

# Lecture 9: QR algorithm



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## 1. Subspace iteration (SI)

- Subspace iteration is also called *simultaneous iteration* (and sometimes *orthogonal iteration* or *block power iteration*).

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### Algorithm 1: Subspace iteration

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Pick  $\mathbf{Q}_n^{(0)} \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$  with orthonormal columns  
**for**  $k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ ,  
     $\mathbf{Q}_n^{(k)} \mathbf{R}_n^{(k)} = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{Q}_n^{(k-1)}$       (QR factorization)  
**end**

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- Here is an informal analysis of this algorithm. Assume  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{S} \mathbf{\Lambda} \mathbf{S}^{-1} \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$  with

$$\mathbf{\Lambda} = \text{diag}\{\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_m\}$$

and

$$|\lambda_1| \geq \dots \geq |\lambda_n| > |\lambda_{n+1}| \geq \dots \geq |\lambda_m|.$$

If  $n = 1$ , then subspace iteration reduces to power iteration; see Lecture 8 for details.

Now we consider the case  $n > 1$ . Let

$$\mathbf{X}_n := [\mathbf{I}_n \quad \mathbf{0}] \mathbf{S}^{-1} \mathbf{Q}_n^{(0)},$$

and

$$\mathbf{X}_c := [\mathbf{0} \quad \mathbf{I}_{m-n}] \mathbf{S}^{-1} \mathbf{Q}_n^{(0)}.$$

Assume that  $\mathbf{X}_n$  has full rank (a generalization of the assumption  $\alpha_1 \neq 0$  in power iteration). We have (the proof is left as an exercise)

$$\mathbf{Q}_n^{(k)} = \mathbf{A}^k \mathbf{Q}_n^{(0)} (\mathbf{R}_n^{(1)})^{-1} (\mathbf{R}_n^{(2)})^{-1} \cdots (\mathbf{R}_n^{(k)})^{-1}.$$

By  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{S} \mathbf{\Lambda} \mathbf{S}^{-1}$ , we have

$$\mathbf{Q}_n^{(k)} = \mathbf{S} \mathbf{\Lambda}^k \mathbf{S}^{-1} \mathbf{Q}_n^{(0)} (\mathbf{R}_n^{(1)})^{-1} (\mathbf{R}_n^{(2)})^{-1} \cdots (\mathbf{R}_n^{(k)})^{-1}.$$

Write  $\mathbf{S} = [\mathbf{S}_n \quad \mathbf{S}_c]$  and  $\mathbf{\Lambda} = \text{diag}\{\mathbf{\Lambda}_n, \mathbf{\Lambda}_c\}$ . By  $\mathbf{S}^{-1}\mathbf{Q}_n^{(0)} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}_n \\ \mathbf{X}_c \end{bmatrix}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{Q}_n^{(k)} &= [\mathbf{S}_n \quad \mathbf{S}_c] \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{\Lambda}_n^k & \\ & \mathbf{\Lambda}_c^k \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}_n \\ \mathbf{X}_c \end{bmatrix} (\mathbf{R}_n^{(1)})^{-1} (\mathbf{R}_n^{(2)})^{-1} \cdots (\mathbf{R}_n^{(k)})^{-1} \\ &= [\mathbf{S}_n \quad \mathbf{S}_c] \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{\Lambda}_n^k \mathbf{X}_n (\mathbf{R}_n^{(1)})^{-1} (\mathbf{R}_n^{(2)})^{-1} \cdots (\mathbf{R}_n^{(k)})^{-1} \\ \mathbf{\Lambda}_c^k \mathbf{X}_c (\mathbf{R}_n^{(1)})^{-1} (\mathbf{R}_n^{(2)})^{-1} \cdots (\mathbf{R}_n^{(k)})^{-1} \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

**Exercise:** Prove that

$$\mathbf{S}_c \mathbf{\Lambda}_c^k \mathbf{X}_c (\mathbf{R}_n^{(1)})^{-1} (\mathbf{R}_n^{(2)})^{-1} \cdots (\mathbf{R}_n^{(k)})^{-1} \rightarrow \mathbf{0}$$

like  $\left| \frac{\lambda_{n+1}}{\lambda_n} \right|^k$ . Equivalently, we have the convergence result:

$$\mathbf{Q}_n^{(k)} - \mathbf{S}_n \mathbf{\Lambda}_n^k \mathbf{X}_n (\mathbf{R}_n^{(1)})^{-1} (\mathbf{R}_n^{(2)})^{-1} \cdots (\mathbf{R}_n^{(k)})^{-1} \rightarrow \mathbf{0},$$

which means that  $\text{span}\{\mathbf{Q}_n^{(k)}\}$  converges to  $\text{span}\{\mathbf{S}_n\}$ .

- Note that if we follow only the first  $1 \leq j \leq n$  columns of  $\mathbf{Q}_n^{(k)}$  through the iterations of the algorithm, they are *identical* to the iterates that we would compute if we had started with only the first  $j$  columns of  $\mathbf{Q}_n^{(0)}$  instead of  $n$  columns.

In other words, subspace iteration is effectively running the algorithm for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$  **all at the same time (simultaneous)**. So if *all* the first  $n + 1$  eigenvalues have distinct absolute values, i.e.,

$$|\lambda_1| > |\lambda_2| > \dots > |\lambda_n| > |\lambda_{n+1}|,$$

and if *all* the leading principal submatrices of

$$\mathbf{X}_n = [\mathbf{I}_n \quad \mathbf{0}] \mathbf{S}^{-1} \mathbf{Q}_n^{(0)}$$

have full rank, the same convergence analysis as before implies that  $\text{span}\{\mathbf{Q}_j^{(k)}\}$  with  $\mathbf{Q}_j^{(k)} := \mathbf{Q}_n^{(k)} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I}_j \\ \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}$  converges to  $\text{span}\{\mathbf{S}_j\}$

with  $\mathbf{S}_j := \mathbf{S} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I}_j \\ \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}$  for each  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

## Theorem 1

Consider running subspace iteration on matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$  with  $n = m$  and  $\mathbf{Q}_n^{(0)} = \mathbf{I}$ . If  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{S}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{S}^{-1}$  with

$$\mathbf{\Lambda} = \text{diag}\{\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_m\}, \quad |\lambda_1| > |\lambda_2| > \dots > |\lambda_m|,$$

and if all the leading principal submatrices of  $\mathbf{S}^{-1}$  have full rank, then  $\mathbf{A}^{(k)} := (\mathbf{Q}_n^{(k)})^* \mathbf{A} \mathbf{Q}_n^{(k)}$  converges to a Schur form of  $\mathbf{A}$ . The eigenvalues will appear in decreasing order of absolute value.

Proof: See Demmel's book: Theorem 4.8, Page 158, [Applied numerical linear algebra](#).

- The entry  $\mathbf{A}_{jj}^{(k)}$  converges to  $\lambda_j$  like  $\max \left( \left| \frac{\lambda_{j+1}}{\lambda_j} \right|^k, \left| \frac{\lambda_j}{\lambda_{j-1}} \right|^k \right)$ .
- The block  $\mathbf{A}^{(k)}(j+1:m, 1:j)$  converges to zero like  $\left| \frac{\lambda_{j+1}}{\lambda_j} \right|^k$ .

## 2. “Pure” QR algorithm

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### Algorithm 2: “Pure” QR algorithm

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$$\mathbf{A}^{(0)} = \mathbf{A}$$

for  $k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ ,

$$\mathbf{Q}^{(k)}\mathbf{R}^{(k)} = \mathbf{A}^{(k-1)} \quad (\text{QR factorization})$$

$$\mathbf{A}^{(k)} = \mathbf{R}^{(k)}\mathbf{Q}^{(k)}$$

end

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### Proposition 2

We have  $\mathbf{A}^{(k)} = (\underline{\mathbf{Q}}^{(k)})^* \mathbf{A} \underline{\mathbf{Q}}^{(k)}$ , where  $\underline{\mathbf{Q}}^{(k)} := \mathbf{Q}^{(1)}\mathbf{Q}^{(2)} \dots \mathbf{Q}^{(k)}$ .

*Proof.* By  $\mathbf{Q}^{(k)}\mathbf{R}^{(k)} = \mathbf{A}^{(k-1)}$ , we have  $\mathbf{R}^{(k)} = (\mathbf{Q}^{(k)})^* \mathbf{A}^{(k-1)}$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A}^{(k)} &= \mathbf{R}^{(k)}\mathbf{Q}^{(k)} = (\mathbf{Q}^{(k)})^* \mathbf{A}^{(k-1)}\mathbf{Q}^{(k)} \\ &= (\mathbf{Q}^{(k)})^* (\mathbf{Q}^{(k-1)})^* \mathbf{A}^{(k-2)}\mathbf{Q}^{(k-1)}\mathbf{Q}^{(k)} \\ &= (\mathbf{Q}^{(k)})^* \dots (\mathbf{Q}^{(1)})^* \mathbf{A}^{(0)}\mathbf{Q}^{(1)} \dots \mathbf{Q}^{(k)} = (\underline{\mathbf{Q}}^{(k)})^* \mathbf{A} \underline{\mathbf{Q}}^{(k)}. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

### Proposition 3

We have (a QR factorization of  $\mathbf{A}^k$ )

$$\mathbf{A}^k = \underline{\mathbf{Q}}^{(k)} \underline{\mathbf{R}}^{(k)},$$

where  $\underline{\mathbf{Q}}^{(k)} := \mathbf{Q}^{(1)} \mathbf{Q}^{(2)} \dots \mathbf{Q}^{(k)}$ , and  $\underline{\mathbf{R}}^{(k)} := \mathbf{R}^{(k)} \mathbf{R}^{(k-1)} \dots \mathbf{R}^{(1)}$ .

### Proof.

We use induction. For  $k = 1$ ,  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}^{(0)} = \mathbf{Q}^{(1)} \mathbf{R}^{(1)} = \underline{\mathbf{Q}}^{(1)} \underline{\mathbf{R}}^{(1)}$ . Now we prove the case  $k > 1$  with the assumption  $\mathbf{A}^{k-1} = \underline{\mathbf{Q}}^{(k-1)} \underline{\mathbf{R}}^{(k-1)}$ . By Proposition 2, we have  $\mathbf{A}^{(k-1)} = (\underline{\mathbf{Q}}^{(k-1)})^* \mathbf{A} \underline{\mathbf{Q}}^{(k-1)}$ , which implies  $\mathbf{A} \underline{\mathbf{Q}}^{(k-1)} = \underline{\mathbf{Q}}^{(k-1)} \mathbf{A}^{(k-1)}$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A}^k &= \mathbf{A} \mathbf{A}^{k-1} = \mathbf{A} \underline{\mathbf{Q}}^{(k-1)} \underline{\mathbf{R}}^{(k-1)} = \underline{\mathbf{Q}}^{(k-1)} \mathbf{A}^{(k-1)} \underline{\mathbf{R}}^{(k-1)} \\ &= \underline{\mathbf{Q}}^{(k-1)} \mathbf{Q}^{(k)} \mathbf{R}^{(k)} \underline{\mathbf{R}}^{(k-1)} = \underline{\mathbf{Q}}^{(k)} \underline{\mathbf{R}}^{(k)}. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof. □



- Connection with power iteration: By  $\mathbf{A}^k = \underline{\mathbf{Q}}^{(k)} \underline{\mathbf{R}}^{(k)}$ , the first column of  $\underline{\mathbf{Q}}^{(k)}$  is the result of applying  $k$  steps of power iteration on  $\mathbf{A}$  to the starting vector  $\mathbf{e}_1$ . We have  $\mathbf{A}_{11}^{(k)} \rightarrow \lambda_1$ .
- Connection with inverse iteration: By  $\underline{\mathbf{Q}}^{(k)} = (\mathbf{A}^*)^{-k} (\underline{\mathbf{R}}^{(k)})^*$ , the last column of  $\underline{\mathbf{Q}}^{(k)}$  is the result of applying  $k$  steps of inverse iteration on  $\mathbf{A}^*$  to the starting vector  $\mathbf{e}_m$ . We have  $\mathbf{A}_{mm}^{(k)} \rightarrow \lambda_m$ .

### Theorem 4

*If  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{S}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{S}^{-1}$  is diagonalizable with*

$$\mathbf{\Lambda} = \text{diag}\{\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_m\}, \quad |\lambda_1| > |\lambda_2| > \dots > |\lambda_m|,$$

*and if all the leading principal submatrices of  $\mathbf{S}^{-1}$  have full rank, then  $\mathbf{A}^{(k)}$  computed by “pure” QR algorithm converges to a Schur form of  $\mathbf{A}$ . The eigenvalues will appear in decreasing order of absolute value.*

This theorem is a direct result of the following lemma.

## Lemma 5

The  $\mathbf{A}^{(k)}$  computed by “pure” QR algorithm is *identical* to the matrix  $(\mathbf{Q}_n^{(k)})^* \mathbf{A} \mathbf{Q}_n^{(k)}$  implicitly computed by running subspace iteration on matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$  with  $n = m$  and  $\mathbf{Q}_n^{(0)} = \mathbf{I}$ . (We need an assumption about QR factorizations used in subspace iteration.)

*Proof.* We use induction. For  $k = 1$ , let  $\mathbf{Q}_n^{(1)} = \mathbf{Q}^{(1)}$  and  $\mathbf{R}_n^{(1)} = \mathbf{R}^{(1)}$ . We have  $\mathbf{A}^{(1)} = (\mathbf{Q}_n^{(1)})^* \mathbf{A} \mathbf{Q}_n^{(1)}$ . Assume  $\mathbf{A}^{(k-1)} = (\mathbf{Q}_n^{(k-1)})^* \mathbf{A} \mathbf{Q}_n^{(k-1)}$ . Then from the “pure” QR algorithm and the induction hypothesis, we have

$$\mathbf{Q}^{(k)} \mathbf{R}^{(k)} = (\mathbf{Q}_n^{(k-1)})^* \mathbf{A} \mathbf{Q}_n^{(k-1)}, \quad \text{i.e., } \mathbf{A} \mathbf{Q}_n^{(k-1)} = \mathbf{Q}_n^{(k-1)} \mathbf{Q}^{(k)} \mathbf{R}^{(k)}.$$

Let  $\mathbf{Q}_n^{(k)} = \mathbf{Q}_n^{(k-1)} \mathbf{Q}^{(k)}$  and  $\mathbf{R}_n^{(k)} = \mathbf{R}^{(k)}$  be the QR factorization of  $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{Q}_n^{(k-1)}$  used in subspace iteration. By  $\mathbf{R}^{(k)} = \mathbf{R}_n^{(k)} = (\mathbf{Q}_n^{(k)})^* \mathbf{A} \mathbf{Q}_n^{(k-1)}$  and  $\mathbf{Q}^{(k)} = (\mathbf{Q}_n^{(k-1)})^* \mathbf{Q}_n^{(k)}$ , we have

$$\mathbf{A}^{(k)} = \mathbf{R}^{(k)} \mathbf{Q}^{(k)} = (\mathbf{Q}_n^{(k)})^* \mathbf{A} \mathbf{Q}_n^{(k-1)} (\mathbf{Q}_n^{(k-1)})^* \mathbf{Q}_n^{(k)} = (\mathbf{Q}_n^{(k)})^* \mathbf{A} \mathbf{Q}_n^{(k)}.$$

This completes the proof. □

- From earlier analysis, we know that the convergence rate of “pure” QR algorithm depends on the absolute values of the ratios of eigenvalues. To speed convergence, we can use **shift and invert** techniques.

### 3. QR algorithm with shifts

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**Algorithm 3:** QR algorithm with shifts

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$$\mathbf{A}^{(0)} = \mathbf{A}$$

**for**  $k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ ,

Pick a shift  $\mu^{(k)}$  near an eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{A}$

$$\mathbf{Q}^{(k)} \mathbf{R}^{(k)} = \mathbf{A}^{(k-1)} - \mu^{(k)} \mathbf{I} \quad (\text{QR factorization})$$

$$\mathbf{A}^{(k)} = \mathbf{R}^{(k)} \mathbf{Q}^{(k)} + \mu^{(k)} \mathbf{I}$$

**end**

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#### Proposition 6

We have  $\mathbf{A}^{(k)} = (\mathbf{Q}^{(k)})^* \mathbf{A}^{(k-1)} \mathbf{Q}^{(k)} = (\underline{\mathbf{Q}}^{(k)})^* \mathbf{A} \underline{\mathbf{Q}}^{(k)}$ , where  $\underline{\mathbf{Q}}^{(k)} := \mathbf{Q}^{(1)} \mathbf{Q}^{(2)} \dots \mathbf{Q}^{(k)}$ .

## Proposition 7

We have the factorization (for  $k \geq 1$ )

$$(\mathbf{A} - \mu^{(k)}\mathbf{I})(\mathbf{A} - \mu^{(k-1)}\mathbf{I}) \cdots (\mathbf{A} - \mu^{(1)}\mathbf{I}) = \underline{\mathbf{Q}}^{(k)}\underline{\mathbf{R}}^{(k)},$$

where  $\underline{\mathbf{Q}}^{(k)} := \mathbf{Q}^{(1)}\mathbf{Q}^{(2)} \cdots \mathbf{Q}^{(k)}$ , and  $\underline{\mathbf{R}}^{(k)} := \mathbf{R}^{(k)}\mathbf{R}^{(k-1)} \cdots \mathbf{R}^{(1)}$ .

*Proof.* We use induction. For  $k = 1$ ,  $\mathbf{A} - \mu^{(1)}\mathbf{I} = \mathbf{Q}^{(1)}\mathbf{R}^{(1)} = \underline{\mathbf{Q}}^{(1)}\underline{\mathbf{R}}^{(1)}$ . Assume  $(\mathbf{A} - \mu^{(k-1)}\mathbf{I})(\mathbf{A} - \mu^{(k-2)}\mathbf{I}) \cdots (\mathbf{A} - \mu^{(1)}\mathbf{I}) = \underline{\mathbf{Q}}^{(k-1)}\underline{\mathbf{R}}^{(k-1)}$ . By Proposition 6, we have  $\mathbf{A}^{(k-1)} = (\underline{\mathbf{Q}}^{(k-1)})^* \mathbf{A} \underline{\mathbf{Q}}^{(k-1)}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} & (\mathbf{A} - \mu^{(k)}\mathbf{I})(\mathbf{A} - \mu^{(k-1)}\mathbf{I}) \cdots (\mathbf{A} - \mu^{(1)}\mathbf{I}) = (\mathbf{A} - \mu^{(k)}\mathbf{I})\underline{\mathbf{Q}}^{(k-1)}\underline{\mathbf{R}}^{(k-1)} \\ &= (\mathbf{A}\underline{\mathbf{Q}}^{(k-1)} - \mu^{(k)}\underline{\mathbf{Q}}^{(k-1)})\underline{\mathbf{R}}^{(k-1)} \\ &= (\underline{\mathbf{Q}}^{(k-1)}\mathbf{A}^{(k-1)} - \mu^{(k)}\underline{\mathbf{Q}}^{(k-1)})\underline{\mathbf{R}}^{(k-1)} \\ &= \underline{\mathbf{Q}}^{(k-1)}(\mathbf{A}^{(k-1)} - \mu^{(k)}\mathbf{I})\underline{\mathbf{R}}^{(k-1)} = \underline{\mathbf{Q}}^{(k-1)}\mathbf{Q}^{(k)}\mathbf{R}^{(k)}\underline{\mathbf{R}}^{(k-1)} = \underline{\mathbf{Q}}^{(k)}\underline{\mathbf{R}}^{(k)}. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof. □

- Connection with shifted power iteration: By

$$(\mathbf{A} - \mu^{(k)}\mathbf{I})(\mathbf{A} - \mu^{(k-1)}\mathbf{I}) \cdots (\mathbf{A} - \mu^{(1)}\mathbf{I}) = \underline{\mathbf{Q}}^{(k)}\underline{\mathbf{R}}^{(k)},$$

the first column of  $\underline{\mathbf{Q}}^{(k)}$  is the result of applying  $k$  steps of shifted power iteration on the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  using the starting vector  $\mathbf{e}_1$  and the shifts  $\mu^{(j)}$ ,  $j = 1 : k$ .

- Connection with shifted inverse iteration: By

$$\underline{\mathbf{Q}}^{(k)} = (\mathbf{A}^* - \overline{\mu^{(k)}}\mathbf{I})^{-1}(\mathbf{A}^* - \overline{\mu^{(k-1)}}\mathbf{I})^{-1} \cdots (\mathbf{A}^* - \overline{\mu^{(1)}}\mathbf{I})^{-1}(\underline{\mathbf{R}}^{(k)})^*,$$

the last column of  $\underline{\mathbf{Q}}^{(k)}$  is the result of applying  $k$  steps of shifted inverse iteration on the matrix  $\mathbf{A}^*$  using the starting vector  $\mathbf{e}_m$  and the shifts  $\overline{\mu^{(j)}}$ ,  $j = 1 : k$ .

If the shifts are good eigenvalue estimates, the last column of  $\underline{\mathbf{Q}}^{(k)}$ , i.e.,  $\underline{\mathbf{Q}}^{(k)}\mathbf{e}_m$ , converges quickly to an eigenvector of  $\mathbf{A}^*$ .

- Connection with Rayleigh quotient iteration: Choose

$$\begin{aligned}\mu^{(1)} &= r(\mathbf{e}_m) = \mathbf{e}_m^* \mathbf{A} \mathbf{e}_m, \\ \mu^{(k+1)} &= r(\underline{\mathbf{Q}}^{(k)} \mathbf{e}_m) = (\underline{\mathbf{Q}}^{(k)} \mathbf{e}_m)^* \mathbf{A} (\underline{\mathbf{Q}}^{(k)} \mathbf{e}_m), \quad k \geq 1,\end{aligned}$$

as the shifts. Then  $\overline{\mu^{(k+1)}}$  and  $\underline{\mathbf{Q}}^{(k)} \mathbf{e}_m$  are identical to those computed by the Rayleigh quotient iteration on  $\mathbf{A}^*$  starting with  $\mathbf{e}_m$ . Assume the algorithm converges. Then  $\underline{\mathbf{Q}}^{(k)} \mathbf{e}_m$  converges quadratically or cubically to an eigenvector of  $\mathbf{A}^*$ .

- *Rayleigh quotient shift*  $\mu^{(k+1)} = \mathbf{A}_{mm}^{(k)}$ : In the QR algorithm, we have

$$\mathbf{A}_{mm}^{(k)} = \mathbf{e}_m^* \mathbf{A}^{(k)} \mathbf{e}_m = \mathbf{e}_m^* (\underline{\mathbf{Q}}^{(k)})^* \mathbf{A} \underline{\mathbf{Q}}^{(k)} \mathbf{e}_m = r(\underline{\mathbf{Q}}^{(k)} \mathbf{e}_m),$$

which means that the Rayleigh quotient  $r(\underline{\mathbf{Q}}^{(k)} \mathbf{e}_m)$  appears as the  $(m, m)$  entry of  $\mathbf{A}^{(k)}$ . So it comes for free!

- Other issues: *Wilkinson shift ...*

## 4. Upper Hessenberg structure in QR algorithm

### Proposition 8

*Upper Hessenberg structure is preserved by QR algorithm.*

### Proof.

For the upper Hessenberg matrix  $\mathbf{H}^{(k-1)} - \mu^{(k)}\mathbf{I}$ , it is easy to show that there exists a QR factorization  $\mathbf{Q}^{(k)}\mathbf{R}^{(k)} = \mathbf{H}^{(k-1)} - \mu^{(k)}\mathbf{I}$  such that  $\mathbf{Q}^{(k)}$  is upper Hessenberg. Then it is easy to confirm that  $\mathbf{R}^{(k)}\mathbf{Q}^{(k)}$  remains upper Hessenberg and adding  $\mu^{(k)}\mathbf{I}$  does not change this.  $\square$

### Proposition 9

*Hermitian tridiagonal structure is preserved by QR algorithm if real shifts are used.*

**Proof.** Hermitian + tridiagonal = Hermitian + upper Hessenberg.  $\square$

For simplicity, in subsections 4.1 – 4.3, we only consider the real case.

## 4.1. Implicit Q theorem

### Definition 10

An upper Hessenberg matrix  $\mathbf{H}$  is unreduced if all  $(j+1, j)$  entries of  $\mathbf{H}$  are nonzero.

### Theorem 11 (Implicit Q theorem)

*Let  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ . Suppose that  $\mathbf{Q}^\top \mathbf{A} \mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{H}$  is unreduced upper Hessenberg and  $\mathbf{Q}$  is orthogonal. Then columns 2 to  $m$  of  $\mathbf{Q}$  are determined uniquely (up to signs) by the first column of  $\mathbf{Q}$ .*

### Remark 12

*Implicit Q theorem implies that QR algorithm can be implemented cheaply on unreduced upper Hessenberg matrices. The implementation will be **implicit** in the sense that we do not explicitly compute the QR factorization of an unreduced upper Hessenberg matrix each iteration but rather construct  $\mathbf{Q}$  implicitly as a product of Givens rotations and other simple orthogonal matrices. See subsections 4.2 – 4.3 for details.*



## Proof of implicit Q theorem.

Suppose that  $\mathbf{Q}^\top \mathbf{A} \mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{H}$  and  $\mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{A} \mathbf{V} = \mathbf{G}$  are both unreduced upper Hessenberg,  $\mathbf{Q}$  and  $\mathbf{V}$  are orthogonal, and the first columns of  $\mathbf{Q}$  and  $\mathbf{V}$  are equal. Let  $(\mathbf{X})_i$  denote the  $i$ th column of  $\mathbf{X}$ . Let  $\mathbf{W} := \mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{Q}$ . By

$$\mathbf{G} \mathbf{W} = \mathbf{G} \mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{A} \mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{W} \mathbf{H},$$

we have

$$\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{W})_i = \mathbf{W}(\mathbf{H})_i = \sum_{j=1}^{i+1} h_{ji}(\mathbf{W})_j.$$

Thus,

$$h_{i+1,i}(\mathbf{W})_{i+1} = \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{W})_i - \sum_{j=1}^i h_{ji}(\mathbf{W})_j.$$

Since  $(\mathbf{W})_1 = \mathbf{e}_1$  and  $\mathbf{G}$  is upper Hessenberg, we can use induction on  $i$  to show that  $(\mathbf{W})_i$  is nonzero in entries 1 to  $i$  only; i.e.,  $\mathbf{W}$  is upper triangular. Since  $\mathbf{W}$  is also orthogonal, then  $\mathbf{W}$  is diagonal and

$$\mathbf{W} = \text{diag}\{1, \pm 1, \dots, \pm 1\},$$

which implies

$$\mathbf{V} \text{diag}\{1, \pm 1, \dots, \pm 1\} = \mathbf{Q}. \quad \square$$

## 4.2. Implicit single shift QR algorithm ( $\mu^{(k)} \in \mathbb{R}$ )

- To compute  $\mathbf{H}^{(k)} = (\mathbf{Q}^{(k)})^\top \mathbf{H}^{(k-1)} \mathbf{Q}^{(k)}$  from  $\mathbf{H}^{(k-1)}$  in the QR algorithm (assume that  $\mathbf{H}^{(k)}$  is unreduced), we will need only to
  - (1) compute the first column of  $\mathbf{Q}^{(k)}$  (which is parallel to the first column of  $\mathbf{H}^{(k-1)} - \mu^{(k)} \mathbf{I}$  and so can be gotten just by normalizing this column vector).
  - (2) choose other columns of  $\mathbf{Q}^{(k)}$  such that  $\mathbf{Q}^{(k)}$  is orthogonal and  $(\mathbf{Q}^{(k)})^\top \mathbf{H}^{(k-1)} \mathbf{Q}^{(k)}$  is unreduced upper Hessenberg.
- By the implicit Q theorem, we know that we will have computed  $\mathbf{H}^{(k)}$  **correctly** because  $\mathbf{Q}^{(k)}$  is unique up to signs, which do not matter. Signs do not matter because changing the signs of the columns of  $\mathbf{Q}^{(k)}$  is the same as changing  $\mathbf{Q}^{(k)} \mathbf{R}^{(k)} = \mathbf{H}^{(k-1)} - \mu^{(k)} \mathbf{I}$  to

$$(\mathbf{Q}^{(k)} \mathbf{S}^{(k)}) (\mathbf{S}^{(k)} \mathbf{R}^{(k)}) = \mathbf{H}^{(k-1)} - \mu^{(k)} \mathbf{I},$$

where  $\mathbf{S}^{(k)} = \text{diag}\{1, \pm 1, \dots, \pm 1\}$ .

- To see how to use the implicit Q theorem, we use a  $5 \times 5$  example.

$$1. \mathbf{Q}_1^\top = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 & s_1 & & & \\ -s_1 & c_1 & & & \\ & & 1 & & \\ & & & 1 & \\ & & & & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{H}_1 := \mathbf{Q}_1^\top \mathbf{H} \mathbf{Q}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ + & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & 0 & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \times & \times \end{bmatrix}$$

Here  $c_1$  and  $s_1$  are unknown, and  $\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{H}^{(k-1)}$ .

$$2. \mathbf{Q}_2^\top = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & & \\ & c_2 & s_2 & & \\ & -s_2 & c_2 & & \\ & & & 1 & \\ & & & & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{Q}_2^\top \mathbf{H}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & 0 & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \times & \times \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\mathbf{H}_2 := \mathbf{Q}_2^\top \mathbf{H}_1 \mathbf{Q}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & + & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \times & \times \end{bmatrix}$$

$$3. \mathbf{Q}_3^\top = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & & \\ & 1 & & & \\ & & c_3 & s_3 & \\ & & -s_3 & c_3 & \\ & & & & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{Q}_3^\top \mathbf{H}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & 0 & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \times & \times \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\mathbf{H}_3 := \mathbf{Q}_3^\top \mathbf{H}_2 \mathbf{Q}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & 0 & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & 0 & + & \times & \times \end{bmatrix}$$

$$4. \mathbf{Q}_4^\top = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & & \\ & 1 & & & \\ & & 1 & & \\ & & & c_4 & s_4 \\ & & & -s_4 & c_4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{Q}_4^\top \mathbf{H}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & 0 & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \times & \times \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\mathbf{H}_4 := \mathbf{Q}_4^\top \mathbf{H}_3 \mathbf{Q}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & 0 & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \times & \times \end{bmatrix}$$

Altogether  $\mathbf{Q}^\top \mathbf{H}^{(k-1)} \mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{H}_4$  is upper Hessenberg, where

$$\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{Q}_1 \mathbf{Q}_2 \mathbf{Q}_3 \mathbf{Q}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ s_1 & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ & s_2 & \times & \times & \times \\ & & s_3 & \times & \times \\ & & & s_4 & c_4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The first column of  $\mathbf{Q}$  is  $[c_1 \ s_1 \ 0 \ \cdots \ 0]^\top$ , which by the implicit Q theorem has uniquely determined the other columns of  $\mathbf{Q}$  (up to signs). We now choose the first column of  $\mathbf{Q}$  to be proportional to the first column of  $\mathbf{H}^{(k-1)} - \mu^{(k)} \mathbf{I}$ . Then we have  $\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{Q}^{(k)} \text{diag}\{1, \pm 1, \dots, \pm 1\}$ , which means  $\mathbf{Q}$  is the Q-factor of a QR factorization of  $\mathbf{H}^{(k-1)} - \mu^{(k)} \mathbf{I}$ .

### 4.3. Implicit double shift QR algorithm ( $\mu^{(k)} \in \mathbb{C}$ )

- We describe how to maintain real arithmetic by shifting  $\mu^{(k)}$  and  $\overline{\mu^{(k)}}$  in succession:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{Q}^{(k-1/2)}\mathbf{R}^{(k-1/2)} &= \mathbf{H}^{(k-1)} - \mu^{(k)}\mathbf{I} \\ \mathbf{H}^{(k-1/2)} &= \mathbf{R}^{(k-1/2)}\mathbf{Q}^{(k-1/2)} + \mu^{(k)}\mathbf{I} \\ &= (\mathbf{Q}^{(k-1/2)})^*\mathbf{H}^{(k-1)}\mathbf{Q}^{(k-1/2)}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{Q}^{(k)}\mathbf{R}^{(k)} &= \mathbf{H}^{(k-1/2)} - \overline{\mu^{(k)}}\mathbf{I} \\ \mathbf{H}^{(k)} &= \mathbf{R}^{(k)}\mathbf{Q}^{(k)} + \overline{\mu^{(k)}}\mathbf{I} \\ &= (\mathbf{Q}^{(k)})^*\mathbf{H}^{(k-1/2)}\mathbf{Q}^{(k)} \\ &= (\mathbf{Q}^{(k-1/2)}\mathbf{Q}^{(k)})^*\mathbf{H}^{(k-1)}\mathbf{Q}^{(k-1/2)}\mathbf{Q}^{(k)}\end{aligned}$$

## Lemma 13

Assume  $\mathbf{H}^{(0)} = \mathbf{H}$  is real. We can choose  $\mathbf{Q}^{(k-1/2)}$  and  $\mathbf{Q}^{(k)}$  such that

- (1)  $\mathbf{Q}^{(k-1/2)}\mathbf{Q}^{(k)}$  is real,
- (2)  $\mathbf{H}^{(k)}$  is therefore real,
- (3) the first column of  $\mathbf{Q}^{(k-1/2)}\mathbf{Q}^{(k)}$  is easy to compute.

*Proof.* Since

$$\mathbf{Q}^{(k)}\mathbf{R}^{(k)} = \mathbf{H}^{(k-1/2)} - \overline{\mu^{(k)}}\mathbf{I} = \mathbf{R}^{(k-1/2)}\mathbf{Q}^{(k-1/2)} + (\mu^{(k)} - \overline{\mu^{(k)}})\mathbf{I},$$

we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{Q}^{(k-1/2)}\mathbf{Q}^{(k)}\mathbf{R}^{(k)}\mathbf{R}^{(k-1/2)} \\ &= \mathbf{Q}^{(k-1/2)}(\mathbf{R}^{(k-1/2)}\mathbf{Q}^{(k-1/2)} + (\mu^{(k)} - \overline{\mu^{(k)}})\mathbf{I})\mathbf{R}^{(k-1/2)} \\ &= \mathbf{Q}^{(k-1/2)}\mathbf{R}^{(k-1/2)}\mathbf{Q}^{(k-1/2)}\mathbf{R}^{(k-1/2)} + (\mu^{(k)} - \overline{\mu^{(k)}})\mathbf{Q}^{(k-1/2)}\mathbf{R}^{(k-1/2)} \\ &= (\mathbf{H}^{(k-1)} - \mu^{(k)}\mathbf{I})^2 + (\mu^{(k)} - \overline{\mu^{(k)}})(\mathbf{H}^{(k-1)} - \mu^{(k)}\mathbf{I}) \\ &= (\mathbf{H}^{(k-1)})^2 - 2\operatorname{Re}(\mu^{(k)})\mathbf{H}^{(k-1)} + |\mu^{(k)}|^2\mathbf{I} =: \mathbf{M}. \end{aligned}$$

Note that

$$\mathbf{Q}^{(k-1/2)} \mathbf{Q}^{(k)} \mathbf{R}^{(k)} \mathbf{R}^{(k-1/2)} = \mathbf{M}$$

is a QR factorization of the real matrix  $\mathbf{M}$ . Therefore,  $\mathbf{Q}^{(k-1/2)} \mathbf{Q}^{(k)}$  and  $\mathbf{R}^{(k)} \mathbf{R}^{(k-1/2)}$  can be chosen real. This means that

$$\mathbf{H}^{(k)} = (\mathbf{Q}^{(k-1/2)} \mathbf{Q}^{(k)})^* \mathbf{H}^{(k-1)} \mathbf{Q}^{(k-1/2)} \mathbf{Q}^{(k)}$$

also is real if  $\mathbf{H}^{(k-1)}$  is real. The first column of  $\mathbf{Q}^{(k-1/2)} \mathbf{Q}^{(k)}$  is proportional to the first column of

$$(\mathbf{H}^{(k-1)})^2 - 2\operatorname{Re}(\mu^{(k)})\mathbf{H}^{(k-1)} + |\mu^{(k)}|^2 \mathbf{I},$$

whose sparsity pattern is  $[\times \quad \times \quad \times \quad 0 \quad \cdots \quad 0]^\top$ . Obviously, the first column of  $\mathbf{Q}^{(k-1/2)} \mathbf{Q}^{(k)}$  is easy to compute since  $\mathbf{H}^{(k-1)}$  is upper Hessenberg. □

The implicit Q theorem and the last lemma can be used to compute  $\mathbf{H}^{(k)}$  from  $\mathbf{H}^{(k-1)}$ .



- We provide a  $6 \times 6$  example. Let  $\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{H}^{(k-1)}$ .

1. Choose an orthogonal matrix

$$\mathbf{Q}_1^\top = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{\mathbf{Q}}^\top & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \tilde{\mathbf{Q}}^\top \tilde{\mathbf{Q}} = \mathbf{I}_3,$$

where the first column of  $\mathbf{Q}_1$  is proportional to the first column of

$$\mathbf{H}^2 - 2\operatorname{Re}(\mu^{(k)})\mathbf{H} + |\mu^{(k)}|^2\mathbf{I},$$

so

$$\mathbf{Q}_1^\top \mathbf{H} = \begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ + & \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & 0 & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \times & \times \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{Q}_1^\top \mathbf{H} \mathbf{Q}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ + & \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ + & + & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \times & \times \end{bmatrix}$$

2. Choose a Householder reflector  $\mathbf{Q}_2^\top$ , which affects only rows 2,3, and 4 of  $\mathbf{H}_1 := \mathbf{Q}_1^\top \mathbf{H} \mathbf{Q}_1$ , zeroing out entries (3,1) and (4,1) of  $\mathbf{H}_1$  (this means that  $\mathbf{Q}_2^\top$  is the identity matrix outside rows and columns 2 through 4):

$$\mathbf{Q}_2^\top = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & & & \\ & \times & \times & \times & & \\ & \times & \times & \times & & \\ & \times & \times & \times & & \\ & & & & 1 & \\ & & & & & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{Q}_2^\top \mathbf{H}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & + & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \times & \times \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\mathbf{H}_2 := \mathbf{Q}_2^\top \mathbf{H}_1 \mathbf{Q}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & + & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & + & + & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \times & \times \end{bmatrix}$$

3. Choose a Householder reflector  $\mathbf{Q}_3^\top$ , which affects only rows 3,4, and 5 of  $\mathbf{H}_2$ , zeroing out entries (4,2) and (5,2) of  $\mathbf{H}_2$  (this means that  $\mathbf{Q}_3^\top$  is the identity matrix outside rows and columns 3 through 5):

$$\mathbf{Q}_3^\top = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & & \\ & 1 & & & \\ & & \times & \times & \times \\ & & \times & \times & \times \\ & & \times & \times & \times \\ & & & & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{Q}_3^\top \mathbf{H}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & 0 & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & 0 & + & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \times & \times \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\mathbf{H}_3 := \mathbf{Q}_3^\top \mathbf{H}_2 \mathbf{Q}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & 0 & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & 0 & + & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & 0 & + & + & \times & \times \end{bmatrix}$$

4. Choose a Householder reflector  $\mathbf{Q}_4^\top$ , which affects only rows 4,5, and 6 of  $\mathbf{H}_3$ , zeroing out entries (5,3) and (6,3) of  $\mathbf{H}_3$  (this means that  $\mathbf{Q}_4^\top$  is the identity matrix outside rows and columns 4 through 6):

$$\mathbf{Q}_4^\top = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & & & \\ & 1 & & & & \\ & & 1 & & & \\ & & & \times & \times & \times \\ & & & \times & \times & \times \\ & & & \times & \times & \times \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{Q}_4^\top \mathbf{H}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & 0 & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & + & \times & \times \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\mathbf{H}_4 := \mathbf{Q}_4^\top \mathbf{H}_3 \mathbf{Q}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & 0 & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \times & \times & \times \end{bmatrix}$$

5. Choose a Givens rotation  $\mathbf{Q}_5^\top$

$$\mathbf{Q}_5^\top = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & & & \\ & 1 & & & & \\ & & 1 & & & \\ & & & 1 & & \\ & & & & c & s \\ & & & & -s & c \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{Q}_5^\top \mathbf{H}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & 0 & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \times & \times \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\mathbf{H}_5 = \mathbf{Q}_5^\top \mathbf{H}_4 \mathbf{Q}_5 = \begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & 0 & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \times & \times \end{bmatrix}.$$

Altogether  $\mathbf{Q}^\top \mathbf{H}^{(k-1)} \mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{H}_5$  is upper Hessenberg, where

$$\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{Q}_1 \mathbf{Q}_2 \mathbf{Q}_3 \mathbf{Q}_4 \mathbf{Q}_5 \quad \text{with} \quad \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{e}_1 = \mathbf{Q}_1 \mathbf{e}_1.$$

## 4.4. Two phases of QR algorithm

- First phase: reduce to an upper Hessenberg matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{Q_1^*} \begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & \times & \times & \times & \times \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\cdot Q_1} \begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \end{bmatrix}$$

$\mathbf{A} \qquad \qquad \mathbf{Q_1^* A} \qquad \qquad \mathbf{Q_1^* A Q_1}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ & \times & \times & \times & \times \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{Q_2^*} \begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ & 0 & \times & \times & \times \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\cdot Q_2} \begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ & & \times & \times & \times \\ & & & \times & \times \end{bmatrix}$$

$\mathbf{Q_1^* A Q_1} \qquad \qquad \mathbf{Q_2^* Q_1^* A Q_1} \qquad \qquad \mathbf{Q_2^* Q_1^* A Q_1 Q_2}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ & & \times & \times & \times \\ & & & \times & \times \end{bmatrix} \qquad \underbrace{\mathbf{Q_{m-2}^* \cdots Q_2^* Q_1^*}}_{\mathbf{Q^*}} \mathbf{A} \underbrace{\mathbf{Q_1 Q_2 \cdots Q_{m-2}}}_{\mathbf{Q}} = \mathbf{H}.$$

- Second phase: generate a sequence of upper Hessenberg (or tridiagonal) matrices that converge to an upper triangular (or diagonal) matrix.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \end{bmatrix} & \xrightarrow{\text{Phase 1}} & \begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ & & \times & \times & \times \\ & & & \times & \times \end{bmatrix} & \xrightarrow{\text{Phase 2}} & \begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ & & \times & \times & \times \\ & & & \times & \times \\ & & & & \times \end{bmatrix} \\
 \mathbf{A} \neq \mathbf{A}^* & & \mathbf{H} & & \mathbf{T}
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \end{bmatrix} & \xrightarrow{\text{Phase 1}} & \begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & & & \\ \times & \times & \times & & \\ & \times & \times & \times & \\ & & \times & \times & \times \\ & & & \times & \times \end{bmatrix} & \xrightarrow{\text{Phase 2}} & \begin{bmatrix} \times & & & & \\ & \times & & & \\ & & \times & & \\ & & & \times & \\ & & & & \times \end{bmatrix} \\
 \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}^* & & \mathbf{H} & & \mathbf{D}
 \end{array}$$

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