

# Linear algebra for AI and ML

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Lecture #7

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$Ax = b$  : solve  $[n \times n \text{ case}]$

→ QR decomposition of A

$$A = QR$$

Q: orthogonal

R: upper triangular

Gram-Schmidt  
orthogonalization

$$Ax = b \Rightarrow \underbrace{QRx = b}_{\text{backward substitution}} \Rightarrow \underbrace{Rx = Q^T b}_{\text{backward substitution.}}$$

Rotators :

$$Q \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$$

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} c & -s \\ s & c \end{bmatrix}$$

$i^{\text{th}}$  column  $j^{\text{th}}$  column

$$c = \cos \theta$$
$$s = -\sin \theta$$

$$Q \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & c & -s \\ & & s & c \\ & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

$i^{\text{th}}$  row  $j^{\text{th}}$  row

Rotation  
is  
happening in  
 $x_i x_j$  plane.

$$\Rightarrow Qx = \begin{bmatrix} \vdots & & & & \\ & c & & & \\ & & -s & & \\ & & & c & \\ & s & & & \\ & & & & \vdots \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_j \leftarrow \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$\swarrow$   $j^{\text{th}}$  column

$\uparrow$   $i^{\text{th}}$  column

$$= \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_{i-1} \\ *x_i \\ x_{i+1} \\ \vdots \\ x_{j-1} \\ *x_j \\ x_{j+1} \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$\sqrt{x_i^2 + x_j^2}$

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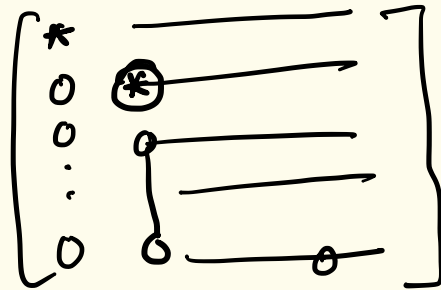
check:  $Qx$  only changes  $i^{\text{th}}$  and  $j^{\text{th}}$  entry of  $x$ .  
 In general,  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ;  $QA \neq$  only  $i^{\text{th}}$  and  $j^{\text{th}}$  rows of  $A$  will change.  
 $Q[a_1 \dots a_n]$

Thm: Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ . Then there exists an orthogonal matrix  $Q$  and an upper triangular matrix  $R$  such that  $A = QR$ . ( $A$  invertible)

Pf:  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$

$\underbrace{Q_{n1}^T \quad Q_{n-1,1}^T \quad \dots \quad Q_{41}^T \quad Q_{31}^T \quad Q_{21}^T}_{(n-1) \text{ numbers}} \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} \\ a_{21} \\ a_{31} \\ \vdots \\ a_{n1} \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} * \\ 0 \\ * \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ a_{n1} \end{bmatrix}$

$$\underbrace{Q_{n1}^T \dots Q_{21}^T}_{(n-2)} A =$$



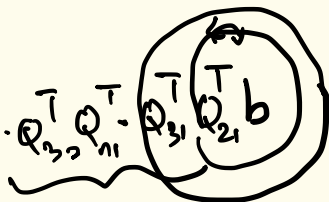
$(n-1) + (n-2) + \dots + 1$  : total  
 no. rotators.

$$Ax = b$$

$$\dots Q_{32}^T Q_{n1}^T \dots Q_{31}^T Q_{21}^T$$

$$Ax = \dots$$

$$R x =$$



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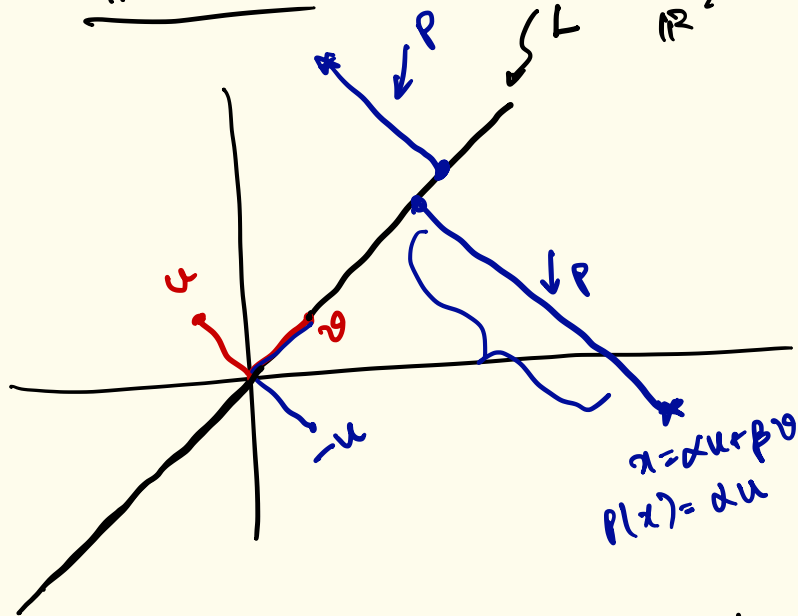
back substitution.

No need to  
 explicitly  
 calculate QR  
 decomposition  
 while solving  
 $Ax = b$

Reflectors :  $\mathbb{R}^2$  : case :  $Q \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$

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$$12^2$$


$L$ : a line passing through origin.

Q: reflect every vector in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  through this line  $L$ .

$v$  is a unit vector in  $L$  s.t. every vector in  $L$  is a scalar multiple of  $v$ .

$L$  is a multiple of  $v$ .

$u$  is a unit vector in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  which is orthogonal to  $L$ .  $\{u, v\}$  forms a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

$Q$  acts on  $u$  &  $v$  in the following way.

$$Qv = v$$

$$\boxed{Qu = -u}$$

For any vector  $x \in \mathbb{R}^2$  ;  $\exists$  unique  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\text{s.t. } x = \alpha u + \beta v$$

$$\begin{aligned} Qx &= Q(\alpha u + \beta v) = \alpha Q(u) + \beta Q(v) \\ &= -\alpha u + \beta v \end{aligned}$$

Aim: To construct  $Q$  with this property.

Construct  $P = uu^T \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\boxed{Pu = (uu^T)u = u(u^Tu) = u}$$

$$(\|u\|_2^2 = u^Tu = 1)$$

$$Pv = (uu^T)v = u(u^Tv) = 0$$

$\therefore u$  &  $v$  are orthogonal.

Can we construct  $Q$  from  $P$ ??

$$Q = I - 2P$$

$$\text{we want } Qu = -u$$

$$Qv = v$$

$$Qu = (I - 2P)u = (I - 2uu^T)u = u - 2u \underbrace{u^Tu}_{=1} = -u$$

$$Qv = (I - 2P)v = (I - 2uu^T)v = v - 2u \underbrace{(u^Tv)}_0 = v$$

$$(I - 2P)^T (I - 2P) = (I - 2uu^T)^T (I - 2uu^T) = I$$



This process can be generalized to  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

Let  $L$  be an  $(n-1)$ -dimensional subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

Let  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n-1}\}$  be an (orthonormal) basis of  $L$ .

Let  $u$  be s.t.  $\|u\|_2 = 1$  and  $u$  is orthogonal to  $L$ . (Geometrically  $u$  is a unit vector in the direction of normal to this plane  $L$ ).

Construct orthogonal matrix  $Q \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  s.t. every  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is reflection of  $x$  thru  $L$ .

How does reflectors help us introduce zero's in a vector?

$$Q_n \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} * \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

The diagram illustrates the application of a Householder reflector  $Q_n$  to a vector  $\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}$ . The result is a vector where the first element is non-zero (marked with an asterisk  $*$ ) and all subsequent elements are zero. A bracket groups the zero elements, and an arrow points to the first non-zero element.