

Theoretical Machine Learning

(Theoretical Assignment 1)

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Problem 1.

(a). Let $A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix}$ and $x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}$.

Therefore, their product $A \cdot x = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^n a_{1i}x_i \\ \sum_{i=1}^n a_{2i}x_i \\ \vdots \\ \sum_{i=1}^n a_{mi}x_i \end{pmatrix}$

The derivative $\frac{d(A \cdot x)}{dx} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \sum_{i=1}^n a_{1i}x_i}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial \sum_{i=1}^n a_{1i}x_i}{\partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial \sum_{i=1}^n a_{1i}x_i}{\partial x_n} \\ \frac{\partial \sum_{i=1}^n a_{2i}x_i}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial \sum_{i=1}^n a_{2i}x_i}{\partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial \sum_{i=1}^n a_{2i}x_i}{\partial x_n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial \sum_{i=1}^n a_{mi}x_i}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial \sum_{i=1}^n a_{mi}x_i}{\partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial \sum_{i=1}^n a_{mi}x_i}{\partial x_n} \end{pmatrix}.$

$= \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix} = A$

(b). Let $A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$ and $x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } x^T A x &= (x_1 \ x_2 \ \dots \ x_n) \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} \\ &= (x_1 \ x_2 \ \dots \ x_n) \begin{pmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^n a_{1i} x_i \\ \sum_{i=1}^n a_{2i} x_i \\ \vdots \\ \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ni} x_i \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$= x_1 \sum_{i=1}^n a_{1i} x_i + x_2 \sum_{i=1}^n a_{2i} x_i + \dots + x_n \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ni} x_i, \text{ which is a scalar.}$$

$$\text{Let } p = x_1 \sum_{i=1}^n a_{1i} x_i + x_2 \sum_{i=1}^n a_{2i} x_i + \dots + x_n \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ni} x_i.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{The derivative } \frac{d(x^T A x)}{dx} &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial(x^T A x)}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial(x^T A x)}{\partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial(x^T A x)}{\partial x_n} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i (a_{i1} + a_{1i}) \quad \sum_{i=1}^n x_i (a_{i2} + a_{2i}) \quad \dots \quad \sum_{i=1}^n x_i (a_{in} + a_{ni}) \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } A + A^T &= \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{21} & \dots & a_{n1} \\ a_{12} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{n2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ a_{1n} & a_{2n} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} + a_{11} & a_{12} + a_{21} & \dots & a_{1n} + a_{n1} \\ a_{21} + a_{12} & a_{22} + a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} + a_{n2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} + a_{1n} & a_{n2} + a_{2n} & \dots & a_{nn} + a_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{and } x^T = (x_1 \ x_2 \ \dots \ x_n).$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Therefore, } x^T(A+A^T) &= (x_1 \quad x_2 \quad \dots \quad x_n) \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} + a_{11} & a_{12} + a_{21} & \dots & a_{1n} + a_{n1} \\ a_{21} + a_{12} & a_{22} + a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} + a_{n2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} + a_{1n} & a_{n2} + a_{2n} & \dots & a_{nn} + a_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= (\sum_{i=1}^n x_i(a_{i1} + a_{1i}) \quad \sum_{i=1}^n x_i(a_{i2} + a_{2i}) \quad \dots \quad \sum_{i=1}^n x_i(a_{in} + a_{ni})). \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Thus we see that } \frac{d(x^T A x)}{dx} = x^T(A + A^T).$$

Problem 2. Consider a matrix of dimension $m \times n$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{and a } k \times 1 \text{ vector } x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_k \end{pmatrix}.$$

Differentiating a matrix with respect to a vector is equivalent to differentiating each column of the matrix, treated as an individual vector, with respect to the vector x , and then placing the obtained matrices row-wise to obtain the final derivative matrix.

Each column of the matrix A can be treated as a $(m \times 1)$ vector. The derivative of each column w.r.t. x , therefore, is a matrix of dimension $(m \times k)$. Since there are n columns in the original matrix, we obtain n such $(m \times k)$ matrices. Stacking them horizontally yields a matrix of dimension $(m \times (n \times k))$. Therefore, the final result is of dimension $(m \times (n \times k))$.

$$\text{Problem 3. (a). We have, } v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 2\sin^2(x)\cos(y) \\ x^2 + 3e^y \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Now } \frac{dv_1}{dv_2} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial(2\sin^2(x)\cos(y))}{\frac{\partial(x^2+3e^y)}{\partial x}} & \frac{\partial(2\sin^2(x)\cos(y))}{\frac{\partial(x^2+3e^y)}{\partial y}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4\sin(x)\cos(x)\cos(y) & -2\sin^2(x)\sin(y) \\ 2x & 3e^y \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$(b). \text{ Here } v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 3x^2y + xyzw \\ \sin(x^2 + yw - z) \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ w \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dv_1}{dv_2} &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial(3x^2y + xyzw)}{\frac{\partial(\sin(x^2 + yw - z))}{\partial x}} & \frac{\partial(3x^2y + xyzw)}{\frac{\partial(\sin(x^2 + yw - z))}{\partial y}} & \frac{\partial(3x^2y + xyzw)}{\frac{\partial(\sin(x^2 + yw - z))}{\partial z}} & \frac{\partial(3x^2y + xyzw)}{\frac{\partial(\sin(x^2 + yw - z))}{\partial w}} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 6xy + yzw & 3x^2 + xzw & xyw & xyz \\ 2x\cos(x^2 + yw - z) & w\cos(x^2 + yw - z) & -\cos(x^2 + yw - z) & y\cos(x^2 + yw - z) \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$