

① Q Symmetric $n \times n$ Matrix C , $n \times 1$ Column, Hw 7

Find Hessian & gradient of $w(x) = x^T Q x + C^T x$

Find necessary & sufficient conditions for a minimum at some point

$$\nabla w(x) = ?$$

$$w(x) = \sum_{i,j} q_{ij} x_i x_j + \sum_i c_i x_i$$

$$= \sum_i q_{ii} x_i^2 + \sum_{\substack{i,j \\ i \neq j}} q_{ij} x_i x_j + \sum_i c_i x_i$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} w(x) = 2q_{kk} x_k + \sum_{i \neq k} q_{ik} x_i + \sum_{k \neq j} q_{kj} x_j + c_k$$

∵ since $q_{ik} = q_{ki}$

$$= 2 \sum_{i=1}^n q_{ik} x_{ki} + c_k = 2(Q)_k \vec{x}_k + c_k$$

$$\boxed{\nabla w(x) = 2Qx + C}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i \partial x_k} w(x) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \left(2 \sum_{i=1}^n q_{ik} x_i + c_k \right) = 2q_{ik}$$

$$\therefore \nabla^2 w = \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} \right) = \boxed{2Q}$$

Necessary conditions $\nabla w = 2Qx + C = 0$

$\nabla^2 w = 2Q$ positive
semi-definite

Sufficient conditions $\nabla w = 2Qx + C = 0$

$\nabla^2 w = 2Q$ positive definite

Use Chain Rule to prove: if f & g are smooth functions on \mathbb{R}^n

$$\nabla fg = f \nabla g + g \nabla f$$

Using Chain Rule

$$A(x_1, x_2) = x_1 x_2$$

$$\nabla A = \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ x_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$x_1(t_1, \dots, t_m) = f$$

$$x_2(t_1, \dots, t_m) = g$$

$$\nabla fg = \nabla A(x_1(t), x_2(t)) = \cancel{\nabla A}$$

$$= \cancel{(\nabla f, \nabla g)} \cdot (\nabla x_1(t), \nabla x_2(t)) \cdot (\nabla A)(x_1(t), x_2(t))$$

$$= (\nabla f, \nabla g) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x_2(t) \\ x_1(t) \end{pmatrix} = (\nabla f, \nabla g) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} g \\ f \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \nabla f \cdot g + \nabla g \cdot f$$

More Direct way

$$\frac{\partial fg}{\partial x_i} = g \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} + f \frac{\partial g}{\partial x_i}$$

$$\text{so } (\nabla fg)_i = g (\nabla f)_i + f (\nabla g)_i$$

for all i :

$$\Rightarrow \nabla fg = g \nabla f + f \nabla g$$