

# CS475 / CS675

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QR Factorization and  
Gram-Schmidt Orthogonalization  
Reading: [TB] Chapters 7, 8

# Gram-Schmidt Orthogonalization

- QR factorization algorithm

$$A = QR \quad (Q \text{ orthogonal and } R \text{ upper } \Delta)$$

Picture:

- At the  $j^{\text{th}}$  step

$$q_j \text{ is orthogonal to } \{q_1, \dots, q_{j-1}\}$$

$$\|q_j\| = 1$$

# Gram-Schmidt Orthogonalization

- Consider  $v_j = a_j + \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} \beta_i q_i$
- Since  $0 = q_k^T v_j$   $k = 1, \dots, j - 1$ 
$$= q_k^T a_j + \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} \beta_i (q_k^T q_i)$$
$$= q_k^T a_j + \beta_k q_k^T q_k$$

$$\therefore \beta_k = -q_k^T a_j \quad (q_k^T q_k = 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow v_j = a_j - \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} (q_i^T a_j) q_i$$

# Gram-Schmidt Orthogonalization

- Normalize  $v_j \rightarrow q_j = \frac{v_j}{\|v_j\|}$

- Hence  $q_1 = \frac{a_1}{r_{11}}$

$$q_2 = \frac{a_2 - r_{12}q_1}{r_{22}}$$

$\vdots$

$$q_n = \frac{a_n - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} r_{in}q_i}{r_{nn}}$$

- Where  $r_{ij} = q_i^T a_j$ ,  $r_{jj} = \left\| a_j - \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} r_{ij}q_i \right\|_2$

# Gram-Schmidt Algorithm

For  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$

$$v_j = a_j$$

for  $i = 1, \dots, j - 1$

$$r_{ij} = q_i^T a_j$$

$$v_j = v_j - r_{ij}q_i$$

end

$$r_{jj} = \|v_j\|$$

$$q_j = \frac{v_j}{r_{jj}}$$

end

# Modified Gram-Schmidt

- Change: “ $r_{ij} = q_i^T a_j$ ”  $\rightarrow$  “ $r_{ij} = q_i^T v_j$ ” (more stable)
- In the  $i$ -loop,  $v_j$  changes for each  $i$ 
  - $i = 1: v_j^{(1)} = a_j - r_{1j}q_1$
  - $i = 2: v_j^{(2)} = v_j^{(1)} - r_{2j}q_2 = a_j - r_{1j}q_1 - r_{2j}q_2$
  - $\vdots$
  - $i = k - 1: v_j^{(k-1)} = a_j - \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} r_{ij}q_i$
- At  $i = k$ ,
  - $r_{kj} = q_k^T a_j$
  - $= q_k^T (a_j - \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} r_{ij}q_i)$  ( $q_k \perp \{q_1, \dots, q_{k-1}\}$ )
  - $= q_k^T v_j^{k-1}$

# Complexity of Gram-Schmidt

- Consider the  $i$ -loop:

$$r_{ij} = q_i^T a_j \text{ or } q_i^T v_j \rightarrow m \text{ mult, } m - 1 \text{ adds}$$

$$v_j = v_j - r_{ij}q_i \rightarrow m \text{ mult, } m \text{ subs}$$
$$\therefore \text{flops} \sim 4m$$

- Total flops =  $\sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} 4m$ 
$$= \sum_{j=1}^n (j-1)4m \sim 4m \sum_{j=1}^n j$$
$$= \frac{4mn(n+1)}{2}$$
$$\sim 2mn^2$$

- Note: when  $m = n$ , then  $\text{flops}(QR) = 2n^3 + O(n^2)$ 
$$\approx 3 \times \text{flops}(LU)$$

# Example



# Householder triangularization

- More stable than Gram-Schmidt
- Idea:  $Q_n \dots Q_2 Q_1 A = R$   
 $Q_k \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$  orthogonal matrices
- Similar to GE, each  $Q_k$  will make the entries of col  $j$  become zero
- Picture:

# Householder reflectors

- Define  $Q_k = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & F \end{bmatrix}$   $\begin{matrix} \} k - 1 \\ \} m - (k - 1) \end{matrix}$
- $F$  is chosen to be a Householder reflector
- Picture

# Householder Reflector

- Suppose  $x = \begin{bmatrix} \times \\ \times \\ \vdots \\ \times \end{bmatrix}$  then  $Fx = \begin{bmatrix} \|x\| \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \|x\|e_1$
- $F$  “reflects”  $x$  across hyperplane  $H$  orthogonal to  $v = \|x\|e_1 - x$

- The orthogonal projector of  $x$  onto  $H$ :

$$Px = x - \left[ \left( \frac{v}{\|v\|} \right)^T x \right] \frac{v}{\|v\|} = x - v \frac{v^T x}{v^T v}$$

- Since  $F$  is a reflector, it should go twice as far:

$$Fx = x - 2v \frac{v^T x}{v^T v}$$

# Householder Reflectors

- Two possibilities:
  - For stability reason, the further one is chosen
    - i.e.,  $v = -\text{sign}(x_1) \|x\| e_1 - x$
    - Upon clearing the minus signs, we obtain
    - $$v = \text{sign}(x_1) \|x\| e_1 + x$$

# Another Derivation

- Let  $F = I - 2 \frac{vv^T}{v^T v}$ . Find  $v$  s.t.  $Fx \in \text{span}\{e_1\}$ .
- $Fx = x - 2 \frac{v^T x}{v^T v} v$   
 $\in \text{span}\{e_1\} \iff v \in \text{span}\{x, e_1\}$
- Let  $v = x + \alpha e_1$   
 $v^T x = x^T x + \alpha e_1^T x = x^T x + \alpha x_1$   
 $v^T v = (x + \alpha e_1)^T (x + \alpha e_1)$   
 $= x^T x + 2\alpha x_1 + \alpha^2$

# Derivation Continued

- $\therefore Fx =$

- Hence  $v = x \pm \|x\|e_1$   
and  $Fx = \mp \|x\|e_1$

# Example