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numpy.linalg.eigh

numpy.linalg.eigh(*a*, UPLO='L') [source]
(<http://github.com/numpy/numpy/blob/v1.9.1/numpy/linalg/linalg.py#L1116>)

Return the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of a Hermitian or symmetric matrix.

Returns two objects, a 1-D array containing the eigenvalues of *a*, and a 2-D square array or matrix (depending on the input type) of the corresponding eigenvectors (in columns).

Parameters: *A* : (*..., M, M*) array

Hermitian/Symmetric matrices whose eigenvalues and eigenvectors are to be computed.

UPLO : {'L', 'U'}, optional

Specifies whether the calculation is done with the lower triangular part of *a* ('L', default) or the upper triangular part ('U').

Returns:

w : (*..., M*) ndarray

The eigenvalues, not necessarily ordered.

v : {(*..., M, M*) ndarray, (*..., M, M*) matrix}

The column *v*[:, *i*] is the normalized eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue *w*[*i*]. Will return a matrix object if *a* is a matrix object.

Raises:

LinAlgError :

If the eigenvalue computation does not converge.

See also:

eigvalsh ([numpy.linalg.eigvalsh.html#numpy.linalg.eigvalsh](#)) eigenvalues of symmetric or Hermitian arrays.

eig ([numpy.linalg.eig.html#numpy.linalg.eig](#)) eigenvalues and right eigenvectors for non-symmetric arrays.

eigvals ([numpy.linalg.eigvals.html#numpy.linalg.eigvals](#)) eigenvalues of non-symmetric arrays.

Notes

Broadcasting rules apply, see the `numpy.linalg` documentation for details.

The eigenvalues/eigenvectors are computed using LAPACK routines `_ssyevd`, `_heevd`

The eigenvalues of real symmetric or complex Hermitian matrices are always real.
[R38] The array v of (column) eigenvectors is unitary and a , w , and v satisfy the equations $\text{dot}(a, v[:, i]) = w[i] * v[:, i]$.

References

- [R38] (1, 2) G. Strang, *Linear Algebra and Its Applications*, 2nd Ed., Orlando, FL, Academic Press, Inc., 1980, pg. 222.

Examples

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>>> from numpy import linalg as LA                                     >>>
>>> a = np.array([[1, -2j], [2j, 5]])
>>> a
array([[ 1.+0.j,   0.-2.j],
       [ 0.+2.j,   5.+0.j]])
>>> w, v = LA.eigh(a)
>>> w; v
array([ 0.17157288,  5.82842712])
array([[ -0.92387953+0.j,   -0.38268343+0.j],
       [ 0.00000000+0.38268343j,  0.00000000-0.92387953j]])

>>> np.dot(a, v[:, 0]) - w[0] * v[:, 0] # verify 1st e-val/vec pair    >>>
array([2.77555756e-17 + 0.j, 0. + 1.38777878e-16j])
>>> np.dot(a, v[:, 1]) - w[1] * v[:, 1] # verify 2nd e-val/vec pair
array([ 0.+0.j,  0.+0.j])

>>> A = np.matrix(a) # what happens if input is a matrix object      >>>
>>> A
matrix([[ 1.+0.j,   0.-2.j],
        [ 0.+2.j,   5.+0.j]])
>>> w, v = LA.eigh(A)
>>> w; v
array([ 0.17157288,  5.82842712])
matrix([[ -0.92387953+0.j,   -0.38268343+0.j],
        [ 0.00000000+0.38268343j,  0.00000000-0.92387953j]])
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