

1 The QR -Factorization

The Gram-Schmidt orthonormalization process leads to an important factorization of matrices called the **QR -factorization**. If A is an $m \times n$ matrix of rank n , then A can be expressed as the product $A = QR$ of an $m \times n$ matrix Q and an $n \times n$ matrix R , where Q has orthonormal columns and R is upper triangular.