

Step-1

A is the 4×4 matrix of ones

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A - I = B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Step-2

The characteristic equation of $A - I = B$ is $|B - \lambda I| = 0$

$$\text{i.e., } \begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -\lambda & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -\lambda & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & -\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

we apply the elementary operations to reduce this matrix to the echelon form and find the determinant.

Step-3

$$R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_2 + R_3 + R_4 \Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 3-\lambda & 3-\lambda & 3-\lambda & 3-\lambda \\ 1 & -\lambda & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -\lambda & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & -\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (3-\lambda) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -\lambda & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -\lambda & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & -\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

Step-4

$$R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1, R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1, R_4 \rightarrow R_4 - R_1 \Rightarrow (3-\lambda) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -\lambda-1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -\lambda-1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -\lambda-1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

While this is the determinant of the upper triangular matrix, it is equal to the product of the diagonal entries.

$$= (3-\lambda)(-1-\lambda)^3 = 0$$

Therefore, the eigen values are -1, -1, -1, and 3.

Step-5

$$\text{Also, the determinant of } A-I \text{ is } \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\text{Applying } R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_2 + R_3 + R_4, \text{ we get } \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

Step-6

$$= 3 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1, R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1, R_4 \rightarrow R_4 - R_1 \Rightarrow 3 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 3(-1)^3$$

$$= \boxed{-3}$$