

# Package ‘RSpectra’

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**Description** R interface to the 'Spectra' library <<https://spectralib.org/>> for large-scale eigenvalue and SVD problems. It is typically used to compute a few eigenvalues/vectors of an  $n$  by  $n$  matrix, e.g., the  $k$  largest eigenvalues, which is usually more efficient than `eigen()` if  $k \ll n$ . This package provides the `eigs()` function that does the similar job as in 'Matlab', 'Octave', 'Python SciPy' and 'Julia'. It also provides the `svds()` function to calculate the largest  $k$  singular values and corresponding singular vectors of a real matrix. The matrix to be computed on can be dense, sparse, or in the form of an operator defined by the user.

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eigs	<i>Find a Specified Number of Eigenvalues/vectors of a Square Matrix</i>
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### Description

Given an  $n$  by  $n$  matrix  $A$ , function `eigs()` can calculate a specified number of eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $A$ . Users can specify the selection criterion by argument `which`, e.g., choosing the  $k$  largest or smallest eigenvalues and the corresponding eigenvectors.

Currently `eigs()` supports matrices of the following classes:

<code>matrix</code>	The most commonly used matrix type, defined in the <b>base</b> package.
<code>dgeMatrix</code>	General matrix, equivalent to <code>matrix</code> , defined in the <b>Matrix</b> package.
<code>dgCMatrix</code>	Column oriented sparse matrix, defined in the <b>Matrix</b> package.
<code>dgRMatrix</code>	Row oriented sparse matrix, defined in the <b>Matrix</b> package.
<code>dsyMatrix</code>	Symmetrix matrix, defined in the <b>Matrix</b> package.
<code>function</code>	Implicitly specify the matrix through a function that has the effect of calculating $f(x) = Ax$ . See section <b>Function</b>

`eigs_sym()` assumes the matrix is symmetric, and only the lower triangle (or upper triangle, which is controlled by the argument `lower`) is used for computation, which guarantees that the eigenvalues and eigenvectors are real, and in general results in faster and more stable computation. One exception is when  $A$  is a function, in which case the user is responsible for the symmetry of the operator.

`eigs_sym()` supports "matrix", "dgeMatrix", "dgCMatrix", "dgRMatrix" and "function" typed matrices.

### Usage

```
eigs(A, k, which = "LM", sigma = NULL, opts = list(), ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'matrix'
eigs(A, k, which = "LM", sigma = NULL, opts = list(),
     ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'dgeMatrix'
eigs(A, k, which = "LM", sigma = NULL, opts = list(),
     ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'dgCMatrix'
eigs(A, k, which = "LM", sigma = NULL, opts = list(),
     ...)
```

```

## S3 method for class 'dgRMatrix'
eigs(A, k, which = "LM", sigma = NULL, opts = list(),
     ...)

## S3 method for class 'dsyMatrix'
eigs(A, k, which = "LM", sigma = NULL, opts = list(),
     ...)

## S3 method for class 'function'
eigs(A, k, which = "LM", sigma = NULL, opts = list(),
     ..., n = NULL, args = NULL)

eigs_sym(A, k, which = "LM", sigma = NULL, opts = list(),
         lower = TRUE, ...)

## S3 method for class 'function'
eigs_sym(A, k, which = "LM", sigma = NULL,
         opts = list(), lower = TRUE, ..., n = NULL, args = NULL)

```

### Arguments

A	The matrix whose eigenvalues/vectors are to be computed. It can also be a function which receives a vector $x$ and calculates $Ax$ . See section <b>Function Interface</b> for details.
k	Number of eigenvalues requested.
which	Selection criterion. See <b>Details</b> below.
sigma	Shift parameter. See section <b>Shift-And-Invert Mode</b> .
opts	Control parameters related to the computing algorithm. See <b>Details</b> below.
...	Arguments for specialized S3 function calls, for example lower, n and args.
n	Only used when A is a function, to specify the dimension of the implicit matrix. See section <b>Function Interface</b> for details.
args	Only used when A is a function. This argument will be passed to the A function when it is called. See section <b>Function Interface</b> for details.
lower	For symmetric matrices, should the lower triangle or upper triangle be used.

### Details

The which argument is a character string that specifies the type of eigenvalues to be computed. Possible values are:

"LM"	The $k$ eigenvalues with largest magnitude. Here the magnitude means the Euclidean norm of complex numbers.
"SM"	The $k$ eigenvalues with smallest magnitude.
"LR"	The $k$ eigenvalues with largest real part.
"SR"	The $k$ eigenvalues with smallest real part.
"LI"	The $k$ eigenvalues with largest imaginary part.
"SI"	The $k$ eigenvalues with smallest imaginary part.

- "LA" The  $k$  largest (algebraic) eigenvalues, considering any negative sign.
- "SA" The  $k$  smallest (algebraic) eigenvalues, considering any negative sign.
- "BE" Compute  $k$  eigenvalues, half from each end of the spectrum. When  $k$  is odd, compute more from the high and then from the low end.

`eigs()` with matrix type "matrix", "dgeMatrix", "dgCMatrix" and "dgRMatrix" can use "LM", "SM", "LR", "SR", "LI" and "SI".

`eigs_sym()`, and `eigs()` with matrix type "dsyMatrix" can use "LM", "SM", "LA", "SA" and "BE".

The `opts` argument is a list that can supply any of the following parameters:

`ncv` Number of Lanczos basis vectors to use. More vectors will result in faster convergence, but with greater memory use. For general matrix, `ncv` must satisfy  $k + 2 \leq ncv \leq n$ , and for symmetric matrix, the constraint is  $k < ncv \leq n$ . Default is  $\min(n, \max(2*k+1, 20))$ .

`tol` Precision parameter. Default is  $1e-10$ .

`maxitr` Maximum number of iterations. Default is 1000.

`retvec` Whether to compute eigenvectors. If FALSE, only calculate and return eigenvalues.

### Value

A list of converged eigenvalues and eigenvectors.

- `values` Computed eigenvalues.
- `vectors` Computed eigenvectors. `vectors[, j]` corresponds to `values[j]`.
- `nconv` Number of converged eigenvalues.
- `niter` Number of iterations used in the computation.
- `nops` Number of matrix operations used in the computation.

### Shift-And-Invert Mode

The `sigma` argument is used in the shift-and-invert mode.

When `sigma` is not NULL, the selection criteria specified by `which` will apply to

$$\frac{1}{\lambda - \sigma}$$

where  $\lambda$ 's are the eigenvalues of  $A$ . This mode is useful when user wants to find eigenvalues closest to a given number. For example, if  $\sigma = 0$ , then `which = "LM"` will select the largest values of  $1/|\lambda|$ , which turns out to select eigenvalues of  $A$  that have the smallest magnitude. The result of using `which = "LM"`, `sigma = 0` will be the same as `which = "SM"`, but the former one is preferable in that `eigs()` is good at finding large eigenvalues rather than small ones. More explanation of the shift-and-invert mode can be found in the SciPy document, <https://docs.scipy.org/doc/scipy/reference/tutorial/arpack.html>.

## Function Interface

The matrix  $A$  can be specified through a function with the definition

```
function(x, args)
{
  ## should return A %% x
}
```

which receives a vector  $x$  as an argument and returns a vector of the same length. The function should have the effect of calculating  $Ax$ , and extra arguments can be passed in through the `args` parameter. In `eigs()`, user should also provide the dimension of the implicit matrix through the argument `n`.

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## See Also

[eigen\(\)](#), [svd\(\)](#), [svds\(\)](#)

## Examples

```
library(Matrix)
n = 20
k = 5

## general matrices have complex eigenvalues
set.seed(111)
A1 = matrix(rnorm(n^2), n) ## class "matrix"
A2 = Matrix(A1)          ## class "dgeMatrix"

eigs(A1, k)
eigs(A2, k, opts = list(retvec = FALSE)) ## eigenvalues only

## Sparse matrices
A1[sample(n^2, n^2 / 2)] = 0
A3 = as(A1, "dgCMatrix")
A4 = as(A1, "dgRMatrix")

eigs(A3, k)
eigs(A4, k)

## Function interface
f = function(x, args)
{
  as.numeric(args %% x)
}
eigs(f, k, n = n, args = A3)
```

```
## Symmetric matrices have real eigenvalues
A5 = crossprod(A1)
eigs_sym(A5, k)

## Find the smallest (in absolute value) k eigenvalues of A5
eigs_sym(A5, k, which = "SM")

## Another way to do this: use the sigma argument
eigs_sym(A5, k, sigma = 0)

## The results should be the same,
## but the latter method is far more stable on large matrices
```

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svds

*Find the Largest k Singular Values/Vectors of a Matrix*


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## Description

Given an  $m$  by  $n$  matrix  $A$ , function `svds()` can find its largest  $k$  singular values and the corresponding singular vectors. It is also called the Truncated SVD or Partial SVD since it only calculates a subset of the whole singular triplets.

Currently `svds()` supports matrices of the following classes:

<code>matrix</code>	The most commonly used matrix type, defined in the <b>base</b> package.
<code>dgeMatrix</code>	General matrix, equivalent to <code>matrix</code> , defined in the <b>Matrix</b> package.
<code>dgCMatrix</code>	Column oriented sparse matrix, defined in the <b>Matrix</b> package.
<code>dgRMatrix</code>	Row oriented sparse matrix, defined in the <b>Matrix</b> package.
<code>dsyMatrix</code>	Symmetrix matrix, defined in the <b>Matrix</b> package.
<code>function</code>	Implicitly specify the matrix through two functions that calculate $f(x) = Ax$ and $g(x) = A'x$ . See section <b>Fun</b>

Note that when  $A$  is symmetric, SVD reduces to eigen decomposition, so you may consider using `eigs()` instead.

## Usage

```
svds(A, k, nu = k, nv = k, opts = list(), ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'matrix'
svds(A, k, nu = k, nv = k, opts = list(), ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'dgeMatrix'
svds(A, k, nu = k, nv = k, opts = list(), ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'dgCMatrix'
svds(A, k, nu = k, nv = k, opts = list(), ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'dgRMatrix'
svds(A, k, nu = k, nv = k, opts = list(), ...)

## S3 method for class 'dsyMatrix'
svds(A, k, nu = k, nv = k, opts = list(), ...)

## S3 method for class 'function'
svds(A, k, nu = k, nv = k, opts = list(), ..., Atrans,
     dim, args = NULL)
```

### Arguments

A	The matrix whose truncated SVD is to be computed.
k	Number of singular values requested.
nu	Number of left singular vectors to be computed. This must be between 0 and k.
nv	Number of right singular vectors to be computed. This must be between 0 and k.
opts	Control parameters related to the computing algorithm. See <b>Details</b> below.
...	Arguments for specialized S3 function calls, for example Atrans, dim and args.
Atrans	Only used when A is a function. A is a function that calculates the matrix multiplication $Ax$ , and Atrans is a function that calculates the transpose multiplication $A'x$ .
dim	Only used when A is a function, to specify the dimension of the implicit matrix. A vector of length two.
args	Only used when A is a function. This argument will be passed to the A and Atrans functions.

### Details

The opts argument is a list that can supply any of the following parameters:

ncv	Number of Lanczos basis vectors to use. More vectors will result in faster convergence, but with greater memory use. ncv must satisfy $k < ncv \leq p$ where $p = \min(m, n)$ . Default is $\min(p, \max(2*k+1, 20))$ .
tol	Precision parameter. Default is 1e-10.
maxitr	Maximum number of iterations. Default is 1000.

### Value

A list with the following components:

d	A vector of the computed singular values.
u	An m by nu matrix whose columns contain the left singular vectors. If nu == 0, NULL will be returned.
v	An n by nv matrix whose columns contain the right singular vectors. If nv == 0, NULL will be returned.

nconv	Number of converged singular values.
niter	Number of iterations used.
nops	Number of matrix-vector multiplications used.

### Function Interface

The matrix  $A$  can be specified through two functions with the following definitions

```
A <- function(x, args)
{
  ## should return A %*% x
}

Atrans <- function(x, args)
{
  ## should return t(A) %*% x
}
```

They receive a vector  $x$  as an argument and returns a vector of the proper dimension. These two functions should have the effect of calculating  $Ax$  and  $A'x$  respectively, and extra arguments can be passed in through the `args` parameter. In `svds()`, user should also provide the dimension of the implicit matrix through the argument `dim`.

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### See Also

[eigen\(\)](#), [svd\(\)](#), [eigs\(\)](#).

### Examples

```
m = 100
n = 20
k = 5
set.seed(111)
A = matrix(rnorm(m * n), m)

svds(A, k)
svds(t(A), k, nu = 0, nv = 3)

## Sparse matrices
library(Matrix)
A[sample(m * n, m * n / 2)] = 0
Asp1 = as(A, "dgCMatrix")
Asp2 = as(A, "dgRMatrix")

svds(Asp1, k)
svds(Asp2, k, nu = 0, nv = 0)
```



```
## Function interface
Af = function(x, args)
{
  as.numeric(args %*% x)
}

Atf = function(x, args)
{
  as.numeric(crossprod(args, x))
}

svds(Af, k, Atrans = Atf, dim = c(m, n), args = Asp1)
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