

**Factorization Problem for Operator-Valued Herglotz Functions:
Geometric Approach**

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The spectral subspace perturbation problem for linear self-adjoint operators can be viewed as the factorization problem for a class of operator-valued Herglotz functions. Splitting off a linear factor from the Herglotz function in question ensures the representation of a perturbed spectral subspace as the graph of a linear operator which, in turn, solves the related operator Riccati equation. In the present work we obtain a series of new factorization results for operator-valued Herglotz functions based, in particular, on geometric consideration. Some of our factorization theorems are optimal.

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