

QUESTION 3

Ans 3 (a) $x^T a = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i a_i$

$$a^T x = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i$$

$$\Rightarrow x^T a = a^T x$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla_x (x^T a) = \nabla_x (a^T x)$$

$$\nabla_x (x^T a) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i}{\partial x_1} \\ \frac{\partial \sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i}{\partial x_2} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial \sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i}{\partial x_3} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= a$$

$$\therefore \boxed{\nabla_x (x^T a) = \nabla_x (a^T x) = a}$$

Hence proved.

$$\begin{aligned}
 (b) \quad x^T A x &= [x_1 \dots x_n] \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & \dots & A_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ A_{n1} & \dots & A_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i A_{i1} & \dots & \sum_{i=1}^n x_i A_{in} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i A_{i1} x_1 & \dots & \sum_{i=1}^n x_i A_{in} x_n \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^n x_i A_{ij} x_j
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{x^T A x = \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^n x_i A_{ij} x_j}$$

$$\nabla_x (x^T A x) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^n x_i A_{ij} x_j \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^n x_i A_{ij} x_j \end{bmatrix}$$

Let $n = 3$

$$\underline{x^T A x} = x_1 A_{11} x_1 + x_1 A_{12} x_2 + x_1 A_{13} x_3 + \\ x_2 A_{21} x_1 + x_2 A_{22} x_2 + x_2 A_{23} x_3 + \\ x_3 A_{31} x_1 + x_3 A_{32} x_2 + x_3 A_{33} x_3$$

$$\nabla_x (x^T A x) = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{j=1}^n A_{1j} x_j + \sum_{i=1}^n A_{i1} x_i \\ \vdots \\ \sum_{j=1}^n A_{nj} x_j + \sum_{i=1}^n A_{in} x_i \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{j=1}^n A_{1j} x_j \\ \vdots \\ \sum_{j=1}^n A_{nj} x_j \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^n A_{i1} x_i \\ \vdots \\ \sum_{i=1}^n A_{in} x_i \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= A x + A^T x$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\nabla_x (x^T A x) = A + A^T x}$$

Hence proved!

$$(c) \quad \boxed{\nabla_x (x^T A x) = 2Ax}$$

$$\nabla_x (x^T A x) = (A + A^T)x \quad [\text{from 3b}]$$

$$A = A^T \quad \because \text{symm. matrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla_x (x^T A x) = 2Ax$$

Hence proved!

(d)

Since A = symmetric matrix

$$A = A^T$$

$$\begin{aligned} [(Ax+b)^T(Ax+b)] &= (x^T A^T + b^T)(Ax+b) \\ &= x^T A^T A x + x^T A^T b + b^T A x + b^T b \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_x [(Ax+b)^T(Ax+b)] &= \nabla_x (x^T A A x) + \\ &\quad \nabla_x (x^T A^T b) + \\ &\quad \nabla_x (b^T A x) + \\ &\quad \nabla_x (b^T b) \end{aligned}$$

$$\nabla_x (b^T b) = 0 \quad \because \text{constant vector}$$

$$\nabla_x (x^T A^T b) = A^T b \quad [\text{using eq. from 3a}]$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla_x [x^T (A^T b)] = A^T b \quad \because A^T b = \text{col vec}$$

$$\nabla_x (b^T A x) = A^T b \quad [\text{using eq. from 3a}]$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla_x [(b^T A)x] = (b^T A)^T = A^T b$$

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_x (x^T A^2 x) &= 2 A^2 x \quad [\text{using eq. from 3c}] \\ &= 2 A^T A x \end{aligned}$$

$$\nabla_x [(Ax+b)^T(Ax+b)] = 2A^T A x + A^T b + A^T b$$

$$\boxed{\nabla_x [(Ax+b)^T(Ax+b)] = 2A^T(Ax+b)}$$

Hence proved!