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An $n \times n$ real matrix A is *completely positive* if $A = BB^T$ for some $n \times m$ entry-wise nonnegative matrix B . And the smallest m is called the *cprank* of A . The determination of *cprank* is nontrivial. Obviously, we have $\text{rank}(A) \leq \text{cprank}(A)$ for any completely positive matrix A . In this talk, we present examples of completely positive matrices A with the property $\text{rank}(A) = \text{cprank}(A)$, and discuss the problem of characterizing completely positive matrices whose *rank* and *cprank* are equal. (Received September 07, 2010)