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Homework 3

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Smooth submanifold

Question 1

We know by definition that $J_g(x) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ has a rank of m $\forall x \in \mathcal{M}$. By the rank theorem, we have:

$$\underbrace{\operatorname{rank}\big(J_g(x)\big)}_{m} + \dim\left(\underbrace{\operatorname{Ker}\big(J_g(x)\big)}_{T_x\mathcal{M}}\right) = n$$
$$\iff \dim\big(\operatorname{Ker}\big(J_g(x)\big)\big) = n - m = d$$

Question 2

In this case, we have:

$$g : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R} : x \mapsto x^\top B x - 1$$

So $m = 1$. Furthermore, we have that g is smooth because it is a quadratic function in x (with an additional constant). Finally, the jacobian of g is given by:

$$J_g(x) = 2x^\top B$$

which always has a rank of $m = 1$ for any $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ because it is a single row. Thus $\mathcal{M}$ is a smooth submanifold.

Let's now find an expression for the tangent space $T_x\mathcal{M}$. If $x = 0$, the jacobian is null and we thus have:

$$T_0\mathcal{M} = \mathbb{R}^n$$

Otherwise, because B is positive definite, the only vector that can cancel it is the null vector:

$$T_{x\neq 0}\mathcal{M} = \{0\}$$