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Chain Rule

① Given,  
 $f(z) = \log_e(1+z)$  where  $z = x^T x$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$

if  $x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_d \end{bmatrix}$  then  $x^T = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & \dots & x_d \end{bmatrix}$

Then,  $x^T = [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_d]$

$$\therefore x^T x = [x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_d^2]$$

Applying chain rule,

$$\frac{d}{dx} f = \frac{d}{dx} f \cdot \frac{d}{dx} z$$

$$= \frac{1}{1+z} (\log(1+z)) \cdot \frac{d}{dx} (x^T \cdot x)$$

$$= \frac{1}{1+z} \frac{d}{dz} (z) \cdot \frac{d}{dx} (x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_d^2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{1+z} (2x_1 + 2x_2 + \dots + 2x_d)$$

$$= \frac{1}{1+z} \cdot 2 (x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_d)$$

$$= \frac{2}{1+z} \sum_{i=1}^d x_i$$

(Ans.)

②  $f(z) = e^{-z/2}$ , where  $z = g(y)$ ,  $g(y) = y^T s^{-1} y$

$h(x) = x - u$ ,  $y = h(x)$

$\Rightarrow$  Using chain rule,

$$\frac{d}{dx} f = \frac{d f}{dz} \cdot \frac{dz}{dy} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx}$$

here,  $\frac{df}{dz} = \frac{d}{dz} (e^{-z/2}) = -\frac{e^{-z/2}}{2}$

$$\frac{dz}{dy} = \frac{d}{dy} (y^T s^{-1} y)$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{y(y+h) - g(y)}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(y^T + h) s^{-1} (y+h) - y^T s^{-1} y}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(y^T s^{-1} + h s^{-1})(y+h) - y^T s^{-1} y}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{y^T s^{-1} y + y^T s^{-1} h + h s^{-1} y + h^2 s^{-1} y}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h(y^T s^{-1} + s^{-1} y + h s^{-1} y)}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (y^T s^{-1} + s^{-1} y + h s^{-1} y)$$

$$= y^T s^{-1} + s^{-1} y$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{d(x=w)}{dx} = 1$$

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$$\frac{y^T s^{-1} y - (x+y)^T s^{-1} (x+y)}{h}$$

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$$\therefore \frac{df}{dx} = \frac{df}{dz} \cdot \frac{dz}{dy} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$= - \frac{e^{-\frac{z}{2}}}{2} (y^T s^{-1} + s^{-1} y) \cdot 1$$

$$= - \frac{e^{-\frac{z}{2}}}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{s} (y^T + y) \quad (\text{AM}) .$$