



NCERT - Miscellaneous Exercise

1. Prove that the determinant $\begin{vmatrix} x & \sin \theta & \cos \theta \\ -\sin \theta & -x & 1 \\ \cos \theta & 1 & x \end{vmatrix}$ is independent of θ .

SOLUTION

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } \Delta &= \begin{vmatrix} x & \sin \theta & \cos \theta \\ -\sin \theta & -x & 1 \\ \cos \theta & 1 & x \end{vmatrix} \text{ Expanding by } R_1, \text{ we get } = x \begin{vmatrix} -x & 1 \\ 1 & x \end{vmatrix} - \sin \theta \begin{vmatrix} -\sin \theta & 1 \\ \cos \theta & x \end{vmatrix} + \cos \theta \begin{vmatrix} -\sin \theta & -x \\ \cos \theta & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= x(-x^2 - 1) - \sin \theta(-x \sin \theta - \cos \theta) + \cos \theta(-\sin \theta + x \cos \theta) = -x^3 - x + x \sin^2 \theta + \sin \theta \cos \theta - \sin \theta \cos \theta + x \cos^2 \theta \\ &= -x^3 - x + x(\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta) = -x^3 - x + x(1) = -x^3 \text{ which is independent of } \theta. \end{aligned}$$

2. Without expanding the determinant, prove that $\begin{vmatrix} a & a^2 & bc \\ b & b^2 & ca \\ c & c^2 & ab \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a^2 & a^3 \\ 1 & b^2 & b^3 \\ 1 & c^2 & c^3 \end{vmatrix}$

SOLUTION

$$\text{Let } \Delta = \begin{vmatrix} a & a^2 & bc \\ b & b^2 & ca \\ c & c^2 & ab \end{vmatrix}$$

Multiplying R_1, R_2 and R_3 by a, b and c respectively and dividing the determinant by abc , we get $\Delta = \frac{1}{abc} \begin{vmatrix} a^2 & a^3 & abc \\ b^2 & b^3 & abc \\ c^2 & c^3 & abc \end{vmatrix}$

Taking abc common from C_3 , we get $\Delta = \frac{abc}{abc} \begin{vmatrix} a^2 & a^3 & 1 \\ b^2 & b^3 & 1 \\ c^2 & c^3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = - \begin{vmatrix} a^2 & 1 & a^3 \\ b^2 & 1 & b^3 \\ c^2 & 1 & c^3 \end{vmatrix}$

Interchanging $C_1 \leftrightarrow C_2$, we get $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a^2 & a^3 \\ 1 & b^2 & b^3 \\ 1 & c^2 & c^3 \end{vmatrix}$

Hence, $\begin{vmatrix} a & a^2 & bc \\ b & b^2 & ca \\ c & c^2 & ab \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a^2 & a^3 \\ 1 & b^2 & b^3 \\ 1 & c^2 & c^3 \end{vmatrix}$

3. Evaluate $\begin{vmatrix} \cos \alpha \cos \beta & \cos \alpha \sin \beta & -\sin \alpha \\ -\sin \beta & \cos \beta & 0 \\ \sin \alpha \cos \beta & \sin \alpha \sin \beta & \cos \alpha \end{vmatrix}$.

SOLUTION

$$\begin{vmatrix} \cos \alpha \cos \beta & \cos \alpha \sin \beta & -\sin \alpha \\ -\sin \beta & \cos \beta & 0 \\ \sin \alpha \cos \beta & \sin \alpha \sin \beta & \cos \alpha \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Expanding along } R_1, \text{ we get } &= \cos \alpha \cos \beta \begin{vmatrix} \cos \beta & 0 \\ \sin \alpha \sin \beta & \cos \alpha \end{vmatrix} - \cos \alpha \sin \beta \begin{vmatrix} -\sin \beta & 0 \\ \sin \alpha \cos \beta & \cos \alpha \end{vmatrix} - \sin \alpha \begin{vmatrix} -\sin \beta & \cos \beta \\ \sin \alpha \sin \beta & \sin \alpha \sin \beta \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \cos \alpha \cos \beta (\cos \beta \cos \alpha) - \cos \alpha \sin \beta (-\sin \beta \cos \alpha) - \sin \alpha (-\sin \alpha \sin^2 \beta - \sin \alpha \cos^2 \beta) \\ &= \cos^2 \alpha \cos^2 \beta + \cos^2 \alpha \sin^2 \beta + \sin^2 \alpha \sin^2 \beta + \sin^2 \alpha \cos^2 \beta = \cos^2 \alpha \cdot 1 + \sin^2 \alpha \cdot 1 = \cos^2 \alpha + \sin^2 \alpha = 1. \end{aligned}$$

4. If a, b and c are real numbers, and $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} b+c & c+a & a+b \\ c+a & a+b & b+c \\ a+b & b+c & c+a \end{vmatrix} = 0$, show that either $a+b+c=0$ or $a=b=c$.

SOLUTION

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} b+c & c+a & a+b \\ c+a & a+b & b+c \\ a+b & b+c & c+a \end{vmatrix}$$

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Applying $C_1 \rightarrow C_1 + C_2 + C_3$, we get $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 2(a+b+c) & c+a & a+b \\ 2(a+b+c) & a+b & b+c \\ 2(a+b+c) & b+c & c+a \end{vmatrix}$ Taking $2(a+b+c)$ common from C_1 , we get

$$\Delta = 2(a+b+c) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & c+a & a+b \\ 1 & a+b & b+c \\ 1 & b+c & c+a \end{vmatrix} \text{ Applying } R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_3 \text{ and } R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1, \text{ we get } \Delta = 2(a+b+c) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & c+a & a+b \\ 0 & a-c & b-a \\ 0 & b-a & c-b \end{vmatrix}$$

Expanding along C_1 , we get $\Delta = 2(a+b+c)[(a-c)(c-b) - (b-a)(b-a)]$

$$= 2(a+b+c)[ac - ab - c^2 + cb - (b^2 + a^2 - 2ba)] = 2(a+b+c)(ac - ab - c^2 + cb - b^2 - a^2 + 2ab) = -2(a+b+c)[a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - bc - ca]$$

$$= -(a+b+c)[(a-b)^2 + (b-c)^2 + (c-a)^2]$$

When, $\Delta = 0 \Rightarrow -(a+b+c)[(a-b)^2 + (b-c)^2 + (c-a)^2] = 0 \Rightarrow a+b+c = 0$ or $(a-b)^2, (b-c)^2, (c-a)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow a+b+c = 0$ or $a = b, b = c, c = a \Rightarrow a+b+c = 0$ or $a = b = c$

5. Solve the equation $\begin{vmatrix} x+a & x & x \\ x & x+a & x \\ x & x & x+a \end{vmatrix} = 0, a \neq 0$

SOLUTION

$$\begin{vmatrix} x+a & x & x \\ x & x+a & x \\ x & x & x+a \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

Applying $C_1 \rightarrow C_1 + C_2 + C_3$, we get $\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 3x+a & x & x \\ 3x+a & x+a & x \\ 3x+a & x & x+a \end{vmatrix} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow (3x+a) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x & x \\ 1 & x+a & x \\ 1 & x & x+a \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

Applying $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1, R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1$, we get $\Rightarrow (3x+a) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x & x \\ 0 & a & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a \end{vmatrix} = 0$

Applying $C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - C_3$, we get $\Rightarrow (3x+a) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & x \\ 0 & a & 0 \\ 0 & -a & a \end{vmatrix} = 0$

Expanding along R_1 , we get $(3x+a)(a^2) = 0$ Since $a \neq 0 \Rightarrow 3x+a = 0 \Rightarrow x = \frac{-a}{3}$.

6. Prove that $\begin{vmatrix} a^2 & bc & ac+c^2 \\ a^2+bc & b^2 & ac \\ ab & b^2+bc & c^2 \end{vmatrix} = 4a^2b^2c^2$.

SOLUTION

$$\text{L.H.S.} := \begin{vmatrix} a^2 & bc & ac+c^2 \\ a^2+bc & b^2 & ac \\ ab & b^2+bc & c^2 \end{vmatrix}$$

Taking a, b, c common from $C_1, C_2 \& C_3$, we get $= abc \begin{vmatrix} a & c & a+c \\ a+b & b & a \\ b & b+c & c \end{vmatrix}$

Applying $C_3 \rightarrow C_3 - (C_1 + C_2)$, we get $= abc \begin{vmatrix} a & c & 0 \\ a+b & b & -2b \\ b & b+c & -2b \end{vmatrix}$

Taking $-2b$ common from C_3 , we get $= -2b(abc) \begin{vmatrix} a & c & 0 \\ a+b & b & 1 \\ b & b+c & 1 \end{vmatrix}$

Expanding the determinant along R_1 , we get $= -2b(abc)[a(b-b-c) - c(a+b-c)] = -2b(abc)[-2ac] = 4a^2b^2c^2 = R.H.S$
Hence, proved.

Determinants

7. If $A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 1 \\ -15 & 6 & -5 \\ 5 & -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -2 \\ -1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ find $(AB)^{-1}$.

SOLUTION

Given, $A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 1 \\ -15 & 6 & -5 \\ 5 & -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$, $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -2 \\ -1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Now, $|B| = 1(3) - 2(-1) - 2(2) = 3 + 2 - 4 = 1 \neq 0$. $\therefore B^{-1}$ exists. Since $(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$, so, we need to calculate B^{-1} . Cofactors of elements of B are :

$$B_{11} = (-1)^{1+1} \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 3,$$

$$B_{12} = (-1)^{1+2} \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1,$$

$$B_{13} = (-1)^{1+3} \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 3 \\ 0 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = 2,$$

$$B_{21} = (-1)^{2+1} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ -2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 2,$$

$$B_{22} = (-1)^{2+2} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1, B_{23} = (-1)^{2+3} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = 2,$$

$$B_{31} = (-1)^{3+1} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ 3 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 6, B_{32} = (-1)^{3+2} \begin{vmatrix} -1 & -2 \\ -1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 2, B_{33} = (-1)^{3+3} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 5$$

$\therefore adj B$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 6 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Hence, $B^{-1} = \frac{1}{|B|} (adj B) = \frac{1}{1} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 6 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$

Now, $B^{-1}A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 6 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 1 \\ -15 & 6 & -5 \\ 5 & -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 9-30+30 & -3+12-12 & 3-10+12 \\ 3-15+10 & -1+6-4 & 1-5+4 \\ 6-30+25 & -2+12-10 & 2-10+10 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & -3 & 5 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

8. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 \\ -2 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$. Verify that,

(i) $[adj A]^{-1} = adj(A^{-1})$

(ii) $(A^{-1})^{-1} = A$

SOLUTION

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 \\ -2 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now, $|A| = 1(15 - 1) + 2(-10 - 1) + 1(-2 - 3)$
 $= 14 - 22 - 5 = -13 \neq 0$. $\therefore A^{-1}$ exists.

Cofactors of elements of A are : $A_{11} = (-1)^{1+1} \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = 15 - 1 = 14$, $A_{12} = (-1)^{1+2} \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 1 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = -(-10 - 1) = 11$,

$$A_{13} = (-1)^{1+3} \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = (-3 - 2) = -5$$
, $A_{21} = (-1)^{2+1} \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 1 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = -(-10 - 1) = 11$,

$$A_{22} = (-1)^{2+2} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = 5 - 1 = 4$$
, $A_{23} = (-1)^{2+3} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -(1 + 2) = -3$,,

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$$A_{31} = (-1)^{3+1} \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -2 - 3 = -5,$$

$$A_{32} = (-1)^{3+2} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -(1+2) = -3, \quad A_{33} = (-1)^{3+3} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 3 - 4 = -1$$

$$\text{So, } A^{-1} = \frac{1}{|A|}(\text{adj } A) = \frac{1}{-13} \begin{bmatrix} 14 & 11 & -5 \\ 11 & 4 & -3 \\ -5 & -3 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{13} \begin{bmatrix} -14 & -11 & 5 \\ -11 & -4 & 3 \\ 5 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(i) \text{ Now, } |\text{adj } A| = \begin{vmatrix} 14 & 11 & -5 \\ 11 & 4 & -3 \\ -5 & -3 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 14(-4-9) - 11(-11-15) - 5(-33+20) = -182 + 286 + 65 = 269 \neq 0. \therefore \text{adj } A \text{ is invertible and } (\text{adj } A)^{-1} = \frac{1}{|\text{adj } A|} \{\text{adj}(\text{adj } A)\}$$

$$\text{Now, to obtain } \text{adj}(\text{adj } A), \text{ the cofactors of adj } A \text{ are : } \text{adj } A_{11} = (-1)^{1+1} \begin{vmatrix} 4 & -3 \\ -3 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = -4 - 9 = -13$$

$$\text{adj } A_{12} = (-1)^{1+2} \begin{vmatrix} 11 & -3 \\ -5 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = -(-11 - 15) = 26, \quad \text{adj } A_{13} = (-1)^{1+3} \begin{vmatrix} 11 & 4 \\ -5 & -3 \end{vmatrix} = -33 + 20 = -13,$$

$$\text{adj } A_{21} = (-1)^{2+1} \begin{vmatrix} 11 & -5 \\ -3 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = -(-11 - 15) = 26, \quad \text{adj } A_{22} = (-1)^{2+2} \begin{vmatrix} 14 & -5 \\ -5 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = -14 - 25 = -39,$$

$$\text{adj } A_{23} = (-1)^{2+3} \begin{vmatrix} 14 & 11 \\ -5 & -3 \end{vmatrix} = -(-42 + 55) = -13,$$

$$\text{adj } A_{32} = (-1)^{3+2} \begin{vmatrix} 14 & -5 \\ 11 & -3 \end{vmatrix} = -(-42 + 55) = -13, \quad \text{adj } A_{33} = (-1)^{3+3} \begin{vmatrix} 14 & 11 \\ 11 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = (56 - 121) = -65$$

$$\text{So, } (\text{adj } A)^{-1} = \frac{1}{|\text{adj } A|} \{\text{adj}(\text{adj } A)\} = \frac{1}{169} \begin{bmatrix} -13 & 26 & -13 \\ 26 & -39 & -13 \\ -13 & -13 & -65 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{13} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & -3 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \dots(1)$$

$$\text{Also, } \text{adj}(A^{-1}) = \text{adj} \left(\frac{1}{13} \begin{bmatrix} -14 & -11 & 5 \\ -11 & -4 & 3 \\ 5 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

$$\text{Similarly, } \text{adj} \begin{bmatrix} -14 & -11 & 5 \\ 11 & 4 & 3 \\ -5 & -3 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -13 & 26 & -13 \\ -169 & 169 & -169 \\ 26 & 39 & 13 \\ -169 & -169 & -169 \\ 13 & 13 & 65 \\ -169 & -169 & -169 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\text{adj } A^{-1}) = \frac{1}{13} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & -3 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \dots(2)$$

From (1) and (2), we find that, $\text{adj}(A^{-1}) = (\text{adj } A)^{-1}$.

$$(ii) |A^{-1}| = \left| \frac{1}{13} \begin{bmatrix} -14 & -11 & 5 \\ -11 & -4 & 3 \\ 5 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right| = \frac{1}{(13)^2} \{-14(-4-9) + 11(-11-15) + 5(-33+20)\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{13 \times 13 \times 13} (-169) = -\frac{1}{13} \neq 0. \therefore (A^{-1})^{-1} \text{ exists and } (A^{-1})^{-1} = \frac{1}{|A^{-1}|} (\text{adj } A^{-1})$$

$$= \frac{1}{-\frac{1}{13}} \cdot \frac{1}{13} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & -3 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & -5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 \\ -2 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \text{ (using (2))} = A.$$



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9. Evaluate
$$\begin{vmatrix} x & y & x+y \\ y & x+y & x \\ x+y & x & y \end{vmatrix}$$

SOLUTION

$$\begin{vmatrix} x & y & x+y \\ y & x+y & x \\ x+y & x & y \end{vmatrix}$$

Applying $C_1 \rightarrow C_1 + C_2 + C_3$, we get $\begin{vmatrix} 2(x+y) & y & x+y \\ 2(x+y) & x+y & x \\ 2(x+y) & x & y \end{vmatrix}$

Taking $2(x+y)$ common from C_1 , we get $2(x+y) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & y & x+y \\ 1 & x+y & x \\ 1 & x & y \end{vmatrix}$

Applying $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1$ and $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1$, we get $2(x+y) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & y & x+y \\ 0 & x & -y \\ 0 & x-y & -x \end{vmatrix}$

Expanding along C_1 , we get $2(x+y)[x(-x) - (-y)(x-y)] = 2(x+y)[-x^2 + xy - y^2] = -2(x+y)(x^2 - xy + y^2) = -2(x^3 + y^3)$

10. Evaluate $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & x & y \\ 1 & x+y & y \\ 1 & x & x+y \end{vmatrix}$

SOLUTION

Let $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x & y \\ 1 & x+y & y \\ 1 & x & x+y \end{vmatrix}$ Applying $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1$ and $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1$, we get

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & x & y \\ 0 & y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & x \end{vmatrix}$$

Expanding along C_1 , we get $1 \times y \times x = xy$. Using properties of determinants in questions 11 to 15, prove that:

11. $\begin{vmatrix} \alpha & \alpha^2 & \beta + \gamma \\ \beta & \beta^2 & \gamma + \alpha \\ \gamma & \gamma^2 & \alpha + \beta \end{vmatrix} = (\beta - \gamma)(\gamma - \alpha)(\alpha - \beta)(\alpha + \beta + \gamma)$

SOLUTION

L.H.S. = $\begin{vmatrix} \alpha & \alpha^2 & \beta + \gamma \\ \beta & \beta^2 & \gamma + \alpha \\ \gamma & \gamma^2 & \alpha + \beta \end{vmatrix}$

Applying $C_3 \rightarrow C_3 + C_1$, we get L.H.S. = $\begin{vmatrix} \alpha & \alpha^2 & \alpha + \beta + \gamma \\ \beta & \beta^2 & \alpha + \beta + \gamma \\ \gamma & \gamma^2 & \alpha + \beta + \gamma \end{vmatrix}$

Taking $(\alpha + \beta + \gamma)$ common from C_3 , we get L.H.S. = $(\alpha + \beta + \gamma) \begin{vmatrix} \alpha & \alpha^2 & 1 \\ \beta & \beta^2 & 1 \\ \gamma & \gamma^2 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$

Applying $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1$ and $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1$, we get L.H.S. = $(\alpha + \beta + \gamma) \begin{vmatrix} \alpha & \alpha^2 & 1 \\ \beta - \alpha & \beta^2 - \alpha^2 & 0 \\ \gamma - \alpha & \gamma^2 - \alpha^2 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$

Expanding along C_3 , we get L.H.S. = $(\alpha + \beta + \gamma) \begin{vmatrix} \beta - \alpha & \beta^2 - \alpha^2 \\ \gamma - \alpha & \gamma^2 - \alpha^2 \end{vmatrix}$

Taking $(\beta - \alpha)$ and $(\gamma - \alpha)$ common from R_1 and R_2 respectively, we get L.H.S. = $(\alpha + \beta + \gamma)(\beta - \alpha)(\gamma - \alpha) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \beta + \alpha \\ 1 & \gamma + \alpha \end{vmatrix}$
 = $(\alpha + \beta + \gamma)(\alpha - \beta)(\beta - \gamma)(\gamma - \alpha) = R.H.S.$ Hence, proved.

12. $\begin{vmatrix} x & x^2 & 1 + px^3 \\ y & y^2 & 1 + py^3 \\ z & z^2 & 1 + pz^3 \end{vmatrix} = (1 + pxyz)(x - y)(y - z)(z - x)$

SOLUTION

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Let $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} x & x^2 & 1+px^3 \\ y & y^2 & 1+py^3 \\ z & z^2 & 1+pz^3 \end{vmatrix}$ Using property 5, we get

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} x & x^2 & 1 \\ y & y^2 & 1 \\ z & z^2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} x & x^2 & px^3 \\ y & y^2 & py^3 \\ z & z^2 & pz^3 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} x & x^2 & 1 \\ y & y^2 & 1 \\ z & z^2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + pxyz \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x & x^2 \\ 1 & y & y^2 \\ 1 & z & z^2 \end{vmatrix}$$

Taking x, y, z and p common from R_1, R_2, R_3 and C_3 in determinant II.

Interchanging $C_2 \leftrightarrow C_3$, in determinant I. $\Delta = - \begin{vmatrix} x & 1 & x^2 \\ y & 1 & y^2 \\ z & 1 & z^2 \end{vmatrix} + pxyz \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x & x^2 \\ 1 & y & y^2 \\ 1 & z & z^2 \end{vmatrix}$

Interchanging $C_1 \leftrightarrow C_2$, in determinant I. $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x & x^2 \\ 1 & y & y^2 \\ 1 & z & z^2 \end{vmatrix} + pxyz \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x & x^2 \\ 1 & y & y^2 \\ 1 & z & z^2 \end{vmatrix} = (1 + pxyz) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x & x^2 \\ 1 & y & y^2 \\ 1 & z & z^2 \end{vmatrix}$

Applying $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1$ and $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1$, we get $\Delta = (1 + pxyz) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x & x^2 \\ 0 & y-x & y^2-x^2 \\ 0 & z-x & z^2-x^2 \end{vmatrix}$ Taking $(y-x)$ and $(z-x)$ common from

R_2 and R_3 , we get $\Delta = (1 + pxyz)(y-x)(z-x) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x & x^2 \\ 0 & 1 & x+y \\ 0 & 1 & z+x \end{vmatrix}$

Applying $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_3$, we get $\Delta = (1 + pxyz)(y-x)(z-x) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x & x^2 \\ 0 & 0 & y-z \\ 0 & 1 & z+x \end{vmatrix}$

Expanding along C_1 , we get $\Delta = (1 + pxyz)(y-x)(z-x)\{0 - (y-z)\} = (1 + pxyz)(x-y)(y-z)(z-x)$. Hence, proved.

13. $\begin{vmatrix} 3a & -a+b & -a+c \\ -b+a & 3b & -b+c \\ -c+a & -c+b & 3c \end{vmatrix} = 3(a+b+c)(ab+bc+ca)$

SOLUTION

Let $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 3a & -a+b & -a+c \\ -b+a & 3b & -b+c \\ -c+a & -c+b & 3c \end{vmatrix}$

Applying $C_1 \rightarrow C_1 + C_2 + C_3$, we get $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} a+b+c & -a+b & -a+c \\ a+b+c & 3b & -b+c \\ a+b+c & -c+b & 3c \end{vmatrix}$

Taking $(a+b+c)$ common from C_1 , we get $\Delta = (a+b+c) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -a+b & -a+c \\ 1 & 3b & -b+c \\ 1 & -c+b & 3c \end{vmatrix}$

Applying $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1$ and $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1$, we get $\Delta = (a+b+c) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -a+b & -a+c \\ 0 & 2b+a & a-b \\ 0 & a-c & 2c+a \end{vmatrix}$

Expanding along C_1 , we get $\Delta = (a+b+c)[(2b+a)(2c+a) - (a-c)(a-b)] = (a+b+c)(4bc+2ab+2ac+a^2-a^2+ab+ac-bc) = (a+b+c)(3ab+3bc+3ca) = 3(a+b+c)(ab+bc+ca)$ Hence, proved.

14. $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1+p & 1+p+q \\ 2 & 3+2p & 4+3p+2q \\ 3 & 6+3p & 10+6p+3q \end{vmatrix} = 1$

SOLUTION

L.H.S. = $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1+p & 1+p+q \\ 2 & 3+2p & 4+3p+2q \\ 3 & 6+3p & 10+6p+3q \end{vmatrix}$

Applying $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1$ and $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 3R_1$, we get L.H.S. = $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1+p & 1+p+q \\ 0 & 1 & 2+p \\ 0 & 3 & 7+3p \end{vmatrix}$

Expanding along C_1 , we get $= 1(7+3p-6-3p) = 1(1) = 1 = \text{R.H.S.}$ Hence, proved.

Determinants

$$15. \begin{vmatrix} \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha & \cos(\alpha + \delta) \\ \sin \beta & \cos \beta & \cos(\beta + \delta) \\ \sin \gamma & \cos \gamma & \cos(\gamma + \delta) \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

SOLUTION

$$\text{Let } \Delta = \begin{vmatrix} \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha & \cos(\alpha + \delta) \\ \sin \beta & \cos \beta & \cos(\beta + \delta) \\ \sin \gamma & \cos \gamma & \cos(\gamma + \delta) \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\text{Then, using } \cos(A+B) = \cos A \cos B - \sin A \sin B, \text{ we get } \Delta = \begin{vmatrix} \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha & \cos \alpha \cos \delta - \sin \alpha \sin \delta \\ \sin \beta & \cos \beta & \cos \beta \cos \delta - \sin \beta \sin \delta \\ \sin \gamma & \cos \gamma & \cos \gamma \cos \delta - \sin \gamma \sin \delta \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\text{Applying } C_3 \rightarrow C_3 + (\sin \delta)C_1 - (\cos \delta)C_2, \text{ we get } \begin{vmatrix} \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha & 0 \\ \sin \beta & \cos \beta & 0 \\ \sin \gamma & \cos \gamma & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \text{ (As, } C_3 = 0) \text{ Hence, proved.}$$

$$16. \text{ Solve the system of the following equations } \frac{2}{x} + \frac{3}{y} + \frac{10}{z} = 4, \frac{4}{x} - \frac{6}{y} + \frac{5}{z} = 1, \frac{6}{x} + \frac{9}{y} - \frac{20}{z} = 2$$

SOLUTION

$$\text{The equations can be written in the form } AX=B, \text{ where, } A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 10 \\ 4 & -6 & 5 \\ 6 & 9 & -20 \end{bmatrix}, X = \begin{bmatrix} 1/x \\ 1/y \\ 1/z \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } B = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Now, } |A| = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 & 10 \\ 4 & -6 & 5 \\ 6 & 9 & -20 \end{vmatrix} = 2(120 - 45) - 3(-80 - 30) + 10(36 + 36) = 2(75) - 3(-110) + 10(72) = 150 + 330 + 720 = 1200 \neq 0$$

$\therefore A^{-1}$ exists.

$$\text{Now, let } A_{ij} \text{ be the cofactor of the element in } i^{\text{th}} \text{ row and } j^{\text{th}} \text{ column. The cofactors are : } A_{11} = (-1)^{1+1} \begin{vmatrix} -6 & 5 \\ 9 & -20 \end{vmatrix} =$$

$$120 - 45 = 75 \quad A_{12} = (-1)^{1+2} \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 5 \\ 6 & -20 \end{vmatrix} = -(-80 - 30) = 110.$$

$$A_{13} = (-1)^{1+3} \begin{vmatrix} 4 & -6 \\ 6 & 9 \end{vmatrix} = 36 + 36 = 72, \quad A_{21} = (-1)^{2+1} \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 10 \\ 9 & -20 \end{vmatrix} = -(-60 - 90) = 150 \quad A_{22} = (-1)^{2+2} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 10 \\ 6 & -20 \end{vmatrix} =$$

$$-40 - 60 = -100, \quad A_{23} = (-1)^{2+3} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 6 & 9 \end{vmatrix} = -(18 - 18) = 0, \quad A_{31} = (-1)^{3+1} \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 10 \\ -6 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = 15 + 60 = 75, \quad A_{32} = (-1)^{3+2} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 10 \\ 4 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = -(10 -$$

$$40) = 30, \quad A_{33} = (-1)^{3+3} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & -6 \end{vmatrix} = -12 - 12 = -24$$

$$\therefore \text{adj } A = \begin{bmatrix} 75 & 110 & 72 \\ 150 & -100 & 0 \\ 75 & 30 & -24 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 75 & 150 & 75 \\ 110 & -100 & 30 \\ 72 & 0 & -24 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Hence, } A^{-1} = \frac{1}{|A|} (\text{adj } A) = \frac{1}{1200} \begin{bmatrix} 75 & 150 & 75 \\ 110 & -100 & 30 \\ 72 & 0 & -24 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{As, } AX = B \Rightarrow X = A^{-1}B \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{x} \\ \frac{1}{y} \\ \frac{1}{z} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{1200} \begin{bmatrix} 75 & 150 & 75 \\ 110 & -100 & 30 \\ 72 & 0 & -24 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{1200} \begin{bmatrix} 300 + 150 + 150 \\ 440 - 100 + 60 \\ 288 + 0 - 48 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{x} \\ \frac{1}{y} \\ \frac{1}{z} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{1200} \begin{bmatrix} 600 \\ 400 \\ 240 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{1}{5} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Thus, } \frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{y} = \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{z} = \frac{1}{5} \text{ Hence, } x = 2, y = 3, z = 5$$

Choose the correct answer in questions 17 to 19.

17. If a, b, c, are in A.P, then the determinant $\begin{vmatrix} x+2 & x+3 & x+2a \\ x+3 & x+4 & x+2b \\ x+4 & x+5 & x+2c \end{vmatrix}$ is

- (A) 0
- (B) 1
- (C) x
- (D) 2x

SOLUTION

(A) : $\begin{vmatrix} x+2 & x+3 & x+2a \\ x+3 & x+4 & x+2b \\ x+4 & x+5 & x+2c \end{vmatrix}$

Applying $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - R_2$, we get $\begin{vmatrix} -1 & -1 & 2a-2b \\ x+3 & x+4 & x+2b \\ x+4 & x+5 & x+2c \end{vmatrix}$

Applying $C_1 \rightarrow C_1 - C_2$, we get $\begin{vmatrix} 0 & -1 & 2a-2b \\ -1 & x+4 & x+2b \\ -1 & x+5 & x+2c \end{vmatrix}$

Expanding along R_1 , we get $1 \begin{vmatrix} -1 & x+2b \\ -1 & x+2c \end{vmatrix} + (2a-2b) \begin{vmatrix} -1 & x+4 \\ -1 & x+5 \end{vmatrix} = -x-2c+x+2b+(2a-2b)[-x-5+x+4]$

$= 2b-2c+(2a-2b)(-1) = 2b-2c-2a+2b = 2[2b-(c+a)] = 2 \left[2 \left(\frac{a+c}{2} \right) - (c+a) \right] = 0$ [Since a, b, c are in A.P.]

18. If x, y, z are non-zero real numbers, then the inverse of matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} x & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & z \end{bmatrix}$ is

(A) $\begin{bmatrix} x^{-1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & y^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & z^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$

(B) $xyz \begin{bmatrix} x^{-1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & y^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & z^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$

(C) $\frac{1}{xyz} \begin{bmatrix} x & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & z \end{bmatrix}$

(D) $\frac{1}{xyz} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

SOLUTION

(A) : Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} x & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & z \end{bmatrix}$ $\therefore |A| = xyz \neq 0, A^{-1}$ exists. Now, cofactors of elements of A are :

$A_{11} = (-1)^{1+1} \begin{vmatrix} y & 0 \\ 0 & z \end{vmatrix} = yz, A_{12} = (-1)^{1+2} \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & z \end{vmatrix} = 0$

$A_{13} = (-1)^{1+3} \begin{vmatrix} 0 & y \\ 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0, A_{21} = (-1)^{2+1} \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & z \end{vmatrix} = 0, A_{22} = (-1)^{2+2} \begin{vmatrix} x & 0 \\ 0 & z \end{vmatrix} = xz,$

$A_{23} = (-1)^{2+3} \begin{vmatrix} x & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0, A_{31} = (-1)^{3+1} \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ y & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0,$

$A_{32} = (-1)^{3+2} \begin{vmatrix} x & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0,$

$$A_{33} = (-1)^{3+3} \begin{vmatrix} x & 0 \\ 0 & y \end{vmatrix} = xy$$

$\therefore \text{adj } A$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} yz & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & xz & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & xy \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Hence, } A^{-1} = \frac{1}{xyz} \begin{bmatrix} yz & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & xz & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & xy \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x^{-1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & y^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & z^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

19. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \sin \theta & 1 \\ -\sin \theta & 1 & \sin \theta \\ -1 & -\sin \theta & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, where $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$. Then,

(A) $\text{Det}(A) = 0$

(B) $\text{Det}(A) \in (2, \infty)$

(C) $\text{Det}(A) \in (2, 4)$

(D) $\text{Det}(A) \in [2, 4]$

SOLUTION

(D) : $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & \sin \theta & 1 \\ -\sin \theta & 1 & \sin \theta \\ -1 & -\sin \theta & 1 \end{vmatrix}$ Expanding along R_1 , we get $1(1 + \sin^2 \theta) - \sin \theta(-\sin \theta + \sin \theta) + 1(\sin^2 \theta + 1) = 1 + \sin^2 \theta + 1 + \sin^2 \theta = 2(1 + \sin^2 \theta)$

As, $\sin^2 \theta \in [0, 1] \Rightarrow 1 + \sin^2 \theta \in [1, 2]$

$\Rightarrow 2(1 + \sin^2 \theta) \in [2, 4]$



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