

# QR

It helps solve systems of linear equations  $Ax = b$  efficiently, especially when  $A$  is not a **square matrix or is ill-conditioned**.

After decomposing  $A = QR$ , solving  $Ax = b$  reduces to solving  $Rx = Q^T b$ , which is straightforward because  $R$  is triangular.

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# QR method

$$Ax=b \rightarrow \begin{cases} x=A^{-1}b & \text{if } A \text{ is ill-conditioned or not square} \\ \text{we will use QR method} \end{cases}$$

$$A=QR \quad \begin{matrix} m \times n \\ \text{orthogonal} \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} n \times n \\ \text{upper triangular} \end{matrix}$$

$$Q^T Q = Q Q^T = I \quad \begin{matrix} \text{orthogonal if square} \\ (\text{orthogonal}) \end{matrix}$$

if Q is square  $Q^{-1}=Q^T$

instead of solving  $Ax=b \rightarrow$  we solve  $QRx=b \rightarrow Rx=Q^T b$   
there are many ways to compute this but here we use Gram-Schmidt process

construct Q from A

$$R(A) = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \quad R(A) \leftarrow \text{columns of } A \text{ are } a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$$

$v_1$

$$v_2 = a_2 - \frac{\langle v_1, a_2 \rangle}{\|v_1\|^2} v_1$$

proj  $v_1$

$Q$  columns  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  and  $R$  is upper triangular

$$R = Q^T A$$

Ex

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

columns of A are  $a_1, a_2, a_3$   
orthogonal basis

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R(A) = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ & & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ & 1 & 1 \\ & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{normalize } a_1 \Rightarrow v_1 = \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right]$$

$$v_2 = a_2 - \frac{\langle v_1, a_2 \rangle}{\|v_1\|^2} v_1 \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} - \left( \frac{5}{3} \right) \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$v_1 \cdot a_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{5}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\|v_1\|^2 = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}} = 1$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \frac{5}{3} \\ \frac{5}{3} \\ \frac{5}{3} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{2}{3} \\ -\frac{1}{3} \\ -\frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} \rightarrow v_2 \text{ normalize } \frac{v_2}{\|v_2\|}$$

$$v_3 = a_3 - \frac{\langle v_1, a_3 \rangle}{\|v_1\|^2} v_1 - \frac{\langle v_2, a_3 \rangle}{\|v_2\|^2} v_2$$

$$\frac{v_3}{\|v_3\|}$$