矩阵  $A \in R N \times N$ , 那么 d(x T Ax) dx 是什么?

回答:

 $d(x^TAx)/dx$ 即为对 x 二偏导 (梯度向量)

$$x^T A \mathbf{x} = \sum_{k=1}^{n} \sum_{l=1}^{n} A_{kl} x_k x_l$$

$$\frac{\partial (x^T A x)}{\partial x}$$
 的第 i 个分量为:

$$\left[\frac{\partial (x^T A x)}{\partial x}\right]_i = \frac{\partial \sum_{k=1}^n A_{kl} x_k x_l}{\partial x_i} = \sum_{k=1}^n A_{ki} x_k + \sum_{l=1}^n A_{li} x_l$$

依上式所见,结果为标量,直接排成一列,故:

$$\frac{\partial (x^T A x)}{\partial x} = A x + A^T x = (A + A^T) x$$