

1a)  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2} x^T A x + b^T x$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & \dots \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & \dots \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & \dots \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum A_{1i} x_1^2 + \sum A_{2i} x_2^2 + \dots \right) + (x_1 b_1 + x_2 b_2 \dots)$$

Look at  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} = \sum A_{1j} x_j + b_1$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\nabla f(x) = Ax + b}$$

1b)

2a)

$$f(x) = g(h(x))$$

Let's look at  $h(x) = x^T x$  and  $g(x) = x^2$   
as an example

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = (x^T x)^2 = (x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots)^2$$

$$\text{So } \nabla f(x) = \begin{bmatrix} 2(x_1^2 + \dots) \cdot 2x_1 \\ 2(x_1^2 + \dots) \cdot 2x_2 \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cancel{\nabla f(x)} = g'(\cancel{\nabla h(x)})$$

$$\Downarrow \boxed{\nabla f(x) = g'(h(x)) \nabla h(x)}$$



1c) we saw  $\nabla f(x) = Ax + b$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\nabla^2 f(x) = A}$$

1d)

$$f(x) = g(a^T x)$$

we know  $\nabla f(x) = g'(h(x)) \nabla h(x) \Rightarrow g'(a^T x) a$

so  $\boxed{\nabla f(x) = g'(a^T x) a}$

now  $\nabla^2 f(x) = g''(a^T x) \nabla \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$

$$\nabla f(x) = \begin{bmatrix} g'(a^T x) a_1 \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{so} \quad \nabla^2 f(x) = \begin{bmatrix} g''(a^T x) a_1 a_1 & g''(a^T x) a_1 a_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\nabla^2 f(x) = g''(a^T x) a a^T}$$

note  $a a^T$  is outer product  
i.e.  $a \otimes a^T$



$$2a) \quad zz^T = \begin{bmatrix} z_1 z_1 & z_1 z_2 \\ z_2 z_1 & z_2 z_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} z_1^2 & z_1 z_2 \\ z_1 z_2 & z_2^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

note  $zz^T = (zz^T)^T$

$$\text{Now } x^T zz^T x = x^T \begin{bmatrix} z_1^2 x_1 + z_1 z_2 x_2 \\ z_1 z_2 x_1 + z_2^2 x_2 \end{bmatrix} = z_1^2 x_1^2 + 2z_1 z_2 x_1 x_2 + z_2^2 x_2^2$$

$$= (x_1 z_1 + x_2 z_2)^2 = (x^T z)^2 \geq 0$$

here  $\times$  hence  $zz^T \succeq 0$

2b) Building from above we need to have:

$$\begin{aligned} z_1^2 x_1 + z_1 z_2 x_2 &= 0 \\ \text{and } z_1 z_2 x_1 + z_2^2 x_2 &= 0 \end{aligned} \Rightarrow x^T$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Downarrow \\ z_1 (x_1 z_1 + x_2 z_2) &= 0 \\ z_2 (x_1 z_1 + x_2 z_2) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $z$  is nonzero  $\Rightarrow x_1 z_1 + x_2 z_2 = 0 \Rightarrow x^T z = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{aligned} N(A) &= \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : x^T z = 0\} \\ R(A) &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $x^T z = 0$  is a hyperplane then nullity is  $n-1$  hence rank = 1

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2c) first show  $BAB^T = (BAB^T)^T$

$$BAB^T = (BA^T B^T)^T = (BAB^T)^T$$

$\downarrow A^T = A$  since  $A \succeq 0$

hence  $BAB^T = (BAB^T)^T$

now look at  $x^T \overset{n \times n}{BAB^T} x$

$\underbrace{\quad}_{1 \times n} \quad \underbrace{\quad}_{n \times 1}$

say for example  $y^T = x^T B$  then  $y = B^T x$

hence  $x^T BAB^T x$  is same form as  $y^T A y$

Since we know  $A \succeq 0$  then  $x^T BAB^T x = y^T A y \geq 0$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{BAB^T \succeq 0}$$

3a)

$$A = T \Lambda T^T$$

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3a)

$$A = T \Lambda T^{-1}$$

$$A t^{(i)} = T \Lambda T^{-1} t^{(i)}$$

note that  $T^{-1} t^{(i)} = e^{(i)}$  basis vector

$$A t^{(i)} = T \Lambda e^{(i)}$$

$$A t^{(i)} = T \lambda_i e^{(i)}$$

$$A t^{(i)} = \lambda_i T e^{(i)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{A t^{(i)} = \lambda_i t^{(i)}}$$

3b)

Note that proving  $U^T = U^{-1}$   
reduces this to 3a:

$$U^T U = I$$

$$U^T U U^{-1} = I U^{-1} \Rightarrow \boxed{U^T = U^{-1}}$$

hence  $A = U \Lambda U^T = U \Lambda U^{-1}$

and result from 3a applies



3c) consider eigenvalues  $\lambda_i$  and eigenvectors  $t^{(i)}$  so  $At^{(i)} = \lambda_i t^{(i)}$

for any  $t^{(i)}$  we know  $t^{(i)T} A t^{(i)} \geq 0$

$\Downarrow$

$$t^{(i)T} \lambda_i t^{(i)} \geq 0$$

which guarantees  $\boxed{\lambda_i \geq 0}$