

## Fill Ups, True Fals of Matrices and Determinants

### Fill in the Blanks

Let  $p\lambda^4 + q\lambda^3 + r\lambda^2 + s\lambda + t = \begin{vmatrix} \lambda^2 + 3\lambda & \lambda - 1 & \lambda + 3 \\ \lambda + 1 & -2\lambda & \lambda - 4 \\ \lambda - 3 & \lambda + 4 & 3\lambda \end{vmatrix}$  be an identity in  $\lambda$ , where  $p, q, r, s$  and  $t$  are constants.

Then, the value of  $t$  is ..... (1981 - 2 Marks)

Ans.  $t = 0$

**Solution.** As given equation is an identity in  $\lambda$ , it must be true for all values of  $\lambda$ .

$$t = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -1 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & -4 \\ -3 & 4 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$\therefore$  For  $\lambda = 0$  also. Putting  $\lambda = 0$  we get

Q. 2. The solution set of the equation  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 4 & 20 \\ 1 & -2 & 5 \\ 1 & 2x & 5x^2 \end{vmatrix} = 0$  is ..... (1981 - 2 Marks)

Ans.  $x = -1, 2$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 4 & 20 \\ 1 & -2 & 5 \\ 1 & 2x & 5x^2 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

**Solution.** Given equation is,

Clearly on expanding the det. we will get a quadratic equation in  $x$ .

$\therefore$  It has 2 roots. We observe that  $R_3$  becomes identical to  $R_1$  if  $x = 2$ . thus at  $x = 2 \Rightarrow \Delta = 0$

$\therefore x = 2$  is a root of given eq.

Similarly  $R_3$  becomes identical to  $R_2$  if  $x = -1$ . thus at  $x = -1 \Delta D = 0$

$\therefore x = -1$  is a root of given eq.

Hence equation has roots as  $-1$  and  $2$ .

**Q. 3. A determinant is chosen at random from the set of all determinants of order 2 with elements 0 or 1 only. The probability that the value of determinant chosen is positive is ..... (1982 - 2 Marks)**

**Ans.**  $3/16$

**Solution.** With 0 and 1 as elements there are  $2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 = 16$  determinants of order 2

$\times 2$  out of which only  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix}, \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix}, \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$  are the three det whose value is +ve.

$\therefore$  Req. prob. =  $3/16$

**Q. 4. Given that  $x = -9$  is a root of and ..... (1983 - 2 Marks)**

$$\begin{vmatrix} x & 3 & 7 \\ 2 & x & 2 \\ 7 & 6 & x \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

**the other two roots are .....**

**Ans.**  $2, 7$

**Solution.**

$$\begin{vmatrix} x & 3 & 7 \\ 2 & x & 2 \\ 7 & 6 & x \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

Operating  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_2 + R_3$  we get

$$\begin{vmatrix} x+9 & x+9 & x+9 \\ 2 & x & 2 \\ 7 & 6 & x \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x+9) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & x & 2 \\ 7 & 6 & x \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

Operating  $C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - C_1, C_3 \rightarrow C_3 - C_1$

$$\Rightarrow (x+9) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & x-2 & 0 \\ 7 & -1 & x-7 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

Expanding along  $R_1$

$$\Rightarrow (x+9)(x-2)(x-7) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -9, 2, 7$$

$\therefore$  Other roots are 2 and 7.

### Q. 5. The system of equations

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda x + y + z &= 0 \\ -x + \lambda y + z &= 0 \\ -x - y + \lambda z &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Will have a non-zero solution if real values of  $\lambda$  are given by..... (1984 - 2 Marks)

Ans.  $\lambda = 0$

**Solution.** The given homogeneous system of equations will have non zero solution if  $D = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} \lambda & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & \lambda & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda(\lambda^2 + 1) - 1(-\lambda + 1) + 1(1 + \lambda) = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda^3 + 3\lambda = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda(\lambda^2 + 3) = 0, \text{ but } \lambda^2 + 3 \neq 0 \text{ for real } \lambda \Rightarrow \lambda = 0$$

Q. 6. The value of the determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & a^2 - bc \\ 1 & b & b^2 - ca \\ 1 & c & c^2 - ab \end{vmatrix}$  is..... (1988 - 2 Marks)

Ans. 0

**Solution.**

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & a^2 - bc \\ 1 & b & b^2 - ca \\ 1 & c & c^2 - ab \end{vmatrix}$$

Operating  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - R_2$ ;  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_3$

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

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

**Q. 7. For positive numbers x, y and z, the numerical value of the**

**determinant**  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & \log_x y & \log_x z \\ \log_y x & 1 & \log_y z \\ \log_z x & \log_z y & 1 \end{vmatrix}$  **is.....** **(1993 - 2 Marks)**

**Ans. 0**

**Solution.** Given x, y, z and + ve numbers, then value of

$$D = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \log_x y & \log_x z \\ \log_y x & 1 & \log_y z \\ \log_z x & \log_z y & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \frac{\log y}{\log x} & \frac{\log z}{\log x} \\ \frac{\log x}{\log y} & 1 & \frac{\log z}{\log y} \\ \frac{\log x}{\log z} & \frac{\log y}{\log z} & 1 \end{vmatrix} \quad \left( \because \log_b a = \frac{\log a}{\log b} \right)$$

Taking  $\frac{1}{\log x}$ ,  $\frac{1}{\log y}$ , and  $\frac{1}{\log z}$  common from  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$  and  $R_3$  respectively

$$D = \frac{1}{\log x \log y \log z} \begin{vmatrix} \log x & \log y & \log z \\ \log x & \log y & \log z \\ \log x & \log y & \log z \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

**True / False**

**Q. 1. The determinants  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & bc \\ 1 & b & ca \\ 1 & c & ab \end{vmatrix}$  and  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & a^2 \\ 1 & b & b^2 \\ 1 & c & c^2 \end{vmatrix}$  are not identically equal. (1983 - 1 Mark)**

**Ans. F**

**Solutions.**

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & bc \\ 1 & b & ca \\ 1 & c & ab \end{vmatrix} = \frac{1}{abc} \begin{vmatrix} a & a^2 & abc \\ b & b^2 & abc \\ c & c^2 & abc \end{vmatrix}$$

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

[ $C_1 \Leftrightarrow C_3$  and then  $C_2 \Leftrightarrow C_3$ ]

$\therefore$  Equal. Hence statement is F.

**Q. 2. If  $\begin{vmatrix} x_1 & y_1 & 1 \\ x_2 & y_2 & 1 \\ x_3 & y_3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & 1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & 1 \\ a_3 & b_3 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$  then the two triangles with vertices  $(x_1, y_1)$ ,  $(x_2, y_2)$ ,**

**$(x_3, y_3)$ , and  $(a_1, b_1)$ ,  $(a_2, b_2)$ ,  $(a_3, b_3)$  must be congruent. (1985 - 1 Mark)**

**Ans. F**

**Solutions.**

$$\text{(i)} \quad \begin{vmatrix} x_1 & y_1 & 1 \\ x_2 & y_2 & 1 \\ x_3 & y_3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & 1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & 1 \\ a_3 & b_3 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} x_1 & y_1 & 1 \\ x_2 & y_2 & 1 \\ x_3 & y_3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & 1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & 1 \\ a_3 & b_3 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\text{Ar}(\Delta_1) = \text{Ar}(\Delta_2)$$

Where  $\Delta_1$  is the area of triangle with vertices  $(x_1, y_1)$ ,  $(x_2, y_2)$  and  $(x_3, y_3)$ ; and  $\Delta_2$  is the area of triangle with; vertices  $(a_1, b_1)$ ,  $(a_2, b_2)$  and  $(a_3, b_3)$ . But two  $\Delta$ 's of same area may not be congruent.

$\therefore$  Given statement is false.

## Subjective Questions of Matrices and Determinants

**Q.1.** For what value of  $k$  do the following system of equations possess a non trivial (i.e., not all zero) solution over the set of rationals  $Q$ ?

$$x + ky + 3z = 0$$

$$3x + ky - 2z = 0$$

$$2x + 3y - 4z = 0$$

For that value of  $k$ , find all the solutions for the system. (1979)

Ans.  $x = b, y = \frac{-2b}{15}, z = \frac{2b}{5}, b \in \mathcal{R}$

**Solution.** We should have,

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & k & 3 \\ 3 & k & -2 \\ 2 & 3 & -4 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 1(-4k+6) - k(-12+4) + 3(9-2k) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -2k + 33 = 0 \Rightarrow k = \frac{33}{2}$$

Substituting  $k = \frac{33}{2}$  and putting  $x = b$ , where  $b \in Q$ , we get the system as

$$33y + 6z = -2b \dots(1)$$

$$33y - 4z = -6b \dots(2)$$

$$3y - 4z = -2b \dots(3)$$

$$(1)-(2) \Rightarrow 10z = 4b \Rightarrow z = \frac{2}{5} b$$

$$(1) \Rightarrow 33y = -2b - \frac{12b}{5} = -\frac{22b}{5} \Rightarrow y = \frac{-2b}{15}$$

$$\therefore \text{The solution is } x = b, y = \frac{-2b}{15}, z = \frac{2b}{5}$$



**Q.2.** Let  $a, b, c$  be positive and not all equal. Show that the value of the

determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ b & c & a \\ c & a & b \end{vmatrix}$  is negative. (1981 - 4 Marks)

**Solution.** The given det, on expanding along  $R_1$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ b & c & a \\ c & a & b \end{vmatrix} &= a(bc - a^2) - b(b^2 - ac) + c(ab - c^2) \\ &= 3abc - a^3 - b^3 - c^3 = -(a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 3abc) \\ &= -(a + b + c) [a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - bc - ca] \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} (a + b + c) [2a^2 + 2b^2 + 2c^2 - 2ab - 2bc - 2ca] \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} (a + b + c) [(a - b)^2 + (b - c)^2 + (c - a)^2] \end{aligned}$$

As  $a, b, c > 0$

$$\therefore a + b + c > 0$$

Also  $a \neq b \neq c$

$$\therefore (a - b)^2 + (b - c)^2 + (c - a)^2 > 0$$

Hence the given determinant is - ve.

**Q.3.** Without expanding a determinant at any stage, show that

$$\begin{vmatrix} x^2 + x & x + 1 & x - 2 \\ 2x^2 + 3x - 1 & 3x & 3x - 3 \\ x^2 + 2x + 3 & 2x - 1 & 2x - 1 \end{vmatrix} = xA + B,$$

where  $A$  and  $B$  are determinants of order 3 not involving  $x$ . (1982 - 5 Marks)

**Solution.**



$$\begin{vmatrix} x^2+x & x+1 & x-2 \\ 2x^2+3x-1 & 3x & 3x-3 \\ x^2+2x+3 & 2x-1 & 2x-1 \end{vmatrix} = xA+B$$

$$\text{L.H.S.} = \begin{vmatrix} x^2+x & x+1 & x-2 \\ 2x^2+3x-1 & 3x & 3x-3 \\ x^2+2x+3 & 2x-1 & 2x-1 \end{vmatrix}$$

Operation  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1$  and  $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1$

$$\begin{vmatrix} x^2+x & x+1 & x-2 \\ x-1 & x-2 & x+1 \\ x+3 & x-2 & x+1 \end{vmatrix}$$

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

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

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

$$= \begin{vmatrix} x & x+1 & x-2 \\ -1 & -3 & 3 \\ 4 & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} x & x & x \\ -1 & -3 & 3 \\ 4 & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 & -2 \\ -1 & -3 & 3 \\ 4 & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= x \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -3 & 3 \\ 4 & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 & -2 \\ -1 & -3 & 3 \\ 4 & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

= xA + B = R.H. S

Hence Proved.

**Q.4. Show that** 
$$\begin{vmatrix} {}^x C_r & {}^x C_{r+1} & {}^x C_{r+2} \\ {}^y C_r & {}^y C_{r+1} & {}^y C_{r+2} \\ {}^z C_r & {}^z C_{r+1} & {}^z C_{r+2} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} {}^x C_r & {}^{x+1} C_{r+1} & {}^{x+2} C_{r+2} \\ {}^y C_r & {}^{y+1} C_{r+1} & {}^{y+2} C_{r+2} \\ {}^z C_r & {}^{z+1} C_{r+1} & {}^{z+2} C_{r+2} \end{vmatrix}$$
 **(1985 - 2 Marks)**

**Solution.** On L.H.S.= D, applying operations  $C_2 \rightarrow C_2 + C_1$  and  $C_3 \rightarrow C_3 + C_2$  and

using  ${}^n C_r + {}^n C_{r+1} = {}^{n+1} C_{r+1}$ , we get

$$D = \begin{vmatrix} {}^x C_r & {}^{x+1} C_{r+1} & {}^{x+1} C_{r+2} \\ {}^y C_r & {}^{y+1} C_{r+1} & {}^{y+1} C_{r+2} \\ {}^z C_r & {}^{z+1} C_{r+1} & {}^{z+1} C_{r+2} \end{vmatrix}$$

Operating  $C_3 + C_2$  and using the same result, we get

$$D = \begin{vmatrix} {}^x C_r & {}^{x+1} C_{r+1} & {}^{x+2} C_{r+2} \\ {}^y C_r & {}^{y+1} C_{r+1} & {}^{y+2} C_{r+2} \\ {}^z C_r & {}^{z+1} C_{r+1} & {}^{z+2} C_{r+2} \end{vmatrix} = \text{RHS}$$

Hence proved

**Q.5. Consider the system of linear equations in x, y, z :**

$$(\sin 3\theta) x - y + z = 0$$

$$(\cos 2\theta) x + 4y + 3z = 0$$

$$2x + 7y + 7z = 0$$

**Find the values of  $\theta$  for which this system has nontrivial solutions. (1986 - 5 Marks)**

**Ans.**  $n\pi$  or  $n\pi + (-1)^n \pi / 6$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$

**Solution.** The system will have a non-trivial solution if

$$\begin{vmatrix} \sin 3\theta & -1 & 1 \\ \cos 2\theta & 4 & 3 \\ 2 & 7 & 7 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

Expanding along  $C_1$ , we get

$$\Rightarrow (28 - 21) \sin 3\theta - (-7 - 7) \cos 2\theta + 2(-3 - 4) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 7 \sin 3\theta + 14 \cos 2\theta - 14 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin 3\theta + 2 \cos 2\theta - 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3 \sin \theta - 4 \sin^3 \theta + 2(1 - 2 \sin^2 \theta) - 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4 \sin^3 \theta + 4 \sin^2 \theta - 3 \sin \theta = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin \theta (2 \sin \theta - 1) (2 \sin \theta + 3) = 0$$

$$\sin \theta = 0 \text{ or } \sin \theta = 1/2 \text{ (} \sin \theta = -3/2 \text{ not possible)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = n\pi \text{ or } \theta = n\pi + (-1)^n \pi/6, n \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

**Q.6.** Let  $\Delta a = \begin{vmatrix} a-1 & n & 6 \\ (a-1)^2 & 2n^2 & 4n-2 \\ (a-1)^3 & 3n^3 & 3n^2-3n \end{vmatrix}$ . Show that  $\sum_{a=1}^n \Delta a = c$ , a constant. **(1989 - 5 Marks)**

**Solution.** We have

$$\Delta a = \begin{vmatrix} (a-1) & n & 6 \\ (a-1)^2 & 2n^2 & 4n-2 \\ (a-1)^3 & 3n^3 & 3n^2-3n \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\text{Then } \sum_{a=1}^n \Delta a = \begin{vmatrix} (1-1) & n & 6 \\ (1-1)^2 & 2n^2 & 4n-2 \\ (1-1)^3 & 3n^3 & 3n^2-3n \end{vmatrix}$$

$$+ \begin{vmatrix} (2-1) & n & 6 \\ (2-1)^2 & 2n^2 & 4n-2 \\ (2-1)^3 & 3n^3 & 3n^2-3n \end{vmatrix} + \dots$$

$$+ \begin{vmatrix} (n-1) & n & 6 \\ (n-1)^2 & 2n^2 & 4n-2 \\ (n-1)^3 & 3n^3 & 3n^2-3n \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 1+2+3+\dots+(n-1) & n & 6 \\ 1^2+2^2+3^2+\dots+(n-1)^2 & 2n^2 & 4n-2 \\ 1^3+2^3+3^3+\dots+(n-1)^3 & 3n^3 & 3n^2-3n \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \frac{n(n-1)}{2} & n & 6 \\ \frac{n(n-1)(2n-1)}{6} & 2n^2 & 4n-2 \\ \left(\frac{n(n-1)}{2}\right)^2 & 3n^3 & 3n^2-3n \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{n^2(n-1)}{12} \begin{vmatrix} 6 & 1 & 6 \\ 2(2n-1) & 2n & 2(2n-1) \\ 3n(n-1) & 3n^2 & 3n(n-1) \end{vmatrix}$$

(Taking  $\frac{n(n-1)}{12}$  Common from  $C_1$  and  $n$  from  $C_2$ )

= 0 (as  $C_1$  and  $C_3$  are identical)

Thus,  $\sum_{a=1}^n \Delta a = 0 \Rightarrow \sum_{a=1}^n \Delta a = c$  (a constant) where  $c = 0$

**Q.7.** Let the three digit numbers A 28, 3B9, and 62 C, where A, B, and C are integers between 0 and 9, be divisible by a fixed integer k. Show that the

determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} A & 3 & 6 \\ 8 & 9 & C \\ 2 & B & 2 \end{vmatrix}$  is divisible by k. (1990 - 4 Marks)

**Solution.** Given that A, B, C are integers between 0 and 9 and the three digit numbers A28, 3B9 and 62C are divisible by a fixed integer k.

$$\text{Now, } D = \begin{vmatrix} A & 3 & 6 \\ 8 & 9 & C \\ 2 & B & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

On operating  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 + 10 R_3 + 100 R_1$ , we get

$$= \begin{vmatrix} A & 3 & 6 \\ A28 & 3B9 & 62C \\ 2 & B & 2 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} A & 3 & 6 \\ kn_1 & kn_2 & kn_3 \\ 2 & B & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

[As per question A28, 3B9 and 62C are divisible by k, therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} A28 &= kn_1 \\ 3B9 &= kn_2 \\ 62C &= kn_3 \end{aligned}$$

$$= k \begin{vmatrix} A & 3 & 6 \\ n_1 & n_2 & n_3 \\ 2 & B & 2 \end{vmatrix} = k \times \text{some integral value.}$$

$\Rightarrow D$  is divisible by  $k$ .

$$\begin{vmatrix} p & b & c \\ a & q & c \\ a & b & r \end{vmatrix} = 0.$$

**Q.8.** If  $a \neq p$ ,  $b \neq q$ ,  $c \neq r$  and

of  $\frac{p}{p-a} + \frac{q}{q-b} + \frac{r}{r-c}$

Then find the value

(1991 - 4 Marks)

**Solution.**

Consider  $\begin{vmatrix} p & b & c \\ a & q & c \\ a & b & r \end{vmatrix} = 0$

Operating  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - R_2$  and  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_3$  we get

$$\begin{vmatrix} p-a & -(q-b) & c \\ 0 & q-b & c-r \\ a & b & r \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

Taking  $(p-a)$ ,  $(q-b)$  and  $(r-c)$  common from  $C_1$ ,  $C_2$  and  $C_3$  resp, we get

$$\Rightarrow (p-a)(q-b)(r-c) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ \frac{a}{p-a} & \frac{b}{q-b} & \frac{r}{r-c} \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (p-a)(q-b)(r-c) \left[ 1 \left( \frac{r}{r-c} + \frac{b}{q-b} \right) + \frac{a}{p-a} \right] = 0$$

As given that  $p \neq a$ ,  $q \neq b$ ,  $r \neq c$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \frac{r}{r-c} + \frac{b}{q-b} + \frac{a}{p-a} &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow \frac{r}{r-c} + \frac{q-(q-b)}{q-b} + \frac{p-(p-a)}{p-a} &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow \frac{r}{r-c} + \frac{q}{q-b} - 1 + \frac{p}{p-a} - 1 &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow \frac{p}{p-a} + \frac{q}{q-b} + \frac{r}{r-c} &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$D = \begin{vmatrix} n! & (n+1)! & (n+2)! \\ (n+1)! & (n+2)! & (n+3)! \\ (n+2)! & (n+3)! & (n+4)! \end{vmatrix}$$

Q.9. For a fixed positive integer n, if

then show

that  $\left[ \frac{D}{(n!)^3} - 4 \right]$  is divisible by n.

(1992 - 4 Marks)

**Solution.**

$$\begin{aligned} D &= \begin{vmatrix} n! & (n+1)! & (n+2)! \\ (n+1)! & (n+2)! & (n+3)! \\ (n+2)! & (n+3)! & (n+4)! \end{vmatrix} \\ &= n!(n+1)!(n+2)! \begin{vmatrix} 1 & n+1 & (n+2)(n+1) \\ 1 & n+2 & (n+3)(n+2) \\ 1 & n+3 & (n+4)(n+3) \end{vmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Operating  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1$  and  $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_2$ , we get

$$D = (n!)^3 (n+1)^2 (n+2) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & n+1 & n^2+3n+2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2n+4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2n+6 \end{vmatrix}$$

Operating  $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_2$

$$\begin{aligned}
D &= (n!)^3 (n+1)^2 (n+2) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & n+1 & n^2+3n+2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2n+4 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \\
&= (n!)^3 (n+1)^2 (n+2) \cdot 1 \cdot [2] \\
\Rightarrow \frac{D}{(n!)^3} &= 2 (n+1)^2 (n+2) \\
\Rightarrow \frac{D}{(n!)^3} - 4 &= 2 (n^3 + 4n^2 + 5n + 2) - 4 \\
&= 2 (n^3 + 4n^2 + 5n) = 2n (n^2 + 4n + 5) \\
\Rightarrow \frac{D}{(n!)^3} - 4 &\text{ is divisible by } n.
\end{aligned}$$

**Q.10.** Let  $\lambda$  and  $\alpha$  be real. Find the set of all values of  $\lambda$  for which the system of linear equations (1993 - 5 Marks)

$\lambda x + (\sin \alpha) y + (\cos \alpha) z = 0$ ,  $x + (\cos \alpha) y + (\sin \alpha) z = 0$ ,  $-x + (\sin \alpha) y - (\cos \alpha) z = 0$  has a non-trivial solution. For  $\lambda = 1$ , find all values of  $\alpha$ .

**Solution.** Given that  $\lambda, \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  and system of linear equations

$$\lambda x + (\sin \alpha) y + (\cos \alpha) z = 0$$

$$x + (\cos \alpha) y + (\sin \alpha) z = 0$$

$$-x + (\sin \alpha) y - (\cos \alpha) z = 0$$

has a non trivial solution, therefore  $D = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} \lambda & \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \\ 1 & \cos \alpha & \sin \alpha \\ -1 & \sin \alpha & -\cos \alpha \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda (-\cos^2 \alpha - \sin^2 \alpha) - \sin \alpha (-\cos \alpha + \sin \alpha) + \cos \alpha (\sin \alpha + \cos \alpha) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -\lambda + \sin \alpha \cos \alpha - \sin^2 \alpha + \sin \alpha \cos \alpha + \cos^2 \alpha = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = \cos^2 \alpha - \sin^2 \alpha + 2 \sin \alpha \cos \alpha$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = \cos 2\alpha + \sin 2\alpha$$

$$\text{For } \lambda = 1, \cos 2\alpha + \sin 2\alpha = 1$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cos 2\alpha + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sin 2\alpha = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos 2\alpha \cos \pi/4 + \sin 2\alpha \sin \pi/4 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos (2\alpha - \pi/4) = \cos \pi/4$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\alpha - \pi/4 = 2n\pi \pm \pi/4 \Rightarrow 2\alpha = 2n\pi + \pi/4 + \pi/4; 2n\pi - \pi/4 + \pi/4$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = n\pi + \pi/4 \text{ or } n\pi$$

**Q.11. For all values of A, B, C and P, Q, R show that (1994 - 4 Marks)**

$$\begin{vmatrix} \cos(A-P) & \cos(A-Q) & \cos(A-R) \\ \cos(B-P) & \cos(B-Q) & \cos(B-R) \\ \cos(C-P) & \cos(C-Q) & \cos(C-R) \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

**Solution. L.H.S.**

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \cos A \cos P + \sin A \sin P & \cos(A-Q) & \cos(A-R) \\ \cos B \cos P + \sin B \sin P & \cos(B-Q) & \cos(B-R) \\ \cos C \cos P + \sin C \sin P & \cos(C-Q) & \cos(C-R) \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \cos P \begin{vmatrix} \cos A & \cos(A-Q) & \cos(A-R) \\ \cos B & \cos(B-Q) & \cos(B-R) \\ \cos C & \cos(C-Q) & \cos(C-R) \end{vmatrix} + \sin P \begin{vmatrix} \sin A & \cos(A-Q) & \cos(A-R) \\ \sin B & \cos(B-Q) & \cos(B-R) \\ \sin C & \cos(C-Q) & \cos(C-R) \end{vmatrix}$$

Operating;  $C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - C_1 (\cos Q)$ ;  $C_3 \rightarrow C_3 - C_1 (\cos R)$  on first determinant and  $C_2 \rightarrow$

$C_2 - (\sin Q) C_1$  and  $C_3 \rightarrow C_3 - (\sin R)C_1$  on second determinant, we get

$$= \cos P \begin{vmatrix} \cos A & \sin A \sin Q & \sin A \sin R \\ \cos B & \sin B \sin Q & \sin B \sin R \\ \cos C & \sin C \sin Q & \sin C \sin R \end{vmatrix} + \sin P \begin{vmatrix} \sin A & \cos A \cos Q & \cos A \cos R \\ \sin B & \cos B \cos Q & \cos B \cos R \\ \sin C & \cos C \cos Q & \cos C \cos R \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \cos P \sin Q \sin R \begin{vmatrix} \cos A & \sin A & \sin A \\ \cos B & \sin B & \sin B \\ \cos C & \sin C & \sin C \end{vmatrix} + \sin P \cos Q \cos R \begin{vmatrix} \sin A & \cos A & \cos A \\ \sin B & \cos B & \cos B \\ \sin C & \cos C & \cos C \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 0 + 0 \text{ [Both determinants become zero as } C_2 \equiv C_3 \text{]}$$

$$= 0 = \text{R.H.S.}$$



**Q.12. Let  $a > 0$ ,  $d > 0$ . Find the value of the determinant (1996 - 5 Marks)**

$$\begin{vmatrix} \frac{1}{a} & \frac{1}{a(a+d)} & \frac{1}{(a+d)(a+2d)} \\ \frac{1}{(a+d)} & \frac{1}{(a+d)(a+2d)} & \frac{1}{(a+2d)(a+3d)} \\ \frac{1}{(a+2d)} & \frac{1}{(a+2d)(a+3d)} & \frac{1}{(a+3d)(a+4d)} \end{vmatrix}$$

**Ans.**  $\frac{4d^4}{a(a+d)^2(a+2d)^3(a+3d)^2(a+4d)}$

**Solution.** Let us denote the given determinant by  $\Delta$  Taking

$\frac{1}{a(a+d)(a+2d)}$  as common from

$R_1$ ,  $\frac{1}{(a+d)(a+2d)(a+3d)}$  from  $R_2$  and

$\frac{1}{(a+2d)(a+3d)(a+4d)}$  from  $R_3$ , we get

$$\Delta = \frac{1}{a(a+d)^2(a+2d)^3(a+3d)^2(a+4d)} \Delta_1$$

Where

$$\Delta_1 = \begin{vmatrix} (a+d)(a+2d) & a+2d & a \\ (a+2d)(a+3d) & a+3d & a+d \\ (a+3d)(a+4d) & a+4d & a+2d \end{vmatrix}$$

Applying  $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_2$  and  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1$ , we get

$$\Delta_1 = \begin{vmatrix} (a+d)(a+2d) & a+2d & a \\ (a+2d)(2d) & d & d \\ (a+3d)(2d) & d & d \end{vmatrix}$$

Applying  $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_2$ , we get

$$\Delta_1 = \begin{vmatrix} (a+d)(a+2d) & a+2d & a \\ (a+2d)(2d) & d & d \\ 2d^2 & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

Expanding along  $R_3$ , we get

$$\Delta_1 = (2d^2) \begin{vmatrix} a+2d & a \\ d & d \end{vmatrix} = (2d)^2 (d)(a+2d-a) = 4d^4$$

$$\text{Thus, } \Delta = \frac{4d^4}{a(a+d)^2(a+2d)^3(a+3d)^2(a+4d)}$$

**Q.13. Prove that for all values of  $\theta$ ,**

**(2000 - 3 Marks)**

$$\begin{vmatrix} \sin\theta & \cos\theta & \sin 2\theta \\ \sin\left(\theta + \frac{2\pi}{3}\right) & \cos\left(\theta + \frac{2\pi}{3}\right) & \sin\left(2\theta + \frac{4\pi}{3}\right) \\ \sin\left(\theta - \frac{2\pi}{3}\right) & \cos\left(\theta - \frac{2\pi}{3}\right) & \sin\left(2\theta - \frac{4\pi}{3}\right) \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

**Solution.**  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 + R_3$ ,

$$\begin{vmatrix} \sin\theta & \cos\theta & \sin 2\theta \\ 2\sin\theta \cos \frac{2\pi}{3} & 2\cos\theta \cos \frac{2\pi}{3} & 2\sin 2\theta \cos \frac{4\pi}{3} \\ \sin\left(\theta - \frac{2\pi}{3}\right) & \cos\left(\theta - \frac{2\pi}{3}\right) & \sin\left(2\theta - \frac{4\pi}{3}\right) \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \sin\theta & \cos\theta & \sin 2\theta \\ -\sin\theta & -\cos\theta & -\sin 2\theta \\ \sin\left(\theta - \frac{2\pi}{3}\right) & \cos\left(\theta - \frac{2\pi}{3}\right) & \sin\left(2\theta - \frac{4\pi}{3}\right) \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ b & c & a \\ c & a & b \end{bmatrix}$$

**Q.14. If matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ b & c & a \\ c & a & b \end{bmatrix}$  where  $a, b, c$  are real positive numbers,  $abc = 1$  and  $A^T A = I$ , then find the value of  $a^3 + b^3 + c^3$ . (2003 - 2 Marks)**

**Ans.** 4

**Solution.** Given that  $A^T A = I$

$$\Rightarrow |A^T A| = |A^T| |A| = |A| |A| = 1 \quad [\because |I| = 1]$$

$$\Rightarrow |A|^2 = 1 \quad \dots(1)$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ b & c & a \\ c & a & b \end{bmatrix}$$

From given matrix

$$|A| = \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ b & c & a \\ c & a & b \end{vmatrix} = a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 3abc \quad \dots(2)$$

$$\therefore (a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 3abc)^2 = 1 \text{ (From (1) and (2))}$$

$$\Rightarrow a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 3abc = 1 \text{ or } -1$$

But for  $a^3, b^3, c^3$  using  $AM \geq GM$

$$\text{We get } \frac{a^3 + b^3 + c^3}{3} \geq \sqrt[3]{a^3 b^3 c^3} \Rightarrow a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 3abc \geq 0$$

$$\therefore \text{ We must have } a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 3abc = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow a^3 + b^3 + c^3 = 1 + 3 \times 1 = 4 \text{ [Using } abc = 1 \text{]}$$

**Q.15.** If  $M$  is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix, where  $\det M = 1$  and  $MM^T = I$ , where 'I' is an identity matrix, prove that  $\det (M - I) = 0$ . (2004 - 2 Marks)

**Solution.** We are given that  $MM^T = I$  where  $M$  is a square matrix of order 3 and  $\det. M = 1$ .

$$\text{Consider } \det (M - I) = \det (M - M M^T) \text{ [Given } MM^T = I \text{]}$$

$$= \det [M (I - M^T)]$$

$$= (\det M) (\det (I - M^T)) \quad [\because |AB| = |A| |B|]$$

$$= - (\det M) (\det (M^T - I))$$

$$= -1 [\det (M^T - I)] \text{ [Q } \det (M) = 1 \text{]}$$

$$= - \det (M - I)$$

$$[\because \det (M^T - I) = \det [(M - I)^T] = \det (M - I)]$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \det (M - I) = 0 \Rightarrow \det (M - I) = 0$$

Hence Proved

$$\text{If } A = \begin{bmatrix} a & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & b & d \\ 1 & b & c \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} a & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & d & c \\ f & g & h \end{bmatrix}, U = \begin{bmatrix} f \\ g \\ h \end{bmatrix}, V = \begin{bmatrix} a^2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, X = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$$

**Q.16.** and  $AX = U$  has infinitely many solutions, prove that  $BX = V$  has no unique solution. Also show that if  $afd \neq 0$ , then  $BX = V$  has no solution. (2004 - 4 Marks)

**Solution.** Given that,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & b & d \\ 1 & b & c \end{bmatrix}, X = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}, U = \begin{bmatrix} f \\ g \\ h \end{bmatrix}$$

And  $AX = U$  has infinite many solutions.

$$\Rightarrow |A| = 0 = |A_1| = |A_2| = |A_3|$$

Now,  $|A| = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} a & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & b & d \\ 1 & b & c \end{vmatrix} = a(bc - bd) - 1(c - d) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (ab - 1)(c - d) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow ab = 1 \text{ or } c = d \quad \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

$$\text{And } |A_1| = \begin{vmatrix} f & 1 & 0 \\ g & b & d \\ h & b & c \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow f(bc - bd) - 1(gc - hd) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow f b (c - d) = gc - hd \quad \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

$$|A_2| = \begin{vmatrix} a & 1 & f \\ 1 & b & g \\ 1 & b & h \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a(gc - hd) - f(c - d) = 0 \Rightarrow a(gc - hd) = f(c - d)$$

$$|A_3| = \begin{vmatrix} a & 1 & f \\ 1 & b & g \\ 1 & b & h \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a(bh - bg) - 1(h - g) + f(b - b) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow ab(h - g) - (h - g) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow ab = 1 \text{ or } h = g \dots\dots\dots(3) \text{ Taking } c = d$$

$$\Rightarrow h = g \text{ and } ab \neq 1 \text{ (from (1), (2) and (3))}$$

Now taking  $BX = V$

$$\text{where } B = \begin{bmatrix} a & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & d & c \\ f & g & h \end{bmatrix}, V = \begin{bmatrix} a^2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Then } |B| = \begin{vmatrix} a & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & d & c \\ f & g & h \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

[ $\because$  In view of  $c = d$  and  $g = h$ ,  $C_2$  and  $C_3$  are identical]

$\Rightarrow BX = V$  has no unique solution

$$\text{And } |B_1| = \begin{vmatrix} a^2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & d & c \\ 0 & g & h \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad (\because c = d, g = h)$$

$$|B_2| = \begin{vmatrix} a & a^2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & c \\ f & 0 & h \end{vmatrix} = a^2cf = a^2df \quad (\because c = d)$$

$$|B_3| = \begin{vmatrix} a & 1 & a^2 \\ 0 & d & 0 \\ f & g & 0 \end{vmatrix} = a^2df$$

$\Rightarrow$  If  $adf \neq 0$  then  $|B_2| = |B_3| \neq 0$   
Hence no solution exist.

## Additional Questions of Matrices and Determinants

### Match the Following

Each question contains statements given in two columns, which have to be matched. The statements in Column-I are labelled A, B, C and D, while the statements in Column-II are labelled p, q, r, s and t. Any given statement in Column-I can have correct matching with ONE OR MORE statement(s) in

Column II. The appropriate bubbles corresponding to the answers to these questions have to be darkened as illustrated in the following example :  
If the correct matches are A-p, s and t; B-q and r; C-p and q; and D-s then the correct darkening of bubbles will look like the given.

	p	q	r	s	t
A	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
B	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
C	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
D	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Q.1.** Consider the lines given by

$$L_1 : x + 3y - 5 = 0; L_2 : 3x - ky - 1 = 0; L_3 : 5x + 2y - 12 = 0$$

Match the Statements / Expressions in Column I with the Statements / Expressions in Column II and indicate your answer by darkening the appropriate bubbles in the  $4 \times 4$  matrix given in the ORS.

**Column I**

(A)  $L_1, L_2, L_3$  are concurrent, if

(B) One of  $L_1, L_2, L_3$  is parallel to at least one of the other two, if

(C)  $L_1, L_2, L_3$  form a triangle, if

(D)  $L_1, L_2, L_3$  do not form a triangle, if

**Column II**

(p)  $k = -9$

(q)  $k = -\frac{6}{5}$

(r)  $k = \frac{5}{6}$

(s)  $k = 5$

**Ans.** (A)  $\rightarrow$  s; (B)  $\rightarrow$  p, q; (C)  $\rightarrow$  r; (D)  $\rightarrow$  p, q, s

**Solution.** The given lines are

$$L_1: x+3y -5 = 0$$

$$L_2 : 3x - ky - 1 = 0$$

$$L_3 : 5x + 2y - 12 = 0$$

(A) Three lines  $L_1, L_2, L_3$  are concurrent if

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 3 & -k & 1 \\ 5 & 2 & 12 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow 13k - 65 = 0 \Rightarrow k = 5$$

B) For  $L_1 \parallel L_2 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{3} = \frac{-3}{k} \Rightarrow k = -9$

and  $L_2 \parallel L_3 \Rightarrow \frac{3}{5} = \frac{-k}{2} \Rightarrow k = -\frac{6}{5}$

$\therefore$  (B)  $\rightarrow$  (p), (q)

(C) Three lines  $L_1, L_2, L_3$  will form a triangle if no two of them are parallel and no three are concurrent

$\therefore k \neq 5, -9, -\frac{6}{5}$

$\therefore$  (C)  $\rightarrow$  r

(D)  $L_1, L_2, L_3$  do not form a triangle if either any two of these are parallel or the three are concurrent i.e.  $k = 5, -9, -\frac{6}{5}$

$\therefore$  (D)  $\rightarrow$  (p), (q), (s)

**Q.2. Match the Statements/Expressions in Column I with the Statements / Expressions in Column II and indicate your answer by darkening the appropriate bubbles in the  $4 \times 4$  matrix given in the ORS.**

**Column I**

**Column II**

(A) The minimum value of  $\frac{x^2 + 2x + 4}{x + 2}$  is

(p) 0

(B) Let A and B be  $3 \times 3$  matrices of real numbers, where A is symmetric, B is skew-symmetric, and  $(A + B)(A - B) = (A - B)(A + B)$

(q) 1

(A + B). If  $(AB)^t = (-1)k AB$ , where  $(AB)^t$  is the transpose of the matrix AB, then the possible values of k are

(C) Let  $a = \log_3 \log_3 2$ . An integer  $k$  satisfying  $1 < 2^{(-k+3^{-a})} < 2$ , (r) 2  
 must be less than

(D) If  $\sin \theta = \cos \phi$ , then the possible values of  $\frac{1}{\pi} \left( \theta \pm \phi - \frac{\pi}{2} \right)$  are (s) 3

Ans. (A)  $\rightarrow$  r; (B)  $\rightarrow$  q, s; (C)  $\rightarrow$  r, s; (D)  $\rightarrow$  p, r

**Solution.**

(A) Let  $y = \frac{x^2 + 2x + 4}{x + 2} \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x^2 + 4x}{(x + 2)^2} = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow x = 0, -4$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{8}{(x + 2)^3}$$

At  $x = 0$ ,  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$  is true

$\therefore y$  is min when  $x = 0$ ,  $\therefore y \text{ min} = 2$

(B) As  $A$  is symmetric and  $B$  is skew symmetric matrix, we should have

$$A^t = A \text{ and } B^t = -B \dots(1)$$

Also given that  $(A + B)(A - B) = (A - B)(A + B)$

$$\Rightarrow A^2 - AB + BA - B^2 = A^2 + AB - BA - B^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2BA = 2AB \text{ or } AB = BA \dots(2)$$

Now given that

$$(AB)^t = (-1)^k AB$$

$$\Rightarrow (BA)^t = (-1)^k AB \text{ (using equation (2))}$$

$$\Rightarrow A^t B^t = (-1)^k AB$$

$$\Rightarrow -AB = (-1)^k AB \text{ [using equation(1)]}$$



$\Rightarrow k$  should be an odd number

$\therefore (B) \rightarrow (q), (s) (C)$

Given that  $a = \log_3 \log_3 2$

$$\Rightarrow \log_3 2 = 3^a \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\log_2 3} = 3^a \text{ or } \log_2 3 = 3^{-a}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3 = 2^{(3^{-a})} \quad \dots(1)$$

$$\text{Now } 1 < 2^{(-k+3^{-a})} < 2 \Rightarrow 1 < 2^{-k} \cdot 2^{3^{-a}} < 2$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 < 2^{-k} \cdot 3 < 2 \quad (\text{using eq (1)})$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{3} < 2^{-k} < \frac{2}{3} \Rightarrow \frac{3}{2} < 2^k < 3 \Rightarrow k=1$$

$\therefore k$  is less than 2 and 3

$\therefore (C) \rightarrow (r), (s).$

$$(D) \quad \sin \theta = \cos \phi \Rightarrow \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta\right) = \cos \phi$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2} - \theta = 2n\pi \pm \phi, \quad n \in Z \Rightarrow \theta \pm \phi - \frac{\pi}{2} = -2n\pi$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\pi} \left( \theta \pm \phi - \frac{\pi}{2} \right) = -2n$$

$\therefore$  Here possible values of  $\frac{1}{\pi} \left( \theta \pm \phi - \frac{\pi}{2} \right)$  are 0 and 2 for

$n = 0, -1.$

$\therefore D \rightarrow (p), (r).$

## Integer Value Correct of Matrices and Determinants

Q. 1. Let  $w$  be the complex number  $\cos \frac{2\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{2\pi}{3}$ . Then the number of distinct

complex numbers  $z$  satisfying  $\begin{vmatrix} z+1 & \omega & \omega^2 \\ \omega & z+\omega^2 & 1 \\ \omega^2 & 1 & z+\omega \end{vmatrix} = 0$  is equal to

Ans. 0

**Solution.**

$$\text{We have } \omega = \cos \frac{2\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{2\pi}{3} = \frac{-1+i\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\therefore 1 + \omega + \omega^2 = 0 \text{ and } \omega^3 = 1$$

$$\text{Then } \begin{vmatrix} z+1 & \omega & \omega^2 \\ \omega & z+\omega^2 & 1 \\ \omega^2 & 1 & z+\omega \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$C_1 \leftrightarrow C_1 + C_2 + C_3$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} z+1+\omega+\omega^2 & \omega & \omega^2 \\ z+1+\omega+\omega^2 & z+\omega^2 & 1 \\ z+1+\omega+\omega^2 & 1 & z+\omega \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow z \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \omega & \omega^2 \\ 1 & z+\omega^2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & z+\omega \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow z \left[ 1(z^2 + z\omega + z\omega^2 + \omega^3 - 1) - \omega(z + \omega - 1) + \omega^2(1 - z - \omega^2) \right] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow z \left[ z^2 + z\omega + z\omega^2 - z\omega - \omega^2 + \omega + \omega^2 - z\omega^2 - \omega^4 \right] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow z \left[ z^2 \right] = 0 \Rightarrow z^3 = 0 \Rightarrow z = 0$$

$\therefore z = 0$  is the only solution.

**Q. 2. Let k be a positive real number and**

let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2k-1 & 2\sqrt{k} & 2\sqrt{k} \\ 2\sqrt{k} & 1 & -2k \\ -2\sqrt{k} & 2k & -1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2k-1 & \sqrt{k} \\ 1-2k & 0 & 2\sqrt{k} \\ -\sqrt{k} & -2\sqrt{k} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

If  $\det(\text{adj } A) + \det(\text{adj } B) = 10^6$ . then  $[k]$  is equal to

[Note : adj M denotes the adjoint of square matrix M and  $[k]$  denotes the largest integer less than or equal k.

Ans. 4

**Solution.**

$$|A| = \begin{vmatrix} 2k-1 & 2\sqrt{k} & 2\sqrt{k} \\ 2\sqrt{k} & 1 & -2k \\ -2\sqrt{k} & 2k & -1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 2k-1 & 0 & 2\sqrt{k} \\ 2\sqrt{k} & 1+2k & -2k \\ -2\sqrt{k} & 1+2k & -1 \end{vmatrix}, C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - C_3$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 2k-1 & 0 & 2\sqrt{k} \\ 4\sqrt{k} & 0 & 1-2k \\ -2\sqrt{k} & 1+2k & -1 \end{vmatrix}, R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_3$$

$$= (1 + 2k)(8k - 4k + 4k^2 + 1) = (2k + 1)3$$

Also  $B = 0$  as B is skew symmetric of odd order..

$$\therefore |\text{Adj } A| + |\text{Adj } B| = |A|^2 + |B|^2 = 10^6$$

$$\Rightarrow (2k + 1)^6 = 10^6 \Rightarrow 2k + 1 = 10 \Rightarrow k = 4.5$$

$$\therefore [k] = 4$$

**Q. 3.** Let  $M$  be a  $3 \times 3$  matrix satisfying  $M \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $M \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $M \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix}$ . Then the sum of the diagonal entries of  $M$  is

**Ans.** 9

**Solution.**

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

$$\text{then } \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} b_1 = -1 \\ b_2 = 2 \\ b_3 = 3 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} a_1 - b_1 = 1 \\ a_2 - b_2 = 1 \\ a_3 - b_3 = -1 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow a_1 = 0, a_2 = 3, a_3 = 2$$

$$\text{and } \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} a_3 + b_3 + c_3 = 12 \\ c_3 = 7 \end{cases}$$

$$\therefore \text{Sum of diagonal elements} = a_1 + b_2 + c_3 = 0 + 2 + 7 = 9$$

**Q. 4.** The total number of distinct  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  for which  $\begin{vmatrix} x & x^2 & 1+x^3 \\ 2x & 4x^2 & 1+8x^3 \\ 3x & 9x^2 & 1+27x^3 \end{vmatrix} = 10$  is

**Ans.** 2

**Solution.**

$$\begin{vmatrix} x & x^2 & 1+x^3 \\ 2x & 4x^2 & 1+8x^3 \\ 3x & 9x^2 & 1+27x^3 \end{vmatrix} = 10$$

$$\Rightarrow x^3 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 \\ 3 & 9 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + x^6 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 8 \\ 3 & 9 & 27 \end{vmatrix} = 10$$

Operating  $C_2 - C_1$ ,  $C_3 - C_1$  for both the determinants, we get

$$\Rightarrow x^3 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & -1 \\ 3 & 6 & -2 \end{vmatrix} + x^6 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 6 \\ 3 & 6 & 24 \end{vmatrix} = 10$$

$$\Rightarrow x^3 (-4 + 6) + x^6 (48 - 36) = 10$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x^3 + 12x^6 = 10 \Rightarrow 6x^6 + x^3 - 5 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (6x^3 - 5)(x^3 + 1) = 0 \Rightarrow x = \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}, -1$$

**Q. 5.** Let  $z = \frac{-1 + \sqrt{3}i}{2}$ , where  $i = \sqrt{-1}$ , and  $r, s \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ . Let  $P = \begin{bmatrix} (-z)^r & z^{2s} \\ z^{2s} & z^r \end{bmatrix}$  and  $I$  be the

identity matrix of order 2. Then the total number of ordered pairs  $(r, s)$  for which

$P^2 = -I$  is

**Ans. 1**

**Solution.**

$$z = \frac{-1 + i\sqrt{3}}{2} \Rightarrow z^3 = 1 \text{ and } 1 + z + z^2 = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} P^2 &= \begin{bmatrix} (-z)^r & z^{2s} \\ z^{2s} & z^r \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} (-z)^r & z^{2s} \\ z^{2s} & z^r \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} z^{2r} + z^{4s} & z^{2s}((-z)^r + z^r) \\ z^{2s}((-z)^r + z^r) & z^{4s} + z^{2r} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

For  $P^2 = -I$  we should have  $z^{2r} + z^{4s} = -1$  and  $z^{2s}((-z)^r + z^r) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow z^{2r} + zs + 1 = 0 \text{ and } (-z)^r + z^r = 0$$

$\Rightarrow r$  is odd and  $s = r$  but not a multiple of 3.

Which is possible when  $s = r = 1$

$\therefore$  only one pair is there.