

# Finding Eigenvalues

$$Ax = \lambda x \Rightarrow (A - \lambda I)x = 0$$

$C = (A - \lambda I)$ , The shift of  $A$  along the diagonal such that it is singular.

1.  $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$

see the study guide for  $2 \times 2$  examples. Not so good for matrices larger than  $2 \times 2$ .

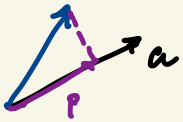
2. How MATLAB does it.  
- more in the Lin Algebra Appendix.

a)  $A \rightarrow Q$

$Q$  has orthogonal columns.

$A = QR$

Gram schmidt algorithm via projections of columns of  $A$ .



$[Q, R] = \text{qr}(A);$   
 $A = R * Q;$

b)  $A = QR \Rightarrow R = Q^T A$

c)  $A = RQ$

$A$  and  $RQ$  are similar matrices, meaning that they have the same eigenvalues.

d) repeat steps a-c until:

i)  $Q$  is an identity matrix.

ii)  $A = RQ$  is upper triangular.

iii)  $A$  will not change with additional iterations.

e) Eigenvalues are on the diagonal of new  $A$ .

$$\det(C) = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} - \lambda_1 & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ 0 & a_{22} - \lambda_2 & a_{23} \\ 0 & 0 & a_{33} - \lambda_3 \end{vmatrix} = (a_{11} - \lambda_1)(a_{22} - \lambda_2)(a_{33} - \lambda_3) = 0$$

Roots of the polynomial are the diagonal values:

$$a_{11}, a_{22}, a_{33}, \dots$$