

# CX1104: Linear Algebra for Computing

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & a_{m3} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}}_{A \quad m \times n} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}}_{x \quad n \times 1} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_m \end{bmatrix}}_{b \quad m \times 1}$$

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Lecture : **Orthogonality**

Topic : **Gram–Schmidt Process**

Concept : **Using Matlab to get QR  
and 4 cases of A**

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# Using Matlab for QR

We will consider only the two common cases:

- i) A is a square matrix
- ii) A has dimension  $m \times n$  ( $m > n$ )

Using Matlab, there are 2 options, complete (full) vs economy decomposition.

## Matlab

```
qr      Orthogonal-triangular decomposition.  
[Q,R] = qr(A), where A is m-by-n, produces an m-by-n upper triangular  
matrix R and an m-by-m unitary matrix Q so that A = Q*R.  
  
[Q,R] = qr(A,0) produces the "economy size" decomposition.  
If m>n, only the first n columns of Q and the first n rows of R are  
computed. If m<=n, this is the same as [Q,R] = qr(A).
```

## numpy.linalg.qr

```
linalg.qr(a, mode='reduced')
```

Compute the qr factorization of a matrix.

Factor the matrix *a* as *qr*, where *q* is orthonormal and *r* is upper-triangular.

Parameters: *a* : *array\_like, shape (M, N)*  
Matrix to be factored.

*mode* : {'reduced', 'complete', 'r', 'raw'}, optional  
If  $K = \min(M, N)$ , then

- 'reduced' : returns *q*, *r* with dimensions (M, K), (K, N) (default)
- 'complete' : returns *q*, *r* with dimensions (M, M), (M, N)

Note: option for  
numpy 'reduced' == matlab 'economy'  
when performing QR

# QR using Matlab and the 4 cases

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We explore QR of  $A$  for the following 4 cases

1) Square  $A$  matrix (size  $3 \times 3$ )

Ex1 ) where  $A$  has 3 independent col

Ex2 ) where  $A$  has 2 independent col, and 1 dependent col

2) Tall  $A$  matrix (size  $3 \times 2$ )

Ex3 ) where  $A$  has 2 independent col

Ex4 ) where  $A$  col are dependent ( $\text{col2} == 2 \times \text{col1}$ )

Study the effect decomposition has on  $Q$  and  $R$ , as well  
as selection of Matlab economy vs complete (full) QR decomposition.

# Introducing $A = QR$ for Square A

Example 1: A is 3x3 square and has **independent** column

## Square matrix [\[edit\]](#)

Any real [square matrix](#)  $A$  may be decomposed as

$$A = QR,$$

where  $Q$  is an [orthogonal matrix](#) (its columns are [orthogonal unit vectors](#) meaning  $Q^T = Q^{-1}$ ) and  $R$  is an upper [triangular matrix](#) (also called right triangular matrix). If  $A$  is [invertible](#), then the factorization is unique if we require the diagonal elements of  $R$  to be positive.

If instead  $A$  is a complex square matrix, then there is a decomposition  $A = QR$  where  $Q$  is a [unitary matrix](#) (so  $Q^* = Q^{-1}$ ).

If  $A$  has  $n$  [linearly independent](#) columns, then the first  $n$  columns of  $Q$  form an [orthonormal basis](#) for the [column space](#) of  $A$ . More generally, the first  $k$  columns of  $Q$  form an orthonormal basis for the [span](#) of the first  $k$  columns of  $A$  for any  $1 \leq k \leq n$ .<sup>[1]</sup> The fact that any column  $k$  of  $A$  only depends on the first  $k$  columns of  $Q$  is responsible for the triangular form of  $R$ .<sup>[1]</sup>

Matlab Notation:

$$Q' == Q^T$$

When  $A$  is square and has independent column, factorizing  $A$  to  $QR$ , then  
 $Q' * Q == Q * Q' ==$  identity matrix  
And  $R$  which is square is invertible!

```
>> A = [1 2 3; 1 2 1; 1 1 3]
```

```
A =
```

```
1     2     3
1     2     1
1     1     3
```

```
>> rank(A)
```

```
ans =
```

```
3
```

```
>> [Q,R] = qr(A)
```

```
Q =
```

```
-0.5774    -0.4082    -0.7071
-0.5774    -0.4082     0.7071
-0.5774     0.8165     -0.0000
```

```
R =
```

```
-1.7321    -2.8868    -4.0415
         0    -0.8165     0.8165
         0         0    -1.4142
```

```
>> rank(R)
```

```
ans =
```

```
3
```

```
>> Q*R
```

```
ans =
```

```
1.0000    2.0000    3.0000
1.0000    2.0000    1.0000
1.0000    1.0000    3.0000
```

```
>> Q'*Q
```

```
ans =
```

```
1.0000    0.0000    0.0000
0.0000    1.0000   -0.0000
0.0000   -0.0000    1.0000
```

```
>> Q*Q'
```

```
ans =
```

```
1.0000   -0.0000   -0.0000
-0.0000    1.0000   -0.0000
-0.0000   -0.0000    1.0000
```

# Square A with dependent col

Example 2: A is 3x3 square and  
A has 1 dependent column

```
>> A = [1 2 3; 1 2 3; 1 1 2]
```

A =

1	2	3
1	2	3
1	1	2

```
>> rank(A)
```

ans =

2

```
>> [Q,R] = qr(A)
```

Q =

-0.5774	-0.4082	-0.7071
-0.5774	-0.4082	0.7071
-0.5774	0.8165	-0.0000

R =

-1.7321	-2.8868	-4.6188
0	-0.8165	-0.8165
0	0	-0.0000

```
>> Q*R
```

ans =

1.0000	2.0000	3.0000
1.0000	2.0000	3.0000
1.0000	1.0000	2.0000

```
>> rank(R)
```

ans =

2

```
>> Q'*Q
```

ans =

1.0000	0.0000	0.0000
0.0000	1.0000	-0.0000
0.0000	-0.0000	1.0000

```
>> Q*Q'
```

ans =

1.0000	-0.0000	-0.0000
-0.0000	1.0000	-0.0000
-0.0000	-0.0000	1.0000

When A is square and has dependent column,  
It still can be decomposed into QR, and  
 $Q' * Q == Q * Q' ==$  identity matrix  
BUT now, R which is square is NOT invertible!  
R has rank 2 bcos A has 2 independent col.

# Introducing $A = QR$ for Tall $A$ ( $m > n$ )

## Rectangular matrix [\[ edit \]](#)

More generally, we can factor a complex  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$ , with  $m \geq n$ , as the product of an  $m \times m$  [unitary matrix](#)  $Q$  and an  $m \times n$  upper triangular matrix  $R$ . As the bottom  $(m-n)$  rows of an  $m \times n$  upper triangular matrix consist entirely of zeroes, it is often useful to partition  $R$ , or both  $R$  and  $Q$ :

$$A = QR = Q \begin{bmatrix} R_1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = [Q_1 \quad Q_2] \begin{bmatrix} R_1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = Q_1 R_1,$$

where  $R_1$  is an  $n \times n$  upper triangular matrix,  $0$  is an  $(m-n) \times n$  zero matrix,  $Q_1$  is  $m \times n$ ,  $Q_2$  is  $m \times (m-n)$ , and  $Q_1$  and  $Q_2$  both have orthogonal columns.

[Golub & Van Loan \(1996, §5.2\)](#) call  $Q_1 R_1$  the *thin QR factorization* of  $A$ ; [Trefethen and Bau](#) call this the *reduced QR factorization*.<sup>[1]</sup> If  $A$  is of full [rank](#)  $n$  and we require that the diagonal elements of  $R_1$  are positive then  $R_1$  and  $Q_1$  are unique, but in general  $Q_2$  is not.  $R_1$  is then equal to the upper triangular factor of the [Cholesky decomposition](#) of  $A^* A$  ( $= A^T A$  if  $A$  is real).

Note:

$\text{col}(Q_1) == \text{col}(A)$ ,  
while  
 $\text{col}(Q_2) = \text{orthogonal complement of col}(A)$

see example 3 and 4 (in next pages)

# Tall A

$$A = QR = Q \begin{bmatrix} R_1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = [Q_1 \quad Q_2] \begin{bmatrix} R_1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = Q_1 R_1,$$

Example 3: A is tall (3x2) and  
A has 2 independent column

```
A =  
  
    1    2  
    1    2  
    1    1  
  
>> [Q,R] = qr(A)  
  
Q =  
  
   -0.5774   -0.4082   -0.7071  
   -0.5774   -0.4082    0.7071  
   -0.5774    0.8165   -0.0000  
  
R =  
  
   -1.7321   -2.8868  
    0    -0.8165  
    0         0
```

```
>> Q'*Q  
  
ans =  
  
    1.0000    0.0000    0.0000  
    0.0000    1.0000   -0.0000  
    0.0000   -0.0000    1.0000  
  
>> Q*Q'  
  
ans =  
  
    1.0000   -0.0000   -0.0000  
   -0.0000    1.0000   -0.0000  
   -0.0000   -0.0000    1.0000
```

`[Q,R] = qr(A)` (complete decomposition)

- Complete Q has size == 3x3 (and it an orthogonal matrix even though A is 3x2).
- R is 3x2 (row 1 and 2 of R are non-zero bcos A has 2 independent col)

$Q_1$  is the first 2 columns of Q (bcos A has 2 independent col)

$\text{col}(Q_1) == \text{col}(A)$

$Q_2$  is the last column of Q

```
A =  
  
    1    2  
    1    2  
    1    1  
  
>> [Q,R] = qr(A,0)  
  
Q =  
  
   -0.5774   -0.4082  
   -0.5774   -0.4082  
   -0.5774    0.8165  
  
R =  
  
   -1.7321   -2.8868  
    0    -0.8165
```

```
>> Q'*Q  
  
ans =  
  
    1.0000    0.0000  
    0.0000    1.0000  
  
>> Q*Q'  
  
ans =  
  
    0.5000    0.5000   -0.0000  
    0.5000    0.5000    0.0000  
   -0.0000    0.0000    1.0000
```

`[Q,R] = qr(A,0)` (using economy decomposition)

reduced Q has size == 3x2.

Note that  $Q'*Q = I$  (size (2x2))

While  $Q*Q' = P$

a projection matrix size 3x3.

A projection matrix: see Strang lecture 16

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=osh80YCg\\_GM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=osh80YCg_GM)



# Tall A

$$A = QR = Q \begin{bmatrix} R_1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = [Q_1 \quad Q_2] \begin{bmatrix} R_1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = Q_1 R_1,$$

Example 4: A is tall (3x2) and  
A has **dependent** column

```
A =  
     1     2  
     1     2  
     1     2  
  
>> [Q,R] = qr(A)  
  
Q =  
  
    -0.5774    0.8165   -0.0000  
    -0.5774   -0.4082   -0.7071  
    -0.5774   -0.4082    0.7071  
  
R =  
  
    -1.7321   -3.4641  
         0   -0.0000  
         0         0
```

```
>> Q*R  
  
ans =  
  
     1.0000     2.0000  
     1.0000     2.0000  
     1.0000     2.0000
```

$[Q,R] = \text{qr}(A)$  (**complete decomposition**)

Complete Q has size == 3x3 even though A is 3x2

And R is 3x2 (Only row 1 of R is non-zero, bcos there is ONLY 1 independent col in A)

$Q_1$  is ONLY the first column of Q (bcos A has ONLY 1 independent col),  $\text{col}(Q_1) == \text{col}(A)$

$Q_2$  is the last 2 columns of Q

```
A =  
     1     2  
     1     2  
     1     2  
  
>> [Q,R] = qr(A,0)  
  
Q =  
  
    -0.5774    0.8165  
    -0.5774   -0.4082  
    -0.5774   -0.4082  
  
R =  
  
    -1.7321   -3.4641  
         0   -0.0000
```

```
>> Q*R  
  
ans =  
  
     1.0000     2.0000  
     1.0000     2.0000  
     1.0000     2.0000
```

$[Q,R] = \text{qr}(A,0)$  (**economy decomposition**)

reduced Q has size == 3x2