

Linear Algebra

***Orthogonal Matrices and
QR Decomposition***

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QR Decomposition

Definition of QR Decomposition

■ Decompose matrix with standard orthogonal basis. vector which is found using Gram-Schmidt.

■ Matrix Q

- ▶ Set of standard orthogonal basis. q_1, \dots, q_n obtained through the Gram-Schmidt
- ▶ Q is obviously different from the original matrix. $A \neq Q$
 - Assuming original matrix was not orthogonal.
 - **Lost** information about that matrix.

■ Fortunately, **lost** information can be retrieved and stored in another matrix R .

- ▶ R multiplies to Q .
- ▶ Then..., how to create R ?

$$A = Q \cdot R$$

Creating R

- Comes right from the definition of QR .

$$A = QR$$

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

$$Q^T A = Q^T QR$$

$$\boxed{Q^T A} = R$$

Definition of QR

- Advantage of orthogonal matrices that can be seen from the above Definition.

- Solve matrix equations **without** having to worry about **computing the inverse**.

$$\overset{A}{\begin{bmatrix} | & | & & | \\ a_1 & a_2 & \cdots & a_n \\ | & | & & | \end{bmatrix}} = \overset{Q}{\begin{bmatrix} | & | & & | \\ q_1 & q_2 & \cdots & q_n \\ | & | & & | \end{bmatrix}} \overset{R = Q^T \cdot A}{\begin{bmatrix} a_1 \cdot q_1 & a_2 \cdot q_1 & \cdots & a_n \cdot q_1 \\ a_1 \cdot q_2 & a_2 \cdot q_2 & \cdots & a_n \cdot q_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_1 \cdot q_n & a_2 \cdot q_n & \cdots & a_n \cdot q_n \end{bmatrix}}$$

Overall form of QR decomposition

Simplification of QR Decomposition

■ Consider $a_1 \cdot q_2$

- $a_1 \cdot q_2 = 0$ because a_1 is orthogonal to q_2 .

■ For $a_i \cdot q_j, i < j$

- $a_i \cdot q_j = 0$
 • Because a_i is orthogonal to q_j for $i < j$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 q_1 &= a_1 \\
 q_2 &= a_2 - \text{proj}_{q_1}(a_2) \\
 q_3 &= a_3 - \text{proj}_{q_1}(a_3) - \text{proj}_{q_2}(a_3) \\
 &\vdots \\
 q_k &= a_k - \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \text{proj}_{q_j}(a_k)
 \end{aligned}$$

Handwritten notes:

- $0.$ (pointing to $q_1 = a_1$)
- $a_2 = q_2 + \text{proj}_{q_1}(a_2)$ (with q_1 and a_2 circled)
- q_1 과 같은 방향.
- $q_3 \cdot a_2 = q_3 \cdot (q_2 + \text{proj}_{q_1}(a_2))$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} | & | & & | \\ q_1 & q_2 & \cdots & q_n \\ | & | & & | \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \cdot q_1 & a_2 \cdot q_1 & \cdots & a_n \cdot q_1 \\ 0 & a_2 \cdot q_2 & \cdots & a_n \cdot q_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & a_n \cdot q_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Handwritten red box highlights the lower triangular structure of the matrix, with $0.$ written below it.

Simplification of QR decomposition

Features of QR Decomposition

- $A = QR$
 - ▶ $A - QR$ is zeros matrix.
- Q times its transpose gives the identity matrix.
- R matrix: Always Upper triangular
 - ▶ It will be explained in the next section.

```
% Clear workspace, command window, and close
all figures
clc; clear; close all;
```

```
% Random integer matrix A
A = randi(10, 6);
```

```
% QR decomposition
[Q,R] = qr(A);
```

```
% Visualize the results
figure;
imagesc(A); % Display the matrix as a color
image
title('A matrix');
colorbar; % Show a color scale
colormap jet; % Use the jet color map
axis equal tight; % Adjust axes to fit the
data
```

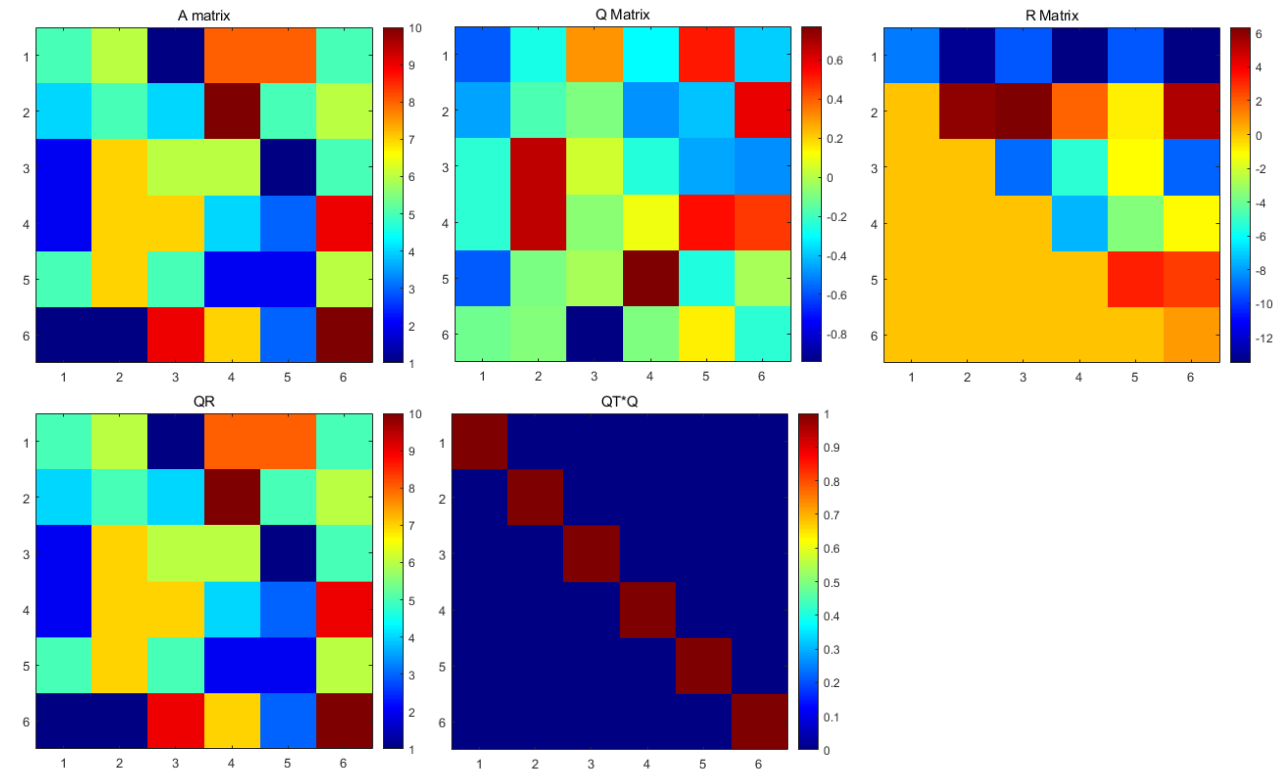
```
figure;
imagesc(Q);
title('Q Matrix');
colorbar;
colormap jet;
axis equal tight;
```

```
figure;
imagesc(R);
title('R Matrix');
colorbar;
colormap jet;
axis equal tight;
```

```
figure;
imagesc(Q*R);
title('QR');
colorbar;
colormap jet;
axis equal tight;
```

```
figure;
imagesc(Q' * Q);
title('QT*Q');
colorbar;
colormap jet;
axis equal tight;
```

MATLAB code



QR decomposition of a random numbers matrix

Sizes of Q and R

- Depend on size of the to-be-decomposed matrix A
- Whether QR decomposition is **Economy** or **Full**.
 - ▶ **Economy** called reduced.
 - ▶ **Full** called complete.

Overview of All Possible Sizes of Q and R

- Fig 1. shows an overview of all possible sizes.
- “?” indicates that the matrix elements depend on values in A .
 - ▶ Not identity matrix

	A	Q	$Q^T Q$	$Q Q^T$	R
Square full-rank	$M \times M$ $r = M$	$M \times M$ $r = M$	I_M	I_M	$M \times M$ $r = M$
Square singular	$M \times M$ $r = K < M$	$M \times M$ $r = M$	I_M	I_M	$M \times M$ $r = k$
Tall “full”	$M > N$ $r = K$	$M \times M$ $r = M$	I_M	I_M	$M \times M$ $r = k$
Tall “economy”	$M > N$ $r = K$	$M \times N$ $r = N$	I_N	?	$M \times N$ $r = K$
Wide	$M < N$ $r = K$	$M \times M$ $r = M$	I_M	I_M	$M \times N$ $r = K$

Fig 1. Sizes of Q and R depending on size of A

Code Exercise of Orthogonal Matrix using MATLAB

- Notice optional second input 'complete', which produces a full QR decomposition.
- Setting that to 'reduced', gives economy-mode QR decomposition, in which Q is same size as A .

```
% Clear workspace, command window, and close all figures
clc; clear; close all;

% Matrix A
A = [1; -1];
[Q,R] = qr(A); % Full QR decomposition
[Q_econ,R_econ] = qr(A, "econ"); % Economy-mode QR decomposition, Q is same size as matrix A

% Scale to make integer matrix
Q = Q*sqrt(2);
Q_econ = Q_econ*sqrt(2);

% Display the results
disp("Q")
disp(Q);
disp("Q_econ")
disp(Q_econ);
```

MATLAB code of orthogonal matrix

Rank of Orthogonal Matrix

■ Rank of Q is always **maximum possible rank**.

- ▶ It is possible to craft more than $M > N$ orthogonal vectors from a matrix with N columns.

■ Rank of Q

- ▶ M for all square Q matrices
- ▶ N for economy Q matrices

■ Rank of R

- ▶ Same as rank of A

■ Difference in rank between Q and A resulting from orthogonalization

- ▶ Q spans all of \mathbb{R}^M even if the column space of A is only lower-dimensional subspace of \mathbb{R}^M
 - Important reason why the singular value decomposition is so useful for revealing properties of a matrix, including its rank and null space.
- ▶ Another reason to look forward to learning about SVD in Chapter 14!

Property of QR Decomposition

- QR decomposition is **not unique** for all matrix sizes and ranks.
 - ▶ It is possible to obtain $A = Q_1 R_1$ and $A = Q_2 R_2$ where $Q_1 \neq Q_2$.
- All QR decomposition results have the same properties described in this section.
- QR decomposition can be made unique when given additional constraints.
 - E.g., Positive values on diagonals of R
 - ▶ But! **Not necessary** in most cases.
 - Not implemented in MATLAB.

Orthogonalization

- **Orthogonalization works column-wise from left to right.**
 - ▶ **Later** columns in Q are orthogonalized to **earlier** columns of A .
- **Lower triangle of R comes from** orthogonalized pairs of vectors.
- **Earlier columns in Q are not orthogonalized to later columns of A .**
 - ▶ Not expect their dot products to be zero.

- **Columns i and j of A were already orthogonal.**
 - ▶ Corresponding $(i, j)^{th}$ element in R would be Zero.
- **If compute QR decomposition of orthogonal matrix,**
 - ▶ R will be diagonal matrix.
 - Norms of each column in A .
- **If $A = Q$, R is same as I .**
 - ▶ Comes from equation solved for R .

QR and Inverses

■ More numerically stable way to compute matrix inverse

- ▶ When using QR decomposition.

■ Writing out QR decomposition formula and inverting both sides of equation.

- ▶ Apply the **LIVE EVIL** rule as we learned before.

■ Inverse of A

- ▶ Same as inverse of R times transpose. of Q .
- ▶ Q is numerically stable.
 - Due to **Householder reflection algorithm**.
- ▶ R is numerically stable.
 - Due to results from **matrix multiplication**.

■ Need to invert R explicitly.

- ▶ **Inverting triangular matrices** is highly numerically stable.
 - Through back substitution.

$$A = QR$$

$$A^{-1} = (QR)^{-1}$$

$$A^{-1} = R^{-1}Q^{-1}$$

$$A^{-1} = R^{-1}Q^T$$

Compute matrix inverse using QR decomposition

Key Point of QR Decomposition

- Provide more numerically **stable** way to invert matrices.
 - ▶ Compared to algorithm presented in previous lecture.
- On the other hand, some matrices are still very difficult to invert.
 - ▶ Theoretically invertible but are close to singular.
- QR decomposition doesn't guarantee high-quality inverse.
 - ▶ Rotten apple dipped in honey is still rotten...!

Summary

Summary

■ Orthogonal matrix

- ▶ All columns are pair-wise orthogonal and $\text{norm} = 1$.
- ▶ Key to several matrix decompositions.
 - QR, eigen, singular value decomposition.
- ▶ Important in geometry and computer graphics.
 - E.g. pure rotation matrices.

■ Can transform a nonorthogonal matrix into an orthogonal matrix.

- ▶ Via Gram-Schmidt procedure.
- ▶ Involves applying orthogonal vector decomposition.
 - To isolate the component of each column.
 - Each column is orthogonal to all previous columns, previous meaning left to right.

■ QR decomposition is the result of Gram-Schmidt.

- ▶ Technically, it is implemented by a more stable algorithm.
- ▶ But GS is still the right way to understand it.

Code Exercises

Characteristic of matrix Q

- A square Q has the following equalities:

$$Q^T Q = Q Q^T = Q^{-1} Q = Q Q^{-1} = I$$

- Demonstrate this in code by computing Q from a random-numbers matrix, then compute Q^T and Q^{-1} . Then show that all four expressions produce the identity matrix.

```
% Generate a 5x5 random matrix and compute the QR decomposition  
  
random_matrix = randn(5, 5);  
% Generate Q matrix  
Q =  
% Get Transpose of Q & Inverse of Q  
Qt =  
Qi =  
  
% disp QTQ, QQT, QIQ, QQI
```

Sample code

Full, Economy Sized matrix Q and Its Inverse

- This exercise will highlight one feature of the R matrix that is relevant for understanding how to use QR to implement least squares (lecture 12): when A is tall and full column-rank, the first N rows of R are upper-triangular, whereas rows $N + 1$ through M are zeros. Confirm this in MATLAB using a random 10×4 matrix. Make sure to use the complete (full) QR decomposition, not the economy (compact) decomposition.
- Of course, R is noninvertible because it is nonsquare. But (1) the submatrix comprising the first N row is square and full-rank (when A is full column-rank) and thus has a full inverse, and (2) the tall R has a pseudoinverse. Compute both inverses, and confirm that the full inverse of the first N rows of R equals the first N columns of the pseudoinverse of the tall R .

```
% Create a random 10x4 matrix
A = randn(10, 4);

% Compute the complete QR decomposition
% economy sized R
[~, R] = qr(A);
% full sized R
[~, fullR] = qr(A);

% Examine R (rounded to 3 decimal places)
disp('R:');
disp(round(R, 3));
disp('fullR:');
disp(round(fullR, 3));

% Invertible submatrix (first 4x4 part of R)
Rsub = R(1:4, 1:4);

% Inverses
% calculate full inverse of Rsub
Rsub_inv = inv(Rsub);
% calculate left inverse of R
Rleftinv = pinv(Rsub);

% Display both inverses
disp('Full inverse of R submatrix:');
disp(round(Rsub_inv, 3));

disp('Left inverse of R:');
disp(round(Rleftinv, 3));
```

Sample code



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