

Vector Differentiation

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Define vectors $\mathbf{x}$ and $\mathbf{y}$ as

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}, \quad (1)$$

$$\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix}, \quad (2)$$

then we can have the following relationships

$$\frac{\partial y_i}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \left[\frac{\partial y_i}{\partial x_1} \quad \frac{\partial y_i}{\partial x_2} \quad \frac{\partial y_i}{\partial x_3} \quad \cdots \quad \frac{\partial y_i}{\partial x_n} \right], i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, m; \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{y}}{\partial x_j} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial x_j} \\ \frac{\partial y_2}{\partial x_j} \\ \frac{\partial y_3}{\partial x_j} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial y_m}{\partial x_j} \end{bmatrix}, j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n; \quad (4)$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{y}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial x_2} & \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial x_3} & \cdots & \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial x_n} \\ \frac{\partial y_2}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial y_2}{\partial x_2} & \frac{\partial y_2}{\partial x_3} & \cdots & \frac{\partial y_2}{\partial x_n} \\ \frac{\partial y_3}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial y_3}{\partial x_2} & \frac{\partial y_3}{\partial x_3} & \cdots & \frac{\partial y_3}{\partial x_n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial y_m}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial y_m}{\partial x_2} & \frac{\partial y_m}{\partial x_3} & \cdots & \frac{\partial y_m}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix}; \quad (5)$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial y_i}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \right)^T = \frac{\partial y_i}{\partial \mathbf{x}^T}, \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{y}}{\partial x_i} \right)^T = \frac{\partial \mathbf{y}^T}{\partial x_i}, \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{y}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \right)^T = \frac{\partial \mathbf{y}^T}{\partial \mathbf{x}^T}. \quad (6)$$