

5.7 Compute the derivatives df/dx of the following functions by using the chain rule. Provide the dimensions of every single partial derivative. Describe your steps in detail.

a.

$$f(z) = \log(1 + z), \quad z = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x}, \quad \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^D$$

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d(f(z))}{dx} &= \frac{d(\log(1 + z))}{dx} = \frac{d(\log(1 + z))}{d(1 + z)} * \frac{d(1 + z)}{dz} * \frac{dz}{dx} \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{d(f(z))}{dx} = \left(\frac{1}{(1 + z)} * 1 * \left(\frac{d\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x}}{d\mathbf{x}} \right) \right) \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{d(f(z))}{dx} = \left(\frac{1}{(1 + \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x})} * (2\mathbf{x}^T) \right) = \frac{2\mathbf{x}^T}{(1 + \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x})} \end{aligned}$$

b.

$$f(\mathbf{z}) = \sin(\mathbf{z}), \quad \mathbf{z} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}, \quad \mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{E \times D}, \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^D, \mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^E$$

where $\sin(\cdot)$ is applied to every element of \mathbf{z} .

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d(\sin(\mathbf{z}))}{d\mathbf{x}} &= \frac{d(\sin(\mathbf{z}))}{d\mathbf{z}} * \frac{d\mathbf{z}}{d\mathbf{x}} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{d(\sin(\mathbf{z}))}{d\mathbf{x}} &= \left(\frac{d(\sin(\mathbf{z}))}{d\mathbf{z}} \right) * \frac{d(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b})}{d\mathbf{x}} = \left(\frac{d(\sin(\mathbf{z}))}{d\mathbf{z}} \right) * \left(\frac{d(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x})}{d\mathbf{x}} + \frac{d\mathbf{b}}{d\mathbf{x}} \right) \\ &= \left(\frac{d(\sin(\mathbf{z}))}{d\mathbf{z}} \right) * \left(\frac{d(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x})}{d\mathbf{x}} + 0 \right) = \left(\frac{d(\sin(\mathbf{z}))}{d\mathbf{z}} \right) * \left(\frac{d(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x})}{d\mathbf{x}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now, } \mathbf{Ax} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{---} & \mathbf{a}_1 & \text{---} \\ \text{---} & \mathbf{a}_2 & \text{---} \\ \text{---} & \vdots & \text{---} \\ \text{---} & \mathbf{a}_E & \text{---} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} | \\ | \\ \mathbf{x} \\ | \\ | \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1 \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{a}_2 \mathbf{x} \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{a}_E \mathbf{x} \end{bmatrix}$$

Applying 5.105, we get,

$$\frac{d(\mathbf{Ax})}{d\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{---} & \mathbf{a}_1 & \text{---} \\ \text{---} & \mathbf{a}_2 & \text{---} \\ \text{---} & \vdots & \text{---} \\ \text{---} & \mathbf{a}_E & \text{---} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Now, } \sin(\mathbf{z}) = \begin{bmatrix} \sin(z_1) \\ \sin(z_2) \\ \vdots \\ \sin(z_E) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{d(\sin(\mathbf{z}))}{d\mathbf{z}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sin(z_1)}{dz_1} & \frac{\sin(z_1)}{dz_2} & \dots & \frac{\sin(z_1)}{dz_E} \\ \frac{\sin(z_2)}{dz_1} & \frac{\sin(z_2)}{dz_2} & \dots & \frac{\sin(z_2)}{dz_E} \\ \vdots & & & \\ \frac{\sin(z_E)}{dz_1} & \frac{\sin(z_E)}{dz_2} & \dots & \frac{\sin(z_E)}{dz_E} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(z_1) & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \cos(z_2) & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \cos(z_E) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\mathbf{a}_1 \mathbf{x} + b_1) & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \cos(\mathbf{a}_2 \mathbf{x} + b_2) & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \cos(\mathbf{a}_E \mathbf{x} + b_E) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{d(\sin(\mathbf{z}))}{d\mathbf{z}} \right) * \left(\frac{d(\mathbf{Ax})}{d\mathbf{x}} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\mathbf{a}_1 \mathbf{x} + b_1) & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \cos(\mathbf{a}_2 \mathbf{x} + b_2) & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \cos(\mathbf{a}_E \mathbf{x} + b_E) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \text{---} & \mathbf{a}_1 & \text{---} \\ \text{---} & \mathbf{a}_2 & \text{---} \\ \text{---} & \vdots & \text{---} \\ \text{---} & \mathbf{a}_E & \text{---} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{d(\sin(\mathbf{z}))}{d\mathbf{z}} \right) * \left(\frac{d(\mathbf{Ax})}{d\mathbf{x}} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} \text{---} & \cos(\mathbf{a}_1 \mathbf{x} + b_1) \mathbf{a}_1 & \text{---} \\ \text{---} & \cos(\mathbf{a}_2 \mathbf{x} + b_2) \mathbf{a}_2 & \text{---} \\ \text{---} & \vdots & \text{---} \\ \text{---} & \cos(\mathbf{a}_E \mathbf{x} + b_E) \mathbf{a}_E & \text{---} \end{bmatrix}$$