

## QR-decompositions

### Rotators and Reflector S

In each case we will go into detail about  $2 \times 2$  case and then extrapolate to an  $n \times n$  case. To keep things simple we will  $\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  any differences that occur in  $\mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  we will discuss later.

### inner product

let  $x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$

and  $y = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix}$

then the inner product denoted by  $\langle x, y \rangle$

$$\langle x, y \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i$$

Inner product has the following properties:

$$\langle x, y \rangle = \langle y, x \rangle$$

$$\langle \alpha_1 x_1 + \alpha_2 x_2, y \rangle = \alpha_1 \langle x_1, y \rangle + \alpha_2 \langle x_2, y \rangle$$

$$\langle x, \alpha_1 y_1 + \alpha_2 y_2 \rangle = \alpha_1 \langle x, y_1 \rangle + \alpha_2 \langle x, y_2 \rangle$$

$$\langle x, x \rangle \geq 0 \text{ with equality if and only if } x = 0.$$

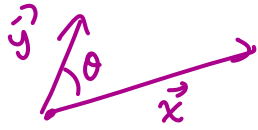
Relation with Euclidean norm.

$$\|x\|_2 = \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle}$$

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$$\cos(\theta) = \frac{\langle x, y \rangle}{\|x\|_2 \|y\|_2}$$



$$\theta = \arccos\left(\frac{\langle x, y \rangle}{\|x\|_2 \|y\|_2}\right)$$

If  $x=0$  or  $y=0$  we define  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$  radians

Two vectors  $x$  and  $y$  are orthogonal if the angle between them is  $\frac{\pi}{2}$

$x$  and  $y$  are orthogonal if and only if  $\langle x, y \rangle = 0$

$$\langle x, y \rangle = x^T y$$

## Orthogonal Matrices

(see last class as well)

Def  $Q \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is said to be orthogonal if  $Q Q^T = I$

Thm If  $Q \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is orthogonal then for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$(a) \langle Qx, Qy \rangle = \langle x, y \rangle \quad (b) \|Qx\|_2 = \|x\|_2$$

proof (a)  $\langle Qx, Qy \rangle = (Qy)^T (Qx)$   
 $= y^T Q^T Q x = y^T I x$   
 $= y^T x = \langle x, y \rangle$

(b)  $\|Qx\|_2 = \sqrt{\langle Qx, Qx \rangle} \stackrel{\text{from part (a)}}{=} \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle} = \|x\|_2$

Part (b) tells us  $Qx$  and  $x$  have the same length.

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Orthogonal transformations preserve lengths

$$\arccos \frac{\langle Qx, Qy \rangle}{\|Qx\|_2 \|Qy\|_2} = \arccos \frac{\langle x, y \rangle}{\|x\|_2 \|y\|_2}$$

Orthogonal transformations preserve angles

Recall The least squares problem

Goal Find an  $x$  that minimizes  $\|b - Ax\|_2$

By the theorem above  $\|b - Ax\|_2 = \|Q(b - Ax)\|_2 = \|Qb - QAx\|_2$

The solution is unchanged if we perform an "orthogonal transformation".

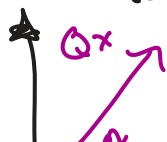
We will show we can find a  $QA$  that makes solving (minimizing)

$\|Qb - QAx\|_2$  is relatively simple.

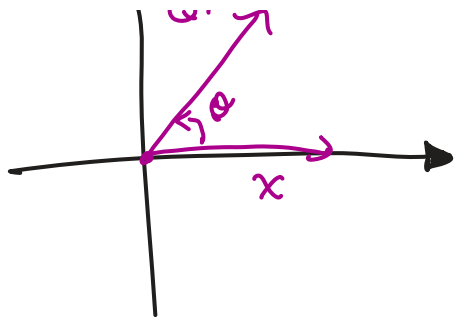
We will show this using rotators and reflectors

### Rotators

Let's consider vector in  $\mathbb{R}^2$



We want to find an operator that rotates each vector through a fixed



we rotate each vector through a fixed angle  $\theta$ .

This is a linear transformation

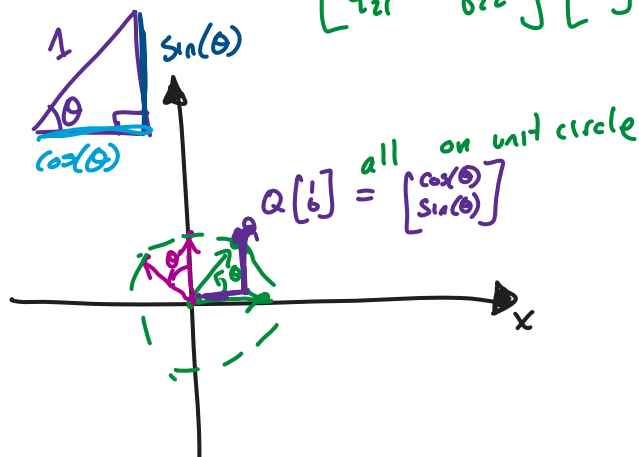
$$\text{Let } Q = \begin{bmatrix} q_{11} & q_{12} \\ q_{21} & q_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$Q$  is completely determined by its actions on the vectors above

$$\begin{bmatrix} q_{11} & q_{12} \\ q_{21} & q_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} q_{11} \\ q_{21} \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$q_{22} = \cos(\theta)$$

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta) & -\sin(\theta) \\ \sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) \end{bmatrix}$$

A matrix of this form is called a rotator or rotation.

Exercise Verify  $Q$  is orthogonal with determinant of 1.  
What is the inverse of  $Q$ ?

### Exercise 10.10

What is the inverse of  $Q$ ?

Rotators can be used to zero in vectors or matrices.

Let  $x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$  where  $x_2 \neq 0$

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta) & -\sin(\theta) \\ \sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) \end{bmatrix}$$

Find  $Q$  (that is  $\theta$ ) such that

$$Q^T x = \begin{bmatrix} y \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ for some } y.$$

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

$$Q^T x = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta) & \sin(\theta) \\ -\sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \cos \theta + x_2 \sin \theta \\ -x_1 \sin \theta + x_2 \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then  $0 = -x_1 \sin \theta + x_2 \cos \theta$

$$x_1 \sin \theta = x_2 \cos \theta$$
$$\frac{x_1}{x_2} = \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta}$$

$$\frac{x_1}{x_2} = \cot(\theta)$$
$$\theta = \arccot\left(\frac{x_1}{x_2}\right)$$

We can find  $Q$  without actually knowing what  $\theta$  is.

$$\cos(\theta) = \frac{x_1}{\sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2}} \quad \text{and} \quad \sin(\theta) = \frac{x_2}{\sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2}}$$

But  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  may not be in  $[-1, 1]$

$$\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1$$

$$\frac{x_2^2 + x_1^2}{x_2^2 + x_1^2} = 1$$

$$\sin^2 \theta = \frac{x_2^2}{x_1^2 + x_2^2} \quad \text{or} \quad \sin \theta = \frac{x_2}{\sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2}}$$

$$\text{and} \quad \cos(\theta) = \frac{x_1}{\sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2}}$$

$x_2 \rightarrow$

$[x_1 \ x_2]$

Thus,  $Q^T = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{x_1}{\sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2}} & \frac{x_2}{\sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2}} \\ -\frac{x_2}{\sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2}} & \frac{x_1}{\sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2}} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2}} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 \\ -x_2 & x_1 \end{bmatrix}$

Then  $Q^T \dot{x} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2}} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 \\ -x_2 & x_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{x_1 \dot{x}_1 + x_2 \dot{x}_2}{\sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2}} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

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Using a rotator to simplify a matrix.

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix}$

Goal Find  $R$  such that  $R = \begin{bmatrix} * & * \\ 0 & * \end{bmatrix}$

$$Q^T \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} \\ a_{21} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{a_{11}^2 + a_{21}^2}{\sqrt{a_{11}^2 + a_{21}^2}} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{a_{11}^2 + a_{21}^2} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Q^T \begin{bmatrix} a_{12} \\ a_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r_{12} \\ r_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

Let  $r_{11} = \sqrt{a_{11}^2 + a_{21}^2}$

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} \\ 0 & r_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

where

$$Q^T A = R$$

Linear system

$$Ax = b$$

$$Q^T A x = Q^T b$$

$$R x = Q^T b = c$$

$Rx = c$  since  $R$  is upper triangular we can solve for  $x$  using back substitution,

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$$I A = Q R$$

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↙ We have a QR-decomposition

Example Use a QR decomposition to solve the system

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

We need a  $Q$  such that

$$Q^T \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} * \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\cos \theta \quad \sin \theta$$

$$Q = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Q^T \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow x_1 \sin \theta = x_2 \cos \theta$$

here  $x_1 = x_2 = 1$

$$\rightarrow \sin \theta = \cos \theta = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

Thus  $R = Q^T A = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Q^T \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \end{bmatrix} = Q^T \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$Q^T A \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \end{bmatrix} = Q^T \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$2z_1 + 5z_2 = 3$$

$$2z_1 = -2$$

$$z_1 = -1$$

$$z_2 = 1$$

$$z_1 = -1$$

Solution is  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Exercise Use a QR decomposition to solve linear system

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 5 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 12 \\ 29 \end{bmatrix}$$

Beyond the  $2 \times 2$  case.

A plane rotator is a matrix of the form

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & c & s \\ & & s & c \\ & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Column  $i$       Column  $j$

Row  $i$       Row  $j$

$$c = \cos(\theta)$$

$$s = \sin(\theta)$$

All other entries in the matrix are zeros.

These matrices are sometimes called Givens rotators or Jacobi rotators. For simplicity we will just refer to these matrices as rotators.

We will see we can transform any vector  $x$  to one whose  $j$ th entry is zero by applying  $Q^T$  where

$$s = \frac{x_j}{\sqrt{x_i^2 + x_j^2}}$$



to one whose  $\theta$  is  $\theta_i$

where

$$c = \frac{x_i}{\sqrt{x_i^2 + x_j^2}}$$

$$s = \frac{x_j}{\sqrt{x_i^2 + x_j^2}}$$

If  $x_i = x_j = 0$  take  $c=1$  and  $s=0$

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### Geometric Interpretation

All vectors lying in  $x_i x_j$ -plane  
are rotated through an angle  $\theta_i$ .

All vectors orthogonal to  $x_i x_j$ -plane  
are left fixed.

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A typical vector is neither in the  $x_i x_j$ -plane  
nor perpendicular.

but it can be expressed uniquely as a sum  
 $x = p + p^\perp$  where  $p$  is in the  $x_i x_j$ -plane  
 $p^\perp$  - orthogonal to  $p$ .

Theorem Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ . Then there exists an orthogonal  
matrix  $Q$  and an upper triangular matrix  $R$  such that  
 $A = QR$ .

proof