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A Householder Reflection

For completeness, we provide additional details on how the parameters of the desired Householder transformation used in Section 3.3.4 are obtained. Alston S. Householder introduced the transformation in the mid 1950s as part of an improved way to solve *least-squares* problems. The basic problem is to design a Householder matrix \mathbf{H} determined by the vector $\underline{\mathbf{v}}$ orthogonal to the reflection plane with following properties:

$$\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{H}^T \quad \text{symmetric} \quad (\text{A-1})$$

$$\mathbf{H}^{-1} = \mathbf{H} \quad \text{unitary} \quad (\text{A-2})$$

$$\mathbf{H}\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{I} \quad \text{involuntary.} \quad (\text{A-3})$$

This is accomplished with the following expression:

$$\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{I} - 2\underline{\mathbf{v}}\underline{\mathbf{v}}^T \quad (\text{A-4})$$

where we consider the decomposition

$$\underline{\mathbf{v}} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v} \\ \varphi \end{bmatrix}, \quad (\text{A-5})$$

with $\|\underline{\mathbf{v}}\| = 1$. The essential property is that reflection of an n -dimensional vector preserves the norm $\|\mathbf{H}\mathbf{a}\| = \|\mathbf{a}\|$. Hansen [1992] offers a geometric derivation for Equation (A-4) and we present it here to explain why it has this particular form. The reflection plane P is determined by the vector $\underline{\mathbf{v}}$ as shown in Figure A.1. The difference between a vector \mathbf{a} and its reflection \mathbf{b} is a vector $f\underline{\mathbf{v}}$

$$f\underline{\mathbf{v}} = \mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b} \quad (\text{A-6})$$

The reflection of the arbitrary vector \mathbf{a} through a plane P satisfies:

$$\|\mathbf{a}\|^2 = \|\mathbf{b}\|^2 \quad (\text{A-7})$$

$$= (\mathbf{a} - f\underline{\mathbf{v}})^T (\mathbf{a} - f\underline{\mathbf{v}}) \quad (\text{A-8})$$

$$= \|\mathbf{a}\|^2 - 2f\underline{\mathbf{v}}^T \mathbf{a} + f^2 \quad (\text{A-9})$$

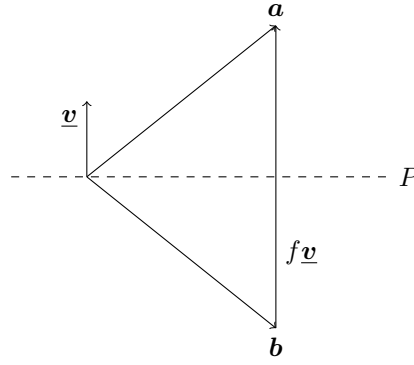


Figure A.1: Householder reflection in two-dimensional space

which determines the distance f between vector \mathbf{a} and its image \mathbf{b} :

$$f = 2\underline{\mathbf{v}}^T \mathbf{a}. \quad (\text{A-10})$$

The reflection of \mathbf{b} into \mathbf{a} displaces \mathbf{b} by the same distance f in the opposite direction. So, the distance is also expressed as $f = -2\underline{\mathbf{v}}^T \mathbf{b}$. Therefore, we can define \mathbf{b} in terms of \mathbf{a} :

$$\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{a} - \underline{\mathbf{v}}f \quad (\text{A-11})$$

$$= \mathbf{I}\mathbf{a} - \underline{\mathbf{v}}(2\underline{\mathbf{v}}^T \mathbf{a}) \quad (\text{A-12})$$

$$= (\mathbf{I} - 2\underline{\mathbf{v}}\underline{\mathbf{v}}^T)\mathbf{a} \quad (\text{A-13})$$

hence, the expression for the Householder matrix:

$$\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{a}. \quad (\text{A-14})$$

We reference [Douglas, 2000, Strobach, 2009a] for the applications of the row-Householder transformation. We are interested in choosing the plane that annihilates the bottom-row vector \mathbf{x}^T in the problem of the kind

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{Y} \\ 0 \dots 0 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{H} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{X} \\ \mathbf{x}^T \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{A-15})$$

where both \mathbf{X} and \mathbf{Y} are square $r \times r$ matrices. The solution to this problem is \mathbf{H} with a bottom-row vector that belongs to the nullspace of the $(r+1) \times r$ appended X -matrix. Therefore, the conditional equation that determines \mathbf{v} is given by considering the bottom row of (A-15) and substituting \mathbf{H} with (A-4):

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \dots 0 \end{bmatrix} = \left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \dots 0 \mathbf{1} \end{bmatrix} - 2\varphi \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}^T \varphi \end{bmatrix} \right) \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{X} \\ \mathbf{x}^T \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{A-16})$$

$$= \mathbf{x}^T - 2\varphi \mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{X} - 2\varphi^2 \mathbf{x}^T. \quad (\text{A-17})$$

Rearranging the terms yields the following linear system of equations:

$$\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{x} \quad (\text{A-18})$$

where

$$\mathbf{b} = \frac{2\varphi}{1 - 2\varphi^2} \mathbf{v}. \quad (\text{A-19})$$

A remaining point is to determine φ , which follows from the unit-norm constraint of $\underline{\mathbf{v}}$:

$$\mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{v} + \varphi^2 = 1 \quad (\text{A-20})$$

We can substitute (A-19) to write

$$\mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{v} = \frac{(1 - 2\varphi^2)^2}{4\varphi^2} \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{b}. \quad (\text{A-21})$$

Combining (A-20) and (A-21), we can eliminate $\mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{v}$:

$$\frac{(1 - 2\varphi^2)^2}{4\varphi^2} \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{b} + \varphi^2 = 1 \quad (\text{A-22})$$

or equivalently

$$(1 - 2\varphi^2)^2 \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{b} + 4\varphi^4 = 4\varphi^2. \quad (\text{A-23})$$

The conditional equation has two solutions:

$$\varphi^2 = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{b} + 1}} \right) \quad (\text{A-24})$$

The solution with positive sign is arbitrarily chosen, and this concludes the overall derivation for determining the parameters \mathbf{v} and φ of the desired row-Householder reflector.

B Annotated Anomalies

B.1 Abilene

The ground truth anomalies used for evaluation of the anomaly detection algorithms of both public datasets are summarized in Tables B.1 and B.1. These were extracted from the Matlab Abilene.mat file publicly available¹.

Start τ_i	Duration ℓ_i
647	2
708	3
777	4
1138	1
1100	2
1270	2
1456	6
1615	5
1723	4
1907	3
1952	3

Table B.1: 11 anomalies in the Abilene Packet dataset.

Start τ_i	Duration ℓ_i
708	2
862	6
1100	2
1160	2
1181	1
1384	1
1434	6
1546	3
1618	3
1625	1
1723	3
1869	1
1906	4
1968	1

Table B.2: 15 anomalies in the Abilene Flow dataset.

¹From <http://www.tsp.ece.mcgill.ca/Networks/projects/monit-tarem-results.html>.