

1. Show that $\frac{\delta(a^T x)}{\delta x} = a^T$:

$$\frac{\delta(a^T x)}{\delta x} = \frac{\delta}{\delta x} \left(\sum_i a_i^T x_i \right) = \sum_i \frac{\delta}{\delta x} a_i^T x_i = \sum_i a_i^T \cdot 1 = a^T$$

Show that $\frac{\delta(a^T A a)}{\delta a} = a^T (A + A^T)$:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\delta(a^T A a)}{\delta a} &= \overset{\text{Jacobian}}{J} = \left(\frac{\delta(a^T A a)}{\delta a_0} \dots \frac{\delta(a^T A a)}{\delta a_{n-1}} \right) = \left(\frac{\delta \left(\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} a_i A_{ij} a_j \right)}{\delta a_0} \dots \frac{\delta \left(\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} a_i A_{ij} a_j \right)}{\delta a_{n-1}} \right) \\ &= \left(\frac{\delta}{\delta a_0} \left[a_0 (A_{00} a_0 + A_{01} a_1 + \dots + A_{0(n-1)} a_{n-1}) + \dots + a_{n-1} (A_{(n-1)0} a_0 + \dots + A_{(n-1)(n-1)} a_{n-1}) \right] \dots \right) \\ &= \dots = \left(a_0 A_{00} + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} a_i A_{i0} + \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} a_j A_{j0} \dots a_{n-1} A_{(n-1)(n-1)} + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} a_i A_{(n-1)i} + \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} a_j A_{(n-1)j} \right) \\ &\quad \text{↳ a lot to write} \\ &= \left(\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} a_i A_{i0} + \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} a_j A_{j0} \dots \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} a_i A_{(n-1)i} + \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} a_j A_{(n-1)j} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Like in example 3 in lecture notes, these sums are identified as:

$$= a^T (A + A^T)$$

Show that $\frac{\delta (x - As)^T (x - As)}{\delta s} = -2(x - As)^T A$:

$$\frac{\delta (x - As)^T (x - As)}{\delta s} = \frac{\delta (x - As)^T}{\delta s} (x - As) + \frac{\delta (x - As)}{\delta s} (x - As)^T$$

$$= \frac{\delta (x^T - A^T s^T)}{\delta s} (x - As) + \frac{\delta (x - As)}{\delta s} (x - As)^T$$

$$= \frac{\delta (-As)^T}{\delta s} (x - As) + \frac{\delta (-As)}{\delta s} (x - As)^T$$

$$= -A^T (x - As) + (-A) (x - As)^T = -2(x - As)^T A$$

Find the second derivative:

$$\frac{\delta^2 (x - As)^T (x - As)}{\delta s^2} = \frac{\delta}{\delta s} (-2(x - As)^T A) = -2 \frac{\delta}{\delta s} (x^T A - (As)^T A)$$

$$= -2 \frac{\delta}{\delta s} (-s^T A^T A) = 2A^T A$$