

Step-1

Given that the matrix $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ b & c \end{pmatrix}$ is positive definite

We need to test $A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} p & q \\ q & r \end{bmatrix}$ for positive definiteness.

So that $a > 0$ and $ac - b^2 > 0$.

Also it implies that $c > 0$.

Step-2

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} A^{-1} &= \frac{1}{ac - b^2} \begin{pmatrix} c & -b \\ -b & a \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{c}{ac - b^2} & \frac{-b}{ac - b^2} \\ \frac{-b}{ac - b^2} & \frac{a}{ac - b^2} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} p & q \\ q & r \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Step-3

As $c > 0$ and $ac - b^2 > 0$,

So, $A = \frac{c}{ac - b^2} > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{And } AC - B^2 &= \left(\frac{c}{ac - b^2} \right) \left(\frac{a}{ac - b^2} \right) - \left(\frac{-b}{ac - b^2} \right)^2 \\ &= \frac{ac}{(ac - b^2)^2} - \frac{b^2}{(ac - b^2)^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{ac - b^2} \\ &> 0 \quad \left(\text{since } ac - b^2 > 0 \right) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the matrix $A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} p & q \\ q & r \end{bmatrix}$ is also positive definite.