

# Announcements

1) Job talk tomorrow

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On population dynamics

Recall: Projections onto  
rank ones, unitaries

If  $P$  is an orthogonal  
projection,  $I_n - 2P$  (or  $2P - I_n$ )  
is a unitary. Moreover,  
if  $v \in \mathbb{C}^n$  is a unit  
vector,  $P = v \cdot v^*$   
is the (rank one) projection  
onto  $\text{span}(v)$ .

Example 1 :

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

Triangularize  $A$  by  
applying unitary  
matrices (on the left)

This finds  $R$  in the  
QR decomposition.

Do this column-by-column.

Step 1: Send the

column  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  to

the column  $\begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

since  $5 = \sqrt{4^2 + 3^2 + 0^2}$ ,

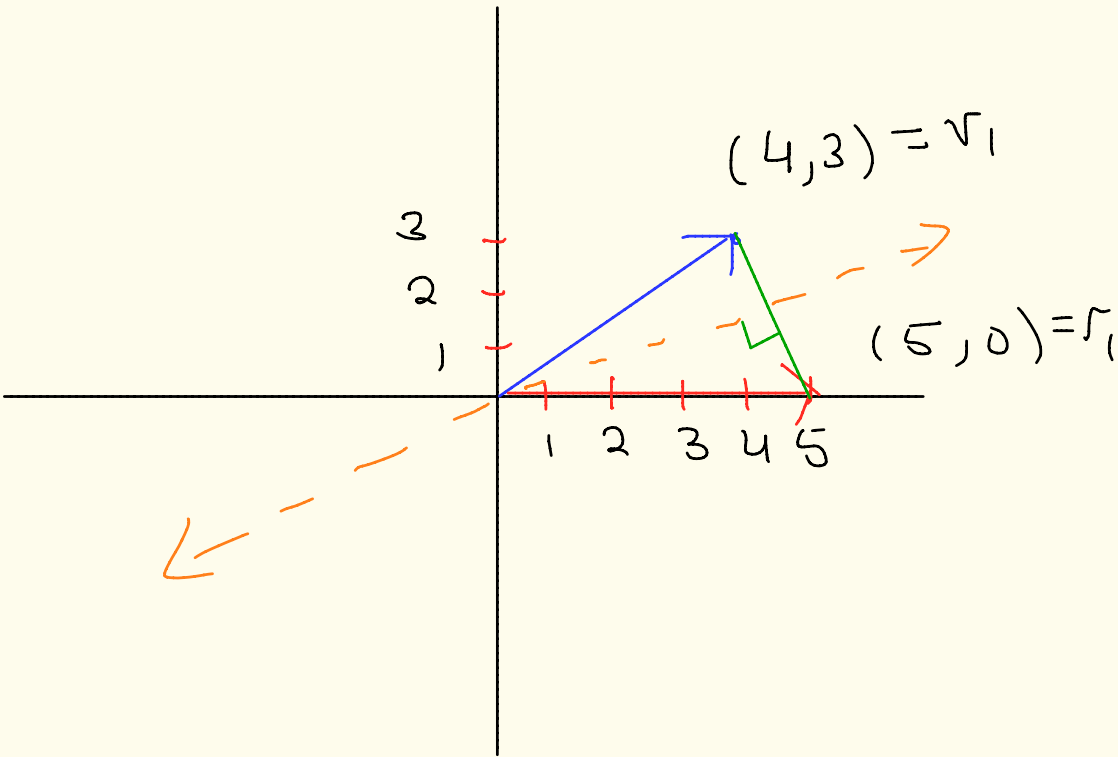
the two-norm of the  
original column.

Since the last coordinate  
of  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  is zero,

we can reduce the  
dimension by one and  
send

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Picture



Orange line = "halfway"  
between  $(4,3)$  and  $(5,0)$

Unitary we're looking  
for = reflection about  
orange line.

Intersection of green line  
w/ orange line is

$$\frac{v_1 + P_1}{2} = x_1$$

$$x_1 = P_1 v_1 \quad \text{where } P_1$$

projects onto the orange line.

So then

$$\frac{v_1 + r_1}{2} = P_1 v_1.$$

Solving for  $r_1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} r_1 &= 2P_1 v_1 - v_1 \\ &= \underbrace{(2P_1 - I_2)}_{\text{unitary } Q_1} v_1 \end{aligned}$$



$$P_1 = \omega_1 \omega_1^T$$

where  $\omega_1$  is a unit vector in the direction of the orange line.

$$\omega_1 = \left( \frac{v_1 + r_1}{2} \right) / \left\| \frac{v_1 + r_1}{2} \right\|_2$$

$$\frac{v_1 + r_1}{2} = \frac{\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}{2}$$

$$\frac{\nu_1 + \tau_1}{2} = \frac{\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}{2}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 9/2 \\ 3/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \frac{\nu_1 + \tau_1}{2} \right\|_2 &= \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{81 + 9} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{90} = \frac{3}{2} \sqrt{10} \end{aligned}$$

$$w_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3/\sqrt{10} \\ 1/\sqrt{10} \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$P_1 = w_1 w_1^*$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 3/\sqrt{10} \\ 1/\sqrt{10} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3/\sqrt{10} & 1/\sqrt{10} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{10} \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Q = 2P_1 - I_2$$

$$= \frac{1}{5} \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - I_2$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 4/5 & 3/5 \\ 3/5 & -4/5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Q_1 \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \checkmark$$



Abusing notation,  
write

$$Q_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 4/5 & 3/5 & 0 \\ 3/5 & -4/5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then

$$Q_1 A = \begin{bmatrix} 4/5 & 3/5 & 0 \\ 3/5 & -4/5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$\bullet \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 2/5 & 3/5 \\ 0 & -11/5 & -4/5 \\ 0 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

Step 2: Send the

last two rows of  
the second column,

$$\begin{bmatrix} -11/5 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{5} \begin{bmatrix} -11 \\ 25 \end{bmatrix},$$

to  $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{746}}{5} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix},$

Since  $\frac{\sqrt{746}}{5} = \left\| \frac{1}{5} \begin{bmatrix} -11 \\ 25 \end{bmatrix} \right\|_2$

$$\text{Let } v_2 = \frac{1}{5} \begin{bmatrix} -11 \\ 25 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{and } r_2 = \frac{1}{5} \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{746} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then

$$w_2 = \frac{v_2 + r_2}{2} / \left\| \frac{v_2 + r_2}{2} \right\|_2$$



$$w_2 = \frac{\sqrt{2} + i\sqrt{2}}{2} / \left\| \frac{\sqrt{2} + i\sqrt{2}}{2} \right\|_2$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{2} + i\sqrt{2}}{2} = \frac{1}{10} \begin{bmatrix} -11 + \sqrt{746} \\ 25 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\left\| \frac{\sqrt{2} + i\sqrt{2}}{2} \right\|_2 =$$

$$\frac{1}{10} \sqrt{1492 - 22\sqrt{746}}$$

$$w_2 = \frac{1}{8} \begin{bmatrix} -11 + \sqrt{746} \\ 25 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P_2 = w_2 w_2^*$$

$$= \frac{1}{8^2} \begin{bmatrix} -11 + \sqrt{746} \\ 25 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -11 + \sqrt{746} & 25 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{8^2} \begin{bmatrix} 867 - 22\sqrt{746} & 25(-11 + \sqrt{746}) \\ 25(-11 + \sqrt{746}) & 625 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then

$$Q_2 = 2P_2 - I_2$$

$$= \frac{2}{\gamma^2} \begin{bmatrix} 867 - 22\sqrt{746} - \frac{\gamma^2}{2} & 25(-11 + \sqrt{746}) \\ 25(-11 + \sqrt{746}) & 625 - \frac{\gamma^2}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

A base notation again,

write

$$Q_2 =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 25(-11+\sqrt{746}) \\ 0 & \frac{\gamma^2}{2} & 625 - \frac{\gamma^2}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

Then apply

$$Q_2 \cdot Q_1 \cdot A$$

hard  
to compute

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 2/5 & * \\ 0 & \sqrt{746}/5 & * \\ 0 & 0 & * \end{bmatrix}$$

Upper triangular!