

# Financial Mathematics

## Cholesky decomposition

0046-1. Let  $X := \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -2 & 3 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$ .

a. Find a  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $A$  s.t.  $AA^t = X$ .

b. Does there exist a symmetric  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $S$  s.t.  $S^2 = X$ ?

(You must explain why or why not, but you needn't write out such an  $S$ .)

0046-2. Let  $X := \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -2 & 3 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 11 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Does there exist a

$3 \times 3$  matrix  $S$  s.t.  $S^2 = X$ ?

(You must explain why or why not, but you needn't write out such an  $S$ .)

Let  $X := \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $C := \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -4 & -7 \\ -1 & 2 & 4 \\ 6 & -11 & -21 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- Is  $X$  positive definite?
- Is  $X$  positive semi-definite?
- Does  $CXC^{-1}$  have only positive eigenvalues?
- Does  $CXC^{-1}$  have only nonnegative eigenvalues?
- Does there exist a symmetric matrix  $S$  s.t.  $S^2 = CXC^{-1}$ ?  
(You must explain why or why not, but you needn't write out such an  $S$ .)

0046-4. Let  $X := \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 9 & 3 \\ -2 & 3 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$

- Find a  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $A$  s.t.  $AA^t = X$  and s.t.  $A$  is lower triangular.
- Find a  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $B$  s.t.  $BB^t = X$  and s.t.  $B$  is upper triangular.
- Find a  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $C$  s.t.  $C^tC = X$  and s.t.  $C$  is upper triangular.
- Find a  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $D$  s.t.  $D^tD = X$  and s.t.  $D$  is lower triangular.
- Does there exist a symmetric  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $S$  s.t.  $S^2 = X$ ?  
(You must explain why or why not, but you needn't write out such an  $S$ .)