

**Essential Mathematics for Machine Learning**  
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**Lecture - 22**  
**Basic Concepts of Calculus - II**

Hello friends. So, welcome to lecture series on Essential Mathematics for Machine Learning. In the last lecture, we have seen some of the basic concepts of calculus like gradient, directional derivative, partial derivatives etcetera. Now, in this lecture we will see some more concepts of calculus. So, first of all we will discuss Jacobian. What do you mean by Jacobian?

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**The Jacobian**

The Jacobian of  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is a matrix of first-order partial derivatives, given as

$$\mathbf{J}_f = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_n} \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{i.e. } [\mathbf{J}_f]_{ij} = \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_j}$$

**Note:** For  $m = 1$ , we get  $\mathbf{J}_f^T = \nabla f$

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So, let function is from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}^m$  ok.

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$$f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m, \quad f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = (f_1, f_2, \dots, f_m)$$

$$J_f = \begin{pmatrix} \nabla f_1^T \\ \nabla f_2^T \\ \vdots \\ \nabla f_m^T \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_n} \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_n} \end{pmatrix}_{m \times n}$$

$$\underline{m=1} \quad J_f = (\nabla f_1)^T$$

So, how we can define Jacobian? Now, here function is from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}^m$ . So, that means, we are having an input variable  $x_1, x_2$  up to  $x_n$  and we are having  $m$  number of output variables  $f_1, f_2$  up to  $f_m$ . So, here the Jacobian of  $f$ ; it is a matrix basically, first you take  $f_1$ . Differentiate partial with respect to  $x_1, x_2$  up to  $x_n$ ; that means, it is nothing but gradient of  $f_1$ , gradient of  $f_2$  and gradient of  $f_m$ . And of course, transpose would be there.

So, that will be nothing, but  $\frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1}$  upon  $\frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_2}$  and so on,  $\frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_n}$ . Similarly,  $\frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_1}$ ,  $\frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_2}$ ,  $\frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_n}$ . And last is  $\frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_1}$ ,  $\frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_2}$  and so on  $\frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_n}$ . So, this is basically of matrix of  $m$  rows and  $n$  columns. So, that is how we can define Jacobian of  $f$ . It is nothing, but matrix of first order partial derivatives ok.

So, of course, if  $f$  if  $m$  equal to 1 if you take  $m$  equal to 1. So, this Jacobian of  $f$  will be nothing, but gradient of  $f$  1 transpose the only the first row if  $m$  equal to 1.

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The image shows a handwritten derivation of the Jacobian matrix for the function  $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  defined by  $f(r, \theta) = (r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta)$ . The function is also written as  $f = (f_1, f_2)$ . The Jacobian matrix  $J_f$  is calculated as follows:

$$J_f = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial \theta} \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial \theta} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -r \sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & r \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}_{2 \times 2}$$

So, how we can compute it? So, suppose you have this example  $f$  is from suppose  $\mathbb{R}^2$  to  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . And  $f$  so,  $f$  of  $r$  theta is given by  $r \cos \theta$  and  $r \sin \theta$ . So, here  $f_1$  is basically if you deal with, so we are calling it as  $f_1$  and this we are calling as  $f_2$ ,  $f_1$   $f_2$  again the functions of  $r$  and  $\theta$ . So, if here if we want to compute Jacobian of  $f$ .

So, Jacobian of  $f$  will be, how many unknowns here? We are having two unknowns. Unknowns are independent parameters of  $r$  and  $\theta$ . So, you take  $f_1$  with respect to  $r$  you take  $f_1$  with respect to  $\theta$  you take  $f_2$  with respect to  $r$   $f_2$  with respect to  $\theta$ . So, that

will be equal to; now this is  $f_1$ ,  $f_1$  is  $r \cos \theta$ . Differentiate partial with respect to  $r$ . So, this is  $\cos \theta$ . Now,  $f_1$  this with respect to  $\theta$  is  $-r \sin \theta$ .

Now,  $f_2$  with respect to  $r$   $f_2$  is this with respect to  $r$  it is  $\sin \theta$  and with respect to  $\theta$  it is  $r \cos \theta$ . So, this  $2 \times 2$  matrix is basically Jacobian of this  $f$  ok. So, this is a function; this is a function from  $\mathbb{R}^2$  to  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Let us take another function from higher degree that maybe from  $\mathbb{R}^3$  to  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

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$$f: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2, \quad f(x, y, z) = \left( \frac{x^2 + y^2}{f_1}, \frac{y^2 + z^2}{f_2} \right)$$

$$J_f = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial z} \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial z} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 2x & 2y & 0 \\ 0 & 2y & 2z \end{pmatrix}_{2 \times 3}$$

Let us take a function  $f$  from say  $\mathbb{R}^3$  to  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ;  $\mathbb{R}^3$  to  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and say  $f(x, y, z)$  is defined like this 3 input variable, say it is  $x^2 + y^2$  and  $y^2 + z^2$  and suppose you want to compute Jacobian of  $f$ . So, again here you are having two functions  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  ok. So, this will be  $\frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x}$  upon  $\frac{\partial f_1}{\partial y}$  and it is  $\frac{\partial f_1}{\partial z}$ . Here it is  $\frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x}$   $\frac{\partial f_2}{\partial y}$   $\frac{\partial f_2}{\partial z}$ .

So now, what is  $\frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x}$ ? See this is  $f_1$  and this is  $f_2$ . So, the partial derivative of this  $f_1$  with respect to  $x$ . So, what it is? It is  $2x$  with respect to  $y$ , it is  $2y$  with respect to  $z$ , this is 0. Now, for  $f_2$  with respect to  $x$  it is 0, with respect to  $y$  it is  $2y$ , with respect to  $z$  it is  $2z$ . So, this matrix of 2 rows and 3 columns  $2 \times 3$  is basically Jacobian of this particular example.

So, in this way we can compute Jacobian of a function from  $\mathbb{R}^m$  to  $\mathbb{R}^n$  ok. So, this is how we can define Jacobian suppose you want to compute  $a_{11}$  this is element  $a_{11}$ . So, this is nothing but  $\frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1}$ . So, if  $f_i$  if  $m$  equal to 1 then this is nothing but gradient of this we have already seen.


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The Hessian

The Hessian matrix of  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a matrix of second-order partial derivatives, given as:

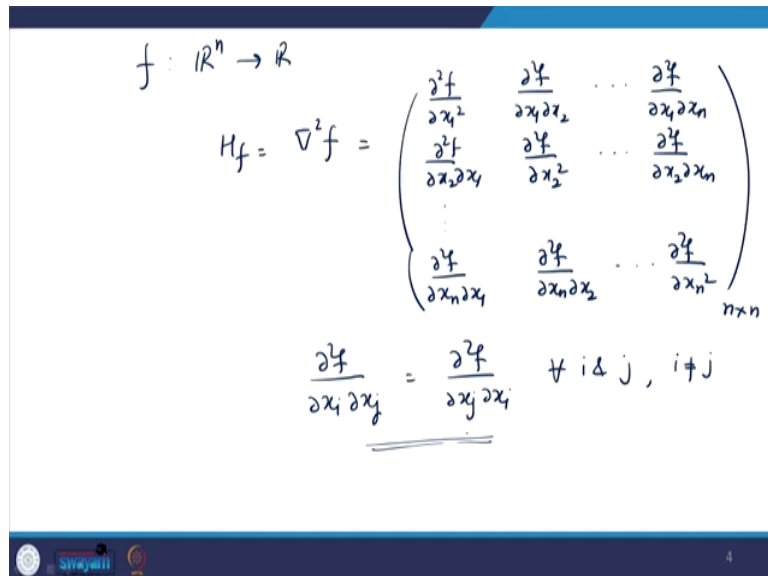
$$H = \nabla^2 f = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1^2} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1 \partial x_n} \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_2 \partial x_1} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_2^2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_2 \partial x_n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_n \partial x_1} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_n \partial x_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_n^2} \end{bmatrix}$$

i.e.  $[\nabla^2 f]_{ij} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_i \partial x_j}$


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Now, next is Hessian matrix. So, what do you mean by Hessian matrix? A Hessian matrix is a matrix of second order partial derivatives. So, how we can constitute this? So, let us discuss this again by an example and.

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$$f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$H_f = \nabla^2 f = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1^2} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1 \partial x_n} \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_2 \partial x_1} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_2^2} & \dots & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_2 \partial x_n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_n \partial x_1} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_n \partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_n^2} \end{pmatrix}_{n \times n}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_j \partial x_i} \quad \forall i \neq j, i, j$$

So, let us suppose a function is from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ . So, Hessian matrix of  $f$  is nothing but second order partial derivatives of  $f$ . So, this is given by  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1^2}$ ,  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2}$  and this is  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1 \partial x_n}$  ok; that means, that means this is nothing but  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}$  of gradient of  $f$ .

Similarly,  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x_2}$  of gradient of  $f$ , similarly  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x_n}$  of gradient of  $f$ . So, it is  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x_2}$  of  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}$ ,  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_2^2}$ ,  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_2 \partial x_n}$  and here it is

$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1^2}, \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2}, \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1 \partial x_3}, \dots, \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1 \partial x_n}, \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_2^2}, \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_2 \partial x_3}, \dots, \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_2 \partial x_n}, \dots, \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_n^2}$

So, this  $n \times n$  matrix is basically called Hessian matrix of  $f$  ok. Now, if you carefully see that diagonal elements of this matrix are simply second order partial derivatives of  $f$  with respect to  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ . And these diagonals, these elements are basically this is  $x_1 \times x_2$ , this is  $x_2 \times x_1$ , this is  $x_1 \times x_n$ , this is  $x_n \times x_1$ .

Now, if these 2 are equal, if these 2 are equal I mean I want to say that if  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_i \partial x_j}$  is equal to  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_j \partial x_i}$ . For all  $i$  and  $j$   $i \neq j$  then this matrix definitely will be a symmetric matrix. And when this will be equal?

We know from the Euler's theorem then this will be equal if the partial derivatives that is  $f_{x_i x_j} = f_{x_j x_i}$  are continuous then they will be equal, this is by Euler's theorem.

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**Remark:**

If all the partial derivatives,  $f_x, f_y, f_{xy}, f_{yx}$  all exist and are all continuous, then by Euler's theorem, the order of differentiation is interchangeable, i.e.,

$$f_{xy} = f_{yx} \quad \forall x, y$$

In such a case, the Hessian matrix becomes a symmetric matrix.

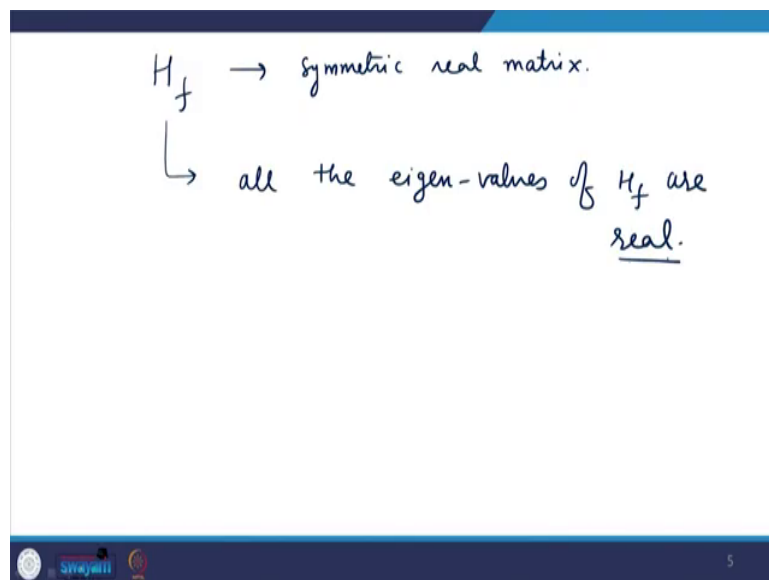
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So, here it is mentioned that if all the partial derivatives  $f_x, f_y, f_{xy}, f_{yx}$  all exist and are all continuous then by Euler's theorem the order of differentiation can be interchanged; that means, this is equal to this for all  $x$  and  $y$  if these exist and all are continuous. So, if it is so, if it holds for all  $x_i, x_j$  then this matrix will be a symmetric matrix.

So, if we assume that all partial derivatives are continuous throughout the open region where the function is defined throughout the open region, then Hessian matrix are symmetric.



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So, why we are; why we are dealing with symmetric matrix? See, so, suppose Hessian matrix we assume that Hessian matrix is symmetric; symmetric and real matrix. So, the first important property of this is that all its eigen values are real because, if it is a symmetric matrix then we know that all the eigen value of symmetric matrix are real.

So, first of all we can say that all the eigenvalues of Hessian matrix are real. See this important property is used in finding other aspects of Hessian matrix. We will discuss later on that how why we are discussing eigen values of Hessian matrix. So, we will discuss it later on that it has some significant role in deciding the definiteness of a Hessian matrix ok.

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$$f: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad f(x, y, z) = x^3 + 3xyz + z^2x + y^2$$

$$H_f = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial z} \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial z} \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial z \partial x} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial z \partial y} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial z^2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6x & 3z & 3y+2z \\ 3z & 2 & 3x \\ 3y+2z & 3x & 2x \end{pmatrix}$$

$$f_x = 3x^2 + 3yz + z^2$$

$$f_y = 3xz + 2y$$

$$f_z = 3xy + 2zx$$

So, the next is let us find the Hessian matrix of a simple function. Let us suppose I have function from say  $\mathbb{R}^3$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  and the function  $f(x, y, z)$  is defined like this suppose. So, function is given by  $x^3 + 3xyz + z^2x + y^2$ .

So, what would be the Hessian matrix of  $f$  here? It will be function of 3 variables; that means,  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}$ ,  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}$ ,  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial z}$ . Again  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x}$ ,  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}$ ,  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial z}$ ,  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial z \partial x}$ ,  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial z \partial y}$ ,  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial z^2}$ .

It is  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial z \partial x}$ ,  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial z \partial y}$ ,  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial z^2}$ . So, let us compute this. So,  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}$  is what? So, first you can compute

$f_x f_x$  is  $3x^2$  plus  $3yz$  plus  $z^2$ . What is  $f_y$ ? You will compute  $f_y$  from here  $3x$  plus  $2z$  and  $f_z$  is what?  $f_z$  is  $3y$  plus  $2z$ .

So, what is second order partial derivative with respect of  $x$ ? Is  $6x$ . What is derivative with respect to  $y$  or with respect to  $x$ ? Sorry. So, it is  $3z$  ok, then with respect to  $z$  with respect to  $x$  of this with respect to  $x$  this is  $3y$  plus  $2z$  ok. Since it is symmetric. So, this will come here and this will come here ok.

Partial derivative with respect to  $y$  is  $2$ , the  $2$  will come here and  $\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \frac{\partial}{\partial y}$  with respect to  $z$  or  $z$  with respect to  $y$ . So, this will be with respect to  $y$  with respect to  $z$  why this is  $3x$ . If you take with respect to  $z$  then it is also  $3x$ . So,  $3x$  will come here because matrix is symmetric and as  $z$  is nothing but  $2x$ . So, this is the Hessian matrix of this  $f$ .

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**Matrix Calculus**

Vector and matrix gradients

$$\nabla_x(a^T x) = a$$

$$\nabla_x(x^T A x) = (A + A^T)x$$

where  $A$  is a square matrix.

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Now, we have some computation of matrix also in terms of gradient. So, vector and matrix gradient can be defined like this. If you want to compute gradient of this a transpose x, where a is a fixed vector there is not it is independent of free from x, then the gradient of this will be nothing, but a. And the gradient of x transpose ax will be given by this where a is a square matrix. So, let us discuss where it how we can obtain this.

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$$\begin{aligned}
 a &= (a_1 \ a_2 \ \dots \ a_n)^T, \quad x = (x_1 \ x_2 \ \dots \ x_n)^T \\
 a^T x &= (a_1 \ a_2 \ \dots \ a_n) \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} = a_1 x_1 + a_2 x_2 + \dots + a_n x_n \\
 \nabla (a^T x) &= \left( \frac{\partial (a^T x)}{\partial x_1} \quad \frac{\partial (a^T x)}{\partial x_2} \quad \dots \quad \frac{\partial (a^T x)}{\partial x_n} \right)^T \\
 &= (a_1 \ a_2 \ \dots \ a_n)^T = a
 \end{aligned}$$

So, first is a first is a transpose x a is a fixed. So, a is a fixed vector which is a 1 a 2 up to a n. This is this transpose is a and x is basically x 1 x 2 up to x n x transpose.

So what is a transpose x? a transpose x is nothing but, it is a 1 a 2 up to a n and it is x 1 up to x n. So, this is simply this row this column which is a 1 x 1 plus a 2 x 2 plus and so on a n x n. Now, the gradient of f, gradient of this f f here is a transpose x will be will be del of a

transpose  $x$  upon  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}$ ,  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x_2}$  and so on  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x_n}$ . This whole transpose will be the gradient of  $f$  by the definition of gradient.

Now, if we take this  $f$  this is a transpose  $x$ . So, what is the derivative, what is the first order of what is the partial derivative of this a transpose  $x$  with respect to  $x_1$ ? With respect because all are independent variables. So, with respect to  $x_1$  it is nothing, but a 1 only.

So this will be nothing but a 1 a 2 and so on up to a  $n$  whole transpose. And this is nothing but  $a$ , as you have already seen here this is  $a$ . So, the first result. So, the first result we have shown that the gradient of a transpose  $x$  is nothing but  $a$  only ok. Now, let us go to the second result. Gradient of  $x^T A x$  which is  $a + A^T x$ . Let us try to prove this.

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Let } A &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}_{2 \times 2} \quad x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \\
 x^T A x &= (x_1 \ x_2) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= (x_1 \ x_2) \begin{pmatrix} x_1 - x_2 \\ 2x_2 \end{pmatrix} = x_1^2 - x_1 x_2 + 2x_2^2 \\
 \nabla(x^T A x) &= \begin{pmatrix} 2x_1 - x_2 & -x_1 + 4x_2 \end{pmatrix}^T = \begin{pmatrix} 2x_1 - x_2 \\ -x_1 + 4x_2 \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \right) \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= (A + A^T) x
 \end{aligned}$$

So, before proving it, let us understand what a  $x^T A x$  is. So, for this let us take a simple example. Let  $A$  is simply say you can take  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Let us take a simple example.

So, what is  $x^T A x$ ? So,  $x$  here will be which are 2 cross 2 matrix. So,  $x$  will be  $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 \end{bmatrix}$  ok. So, this will be nothing but  $x_1 x_2$  this is  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and this is oh sorry  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and this is  $x_1 x_2$ . So, this will be  $x_1 x_2$ . This row this column is  $x_1$  minus  $x_2$  this row this column is  $2 x_2$ . So, this is  $x_1^2$  minus  $x_1 x_2$  plus  $2 x_2^2$  square. So, by simple calculation we can obtain  $x^T A x$  is this.

Now, let us compute gradient of this. Gradient of this means; here there are only 2 variables. So, means,  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}$  of this with respect to  $x_1$  and  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x_2}$  of this with respect to  $x_2$ . So, this is nothing but, so you first differentiate this with respect to  $x_1$  with respect to  $x_1$  it is  $2 x_1$  minus  $x_2$ , with respect to  $x_2$  it is minus  $x_1$  plus  $4 x_2$  transpose. So, this is nothing, but if you see here it is  $2 x_1$  minus  $x_2$  it is minus  $x_1$  plus four  $x_2$  ok.

So, this is further equal to  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$  minus  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} x_1 x_2$ . See this row this column gives first factor, this row this column gives second element. Now, if you see this matrix. So, this matrix is nothing but,  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  plus  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  with  $x_1 x_2$ . See this plus this is 2, this plus this minus 1, this plus this minus 1, this plus this 2, this is  $A$  and this is  $A^T$  ok.

So, we can say we have verified this second point this is this verification is only for illustration that what do you mean by  $x^T A x$  and how we have obtained this.

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**The Chain Rule**

For single-variable function

$$(f \circ g)'(x) = f'(g(x))g'(x)$$

where  $\circ$  denotes function composition.



For multi-variate functions

Suppose  $f : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $g : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ . Then,  $f \circ g : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and

$$\nabla(f \circ g)(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{J}_g(\mathbf{x})^T \nabla f(g(\mathbf{x}))$$

The above can further be generalized for  $f : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$  as

$$\mathbf{J}_{f \circ g}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{J}_f(g(\mathbf{x}))\mathbf{J}_g(\mathbf{x})$$

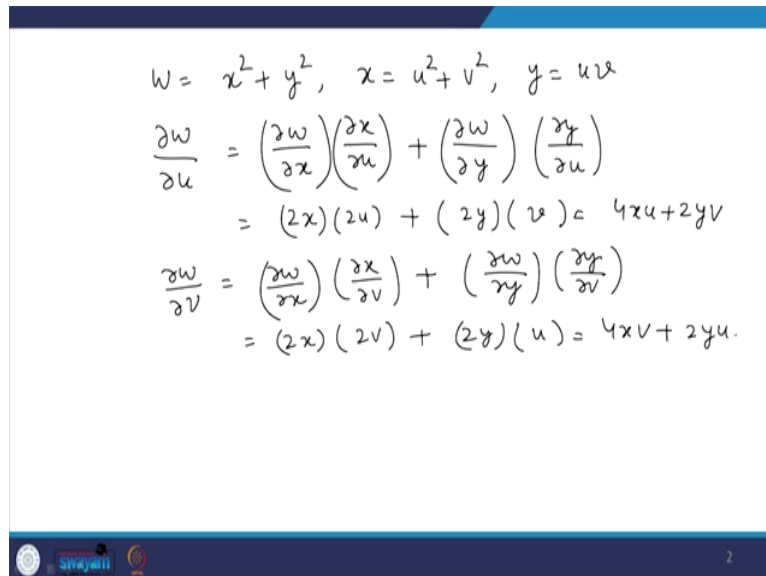
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So, next we are having chain rule. So, for a single variable function composition of 2 functions  $f$  and  $g$  of dash  $f \circ g$  is nothing but,  $f$  dash  $g(x)$  into  $g$  dash  $x$ ; where this denotes function composition.

So, this is basically chain rule which we can which we can other extended to multi variable also. So, suppose  $f$  is from  $\mathbb{R}^m$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $g$  is from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , then the composition of this which is from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ , the gradient of this is nothing but, Jacobian of  $g$  transpose into gradient of  $f \circ g$ . So, this can be easily obtained using this calculus of single variable functions and definition of Jacobian in gradient.

And this can be further generalized for function from  $\mathbb{R}^m$  to  $\mathbb{R}^k$  as Jacobian of  $f \circ g$  is nothing but Jacobian of  $f$  of  $f(x)$  into Jacobian of  $g$  of  $x$  ok. So, for chain rule let us discuss 1 example for this.

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The image shows a handwritten derivation of partial derivatives. It starts with the definitions:  $w = x^2 + y^2$ ,  $x = u^2 + v^2$ , and  $y = uv$ . Then it calculates  $\frac{\partial w}{\partial u}$  and  $\frac{\partial w}{\partial v}$  using the chain rule.

$$w = x^2 + y^2, \quad x = u^2 + v^2, \quad y = uv$$

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial u} = \left( \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \right) \left( \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} \right) + \left( \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \right) \left( \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} \right)$$

$$= (2x)(2u) + (2y)(v) = 4xu + 2yv$$

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial v} = \left( \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \right) \left( \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} \right) + \left( \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \right) \left( \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} \right)$$

$$= (2x)(2v) + (2y)(u) = 4xv + 2yu$$

Suppose you are having  $w$  equal to  $x$  square plus  $y$  square, suppose  $x$  is  $u$  square plus  $v$  square and  $y$  is equals to  $uv$  ok. So,  $w$  is a function of  $x$  and  $y$  and  $x$  and  $y$  are again the function of  $u$  and  $v$ . And suppose you want to compute  $\frac{\partial w}{\partial u}$ .

So, what it is? It is  $\frac{\partial w}{\partial x}$  into  $\frac{\partial x}{\partial u}$ , because  $x$  and  $w$  is the function of  $x$  and  $y$  and  $x$  and  $y$  in terms of the function of  $u$  and  $v$ . So, it is  $\frac{\partial w}{\partial y}$  into  $\frac{\partial y}{\partial u}$ . So, what is  $\frac{\partial w}{\partial x}$ ? Is  $2x$ . What is  $\frac{\partial x}{\partial u}$ ? It is  $2u$  plus  $\frac{\partial w}{\partial y}$  is  $2y$  and this is  $2u$  again  $\frac{\partial y}{\partial u}$ .



So  $\frac{\partial y}{\partial y}$  is basically  $v$ . So, this is  $4xu + 2yv$ . So, now, if you want to compute  $\frac{\partial w}{\partial v}$ . So, this is nothing but  $\frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial v}$ .

So, this is  $2x$  into this  $\frac{\partial x}{\partial y}$  is  $2v$  plus this is  $2y$  into this is  $u$ . So, this is  $4xv + 2yu$ . So, this is basically one simple example of chain rule. So, in this way we can also find out higher order derivatives using chain rules.

So, thank you very much for hearing me.