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The positive semidefinite rank is an extension of the notion of the nonnegative rank of a matrix. The nonnegative rank of a matrix is the smallest possible integer k such that each entry (i, j) of the matrix can be written as the inner product of two vectors a_i and b_j in the cone of nonnegative vectors of size k . The positive semidefinite rank is the smallest possible integer k such that each entry (i, j) of the matrix can be written as the inner product of two matrices A_i and B_j in the cone of positive semidefinite matrices of size k . These ranks can be interpreted as a measure of complexity of a polytope, in the sense that they encode the size of a sparse representation of a polytope through a factorization of its matrix description. The paper under review reports on state-of-the-art results on lower bounds on the positive semidefinite rank, both for generic polytopes and for specific polytopes.

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