

# CX1104: Linear Algebra for Computing

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & a_{m3} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}}_{A} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}}_{x} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_m \end{bmatrix}}_{b}$$

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Lecture : **Orthogonality**

Topic : **Gram–Schmidt Process**

Concept : **Using GS Process for QR Factorisation**

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# Gram–Schmidt Process for QR Factorisation

The application of the Gram–Schmidt process to the column vectors of a **full column rank** matrix yields the QR decomposition.

QR decomposition helps in solving linear least squares problem (next chapter).

If  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  has full column rank, i.e,  $A$  has linearly independent columns,  $A$  can be factored as follows:

$$A = QR$$

$$A = [q_1 \quad q_2 \quad \cdots \quad q_n] \begin{bmatrix} R_{11} & R_{12} & \cdots & R_{1n} \\ 0 & R_{22} & \cdots & R_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & R_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

## The $Q$ Factor:

- $Q$  is  $m \times n$  with orthonormal columns ( $Q^T Q = I$ )
- If  $A$  is square ( $m = n$ ), then  $Q$  is orthogonal, i.e,  $Q^T Q = Q Q^T = I$

## The $R$ Factor:

- $R$  is  $n \times n$  upper triangular, with nonzero diagonal elements
- $R$  is nonsingular (diagonal elements are nonzero)

- Vectors  $q_1, q_2, \dots, q_n$  are orthonormal m-vectors:  
 $\|q_i\| = 1$  and  $q_i^T q_j = 0$  if  $i \neq j$
- Diagonal elements  $R_{ii}$  are nonzero.

**NOTE:**

**$Q$  is obtained by performing GS Process on  $A$**

# Gram–Schmidt Process for QR Factorisation

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### The QR Factorization

If  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix with linearly independent columns, then  $A$  can be factored as  $A = QR$ , where  $Q$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix whose columns form an orthonormal basis for  $\text{Col } A$  and  $R$  is an  $n \times n$  upper triangular invertible matrix with positive entries on its diagonal.

$$A = [\mathbf{x}_1 \quad \cdots \quad \mathbf{x}_n] = [Q\mathbf{r}_1 \quad \cdots \quad Q\mathbf{r}_n] = QR$$

$$A \in R^{m \times n} \quad Q = \text{columns are orthogonal} \quad R = \text{Upper Triangle}$$

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% Gram Schmit - Chng Eng Siong, for QR decomposition
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function [Q,R]= my_GS(A)

[m,n] = size(A);
Q=zeros(m,n);
R=zeros(n,n);

x1      = A(:,1);
Q(:,1)  = x1/norm(x1);
R(1,1)  = norm(x1);

    for i=2:n
        x_i = A(:,i);
        v_i = x_i;
        for j=1:i-1
            v_j = Q(:,j);
            RVal = (x_i'*v_j)/(v_j'*v_j);
            v_i = v_i - RVal*v_j;
            R(j,i) = RVal;
        end % of for j
        Q(:,i) = v_i/norm(v_i);
        R(i,i) = norm(v_i);
    end % of for i
end % of funcyion
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# Gram–Schmidt Process for QR Factorisation

Consider a full column rank matrix  $A$ :

$$A = [x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n]$$

Gram–Schmidt Process

$$\text{Proj}_v x = \frac{\langle v, x \rangle}{\langle v, v \rangle} v$$

$$v_1 = x_1$$

$$e_1 = \frac{v_1}{||v_1||}$$

$$v_2 = x_2 - \text{Proj}_{v_1} x_2$$

$$v_3 = x_3 - \text{Proj}_{v_1} x_3 - \text{Proj}_{v_2} x_3$$

$$v_i = x_i - \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \text{Proj}_{v_j} x_i$$

$$e_i = \frac{v_i}{||v_i||}$$

We can now express the  $a_i$ s over our newly computed orthonormal basis:

$$x_1 = \langle e_1, x_1 \rangle e_1$$

$$x_2 = \langle e_1, x_2 \rangle e_1 + \langle e_2, x_2 \rangle e_2$$

$$x_3 = \langle e_1, x_3 \rangle e_1 + \langle e_2, x_3 \rangle e_2 + \langle e_3, x_3 \rangle e_3$$

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$$x_n = \sum_{j=1}^n \langle e_j, x_n \rangle e_j$$

This can be written in matrix form:

$$A = QR$$

where:

$$Q = [e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_n]$$

and

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} \langle e_1, x_1 \rangle & \langle e_1, x_2 \rangle & \langle e_1, x_3 \rangle & \dots \\ 0 & \langle e_2, x_2 \rangle & \langle e_2, x_3 \rangle & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & \langle e_3, x_3 \rangle & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}.$$

# Gram–Schmidt Process for QR Factorisation

**Example** [ [edit](#) ]

Consider the decomposition of

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 12 & -51 & 4 \\ 6 & 167 & -68 \\ -4 & 24 & -41 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Recall that an orthonormal matrix  $Q$  has the property

$$Q^T Q = I.$$

Then, we can calculate  $Q$  by means of Gram–Schmidt as follows:

$$U = (\mathbf{u}_1 \quad \mathbf{u}_2 \quad \mathbf{u}_3) = \begin{pmatrix} 12 & -69 & -58/5 \\ 6 & 158 & 6/5 \\ -4 & 30 & -33 \end{pmatrix};$$
$$Q = \left( \frac{\mathbf{u}_1}{\|\mathbf{u}_1\|} \quad \frac{\mathbf{u}_2}{\|\mathbf{u}_2\|} \quad \frac{\mathbf{u}_3}{\|\mathbf{u}_3\|} \right) = \begin{pmatrix} 6/7 & -69/175 & -58/175 \\ 3/7 & 158/175 & 6/175 \\ -2/7 & 6/35 & -33/35 \end{pmatrix}$$

Thus, we have

$$Q^T A = Q^T Q R = R;$$
$$R = Q^T A = \begin{pmatrix} 14 & 21 & -14 \\ 0 & 175 & -70 \\ 0 & 0 & 35 \end{pmatrix}$$

Hence,

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 12 & -51 & 4 \\ 6 & 167 & -68 \\ -4 & 24 & -41 \end{pmatrix} =$$
$$\begin{pmatrix} 6/7 & -69/175 & -58/175 \\ 3/7 & 158/175 & 6/175 \\ -2/7 & 6/35 & -33/35 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} 14 & 21 & -14 \\ 0 & 175 & -70 \\ 0 & 0 & 35 \end{pmatrix}$$

$Q$ : Orthogonal Matrix

$R$ : Upper Triangular Matrix