

Linear Algebra

***Orthogonal Matrices and
QR Decomposition***

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Orthogonal matrices

Introduction of Orthogonal Matrices

■ Important and special matrices for several decompositions

- ▶ QR decomposition
- ▶ Eigen decomposition
- ▶ Singular value decomposition

■ Letter Q

- ▶ Often used to indicate orthogonal matrices.

Mathematical Expression of Orthogonal Matrices

■ Two properties of orthogonal matrices

- ▶ Orthogonal columns
 - All columns are orthogonal.
- ▶ Unit-norm columns
 - The norm (geometric length) of each column is exactly .

■ Translate those two properties into a mathematical expression.

- ▶ $\langle a, b \rangle$: alternative notation for the dot product
- ▶ q_i : i^{th} column of matrix

$$\langle q_i, q_j \rangle = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } i \neq j \\ 1, & \text{if } i = j \end{cases}$$

Mathematical expression of orthogonal matrices

- ▶ Dot product of a column with itself is 1.
- ▶ Dot product of a column with any other column is 0.

Characteristic of Orthogonal Matrices

■ Definition of matrix multiplication

- ▶ Dot products between all rows of the **left** matrix with all columns of the **right** matrix

■ Q^T is a matrix that multiplies Q to produce the identity matrix.

- ▶ Exact same definition as the **matrix** .
- ▶ Inverse of an orthogonal matrix is its .
- Matrix inverse: tedious and prone to numerical inaccuracies.
- Matrix transpose: fast and accurate.

■ Identity matrix is an example of an orthogonal matrix.

$$Q^T Q = I$$

Characteristic of an orthogonal matrix

Example of Orthogonal Matrices

Practice in MATLAB with below matrices

- ▶ Does each column have unit length?
 - ☐.
- ▶ Is each column orthogonal to other columns?
 - ☐.
- ▶ Compute QQ^T .
 - Is that still the identity matrix? Try it to find out!

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & -2 \\ -2 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Example of an orthogonal matrices

```
% Clear workspace, command window, and close all figures
clc; clear; close all;

% Matrices Q1 and Q2
Q1 = [1 -1; 1 1]/sqrt(2);
Q2 = [1 2 2; 2 1 -2; -2 2 -1]/3;

% Orthogonal matrices
Q1TQ1 = Q1' * Q1;
Q2TQ2 = Q2' * Q2;

% Display results
disp("Q1T * Q1");
disp(Q1TQ1);
disp("Q2T * Q2");
disp(Q2TQ2);
```

MATLAB code to compute $Q^T Q$

Gram-Schmidt

Process of Gram-Schmidt

■ Way of making two or more vectors **perpendicular** to each other

■ **Technical definition of Gram Schmidt**

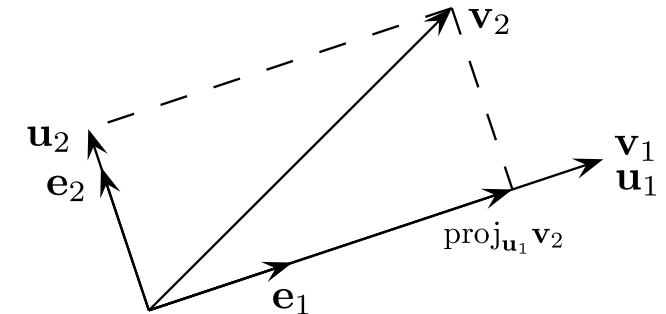
- ▶ Method of constructing an basis
 - From a set of vectors in an **inner space**.
 - Most commonly Euclidean space R^n equipped with standard inner product.

■ **Takes a finite, linearly independent set of vectors $S = \{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$.**

- ▶ Generate an orthogonal set $S' = \{u_1, \dots, u_k\}$.
 - Spans the same $k - \text{dimensional}$ subspace of R^n as S .

■ **Application to column vectors of full column rank matrix**

- ▶ Yields the **QR** decomposition.
 - Decomposed into **orthogonal** and a **triangular** matrix.
 - We will study QR decomposition in next section!



Basic principles of the Gram-Schmidt process

Reference: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gram%E2%80%93Schmidt_process

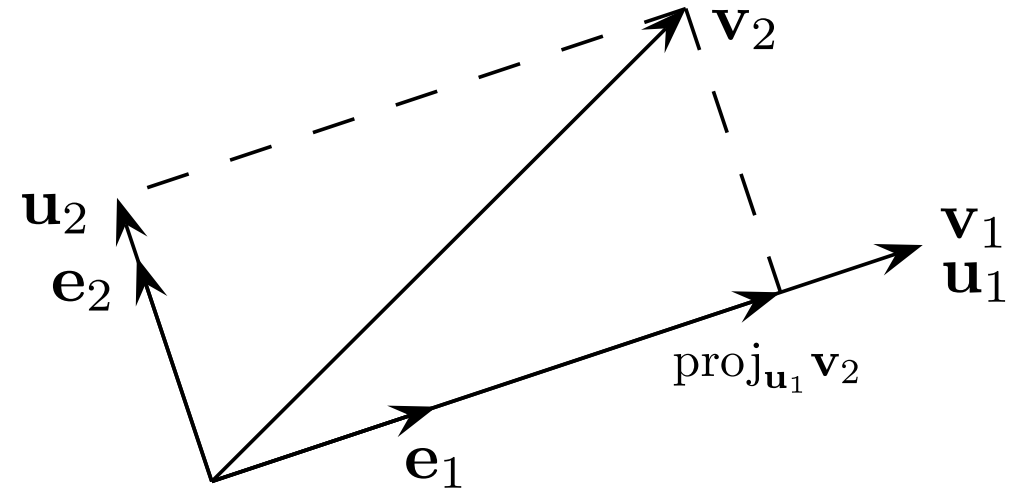
Vector Projection

■ Vector projection of a vector v on a nonzero vector u .

- ▶ $\langle v, u \rangle$: inner product of vectors v and u .
- ▶ $proj_u(v)$: orthogonal projection of v onto the line spanned by u .
- ▶ If u is zero vector,
 - $proj_u v$ is defined as a zero vector.

$$proj_u(v) = \frac{\langle v, u \rangle}{\langle u, u \rangle} u$$

Vector projection



Expression of Gram-Schmidt Using Vector Projection

■ Given k vectors v_1, \dots, v_k .

► Gram-Schmidt process defines vectors u_1, \dots, u_k as shown in below expression.

- u_1, \dots, u_k is required system of orthogonal vectors.
 - Known as Gram-Schmidt .
- Normalized vector e_1, \dots, e_k form an orthonormal set.
 - Known as Gram-Schmidt .

$$u_1 = v_1$$

$$u_2 = v_2 - \text{proj}_{u_1}(v_2)$$

$$u_3 = v_3 - \text{proj}_{u_1}(v_3) - \text{proj}_{u_2}(v_3)$$

$$\vdots$$

$$u_k = v_k - \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \text{proj}_{u_j}(v_k)$$

$$e_1 = \frac{u_1}{\|u_1\|}$$

$$e_2 = \frac{u_2}{\|u_2\|}$$

$$e_2 = \frac{u_2}{\|u_2\|}$$

$$\vdots$$

$$e_k = \frac{u_k}{\|u_k\|}$$

Expression of Gram-Schmidt using vector projection

Check Formula Validity

■ First, compute $\langle u_1, u_2 \rangle$ and check the result is zero.

▶ Substituting previous formula for u_2 .

- $u_2 = v_2 - \text{proj}_{u_1}(v_2)$

■ Then, compute $\langle u_1, u_3 \rangle$ and check the result is zero.

▶ Substituting previous formula for u_3 .

- $u_3 = v_3 - \text{proj}_{u_1}(v_3) - \text{proj}_{u_2}(v_3)$

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 u_1 = v_1 & e_1 = \frac{u_1}{\|u_1\|} \\
 u_2 = v_2 - \text{proj}_{u_1}(v_2) & e_2 = \frac{u_2}{\|u_2\|} \\
 u_3 = v_3 - \text{proj}_{u_1}(v_3) - \text{proj}_{u_2}(v_3) & e_2 = \frac{u_2}{\|u_2\|} \\
 \vdots & \vdots \\
 u_k = v_k - \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \text{proj}_{u_j}(v_k) & e_k = \frac{u_k}{\|u_k\|}
 \end{array}$$

Expression of Gram-Schmidt using vector projection

Geometrically Check Formula Validity

■ To compute u_i ,

- ▶ Project v_i orthogonally onto subspace U .
 - U : generated by u_1, \dots, u_{i-1}
 - Same as subspace generated by v_1, \dots, v_{i-1}
 - Vector u_i defined to be the difference between v_i .

- ▶ This projection is guaranteed to be **orthogonal to all vectors in the subspace U** .

$$\begin{aligned}
 u_1 &= v_1 & e_1 &= \frac{u_1}{\|u_1\|} \\
 u_2 &= v_2 - \text{proj}_{u_1}(v_2) & e_2 &= \frac{u_2}{\|u_2\|} \\
 u_3 &= v_3 - \text{proj}_{u_1}(v_3) - \text{proj}_{u_2}(v_3) & e_2 &= \frac{u_2}{\|u_2\|} \\
 &\vdots & &\vdots \\
 u_k &= v_k - \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \text{proj}_{u_j}(v_k) & e_k &= \frac{u_k}{\|u_k\|}
 \end{aligned}$$

Expression of Gram Schmidt using vector projection

Euclidean Space

■ Consider following set of vectors in R^2 as Eq 1..

- ▶ With conventional inner product.

■ Then, perform Gram-Schmidt as Eq 2..

- ▶ To obtain orthogonal set of vectors!

$$S = \left\{ \mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Eq 1. Set of vectors

$$\mathbf{u}_1 = \mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\mathbf{u}_2 = \mathbf{v}_2 - \text{proj}_{\mathbf{u}_1}(\mathbf{v}_2) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} - \text{proj}_{\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{8}{10} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2/5 \\ 6/5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Eq 2. Gram-Schmidt

Check Whether Orthogonal or Not

■ Check that vectors u_1 and u_2 are indeed orthogonal as Eq 1..

► If dot product of two vectors is 0, then they are .

■ In case of non-zero vectors,

► We can normalize vectors by dividing out their sizes as Eq 2..

$$\langle u_1, u_2 \rangle = \left\langle \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2/5 \\ 6/5 \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle = -\frac{6}{5} + \frac{6}{5} = 0$$

Eq 1. Dot product of two vectors

$$e_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$e_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{40}{25}}} \begin{bmatrix} -2/5 \\ 6/5 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Eq 2. Normalizing vectors

Code Exercise of Gram-Schmidt algorithm using MATLAB

Code Exercise (09_01)

- Follow the order of Gram-Schmidt algorithm in previous slide.

```
% Gram-Schmidt Algorithm

% Clear workspace, command window, and close all figures
clc; clear; close all;

% Initialize the matrices
A = [8 1 6; 3 5 7; 4 9 2];
Q = zeros(3);

% Perform the Gram-Schmidt process
for i = 1:size(A, 2)
    % Start with the original vector
    v = A(:, i);

    % Subtract the projections onto all previously obtained orthogonal vectors
    for j = 1:i-1
        v = v - (Q(:, j)' * A(:, i)) / (Q(:, j)' * Q(:, j)) * Q(:, j);
    end

    % Normalize the vector to make it orthogonal
    Q(:, i) = v / norm(v);
end

% Display the original and orthogonalized matrices
disp('Original Matrix A:');
disp(A);
disp('Orthogonalized Matrix Q:');
disp(Q);

% Verify orthogonality by computing dot products
disp('Dot products between different vectors of Q (should be close to zero):');
for i = 1:size(Q, 2)
    for j = i+1:size(Q, 2)
        fprintf('Dot product between Q(:, %d) and Q(:, %d): %f\n', i, j, dot(Q(:, i), Q(:, j)));
    end
end
```

MATLAB code

QR decomposition

Definition of QR Decomposition

- Decompose matrix with vector which is found using Gram-Schmidt.
- Matrix Q
 - ▶ A set of standard orthogonal basis q_1, \dots, q_n obtained through the Gram-Schmidt
 - ▶ Q is obviously different from the original matrix.
 - Assuming original matrix was not orthogonal.
 - information about that matrix.
- Fortunately, **lost** information can be retrieved and stored in another matrix R .
 - ▶ R multiplied to Q .
 - ▶ Then..., how to create R ?

Creating R

- Comes right from the definition of QR .

$$A = QR$$

$$Q^T A = Q^T QR$$

$$Q^T A = R$$

Definition of QR

- Advantage of orthogonal matrices that can be seen from the above definition.

- ▶ Solve matrix equations **without** worrying about **computing the inverse**.

$$\begin{bmatrix} | & | & \cdots & | \\ a_1 & a_2 & \cdots & a_n \\ | & | & \cdots & | \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & \cdots & | \\ q_1 & q_2 & \cdots & q_n \\ | & | & \cdots & | \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \cdot q_1 & a_2 \cdot q_1 & \cdots & a_n \cdot q_1 \\ a_1 \cdot q_2 & a_2 \cdot q_2 & \cdots & a_n \cdot q_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_1 \cdot q_n & a_2 \cdot q_n & \cdots & a_n \cdot q_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Overall form of QR decomposition

Simplification of QR Decomposition

■ Consider $a_1 \cdot q_2$.

- ▶ $a_1 \cdot q_2 = 0$ because a_1 is orthogonal to q_2 .

■ For $a_i \cdot q_j, i < j$

- ▶ $a_i \cdot q_j = 0$
 - Because a_i is orthogonal to q_j for $i < j$.

$$q_1 = a_1$$

$$q_2 = a_2 - \text{proj}_{q_1}(a_2)$$

$$q_3 = a_3 - \text{proj}_{q_1}(a_3) - \text{proj}_{q_2}(a_3)$$

$$\vdots$$

$$q_k = a_k - \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \text{proj}_{q_j}(a_k)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} | & | & & | \\ q_1 & q_2 & \cdots & q_n \\ | & | & & | \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \cdot q_1 & a_2 \cdot q_1 & \cdots & a_n \cdot q_1 \\ 0 & a_2 \cdot q_2 & \cdots & a_n \cdot q_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & a_n \cdot q_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Simplification of QR decomposition

Features of QR Decomposition

- $A = QR$
 - ▶ $A - QR$ is zeros matrix.
- Q times its transpose gives the identity matrix.
- R matrix: always upper triangular
 - ▶ It will be explained in the next section.

```
% Clear workspace, command window, and close
all figures
clc; clear; close all;
```

```
% Random integer matrix A
A = randi(10, 6);
```

```
% QR decomposition
[Q,R] = qr(A);
```

```
% Visualize the results
figure;
imagesc(A); % Display the matrix as a color
image
title('A matrix');
colorbar; % Show a color scale
colormap jet; % Use the jet color map
axis equal tight; % Adjust axes to fit the
data
```

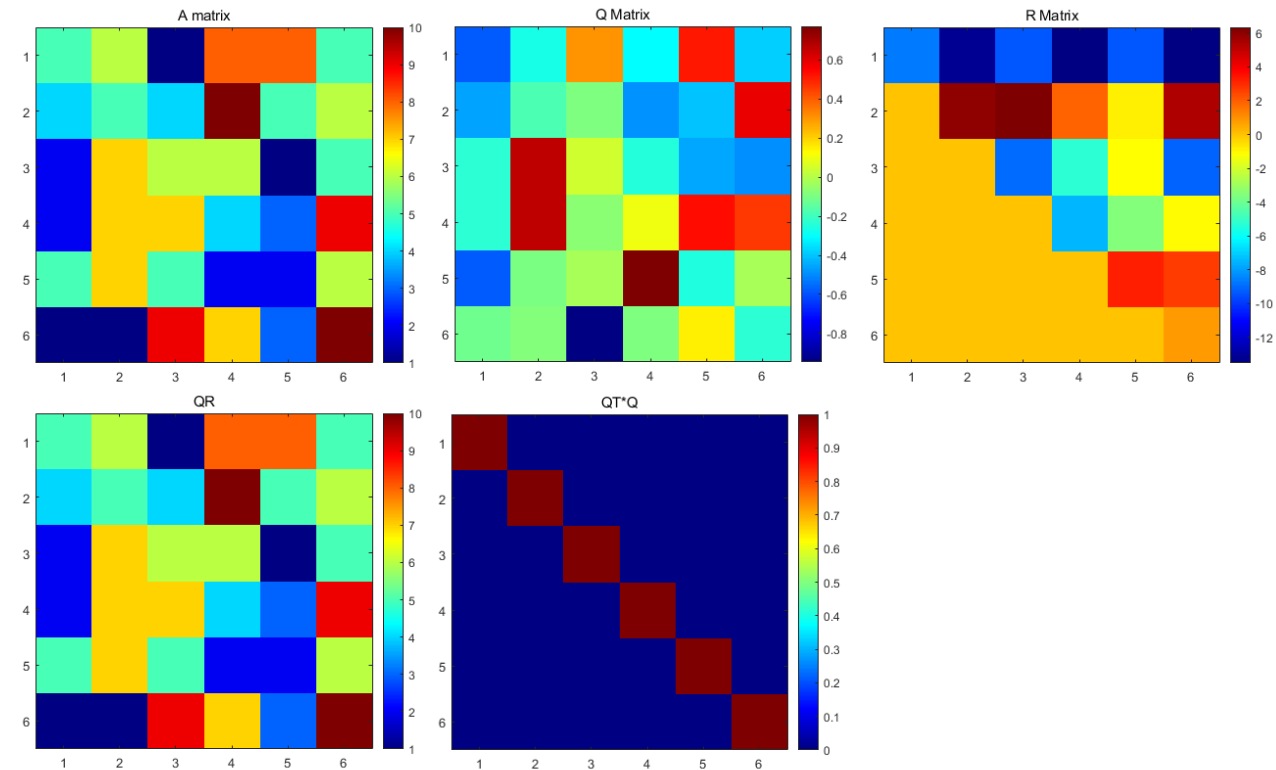
```
figure;
imagesc(Q);
title('Q Matrix');
colorbar;
colormap jet;
axis equal tight;
```

```
figure;
imagesc(R);
title('R Matrix');
colorbar;
colormap jet;
axis equal tight;
```

```
figure;
imagesc(Q*R);
title('QR');
colorbar;
colormap jet;
axis equal tight;
```

```
figure;
imagesc(Q' * Q);
title('QT*Q');
colorbar;
colormap jet;
axis equal tight;
```

MATLAB code



QR decomposition of a random numbers matrix

Sizes of Q and R

- Depend on the size of to-be-decomposed matrix A .
- Whether QR decomposition is **economy** or **full**.
 - ▶ **Economy** called reduced.
 - ▶ **Full** called complete.

Overview of All Possible Sizes of Q and R

- Fig 1. shows an overview of all possible sizes.
- “?” indicates that the matrix elements depend on values in A .
 - ▶ Not identity matrix.

	A	Q	$Q^T Q$	$Q Q^T$	R
Square full-rank	$M \times M$ $r = M$	$M \times M$ $r = M$	I_M	I_M	$M \times M$ $r = M$
Square singular	$M \times M$ $r = K < M$	$M \times M$ $r = M$	I_M	I_M	$M \times M$ $r = k$
Tall “full”	$M > N$ $r = K$	$M \times M$ $r = M$	I_M	I_M	$M \times M$ $r = k$
Tall “economy”	$M > N$ $r = K$	$M \times N$ $r = N$	I_N	?	$M \times N$ $r = K$
Wide	$M < N$ $r = K$	$M \times M$ $r = M$	I_M	I_M	$M \times N$ $r = K$

Fig 1. Sizes of Q and R depending on size of A

Code Exercise of Orthogonal Matrix using MATLAB

■ Code Exercise (09_02)

- ▶ Notice optional second input 'complete', which produces a full QR decomposition.
- ▶ Setting that to 'reduced', gives economy-mode QR decomposition, in which Q is same size as A .

```
% Clear workspace, command window, and close all figures
clc; clear; close all;

% Matrix A
A = [1; -1];
[Q,R] = qr(A); % Full QR decomposition
[Q_econ,R_econ] = qr(A, "econ"); % Economy-mode QR decomposition, Q is same size as matrix A

% Scale to make integer matrix
Q = Q*sqrt(2);
Q_econ = Q_econ*sqrt(2);

% Display the results
disp("Q")
disp(Q);
disp("Q_econ")
disp(Q_econ);
```

MATLAB code of orthogonal matrix

Rank of Orthogonal Matrix

■ Rank of Q is always **maximum possible rank**.

- ▶ It is possible to craft more than $M > N$ orthogonal vectors from a matrix with N columns.

■ Rank of Q

- ▶ M for all square Q matrices
- ▶ N for economy Q matrices

■ Rank of R

- ▶ Same as rank of A .

■ Difference in rank between Q and A resulting from orthogonalization

- ▶ Q spans all of \mathbb{R}^M even if the column space of A is only lower-dimensional subspace of \mathbb{R}^M
 - Important reason why the singular value decomposition is so useful for revealing properties of a matrix, including its rank and null space.
- ▶ Another reason to look forward to learning about SVD in Chapter 14!

Property of QR Decomposition

- QR decomposition is **not unique** for all matrix sizes and ranks.
 - ▶ It is possible to obtain $A = Q_1 R_1$ and $A = Q_2 R_2$ where $Q_1 \neq Q_2$.
- All QR decomposition results have the same properties described in this section.
- QR decomposition can be made unique when given additional constraints.
 - E.g., positive values on diagonals of R .
 - ▶ But! **Not necessary** in most cases.
 - Not implemented in MATLAB.

Orthogonalization

- Orthogonalization works column-wise from left to right.
 - ▶ Later columns in Q are orthogonalized to earlier columns of A .
- Lower triangle of R comes from .
- Earlier columns in Q are not orthogonalized to later columns of A .
 - ▶ No expect their dot products to be zero.
- Columns i and j of A were already orthogonal.
 - ▶ Corresponding $(i, j)^{th}$ element in R would be zero.
- If compute QR decomposition of orthogonal matrix,
 - ▶ R will be matrix.
 - Norms of each column in A .
- If $A = Q$, R is same as I .
 - ▶ Comes from equation solved for R .

QR and Inverses

■ More numerically stable way to compute matrix inverse

- ▶ When using QR decomposition.

■ Writing out QR decomposition formula and inverting both sides of equation.

- ▶ Apply the **LIVE EVIL** rule as we learned before.

■ Inverse of A

- ▶ Same as of R times of Q .
- ▶ Q is numerically stable.
 - Due to **Householder reflection algorithm**.
- ▶ R is numerically stable.
 - Due to results from **matrix multiplication**.

■ Need to invert R explicitly.

- ▶ **Inverting triangular matrices** is highly numerically stable.
 - Through back substitution.

$$A = QR$$

$$A^{-1} = (QR)^{-1}$$

$$A^{-1} = R^{-1}Q^{-1}$$

$$A^{-1} = R^{-1}Q^T$$

Compute matrix inverse using QR decomposition

Key Point of QR Decomposition

- Provide more numerically **stable** way to invert matrices.
 - ▶ Compared to algorithm presented in previous lecture.
- On the other hand, some matrices are still very difficult to invert.
 - ▶ Theoretically invertible but are close to singular.
- QR decomposition doesn't guarantee high-quality inverse.
 - ▶ Rotten apple dipped in honey is still rotten...!

Summary

Summary

■ Orthogonal matrix

- ▶ All columns are pair-wise orthogonal and norm equals to 1.
- ▶ Key to several matrix decompositions.
 - QR, eigen, singular value decomposition.
- ▶ Important in geometry and computer graphics.
 - E.g. pure rotation matrices.

■ Can transform a nonorthogonal matrix into an orthogonal matrix.

- ▶ Via Gram-Schmidt procedure.
- ▶ Involves applying orthogonal vector decomposition.
 - To isolate the component of each column.
 - Each column is orthogonal to all previous columns, previous meaning left to right.

■ QR decomposition is the result of Gram-Schmidt.

- ▶ Technically, it is implemented by more stable algorithm.
- ▶ But GS is still the right way to understand it.

Code exercises

Characteristic of matrix Q

- A square Q has the following equalities:

$$Q^T Q = Q Q^T = Q^{-1} Q = Q Q^{-1} = I$$

- Demonstrate this in code by computing Q from a random-numbers matrix, then compute Q^T and Q^{-1} . Then show that all four expressions produce the identity matrix.
- <https://kr.mathworks.com/help/matlab/ref/qr.html>

```
% Clear workspace, command window, and close all figures
clc; clear; close all;

% Generate a 5x5 random matrix and compute the QR decomposition
random_matrix = randn(5, 5);

%%%%%%%%% TODO %%%%%%%%%%
% Generate Q matrix
[Q, R] = ;

% Get Transpose of Q & Inverse of Q
Qt = ; % Transpose of Q
Qi = ; % Inverse of Q

% QtQ
disp("QtQ")
disp(round(, 8));

% QQ^T
disp("QQ^T")
disp(round(, 8));

% QiQ
disp("QiQ")
disp(round(, 8));

% QQi
disp("QQi")
disp(round(, 8));
%%%%%%%%% TODO %%%%%%%%%%
```

Sample code

Full, Economy Sized matrix Q and Its Inverse

- This exercise will highlight one feature of the R matrix that is relevant for understanding how to use QR to implement least squares (lecture 12): when A is tall and full column-rank, the first N rows of R are upper-triangular, whereas rows $N + 1$ through M are zeros. Confirm this in MATLAB using a random 10×4 matrix. Make sure to use the complete (full) QR decomposition, not the economy (compact) decomposition.
- Of course, R is noninvertible because it is nonsquare. But (1) the submatrix comprising the first N row is square and full-rank (when A is full column-rank) and thus has a full inverse, and (2) the tall R has a pseudoinverse. Compute both inverses, and confirm that the full inverse of the first N rows of R equals the first N columns of the pseudoinverse of the tall R .

```
% Create a random 10x4 matrix
A = randn(10, 4);

% Compute the complete QR decomposition
% economy sized R
[~, R] = ;
% full sized R
[~, fullR] = ;

% Examine R (rounded to 3 decimal places)
disp('R:');
disp(round(R, 3));
disp('fullR:');
disp(round(fullR, 3));

% Invertible submatrix (first 4x4 part of R)
Rsub = ;

% Inverses
% calculate full inverse of Rsub
Rsub_inv = ;
% calculate left inverse of R
Rleftinv = ;

% Display both inverses
disp('Full inverse of R submatrix:');
disp(round(Rsub_inv, 3));

disp('Left inverse of R:');
disp(round(Rleftinv, 3));
```

Sample code



**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR ATTENTION**