

Time-Varying Systems and Computations

On Reflections and Generalized Rotations

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QR decomposition as a standard computational tool

$$A = Q \cdot R \quad A \in \mathcal{R}^{m \times n}$$

$$Q^T Q = 1$$

R : upper triangular

Readily available in numerical packages such as Matlab, NumPy, etc. (why not QL, or RQ?)

Standard QR Decomposition

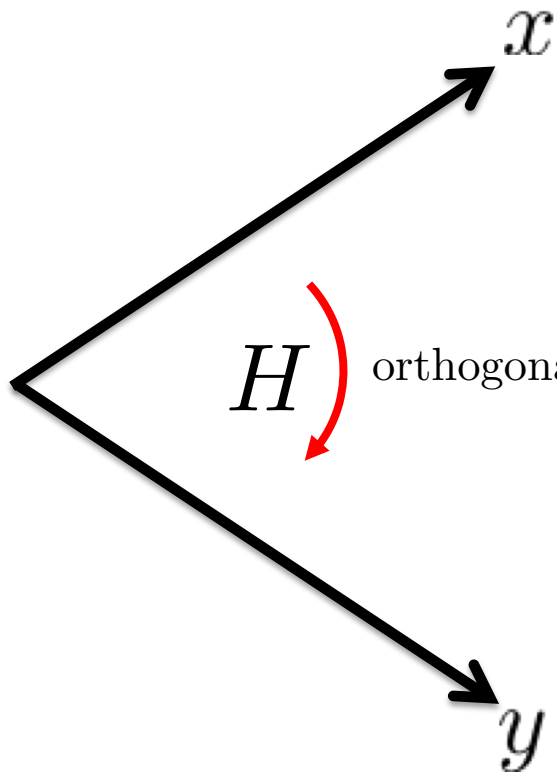
Column-wise elimination process

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{H_1} \begin{bmatrix} \star & \star & \star & \star \\ 0 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ 0 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ 0 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ 0 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ 0 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{H_2} \begin{bmatrix} \star & \star & \star & \star \\ 0 & \star & \star & \star \\ 0 & 0 & \cdot & \cdot \\ 0 & 0 & \cdot & \cdot \\ 0 & 0 & \cdot & \cdot \\ 0 & 0 & \cdot & \cdot \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{H_3} \begin{bmatrix} \star & \star & \star & \star \\ 0 & \star & \star & \star \\ 0 & 0 & \star & \star \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdot \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdot \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdot \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{H_4} \begin{bmatrix} \star & \star & \star & \star \\ 0 & \star & \star & \star \\ 0 & 0 & \star & \star \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \star \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Q = H_1 \cdot H_2 \cdot H_3 \cdot H_4$$

Note: Changed Matlab interface

Elementary Step



$$x = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{x_1}{} \\ x_2 \\ \end{bmatrix}$$

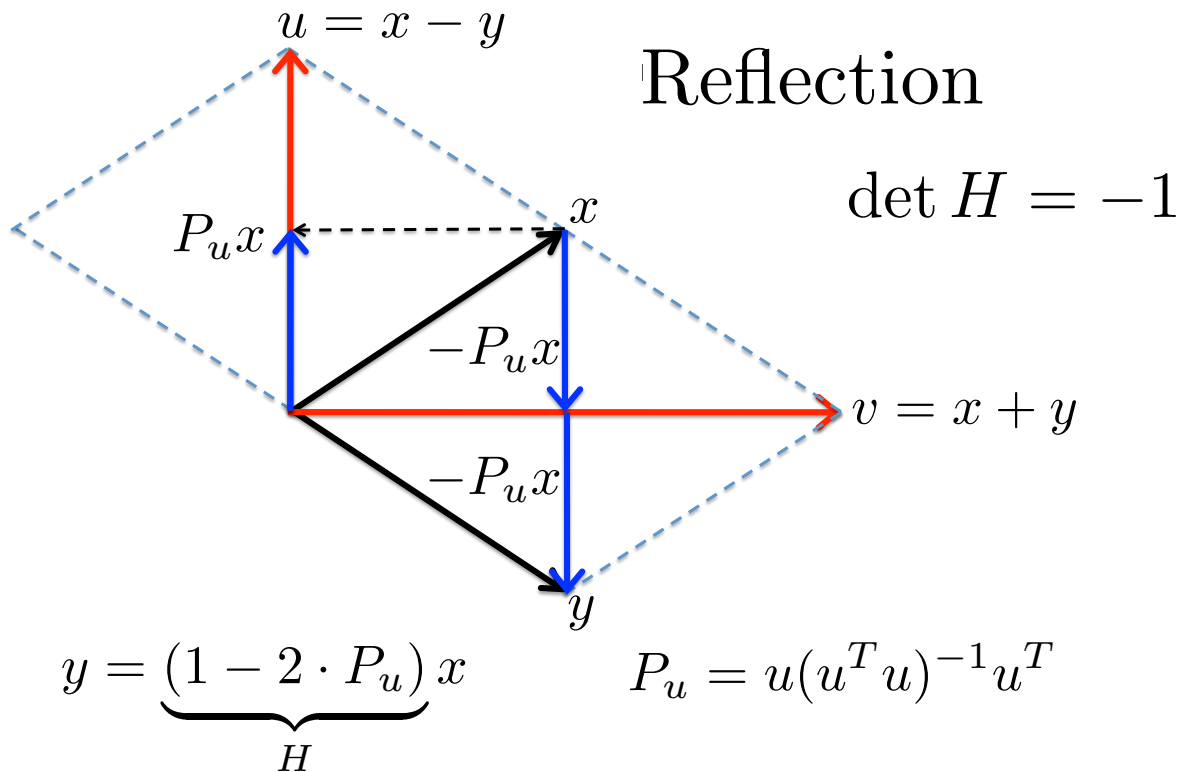
$$\|x\|^2 = x_1^2 + x_2^T x_2$$

$$y = H \cdot x$$

$$y = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\|x\|}{} \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\|x\|^2 = \|y\|^2 = 1$$

Standard Householder Construction



Quest for Rotations

Computer Vision, Robotics, Machine Intelligence

We need Q to be a rotation!

Clifford Algebra



Exponential map of skew-symmetric matrices



2 reflections give a rotation



Quick post-fixes possible (e.g. for SVD)



Use rotations for elimination → Givens rotations



But: Householder is twice as efficient as Givens!



What do the textbooks say?

Gram- Schmidt	– not recommended (Golub,vLoan)
Householder QR	– Reflections (Matlab, NumPy)
Givens QR	– Rotations

Question:

Can we construct a Householder-like rotation?

Constructing a Householder Rotation

$$\begin{array}{l} x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ | \\ x_2 \\ | \end{bmatrix} \\ y = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ | \\ 0 \\ | \end{bmatrix} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Find } T \\ y = T \cdot x \end{array} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} T \in \mathcal{R}^{n \times n} \\ T^T T = 1 \\ \det T = 1 \end{array} \right.$$

Constructing a Householder Rotation

Start with a partially specified matrix

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2^T \\ \star & K \end{bmatrix}$$

Orthogonality condition

$$T^T T = \begin{bmatrix} x_1^2 + \star^T \star & x_1 x_2^T + \star^T K \\ x_1 x_2 + K^T \star & K^T K + x_2 x_2^T \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Constructing a Householder Rotation

From orthogonality condition ...

$$T^T T = \begin{bmatrix} x_1^2 + \star^T \star & x_1 x_2^T + \star^T K \\ x_1 x_2 + K^T \star & K^T K + x_2 x_2^T \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

... we can read off

$$\star = \pm x_2$$

$$K^T K = 1 - x_2 x_2^T$$

Constructing a Householder Rotation

Rank-one Perturbation of Identity with Parameter k

$$K = 1 - kx_2x_2^T$$

Plugged into Orthogonality (22-Block of $T^T T$)

$$(1 - kx_2x_2^T) \cdot (1 - kx_2x_2^T) = 1 - x_2x_2^T$$

Quadratic Equation for Parameter k

$$k^2(1 - x_1^2) - 2k + 1 = 0 \implies k_1 = \frac{1}{1 - x_1} \quad k_2 = \frac{1}{1 + x_1}$$

Constructing a Householder Rotation

Resolve sign ambiguity

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2^T \\ \pm x_2 & K \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1^2 + x_2^T x_2 \\ \pm x_2 x_1 + K x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$k_1 = \frac{1}{1 - x_1} \quad \Rightarrow \quad T_1 = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2^T \\ x_2 & K \end{bmatrix}$$

$$k_2 = \frac{1}{1 + x_1} \quad \Rightarrow \quad T_2 = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2^T \\ -x_2 & K \end{bmatrix}$$

Constructing a Householder Rotation

Two candidate matrices (check determinant)

$$T_1 = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2^T \\ x_2 & 1 - \frac{x_2 x_2^T}{1 - x_1} \end{bmatrix} \implies \begin{array}{c} \text{Reflection} \\ \hline \det T_1 = -1 \end{array}$$

$$T_2 = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2^T \\ -x_2 & 1 + \frac{x_2 x_2^T}{1 + x_1} \end{bmatrix} \implies \begin{array}{c} \text{Rotation} \\ \hline \det T_2 = 1 \end{array}$$

Rotation is constructed from elementary concepts of Linear Algebra (linear map, orthogonality, ...)

It is very similar to reflections and leads to the same computational complexity than reflection-based QRD

Rotation-based QRD is not covered in textbooks and/or manuals