

# orthogonalization

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# objectives

- Revisit SVD and Orthogonal Matrices
- Create orthogonal vectors
- Outline the Gram-Schmidt algorithm for orthogonalization

# normal equations: conditioning

The normal equations tend to worsen the condition of the matrix.

Theorem

$$\text{cond}(A^T A) = (\text{cond}(A))^2$$

```
1 A = np.random.rand(10,10)
2 print(np.linalg.cond(A))
3 print(np.linalg.cond(A.T.dot(A)))
4
5 50.0972712517
6 2509.73658686
```

# other approaches

- **QR factorization.**
  - For  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ , factor  $A = QR$  where
    - $Q$  is an  $m \times m$  orthogonal matrix
    - $R$  is an  $m \times n$  upper triangular matrix (since  $R$  is an  $m \times n$  upper triangular matrix we can write  $R = \begin{bmatrix} R' \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  where  $R$  is  $n \times n$  upper triangular and  $0$  is the  $(m - n) \times n$  matrix of zeros)
- **SVD - singular value decomposition**
  - For  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ , factor  $A = USV^T$  where
    - $U$  is an  $m \times m$  orthogonal matrix
    - $V$  is an  $n \times n$  orthogonal matrix
    - $S$  is an  $m \times n$  diagonal matrix whose elements are the singular values.

# orthogonal matrices

## Definition

A matrix  $Q$  is orthogonal if

$$Q^T Q = Q Q^T = I$$

Orthogonal matrices preserve the Euclidean norm of any vector  $v$ ,

$$\|Qv\|_2^2 = (Qv)^T (Qv) = v^T Q^T Q v = v^T v = \|v\|_2^2.$$

# gram-schmidt orthogonalization

One way to obtain the  $QR$  factorization of a matrix  $A$  is by Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization.

We are looking for a set of orthogonal vectors  $q$  that span the range of  $A$ .

For the simple case of 2 vectors  $\{a_1, a_2\}$ , first normalize  $a_1$  and obtain

$$q_1 = \frac{a_1}{\|a_1\|}.$$

Now we need  $q_2$  such that  $q_1^T q_2 = 0$  and  $q_2 = a_2 + cq_1$ . That is,

$$R(q_1, q_2) = R(a_1, a_2)$$

Enforcing orthogonality gives:

$$q_1^T q_2 = 0 = q_1^T a_2 + cq_1^T q_1$$

# gram-schmidt orthogonalization

$$q_1^T q_2 = 0 = q_1^T a_2 + c q_1^T q_1$$

Solving for the constant  $c$ .

$$c = -\frac{q_1^T a_2}{q_1^T q_1}$$

reformulating  $q_2$  gives.

$$q_2 = a_2 - \frac{q_1^T a_2}{q_1^T q_1} q_1$$

Adding another vector  $a_3$  and we have for  $q_3$ ,

$$q_3 = a_3 - \frac{q_2^T a_3}{q_2^T q_2} q_2 - \frac{q_1^T a_3}{q_1^T q_1} q_1$$

Repeating this idea for  $n$  columns gives us Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization.

# gram-schmidt orthogonalization

Since  $R$  is upper triangular and  $A = QR$  we have

$$a_1 = q_1 r_{11}$$

$$a_2 = q_1 r_{12} + q_2 r_{22}$$

$$\vdots = \quad \vdots$$

$$a_n = q_1 r_{1n} + q_2 r_{2n} + \dots + q_n r_{nn}$$

From this we see that  $r_{ij} = \frac{q_i^T a_j}{q_i^T q_i}, j > i$

# orthogonal projection

The orthogonal projector onto the range of  $q_1$  can be written:

$$\frac{q_1 q_1^T}{q_1^T q_1}$$

. Application of this operator to a vector  $a$  orthogonally projects  $a$  onto  $q_1$ . If we subtract the result from  $a$  we are left with a vector that is orthogonal to  $q_1$ .

$$q_1^T \left( I - \frac{q_1 q_1^T}{q_1^T q_1} \right) a = 0$$

# gram-schmidt orthogonalization

```
1 def qr(A):  
2  
3     Q = np.zeros(A.shape)  
4  
5     for k in range(A.shape[1]):  
6         avec = A[:, k]  
7         q = avec  
8         for j in range(k):  
9             q = q - np.dot(avec, Q[:,j])*Q[:,j]
```