

## Lab Session 9

1. The purpose of this experiment is to illustrate that QR factorization by Householder reflector (MATLAB command  $[Q, R] = qr(A)$ ) is better than modified Gram-Schmidt scheme (MGS) and classical Gram-Schmidt scheme (CGS).

Consider the  $n$ -by- $n$  Hilbert matrix  $H$  (use MATLAB command  $H = hilb(n)$  to generate  $H$ ). Your task is to use different methods listed below to orthonormalize the columns of  $H$  for  $n = 7$  and  $n = 12$ .

- (a) Write a MATLAB function implementing classical Gram-Schmidt method (CGS).

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function [Q, R] = cgsqr(A)
% [Q, R] = cgsqr(A) employs classical Gram-Schmidt scheme to compute
% an isometry Q, an upper triangular matrix R such that A=QR.

[m, n] = size(A); % Assume that m >= n
Q = A; R = zeros(n);
for k = 1:n
    R(1:k-1,k) = Q(:,1:k-1)' * A(:,k);
    Q(:,k) = A(:,k) - Q(:,1:k-1) * R(1:k-1,k);
    R(k,k) = norm(Q(:,k));
    Q(:,k) = Q(:,k)/R(k,k);
end
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- (b) Write a MATLAB function implementing modified Gram-Schmidt method (MGS).

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function [Q, R] = mgsqr(A)
% [Q, R] = mgsqr(A) employs modified Gram-Schmidt scheme to compute
% an isometry Q, an upper triangular matrix R such that A=QR.

[m,n] = size(A); % Assume that m >= n
Q = A; R = zeros(n);
for k = 1:n
    R(k,k) = norm(Q(:,k));
    Q(:,k) = Q(:,k)/R(k,k);
    R(k,k+1:n) = Q(:,k)' * Q(:,k+1:n);
    Q(:,k+1:n) = Q(:,k+1:n) - Q(:,k) * R(k,k+1:n);
end
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- (c) QR decomposition with reflectors. Use MATLAB command  $[Q,R] = qr(H, 0)$ , which produces an 'economy size'  $QR$  decomposition of  $H$  with  $Q$  being an isometry.

Examine the deviation from orthonormality by computing  $\|Q'*Q - \text{eye}(n)\|_2$  in each case (MATLAB command  $\text{norm}(\text{eye}(n) - Q'*Q)$ ). Setting  $E := QR - H$ , we have  $H + E = QR$ . Check the residual norm  $\|E\|_2 = \text{norm}(H - Q*R)$ . The small residual error of order  $\mathcal{O}(\mathbf{u})$  as well as small deviation from orthonormality of order  $\mathcal{O}(\mathbf{u})$  imply that the algorithm is backward stable. In other words, the algorithm computes QR factroization of a slightly perturbed matrix which is indistinguishable from  $A$ . Test the backward stability of CGS, MGS and Householder QR factorization.

Find the condition number of  $H$  and check whether or not the matrix  $Q$  obtained from the MGS program satisfies  $\|Q' * Q - \text{eye}(n)\|_2 \approx u * \text{cond}(H)$ .

Did you get what you would expect in light of the values of unit roundoff  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\text{cond}(H)$ ? Which among all the above methods produces the smallest deviation from orthonormality?

2. Your task is to find the polynomial  $p(t)$  of degree 18 that best fits the function  $f(t) = \sin(2\pi t) + \frac{t}{5}$  for  $t_1 = -5, t_2 = -4.5, \dots, t_{23} = 6$ . Determine the polynomial  $p$  whose coefficients are given by  $x$  (that is,  $p(t) := \sum_{j=1}^{19} x_j t^{j-1}$ ) by solving LSP  $Ax = b$  in two different ways: solve LSP  $Ax = b$  using QR factorization of  $A$  and QR factorization of the augmented matrix  $[A \ b]$ . Here are the details.

Let  $[Q, R] = \text{cgsqr}(A)$  and  $[Q, R] = \text{mgsqr}(A)$  be MATLAB functions implementing classical Gram-Schmidt and modified Gram-Schmidt methods.

- (a) Compute  $[Q, R] = \text{cgsqr}([A \ b])$  and use  $R$  to solve the LSP  $Ax = b$ . Compute the residual  $\text{res1} := \|Ax - b\|_2$  from the matrix  $R$ . Call the polynomial  $p_1(t)$ .  
Next compute  $[QC, QC] = \text{cgsqr}(A)$  and use  $QC$  and  $RC$  to solve the LSP  $Ax = b$ . Compute the residual  $\text{res2} := \|Ax - b\|_2$ . Call the polynomial  $p_2(t)$ . Which method gives a better fit (small residual error)? Plot  $p_1(t), p_2(t)$  and  $f(t)$  in a single plot and comment on the result.
- (b) Compute  $[Q, R] = \text{mgsqr}([A \ b])$  and use  $R$  to solve the LSP  $Ax = b$ . Compute the residual  $\text{res3} := \|Ax - b\|_2$  from the matrix  $R$ . Call the polynomial  $p_3(t)$ .  
Next compute  $[QM, QM] = \text{cgsqr}(A)$  and use  $QM$  and  $RM$  to solve the LSP  $Ax = b$ . Compute the residual  $\text{res4} := \|Ax - b\|_2$ . Call the polynomial  $p_4(t)$ . Which method gives a better fit (small residual error)? Plot  $p_3(t), p_4(t)$  and  $f(t)$  in a single plot and comment on the result.
- (c) Compute  $[Q, R] = \text{qr}([A \ b])$  and use  $R$  to solve the LSP  $Ax = b$ . Compute the residual  $\text{res5} := \|Ax - b\|_2$  from the matrix  $R$ . Call the polynomial  $p_5(t)$ .  
Next solve the LSP  $Ax = b$  using MATLAB command  $x = A \backslash b$  and compute the residual  $\text{res6} := \|Ax - b\|_2$ . Call the polynomial  $p_6(t)$ . Which method gives a better fit (small residual error)? Plot  $p_5(t), p_6(t)$  and  $f(t)$  in a single plot and comment on the result.

Among the six methods, which methods provide the best fit? What is the impact of the condition number of  $A$  on these methods?

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