

Power method for computing eigenvalues and eigenvectors.

Let's assume $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is a real, symmetric matrix.

Definition: (Rayleigh Quotient).

$$r(x) = \frac{x^T A x}{x^T x}$$

Note that if x is an eigenvector of A , then $r(x) = \lambda$ is its corresponding eigenvalue.

Via taking derivatives, we can see that $\nabla r(x) = \frac{2}{x^T x} (Ax - r(x)x)$.

So, if x is an eigenvector of A , then $\nabla r(x) = 0$. And, if $\nabla r(x) = 0$ with $x \neq 0$, then x is an eigenvector of A , with eigenvalue $r(x)$.

Remark: let q_J be an eigenvector of A . we know that $\nabla r(q_J) = 0$.

By Taylor expansion, we have:

$$r(x) - r(q_J) = \nabla r(q_J)(x - q_J) + (x - q_J)^T \nabla^2 r(\xi)(x - q_J)$$

for some ξ on the line between x and q_J .

This shows that

$$|r(x) - r(q_J)| \leq C \|x - q_J\|^2,$$

since $\nabla r(q_J) = 0$.

The idea is if we have a good estimate for an ~~eigenvector~~ eigenvector, we can get a quadratically accurate estimate for the corresponding eigenvalue.

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Power Method

let $v^{(0)}$ with $\|v^{(0)}\| = 1$ be some initial guess for an eigenvector of A . The power method, or power iteration, is defined as:

for $k=1, 2, \dots$

$$w = A v^{(k-1)}$$

$$v^{(k)} = w / \|w\|$$

$$\lambda^{(k)} = (v^{(k)})^T A v^{(k)}$$

apply A
normalize
Rayleigh
quotient.

The claim is that $\lambda^{(k)}$ converges to an eigenvalue of A and $v^{(k)}$ converges to the corresponding eigenvector, as $k \rightarrow \infty$. This iteration should converge to the largest eigenvalue in absolute value.

Thm: Suppose $|\lambda_1| > |\lambda_2| \geq \dots \geq |\lambda_m| \geq 0$

and $q_1^T v^{(0)} \neq 0$. Then the power iteration above creates iterates satisfying

$$\|v^{(k)} - (\pm q_1)\| = O\left(\left|\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1}\right|^k\right), \quad |\lambda^{(k)} - \lambda_1| = O\left(\left|\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1}\right|^{2k}\right).$$

Pf: Take the 1st iterate, $v^{(0)}$, and expand in the basis of eigenvectors of A :

$$v^{(0)} = a_1 q_1 + \dots + a_m q_m.$$

$w = Av^{(k-1)}$ is actually a multiple of $A^k v^{(0)}$, up to normalizing constants c_k , so:

$$\begin{aligned} w &= c_k A^k v^{(0)} \\ &= c_k (a_1 \lambda_1^k q_1 + a_2 \lambda_2^k q_2 + \dots + a_m \lambda_m^k q_m) \\ &= c_k a_1 \lambda_1^k \left(q_1 + \frac{a_2}{a_1} \left(\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1} \right)^k q_2 + \dots + \frac{a_m}{a_1} \left(\frac{\lambda_m}{\lambda_1} \right)^k q_m \right) \\ &= c_k a_1 \lambda_1^k (q_1 + z_k). \end{aligned}$$

Now, we normalize:

$$v^{(k)} = \frac{w}{\|w\|} = \left(\frac{\pm (q_1 + z_k)}{\|q_1 + z_k\|} \right)$$

Why? Because we don't know the sign of c_k .

So:

$$\begin{aligned} v^{(k)} - (\pm) q_1 &= \frac{(q_1 + z_k)}{\|q_1 + z_k\|} - q_1 \frac{\|q_1 + z_k\|}{\|q_1 + z_k\|} \\ &= \frac{(1 - \|q_1 + z_k\|) q_1}{\|q_1 + z_k\|} + \frac{z_k}{\|q_1 + z_k\|} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So: } \|v^{(k)} - q_1\|$$

$$\leq \frac{|1 - \|q_1 + z_k\|| \|q_1\|}{\|q_1 + z_k\|} + \frac{\|z_k\|}{\|q_1 + z_k\|}$$

$$= \left(|1 - \|q_1 + z_k\|| + \|z_k\| \right) \frac{1}{\|q_1 + z_k\|}$$

$$= \left(| \|q_1\| - \|q_1 + z_k\| | + \|z_k\| \right) \frac{1}{\|q_1 + z_k\|}$$

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$$\leq \frac{2 \|z_k\|}{\|q_1 + z_k\|}$$

$$\text{i.e. } \|v^{(k)} - q_1\| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } \|z_k\| \rightarrow 0.$$

Note that $\|z_k\| \rightarrow 0$ with a rate that depends on the ratio $\left(\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1}\right)^k$.

The rate of convergence for the eigenvalue approximations $\lambda^{(k)}$ is given by the properties of the Rayleigh quotient.

Inverse Iteration:

What about finding other eigenvalues and eigenvectors?

Idea: "Shift" the matrix A so that we change the dominant eigenvalue:

Take $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$, μ not an eigenvalue of A .

Let $\{\lambda_j\}$ be the eigenvalues of A .

Then $\{\lambda_j - \mu\}$ are the eigenvalues of $(A - \mu I)$.

and $\{(\lambda_j - \mu)^{-1}\}$ are the eigenvalues of $(A - \mu I)^{-1}$.

If $\mu \approx \lambda_j$, then $(\lambda_j - \mu)^{-1}$ is really big, and probably the largest eigenvalue of $(A - \mu I)^{-1}$ in magnitude.

→ Apply power method to $(A - \mu I)^{-1}$.

Inverse Iteration Algorithm:

$$v^{(0)}, \quad \|v^{(0)}\| = 1.$$

for $k = 1, 2, \dots$

Solve $(A - \mu I)w = v^{(k-1)}$ for w .

$$v^{(k)} = w / \|w\|$$

$$\lambda^{(k)} = v^{(k)T} A v^{(k)}.$$

Householder Reflectors and the QR Factorization

Recall. When we discussed solving the least squares problem, i.e. solving the normal equations, we talked about using the QR Factorization of A .

Thm 2.12: Suppose $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, $m \geq n$.
Then $A = \hat{Q} \hat{R}$,

with $\hat{R} =$ upper triangular $n \times n$ matrix
 $\hat{Q} =$ ~~$n \times n$~~ $m \times n$ matrix

with also $\hat{Q}^T \hat{Q} = I_n$.

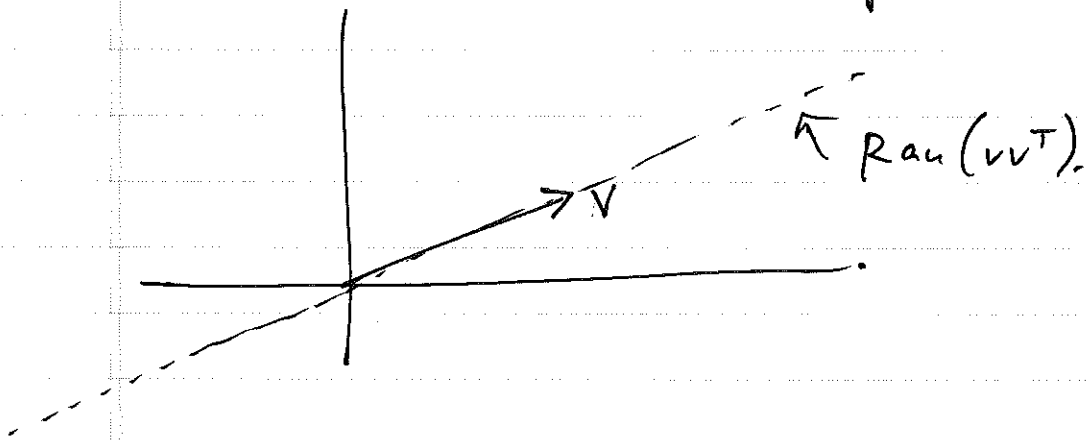
If $\text{rank}(A) = n$, then \hat{R} is invertible.

How do we explicitly build the QR factorization? One approach is with matrices called Householder reflectors.

Before getting to Householder reflectors, some review of special matrices formed by a single vector in \mathbb{R}^n , v , $v \neq 0$.

Example: $vv^T = v \otimes v \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

Note that $\text{Ran}(vv^T) = \{y \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid y = v^T x \text{ for } x \in \mathbb{R}^n\}$
 $= \{\alpha v \mid \alpha \in \mathbb{R}\}$
 $= \text{span}(v)$.



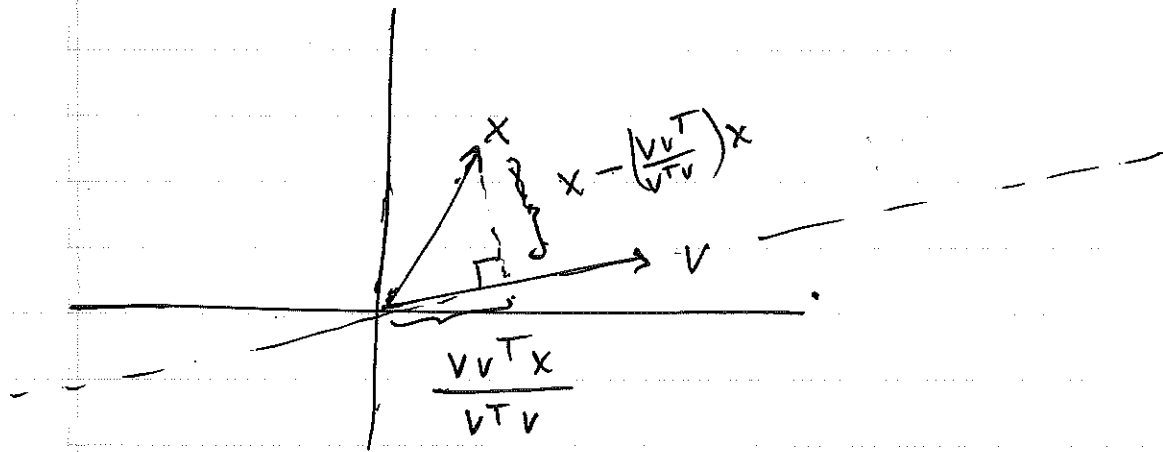
So, the Range of vv^T is the collection of all scalar multiples of v .

Example: $\frac{vv^T}{v^T v} = \frac{vv^T}{\|v\|^2} = \left(\frac{v}{\|v\|}\right) \left(\frac{v^T}{\|v\|}\right)$.

Note that $\left(\frac{vv^T}{\|v\|^2}\right) \left(\frac{vv^T}{\|v\|^2}\right) = \frac{1}{\|v\|^4} \left(\underbrace{vv^T v v^T}_{=\|v\|^2}\right)$
 $= \frac{1}{\|v\|^2} vv^T$.

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So, the matrix $\left(\frac{vv^T}{v^Tv}\right)$ is called a projector. Geometrically, it takes a vector and projects it onto the $\text{Ran}\left(\frac{vv^T}{v^Tv}\right) = \text{span}(v)$.



let $P = \frac{vv^T}{v^Tv}$. We just showed that $P^2 = P$. Also note that P is symmetric, $P = P^T$. Then we can see:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (Px)^T (x - Px) \\
 &= x^T P^T x - x^T P^T P x \\
 &= x^T P x - x^T P^2 x \\
 &= x^T P x - x^T P x = 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

i.e. the vectors Px and $x - Px$ are orthogonal.

Definition: A matrix P is called an orthogonal projector if $P^2 = P$ and $P = P^T$.

Example: Take $v = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

$$\text{So, } P = \frac{vv^T}{v^T v} = \frac{1}{5} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{5} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

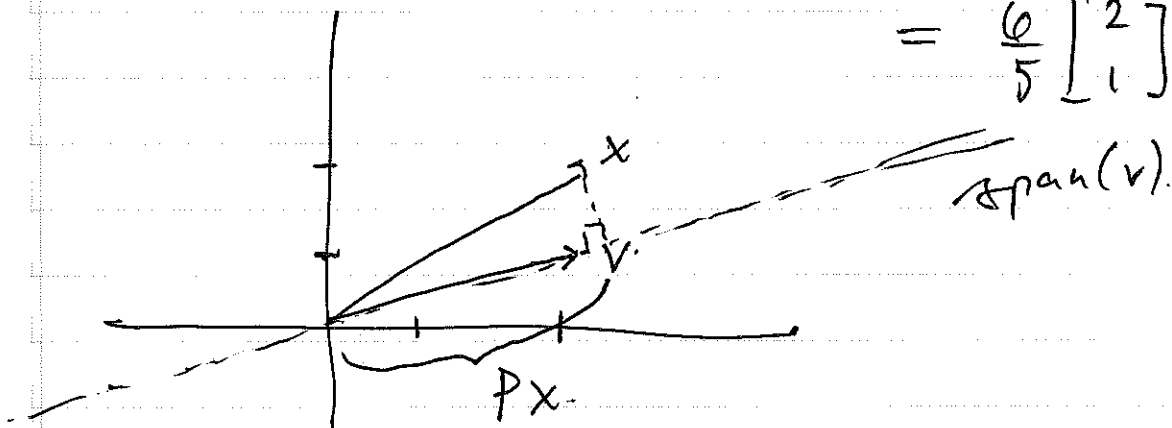
$$\begin{aligned} \text{look at } P^2 &= \frac{1}{25} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{25} \begin{bmatrix} 20 & 10 \\ 10 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{5} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

$$= P.$$

Take ~~x~~ $x = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$.

$$Px = \frac{1}{5} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{5} \begin{bmatrix} 12 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{12}{5} \\ \frac{6}{5} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{6}{5} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \in \text{span}(v).$$



Let's consider another projector \tilde{P} :

$$\tilde{P} = I - P = I - \frac{V V^T}{V^T V}$$

Notice that $\text{Ran}(\tilde{P}) = \left\{ y \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid y = x - Px \text{ for some } x \in \mathbb{R}^n \right\}$.

So we have $(x - Px)^T (Pz)$

$$= \underbrace{\left(\tilde{P}x \right)^T}_{\text{arbitrary element on } \text{Ran}(\tilde{P})} \underbrace{\left(Pz \right)}_{\text{arbitrary element on the } \text{Ran}(P)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= x^T Pz - x^T P^T Pz \\ &= x^T Pz - x^T P^2 z \\ &= x^T Pz - x^T Pz = 0. \end{aligned}$$

So $\text{Ran}(\tilde{P}) \perp \text{Ran}(P)$.

In other words, $\tilde{P} = I - P$ projects onto the subspace orthogonal to the $\text{Ran}(P)$.

Check: $\tilde{P} = I - P$ is also an orthogonal projector:

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{P}^2 &= (I - P)^2 = (I - P)(I - P) \\ &= I - 2P + P^2 \\ &= I - 2P + P \\ &= I - P = \tilde{P}.\end{aligned}$$

Also, clearly $\tilde{P}^2 = \tilde{P}$.

Back to our example.

$$v = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad P = \frac{vv^T}{v^T v} = \frac{1}{5} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{and } \tilde{P} &= I - P = I - \frac{1}{5} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \frac{4}{5} & \frac{2}{5} \\ \frac{2}{5} & \frac{1}{5} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{5} & -\frac{2}{5} \\ -\frac{2}{5} & \frac{4}{5} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{5} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}.\end{aligned}$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \tilde{P} = I - P = \frac{1}{5} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

let's look at $\text{Ran}(\tilde{P}) = \{y \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid y = \tilde{P}x, x \in \mathbb{R}^n\}$

An arbitrary vector in the $\text{Ran}(\tilde{P})$ takes the form:

$$\tilde{P}x = \frac{1}{5} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

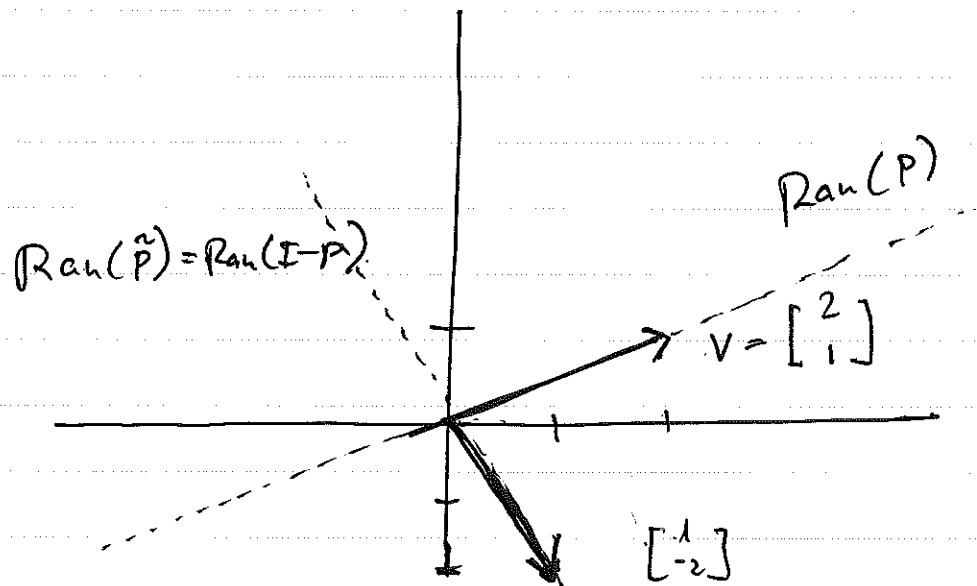
$$= \frac{1}{5} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 - 2x_2 \\ -2x_1 + 4x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{5} x_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{2}{5} x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \left(\frac{x_1}{5} - \frac{2x_2}{5} \right) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\in \text{Span} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \right).$$

v.e. $\text{Ran}(\tilde{P}) = \text{Span} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \right)$



Summary so far: For a vector $v \in \mathbb{R}^n, v \neq 0$.

$$P = \frac{vv^T}{v^T v} \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{P} = I - \frac{vv^T}{v^T v}$$

are orthogonal projectors.

P takes vectors and orthogonally projects them onto $\text{span}(v)$

\tilde{P} takes vectors and orthogonally projects them onto $\text{span}(v)^\perp = \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{subspace of} \\ \text{vectors orthogonal} \\ \text{to } v. \end{array} \right)$.

Definition: The Householder reflector

corresponding to $v \in \mathbb{R}^n, v \neq 0$, is the matrix $H = I - 2P = I - 2 \frac{vv^T}{v^T v}$.

Remark: H is a symmetric matrix, and it is also orthogonal, i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} H^2 &= HH = (I - 2P)(I - 2P) \\ &= I - 4P + 4P^2 = I - 4P + 4P = I. \end{aligned}$$

In particular, $\|Hx\|_2^2 = \|x\|_2^2$,

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Remark: Look at $v^T Hx = v^T (I - 2P)x$

$$= v^T \left(I - \frac{2vv^T}{v^T v} \right) x$$

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

$$= v^T x - 2v^T x = -v^T x.$$

Recall that $v^T Hx = \|v\|_2 \|Hx\|_2 \cos \theta_1$,
with θ_1 the angle between the vectors
 Hx and v . Furthermore:

$$v^T Hx = \|v\|_2 \|Hx\|_2 \cos \theta_1 = \|v\|_2 \|x\|_2 \cos \theta,$$

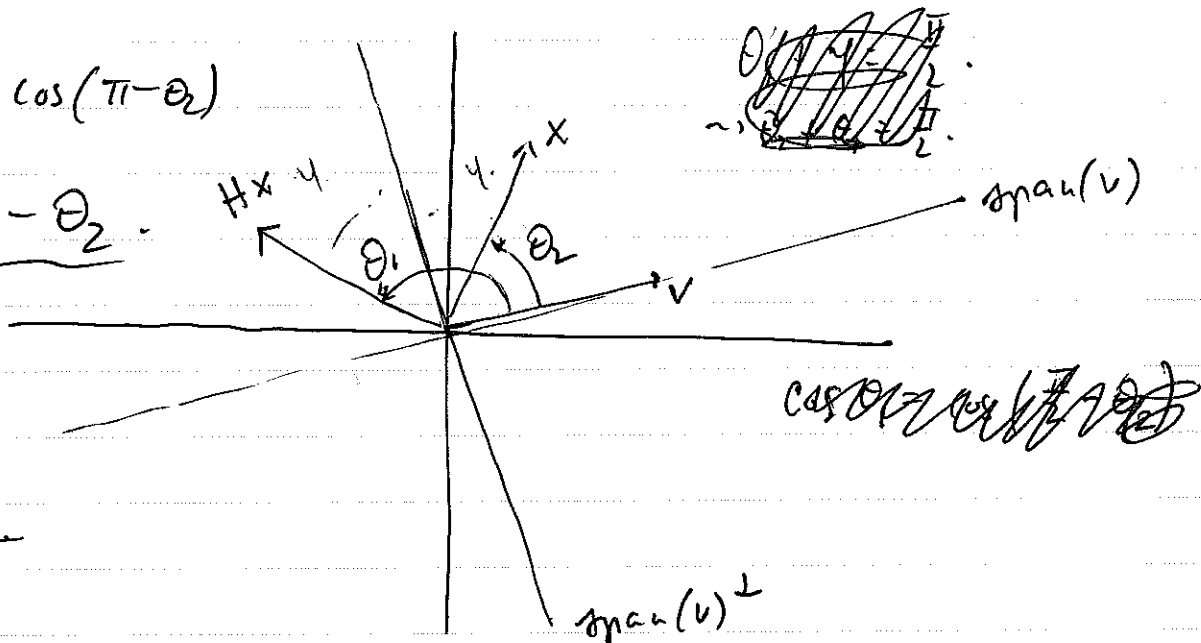
since $\|Hx\|_2 = \|x\|_2$.

Also, we have $v^T x = \|v\|_2 \|x\|_2 \cos \theta_2$,
with θ_2 the angle between v and x .

Since $v^T Hx = -v^T x$, $\Rightarrow \cos \theta_1 = -\cos \theta_2$.

So, $-\cos \theta_2 = \cos(\pi - \theta_2)$

$\Rightarrow \theta_1 = \pi - \theta_2$.



Check: $\cos(\alpha + \beta) = \cos \alpha \cos \beta - \sin \alpha \sin \beta.$

with $\alpha = \pi$, $\beta = -\theta_2$, then:

$$\begin{aligned}\cos(\pi - \theta_2) &= \cos(\pi) \cos(-\theta_2) - \sin(\pi) \sin(-\theta_2) \\ &= -1 \cos(-\theta_2) - 0 \\ &= -\cos(-\theta_2) = -\cos(\theta_2).\end{aligned}$$

since $\cos(x) = \cos(-x).$

$$\leadsto \cos(\pi - \theta_2) = -\cos(\theta_2).$$

Lemma 5.3 Let $1 \leq k < n$, let H_k be a $k \times k$ Householder matrix (reflection).

Define $H \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ as.

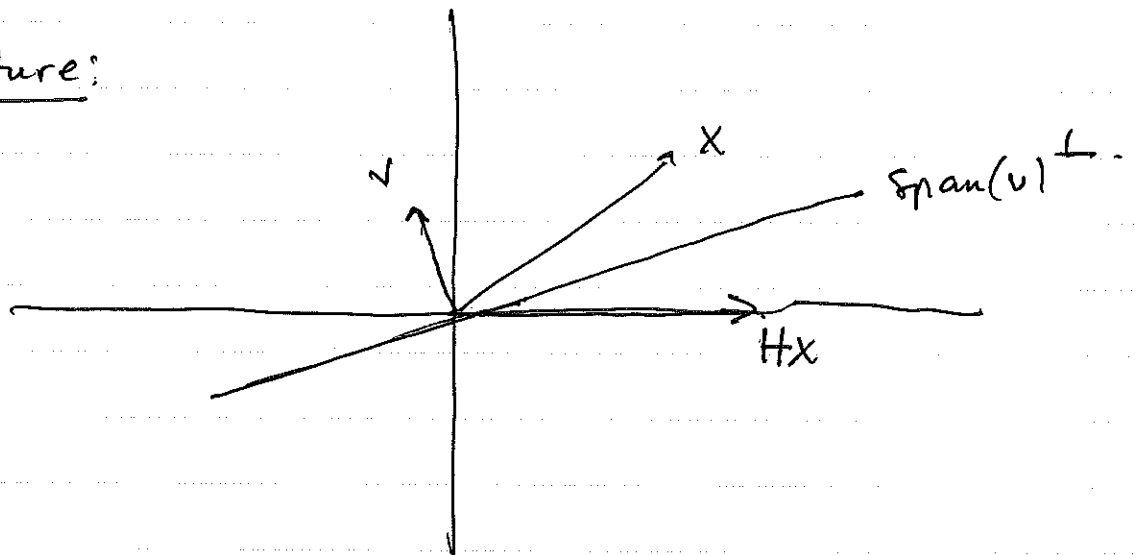
$$H = \begin{pmatrix} I_{n-k} & 0 \\ 0 & H_k \end{pmatrix}.$$

I_{n-k} is the $(n-k) \times (n-k)$ identity matrix.

Then: H is also a Householder matrix.

Lemma 5.4: Given any vector $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $x \neq 0$, there exists a Householder matrix H so that all the elements of Hx are zero, except the ~~first~~ first, i.e. Hx is a nonzero multiple of e_1 , the 1st column of the identity matrix.

Picture:



Pf. Idea, try to define v as a linear combination of x and e_1 .

Take $v = x + ce_1$, c to be determined.

$$v^T x = (x + ce_1)^T x = x^T x + ce_1^T x = x^T x + c\beta,$$

$$\beta = e_1^T x.$$

$$v^T v = (x + ce_1)^T (x + ce_1) = x^T x + 2c\beta + c^2.$$

$$\text{So then } Hx = x - \frac{2vv^T x}{v^T v}$$

$$= x - \frac{2v(x^T x + c\beta)}{x^T x + 2c\beta + c^2}$$

$$= \frac{(x^T x + 2c\beta + c^2)x - 2v(x^T x + c\beta)}{x^T x + 2c\beta + c^2}$$

$$= \frac{(x^T x + 2c\beta + c^2)x - 2(x + ce_1)(x^T x + c\beta)}{x^T x + 2c\beta + c^2}$$

$$= \frac{(x^T x + 2c\beta + c^2)x - 2x(x^T x + c\beta) - 2ce_1(x^T x + c\beta)}{x^T x + 2c\beta + c^2}$$

$$= \frac{(c^2 - x^T x)x - 2c(x^T x + c\beta)e_1}{x^T x + 2c\beta + c^2}.$$

Notice that if $c^2 - x^T x = 0$, then Hx is a multiple of e_1 . \Rightarrow Take $c^2 = x^T x$

Also, we want $x^T x + 2c\beta + c^2 \neq 0$.

Recall $c^2 = x^T x$, $\beta = e_1^T x$.

By Cauchy-Schwarz, $e_1^T x \leq \|e_1\|_2 \|x\|_2$

implying $\beta^2 \leq \|x\|_2^2 = c^2$.

Then $x^T x + 2c\beta + c^2 = c^2 + 2c\beta + c^2$

$$\geq \beta^2 + 2c\beta + c^2$$

$$= (\beta + c)^2$$

~~same as above~~

We need to make sure $\beta + c \neq 0$ so that

$$x^T x + 2c\beta + c^2 \neq 0.$$

This can be done by choosing:

$$c = \begin{cases} (\text{sign } \beta) \sqrt{x^T X} & \text{when } \beta \neq 0. \\ \sqrt{x^T X} & \text{when } \beta = 0. \end{cases}$$

Plugging this back in, we see that $Hx = -ce_1$.

Example: Compute a Householder matrix for

the vector $x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ so that Hx is

a multiple of e_1 .

$$x^T x = 1^2 + 2^2 + 2^2 = 9. \Rightarrow c^2 = 9.$$

$$\beta = e_1^T x = 1.$$

$$\text{so } c = 3. = \begin{cases} (\text{sign}(\beta) \sqrt{x^T x}) & \text{if } \beta \neq 0 \\ \sqrt{x^T x} & \text{if } \beta = 0. \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then we define } v = x + ce_1 &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + 3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{We compute: } vv^T = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 16 & 8 & 8 \\ 8 & 4 & 4 \\ 8 & 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{and } v^T v = 16 + 4 + 4 = 24$$

$$\text{So } H = I - 2 \frac{v v^T}{v^T v}$$

$$= I - \frac{1}{12} \begin{bmatrix} 16 & 8 & 8 \\ 8 & 4 & 4 \\ 8 & 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= I - \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

let's compute:

$$\frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 12 \\ 6 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{and then } Hx = x - \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Building the QR Factorization using Householder matrices.

Let's assume $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$.

→ Given A , construct H_1 so that

$$H_1 A = \begin{pmatrix} * \\ 0 \\ | \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} \\ \swarrow \\ \searrow \\ \end{matrix} \end{pmatrix},$$

i.e. $H_1 A$ has zeros in the first column, except the 1st entry.

→ Construct H_2 so that

$$H_2 (H_1 A) = \begin{pmatrix} * & * \\ 0 & * \\ | & \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} \\ \swarrow \\ \searrow \\ \end{matrix} \end{pmatrix},$$

i.e. $H_2 H_1 A$ has zeros in the 1st and 2nd columns below the diagonal.

Note that

$$H_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \sim & & \\ | & H_2 & & \\ 0 & & & \end{pmatrix}$$

with $\sim H_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{(n-1) \times (n-1)}$ Householder reflector.

Continue this process ~~and~~ until

$$H_{n-1} H_{n-2} \dots H_2 H_1, A = \begin{pmatrix} & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ 0 & & & & \end{pmatrix}.$$

By construction, H_i , $i=1, \dots, n-1$ are orthogonal, so $H_i H_i = I$.

Then we have:

$$A = \underbrace{H_1 H_2 \dots H_{n-1}}_Q \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ 0 & & & & \end{pmatrix}}_R.$$