

Remember to adequately label all plots and include any MATLAB scripts and functions with your solutions. A clear and complete presentation of your solutions is required for full credit.

1. *QR Factorization and Least Squares.* Given an $n \times m$ matrix A with $n \geq m$, you can decompose A into an $n \times m$ matrix Q with orthonormal columns and an $m \times m$ upper triangular matrix R as $A = QR$. This is called the *thin* or *economy* QR factorization.

(a) By hand, compute the thin QR factorization the following matrix:

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

You can use your result to test the function `gram_schmidt` that you implement below.

- (b) Write a function with the declaration `function [Q,R] = gram_schmidt(A)` which computes the thin QR factorization of the given matrix using Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization. Its input A is an $n \times m$ matrix A with $n \geq m$. Its outputs Q and R are the $n \times m$ matrix Q and the $m \times m$ matrix R with $A = QR$.
- (c) The daily high temperature in Albuquerque is roughly modeled by a function of the form

$$y(x) = a_1 + a_2 \cos(2\pi x/12) + a_3 \sin(2\pi x/12),$$

where x is measured in months since January and y is measured in degrees Fahrenheit. Data from the National Weather Service, averaged over the years 1914 to 2005, give the following average high temperatures:

x	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
y	47.2	53.2	60.6	70.0	79.4	89.3	91.7	88.9	82.4	71.0	56.9	47.7

What is the overdetermined system of equations that relates the model to the data?

- (d) Use the thin QR factorization given by your function `gram_schmidt` to solve the least squares problem associated with this overdetermined system for the coefficients a_1 , a_2 , and a_3 . Plot the data and the fitted model on the same axes. What do you predict will be the high temperature on April 15 ($x = 3.5$) using this fit?
2. *Functions as Vectors.* The QR factorization has an analog for orthonormal expansions of functions rather than vectors. We will consider the space $L^2[-1, 1]$. This is a vector space of real-valued functions on $[-1, 1]$. The dot product of functions f and g now takes the form

$$f \cdot g = \int_{-1}^1 f(x)g(x) dx,$$

and the norm of a function f takes the form

$$\|f\|^2 = f \cdot f = \int_{-1}^1 (f(x))^2 dx.$$

Consider the “matrix” whose “columns” are the monomials x^j :

$$A = \left[\begin{array}{c|c|c|c|c} 1 & x & x^2 & \dots & x^{n-1} \end{array} \right].$$

The “continuous QR factorization” of A takes the form

$$A = QR = \left[\begin{array}{c|c|c|c|c} q_0(x) & q_1(x) & q_2(x) & \dots & q_{n-1}(x) \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{cccc} r_{11} & r_{12} & \dots & r_{1n} \\ & r_{22} & \dots & r_{2n} \\ & & \ddots & \vdots \\ & & & r_{nn} \end{array} \right]$$

where the “columns” of Q are orthonormal with respect to the dot product:

$$q_i \cdot q_j = \int_{-1}^1 q_i(x) q_j(x) dx = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = j. \\ 0 & \text{if } i \neq j. \end{cases}$$

- Using the classical Gram-Schmidt algorithm, find by hand the functions $q_0(x)$ through $q_3(x)$. Plot these functions on the same set of axes, making sure to give your plot an appropriate legend.
- Construct a discrete approximation to the “matrix” A by setting `x = linspace(-1,1,100)` and `A = [x'.^0,x'.^1,x'.^2,x'.^3]`. Find the thin QR factorization of A using your function `gram_schmidt` from the previous problem. Plot the columns of Q on the same set of axes, making sure to give your plot an appropriate legend. Your plot should resemble that from the previous part.
- Using what you know about linear algebra, explain the relationship between the calculations that you performed in this problem.