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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 $rank(A) \leq cprank(A)$ for any completely positive matrix A. In this talk, we present examples of completely positive matrices A with the property rank(A) = cprank(A), and discuss the problem of characterizing completely positive matrices whose rank and cprank are equal. (Received September 07, 2010)