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For a given n by n complex (resp. real) matrix A , we use a rank-one (resp. rank-two) perturbation to alter exactly one eigenvalue (resp. exactly one pair of complex-conjugate eigenvalues) of A while keeping the others equal. We use this low-rank perturbation to derive inertias of a full symmetric sign pattern \mathcal{A} from a known inertia (p, q, r) of \mathcal{A} with $r \geq 1$. (Received September 07, 2008)