

## Step-1

Let  $Q$  be an orthogonal matrix.

We have to show  $\|Q\| = 1, c(Q) = 1$  where  $Q$  is the orthogonal matrix.

## Step-2

We know that

Def 1: conditional number  $c$  of a matrix  $A$  is

$c(A) = \|A\| \|A^{-1}\|$  where  $A$  is square matrix

$= \frac{\lambda_{\max}}{\lambda_{\min}}$  where  $A$  is a positive definite matrix.

Def 2:  $\|A\|^2 = \max_{x \neq 0} \frac{\|Ax\|^2}{\|x\|^2}$

$$= \max_{x \neq 0} \frac{x^T A^T A x}{x^T x}$$

## Step-3

We know that if  $Q$  is an orthogonal matrix, then  $Q^T = Q^{-1}$  (1)

In view of the above definition 2, we get  $\|Q\|^2 = \max_{x \neq 0} \frac{x^T Q^T Q x}{x^T x}$

Using (1) in this, we get  $\|Q\|^2 = \max_{x \neq 0} \frac{x^T (Q^{-1} Q) x}{x^T x}$

$$= \max_{x \neq 0} \frac{x^T I x}{x^T x} \quad (\text{Since } Q^{-1} Q = Q Q^{-1} = I)$$

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$= 1$  Since  $x$  is a non zero vector.

Since norm is a non negative quantity, by applying the square root on both sides, we get

$$\|Q\| = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \|Q^{-1}\| = 1 \quad (2)$$

Therefore,  $\boxed{\|Q\| = 1}$

## Step-4

By definition 1, we have  $c(Q) = \|Q\| \|Q^{-1}\|$

By (2), we have  $\|Q\| = 1$  and consequently, we get  $\|Q^{-1}\| = 1$

Using these in the above equation, we get  $c(Q) = 1 \times 1$   
 $= 1$ .

## Step-5

Suppose  $\alpha$  is any scalar, then by the above result, we can write

$$c(\alpha Q) = \|\alpha Q\| \|(\alpha Q)^{-1}\|$$

$$= |\alpha| \|Q\| \frac{1}{|\alpha|} \|Q^{-1}\|$$

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$$= 1$$

(When the condition number of a matrix and its scalar multiples is 1, then that matrix is perfectly conditioned matrix. More precisely, the orthogonal matrices are perfectly conditioned.)

Hence  $\boxed{c(Q) = 1}$