

Common errors

$P = Q Q^*$ is a projection to $\text{span}(Q)$ IFF Q is ORTHONORMAL!!!

- use QR decomposition to get orthonormal basis of $\text{span}(Q)$

Q, R from `np.linalg.qr(A)` have meaningless columns/rows. You can tell the rank from here.

Array index begins with 0

array slicing does NOT include the end index. e.g. $A[1:2] = A[1]$

`np.outer()` is outer product of real numbers, use `np.outer(u, np.conj(v))` for complex vectors

`np.inner(u, v)` omits the last axis, so the output shape will be $(u.\text{shape}[:-1], v.\text{shape}[:-1])$

- example: u, v both have shape $(2, 1)$, $\text{inner}(u, v)$ gives shape $(2, 2)$

`np.linalg.norm` uses Frobenius norm on matrices by default

- but if you add argument $\text{axis} = 0$, it will return a 1D array of norms of columns. And if $\text{axis} = 1$, norms of rows will be returned.
- $\text{norm}(A, 2)$ gives 2-norm, and $\text{norm}(A, -2)$ gives smallest singular value of A

operator norms and ranks in NumPy are all computed by SVD(singular value decomposition), so may not work perfectly for matrices with large condition number.

do not add a column vector, shape $(n, 1)$, with an 1-D array, shape $(n,)$

- broadcasting will be used and you get (n, n) matrix.

rank of upper/lower triangular matrices are NOT just number of non-zero entries on diagonal

pytest discovery error:

- if your pytest file imports `xxx.py`, do NOT write codes other than defining functions in `xxx.py`.
- check punctuations, spelling, closure of brackets (usually compiler level errors)

