

Step-1

Given matrix is $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & b & -b \\ b & 1 & b \\ -b & b & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ with $|b| < 1$.

$$\begin{aligned} |A| &= 1(1-b^2) - b(b+b^2) - b(b^2+b) \\ &= 1 - b^2 - b^2 - b^3 - b^3 - b^2 \\ &= -2b^3 - 3b^2 + 1 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the determinant of matrix A is $-2b^3 - 3b^2 + 1$

Step-2

Let $-2b^3 - 3b^2 + 1 < 0$

Solving this using CAS

We get $b > \frac{1}{2}$, so let $b = \frac{2}{3}$.

Substitute this value in the given matrix.

So,

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{2}{3} & -\frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{2}{3} & 1 & \frac{2}{3} \\ -\frac{2}{3} & \frac{2}{3} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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Then the required matrix is