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$X = QR$  decomposition has two steps (1) Gram-Schmidt which converts  $X$  into  $Q$  column-by-column and (2) reconstruction of the upper triangular change-of-basis matrix  $R$ .  $X$  has dimension  $n \times k$  and columns  $x_1, \dots, x_k$

In (1), we first (a) create an orthogonal basis  $v_1, \dots, v_k$  and then (b) normalize its component vectors into  $q_1, \dots, q_k$

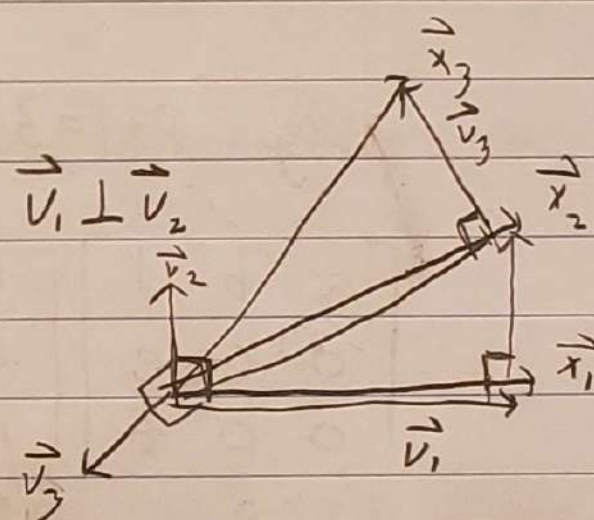
1(a)  $\vec{v}_1 = \vec{x}_1$

$\vec{v}_2 = \vec{x}_2 - \text{proj}_{\vec{v}_1}(\vec{x}_2)$

$\text{span}\{\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2\} = \text{span}\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2\}$  but  $\vec{v}_1 \perp \vec{v}_2$

$\vec{v}_3 = \vec{x}_3 - \text{proj}_{\vec{v}_1}(\vec{x}_3) - \text{proj}_{\vec{v}_2}(\vec{x}_3)$

$\vec{v}_k = \vec{x}_k - \text{proj}_{\vec{v}_1}(\vec{x}_k) - \dots - \text{proj}_{\vec{v}_{k-1}}(\vec{x}_k)$



1(b)  $\vec{q}_1 := \frac{\vec{v}_1}{\|\vec{v}_1\|}, \vec{q}_2 := \frac{\vec{v}_2}{\|\vec{v}_2\|}, \dots, \vec{q}_k := \frac{\vec{v}_k}{\|\vec{v}_k\|}$

$\Rightarrow Q = [\vec{q}_1 | \dots | \vec{q}_k]$

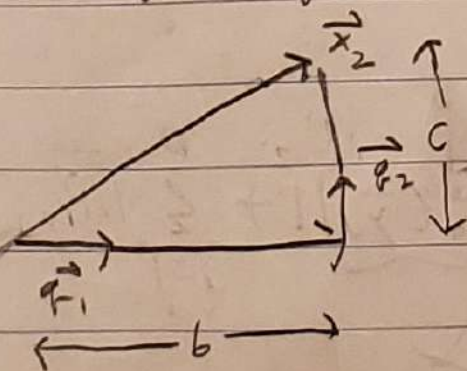
2.  $X = QR$

$[\vec{x}_1 | \vec{x}_2 | \dots | \vec{x}_k] = [\vec{q}_1 | \vec{q}_2 | \dots | \vec{q}_k]$

$R = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & d & \dots \\ 0 & c & e & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & f & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots \end{bmatrix}$

$\vec{x}_1 = \|\vec{x}_1\| \vec{q}_1$

$\vec{x}_2 = b \vec{q}_1 + c \vec{q}_2 = H_1 \vec{x}_2 + H_2 \vec{x}_2 = \underbrace{\vec{q}_1 \vec{q}_1^T}_{b} \vec{x}_2 + \underbrace{\vec{q}_2 \vec{q}_2^T}_{c} \vec{x}_2$



$\vec{x}_3 = d \vec{q}_1 + e \vec{q}_2 + f \vec{q}_3$

$\vec{q}_1 \cdot \vec{x}_3 = d, \vec{q}_2 \cdot \vec{x}_3 = e, \vec{q}_3 \cdot \vec{x}_3 = f$



Sidenote: QR decomposition helps to speed up the OLS estimate computation in the following way:

$$\vec{b} = \underbrace{(X^T X)^{-1} X^T}_{\text{very expensive operation}} \vec{y}$$

$$\begin{aligned} X^T X \vec{b} &= X^T \vec{y} \Rightarrow (QR)^T QR \vec{b} = (QR)^T \vec{y} \Rightarrow \cancel{R^T Q} Q R \vec{b} = R^T Q^T \vec{y} \\ &\Rightarrow R^T R \vec{b} = R^T Q^T \vec{y} \Rightarrow R \vec{b} = \vec{z} \end{aligned}$$

eg.  $P+1=3$

by back-substitution...

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} a & b & d \\ 0 & c & e \\ 0 & 0 & f \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_0 \\ b_1 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} z_0 \\ z_1 \\ z_2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} b_2 = \frac{z_2}{f} \\ c b_1 + e b_2 = z_1 \Rightarrow c b_1 + e \frac{z_2}{f} = z_1 \\ \Rightarrow b_1 = \frac{1}{c} (z_1 - e \frac{z_2}{f}) \dots \text{etc.} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

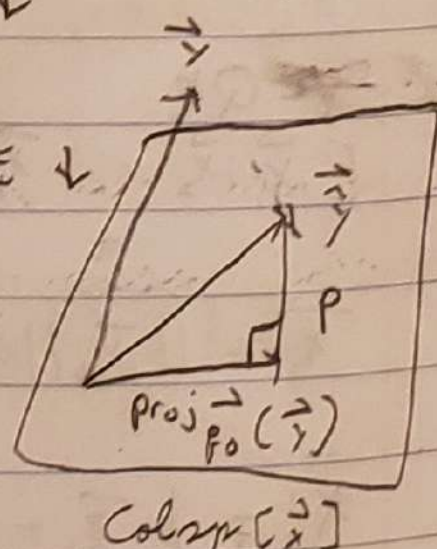
$$SST = SSR + SSE \Rightarrow SSR \uparrow \Leftrightarrow SSE \downarrow$$

$P+1=2, \dots$

fixed quantity  
only a function of  
the  $y$ -vector

$$X = QR$$

$$R^2 \uparrow \Leftrightarrow RMSE \downarrow$$



$$\vec{\hat{y}} = H \vec{y} = Q Q^T \vec{y} = \sum_{j=0}^P \text{Proj}_{\vec{q}_j}(\vec{y})$$

$\xrightarrow{P}$  Pythagorem Thm.

$$\|\vec{\hat{y}}\|^2 = \sum_{j=0}^P \|\text{Proj}_{\vec{q}_j}(\vec{y})\|^2 = \|\text{Proj}_{\vec{q}_0}(\vec{y})\|^2 + \sum_{j=1}^P \|\text{Proj}_{\vec{q}_j}(\vec{y})\|^2$$



$$H_0 = \frac{1}{n} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \| \text{proj}_{\vec{1}}(\vec{y}) \|^2 = (H_0 \vec{y})^T (H_0 \vec{y}) = (\vec{y}^T \vec{1}_n) (\vec{y} \vec{1}_n) = \vec{y}^T \vec{1} \vec{1}^T \vec{y} = n \bar{y}^2$$

$$SSR' = (\vec{y} - \vec{y} \vec{1}^T) (\vec{y} - \vec{y} \vec{1}^T)^T = \vec{y}^T \vec{y} - \vec{y}^T \vec{1} \vec{1}^T \vec{y} - \vec{y}^T \vec{1} \vec{1}^T \vec{y} + \vec{y}^T \vec{1} \vec{1}^T \vec{1} \vec{1}^T \vec{y}$$

$$= \|\vec{y}\|^2 - 2 \vec{y}^T \vec{1} + n \bar{y}^2 = \|\vec{y}\|^2 - 2n \bar{y} + n \bar{y}^2 = \|\vec{y}\|^2 - n \bar{y}^2 = \sum_{j=1}^n \| \text{proj}_{\vec{e}_j}(\vec{y}) \|^2$$

(match pyth + h.m.)

Pretend your friend gave you a new feature, i.e. a new  $x$ -vector, you want to now update your OLS model to use it.  $\vec{x}_*$

$$X_* = [X \mid \vec{x}_*]$$

$$SSR_* = SSR + \underbrace{\| \text{proj}_{\vec{q}_*}(\vec{y}) \|^2}_{\geq 0} = SSR_* \geq SSR \Leftrightarrow SSE_* \leq SSE$$

Now your friend says "btw, I made up that vector... it's just a bunch of random nonsense". Any new column vector in  $X$  would have the ostensible effect of improving your model. If that new column vector is independent of the true causal inputs to  $y$  (i.e. the  $\vec{z}$ 's we call this "overfitting")

Let's keep going. Your friend keeps supplying you with more and more garbage vectors. What happens when you have the same number of vectors  $p+1 = n$ ?



$$\text{Colsp}[X_*] = \mathbb{R}^n$$

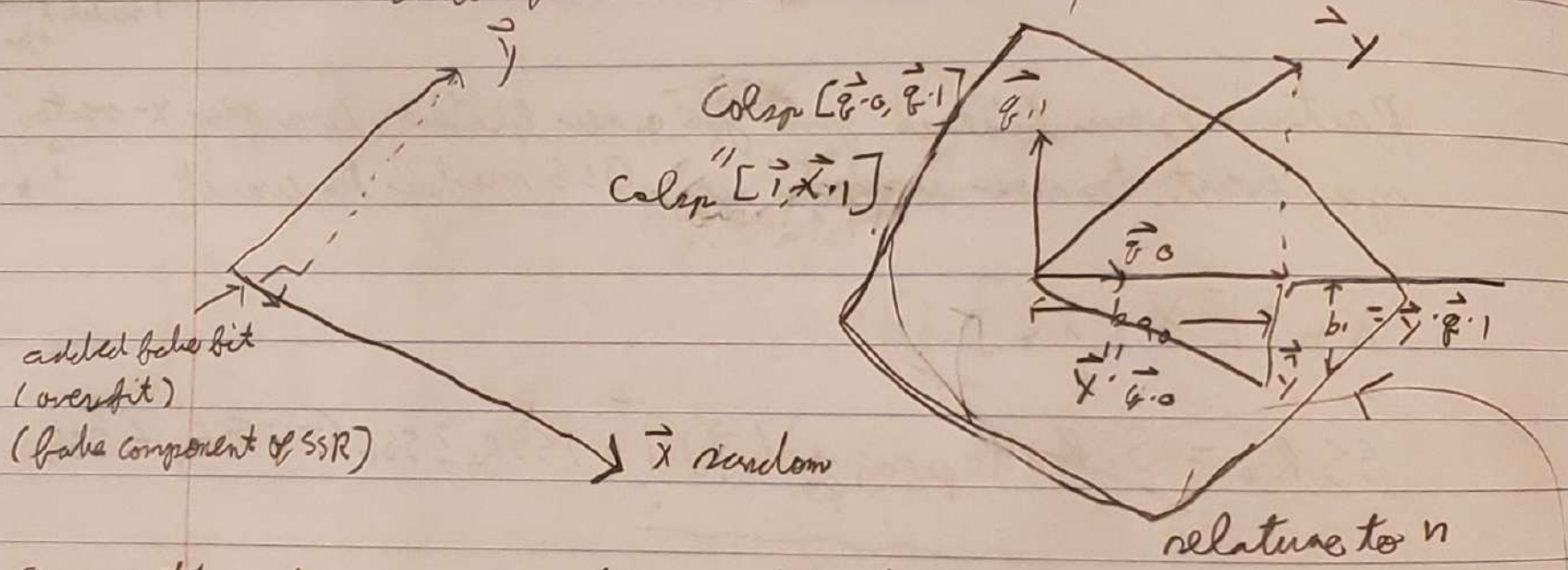
$X_*$  will be  $n \times n$  and invertible so...

$$H_* = X_* (X_*^T X_*)^{-1} X_*^T = \overset{I}{X_*} \overset{I}{X_*^T} \overset{I}{X_*^{-1}} X_*^T = I$$

$$\hat{y} = H_* \vec{y} = \vec{y} \Rightarrow \vec{e} = \vec{0}_n \Rightarrow SSE = 0 \Leftrightarrow R^2 = 1 \Leftrightarrow RMSE = 0$$

"perfect fit" or "maximal overfitting"

How did we get into this mess? Consider a random vector  $x$  random



Overfitting becomes a problem with lots of features. If you have a small number of features, it's not too bad (ie, it won't reduce your predictive accuracy).

We moved this in the context of OLS regression, but this is true in every modeling context. Overfitting increases "generalization error" which is error on future prediction.

$$H = QR^T$$

$$\vec{b}_x = Q^T \vec{y} = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{q}_0^T \vec{y} \\ \vec{q}_1^T \vec{y} \\ \vdots \\ \vec{q}_{p-1}^T \vec{y} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{b} &= (X^T X)^{-1} X^T \vec{y} = ((QR)^T (QR))^{-1} (QR)^T \vec{y} \\ &= (R^T Q^T Q R)^{-1} R^T Q^T \vec{y} = (R^T R)^{-1} R^T Q^T \vec{y} \\ &= R^{-1} R^{T-1} R^T Q^T \vec{y} = R^{-1} Q^T \vec{y} \end{aligned}$$