

Problem set 0#  
CS 229.

①

① (a)

Let  $f(x) = g(h(x))$ , where  $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is differentiable and  $h: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is differentiable. What is  $\nabla f(x)$ ?

Soln:-

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

Here  $f(x) = (g \circ h)(x)$ .  $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is differentiable and  $h: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is differentiable.

$$\nabla f(x) = \nabla (g \circ h)(x) = ?$$

So,  $f$  is a composition of  $g$  and  $h$ .  
 $g$  is the function of  $h$   
 $h$  is the function of  $x$ .

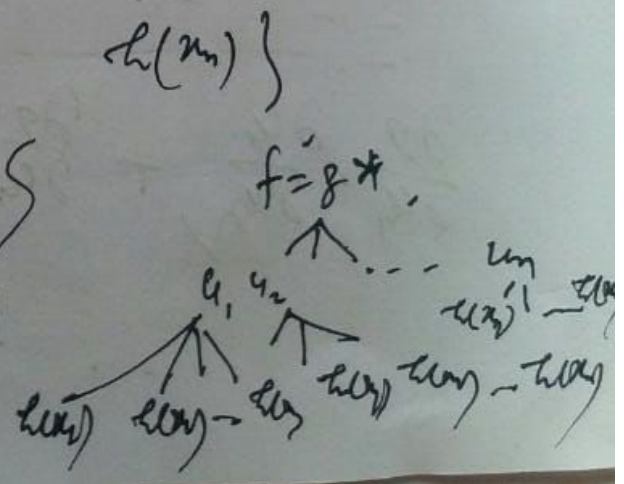
Let  $f(x) = g(u)$ , where  $u = h(x)$ .

$f = g(u)$  |  $u$  has  $n$  variables  $\{u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_n\}$   
 $u = h(x)$  where  $h: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$

$u = \{h(x_1), h(x_2), \dots, h(x_n)\}$

$$f = g(u) = g(h(x)) = g \circ h(x)$$

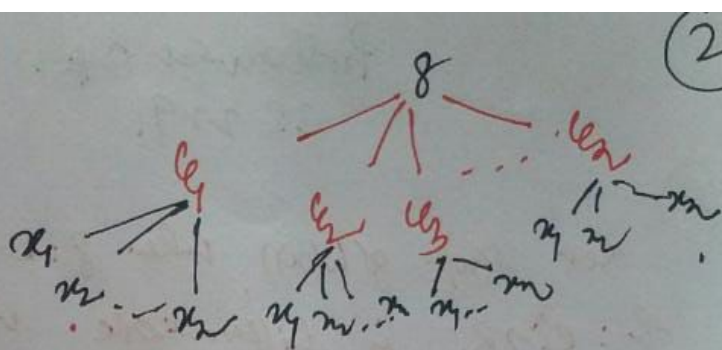
$$\nabla f(x) = \nabla (g \circ h) = ?$$



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$$\nabla f = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix}^T$$



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Due to separability of gradient.

$$\rightarrow \left[ \frac{\partial g}{\partial x_1} \quad \frac{\partial g}{\partial x_2} \quad \dots \quad \frac{\partial g}{\partial x_n} \right]^T$$

$$= \left[ \frac{\partial g}{\partial u_1} \cdot \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x_1} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial u_2} \cdot \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial x_1} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial u_3} \cdot \frac{\partial u_3}{\partial x_1} + \dots \right]$$

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial u_1} \cdot \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x_2} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial u_2} \cdot \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial x_2} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial u_3} \cdot \frac{\partial u_3}{\partial x_2} + \dots$$

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial u_1} \cdot \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x_3} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial u_2} \cdot \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial x_3} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial u_3} \cdot \frac{\partial u_3}{\partial x_3} + \dots$$

$$\left[ \frac{\partial g}{\partial u_1} \cdot \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x_n} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial u_2} \cdot \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial x_n} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial u_3} \cdot \frac{\partial u_3}{\partial x_n} + \dots \right]^T$$



$$\text{Let } q_1 = h(x_1), \quad q_2 = h(x_2), \quad q_3 = h(x_3) \dots \quad \text{until } q_n \quad (3)$$

So, we can write it

$$= \left[ \frac{\partial g}{\partial q_1} \cdot \frac{\partial h(x_1)}{\partial x_1} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial q_2} \cdot \frac{\partial h(x_2)}{\partial x_2} + \dots + \frac{\partial g}{\partial q_n} \cdot \frac{\partial h(x_n)}{\partial x_n} \right],$$

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial q_1} \cdot \frac{\partial h(x_1)}{\partial x_1} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial q_2} \cdot \frac{\partial h(x_2)}{\partial x_2} + \dots + \frac{\partial g}{\partial q_n} \cdot \frac{\partial h(x_n)}{\partial x_n},$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial g}{\partial q_1} \cdot \frac{\partial h(x_1)}{\partial x_1} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial q_2} \cdot \frac{\partial h(x_2)}{\partial x_2} + \dots + \frac{\partial g}{\partial q_n} \cdot \frac{\partial h(x_n)}{\partial x_n} \right\}$$

which we can write

$$= \left[ \frac{\partial g}{\partial q_1}, \frac{\partial g}{\partial q_2}, \dots, \frac{\partial g}{\partial q_n} \right] \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial h(x_1)}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial h(x_1)}{\partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial h(x_1)}{\partial x_n} \\ \frac{\partial h(x_2)}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial h(x_2)}{\partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial h(x_2)}{\partial x_n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial h(x_n)}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial h(x_n)}{\partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial h(x_n)}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= (\nabla_{\mathbf{q}} g) (\nabla_{\mathbf{x}, 1, 2, \dots, n}^T h(x))$$

gives a product of two vectors.