

# QR DECOMPOSITION WITH GRAM-SCHMIDT

The QR decomposition

or (QR factorization)

Of a matrix is a decomposition of the matrix  
into an orthogonal matrix and  
a triangular matrix.

A QR decomposition of a real square matrix  $A$  is a decomposition of  $A$  as  
 $A = QR$

- Where  $Q$  is an orthogonal matrix  
|      •  $(Q^*Q = I)$
- $R$  is an upper triangular matrix.

Note : If  $A$  is non-singular, the factorization is unique.

## GRAM-SCHMIDT PROCESS

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Consider the vectors to be the columns of  $A$ , so

$$A = [ a_1 \quad | \quad a_2 \quad | \quad \cdots \quad | \quad a_n ]$$

then

$$u_1 = a_1, \quad e_1 = \frac{u_1}{\|u_1\|}$$

$$u_2 = a_2 - (a_2 \cdot e_1)e_1, \quad e_2 = \frac{u_2}{\|u_2\|}$$

$\vdots$

$$u_{k+1} = a_{k+1} - (a_{k+1} \cdot e_1)e_1 - \cdots - (a_{k+1} \cdot e_k)e_k, \quad e_{k+1} = \frac{u_{k+1}}{\|u_{k+1}\|}$$

Note:  $\| \cdot \|$  is the  $L_2$  norm

the resulting QR factorization is

$$A = [a_1 \mid a_2 \mid \cdots \mid a_n] = [e_1 \mid e_2 \mid \cdots \mid e_n] \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \cdot e_1 & a_2 \cdot e_1 & \cdots & a_n \cdot e_1 \\ 0 & a_2 \cdot e_2 & \cdots & a_n \cdot e_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & a_n \cdot e_n \end{bmatrix}$$

## EXAMPLE

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$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 \\ -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

with the vectors

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 &= (1, 0, -1)^* \\ a_2 &= (2, 3, 4)^* \end{aligned}$$

All vectors considered are column vectors

$$u_1 = a_1 = (1, 0, -1)$$

$$e_1 = \frac{u_1}{\|u_1\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1, 0, -1) = \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$$

$$u_2 = a_2 - (a_2 \cdot e_1)e_1 = (2, 3, 4) - \frac{6}{\sqrt{2}} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right) = (1, 3, 1)$$

$$e_2 = \frac{u_2}{\|u_2\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{11}}(1, 3, 1) = \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{11}}, \frac{3}{\sqrt{11}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{11}} \right)$$

thus,

$$Q = [e_1 \mid e_2 \mid \cdots \mid e_n] = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{bmatrix},$$

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \cdot e_1 & a_2 \cdot e_1 \\ 0 & a_2 \cdot e_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2} & -\sqrt{2} \\ 0 & 3\sqrt{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

Orthonormalize  $v_1$

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## 1. Orthonormalize $v_2$

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$$\begin{aligned}u_2 &= v_2 - (v_2 \cdot e_1)e_1 \\&= v_2 - \mathbf{proj}_{u_1}(v_2)\end{aligned}$$

- Calculate  $(v_2 \cdot e_1)e_1$  or  $\mathbf{proj}_{u_1}(v_2)$
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*Notes :* $\mathbf{proj}_{u_1}(v_2) = \frac{v_2 \cdot u_1}{\|u_1\|^2} \cdot u_1$
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so,

$$v_2 = (2, 3, 4) \text{ and } u_1 = (1, 0, -1)$$

$$\|u_1\| : \|(1, 0, -1)\| = \sqrt{(1)^2 + (0)^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{2}$$

$$v_2 \cdot u_1 = (2, 3, 4)(1, 0, -1) = -2$$

$$\frac{v_2 \cdot u_1}{\|u_1\|^2} \cdot u_1 = \frac{-2}{\sqrt{2}^2} \cdot (1, 0, -1) = (-1, 0, 1)$$

- calculate  $v_2 - \mathbf{proj}_{u_1}(v_2)$
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$$\begin{aligned}u_2 &= v_2 - (v_2 \cdot e_1)e_1 \\&= v_2 - \mathbf{proj}_{u_1}(v_2) \\&= (2, 3, 4) - (-1, 0, 1) \\&= (2 - (-1), 3 - (0), 4 - (1)) \\&= (3, 3, 3)\end{aligned}$$

calcaute  $e_1$

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$$\|u_2\| : \|(3, 3, 3)\| = \sqrt{3^2 + 3^2 + 3^2} = 3\sqrt{3}$$

$$\text{then, } e_2 = \frac{u_2}{\|u_2\|} = \frac{(3, 3, 3)}{3\sqrt{3}} = \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right)$$

thus,

$$e_1 = \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$$
$$e_2 = \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right)$$