

Lecture Outline for Friday, Sept. 22

1. Example application of QR factorization

Find linear fit to the following data set (seen before):

i	x_i	y_i
1	1.0	1.1
2	2.0	3.2
3	4.0	5.2

Linear fit: $y = d_0 + d_1x$, so the “function” matrix F and “data” vector \mathbf{y} are ($M = 3$ and $N = 2$)

$$F = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 1.1 \\ 3.2 \\ 5.2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Apply Matlab command $[Q \ R] = \text{qr}(F)$.

The resulting Q and R matrices are (to four decimal places of accuracy)

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} -0.5774 & 0.6172 & 0.5345 \\ -0.5774 & 0.1543 & -0.8018 \\ -0.5774 & -0.7715 & 0.2673 \end{bmatrix} \quad R = \begin{bmatrix} -1.7321 & -4.0415 \\ 0 & -2.1602 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Verify using *Matlab* that Q is orthogonal.

To solve overdetermined system: $F\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{y} \rightarrow QR\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{y}$. Let $R\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{z} \rightarrow Q\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{y}$.

Solve $\mathbf{z} = Q^T\mathbf{y}$ and then $R\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{z}$ for \mathbf{c} using backward substitution.

$$\text{Solution should be } \mathbf{c} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.1000 \\ 1.3143 \end{bmatrix}$$

2. Many other kinds of factorizations are available for special situations, such as Cholesky and LDL^T (both for symmetric matrices). The Cholesky and LDL^T factorizations are both available in *Matlab*.

3. For more information on the various factorizations, see

- G. H. Golub and C. F. Van Loan, *Matrix Computations* (4th edition is latest)
- W. H. Press, S. A. Teukolsky, W. T. Vetterling, and B. P. Flannery, *Numerical Recipes: The Art of Scientific Computing* (3rd edition is latest)

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4. The greatest factorization of them all, singular value decomposition (SVD)

- a. Very good at handling difficult systems in which the matrix is very close to singular (ill conditioned), which can happen with large data sets, measurement errors, and/or noisy data, to name just a few issues often encountered in real problems.
- b. Recommended over the normal equation for solving difficult overdetermined systems. Main disadvantages are more memory storage (an extra matrix) and sometimes it's slower.
- c. Can also be used for data compression (demo soon).
- d. Using the so-called "economy-sized" or "thin" decomposition, an $M \times N$ matrix A can be expressed in the product form (assuming $M > N$ or $M = N$ for now)

$$A = U\Sigma V^H,$$

where U is an $M \times N$ column-orthogonal matrix, Σ (sometimes labeled S) is an $N \times N$ diagonal matrix, V is an $N \times N$ orthogonal matrix, and H indicates complex conjugate transpose (V can be complex if A is complex):

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} \uparrow & \uparrow & \cdots & \uparrow \\ \mathbf{u}_1 & \mathbf{u}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{u}_N \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & \cdots & \downarrow \end{bmatrix}_{M \times N} \quad \Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2 & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & \sigma_N \end{bmatrix}_{N \times N} \quad V = \begin{bmatrix} \uparrow & \uparrow & \cdots & \uparrow \\ \mathbf{v}_1 & \mathbf{v}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{v}_N \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & \cdots & \downarrow \end{bmatrix}_{N \times N}$$

where $\mathbf{u}_i^T \mathbf{u}_j = \delta_{ij}$ (orthogonal) and $\mathbf{v}_i^T \mathbf{v}_j = \delta_{ij}$ (orthogonal)

- e. In the full SVD, U is $M \times M$ and Σ is $M \times N$, but parts of U and Σ are not necessary for non-square ($M > N$) systems, hence the "economy-sized" decomposition.
- f. Matlab command (full SVD unless option is added): `[U S V] = svd(A)`
- g. The diagonal elements of Σ are called *singular values*. They are always real and either positive or zero, even if A has complex entries. They can repeat. Thus,

$$\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \sigma_3 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_N.$$

Zero singular values, if any, occupy the highest index numbers (i.e., up to and including σ_N)