

Let  $g : \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $h : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$  be continuous functions. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} Df(x) &= Dg(h(x))Dh(x) = \nabla g(h(x))^T Dh(x) \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} -(\nabla h_1(x))^T - \\ \vdots \\ -(\nabla h_k(x))^T - \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} H(f)(x) &= [D_i D_j f] = [D_j D_i f] \text{ for } i, j = 1, \dots, n \\ &= \nabla(Df(x)) = D(\nabla f(x)) = D((Df(x))^T) \\ &= D \left[ \begin{bmatrix} \nabla h_1(x) & \cdots & \nabla h_k(x) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \nabla g(h(x)) \end{bmatrix} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Let  $D_j h(x) = [D_j h_1(x) \ \cdots \ D_j h_k(x)]$ . Then,

$$H(f)(x) = D \left[ \begin{bmatrix} -D_1 h(x) - \\ \vdots \\ -D_n h(x) - \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \nabla g(h(x)) \end{bmatrix} \right] = D \left[ \begin{bmatrix} D_1 h(x) \nabla g(h(x)) \\ \vdots \\ D_n h(x) \nabla g(h(x)) \end{bmatrix} \right]$$

The following holds true for general vector functions,  $a(x)$  and  $b(x)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} D(a(x))^T b(x) &= D \sum_{j=1}^k (a_j(x) b_j(x)) = \sum_{j=1}^k D(a_j(x) b_j(x)) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^k (b_j(x) (\nabla a_j(x))^T + a_j(x) (\nabla b_j(x))^T) \\ &= (b(x))^T \begin{bmatrix} -(\nabla a_1(x))^T - \\ \vdots \\ -(\nabla a_n(x))^T - \end{bmatrix} + (a(x))^T \begin{bmatrix} -(\nabla b_1(x))^T - \\ \vdots \\ -(\nabla b_n(x))^T - \end{bmatrix} \\ &= (b(x))^T Da(x) + (a(x))^T Db(x) \end{aligned}$$

Let  $a(x)^T = D_j h(x)$  and  $b(x) = \nabla g(h(x))$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} D(D_j h(x) \nabla g(h(x))) &= (\nabla g(h(x)))^T D((D_j h(x))^T) + D_j h(x) D(\nabla g(h(x))) \\ &= Dg(h(x))^T D((D_j h(x))^T) + D_j h(x) H(g(h(x))) Dh(x) \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$H(f)(x) = \begin{bmatrix} Dg(h(x)) D((D_1 h(x))^T) \\ \vdots \\ Dg(h(x)) D((D_n h(x))^T) \end{bmatrix} + (Dh(x))^T H(g(h(x))) Dh(x)$$