Let a_1 be the first column of A.

$$PA = \begin{bmatrix} * & * & * & * & * & * \\ 0 & * & * & * & * & * \\ 0 & * & * & * & * & * \\ 0 & * & * & * & * & * \\ 0 & * & * & * & * & * \\ 0 & * & * & * & * & * \end{bmatrix}$$

We can compute a Householder matrix P that maps a_1 to the first unit coordinate vector.

But if we do a similarity transformation with P then PAP^{-1} is full again.

Therefore, compute a Householder matrix $\hat{P}_1 \in \mathbb{C}^{(n-1)\times (n-1)}$ that maps the **red** column vector to the first unit coodinate vector and consider

$$P_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \hat{P}_1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Multiplication by P_1 only manipulates the **red** part of the matrix.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \hat{P}_1 \end{bmatrix} A \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \hat{P}_1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} * & * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * & * \\ 0 & * & * & * & * \\ 0 & * & * & * & * \\ 0 & * & * & * & * \\ 0 & * & * & * & * \end{bmatrix}$$

Analogously, multiplication by P_1^{-1} from the right only manipulates **this red part** of the matrix.

Now determine a Householder matrix $\hat{P}_2 \in \mathbb{C}^{n-2\times n-2}$ that maps the lower red part of the second column to the first unit coordinate vector and consider

$$P_2 = \left[\begin{array}{cc} I_2 & 0 \\ 0 & \hat{P}_2 \end{array} \right].$$

Multiplication by P_2 only manipulates the **red** part of the matrix.

Analogously, multiplication by P_2^{-1} from the right only manipulates **this red part** of the matrix.

$$P_3 = \left[\begin{array}{cc} I_3 & 0 \\ 0 & \hat{P}_3 \end{array} \right].$$

$$P_4 = \left[\begin{array}{cc} I_4 & 0 \\ 0 & \hat{P}_4 \end{array} \right].$$

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