

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  $n \times n$  orthogonal matrix  $Q$  and an  $n \times m$  upper triangular matrix  $R$  as  $A = QR$ .

(a) By hand, compute the factors  $Q$  and  $R$  for 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 `[Q,R] = gram_schmidt(A)` which computes the 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  $n \times n$  matrix  $Q$  and the  $n \times m$  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 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

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

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:

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

- (a) Using the 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.
- (b) Construct a discrete approximation to the “matrix”  $A$  by setting
 

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x = linspace(-1,1,100)
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 and
 

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A = [x.^0,x.^1,x.^2,x.^3].
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Then find the thin  $QR$  factorization of  $A$  by running `[Q,R] = qr(A,0)`. 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.

- (c) Using what you know about linear algebra, explain the relationship between the calculations that you performed in this problem.