

MTH 451-551, Fall 2017, Assignment 3. Each problem is worth 10 points.

Instructions: Please write neatly. A summary of calculations in 1) will suffice. Underline the major steps and calculations rather than engage in reporting tedious arithmetic. Other instructions for code etc as in Assignment 2.

Extra credit is turned in on separate paper.

Consider the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & r \\ 0 & r & 0 \\ r & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ in which $r \in \mathbb{R}$ is some parameter.

(Do not turn in) For an exercise, set $r = 1$, and find the orthogonal basis for $Col(A)$ using the classical Gram-Schmidt algorithm and the modified Gram-Schmidt algorithm (call it **cGS** and **mGS**, respectively). Document your steps and write out the QR decomposition of A . You can check your answer using the code in Pbm 2.

1. Now set $r = \epsilon$ in A , with ϵ so small that $\epsilon^2 \approx \epsilon_{machine}$. (This means that, e.g., (*) when computing $1 + \epsilon^2$ in MATLAB you will get 1. However, when computing $\sqrt{2\epsilon^2}$ you should get $\sqrt{2}|\epsilon|$.)

Apply **cGS** and **mGS** to A by hand calculation, “pretending” you are a computer (i.e., that (*) applies). Your results should show the loss of orthogonality in Q when calculated with **cGS**, but which does not arise in **mGS**. (In particular, check if $q_2 \cdot q_3 = 0$.)

Hint: the loss of precision of **cGS** is due to the strong dependence of **cGS** on the accuracy of the many many steps; **mGS** is less sensitive (more stable). In particular, watch out for r_{23} .

2. (Computational). The (very naive) code below realizes **cGS** on the matrix A from problem 1 and shows the loss of orthogonality.

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>> r=1e6*eps; a=[1 1 1; 0 0 r; 0 r 0; r 0 0];
>> a1=a(:,1);a2=a(:,2);a3=a(:,3);
>> r11=norm(a1);q1=a1/r11
>> r12=a2'*q1;q2=a2-r12*q1
>> r22=norm(q2);q2=q2/r22
>> r13=a3'*q1;r23=a3'*q2;q3=a3-r13*q1-r23*q2
>> r33=norm(q3);q3=q3/r33
>> q3'*q2
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a) (451-551) Modify the code above to execute **mGS** (show the code). Comment on any difference with respect to the results obtained with **cGS**.

(551 students) should write a proper loop such as that in Algorithm 7.1 on p51 in textbook.

b) Apply QR decomposition to the matrix from (1) in MATLAB using the **qr** function. Do you see any loss of orthogonality, i.e., is $Q' * Q = I$? Is $QR = A$ to the desired accuracy? Are you satisfied with the accuracy and orthogonality? If yes, that is because the QR algorithm in MATLAB uses a numerically stable Householder procedure rather than **cGS** or **mGS**.