```
In []: num_of_cycles = np.diag(np.linalg.matrix_power(A,8))
    print(num_of_cycles)

[18 14 20 12 7]
```

Population dynamics. Let's write the code for figure 10.2 in VMLS, which plots the contribution factor to the total US population in 2020 (ignoring immigration), for each age in 2010. The Python plot is in figure 10.1. We can see that, not surprisingly, 20-25 years olds have the highest contributing factor, around 1.5. This means that on average, each 20-25 year old in 2010 will be responsible for around 1.5 people in 2020. This takes into account any children they may have before then, and (as a very small effect) the few of them who will no longer be with us in 2020.

10.4. QR factorization

In Python, we can write a QR_factorization function to perform the QR factorization of a matrix A using the gram_schmidt function on page 41.

Remarks. When we wrote the gram_schmidt function, we were checking whether the rows of the numpy array (matrix A) are linearly independent. However, in QR factorisation, we should perform the Gram-Schmidt on the columns of matrix A. Therefore, A^T should be the input to the QR_factorization instead of A.

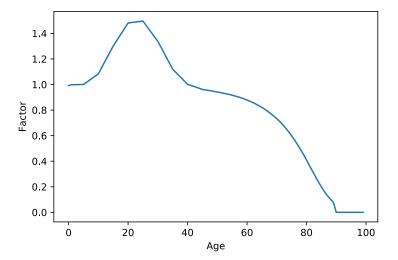


Figure 10.1.: Contribution factor per age in 2010 to the total population in 2020. The value of age i-1 is the *i*th component of the row vector $\mathbf{1}^T \mathbf{A}^{10}$.

```
In []: def QR_factorization(A):
        Q_transpose = np.array(gram_schmidt(A.T))
        R = Q_transpose @ A
        Q = Q_transpose.T
        return Q, R
Q, R = QR_factorization(A)
```

Alternatively, we can use the numpy function np.linalg.qr(A).

```
In [ ]: Q, R = np.linalg.qr(A)
```

Here we would like to highlight a minor difference in the following examples with the VMLS definition. The R factor computed in the QR_factorization function may have negative elements on the diagonal, as opposed to only positive elements if we follow the definition used in VMLS and in np.linalg.qr(A). The two definitions are equivalent, because R_{ii} is negative, one can change the sign of the ith row of R and the ith column of Q, to get an equivalent factorization with $R_{ii} > 0$. However, this step is not needed in practice, since negative elements on the diagonal do not pose any problem in applications of the QR factorization.

```
In []: A = np.random.normal(size = (6,4))
        Q, R = np.linalg.qr(A)
Out[]: array([[-2.96963114, 0.77296876, 1.99410713, 0.30491373],
                     , 0.73315602, 1.0283551 , -0.13470329],
                [ 0.
                           , 0. , -3.03153124, 0.60705777],
                [ 0.
                                        , 0. , -1.0449406 ]])
                [ 0.
In []: q, r = QR_factorization(A)
Out[]: array([[ 2.96963114e+00, -7.72968759e-01, -1.99410713e+00,
         \rightarrow -3.04913735e-01],
                [-7.77156117e-16, 7.33156025e-01, 1.02835510e+00,
                \leftrightarrow -1.34703286e-01],
                [-8.32667268e-17, -1.66533454e-16, 3.03153124e+00,
                \leftrightarrow -6.07057767e-01],
                [-2.22044605e-16, -1.11022302e-16, 8.88178420e-16,

    1.04494060e+00]])
In []: np.linalg.norm(Q @ R - A)
Out[]: 1.3188305818502897e-15
In []: Q.T @ Q
Out[]: array([[ 1.00000000e+00, 9.39209220e-17, 1.90941200e-16,
         \rightarrow -4.69424568e-17],
                [ 9.39209220e-17, 1.00000000e+00, 2.25326899e-16,
                \leftrightarrow 2.04228665e-16],
                [ 1.90941200e-16, 2.25326899e-16, 1.00000000e+00,
                \rightarrow -4.57762562e-16],
                [-4.69424568e-17, 2.04228665e-16, -4.57762562e-16,

    1.00000000e+00]])
```

10. Matrix multiplication