

## Lecture 8: Gram Schmidt Factorization

**Exercise 1.** Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix. Determine the exact numbers of floating point additions, subtractions, and multiplications involved in computing the factorization  $A = \hat{Q}\hat{R}$  by Algorithm 8.1.

**Solution:** The presented algorithm was:

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# Initialize v_i to columns of A
for i = 1 to n
    v_i = a_i

# Create orthogonal list from columns of A
for i = 1 to n
    r_ii = ||v_i|| # Norm of v_i
    q_i = v_i/r_ii # Normalize
    for j = i + 1 to n
        r_ij = adj(q_i) * v_j # inner product of q_i and v_j
        v_j = v_j - r_ijq_i
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The norm operation,  $\|v_i\|$ , involves  $m$  products (squaring each entry),  $m - 1$  addition (to add the  $m$  products), and one square root. The expression  $q_i = v_i/r_{ii}$  involves  $m$  divisions. Each of these two operations occurs exactly  $n$  times, since they occur in the outer loop.

As discussed in page 59, the operations of the inner loop are

$$r_{ij} = q_i^* v_j$$

$$v_j = v_j - r_{ij} q_i$$

Since  $a_i \in \mathbb{C}^m$ , the inner product  $q_i^* v_j$  involves  $m$  multiplications (one for each pair of entries) and  $m - 1$  additions (one for each pair of the  $m$  multiplication results). Meanwhile,  $r_{ij} q_i$  involves  $m$  multiplications, and subtracting the result from  $v_j$  in the expression  $v_j - r_{ij} q_i$  involves  $m$  subtractions. Thus the exact number of operations in each iteration of the inner loop is  $4m - 1$ :  $2m$  multiplications,  $m$  subtractions, and  $m - 1$  additions.

Note that each inner loop operations occurs a constant number of times, so its helpful

to compute the sum:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=i+1}^n (1) &= \sum_{i=1}^n (n-i) \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^n (n) - \sum_{i=1}^n i \\
 &= n^2 - \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \\
 &= \frac{2n^2}{2} - \frac{n^2+n}{2} \\
 &= \frac{n(n-1)}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

Altogether:

Square Roots : 1

Divisions :  $n$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Addition : } n \cdot (m-1) + \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=i+1}^n (m-1) \\
 &= n(m-1) + \frac{(m-1)n(n-1)}{2} \\
 &= \frac{(m-1)n(n+1)}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Subtractions : } \sum_{j=i+1}^n (m) = \frac{mn(n-1)}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Multiplications : } m + \sum_{j=i+1}^n (2m) &= m + mn(n-1) \\
 &= m(n^2 - n + 1)
 \end{aligned}$$

**Exercise 8.2.** Write a MATLAB function `[Q,R] = mgs(A)` (see next lecture) that computes a reduced QR factorization  $A = \hat{Q}\hat{R}$  of an  $m \times n$  matrix with  $m \geq n$  using modified Gram Schmidt orthogonalization. The output variables are a matrix  $Q \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$  with orthonormal columns and a triangular matrix  $R \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ .

**Exercise 3.** Each upper-triangular matrix  $R_j$  of p. 61 can be interpreted as the product of a diagonal matrix and a unit upper-triangular matrix (i.e., an upper-triangular matrix with 1 on the diagonal). Explain exactly what these factors are, and which line of Algorithm 8.1 corresponds to each.

**Solution:** Consider the example matrix given in page 61 for  $R_1 \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ :

$$R_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{r_{11}} & \frac{-r_{12}}{r_{11}} & \frac{-r_{13}}{r_{11}} & \dots \\ & 1 & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & \ddots \end{bmatrix}$$

Then  $R_1 = D_1 T_1$ , where  $D_1, T_1 \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ ,  $D_1$  is a diagonal matrix, and  $T_1$  is an upper triangular matrix of the form

$$D_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{r_{11}} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \vdots \\ \vdots & 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \cdots & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad T_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -r_{12} & -r_{13} & \cdots \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & \ddots & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

That is,  $D_1$  has is diagonal with entry every 1, except the first diagonal entry where  $d_{11} = \frac{1}{r_{11}}$ . Then  $T_1$  is upper-triangular with all diagonal entries 1. Every other entry is 0, except the first row, where  $t_{11} = 1$  and  $t_{1j} = -r_{1j}$  for  $j > 1$ . In general,  $D_i, T_i \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  satisfy  $R_i = D_i T_i$ , where

$$d_{kj} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{r_{ii}} & \text{if } k = i \text{ and } j = i \\ 1 & \text{if } k = i \text{ and } j \neq i \\ 0 & \text{Otherwise} \end{cases} \quad t_{kj} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } k = i \\ 0 & \text{if } k \neq i \\ r_{kj} & \text{if } k = i \text{ and } j > i \end{cases}$$

In Algorithm 8.1, the  $D_i$  matrix corresponds to the step  $q_i = v_i/r_{ii}$ , which normalizes  $v_i$ . The  $T_i$  matrix corresponds to the inner loop

$$\begin{aligned} r_{ij} &= q_i^* v_j \\ v_j &= v_j - r_{ij} q_i \end{aligned}$$

where  $r_{ij}$  is computed and then multiplied by the outer loop column before it is subtracted.