

# Fall-23 5304 LecN7 Notes

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Topics: The Gram-Schmidt algo and the QR Factorization; Least-squares problems; Applications; Data fitting.

Math tools: Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

## 1 Least-Squares Systems and Data fitting

### Problem BG

1, overdetermined system, more equations than unknowns, no sol

如果一个方程组无解，那么这个方程组被称为不一致。例如下面的方程组：

$$x_1 + x_2 = 2$$

$$x_1 - x_2 = 1$$

$$x_1 + x_2 = 3$$

根据线性代数的知识， $m$ 个方程 $n$ 个未知量  $m > n$  时通常无解，但是虽然不能求出  $Ax = b$  的解，那何不退而求其次，去寻找与解近似的向量  $x$ 。

那么如何定义与解相似，一般使用欧氏距离来进行度量，即两点间的距离，这其实很好理解，越相似，欧氏距离越近，这样求出的  $x$  被称为最小二乘解。

2, Function approximation

3, Goal: Find the best approximation to the system of equations.

### Geometric Interpretation

Good illustration: Data fitting

## 2 QR Factorization

### 2.1 Concept

#### Definition 8.6 QR-factorization

Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix with independent columns. A **QR-factorization** of  $A$  expresses it as  $A = QR$  where  $Q$  is  $m \times n$  with orthonormal columns and  $R$  is an invertible and upper triangular matrix with positive diagonal entries.

The importance of the factorization lies in the fact that there are computer algorithms that accomplish it with good control over round-off error, making it particularly useful in matrix calculations. The factorization is a matrix version of the Gram-Schmidt process.

$A = QR$  where  $Q$  is an orthogonal matrix and  $R$  is an invertible upper triangular matrix (diagonal entry elements are all positive). If  $A$  is non-singular, then this factorization is unique.

QR Visualization ( $c_j$  can be expressed as a linear combination of  $q_j$ ):

Using these equations, express each  $c_k$  as a linear combination of the  $q_i$ :

$$\begin{aligned} c_1 &= \|f_1\| q_1 \\ c_2 &= (c_2 \cdot q_1) q_1 + \|f_2\| q_2 \\ c_3 &= (c_3 \cdot q_1) q_1 + (c_3 \cdot q_2) q_2 + \|f_3\| q_3 \\ &\vdots \\ c_n &= (c_n \cdot q_1) q_1 + (c_n \cdot q_2) q_2 + (c_n \cdot q_3) q_3 + \cdots + \|f_n\| q_n \end{aligned}$$

These equations have a matrix form that gives the required factorization:

$$\begin{aligned} A &= [c_1 \ c_2 \ c_3 \ \cdots \ c_n] \\ &= [q_1 \ q_2 \ q_3 \ \cdots \ q_n] \begin{bmatrix} \|f_1\| & c_2 \cdot q_1 & c_3 \cdot q_1 & \cdots & c_n \cdot q_1 \\ 0 & \|f_2\| & c_3 \cdot q_2 & \cdots & c_n \cdot q_2 \\ 0 & 0 & \|f_3\| & \cdots & c_n \cdot q_3 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & \|f_n\| \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned} \quad (8.5)$$

Here the first factor  $Q = [q_1 \ q_2 \ q_3 \ \cdots \ q_n]$  has orthonormal columns, and the second factor is an  $n \times n$  upper triangular matrix  $R$  with positive diagonal entries (and so is invertible). We record this in the following theorem.

### 3 Using classical Gram-Schmidt to get QR

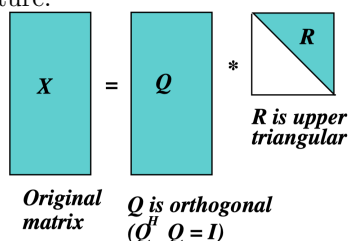
#### Classical Gram-Schmidt

##### Input and Output Description

Input:  $X = [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n]$ , should be full rank (columns are linearly independent), but not necessarily square.

Output: Will get  $Q$  and  $R$  where  $Q$  is orthogonal ( $Q^T Q = I$ ), and  $R$  is upper triangular.

Picture:



##### Process

**Input:**  $X = [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n]$   $X$  full rank  
**Goal:** Find  $Q = [q_1, q_2, \dots, q_n]$ , orthonormal cols and  $\text{span}(Q) = \text{span}(X)$   
 即找到  $X$  的标准正交基向量组。  
**Note:** Each round 主要分两步: ① 正交化 ② 归一化  
 update  $\hat{q}_j$   
 逐列处理

**Step ① (Initialization):**  
 $\hat{q}_1 = x_1$  (此时没有已知的投影需分量需要减去)  
 $q_1 = \frac{\hat{q}_1}{\|\hat{q}_1\|}$  (normalize)

**Step ②:** Make  $\hat{q}_j$  orthogonal to  $q_1$ .  
 $\hat{q}_j = x_j - (x_j, q_1) q_1$  inner product, scalar.  
 $q_j = \frac{\hat{q}_j}{\|\hat{q}_j\|}$

**Step ③:** Make  $\hat{q}_j$  同时正交于  $q_1, q_2$   
 $\hat{q}_j = x_j - (x_j, q_1) q_1 - (x_j, q_2) q_2$   
 $q_j = \frac{\hat{q}_j}{\|\hat{q}_j\|}$

**Step ④: Conclusion**  
 $\hat{q}_j = x_j - (x_j, q_1) q_1 - (x_j, q_2) q_2 \dots$   
 $= (x_j, q_{j-1}) q_{j-1}$

$$q_j = \frac{\hat{q}_j}{\|\hat{q}_j\|}$$

$x_j$  is the linear combination of  $q_j$

Using Classical Gram-Schmidt to get QR, start from step j

QR factorization. Start from Classical Gram-Schmidt

j-th step

$$\hat{q} = x_j - \overset{\text{scalar}}{(x_j, q_1)} q_1 - \dots - (x_j, q_{j-1}) q_{j-1}$$

$$q_j = \hat{q} / \|\hat{q}\|$$

$$\text{set } r_{ij} = (x_j, q_i) \quad \text{and } r_{jj} = \|\hat{q}\| \quad (\text{对列/有价})$$

$$r_{jj} q_j = x_j - \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} r_{ij} q_i$$

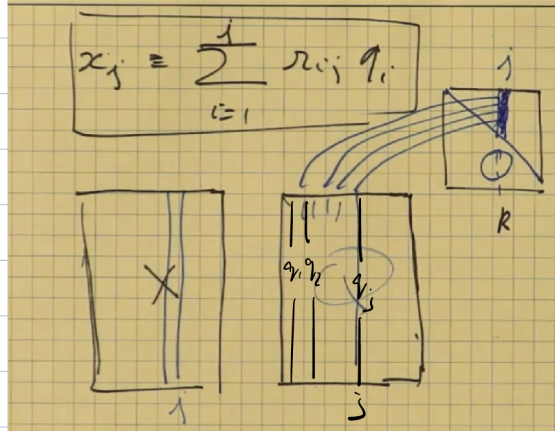
$$x_j - r_{1j} q_1 - \dots - r_{j-1,j} q_{j-1} = r_{jj} q_j$$

$$x_j = r_{1j} q_1 + \dots + r_{j-1,j} q_{j-1} + r_{jj} q_j$$

$$x_j = \sum_{i=1}^j r_{ij} q_i \implies X = QR$$

R = upper triangular matrix n x n

The j-th col of X is the linear combination of  $r_{ij}$  and  $q_i$



$$X = [x_1, x_2 \dots x_n]$$

$$= [q_1, q_2 \dots q_n] \begin{bmatrix} \|\hat{q}_1\| & x_2 \cdot q_1 & x_3 \cdot q_1 & x_n \cdot q_1 \\ 0 & \|\hat{q}_2\| & x_3 \cdot q_2 & x_n \cdot q_2 \\ 0 & 0 & \|\hat{q}_3\| & x_n \cdot q_3 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \|\hat{q}_n\| \end{bmatrix}$$

inner product.

### Cost

The cost of classical Gram-Schmidt is  $2mn^2 - \frac{2}{3}n^3$  flops.

## 4 Using modified Gram-Schmidt to get QR (better)

Verification of Algo:

- 1,  $A = QR$ . by checking whether  $\text{norm}(A - Q^*R)$  is a small number.
- 2, Orthogonality:  $Q$  is orthogonal. by checking whether  $Q^T Q = I$ ,  $\text{norm}(Q'^* Q - \text{eye}(n))$  should be small.

### 4.1 Modified Gram-Schmidt

Cost of QR by using classical Gram-Schmidt:

### Cost Analysis

### Examples

See topic Notes.

### Cost

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### Application

QR分解主要有三个用途:

- (1) 首先它可以用于求解 $n$ 个方程 $n$ 个未知变量的系统  $Ax = b$  , 如果 $A$ 非奇异, 那么就可以将 $A$ 分解为 $QR$ , 回代则求解出 $x$ , 但是QR分解[线性方程组](#)比LU分解方法的计算代价大三倍还多, 用的不多。
- (2) 用于求解[最小二乘问题](#)
- (3) 用于特征值计算, 这个之后的帖子再写

### Application1: Use QR to solve least-squares problems

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unitary matrix preserves the length of a vector.

rank-1 update

3 steps:

1, transform problem 2, gradient