

# CAAM 664 SDP Weighting Problem

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Here is the solution to the "Weighting Problem". Assume  $X, S, W \in \mathcal{S}_{++}^n$ . To solve this, I only had to use Spectral Factorization.

**Spectral Factorization** : for  $A \in \mathcal{S}_{++}^n$ ,  $\exists$  positive definite  $A^{1/2}$  such that  $A = A^{1/2}A^{1/2}$ . Note that the matrix  $A^{1/2}$  is merely  $Pdiag(\sqrt{\lambda_1}, \dots, \sqrt{\lambda_n})P^T$  in the Spectral factorization  $A = P\Lambda P^T$ , where  $\Lambda = diag(\sqrt{\lambda_1}, \dots, \sqrt{\lambda_n})$ .

$$W^{-1}XW^{-1} = S \quad (1)$$

$$W^{-1}X^{1/2}X^{1/2}W^{-1} = S \quad (2)$$

$$X^{1/2}W^{-1}X^{1/2}X^{1/2}W^{-1}X^{1/2} = X^{1/2}SX^{1/2} \quad (3)$$

$$(X^{1/2}W^{-1}X^{1/2})^2 = X^{1/2}SX^{1/2} \quad (4)$$

$$(X^{1/2}W^{-1}X^{1/2})^2 = (X^{1/2}SX^{1/2})^{1/2}(X^{1/2}SX^{1/2})^{1/2} \quad (5)$$

$$(X^{1/2}W^{-1}X^{1/2})^2 = ((X^{1/2}SX^{1/2})^{1/2})^2 \quad (6)$$

$$X^{1/2}W^{-1}X^{1/2} = (X^{1/2}SX^{1/2})^{1/2} \quad (7)$$

$$W^{-1} = X^{-1/2}(X^{1/2}SX^{1/2})^{1/2}X^{-1/2} \quad (8)$$

$$W = X^{1/2}(X^{1/2}SX^{1/2})^{-1/2}X^{1/2} \quad (9)$$