

QR factorization

Note Title

Quick review of projection matrices.

Defn: A projection matrix (or a projection $P: V \rightarrow V$) is a matrix P if $P^2 = P$.

(Note: if $T: V \rightarrow V$ is a projection operator then $[T]$ is a projection matrix)

Properties: ① If $v \in \text{range}(P)$, $Pv = v \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{if } v \in \text{range } P; \text{ then } \exists x \text{ s.t.} \\ Px = v, \\ Pv = P^2(x) = Px = v. \end{array} \right\}$.

② If $v \notin \text{range}(P)$, then $P(Pv - v) = P^2v - Pv = 0$
 $\Rightarrow Pv - v \in \text{null}(P)$.

③ If P is a projection then $I - P$ is also a projection.

④ $\text{range}(I - P) = \text{null}(P)$

⑤ $\text{range}(P) = \text{null}(I - P)$.

⑥ $\text{range}(P) \cap \text{null}(P) = \{0\}$.

So P separates the underlying vector space into 2 complementary subspaces i.e. $V = \text{range } P \oplus \text{null } P$.

In general, $\text{range } P$ need not be orthogonal to $\text{null } P$.

Defn: an orthogonal projection P is one for which $\text{range } P \perp \text{null } P$.

Theorem: A projection matrix P is an orthogonal projection $\Leftrightarrow P = P^*$.

Proof: If $P = P^*$, let $Px \in \text{range } P$, $z \in \text{null } P$ ($\because (I - P)z \in \text{range}(I - P)$)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Consider } \langle Pz, (I - P)y \rangle &= ((I - P)y)^* Pz \quad P = P^* \\ &= y^* (I - P)^* Pz = y^* (P - P^2)z = 0. \\ &= y^* (I^* - P^*) Pz = y^* (P - P^2) z \end{aligned}$$

Suppose P is an orthogonal projection.

Let $\text{range } P = \langle q_1, \dots, q_n \rangle$, $\text{null } P = \langle q_{n+1}, \dots, q_m \rangle$

$$\therefore \underbrace{Pq_j}_{=} = q_j \quad \forall 1 \leq j \leq n \quad \& \quad \underbrace{Pq_j}_{=} = 0 \quad \forall n+1 \leq j \leq m.$$

$$\text{Let } Q = \begin{bmatrix} q_1 & \cdots & q_n & q_{n+1} & \cdots & q_m \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Q^* = \begin{bmatrix} q_1^* \\ q_2^* \\ \vdots \\ q_m^* \end{bmatrix} \quad PQ = \begin{bmatrix} q_1 & \cdots & q_n & 0 & \cdots & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Q^* P Q = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & & \\ & 1 & \cdots & & \\ & & 1 & & \\ & & & 0 & \cdots & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{check})$$

$$= \Sigma$$

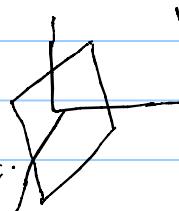
$P = Q \Sigma Q^*$ is the SVD of P .

$$\therefore P^* = (Q \Sigma Q^*)^* = Q \Sigma^* Q^* = Q \Sigma Q^* = P. \quad \square.$$

Important note: Orthogonal projections are not orthogonal matrices!!

Projection : $P : V \rightarrow V$ $\dim V = m$.

$\dim(\text{range } P) \leq m$.
i.e. P is always rank-deficient. (i.e. not full rank)



Can it happen that a projection is full rank?
i.e. $\text{range } P = V$.

If $\text{range}(P) = V$, then $Pv = v \quad \forall v \in V$.
 $\Rightarrow P = I$.

So for any projection, its matrix is not full rank,
so cannot be orthogonal matrix.

Projections
 $P^2 = P$

$\text{range } P \neq \text{null } P$

$\text{range } P \perp \text{null } P \rightarrow \text{orthogonal projection} \cdot P^* = P$

Not
orthogonal
matrices!

rank k projection : $\dim(\text{range}) = k$.

Special case:

rank 1 projections: Let q be a unit vector. (let $\dim V = n$)

Consider $W = \langle q \rangle$, this is a 1-dim'l subspace of V .

What is the projection that maps V onto W ?

$$P_q = q q^* \rightarrow \text{this is a rank 1 matrix}$$

$$P_{\perp q}$$

check - $\begin{cases} \cdot P_q^2 = P_q \\ \cdot P_q \text{ maps any } v \in V \text{ onto } W. \end{cases}$

The complement $I - P_q = I - q q^*$ is a rank $(n-1)$ matrix.

For an arbitrary vector a , $P_a = \frac{aa^*}{a^*a}$

$$\& P_{\perp a} = I - \frac{aa^*}{a^*a}$$

$$\{a_1, \dots, a_j\}, q_i^* q_j = \delta_{ij}$$

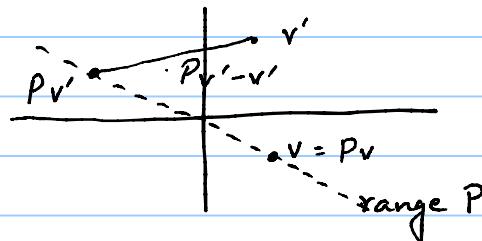
$$A = [a_1 | \dots | a_j]$$

$$P_A = AA^*$$

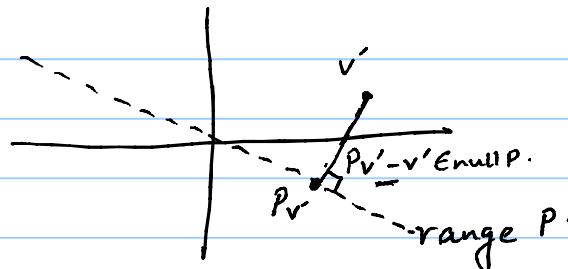
$$P_{\perp A} = I - AA^*$$

Geometrically (schematic)

- for a non-orthogonal projector P ,



- for an orthogonal projector P ,



QR factorization

Let A be a $m \times n$ matrix ($m \geq n$).

A QR factorization of A is a factorization of the form $A = QR$, where the columns of Q are orthonormal & R is upper Δ^r .

$$(\text{reduced QR}) \quad [A]_{m \times n} = \begin{bmatrix} q_1 & \cdots & q_n \\ Q & & \\ m \times n & & \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} * & * \\ 0 & \ddots \\ R & n \times n \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{range } A = \text{range } Q.$$

$$(\text{full QR}) \quad [A]_{m \times n} = \begin{bmatrix} q_1 & \cdots & q_n & q_{n+1} & \cdots & q_m \\ \underbrace{\quad}_{m \times m} & & & & & \\ Q & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ R & & & & & \\ m \times n & & & & & \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{range}(\{q_{n+1}, \dots, q_m\}) = \text{range}(A^\perp) \\ = \text{null}(A^*).$$

We will study 2 methods for computing the QR factorization.

(i) using Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization

(ii) Householder's matrices ; Givens matrices.

I Using Gram-Schmidt orthonormalization.

$$A = QR : \quad [a_1 | \cdots | a_n]_{m \times n} = [q_1 | \cdots | q_n]_m Q \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & \cdots & r_{1n} \\ 0 & r_{22} & & \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \\ 0 & & & r_{nn} \end{bmatrix}_n \quad \star$$

G.S:

$$1) \forall 1 \leq i \leq n, \langle a_i, \dots, a_i \rangle = \langle q_1, \dots, q_i \rangle$$

$$2) q_i^* q_j = \delta_{ij}$$

$$q_1 = \frac{a_1}{\|a_1\|}, \quad a_1 = q_1 \underbrace{\|a_1\|}_{\text{let } r_{11} = \|a_1\|}.$$

$$\text{by G-S, } q_2 = \frac{a_2 - \langle q_1, a_2 \rangle q_1}{\| \cdot \dots \|} ; \text{ from } \star : a_2 = q_1 r_{12} + q_2 r_{22} \\ \text{i.e. } q_2 = \frac{a_2 - q_1 r_{12}}{r_{22}}$$

$$\therefore r_{12} = \langle q_1, a_2 \rangle, r_{22} = \|a_2 - \langle q_1, a_2 \rangle q_1\|$$

Continuing this way:

$$\text{By } * \quad a_n = q_1 r_{1n} + q_2 r_{2n} + \dots + q_n r_{nn}$$

$$\therefore q_n = \underbrace{a_n - q_1 r_{1n} - q_2 r_{2n} - \dots - q_{n-1} r_{n-1,n}}_{r_{nn}}$$

$$\text{By G-S: } q_n = \underbrace{a_n - q_1 \langle q_1, a_n \rangle}_{\parallel \dots \parallel} - \underbrace{q_2 \langle q_2, a_n \rangle}_{\parallel \dots \parallel} - \dots - \underbrace{q_{n-1} \langle q_{n-1}, a_n \rangle}_{\parallel \dots \parallel}$$

$$\therefore r_{in} = \langle q_i, a_n \rangle \quad \& \quad |r_{nn}| = \|a_n - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} q_i \langle q_i, a_n \rangle\|$$

(for $i < n$)

In general, $r_{ij} = \langle q_i, a_j \rangle$ for $i \leq j$

$$\& |r_{jj}| = \|a_j - \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} q_i \langle q_i, a_j \rangle\|.$$

Theorem: Every $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$ ($m \geq n$) has a full QR factorization
(hence also a reduced QR factorization)

Pf: If A has full rank, then G-S orthogonalization gives construction of QR factorization.

If A is not full rank, then for some j ,

$$v_j = a_j - (q_1^* a_j) q_1 - \dots - (q_{j-1}^* a_j) q_{j-1}$$

is zero. (In general, $q_i = \frac{v_i}{\|v_i\|} \quad 1 \leq i \leq j-1$).

In this case, you can choose q_j arbitrarily such that

$$\begin{aligned} \langle a_1, a_2, a_3 \rangle &= \langle a_1, a_3 \rangle \\ &\leq \langle q_1, q_2, q_3 \rangle. \end{aligned} \quad q_j \perp \langle q_1, \dots, q_{j-1} \rangle \quad \left(v_{j+1} = a_{j+1} - \sum_{i=1}^j q_i^* a_{j+1} \right)$$

and continue the G-S process.

Uniqueness: If $A = QR$ is a reduced QR factorization,
then multiplying i -th column of Q by $\pm i$ -th row

$$A = QR \xrightarrow{z}$$

of R by some scalar λ s.t. $|\lambda| = 1$, this gives another QR factorization of A .

In particular, the sign of r_{jj} can be +ve or -ve.

If A is full rank & $r_{jj} > 0 \forall j$, then the QR factorization is unique.

$$\text{rank } A = n-1 \quad \left[\begin{array}{c|c|c|c} & & & \\ \hline a_1 & a_2 & \dots & a_n \end{array} \right] = \left[\begin{array}{c|c|c|c} q_1 & q_2 & q_3 & \\ \hline \frac{a_1}{\|a_1\|} & \frac{v_2}{\|v_2\|} & \frac{v_3}{\|v_3\|} & \\ \hline \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{ccc} \frac{\|a_1\|}{\|v_2\|} & q_1^* a_2 & q_1^* a_3 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \frac{\|v_3\|}{\|v_3\|} & q_2^* a_3 & \dots \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{z}$$

$$v_2 = a_2 - \underbrace{\langle q_1, a_2 \rangle}_{q_1} q_1, \quad q_2 = v_2 / \|v_2\|$$

$$\rightarrow v_3 = a_3 - (q_1^* a_3) q_1 - (q_2^* a_3) q_2, \quad q_3 = v_3 / \|v_3\|$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\rightarrow v_j = a_j - (\) q_1 - \dots - (\) q_{j-1}, \quad q_j \perp \langle q_1, \dots, q_{j-1} \rangle$$

$$q_{j+1} + \langle q_1, \dots, q_j \rangle$$

Algorithms

Classical G-S:

for $j=1$ to n

$$v_j = a_j$$

for $i=1$ to $j-1$

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

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

end

$$r_{jj} = \|v_j\|_2$$

$$q_j = \frac{v_j}{r_{jj}}$$

Dry run:

$$j=1: \quad v_1 = a_1, \quad r_{11} = \|a_1\|,$$

$$q_1 = a_1 / \|a_1\|.$$

$$j=2: \quad i=1 : \quad r_{12} = q_1^* a_2$$

$$v_2 = v_2 - r_{12} q_1$$

$$r_{22} = \|v_2\|_2$$

$$q_2 = v_2 / r_{22}.$$

$$j=3: \quad i=1 : \quad r_{13}, \quad v_3 = v_3 - r_{13} q_1$$

$$i=2 : \quad r_{23}, \quad v_3 = v_3 - r_{23} q_2$$

Mathematically, the algorithm works as follows-

$$\text{let } Q_{j-1} = \left[\begin{array}{c|c|c|c} q_1 & \dots & q_{j-1} & \\ \hline \end{array} \right]_{m \times (j-1)} \quad \# 2 \leq j \leq m$$

Define $P_j = I - Q_{j-1} Q_{j-1}^*$, $P_1 = I$.

then P_j is the $m \times m$ matrix of rank $m-(j-1)$

which projects \mathbb{C}^m orthogonally onto $\langle q_1, \dots, q_{j-1} \rangle^\perp$

$$P_1 = I, P_2 = I - q_1 q_1^*, P_3 = I - Q_2 Q_2^*, \dots$$

Claim: $P_j a_j = a_j - r_j q_1 - \dots - r_{j-1} q_{j-1}$

$$\boxed{P_j = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{m \times m} - \begin{bmatrix} q_1 | \dots | q_{j-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dots q_i^* \\ \vdots \\ q_{j-1}^* \end{bmatrix}}$$

This computation is wrong.

Note that $(Q_{j-1} Q_{j-1}^*)_{ij} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i \neq j \\ \text{ii-th component of } (\sum_{k=1}^{j-1} q_k q_k^*) & \text{if } i=j \end{cases}$

Find the correct computation at the last page.

However, the conclusion is true.

$$P_j a_j = a_j - q_1 (q_1^* a_j) - \dots - q_{j-1} (q_{j-1}^* a_j)$$

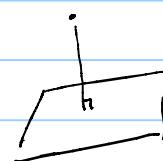
So, find r_j in the G-S process is equivalent to

applying the projection P_j to a_j

$$v_1 = P_1 a_1 \rightarrow q_1$$

$$v_2 = P_2 a_2 \rightarrow \langle q_1 \rangle^\perp$$

$$v_3 = P_3 a_3 \rightarrow \langle q_1, q_2 \rangle^\perp$$



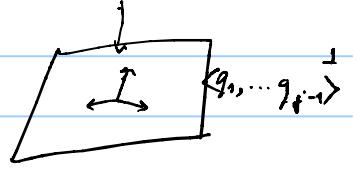
$$v_j = P_j a_j \rightarrow \langle q_1, \dots, q_{j-1} \rangle^\perp$$

The G-S can be viewed as computing at each step a single orthogonal projection of rank $m-(j-1)$.

The modified G-S algorithm computes the same result using a sequence of $j-1$ projections of rank $m-1$.

$$P_j := P_{\perp q_{j-1}} \cdots P_{\perp q_3} P_{\perp q_2} P_{\perp q_1}$$

$$P_j a_j = P_{\perp q_{j-1}} \cdots \left(P_{\perp q_2} \left(P_{\perp q_1} a_j \right) \right)$$



$$P_j = (I - q_{j-1} q_{j-1}^*) \cdots (I - q_2 q_2^*) (I - q_1 q_1^*)$$

\downarrow

m x m.

rank. $m-(j-1)$

Check that this defn. of P_j gives

$$\text{the same as } P_j = I - Q_{j-1} Q_{j-1}^*$$

Modified G-S: (layer-by-layer)
or iteratively.

for $i=1$ to n

$$v_i = a_i,$$

for $i=1$ to n

$$r_{ii} = \|v_i\|,$$

$$q_i = v_i / r_{ii}$$

for $j=i+1$ to n

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

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

Dry run:

$$r_{ii} = \|v_i\|, \quad q_i = v_i / r_{ii}$$

$$i=1 : r_{11} = \|v_1\|, \quad q_1 = v_1 / r_{11},$$

$$r_{12}, \quad v_2^{(1)} = v_2 - r_{12} q_1$$

$$r_{13}, \quad v_3^{(1)} = v_3 - r_{13} q_1$$

$$\vdots$$

$$r_{1n}, \quad v_n^{(1)} = v_n - r_{1n} q_n$$

$$i=2 : \quad r_{22} = \|v_2^{(1)}\|, \quad q_2 = v_2^{(1)} / r_{22}$$

$$r_{23}, \quad v_3^{(2)}, \quad \text{& so on.}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} |g_1| & \cdots & |g_n| \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} & r_{1n} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & \cdots & r_{2n} \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & \cdots & r_{3n} \\ \vdots & & & \end{bmatrix}$$

Verification of $P_j(v) = v - \sum \langle v, q_i \rangle q_i$

$$\text{First, consider } Q_1 = \begin{bmatrix} q_1 \\ q_2 \\ \vdots \\ q_m \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} q_{11} \\ q_{21} \\ \vdots \\ q_{m1} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Then } Q_1 Q_1^* = q_1 q_1^* = \begin{bmatrix} q_{11} \\ q_{21} \\ \vdots \\ q_{m1} \end{bmatrix} \left(\bar{q}_{11} \bar{q}_{21} \cdots \bar{q}_{m1} \right) = \begin{pmatrix} q_{11}\bar{q}_{11} & q_{11}\bar{q}_{21} \cdots & q_{11}\bar{q}_{m1} \\ q_{21}\bar{q}_{11} & \cdots & q_{21}\bar{q}_{m1} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ q_{m1}\bar{q}_{11} & \cdots & q_{m1}\bar{q}_{m1} \end{pmatrix}$$

= $m \times m$ matrix with
 $i-j^{\text{th}}$ element being
 $q_{ii} \bar{q}_{jj}$.

$$\text{So } P_2 = I - Q_1 Q_1^* = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - q_{11}\bar{q}_{11} & -q_{11}\bar{q}_{21} & \cdots & -q_{11}\bar{q}_{m1} \\ -q_{21}\bar{q}_{11} & 1 - q_{21}\bar{q}_{21} & \cdots & -q_{21}\bar{q}_{m1} \\ \vdots & & & \\ -q_{m1}\bar{q}_{11} & \cdots & \cdots & 1 - q_{m1}\bar{q}_{m1} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{For a vector } v_i = \begin{pmatrix} v_{1i} \\ \vdots \\ v_{mi} \end{pmatrix},$$

$$P_2 v_i = \begin{pmatrix} (1 - q_{11}\bar{q}_{11}) v_{1i} - q_{11}\bar{q}_{21} v_{2i} - \cdots - q_{11}\bar{q}_{m1} v_{mi} \\ \vdots \\ -q_{m1}\bar{q}_{11} v_{1i} - q_{m1}\bar{q}_{21} v_{2i} - \cdots - (1 - q_{m1}\bar{q}_{m1}) v_{mi} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} v_{1i} - \sum_{j=1}^m q_{11} \bar{q}_{ji} v_{ji} \\ \vdots \\ v_{mi} - \sum_{j=1}^m q_{m1} \bar{q}_{ji} v_{ji} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} v_{1i} \\ \vdots \\ v_{mi} \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} \sum_{j=1}^m q_{11} \bar{q}_{ji} v_{ji} \\ \vdots \\ \sum_{j=1}^m q_{m1} \bar{q}_{ji} v_{ji} \end{pmatrix} = v - (q_1 q_1^*) v.$$

$\hookrightarrow = q_1 q_1^* v.$

$$Q_1 Q_1^* v = \begin{pmatrix} q_{11}\bar{q}_{11} & q_{11}\bar{q}_{21} \cdots & q_{11}\bar{q}_{m1} \\ q_{21}\bar{q}_{11} & \ddots & q_{21}\bar{q}_{m1} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ q_{m1}\bar{q}_{11} & \cdots & q_{m1}\bar{q}_{m1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_{1i} \\ \vdots \\ v_{mi} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} q_{11}\bar{q}_{11}v_{1i} + \cdots + q_{11}\bar{q}_{m1}v_{mi} \\ \vdots \\ q_{m1}\bar{q}_{11}v_{1i} + \cdots + q_{m1}\bar{q}_{m1}v_{mi} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \sum_{j=1}^m q_{11}\bar{q}_{j1}v_{j1} \\ \vdots \\ \sum_{j=1}^m q_{m1}\bar{q}_{j1}v_{j1} \end{pmatrix}$$

same
as written
above.

Note that $(q_1 q_1^*) v = q_1 (q_1^* v)$ by associativity

so you may compute $q_1^* v$ first & then
compute $q_1(q_1^* v)$ to get the same result.

This is what lets us view the A-S computation in 2 ways.

$$v - q_1 q_1^* v$$

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Usual [inner product view]

Projection matrix view.

$$v - q_1(q_1^* v)$$

←

i.e. $v - \langle v, q_1 \rangle q_1$

there are equal. →

$$P_2(v) = (I - Q_1 Q_1^*) v$$

$$= v - (q_1 q_1^*) v.$$

Now consider $Q_{j-1} = \begin{bmatrix} q_1 & \cdots & q_{j-1} \end{bmatrix}$

Then $Q_{j-1} Q_{j-1}^* = \begin{bmatrix} q_{11} & \cdots & q_{1j-1} \\ q_{21} & \cdots & q_{2j-1} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ q_{m1} & \cdots & q_{mj-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{q}_{11} & \cdots & \bar{q}_{m1} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \bar{q}_{1j-1} & \cdots & \bar{q}_{mj-1} \end{bmatrix}$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} q_{1k} \bar{q}_{1k} & \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} q_{1k} \bar{q}_{2k} & \dots & \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} q_{1k} \bar{q}_{mk} \\ \vdots & & & \\ \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} q_{mk} \bar{q}_{1k} & \dots & & \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} q_{mk} \bar{q}_{mk} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} \begin{bmatrix} q_{1k} \bar{q}_{1k} & q_{1k} \bar{q}_{2k} & \dots & q_{1k} \bar{q}_{mk} \\ \vdots & & & \\ q_{mk} \bar{q}_{1k} & q_{mk} \bar{q}_{2k} & \dots & q_{mk} \bar{q}_{mk} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= q_1 q_1^* + q_2 q_2^* + \dots + q_{j-1} q_{j-1}^* \quad (\text{Each term is a } m \times m \text{ matrix})$$

$$\text{So } P_j(v) = (I - Q_{j-1} Q_{j-1}^*) v$$

$$= v - (q_1 q_1^* + q_2 q_2^* + \dots + q_{j-1} q_{j-1}^*) v$$

$$= v - q_1 q_1^* v - q_2 q_2^* v - \dots - q_{j-1} q_{j-1}^* v, \quad \text{as expected.}$$