

Chapter 4: Determinants

Exercise 4.2

1. Using the property of determinants and without expanding, prove that

$$\begin{vmatrix} x & a & x+a \\ y & b & y+b \\ z & c & z+c \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

Solution:

$$\begin{vmatrix} x & a & x+a \\ y & b & y+b \\ z & c & z+c \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} x & a & x \\ y & b & y \\ z & c & z \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} x & a & a \\ y & b & b \\ z & c & c \end{vmatrix} = 0 + 0 = 0$$

[Since, the two columns of the determinants are identical]

2. Using property of determinants and without expanding, prove that

$$\begin{vmatrix} a-b & b-c & c-a \\ b-c & c-a & a-b \\ c-a & a-b & b-c \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

Solution:

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

Applying $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_2$

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} a-c & b-a & c-b \\ b-c & c-a & a-b \\ -(a-c) & -(b-a) & -(c-b) \end{vmatrix}$$

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

Since, the two rows R_1 and R_3 are identical

$$\therefore \Delta = 0$$

3. Using the property of determinants and without expanding, prove that $\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 7 & 65 \\ 3 & 8 & 75 \\ 5 & 9 & 86 \end{vmatrix} = 0$

Solution:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 7 & 65 \\ 3 & 8 & 75 \\ 5 & 9 & 86 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 7 & 63+2 \\ 3 & 8 & 72+3 \\ 5 & 9 & 81+5 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 7 & 63 \\ 3 & 8 & 72 \\ 5 & 9 & 81 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 7 & 2 \\ 3 & 8 & 3 \\ 5 & 9 & 5 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 7 & 9(7) \\ 3 & 8 & 9(8) \\ 5 & 9 & 9(9) \end{vmatrix} + 0 \quad [\text{Since, two columns are identical}]$$

$$= 9 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 7 & 7 \\ 3 & 8 & 8 \\ 5 & 9 & 9 \end{vmatrix} \quad [\text{Since, two columns are identical}]$$

4. Using the property of determinants and without expanding, prove that

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & bc & a(b+c) \\ 1 & ca & b(c+a) \\ 1 & ab & c(a+b) \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

Solution:

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & bc & a(b+c) \\ 1 & ca & b(c+a) \\ 1 & ab & c(a+b) \end{vmatrix}$$

Applying $C_3 \rightarrow C_3 + C_2$

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & bc & ab+bc+ca \\ 1 & ca & ab+bc+ca \\ 1 & ab & ab+bc+ca \end{vmatrix}$$

Since, two columns C_1 and C_3 are proportional

$$\therefore \Delta = 0$$

5. Using the property of determinants and without expanding, prove that

$$\begin{vmatrix} b+c & q+r & y+z \\ c+a & r+p & z+x \\ a+b & p+q & x+y \end{vmatrix} = 2 \begin{vmatrix} a & p & x \\ b & q & y \\ c & r & z \end{vmatrix}$$

Solution:

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} b+c & q+r & y+z \\ c+a & r+p & z+x \\ a+b & p+q & x+y \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} b+c & q+r & y+z \\ c+a & r+p & z+x \\ a & p & x \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} b+c & q+r & y+z \\ c+a & r+p & z+x \\ b & q & y \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \Delta_1 + \Delta_2 \text{ (say).....(1)}$$

$$\text{Now, } \Delta_1 = \begin{vmatrix} b+c & q+r & y+z \\ c+a & r+p & z+x \\ a & p & x \end{vmatrix}$$

Applying $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - R_2$

$$\Delta_1 = \begin{vmatrix} b & q & y \\ c & r & z \\ a & p & x \end{vmatrix}$$

Applying $R_1 \leftrightarrow R_3$ and $R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3$

$$\Delta_1 = (-1)^2 \begin{vmatrix} a & p & x \\ b & q & y \\ c & r & z \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a & p & x \\ b & q & y \\ c & r & z \end{vmatrix} \dots\dots\dots (2)$$

$$\Delta_2 = \begin{vmatrix} b+c & q+r & y+z \\ c+a & r+p & z+x \\ b & q & y \end{vmatrix}$$

Applying $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - R_3$

$$\Delta_2 = \begin{vmatrix} c & r & z \\ c+a & r+p & z+x \\ b & q & y \end{vmatrix}$$

Applying $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1$

$$\Delta_2 = \begin{vmatrix} c & r & z \\ a & p & x \\ b & q & y \end{vmatrix}$$

Applying $R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2$ and $R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3$

$$\Delta_2 = (-1)^2 \begin{vmatrix} a & p & x \\ b & q & y \\ c & r & z \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a & p & x \\ b & q & y \\ c & r & z \end{vmatrix} \dots\dots\dots (3)$$

From (1), (2), and (3), we have

$$\Delta = 2 \begin{vmatrix} a & p & x \\ b & q & y \\ c & r & z \end{vmatrix}$$

6. By using properties of determinants, show that $\begin{vmatrix} 0 & a & -b \\ -a & 0 & -c \\ b & c & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0$

Solution:

$$\text{Given, } \Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & a & -b \\ -a & 0 & -c \\ b & c & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

Applying $R_1 \rightarrow cR_1$

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & ac & -bc \\ -a & 0 & -c \\ b & c & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

Applying $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - bR_2$

$$\Delta = \frac{1}{c} \begin{vmatrix} ab & ac & 0 \\ -a & 0 & -c \\ b & c & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Delta = \frac{a}{c} \begin{vmatrix} b & c & 0 \\ -a & 0 & -c \\ b & c & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

Since, the two rows R_1 and R_3 are identical

$$\therefore \Delta = 0$$

7. By using properties of determinants, show that $\begin{vmatrix} -a^2 & ab & ac \\ ba & -b^2 & bc \\ ca & cb & -c^2 \end{vmatrix} = 4a^2b^2c^2$

Solution:

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} -a^2 & ab & ac \\ ba & -b^2 & bc \\ ca & cb & -c^2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= abc \begin{vmatrix} -a & b & c \\ a & -b & c \\ a & b & -c \end{vmatrix} \quad (\text{Taking out } a, b, c \text{ from } R_1, R_2 \text{ and } R_3)$$

$$= a^2 b^2 c^2 \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} \quad (\text{Taking out } a, b, c \text{ from } C_1, C_2 \text{ and } C_3)$$

Applying $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 + R_1$ and $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + R_1$

$$\Delta = a^2 b^2 c^2 \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Delta = a^2 b^2 c^2 (-1) \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= -a^2 b^2 c^2 (0 - 4)$$

$$= 4a^2 b^2 c^2$$

8. By using properties of determinants, show that

$$\text{i) } \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & a^2 \\ 1 & b & b^2 \\ 1 & c & c^2 \end{vmatrix} = (a+b)(b-c)(c-a)$$

$$\text{ii) } \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ a & b & c \\ a^3 & b^3 & c^3 \end{vmatrix} = (a-b)(b-c)(c-a)(a+b+c)$$

Solution:

$$\text{i) Let } \Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & a^2 \\ 1 & b & b^2 \\ 1 & c & c^2 \end{vmatrix}$$

applying $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - R_3$ and $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_3$

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & a-c & a^2-c^2 \\ 0 & b-c & b^2-c^2 \\ 1 & c & c^2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (c-a)(b-c) \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 & -a-c \\ 0 & 1 & b+c \\ 1 & c & c^2 \end{vmatrix}$$

Applying $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_2$

$$\Delta = (b-c)(c-a) \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & -a+b \\ 0 & 1 & b+c \\ 1 & c & c^2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (a-b)(b-c)(c-a) \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & -a+b \\ 0 & 1 & b+c \\ 1 & c & c^2 \end{vmatrix}$$

Expanding along C_1 $\Delta = (a-b)(b-c)(c-a) \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & b+c \end{vmatrix} = (a-b)(b-c)(c-a)$

ii) Let $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ a & b & c \\ a^3 & b^3 & c^3 \end{vmatrix}$

applying $C_1 \rightarrow C_1 - C_3$ and $C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - C_3$

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ a-c & b-c & c \\ a^3-c^3 & b^3-c^3 & c^3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ a-c & b-c & c \\ (a-c)(a^2+ac+c^2) & (b-c)(b^2+bc+c^2) & c^3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (c-a)(b-c) \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & c \\ -(a^2+ac+c^2) & (b^2+bc+c^2) & c^3 \end{vmatrix}$$

Applying $C_1 \rightarrow C_1 + C_2$

$$\Delta = (c-a)(b-c) \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & c \\ (b^2-a^2)+(bc-ac) & (b^2+bc+c^2) & c^3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (b-c)(c-a)(a-b) \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & c \\ -(a+b+c) & (b^2+bc+c^2) & c^3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (a-b)(b-c)(c-a)(a+b+c) \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & c \\ -1 & (b^2+bc+c^2) & c^3 \end{vmatrix}$$

Expanding along C_1

$$\Delta = (a-b)(b-c)(c-a)(a+b+c)(-1) \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & c \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (a-b)(b-c)(c-a)(a+b+c)$$

9. By using properties of determinants, show that

$$\begin{vmatrix} x & x^2 & yz \\ y & y^2 & zx \\ z & z^2 & xy \end{vmatrix} = (x-y)(y-z)(z-x)(xy+yz+zx)$$

Solution:

$$\text{Let } \Delta = \begin{vmatrix} x & x^2 & yz \\ y & y^2 & zx \\ z & z^2 & xy \end{vmatrix}$$

Applying $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1$ and $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1$

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} x & x^2 & yz \\ y-x & y^2-x^2 & zx-yz \\ z-x & z^2-x^2 & xy-yz \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} x & x^2 & yz \\ -(x-y) & -(x-y)(x+y) & z(x-y) \\ (z-x) & (z-x)(z+x) & -(z-x) \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (x-y)(z-x) \begin{vmatrix} x & x^2 & yz \\ -1 & -x-y & z \\ 1 & z-y & z-y \end{vmatrix}$$

Applying $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + R_2$

$$\Delta = (x-y)(z-x) \begin{vmatrix} x & x^2 & yz \\ -1 & -x-y & z \\ 1 & z-y & z-y \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (x-y)(z-x)(z-y) \begin{vmatrix} x & x^2 & yz \\ -1 & -x-y & z \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

Expanding along R_3

$$\Delta = [(x-y)(z-x)(z-y)] \left[(-1) \begin{vmatrix} x & yz \\ -1 & z \end{vmatrix} + 1 \begin{vmatrix} x & x^2 \\ -1 & -x-y \end{vmatrix} \right]$$

$$= (x-y)(z-x)(z-y) [(-xz - yz) + (-x^2 - xy + x^2)]$$

$$= -(x-y)(z-x)(z-y)(xy + yz + zx)$$

$$= (x-y)(y-z)(z-x)(xy + yz + zx)$$

10. By using properties of determinants, show that

$$\text{i) } \begin{vmatrix} x+4 & 2x & 2x \\ 2x & x+4 & 2x \\ 2x & 2x & x+4 \end{vmatrix} = (5x+4)(4-x)^2$$

$$\text{ii) } \begin{vmatrix} y+k & y & y \\ y & y+k & y \\ y & y & y+k \end{vmatrix} = k^2(3x+k)$$

Solution:

$$\text{i) } \Delta = \begin{vmatrix} x+4 & 2x & 2x \\ 2x & x+4 & 2x \\ 2x & 2x & x+4 \end{vmatrix}$$

applying $R_1 + R_2 + R_3$

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 5x+4 & 5x+4 & 5x+4 \\ 2x & x+4 & 2x \\ 2x & 2x & x+4 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (5x+4) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2x & x+4 & 0 \\ 2x & 0 & x+4 \end{vmatrix}$$

Applying $C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - C_1$ and $C_3 \rightarrow C_3 - C_1$

$$\Delta = (5x+4) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2x & -x+4 & 0 \\ 2x & 0 & -x+4 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (5x+4)(4-x)(4-x) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2x & 1 & 0 \\ 2x & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

Expanding along C_3

$$\Delta = (5x+4)(4-x^2) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2x & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (5x+4)(4-x)^2$$

$$\text{ii) } \Delta = \begin{vmatrix} y+k & y & y \\ y & y+k & y \\ y & y & y+k \end{vmatrix}$$

applying $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_2 + R_3$

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 3y+k & 3y+k & 3y+k \\ y & y+k & y \\ y & y & y+k \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Delta = (3y+k) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ y & y+k & y \\ y & y & y+k \end{vmatrix}$$

Applying $C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - C_1$ and $C_3 \rightarrow C_3 - C_1$

$$\Delta = (3y+k) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ y & k & 0 \\ y & 0 & k \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= k^2 (3y+k) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ y & 1 & 0 \\ y & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

Expanding along C_3

$$\Delta = k^2 (3y+k) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ y & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= k^2 (3y+k)$$

11. By using properties of determinants, show that

$$\text{i) } \begin{vmatrix} a-b-c & 2a & 2a \\ 2b & b-c-a & 2b \\ 2c & 2c & c-a-b \end{vmatrix} = (a+b+c)^3$$

$$\text{ii) } \begin{vmatrix} x+y+2z & x & y \\ z & y+z+2x & y \\ z & x & z+x+2y \end{vmatrix} = 2(x+y+z)^3$$

Solution:

$$\text{i) } \begin{vmatrix} a-b-c & 2a & 2a \\ 2b & b-c-a & 2b \\ 2c & 2c & c-a-b \end{vmatrix} = (a+b+c)^3$$

applying $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_2 + R_3$

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} a+b+c & a+b+c & a+b+c \\ 2b & b-c-a & 2b \\ 2c & 2c & c-a-b \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (a+b+c) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2b & b-c-a & 2b \\ 2c & 2c & c-a-b \end{vmatrix}$$

Applying $C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - C_1$ and $C_3 \rightarrow C_3 - C_1$

$$\Delta = (a+b+c) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2b & -(a+b+c) & 0 \\ 2c & 0 & -(a+b+c) \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (a+b+c)^3 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2b & -4 & 0 \\ 2c & 0 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$$

Expanding along C_3

$$\Delta = (a+b+c)^3 (-1)(-1) = (a+b+c)^3$$

$$\text{ii) } \begin{vmatrix} x+y+2z & x & y \\ z & y+z+2x & y \\ z & x & z+x+2y \end{vmatrix}$$

applying $C_1 \rightarrow C_2 + C_3$

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 2(x+y+z) & x & y \\ 2(x+y+z) & y+z+2x & y \\ 2(x+y+z) & x & x+x+2y \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 2(x+y+z) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x & y \\ 1 & y+z+2x & y \\ 1 & x & z+x+2y \end{vmatrix}$$

Applying $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1$ and $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1$

$$\Delta = 2(x+y+z) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x & y \\ 0 & x+y+z & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & x+y+z \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 2(x+y+z) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x & y \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

Expanding along R_3

$$\Delta = 2(x+y+z)^3 (1)(1-0)$$

$$= 2(x+y+z)^3$$

12. By using properties of determinants, show that $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & x & x^2 \\ x^2 & 1 & x \\ x & x^2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = (1-x^3)^2$

Solution:

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x & x^2 \\ x^2 & 1 & x \\ x & x^2 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

Applying $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_2 + R_3$

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1+x+x^2 & 1+x+x^2 & 1+x+x^2 \\ x^2 & 1 & x \\ x & x^2 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

Applying $C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - C_1$ and $C_3 \rightarrow C_3 - C_1$

$$\Delta = (1+x+x^2) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ x^2 & 1-x^2 & x-x^2 \\ x & x^2-x & 1-x \end{vmatrix}$$

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

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

Expanding along R_1

$$\Delta = (1-x^3)(1-x)(1) \begin{vmatrix} 1+x & x \\ -x & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (1-x^3)(1-x)(1+x+x^2)$$

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

$$= (1-x^3)^2$$

13. By using properties of determinants, show that

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1+a^2-b^2 & 2ab & -2b \\ 2ab & 1-a^2+b^2 & 2a \\ 2b & -2a & 1-a^2-b^2 \end{vmatrix} = (1+a^2+b^2)^3$$

Solution:

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1+a^2-b^2 & 2ab & -2b \\ 2ab & 1-a^2+b^2 & 2a \\ 2b & -2a & 1-a^2-b^2 \end{vmatrix}$$

Applying $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + bR_3$ and $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - aR_3$

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1+a^2+b^2 & 0 & -b(1+a^2+b^2) \\ 0 & 1+a^2+b^2 & a(1+a^2+b^2) \\ 2b & -2a & 1-a^2-b^2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (1+a^2+b^2) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & -b \\ 0 & 1 & a \\ 2b & -2a & 1-a^2-b^2 \end{vmatrix}$$

Expanding along R_1

$$\Delta = (1+a^2+b^2)^2 \left[(1) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a \\ -2a & 1-a^2-b^2 \end{vmatrix} - b \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 2b & -2a \end{vmatrix} \right]$$

$$= (1+a^2+b^2)^2 [1-a^2-b^2+2a^2-b(-2b)]$$

$$= (1+a^2+b^2)^2 (1+a^2+b^2)$$

$$= (1+a^2+b^2)^3$$

14. By using properties of determinants, show that $\begin{vmatrix} a^2+1 & ab & ac \\ ab & b^2+1 & bc \\ ca & cb & c^2+1 \end{vmatrix} = 1+a^2+b^2+c^2$

Solution:

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} a^2+1 & ab & ac \\ ab & b^2+1 & bc \\ ca & cb & c^2+1 \end{vmatrix}$$

Taking out a, b and c from R_1, R_2 and R_3 respectively

$$\Delta = abc \begin{vmatrix} a + \frac{1}{a} & b & c \\ a & b + \frac{1}{b} & c \\ a & b & c + \frac{1}{c} \end{vmatrix}$$

Applying $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1$ and $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1$

$$\Delta = abc \begin{vmatrix} a + \frac{1}{a} & b & c \\ -\frac{1}{a} & \frac{1}{b} & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{a} & 0 & \frac{1}{c} \end{vmatrix}$$

Applying $C_1 \rightarrow aC_1, C_2 \rightarrow bC_2$ and $C_3 \rightarrow cC_3$

$$\Delta = abc \times \frac{1}{abc} \begin{vmatrix} a^2 + 1 & b^2 & c^2 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

Expanding along R_3

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta &= -1 \begin{vmatrix} b^2 & c^2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} + 1 \begin{vmatrix} a^2 + 1 & b^2 \\ -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= -1(-c^2) + (a^2 + 1 + b^2) = 1 + a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \end{aligned}$$

15. Choose the correct answer

Let A be a square matrix of order 3×3 , then $|kA|$ is equal to

A) $k^2|A|$ B) $k^3|A|$ C) $3k|A|$

Solution:

Since, A is a square matrix of order 3×3

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Then, } kA = \begin{bmatrix} ka_1 & kb_1 & kc_1 \\ ka_2 & kb_2 & kc_2 \\ ka_3 & kb_3 & kc_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore |kA| = \begin{vmatrix} ka_1 & kb_1 & kc_1 \\ ka_2 & kb_2 & kc_2 \\ ka_3 & kb_3 & kc_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$k^3 = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= k^3 |A|$$

$$\therefore |kA| = k^3 |A|$$

16. Which of the following is correct?
- A) Determinant is a square matrix
 - B) Determinant is a number associated to a matrix
 - C) Determinant is a number associated to a square matrix
 - D) None of these

Solution:

Since, to every square matrix, $A = [a_{ij}]$ of order n . We can associate a number called the

determinant of square matrix A , where $a_{ij} = (i, j)^{th}$ element of A .

Thus, the determinant is a number associated to a square matrix