Computer Code for Calculating Matrix Elements and Overlaps of States for the Generalized Seniority Scheme via Recurrence Relations

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