

# Some Copositive Thoughts

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### **Think co(mpletely)positive ! Matrix properties, examples and a clustered bibliography on copositive optimization**

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A key to the proof, and to constructing all such matrices:  
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