

MA 405, 4/5/17

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A=QR

Recall: Gram-Schmidt process for transforming a set of independent column vectors $\{v_1 \dots v_n\}$ into a set of *orthonormal* vecs $\{q_1 \dots q_n\}$

Works by successively project-
ing onto lines and subtract-

ex

$$v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, v_2 = v_3 = \quad (1)$$

which yields

$$q_1 = q_2 = q_3 =$$

check: these vecs are orthonormal.

Useful for matrix factorization!

example:

$$A = LU, \quad (3)$$

useful for repeatedly solving $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ for many \vec{b}

Different factorization:

A = QR, Q orthonor-
mal columns, R upper triangu-
lar

Useful for solving least-squares problems for many data vectors.

How to get this factorization?

ex

$$A = [v_1 \mid v_2 \mid v_3] \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}, B = [q_1 \mid q_2 \mid q_3] \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3} \quad (4)$$

What should R equal if we want $A=QR$?

$$v_1 \& q_1 : \quad (5)$$

They are already in the same direction:

$$\vec{v}_1 = ()\vec{q}_1 \quad (6)$$

is its projection onto \vec{q}_1 !

Now, how to find the projection coefficient:

$$\vec{v}_1 = \left(\frac{\vec{q}_1^T \vec{v}_1}{\vec{q}_1^T \vec{q}_1} \right) \vec{q}_1 \quad (7)$$

And since \vec{q}_1 has length 1,

$$\vec{v}_1 = (\vec{q}_1^T \vec{v}_1) \vec{q}_1 \quad (8)$$

How are \vec{v}_2 and \vec{q}_2 related to each other?

Well, \vec{v}_2 has a part in the direction of \vec{q}_1 , but all the rest of it is in the direction of \vec{q}_2 (because of the G-Sch process).

So,

$$\vec{v}_2 = ()\vec{q}_1 + ()\vec{q}_2 \quad (9)$$

all of \vec{v}_2 is in one of these two directions...

Coefficients are found by *projections*!

\vec{v}_3 has parts in directions of q_1 and q_2 , but all the rest is in direction of q_3 !

$$v_3 = (q_1^T v_3)q_1 + (q_2^T v_3)q_2 + (q_3^T v_3)q_3 \quad (10)$$

Now we know how all vectors v are related to all vectors q . This should tell us what R needs to be.

Since q_1 and v_1 are related so simply,

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} q_1^T v_1 & q_1^T v_2 & q_1^T v_3 \\ 0 & q_2^T v_2 & q_2^T v_3 \\ 0 & 0 & q_3^T v_3 \end{bmatrix} \quad (11)$$

col R1 says you only first vector v_1 to get to vector q_1 . 0 in R32 bc q_2 doesn't depend on v_3 at all.

Check: compare j th column of A to j th column of QR :

$$(QR)_j = Q \cdot (R)_{jthcol} = Q \begin{bmatrix} q_1^T v_j \\ q_2^T v_j \\ q_3^T v_j \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

This is a linear combination of the different columns of Q , so it's also

$$(q_1^T v_j)q_1 + (q_2^T v_j)q_2 + \dots + (q_j^T v_j)q_j + 0 \cdot q_{j+1} + 0 + 0 \cdot q_n \quad (12)$$

Now compare to v_j , the j th column of A , to the above. They're equal! So

Theorem: any $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ having independent columns will have a "QR" factorization

$$A = Q \cdot R \quad (13)$$

where $Q \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ has orthonormal columns and $R \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ has upper-triangular structure and is invertible

Facts about orthonormal matrices, Q

1. $(Q^T Q)_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n Q_{kithrow}^T \cdot Q_{kithcol} = (Q_{ithcol})^T \cdot (Q_{jthcol}) = 0$ if $i \neq j$, $1i = j$. i.e.,
2. $Q^T Q = I$
3. If Q is square, Q is invertible, and $Q^{-1} = Q^T$
4. $\|Q\vec{x}\| = \|\vec{x}\|$ (Q doesn't change the length of things)
5. $(Q\vec{x})^T (Q\vec{y}) = \vec{x}^T Q^T Q \vec{y} = \vec{x}^T \vec{y}$ (Q preserves inner products)
6. projections: since q 's are all orthogonal, they are a basis for $\text{Col}(Q)$. Any vector $\vec{b} \in \text{Col}(Q)$ has a linear combination $\vec{b} = c_1 q_1 + c_2 q_2 + \dots + c_n q_n =$ a sum of projections of \vec{b} onto 1D lines formed by the basis vectors q_j (where each of the coefficients can be found by projection: $c_j = (\vec{q}_j^T \vec{b})$)

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using QR to solve least squares

Suppose

$$A\vec{x}=\vec{b}$$

where $A \in \Re^{m \times n}$, overdetermined system. No exact solution, but the columns of A are independent.

So, as a least-square problem:

$$\hat{x} = \min ||A\hat{x} - \vec{b}||^2$$

which can be found by solving the Normal equations:

$$A^T A \hat{x} = A^T \vec{b}$$

If I had a QR factorization,

$$(QR)^T (QR) \hat{x} = (QR)^T \vec{b}$$

$$R^T Q^T Q R \hat{x} = R^T Q^T \vec{b}$$

but since Q has orthonormal columns, $Q^T Q = I$, and

$$R^T R \hat{x} = R^T Q^T \vec{b} \quad (14)$$

and, since R is invertible, so R^T is, too:

$$R^{-T} (R^T R \hat{x}) = R^{-T} (R^T Q^T \vec{b})$$

$$\boxed{R \hat{x} = Q^T \vec{b}}$$

Now just solve *that* linear system for \hat{x} . But, since R is upper triangular, this is a triangular system, which is way easier to solve! Particularly for many \vec{b} vectors.

End of Midterm Material

Next class: Chapter 4