

Homework 10

This homework is due on Saturday, November 4, 2023, at 11:59PM. Self-grades and HW Resubmissions are due on the following Saturday, November 11, 2023, at 11:59PM.

1. Correctness of the Gram-Schmidt Algorithm

Suppose we take a list of vectors $\{\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2, \dots, \vec{a}_n\}$ and run the following Gram-Schmidt algorithm on it to perform orthonormalization. It produces the vectors $\{\vec{q}_1, \vec{q}_2, \dots, \vec{q}_n\}$.

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1: for  $i = 1$  up to  $n$  do ▷ Iterate through the vectors
2:    $\vec{r}_i = \vec{a}_i - \sum_{j < i} \vec{q}_j (\vec{q}_j^\top \vec{a}_i)$  ▷ Find the amount of  $\vec{a}_i$  that remains after we project
3:   if  $\vec{r}_i = \vec{0}$  then
4:      $\vec{q}_i = \vec{0}$ 
5:   else
6:      $\vec{q}_i = \frac{\vec{r}_i}{\|\vec{r}_i\|}$  ▷ Normalize the vector.
7:   end if
8: end for

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In this problem, we prove the correctness of the Gram-Schmidt algorithm by showing that the following three properties hold on the vectors output by the algorithm.

1. If $\vec{q}_i \neq \vec{0}$, then $\vec{q}_i^\top \vec{q}_i = \|\vec{q}_i\|^2 = 1$ (i.e. the \vec{q}_i have unit norm whenever they are nonzero).
2. For all $1 \leq \ell \leq n$, $\text{Span}(\{\vec{a}_1, \dots, \vec{a}_\ell\}) = \text{Span}(\{\vec{q}_1, \dots, \vec{q}_\ell\})$.
3. For all $i \neq j$, $\vec{q}_i^\top \vec{q}_j = 0$ (i.e. \vec{q}_i and \vec{q}_j are orthogonal).

- (a) First, we show that the first property holds by construction from the if/then/else statement in the algorithm. It holds when $\vec{q}_i = \vec{0}$, since the first property has no restrictions on \vec{q}_i if it is the zero vector. **Show that $\|\vec{q}_i\| = 1$ if $\vec{q}_i \neq \vec{0}$.**
- (b) Next, we show the second property by considering each ℓ from 1 to n , and showing the statement that $\text{Span}(\{\vec{a}_1, \dots, \vec{a}_\ell\}) = \text{Span}(\{\vec{q}_1, \dots, \vec{q}_\ell\})$. This statement is true when $\ell = 1$ since the algorithm produces \vec{q}_1 as a scaled version of \vec{a}_1 . Now assume that this statement is true for $\ell = k - 1$. Under this assumption, **show that the spans are the same for $\ell = k$.**

This implies that because $\text{Span}(\{\vec{a}_1\}) = \text{Span}(\{\vec{q}_1\})$, then so too is $\text{Span}(\{\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2\}) = \text{Span}(\{\vec{q}_1, \vec{q}_2\})$, and so forth, until we get that $\text{Span}(\{\vec{a}_1, \dots, \vec{a}_n\}) = \text{Span}(\{\vec{q}_1, \dots, \vec{q}_n\})$.

(HINT: What you need to show is: if there exists $\vec{\alpha} = [\alpha_1 \ \dots \ \alpha_k] \neq \vec{0}_k$ so that $\vec{y} = \sum_{j=1}^k \alpha_j \vec{a}_j$, then there exists $\vec{\beta} = [\beta_1 \ \dots \ \beta_k] \neq \vec{0}_k$ such that $\vec{y} = \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \beta_j \vec{q}_j$ (this is the forward direction). And vice versa from $\vec{\beta}$ to $\vec{\alpha}$ (this is the reverse direction).)

(HINT: To show the forward direction, write \vec{a}_k in terms of \vec{q}_k and earlier \vec{q}_j . Use the condition for $\ell = k - 1$ to show the condition for $\ell = k$. Don't forget the case that $\vec{q}_k = \vec{0}$. The reverse direction may be approached similarly.)

- (c) Lastly, we establish orthogonality between every pair of vectors in $\{\vec{q}_1, \vec{q}_2, \dots, \vec{q}_n\}$. Consider each ℓ from 1 to n . We want to show the statement that for all $j < \ell$, $\vec{q}_j^\top \vec{q}_\ell = 0$. The statement holds for $\ell = 1$ since there are no $j < 1$. Assume that this statement holds for ℓ up to and including $k - 1$. That is, we assume that for all $i \leq k - 1$, $\vec{q}_j^\top \vec{q}_i = 0$ for all $j < i$.

Under this assumption, **show that for all $i \leq k$, that $\vec{q}_j^\top \vec{q}_i = 0$ for all $j < i$** . This shows that every pair of distinct vectors up to $1, 2, \dots, \ell$ are orthogonal for each ℓ from 1 to n .

(HINT: The cases $i \leq k - 1$ are already covered by the assumption. So you can focus on $i = k$. Next, notice that the case $\vec{q}_k = \vec{0}$ is also true, since the inner product of any vector with $\vec{q}_k = \vec{0}$ is $\vec{0}$. So, focus on the case $\vec{q}_k \neq \vec{0}$ and expand what you know about \vec{q}_k .)

2. Schur Decomposition Algorithm Application

Use the Schur Decomposition Algorithm to upper triangularize the following matrix:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 & \frac{3}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

You may use the fact that an eigenvector of A is $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$, and that an eigenvector of $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$ is $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$. The algorithm is shown below for your reference:

Algorithm 1 Real Schur Decomposition

Require: A square matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ with real eigenvalues.

Ensure: An orthonormal matrix $U \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ and an upper-triangular matrix $T \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ such that $A = UTU^\top$.

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1: function REALSCHURDECOMPOSITION( $A$ )
2:   if  $A$  is  $1 \times 1$  then
3:     return  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \end{bmatrix}, A$ 
4:   end if
5:    $(\vec{q}_1, \lambda_1) := \text{FINDEIGENVECTOREIGENVALUE}(A)$ 
6:    $Q := \text{EXTENDBASIS}(\{\vec{q}_1\}, \mathbb{R}^n)$   $\triangleright$  Extend  $\{\vec{q}_1\}$  to a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  using Gram-Schmidt; see Note 11
7:   Unpack  $Q := \begin{bmatrix} \vec{q}_1 & \tilde{Q} \end{bmatrix}$ 
8:   Compute and unpack  $Q^\top A Q = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & \tilde{a}_{12}^\top \\ \vec{0}_{n-1} & \tilde{A}_{22} \end{bmatrix}$ 
9:    $(P, \tilde{T}) := \text{REALSCHURDECOMPOSITION}(\tilde{A}_{22})$ 
10:   $U := \begin{bmatrix} \vec{q}_1 & \tilde{Q}P \end{bmatrix}$ 
11:   $T := \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & \tilde{a}_{12}^\top P \\ \vec{0}_{n-1} & \tilde{T} \end{bmatrix}$ 
12:  return  $(U, T)$ 
13: end function

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You are welcome to use a calculator/computer for any matrix multiplication steps.

3. Using Upper-Triangularization to Solve Differential Equations

You know that for any square matrix A with real eigenvalues, there exists a real matrix U with orthonormal columns and a real upper triangular matrix R so that $A = URU^\top$. In particular, to set notation explicitly:

$$U = [\vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2, \dots, \vec{u}_n] \quad (2)$$

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{r}_1^\top \\ \vec{r}_2^\top \\ \vdots \\ \vec{r}_n^\top \end{bmatrix} \quad (3)$$

where the rows of the upper-triangular R look like

$$\vec{r}_1^\top = [\lambda_1 \quad r_{1,2} \quad r_{1,3} \quad \dots \quad r_{1,n}] \quad (4)$$

$$\vec{r}_2^\top = [0, \lambda_2, r_{2,3}, r_{2,4}, \dots \quad r_{2,n}] \quad (5)$$

$$\vec{r}_i^\top = \left[\underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{i-1 \text{ times}}, \lambda_i, r_{i,i+1}, r_{i,i+2}, \dots, r_{i,n} \right] \quad (6)$$

$$\vec{r}_n^\top = \left[\underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{n-1 \text{ times}}, \lambda_n \right] \quad (7)$$

where the λ_i are the eigenvalues of A .

Suppose our goal is to solve the n -dimensional system of differential equations written out in vector/matrix form as:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \vec{x}(t) = A\vec{x}(t) + \vec{u}(t), \quad (8)$$

$$\vec{x}(0) = \vec{x}_0, \quad (9)$$

where \vec{x}_0 is a specified initial condition and $\vec{u}(t)$ is a given vector of functions of time. (Note: $u(t)$ is not the same as the columns of U above)

Assume that the U and R have already been computed and are accessible to you using the notation above.

Assume that you have access to a function `ScalarSolve(λ, y_0, \check{u})` that takes a real number λ , a real number y_0 , and a real-valued function of time \check{u} as inputs and returns a real-valued function of time that is the solution to the scalar differential equation

$$\frac{d}{dt} y(t) = \lambda y(t) + \check{u}(t) \quad (10)$$

with initial condition $y(0) = y_0$.

Also assume that you can do regular arithmetic using real-valued functions and it will do the right thing. So if u is a real-valued function of time, and g is also a real-valued function of time, then $5u + 6g$ will be a real valued function of time that evaluates to $5u(t) + 6g(t)$ at time t .

Use U, R to construct a procedure for solving this differential equation

$$\frac{d}{dt} \vec{x}(t) = A\vec{x}(t) + \vec{u}(t), \quad (11)$$

$$\vec{x}(0) = \vec{x}_0, \quad (12)$$

for $\vec{x}(t)$ by filling in the following template in the spots marked ♣, ◇, ♥, ♠.

NOTE: It will be useful to upper triangularize A by change of basis to get a differential equation in terms of R instead of A .

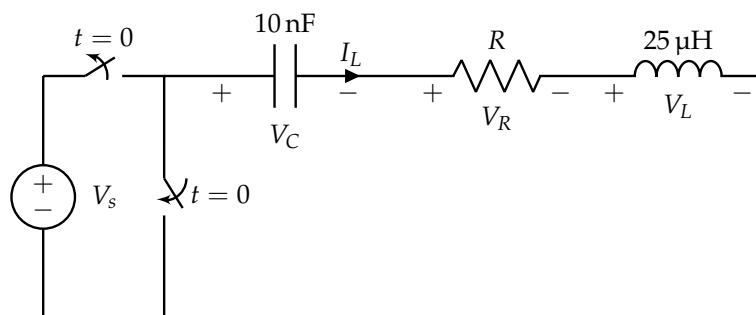
(HINT: The process here should be similar to diagonalization with some modifications. Start from the last row of the system and work your way up to understand the algorithm.)

- 1: $\vec{\tilde{x}}_0 = U^\top \vec{x}_0$ ▷ Change the initial condition to be in V -coordinates
- 2: $\vec{\tilde{u}} = U^\top \vec{u}$ ▷ Change the external input functions to be in V -coordinates
- 3: **for** $i = n$ down to 1 **do** ▷ Iterate up from the bottom row
- 4: $\check{u}_i = \clubsuit + \sum_{j=i+1}^n \spadesuit$ ▷ Make the effective input for this level
- 5: $\tilde{x}_i = \text{ScalarSolve}(\diamond, \tilde{x}_{0,i}, \check{u}_i)$ ▷ Solve this level's scalar differential equation
- 6: **end for**
- 7: $\vec{x}(t) = \heartsuit \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{x}_1 \\ \tilde{x}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \tilde{x}_n \end{bmatrix} (t)$ ▷ Change back into original coordinates

- (a) Give the expression for ♥ on line 7 of the algorithm above. (i.e., how do you get from $\vec{\tilde{x}}(t)$ to $\vec{x}(t)$?)
- (b) Give the expression for ◇ on line 5 of the algorithm above. (i.e., what are the λ arguments to `ScalarSolve`, equation (2), for the i^{th} iteration of the for-loop?)
(HINT: Convert the differential equation to be in terms of R instead of A . It may be helpful to start with $i = n$ and develop a general form for the i^{th} row.)
- (c) Give the expression for ♣ on line 4 of the algorithm above.
- (d) Give the expression for ♠ on line 4 of the algorithm above.

4. RLC Responses: Critically Damped Case

It is recommended that you complete the previous problem before starting this one. Consider the series RLC circuit below. Notice R is not specified yet. You'll have to figure out what that is.



Assume the circuit above has reached steady state for $t < 0$. At time $t = 0$, the switch changes state and disconnects the voltage source, replacing it with a short. We can take the value of V_s as $V_s = 1$ V. For this problem, you may use a calculator/computer for calculations.

We can represent this circuit with the following vector differential equation:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \vec{x}(t) = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} -\frac{R}{L} & -\frac{1}{L} \\ \frac{1}{C} & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_A \vec{x}(t) \quad (13)$$

where $\vec{x}(t) := \begin{bmatrix} I_L(t) \\ V_C(t) \end{bmatrix}$. We may calculate the eigenvalues of A symbolically as

$$\lambda_1 = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{R}{L} + \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\left(\frac{R}{L}\right)^2 - \frac{4}{LC}} \quad (14)$$

$$\lambda_2 = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{R}{L} - \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\left(\frac{R}{L}\right)^2 - \frac{4}{LC}} \quad (15)$$

- (a) **Show that, if $R = 2\sqrt{\frac{L}{C}}$, then the two eigenvalues of A will be identical.**
- (b) Using the previous part and the given values for capacitance and inductance, we find that our matrix is

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -4 \times 10^6 & -4 \times 10^4 \\ 10^8 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (16)$$

Show that the dimension of the eigenspace of $A - \lambda I$ is 1, where λ is the sole eigenvalue of A . Then, explain why we cannot use diagonalization. Here, $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = -2 \times 10^6$. Remember that we define the eigenspace of an eigenvalue to be $\text{Null}(A - \lambda I)$.

- (c) There are multiple ways to find an upper triangular matrix of A , and it is not unique. If you use the Schur decomposition method covered in lecture, you would find an upper triangular matrix R and the associated basis U for the system matrix A . For brevity, we will provide you with the basis U :

$$U = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2501}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 50 \\ -50 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (17)$$

Note that U is an orthonormal matrix. **Find the associated triangular matrix R .** You may use your favorite matrix calculator, e.g. Python, Jupyter notebook, MATLAB, Mathematica, Wolfram Alpha, etc.

- (d) We have solved for a coordinate system U which triangularizes our system matrix A to the R we found. **Apply the algorithm you found in the previous problem to solve for $\vec{x}(t)$, given $I_L(0) = 0$ and $V_C(0) = V_S$.** Remember, $u(t) = 0$ in this case.

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