

1.9 The QR Factorization of A^{k+1}

Let $Q_0 = Q$ and $R_0 = R$. First show that

$$Q_0 Q_1 \dots Q_{k-1} A_k = A Q_0 Q_1 \dots Q_{k-1}$$

for all $k \geq 1$. Then show that

$$(Q_0 Q_1 \dots Q_k)(R_k \dots R_1 R_0) = A(Q_0 Q_1 \dots Q_{k-1})(R_{k-1} \dots R_1 R_0)$$

Finally, deduce that $(Q_0 Q_1 \dots Q_k)(R_k \dots R_1 R_0)$ is the QR factorization of A^{k+1} .

Step 1. proof by induction - base case $k=1$

$$A = Q_0 R_0$$

$$Q_0 A_1 = Q_0 R_0 = A \Rightarrow A_1 = R_0 \quad \text{assume property holds for } k$$

$$Q_0 A_1 = A Q_0$$

→ show it holds for $k+1$ - use QR factorization of A_k

$$A = Q_k R_k$$

Where Q is orthogonal and R_k is upper triangular

$$Q_0 Q_1 \dots Q_{k-1} A_k = Q_0 Q_1 \dots Q_{k-1} (Q_k R_k)$$

Since Q_k is orthogonal, regroup:

$$Q_0 Q_1 \dots Q_{k-1} A_k = (Q_0 Q_1 \dots Q_k) R_k$$

The inductive hypothesis:

$$Q_0 Q_1 \dots Q_{k-1} A_k = A Q_0 Q_1 \dots Q_{k-1}$$

substitute: $A_k = Q_k R_k$

$$Q_0 Q_1 \dots Q_{k-1} Q_k R_k = A Q_0 Q_1 \dots Q_k$$

Continued...

so property holds for $k+1$

$$\circ Q_0 Q_1 \dots Q_{k-1} A_k = A Q_0 Q_1 \dots Q_{k-1}, \forall k \geq 1$$

Step 2. use result from step 1.

$$Q_0 Q_1 \dots Q_{k-1} A_k = A Q_0 Q_1 \dots Q_{k-1}$$

Multiply both sides by $Q_k R_k$ (the QR decomposition of A_k)

$$Q_0 Q_1 \dots Q_{k-1} Q_k R_k = A Q_0 Q_1 \dots Q_{k-1}$$

regroup terms

$$(Q_0 Q_1 \dots Q_k) (R_k \dots R_1 R_0) = A (Q_0 Q_1 \dots Q_{k-1}) (R_{k-1} \dots R_1 R_0)$$

\circ second part is completed

Step 3. use inductive structure - Q_i is orthogonal, R_i upper Δ

\hookrightarrow this means the product $Q_0 Q_1 \dots Q_k$ is orthogonal and $R_k \dots R_1 R_0$ is upper triangular

$$\text{this proves: } (Q_0 Q_1 \dots Q_k) (R_k \dots R_1 R_0) = A^{k+1}$$

product represents the QR factorization of A^{k+1} , where

$$Q = Q_0 Q_1 \dots Q_k \text{ and } R = R_k \dots R_1 R_0$$

\circ QR factorization of A^{k+1} is given by

$$(Q_0 Q_1 \dots Q_k) (R_k \dots R_1 R_0)$$