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QR Algorithm and  
Reduction to Hessenberg  
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## Simultaneous iteration vs QR algorithm

- QR algorithm can be viewed as simultaneous iteration with  $\hat{Q}^{(0)} = I$  and  $p = n$ .
- We can drop the hats on  $\hat{Q}^{(k)}, \hat{R}^{(k)}$
- $\underline{Q}^{(k)} = Q$ 's from simultaneous iteration,  
 $\overline{Q}^{(k)} = Q$ 's from QR algorithm

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## Simultaneous iteration revisited

- Simultaneous iteration can be written as:

$$\underline{Q}^{(0)} = I$$

For  $k = 1, 2, \dots$

$$\underline{Z}^{(k)} \leftarrow A \underline{Q}^{(k-1)}$$

$$\underline{Q}^{(k)} \underline{R}^{(k)} \leftarrow \underline{Z}^{(k)}$$

$$\underline{A}^{(k)} = \left( \underline{Q}^{(k)} \right)^T A \underline{Q}^{(k)}$$

$$\underline{R}^{(k)} = \underline{R}^{(k)} \underline{R}^{(k-1)} \dots \underline{R}^{(1)}$$

} New matrices for proof purpose

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## QR algorithm revisited

- QR algorithm can be written as:

$$\underline{A}^{(0)} = A$$

For  $k = 1, 2, \dots$

$$\underline{Q}^{(k)} \underline{R}^{(k)} \leftarrow \underline{A}^{(k-1)}$$

$$\underline{A}^{(k)} \leftarrow \underline{R}^{(k)} \underline{Q}^{(k)}$$

$$\underline{Q}^{(k)} = \underline{Q}^{(1)} \underline{Q}^{(2)} \dots \underline{Q}^{(k)}$$

$$\underline{R}^{(k)} = \underline{R}^{(k)} \underline{R}^{(k-1)} \dots \underline{R}^{(1)}$$

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## Equivalence

- Theorem: The two algorithms generate identical sequences of matrices  $\underline{R}^{(k)}$ ,  $\underline{Q}^{(k)}$  and  $A^{(k)}$  and they are

$$(1) \quad A^k = \underline{Q}^{(k)} \underline{R}^{(k)}$$

$$(2) \quad A^{(k)} = \left( \underline{Q}^{(k)} \right)^T A \underline{Q}^{(k)}$$

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## Equivalence

- Proof: by induction. The case  $k = 0$  is trivial since  $A^0 = \underline{Q}^{(0)} = \underline{R}^{(0)} = I$  and  $A^{(0)} = A$ . Suppose it is true for  $k - 1$ .

Simultaneous iteration:

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## Equivalence

- Proof continued...  
QR algorithm:

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## Convergence of the QR algorithm

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  QR algorithm effectively computes  $Q, R$  factors of  $A^k$  i.e., orthonormal basis for  $A^k$

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  The diagonal of  $A^{(k)}$  are Rayleigh quotients of column vectors of  $\underline{Q}^{(k)}$

- As columns of  $\underline{Q}^{(k)} \rightarrow$  eigenvectors,  
the Rayleigh quotients  $\rightarrow$  eigenvalues

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## Convergence of the QR algorithm

- $A_{ij}^{(k)} = \left(\underline{q}_i^{(k)}\right)^T A(\underline{q}_j^{(k)})$ 
  - Here  $\underline{q}_i^{(k)}, \underline{q}_j^{(k)}$  are columns  $i$  and  $j$  of  $\underline{Q}^{(k)}$
  - Eventually  $\underline{q}_j^{(k)} \rightarrow q_j, \underline{q}_i^{(k)} \rightarrow q_i, A\underline{q}_j^{(k)} \approx \lambda_j q_j$
  - Therefore  $A_{ij}^{(k)} \approx \lambda_j q_i^T q_j = 0 \quad \forall i \neq j$
- $\therefore A^{(k)}$  converges to a diagonal matrix

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## Convergence of the QR algorithm

- Theorem: Assume  $|\lambda_1| > |\lambda_2| > \dots > |\lambda_n|$  and  $Q$  has all nonsingular leading principal minors. As  $k \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $A^{(k)}$  converges linearly to  $\text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$  and  $\underline{Q}^{(k)}$  converges at the same rate to  $Q$ . The rate of convergence is

$$C = \max_k \left| \frac{\lambda_{k+1}}{\lambda_k} \right|$$

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## Example

- $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = A^{(0)}$

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## Example

- $A = \begin{bmatrix} 21 & 7 & -1 \\ 5 & 7 & 7 \\ 4 & -4 & 20 \end{bmatrix} = A^{(0)}$

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## Practical QR

- It is expensive to compute the QR factorization of a square matrix  $\left(\frac{4}{3}n^3 \text{ flops}\right)$
- In practice, we first reduce  $A$  to a Hessenberg matrix if  $A \neq A^T$  and to a tridiagonal matrix if  $A = A^T$
- The resulting QR factorization would be  $O(n^2)$  if  $A \neq A^T$  and  $O(n)$  if  $A = A^T$

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## Reduction to Hessenberg or Tridiagonal

- The matrix can be nonsymmetric in general
- Why Hessenberg? Why not triangular?

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## Reduction to Hessenberg or Tridiagonal

- Be less ambitious and choose  $Q_1^T$  that leaves 1<sup>st</sup> row unchanged

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## Reduction to Hessenberg or Tridiagonal

- In general:  
 $Q = Q_1 Q_2 \dots Q_{n-2}$  and  $Q^T A Q = \text{upper Hessenberg}$
- Complexity:
  - $\text{Flops}(\text{Reduction to Hessenberg}) \approx \frac{10}{3}n^3$
  - $\text{Flops}(\text{Reduction to tridiagonal}) \approx \frac{4}{3}n^3$

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