



QR Decomposition and Pseudo Inverse

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Definition

Consider an $n \times m$ matrix A over \mathbb{R} , where

$$A = [x_1 \ \cdots \ x_m]$$

The $m \times m$ matrix $A^T A$ is:

$$A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} x_1^T x_1 & x_1^T x_2 & \cdots & x_1^T x_m \\ x_2^T x_1 & x_2^T x_2 & \cdots & x_2^T x_m \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ x_m^T x_1 & x_m^T x_2 & \cdots & x_m^T x_m \end{bmatrix}$$

This is a **Gram matrix**

Important

- ❑ A Gram matrix is Symmetric
- ❑ Gram Matrix and Left Gram Matrix are symmetric
- ❑ Null space: $N(A^T A) = N(A)$
- ❑ Rank: $\text{rank}(A^T A) = \text{rank}(A) = n - \text{nullity}(A)$

C:column space R:row space

$$C(A^T A) = R(A^T A) = R(A)$$

$$C(AA^T) = R(AA^T) = C(A)$$

Note

A collection of real m -vectors a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n is orthonormal if

- The vectors have unit norm: $\|a_i\| = 1$
- They are mutually orthogonal: $a_i^T a_j = 0$ if $i \neq j$

Example

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Important

If the columns of $A_{n \times k} = [a_1, \dots, a_k]$ are orthonormal, for $n \geq k$. Then :

$$A^T A = [a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n]^T [a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n] = \begin{bmatrix} a_1^T a_1 & a_1^T a_2 & \dots & a_1^T a_n \\ a_2^T a_1 & a_2^T a_2 & \dots & a_2^T a_n \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_n^T a_1 & a_n^T a_2 & \dots & a_n^T a_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

“matrix with orthonormal columns”

Note

- Columns of A are orthonormal $\leftrightarrow A^T A = I$
- Square matrix with orthonormal columns is a orthogonal matrix
 - Columns and rows are orthonormal vectors
 - $A^T A = A A^T = I$
 - is necessarily invertible with inverse $A^T = A^{-1}$

Example

□ Identity matrix $I^T I = I$

□ Rotation matrix

$$R^T R = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta & -\cos \theta \sin \theta + \sin \theta \cos \theta \\ -\sin \theta \cos \theta + \cos \theta \sin \theta & \sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = I$$

Example

□ Reflection matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos(2\theta) & \sin(2\theta) \\ \sin(2\theta) & -\cos(2\theta) \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} \cos(2\theta) & \sin(2\theta) \\ \sin(2\theta) & -\cos(2\theta) \end{bmatrix} =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos^2(2\theta) + \sin^2(2\theta) & \cos(2\theta)\sin(2\theta) - \sin(2\theta)\cos(2\theta) \\ \sin(2\theta)\cos(2\theta) - \cos(2\theta)\sin(2\theta) & \sin^2(2\theta) + \cos^2(2\theta) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = I$$

Important

All 2x2 orthogonal matrices can be expressed as Rotation or Reflection

Note

If $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ has orthonormal columns, then the linear function $f(x) = Ax$

□ Preserves inner product:

$$(Ax)^T(Ay) = x^T y$$

□ Preserves norm:

$$\|Ax\| = \|x\|$$

This is a mapping with preserving properties of input

□ Preserves distances:

$$\|Ax - Ay\| = \|x - y\|$$

□ Preserves angles:

$$\angle(Ax, Ay) = \arccos \left(\frac{(Ax)^T(Ay)}{\|Ax\| \|Ay\|} \right) = \arccos \left(\frac{x^T y}{\|x\| \|y\|} \right) = \angle(x, y)$$

Important

Run Gram-Schmidt on columns a_1, \dots, a_k of $n \times k$ matrix A :

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{q}_1 &= a_1, & q_1 &= \frac{\tilde{q}_1}{\|\tilde{q}_1\|} \\ & & \Rightarrow a_1 &= \|\tilde{q}_1\|q_1\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{q}_2 &= a_2 - (q_1^T a_2)q_1, & q_2 &= \frac{\tilde{q}_2}{\|\tilde{q}_2\|} \\ & \Rightarrow a_2 &= (q_1^T a_2)q_1 + \|\tilde{q}_2\|q_2\end{aligned}$$

\vdots

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{q}_i &= a_i - (q_1^T a_i)q_1 - \dots - (q_{i-1}^T a_i)q_{i-1}, & q_i &= \frac{\tilde{q}_i}{\|\tilde{q}_i\|} \\ a_i &= (q_1^T a_i)q_1 + \dots + (q_{i-1}^T a_i)q_{i-1} + \|\tilde{q}_i\|q_i\end{aligned}$$

Important

$$a_1 = \|\tilde{q}_1\|q_1$$

$$a_2 = (q_1^T a_2)q_1 + \|\tilde{q}_2\|q_2$$

\vdots

$$a_k = (q_1^T a_k)q_1 + \cdots + (q_{k-1}^T a_k)q_{k-1} + \|\tilde{q}_k\|q_k$$

$$[a_1 \quad a_2 \quad \cdots \quad a_k] = [q_1 \quad q_2 \quad \cdots \quad q_k] \begin{bmatrix} \|\tilde{q}_1\| & q_1^T a_2 & \cdots & q_1^T a_k \\ 0 & \|\tilde{q}_2\| & \cdots & q_2^T a_k \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & q_{k-1}^T a_k \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \|\tilde{q}_k\| \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_{n \times k} = Q_{n \times k} \times R_{k \times k}$$

Important

1. Run Gram-Schmidt on columns a_1, \dots, a_k of $n \times k$ matrix A
2. If columns are linearly independent, get orthonormal q_1, \dots, q_k
3. Define $n \times k$ matrix Q with columns q_1, \dots, q_k
4. $Q^T Q = I$
5. From Gram-Schmidt algorithm

$$\begin{aligned} a_i &= (q_1^T a_i)q_1 + \dots + (q_{i-1}^T a_i)q_{i-1} + \|\tilde{q}_i\|q_i \\ &= R_{1i}q_1 + \dots + R_{ii}q_i \end{aligned}$$

With $R_{1j} = q_1^T a_j$ for $i < j$ and $R_{ii} = \|\tilde{q}_i\|$

6. Defining $R_{ij} = 0$ for $i > j$ we have $A = QR$
7. R is upper triangular, with positive diagonal entries

Definition

A factorization of a matrix A as

$$A = QR$$

where Factors satisfy $Q^T Q = I$, R upper triangular with positive diagonal entries, is called a **QR factorization** of A .

Note

the QR factorization of a matrix :

- ❑ Can be computed using Gram-Schmidt algorithm (or some variations)
- ❑ Has a huge number of uses, which we'll see soon

Important

To find QR decomposition:

- Q : Use Gram-Schmidt to find orthonormal basis for column space of A

- Let $R = Q^T A$

- If A is a square matrix, then Q is square and orthonormal (orthogonal)

Theorem

if $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ has linearly independent columns then it can be factored as

$$A = QR$$

Q-factor

- Q is $m \times n$ with orthonormal columns ($Q^T Q = I$)
- If A is square ($m = n$), then Q is orthogonal ($Q^T Q = QQ^T = I$)

R-factor

- R is $n \times n$, upper triangular, with nonzero diagonal elements
- R is nonsingular (diagonal elements are nonzero)

Example

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 \\ -1 & -1 & 5 \\ 1 & 3 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$q_1 = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, q_2 = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, q_3 = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \|\tilde{q}_1\| = 2, \|\tilde{q}_2\| = 2, \|\tilde{q}_3\| = 4$$

□ QR :

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 \\ -1 & -1 & 5 \\ 1 & 3 & 7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Generalization of QR Decompose

$$A_{4 \times 6} = [\underline{a_1} \quad \underline{a_2} \quad a_3 \quad \underline{a_4} \quad a_5 \quad a_6]$$

Linear Independent

$$\begin{cases} a_1 = a_{11}q_1 \\ a_2 = a_{21}q_1 + a_{22}q_2 \\ a_3 = a_{31}q_1 + a_{32}q_2 \\ a_4 = a_{41}q_1 + a_{42}q_2 + a_{43}q_3 \\ a_5 = a_{51}q_1 + a_{52}q_2 + a_{53}q_3 \\ a_6 = a_{61}q_1 + a_{62}q_2 + a_{63}q_3 \end{cases}$$

Block upper triangular matrix

$$[a_1 \quad a_2 \quad a_3 \quad a_4 \quad a_5 \quad a_6] = [q_1 \quad q_2 \quad q_3] \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{21} & a_{31} & a_{41} & a_{51} & a_{61} \\ 0 & a_{22} & a_{32} & a_{42} & a_{52} & a_{62} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & a_{43} & a_{53} & a_{63} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_{4 \times 6} = Q_{4 \times 3} \times R_{3 \times 6}$$

Note

suppose A is square and invertible :

□ So its columns are linearly independent

□ So Gram-Schmidt gives QR factorization

□ $A = QR$

□ Q is orthogonal $Q^T Q = I$

□ R is upper triangular with positive diagonal entries, hence invertible

□ So we have

$$A^{-1} = (QR)^{-1} = R^{-1}Q^{-1} = R^{-1}Q^T$$

Algorithm: Computing Matrix Inverse

Input: $A_{n \times n}$ invertible

Output: $A_{n \times n}^{-1}$

Find QR factorization $A = QR$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \bar{q}_1 & \cdots & \bar{q}_n \end{bmatrix} = Q^T$$

for $i = 1, \dots, n$ **do**

 Solve $Rx_i = \bar{q}_i$ using back substitution

end

$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & \cdots & x_n \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(A^T) = \text{rank}(A^T A) = \text{rank}(A A^T)$$

The diagram illustrates the dimensions of matrices involved in the rank equality proof. It consists of two parts. The left part shows a horizontal rectangle labeled A with dimensions 3×7 above it, followed by a multiplication symbol \times , a vertical rectangle labeled A^T with dimensions 7×3 above it, an equals sign $=$, and a small square labeled $A^T A$ with dimensions 3×3 above it. The right part shows a vertical rectangle labeled A^T with dimensions 7×3 above it, followed by a multiplication symbol \times , a horizontal rectangle labeled A with dimensions 3×7 above it, an equals sign $=$, and a square labeled $A A^T$ with dimensions 7×7 above it. All rectangles and squares are outlined in red.

Theorem

$A_{m \times n}$ (tall or square) has linearly independent columns if and only if $A^T A$ is invertible.

Definition

For a tall matrix with linear independent columns is one of its **left inverse** with this form:

$$A^\dagger = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T$$

Theorem

$A_{m \times n}$ (wide or square) has linearly independent rows if and only if AA^T is invertible.

Definition

For a tall matrix with linear independent rows is one of its **right inverse** with this form:

$$A^\dagger = A(AA^T)^{-1}$$



□ For $A_{n \times n}$ Pseudo-inverse is the inverse

$$\begin{cases} A^\dagger = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T \\ A^\dagger = A^T (A A^T)^{-1} \end{cases}$$

$$A^\dagger = A^{-1}$$

□ For **FULL RANK** $A_{m \times n}$

$$A^\dagger = \begin{cases} (A^T A)^{-1} A^T & m \geq n \\ A^{-1} & m = n \\ A^T (A A^T)^{-1} & m \leq n \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} 3 \times 7 \\ \boxed{A} \end{array} \times \begin{array}{c} 7 \times 3 \\ \boxed{A^T} \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} 3 \times 3 \\ \boxed{A^T A} \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{c} 7 \times 3 \\ \boxed{A^T} \end{array} \times \begin{array}{c} 3 \times 7 \\ \boxed{A} \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} 7 \times 7 \\ \boxed{A^T A} \end{array}$$

□ $(A^T)^\dagger = (A^\dagger)^T$



Important

- ❑ Tall or square matrix: linearly independent columns
- ❑ Wide or square matrix: linearly independent rows

Note

□ $II = I \rightarrow I^{-1} = I$

□ Diagonal matrix is invertible if and only if diagonal elements are non-zero

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{a_{11}} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & \frac{1}{a_{nn}} \end{bmatrix}$$

□ Inverse of orthogonal matrix is its transpose.

$$A^T A = I \Rightarrow A^{-1} = A^T$$

Inverse of block matrix

□ A is a block upper triangular

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{A_{11}} & A_{12} \\ 0 & \boxed{A_{22}} \end{bmatrix}$$

$p \times p$ $q \times q$

Theorem

□ A block diagonal matrix is invertible if **each block on the diagonal is invertible.**

Note

Let P be a $K \times K$ permutation matrix. Then, P is invertible and

$$P^{-1} = P^T$$