



## POSITIVE DEFINITE MATRICES

### Why

#### Definition

A matrix  $A$  is *positive definite* if all its quadratic forms are positive.

#### Notation

Let  $A \in \mathbf{R}^{n \times n}$ .  $A$  is positive definite if for every  $x \in \mathbf{R}^d$ ,

$$x^T A x > 0.$$

We denote the set of real-valued positive definite  $d$  by  $d$  matrices by  $\mathbf{S}_{++}^d$ .

