

The QR factorization [We assume square real matrices in following] (69)

One other important matrix factorization that can be easily obtained with Householder reflectors is the QR factorization.

Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, then if Q unitary and R (Δ) s.t.
 $(Q^T Q = I)$

$$A = QR$$

Idea: apply Householder reflectors on the left of A to obtain upper triangular matrix:

we will not see details. Keep in mind that in Matlab:

$[Q, R] = qr(A, 0)$ gives such a factorization.

Note: if A is full column rank (i.e. columns are lin indep)

then $\text{range}(X) = \text{range}(A)$.

Unnormalized Simultaneous iteration

Idea: apply power method to many vectors at once.

If $A^k v^{(0)} \rightarrow q_1$ we can expect: $\text{span}\{A^k v_1^{(0)}, A^k v_2^{(0)}, \dots, A^k v_n^{(0)}\}$
 $\rightarrow \text{span}\{q_1, q_2, \dots, q_m\}$
 (power method)
 (simultaneous iteration)
 (a block power method)

largest eigenvalues in magnitude
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In matrix notation:

$$V^{(0)} = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & | \\ v_1^{(0)} & v_2^{(0)} & \cdots & v_m^{(0)} \\ | & | & | \end{bmatrix}$$

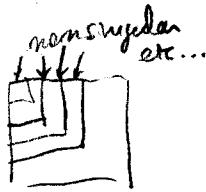
$$V^{(k)} = A^k V^{(0)} = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & | \\ v_1^{(k)} & v_2^{(k)} & \cdots & v_m^{(k)} \\ | & | & | \end{bmatrix}$$

Since all we want is a basis for Range($V^{(k)}$) (or column space) we use QR factorization:

$$\tilde{Q}^{(k)} \tilde{R}^{(k)} = V^{(k)}$$

If we assume:

- $| \lambda_1 | > | \lambda_2 | > \dots > | \lambda_n | > | \lambda_{n+1} | > \dots > | \lambda_m |$
 - all leading principal submatrices of $\tilde{Q}^T V^{(0)}$ are non-singular
- where $\tilde{Q} = [\underbrace{q_1, q_2, \dots, q_m}_m] [m] =$ matrix with eigenvectors
corresp. to $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_m$ as columns.



This condition is similar to the condition in power method that initial vector has a component in direction of "largest" eigenvector.

Then it can be shown that:

$$\| q_j^{(k)} - \oplus q_j \| = O(C^k)$$

where $C = \max_{1 \leq k \leq m} \frac{\sqrt{| \lambda_{k+1} |}}{| \lambda_k |}$

(convergence ratio is determined by the eigenvalues that are the closest.)

Simultaneous iteration

Obviously if we keep multiplying by A , we can have components that quickly become large in magnitude.
 \leadsto as in power method we need to renormalize every time we apply A :

{ pick $\tilde{Q}^{(0)} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ with orthonormal cols (e.g. from qr factorization of a random matrix)
 for $k = 1, 2, \dots$
 | $Z = A \tilde{Q}^{(k-1)}$
 | $\tilde{Q}^{(k)}, \tilde{R}^{(k)} = Z$

It is not hard to show that $\tilde{Q}^{(k)}$ is precisely same matrix for which $\tilde{Q}^{(k)} R = A^k \tilde{Q}^{(0)}$ (provided we use same initial guess)
 thus convergence study is the same.

QR algorithm (pure version, seldom implemented as is)

{ $A^{(0)} = A$
 for $k = 1, 2, \dots$
 | $Q^{(k)} R^{(k)} = A^{(k-1)}$
 | $A^{(k)} = R^{(k)} Q^{(k)}$

factors are recombined in reverse order.

Equivalence of QR algorithm and Simultaneous iteration

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Of course this equivalence could only happen if we consider simultaneous iteration on all eigenvectors ($m = n$)

To make equivalence obvious we rewrite algorithms:

Simultaneous Iteration

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{Q}^{(0)} &= I; A^{(0)} = A \\ \text{for } k = 1, 2, \dots \\ Z &= A \tilde{Q}^{(k-1)} \\ \tilde{Q}^{(k)} \tilde{R}^{(k)} &= Z \\ A^{(k)} &= \tilde{Q}^{(k)T} A \tilde{Q}^{(k)}\end{aligned}$$

QR algorithm

$$\begin{aligned}A^{(0)} &= A; \tilde{Q}^{(0)} = I \\ \text{for } k = 1, 2, \dots \\ Q^{(k)} R^{(k)} &= A^{(k-1)} \\ A^{(k)} &= R^{(k)} Q^{(k)} \\ \tilde{Q}^{(k)} &= Q^{(1)} Q^{(2)} \dots Q^{(k)}\end{aligned}$$

We will show by induction that both algorithms generate the same matrices $\tilde{Q}^{(k)}$, $A^{(k)}$ and $\tilde{R}^{(k)} \equiv R^{(k)} R^{(k-1)} \dots R^{(1)}$,

with:

$$\begin{aligned}i) \quad A^k &= \tilde{Q}^{(k)} \tilde{R}^{(k)} \\ ii) \quad A^{(k)} &= (\tilde{Q}^{(k)})^T A \tilde{Q}^{(k)}\end{aligned}$$

proof: $k=0$ trivial since for both methods $\tilde{Q}^{(0)} = I$, $A^{(0)} = A$, $R^{(0)} = I$

$$I = A^0 = \tilde{Q}^{(0)} \tilde{R}^{(0)} = I I.$$

• case $k \geq 1$ for Simult. iter.

$$A^k = A A^{k-1} = \underbrace{A}_{\substack{\uparrow \text{induction i)}}} \tilde{Q}^{(k-1)} \tilde{R}^{(k-1)} = \underbrace{\tilde{Q}^{(k)} \tilde{R}^{(k)}}_{\substack{\uparrow \text{induction ii)}}}} \tilde{R}^{(k-1)} = \tilde{R}^{(k)}$$

• Case $k \geq 1$ for QR algo.

$$\begin{aligned}A^k &= A A^{k-1} = \underbrace{A}_{\substack{\uparrow \text{induction i)}}} \tilde{Q}^{(k-1)} \tilde{R}^{(k-1)} = \tilde{Q}^{(k-1)} A^{(k-1)} \tilde{R}^{(k-1)} \\ &\stackrel{\substack{\uparrow \text{induction ii)}}{\\ \uparrow \text{iteration i)}}}{=} \tilde{Q}^{(k-1)} \underbrace{Q^{(k)}}_{\substack{\uparrow \text{iteration ii)}}}} \underbrace{R^{(k)} \tilde{R}^{(k-1)}}_{\substack{\uparrow \text{iteration i)}}}} = \tilde{R}^{(k)}\end{aligned}$$

Finally to show ii) for QR algo:

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$$\begin{aligned} A^{(k)} &= \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ QR\text{ algo}}}{R^{(k)}} Q^{(k)} = \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ QR\text{ algo}}}{Q^{(k)\top} A^{(k-1)} Q^{(k)}} \\ &= \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{induction}}}{(Q^{(k)})^\top (\tilde{Q}^{(k-1)})^\top A \tilde{Q}^{(k-1)} Q^{(k)}} \\ &= \tilde{Q}^{(k)\top} A \tilde{Q}^{(k)}. \quad \text{qed.} \end{aligned}$$

Here is how QR algorithm can be expected to converge:

- QR constructs orthonormal basis of $A^k \rightarrow$ finds eigenvectors
- diagonal elements of $A^{(k)}$ are Rayleigh quotients:
$$A^{(k)} = (Q^{(k)})^\top A Q^{(k)}$$

So they should \rightarrow eigenvalues
- strictly triangular part are "generalized" Rayleigh quotients.
Since eigenvectors are \perp , these should $\rightarrow 0$.

We are not done with QR. A more practical version would be as follows: shifted QR

$$A^{(0)} = Q^{(0)} A (Q^{(0)})^\top = (\mathbb{M}) \quad (\text{Reduction to tridiag form})$$

for $k=1, 2, \dots$

pick shift $\mu^{(k)}$ (usually $\mu^{(k)} = A_{mm}^{(k-1)}$)

$$Q^{(k)} R^{(k)} = A^{(k-1)} - \mu^{(k)} I$$

$$A^{(k)} = R^{(k)} Q^{(k)} + \mu^{(k)} I$$

"deflation": to lock in eigenvalues that have converged