



Define

$$H = I - 2vv^T$$

$$Hx = x - 2vv^Tx = x - 2v(v \cdot x)$$

We want to use this orthogonal matrix to factor $A = QR$
 $Q^T A = R$

look for an H such that

$$HA = \begin{bmatrix} c \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} ? \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = [a_1 | a_2 | \dots | a_n]$$

$$H = I - 2vv^T \text{ where } v \text{ is a unit vector}$$

(assume a_1 is not already of the form ce_1).

$$HA = [Ha_1 | Ha_2 | \dots | Ha_n] = \begin{bmatrix} c \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} | Ha_2 | \dots | Ha_n$$

Solve for the unit vector v so $Ha_1 = ce_1$ Here $e_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$$(I - 2vv^T)a_1 = ce_1$$

$$a_1 - 2v(v \cdot a_1) = ce_1$$

try this

$$2v(v \cdot a_1) = a_1 - ce_1$$

Scalar

$$v = \frac{a_1 - ce_1}{2v \cdot a_1}$$

Note that v is a unit vector and the denominator here is actually a normalization factor to make a unit vector

$$v = \frac{a_1 - ce_1}{\|a_1 - ce_1\|}$$

Now plug in v to find c .

$$a_1 - 2v(v \cdot a_1) = ce_1$$

$$a_1 - 2 \frac{a_1 - ce_1}{\|a_1 - ce_1\|} \left(\frac{a_1 - ce_1}{\|a_1 - ce_1\|} \cdot a_1 \right) = ce_1$$

$$a_1 - ce_1 - 2 \frac{a_1 - ce_1}{\|a_1 - ce_1\|} \left(\frac{a_1 - ce_1}{\|a_1 - ce_1\|} \cdot a_1 \right) = 0$$

$$\frac{(a_1 - ce_1) \|a_1 - ce_1\|^2}{\|a_1 - ce_1\|^2} - 2 \frac{a_1 - ce_1}{\|a_1 - ce_1\|^2} (a_1 \cdot a_1 - ce_1 \cdot a_1) = 0$$

$$\frac{(a_1 - ce_1) \|a_1 - ce_1\|^2 - 2(a_1 - ce_1) (\|a_1\|^2 - ce_1 \cdot a_1)}{\|a_1 - ce_1\|^2} = 0$$

$$(a_1 - ce_1) \|a_1 - ce_1\|^2 - 2(a_1 - ce_1) (\|a_1\|^2 - ce_1 \cdot a_1) = 0$$

expand

$$\begin{aligned} \|a_1 - ce_1\|^2 &= (a_1 - ce_1) \cdot (a_1 - ce_1) \\ &= \underline{a_1 \cdot a_1} - 2 \underline{ce_1 \cdot a_1} + \underline{ce_1 \cdot ce_1} \\ &= \|a_1\|^2 - 2ce_1 \cdot a_1 + c^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$(a_1 - ce_1) (\|a_1\|^2 - 2ce_1 \cdot a_1 + c^2) - (a_1 - ce_1) (2\|a_1\|^2 - 2ce_1 \cdot a_1) = 0$$

Therefore

$$(a_1 - ce_1) (c^2 - \|a_1\|^2) = 0$$

vector not zero must be zero

Therefore $c = \pm \|a_1\|$

recall $v = \frac{a_1 - ce_1}{\|a_1 - ce_1\|}$

appears in the denominator

To control rounding error want the divisor in the denominator as large as possible so

If $\|a_1 - \|a_1\|e_1\| < \|a_1 + \|a_1\|e_1\|$ then

Choose $c = -\|a_1\|$ otherwise choose $c = \|a_1\|$.

Check how this works...

```
julia> A=[1 2 3; 4 5 6; 7 8 9]
3×3 Matrix{Int64}:
 1  2  3
 4  5  6
 7  8  9
```

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julia> a1=A[:,1]
3-element Vector{Int64}:
 1
 4
 7
```

$$a_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

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julia> e1=[1,0,0]
3-element Vector{Int64}:
 1
 0
 0
```

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julia> using LinearAlgebra
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If $\|a_1 - \|a_1\|e_1\| < \|a_1 + \|a_1\|e_1\|$ then

choose $c = -\|a_1\|$ otherwise choose $c = \|a_1\|$.

```
julia> norm(a1-norm(a1)*e1)
10.758806773556634
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julia> norm(a1+norm(a1)*e1)
12.175716685652304
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$$v = \frac{a_1 - ce_1}{\|a_1 - ce_1\|}$$

```
julia> v=(a1-c*e1)/norm(a1-c*e1)
3-element Vector{Float64}:
 0.7493635602894408
 0.32852275584841295
 0.5749148227347227
```

$$H = I - 2vv^T$$

```
julia> H=I-2*v*v'
3x3 Matrix{Float64}:
-0.123091 -0.492366 -0.86164
-0.492366  0.784146 -0.377745
-0.86164  -0.377745  0.338946
```

```
julia> H*A = [c e1 | Ha2 | Ha3]
3x3 Matrix{Float64}:
-8.12404 -9.60114 -11.0782
 8.88178e-16 -0.0859656 -0.171931
 8.88178e-16 -0.90044 -1.80088
```

↑ These are zero ...

↑ work on this submatrix A_2

```
julia> A2=(H*A)[2:3,2:3]
2x2 Matrix{Float64}:
-0.0859656 -0.171931
-0.90044 -1.80088
```

```
julia> e1=[1,0]
2-element Vector{Int64}:
 1
 0
```

```

julia> a1=A2[:,1]
2-element Vector{Float64}:
 -0.0859655700236277
 -0.9004397475413497

julia> norm(a1-norm(a1)*e1)
1.3386116703491497 ← bigger

julia> norm(a1+norm(a1)*e1)
1.216900188483972

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If $\|a_1 - \|a_1\|e_1\| < \|a_1 + \|a_1\|e_1\|$ then

Choose $c = -\|a_1\|$ otherwise choose $c = \|a_1\|$.

$$v = \frac{a_1 - ce_1}{\|a_1 - ce_1\|} \leftarrow \text{denominator big.}$$

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julia> c=norm(a1)
0.9045340337332901

julia> v2=(a1-c*e1)/norm(a1-c*e1)
2-element Vector{Float64}:
 -0.7399454417565073
 -0.6726668887523506

```

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julia> H2=I-2*v2*v2'
2x2 Matrix{Float64}:
 -0.0950385  -0.995474
 -0.995474   0.0950385

julia> v2x=[0,v2...]
3-element Vector{Float64}:
 0.0
 -0.7399454417565073
 -0.6726668887523506

```

← want a 3x3 matrix so it can mult the original A.

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julia> H2=I-2*v2x*v2x'
3x3 Matrix{Float64}:
 1.0  0.0  0.0
 0.0 -0.0950385 -0.995474
 0.0 -0.995474  0.0950385

```

```

julia> H2*H1*A
3x3 Matrix{Float64}:
 -8.12404 -9.60114 -11.0782
 -8.88178e-16 0.904534 1.80907
 -8.88178e-16 -4.44089e-16 8.88178e-16

```

↑
numerically zero

↑
by luck was zero as well

because A
wasn't invertible
to start with.

$$H_2 H_1 A = R$$

$$\cancel{H_2^T} H_2 H_1 A = H_2^T R$$

$$\cancel{H_1^T} H_1 A = H_1^T H_2^T R$$

$$A = H_1^T H_2^T R = H_1 H_2 R = \underbrace{(H_1 H_2)}_Q R$$

Since the
reflectors
symmetric.


```

julia> Q=H*H2
3x3 Matrix{Float64}:
-0.123091  0.904534  0.408248
-0.492366  0.301511 -0.816497
-0.86164  -0.301511  0.408248

```

$$A = QR$$

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julia> R=H2*H*A
3x3 Matrix{Float64}:
-8.12404  -9.60114  -11.0782
-8.88178e-16  0.904534  1.80907
-8.88178e-16  -4.44089e-16  8.88178e-16

```

```

julia> Q*R
3x3 Matrix{Float64}:
1.0  2.0  3.0
4.0  5.0  6.0
7.0  8.0  9.0

```

it worked ...

The advantage of this method is one can choose $c = \pm \|a_1\|$
so the denominator in

$$v = \frac{a_1 - ce_1}{\|a_1 - ce_1\|}$$

is large to control rounding errors...