STAT 309: MATHEMATICAL COMPUTATIONS I
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PROBLEM SET 3

1. Let $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $\mathbf{u} \neq \mathbf{0}$. A *Householder* matrix $H_{\mathbf{u}} \in \mathbb{R}^{n\times n}$ is defined by

$$H_{\mathbf{u}} = I - \frac{2\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}^{\mathsf{T}}}{\|\mathbf{u}\|_2^2}.$$

(a) Show that $H_{\mathbf{u}}$ is both symmetric and orthogonal.

(b) Show that for any $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$, $\alpha \neq 0$,

$$H_{\alpha\mathbf{u}} = H_{\mathbf{u}}.$$

In other words, $H_{\mathbf{u}}$ only depends on the 'direction' of $\mathbf{u}$ and not on its 'magnitude'.

(c) In general, given a matrix $M \in \mathbb{R}^{n\times n}$ and a vector $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, computing the matrix-vector product $M\mathbf{x}$ requires n inner products — one for each row of M with $\mathbf{x}$. Show that $H_{\mathbf{u}}\mathbf{x}$ can be computed using only two inner products.

(d) Given $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ where $\mathbf{a} \neq \mathbf{b}$ and $\|\mathbf{a}\|_2 = \|\mathbf{b}\|_2$. Find $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $\mathbf{u} \neq \mathbf{0}$ such that

$$H_{\mathbf{u}}\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{b}.$$

(e) Show that $\mathbf{u}$ is an eigenvector of $H_{\mathbf{u}}$. What is the corresponding eigenvalue?

(f) Show that every $\mathbf{v} \in \operatorname{span}\{\mathbf{u}\}^{\perp}$ (cf. orthogonal complement in Homework **2**) is an eigenvector of $H_{\mathbf{u}}$. What are the corresponding eigenvalues? What is $\dim(\operatorname{span}\{\mathbf{u}\}^{\perp})$?

(g) Find the eigenvalue decomposition of $H_{\mathbf{u}}$, i.e., find an orthogonal matrix Q and a diagonal matrix Λ such that

$$H_{\mathbf{u}} = Q\Lambda Q^{\mathsf{T}}.$$

2. Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m\times n}$ and suppose its complete orthogonal decomposition is given by

$$A = Q_1 \begin{bmatrix} L & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} Q_2^{\mathsf{T}},$$

where Q_1 and Q_2 are orthogonal, and L is an nonsingular lower triangular matrix. Recall that $X \in \mathbb{R}^{n\times m}$ is the unique pseudo-inverse of A if the following Moore–Penrose conditions hold:

(i) $AXA = A$,

(ii) $XAX = X$,

(iii) $(AX)^{\mathsf{T}} = AX$,

(iv) $(XA)^{\mathsf{T}} = XA$

and in which case we write $X = A^{\dagger}$.

(a) Let

$$A^{-} = Q_2 \begin{bmatrix} L^{-1} & Y \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} Q_1^{\mathsf{T}}, \qquad Y \neq 0.$$

Which of the four conditions (i)–(iv) are satisfied?

(b) Prove that

$$A^{\dagger} = Q_2 \begin{bmatrix} L^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} Q_1^{\mathsf{T}}$$

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by letting

$$A^\dagger = Q_2 \begin{bmatrix} X_{11} & X_{12} \\ X_{21} & X_{22} \end{bmatrix} Q_1^\mathsf{T}$$

and by completing the following steps:

- Using (i), prove that $X_{11} = L^{-1}$.
- Using the symmetry conditions (iii) and (iv), prove that $X_{12} = 0$ and $X_{21} = 0$.
- Using (ii), prove that $X_{22} = 0$.

3. Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m\times n}$, $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m$, and $\mathbf{c} \in \mathbb{R}^n$. We are interested in the least squares problem

$$\min_{\mathbf{x}\in\mathbb{R}^n} \|A\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}\|_2^2. \tag{3.1}$$

(a) Show that $\mathbf{x}$ is a solution to (3.1) if and only if $\mathbf{x}$ is a solution to the *augmented system*

$$\begin{bmatrix} I & A \\ A^\mathsf{T} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{r} \\ \mathbf{x} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{b} \\ \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}. \tag{3.2}$$

(b) Show that the $(m+n)\times(m+n)$ matrix in (3.2) is nonsingular if and only if A has full column rank.

(c) Suppose A has full column rank and the QR decomposition of A is

$$A = Q \begin{bmatrix} R \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Show that the solution to the augmented system

$$\begin{bmatrix} I & A \\ A^\mathsf{T} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{y} \\ \mathbf{x} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{b} \\ \mathbf{c} \end{bmatrix}$$

can be computed from

$$\mathbf{z} = R^{-\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{c}, \qquad \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{d}_1 \\ \mathbf{d}_2 \end{bmatrix} = Q^\mathsf{T}\mathbf{b},$$

and

$$\mathbf{x} = R^{-1}(\mathbf{d}_1 - \mathbf{z}), \qquad \mathbf{y} = Q \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{z} \\ \mathbf{d}_2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(d) Hence deduce that if A has full column rank, then

$$A^\dagger = R^{-1}Q_1^\mathsf{T}$$

where $Q = [Q_1, Q_2]$ with $Q_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{m\times n}$ and $Q_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{m\times(m-n)}$. Check that this agrees with the general formula derived for a rank-retaining factorization $A = GH$ in the lectures.

4. Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m\times n}$. Suppose we apply QR with column pivoting to obtain the decomposition

$$A = Q \begin{bmatrix} R & S \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Pi^\mathsf{T}$$

where Q is orthogonal and R is upper triangular and invertible. Let $\mathbf{x}_B$ be the *basic solution*, i.e.,

$$\mathbf{x}_B = \Pi \begin{bmatrix} R^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} Q^\mathsf{T}\mathbf{b},$$

and let $\hat{\mathbf{x}} = A^\dagger\mathbf{b}$. Show that

$$\frac{\|\mathbf{x}_B - \hat{\mathbf{x}}\|_2}{\|\hat{\mathbf{x}}\|_2} \le \|R^{-1}S\|_2.$$

(*Hint*: If

$$\Pi^\mathsf{T}\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u} \\ \mathbf{v} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad Q^\mathsf{T}\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{c} \\ \mathbf{d} \end{bmatrix},$$

consider the associated linearly constrained least-squares problem

$$\min \|\mathbf{u}\|_2^2 + \|\mathbf{v}\|_2^2 \quad \text{s.t. } R\mathbf{u} + S\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{c}$$

and write down the augmented system for the constrained problem.)

5. Given a symmetric $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n\times n}$, $\mathbf{0} \neq \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, and $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Let

$$\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{b} - A\mathbf{x}$$

Consider the QR decomposition

$$[\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{r}] = QR$$

and observe that if $E\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{r}$, then

$$(Q^{\mathsf{T}} E Q)(Q^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{x}) = Q^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{r}.$$

Show how to compute a symmetric $E \in \mathbb{R}^{n\times n}$ so that it attains

$$\min_{(A+E)\mathbf{x}=\mathbf{b}} \|E\|_F.$$