

## Matrix Algebra: A Review

### 1 Basic Definitions and Axioms.

- *Matrix:*

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} = (a_{ij})$$

is an  $m \times n$  matrix ( $m$  rows,  $n$  columns) with  $a_{ij}$  as its element in the  $i^{\text{th}}$  row and  $j^{\text{th}}$  columns for  $i = 1, \dots, m$  and  $j = 1, \dots, n$ .

- $c \cdot \mathbf{A} = (c \cdot a_{ij})$ , if  $c$  is a scalar.
- $\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B} = (a_{ij} + b_{ij})$  if  $\mathbf{B} = (b_{ij})$  is  $m \times n$ .
- $\mathbf{AB} = (\sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik}b_{kj})$  if  $\mathbf{B}$  has  $n$  rows.
- *Associative law:*  $(\mathbf{AB})\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{BC}) = \mathbf{ABC}$ .  
But in general, matrices don't commute, i.e.,  $\mathbf{AB} \neq \mathbf{BA}$  in general.
- *Distributive law:*  $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}) = \mathbf{AB} + \mathbf{AC}$ .
- $\mathbf{A}' = (a_{ji})$  is the *transpose* of  $\mathbf{A}$ .
  - $(\mathbf{A}')' = \mathbf{A}$ .
  - If  $\mathbf{C} = (\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B})$ ,  $\mathbf{C}' = (\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B})' = \mathbf{A}' + \mathbf{B}'$ .
  - $(\mathbf{AB})' = \mathbf{B}'\mathbf{A}'$ ,  $(\mathbf{ABC})' = \mathbf{C}'\mathbf{B}'\mathbf{A}'$ .
  - $\mathbf{I}' = \mathbf{I}$ .
  - If  $c$  is a scalar,  $c' = c$ .
  - If  $c$  is a scalar,  $(c\mathbf{A})' = c\mathbf{A}'$ .
  - If  $\mathbf{A}$  is a  $n \times n$  matrix and  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}'$ ,  $\mathbf{A}$  is *symmetric*.

## 2 Sum of values.

- Denote by  $\mathbf{i}$  a vector that contains a columns of ones. Then,

$$\sum_{i=1}^n x_i = x_1 + x_2 + \cdots + x_n = \mathbf{i}'\mathbf{x}.$$

- If all elements in  $\mathbf{x}$  are equal to the same constant  $a$ , then  $\mathbf{x} = a\mathbf{i}$  and

$$\sum_{i=1}^n x_i = \mathbf{i}'(a\mathbf{i}) = a(\mathbf{i}'\mathbf{i}) = na.$$

- For any constant  $a$  and vector  $\mathbf{x}$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^n ax_i = a \sum_{i=1}^n x_i = a\mathbf{i}'\mathbf{x}$ .
- If  $a = \frac{1}{n}$ , then we obtain the arithmetic mean,  $\bar{x} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i = \frac{1}{n}\mathbf{i}'\mathbf{x}$ , from which it follows that  $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i = \mathbf{i}'\mathbf{x} = n\bar{x}$ .
- The sum of squares of the elements in vector  $\mathbf{x}$  is  $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 = \mathbf{x}'\mathbf{x}$ ; while the sum of the products of the  $n$  elements in vectors  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$  is  $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i = \mathbf{x}'\mathbf{y}$ .
- If  $\mathbf{X}$  is  $n \times k$ , then

$$\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X} = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{x}_i \mathbf{x}_i'.$$

### 3 Geometry of Matrices.

- Let  $\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^n \Rightarrow$  coordinates of a point in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

Here,  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is an example of a vector space.

- $V$  is a *vector space* iff  $\forall \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in V$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ , we have  $\alpha \mathbf{x} + \beta \mathbf{y} \in V$ , i.e., it is closed under scalar multiplication and addition.
- *Basis Vector*: A set of vectors in a vector space is a *basis* for that vector space if any vector in the vector space can be written as a linear combination of that set of vectors.
- A set of vectors  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_m$  in a vector space  $V$  is said to *span*  $V$  iff  $\forall \mathbf{v} \in V$  there exists  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\mathbf{v} = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i \mathbf{v}_i$ .
- $\dim(V) =$  dimension of  $V =$  the smallest number of vectors that span  $V$ .
- A set of vectors is *linearly dependent* iff any one of the vectors in the set can be expressed as a linear combination of the others.
- A set of vectors  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_m\}$  is *linearly independent* iff the only solution to  $\alpha_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + \alpha_m \mathbf{v}_m = \mathbf{0}$  is  $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \dots = \alpha_m = 0$ .
- *Basis* of a vector space  $V$ : A set of vectors that span  $V$  and that are linearly independent.
- If  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  are both  $k \times 1$ , then their *inner product* is

$$\mathbf{a}'\mathbf{b} = a_1b_1 + a_2b_2 + \dots + a_kb_k = \sum_{j=1}^k a_jb_j = \mathbf{b}'\mathbf{a}.$$

- **Definition.** *Norm* of a vector  $\mathbf{a}$ .  $\|\mathbf{a}\| = \sqrt{\mathbf{a}'\mathbf{a}} =$  length of  $\mathbf{a}$ .
- **Definition.** Vectors  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  are *orthogonal* iff  $\mathbf{a}'\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{b}'\mathbf{a} = 0$ .
- **Definition.** *Orthogonal basis* of  $V$ : Basis of  $V$  that consists of vectors that are orthogonal to each other.
- **Definition.** *Orthonormal basis* of  $V$ : Orthogonal basis of  $V$  in which the length of the vectors equals one, i.e.,  $\{\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_m\}$  where  $\|\mathbf{e}_i\| = 1 \forall i = 1, \dots, m$  and  $\mathbf{e}_i'\mathbf{e}_j = 0 \forall i \neq j$ .

## 4 Trace.

- **Definition.** The *trace* of  $k \times k$  square matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is the sum of its diagonal elements

$$\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) = \sum_{i=1}^k a_{ii}.$$

- **Properties.**

- Let  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  be square matrices and  $c$  be a scalar.

$$\text{tr}(c \cdot \mathbf{A}) = c \cdot \text{tr}(\mathbf{A})$$

$$\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}') = \text{tr}(\mathbf{A})$$

$$\text{tr}(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) + \text{tr}(\mathbf{B})$$

$$\text{tr}(\mathbf{I}_k) = k$$

$$\mathbf{a}'\mathbf{a} = \text{tr}(\mathbf{a}'\mathbf{a}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{a}\mathbf{a}')$$

$$\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}'\mathbf{A}) = \sum_{i=1}^k \mathbf{a}'_i \mathbf{a}_i = \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{j=1}^k a_{ij}^2.$$

- Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be  $n \times k$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  be  $k \times n$ .  
Then, we have

$$\text{tr}(\mathbf{AB}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{BA}).$$

## 5 Inverse.

- **Definition.** For a square  $n \times n$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  having full rank,  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  is defined to be a matrix  $\mathbf{B}$  that satisfies

$$\mathbf{AB} = \mathbf{BA} = \mathbf{I}_n$$

$\Rightarrow$  exists only if  $\mathbf{A}$  is full rank or, equivalently,  $\mathbf{A}$  is nonsingular.

$\Rightarrow$  If the inverse exists, then it must be unique.

- **Properties.**

(i)  $(\mathbf{AB})^{-1} = \mathbf{B}^{-1}\mathbf{A}^{-1}$ ,  $(\mathbf{ABC})^{-1} = \mathbf{C}^{-1}\mathbf{B}^{-1}\mathbf{A}^{-1}$   
if  $\mathbf{A}$ ,  $\mathbf{B}$  and  $\mathbf{C}$  are nonsingular.

(ii)  $(\mathbf{A}^{-1})^{-1} = \mathbf{A}$ .

(iii)  $(\mathbf{A}')^{-1} = (\mathbf{A}^{-1})'$ .

(iv) If  $\mathbf{A}$  is symmetric, then  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  is symmetric.

## 6 Rank of a Matrix.

- **Definition.**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) &= \text{rank of } \mathbf{A} \\ &= \text{maximum number of linearly independent columns} \\ &= \text{maximum number of linearly independent rows} \end{aligned}$$

- **Properties.** Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix.

(i)  $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) = \text{rank}(\mathbf{A}') \leq \min\{m, n\}$

(ii)  $\mathbf{A}$  is said to be *full rank* if  $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) = \min(m, n)$ , i.e., *full rank* matrix is a matrix whose rank is equal to the number of columns it contains.

(iii)  $\text{rank}(\mathbf{AB}) \leq \min\{\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}), \text{rank}(\mathbf{B})\}$

(iv)  $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) = \text{rank}(\mathbf{A}'\mathbf{A}) = \text{rank}(\mathbf{AA}')$

(v)  $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) = \text{rank}(\mathbf{PA}) = \text{rank}(\mathbf{AQ}) = \text{rank}(\mathbf{PAQ})$   
provided  $\mathbf{A}: m \times n$ ,  $\mathbf{P}: m \times m$ ,  $\mathbf{Q}: n \times n$  and  $\text{rank}(\mathbf{P}) = m$ ,  $\text{rank}(\mathbf{Q}) = n$ .

- A square  $k \times k$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is said to be *nonsingular* if it has full rank, i.e.,  $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) = k$ .  
 $\Leftrightarrow$  There is no  $k \times 1$  scalar vector  $\mathbf{c} \neq \mathbf{0}$  such that  $\mathbf{Ac} = \mathbf{0}$ .

## 7 Determinant.

- Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be an  $n \times n$  square matrix. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathbf{A}| &= \text{determinant of } \mathbf{A} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ij} (-1)^{i+j} \mathbf{M}_{ij} \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathbf{M}_{ij}$  = determinant of a submatrix of  $\mathbf{A}$  with the  $i^{\text{th}}$  row and the  $j^{\text{th}}$  columns deleted.

- A shortcut for the determinant of  $3 \times 3$  matrix.

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} = a_{11}a_{22}a_{33} + a_{12}a_{23}a_{31} + a_{13}a_{32}a_{21} - a_{31}a_{22}a_{13} - a_{21}a_{12}a_{33} - a_{11}a_{23}a_{32}.$$

- Properties.**

$$(i) \begin{vmatrix} c_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & c_2 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & c_n \end{vmatrix} = c_1 \cdot c_2 \cdots c_n = \prod_{i=1}^n c_i.$$

(ii)  $|\mathbf{A}| = |\mathbf{A}'|$  even if  $\mathbf{A}$  is not symmetric.

(iii)  $|c \cdot \mathbf{A}| = c^n \cdot |\mathbf{A}|$ , where  $c$  is a scalar.

(iv)  $|\mathbf{A}| = 0$  if  $\mathbf{A}$  is not full rank.  $\Leftrightarrow \mathbf{A}$  is singular.

(v)  $|\mathbf{AB}| = |\mathbf{A}| \cdot |\mathbf{B}|$ .

(vi) If  $\mathbf{A}$  is invertible and  $|\mathbf{A}| \neq 0$ ,  $|\mathbf{A}^{-1}| = \frac{1}{|\mathbf{A}|}$ .

(vii) If  $\mathbf{A}$  is triangular (upper or lower), then  $|\mathbf{A}| = \prod_{i=1}^n a_{ii}$ .

## 8 Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors.

- Consider

$$\underset{n \times n}{\mathbf{A}} \underset{n \times 1}{\mathbf{x}} = \underset{1 \times 1}{\lambda} \underset{n \times 1}{\mathbf{x}}.$$

We have

$$(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}_n) \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}. \quad (1)$$

Note that the nontrivial solution(s) of  $\mathbf{x}$  (i.e.,  $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$ ) exists only if

$$|\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}_n| = 0. \quad (2)$$

Let  $\lambda^*$  denote  $\lambda$  that satisfies (2). Then,  $\lambda^*$  = eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{A}$ . Also, corresponding to  $\lambda^*$ , the values of  $\mathbf{x}^*$  that satisfies  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}^* = \lambda^*\mathbf{x}^*$  is called the *eigenvector* of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

- **Properties.** Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be a real *symmetric*  $n \times n$  matrix.

(i) Eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$  are real.

(ii) Eigenvectors corresponding to distinct eigenvalues are pairwise orthogonal.

(iii) *Spectral Decomposition:*  $\mathbf{A}$  can be diagonalized, i.e., there exists an *orthogonal matrix*  $\mathbf{X}$  (i.e.,  $\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}' = \mathbf{I}_n$  or equivalently,  $\mathbf{X}' = \mathbf{X}^{-1}$ ) and a diagonal matrix  $\mathbf{\Lambda} = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$  such that  $\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{\Lambda}$ .

(iv)  $|\mathbf{A}| = \prod_{i=1}^n \lambda_i$ .

(v)  $\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i$ .



## 9 Positive Definite Matrix.

- **Definition.** Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix.
  - $\mathbf{A}$  is *positive definite*(p.d.) if  $\mathbf{x}'\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} > 0 \quad \forall \mathbf{x} \neq 0$ .
  - $\mathbf{A}$  is *negative definite*(n.d.) if  $\mathbf{x}'\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} < 0 \quad \forall \mathbf{x} \neq 0$ .
  - $\mathbf{A}$  is *positive semidefinite*(p.s.d.) if  $\mathbf{x}'\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} \geq 0 \quad \forall \mathbf{x} \neq 0$ .
  - $\mathbf{A}$  is *negative semidefinite*(n.s.d.) if  $\mathbf{x}'\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} \leq 0 \quad \forall \mathbf{x} \neq 0$ .

- **Properties.**

(i) Let  $\mathbf{a}$  be an  $n \times 1$  vector. Then,  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{a}\mathbf{a}'$  is always p.s.d.

(ii) If  $\mathbf{A}$  is p.s.d.(p.d.), then the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A} \geq 0$ ( $\mathbf{A} > 0$ )

(iii) Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be a real, symmetric p.s.d.  $n \times n$  matrix.  
Then, there exists a matrix  $\mathbf{C}$  such that

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{C}'\mathbf{C},$$

$\mathbf{C}$  is not unique.

(iv) If  $\mathbf{A}$  is p.s.d., then  $|\mathbf{A}| \geq 0$ .

(v) If  $\mathbf{A}$  is p.d., so is  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$ .

(vi) The identity matrix  $\mathbf{I}$  is p.d.

(vii) If  $\mathbf{A}$  is  $n \times k$  with full column rank and  $n > k$ , then  $\mathbf{A}'\mathbf{A}$  is p.d. and  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}'$  is p.s.d.

## 10 Idempotent Matrix.

- **Definition.** A square  $n \times n$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is *idempotent* iff

$$\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}$$

- **Properties.**

- (i) Eigenvalues of a symmetric idempotent matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  are 0 or 1.
- (ii) Any symmetric idempotent matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is p.s.d.
- (iii) Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be symmetric and idempotent. Then,  $rank(\mathbf{A}) = tr(\mathbf{A})$ .
- (iv) If  $\mathbf{A}$  is idempotent, then so is  $\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{A}$ .

## 11 Partitioned Matrix.

- Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} B_{11} & B_{12} \\ B_{21} & B_{22} \end{bmatrix}.$$

- $A + B = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} + B_{11} & A_{12} + B_{12} \\ A_{21} + B_{21} & A_{22} + B_{22} \end{bmatrix}$

- $\begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & 0 \\ 0 & A_{22} \end{bmatrix}' \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & 0 \\ 0 & A_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11}'A_{11} & 0 \\ 0 & A_{22}'A_{22} \end{bmatrix}$

- $\begin{vmatrix} A_{11} & 0 \\ 0 & A_{22} \end{vmatrix} = |A_{11}| \cdot |A_{22}|,$

$$\begin{vmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{vmatrix} = |A_{22}| \cdot |A_{11} - A_{12}A_{22}^{-1}A_{21}| = |A_{11}| \cdot |A_{22} - A_{21}A_{11}^{-1}A_{12}|$$

- $\begin{vmatrix} A_{11} & 0 \\ 0 & A_{22} \end{vmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{vmatrix} A_{11}^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & A_{22}^{-1} \end{vmatrix},$

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} &= \begin{bmatrix} C_{11} & -C_{11}A_{12}A_{22}^{-1} \\ -A_{22}^{-1}A_{21}C_{11} & A_{22}^{-1} + A_{22}^{-1}A_{21}C_{11}A_{12}A_{22}^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} A_{11}^{-1} + A_{11}^{-1}A_{12}C_{22}A_{21}A_{11}^{-1} & -A_{11}^{-1}A_{12}C_{22} \\ -C_{22}A_{21}A_{11}^{-1} & C_{22} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

, where  $C_{11} = (A_{11} - A_{12}A_{22}^{-1}A_{21})^{-1}$ ,  $C_{22} = (A_{22} - A_{21}A_{11}^{-1}A_{12})^{-1}$ .

## 12 Kronecker Product.

- Let  $\mathbf{A} = (a_{ij})_{l \times m}$ ,  $\mathbf{B} = (b_{ij})_{n \times k}$ .

$$\mathbf{A} \otimes \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}\mathbf{B} & a_{12}\mathbf{B} & \cdots & a_{1m}\mathbf{B} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{l1}\mathbf{B} & a_{l2}\mathbf{B} & \cdots & a_{lm}\mathbf{B} \end{bmatrix} : ln \times mk$$

- $(\mathbf{A} \otimes \mathbf{B})^{-1} = \mathbf{A}^{-1} \otimes \mathbf{B}^{-1}$  if  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  are nonsingular.

$$(\alpha\mathbf{A} \otimes \beta\mathbf{B}) = \alpha\beta(\mathbf{A} \otimes \mathbf{B})$$

$$(\mathbf{A} \otimes \mathbf{B}) \otimes \mathbf{C} = \mathbf{A} \otimes (\mathbf{B} \otimes \mathbf{C})$$

$$(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}) \otimes \mathbf{C} = (\mathbf{A} \otimes \mathbf{C}) + (\mathbf{B} \otimes \mathbf{C})$$

$$(\mathbf{A} \otimes \mathbf{B})' = \mathbf{A}' \otimes \mathbf{B}'$$

$$(\mathbf{A} \otimes \mathbf{B})(\mathbf{C} \otimes \mathbf{D}) = \mathbf{AC} \otimes \mathbf{BD}$$

$$tr(\mathbf{A} \otimes \mathbf{B}) = tr(\mathbf{A}) \cdot tr(\mathbf{B})$$

$$|\mathbf{A} \otimes \mathbf{B}| = |\mathbf{A}|^l \cdot |\mathbf{B}|^n \text{ if } l = m \text{ and } n = k.$$

### 13 Differentiation of Matrix.

- Let  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}$  and  $y = f(x) = f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ .

Define

$$\frac{\partial f(x)}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f(x)}{\partial x_1} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f(x)}{\partial x_n} \end{pmatrix} : n \times 1,$$

$$\frac{\partial f(x)}{\partial \mathbf{x}'} = \left( \frac{\partial f(x)}{\partial x_1} \quad \dots \quad \frac{\partial f(x)}{\partial x_n} \right) : 1 \times n.$$

- Let  $g(x) = \begin{pmatrix} g_1(x) \\ \vdots \\ g_m(x) \end{pmatrix}$ .

Define

$$\frac{\partial g(x)}{\partial \mathbf{x}'} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial g_1(x)}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial g_m(x)}{\partial x_n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial g_m(x)}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial g_m(x)}{\partial x_n} \end{pmatrix} : m \times n,$$

$$\frac{\partial g'(x)}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \left( \frac{\partial g(x)}{\partial \mathbf{x}'} \right)'.$$

- Let  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{a}'\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}'\mathbf{a} = \sum x_i a_i$ , where  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{pmatrix}$ .

Then,

$$\frac{\partial (\mathbf{a}'\mathbf{x})}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial (\mathbf{a}'\mathbf{x})}{\partial x_1} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial (\mathbf{a}'\mathbf{x})}{\partial x_n} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{a}.$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{y} = \underset{m \times n}{\mathbf{A}} \underset{n \times 1}{\mathbf{x}} &\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_m \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{a}'_1 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{a}'_m \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{a}'_1 \mathbf{x} \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{a}'_m \mathbf{x} \end{bmatrix} \\ &\Rightarrow y_i = \mathbf{a}'_i \mathbf{x} \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, m \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{\partial y_i}{\partial \mathbf{x}'} = \mathbf{a}'_i \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x})}{\partial \mathbf{x}'} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial \mathbf{x}'} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial y_m}{\partial \mathbf{x}'} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{a}'_1 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{a}'_m \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{A}.$$

Similarly,

$$\frac{\partial(\mathbf{x}'\mathbf{A}')}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{A}'.$$

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$$\underset{1 \times n}{\mathbf{x}'} \underset{n \times n}{\mathbf{A}} \underset{n \times 1}{\mathbf{y}} = \sum_i \sum_j x_i y_j a_{ij}$$

$$\frac{\partial(\mathbf{x}'\mathbf{A}\mathbf{y})}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{y}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial(\mathbf{x}'\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x})}{\partial \mathbf{x}} &= (\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{A}')\mathbf{x} \\ &= 2\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} \text{ if } \mathbf{A} \text{ is symmetric} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial(\mathbf{x}'\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x})}{\partial \mathbf{A}} = \mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}' \text{ since } \frac{\partial(\mathbf{x}'\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x})}{\partial a_{ij}} = x_i x_j$$