

Step-1

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Let
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} n & -1 & \dots & -1 \\ -1 & n & \dots & -1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & n \end{bmatrix}$$

Then
$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{n+1} \begin{bmatrix} c & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & c & \dots & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & c \end{bmatrix}$$

We have to find the value of c .

Step-2

We know that $A^{-1}A = AA^{-1} = I$

So

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{n+1} \begin{bmatrix} c & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & c & \dots & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & c \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} n & -1 & \dots & -1 \\ -1 & n & \dots & -1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & n \end{bmatrix} \\ = \begin{bmatrix} n & -1 & \dots & -1 \\ -1 & n & \dots & -1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & n \end{bmatrix} \frac{1}{n+1} \begin{bmatrix} c & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & c & \dots & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Step-3

By equating first row first element in the product of $A^{-1}A = I$, we get

$$\frac{1}{n+1} [cn - 1 - 1 - 1 \dots - 1] = 1$$

$$\frac{1}{n+1} [cn - (n-1)] = 1$$

Since there are $\binom{n-1}{-1}$ entries of $\binom{-1}{-1}$ in the first row after the first entry $\binom{cn}{-1}$.

So their sum is $\binom{n-1}{-1}$.

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{n+1} [cn - n + 1] &= 1 \\ cn - n + 1 &= n + 1 \\ cn &= 2n \\ \Rightarrow c &= 2\end{aligned}$$

Hence the value of c in A^{-1} is $\boxed{c=2}$.