

Problem Set 0 #  
CS 229.

- ① ② Let  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2} x^T A x + b^T x$  where  $A$  is a symmetric matrix  
and  $b \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is a vector. What is  $\nabla f(x)$ ?

So<sup>n</sup>:- matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is symmetric.  $A^T = A$   
 $A = A^T \Rightarrow$   $A + A^T = 2A$

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$  since  $x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$

$\nabla f(x) = ?$  where  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   
since,  $\nabla f(x) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f(x)}{\partial x_1} \\ \frac{\partial f(x)}{\partial x_2} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f(x)}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix}$

since  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2} x^T A x + b^T x$ , where  $b \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is a vector. So,

$= \frac{1}{2} \cdot [x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n] \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} + [b_1, b_2, b_3, \dots, b_n] \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$

$\rightarrow$  first multiply  $(\otimes)$  symmetric  $\frac{1}{2} x^T (Ax)$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \begin{aligned} & a_{11}x_1^2 + a_{12}x_1x_2 + a_{13}x_1x_3 + \dots + a_{1n}x_1x_n + \\ & a_{21}x_2x_1 + a_{22}x_2^2 + a_{23}x_2x_3 + \dots + a_{2n}x_2x_n + \\ & a_{31}x_3x_1 + a_{32}x_3x_2 + a_{33}x_3^2 + \dots + a_{3n}x_3x_n + \\ & \dots + a_{n1}x_nx_1 + a_{n2}x_nx_2 + \dots + a_{nn}x_n^2 \end{aligned} \right] \\ + [b_{11}x_1 + b_{12}x_2 + b_{13}x_3 + \dots + b_{1n}x_n]$$

$$c) \nabla f(x) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f(x)}{\partial x_1} \\ \frac{\partial f(x)}{\partial x_2} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f(x)}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{then } f(x) = f_1(x) + f_2(x)$$

$$f_2(x) = b_{11}x_1 + b_{12}x_2 + b_{13}x_3 + \dots + b_{1n}x_n$$

$$f_1(x) = \frac{1}{2} [a_{11}x_1^2 + a_{12}x_1x_2 + \dots + a_{nn}x_n^2]$$

$$A^T = A. \quad \text{for all } i, j$$

$$a_{ji} = a_{ij}$$

$$\frac{\partial f(x)}{\partial x_1} = 2a_{11}x_1 + x_2(a_{12} + a_{21}) + x_3(a_{13} + a_{31}) + \dots$$

$$\frac{\partial f_1(x)}{\partial x_2} = x_1[a_{12} + a_{21}] + 2x_2a_{22} + x_3(a_{23} + a_{32}) + \dots$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\frac{\partial f_1(x)}{\partial x_n} = x_1[a_{n1} + a_{1n}] + \dots + 2x_n a_{nn}$$



$$\frac{\partial f_2(x)}{\partial x} \sim \nabla f_2(x) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_2(x)}{\partial x_1} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f_2(x)}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} \\ b_{12} \\ \vdots \\ b_{1n} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{other term} = 0$$

When we use  $\nabla f_2(x)$ , only three term constant as  $\frac{\partial f_2(x)}{\partial x_1}$  only  $b_{11}$  term found and other term = 0. Similarly  $b_{12}$  ... & other we get.

$$\text{So, } \begin{array}{c|c} \sigma_{11} = \sigma_1 & \sigma_1 = \sigma_1, \text{ so on.} \\ \sigma_{12} = \sigma_1 & \sigma_{1n} = \sigma_1, \dots \end{array}$$

$$\nabla f(x) = \nabla f_1(x) + \nabla f_2(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 2\sigma_{11} & \sigma_{12} + \sigma_{21} & \dots & \sigma_{1n} + \sigma_{n1} \\ \sigma_{12} + \sigma_{21} & 2\sigma_{22} & \dots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \sigma_{1n} + \sigma_{n1} & \dots & \dots & 2\sigma_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} \\ b_{12} \\ \vdots \\ b_{1n} \end{bmatrix}$$

~~Common factor of  $\nabla f_1(x)$  factor we get~~

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 2\sigma_{11} & 2\sigma_{12} & 2\sigma_{13} & \dots & 2\sigma_{1n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 2\sigma_{n1} & \dots & \dots & \dots & 2\sigma_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} \\ b_{12} \\ \vdots \\ b_{1n} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$a_{nn} \begin{pmatrix} a_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} b_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \underline{Ax + b}$$

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

$$= \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\nabla^2 f(x) = A. \quad \underline{\text{ans}}$$