

- a) Let A be a $n \times n, n \geq 2$, symmetric, invertible matrix with real positive elements. Show that $z_n \leq n^2 - 2n$, where z_n is the number of zero elements in A^{-1} .
- b) How many zero elements are there in the inverse of the $n \times n$ matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 & \dots & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 & \dots & 2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 & \dots & \end{pmatrix}?$$