

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

PSD.

$$\nabla f(x) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} f(x) \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} f(x) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x^T A x = [x_1 \dots x_n] \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & \dots & A_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ A_{n1} & \dots & A_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = [x_1 \dots x_n] \begin{bmatrix} A_{11}x_1 + \dots + A_{1n}x_n \\ \vdots \\ A_{n1}x_1 + \dots + A_{nn}x_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= x_1 (A_{11}x_1 + \dots + A_{1n}x_n) + \dots + x_n (A_{n1}x_1 + \dots + A_{nn}x_n)$$

$$= A_{11}x_1^2 + A_{12}x_1x_2 + \dots + A_{1n}x_1x_n + A_{21}x_1x_2 + A_{31}x_1x_3 + \dots + A_{n1}x_1x_n + \dots$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (\frac{1}{2} x^T A x) = A_{i1}x_1 + \frac{1}{2} A_{i1}x_1 + \frac{1}{2} A_{i2}x_2 + \dots + \frac{1}{2} A_{in}x_n + \frac{1}{2} A_{i1}x_1 + \frac{1}{2} A_{i2}x_2 + \dots + \frac{1}{2} A_{in}x_n$$

Since matrix A is symmetric,

$$\therefore \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (\frac{1}{2} x^T A x) = A_{i1}x_1 + A_{i2}x_2 + \dots + A_{in}x_n$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^n A_{ij}x_j$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\frac{1}{2} x^T A x) = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{j=1}^n A_{j1}x_j \\ \vdots \\ \sum_{j=1}^n A_{jn}x_j \end{bmatrix} = A x$$

$$b^T x = [b_1 \dots b_n] \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = b_1x_1 + \dots + b_nx_n$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (b^T x) = b_i, \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (b^T x) = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix} = b$$

$$\therefore \nabla f(x) = Ax + b$$

$$(b) \nabla f(x) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} f(x) \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} f(x) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} g(h(x)) \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} g(h(x)) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{d}{du} g(h) \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} h(x) \\ \vdots \\ \frac{d}{du} g(h) \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} h(x) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(c) \nabla^2 f(x) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1^2} f(x) & \dots & \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1 \partial x_n} f(x) \\ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_2 \partial x_1} f(x) & \dots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_n \partial x_1} f(x) & \dots & \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_n^2} f(x) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j \partial x_i} (\frac{1}{2} x^T A x) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (\sum_{k=1}^n A_{ki} x_k) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (A_{1i}x_1 + A_{2i}x_2 + \dots + A_{ji}x_j + \dots) = A_{ji}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j \partial x_j} (b^T x) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (b_i) = 0$$

$$\nabla^2 f(x) = A$$

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

$$\nabla f(x) = \begin{bmatrix} g'(a^T x) \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} (a^T x) \\ \vdots \\ g'(a^T x) \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} (a^T x) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[a_1 \dots a_n] \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = a_1x_1 + \dots + a_nx_n$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} g'(a^T x) a_1 \\ \vdots \\ g'(a^T x) a_n \end{bmatrix} = g'(a^T x) \cdot a$$

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla^2 f(x) &\Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_j \partial x_i} f(x) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} f(x) \right) \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (g'(a^T x) a_i) \\ &= a_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (g'(a^T x)) \\ &= a_i \cdot g''(a^T x) \cdot a_j\end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_j \partial x_i} f(x) = a_i a_j \cdot g''(a^T x)$$

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

2. (a) $A = z z^T$

$$A^T = (z z^T)^T = (z^T)^T \cdot z = z \cdot z^T$$

① Hence $A = A^T$

$$x^T A x = (z z^T) A (z z^T) \quad x^T \cdot (z z^T) x$$

$$= x^T z \cdot z^T x$$

$$= (x^T z) \cdot (z^T x)$$

$$= \|z^T x\|^2 \geq 0$$

② Hence $x^T A x \geq 0$

Hence, A is positive semi-definite (PSD)

(b) Null space $\text{Nul}(A) = [x_1, \dots, x_n]$

$$A x = 0$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} z_1^2 & z_1 z_2 & \dots & z_1 z_n \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ z_n z_1 & z_n z_2 & \dots & z_n^2 \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} z_1^2 & z_1 z_2 & \dots & z_1 z_n \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$z_1^2 x_1 + z_1 z_2 x_2 + \dots + z_1 z_n x_n = 0$$

$$z_1 x_1 + z_2 x_2 + \dots + z_n x_n = 0, \quad \sum_{i=1}^n z_i x_i = 0$$

$$\text{rank}(A) = 1$$

(c) A is PSD, so $A = A^T$, $x^T A x \geq 0$

$$\begin{aligned}\textcircled{1} (B A B^T)^T &= (B^T)^T A^T B^T = B A^T B^T \\ &= B A B^T\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\textcircled{2} B A B^T &\Rightarrow x^T B A B^T x = (x^T B) A (B^T x) \\ &= (B^T x)^T A (B^T x) \geq 0\end{aligned}$$

Hence $B A B^T$ is PSD

3.

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

$$AT = T\Lambda$$

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

$$\Lambda^{(i)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ \lambda_i \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T \Lambda^{(i)} = \lambda_i \cdot t^{(i)}$$

Hence $A t^{(i)} = \lambda_i \cdot t^{(i)} \Leftrightarrow$ eigenpairs of A is $(t^{(i)}, \lambda_i)$
eigenpairs

(b) $A = U \Lambda U^T$

If U is orthogonal, then $U^T U = I$

$$AU = U \Lambda U^T U$$

$$AU = U \Lambda$$

$$A u^{(i)} = U \Lambda^{(i)} = \lambda_i \cdot u^{(i)}$$

Hence $u^{(i)}$ is an eigenvector of A .

(c) If A is PSD, then $A = A^T$, $x^T A x \geq 0$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$

If A is PSD, A is symmetric ($A = A^T$).

then $U^T A U = \Lambda$, where U is an orthogonal matrix,
 Λ is a diagonal matrix

Let $u^{(i)}$ represents the i -th column of U ,

$$u^{(i)T} A u^{(i)} = \underbrace{\lambda_i}_{\lambda_i(A)} \geq 0$$

Hence for each i , $\lambda_i(A) \geq 0$.