

Matrix Calculus

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Notation

- j is the square root of -1
- \mathbf{X}^R and \mathbf{X}^I are the real and imaginary parts of $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{X}^R + j\mathbf{X}^I$
 - $(\mathbf{XY})^R = \mathbf{X}^R\mathbf{Y}^R - \mathbf{X}^I\mathbf{Y}^I$
 - $(\mathbf{XY})^I = \mathbf{X}^R\mathbf{Y}^I + \mathbf{X}^I\mathbf{Y}^R$
- $\mathbf{X}^C = \mathbf{X}^R - j\mathbf{X}^I$ is the complex conjugate of \mathbf{X}
- $\mathbf{X}^H = (\mathbf{X}^R)^T = (\mathbf{X}^I)^T$ is the Hermitian transpose of \mathbf{X}
- \mathbf{X} : denotes the long column vector formed by concatenating the columns of \mathbf{X} (see [vectorization](#)).
- $\mathbf{A} \otimes \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{KRON}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B})$, the [kroneker](#) product
- $\mathbf{A} \bullet \mathbf{B}$ the [Hadamard](#) or elementwise product
- matrices and vectors \mathbf{A} , \mathbf{B} , \mathbf{C} do not depend on \mathbf{X}
- $\mathbf{I}_n = \mathbf{I}_{[n \# n]}$ the $n \# n$ identity matrix
- $\mathbf{T}_{m,n} = \mathbf{TVEC}(m,n)$ is the vectorized transpose matrix, i.e. $\mathbf{X}^T := \mathbf{T}_{m,n}\mathbf{X}$ for $\mathbf{X}_{[m,n]}$
- $\partial \mathbf{Y} / \partial \mathbf{X}$ and $\partial \mathbf{Y} / \partial \mathbf{X}^C$ are partial derivatives with \mathbf{X}^C and \mathbf{X} respectively held constant (note that $\mathbf{X}^H = (\mathbf{X}^C)^T$)
- $\partial \mathbf{Y} / \partial \mathbf{X}^R$ and $\partial \mathbf{Y} / \partial \mathbf{X}^I$ are partial derivatives with \mathbf{X}^I and \mathbf{X}^R respectively held constant

Derivatives

In the main part of this page we express results in terms of differentials rather than derivatives for two reasons: they avoid notational disagreements and they cope easily with the complex case. In most cases however, the differentials have been written in the form $d\mathbf{Y} = d\mathbf{Y}/d\mathbf{X} d\mathbf{X}$: so that the corresponding derivative may be easily extracted.

Derivatives with respect to a real matrix

If \mathbf{X} is $p \# q$ and \mathbf{Y} is $m \# n$, then $d\mathbf{Y} = d\mathbf{Y}/d\mathbf{X} d\mathbf{X}$: where the derivative $d\mathbf{Y}/d\mathbf{X}$ is a large $mn \# pq$ matrix. If \mathbf{X} and/or \mathbf{Y} are column vectors or scalars, then the vectorization operator $:$ has no effect and may be omitted. $d\mathbf{Y}/d\mathbf{X}$ is also called the *Jacobian Matrix* of \mathbf{Y} : with respect to \mathbf{X} : and $\det(d\mathbf{Y}/d\mathbf{X})$ is the corresponding *Jacobian*. The Jacobian occurs when changing variables in an integration: $\text{Integral}(f(\mathbf{Y})d\mathbf{Y}) = \text{Integral}(f(\mathbf{Y}(\mathbf{X})) \det(d\mathbf{Y}/d\mathbf{X}) d\mathbf{X})$.

Although they do not generalise so well, other authors use alternative notations for the cases when \mathbf{X} and \mathbf{Y} are both vectors or when one is a scalar. In particular:

- $dy/d\mathbf{x}$ is sometimes written as a column vector rather than a row vector
- $dy/d\mathbf{x}$ is sometimes transposed from the above definition or else is sometimes written $dy/d\mathbf{x}^T$ to emphasise the correspondence between the columns of the derivative and those of \mathbf{x}^T .
- $d\mathbf{Y}/d\mathbf{x}$ and $dy/d\mathbf{X}$ are often written as matrices rather than, as here, a column vector and row vector respectively. The matrix form may be converted to the form used here by appending $:$ or $:^T$ respectively.

Derivatives with respect to a complex matrix

If \mathbf{X} is complex then $d\mathbf{Y} = d\mathbf{Y}/d\mathbf{X} d\mathbf{X}$: can only be generally true iff $\mathbf{Y}(\mathbf{X})$ is an [analytic](#) function. This normally implies that $\mathbf{Y}(\mathbf{X})$ does not depend explicitly on \mathbf{X}^C or \mathbf{X}^H .

Even for non-analytic functions we can treat \mathbf{X} and \mathbf{X}^C (with $\mathbf{X}^H = (\mathbf{X}^C)^T$) as distinct variables and write uniquely $d\mathbf{Y} = \partial\mathbf{Y}/\partial\mathbf{X} d\mathbf{X} + \partial\mathbf{Y}/\partial\mathbf{X}^C d\mathbf{X}^C$: provided that \mathbf{Y} is analytic with respect to \mathbf{X} and \mathbf{X}^C individually (or equivalently with respect to \mathbf{X}^R and \mathbf{X}^I individually). $\partial\mathbf{Y}/\partial\mathbf{X}$ is the *Generalized Complex Derivative* and $\partial\mathbf{Y}/\partial\mathbf{X}^C$ is the *Complex Conjugate Derivative* [[R.4](#), [R.9](#)]; their properties are studied in *Wirtinger Calculus*.

We define the generalized derivatives in terms of partial derivatives with respect to \mathbf{X}^R and \mathbf{X}^I :

- $\partial\mathbf{Y}/\partial\mathbf{X} = \frac{1}{2} (\partial\mathbf{Y}/\partial\mathbf{X}^R - j \partial\mathbf{Y}/\partial\mathbf{X}^I)$
- $\partial\mathbf{Y}/\partial\mathbf{X}^C = (\partial\mathbf{Y}^C/\partial\mathbf{X})^C = \frac{1}{2} (\partial\mathbf{Y}/\partial\mathbf{X}^R + j \partial\mathbf{Y}/\partial\mathbf{X}^I)$

We have the following relationships for both analytic and non-analytic functions $\mathbf{Y}(\mathbf{X})$:

- The following are equivalent ways of saying that $\mathbf{Y}(\mathbf{X})$ is analytic:
 - $\mathbf{Y}(\mathbf{X})$ is an analytic function of \mathbf{X}
 - $d\mathbf{Y} = \partial\mathbf{Y}/\partial\mathbf{X} d\mathbf{X}$:
 - $\partial\mathbf{Y}/\partial\mathbf{X}^C = \mathbf{0}$ for all \mathbf{X}
 - $\partial\mathbf{Y}/\partial\mathbf{X}^R + j \partial\mathbf{Y}/\partial\mathbf{X}^I = \mathbf{0}$ for all \mathbf{X} (these are the *Cauchy Riemann equations*)
- $d\mathbf{Y} = \partial\mathbf{Y}/\partial\mathbf{X} d\mathbf{X} + \partial\mathbf{Y}/\partial\mathbf{X}^C d\mathbf{X}^C$:
- $\partial\mathbf{Y}/\partial\mathbf{X}^R = \partial\mathbf{Y}/\partial\mathbf{X} + \partial\mathbf{Y}/\partial\mathbf{X}^C$
- $\partial\mathbf{Y}/\partial\mathbf{X}^I = j (\partial\mathbf{Y}/\partial\mathbf{X} - \partial\mathbf{Y}/\partial\mathbf{X}^C)$
- $\partial\mathbf{Y}/\partial\mathbf{X}^C = (\partial\mathbf{Y}^C/\partial\mathbf{X})^C$
- *Chain rule*: If \mathbf{Z} is a function of \mathbf{Y} which is itself a function of \mathbf{X} , then $\partial\mathbf{Z}/\partial\mathbf{X} = \partial\mathbf{Z}/\partial\mathbf{Y} \partial\mathbf{Y}/\partial\mathbf{X}$. This is the same as for real derivatives.
- *Real-valued*: If $\mathbf{Y}(\mathbf{X})$ is real for all complex \mathbf{X} , then
 - $\partial\mathbf{Y}/\partial\mathbf{X}^C = (\partial\mathbf{Y}/\partial\mathbf{X})^C$
 - $d\mathbf{Y} = 2(\partial\mathbf{Y}/\partial\mathbf{X} d\mathbf{X})^R$
 - If $\mathbf{Y}(\mathbf{X})$ is real for all complex \mathbf{X} and $\mathbf{W}(\mathbf{X})$ is [analytic](#) and if $\mathbf{W}(\mathbf{X}) = \mathbf{Y}(\mathbf{X})$ for all real-valued \mathbf{X} , then $\partial\mathbf{W}/\partial\mathbf{X} = 2 (\partial\mathbf{Y}/\partial\mathbf{X})^R$ for all real \mathbf{X}
 - Example: If $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{C}^H$, $y(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^H \mathbf{C} \mathbf{x}$ and $w(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{C} \mathbf{x}$, then $\partial y/\partial \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}^H \mathbf{C}$ and $\partial w/\partial \mathbf{x} = 2 \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{C}^R$

Complex Constrained Minimization

Suppose $f(\mathbf{X})$ is a scalar real function of a complex matrix (or vector), \mathbf{X} , and $\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{X})$ is a complex-valued matrix (or vector or scalar) function of \mathbf{X} . To minimize $f(\mathbf{X})$ subject to $\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{X}) = \mathbf{0}$, we use complex Lagrange multipliers and minimize $f(\mathbf{X}) + \text{tr}(\mathbf{K}^H \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{X})) + \text{tr}(\mathbf{K}^T \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{X})^C)$ subject to $\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{X}) = \mathbf{0}$. Hence we solve $\partial f/\partial \mathbf{X} + \partial \text{tr}(\mathbf{K}^H \mathbf{G})/\partial \mathbf{X} + \partial \text{tr}(\mathbf{K}^T \mathbf{G}^C)/\partial \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{0}^T$ subject to $\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{X}) = \mathbf{0}$. If $\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{X})$ is a vector, this becomes $\partial f/\partial \mathbf{X} + \mathbf{k}^H \partial \mathbf{g}/\partial \mathbf{X} + \mathbf{k}^T \partial \mathbf{g}^C/\partial \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{0}^T$. If $g(\mathbf{X})$ is a scalar, this becomes $\partial f/\partial \mathbf{X} + k^C \partial g/\partial \mathbf{x} + k \partial g^C/\partial \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}^T$.

- Example: If $f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^H \mathbf{S} \mathbf{x}$ where $\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{S}^H$ and $g(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{a}^H \mathbf{x} - 1$, then $\partial f / \partial \mathbf{x} + k^H \partial g / \partial \mathbf{x} + k^T \partial g^C / \partial \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}^H \mathbf{S} + \mathbf{k} \mathbf{a}^H + \mathbf{0}^T = \mathbf{0}^T$ which implies $\mathbf{S} \mathbf{x} + k^C \mathbf{a} = \mathbf{0}$ from which $\mathbf{x} = -k^C \mathbf{S}^{-1} \mathbf{a}$. Substituting this into the constraint, $g(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{a}^H \mathbf{x} - 1 = 0$, gives $-k^C \mathbf{a}^H \mathbf{S}^{-1} \mathbf{a} = 1$ from which $k = -(\mathbf{a}^H \mathbf{S}^{-1} \mathbf{a})^{-1}$. Substituting this back into the expression for \mathbf{x} gives $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{S}^{-1} \mathbf{a} (\mathbf{a}^H \mathbf{S}^{-1} \mathbf{a})^{-1}$.

Complex Gradient Vector

If $f(\mathbf{X})$ is a real function of a complex matrix (or vector), \mathbf{X} , then $\partial f / \partial \mathbf{X}^C = (\partial f / \partial \mathbf{X})^C$ and we can define the complex-valued column vector $\mathbf{grad}(f(\mathbf{X})) = 2 (\partial f / \partial \mathbf{X})^H = (\partial f / \partial \mathbf{X}^{R+j} + \partial f / \partial \mathbf{X}^I)^T$ as the *Complex Gradient Vector* [R.9] with the properties listed below. If we use \leftrightarrow to represent the vector mapping associated with the [Complex-to-Real isomorphism](#), and $\mathbf{X}_{[m \# n]} \leftrightarrow \mathbf{y}_{[2mn]}$ where \mathbf{y} is real, then $\mathbf{grad}(f(\mathbf{X})) \leftrightarrow \mathbf{grad}(f(\mathbf{y}))$ where the latter is the conventional **grad** function from vector calculus.

- $\mathbf{grad}(f(\mathbf{X}))$ is zero at an extreme value of f .
- $\mathbf{grad}(f(\mathbf{X}))$ points in the direction of steepest slope of $f(\mathbf{x})$
- The magnitude of the steepest slope is equal to $|\mathbf{grad}(f(\mathbf{X}))|$. Specifically, if $\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{X}) = \mathbf{grad}(f(\mathbf{X}))$, then $\lim_{a \rightarrow 0} a^{-1} (f(\mathbf{X} + a \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{X})) - f(\mathbf{X})) = |\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{X})|^2$
- $\mathbf{grad}(f(\mathbf{X}))$ is normal to the surface $f(\mathbf{X}) = \text{constant}$ which means that it can be used for gradient ascent/descent algorithms.
- If $f(\mathbf{X}) = \mathbf{y}^H \mathbf{y}$, then $\mathbf{grad}(f(\mathbf{X})) = 2(\partial \mathbf{y} / \partial \mathbf{X})^H \mathbf{y} + 2(\partial \mathbf{y} / \partial \mathbf{X}^C)^T \mathbf{y}^C$

Basic Properties

- We may write the following differentials unambiguously without parentheses:
 - *Transpose*: $d\mathbf{Y}^T = d(\mathbf{Y}^T) = (d\mathbf{Y})^T$
 - *Hermitian Transpose*: $d\mathbf{Y}^H = d(\mathbf{Y}^H) = (d\mathbf{Y})^H$
 - *Conjugate*: $d\mathbf{Y}^C = d(\mathbf{Y}^C) = (d\mathbf{Y})^C$
- *Linearity*: $d(\mathbf{Y} + \mathbf{Z}) = d\mathbf{Y} + d\mathbf{Z}$
- *Chain Rule*: If \mathbf{Z} is a function of \mathbf{Y} which is itself a function of \mathbf{X} , then for both the normal and the [generalized complex](#) derivative: $d\mathbf{Z} = d\mathbf{Z}/d\mathbf{Y} d\mathbf{Y} = d\mathbf{Z}/d\mathbf{Y} d\mathbf{Y}/d\mathbf{X} d\mathbf{X}$
- *Product Rule*: $d(\mathbf{Y}\mathbf{Z}) = \mathbf{Y} d\mathbf{Z} + d\mathbf{Y} \mathbf{Z}$
 - $d(\mathbf{Y}\mathbf{Z}) = (\mathbf{I} \otimes \mathbf{Y}) d\mathbf{Z} + (\mathbf{Z}^T \otimes \mathbf{I}) d\mathbf{Y} = ((\mathbf{I} \otimes \mathbf{Y}) d\mathbf{Z}/d\mathbf{X} + (\mathbf{Z}^T \otimes \mathbf{I}) d\mathbf{Y}/d\mathbf{X}) d\mathbf{X}$
- [Hadamard](#) Product: $d(\mathbf{Y} \bullet \mathbf{Z}) = \mathbf{Y} \bullet d\mathbf{Z} + d\mathbf{Y} \bullet \mathbf{Z}$
- [Kronecker](#) Product: $d(\mathbf{Y} \otimes \mathbf{Z}) = \mathbf{Y} \otimes d\mathbf{Z} + d\mathbf{Y} \otimes \mathbf{Z}$

Differentials of Linear Functions

- $d(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}) = d(\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A}^T) = \mathbf{A} d\mathbf{x}$
 - $d(\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{a}) = d(\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{a}^T d\mathbf{x}$
 - $d(\mathbf{b}\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{a}) = \mathbf{b}\mathbf{a}^T d\mathbf{x}$
- $d(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}\mathbf{B}) = (\mathbf{A} d\mathbf{X} \mathbf{B}) = (\mathbf{B}^T \otimes \mathbf{A}) d\mathbf{X}$
 - $d(\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{X} \mathbf{b}) = (\mathbf{b} \otimes \mathbf{a})^T d\mathbf{X} = (\mathbf{a} \mathbf{b}^T)^T d\mathbf{X}$
 - $d(\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{X} \mathbf{a}) = d(\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{a}) = (\mathbf{a} \otimes \mathbf{a})^T d\mathbf{X} = (\mathbf{a} \mathbf{a}^T)^T d\mathbf{X}$
 - $[\mathbf{X}_{[m \# n]}] d(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}) = (\mathbf{I}_n \otimes \mathbf{A}) d\mathbf{X}$
 - $[\mathbf{X}_{[m \# n]}] d(\mathbf{X}\mathbf{B}) = (d\mathbf{X} \mathbf{B}) = (\mathbf{B}^T \otimes \mathbf{I}_m) d\mathbf{X}$
 - $[\mathbf{x}_{[n]}] d(\mathbf{x}\mathbf{b}^T) = (d\mathbf{x} \mathbf{b}^T) = (\mathbf{b} \otimes \mathbf{I}_n) d\mathbf{x}$

- $d(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{B}): = (\mathbf{B}^T \otimes \mathbf{A}) d\mathbf{X}^T:$
 - $d(\mathbf{a}^T\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{b}) = (\mathbf{a} \otimes \mathbf{b})^T d\mathbf{X} = (\mathbf{a}\mathbf{b}^T):^T d\mathbf{X} = (\mathbf{b}\mathbf{a}^T):^T d\mathbf{X}:$
- $d(|\mathbf{x}|) = |\mathbf{x}|^{-1}\mathbf{x}^T d\mathbf{x}$
- $[\mathbf{x}: \text{Complex}] d(\mathbf{x}^H\mathbf{A}): = \mathbf{A}^T d\mathbf{x}^C$
- $d(\mathbf{X}_{[m\#n]} \otimes \mathbf{A}_{[p\#q]}): = (\mathbf{I}_n \otimes \mathbf{T}_{q,m} \otimes \mathbf{I}_p)(\mathbf{I}_{mn} \otimes \mathbf{A}): d\mathbf{X} = (\mathbf{I}_{nq} \otimes \mathbf{T}_{m,p})(\mathbf{I}_n \otimes \mathbf{A} \otimes \mathbf{I}_m) d\mathbf{X}:$
- $d(\mathbf{A}_{[p\#q]} \otimes \mathbf{X}_{[m\#n]}): = (\mathbf{I}_q \otimes \mathbf{T}_{n,p} \otimes \mathbf{I}_m)(\mathbf{A} \otimes \mathbf{I}_{mn}) d\mathbf{X} = (\mathbf{T}_{m,n} \otimes \mathbf{I}_{pq})(\mathbf{I}_n \otimes \mathbf{A} \otimes \mathbf{I}_m) d\mathbf{X}:$

Differentials of Quadratic Products

- $d(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{b})^T\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{D}\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{e}) = ((\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{b})^T\mathbf{C}\mathbf{D} + (\mathbf{D}\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{e})^T\mathbf{C}^T\mathbf{A}) d\mathbf{x}$
 - $d(\mathbf{x}^T\mathbf{C}\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^T(\mathbf{C}+\mathbf{C}^T)d\mathbf{x} = [\mathbf{C}=\mathbf{C}^T] 2\mathbf{x}^T\mathbf{C}d\mathbf{x}$
 - $d(\mathbf{x}^T\mathbf{x}) = 2\mathbf{x}^T d\mathbf{x}$
 - $d(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{b})^T (\mathbf{D}\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{e}) = ((\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{b})^T\mathbf{D} + (\mathbf{D}\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{e})^T\mathbf{A})d\mathbf{x}$
 - $d(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{b})^T (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{b}) = 2(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{b})^T\mathbf{A}d\mathbf{x}$
 - $d(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{b})^T\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{b}) = [\mathbf{C}=\mathbf{C}^T] 2(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{b})^T\mathbf{C}\mathbf{A} d\mathbf{x}$
- $d(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{b})^H\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{D}\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{e}) = (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{b})^H\mathbf{C}\mathbf{D} d\mathbf{x} + (\mathbf{D}\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{e})^T\mathbf{C}^T\mathbf{A}^C d\mathbf{x}^C$
 - $d(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{b})^H\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{b}) = (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{b})^H\mathbf{C}\mathbf{A} d\mathbf{x} + (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{b})^T\mathbf{C}^T\mathbf{A}^C d\mathbf{x}^C = [\mathbf{C}=\mathbf{C}^H] 2((\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{b})^H\mathbf{C}\mathbf{A} d\mathbf{x})^R$
 - $d(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{b})^H(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{b}) = 2((\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{b})^H\mathbf{A} d\mathbf{x})^R$
 - $d(\mathbf{x}^H\mathbf{C}\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^H\mathbf{C} d\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{x}^T\mathbf{C}^T d\mathbf{x}^C = [\mathbf{C}=\mathbf{C}^H] 2(\mathbf{x}^H\mathbf{C} d\mathbf{x})^R$
 - $d(\mathbf{x}^H\mathbf{x}) = 2(\mathbf{x}^H d\mathbf{x})^R$
- $d(\mathbf{a}^T\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{X}\mathbf{b}) = \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{a}\mathbf{b}^T + \mathbf{b}\mathbf{a}^T):^T d\mathbf{X}:$
 - $d(\mathbf{a}^T\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{X}\mathbf{a}) = 2(\mathbf{X}\mathbf{a}\mathbf{a}^T):^T d\mathbf{X}:$
- $d(\mathbf{a}^T\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{C}\mathbf{X}\mathbf{b}) = (\mathbf{C}^T\mathbf{X}\mathbf{a}\mathbf{b}^T + \mathbf{C}\mathbf{X}\mathbf{b}\mathbf{a}^T):^T d\mathbf{X}:$
 - $d(\mathbf{a}^T\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{C}\mathbf{X}\mathbf{a}) = ((\mathbf{C} + \mathbf{C}^T)\mathbf{X}\mathbf{a}\mathbf{a}^T):^T d\mathbf{X} = [\mathbf{C}=\mathbf{C}^T] 2(\mathbf{C}\mathbf{X}\mathbf{a}\mathbf{a}^T):^T d\mathbf{X}:$
- $d((\mathbf{X}\mathbf{a}+\mathbf{b})^T\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{X}\mathbf{a}+\mathbf{b})) = ((\mathbf{C}+\mathbf{C}^T)(\mathbf{X}\mathbf{a}+\mathbf{b})\mathbf{a}^T):^T d\mathbf{X}:$
- $[\mathbf{X}_{[n\#n]}] d(\mathbf{X}^2): = (\mathbf{X}d\mathbf{X} + d\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}): = (\mathbf{I}_n \otimes \mathbf{X} + \mathbf{X}^T \otimes \mathbf{I}_n) d\mathbf{X}:$
- $[\mathbf{X}_{[m\#n]}] d(\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{C}\mathbf{X}): = (\mathbf{I}_n \otimes \mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{C}) d\mathbf{X} + (\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{C}^T \otimes \mathbf{I}_n) d\mathbf{X}^T = (\mathbf{I}_n \otimes \mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{C} + \mathbf{T}_{n,n}(\mathbf{I}_n \otimes \mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{C}^T)) d\mathbf{X}:$
 - $[\mathbf{X}_{[m\#n]}, \mathbf{C}_{[m\#m]}=\mathbf{C}^T] d(\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{C}\mathbf{X}): = (\mathbf{I}_{n \times n} + \mathbf{T}_{n,n})(\mathbf{I}_n \otimes \mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{C}) d\mathbf{X}:$
 - $[\mathbf{X}_{[m\#n]}] d(\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{X}): = (\mathbf{I}_n \otimes \mathbf{X}^T) d\mathbf{X} + (\mathbf{X}^T \otimes \mathbf{I}_n) d\mathbf{X}^T = (\mathbf{I}_{n \times n} + \mathbf{T}_{n,n})(\mathbf{I}_n \otimes \mathbf{X}^T) d\mathbf{X}:$
- $[\mathbf{X}_{[m\#n]}] d(\mathbf{X}^H\mathbf{C}\mathbf{X}): = (\mathbf{X}^H\mathbf{C}d\mathbf{X}): + (d(\mathbf{X}^H)\mathbf{C}\mathbf{X}): = (\mathbf{I}_n \otimes \mathbf{X}^H\mathbf{C}) d\mathbf{X} + (\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{C}^T \otimes \mathbf{I}_n) d\mathbf{X}^H:$
- $\text{grad}((\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{b})^H(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{b})) = 2\mathbf{A}^H(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{b})$
 - $\text{grad}(\mathbf{x}^H\mathbf{x}) = 2\mathbf{x}$

Differentials of Cubic Products

- $d(\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}^T\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}) = (\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}^T(\mathbf{A}+\mathbf{A}^T)+\mathbf{x}^T\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\times\mathbf{I})d\mathbf{x}$
 - $d(\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}^T\mathbf{x}) = (2\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}^T+\mathbf{x}^T\mathbf{x}\times\mathbf{I})d\mathbf{x}$
- $[\mathbf{X}_{[m\#n]}] d(\mathbf{X}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{B}\mathbf{X}): = (\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{B}^T\mathbf{X}\mathbf{A}^T \otimes \mathbf{I}_m + \mathbf{I}_n \otimes \mathbf{X}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{B}) d\mathbf{X} + (\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{B} \otimes \mathbf{X}\mathbf{A}) d\mathbf{X}^T = (\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{B}^T\mathbf{X}\mathbf{A}^T \otimes \mathbf{I}_m + \mathbf{T}_{n,m}(\mathbf{X}\mathbf{A} \otimes \mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{B}) + \mathbf{I}_n \otimes \mathbf{X}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{B}) d\mathbf{X}:$
 - $[\mathbf{X}_{[m\#n]}] d(\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{X}): = (\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{X} \otimes \mathbf{I}_m + \mathbf{I}_n \otimes \mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}^T) d\mathbf{X} + (\mathbf{X}^T \otimes \mathbf{X}) d\mathbf{X}^T = (\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{X} \otimes \mathbf{I}_m + \mathbf{T}_{n,m}(\mathbf{X} \otimes \mathbf{X}^T) + \mathbf{I}_n \otimes \mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}^T) d\mathbf{X}:$
- $[\mathbf{X}_{[m\#n]}] d(\mathbf{X}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{X}): = (\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{B}^T\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{A}^T \otimes \mathbf{I}_m + \mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{B}^T \otimes \mathbf{X}\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{I}_n \otimes \mathbf{X}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}\mathbf{B}) d\mathbf{X}:$

$$\circ \textcolor{red}{[\mathbf{X}_{[n\#n]}]} d(\mathbf{X}^3) = ((\mathbf{X}^T)^2 \otimes \mathbf{I}_n + \mathbf{X}^T \otimes \mathbf{X} + \mathbf{I}_n \otimes \mathbf{X}^2) d\mathbf{X}:$$

Differentials of Inverses

- $d(\mathbf{X}^{-1}) = -\mathbf{X}^{-1} d\mathbf{X} \mathbf{X}^{-1}$ [2.1]
 - $d(\mathbf{X}^{-1}) = -(\mathbf{X}^{-T} \otimes \mathbf{X}^{-1}) d\mathbf{X}:$
- $d(\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{X}^{-1} \mathbf{b}) = -(\mathbf{X}^{-T} \mathbf{a} \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{X}^{-T})^T d\mathbf{X} = -(\mathbf{a} \mathbf{b}^T)^T (\mathbf{X}^{-T} \otimes \mathbf{X}^{-1}) d\mathbf{X}:$ [2.9]
- $d(\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{X}^{-1} \mathbf{B})) = d(\text{tr}(\mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{A})) = -(\mathbf{X}^{-T} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{X}^{-T})^T d\mathbf{X} = -(\mathbf{A} \mathbf{B}^T)^T (\mathbf{X}^{-T} \otimes \mathbf{X}^{-1}) d\mathbf{X}:$

Differentials of Trace

Note: matrix dimensions must result in an $n \times n$ argument for $\text{tr}()$.

- $d(\text{tr}(\mathbf{Y})) = \text{tr}(d\mathbf{Y})$
- $d(\text{tr}(\mathbf{X})) = d(\text{tr}(\mathbf{X}^T)) = \mathbf{I}^T d\mathbf{X}:$ [2.4]
- $d(\text{tr}(\mathbf{X}^k)) = k(\mathbf{X}^{k-1})^T d\mathbf{X}:$
- $d(\text{tr}(\mathbf{A} \mathbf{X}^k)) = (\text{SUM}_{r=0:k-1} (\mathbf{X}^r \mathbf{A} \mathbf{X}^{k-r-1})^T)^T d\mathbf{X}:$
- $d(\text{tr}(\mathbf{A} \mathbf{X}^{-1} \mathbf{B})) = -(\mathbf{X}^{-1} \mathbf{B} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{X}^{-1})^T d\mathbf{X} = -(\mathbf{X}^{-T} \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{X}^{-T})^T d\mathbf{X}:$ [2.5]
 - $d(\text{tr}(\mathbf{A} \mathbf{X}^{-1})) = d(\text{tr}(\mathbf{X}^{-1} \mathbf{A})) = -(\mathbf{X}^{-T} \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{X}^{-T})^T d\mathbf{X}:$
- $d(\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{X} \mathbf{B}^T)) = d(\text{tr}(\mathbf{B} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{A})) = (\mathbf{A} \mathbf{B})^T d\mathbf{X}:$ [2.4]
 - $d(\text{tr}(\mathbf{X} \mathbf{A}^T)) = d(\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{X})) = d(\text{tr}(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{A})) = d(\text{tr}(\mathbf{A} \mathbf{X}^T)) = \mathbf{A}^T d\mathbf{X}:$
 - $d(\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{X}^{-1} \mathbf{B}^T)) = d(\text{tr}(\mathbf{B} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{A})) = -(\mathbf{X}^{-T} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{B} \mathbf{X}^{-T})^T d\mathbf{X} = -(\mathbf{A} \mathbf{B})^T (\mathbf{X}^{-T} \otimes \mathbf{X}^{-1}) d\mathbf{X}:$
- $d(\text{tr}(\mathbf{A} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{B} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{C})) = (\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{C}^T \mathbf{X} \mathbf{B}^T + \mathbf{C} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{B})^T d\mathbf{X}:$
 - $d(\text{tr}(\mathbf{X} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{X}^T)) = d(\text{tr}(\mathbf{A} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})) = d(\text{tr}(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} \mathbf{A})) = (\mathbf{X}(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{A}^T))^T d\mathbf{X}:$
 - $(\text{tr}(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{X})) = d(\text{tr}(\mathbf{A} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{X}^T)) = d(\text{tr}(\mathbf{X} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{A})) = ((\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{A}^T) \mathbf{X})^T d\mathbf{X}:$
 - $d(\text{tr}(\mathbf{X} \mathbf{X}^T)) = d(\text{tr}(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})) = 2\mathbf{X}^T d\mathbf{X}:$
- $d(\text{tr}(\mathbf{A} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{B} \mathbf{X})) = (\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{B}^T + \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{A}^T)^T d\mathbf{X}:$
- $d(\text{tr}((\mathbf{A} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c})(\mathbf{A} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c})^T)) = 2(\mathbf{A}^T (\mathbf{A} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c}) \mathbf{b}^T)^T d\mathbf{X}:$
- $\textcolor{red}{[\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{C}^T]} d(\text{tr}((\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{C} \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{A})) = d(\text{tr}(\mathbf{A} (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{C} \mathbf{X})^{-1})) = -((\mathbf{C} \mathbf{X} (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{C} \mathbf{X})^{-1})(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{A}^T)(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{C} \mathbf{X})^{-1})^T d\mathbf{X}:$
- $\textcolor{red}{[\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{B}^T, \mathbf{C} = \mathbf{C}^T]} d(\text{tr}((\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{C} \mathbf{X})^{-1} (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{B} \mathbf{X}))) = d(\text{tr}((\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{B} \mathbf{X})(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{C} \mathbf{X})^{-1})) = 2(\mathbf{B} \mathbf{X} (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{C} \mathbf{X})^{-1} - (\mathbf{C} \mathbf{X} (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{C} \mathbf{X})^{-1}) \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{B} \mathbf{X} (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{C} \mathbf{X})^{-1})^T d\mathbf{X}:$
- $\textcolor{red}{[\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{D}^H]} d(\text{tr}((\mathbf{A} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}) \mathbf{D} (\mathbf{A} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C})^H)) = ((2\mathbf{A}^H (\mathbf{A} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}) \mathbf{D} \mathbf{B}^H)^H d\mathbf{X})^R$ [2.6]
 - $d(\text{tr}((\mathbf{A} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}) (\mathbf{A} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C})^H)) = ((2\mathbf{A}^H (\mathbf{A} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}) \mathbf{B}^H)^H d\mathbf{X})^R$
 - $\textcolor{red}{[\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{D}^H]} d(\text{tr}(\mathbf{X} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{X}^H)) = ((2\mathbf{X} \mathbf{D})^H d\mathbf{X})^R$
 - $d(\text{tr}(\mathbf{X} \mathbf{X}^H)) = (2\mathbf{X}^H d\mathbf{X})^R$

Trace Minimization

In the following expressions $\mathbf{M}^\#$ denotes the inverse of \mathbf{M} or, if \mathbf{M} is singular, any [generalized inverse](#) (including the [pseudoinverse](#)).

- $\textcolor{red}{[\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{D}^H]} \text{argmin}_{\mathbf{X}} \{ \text{tr}((\mathbf{A} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}) \mathbf{D} (\mathbf{A} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C})^H) \} = -(\mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{A})^\# \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{C} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{B}^H (\mathbf{B} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{B}^H)^\#$ [2.7]
 - $\textcolor{red}{[\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{D}^H]} \text{argmin}_{\mathbf{X}} \{ \text{tr}((\mathbf{A} \mathbf{X} + \mathbf{C}) \mathbf{D} (\mathbf{A} \mathbf{X} + \mathbf{C})^H) \} = -(\mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{A})^\# \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{C}$
- $\textcolor{red}{[\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{D}^H]} \text{argmin}_{\mathbf{X}} \{ \text{tr}((\mathbf{A} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C})^H \mathbf{D} (\mathbf{A} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C})) \} = -(\mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{D} \mathbf{A})^\# \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{D} \mathbf{C} \mathbf{B}^H (\mathbf{B} \mathbf{B}^H)^\#$

- $[\mathbf{D}=\mathbf{D}^H]$ $\operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{X}} \{\operatorname{tr}((\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}+\mathbf{C})^H \mathbf{D} (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}+\mathbf{C}))\} = -(\mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{D} \mathbf{A})^\# \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{D} \mathbf{C}$
- $[\mathbf{D}=\mathbf{D}^H]$ $\operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{x}} \{(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{c})^H \mathbf{D} (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{c})\} = -(\mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{D} \mathbf{A})^\# \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{D} \mathbf{c}$
- $[\mathbf{D}=\mathbf{D}^H, \mathbf{R}=\mathbf{R}^H]$ $\operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{X}} \{\operatorname{tr}((\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}\mathbf{B}+\mathbf{C})\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}\mathbf{B}+\mathbf{C})^H + (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}\mathbf{P}+\mathbf{Q})\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}\mathbf{P}+\mathbf{Q})^H)\} = -$
 $(\mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{A})^\# \mathbf{A}^H (\mathbf{C}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{B}^H + \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{R}\mathbf{P}^H)(\mathbf{B}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{B}^H + \mathbf{P}\mathbf{R}\mathbf{P}^H)^\#$
 - $[\mathbf{D}=\mathbf{D}^H, \mathbf{R}=\mathbf{R}^H]$ $\operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{X}} \{\operatorname{tr}((\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}+\mathbf{C})\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}+\mathbf{C})^H + (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}+\mathbf{Q})\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}+\mathbf{Q})^H)\} = -(\mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{A})^\# \mathbf{A}^H (\mathbf{C}\mathbf{D} + \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{R})$
 $(\mathbf{D} + \mathbf{R})^\#$
 - $[\mathbf{D}=\mathbf{D}^H, \mathbf{R}=\mathbf{R}^H]$ $\operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{X}} \{\operatorname{tr}((\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}\mathbf{B}+\mathbf{C})\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}\mathbf{B}+\mathbf{C})^H + (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X})\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X})^H)\} = -(\mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{A})^\# \mathbf{A}^H (\mathbf{C}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{B}^H)$
 $(\mathbf{B}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{B}^H + \mathbf{R})^\#$
 - $[\mathbf{D}=\mathbf{D}^H, \mathbf{R}=\mathbf{R}^H]$ $\operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{X}} \{\operatorname{tr}((\mathbf{X}\mathbf{B}+\mathbf{C})\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{X}\mathbf{B}+\mathbf{C})^H + \mathbf{X}\mathbf{R}\mathbf{X}^H)\} = -(\mathbf{C}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{B}^H)(\mathbf{B}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{B}^H + \mathbf{R})^\#$
- $[\mathbf{D}=\mathbf{D}^H]$ $\operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{X}} \{\operatorname{tr}((\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}\mathbf{B}+\mathbf{C})\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}\mathbf{B}+\mathbf{C})^H) \mid \mathbf{E}\mathbf{X}\mathbf{F}=\mathbf{G}\} = (\mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{A})^\# (\mathbf{E}^H \{\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{A})^\# \mathbf{E}^H\}^\#$
 $\{\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{A})^\# \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{C}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{B}^H (\mathbf{B}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{B}^H)^\# \mathbf{F} + \mathbf{G}\} \{\mathbf{F}^H (\mathbf{B}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{B}^H)^\# \mathbf{F}\}^\# \mathbf{F}^H - \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{C}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{B}^H (\mathbf{B}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{B}^H)^\#$ [2.8]
 - $[\mathbf{D}=\mathbf{D}^H]$ $\operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{X}} \{\operatorname{tr}((\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}+\mathbf{C})\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}+\mathbf{C})^H) \mid \mathbf{E}\mathbf{X}=\mathbf{G}\} = (\mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{A})^\# (\mathbf{E}^H \{\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{A})^\# \mathbf{E}^H\}^\#$
 $\{\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{A})^\# \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{C} + \mathbf{G}\} - \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{C})$
 - $[\mathbf{D}=\mathbf{D}^H]$ $\operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{x}} \{\operatorname{tr}((\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{c})\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{c})^H) \mid \mathbf{E}\mathbf{x}=\mathbf{g}\} = (\mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{A})^\# (\mathbf{E}^H \{\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{A})^\# \mathbf{E}^H\}^\# \{\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{A})^\# \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{g}\} -$
 $\mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{c})$
- $[\mathbf{D}=\mathbf{D}^H]$ $\operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{X}} \{\operatorname{tr}((\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}\mathbf{B}+\mathbf{C})^H \mathbf{D} (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}\mathbf{B}+\mathbf{C})) \mid \mathbf{E}\mathbf{X}\mathbf{F}=\mathbf{G}\} = (\mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{D} \mathbf{A})^\# (\mathbf{E}^H \{\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{D} \mathbf{A})^\# \mathbf{E}^H\}^\#$
 $\{\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{D} \mathbf{A})^\# \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{D} \mathbf{C}\mathbf{B}^H (\mathbf{B}\mathbf{B}^H)^\# \mathbf{F} + \mathbf{G}\} \{\mathbf{F}^H (\mathbf{B}\mathbf{B}^H)^\# \mathbf{F}\}^\# \mathbf{F}^H - \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{D} \mathbf{C}\mathbf{B}^H (\mathbf{B}\mathbf{B}^H)^\#$
 - $[\mathbf{D}=\mathbf{D}^H]$ $\operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{X}} \{\operatorname{tr}((\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}+\mathbf{C})^H \mathbf{D} (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}+\mathbf{C})) \mid \mathbf{E}\mathbf{X}=\mathbf{G}\} = (\mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{D} \mathbf{A})^\# (\mathbf{E}^H \{\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{D} \mathbf{A})^\# \mathbf{E}^H\}^\#$
 $\{\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{D} \mathbf{A})^\# \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{D} \mathbf{C} + \mathbf{G}\} - \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{D} \mathbf{C})$
 - $[\mathbf{D}=\mathbf{D}^H]$ $\operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{x}} \{(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{c})^H \mathbf{D} (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{c}) \mid \mathbf{E}\mathbf{x}=\mathbf{g}\} = (\mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{D} \mathbf{A})^\# (\mathbf{E}^H \{\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{D} \mathbf{A})^\# \mathbf{E}^H\}^\#$
 $\{\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{D} \mathbf{A})^\# \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{D} \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{g}\} - \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{D} \mathbf{c})$

Differentials of Determinant

Note: matrix dimensions must result in an $n \times n$ argument for $\det()$. Some of the expressions below involve inverses: these forms apply only if the quantity being inverted is square and non-singular; alternative forms involving the [adjoint](#), $\operatorname{ADJ}()$, do not have the non-singular requirement.

- $d(\det(\mathbf{X})) = d(\det(\mathbf{X}^T)) = \underline{\mathbf{ADJ}}(\mathbf{X}^T):^T d\mathbf{X} = \det(\mathbf{X}) (\mathbf{X}^{-T}):^T d\mathbf{X}$: [2.10]
- $d(\det(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{X} \mathbf{B})) = d(\det(\mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{A})) = (\mathbf{A} \underline{\mathbf{ADJ}}(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{X} \mathbf{B})^T \mathbf{B}^T):^T d\mathbf{X} = [\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}: \text{nonsingular}] \det(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{X} \mathbf{B}) \times (\mathbf{X}^{-T}):^T d\mathbf{X}$: [2.11]
- $d(\ln(\det(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{X} \mathbf{B}))) = [\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}: \text{nonsingular}] (\mathbf{X}^{-T}):^T d\mathbf{X}$: [2.12]
 - $d(\ln(\det(\mathbf{X}))) = (\mathbf{X}^{-T}):^T d\mathbf{X}$:
- $d(\det(\mathbf{X}^k)) = d(\det(\mathbf{X})^k) = k \times \det(\mathbf{X}^k) \times (\mathbf{X}^{-T}):^T d\mathbf{X}$: [2.13]
- $d(\ln(\det(\mathbf{X}^k))) = k \times (\mathbf{X}^{-T}):^T d\mathbf{X}$:
- $d(\det(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{C} \mathbf{X})) = [\mathbf{C}=\mathbf{C}^T] 2(\mathbf{C} \mathbf{X} \underline{\mathbf{ADJ}}(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{C} \mathbf{X})):^T d\mathbf{X} = 2\det(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{C} \mathbf{X}) \times (\mathbf{C} \mathbf{X} (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{C} \mathbf{X})^{-1}):^T d\mathbf{X}$: [2.14]
 - $[\mathbf{C}=\mathbf{C}^T, \mathbf{C}\mathbf{X}: \text{nonsingular}] 2\det(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{C} \mathbf{X}) \times (\mathbf{X}^{-T}):^T d\mathbf{X}$:
- $d(\ln(\det(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{C} \mathbf{X}))) = [\mathbf{C}=\mathbf{C}^T] 2(\mathbf{C} \mathbf{X} (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{C} \mathbf{X})^{-1}):^T d\mathbf{X}$:
 - $[\mathbf{C}=\mathbf{C}^T, \mathbf{C}\mathbf{X}: \text{nonsingular}] 2(\mathbf{X}^{-T}):^T d\mathbf{X}$:
- $d(\det(\mathbf{X}^H \mathbf{C} \mathbf{X})) = \det(\mathbf{X}^H \mathbf{C} \mathbf{X}) \times (\mathbf{C}^T \mathbf{X}^C (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{C}^T \mathbf{X}^C)^{-1}):^T d\mathbf{X} + (\mathbf{C} \mathbf{X} (\mathbf{X}^H \mathbf{C} \mathbf{X})^{-1}):^T d\mathbf{X}^C$: [2.15]
- $d(\ln(\det(\mathbf{X}^H \mathbf{C} \mathbf{X}))) = (\mathbf{C}^T \mathbf{X}^C (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{C}^T \mathbf{X}^C)^{-1}):^T d\mathbf{X} + (\mathbf{C} \mathbf{X} (\mathbf{X}^H \mathbf{C} \mathbf{X})^{-1}):^T d\mathbf{X}^C$: [2.16]

Jacobian

$d\mathbf{Y}/d\mathbf{X}$ is called the *Jacobian Matrix* of \mathbf{Y} : with respect to \mathbf{X} : and $J_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{Y}) = \det(d\mathbf{Y}/d\mathbf{X})$ is the corresponding *Jacobian*. The Jacobian occurs when changing variables in an integration: $\text{Integral}(f(\mathbf{Y})d\mathbf{Y}) = \text{Integral}(f(\mathbf{Y}(\mathbf{X})) \det(d\mathbf{Y}/d\mathbf{X}) d\mathbf{X})$.

- $J_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{X}_{[n \times n]}^{-1}) = (-1)^n \det(\mathbf{X})^{-2n}$

Hessian matrix

If f is a real function of \mathbf{x} then the [Hermitian](#) matrix $\mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{x}} f = (d/d\mathbf{x} (df/d\mathbf{x})^H)^T$ is the *Hessian* matrix of $f(\mathbf{x})$. A value of \mathbf{x} for which $\mathbf{grad} f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{0}$ corresponds to a minimum, maximum or saddle point according to whether $\mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{x}} f$ is [positive definite](#), [negative definite](#) or [indefinite](#).

- **[Real]** $\mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{x}} f = d/d\mathbf{x} (df/d\mathbf{x})^T$
 - $\mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{x}} f$ is [symmetric](#)
 - $\mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{x}} (\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{x}) = 0$
 - $\mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{x}} (\mathbf{Ax} + \mathbf{b})^T \mathbf{C} (\mathbf{Dx} + \mathbf{e}) = \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{CD} + \mathbf{D}^T \mathbf{C}^T \mathbf{A}$
 - $\mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{x}} (\mathbf{Ax} + \mathbf{b})^T (\mathbf{Dx} + \mathbf{e}) = \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{D} + \mathbf{D}^T \mathbf{A}$
 - $\mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{x}} (\mathbf{Ax} + \mathbf{b})^T \mathbf{C} (\mathbf{Ax} + \mathbf{b}) = \mathbf{A}^T (\mathbf{C} + \mathbf{C}^T) \mathbf{A} = [\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{C}^T] 2\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{CA}$
 - $\mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{x}} (\mathbf{Ax} + \mathbf{b})^T (\mathbf{Ax} + \mathbf{b}) = 2\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$
 - $\mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{x}} (\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{Cx}) = \mathbf{C} + \mathbf{C}^T = [\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{C}^T] 2\mathbf{C}$
 - $\mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{x}} (\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x}) = 2\mathbf{I}$
- **[x: Complex]** $\mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{x}} f = (d/d\mathbf{x} (df/d\mathbf{x})^H)^T = d/d\mathbf{x}^C (df/d\mathbf{x})^T$
 - $\mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{x}} f$ is [hermitian](#)
 - $\mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{x}} (\mathbf{Ax} + \mathbf{b})^H \mathbf{C} (\mathbf{Ax} + \mathbf{b}) = [\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{C}^H] (\mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{CA})^T$ [\[2.17\]](#)
 - $\mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{x}} (\mathbf{x}^H \mathbf{Cx}) = [\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{C}^H] \mathbf{C}^T$

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