

## 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.shape[:-1], v.shape[:-1])`

- example:  $u, v$  both have shape  $(2, 1)$ , `inner(u, v)` gives shape  $(2, 2)$

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

- but if you add argument `axis = 0`, it will return a 1D array of norms of columns. And if `axis = 1`, norms of rows will be returned.
- `norm(A, 2)` gives 2-norm, and `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)

