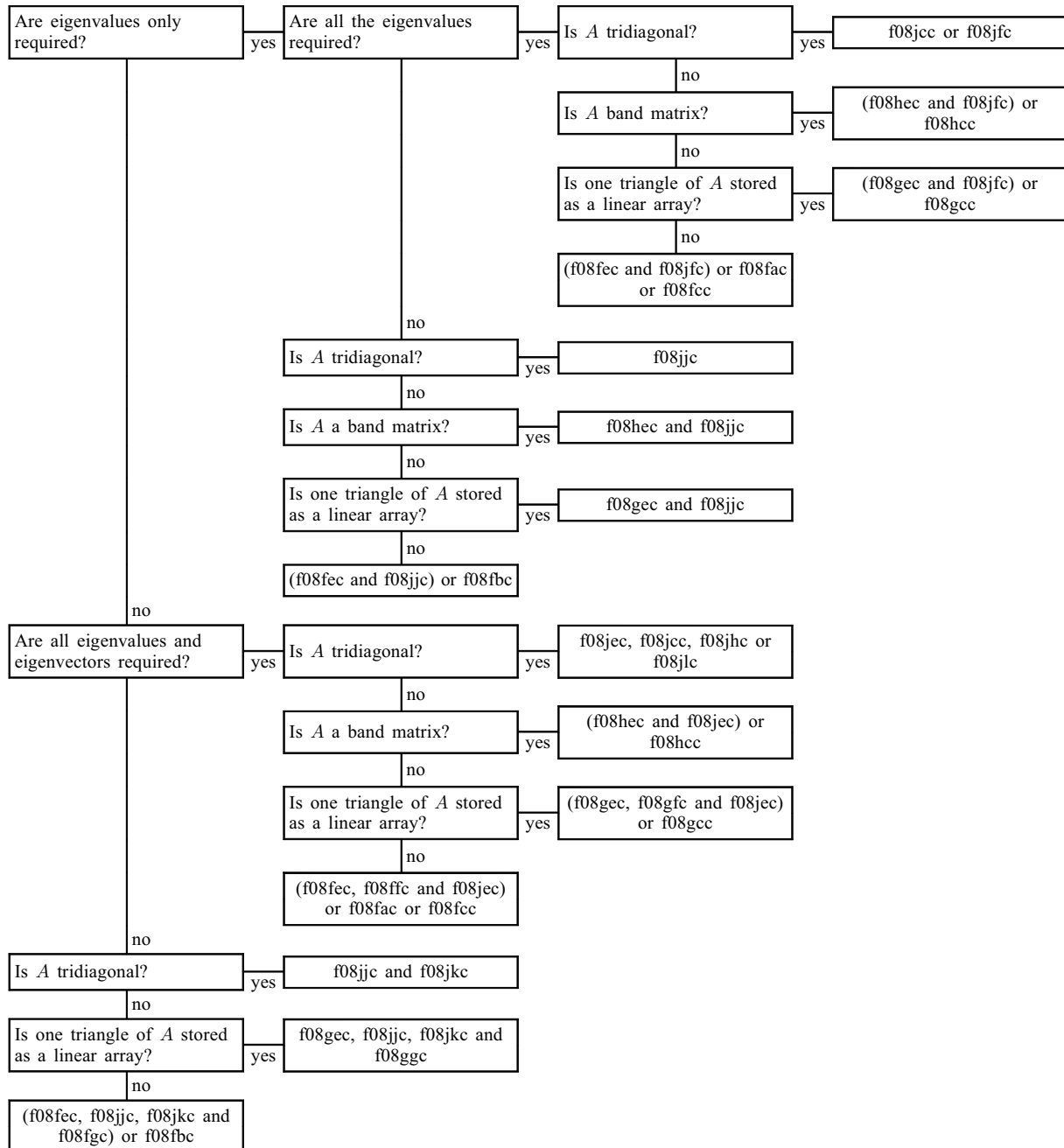
### 3.4.2 Problem dimensions

It is permissible for the problem dimensions (for example, **m** or **n**) to be passed as zero, in which case the computation (or part of it) is skipped. Negative dimensions are regarded as an error.
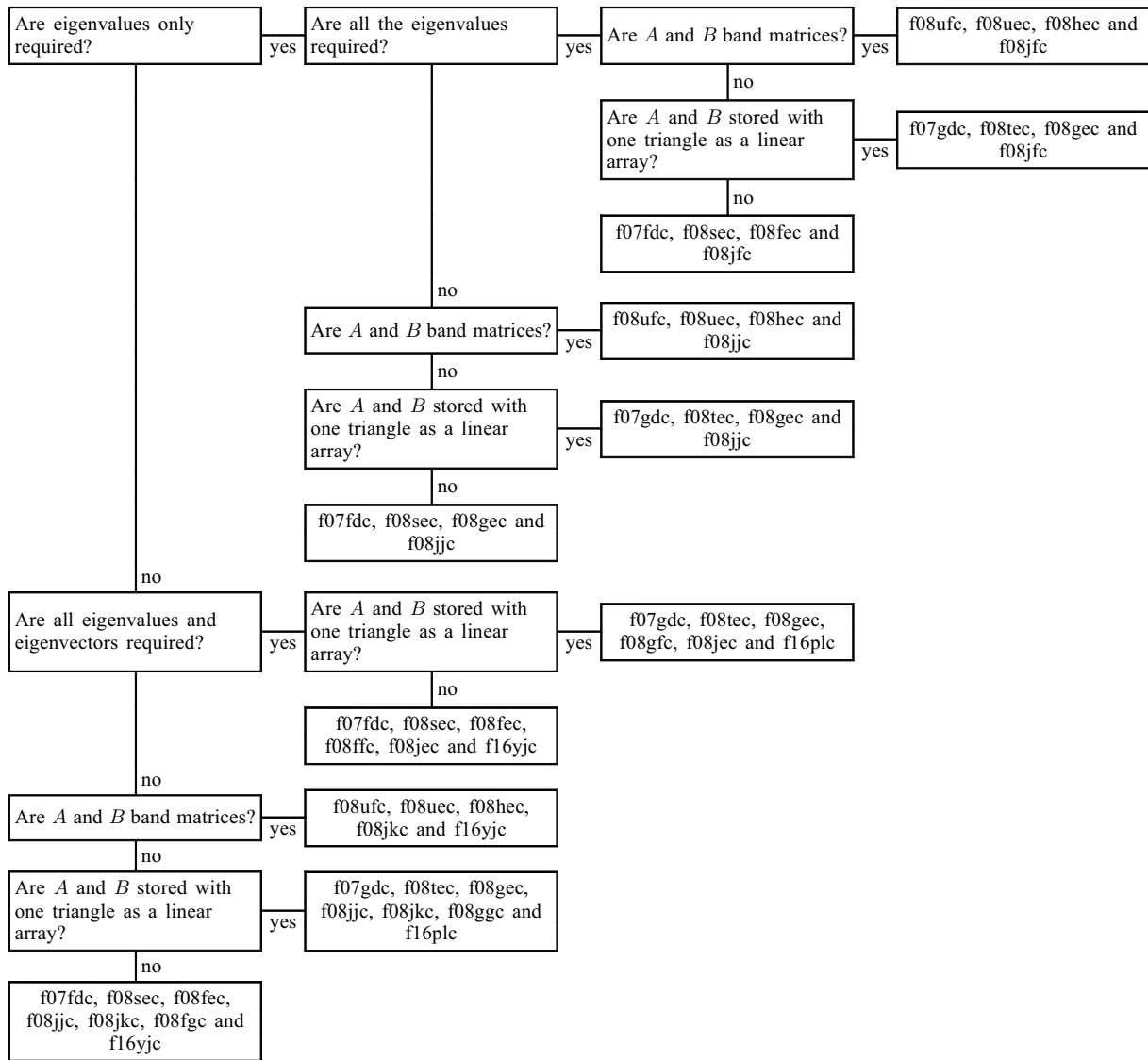
## 4     Decision Trees

The following decision trees are principally for the computation (general purpose) functions.

### 4.1    General Purpose Functions (eigenvalues and eigenvectors)
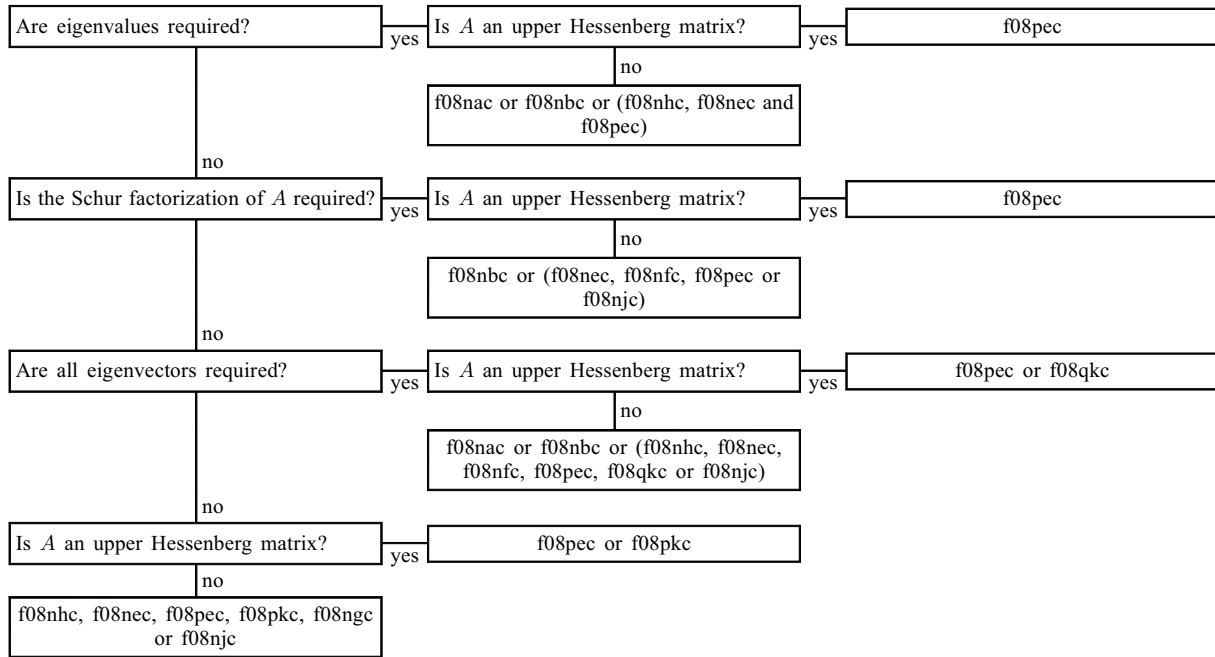
**Tree 1: Real Symmetric Eigenvalue Problems**

| Are eigenvalues only required? | | Are all the eigenvalues required? | | Is $A$ tridiagonal? | | f08jcc or f08jfc |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | yes | | yes | | yes | |

no → Is $A$ band matrix? — yes → (f08hec and f08jfc) or f08hcc

no → Is one triangle of $A$ stored as a linear array? — yes → (f08gec and f08jfc) or f08gcc

no → (f08fec and f08jfc) or f08fac or f08fcc

no → Is $A$ tridiagonal? — yes → f08jjc

no → Is $A$ a band matrix? — yes → f08hec and f08jjc

no → Is one triangle of $A$ stored as a linear array? — yes → f08gec and f08jjc

no → (f08fec and f08jjc) or f08fbc

no → Are all eigenvalues and eigenvectors required? — yes → Is $A$ tridiagonal? — yes → f08jec, f08jcc, f08jhc or f08jlc

no → Is $A$ a band matrix? — yes → (f08hec and f08jec) or f08hcc

no → Is one triangle of $A$ stored as a linear array? — yes → (f08gec, f08gfc and f08jec) or f08gcc

no → (f08fec, f08ffc and f08jec) or f08fac or f08fcc

no → Is $A$ tridiagonal? — yes → f08jjc and f08jkc

no → Is one triangle of $A$ stored as a linear array? — yes → f08gec, f08jjc, f08jkc and f08ggc

no → (f08fec, f08jjc, f08jkc and f08fgc) or f08fbc

**Tree 2: Real Generalized Symmetric-definite Eigenvalue Problems**

| Are eigenvalues only required? | | Are all the eigenvalues required? | | Are $A$ and $B$ band matrices? | | f08ufc, f08uec, f08hec and f08jfc |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|

yes

Are $A$ and $B$ stored with one triangle as a linear array? → yes → f07gdc, f08tec, f08gec and f08jfc

no

f07fdc, f08sec, f08fec and f08jfc

no

Are $A$ and $B$ band matrices? → yes → f08ufc, f08uec, f08hec and f08jjc

no

Are $A$ and $B$ stored with one triangle as a linear array? → yes → f07gdc, f08tec, f08gec and f08jjc

no

f07fdc, f08sec, f08gec and f08jjc

no

Are all eigenvalues and eigenvectors required? → yes → Are $A$ and $B$ stored with one triangle as a linear array? → yes → f07gdc, f08tec, f08gec, f08gfc, f08jec and f16plc

no

f07fdc, f08sec, f08fec, f08ffc, f08jec and f16yjc

no

Are $A$ and $B$ band matrices? → yes → f08ufc, f08uec, f08hec, f08jkc and f16yjc

no

Are $A$ and $B$ stored with one triangle as a linear array? → yes → f07gdc, f08tec, f08gec, f08jjc, f08jkc, f08ggc and f16plc

no

f07fdc, f08sec, f08fec, f08jjc, f08jkc, f08fgc and f16yjc

**Note**: the functions for band matrices only handle the problem $Ax = \lambda Bx$; the other functions handle all three types of problems ($Ax = \lambda Bx$, $ABx = \lambda x$ or $BAx = \lambda x$) except that, if the problem is $BAx = \lambda x$ and eigenvectors are required, f16phc must be used instead of f16plc and f16yfc instead of f16yjc.

**Tree 3: Real Nonsymmetric Eigenvalue Problems**

| Are eigenvalues required? | yes | Is $A$ an upper Hessenberg matrix? | yes | f08pec |
|---|---|---|---|---|

no → f08nac or f08nbc or (f08nhc, f08nec and f08pec)

| Is the Schur factorization of $A$ required? | yes | Is $A$ an upper Hessenberg matrix? | yes | f08pec |
|---|---|---|---|---|

no → f08nbc or (f08nec, f08nfc, f08pec or f08njc)

| Are all eigenvectors required? | yes | Is $A$ an upper Hessenberg matrix? | yes | f08pec or f08qkc |
|---|---|---|---|---|

no → f08nac or f08nbc or (f08nhc, f08nec, f08nfc, f08pec, f08qkc or f08njc)

| Is $A$ an upper Hessenberg matrix? | yes | f08pec or f08pkc |
|---|---|---|

no → f08nhc, f08nec, f08pec, f08pkc, f08ngc or f08njc

**Tree 4: Real Generalized Nonsymmetric Eigenvalue Problems**

| Are eigenvalues only required? | yes | Are $A$ and $B$ in generalized upper Hessenberg form? | yes | f08xec |
|---|---|---|---|---|

no → f08wbc, or f08whc and f08wcc

| Is the generalized Schur factorization of $A$ and $B$ required? | yes | Are $A$ and $B$ in generalized upper Hessenberg form? | yes | f08xec |
|---|---|---|---|---|

no → f08xbc or f08xcc

| Are $A$ and $B$ in generalized upper Hessenberg form? | yes | f08xec and f08ykc |
|---|---|---|

no → f08wbc, or f08whc, f08wcc and f08wjc

**Tree 5: Complex Hermitian Eigenvalue Problems**

| Are eigenvalues only required? | yes | Are all the eigenvalues required? | yes | Is $A$ a band matrix? | yes | (f08hsc and f08jfc) or f08hqc |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|

no → Is one triangle of $A$ stored as a linear array? — yes → (f08gsc and f08jfc) or f08gqc

no → (f08fsc and f08jfc) or f08fqc

(Are all the eigenvalues required?) no → Is $A$ a band matrix? — yes → f08hsc and f08jjc

no → Is one triangle of $A$ stored as a linear array? — yes → f08gsc and f08jjc

no → f08fsc and f08jjc

(Are eigenvalues only required?) no → Are all eigenvalues and eigenvectors required? — yes → Is $A$ a band matrix? — yes → (f08hsc and f08jsc) or f08hqc

no → Is one triangle of $A$ stored as a linear array? — yes → (f08gsc, f08gtc and f08jsc) or f08gqc

no → (f08fsc, f08ftc and f08jsc) or f08fqc

(Are all eigenvalues and eigenvectors required?) no → Is one triangle of $A$ stored as a linear array? — yes → f08gsc, f08jjc, f08jxc and f08guc

no → f08fsc, f08jjc, f08jxc and f08fuc

## Tree 6: Complex Generalized Hermitian-definite Eigenvalue Problems

| Are eigenvalues only required? | yes | Are all eigenvalues required? | yes | Are $A$ and $B$ stored with one triangle as a linear array? | yes | f07grc, f08tsc, f08gsc and f08jfc |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |

no → f07frc, f08ssc, f08fsc and f08jfc

| Are $A$ and $B$ stored with one triangle as a linear array? | yes | f07grc, f08tsc, f08gsc and f08jjc |
| --- | --- | --- |

no → f07frc, f08ssc, f08gsc and f08jjc

| Are all eigenvalues and eigenvectors required? | yes | Are $A$ and $B$ stored with one triangle as a linear array? | yes | f07grc, f08tsc, f08gsc, f08gtc and f16psc |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |

no → f07frc, f08ssc, f08fsc, f08ftc, f08jsc and f16zjc

| Are $A$ and $B$ stored with one triangle as a linear array? | yes | f07grc, f08tsc, f08gsc, f08jjc, f08jxc, f08guc and f16slc |
| --- | --- | --- |

no → f07frc, f08ssc, f08fsc, f08jjc, f08jxc, f08fuc and f16zjc

## Tree 7: Complex non-Hermitian Eigenvalue Problems

| Are eigenvalues only required? | yes | Is $A$ an upper Hessenberg matrix? | yes | f08psc |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |

no → f08nvc, f08nsc and f08psc

| Is the Schur factorization of $A$ required? | yes | Is $A$ an upper Hessenberg matrix? | yes | f08psc |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |

no → f08nsc, f08ntc, f08psc and f08nwc

| Are all eigenvectors required? | yes | Is $A$ an upper Hessenberg matrix? | yes | f08psc and f08qxc |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |

no → f08nvc, f08nsc, f08ntc, f08psc, f08qxc and f08nwc

| Is $A$ an upper Hessenberg matrix? | yes | f08psc and f08pxc |
| --- | --- | --- |

no → f08nvc, f08nsc, f08psc, f08pxc, f08nuc and f08nwc

**Tree 8: Complex Generalized non-Hermitian Eigenvalue Problems**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Are eigenvalues only required? | yes → Are $A$ and $B$ in generalized upper Hessenberg form? | yes → f08xsc |
| | no ↓ | |
| | f08wpc, or f08wqc and f08wvc | |
| no ↓ | | |
| Is the generalized Schur factorization of $A$ and $B$ required? | yes → Are $A$ and $B$ in generalized upper Hessenberg form? | yes → f08xsc |
| | no ↓ | |
| | f08xpc or f08xqc | |
| no ↓ | | |
| Are $A$ and $B$ in generalized upper Hessenberg form? | yes → f08xsc and f08yxc | |
| no ↓ | | |
| f08wpc, or f08wvc, f08wqc and f08wwc | | |

## 4.2   General Purpose Functions (singular value decomposition)

**Tree 9: Singular Value Decompositon of a Matrix**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Is $A$ a complex matrix? | yes → Is $A$ banded? | yes → f08lsc and f08msc |
| | no ↓ | |
| | Are singular values only required? | yes → f08ksc and f08msc |
| | no ↓ | |
| | f08ksc, f08ktc and f08msc | |
| no ↓ | | |
| Is $A$ bidiagonal? | yes → f08mec | |
| no ↓ | | |
| Is $A$ banded? | yes → f08lec and f08mec | |
| no ↓ | | |
| Are singular values only required? | yes → f08kec and f08mec | |
| no ↓ | | |
| f08kec, f08kfc and f08mec | | |

**Tree 10: Singular Value Decompositon of a Matrix Pair**

| | |
|---|---|
| Are $A$ and $B$ complex matrices | yes → f08vqc |
| no ↓ | |
| f08vcc | |

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